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Random Jottings

Library

Mrs. Wilson is now in charge of the Library and will be at the Centre to change books at the following times.

Wednesdays - 4.0-5.30
Thursdays - 7.30-8.30
Saturdays - 7.30-8.0 and 9.0-10.0

Or at other times by appointment if you let her know. Members of the Watling Association can borrow books for 1d. per volume.

To Mothers

If any of you would like to go out on Monday afternoons without your babies, would you like to leave them at the Centre for an hour? Any child under five may be left there in expert care between 2.30 and 4.0 p.m. on Mondays without charge.

Health and Beauty

Can you have the latter without the former? Not for long. Can you have the former without the latter? Not altogether. Real health will show itself in the complexion, in grace of movement, in vitality. Even the most exquisite features will be spoiled in appearance by continuous ill health. Now girls, have you joined up for Health and Beauty? If not apply for particulars at the Centre now.

What happened in your back garden?

Not very much, perhaps you think. Most of the houses on the Watling Estate are so new that no very old stories can be associated with them, but George III coins have been found on the Estate and some very interesting things have happened in this neighbourhood in days gone by. Some years ago the *Resident* published a series of articles on this. Would you like to hear some lectures on it? What happened at Burnt Oak 100 years ago, 500 years ago, 1000 years ago, when the Romans marched along the Edgware Road?

Thanks

Mrs. and Mr. J. Worts wish to express their sincere thanks for floral tributes and kind sympathy shown to them in their great sorrow.

Dog Lovers

Wanted—someone to act as agent for Tail-Waggers Licence Stamps. The purpose of these stamps is to help people to save up for their Dog Licence so that they do not have to find 7/6 all of a sudden at the beginning of the year. Anyone who is willing to help by holding a stock of stamps and selling them is asked to communicate with the Secretary, Watling Centre.

Service Medals

Four thousand service medals will be issued in Great Britain this week. They are bronze and of handsome design, and bear the model of a man, sightless and led by an Alsatian. For these are not rewards for members of some warring army but recognition of essential social work, well done.

The recipients will be dogs and so it is fitting that the medals should be issued by the Tail-Waggers' Club. The lucky dogs are those whose owners have collected ten or more shillings to provide trained Guide Dogs for the Blind—a tribute that cannot be purchased but that can be earned.

It's True

A harassed mother, a well known member of the Watling Association, was being worried by her small son for a paint brush as he wanted to do some painting. He had a nice tin of paints and although the house was searched, a paint brush could not be found anywhere. But necessity is the mother of invention and suddenly the boy's mother had a brainwave. She got some scissors and then snipped off a piece of the boy's hair which she tied round a matchstick, making a fairly respectable improvised brush. The boy went off to his painting, and the mother got on with her work. Peace reigned in the house, in fact, the mother had never known the house so peaceful.

Some time later the boy appeared and gave his mother quite a shock. His hair was cut short in a most extraordinary fashion. He had made paint brushes for his brothers and sisters.

The Orchestra

The Watling Association Orchestra meets for practice at 8.0 p.m., at the Centre, every Wednesday.

There are still vacancies for instrumentalists, and it is hoped to build up a first-class orchestra. Will all those interested please enquire at the Office, or on practice nights to Mr. Hogan.

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London has now more municipally owned houses than any other city in the world.

The housing committee, whose estimates will be submitted to the London County Council on Tuesday, has spent nearly £3,500,000 since March 1935, an increase of more than £1,200,000 over the previous year.

This includes money spent on slum clearance, acquisition of sites for building, and the introduction of new electric services.

More than 73,000 flats and cottages have now been built by the London County Council.

It was hoped to build 5,000 block flats before March this year, but, owing to delays caused by the 1935 Housing Act and bad weather the programme is now three months behind time.

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£10,000 Gift

An anonymous donor has presented a £10,000 Roman Catholic church to the St. Helier L.C.C. Estate, Morden.

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"What makes you think she doesn't like you?"

"She told me there was a fool in every family."

"Well, what of that?"

"I had told her a moment before that I was an only child!"

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Willy was visiting, and his hostess said:

"Are you quite sure, Willy, that you can cut your own meat?"

"Oh, yes," replied Willy, "we often have it as tough as this at home."

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"How is your husband getting on with his reducing exercises?"

"You'd be surprised. That battleship 'e 'ad tattooed on 'is chest is now only a row-boat!"

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IN SAFE HANDS

Patient: "I'm so worried, doctor. Lately I've often felt like killing myself. What am I to do?"

Doctor: "Don't worry, my dear lady—leave it to me."

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Salesman: "These shirts simply laugh at the laundry."

Customer: "Yes—the last one I bought split its sides within a fortnight."

DEFINITION

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WILL POWER

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"Aunt Sue, if you had your life to live over again, what would you do?"

"I'd get married before I had sense enough to decide to stay an old maid."

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An airman took his servant up for the first time, and proceeded to twist, dive, etc., until his passenger was gasping and holding on for dear life. After one particularly hair raising stunt, the airman turned and shouted:

"I bet fifty per cent. of those down there thought we were going to crash then."

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Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

May, 1936

Activities occurring regularly every week

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m. (except on the 3rd).
Mondays —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Tuesdays —Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.0 p.m., at 26 Holmfield Road.
 P.T. for Women and Girls, 8.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
Wednesdays —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 6 Business Meeting.
 13 "Women's Life in Palestine." Mrs. Norman Bentwick.
 20 "The Mary MacArthur Home." Mrs. Robinson.
 27 "Madeira." Mrs. Wharhirst.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 6 To be arranged.
 13 "Palestine Today." Mrs. Norman Bentwick.
 20 To be arranged.
 27 "Madeira." Mrs. Wharhirst.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Social Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.0 p.m.
Thursdays —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Sewing Group, 7.30 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
Fridays —Boxing, 6.30-9.0 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
Saturdays —Members' Social, 8.0 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.

Other Events

- Friday** 1—Dance, 8.0 p.m.
Saturday 2—Saturday School: "Science and Life." Dr. Alex Wood, 3.0 p.m.
Sunday 3—Adult School Rally. Mr. George Reverett, 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 7—Joint Adult School Social, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 10—Free and Easy. "Air Disarmament." Mr. Whitlow, 8.15 p.m.
Thursday 14—Burnt Oak School of Dancing Concert at Cornwall Rooms.
Sunday 17—Edgware Fellowship Lecture, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 24—Free and Easy, 8.15 p.m.
Thursday 28—W.A. Council, 7.45 p.m.
Friday 29—Helpers' Social, 8.0 p.m.

FROM THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

A Letter to Members

Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road.
19/4/36

Dear Member,

By the time you read this I hope it will be warmer and we shall not only have the sunshine of the last few days, but we shall not have the cold wind we have been having. Our garden wants a nice warm gentle rain. What do you want for yours?

Thinking of the summer of course makes us think of Watling Week, for which the Association wants all the help you can give in various ways. We want you to talk to your friends about it: suggest to them that they join our Watling Week Savings Club, so that they may have more money to enjoy themselves with when the Week comes. This is specially important for the Dinner and Dance on the Friday, as tickets for that are 4/6 each.

We want you to get entries for the various competitive events, such as the Sports, Piano-Accordion Contest, Juvenile School of Dancing Contest, Baby Show, Carnival Procession, etc.

We want you to offer to sell the June Resident, which will include the full Watling Week Programme, or to distribute a preliminary leaflet, or to join in the membership canvas on the final Sunday, June 28.

If we all pull together we might raise £120 at least and might do quite a good deal more if we have good luck.

Thinking of the summer also suggests swimming and hiking, youth hostels and camping. I hope that next month we may be able to have an account of youth hostel experiences from a Watling resident who has recently tasted their joys for the first time. The Swimming Club, too, would welcome new members.

The last lecture for this season will be held on Sunday, May 17, at 8.0 p.m. This, like the two previous Sunday evening lectures, is being arranged in conjunction with the Edgware Fellowship. Mr. T. Ashcroft is coming to speak on "World Chaos: Its Economic Basis."

We are still seeking help in connection with the sale of Tail-Waggers Dog Licence Stamps. This is a scheme for saving up the necessary 7/6 and we want an agent who will undertake the necessary clerical work.

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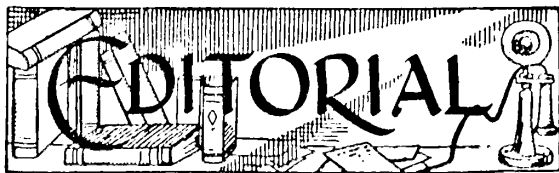
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What do you think?

During the course of a conversation with an old member of the Watling Association, we learnt some interesting facts. Our friend informed us that he had been one of the earliest members, and of late it had been dawning upon him how much he had gained by attending various activities at the Centre. He could truthfully say that since being a member of the Association his outlook on life had changed considerably.

Before coming to the Estate his interests were limited. In the part of London where he came from the only attraction was the Church, the Cinema, or the Pub. There was little opportunity for self expression and any talents which people possessed were gradually stifled through lack of opportunity to develop them. A community spirit did not exist and people living next door to each other were often complete strangers. We all know how lonely one can be in London. Our friend confessed that he lived in a house for three years and did not know the names of his neighbours.

Then came Watling and the Centre. A new life with wider interests was opened up, and he finds himself today much happier, more content, with more faith in humanity and some sort of purpose in life. All this he attributes to the Centre, where the educational and social facilities at a trifling cost have helped to put colour into his life.

We must agree that this is true: the building itself is not exactly imposing. It is too small for our needs, yet we are beginning to think that it possesses a soul and that there is something about the place which influences us more than we think. We have seen new members come into the building and after a short time their reserve has worn off. They have made friends and have found in the Centre a homely atmosphere which has put them at their ease and made them feel that they are in the "family."

There is no doubt that the influence is there; call it fellowship, the community spirit or what you will. It does encourage people to come out of their shells and show the best side of their natures. Some people are better for a little encouragement. They need the friend who will say "Get on with it." Knowing that one can do a thing is not the same as having done it.

Many members who hitherto confined their social activities to their own family circle, now find themselves with a wider range of friends and interests, and through the medium of the Centre have been able to follow new pursuits and live in a larger world.

Perhaps those of us who render service to the Association realize that we also get something in return. There is some definite improvement in our personality; some happiness that we are aware of which convinces us that our good efforts are not in vain.

The idea of a community association is a wonderful ideal; never let it be said that we cannot live up to it.

F.H.L.

Watling Week No. 8

JUNE 20-28

Next month's issue of the *Resident* will give you the complete programme of the week with full details as to times, prices, prizes, etc., but here are a few particulars of some of the events.

Piano Accordion Contest

This has a double attraction. First of all for the competitors we shall have a solo class in which each competitor may enter with any two pieces whose total playing time does not exceed six minutes. We hope, also, to have a class for duets. We have been fortunate in securing Mr. Eric Little, Editor of the *Accordion Times* and Associate Editor of *Musical Pictorial*, as one of the judges and Mr. J. J. Black, Sub-Editor of the *Accordion Times*, will be another. The entrance fee for each competitor will be 2/6, which will carry a free ticket of admission for a friend. For the audience admission will be 1/- and they will not only have the pleasure of listening to the competitors, but it is also expected that Mr. Black will give a solo or two. Mr. Julian Vedey, Editor of *Musical Pictorial*, has promised to look in and we hope to see Mr. George Scott-Wood as well. Entry forms can, of course, be obtained from the Centre.

Carnival Procession

This is the second item of the week, being preceded only by the Bazaar. There will be prizes for the best local vehicle, adult costume, adult comic costume, children's costume and child's comic costume. Competitors are to assemble at 4.30 at the Centre and to be in their places by 5.0 at the latest. Judging will start at 5.0 and anyone not in place by then will not be eligible to compete. At 5.30 the procession will start off to make the rounds of the Estate. Be thinking out your entry now and look for the forms in the next issue. There will be no charge for entering.

In the evening, being Saturday, we plan to have a special social at the Centre.

Monday afternoon is the **Rummage Sale**. Please remember that, if you haven't finished your spring cleaning, and let me have the names of anyone to write to for gifts. Do it now!

Early Monday evening there will be a special show for the children.

Juvenile Dance Competition

Will be held on the Tuesday evening, that is June 23. It is open to schools of dancing, which can choose their own programmes. One hour will be quite the maximum which can be allowed for any one school and it is probable that this will have to be cut down to less. The winner holds for a year the handsome silver cup which is at present in the hands of the Burnt Oak School of Dancing.

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On Moss's ground on the Thursday evening, adults only. The junior sports will be held on Montrose open space on the Saturday, when the Air Pageant is over. The senior sports will include all the usual features, one of the most interesting items being the Push Ball competition, for which we have been given a handsome challenge cup by Maison Lyons. This is believed to be the only existing challenge cup offered for Push Ball. Those who saw the games last year will want to get to the ground early to get good places for watching this year's matches.

Dinner and Dance

At the White Lion, Friday, 26th. As this is the most expensive single item of the week, special arrangements are being made to help people to buy their tickets. Mr. Roblou, the organizer for this function, will give anyone a collecting card straightaway so that they can begin saving their 4/6. Don't put this off, as you've only got about eight weeks now.

On the 27th is the **Fair** on Montrose open space and the junior sports. Actually the fair starts on the Friday evening this time, so everyone ought to have a chance of visiting it if they want to.

Here you have just a few of Watling Week's attractions, just the ones which specially need thought beforehand. Why does the Fair need thought beforehand? Because for that too, and for the week as a whole, you will want to save up a little spending money. We will help you to do that by giving you a saving card and holding your money for you. Ask at the Centre for that. Next month, full particulars of all activities, attractions, stunts, etc.

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At a meeting of representatives of organizations interested in the establishment of a Day Nursery on the Watling Estate held on April 6, it was reported that the Borough Council had said that if the Watling Association would "undertake to obtain suitable premises and submit for the approval of the Town Council adequate arrangement for the administration of the proposed Day Nursery," the Council would be prepared to consider applying to the Ministry of Health for a grant of half the annual outlay.

It was agreed that in view of what was said to the deputation which met the sub-committee of the Health Committee this was a very unsatisfactory reply, and all the interested bodies were asked to pass the following resolution and send it to the secretary of the Association for transmission to the Borough Council.

Resolution: "That we remind the Borough Council that the sub-committee of its Health Committee when interviewed by the Watling Association deputation undertook that if the Association could make a promise of a reasonable contribution towards the running expenses of the Day Nursery they would urge the Council to establish a Day Nursery on the Watling Estate, and that the Association has now made such an offer and as the resolution of the Council of February 24 definitely repudiates this position, we ask the Council to reconsider the matter and to implement the undertaking of its sub-committee."

Copies of this resolution signed by the Chairman of the meeting passing it should be sent to the Secretary, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, before May 16.

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Women and Peace

Since I last wrote for you, Europe has been going through the most anxious time it has had since 1918, and indeed, the ingredients in the situation seem to be even more dangerous for war than those which made up the situation in 1914. The hopeful elements in the situation are that the people are much more alert and well informed than they were in 1914, and there is an intense and widespread will to peace among them. On the other hand, one of the dangers of the situation is the general feeling of helplessness and "what-can-one-do-about-it." This feeling of helplessness and despair is false and misleading. I believe we each of us have more influence and power than we realize, if we only take the trouble to use it. I believe that letters to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and our Member of Parliament do exert their influence, if we only take the time and trouble to sit down and write them. That is what the indignation over the Hoare-Laval Peace proposals showed. Let us not be careless or neglectful then, of these duties and powers that we have, for in the neglect of them, we may lose even those that we have. Let us pray to God daily to show us the way to make peace for ourselves and our children, and let us never forget that what we say and do does matter immensely.

As I write, I am sitting by a window through which I can look off across a lovely stretch of the English countryside. The river winds through the valley, making shining patches of silver in the surrounding greens of grass and trees. Away on the hills beyond there are the most glorious patterns of dark woodlands, green fields and ploughed lands. Over it all is blue sky and flying grey and white clouds. In the garden immediately in front of me birds sing and chatter merrily and spring flowers display their gay loveliness—all trying hard to make us see that God's world is a good world and that where God and man work harmoniously together it is an even better world, trying to make us reject the cruelty, the stupidity and selfishness which make war so real a danger in the world.

Let us always remember that what we say and what we do does stand for something.

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After the beginning of May all the evening children's groups arranged by the Association will be held from 5.45 to 6.45 p.m. The Play Hour, which is held on Wednesdays at this time, has now restarted, and any boys or girls of school age will be welcomed.

A Perfect Day

Mother and the twins, Mary and Tom, were going to the seaside for a day. The day arrived, and the twins were up and dressed long before the time arrived for starting. At last the time came. Mother loaded with eatables for the journey, and Tom and Mary with pail and spade tripping down the road. The day was a perfect day for a holiday, the sun was shining lovely. They got to the railway station to find the train waiting for them to take their seats and patiently waiting to hear the guard's whistle. Of course, all manner of questions were asked by the twins to their mother.

Hurrah! The guard's whistle had sounded and they were off for the South Coast. Luckily the train was fast, and it did not take long to get to their destination. At last they reached their resort. It did not take long to scramble off the train, and head for the beach. Mother having a very busy time looking after the excited children, first Tom darted amongst the crowd and then Mary. So when they did arrive on the beach you can bet Mother was just as pleased as the children. The sea looked beautiful and their first thought was a paddle, so off came their shoes and stockings and didn't they enjoy themselves.

So busy were they collecting sea-shells and crabs, etc., that they had to be fetched to have their lunch. After lunch the Mayor of the seaside town held a sand-castle competition and the Twins thought it fun to enter for it being as the prize was one pound note. The time for the competition had arrived, and you can just imagine the excitement along the beach with the children enjoying themselves and the parents watching. Then to Mary's delight she found a pretty brooch, thinking it great to find such a thing, but Tom was not interested in brooches, all his thoughts being on his castle. The time arrived when the building ceased, so the children stood by their castle while the Mayor and Mayoress judged, and to the Twins' amazement they won the prize. The excitement caused Mary to remember the brooch, and when she received the prize, she showed the Mayoress it who knew the value of it. Calling their mother over, she advised her to take it to the Police Station, which they did, and to their amazement they found a large reward awaiting for the lucky finder.

The policeman was very nice and said they would receive the reward in a short time, so you can imagine the excited children coming home, looking forward to a nice week's holiday in the summer which their mother had promised them with their money. So arriving home, very tired, after a PERFECT DAY.

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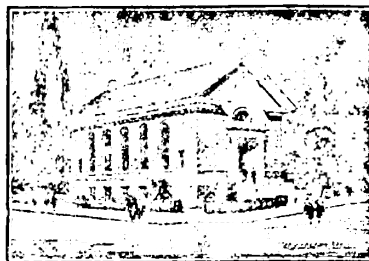
Prizes will be awarded for the three best drawings of the Watling Centre. The drawings may either be plain or coloured.

You must have seen the Centre dozens of times, so don't forget to send in your entry, stating your age.

Entries must reach the Editor by May 15.

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The Waterways of England and what could be made of them

On Sunday, March 29, at the Burnt Oak Men's Adult School, I read a paper on "The Highways and Waterways of England." Arising out of that paper, I was asked to edit it, so that it could be published in this magazine. I agreed, but found it would require more space than could be used for the subject; so, I decided to put forward some thoughts on the Waterways only, with the idea of giving a lead to anyone who might care to go into the subject for themselves.

The Waterways consist of:—Tidal Rivers, Canals, Canalised Rivers, Navigations and the Rivers above Tideway. These are natural and artificial, made navigable and adapted for traffic. If you care to go to the trouble, you will see that it is possible to go from Bristol to Liverpool, to Newcastle or Hull and from Liverpool, right across country to London; passing en route through the counties of Lancs, Cheshire, Staffs, Warwickshire, Northants, Beds and Herts. In fact all towns in England can be reached by water.

The two counties of Staffs and Warwick in fact are nothing but a mass of islands, the Waterways are so numerous.

Merchants and manufacturers should be able to take more advantage of them to the benefit of producer and consumer. It costs much less to carry goods by water than by road, therefore the goods would be cheaper and in the case of non-perishable goods the extra time on the journey would not matter, although the said delay could be greatly shortened. It does not take a lot of imagination to see how it is possible to relieve the roads of congestion.

How could this be done? Well! We have a Roads Board dealing with transport on land, why not a Canals Board also? Surely it would not be too big for the Minister of Transport to get his experts together and formulate a scheme. As with the roads, so the Waterways, they both existed before the Ministry.

Vested interests? Well, the L.P.T.B. came into being, it may not be all we wish, but it is a start in the right direction and shows foresight.

The Grand Junction Canal Co. seven years ago saw something in amalgamation, when they joined up with four other undertakings, viz:—Regents Canal and Dock Co., Warwick and Napton Canal Co., Warwick and Birmingham Canal Co. and the Birmingham and Warwick Junction Canal Co. (in all 240 miles) to become the Grand Union Canal Co., a very successful amalgamation.

We have 2,553 miles of Canals, etc. ready to be brought under control and improved in docks and warehouses. Further, if we include the Tidal Estuaries and the East Anglian Drainage System the total rises to 3,865 miles.

Surely this is a work worth doing. As with the water routes, so with the personnel and equipment: improve and keep on improving until we can say that we are in front of all the continental systems; at present we are miles behind them.

Except in isolated cases, poling, legging (lying on the back and propelling the barge by the legs pushed against the top of a tunnel) and man tow could be abolished and power substituted. Steam, petrol or crude oil, it matters not which. Surely our engineers should be able to cope with the traction side of the project, as they would be with the locks, hoists, aqueducts, vertical or inclined lifts, or any other method of overcoming the rise and fall of the country through which they are working.

I have not said much about cost of carriage or warehousing, but I assure you, both are many times smaller than road transport: in some cases as low as 0.75d. per mile for the first ten miles, lowering to 0.25d. after thirty miles, for carriage and 0.75d. per ton, per day, for warehousing.

Now think of the non-perishable goods that could be brought from Warwickshire and Staffordshire. Small iron wares from the first and china from the second. And now think of other areas and how it would react to the benefit of the consumer.

As another example, Faversham Creek, on the Swale, was widened and deepened to allow steamers to bring coal direct to the town. Now gas and coal is much cheaper than formerly.

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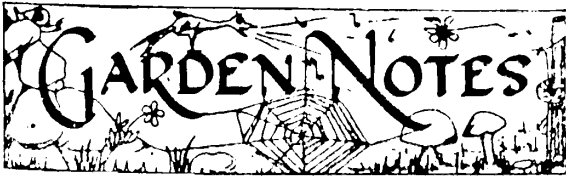
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A Rock Garden

Whether we call it an Alpine Garden, a Rock Garden or merely a Rockery, there should be room, even in a comparatively small garden, for, at any rate, some Alpine plants. They will remind us of Switzerland, if we have had the privilege of going there, or they may make us wish to do so, but in any case they will give pleasure to ourselves and others. The amount of space to be devoted to such plants will depend upon various considerations such as the size of the whole garden, the relative value in the owner's eye of vegetables, fruit and flowers, and the amount of rocks and stones available.

To include a more or less complete collection of Alpine plants quite a large garden would be necessary and an expert specially skilled in such work would probably have to be called in to construct it. But assuming that a complete collection is quite out of the question a large amount of pleasure can be derived from a selection, and many of the most beautiful kinds can be grown on a sloping bank or on a mound that can easily be constructed by an amateur.

If there is a suitable slope in the garden with a south aspect this, when partially covered with stones, would make quite a good home for many of the best plants. The stones should not be placed too close together but plenty of pockets should be left for the plants. If, however, the aspect is northerly or shaded it would be better to use it for ferns rather than Alpine plants which love the sunshine.

If there is no natural slope a mound may be made in the most convenient and suitable place.

The mound or slope may be formed of ordinary garden soil to which should be added a small proportion of fresh turfy loam and a liberal supply of river sand or road drift, some leaf-mould or other decayed vegetable refuse and finely broken sandstone or bricks. The soil should be allowed to settle down before the rock material is placed in position and the plants or seeds put in afterwards. The settling down process can be hastened by a good watering either before or after the stones are put in.

The stones should be fixed as firmly as possible and the soil rammed down behind them. Some space should be left for specially prepared soil for those plants that thrive best on a peaty soil or one with a large proportion of lime in it. Remember that the top of the mound will be the driest and the bottom the most moist. Before planting it would therefore be well to sort out the plants into groups according to their special requirements.

If some of the stones are in the form of slabs they should be bedded to slope at the reverse angle of the face of the slope or mound so that the rain (or watering) falling upon them may run into the bank and reach the roots of the plants instead of running away and leaving the soil in a dry state or washing some of it away.

The following is a selection of rock plants, all of which are easy to grow and beautiful to behold:—

Aubretia, of which there are many varieties: A. Bonfire is a reddish purple; A. Fire King a reddish crimson; A. Rosea Splendens has rich pink flowers; A. Lloyd Edwards is purple; A. H. Marshall a violet blue; and A. Parkinson a deep blue with a white eye.

Gentians are specially associated with Alps. There they are found on the higher ground, but some of them can easily be grown on the lower land of England. G. Acaulis has a bell-shaped intense blue flower. G. Crucata is a rich violet blue and G. Verna is a vivid blue and very dwarf.

The Helianthemum or Rock Rose, has also many varieties. H. Amabilis is a dazzling scarlet, H. Glaucum is a single yellow, H. Jubilee a double sulphur, H. Miss Mold is salmon-pink and fringed and H. Rose Queen a soft pink.

There are about a dozen Campanulas that can be grown in this country. C. Profusion is pale blue, C. Raddiana is prostrate in growth with branched spikes of rich purple flowers, C. Alba as its name implies is white, C. Miss Willmott is pale blue and C. Longistyla is a rich purple.

Primulas, though mostly yellow, are also of other colours. P. Denticulata has heads of mauve, P. Pam is rosy purple, P. Sikkemensis has yellow heads and P. Florinde is a large form of Sikkemensis.

Lysimachia Nummularia, commonly known as "Creeping Jenny," grows very freely, almost too freely, and will want keeping within bounds, otherwise it will overrun its neighbours, but its bright yellow flower is very pretty.

Dianthus Cæsius (the Cheddar Pink) should be included, if possible, and Saxifrages, Sedums and Violas can all be recommended.

For carpeting or filling in the cracks of crazy paving Colula Squalida is useful and quaint but it does not flower.

Any of these that grow fairly tall should be planted near the top of the slope or mound and those that are short lower down, with the shortest of all at the bottom.

What to do in May

Plants that have been used for spring bedding such as primroses, daisies, and the later flowering bulbs should be removed as soon as they have done flowering and be replanted in the reserve garden where they should be carefully watered and looked after.

Flower beds should have a good dressing of manure before the summer bedding plants are put into them.

The lawn will require mowing at least once a week if it is to be kept in good condition.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Keep a sharp look out for grubs and aphids on the rose trees and syringe well with water and soft soap. Choose the evening of a fine day for doing this and do not wait until the foliage and shoots are badly infested before applying remedial measures. The grubs may be killed by pressing the rolled or closed leaf between your finger and thumb.

Plant dahlias and put in the stake before the tuber.

Transplant from the boxes stocks, asters, zinnias, etc., as soon as they are large enough. Select a showery day for this if possible and take up and put in a small ball of soil with the root. If allowed to starve in the boxes they will not start away freely.

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FRUIT GARDEN.—The fruit trees should be carefully looked over for grubs and insects. Keep the leaves of trained trees especially free from blight by syringing with some good insecticide.

If the crop of apricots seems to be too heavy remove the smaller fruit.

Remove all superfluous sucker from the raspberries. Also remove sucker from the strawberries and surround the plants with clean straw so as to protect the fruit from the soil and keep it clean.

The young shoots of apple, pear, cherry and plum trees should be pinched back so that only three leaves remain.

Plant the out-door tomatoes and care for them as indicated in last month's notes.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Sow again peas, broad beans, cauliflowers, cabbages, brussels sprouts, broccoli and savoy for later use.

Make the main sowing of beetroot early in the month on deeply trenched, but not manured, ground.

A large sowing of carrots for the main crop may be made in soil kept free from stones.

A good sowing of lettuce should be made once a fortnight on well prepared ground. Use both cos and cabbage varieties. A good strain of white cos is sure to be appreciated. Plant out some as soon as large enough; these will just follow those on the permanent bed and thus ensure a constant succession.

About the middle of the month plant out the celery seedlings in a well prepared trench with plenty of soil at the sides ready for earthing up later.

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Tail-Wagger Chats DOGS AND MOTORS

A Heavy Toll of Life

By PHILOKUON

Much concern is being expressed over the numbers of dogs that are killed every year by motor cars. Statistics are published weekly about the appalling fatalities and casualties caused among human beings in this way, but we have no means of ascertaining the corresponding figures for dogs, although we assume from what we hear that they are considerable. It would be interesting to know if they have diminished at all since the imposition of a thirty-mile limit in built-up areas. One imagines that they must be lower, since a car going at that rate is under control, and dogs usually have time to see it coming.

In all probability two things are responsible for the biggest proportion of deaths among dogs—the habit of playing with others, and an inclination to cross a road too impetuously. When two dogs are romping together they are apt to run into the road without taking notice of traffic, and they are equally oblivious of danger if they desire to speak to one over the way. We hear a good deal about dogs acquiring a road sense that enables them to look after themselves, but I doubt if there is anything in it. A few breeds, notably chow chows, seem to have a highly-developed bump of prudence, but the majority of them are as careless as ever. There are only two ways of preventing accidents—leading dogs in traffic or so training them that they will follow close at heel without straying.

Continual resort to a lead is a trouble to the owner and is irksome for the dog. It is worth while expending a few weeks in the education of one's pets, and the task is not beyond the scope of any sensible man or woman. Ever since the Tail-Waggers' Club was formed a fundamental part of its policy has been to encourage owners to train their dogs at least to the extent of making them obedient in public places. Few of them are so stupid or headstrong that they cannot be taught by constant repetition, and if one has not the time or energy to do the work there are many people now who specialize in that sort of thing, and can be relied upon to turn out a well-mannered dog in a short time.

Alsatian breeders showed us the possibilities when they inaugurated trials for working dogs, and later on started obedience tests at shows. I am looking forward to the day when it will be regarded as a reproach to have a dog that is allowed to do as he pleases and wilfully ignores any words of command. Those who witness these obedience tests are filled with envy at the cleverness of the competitors, yet they are not considered to be particularly advanced, and it is certain that any amount of dogs could do what they do, given the opportunity of learning. The least we should aim at doing is to have a dog that will walk quietly on the lead, come in smartly to call or whistle when free, and keep to heel until he is told that he may go. With these accomplishments mastered, other things should come easily, one of the most useful being the will to lie down and remain in that position while one goes away for a time.

BOB

On my way to business one morning last week I came across an amusing spectacle: a man came out of his house and banged his front gate. This attracted the attention of his dog which had been turned out earlier. As soon as the dog saw its master it began to follow him, and the man could not get the dog to go back; he waved and shouted but the dog would not be put off.

This incident brought to my mind memories of a Manchester terrier I once had. Bob was his name, and of all the silly, excitable, faithful creatures, Bob was the limit.

He came to me in peculiar circumstances; it was Christmas time and I had spent the holiday with my brother who lived in the Hampstead district. My brother was called to work on an emergency job, so I had to return home earlier than I had planned. I caught an early workmen's train and arrived home in the early morning before my mother was up. The house was silent and in darkness, so, in order not to disturb anyone, I decided to go to my room until someone awoke. I opened the door of my room and then stood still; something was moving along the floor. I could not make out what it was as the room was in darkness, but I could just see a peculiar object swaying towards me. It made no sound but silently approached me, and I was just on the point of crying out when my mother came down the stairs.

"Something's in here," I said. "I can't make out what it is."

"Oh, that's a dog—a pup," explained my mother. "We found it in the garden last night, and as we did not expect you home until tomorrow we put it in your room."

I laughed and picked up the pup. "You little devil!" I exclaimed. "You gave me quite a shock."

The street I lived in was a cul-de-sac and my house was tucked away in the corner. It was reached by a narrow pathway which led on to the front garden. There was no back garden and the pup must have strayed from the street.

During the time we were trying to trace the owner of the dog I had to house and feed it, and finally I decided to keep it. I built him a little kennel, took him for runs across the park and tried to make a sensible, dutiful little dog out of him; but he was so excitable he would never take me seriously and would frisk and jump about until I dropped the serious mood and joined in his fun.

If he could help it he saw that I never went out without him; he followed me all over the place. Soon after I had him I was going off to the cinema and had got to the bottom of the street when I felt him sniffing round my legs; I spent ten minutes trying to persuade him to go back, but he could not or would not understand, so I let him follow me at his own risk. The cinema was about a mile and a half away and outside Bob got lost in the crowd.

"That's good-bye to him," I thought, but when I arrived home there he was waiting for me. How did he find his way home? He was only about three months old and had never been out by himself before; some instinct

had guided him. On another occasion I was going to a theatre, and as I was going along the street I felt a tap on the shoulder from behind—Bob was jumping up. He had caught sight of me and had made up his mind to follow me. We got to the theatre and I paid for my seat in the pit; Bob disappeared. After the performance I rose from my seat and felt something brush my leg. It was Bob. He had managed to get into the theatre and had slept under the seat.

Once when I was going out he was asleep in his kennel, or so I thought, but I had hardly got to the garden gate when he was behind me. I was not going to have him with me this time so, as his chain had snapped and wanted repairing, I shut him in a room. The room had French windows and as I went down the path I could see him watching me through the window. He was whining too. He didn't want to be left. I had just got to the gate when there was a crash of glass; he had jumped through the window! I was somewhat startled. He came running up the path and I examined him but he hadn't got a scratch. How could I turn him back after that.

Often when I came home at night I would go into my bedroom and find Bob asleep on the foot of the bed.—that was one thing I would not allow. I had built him a nice cosy kennel and I maintained that he should sleep there, but whenever he had the opportunity he would sneak into the house and curl up on my bed. He loved it, and when I ordered him off he would look at me so appealingly that I was often tempted to let him stay, but a dog's place is outside and off he had to go—but I had to drag him.

One morning he decided to come to work with me. He followed me to the gate, I ordered him back and he slunk off, but when I had gone a few yards I happened to look round and there he was behind me.

"Go back," I said firmly. He went flat on his tummy and looked at me out of the corner of his eye. He did not want to go back, he wanted to come with me, but I could not take him to work, so I took him by the collar and smacked him. "Now go back," I said. He went and I hurried on. At the corner of the street I turned and saw him standing still, watching me. I did a sprint and arrived at the bus stop; Bob arrived at the same time as the bus; what was I to do? I had to get to work and I was late as it was, so I ordered him home and jumped on the bus. Bob ran after us but he soon lost ground; he made a gallant effort to keep up with the speeding bus and then dropped out of sight. "Well," I thought, "that's the finish of him. He'll probably get run over." As I arrived home in the evening he was jumping up at my back. That was a habit of his; he would appear from nowhere and jump up at one's back.

Rowing was one of my pastimes and I often hired a boat and rowed on the lake in Regents Park or on the Serpentine, Hyde Park. Of course I would not take Bob with me as he would probably frighten the ducks or disgrace me in some way or other, but one day he managed to track me. I was in the park before I realized he was behind me. He would not go back so I told him that if he fell in the lake I would let him drown. I got to

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the boat-house and found business brisk. It was a lovely evening and everyone wanted a boat fairly quickly, and in the confusion Bob managed to get in the boat with me. To save any argument with the boatman I shoved off quickly and was soon in mid-stream, or rather mid-lake. Bob seemed to enjoy being a sailor and took the first watch on the bridge—the spare seat—barking at the passing ducks and generally showing off, but it did not last long. Soon his tail dropped, his head drooped and he was sick.

"There's a fine thing," I remarked. "I told you not to come. Now what are we going to do?" Bob didn't seem to care what we did—he looked awful. I pulled hard on the oars and landed on a small island where I washed out the boat. Bob jumped out but I could not leave him on the island, so I rowed him to the banks of the lake and landed him. During the row from the island he had been sick again so I cleaned the boat out once more. I then rowed out and Bob stood on the bank watching me.

"You run home," I called out. But as I got further out he started to bark; then suddenly he jumped into the water and swam after me, and I didn't know he could swim. In spite of his sea-sickness he would not leave me. I waited for him and lugged him aboard when he shook himself and splashed everything. This made me really angry and I threatened to throw him overboard. I stood up to brush my coat and nearly fell in myself. This was the finish. I scowled at Bob and took the boat back to the boat-house and went home, Bob slinking behind me. Anyway I consoled myself with the thought that he was devoted to me. In order to be with me he had risked his life more than once: he had jumped through a glass window, and, although he was a bad sailor and couldn't swim, he had jumped into the lake after me. He was certainly a brave fellow.

Some time after this I had to make a vital decision. It was either I should keep Bob or a wife and I am afraid I let Bob down—I did the dirty on him. We could not take him to our new flat so we found another home for him.

An elderly lady who had always admired him was taking a cottage in a lonely part of Devon, near Dartmoor, and wanted Bob to guard the house for her. But he was at our wedding. He found out about it somehow or other and actually followed us into the church.

I often relate little incidents about Bob to my children and they are never tired of listening. "And what did he do then?" they will ask, and I have to search my memory for some fresh exploit as I have told them so many times, that my stock of reminiscences is well nigh exhausted. The children think he was a wonderful dog with almost human intelligence, but he was not; he used to do such foolish, excitable things. But I must not let him down; he was so faithful to me that I have to let them think he really was a super dog. F.H.L.

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Seventh Annual Conference

NEW ESTATES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

This year this was held at Sheffield the week-end before Easter, and as usual, it was one of the best yet. It was the largest conference of the seven, was held in one of the nicest halls, provided some of the best discussions, and was attended by more representatives of local authorities than any yet held.

The Saturday was chiefly devoted to the powers of the local Education Authorities in helping the educational and adolescent work of our Associations. The discussions were opened by Mr. E. L. Turnbull, Secretary of the Board of Education Juvenile Organizations Committee, who was able to give a great deal of help in showing members just what they could hope for from the local authority and in answering a great many questions which were put to him. He quoted the Watling Association as being the first example of a Community Association being helped by the County Education Committee because the Committee realized the educational possibilities of its work. (Query for us, how far are we working out these possibilities and what is meant by education?) Later on Saturday, Colonel Mitchell spoke, at short notice, on the work of the Playing Fields Association.

In the evening, conference members went to another first example, this time the first Community Centre built by a Housing Committee on a new estate. This was the Manor Community Centre, where an excellent entertainment of singing and acting by children and adults was provided. It was very interesting to see both the Centre itself and results of some of the work being done there.

The Sunday morning was chiefly devoted to a vigorous discussion on the desirability of forming a national organization of Community Associations. While it was generally agreed that this was something to be hoped for in the future, the majority clearly felt that it would be premature to start it just now. More than one speaker commented on the fact that it was chiefly the London Estates who wanted to go ahead now, and those from the north who were more cautious. Eventually it was agreed to drop the idea of the national organization for the time being but to ask the N.E.C.C. to consider adding to itself representatives of the actual residents on new estates from the various city federations of associations, and it was indicated that the N.E.C.C. would be glad to do this.

The remainder of the Sunday sessions was devoted to a number of subjects, such as the part played in a Community Association by its constituent bodies, the formation of Community Associations on estates whose residents come from slum-clearance areas, the use of a Common Room, request for suggestions for improving future estates, public houses on new estates.

The conference concluded with an interesting address from the Chairman, Professor J. L. Stocks, in which he outlined the great progress which had been made by the movement since the last conference. The sincere thanks of all were tendered to the speakers, the chairman, the authorities of the University Hall where we met, and to the organizers of the conference.

Notes from the Social Secretary

Dear Members and Friends,

The Social Committee would like to thank those who have supported their functions.

We feel sure there are plenty who are not aware of the social activities held at the Centre. On Monday evenings a whist drive is held, a miniature drive commences at 8.15, admission 3d., followed by the main drive which commences at 8.45, admission 6d. Prizes are money and are in value according to people present.

These drives are proving very popular, so why not try your luck and have a good evening's entertainment? If you are not able to arrive for the miniature there is the big drive later.

On Tuesday evenings there is a dance run by Mr. J. Hilton, admission 4d., which is very popular with the younger members.

On Wednesday evenings a social drive is held; M.C. is Mr. S. Davis, admission 6d.

There are some very good prizes, e.g. one week an all linen drive, the next china and glass, the next aluminium, etc., so there is plenty of variety, and everyone is assured of a good evening's enjoyment. It is a real social drive.

Thursday afternoons at 2.30 there is a 6d. whist drive, M.C. is Mrs. Crowe, which is well attended. The prizes are in cash and paid according to attendance.

Then on Saturday evenings there are two functions running, a social in the Common Room and a dance in the Hall. The social commences at 8.0 p.m. with a short whist drive consisting of ten hands with four prizes, 1st and 2nd with two mystery prizes. The M.C. for this drive is the popular Mr. Deacon.

The social itself starts at 9.0 p.m. and is in the capable hands of Mrs. Nyberg. Believe me, you never know what surprises this lady has in store for you. If you like games, dancing and laughter you should come along and give it a trial, admission 4d. The dance which is held in the Hall has not been running very long, but is becoming very popular with the younger people. There is a good band in attendance, The Carlton Rhythm Boys and they are "Some Boys." Admission to the dance is only 6d.

On Sunday evenings. Every other Sunday evening a Free and Easy is held in the Common Room, for those members over 25 years of age, which commences at 8.0 p.m. Admission Free to paid up members. There is also a Free and Easy held for the young members under 25 years, admission to which is 1d., which carries a lucky number prize.

When the Hall is available the Sunday following the Free and Easy, a dance is held for members which commences at 8.0 p.m., and finishes at 10.30 p.m. This dance is usually well supported, admission 6d. It should be clearly understood that this dance is strictly for members.

Now I am sure that among these several functions running, there are one or more that are agreeable to you, and if you come along you will find good entertainment and your money's worth.

At the last Social Committee meeting, Mrs. Crowe, Mr. S. Davis and Mr. Wildes were elected members of the Social Committee.

R. G. WILSON

Adult Schools

When Adult Schools were first formed public elementary education was unknown. The motive of the schools was a belief in the spiritual possibilities of all men and every man. The aim was Education through Fellowship.

Methods have changed, but motive and aim remain. The movement has widened and its comprehensive programme indicates its adaptability to changing times. The development of personality underlies all its activities. It claims that every human being has a part to play and a destiny to fulfil that cannot be undertaken by another, and that true education is the development of the whole man, in order that he may give his best to the common stock.

Visitors are welcome to all our meetings. School secretaries will gladly give further information to anyone interested in the movement.

The Men's School meets at the Centre every Sunday evening at 6.30. Secretary: Mr. Simpkin. (During the summer, commencing on May 10, the Men's School will meet on Sunday mornings at 9.30).

The Women's School meets at the Centre every Monday afternoon at 2.30. Secretary: Mrs. Fairburn.

The Young People's Adult School meets at the Centre every Wednesday at 8.30. Secretary: Mr. Despaine.

Watling Association

Membership Form

The best way of showing your appreciation of the *Watling Resident*, and of the good work of the Watling Association would be the prompt filling up of this form and its dispatch to—THE EDITOR, *Watling Resident*,

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CLUB NOTES

The Watling Weight Lifting Club

Held a Club competition at the Watling Centre on March 25. It has been organized by the committee to run Club competitions every three months, also medals given for progress, in order to promote physical excellence and better lifting. It was refereed by W. Withered of the Harlesden W.L. Club.

The results of the winners of the Silver Medals were:

	Weight	Press	Snatch	Jerk	Result by Formula
1st A. Hopkins	11st. 11lbs.	135	140	190	318-060
2nd A. Hicks	8st. 7lbs.	95	100	150	302-910
3rd K. Harding	12st. 9lbs.	140	130	190	298-540
4th C. Perry	10st. 5lbs.	110	110	175	267-910

The Club is making great strides as can be seen by the results. We still have room for young men eager to improve their health and development. Come along to our meetings, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7.30 p.m.

F. MAYNARD

Boxing

By the time you are reading this the Watling Amateur Boxing Club will have concluded its first season since its affiliation to the Amateur Boxing Club.

It has been a good year from the financial point of view, practice nights have been well attended, our instructors have had a busy time, let's hope that the members next season will make them busier still. Congratulations to Mr. C. Webster on being selected to represent Great Britain in the Golden Glove team to meet the American team. Charles, although not a pupil of ours, is a member of the Club and has put in one or two practice nights with us.

A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. A. J. Alder, Goldbeaters Grove, who presented the Club with a set of gloves.

Keep your eyes open for the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Club; we hope you will attend. New rules are to be presented, and it's up to you to come to the meeting and agree to these rules or not agree, as you may think fit, and elect your committee and trainers for next season.

L.K.

Northern Cycling Club

Now that the racing season is upon us once more, it must take first place in the news. Our Boys have done well up to now; Wally, Harold, Bert, Jack and myself raced in the North Midlands "25," and all praise must go to Jack, who in his first race in the most vile of conditions did a sterling ride, and it seems he will do some very good rides later in the season.

The Easter holidays being over now, and what weather, several of our boys toured around Buckingham while the three Club runs arranged were well supported, and last, but by no means least, our tandem pair, A. F. Hewson and A. Copeland, did a remarkable ride, covering 524 miles in two cycling days.

We are having quite a good attendance on Club runs lately; new members are plentiful and things are running smoothly. We have arranged several attractions this season including an air trip, a week-end at Clacton and a camping week-end at Abingdon. Also, we have made arrangements for inter-club tournaments including one with a newly formed Burnt Oak Club, namely the Hawke C.C. Well, folks, till next month, I will say "Cheerio."

BURLINGTON BERTIE

FIRST AID HINTS.—No. 7

By FIRST-AIDER

Bleeding from the Nose

Bleeding caused by a blow is a very common experience, but there are also numerous other causes of this condition. Merely to pass from a hot room to a cold atmosphere or vice versa, is sufficient to cause nose bleeding in some people.

The first aid measures to arrest the bleeding is to loosen all tight clothing at the neck, chest and waist, and get patient to recline on couch or easy chair in front of an open window. Apply cold water dressings such as ice, cold water, etc., at nape of neck and root of nose, at the same time raising the hands above the head. The mouth should be kept open and breathing through the nose avoided. Should bleeding continue, immerse the feet in water as hot as can be comfortably borne. Great care should be taken not to blow the nose as this will probably increase the bleeding, or if it has already ceased, cause it to commence again. Should this treatment fail, or if bleeding tends to recur, the services of a doctor should be obtained.

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Veterans Club

After the excitement of last month the Veterans have settled down to the usual Wednesday afternoon meetings, and have kept a very good attendance. Wednesday, April 22, has been fixed for a Business Meeting, when they will elect their Chairman, Treasurer, etc., for the year; result will be published next month.

Might I once again offer a cordial welcome to any veterans who are 65 years or over, and live on the Watling Estate, to come and join the Club. We meet every Wednesday afternoon at 4.30.

In closing I should like to pass a vote of thanks to the following ladies who have provided teas, up to going to press:—Mesdames Townsend, Connor, Manley, Dongworth, King, Mills, Woods, Myall, Wilson, Roblou, Ashford, Goodon, Jamison, Cole, Whitehead, Bull, Lord, Cooper, Richards, Squibb.

E. COLE

Local Champions

We have all read of Sunderland, Charlton and Coventry City, so now let us read about the Watling Association Champions.

Last August a certain Harold Mead asked us if we would adopt a Netball Team, and we, of course, accepted, after having an interview with them. They explained to us that they were keen to win the Championship of the Hendon and District Netball League, and under the leadership of their very able Captain, popularly known as Ciss Gardner, they have accomplished their desire. They have played right through the season without losing a game.

Not only have they won the League Championship, they are in the final of the Knock-out Competition which carries with it a trophy, THE JUBILEE BOWL, and they are very confident of the result. I am waiting to hear from their Captain, and hope to get an article from her for next month's *Resident*.

JACK HILTON

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Women's Adult School

We meet every Monday afternoon at 2.30 in the Centre. We are welcomed with the cup that cheers; strangers are especially greeted by the President, Mrs. Heaf, so come along. The subject for the afternoon is taken from the lesson handbook of the Adult School movement. During the month of March, the following subjects were discussed by various people:—

March 9.—Mrs. Croker: "Poet and the Child."

March 16.—Mrs. Henriques: "Religious Education of the Child."

March 23.—Mrs. Sabin read an Irish story, "My Lady of the chimney corner," the life of an Irishwoman during a period of famine in Ireland. It seemed rather tragic and depressing, although according to the story, the heroine was happy amidst poverty and suffering.

March 30.—Mrs. Henriques: "The Education Bill." This aroused spirited discussion as the Bill is lacking in absolutely any good points and leaves things very much as they are. Resolutions were sent to Mr. Baldwin and Hendon's M.P., Sir Reginald Blair, protesting against the Bill.

April 6.—Mrs. Wharhirst told the School of some appalling cases of distress relieved by the Mill Hill Social Service Scheme.

Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild

There was a crowded hall for the monthly afternoon social held at the Sports Hut, Barnfield Road, on March 12. Dancing was enjoyed, and Mrs. Young, accompanied by Mrs. Catt, sang *When you come home* and *Madonna Mine*, and was loudly applauded. An amusing game of "Musical Hat" kept everyone in roars of laughter, each player having to change into various shapes and sizes. The winners were Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Jenner. After the tea interval Mrs. Warwick sang two songs at the piano in a very pleasing manner. Mrs. Warwick is a newcomer to our social side, and we hope to hear more from her.

About ninety-six members, took in imagination, an interesting tour round the world with Mrs. G. Hovell, calling at various ports and listening to interesting happenings, but really they were at the meeting at the Sports Hut, Barnfield Road. At the conclusion of the trip, Mrs. Dellow proposed and Mrs. Eagle seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

The competition for dried apricot jam was judged by Mrs. Laurie and Mrs. Hayes, two members very competent in jam-making. The first prize was given to Mrs. Jaffries, and second to Mrs. Alford.

Mrs. Catt, the Federation delegate, gave her report, and Mrs. Hidou, the delegate who attended all the annual Council meetings of the N.U.T.G. gave a long detailed report to the members, for which she was thanked by the Chairman and members.

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Random Jottings

Distinction

Doreen Seward, aged 6, of 268 Deansbrook Road, under the tuition of Miss Eileen Taperell, was successful in passing the fifth grade exam. in operatic dancing, obtaining the full ninety marks. This now entitles her to enter for the final certificate as dancing instructress. This is an outstanding achievement as Doreen is now training with grown-up women, who are also qualifying for their training certificates. Doreen was successful in passing her first examination at the age of four.

It's Down

Just when the Centre's front garden was beginning to look its Spring best, the beauty of it was temporarily effaced by the sawing down of the large tree which stood at the gate. The garden has been attended to by members of the Young People's Adult School, and on a Sunday morning we have often seen one or two of the School hard at work, digging and weeding. But the tree was an eyesore, and no doubt took a lot of goodness from the ground. Now it is down the garden will look a better shape, and besides the appreciation of members and passers-by, the amateur gardeners will be able to see better results for their labour.

The Weaker Sex

We haven't heard much about them, and they don't boast, but whilst most men have been sneezing and shivering through the long winter, a number of women from the swimming club have been having their regular dips all through the winter. The best of it is, all these hardy enthusiasts are busy, married women, and yet they still find time to keep fit. It is being said that we are a C.3 nation, but there is no denying that our women have plenty of go in them, and whilst they set such a fine example there is no fear of us becoming a decadent race.

Please Note

The next number of "The Watling Resident" will be published on July 3, and not on June 26.

Spot Prizes

The following traders are supporting the Watling Association; give them your support, and look for the green disc in their shop windows. If the number in the window corresponds with the number on the inside cover of your *Resident*, same will be presented to you on producing the Magazine. No gifts can be claimed before June 29.

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Can you swim?

If not, would you like to learn?

All members of the Association who are interested in swimming are asked to attend a meeting to be called this month.

For further information see notice board or enquire at office.

Boxing

Keep your eye open for the date of Annual General Meeting.

How You Live and Why

1. Why Some are Rich and Some Poor.
2. Money: Game or Trade.
3. What Fixes Prices?
4. Who Should Control Industry?
5. Where Shall We Get Our Food?
6. How the Making of Things is Organized.
7. Why Trade with your Neighbours.
8. Who Controls Raw Materials?
9. Machinery and Us.
10. Speeding Up and its Results.
11. Some Jobs which People Do.
12. Have We the Right to Choose our Jobs?

These are the titles of Lectures to be given in the autumn. If you would like to attend some of them and want details of time and place send your name and address to Mr. Harris, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road. If some evenings suit you better than others let him know.

Art

At an Adult School address recently, it was mentioned that on a certain housing estate a painting class was formed amongst the women members, and when an exhibition of work was held the talent shown was surprising, considering that the exhibitors were just ordinary working women and had not previously had lessons. There is no doubt that talent is latent in most of us, and it is up to each individual to take every opportunity of developing it. It has been suggested that we form a painting class at the Watling Centre. Will all those interested please send in their names and addresses to "Painting Class," Watling Centre.

ARE YOU STAYING AT SOUTHEND THIS YEAR? If so get into communication with

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Special Terms for Members of the Watling Association.

Life

What does that mean? "I didn't half see life." A gay life, a good life, a good time, a rotten life, just life. Life in animals, life in plants. Would you like to know more about life, how many different forms it takes, life from protoplasm to man, evolution and heredity, why is it that horses and dogs and cats all have five toes, of a sort, on each foot like us? What a fascinating world, full of life, and how much there is in it of interest. Well, what about it? *What* about it?

P.T. for the Ladies

This class is being restarted at the Centre, probably on Tuesdays, from 4.30-5.30, with a lady instructor. If you are interested make sure of the day and time.

Competitions

From June 20-28 there will be lots of competitions of all kinds: Darts, Piano Accordion, Running, Skipping, Variety, Fancy Dress, Tournaments, Contests, Sports, something for all sorts and ages and sizes. See Watling Week Programme for these and others. Enter yourself and get your friends to do so too.

Dog Licences

Anyone who wants to save up for their dog licence can now get Tailwaggers' Club Stamps at Watling Centre on Wednesdays from 7.30-8.30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7.0-10.0 p.m., or from Mr. Bayer, 10 Fortescue Road, at times to be arranged with him.

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Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

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Activities occurring regularly every week

- Sundays* — Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
- Mondays* — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
- Tuesdays* — Women's P.T. Class, 4.30 p.m.
Dance, 8.0 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.0 p.m., at
26 Holmfield Road.
P.T. for Women and Girls, 8.30 p.m., at
Woodcroft School.
Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Wednesdays* — Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
3 First Aid. Mr. W. H. Lane.
10 Dressmaking.
Miss Goodman and Miss Done.
17 Ladies' Tailoring.
Miss Goodman and Miss George.
24 Watling Week.
Veterans Club, 4.30 p.m.
Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
Social Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.0 p.m.
- Thursdays* — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Sewing Group, 7.30 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays* — Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays* — Members' Social, 8.0 p.m.
Dance, 8.0 p.m.

Other Events

- Thursday 4—Adult School Social, 8.0 p.m.
- Sunday 7—Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
- Monday 8—Oddfellows Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
- Sunday 14—Free and Easy, 8.15 p.m.
- Saturday 20 to Monday 29—WATLING WEEK.
(See Programme).

Watling Association

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We regret that owing to an oversight the following report was omitted from the May issue.

The Meads Junior Mixed Council School

Once again the Headmistress and Staff of the above school are to be congratulated on the successes gained by their scholars at the Hampstead and Hendon Musical Festival Competition held in February last. In the Verse Speaking for girls under twelve, Yvonne Vincent with 87% marks gained a Certificate of Merit and a Bronze Medal for top of this class, Peggy Regnur 84%, Emily Baldwin 83% and Betty Burgess 83%. In the class for Verse Speaking for boys under twelve, Raymond Strand gained 83% marks.

Verse Speaking for boys under ten: Leonard Bantik with 86% marks, gained a Certificate of Merit and a Bronze Medal for top of this class; Norman Chisholm 75%; Terence Potter 80% and Douglas Smith 80%. Verse Speaking for girls under ten: Doris Rood, with 85%, gained a Certificate of Merit; Sylvia Barrett 83%.

Also an entry for a Girls' Choir, under twelve, gained 175 marks out of 200, thus winning a Certificate of Merit, and awarded a Picture, to be held for twelve months, for top marks in this class. An entry for a Percussion Band, the first of its kind from the Meads School, gained 79% marks. These last two entries were trained by Miss Hodges, whilst the entrants for the Verse Speaking were trained by Miss Chapman.

One must allow that all this was indeed a highly creditable performance and bestows great credit on the scholars and staff of the School. As a parent of a late scholar of the School, and an interested onlooker in any event appertaining to it, I feel very proud of them. I extend to all concerned my heartiest congratulations, and wish for the Meads Junior Mixed School still more honours and successes in the future.

D. OLLETT

Watling Association Indoor Games Outing

On Wednesday, June 13, about thirty of our members paid a visit to the University Men's Club, at Bethnal Green, to compete in the following games:— Crib, Draughts, Chess, Billiards, Snooker, Dominoes, Whist, Darts and Table Tennis.

I must confess that we did not meet with much success as we only managed to win Crib 1, Chess 1 and 1 draw at Dominoes. But we returned full of beans, having spent a very pleasant evening with the members of the Club to whom we tender our sincere thanks. About six of our ladies accompanied us to fill up the coaches and they tell me they enjoyed the visit. There is just one thing more: our old friend Jack Hilton returned with a tale of "only just." What this means I will leave him to tell, but I understand that his billiard cue got over-heated and that accounted for it. Still it all makes for a pleasant evening and meeting new people who can assist us in our own endeavours by explaining how different things work in their own Club.

I sincerely hope that some of the University Club members will pay us a visit. If this type of outing appeals to our members, please let any of the following know and we will do our best to arrange some more:— Messrs. C. J. Roblou, J. Hilton or A. Lodge.

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To Oddfellows on the Watling Estate.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You will be very pleased to hear that a "Provisional Mixed Lodge" has now been opened at the Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, and being fostered by the "Pride of Westmoreland."

We should be very pleased to see you at our meetings which we hold on every alternate Monday. Should you be unable to attend these Lodge meetings, perhaps you know of a friend whom you would like to propose to become a member of our noble order, the "Manchester Unity of Oddfellows."

May we also remind you that when approaching prospective members that you impress upon them that the "Manchester Unity" pays out every year nearly £500,000 more in sickness, funeral and distress benefits, than it receives in contributions.

Yours fraternally, R. H. EDMONDS, Secretary

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Making the Most of It

In planning a garden the main idea is to make the most of the space available, and, next to this, to adapt the planning to the special conditions of that particular plot, such as aspect, walls and fences. A small garden requires as much care and scheming as a large one and may give quite as much pleasure.

Even if you have no garden at all much may be done with window boxes by growing plants which flower nearly all the year round and training creeping plants rooted in the box either up the wall of the house or letting them hang down from the box in graceful festoons.

But let us confine these notes to the small rectangular garden so common to houses in the London suburbs.

Here is a description of what may be done with such a plot, based largely upon a very helpful chapter in Foulsham's *Complete Guide to Gardening*.

Let us begin with an effort to conceal the bare boundaries of the plot. This can best be done by making free use of trellis-work. A rustic form of this may be easily made by using trimmed pea-sticks or, better still, scarlet runner stakes. Another good sort is the expanding wood variety, which should be creosoted a nice brown tint and nailed to strong wood uprights. The trellis can soon be entirely covered by climbing plants or rambler roses, and the extreme limits of a small garden are thus made more indefinite and less forbidding.

An important decision will have to be made at the outset, namely, whether to have a lawn or to do without one. A lawn, or not a lawn, that is the question. To many people a lawn is a sort of fetish and it certainly has some attractions. But let us decide to do without one. Then the centre of the plot, which is usually the most sunny, and consequently the best growing area, will be available for more important things. It really is a waste of valuable space to fill up a large part of it with lawn.

Another important question is the position of the paths. A straight path down the middle should be avoided like poison. The main path should be laid close to the shadiest fence and thus, like the omission of a lawn, leave for growing use the part of the garden most vitalized by the sun. The main path may be crazy paved, brick or merely made of gravel or cinders.

We may assume that next to the house wall, with its door into the garden, is a strip of asphalt right across the whole width of the plot. Then comes a row of pillar roses with an archway at each end, over which honeysuckle can be grown.

The path beside the fence should have a branch path beginning about two-thirds of the way down and ending in the bottom right hand corner as you look towards the house, with an arbour or summer-house. This branch path should not be straight, in fact, straight lines should be avoided as much as possible, and thus a sense of size and distance will be secured. The branch path would make a fine pergola, covered with rambler roses.

The bottom left-hand corner would be a good place for the rubbish bin or incinerator, which should be screened by closely slanted dog-rose, hawthorn and laurel.

From the honeysuckle-covered archway at the top right-hand corner a slightly winding pathway should lead to about the middle of the pergola.

We can now fill in the open spaces that have been provided by this arrangement of the paths.

Near the house and the top right-hand corner would be a good place for a clump of various tall perennials. Coming down by the north or right-hand fence should first be a raised bank, with grass sides for snowdrops and early spring bulbs. It will, we assume, face S.S.W. according to this arrangement. Another clump of tall perennials comes next, and, a little farther down, a clump of rhododendrons, and, near the arbour, a bed of flowering shrubs.

There are now only three spaces of varying size left. That by the north fence and the narrow path from the right-hand archway will make a good border for the herbaceous plants or annuals. That bounded by the pergola, the bottom fence and the path to the rubbish bin can best be filled with shade-loving plants and shrubs. The third and largest space, that is the one between the main walk against the left-hand fence and the narrow path from the right-hand archway, can be used for another flower border, or, if the garden is not to be entirely given up to flowers and shrubs, fruit trees and vegetables may be planted here. Some vegetables, such as beetroot, are as beautiful in their foliage as useful and are not at all out of place amongst the flowers.

All sorts of charming plants can be used for edging, such as double pinks of the Mrs. Sinkins type, aubretias and saxifrages.

Sufficient details have been given here to enable the reader to draw a plan of this small garden, and it might be an amusement to do so, even if the scheme does not fit or is not acted upon.

If a garden is made on some such lines as these the general effect will be that it will appear to be very much larger than it actually is.

What to Do in June

The planting of the summer bedding plants in their flowering quarters will be the chief work of this month. This can be done quickly if the details have been planned and arranged beforehand. Weeding will require close attention and many plants will need to be neatly staked and tied up.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Many Alpine plants should be propagated now. They may be rooted either in cold frames or on a shaded border, and when well-established can either be transferred to their permanent quarters or planted out singly ready for transplanting in the autumn. Some are raised from seed and, as these are mostly quite small, they should be sown in parts where constant attention can be given them until well established.

Annuals may still be sown for late flowering in the place where they are to bloom.

Biennials, such as forget-me-not, wallflower, Canterbury bells and sweet william, should be sown in the reserve garden for transplanting in the autumn.

Roses should be treated to a liberal supply of liquid manure.

Bulbs should be taken out of the ground and allowed to dry in the shade before being stored.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Where the caterpillars of the winter moth are troublesome in the apple trees they should be sprayed with Paris Green or some similar summer spray as soon as the bloom is over.

Caterpillars may also be appearing on the leaves of the gooseberry bushes. Here hand picking is the best method of destruction. It should begin when the first caterpillar is seen and the process persistently persevered in. These pests spread quickly and may easily cause the loss of the crop and even of the bush itself.

Crops of strawberries can be produced from the same plant for five or six years, but it is well to plant some new ones each year. The new plants are secured from the runners and only the best should be used. Strawberries do not like very heavy soils.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Endive should be sown in small quantities once a fortnight and kept well supplied with water to ensure its being crisp.

The last sowing of peas may be made this month. Avoid sowing thickly. If sown in dry weather soak the seeds and the drill before covering in the soil; also water freely from the first appearance of the young plant.

Continue to sow lettuce and put the seeds in just before a shower of rain! A late sowing of spinach may also be made.

Ridge cucumbers may safely be planted out early in the month; also vegetable marrow plants.

It is an old and good rule that as soon as the pea crop is well in bearing the cutting of asparagus should cease. It is essential to the success of next year's asparagus crop that sufficient growth should be left all over the bed, which should be thoroughly hand weeded. Occasional drenchings of liquid farm yard manure are a great assistance.

Quick free growth is essential if celery of the highest quality is to be obtained and on no account must the plants be allowed to suffer from want of moisture at the root.

Earth up the potatoes from time to time.

Columbian Girls' Club

An audience of over 400 enjoyed the magnificent display of this Club given at Barnfield School, on May 21. The Chairman, Alderman Maughan, paid some charming compliments to Miss Webb and Miss Kerlogue on their wonderful achievement in getting together a club of this description and referred to the tremendous amount of patience they had shown during their five years of running the Club. Members of the Club then presented bouquets to both Mrs. Munro and Mrs. Maughan.

Mrs. Munro said she was pleased to recognize some of the senior section who had been with the Club since its formation. She is the donor of a much coveted prize every year.

From information received I believe Miss Webb and Miss Kerlogue will be Mrs. Raine and Mrs. Saunders this time next year. Little birds will whisper, eh?

Congratulations to them both and I wish them the very best of luck.

AN ONLOOKER

Science and Life

The Saturday Talks run by the three Burnt Oak Adult Schools in conjunction with the Watling Association was held at the Centre on May 2. Dr. Alex Wood, D.Sc., Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, was the lecturer. He took as his subject "Science and Life," and divided it into two parts, the first being "Science and the Tasks of Life" and the second "Science and the Meaning of Life."

Science and the Tasks of Life

In the first lecture Dr. Wood showed us how Science had eased the tasks of mankind, the tasks, not only of man considered in the aggregate, but also of individuals. It had given him control of his environment, had made him master of the elements and had opened up possibilities as yet unexplored and unlimited. Dr. Wood cited Artificial Light, the Progress of Transport, Printing and Synthetic Products as examples of the handiwork of Science. Even in the delicate art of milking machinery had been introduced. In agriculture the application of Science, by way of artificial fertilisers, had arrested the law of diminishing returns. The same acreage was able to support a much larger population.

It was, however, the conquest of power said Dr. Wood, that had had the most revolutionary results. The muscular power of man and beasts had given way to oil, coal, water and electricity. Brawn and muscle had been dispensed with. There were indeed no limits to the goods that could be produced by artificial power. A man, working by hand, could make 450 bricks per day; by the use of a machine he could make as many as 400,000 per day. In the U.S.A. it was reported in an enquiry into Technocracy that if the full resources of Science were let loose, man could satisfy all his wants and yet there would be no need for him to work until he was 25 years of age, nor would it be necessary for him to work for more than 16 hours a week and he could retire at 45.

But, continued Dr. Wood, if Science had brought immense gains it had been accompanied by a real loss. The old craftsman had been turned into a machine minder. He could no longer take interest, pride or joy in his work. The growth of his personality had been retarded and the freedom he had enjoyed as a craftsman was denied to him as a factory hand. As a consequence he sought relief from monotony from outside and often by extravagant ways. Dr. Wood agreed that broadcasting had done something to correct the evil.

Of the adult population of England and Wales 3.7 per cent owned the factories, mines and land; 6.3 per cent owned their own tools; and 90 per cent were mere employees. Economic control akin to a form of government was vested in the hands of a few who thus were given power over the lives of many.

There were, declared Dr. Wood, three possibilities that Science offered: 1. The elimination of toil and manual labour; 2. Increased leisure; and 3. Increased productivity.

As yet only a partial use of the resources of Science had been made and to it must be largely attributed the unemployment problem. Unemployment was the very triumph of the application of Science to industry but, and here was the tragedy, it was a mal-administration of leisure.

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Before increasing leisure Dr. Wood wanted to see the standard of living of the mass of the people raised. It was deplorably low. He might spend a shilling on tea at a cafe, yet not long ago that was half the amount allowed in a home to feed a child for a whole week. A Cambridge undergraduate lived on £5 a week which Dr. Wood considered was not excessive. Yet, said Dr. Wood, £5 in unemployment had to provide for three families consisting of father, mother and three children, father, mother and four children, and father, mother and five children. Everything pointed to the need of producing more goods and services and raising the standard of living of the mass of the people.

The good designs of the scientists were unhappily often frustrated and sometimes he was instructed to work for a hideous purpose—the destruction of life.

As an example of the former, the scientist worked to increase the productivity of the land only to find the fruits of his labour such as wheat and coffee burned, and restriction placed on output. After a heavy snowfall one should use the snowplough (the invention of Science). "No," says some bright person. "Send men out with shovels—you'll employ more people." "Why not send the men out with teaspoons instead of shovels," replies the cynic. "You'll employ more people still."

As an example of the latter there was the use of poison gas and the other implements of modern barbarism.

Science and the Meaning of Life

Dr. Wood began his second lecture by stating that the theory generally accepted today was that the energy of which the world was built was running down and that life on this planet would one day cease. That was perhaps a little frightening but as the process would take some millions of years there was no cause for alarm. The fact that the universe was running down like a clock suggested that in the past there must have been a winding up, or Creation. Another significant thing was the orderliness of nature. It was remarkable that certain things always happened in the same way. That again pointed to a Designer or Creator or to God.

Before going further Dr. Wood emphasized that Science dealt with elements of experience common to all normal people. Hence, there was no science of beauty and no science of humour. For the same reason religion or the experience of God was not a part of the material of science.

Some people thought Science was a body of established truth. That was not so. No scientific generalization could be proved. Indeed, all of them could be challenged. The scientist worked on a hypothesis, then, by observation and experiment, he examined the surrounding evidence to see if it supported his hypothesis and conformed to the conclusions drawn. "Did the facts fit in with one another," was the question he asked himself. If not the theory was rejected. If all the facts supported the theory their cumulative effect would be strong but not positive proof for all that.

Continuing, Dr. Wood said that Science dealt with the means and not the end. Thus, if the scientist were asked to name ways and means of making a given acreage of land support a given population, he might offer two: 1. To increase the fertility of the land; 2. To destroy part of the population. Science was like a motor car in this respect. A car could take its driver anywhere, but the driver must guide it to his destination.

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That School Lunch Hour

We have heard a good many mothers complaining of the inconvenience of the new lunch hour, 12.0 to 1.25, recently adopted by the schools in Hendon. Complaint is not enough unless it is lodged in the right place—with the Director of Education. If every mother who feels the new time irksome would write a post card or letter to the Director of Education, The Burroughs, Hendon, there might be some hope of having the more convenient time restored. If, however, we only grumble amongst ourselves and do not take the trouble to voice our grievances, officials will, of course, have their way. Teachers point out that the shorter lunch period has been in force during the winter months for several years. We may point out that there seems good reason for doing so during the winter months when the days are short and the weather cold. We have put up with it for these reasons and have heaved a sigh of relief when the time for the summer lunch hour came again. Now it seems we are to bear the winter lunch hour all the year round for somebody else's convenience than our own.

Meat Substitute

I saw in a greengrocer's shop the other day those delicious purple vegetable called aubergines or egg plants. To prepare them you peel off the purple skin. If they are the long thin kind you cut them in halves or quarters, if they are the fat globular variety, which are better, you cut them in $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, or a little less, slices, dip in a beaten egg to which salt and a very little milk has been added and then in flour and fry on both sides either in deep or shallow fat until a golden brown. Place in a hot meat dish in the oven and keep piping hot until served. This is a delicious dish and will be more appetising than meat on hot summer days.

Frocks

Everyone seems to be going gay for summer clothes. Pink and sunshine yellow are the colours recommended for little girls and red is also mentioned as a favourite. Dotted muslin or organdie are the materials approved for the little girl's "best" frock. Her mother's best, however need be something much more sophisticated: large flowers in a dark material are favoured this spring and these are some of the colour combinations:—primrose on purple, green on black, tangerine and jade on nigger brown, scarlet and emerald on navy. If you have to get a new frock these ideas may interest you. Some of you, like me, will have to do with last year's frock.

Swagger coats seem to go on and on in popularity. Indeed, they are a most useful kind of coat for summer wear. They are made in the most unusual colours—I saw one the other day of bright lemon yellow material.

Watling Week will be well on the way when you read this and by the sound of it it will be good fun and better fun than ever. I understand that Mr. Roblou is running a savings club for the Dinner and Dance at the White Lion and that anyone who buys 5/- worth of tickets apart from that will get a 6d. ticket free. SUSAN SAVOURY.

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The Challenge

It hardly seems twelve months since we last celebrated Watling Week, but events move swiftly, and once more we are scheming and planning for another week of festivity. As each year goes by we gain more experience; we get a better idea of what members of a Community Association want, and by our united efforts we are, in a measure, able to satisfy our needs.

Our main ambition is for a larger hall, and although at the moment it seems but a vision, we shall not rest until the Watling Centre is able to accommodate all its members in comfort. This would bring increased revenue to the Association as at some of our functions the space available is inadequate, and we are reluctantly compelled to limit the attendance.

Life is a challenge; as soon as we overcome one difficulty we are confronted with another, and so according to the way we tackle the job, our characters are moulded. In past Watling Weeks we have had successes and we have had setbacks. Schemes have been tried out, and although they have not always been as fruitful as we should have liked, we have invariably got somewhere near our objective. Also, which is perhaps better, we have collected round us a body of loyal people whose aim is to improve the Watling Association, and to show that the "human element" so often blamed for weakness of character, is no stronger than we like to make it, and that ordinary decent people can live in harmony with each other.

A great thing in Watling Week is that we can enjoy the various activities not only as spectators, but as participators. There are many ways in which we can help to make them successful. Life would be monotonous if we spent it in watching other people do things. It is good at times to do things for ourselves. Readers will agree that the programme set out in these pages is an attractive one. There is something for everyone, and if we all play our part, we are confident of success. How great that success will be depends on how much support we give. There is a challenge. Let us answer it by doing everything possible to make Watling Week 1936 the best ever.

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Very sincerely yours,

JESSIE HAYNES.

All members of the Veterans' Club and the Association wish to tender their sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Haynes on the loss of her mother, a most respected member of our Veterans' Club.

Netball Teams Success

Dear Mr. Editor,

I feel I must express the feelings of the Watling Association, on the performance of our Netball Team. We should like you, through your columns to convey to them our feelings of pride and pleasure. In an interview with Miss Ciss Gardner, their most modest Captain and Secretary she told me that the following team: Miss Winnie Berkins, Miss Jessie Camwell, Miss Betty Davis, Miss Dolly Asqew, Miss Alice Johnson and Miss Kathleen Harvey have played right through the season in perfect harmony, and is a wonderful combination. They have given her no trouble and to quote her own words "I think we have the respect and good wishes of all other teams in the Hendon and District Netball League, of which we are now champions," and, she adds, "I should like to convey the thanks of our team to all the teams we have played for the good, clean, sporty games they have given us."

On Tuesday, May 5, the Watling team won the final of the Knock-Out Competition for the Jubilee Bowl, presented by Mr. Williams, of the *Golders Green Gazette* and by the time this article is published every member of the team will have been presented with a medal in recognition of having won the Jubilee Bowl. We hope they will have the same honour next year.

Entrance forms have been sent in for another Knock-Out Competition for the J.O.C. Trophy. Well, good luck to them.

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No. 8

JUNE 20 - 29, 1936

Programme

All events at WATLING CENTRE, unless otherwise stated

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During the week the Common Room will only be open occasionally. See Notice Board

OPENING EVENT, Saturday, 20th

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Stalls, Sideshows, Entertainments, Competitions

Admission 2d.

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SATURDAY (Continued)

The Carnival Procession

will assemble at Watling Centre at 4.30 p.m., will leave the Centre at 5.30 p.m. and probably take the following route:—Deansbrook Road—Littlefield Road—Orange Hill Road—Gervase Road—Montrose Avenue—Blundell Road—Eversfield Gardens—Abbots Road—Deansbrook Road, to the Centre.

Entrance for the Procession is free.

PRIZES are offered as follows:—For Local Traders or Organizations in Class 1, 1st, 10/-; 2nd, 5/-; Class 2, 1st, 5/-; 2nd, 2/6. Classes 3–6, in each case, a first prize to the value of 3/-; Class 7, Best Dressed Pedal Cycle, Three Special Prizes.

Vehicles must be supplied by the Entrants.

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 Mr. C. J. ROBLOU, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before Monday, June 15

We / I wish to enter:—

(Please put a X against the Class in which entry is made).

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| 1. Decorated Vehicle. | 5. Child's Individual Costume. |
| 2. Group of 7 or more people in Costume. | 6. Child's Individual Comic Costume. |
| 3. Adult Individual Costume. | 7. Decorated Pedal Cycle. |
| 4. Adult Individual Comic Costume. | |

(Children must be under 14 years of age on June 20).

Signed..... Society.....

Address..... Date.....

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8.0 p.m. The Usual Saturday Evening Dance

M.C.: Mr. R. G. WILSON

Admission 6d.

Special Waltz Competition open also to attenders at the Social. Lady's Prize: Afternoon Gown, presented by J. Marks, on show during June at 87 Watling Avenue. Gent's Prize: Silk Scarf, presented by Watling Week Committee.

SUNDAY 21st

8.0 p.m. "Happiest Married Couple" Trial

Ticket of Admission to the Public Gallery, 6d. (Tickets strictly limited in number).

A PAIR OF BLANKETS is offered to the couple which has had the happiest married life for the last twelve months, and five Consolation Prizes are also offered.

Entrants must produce two witnesses and may provide their own Counsel.

The judgment will be given by a bench of three.

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ENTRANCE FORM

To be returned to Mr. C. DOWNS, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, before June 15.

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2.30 p.m. **Super Jumble Sale**

Admission 2d.

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TUESDAY 23rd

2.30 p.m. **Baby Show**

Entrance Fee 6d. per class

Class A—Under 9 months.

Class B—Over 9 and under 18 months.

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

The following two classes are open to all:—

Class C—Over 6 and under 12 months.

Class D—Twins under 2 years.

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

In addition to first prizes in each class, prizes will be given for the best Watling baby in the Show, and for the best Watling first baby in the Show.

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 18.

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Date of birth of baby.....

Class.....

Mother's Signature.....

Date.....

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TUESDAY (Continued)

8.0 p.m. Juvenile Dance Competition

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Each School may enter any group or individuals; all performers to be under 16 years of age.

The maximum time allowed for each school will be according to the number of entries, but not less than 30 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 1937, and there will also be a medal for the best individual dancer.

ENTRANCE FORM

Juvenile Dance Competition. To be filled in and returned with entrance fee of 5/- to Mr. C. DOWNS, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before June 9.

I wish to enter the..... School of Dancing
for the above competition. I hereby certify that all the members entering will be under 16 years of age on June 23, 1936, and I understand that the decision of the committee is final.

Entrance Fee enclosed.....

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Date.....

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7.30 p.m. Display Night

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Admission to the Ground. 6d.
Children, 3d.

6.30 p.m. Gate opens on MOSS'S GROUND, near WHITE LION HOTEL, High Street, Edgware.

Special Attraction—PUSH-BALL TOURNAMENT

MEN'S EVENTS. Entrance Fee, 6d. per person per event. (ALL EVENTS OPEN.)

1. 100 Yards Scratch.
2. 100 Yards Veterans' Handicap, over 40 years.
3. 220 Yards Scratch, for the Curry Cup.
4. 1 Mile Scratch, for the White Lion Cup.
5. 880 Yards Scratch, for the United Dairies Challenge Cup and Medal.
6. 1 Mile Relay, teams of 4, 880, 440, 220 and 220 yards.
7. 3 Miles Marathon, for Sidney Hurry Challenge Cup and Medal.
8. Tug of War, team of 8, maximum weight 90 stone, for Osborne Cup.
9. Push-Ball Tournament, team of 7, for Perpetual Trophy and Medals.

THURSDAY—SPORTS MEETING (*Continued*)

LADIES' EVENTS. Entrance fee per person per event for 10, 11 and 12, 6d.

10. 100 Yards Scratch.
 11. 440 Yards Relay, teams of 4, 110 yards each.
 12. Tug of War, team of 8, over 18 years, catch weights.
 13. Egg and Spoon Race.
 14. Skipping Race.
- } Entrance Fee per person per event for 13 and 14, 3d.

All entries must be received before 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 20th. The Committee reserves the right to cancel any event for which insufficient entries are received. Winners of trophies must be prepared to give guarantors of safe keeping, and return within 11 months of trophy.

ENTRANCE FORM

To be returned to Mr. W. R. Hilton, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 20.

Herewith please find s. d., being Entrance Fees for the following events:—
Event No. Entrance Fee Name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Address.....

Date of Birth.....

Club.....

FRIDAY 26th

7.30 for
8.0 p.m.

Dinner and Dance

Tickets 4/6

At THE WHITE LION, High Street, Edgware.

COLE'S RHYTHMIC BAND. M.C.: Mr. F. WELCH

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

On Montrose Playing Fields—BEACH'S FAIR, closing at 10.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 27th

11.0 a.m. Special Children's Entertainment
By Children for Children. Mrs. HILTON'S YOUNG WATLERS

Admission: Adults 6d.
Children 3d.

5.30 p.m. Children's Sports

For those under 14 years old, on MONTROSE PLAYING FIELDS.

Entrance Fee, 3d. per event. If three or more entries are made by one child, 2d. per event.

A Second Prize will be given in each event where there are six or more entries.

GIRL'S EVENTS

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. Hurdle Race, 75 Yards Scratch.
 5. Obstacle Race.
 6. Skipping Race for girls under 8.
 7. Tug of War for teams of 8, catch weight, from Watling Schools.
- Entrance Fee, 1/6 per team.

SATURDAY—CHILDREN'S SPORTS (*Continued*)

BOYS' EVENTS.

8. 50 Yards Handicap for boys 5 or over and under 8.
9. 75 Yards Handicap for boys 8 or over and under 11.
10. 100 Yards Handicap for boys 11 or over and under 14.
11. Hurdle Race, 75 Yards, Scratch.
12. Obstacle Race.
13. Sack Race.
14. Tug of War for teams of 8, catch weight, from Watling Schools.
Entrance Fee, 1/6 per team.

BOYS AND GIRLS.

15. Potato Race.

The Tug of War for Ladies' Teams of 8 from organizations affiliated to the London Council of Community Associations will take place during the afternoon.

Ages to be taken as on the day of the Sports.

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any event for which insufficient entries are received.

ENTRANCE FORM

To be sent to Mrs. LORD, Watling Centre, together with Entrance Fees, not later than June 22.

Herewith please find s. d., being Entrance Fees for the following events:—

Event No. Entrance Fee

Name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Address

Date of Birth

Date

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Also on Montrose Playing Fields—BEACH'S FAIR, closing at 11.0 p.m.
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8.0 p.m. **Grand Air Pageant Day Carnival Dance**

COLE'S RHYTHMIC BAND.

M.C.: Mr. R. G. WILSON.

Tickets 9d.

8.0 p.m. **Special Members' Social**

Admission 6d.

M.C.: Mrs. NYBERG

SUNDAY 28th

10.30 a.m. **Membership Canvass**

Volunteers meet at the Centre to carry out a canvass for members of the Association. Those intending to help are asked to give in their names before June 24. Near the end of a bumper week this is a golden opportunity to increase the membership of the Association. Do your bit!

8.0 p.m. **Piano Accordion Open Competition**

Ticket of Admission to Hall 1/- (Number strictly limited).

Judges: Mr. ERIC LITTLE, Editor *Accordion Times* and Associate Editor *Musical Piñorial*;
Mr. J. J. BLACK, Sub-Editor *Accordion Times*.

A first and second prize will be given in each class. Class A—Solos. Class B—Duets.
Mr. JULIAN VEDEY, Editor of *Musical Piñorial* will be present during the evening, also probably
Mr. GEORGE SCOTT-WOOD.

SUNDAY—PIANO ACCORDION OPEN COMPETITION (Continued)

RULES

1. The contest is only open to amateur players of piano accordions. Amateur, for this purpose, means any person whose principal means of livelihood is obtained from non-musical work.
2. Entries must be made on the attached form and must reach Accordion Organizer, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, Mddx., not later than June 7, 1936. Entries received after this date will only be accepted in very special circumstances. Each entry form must be accompanied by the entrance fee of 2/6 per player, which carries with it one ticket of admission for a friend.
3. Entrants must play two pieces, the combined playing time of which does not exceed six minutes.
4. In the event of an equal number of points being awarded to two or more contestants, the judges shall have the right to request such contestants to play again.
5. Contestants will be designated to the judges by numbers only.
6. All decisions of the committee will be final.
7. Only a limited number of players can be accepted owing to time.

ENTRY FORM

Piano Accordion Contest. To be filled in and returned together with entrance fees to Mr. W. R. HILTON, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, Mddx.

CLASS A—SOLO.

Full name of entrant.....

(In BLOCK CAPITALS Please)

Address.....

Occupation.....

Entrance Fee enclosed.....

I declare that I am an amateur within the meaning of the rules of this contest.

Date.....

Signed.....

If you want any tickets of admission to the hall to sell at 1/- each, please give the number required here

CLASS B—DUET.

Full names of Entrants (In BLOCK CAPITALS Please)

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Address.....

Occupation.....

Entrance Fee enclosed.....

I declare that I am an amateur within the meaning of the rules of this contest.

Signed.....

Signed.....

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Date.....

If you want any tickets of admission to the hall to sell at 1/- each, please give the number required here

MONDAY 29th

7.30 p.m. Mrs. Hilton's Young Watlers

Tickets 6d.
Children 3d.

This is a repeat performance, chiefly for adults, of the show given for children on Saturday morning.
Owing to lack of accommodation it could not be put on earlier in the Week.

SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS TOURNAMENTS

Will be run during Watling Week and the week preceding. Entrance Fee 6d. each, games to be paid for.

Billiards: Heats 150 up, Semi-Final 200 up, Final 250 up. Snooker: Best of three frames.

The organizers reserve the right to cancel the tournament if there are not sufficient entries.

ENTRANCE FORM

To be returned with entrance fee before June 13, to Mr. HILTON, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road. Please enter me for the Billiards Tournament and Snooker Tournament (if only one is required, cross out the other), and find entrance fee _____ enclosed.

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____

DARTS TOURNAMENT

Will be held, open to all members of the Association.
Heats 301, Semi-Final 401, Final 501.

Entrance Fee 3d.
Prizes for winner and runner-up.

The organizers reserve the right to cancel the tournament if there are not sufficient entries.

ENTRANCE FORM

To be returned with entrance fee, not later than June 13, to Mr. LODGE, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road.

Please enter me for the Darts Tournament and find 3d, entrance fee enclosed.

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____

TABLE TENNIS KNOCK-OUT TOURNAMENT

Open to Watling Residents and Associate Members of the Watling Association (ladies or gentlemen). Entrance fee 3d. Best out of 3 games of 21 up. Prizes will be given for the winner and runner-up. Matches will be umpired by members of the Watling Association Table Tennis Club. The draw for opponents will take place at 8.30 p.m. on June 9.

The organizers reserve the right to cancel the Tournament if there are not sufficient entries.

ENTRANCE FORM

To be filled in and returned with entrance fee, before 7.0 p.m. on June 9, to Mr. A. L. WILKES, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road.

Please enter me for the Table Tennis Tournament and find 3d, entrance fee enclosed.

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____

SPECIAL NOTICES

1. To enable as many as possible to buy tickets for the Dinner and Dance a special Savings Club has been started. Contributions may be paid in at the Office, Watling Centre, or to Mr. C. J. Roblou and a Dinner Club Card will be issued.
2. ANYONE BUYING 5/- WORTH OF TICKETS (excluding the Dinner ticket) will be GIVEN ONE SIXPENNY TICKET FREE.
3. To advertise these events and to sell tickets YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. Come and offer it at the Centre.



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Can you Answer These?

Send in your answers to the Editor. You might win a prize.

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2. When (a) a cow and (b) a horse gets up from the reclining position which end gets up first—head or tail?
3. What is the name of the flag which is hoisted when a ship is about to sail?
4. What was the old Roman name for St. Albans?
5. What is the County Town of Middlesex?
6. Where are the Crown Jewels kept?
7. How many houses are there on the Watling Estate?
8. Are a cow's horns above its ears or below its ears?
9. What was St. Luke by profession?
10. In what church is the largest bell in England?
11. The hardest precious stone is a diamond. What is the next hardest?

Last Month's Competition

For the best Drawing of the Watling Centre prizes were awarded as follows:—

- 1st. R. R. OLLETT.
- 2nd. CYRIL BUCK.
- 3rd. JOHN C. DICK.

Prizes may be obtained on application to the Centre.

Aunt: "What will you do when you grow up to be a big woman like your mother?"
Little girl: "Diet."

Mother: "Tommy, what's all that noise?"

Tommy: "That's father arguing with grand-dad about my homework. They can't seem to get the sums right."

Great Man: "You ought to be highly honoured at obtaining this interview. I have already refused to see seven reporters today."

Reporter: "I know—I'm them."

"I always like to add a spice of danger to the ordinary things of life."

"Is that why you are eating your peas with your knife?"

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

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.. 21—MR. S. S. ADAMS

.. 28—MR. CHARLES INGLIS

THE JASPER VASE

By F. H. LAKE

In our January issue we told of Matthew Brooks, an unassuming solicitor's clerk, who was suddenly called upon to take the role of amateur detective.

Our readers will remember how in a Limehouse café Matthew came into contact with Van Dryn, an antique dealer. This month we relate a further adventure.

Matthew Brooks sat up and listened. Unconsciously he counted the strokes of a neighbouring church clock. He counted three—how many had he missed? Was it the clock that had wakened him up? He looked at his own timepiece on the table beside the bed—a quarter past four. Matthew realized that his clock was a quarter of an hour fast, so that it would now be four o'clock. For some psychological reason he always kept his clock a quarter fast. He thought it got him up earlier. He gazed round the room at the familiar objects. There was the bookcase his father had left him, together with a print of the Derby in eighteen hundred and something. The print in a heavy frame hung on the wall over a dressing table, one leg of which was propped up with Vols. II and III of *British Butterflies*. I must get that leg repaired, thought Matthew. He said this every time he looked at it. He had said it dozens of times, but the two books still kept the equilibrium of the damaged piece of furniture. What had woke him up? Matthew yawned, slightly puzzled, and lay down again, hugging the bedclothes round him.

He sat up sharply. No mistake this time. Someone was knocking at his door. "Who's there?" he called and listened intently. No answer. Instead, another knock, this time harder. "All right," murmured Matthew, "don't be impatient." He slipped out of bed, wondering who his nocturnal visitor might be. Half way to the door he stopped, as if on second thoughts, came back and put on his dressing gown and then opened the door. "Van Dryn!" he exclaimed. "What brings you here at this time of night?"

"Sh!" muttered his visitor, looking furtively behind him. "It's this." He nodded to a parcel held tightly under his arm.

Matthew looked askance at the parcel. "What is it?"

Van Dryn, obviously nervous, looked about him. "Let's go inside," he whispered. "We can't talk here."

Matthew allowed his visitor to enter and, closing the door behind him, waited for him to speak.

Van Dryn placed the parcel on the table and, pulling from his pocket a highly coloured silk handkerchief, mopped his brow. "They're after it," he said at length.

"Who's after it?—after what?" queried Matthew, showing signs of impatience.

Van Dryn pointed to the parcel on the table. "They're after that. It's a vase—a Chinese vase," he explained with suppressed excitement. "I bought it in the Caledonian Market. There it was, amongst a pile of rubbish. I knew it was a find as soon as I saw it."

Matthew watched him curiously. "Why have you brought it here at this time of night?"

"Well, since I've had it in my shop some curious things have happened. First a man—looked like a Japanese—

came in and offered me five pounds for it, and when I refused he offered ten. He seemed so eager to get it that I became suspicious. Then a tall man came in. He examined it well, asked the price and wanted to know where I got it from. He said he would call back. That night my shop was burgled. Fortunately I awoke in time and scared off the intruders before they had time to do anything, but I found that the vase had been moved. Whether these things have any connection with each other I don't know, but there it is. I am suspicious and I want to keep the vase somewhere safe until I can find out its history."

"Do you mean you want me to look after it?" asked Matthew.

"That was my idea. If you would keep it here just for a day or two I should be obliged."

Matthew stroked his chin thoughtfully and looked at the parcel. "Well," he said slowly, "I'll look after it for you, but I don't want people breaking into my place."

"Nobody will come here," said Van Dryn, reassuringly. "If anyone enquires at my shop I'll say I sold it; that will put them off. By the way, you haven't seen it yet. Would you like to see it?"

"Yes, I should," said Matthew. "It seems interesting. While you are untying it I'll make some coffee. I expect you could do with a cup."

He moved to an adjoining room and soon the aromatic smell of coffee diffused itself in the air.

Suddenly Van Dryn called out "Here it is. Come and look."

"Right," answered Matthew. "I'm just coming with the coffee." He caught sight of the vase. "My, that's quaint! What is it supposed to be? It looks like a fish."

The vase, about a foot high and golden in colour, was fashioned out of some peculiar stone substance in the shape of a carp, with a dish balanced on its nose.

Van Dryn stood back and admired it. "What a find! Did you ever see anything like it? It's old and, I think, valuable."

Matthew placed the tray on the table and looked over the vase. "I don't know much about antiques. It certainly looks good. Have a coffee. Take the big cup."

"Thanks," said Van Dryn. "Now, if you could keep it out of sight for a day or two you'd be doing me a good turn. I'll call for it on Saturday, if that suits you."

"All right," said Matthew. "Coffee sweet enough?"

"Yes, lovely."

"Have another cup."

"No, thanks. I'll be off now and I'll pop in on Saturday, about four o'clock."

Matthew drained his coffee. "Very well, then. Good night, or, rather, good morning."

After his visitor had gone Matthew washed. The early morning sun shone in the room and he switched off the light. No use going back to bed. Besides, he could not sleep if he did. He heard the church clock strike six and the distant clatter of milkmen. Other sounds became audible and gradually a hundred and one noises proclaiming a new day.

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Matthew dressed and the morning newspaper clattered through the letter box. Soon the landlady would bring up his breakfast; in fact he could hear her footsteps outside his door. Matthew picked up the paper and opened the door.

"Good morning, Mrs. Higgins," he said, taking the tray. "Good morning, Mr. Brooks. I thought I heard noises here during the night. Was anyone about?"

Matthew looked surprised. "Not here," he said, shaking his head. "Must have been the cat." Mrs. Higgins went off muttering.

Matthew set the tray on the table, propped the newspaper against the teapot and began his breakfast. He had just taken a large bite of toast when he stared at the paper. "Famous Vase Stolen" ran a headline and underneath:

"When the Chinese Art Exhibition was closed last night the authorities were horrified to discover that a valuable vase was missing. The vase, a beautifully carved model in jasper of a golden carp, was of the Ming Dynasty and was lent by Mr. Koolunbunkem, the famous Greek collector."

There was a photograph of the vase, which appeared to be identical with the one Matthew was now keeping.

Matthew, all excitement, fetched the vase and compared it with the photograph. Yes, it was the same. He wondered if Van Dryn knew. Surely Van Dryn could not have stolen it? Matthew knew he was a very keen collector, and had taken risks and gone to a lot of trouble to acquire curios and works of art. Matthew wondered what action to take. Should he inform the police or take the vase back to Van Dryn. If it was discovered in the flat it might make it awkward for him and he would get a lot of publicity which he did not want. The best thing would be to return it to Van Dryn at once. He finished his breakfast and, wrapping up the vase, put it under his arm and left the flat.

At the corner of the street a newsboy was shouting "Chinese Art Robbery!"

Matthew, clutching his precious parcel, boarded a bus and went on top.

The bus went along East Street and at the first stop, near the shop Matthew alighted. He paused to light a cigarette and was attracted by the behaviour of a man outside the shop. The man was tall and well built. He wore a light coat and a trilby hat. On his arm hung an umbrella, although the weather was fine.

After looking into the window the man turned and walked past the shop, pausing to gaze into the doorway. He then turned about, came back and again peered into the doorway.

"What's he up to?" thought Matthew. He waited until the man was walking the other way and then slipped into the shop.

A boy stood behind the counter, turning over the leaves of a catalogue.

"Is Mr. Van Dryn about?" asked Matthew.

"He went out about half-an-hour ago," answered the boy. "He said he wouldn't be long; he should be back now. His tea's waiting for him." A tray with tea things, the teapot covered with a cosy, stood at the end of the counter.

"Can I do anything for you?" asked the boy.

"Yes," answered Matthew, "look after this." He unwrapped the vase and stood it on the counter. "Don't let anyone have it until Mr. Van Dryn sees it."

"All right, sir," said the boy. "I'll tell him you called. What name shall I say?"

"Oh—er—Mr. Brooks. I'll call back."

Outside the shop he caught sight of the tall man watching the shop from the other side of the road.

"I don't like the look of that fellow, and the boy alone in the shop. I'll walk to the top of the street and come back. If Van Dryn has not returned I'll give it up." He turned and almost collided with Van Dryn.

"Hullo!" he exclaimed. "I've been waiting for you. Just keep walking to the corner. I want to tell you something."

On they went, round the corner, and Matthew stopped. "Now," he said, "just look down the street opposite your shop. There is a tall man with an umbrella. Don't let him see you. He's been behaving suspiciously for some time. He has passed the shop once or twice, looking into it and now he's watching it from the other side of the road."

"That's the man who came in yesterday," said Van Dryn. "Look, he's crossing the road. He's going into my shop. Come on, we've had enough of this."

They walked quickly down the street and entered the shop.

"Let me see that vase," the man was saying. "Here! Let go! What's the idea?"

Van Dryn had jumped forward and pinioned the man's arms. "Come on, Matthew!" he called. "Take his legs!"

The attack was so sudden that the man was swung off his feet. His hat rolled off and his umbrella clattered to the floor. "Let me go, you fools!" he roared.

There was a violent struggle, during which Matthew, clinging hold of the man's legs, was swung all over the room. The man was powerful and was a match for his two opponents, although, for his age, Van Dryn showed amazing strength. Matthew clung for dear life to the man's legs. Over and over they went, scattering antiques and works of art in all directions, until they came up with a bang to the foot of the counter. The boy had climbed on top to get a better view and was excitedly biting his finger nails.

In spite of the odds against him the man seemed to be getting the better of the encounter. With a mighty heave he threw Van Dryn off. "Let me go!" he roared. "I'm—oh!"

The boy in his excitement had kicked the vase and over it went, striking the struggling man on the head, whence it bounded on to the floor, breaking into pieces.

Van Dryn nearly collapsed. "Oh, dear, my vase!" he sighed.

"He's out!" said Matthew. "Come on quickly; there's a piece of rope over there. Tie him up. I'll ring for the police."

Having tied the prisoner up Van Dryn collected his shattered treasures and tidied up the shop.

Presently the breezy voice of Inspector Bull was heard in the doorway. "Hullo! What's all this?" he enquired, scanning the disordered shop. "Why!" he exclaimed, scanning the trussed man. "What's happened to him?"

"He's been prowling about my shop for a couple of days and when he was challenged he showed fight and here he is. Will you take charge of him?"

"Oh, yes. I'll take charge of him," said Bull, grimly. "He's Superintendent Densley, from Scotland Yard."

"What?" Van Dryn stared hard at Bull and then a

the helpless detective, who was now recovering and making an effort to get up.

"Undo that rope," commanded Bull. "How do you feel, Densley?"

Densley was rubbing his head. "Those fools!—something hit me. What was it?"

"My beautiful vase," said Van Dryn sadly. "It fell and—your head was in the way."

The detective said something which did not sound very nice, shook himself and got up. "Oh! It fell, did it? I've a good mind to break every bone in your bodies," glaring in turn at Van Dryn and Matthew. "You lunatics!"

"Steady yourself," interjected Bull. "Let's clear this business up." He turned to Van Dryn. "Where did you get this vase?"

"I picked it up in the Caledonian Market. It was a real Ming."

"Yes, I know," said Bull. "Made in Manchester. There's dozens of them about. Quite fashionable now. Copied from the original in the Chinese Exhibition. A clever imitation, I'll admit, but practically worthless."

Matthew picked up his newspaper and pointed to the column about the missing vase. "Well, how do you account for this? Who put that in the paper?"

"Oh! The vase was missing all right and Densley here traced it to your shop, but we've just heard at headquarters that the vase is safe, and I came here to inform Densley. It's all a misunderstanding. As I said, some of these treasures from the Chinese Art Exhibition have been copied and put on the market, and we confused this one in your shop with the original, which was alleged to have been stolen. You see, it was like this: the porter who was on guard went to his tea, and, in his absence, Sir Pinders Flety—he's in charge of the Exhibition, you know—took the vase out and forgot to inform anyone about it. They say he is very absent-minded. Of course, when the porter returned from his tea he noted that the vase was missing and raised the alarm. There was general consternation amongst the officials and the police were informed."

"The porter was greatly upset. He felt that if he had not left the room to go to his tea the vase would not have disappeared. However, when he went to have another look at the glass case, to see if he could find a clue as to how the vase was stolen, he found, to his amazement, that the vase was back in its place again."

"You say the vase was taken by Sir Pinders Flety," queried Matthew.

"Yes," answered Bull. "He took it out to dust it."

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Man must have faith in the purpose of life. Not faith in the accepted sense of the word but the faith that had fired the Soviet achievement. Faith was not opposed to reason. By faith Dr. Wood meant optimism, courage and zeal as the antithesis of despair and pessimism. Faith in the purpose of life gave man a sense of duty and brought with it a feeling of dignity.

If, said Dr. Wood, he were asked how to find faith in the meaning and purpose of life, he, for his part, would go to the pages of history to discover who had best overcome all the circumstances of life. That person would be found in the person of Jesus Christ. No worthier example could have been set before man.

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Cyclists Corner

"Cyclux" returns with a few facts

Don't accuse me of just "boosting the bicycle" as it were. I'm not going to attempt that—it does that for itself.

But if you will listen to me for a few minutes, I should like to present the cyclists point of view on road problems and if necessary defend or explain the points at issue.

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Generally speaking cyclists (according to motoring authorities) should do the following:—

1. Have, and be restricted to cycle paths.
2. Have rear lights.
3. Pay a tax.

Let us examine these items carefully.

1. **Cycle Paths.** The cost of laying these is approximately £5,000 per mile and you as ratepayers will be "stung" for this. Cyclists do *not* require these. Motorists have not the power to give them and their construction would do little to lessen the toll of death on the roads.

2. **Rear Lights.** To have these, would remove the blame of all accidents (caused by cyclists being run down from behind) from the offending motorist to the cyclist, because how can the victim prove his rear lamp was alight before it was knocked out? And do not the A.A. and local authorities use reflectors for roadside signs, on bridges, telegraph poles, etc.? They surely would not do this if reflectors could not be seen!

3. **Cycle Tax.** There are approximately 10,000,000 cyclists in the United Kingdom. For many, a cycle constitutes their best means of transport. The cycle trade is Britain's No. 1 business; prosperous and employing thousands. The highways are public property, paid for in general rate and income tax (glance at the reverse of your demand note next time and see for yourself).

The tax imposed on motorists is not enough to cover their damage to roads, houses, Belisha specialities, increased hospital cases and grief caused through injury and loss of life on the roads, coroners, courts and magistrates fees, etc.

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I write this article in order to acquaint the many cyclists who read the *Watling Resident* with the definite movement afoot to limit the activities of wheel folk everywhere.

In the *Edgware Times* recently Sir Reginald Blair, our own M.P. was held to express views definitely for cycle paths, and Mrs. S. H. Egan at a Hendon Conservative meeting stated she was in favour of rear lamps.

I strongly disagreed with these people and said so in an article entitled "Cyclists Upheld" which was published in the *Edgware Times*, on March 27 last. I received no reply. Nevertheless let us see that the cost of road alterations and the blame for road accidents are not shifted to other shoulders.

Northern Cycling Club

The racing section are at full strength this year. In four successive weeks we have turned out a full team in open events. Now to mention a few items of interest. First comes our boys in "The Primrose Wheelers" 25 miles. B. Piper fastest time, S. Coe second, and A. F. Hewson. Then comes the "University" tandem 30 miles. A. F. Hewson and A. Pope fastest time and club record. B. Piper and S. Coe second, T. Waltho and D. Gibson third. Following that comes the North Mids "Short-markers" 25, in which A. Pope was fastest by seconds only, beating A. F. Hewson into second place. Third was D. Gibson, and fourth T. Waltho. In the "Club" 25 miles, positions were reversed, A. F. Hewson beating A. Pope by seconds only, but A. Pope's handicap brought him a first handicap prize. Times returned by Mr. T. V. Church were: A. F. Hewson 1 hr. 6 mins. 12 sec., A. Pope 1 hr. 6 mins. 29 sec., F. G. Swanson 1 hr. 7 mins. 11 secs.

It is good to see so many new members, and keenness everywhere is showing proof of our being the foremost club in the district. Our average on runs is hard to believe but we have averaged 30 members all this year and every week. Our active membership is now just on the half century. Counties visited have been Berks, Bucks, Essex, Herts, Beds and Hunts. A tour at Easter, in which 18 members took part, was a great success, and one more item to relate was the tandem ride of A. F. Hewson and A. Copeland, who covered 524 miles in just over 29 hours of riding. Well folks, till next month I will say cheerio.

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Women's Adult School

We met again after Easter, on April 20, when Miss Halford spoke on the care of mother's and babies. She told how the pioneers of Maternal Welfare persistently urged public authorities to provide this important social service and how they carried on some such work themselves in very poor districts. She compared the death rate here with that of India and Africa where there were no medical provisions at all. Maternal mortality being very high and 50% of babies born dying at birth. The women discussed the problem and felt there should be service of home helps under the supervision of local authorities.

April 27, Mr. Reece Walker. Subject: "The Greatest Man in the World."

May 4, Mr. Sewell Harris: "Aims of the Adult School Movement." Mr. Harris dwelt at some length on the first aim and showed how the movement develops one's personality and teaches one to be tolerant and able to express one's thoughts.

May 11, Mr. Reg Stamp told the School how London is governed. The work of the L.C.C. has proved to be a very big task, including housing, care of children, education, care of the blind, fire, drainage, hospitals and asylums, etc. The women, of course, tackled him about the lack of hot water supply here on the estate and the redecorating grievance.

He urged us to be public spirited and endeavour to take up this very interesting work of local government.

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Veterans Club

The old folk are getting very excited as the month of May draws towards the end for on May 27 the Veterans are celebrating their first Anniversary. What a year it has been for the Club, and what happy times the old folks have spent together. They have enjoyed numerous talks by speakers dealing with all kinds of subjects; an outing to Southend-on-Sea; a trip to the Palladium; and the New Year's Party. They have also put in an attendance at the Guild of Players' productions.

Plans are already going forward for the second year among which are trips to the Ovaltine Farm, The Shredded Wheat Factory, Windsor Castle, and the annual outing to the seaside. They are also planning a stall for the Bazaar during Watling Week; they are making all their own things and the profit is to be given to the Building Fund.

And now a word of thanks to those who have played a big part in making the Veterans Club first year a successful one: their Chairman, Mrs. King, always ready with a kind word of welcome and who has rendered quite a lot of help to the Veterans in various ways; also Mrs. Hilton, Treasurer, quietly playing her part but always at her post throughout the year; Mr. Sewell Harris, who has been instrumental in procuring speakers, and last of all the splendid band of women whose names have appeared from time to time in the *Resident*, who have supplied the teas throughout the year besides giving tea for the New Year's Party, and no doubt the tea for the Anniversary.

I must now pause in the events of the year to record a very sad one. Mrs. Foster, one of the veterans aged 77 years, passed peacefully away on Monday, May 4, and was buried on Saturday, May 9. The funeral service was held at Woodcroft Hall, at which Mrs. Foster was a member. A wreath was sent by the Club in memory of a dear member who has passed on.

In closing we must thank the following ladies who have supplied teas throughout the month. They are Mesdames Townsend, Connor, Manley, R. Parker, Fanthorpe, Luffman, Williams, Tadman, L. Parker, Hilton, Littler, Inskipp, Cole, Harris, Wilson, Goalen, Nyberg, Griffy, Lake, Hogan and Frewer.

Membership of the W.A.

I am asked to point out that if there is one member of a family paying 4d. a month for membership of the Watling Association and other members join they need only pay 2d. a month each. One copy of the *Watling Resident* will be left at the house free each month.

Watling Week

We want your help to make this the most enjoyable and profitable week yet held. Seven years ago the first Watling Week was held. That and the next three laid the foundation of the Centre, financially speaking. Now we still have more than £500 to clear off and we want to complete our plans. Give us your help.

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Random Jottings

A Thought

Every man carries with him the world in which he must live, the stage and the scenery for his own play.

Roses

All those interested in our national flower might pick up a few points by a visit to the Centre's rose garden. The bushes have been reared by experts from pedigree stock, and if you wish to know the name of any particular bush, just enquire of the Watling Rosarians, who meet at the Centre on the first Wednesday in every month.

The Hut

The annex has now been painted and is looking quite attractive. This hut was originally the pavilion in Stag Lane Aerodrome and many famous airman have trodden its boards. When I peeped in there on Wednesday evening the Watling Weightlifters were nonchalantly pushing enormous weights into the air. Many activities take place in the hut and it certainly eases the strain of accommodation on the main building.

Swim Club

The above club meets at the Pool, Mill Hill, every Wednesday evening at 7.30, and every Saturday afternoon at 3.0. This is a happy section of the Association and new members are cordially welcomed whether they can swim or not. Come and join; particulars from Mr. Fred Cole, Watling Centre.

Flies

Shut the door and windows of a room infested with flies; heat a poker until it is red hot, then lay it upon a lump of camphor and the fumes arising will quickly dispel the flies.

A man dashed into the yard of a greyhound kennels, apparently extremely agitated. "Quick," he said, "lend me a greyhound."

"Why in such a hurry?" retorted the kennelman.

"Oh, I've got a hair down my back."

We like the story of the miner who had been unemployed so long that he thought Manual Labour was the name of a Spanish grandee.

Mother (to child who is not too enthusiastic about letting the school dentist extract his teeth)—"Just have that tooth out, or I'll take you to a *proper* dentist."

Hospital Social

The Saturday Socials are a popular feature at the Centre, and the one which took place on Saturday, June 6, in aid of the Hendon Cottage Hospital, was well supported. Members of the Young People's Adult School were there in force and helped to make up a happy family party. Singing, dancing and games were the order of the evening, and everything went with a swing.

Wally Scott's troupe of girls gave a clever exhibition of tap dancing and that popular singer, Miss Rene Griffin, obliged with some old favourites, and with the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. Nyberg, who organized the games, etc., the social was one of the most enjoyable yet held. The sum of £2 5s. 0d. was handed over to the hospital.

Rats

Whilst standing at the back of some shops in Watling Avenue, where the silk stream emerges from under the road, I was interested in the antics of the rats which pervade that quarter. These rodents breed and thrive round about the stream, and the garbage discarded from the shops provides for them a happy hunting ground. Something should be done to rid the area of these pests, which are a menace to health and property.

L.P.T.B.

The scheme involving the bus services in the Watling Estate is now completed. In order to meet requirements north of Kingsbury-Kenton Road and in the vicinity of Queensbury Station, it is proposed to divert service 140 via Kenton Lane, Streatfield Road, Honeypt Lane, Cumberland Road, Turner Road, Mollison Way, Stag Lane and Watling Avenue, turning at the east end of the latter avenue via Woodcroft Avenue, Bunns Lane, Lyndhurst Avenue. On the uncovered section between Kenton and Colindale Station a local working will be provided via the existing route of service 140 between Colindale Station and Kingsbury Station.

Suggestions

Will be welcomed for the improvement of the amenities provided by the Centre for ways of raising money to complete the building, for jobs which the Association ought to undertake. Now is the time to be thinking of the Association's service for next winter.

Free and Easys

These have now finished for the season. The first of next winter will be held on Sunday, September 27, the talk starting at 8.0 p.m. If there is any special subject you would like put in the programme, please let Mr. Harris know.

To Old Age Pensioners

The Executive of the Watling Association has recently decided to extend its provision for those over 65, by offering them the privileges of members in the use of the Centre without charge. Any who wish to avail themselves of this offer should apply at the Centre for a membership card.

Dogs

During hot weather, cold, fresh water should always be available for dogs. The water should be changed at least twice daily whilst utensils should be kept scrupulously clean. The vessel containing the water should be placed where it will always be in the shade and out of the rays of the sun. This little act will be much appreciated by "the friend of man."

Our Chorus

(To be sung at Outings, Sports, Galas, etc.)

Tune: *Underneath the Arches.*

We're all the way from Watling,
We've come out for the day;
We're all the way from Watling,
Feeling merry, bright and gay.
None of us are moody,
Always wear a smile,
Some are goody-goody,
But only—only for a while.
We're singing when we're going
Harmonising coming back;
We've been training for this day,
Enjoyment we are out for
If only for a day.
We're all the way from Watling
And ready for the fray.

S. A. BENHAM

Malnutrition in the U.S.S.R.

A member of the Committee against Malnutrition has recently visited the Nutrition Laboratories of the U.S.S.R., and he states there are no "Minimum Diets" over there, while in England, for over two years, there has been considerable controversy about minimum scales of diets.

It is sufficiently important that a medical committee should set out to define such minimum scales, for it has proved that at least ten million people in Britain are living below the "minimum." But in the U.S.S.R. the significant point is that minimums are never debated or even considered. The questions of nutrition never cease to interest the Soviet scientists, and it was in the early thirties that rapid advances took place. Institutes were established, the central one being in Moscow. Intentional investigations were begun into a complexity of problems affecting the diet and health of workers and their children.

Researches such as the following are being closely pursued:

1. Do men and women working in different types of industry require variations in their diet? The experts reply that they do. Obviously there is a difference between work mainly manual and work mainly performed at a machine. The distinctions of course demand delicate observation. Metal workers, for example, appear to demand—because of the heat of their labour—a greater proportion of what is called protein food: meat, fish, eggs, etc., and in the metal factories of the U.S.S.R. they get them.

Scientific findings are given immediate practical expression for the good of the workers.

Question 2. What are adjustments in food required by children of various ages?

Abundant material has been collected on this most important problem, and almost equals the accumulated research done in any other country.

Question 3. Do workers affected by or liable to certain ailments and diseases require differentiated diets?

Again the scientists reply they do. This branch of the research has become one of the most remarkable developments in the U.S.S.R. A proportion of factory restaurants are now equipped with a special kitchen and dining room for curative diets. Workers, for instance, prone to rheumatism, heart trouble, tuberculosis, gastric disorders, and so on, all receive their own suitable diets at no extra expense prepared by trained chefs. The results, in health and saving of labour time have been found to be remarkable, even after a short trial of only two years. The British advocacy of "minimum scales of diets" necessarily keeps together millions of men, women and children, under a single undifferentiated average. That is one of the many weaknesses of the whole "minimum diet" theory. The Soviet scientists, on the other hand, regard each individual as a problem in himself, requiring and needing to be supplied with a diet adjusted to himself alone, to the climate he lives in, the precise work he performs, the sport in which he engages, and his liability to this or that physical weakness or disease.

[Extract from an article by F. le Gras Clark, Secretary of Committee against Malnutrition in England.]



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Don't Push

Burnt Oak Tube Station was completed almost before any other part of Watling, and in the early days when most of the district was still open country, the "Tube" was the connecting link with civilization.

In those days workmen's trains had their full complement of passengers, but it was generally possible to obtain a seat.

Now the district is getting more and more thickly populated, and in spite of the fact that travelling facilities have been speeded up, there hardly seems enough trains to convey people to and from their work. From before 7.0 o'clock to the time of the last workmen's train at 7.30 there is a continuous flow of people to the station. At one time, one booking clerk working at top speed, could just manage to issue the necessary tickets during the rush period. Now there are three booking clerks and three lines of people queued up for workmen's tickets. On to the platform they surge and, as each train comes in, there is a rush to get a seat. Most of the "regulars" take up a position on the platform where they know the door will be when the train stops. They can generally judge it to a nicety, but sometimes the train pulls up short and then there is a rush for the doors. Those who get a seat are lucky; there is no distinction between the sexes—women take the same chance as men, but there is a tendency on the part of some people to forget themselves. They are determined to get a seat and they push and shove regardless of who is in the way—women and sometimes cripples.

Panics are easily started and these selfish people are the ones who cause them. We agree that every passenger is entitled to a seat if one is available, but we must remember that the people we are pushing out of the way are also entitled to a seat.

For these misdemeanours we cannot blame any particular class, as the workmen's trains are filled with people from the many estates surrounding Watling. If we have to stand, what does it matter; it is not such a hardship, and, anyway, for the sake of a seat it is not worth while substituting the civilization of Burnt Oak for the law of the jungle.

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Folk Dancing

Although Folk Dancing is now so widespread throughout England, that there are few people who have not heard of it, there are a good many who have never actually seen any, and more still who have never tried it for themselves, whether from lack of interest, or from the mistaken idea that it is only done by children or cranks. These are certainly to be pitied, for until one has come in contact with the dancing itself, it is impossible to realize the fascination it can exercise.

Folk Dancing falls into two distinct groups, the Social and the Ceremonial. To the former belongs the Country Dance, to the latter the Morris and Sword Dances, which are essentially for men, though now taught also to women. These were performed at certain seasons of the year and many of them still retain a considerable amount of ritualism dating back to the dim ages.

The Morris Dance is spectacular with its waving handkerchiefs or clashing sticks, and the bells which are worn on pads below the knee accentuate the rhythm of the music.

The Sword Dance often formed part of a "Mummer's Play," and ended with the mock killing of a victim. The interlaced swords which form the "Lock" have been taken as the badge of the English Folk Dance Society.

The Country Dance is of quite a different character. It is danced by men and women at any social gathering where general jollification is the order of the day, in longways sets for as many as will, or in rings or squares for two or more couples.

The steps are simple, running, skipping and polka being the chief ones. Many of the dances can be readily picked up by anyone without any previous experience, though a good memory is required to master the more intricate figures of some of the more difficult ones.

The tunes are "catchy," rhythmical and essentially "dancy." The names also are fascinating. Who could resist "Gathering Peascods," "Haste to the Wedding," or "Jenny Pluck Pears," or fail to be intrigued by "The Lady in the Dark," or "Maze on a Cree," to mention but a few.

All these dances can be danced indoors or out, and many jolly parties take place during the year in all parts of the country, where Folk Dancers forgather. The music may range from orchestra or band, piano, violin and a variety of less sophisticated instruments to the humble tin whistle.

All Folk Dances are traditional and reflect national characteristics and sentiments. They represent the art of the people as handed down from age to age.

At the beginning of the present century they were in danger of completely dying out. It is due to Cecil Sharp, who at first, quite by accident, came across some of them when in quest of Folk Songs, that they have been preserved from this fate. He saw their national value, and set about collecting them; and though he is now dead, his work is carried on by the English Folk Dance Society, which he founded in 1911, and which now has its headquarters at Cecil Sharp House, in London.

In conclusion, let it be said that the Society comprises over fifty branches, which fact speaks well for the popularity of Folk Dancing. Each county, large towns and even villages form centres of dancing activity. It is a pleasure old and young alike may enjoy; it is jolly and invigorating and entirely satisfying, so who would not be a Folk Dancer!

Any readers who would like to join a Folk Dance Party at the Centre, should give their names to the Secretary, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road.

THE W.A. AND YOU

1. The Watling Association is a Community Association. It is democratic in principle, non-party-political and non-sectarian and endeavours to promote the well-being of the Community generally. Its ideals and objects can be readily understood from the following extract from its constitution:—

"To promote the well-being of the Community resident on the Watling Estate, by associating the local authorities, voluntary organizations and residents in a common effort to further health, to advance education, to protect the interests of the tenants and to foster a Community spirit for the achievement of these and such other purposes as may by law be deemed to be charitable."

2. Public Services of the W.A.

In Public Service the W.A. has always been to the fore and has worked for many amenities, improvements and necessities to the Estate. Such things as bus services and shelters, postal facilities, playing fields, rent reductions, police protection, day nursery, traffic control, provision of magistrates.

Social Service has been and continues to be rendered to the Community, benefits being derived by ALL, as this service is NOT confined to members only; it includes Poor Man's Lawyer and Personal Service.

3. How the W.A. Works

The Association is led by a Council composed of Officers and Members representatives and representatives of Sections and Constituent Bodies.

4. How the W.A. Caters for its Members

The Committees and Sections formed in the Association are as follows:—Social Committee, Sports, Education, Veterans Club, Catering, Guild of Players, Billiards, Women's Neighbourhood Guild.

Juniors: Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, meet at the Centre; and other groups for boys and girls.

Library: A Lending Library is provided where members can borrow books at 1d. each per fortnight.

5. Why YOU should Join the W.A.

Because in public matters the Association is *your* voice. Many of the things listed in paragraph 2 of this leaflet are *improvements*. They are *not* complete. If the W.A. speaks with *your* voice they will become completed achievements. Your support is therefore necessary. As a resident you are part of the Community and are affected as is also your neighbour. Do not ignore the other fellow. His problem today may be yours tomorrow.

6. How you can Join the W.A.

Membership of the W.A. is 4d. per month for the first member in a household and 2d. per month for each successive member. This admits you to the Centre and covers a free copy of the magazine, the *Watling Resident*. All you have to do is to fill up the attached Application Form and return it to any of the following, with your subscription:—Mr. W. R. Hilton, 85 Goldbeaters Grove, Mr. C. J. Roblou, 26 Homefield Road, Mr. C. C. Smith, 89 Millfield Road, Mr. E. Sewell Harris, 13 Gunter Grove, or to the Membership Secretary at the Centre, Orange Hill Road.

FILL UP THE FORM AND JOIN NOW!

WATLING ASSOCIATION

WATLING CENTRE, ORANGE HILL ROAD, WATLING,
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Membership Application Form

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I agree to abide by its Rules and Constitution.

Date

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Signed

If under 18, please give your age

Notes from the Social Secretary

Dear Members,

Hullo! Hullo!! Watling Centre calling, calling all friends. Stand by and hear the "Ocean Roar," or come to our Saturday Socials and hear and see the "Ocean Roar."

This is one of the many games organized by Mrs. Nyberg. Why don't you come? Play a social game of whist, starting at 8.0 p.m., followed by a really good social, and 4d. covers the price of admission to both. If you are not a whist player, the social commences at 9.0 p.m. Music is supplied by Mr. Myall on the piano, and Mr. Fisher on the drums. If you would like £1 note for 6d., come to the Monday Whist Drive and try your luck. M.C., Mr. F. Williams.

If you do not care for money drives, a Social Whist Drive is run on Wednesday evening at 8.15 p.m. Admission 6d., with a large variety of prizes. M.C., Mr. Davis.

If the evening drives are not convenient Mrs. Crow M.C.s a 6d. Drive on Thursday afternoons, at 2.30 p.m. The prizes are always good; why not try and win the rent?

Mrs. Jack Hilton runs 4d. Hops every Tuesday, at 8.0 p.m., which are very popular. If you are engaged Tuesdays, we have a Dance Saturday evenings, at 8.0 p.m. Admission 6d. "Carlton Rhythm Maniacs" supplying really tip-top music. Have you tried our Sunday Dances, every other Sunday. Admission 6d. Members dance only. If you are not a member, why not join this really live organization? 4d. a month or 1d. per week, which entitles you to many privileges, including the "Free and Easy," held the second and fourth Sundays in the month. One is held in the Hall for young members under 25 years, and one in the Common Room for members over 25 years. They consist of games, singing and dancing. Why not come to all of these functions and enjoy life? All welcome.

Have you heard this one? Magistrate to Irish witness: "You say the accused threatened you." Witness: "Yes. Beggorra! He said, I'll whitewash the yard with your blood."

R. G. WILSON.

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FROM THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY**A Letter to Members**

Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road.

28/6/36

Dear Member,

Watling Week is not yet quite finished and this letter must go to the printer today, so I cannot give you a complete account of the week, but I should like to thank the members of the Committee who have worked so hard, and all the others who have helped in stewarding, etc., and those who have supported our events by paying to come in.

The local traders have been very generous to us this year, and I should like to thank a few more whose names came in too late to mention in the list of givers of spot prizes given in last month's *Resident*.

Regent Hairdressing Saloon, 5 South Parade, High Road (opposite Regent Cinema).

Watson's Timber Stores, 2 North Parade, High Road.

Express Dairy, High Road.

Bushby, Chemist, 221 Deansbrook Road.

Bray, Confectioner, Post Office, Deansbrook Road.

Stevens & Steeds, Grocers, 37 Watling Avenue.

Marshall Roberts, Drapers, 193 High Street, Camden Town.

Perhaps I might specially thank the two valiant souls who turned out this morning to help with the membership canvass. In about an hour and a half we got sixteen new members from about seventy-five houses. If we could have another canvass with more workers at the beginning of the autumn we might send our membership up considerably, and so bring new interests to the notice of many people, and get their help in the work of the Association.

It is by getting together that we can do some of the things which are impossible for any one of us separately, and we always welcome new members so that we may do our work more effectively. We have a new leaflet about the Association which I should be glad to give to any of you who could use it for getting new members.

Next month I hope there will be a full report of Watling Week.

Yours sincerely,

E. SEWELL HARRIS.

Sympathy

The Watling Association wishes to express its sincerest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Mant in their tragic bereavement.

Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

July, 1936

Activities occurring regularly every week

- Sundays** — Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
Mondays — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Tuesdays — Women's P.T. Class, 4.30 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Holmfield Road.
 P.T. for Women and Girls, 8.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
Wednesdays — Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 8 Business Meeting
 15 Outing
 22 To be arranged
 29 No Meeting
 Veterans Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Weight Lifting Club, 8.15 p.m.
 Social Whist Drive, 8.0 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Thursdays — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Sewing Group, 7.30 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
Fridays — Weight Lifting Club, 8.0 p.m.
Saturdays — Members' Social, 8.0 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.

Other Events

- Sunday** 5—Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 9—**Watling Association Council**, 7.45 p.m.

W.A.Q.G.M.

After the minutes had been read at the Quarterly General Meeting of members of the Watling Association held on June 10, the secretary reported a letter from the L.P.T.B. re proposed new bus route which will provide a second service along Watling Avenue. Details will be found in Random Jottings. It was further reported that £2 5s. 0d. had been raised for the Mayor's Hospital Fund, and that Miss Briscoe's Concert had produced £7 for the Building Fund. The very sincere thanks of the members was tendered to Miss Briscoe.

The secretary presented the report of the Council and also of the Watling Week Committee, the work of the Distress Fund was discussed, and a report given by a representative appointed by the Council to attend a recent meeting of the Hendon Peace Council.

After some discussion as to the best way of dealing with the matter, it was decided to write to the Air Ministry to ask them to stop low flying over hospitals and houses in Hendon.

SOMETHING FOR ALL

Being Notes on the Community Diary

MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Secretary: Mr. Simkins, 4 Purcell's Avenue, Edgware. Meets to discuss subjects of common interest in a spirit of fellowship.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mondays, 2.30 p.m. Secretary: Mrs. Fairburn, 151 Silkstream Road, Edgware.

WHIST DRIVES

Mondays, 8.15 p.m. M.C.: Mr. Frank Williams. Admission 6d., Miniature 3d. Prizes according to numbers attending.

POOR MAN'S LAWYER

Mondays, 8.15 p.m., sits to advise those who are involved in legal difficulties and cannot afford a solicitor. Those with Accident claims and Insurance claims are specially recommended to make sure of their position.

WOMEN'S P.T. CLASS

Tuesdays, 4.30 p.m. Secretary: Mrs. Cole, 9 Langham Gardens. Folk Dancing and Keep Fit exercises. Fee 2d. per week, 3d. if you are not a member of the Watling Association.

DANCE

Tuesdays, 8.0 p.m., in charge of Mr. Jack Hilton. Admission 4d.

WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

Tuesdays, 8.30 p.m. Secretary: Mr. C. J. Roblou, 26 Homefield Road, at whose house meetings are usually held.

P.T. FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS OVER 17

8.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School. Secretary: Miss Ruby Hall, 4 Benningholme Road.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.0 p.m. Secretary: Mr. B. Wilkes, 2 Appledore Gardens, Edgware. Ladies and Gentlemen are welcomed as members.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

Wednesdays, 2.30 p.m. Chairman: Mrs. Roblou, 26 Homefield Road. Meets for lectures and discussions.

VETERANS' CLUB

Wednesdays, 4.30 p.m. Chairwoman: Mrs. King, 92 Deansbrook Road. Secretary: Mr. Cole, 9 Langham Gardens. 90 minutes of social time and enjoyment for any old folks of Watling over 65 years of age.

WEIGHT LIFTING CLUB

Wednesdays, 8.15 p.m., Fridays 8.0 p.m. Secretary: c/o Watling Centre. Meets for physical training and to practise the art of weight lifting.

SOCIAL WHIST DRIVE

Wednesdays, 8.0 p.m. M.C.: Mr. S. Davis. A variety of handsome prizes every week for 6d. admission.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADULT SCHOOL

Wednesdays, 8.15 p.m. Secretary: Mr. F. Whitehead, 41 Cressingham Road.

WHIST DRIVE

Thursdays, 2.30 p.m. M.C.: Mrs. Crowe. Top prize, 10/-, raffle and snowball. Admission to drive, 6d.



Insect Pests

An important part of the gardener's work is to wage war against the numerous pests which are liable to attack his plants, shrubs and trees. Many of these insect pests can be got rid of without much difficulty but the first essential, on the principle that prevention is better than cure, is to see that the plants and trees are as healthy as possible for, like human beings, they are more liable to attacks of disease when not in a sound state of health than when they have a strong and vigorous constitution. The power of resistance is a safeguard against attack. Therefore our aim should be to maintain all plants and trees in robust health and in a progressive state by giving careful attention to providing plenty of fresh air and as much sunshine as possible (except for those that prefer shade) and an adequate supply of moisture.

There is in *The Gardening Year Book* a truly appalling list of some twenty-six "Insect Pests of the Garden," which is enough to discourage almost any beginner, but for each enemy there is a remedy and if remedial measures are promptly adopted we need not be unduly discouraged. Space will not permit of reference to all the twenty-six but here are eight of the most common pests and the way to prevent or get rid of them.

WOOLLY APHIS, sometimes called American Blight, is one of the most destructive pests of apple trees. If it once becomes established it is liable to spread over the branches with great rapidity and may seriously injure the whole tree. Its presence is indicated by white woolly tufts on the older branches. Small colonies of this insect may be destroyed during the summer by brushing them over with a little sweet oil or a fairly strong solution of some approved insecticide. The spread of the pest may be arrested during the season of growth by spraying the tree with a paraffin emulsion but this must not be so strong as to injure the foliage.

APPLE WEEVILL is another apple enemy and is responsible for the loss of many thousands of bushels of apples every year. The reddish brown beetles ascend the trees during the spring and deposit their eggs in the flower buds when they are beginning to expand, and then the grubs ruin the crop by eating the embryo fruit. The best remedy is to apply grease bands. These will check the ascent of the beetles.

These bands will also stop the WINTER MOTH, the female of which is wingless. For the weevil they should be put on the tree in the spring and for the winter moth in October. First put a band of grease-proof paper round the stem of the tree about four feet from the ground and then over this put a second band liberally smeared with cart-grease of good quality and free from tar.

ANTS, though less destructive than some insects, are a troublesome pest. Petroleum poured into their nest will quickly dislodge them. Another effective remedy is a decoction of quassia chips with a solution of alum.

The CARROT FLY serves as an illustration of the advantage of prevention, for when its attack has once

commenced little can be done to avoid serious damage to the crop. But this insect has a strong objection to the smell of paraffin and if a quart of this is well mixed with a barrowful of wood ash and the ashes are used as a surface dressing immediately after sowing and again when the plants are three inches high, very little, if any, damage will be done by the grub of this fly.

CELERY FLY can be treated similarly as it also dislikes paraffin. The plants should be sprayed at intervals with a weak paraffin wash which will prevent the lodgment of the female insect on the leaves and the subsequent deposit of its eggs under the epidermis.

The grubs of the WIREWORM, or click beetle, when numerous are very destructive to many crops. The best preventive is to trap them in pieces of potato which should be buried a few inches below the surface of the ground. These traps should be examined every two or three days and the worms that are caught should then be dropped into strong salt and water.

BEAN APHIS, the little black insect which is particularly fond of broad beans, multiplies very quickly and if allowed to do so may easily destroy the crop. The top of the plant should be cut off and burnt as soon as the first instalment of the enemy appears. This removal of the top has also the advantage of strengthening the bean production, so it is as well to do this in any case even if there is no aphid.

What to do in July

One of the chief occupations of the month will be the budding of roses and some fruit trees. Watering, if the season be dry, will also be necessary; this should be done towards the close of the day.

Evergreen trees and shrubs may be pruned and trained.

FLOWER GARDEN. Chrysanthemum plants should by now have received their final shift. As growth proceeds they should be staked to prevent being blown about by high winds, but do not tie up too tightly as that will prevent their swelling freely. Keep a sharp look out for fly.

See that all dahlias, hollyhocks, gladioli and lilies are well staked and let them have plenty of water.

Divide up irises. This is best done when the blooming is over and the clumps have become overcrowded or overgrown. Each piece with roots attached will make a good new plant and next season should bloom freely without the least sign of having been disturbed, unless it be by having finer flower spikes!

Carnations may be layered this month or early in August. When early rooted they may be transferred to their permanent quarters in the early autumn and thus become well established before the winter.

Polyanthus seed may be sown in an open border. Choose a partially shaded place and fine soil. Scatter the seeds thinly.

Rose cuttings will strike freely this month; the best cuttings being taken from ripened side shoots that have flowered. The soil should be fine and sandy and the cuttings inserted firmly. They will need to be well watered.

Pansies, antirrhinums, pinks and other hardy plants should be propagated by cuttings.

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FRUIT GARDEN. If the fruit of red and white currants has not been gathered protect it from the birds and cut away some of the young growth from the centre so as to allow the light and air to circulate freely through them.

Tie, train and nail the shoots of wall fruit trees and disbud and stop them where necessary. See that the leaves are kept clean by spraying. If the fruit crop is heavy, as seems likely this year, some thinning of the fruit may be called for.

Layer strawberry runners.

VEGETABLE GARDEN. Complete the planting of broccoli and winter greens, using ground that has become vacant for the purpose. Later sowings will often withstand a severe winter better than the earlier ones.

Cucumbers need to be kept free from red spider, green aphids and black aphids, which if allowed to go unchecked will soon ruin the plants.

The first sowing of spring cabbage should be made between the middle of the month and the end of it, on well prepared ground in an open part of the garden. Sow thinly and broadcast and protect from the birds.

Prickly leaved spinach and parsley may be sown; also lettuces for autumn and winter use.

Sow some French beans early in the month for a late crop. If you want a late crop of peas sow an early variety.

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

Give careful attention to the outdoor tomatoes, remove all side growths and train and support the fruiting shoots. If the season is inclined to be sunless part of the foliage may be removed so as to secure plenty of light and whatever sunshine there may be.

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Tail-Wagger Chats

THE NATIONAL BREED

Bulldogs Past and Present

By PHILOKUON

A visit to the annual show of the Bulldog Club recently set me thinking of the changes and vicissitudes through which the national breed has passed in the course of its long history. Today we have a heavy, lumbering, great-hearted, devoted creature that wins the affection of all who have anything at all to do with him. In spite of his forbidding looks the bulldog has a kindly nature. Though he must be conscious of his strength he does not use it unfairly, and little children could not have a friendlier playmate. They may perhaps hurt him sometimes in romping roughly, but he will take it all in good part.

It is not everyone who would care to have a bulldog as a household pet, but those who have once become attached to them overlook their snoring and snorting. The most serious objections one could raise is that they cannot take a great deal of exercise comfortably and that their expectation of life is not as favourable as some. These criticisms lead one to the conclusion that they must have changed considerably in the course of a century or less. That may be seen by reference to photographs of bygone celebrities, some of them as recent as the early 1870's, when they had not been bred for many years up to any particular standard. I have heard it said that a pug cross was introduced for the purpose of improving the shape of the head.

Certainly the heads of the old dogs, which gave them a sinister appearance, was very different from the modern, and it is quite possible that Youatt was right in writing nearly a hundred years ago about the ferocity and stupidity of the bulldog. He had not then had time to become civilised, and today such strictures would be entirely unmerited. He was not far away from the bad old bull-baiting, dog-fighting days, when the dogs must have been almost as brutalised as their masters. The word "almost" is used advisedly because men are supposed to have an advantage over the brute in the possession of a higher intelligence and free will. Bull-baiting, misnamed a sport, was a diversion of all classes for some centuries.

On the accession of Queen Anne it became less fashionable, but we had to wait until 1835 for its abolition by Act of Parliament. That Act, however, was not passed without strenuous opposition, some seeing in it a sign of the decadence of the race. One of the supporters of the old custom even went so far as to contend that its prohibition would lower the character of the common people, whose moral fibre would be softened by the inability to enjoy such a manly exercise. Dog-fighting continued for some years longer, and there is more than a suspicion that it is carried on *sub rosa* today. The dogs used were most often a cross between the bulldog and one of the terriers. Beyond a doubt the bulldog has been valuable in infusing courage into a number of other breeds, some of them of a most unexpected kind. We know that towards the end of the eighteenth century greyhounds were crossed with them.

Swimming as a Physical Exercise

By Alderman H. E. FERN, J.P.

(Hon. Secretary of the Amateur Swimming Association)

"Vim, vigour and vitality;" these attributes follow from the regular indulgence in swimming. It is a glorious and most exhilarating form of activity, is unsurpassed as a physical exercise and is a practical form of insurance against the dangers of unexpected immersion.

We live in times when a greater appreciation is being shown of the value of physical exercise; we are beginning to realize—many have realized—that physical fitness is fundamental if we are to hold our own as a nation in the keen competition of the future in all phases of our national life. Our chief continental rivals have long since been convinced that to get the best results in industry their peoples must be physically fit, and the huge sums which the Local Authorities of Germany, France, Italy and other countries have spent on sports grounds and swimming baths—expenditure which some people here regard as unwarranted extravagance—is in reality one of the best investments they could have made, and one on which the dividend, in the shape of good health and mental virility, will not fail. Some readers may say what has all this to do with swimming? Well, swimming as a natural physical exercise is unequalled, and unlike most exercises, is equally suitable for both sexes of all ages. It brings into action the entire system, giving every part of the body its proportionate share of work; it develops thoroughly and symmetrically, producing supple, resilient well-rounded muscles; it ensures robust health and good spirits. It will correct many physical defects; it will help to make an individual impervious to sickness and disease; it has proved to be a cure for nervous and other complaints.

Not so long ago swimming was considered a negligible accomplishment, doubtless desirable as a pastime, yet not at all necessary. Fortunately, the value of ability in watermanship has become recognized universally. Today swimming is looked upon as an essential item in physical education, not only because it affords a splendid means to exercise pleasantly and profitably, but because it enables its devotees to guard against the danger of drowning, and to protect others.

Needless to say, nothing worth while is accomplished without effort, and in order to reap the full benefit from swimming it is necessary to practise often and systematically. Faults once acquired are difficult to eradicate. Therefore, if at all possible, secure instruction from a competent teacher. Capable instructors are available at most swimming baths.

Another great advantage of swimming is that it does not become irksome. Anyone who has indulged regularly in gymnasium work and similar physical exercises knows quite well how monotonous and tedious they grow in time. Most people, on the other hand, thoroughly enjoy bathing, whether in the open or in a covered swimming bath, so that exercise in the water seems to them more like recreation than physical training.

I have no space now to deal with swimming as a sport, or to touch on diving and the game of water polo. From the fact that the Amateur Swimming Association has

nearly 1,800 clubs affiliated, representing well over half a-million swimmers, most of whom are competitive, it will readily be seen that swimming makes its appeal not only as a physical exercise but as one of our great national sports. It is, too, one of the few sports in which most women can compete on practically level terms with men.

Another important aspect of swimming is its value from a life-saving point of view. It is surely most essential that everyone should be equipped against sudden immersion, or prepared to assist others in danger of losing their lives through drowning. Every summer the newspapers present a deplorable list of lives lost through neglect to acquire a knowledge of how to keep afloat. Then imagine the feelings of anyone compelled to stand by and watch one of these drowning tragedies—laying oneself open, perhaps, to the stinging reproaches of the coroner at the inquest. One would think that the publication of these cases in the newspapers would have determined parents throughout the country to insist on their children being taught to swim, but unfortunately, lessons of this sort have to be repeated many times to have any effect.

To sum up, swimming is an art superior to all others; it is health-promoting, cleanly, recreative and stimulative. There are daily possibilities of being called upon to use a knowledge of swimming, and it cannot be too strongly urged upon the young and old of both sexes that they should learn, as no other exercise gives confidence and readiness of resource so quickly. It is never too late to learn, for swimming has no age limits.

The Meads Junior Mixed School

Quite an enjoyable afternoon was spent on the occasion of the Meads Junior Mixed School's Sixth Annual Sports on Wednesday, June 10.

Rain threatened at the commencement but held off, and failed to damp the ardour of the many parents who were present. Some very fine races were run with very good finishes and the excitement in the vicinity of the Recorder's table, as the points for the different houses were altered, was so great that a barrier had to be made and extra help obtained to keep the "supporters" from upsetting the table!

York House very deservedly won the Trophy with 60 points, Gloucester being a very close runner-up with 58 points. Silver medals were presented by the Rev. O. H. Gibbs-Smith to the three boys and three girls gaining the highest points; two of the medals were bought and given by Mr. Bishop, and as three girls tied for the third place Mr. Hedges kindly offered to supply a further two medals. Mr. S. Sharp was present and proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Gibbs-Smith.

Miss Willis has asked me to say how very much she appreciated the way in which the fathers responded to her appeal to act as judges and starters, and she wishes all concerned to accept her very grateful thanks and to assure them that without their help it would have been impossible for her Staff alone to have managed.

R. OLLETT

Mrs. Lodge wishes to thank those ladies who gave such useful help with the refreshments, etc., during Watling Week.

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My Garden

When travelling by train, one is often brought into intimate contact with people's back gardens, and it is often possible to judge the character of the householder by the way the garden is laid out. Just those little variations and additions which distinguish people as imaginative, artistic, ambitious, dilatory or dull. But the chief thing which strikes me about back gardens, is their uniformity. Take a row of back gardens in almost any road, and you will find them all about the same: a lawn surrounded by a herbaceous border. That represents the horticultural effort of the average Englishman.

Perhaps a more adventurous gardener will make his path across the lawn instead of round it, or have crazy paving or a gravel path; but the effect is the same and, viewed from a train window, suburban gardens are to my mind flat, square and uninteresting; and what can the householder see? He gazes out of his back window and takes his garden in at a glance. Nothing is hidden from him, he can see every corner and every flower, all laid out in nice straight lines, with plants standing in a row, stiff and wooden, like soldiers. There are no secrets in his garden, no mysteries, no character. It is a garden without a soul. I like something different to that, something rugged. To me there is more grandeur and beauty in a stretch of moorland covered in wild scrub and heather, than there is in the most carefully planned garden; not that I am averse to a garden, I love a garden. But I like it—well, contrary if you like.

I like to see plants popping up here and there, in a manner which fills you with wonder. You don't know where they are or what is coming next. Today you see a wonderful patch of *cazunculus* bravely blooming, where yesterday you thought there was nothing. Now, my garden is like that, it is full of surprises. There is no formality about it, just a spontaneous appearing of foliage and bloom where you would least expect. It possesses a charm which intrigues me. From the house I view a closely cropped undulating lawn, then the view is partly obscured by a laburnum laden pergola. What is beyond it? Imagination has free play. Tired of guessing, you venture forth on a voyage of discovery. Turning the pergola, you behold such a combination of beautiful forms and colours which almost takes your breath away. Here an artfully placed rockery, carpeted with a patchwork of every known colour, and some others. There a pool, with a sparkling cascade trickling over moss grown rock, and gold and silver fish which appear and disappear in a manner which fascinates. You stumble on hidden paths which lead to fairyland. A rare shrub catches your eye and when you walk behind it, you find yourself gazing on a bed of exquisite plants, which must have come from some oriental garden. You are attracted by a screen of artistically arranged trellis heavy with roses, which stand out like jewels. Further on a shady bower covered with blossom, where you pause and breathe the perfume of a thousand scents.

There is a cherry tree beneath whose shade I sometimes recline on a gently swaying hammock. Far from the bustle of life, silent, but for the chirrup of friendly birds, or the buzzing of a bee as it flies homeward carrying its contribution to the precious store. Here is peace. Here is contentment. In this garden of mine the light of heaven shines. It is tended by none, but me. Any other

hands would defile it, but all may share it. Many a weary pilgrim has sought sanctuary there, and, when he has left, his head has been a little higher, his step a little firmer.

This then is my garden. I say it is my garden, but perhaps you would not call it that. No one has ever seen it, but me. It exists in fancy. Actually I don't possess a garden, unless you can call a window box a garden.

F.H.L.

FIRST AID HINTS.—No. 8

By FIRST-AIDER

Burst Varicose Vein

Before the term "Varicose Vein" can be clearly understood it is necessary to give a brief description of the systemic circulation of the blood.

Pure blood is pumped by a section of the heart into large vessels called arteries. These arteries divide and sub-divide until they become very small, when they are known as capillaries. Thus pure blood is conveyed to every part of the body. During its course through the arteries the blood gives off nourishment to the tissues and it also takes up the waste products from same. The capillaries unite to form small veins which become larger as they reach the heart.

These veins are, with one exception which needs no mention here, vessels which carry the impure blood back to a section of the heart, thence into the lungs where it is purified by the fresh air we breathe, and then onwards through the heart again into the arteries, thus completing the round of the circulation.

Now the veins are provided at frequent intervals with valves, non-return valves they may be termed for example, which allow the blood to flow forward and close to prevent any backward flow.

When a vein becomes stretched or dilated, the valves become defective, thus allowing blood to flow back and accumulate behind them, giving the vein a bulbous and knotted appearance. This condition is known as a "Varicose Vein" and usually occurs in the veins of the leg.

There are various causes, the most commonest being long standing, tight garters, etc.

In time the vein may become so dilated as to burst when the following first aid treatment should be carried out. Lay the patient down and raise the leg at right angles to the body, thereby lessening the force of the bleeding. Paint the wound lightly with tincture of iodine, and apply a firm pad and bandage over the wound.

Secondly place and bandage firmly on the side of the wound furthest from the heart, and thirdly a firm bandage between the wound and the heart.

Loosen tight garters if worn and send for the doctor.

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Glands and Vitamines

Some time ago I read a most interesting chapter on the "Work of Glands in our Bodies, and the Influence of Vitamines on them," written by Dr. Leonard Williams. There are several sets of these glands:—The pituitary, the thyroid, the suprarenal, the liver, the pancreas, the gonads or generative organs in both sexes, etc. They possess properties and powers "of the deepest import to the well being of the Organism." Research has shown that though each gland or set of glands has its own special function, the health of one is dependent upon the health of all, and they may each serve the body specially at different times or ages of the individual's life. They have the closest connection with our two nervous systems; the autonomous or vegetative system which is located in certain structures in the abdomen and which controls our purely animal functions of eating, assimilation, excretion and reproduction, and the central system which is located in the spinal cord and the brain on which we depend for our thinking, feeling and willing.

The thymus and pineal glands exercise a retarding influence upon bodily growth during infancy and childhood, thereby given the brain and spinal cord a chance to develop to their normal capacity. The thyroid gland located in the neck, which, when it is enlarged gives rise to goiter, controls the use of iodine and calcium in our bodies; iodine being necessary to protect our systems from poisons of all sorts, and calcium being essential for all bone formation.

At adolescence the retarding glands take a less and the gonad and pituitary glands a more important part in development. Bodily growth becomes rapid and sex characteristics develop. The glands secrete each of them a hormone, and according to the exact proportions in which these are mixed in our blood, we are tall or short, dark or fair, easy going or hot-tempered, saints or sinners. We are born with certain gland characteristics which we inherit from our parents. Climate, education and food also help to determine the way the glands work. The characteristic of food in all the stages of evolution which made all animals, including man, progress, was that it was alive.

Vitamines are the substances in food which are essential for well-developed and harmoniously working glands, essential, that is, for the growth and development of the young and necessary for the maintenance of health and efficiency in adult and advancing years. Broadly speaking, it is true to say that vitamins are present in uncooked foods and absent from foods which have been cooked. It is probable that milk boiled against the tubercle germ is given to children, these children will develop such diseases as adenoids, rickets and appendicitis, all of which are gland diseases.

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Dear Moggies,

It is great pleasure to write to you all. Those of us that meet week by week at the Centre know what happy times we spend together, and there is no reason why you should not be one of us. We have classes for painting, play hour, rug making, eurhythmics and physical training, also a fully trained friend would come along to teach you country dancing.

If you care for any of these things come along to the Centre or drop a line to either Mr. Harris or myself; we shall be pleased to see you.

Yours lovingly,

BEATRICE LORD

Allegories

I wonder if you all know what an "allegory" is? It is a story with a hidden meaning. There was once a lady called Olive Schreiner, who wrote very beautiful short stories, in the form of allegories. I will tell you one, and then you must see if you can discover the meaning.

The story is called :—

"THE ARTIST'S SECRET"

Once upon a time there was an artist and he painted a picture. Other artists had richer and rarer colours and painted more notable pictures, but the people stood a long time looking at this man's picture. It was because he painted it with one colour, and there was a wonderful red glow on it. The people walked up and down, saying, "We like this picture; we like the glow."

And then the other artists came along and said, "Where does he get his colour from?" They asked him, and he smiled and said, "I cannot tell you," and worked on with his head bent low.

And one of the artist's went to the far East and bought costly pigments, and made a rare colour and painted with it, but after a time the picture faded. Another read in old books, and made a colour rich and rare, but when he put it on the picture it was dead.

But the artist painted on. Always the work got redder and redder, and the artist grew whiter and whiter. And at last, one day they found him dead before his picture and they took him away to bury him. And the other artists looked about in all his pots and crucibles, but they found nothing that they had not.

But before they buried him they found above his left breast the mark of a wound. It was an old, old wound, that must have been there all his life; but Death, who seals all things, had drawn the edges together and closed it up.

And they buried him, and still the people went about saying, "Where did he get his colour from?"

And after a long while the artist was forgotten, but the work lived.

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Some little boys and I had a long talk at bed-time one night, as to what this story could mean. One made one suggestion, and one another. At last, one of them said, "I know; it means you can't do anything really well unless you put your heart into it."

Perhaps he was right. Do you think so?

BLACKSTICK

Last Month's Competition

As no all correct entry was submitted, consolation prizes have been awarded to:—

ALICE JENKINSON

R. R. OLLETT

F. FANTHORPE

Prizes may be obtained at the centre.

"Have you always sold coconuts?"

"No, lady, I worked my way up from peanuts."

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She: "I've been asked to be married lots of times."

He: "Who asked you?"

She: "Mother and father."

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First Father: "What is your son going to be when he has completed his studies?"

Second Father: "As far as I can see a very old man."

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You want to judge people not so much as you find them, but rather as you find them out.

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Two business men were discussing the secret of their success in their professions.

"My success is due to pluck, sheer pluck," boasted one.

"Oh, yes," agreed the other. "But you must admit having had the luck of finding so many people to pluck."

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Prospective Mother-in-law: "My daughter can sing, play the piano, act, paint, dance, skate, pilot an aeroplane and drive a car. What can you do?"

Prospective Bridegroom: "Well, I can wash, darn, cook, and possibly do a little spring-cleaning. I shall have to."

It's Over

By the time this appears in print we shall have passed another milestone. Watling Week No. 8, will be a memory, and with the experience we have gained in the running of these festivals, fresh ideas for next year can be utilised.

Watling Week is becoming a popular annual event, and there are few people on the Estate who are not reminded of it in one way or another.

A Carnival has toured the streets, numerous activities have taken place at the Centre and at other buildings. A house-to-house canvass for new members has been made and the local press has devoted a generous amount of space in its columns on reports and comments which is undoubtedly good publicity.

Most of us have been either participators or witnesses in the various activities, so that there is no need for us to enlarge on what is already common knowledge; but to sit back with modest pride and be satisfied that through the sheer hard work of the Watling Week Committee, our expectations have been fulfilled and their efforts greatly appreciated. Also, that Watling Week No. 8, will be a definite benefit to the Association. We should gain many more new members, and if the untiring efforts of the Organizing Secretary, whose heart and soul is in the work, are of any avail, we should have a larger building quicker than we hope.

Winners of the various sports, games and contests, received their due reward and there names were published in the local papers, but we should like to add a word of praise for the runners-up. In the Dancing Competition, held in the packed St. Alphage Hall, thanks are due to Mrs. Homer Chaplin for her splendid help.

The Jumble Sale was the most successful for years. Buyers were active and business continued brisk, until most of the good things had gone.

In the "Happiest Married Couple," our Honorary Solicitor shone as judge. He was ably supported by Mr. Woollon.

Dr. Matthews who was also on the Bench, protested against the slums cast on Orange Hill Road. Though what these slums actually are, we must wait and find out.

The attendance at the Sports Meeting, on Moss's ground, was larger than last year and there were more entries for the various events, notably the tug-of-war, which attracted some well trained teams. The finest pull of the evening was undoubtedly that between Barking Working Men's Club, and the Edgware Police in the final, when, that little extra training enabled the police to win and retain the cup, which is now permanently theirs. A word of praise must be given to the Barking Men, who, although pulling against our local champions, made such a strenuous and gallant effort that they earned the admiration of all.

In the Veterans race, three dark horses from the Centre were unable to catch the fifty-seven year old ex-champion, who with a good start was at the winning post before the others had got off their mark.

Mrs. Allen, the proprietress of the White Lion Hotel, presented the prizes, and a performance by Cyclone Danny, the daring motor cyclist, gave a thrilling finish to a good evening's sport.

A happy party met at the Cromwell Assembly Rooms for the Annual Dinner and Dance, and after the five courses had disappeared, speeches were made by the President of the Association, Mr. A. I. Jones, Councillor Pugh and Mr. Cole. Mr. Harris proposed the Toast to The Visitors and Mr. Woollon replied.

Then followed dancing. The ladies looked charming in their many coloured dresses; what a pity the men were not in flannels, it would have added gaiety to the occasion. Instead, the men, poor fishes, were uncomfortably, but conventionally, attired in heavy suits and clinging collars. When shall we get dress reform for men? Instead of the usual raffle, two hundred Residents with lucky numbers were sold and raffled, handsome prizes being won by those with lucky numbers.

The Children's Sports on Saturday afternoon were a great success. Can toddlers run? You ought to have seen them. Great fun was caused by the obstacle races, and much comment was made on the little girl who was not quite big enough to get over the hurdles, but she would not give in, and got over the difficulty by taking the hurdle with her! Entries were good, and the children were delighted with their prizes.

Results

50 YARDS HANDICAP—GIRLS: 1 Joyce Palmer, 2 J. Bennet. BOYS: 1 Roy Cole, 2 Tony Webb.

75 YARDS HANDICAP—GIRLS: 1 Doris Laurie, 2 I. Knight. BOYS: 1 Robert Avis, 2 Dennis Moore.

100 YARDS HANDICAP—GIRLS: 1 E. Futrell, 2 Vera Peacher. BOYS: 1 Dennis Strong, 2 Fred Bull.

POTATO RACE—GIRLS: 1 Margaret Jones, 2 Yvonne Vincent. BOYS: 1 Fred Bull, 2 Dennis Vincent.

OBSTACLE RACE—GIRLS: 1 R. Morgan, 2 Joyce Laurie. BOYS: 1 Albert Ristow, 2 Jack Whitehead.

HURDLE RACE—GIRLS: 1 Maria Hull, 2 Joan Redman. BOYS: 1 Dennis Strong, 2 Thomas Welch. Consolation Prize: D. Vincent.

SKIPPING RACE—GIRLS: 1 Sheila Downs, 2 J. Bennet.

SACK RACE—BOYS: 1 Peter Jones.

A Super Saturday Sixpenny Social, run by Mrs. Nyberg, wound up the week, and everyone went home sorry and satisfied. Sorry, that Watling Week was over, and satisfied, that the week had been so successful. More details will be given in our next issue.

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Borough Council Notes

No public demonstrations are allowed in Hendon public parks or open spaces.

Walter East and Dorothy Fitch, both of Hyde Mixed School, have respectively completed 9 and 8 years perfect attendance. Walter East received a wristlet to wear with the watch previously awarded to him on the completion of eight years' perfect attendance, and Dorothy Fitch received a wrist watch.

A circular has been sent to head teachers bringing to their notice the malicious use of fire alarms by school children.

Telephones are to be installed in Hendon elementary schools.

Edgware Council School is to be re-organized and the Borough Surveyor is preparing plans and estimates for the work to take place as soon as possible.

The Hendon Labour Party have passed a resolution protesting against the holding of Empire Day celebrations in any shape or form in the schools of the Nation, and suggests holding Peace celebrations instead.

A Special Committee of the Council have asked the Education Committee to consider, in relation to children, the question of celebrating the Coronation of H.M. King Edward VIII, and head teachers of elementary schools are being asked to confer with their staffs and submit suggestions for the celebrations.

The Ministry of Health has been approached as to the desirability of using orthodichlor benzene for destruction of vermin in houses, as it is found that whilst satisfactory results have been obtained as far as bed bugs are concerned, it has been found in practice that it is difficult for human beings to take adequate precautions against the fumes.

The subject of street trading in Watling Avenue has been under discussion and shopkeepers state that the concentration of hawkers causes much trouble and obstruction and a loss of business to legitimate traders, and a general lowering of the tone of the neighbourhood. The Commissioner of Police states that the action of the

police is limited to keeping the thoroughfare as orderly and as free from obstruction as possible and they will continue to give their attention to Watling Avenue in this respect. He points out, however, that the Council possess powers to regulate street traders and to institute proceedings in any suitable case of unlicensed street trading.

An application has been made for the provision of a Riding Row in Mill Hill Park. It would appear that the only possible area in which a Riding Row could be provided is round the field situate at the southern end of the park. This field is utilised for game and is much frequented by the public. The Council have decided to take no action in the matter.

Out of a total of 204 allottees on the Estate 155 are members of the Watling Allottees' Society, and 151 are members of the Watling Horticultural and Allottees' Society; 102 or 50 per cent of the allottees at the present time are members of both Societies.

It was recommended that the Watling Horticultural and Allottees' Society cease to operate as an allotment society in respect of the Watling Estate, and that the Watling Allottees' Society be officially recognized as the allotment society for dealing with the allotments on the Watling Estate.

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Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

July 5—MR. W. THREADGOLD

„ 12—DR. D. ROSS CHISHOLM

„ 19—MR. F. N. MARTIN

„ 26—MR. W. SMITH

CLUB NOTES

B.O.Y.P.A.S.

Hullo, everybody! Once again we greet you after several months. We've had some interesting talks these last few months, especially one from Mr. Mann, who gave us a talk on the Post Office. Several of our members enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Carter who invited us to use her ground at Box Hill for a camp at Whitsun, and they all had a jolly time. Oh, by the way, some of our members went for a cycle ride a month ago, and I must say one of them had a "ripping time."

We have had a change in the office of secretary, the new one being Mr. Frank Whitehead. E.L.

Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild

An interesting and amusing talk was given by Mrs. Pemberton on "The Origin of Superstition," at the meeting in the Sports Hut, Barnfield Road, on Thursday, May 21. The competition of Best Knitting with one ounce of wool was not very well supported so only one prize was awarded, which went to Mrs. Reynolds. On May 18, three coaches full of members visited the Shredded Wheat Factory at Welwyn Garden City. Everyone enjoyed this interesting tour of the factory, and as it was a beautiful day, the coach ride, too, was much appreciated.

A jolly social afternoon was spent on Thursday, June 4, when we entertained twelve old ladies from Redhill Institute. There were many old dances and games in which some of the visitors were able to join. Mrs. Wilkins sang delightfully two old songs and old time choruses and was loudly applauded. Tea was then served and afterwards members of the Dramatic Section gave a sketch "The Hoarders," which was produced by Mrs. Bye. Mesdames Matthews, Spooner and Seddow took their parts as three maiden ladies, with Mrs. Mills as jumble sale collector. The proceeds of a collection from members was sent to the Mayor of Hendon in aid of the Hendon Cottage Hospital.

Social Whist Drives held alternate Tuesday afternoons at the Scouts Hut, Barnfield Road, are still proving popular; admission 6d., the next being on July 7 and 21. These are being run in aid of the Children's Outing. E.B.

Veterans Club

The Club held its Annual Meeting the second Wednesday in May. Mrs. King was re-elected Chairman, Mrs. Hilton was elected as Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Cole, Treasurer. Mrs. Hilton, as retiring Treasurer, regretted she could not stand for nomination this year as owing to other business elsewhere she would not be able to attend regularly. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. King and Mrs. Hilton for their services during the past year. Suggestions were put forward for a visit to Windsor Castle and Shredded Wheat factory during the next few months.

The Anniversary

Wednesday, May 27, was a day the old folks will remember for many months to come, for on this day the club celebrated their first anniversary. Eighty sat down to tea, and what a tea! The tables fairly groaned with

the weight of plates piled high with cakes, sandwiches, bread and butter, etc. On a small table stood a beautiful iced cake, decorated with a spray of flowers and one candle. The cake was once again presented to the club by Pritchards Ltd. This is the second cake they have given to the Club; the other was for the Jubilee. After tea the Club adjourned to the main hall for the evening's entertainment.

The programme opened with "The Tryouts" Concert Party, who gave a good hour's entertainment, which was appreciated by all. Those taking part were: Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Miles (Soloists), Mrs. Rendall and Mrs. Fredricks (Monologues), and Doreen Peach (Acrobatic Dancer). Next on the programme was Fred Cole, who gave some old popular refrains on the accordion. Next on the list was Mrs. Lord as a "Jolly Jack Tar," Then Iris Phillips and Eileen Wilson (Tap Dancing), and Edna Adams (Specialty Dancing). The next to entertain the old folks were Mrs. White, who sang two delightful songs, and Andre Goodon, that wonderful tenor; and to conclude the first half of the programme we had a sketch by the young dramatic group of the Watling Association, under the direction of Mr. Eric Lord. An interval of fifteen minutes was called when the old folks partook of refreshments supplied by the helpers, and as an extra, Mr. Geo. Noseworthy, proprietor of the "Green Man," Mill Hill, once again came to the front by kindly supplying the refreshment that goes into glasses.

The second half of the programme opened up with the "Playtime Concert Party," under the direction of Mrs. Goodman, who gave a fine fifteen minutes' programme. Then Mr. Hogan kindly obliged with a few airs on the flute. Mrs. White and Andre Goodon came on once again and sang some popular songs. Then lo and behold! the Veterans thought it was about time they showed what they could do. Up on the stage came Mr. Torrence, who sang that old favourite, *Old folks at home*. Then Mr. Flack gave us that good old ballad, *The song that reached my heart*. Last, but not least, of the Veterans was Mrs. Richards, who with great difficulty by several hefty men in the audience was finally assisted on to the stage, somewhat out of breath, but still game. Mrs. Richards sang that old song we all know, *Blind Irish Girl*. This concluded the Veterans' side of the concert. Next to appear was Mrs. Roblou, who sang two popular songs, and as a grand finale the Women's Adult School presented an extremely funny farce entitled *Pot Luck*. Those taking part were: Mrs. Griffy, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Lake and Mrs. Fairburn. A very full and varied programme. I should like to tender our apologies to Wally Scott who had turned up to entertain the old folks, but owing to lack of time was unable to appear. So ended the celebrations for the first anniversary of the Club.

Another important event since the anniversary is the trip to the Ovaltine factory at King's Langley. Forty-two people left the Centre on Friday, June 19, by two coaches for this trip. We were shown round the farms and taken over the factory, afterwards being supplied with a nice tea and a presentation parcel. A wonderful day enjoyed by all who attended. Teas throughout the month were supplied by the usual ladies whose names have appeared from time to time in this magazine. In closing I should like, on behalf of the Veterans, to pass a special vote of thanks to the Rotarians, who apart from supplying a car each week for two or three ladies who are unable to walk, fetched them to the anniversary and took them home again. E. COLE.

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Random Jottings

Water!

During hot weather dogs, like we humans, get very thirsty, but the supply of water which nature provides in pools, ponds, etc., is cut off when the natural soil is covered with hard roads and buildings. It would relieve a lot of suffering if dogs were able to get a drink when they want one, and our Dumb Friends' League is willing to provide drinking bowls free of charge to shopkeepers to place about their premises for the use of our canine friends. Names and addresses should be sent to the Watling Centre.

Look Out

For our next issue, which will contain a complete winter programme of all activities taking place at the Centre. There is no need to be dull or lonely, or upset by the weather. Come to the Centre, where every effort is made to cater for all tastes. Whist drives, dances, socials, lectures, adult schools, discussion groups, physical training, etc., etc. Open to all.

Piano

If this should catch the eye of a good pianist, under 16 years of age, either sex, Mrs. Hilton would like to have a chat with them, either at 85 Goldbeaters Grove, any time, or at the Watling Centre, Thursday evenings, from 6.0 till 8.0 p.m.

Adult School Members

Are reminded that the Arts and Crafts Exhibition is being held on Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31, 1936.

The schools which meet at the Centre are not meeting during August, but full winter programmes are being arranged for when we meet again in September and it is hoped that the successful running of these schools will be maintained. The Adult School Movement is of great benefit to people of both sexes and new members are cordially welcomed.

Full particulars from the office.

The Fire Brigade

Many people are of the opinion that the charges for calls upon the services of the Fire Brigade are considerable. As a matter of fact the L.C.C. has a graduated scale of charges. When the rateable value of the premises involved does not exceed £20 the charge is 2/6; between £20 and £50 the charge is 10/-, and over £50 the charge is £1.

Blessed are the Peacemakers

In the Great War there were—

11,000,000 fighting men killed;

20,000,000 wounded;

9,000,000 war orphans;

5,000,000 war widows;

10,000,000 homeless refugees.

The total money cost is estimated at £70,000,000,000.

Religion

There was an increase of 1,250,000 in the number of adherents of the Christian Churches in the United States during the past year.

The membership of the principal Christian Churches in the United States is as follows:—

Roman Catholic	..	20,400,000
Baptists	..	10,000,000
Methodists	..	9,000,000

The contributions of church members in America last year to the religious work of all denominations was £59,883,356.

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"It is indeed the greatest marvel of all."

PROFESSOR WATTS

Lost Arts

At the Garden Party at John Grooms Crippleage, the other Saturday, some novel and amusing sports events formed part of the programme, including racing on cycle horses, punt races and fettered footballers; games in which the ladies entered with as much gusto as the gentlemen. There was a relay race in which two teams of ladies bowled hoops to one another and it was noticeable that the elder ladies bowled the hoops more skilfully than the younger ones. Now we come to think of it, we don't see girls bowling hoops these days, or boys for that matter. It seems that some of these good old healthy games are dying out.

Psychology Class

The students who have been studying psychology for the past three years, at the Centre, are continuing for a fourth year. For the first half-year they will consider the effects of diet upon the personality and to conclude the course they will study what contribution psychology has to make to the "Inner Life" of the individual. Any student whose name was included in the original roll of the class can join in this final course.

The Secretary, Mr. Carter, will be pleased to hear from any students who wish to rejoin.

The first meeting will be on Monday, September 21, at 8.0 p.m.

"Would you help me to find my cabin, please captain?"

"What's its number?"

"I don't know, but I'll know the room if I see it. There was a lighthouse just outside the window."

Pa: "I hope you're not at the foot of the class, Tommy."
Tommy: "Oh, no. I'm—er—about the ankle."

Miss 1936 (to magistrate): "Not only did he break my heart and wreck my life, but he messed up my whole evening."

Trainer (to boxer who is being continually hit): "Why don't you stop those punches, Bill?"

Bill: "Well, none have passed me yet, have they?"

Doctor: "I just can't diagnose your case. I think it must be drink."

Patient: "Righto, doctor. I'll come back when you're sober."

Father: "You say you won this prize at school for boxing? This book was given for arithmetic and it has another boy's name in it."

Son: "Yes, dad. I fought him for it."

HINTS

To keep old potatoes white, add a small spoonful of vinegar to the boiling water.

When scraping new potatoes, if salt is added to the water it will prevent brown stains on your fingers and will also help to make the potatoes scrape easier.

Lumps of sugar in a cheese dish absorb moisture and prevent cheese going mouldy.

When eggs have been hard boiled, to remove the shell easily, place under a cold water tap.

To keep lemons fresh and juicy place them in a basin of cold water and they will keep fresh for as long as three months.

If lemon juice is added to the washing-up water it will remove any fishy smell on the plates, etc.; it will also give the china a marvellous gloss, and at the same time whiten and keep smooth the hands all the time the job is being done.

Before parting with your old clothes cut off all buttons and keep in a tin for odd buttons are often found to be useful.

When the stove has become splashed with fat after frying rub round with a ball made of old newspapers. The printer's ink absorbs the grease and the stove will be found easier to polish.

Polish shabby linoleum with a mixture of warm milk and turpentine.

Keep a white bag, made of any old material, over the copper. Put into it egg shells, pieces of lemon and rinds and any scraps of soap. Tie up and put into the copper when boiling white things. A cheaper bleacher could not be wished for.

When dyeing clothes if you smear the hands with vaseline before starting the job, you will find that the stains will wash off in no time.

TO REPAIR BOY'S JERSEY.—When worn at cuff cut away the worn part and neatly stitch on the welt of a man's sock of which the rest is past darning.

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Help Us to Help You

There are numerous people in the world who, inspired by some principle, some noble motive, voluntarily give their spare time, money, sometimes sacrificing their health or even their lives for a cause to which they are devoted. They expect nothing in return and generally get nothing, or so they think; but no good thought, no good action is wasted. Every person who contributes something for the benefit of mankind gets it back a thousandfold in some way or another. It may not be in riches or worldly possessions but in some unmistakable way, something which all the money in the wide world cannot buy—love, respect, a contented mind.

Many people say that the voluntary system is too idealistic; that our hospitals and other institutions would benefit greatly if they were State controlled. That may or may not be.

We agree that the voluntary system is idealistic and that is one of the things the Watling Community Association stand for. We prefer to see people getting things done by their own voluntary efforts. People can be forced or coerced into doing things and they will perform the tasks reluctantly and very often in a slipshod manner, and as soon as they get the opportunity they will slack. How better when we appeal to their better nature and we can see them tackling the job and taking an interest in it.

All great artists have been volunteers. Theirs has been a labour of love and their work has benefited posterity. All the helpers in the Watling Association are volunteers.

The Editor of this magazine is a volunteer; the people who distribute it are volunteers, but we want more volunteers.

Any man or woman on the Estate can help; you have not got to belong to any class or creed or wear an old school tie. All we want you to do is to give a couple of hours each month to circulating the *Watling Resident*.

Not a spectacular job perhaps, but nevertheless it is one of those jobs which have always been done by the unassuming people who are the backbone of all great causes. F.H.L.

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WREATHS, CROSSES AND ALL FUNERAL DESIGNS MADE TO ORDER

Borough Council Notes

The number of fire calls answered in the Borough during the past twelve months was as follows:—from fire alarm posts, 66 (including 38 false alarms); from private or public telephones, 191.

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The Borough Surveyor reported that negotiations with the Railway Company and the London County Council in connection with the reconstruction of Deans Lane bridge had been completed; detailed plans and estimates had been submitted to the Middlesex County Council and the Ministry of Transport and the Council were now awaiting the approval of these two bodies.

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An estimate of £3967-17-10, for the erection of a Health Centre at Hartly Avenue, Mill Hill, has been provisionally accepted.

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Steps are being taken for the compulsory acquisition of a site at Edgware for the erection of a school.

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Some of the suggestions of Head Teachers for Coronation Celebrations:—a souvenir in the form of a suitable book to be presented to each school child; a monthly grant, inclusive of the cost of refreshments, to be made to each department for the purpose of making arrangements for the celebration; free visits to local cinemas, including cost of transport, where necessary, to witness the film of the Coronation Procession and other suitable films.

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It has been suggested to the Watling Association that invitations be extended by the Association to individuals and organizations in the Mill Hill, Burnt Oak and Edgware districts pointing out the urgency and desirability of a Day Nursery and asking for their cordial co-operation, both in the way of personal service and financial assistance.

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A report with regard to the sanitary condition of Back Lane, Burnt Oak, between Barnfield Road and London Electric Railway has been duly noted.

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Negotiations for the erection of seats in Orange Hill Road at its junction with Deansbrook Road, outside the Watling Centre, and also on the opposite side of the road, are in progress.

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Attention has been called to the desirability of the tram tracks in Edgware Road being filled in with a bitumastic material, immediately the tramcar service is discontinued, consequent upon the operation of the trolley buses. The L.P.T.B. has been asked when the tramcar service will discontinue, so that the filling in can be done as speedily as possible.

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Better bowling facilities are to be provided in Mill Hill Park, where additional rinks are to be constructed for the use of the public.

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Special gymnastic apparatus is to be provided in the Children's Playgrounds in the various parks to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VIII.

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The heating plant for the new Branch Library at Mill Hill is to be installed at a cost of £752-10-0.

WATLING WEEK, No. 8

The Week started in glorious weather with a Bazaar organized by Mrs. Hilton and Mrs. Roblou, and opened by Miss Isabel Jeans, who expressed her pleasure in being allowed to open both the Week and the Bazaar at the same time.

A number of Raffles were held, the winners being as follows:—

Cake, No. 122: Mr. Laming
Chocolates: Mrs. Ewings
Fruit: Mrs. Jamieson
Watch, No. 30: Mr. F. Williams
Tea Cosy, No. 123: Unclaimed
Coloured Table Cloth, No. 58: Unclaimed
White Table Cloth, No. 146: Unclaimed

If not claimed by August 12 unclaimed prizes will be re-raffled.

During the afternoon there was also a balloon race, the winner being Miss Lily Thompson, whose balloon got as far as Birdbrook, near Halstead, Essex.

Before the Bazaar was over people were assembling for the Carnival Procession, organized by Mr. C. J. Roblou, which was judged by Mr. and Mrs. Woollon at 5.0 p.m. and started on its tour at 5.30 and got back to the Centre about 6.40. Unfortunately we were not allowed to collect alongside the procession, so its value was in publicity rather than in cash.

The results of the judging were as follows:—

Vans. 1st Prize: Spurrier, Bakers.
2nd " (United Dairies.
3rd " Express Dairies.
Keen's Dairies.

The extra prizes were due to the generosity of the judges, Mr. and Mrs. Woollon, to whom our special thanks are offered. As there were no entries for Class 2 (group of 7 or more people in costume) extra prizes were given for individuals, the winners being:—

Mr. A. R. Lodge (Johnny Walker).
Miss Hilda Haskey (Bedtime).
Master G. Richardson (Oldest Inhabitant).
Miss Barbara Burgess (Gollywog).
Mrs. Jamieson (End of a Perfect Day).
Master F. Clifton (Billiards and Snooker).
Miss Sheila Downs (Charlie Chaplin).
Miss Margaret Beard (Chinaman).

Class 7. Decorated Pedal Cycles, results:—

1st: Mr. F. Whitehead, jr. (Chef).
2nd: Mr. J. L. Roblou (Accident).
3rd: Mr. and Mrs. Nyberg (The Open Road).

The procession was led by a loud speaker van, kindly lent for the afternoon by Messrs. J. Lyons, to whom we are very much obliged.

The Evening Competitions went off with great hilarity, under the care of Mrs. Nyberg and Mr. Cole. Prizes being won as follows:—

Mrs. Myall and Mr. R. J. Roblou, for the making of a paper night-shirt.
Miss O. Townsend and Mr. W. Fisher, for a quick service supper.
Mr. W. Fisher 1st, Mr. Nyberg 2nd, for darning socks.
Miss P. Griffen and Mr. J. L. Roblou for Bride and Bridegroom Race.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Wildes for Statue Waltz.

The Old-Time Waltz Competition, held as part of the dance in the hall, with Mr. Wilson as M.C., was won by Miss L. Giddings and Mr. W. Brown, runners up being Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Woods.

On Sunday the Trial for the Happiest Married Couple was preceded by the trial of Mr. Hilton for perjury in connection with last year's affair, when it was alleged he had won under false pretences. Although he was acquitted time forbade him entering for the new trial, which he had hoped to do.

The judges, Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones presiding, assisted by Mr. Woollon and Dr. Matthews, and with Councillor T. Pugh acting as Counsel for the Court, with the help of Mr. S. Sharp in the first trial and entrants' Counsels and witnesses in the others, produced a most entertaining evening for those in the public gallery. The blankets were won by Mr. and Mrs. Nyberg, the other three pairs of entrants being comforted with consolation prizes.

Monday afternoon's Jumble Sale, in the charge of Mrs. Lodge, was a great success, but the special Children's Entertainment in the early evening, when Miss Eileen Good's Dancers performed, and the Marathon Whist Drive in the later evening (M.C., Mr. F. Williams) were not as well patronized as we had hoped.

The Judges at Tuesday's Baby Show were Drs. R. A. Maynard, E. M. Pakennel and O. F. Smythe and their awards were as follows:—

	First	Second
Class A.	Jean Driscoll	Doreen Herbert
" B.	Brian Hillier	Jean E. Gay
" C.	Margaret Bell	Graham Marshall
" D.	Margaret and Mareline Wilkinson,	the only entrants.

The best Watling baby was Jean Ives and the best Watling first baby, Rita Benton.

Mrs. Lord was the organizer, and, thanks to her kindness every baby went away with something: rusks, chocolate, or some other food.

In the evening the Guild of Players produced to a not too crowded house, but the Juvenile Dance Competition at St. Alphage Hall was packed out. Mr. Downs was the organizer, Miss Dorothy Chaplin (Principal of the Dorothy Chaplin School of Dancing) and Miss Horner (Principal of the Horner Boyce School of Dancing) kindly acted as judges and awarded the cup to the Burnt Oak Theatrical School of Dancing, taught by Miss Briscoe, and the medal for the best individual performance to Miss Iris Clark, a pupil of the Bradley Sisters' School of Dancing.

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Wednesday evening saw a display of activities carried on at the Centre in the Hall, organized by Mrs. Lord and the Social Whist Drive, with Mr. S. Davis as M.C., in the Common Room.

The Display was presided over by Alderman Brook Flowers, President of the J.O.C. and the programme included work by Brownies, Eurhythmics Class, Cubs, Junior Co-op. Circle, Scouts, Junior P.T. Class, Girls' P.T. Class and the Weight Lifters' Club, and concluded with a play by the Boys' Dramatic Group.

Thursday afternoon saw the usual Whist Drive at the Centre, with Mrs. Crowe as M.C., and in the evening the Centre was shut for the Sports Meeting, which was held on Moss's Ground, by kind permission of Moss's Sports Club. The Sports are best reported in the words of the organizer, Mr. Hilton, who writes:—

I have been asked to send a report of the function for which I was responsible. Of course, modesty forbids me saying too much, but pride forbids me saying too little. My first was the Sports, and for at least a month prior I thought I had a good one, but when the sports were over the trembling and shaking stopped. I suppose the first fifteen or twenty years' organizing are the worst. Anyway, we had a good meeting, satisfactory I'm sure, both to competitors and spectators.

Mrs. Allen, of the White Lion, presented the prizes, and gave quite a nice speech afterwards. I feel very pleased with myself for getting the services and co-operation of both Mr. and Mrs. Allen. Unfortunately the meeting was late finishing, and I'm afraid quite a number of the spectators went without their nightcap, and Mr. Allen missed their cheery good-night. Cyclone Danny was our special tit-bit, and right well did he perform, repeating his thrilling fire jump three times. Autograph hunters gave him writers' cramp, and his modest few words through the mike to the spectators caused him a greater effort than twenty fire jumps. Well, good luck Danny, I hope you've a still greater thrill for us next year, when I should like to get a ground for an afternoon meeting. Our entries, although a bit late, came in with a rush, and we had to run the 100 yards and the 220 yards each in four heats.

The 100 yards scratch was won by G. Jenkins, with J. F. Gibbon and J. E. Nickell, 2nd and 3rd.

The cup presented by Mr. Carry, of Station Road, Edgware, for the 220 yards, was won by J. F. Gibbon, with J. E. Nickell and T. H. Adams, 2nd and 3rd.

The United Dairies' silver cup for 880 yards scratch was won for the third time in succession by J. J. Whittaker, who also won the One Mile Scratch for the cup presented by Mr. Allen, of the White Lion.

The Three Mile Marathon round the Estate was won by J. J. Andrews, which makes him now the holder of the Sydney Hurry Cup.

Mrs. E. E. Shaw won the Ladies' 100 yards scratch, with Miss D. W. Hoey, 2nd.

In the 100 yards Veterans' handicap, Mr. W. J. Wilby, 57 years of age, showed a clean pair of heels to our three warriors from the Centre.

The Caledonian Road Police walked off with the trophy presented by Maison Lyons, Hairdresser, of Watling Avenue, for Push Ball, and Edgware Police, for the third year running, won the Osborne Challenge Cup for Tug of war; the Judge, Mr. Leslie Haffenden,

remarking that it was the keenest contest he had witnessed for a long time. Great praise is due to him and the other officials, all A.A.A. members, Mr. T. Church (Starter), Mr. A. Adams (Judge), with Mr. J. Radley. Mr. Sewell Harris performed the duties of Recorder, and I wish to thank all the Stewards who helped us make the Meeting such a success.

Friday evening was the Dinner at the White Lion, where about one hundred sat down, under the presidency of Mr. A. I. Jones and with Mr. F. Welch as Toast Master and M.C. for the Dance afterwards. It was very nice to have Mr. Welch back at an Association function, even if he did spring nasty surprises by calling for speeches which were not on the programme. During the Dance two hundred Residents were sold, six of them carrying prizes, which were won as follows: Mr. E. G. Cole, Canteen of Cutlery; Mrs. L. Parker, Permanent Wave; Mr. F. Cole, Fourteen Days' Hairdressing Service; Mrs. Lane, Mr. Higgs and Mrs. Hodgson, spot prizes in traders shops. Later some of the Residents were sold again and Mrs. Williams won a pair of Slippers, kindly given on the spot by Mr. Woollon, Mr. C. C. Smith a Garden Seat, also kindly given at the moment by Mrs. Frenshum.

On Saturday morning the Young Watlers gave a show at the Centre. This was short of last minute publicity, for which the organizer tenders his apologies.

The afternoon saw the Children's Sports, organized by Mrs. Lord, on Montrose Playing Fields. Refreshment stalls were there and Beach's Fair, which had also been open on Friday evening.

The results of the Sports were:—

GIRLS' EVENTS

	First	Second
50 yds. Handicap	J. Palmer	J. Bennet
75 yds. Handicap	D. Lawrie	I. Knight
100 yds. Handicap	E. Futerall	V. Peacher
Hurdles	M. Hull	J. Redman
Obstacle Race	R. Morgan	J. Lawrie
Skipping	S. Downs	J. Bennet
Potato Race	M. Jones	Y. Vincent

BOYS' EVENTS

50 yds. Handicap	R. Cole	T. Webb
75 yds. Handicap	R. Avis	D. Moore
100 yds. Handicap	D. Strong	F. Bull
Hurdles	D. Strong	T. Welch
Obstacle Race	A. Ristow	J. Whitehead
Sack Race	P. Jones	
Potato Race	F. Bull	D. Vincent

In the evening, Mr. D. G. Wilson was M.C. for the Carnival Dance in the hall, and Mrs. Nyberg for the Members' Social in the Common Room.

Very few turned out for the Membership Canvass on the Sunday morning. This was specially regrettable as we very much need to bring the work of the Association to the careful attention of all residents on the Estate. We need more people alive to the meaning of a Community Association, and a good canvass might help to get this.

In the evening the Piano Accordion Competition was a huge success; a full house and keen competition. Great praise is due to the younger competitors, who

although not winners, gained experience, and won the hearts of the audience, and let's hope next year will win our trophies. There were two classes, Duets and Solos.

Mr. W. J. Elkins and Miss Pullan won the two trophies presented by Mr. Hales, Watling Avenue, and the Hokner Cup. Miss Pullan also won the Estrella Cup for solos. Mr. J. Pocock and Miss J. E. Lawrence won miniature cups for runners-up, duets, and Mr. J. W. Ray won the runners-up cup for solos, says Jack Hilton, the organizer.

Finally, on the Monday evening, there not being enough evenings during the Saturday to Sunday week period, Mrs. Hilton's Young Watlers gave another show, for which Mr. F. Cole very kindly gave his services as pianist.

During the week the catering was, of course, in the hands of Mrs. Lodge and her helpers in the kitchen, who put in a great deal of hard work, especially in Montrose Playing Fields on the Saturday.

During the latter part of the week a special raffle of silver-backed hair brushes, etc., was run, the winner being Mrs. F. Williams.

The Billiards, Snooker, Table Tennis and Darts Competitions could not be finished during the week and the results are not yet to hand.

Members of the Social Committee, Boypas, and many other people helped with the selling and checking of tickets on the door, stewarding, etc., etc., and to all of those the very sincere thanks of the Committee are tendered.

We also cordially thank the following traders who made gifts for various competitions, raffles, etc.:—

George Nesworthy, The Green Man.
Thomsons, Stationers, Silkstream Parade.
Express Dairy, High Road.
Bushby, Chemist, 221 Deansbrook Road.
Bray, Confectioner, Post Office, Deansbrook Road.
Marshall Roberts, Drapers, 193 High Street, Camden Town.

Stevens & Steeds, Grocers, 37 Watling Avenue.

In the July Resident the first four of these were incorrectly stated to have given spot prizes, but their help was in other directions.

Donations were gratefully received from:—

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Mrs. Wills	2	0	0
Mr. C. H. Lambert ..	1	1	0
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Mr. J. W. Laing	5	0	0
Mr. R. A. V. Jennings ..	10	6	
Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones ..	10	6	
Mr. A. P. D. Penrose ..	1	0	0
Mr. Lionel Penrose ..	5	0	0
Women's Adult School ..	6	1½	
Mrs. Piercey (for Baby Show prizes)	10	0	
Mr. Brook Flowers	5	0	
Mr. H. B. Price	1	0	0
Men's Adult School ..	5	0	
From Refreshment Profits ..	1	0	0
Mr. Eric Lloyd	1	0	0

Not all the accounts have yet been received, but as far as one can judge the net result of Watling Week was an addition of about £106 to the Association's Funds.

E. SEWELL HARRIS

FROM THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

A Letter to Members

Burton Bradstock, Dorset.
25/7/36.

Dear Member,

I write this on Saturday evening on the hillside just behind our tent, with the sound of the waves breaking on the shingle in my ears. I look out towards Lyme Regis, Seaton and Start Point; to the left is Portland Bill, the other end of this big bay and the sun is just setting in pink and gold behind the hill.

This has been one of our best days as regards weather, plenty of sun, hardly any rain and the wind not too cold. One or two days we have had very wet and the children have stayed in bed till after dinner, that being the best way of making sure they kept dry and didn't get in the way in the rather confined space of the tent.

I thought that by this time I could have told you of a visit to the wonderful Swannery at Abbotsbury, a few miles to the east of here, but we have not been able to get that in yet. In fact we have done very little but go to the sea, visit West Bay, the little port of the neighbouring small town of Bridport and visit one or two friends in the neighbourhood.

I expect I shall be back on the Estate before some of you read this, but hope that others will get it before the Bank Holiday. This month is always a difficult one for selling the Resident as so many people are away. To those who do see it before the 3rd, here's best wishes for a fine day.

Yours sincerely,

E. SEWELL HARRIS.

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"Cross-Country"

By GEO. H. BOOTHMAN, C.C.

In March, under the title of "Where Britain Leads," there appeared an article recommending cross-country running, and as one who has had a long and varied experience of this sport I should like to contribute a few ideas on the subject, but while I recommend this sport I will refrain from making mention of any particular club. My purpose is not to prophesy athletic eminence to everybody that seeks to obtain it but rather to keep this ambition in the background and invite beginners not to worry themselves about such distinctions but to concentrate their attention upon the non-competitive side of the game.

I realize that competition is almost inseparable from sport and that in every department there is a constant urge to defeat some opponent. "Sport, for Sport's sake" is a parrot-cry to which we pay lip service but which, in practice, is constantly ignored. In cross-country running, however, there is a place for the non-competitor and therein lies one of its greatest advantages. It is true that competition gives zest to any game but we are wrong in limiting the practice of games to those who can successfully compete.

There is, nevertheless, a victory to be won here; but it is a victory over ourselves. We overcome the disinclination to effort. We defy the elements and in the face of good weather or bad we turn out *voluntarily*; not with the object of defeating opponents or completing a team or of gaining some prize. Rain, snow, hail, fog, tempest, sodden fields or hard roads—nothing stops the seasoned harrier. He is trained to face adversity, to laugh at difficulties, and to overcome obstacles without reward. I have probably run over more country in the district of Liverpool and Wirral than anyone, and I have seen men cheerfully accepting any conditions which may prevail, and enjoying the process. Wide stretches of cold water, acres of soft and yielding plough, all faced with kindly determination and conquered; not by champion athletes but by ordinary men. It looks monotonous but, as every harrier realizes, it is full of sparkle and experience.

The sport has many advantages. It can be carried out by few or many, with or without opponents, irrespective of weather, in the country where the atmosphere is purest and during the winter when fresh air is usually avoided. The health-giving results are obvious and perhaps all the greater if the strain and struggle of racing are avoided. *There is no need to race.* All the benefits can be obtained without it. Hence the special attraction it holds for those who may be unfitted for the strain.

(From Larkhill Tenants Review)

Manor Hospital

Anyone wishing to join can do so at the Centre between 7.0 and 8.0 p.m. on Monday, August 10, and the following alternate Mondays at the same time.

Agitated Father: "Is it a boy, doctor?"

Doctor: "The middle one is."

TAIL-WAGGER CHATS

Teaching them to Obey

Manners in Dogs

By PHILOKUON

The many letters that reach headquarters of the Tail-Waggers' Club at 58 Mark Lane, London, E.C.3, indicate that large numbers of people are seriously concerned about disobedience in their dogs. We do our best to advise them, for that is one of the objects of the Club. "I help my Pals," is the motto on the medallion worn by all Tail-Waggers. "We help all friends of dogs" might very well be the motto of the Club itself. Our desire is to be useful. How can we make dogs do as they are told? What will prevent them from wandering? How can they be taught to follow? These are a few of the difficulties that seem to be common. One may say straight away that it is easier to train a young dog in the way it should go than to eradicate bad habits when they have once been formed.

"How use doth breed a habit in a man" was one of the shrewd reflections on human nature made by Shakespeare, and it is equally true of dogs, which are creatures of habit. Let them do a thing consistently for a week or two, and it will become ingrained if we are wise enough to correct them immediately they show any signs of backsliding. Correction may sound an ugly word, and in using it I do not mean to imply chastisement. The sensible trainer proceeds by kindness and not harshness, though rating at times may be necessary. A good deal depends upon the character of the pupil, and the first step is to understand the disposition of your dog. With most of them, I am convinced, a quiet manner is the most successful.

My dog may be lying three-parts asleep, and if I ask, almost *sotto voce*, "Coming?" he is on his feet immediately, ears cocked and head on one side as much as to say, "Where are we going?" From a very early age puppies can be taught the meaning of "No," if they do wrong, and before long they will avoid the forbidden. As soon as they are old enough to understand discipline begin your training, starting by teaching them how to lead without pulling. Alsatianists train their dogs to follow closely to the left side, which is better than trotting behind, because one can see where they are without having to turn the head. That position means "heel" to them. Probably the restraint of a lead will be resented at first, but if you are gentle and pretend that it is a game they will not mind.

As soon as they have overcome their dislike, take them out, and should they pull, jerk them back, saying "heel." Commend them when they walk quietly and talk to them approvingly. I once read an article by Miss Workman, who is very successful with her Alsations. She suggested that walking through a wood was a good exercise. If the puppy tried to get away from the side the lead would be caught round a tree, and he would be pulled up suddenly. Before long he would appreciate the comfort of following close to the left leg. To persuade him to walk in the same place without a lead the same admonition of "heel" should be used, and he can be tapped on the nose with a lead or light stick if he attempts to go on. Walking by the side of a fence for a week or so will enable one to keep him under control more easily.

THOSE GLANDS

By F. H. LAKE

In civilised communities we are taught to believe that we have free wills, and when it comes to good and evil we are free agents to choose. We can either be good or we can be bad. To be good sometimes calls for self-sacrifice and unselfishness, and to be bad we simply follow our own selfish desires and take the consequences. But is it any credit or blame to us whichever way we choose, because according to Dr. Leonard Williams, as quoted by Susan Savoury in our last issue, it is all a question of glands. The food we eat feeds the various glands in our bodies and according to the amount of vitamins each gland assimilates, these organs thrive and influence our actions and mould our characters. Of course the glands don't all like the same stuff. What is one gland's meat is another gland's poison. For instance the thyroid may show a preference for the vitamins in fish and chips, whereas the pituitary may not be able to extract any nourishment from anything except steak and kidney pudding; but, and this is where the danger lies, an excess of steak and kidney pudd. may feed the pituitary gland so much that it gets puffed up. It becomes arrogant, and in consequence the unfortunate human finds himself developing traits of kleptomania or some other fine thing. How often have we read of the wealthy Mrs. Wangle being caught shoplifting; she did not want the things she stole. Do you imagine for one moment that when she entered the store and spied that charming silk night-dress or that supertine pair of stockings that she meant to pinch 'em. Of course not. When the stolen goods were found in her bag she didn't even know how they got there— it was all a joke.

Likewise when Bill Smith, the unemployed man, was sent to prison for stealing a loaf of bread. Do you think he was hungry? Ridiculous! It's true he had a sick wife and four children, but to think that he stole the loaf because they were hungry is too absurd. It was just an action prompted by an over active gland. Lots of people have over active glands; Mussolini has one—it makes him aggressive. Mr. Baldwin has a dormant one and in a time of great national crisis he is unable to speak. His lips are sealed. Explorers, airmen, trail-blazers, nudists and some members of the Watling Association can all attribute their peculiarities to glands. Napoleon said "An army marches on its stomach," and he was somewhere near the truth. He would have been nearer the truth if he had said "An army marches on its glands," because, after all, it is what we put in our tummies which provides the vitamins which feed the glands that make us do what we do—or don't. These glands are responsible for every thought, every action, consciously or unconsciously, a man takes. They direct his life and are responsible for his personality. They send him either to perdition or paradise. Take the liver—but perhaps the least said about that the better—especially on a Monday morning.

Life is full of contradictions. Shakespeare said "There is a Divinity which shapes our ends, rough hew them how we will." Omar Khayyám said "I am the captain of my soul, the master of my fate." Not a word about glands you notice. Then again somebody else said "We are what we are, by what we have experienced." Then

along comes Professor somebody or other and says "It's glands." Now who is right? As the Jew said "Here we are. Where are we?"

Most of us eat what is put in front of us and say no more about it, but these gland people disturb us. If we had such a knowledge of food chemistry that we were in a position to say just what proportion of protein was necessary for the correct development of each gland we should soon be super beings, but just imagine a hungry navvy going into a coffee shop and ordering a plate of vitamins for his gonad gland or a tonic for his pancreas. He seems more satisfied with a pound of steak and a pint. And what of the criminal who stands before the judge. Does his worship say "You are charged with cat burgling, that indicates a weakness of the suprarenal or an enfeebled gazoota. You must go to a State home where these deficiencies in your glands will be made up until such time as you can resume the responsibilities of a citizen." Does the judge say that? No! He looks over the top of his spectacles and says "Sykes, you are a habitual criminal. Six months hard."

We are a long suffering people. Most of us try to go through this world as quietly and as peaceably as we can, but there is a type of medical expert who is continually poking and prying into things, and then gloating over us and telling us about some contortion in our make up of which we were blissfully ignorant.

Like Galileo of tradition who amazed the world by stating that the earth went round the sun. These cranks who are often referred to individually as "that eminent specialist," wait until we are nice and docile and then startle us with the news that most of us are suffering from floating kidneys and the only thing to put us right is the soya bean. Of course everybody starts rushing about buying soya beans. Some people commit suicide, some sign the pledge, until eventually we calm down again and wait for the next spasm, when some brilliant bonthead gloatingly announces that we have all got galloping convulsions.

Why can't they leave us alone. After all, we have enough to put up with. As babies we go through the painful experience of teething, and the teeth are a source of trouble until we have them out; and then out comes our tonsils and later on our hair and our appendix, and all the while these learned professors are worrying and puzzling and trying to discover what next they can take out, which reminds me of the young lady who got married.

In the bridal chamber she took off her wig and hung it on the what-not, then she took out her false teeth and put them on the what-not; she then unstrapped her cork leg and put that on the what-not, until her husband began to wonder whether he was going to sleep with her or the what-not. I say away with all these theories, down with these diabolical Micawbers who are always waiting for somethings to take out. Out with the—there I go again, it's that gland of mine. You know when I was at school I swallowed some ink by mistake, which so over-charged my pencillary gland, that every time I see a pen or a pencil I must seize it and scribble.

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A.

O, fine and fat was Ralf the rat,
His eye was a clear cold grey.
How mournful that he ate less fat,
As day succeeded day!
Till he found each cornea daily hornier,
All lacking in Vitamin A.
"I've missed my Vitamin A, my dears,"
That rat was heard to say. "You'll find
Your eyes will keratinize if you
Miss your Vitamin A."

B.

Now polished rice is extremely nice
At a high suburban tea,
But Arbuthnot Lane remarks, with pain,
"It's all lacking in Vitamin B;
For beri-beri is very very
Hard on the nerves," says he.
"O take your Vitamin B, my dears,"
I've heard that surgeon say.
"If I hadn't been fed on standard bread
I shouldn't be here today."

C.

The scurvy flew through the schooner's crew
As they sailed on the Arctic sea,
They were far from land and their food was canned
And they got no Vitamin C.
"For the devil's the use of orange juice!"
The skipper had said, said he.
They were victualled on pickled pork, my dears,
Those mariners bold and free,
But life's too brief on the best corned beef
If you don't get your Vitamin C.

D.

Now the excrescencies on Jemina's knees
Were a truly appalling sight,
For rickets strikes whom it jolly well likes
If your Vitamin D's not right.
Though its plots we foil with cod-liver oil
And our ultra-violet light,
So swallow your cod-liver oil my dears,
And jolly fine babes you'll be;
Though it makes you sick it's a cure for rickets
And it's teeming with Vitamin D.

Now Vitamin D and A, B, C
Will ensure you happy and strong,
But that's no excuse for we must reproduce,
Or the race won't last very long.
So Vitamin E is the stuff for me
And its praises will end my song;
We'll double the birthrate yet, my dears,
If we all eat Vitamin E.
And spoil the hopes of Marie Stopes
By taking it with our tea.
(From a talk by Mrs. Thomas, given
to the Women's Adult School.)



Cuttings

The early autumn is a good time for taking cuttings and starting them out of doors so it is not too soon to be making plans for what we want to propagate or even to begin to carry them out.

Many plants may be increased in this way, not only geraniums and roses, which are the commonest, but most plants and shrubs with soft stems like the antirrhinum.

Speaking generally cuttings should be several inches in length with three or four pairs of leaves ending in a growing shoot all above ground, and as much of the cutting should be below as above the surface.

A slanting cut should be made at the base of the cutting just, and only just, below a joint or the place where leaves have grown, the leaves being trimmed off the stem for the portion that is to be underground.

In the case of hard-wooded plants such as roses and flowering shrubs, success is more likely to be achieved if the base of the cutting consists of a "heel," that is part of the bigger branch or main stem which should be torn off with the twig or shorter branch which is to form the cutting.

Shoots that have born flowers should not be used but choose those of ripe growth elsewhere on the plant.

Carefully prepared soil is an important factor whether the cuttings are to be raised in pans or boxes or on an open border. If the latter the place chosen should be sheltered and not too sunny. Make the soil loose and friable by mixing silver sand and leaf compost with it so that it is moderately dry.

Each cutting should be pressed firmly into the soil and the soil should be pressed *very* firmly round each stem. The cuttings may, in most cases, be planted quite closely, say a couple of inches or so apart.

All kinds of cuttings which are struck out of doors may be freely watered in to settle the earth at the base, but those in boxes or under glass must at first be kept fairly dry and shaded. This applies especially to the soft-wooded sorts.

When new shoots and leaves prove that the cuttings have rooted they can be transplanted.

Some plants grow better from cuttings than others. Roses usually strike very easily. Out of two dozen climbing rose cuttings such as Dorothy Perkins, practically the whole number will make sturdy little bushes ready for transplanting in November. But from the same number of hardy hybrid perpetual bush rose cuttings we must not expect more than a third to strike out of doors.

The *Complete Guide to Gardening*, to which I am indebted for much of the above information, has four figures illustrating prepared cuttings.

What to do in August

August is regarded as the holiday month but if the gardener is away for only a week something may easily go wrong which might have been prevented if he were at home.

Cuttings of geraniums, roses and other plants may be taken as indicated above, though September will do equally well for this.

FLOWER GARDEN.—The flower stalks of perennials that have done flowering should be removed, also the patches of annuals in the border that are over. Their place should be taken by wallflowers, sweet williams, silene and Canterbury bells.

Carnations which were layered last month will require shade and water in hot weather.

Auriculas should be divided and replanted.

Dahlias will require feeding if the flowers are to have that substance which is so desirable for decorative purposes. A liberal mulching will save much watering.

Roses are gross feeders too, so, if the ground has become dry and the plant shows signs of mildew, give a liberal watering with liquid manure and syringe the bushes with water to which a little ammonia has been added. This will induce fresh, clean and healthy growth and should provide an abundance of late blooms.

FRUIT GARDEN.—New strawberry beds should be made by planting the runners layered last month, which by now should be well rooted. The plants may be placed in rows about eighteen inches apart, with a little more space between the rows. When planted they should be well watered and the ground round the roots trodden down as firmly as possible. Remove all superfluous runners from the old plants, as these only weaken them.

Protect all ripening fruit from the wasps and be careful not to use the syringe where the fruit is mature.

The fruit remaining on wall trees should be netted to protect it from the ravages of birds.

Earwigs and wood lice are usually plentiful this month. They both love the dark and may be trapped by placing six inch lengths of broad bean stalks among the branches of the fruit trees. These traps should be frequently examined, the morning is the best time to do this and the pests put in a vessel of very hot water.

VEGETABLE GARDEN. Onions should be lifted when the foliage begins to turn yellow and the bulbs should be laid out in the sun to dry. When dried they should be stored in some airy place.

Onion seed may be sown for next year, also winter spinach.

Lettuces, radishes and mustard and cress, may still be sown as much as required. Remember that the mustard comes up much quicker than the cress, therefore sow the latter at least a week in advance of the mustard.

An open position is best for all vegetables that have to stand the winter, as the plants become hardier when grown in more exposed places and are consequently better able to withstand the frosts later on.

Ground that has been cleared of early potatoes or early peas may be used for sowing seeds of cabbages for spring use and now is the time to do this. If sown sooner they will run to seed in the spring and be of little value. Make the ground fairly firm.

Earth up the celery as required and snap the side growths clean off, before doing so.

Garden Queries

Dear Sir,

Early in the year I noticed in my garden a plant which I could not account for. I thought at first it was a weed, but it was such a peculiar colour that I thought I would let it grow. It grew rapidly and on a further examination I decided it must be an apple tree. I watered it and pruned it and watched it grow until it was about three feet high and then a tiny yellow flower appeared on it, something like a small dogrose. That day a storm blew up and away went the flower—poof!

What do you think it was?

Sounds to us like an Abyssinian mangel wurzel.

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Dear Sir,

A friend of mine set some marrow seeds and the plants are all female. I have some prize marrow plants in my garden which my friend wants to cross with his. Should I charge him stud fees?

We must consult our racing expert.

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What is the best things for slugs?

Cabbages.

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Sir,

I have taken a house at Burnt Oak and I find that the soil in my garden is all clay. As soon as I dig it up it settles down again and becomes hard like concrete. What would you do?

Write to Colindale aerodrome and ask the R.A.F. to bomb it.

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Some Deportment

In Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, *Ruddigore*, one of the funniest bits is where the girl and her lover are having a practice at the rules of "etiquette," with the aid of a small book. At the end she begs him, when they are moving in the Society of Ruddigore Castle to give her some hint or password, if, in ignorance, she makes a breach of "etiquette." He answers he will repeat the word "Basingstoke," which he does in his solemn, deep voice, giving emphasis to each syllable, and the audience at this point always rocks with laughter. I was reminded of this in coming across some notes on "etiquette" in a similar book. The notes are on the "Etiquette of Conversation." I will quote some of them here; they are rather amusing.

"Some people are brilliant conversationalists; others, equally intelligent, make a poor show. If we belong to the latter class we must learn from the former. Fluent talking is an art that can be acquired. But though the so-called 'tongue-tied' folk are the first to realize their shortcomings, it never seems to occur to those who chatter incessantly that they are unduly tiresome. There is something between the brilliant conversationalist and the everlasting talker. Conversation should spring naturally out of matters which arise at the moment. But anyone who starts a conversation which is not of general interest is lacking in proper tact. In making conversation we should not emphasize our own special abilities. There are generally plenty of topics in the newspapers which will be of common interest.

"The weather is a topic upon which we all rely at times. Always hit upon something else if possible. But we should never discuss our ailments. Also most people are not so interested in our children as we are. Therefore detailed recitals of their cleverness or childish ailments may not be appreciated. Religion and politics should be avoided, not because they do not supply interesting points for debate, but because it is so easy to hurt other people's feelings when voicing our own opinions. Never contradict anybody. Usually it is permissible to speak our own minds, but it is wrong to give one's own views if they are final. Personal criticism is seldom in good taste, although it supplies one of the easiest subjects for conversation. Sarcasm is a cheap form of wit which is usually out of place. We should do our share of listening as well as talking."

Here is another paragraph on the "Etiquette of Deportment":—

"On entering a room full of friends walk in as though you had a right to enter. Do not adopt an obviously bold carriage, nor an expression suggesting that you wish the ground would open and engulf you. Sit on a chair squarely and do not cross your legs. Shy children just sit on the extreme edge; do not imitate them or people will know that you are nervous. If you are bored do not show it. Try hard to appear interested."

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The Accordion—Everybody's Instrument

By ERIC LITTLE

(Editor, *Accordion Times and Harmonica News*; Chairman, National Federation of Accordion Clubs).

The Watling Accordion Contest was very interesting. Not only was some excellent playing heard but an intriguing position arose in consequence of the type of music played. No "official" test pieces were set for this Contest, but the competitors were allowed to play anything they chose. When this happens, it usually makes the contest very difficult to judge. But in the Watling contest, the players themselves eliminated a lot of the difficulty.

It is not generally known, even among accordionists, that some of the "easiest looking" pieces of music are the most difficult to play on that instrument. This was proved over and over again during the run of nation-wide contests at which I have had the pleasure of adjudicating during the past three months. One particular tune seemed to have a magnetic influence on competitors in every part of the country. This tune looks easy because it does not contain a great number of notes in each bar. BUT (and a very big "BUT" please Mr. Printer!) although very few competitors played wrong notes, the great majority of them lost countless points through a mistake that was even more serious—faulty interpretation.

Broadly speaking, "interpretation" means "playing the piece as the composer intended it to be played." Signs are put into the music to show just what the composer wants. He shows when he wants the music to be loud and when he wishes it to be soft. The same with speed—this must be fast, that must be slow, and so on. Also, he indicates that certain groups of notes are to be played "in one breath." And that is just where scores and scores of competitors lost points. Also, it is just the thing that makes those "easy-looking" pieces so difficult on the accordion. The bellows of this instrument have a function similar to that of the bow of the violin or 'cello. One of the first things a violinist or 'cellist has to learn is proper control of the bow.

How many accordionists start off by learning bellows-control? I am afraid the fascination of the left-hand keyboard is so great that it stops many from paying full attention to this other matter, which is vitally important from the musical point of view. Space will not permit of a full discussion as to how the bellows-action should be adjusted in order to "phrase" certain music in the correct manner. There is, however, one golden rule that should be observed by every accordionist who wishes to play music as the composer intended it to be played. If a phrase is of such a length that it cannot be played in one bellows-action, *study it well*. Do not carry on until the bellows are fully extended—and then break the phrase, regardless of the musical effect. *Find the place where a slight break will cause the least possible departure from the printed instructions—and make the break as slight as you possibly can.*

The accordion is a delightfully easy instrument for the beginner. Anyone can play some sort of a tune in a few weeks. But it also offers opportunities for the serious

student who wishes to play real music on a real musical instrument. There is no other musical instrument in existence that has such a wide appeal, not only to the listener, but to the player—and the student as well.

Roses

Instead of their usual monthly meeting at the Watling Centre, the Watling and District Rosarians met on Wednesday, July 1, at Colindale Station, and proceeded to allotments where some members have staked a claim. The object of the visit was to view the roses which grow there in profusion, and to explain to new members various points and characteristics of the many kinds of roses. Mrs. Harris brought some slips from her own garden which she intended to be used for a budding demonstration, and as she stood on Burnt Oak Station with a bouquet of drooping and faded flowers, she looked like a forlorn bride, and her posy was the cause of comment, bystanders being unaware that the flowers were picked, not for their blooms, but for their buds.

After a tour round the allotments and the different rose beds had been admired (their only rivals were the onions which also seemed to flourish on that ground), our party was brought to a halt at Mr. Gavin's allotment. This had been left until last; this, we understood, was the *pièce de résistance*! We had seen such a phalanx of colour in different plots, and we were now sort of worked up. We were prepared for something which would leave us breathless. It did—a forest of weeds and stubble growing in reckless abandon. Our secretary apologised for the state of his patch, and explained that he had been working late at the office every night and had been unable to attend to his garden. However, after he had showed us some fine specimens of budded briars in various stages of growth, also his onion bed which is said to be as good as any in the district, we forgave him and warned him that in future he must not let business interfere with pleasure.

The party then adjourned to a member's hut for light refreshment, after which we were initiated into the mysteries of budding. A pleasant evening in pleasant company.

F.H.L.

FIRST AID HINTS.—No. 9

By FIRST-AIDER

Insect Stings

Now is the time of the year when insects make their presence painfully felt. Bees, wasps, and other insects can cause serious injury by their stings, especially if they occur on the face. Remember a bee leaves its stings in the wound, so find same and pull it out. The general first aid treatment for these stings and bites is to bathe the part freely with methylated spirit or weak ammonia. Iodine can be used also, but remember, only paint over the wound with this, as the liberal use of iodine on some people soon causes a mild burn which would add to the trouble. A solution of baking soda and sal volatile made into a paste is also an efficient application.

Apply a dry dressing, such as plain lint or gauze. A watchful eye should be kept on any bite or sting, and should any painful symptoms develop, no time should be lost in seeking medical aid.

Woodcroft Junior School

Once again Open Day at Woodcroft School attracted a large number of parents and friends. These informal gatherings do a lot of good and help to smooth out little difficulties with regard to the children's education. Parents and teachers are brought into touch and get to know each others point of view, and are able to assist each other in advancing the children's knowledge, also the parents can see the children at lessons. Methods of teaching have undergone many changes and judging by some of the work which was on show, the pupils have greatly benefited.

The various kinds of handiwork done by the children were well worth seeing and testify to the patience of the teachers. Some of the linocuts were delicately done and the knitting could not have been done more neatly by mother herself. Then there was sewing, modelling, art and a variety of other clever work. These interesting hobbies should keep the children pleasantly engaged during the winter evenings.

Next, a visit to the Puppet Show. The evolutions of the marionettes being executed by the children. Little Red Riding Hood took the stage and the old story, quaintly portrayed with dancing dolls greatly amused the audience. One little girl in the audience cried because the wolf ate Granny up, which just shows how well the boys and girls had trained their voices to the different parts. Three other plays were also staged, but of course it was impossible to see all.

A walk along the corridor and we see the scholars in their different classrooms busy with their lessons, trying to look their best and at the same time appear unconcerned at mothers interested glance through the window. The teachers manage to keep the classes under control and they come through the ordeal fairly well.

We are now in the playground and we are greatly impressed by the excellent time and balance of the squads doing physical exercises. Then folk dancing which is well done and worth seeing.

Once more the children have shown us what they can do; they are certainly a credit to their school.

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Crashing Through

Blast you, I've broken my bike! You know folks, a good deal of preparation goes to the making of the stunt like the one I put on at Moss's Ground during Watling Week. A special bike has to be prepared (don't try jumping on yours!), but even then I broke the frame of mine on my last jump. Still, it's all in the day's work.

I enjoyed Watling Week. It was a bit hot in the procession though—I'd rather be riding in flames! It took the family and me all Saturday morning to get my entry ready for the carnival procession, and then the push-ball on top of the car sprang a puncture. Did you see the air round the Centre just before the procession started? It went all different shades of blue!

Then came Thursday evening. I've been wanting to do something round Edgware way for a long time, and that was a grand opportunity. I confess I felt far more at home doing my tricks before my own folk than in a brilliantly lit stadium in some continental country before thousands of foreigners.

I renewed a lot of old acquaintanceships on the night of the sports meeting, old school friends I haven't seen for years. The sports were great. Good old Edgware Police! I've never seen a better tug-of-war anywhere. Congratulations too, to the losers, who put up a magnificent fight. They'd had two tough pulls already. Hope to see the Barking lads back again next year. A complaint—the sports finished too late. It's my job to run a certain amount of risk, but I don't like sticking my nose in it. The flames were more spectacular in the dark, of course, but a little more light next time, please! It was because of the darkness that I had to cut it short. By the way, it was the first time I'd gone through flames without a crash helmet. Decided to do it on the spur of the moment; glad you liked it.

The only damage I got was writer's cramp, from signing all those autographs. That, and talking into the mike, was the worst part of it. My kid sister played a good joke on me. While I was signing the autographs, she joined in with the crowd, and handed me her book. I didn't notice her at the time. When we got home, she thanked me for giving her my autograph.

Well folks, I must be saying au revoir. I'm off to Holland for a few weeks. When I come back, I hope you'll come and see the stunt again at some of the racing tracks where I'm putting it on. Maybe some of you would like a ride on the pillion.

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Veterans Club

Our members are slowly increasing, but there is still plenty of room for new members. If you are sixty-five years of age, or over and would like to spend a jolly hour once a week, come and join the Club. We meet every Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. There are some very interesting talks on a wide range of subjects, after which you can either chat over old times, with a cup of tea, or join in a game of whist, draughts, dominoes, etc. Don't be lonely, come and make friends among folks who are round about your own age and understand.

Our Chairwoman, Mrs. King, will be pleased to offer you a hearty welcome. These were two special events during the month I should like to report: the first was the Veterans stall at the Watling Week Bazaar. With a fine display of goods, the Veterans did a very brisk trade and there was very little left when the Bazaar closed; I understand they topped the bill for sales. A wonderful achievement for the first time. All the cash taken was given to the Building Fund. The second was the American Tea; the old folks thought that they would like to provide the tea instead of the helpers, so under great secrecy they all brought a parcel along and an invitation was sent out to a good many helpers, to come and join them in this tea. Plates were piled high with cakes, bread, butter, etc., and we all ate to our hearts content. After tea chairs and tables were cleared and we all joined in dances and community singing. A very happy afternoon enjoyed by all.

Teas during last month were provided by Mesdames Luffman, Williams, Mills, Hogan, Wildes, Townsend, Squibb, Cooper, Collison, Tadman, Richardson, Nyberg, Brixie, Jamison, Yewings, Whitehead, Hilton, Bews, Davy and R. Mills.

Thanks very much ladies!

E. COLE

Boxing

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at the Watling Centre, on Tuesday, August 25, at 8.0 o'clock. If you are interested in the Club, please attend. New rules will be put forward, which will effect you; it is no use moaning about Rules, etc., after the meeting. Next season's programme and Club nights will be discussed.

I was very sorry to see, that owing to the Juniors letting the Club down, we were not represented with all the other sections of the Association during Watling Week. If we cannot rely on our Juniors turning up for these shows, especially when they had promised to do so, the best thing to do is to pack up this section of the Club.

We are still in great need of kit. Do you know of anyone who has boxing gloves and punch ball mitts to give or sell the Club cheaply? If so bring him along.

Don't forget the date, August 25. Bring along your pals, we need new blood. Trainers and Committee, etc., will be elected for the 1936-7 season.

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Women's Adult School

May 18 saw the return visit of the Camden Town Women's School to a very enjoyable social afternoon. Our members entertained with songs and a play called "Pot Luck."

May 25, Miss Collingworth took the School on the subject of "No More War." The School was very concerned about the problem. A letter from the Hendon Peace Council urged affiliation. This was agreed to, but it was suggested that a speaker should address the School before affiliation.

June 8, Mrs. Frazer of Buch Street Nursery School, told of the difficulties and obstacles to be overcome before one can be formed. She promised a film of the Buch Street children at play and also a film of "The Bed Bug," some time in the Autumn.

June 15, the Vice-President, Mrs. Jones, addressed the School on "Children Pre-Natal to Adolescent Stages." A very good discussion, with another member, Mrs. Fuller, in the chair.

June 22, saw Mrs. Heaf with us again. Mr. Reid spoke on "Vegetarian Diet." The women differed a deal about this.

June 29, Miss Hurdle, a member, gave a very interesting talk on her stay at Caples, with some support from Mrs. Thomas who accompanied her.

July 6, the School spent together at Thorpe Bay. Thirty-five members and eight children had a very enjoyable day. They had tea at the Willow Tea Rooms, where the School made a presentation to Mrs. Nyberg, who had arranged the outing.

July 13, Mr. Dillson gave a very "breezy" talk on "Health," demonstrating "jerks" to help keep the body fit. He explained the value of fruit and vegetables and made some very outspoken remarks on slums and overcrowding and its terrible effects on the people's health.

Northern Cycling Club

Here we are again, all merry and bright! I hardly know where to start with our news. I think it must be our Club "50"—so here goes!! Our "Alfie" (A. Pope) does a smashing ride of 2 hrs. 17 mins. odd; F. J. Swanson second with 2 hrs. 20 mins. then came G. English and B. Edwards, with 2 hrs. 22 mins. odd, both very good rides, also it was G. English's first attempt at 50 miles and B. Edwards second, but his first "50" was unfinished owing to going off the course.

Next comes tandem racing, F. J. Swanson did a 1 hr. 59 mins. odd in the "Archer Roads" tandem "50," then in the "Oak" tandem "100" did a 4 hr. 31 mins. 25 secs. with a puncture, in which 10 mins. were lost.

All thoughts are now on our August week-end camp, to be held at Abingdon, near Oxford. Well folks, for now, cheerio.

BURLINGTON BERTIE

North Western Road Club

Our scribe "Lanky" has not returned from the summit of that 24" skyscraper frame of his, so much so, that he has recently been blamed by many of our members for this glorious weather.

As I closed off this gossip last issue the Club "50" and the Dalston Ladies "25" were in the air. The results are now to hand and are nearly forgotten, except as memories as we wade through the variety of our next and even better fixture list.

RESULTS.—CLUB "50": Fred S. beat his wheel pal John S. by 16 secs. in his first "50," clocking 2 hrs. 26 mins. 36 secs. and 52 secs. respectively. Handicap prizes went to: (1) J. Shelvey, (2) J. Madden, (3) L. Brickett.

Our women clocked 2 hrs. 45 mins. 38 secs. (Billie) and 2 hrs. 48 mins. 29 secs. (Ann), whilst their respective "old men" toured round on a tandem, but missed Club record. A pity but Fred ate most that ride.

Talking of eating, the hospitality of "109" must have had some effect on Ann and Billie in the Dalston Ladies "25." Both ladies had that "fill up" feeling at the start and couldn't get going. However Billie ambled round in 1 hr. 18 mins. 26 secs. and Ann in 1 hr. 21 mins. 6 secs. and then gave the folks a good Club run afterwards.

Colin having achieved his 1 hr. 8 mins. 0 secs., the matter of breaking Club records is all that now remains. Cameras seem to click everywhere and peaceful Leonard's muscles come out so nice too—still can't he raise funds? Now the 100's for you and Bonnie Scotland for me (us!).

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Table Tennis

The Club is carrying on through the summer and meets at the Centre on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. New members of both sexes are welcomed. Particulars from the Secretary, Mr. B. Wilkes.

Tuesday Dances

These dances continue to attract a steady attendance. Old supporters drop out and new ones come in and we should like more still. The dances are run by Jack Hilton every Tuesday at 8.0 o'clock, admission 4d.

Netball League Dance

The Dance of the Hendon and District Netball League took place at Goldbeaters School, with about 150 Netball players and friends doing their best to the strains of the Zenith Dance Band. Mr. Staniford (Senior) officiating as M.C. Miss Webb, Secretary of the League, was seen early in the evening when she brought a trophy along; but she did not stop, as I expect she is busy at present with her trousseau. Mrs. Johnson (Chairman of the League) was present and with Mr. Johnson appeared to be enjoying the Dance. The lucky winner of the Raffle (a cut glass dish of fruit) was Mr. Albert Cox, who also won a prize for the Spot Dance, in company with Miss Hilda Records, who received a cut glass butter dish. Mr. Staniford and Mrs. Johnson, the past and present Chairman of the League, then mounted the platform for the presentation of prizes. Deep disappointment was expressed when Mr. Staniford announced that the Jubilee Bowl, won by the Watling Association Netball Team had not arrived, but he hoped to present it in the near future. The Championship Shield and medals were then presented to the winners—Watling Association. Runners-up medals were presented to Rolls Razors Team. The Cup for the winner of the Second Division with medals, was presented to the Hendon Labour Team and runners-up medals to Watling United Sports Club. In a short speech, Mr. Staniford expressed great appreciation of the team spirit throughout the season and anticipates keener competition next season, as several more teams had applied for enrolment in the League. He wished to draw the attention of secretaries to the Fixture Meeting, on September 7, when he hoped all clubs would be represented.

JACK HILTON

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Random Jottings

The Library

A considerable number of good books has been added to the lending library at Watling Centre during the last few months and members are encouraged to borrow them for 1d. a fortnight. They are available any evening between 7.0 and 8.0, except Fridays and Sundays; on Sundays from 8.0 to 10.0 p.m.

A Beautiful Garden

Those members of the Watling Association (and if you are not a member join now) who would enjoy a visit to a beautiful garden at Rickmansworth on the afternoon of Saturday, September 26, should get into touch with Mr. Harris as soon as possible. The number of people who can be entertained is strictly limited, but future parties can be arranged in the spring. Transport by bus to Harrow, thence Green Line, or by cycle.

A Thought

The happiness of life depends less upon what befalls us than upon the way in which we take it.—Lavater.

Plain Food

Rich children in America are under-nourished, under-weight and have a tendency towards curvature of the spine, compared with poor children.

Dr. H. E. Litton reported this at a New York medical convention. The rich children, he said, fed on the finest foods, rich in vitamin content, were in a poor state of health, but the poor, cheaply fed children were flourishing.

"Cheaper foods, with rough and tumble play, are better safeguards for health than fancy foods," he thinks.

Weaving, Basketry and Painting

Would anyone like to learn how to weave tweeds, rugs or braids? Or how to make baskets of all kinds in cane, rush or raffia? A Class at the Centre has been suggested. Three names have been sent in for a Painting Class for adults. If we could get three more we might be able to do something about it. Let Mr. Harris know if either of these appeals to you.

Smoke Clouds

We might in time forgive Mussolini for his invasion of Abyssinia; we might even find a reason for the Spanish revolution, but for the imbecile who stalks into his garden on a sunny day and lights a fire we can find no excuse. This English summer has been a byword. They've talked about it in Australia; they've made jokes about it in China. Rain, rain, rain, day after day, after day. And then, lo and behold! One day the sun shines! We wake up on a Sunday morning and feel its warm rays shining through the bedroom window. It is good, and we like it. It makes us glad to be alive. We go into the garden and worship it. The birds are happier; their song is fuller. Insect life is more active. Butterflies are chasing each other. Life is a song, and then out creeps the vandal, fumbling for his matches. Suddenly there is a blaze as his oil-soaked bonfire flares up. Birds stop singing, butterflies disappear and dense clouds of acrid smelling smoke blot out the life-giving sun. Curse him. He should be suspended head downwards over a smoky fire until he succumbs and we would sit round gleefully stoking the fire up.

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Jones: "You must be fond of the talkies to go twice a week."

Smith: "As a matter of fact, I hate 'em, but if I don't go regularly I can't understand what the kids are saying."

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Art Teacher: "When you paint do you really see things like your picture?"

Artist: "Yes, yes, I see them just like that."

Art Teacher: "Well, in future, when you feel like that, don't paint."

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"How much do I owe you for curing my deafness?"

"Three guineas."

"Four guineas?"

"No. Five guineas."

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"It's really impossible to find an honest maid these days. The last one I had stole two of my best frocks."

"Which ones?"

"Those lovely silk ones I smuggled over from Paris."

Mind your Windows

Children's games seem to start in due season and it is wonderful how we see children all over England playing similar games at the same time of year. It may be skates, biff bats or "conkers," or any one of the numerous games they play. The craze at the moment, on Watling anyway, is catapults. These can be very dangerous weapons. There are a lot of restrictions with regard to toy pistols, but the aiming of these is fairly accurate; whereas with catapults the missile is apt to fly off at a tangent and do considerable damage. They are a danger to public and to property. Imagine Mr. Brown working peacefully in his garden; he is bending down potting a favourite geranium, when suddenly he receives a sharp blow in that part of his anatomy where his breeches fit tightest. He doesn't know what has happened and all he sees is a grinning boy scooting down the street. Yes, the possession of these things should be prohibited. David killed Goliath with a sling, which we suppose was some kind of catapult.

Saturday Night

The Olde Time Socials are getting into their stride again and now that winter is approaching, we hope to see these popular functions as well attended as they were last year.

These socials are specially suited for the elder members, as the programme consists mainly of old time dances, which, if you don't know, you can soon learn. Married couples are not recognized, as at this dance we are all brothers and sisters and if Mr. Jones wants to dance with Mrs. Smith, he does so and visa versa. There is, of course, ten hands of Whist and the price of admission is fourpence. This is the cheapest and happiest evening you can spend anywhere. M.C.: Mrs. Nyberg.

Admission to Free and Easy

These evenings, arranged on the second and fourth Sunday in each month, starting September 27, are planned primarily for older members of the Watling Association. As will be seen on page 8, the evening starts with an hour for a short lecture and discussion.

Admission is for members whose subscriptions are paid up and who are over 25 years of age, or who are with parents who are also members, or who do some regular work for the Association, or who are over 18, i.e., senior members, and specially want to come to the lecture. Members must be prepared to show their membership cards at the door.

To Members of the W.A.

Members attending the Centre for any purpose should always bring their cards.

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Social Committee

At a meeting of the Social Committee last month deep regret was expressed at the resignations of Mr. Frank Williams and Mr. Sam Davis, both very hard workers on the social side of our Community Centre.

The resignations arose from a difference in feeling, both sides in their own way thinking of the well being of the Centre. It was a pity that at such a time this should have occurred, as Mr. Wilson is moving off the Estate, and we were at one stroke deprived of Chairman and Secretary of Social Committee, and the M.C. for the Social Whist Drive.

Eventually Mr. Hilton was elected to the Chair and Mr. Cecil Deacon agreed to act as Social Secretary, assisted by Mr. Griffin. Mr. Frank Williams agreeing to carry on the Monday night whist drives as usual.

Later an outline of the forthcoming arrangements were agreed upon.

Monday night: Miniature Whist Drive, commence 8.0 p.m., price 3d., followed by usual Drive, price 6d. M.C.: Frank Williams.

Tuesday night: Dance, admission 4d. This dance is becoming very popular, and patrons are advised to come early as our floor space is limited; commence 7.45 p.m.

Wednesday night: Social Whist Drive, admission 1d., 8.15 p.m.; good prizes and a nice social evening with a fifteen minutes interval for a necessary cup of tea and a chat. This Drive is promoted for a social, and possibly profitable, evening.

On Thursday afternoon at 2.30 p.m., Mrs. Crow will run her usual Whist Drive, 10/- top. An early start means an early finish, so please be punctual.

On Saturday night Mrs. Nyberg's very popular Social Evening is to be continued, and if it continues growing we shall have to cut her in two, and she will have to run it in two parts.

The Left Book Club

That enterprising publisher, Victor Gollancz, started the above Club in April. By promising to spend 2/6 and postage on a book each month, you can secure on the day of publication a book selected by Harold J. Laski, John Strackey and Victor Gollancz, which would otherwise cost you anything from 5/- to 12/6. Books so far published for members have included: *France Today and the People's Front*; *Out of the Night—a Biologist's View of the Future*; *World Politics 1918-36*. Half a crown a month is a good deal for many Watling people, but if those interested would communicate with "Left Book Club," Watling Centre, we could, perhaps, arrange to buy the books jointly, and share them out. If six joined, it would only be 6d. a month, and we should each get two good new books during the year. We could pass them all round and perhaps meet sometimes to discuss them. We could arrange for every member of the group to get a free copy of *Left Book News*, the Club Magazine, which has some very good stuff in it.

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Gramophone Records Past and Present

One gets so used to just turning a switch in this modern age, and thereby hearing the latest dance music or variety show, that one is apt to forget those records which were so popular before the advent of wireless. With the aid of wireless Billy Williams, for example, would be equally as famous as say Norman Long is today. Billy Williams was a great favourite on the "Cinch" records, which used to be issued with just a plain yellow label, which only stated the title and artist concerned.

Such songs as "When Poor Old Father Tried to Kill the Cock-a-doodle-doo," and "The Hobnail Boots that Father Wore" were all famous in their day, but their circulation was very limited. If they were revived most of them would be real hits, even in these days.

Then there was the "Black Diamonds Band," on Zonophone Records which were sub-titled "The Twin." One of Horatio Nicholl's early hits, "Romany Rose," is sung by a "Mr. Harry Thornton" on an Imperial record with a blue label, quite different from the polished label of its grandchild "Rex" records.

Dance music, too, is provided on H.M.V. records by "Art Hickman's New York-London Five" and on Columbia records by the Columbia Dance Orchestra. 'Tis true that they leave much to be desired, judged by modern standards—such is the penalty of progress—but they, nevertheless, provide plenty of amusement and interest, in spite of the modern competition.

The policy of the B.B.C. of putting more dance bands on the air does provide a change from regular broadcasters, but, unfortunately, it also proves that these latter are the best in their profession. For rhythm there seems to be none who can improve on Ambrose, Roy Fox or Lou Praeger. Harry Roy is "Britain's Brightest Broadcasting Band," to quote publicity bills, but one can have too much "brightness," even in these hectic days of hustle and bustle. Likewise, there are no bands who can—for general entertainment and interest—compete with Jack Payne, Jack Hylton or Billy Cotton, with the possible exception of Debroy Somers, who, however, spends more time with musical plays than on the variety stage.

It is interesting to note that Les Allen and his Canadian Bachelors have parted company. Les Allen is now said to be fitting up a stage act with Kitty Masters as his partner. The variety stage lost a grand partner-act when Elsie Carlisle and Sam Browne parted company. One hopes that Les and Kitty will be good enough to compensate for this loss.

An excellent recording band is that of Primo Scala. Consisting of accordions and similar instruments, they specialize in rumbas, tangos and medleys of tunes. One of their best is "She Came From Alsace Lorraine," on Rex 8794 and backed by "Don't Save Your Smiles Till Tomorrow."

Among the medleys are a series of "Hits of the Day," which are made up of three tunes on each side of the record. These are well played, but each tune, like a "Hit of the Day," doesn't last very long.

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Dear Friends,

Now that the winter evenings are approaching, many members of the Association are looking forward to the fortnightly Sunday Evenings of Entertainment, i.e., the Free and Easys.

It has been my pleasure in the past to M.C. these functions, and now that I have regained the necessary health and vim, I am taking over again.

The one thing wanted is full attendances, not only for the concert side, but also for the debate that precedes it. Always it has been our endeavour to get first-class speakers on as large a variety of subjects as possible, and may I say, with a view to forcing your interest. Many of you have backed me in the past, please do so now.

Many good class artists have been approached, and I think I can promise you real "forget care" entertainment on these popular Sunday evenings.

Those who are not members of the Association will find by joining now that the Centre caters for all, and makes for the sociability that most of us look for. Do not forget this is a free evening to adult members.

I beg to sign myself just,

JACK RADLEY

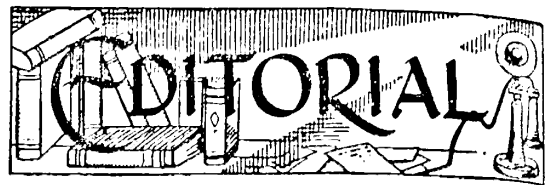
Northern Cycling Club

Dear Editor,

After reading the July issue of the *Watling Resident* I find that the name of F. J. Swanson's partner on the tandem in "The Archer Roads" tandem 50 miles, and "The Oak" tandem 100 miles, was not mentioned. Would you please have it inserted in this or next month's notes that T. Coe was F. J. Swanson's partner in the above races. Thanking you.

"BURLINGTON BERTIE"

THE Editor invites contributions of general interest. **C**. When writing use one side of the paper only.



The Briton

At the Olympic Games we may not have achieved as many successes as we had hoped. Our competitors played the game and put up a good fight; that is what we naturally expect of British people anywhere. But in one direction we did achieve some distinction. The waitresses in the restaurants in the Olympic City were German High School girls who had been chosen for the job, and one of these girls said that of all the people of the different nationalities who were her customers, she liked the English best because they were good mannered and made the least fuss. The Americans, she said, were loud and finical; the Italians, nice but excitable; the Chinese, impatient, and so on. It seems good in these difficult times when British prestige is so low that we are appreciated by somebody.

Some foreigners find us difficult to understand. Many of them say that we are mad, but in spite of this they seem to get on with us pretty well, and when any of them are in trouble, they come to us. England is the sanctuary for exiles of all nationalities. They know that whatever is said about us, we are sound, and we will give them a square deal. They know that in spite of this "ism" or that "ism," we possess the team spirit, which, with our good humoured common-sense, is the source of our strength, and pulls us through the most difficult situations. If our team loses, we say better luck next time.

Not so some of our continental cousins, who will avenge their team's defeat by invading the ground, shooting the referee, and laying out the opposing team. This sometimes makes us wonder if we are half so mad as we are alleged to be. We are an old and highly civilised nation, sport-loving perhaps. We taught the world sport, although some have not quite learnt the art of sportsmanship. We would sooner see a little man beat a big man any day. We are on the side of the underdog, be he black, brown or yellow.

We believe that every man is entitled to his opinion and we respect the individual. This accumulation of knowledge which has moulded our customs and conduct into a way of life which we call civilization, is the fruit of thousands of years of thought and toil which the nations seem to be doing their utmost to destroy. Let us away with nationalism. All men are equal, and on this earth there is an abundance of good things for all to enjoy. Let us share our common heritage.

F.H.L.

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Town and Country Planning

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In Great Britain, with few exceptions, the growth of our towns in the past has been haphazard, with only occasional evidence of conscious planning or control. In classical and mediaeval times, and later in the Renaissance period, towns were frequently planned and we have many examples of these in Greece, Rome, Italy, France and a few in our own country such as Bath, Edinburgh New Town and parts of London. Our industrial areas and great centres of population in the last hundred years have not only developed chaotically, they have gradually spread out their tentacles into what were previously the country districts surrounding them, so that they extend many miles from the town centre. In Greater London and in such regions as the industrial North and Midlands, these towns are often so close to one another that the intervening land has been practically swallowed up, and in consequence they now form great urban agglomerations, in which open lands or green "belts" are few and far between. The resulting muddle, wasteful overcrowding of dwellings and industrial sites have greatly increased the complexity of communications; the consequent huge expenditure required for town improvements to remedy the evils are year by year making real solutions by comprehensive re-planning more difficult.

During recent years there has been a rather different tendency in suburban growth to what was generally prevalent until then. Whereas, previously, the growth of towns tended to proceed on what may be called "intensive" lines, this is now becoming much more "extensive" in form. Both these tendencies, arising from absence of town and country planning, have produced results which are unsatisfactory and ugly.

The chief factor that has been responsible for the new trend in urban extension has been the extraordinary rapidity in the development of motor transport; in London the extension of tube railways has had similar results. The British railway system, on which so largely depended the establishment and growth of our industrial centres in the years 1840 to 1910, whatever its shortcomings had one definite advantage. It created definite focal points at and near railway centres, around which the industries, the collieries, the business premises and the houses were grouped. In between the railway centres, except as regards the types of continuous town growth to which reference has been made, the country remained in its open state, relatively unspoilt. Except for their functions as arteries within the towns, during the 19th century roads hardly counted for purposes of main traffic communication and this extended from the passing of the stage coach to the coming of the motor car.

Since the war utilization of motor transport has enabled new industries to be centred irrespective of their position in regard to railways, and so we have witnessed the "southward trend" in industrial development, which has had many repercussions on the national life and has again shown the urgent need for rigorous planning preparation. That is one aspect of town and country planning. The other is the prevalence of the sporadic residential development which has occurred as a result of improved transport facilities. This has brought about what has been called "ribbon" building, the unpleasant

stringing out of town extensions along main roads, the back lands remaining unplanned. This ribbon development is not only nasty in itself, in that it is the main factor responsible for the spoliation of the countryside, but it is uneconomic in regard to public services and dangerous for traffic. If town extension and rural building were planned on more scientific, communal principles—those of the "group" as opposed to the "ribbon"—the results would be infinitely more seemly and less wasteful in amenity and public expenditure.

Unless this prevailing fashion of sprawling out our buildings over the countryside is checked by means of adequate town and country planning, and undertaken, moreover, on a national scale, we shall gradually be deprived of these natural amenities which form the chief attraction for town dwellers who seek open surroundings for residence or recreation.

Since the year 1909 local authorities have possessed Town Planning powers, which were extended by further Acts in 1919 and 1925. These powers in many instances were adopted and wisely used by the Local Authorities, but they proved inadequate to prevent ribbon development and the disfigurements of the country with which we are all familiar. On the other hand Town Planning has greatly reduced the density of residential development; it has secured a variety of useful open spaces, better road planning and the "zoning" of new industrial and commercial areas. In the wider field, these Acts, by means of Joint Planning Committees, representative of adjacent districts, brought about a considerable measure of Regional Planning in many parts of England and Wales. Valuable regional surveys have been undertaken, planning projects within these areas have been co-ordinated, but except in regard to new roads and the improvement of old thoroughfares, the recommendations of Regional Committees have not been implemented to the extent that their importance deserved.

In 1922 the new Town and Country Planning Act was passed. It has great potentialities, providing wider powers for securing a better state of affairs in urban and rural Britain. Many of the limitations which were present in previous legislation have been removed, and planning powers have been extended to include existing towns and the rural areas. Any land, whether built on or not, in town or country, can be included now in a planning scheme. The Act not only envisages the direction in which present and future building development shall proceed; the principle is accepted that on certain categories of land, either because they are away from the vicinity of economic development or the landscape beauty is such as to make its preservation desirable, future building can be temporarily or permanently restricted. The inclusion of the word Country in the title of the Act is significant, as misunderstanding has often arisen in the past from the fact that previous legislation was embodied in Town Planning Acts, thus conveying the impression that that the provisions applied only to urban and suburban lands. It is now clear that the planning of rural areas is equally essential to efficiency and amenity in the life of the nation. There are ample safeguards for private interests in the Act (indeed some people think that there may be too many of these from the point of view of the public interest), but there no longer exists any limitation as to the kind of land which can be included in a planning scheme, so long as the expediency of dealing with it can be demonstrated.

In relation to areas already built on, the power to bring

these within the scope of a Town Planning Scheme has long been desired. Such areas are constantly in process of re-development; usually in the past this has been done casually and without neighbourhood planning. When public improvements are undertaken it is particularly important that they should be done in accordance with a properly conceived plan, in which waste is avoided and permanent value obtained for expenditure. In the absence of adequate re-planning schemes at the centre of large towns enormous sums have been spent in improvements and widenings, which in the course of a generation have had to be done again.

The sections in the new Act applying to built areas are especially applicable to sites containing slums or old worn-out dwellings, many of which are now the subject of clearance orders under the 1930 Housing Act. If alternative accommodation for the occupiers is provided elsewhere, after clearance these sites can often be utilised to much better advantage, either as open space and parking grounds, or for the erection of business premises. The wise utilisation of such central sites under Planning Schemes would not only relieve our towns of sordid and unhealthy slumdom, but the proceeds of redevelopment on the lines indicated should go far to meet the costs of providing new and better dwellings in more suitable localities.

Regional planning can now be extended widely. Under Section 9 of the Act, the machinery of Town and Country Planning is defined more clearly, by enabling an outline regional scheme to be prepared in the first instance, leaving the subsequent filling-in of the detail to be carried out by supplementary Schemes. This is the more logical method of procedure than that previously in operation, under which Town Planning was considered as a purely local affair, subsequently extended for certain regional purposes and brought under review by Joint Advisory Committees representing adjacent districts.

Section 12 of the Act gives a clearer definition of the general term "character" to which reference was made in the old Acts; this is now defined as "size, design, external appearance and use of buildings." Local Authorities are, therefore, empowered to control the external design and materials as well as the siting of buildings. So much of the prevailing disfigurement of the countryside is due to erection of sporadic and ill-designed dwellings that a wise use of these powers should help to remedy this in the future. Voluntary panels of architects are available in most localities for advice as to building designs submitted to Councils and it is to be hoped that much better use will be made of their services.

Section 15, 16 and 19 of the Act, enable local authorities to take steps to avoid the extension of ribbon development. They are empowered, either temporarily or permanently, to reserve land from building operations in areas where these would endanger health (owing to lack of roads, sewers and other services) or where the provision of such services would be premature, or entail excessive public expenditure, or where development would seriously injure the amenity of a locality. An appeal to the Minister is provided for and an area temporarily restricted is subject to review every third year.

Certain important public considerations in relation to Planning schemes are now defined as being excluded from compensation to owners. As in the previous Acts, however, apart from these exclusions, owners are entitled to claim compensation for injurious affection of their property. This is particularly applicable in the planning

of built areas, in which vested interests are more clearly ascertainable than elsewhere. Under previous legislation, "betterment" could be recovered by the Authority from an owner, where it could be proved that his property had increased in value owing to the operations of a Planning Scheme. The Act has increased from 50% to 75%, the amount of betterment now obtainable.

There are other valuable provisions in the Act; the powers of County Councils in relation to planning are extended; the building of Garden Cities can be facilitated; monuments, buildings of historical interest, woodlands and general amenities can be preserved and advertisements be better controlled.

In some respects the new Act is less satisfactory than the old; for instance, Clause 6, contains provisions and exceptions that in the hands of a reactionary Minister of Health, could be the means of holding up planning control. Fortunately there are no signs at present of any such reaction in his Department and all the evidence goes to show that progressive ideas are at work there.

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PRACTISE Deep Breathing

Exercise Body and Mind

Be Useful

Make Yourself Happy by Helping Others

Don't Worry

Avoid Anger, Hate, Malice, and Bad Temper

Keep Calm and Cheerful

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Provisional Programme of Regular Events

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For Children's Activities see Children's Page

For details of Groups marked * see centre pages.

Sundays

- 11.0 a.m. Society of Friends' Meeting for Worship and Children's Classes
6.30 p.m. *Men's Adult School
8.0 p.m. *Free and Easys, Dances, *Lectures, *Musical Evenings, *Fellowship Meetings

Mondays

- 2.30 p.m. *Women's Adult School
6.0 p.m. N.U.P.E.
8.0 p.m. Whist Drive, *Psychology Class, N.A.S.O.H. and S. Painters and Decorators, Odd-fellows, Watling Athletic Association
8.15 p.m. Poor Man's Lawyer

Tuesdays

- 2.30 p.m. *Cookery Class
4.30 p.m. *Women's Physical Training Class
8.0 p.m. Dance, Table Tennis Club, *Economics Lectures, Boxing, Watling Guild of Players
8.30 p.m. *Physical Training for Girls over 17

Wednesdays

- 2.30 p.m. *Women's Neighbourhood Guild
4.30 p.m. Veterans' Club
8.0 p.m. *Orchestra, *Parents' Group, School Leavers' Social Evening
8.15 p.m. Whist Drive, *Young People's Adult School, Weight Lifters

Thursdays

- 2.30 p.m. *Dressmaking Class, Whist Drive
4.30 p.m. *English Class
8.0 p.m. *Public Lectures, *Watling and District Rose Society, Adult School Socials, Table Tennis, Boxing
8.30 p.m. Watling Youth Club

Fridays

- 8.0 p.m. *Glee Party, Edgware League of Youth, Weight Lifters, Helpers' Socials

Saturdays

- 8.0 p.m. Members' Socials

Every evening and Saturday and Sunday afternoons the Billiard Room is open to members

Watling Youth Club

Meeting until further notice in Miss Clement Brown's flat, 235 Deansbrook Road, at 8.30 p.m. on Thursdays. Any young people of 16 and 17 are welcome.

School Leavers

A Social Evening for girls school leavers, ages 14 and 15, will be held on Wednesdays at 8.0 p.m., at Miss Clement Brown's flat, 235 Deansbrook Road, until further notice.

Weight Lifters

Meet on Wednesdays at 8.15 and Fridays at 8.0 p.m., for physical training and to practise the art of weight lifting. Subscription, 3d. per week. Secretary: Mr. Rogers, c/o Watling Centre.

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.

Personal Service Bureau

Those in difficulties not involving legal problems who want to ask advice or talk their cases over are asked to come to the Centre on Tuesday afternoons. This service is for residents on the Watling Estate.

Scouts, Cubs and Brownies

Meet at the Centre weekly. For details apply to the Troop Leader at the Centre. Brownies, Wednesdays, 6.0 p.m. Cubs, Wednesdays, 7.0 p.m. Scouts, Thursdays, 7.0 p.m.

The Veterans' Club

Open to all Watling Residents over 65 years of age, meets on Wednesdays at 4.30, for a talk, tea, games and entertainment. There is no subscription to the club. September talks will be:—

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| 9. "The P.D.S.A." | Rev. W. J. Piggott |
| 16. "Scandinavia" | Mrs. Pocock |
| 23. "Jane Addams" | Mrs. Maynard |
| 30. "Two Women of Yesterday" | Miss Margery Briggs |

KEEP FOR REFERENCE

INTERESTING WINTER AFTERNOON

Arranged by the Watling Association and other bodies.

All held at Watling Centre unless otherwise stated. Please notify if you cannot attend the opening activities, but cannot attend the opening activities.

Sunday Evenings

FIRST in the month, Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m., arranged by Adult Schools, Society of Friends and Neighbourhood Guild.

Sept. 6. "Why I am a Quaker" Mr. H. T. Silcock.

Oct. 4. "The World Around Us" Mr. E. Sewell Harris. (Solos, Miss M. Davies).

Nov. 1. "Can we help to prevent War?" Miss L. Stevenson.

Dec. 6. "Creative Peace" Mr. Maurice L. Rowntree.

SECOND and FOURTH in the month, Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m., for members of the Watling Association only, starting Sept. 27. During the first three quarters of an hour each evening there will be a talk and discussion, to be followed by music and social time.

Sept. 27. "The Story of the St. John Ambulance" Divisional Superintendent W. H. Lane.

Oct. 11. To be arranged.

25. "Conditions in Germany" Dr. Leo Liepmann.

Nov. 8. "Furnishing a House" Miss Enfield.

22. Dr. Rosefield.

Dec. 13. "Christmas on the Continent" Miss Clement Brown.

THIRD Sunday in the month, Lectures, 8.0 p.m., arranged in co-operation with the Edgware Fellowship.

Oct. 18. "China."

Nov. 15. "New Developments in Socialist Literature."

Dec. 20. Health Lecture.

THIRD in the month and FIFTH in November

Musical Evenings, 8.0 p.m.

Oct. 18. The String Quartette Mr. J. A. Veal, at the Centre.

Nov. 15. Pattern in Music Mr. Trevor Fisher, at 13 Gunter Grove.

Nov. 29. An Hour of Song Miss Christine McClure, at the Centre.

Dec. 20. Christmas Music, at 13 Gunter Grove.

Physical Training Classes

For Women.—Tuesdays, 4.30 p.m., at the Centre. Instructress: Mrs. Faulder. The chief purpose of the class is to provide "Keep Fit" exercises for married women. First meeting, Sept. 8. Fee 2d. a week for W.A. members, 3d. for others.

For Girls over 17.—Tuesdays, 8.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School. Instructor: Corporal Instructor C. H. Jones. Next Meeting, Sept. 1. Fees 3d. a week for W.A. members.

For Men.—A class will be formed if sufficient numbers enrol. Apply at Watling Centre.

Cookery Demonstrations and Class

A series of cookery demonstrations has been arranged for the first week in September in co-operation with the Gas, Light and Coke Co. The latest equipment will be shown, the most economical use of it explained and questions will be answered. All demonstrations will be public but some seats will be reserved for special groups.

Monday, Aug. 31: Edgware Co-op Women's Guild. "A Dinner, making full use of the Oven." Tuesday, Sept. 1: No reservations; "Supper Dishes, Sweet and Savoury." Wednesday, Sept. 2: Neighbourhood Guild. "Small Cakes and the method of baking large cakes." Thursday, Sept. 3: Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild. "Biscuits, Scones and Waffles." Friday, Sept. 4: No reservations; "Pastry—the method of making and baking."

It is hoped to follow the demonstrations with a weekly class in Cookery, to be arranged in conjunction with the Middlesex Education Committee. Those interested should give their names to Mr. Harris.

How You Live and Why

Twelve Public Lectures on Tuesdays, at 8.0 p.m.

Mr. S. Sharpe in the Chair.

Sept. 29 "The Rich and the Poor"

Mr. G. D. H. Cole, M.A.

Oct. 6. "Money: Game or Trade?"

13. "What fixes Prices?" Miss Jean Camp, B.Sc. (Econ).

20. "Who should control Industry?" Mr. E. Sewell Harris, M.A., B.Sc. (Econ).

27. "Where shall we get our Food?" Mr. Henry Durant, B.Sc. (Econ).

Nov. 3. "How the Making of Things is Organized."

10. "Why Trade with your Neighbours?"

17. "Who controls Raw Materials?" Mr. R. M. Stewart, M.A.

24. "Machinery and Us."

Dec. 1. "Speeding up and its Results" Miss Jean Camp, B.Sc. (Econ).

8. "Some jobs which people do."

15. "Have we the right to choose our jobs?"

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.

Sept. 2. Cookery Demonstration, Gas, Light & Coke Co.

9. "The Romance of the P.D.S.A."

Rev. W. J. Piggott.

16. "What the Women are doing in Scandinavia" Mrs. Pocock.

23. "Jane Addams" Mrs. Maynard.

30. Public Meeting. "The Price of Peace" Mrs. Corbett Ashby, County Councillor.

Mrs. F. M. Suggate in the Chair.

Oct. 7, 14, 21. Three Talks on France.

28. "Current Events" Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

Nov. 4. "The Hospital Saving Association" Mr. Collins.

11. "Design and Pattern Making for Embroidery" Miss Margaret Phillips.

18. "Embroidery" Miss Margaret Phillips.

25. "Cakes and their Making" Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

Dec. 2. "Cakes and their Making" Members of the Guild.

9. "Current Events" Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

16. "Social Reform and the Child"

23. Social. [Miss Margery Briggs]

30 and Jan. 6. School holidays, no meetings.

Jan. 13. To be arranged.

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27. "The Quantity and Quality of our Future Population" Mrs. Tample.

Feb. 3. Current Events.

10. "The Story of Gardens."

13. "Gardens of other Lands."

20. "Famous English Gardens."

Mar. 3. "French Painting" Miss Pearce.

10. "Visit to the National Gallery," with Miss Pearce.

17. "The County's Mental Hospitals" County Councillor Mrs. F. M. Suggate.

24. "Current Events" Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

The Watling Association

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The Watling Guild of Players

Is open to all adult members and associate members of the Watling Association. The subscription is 1/- a month, which includes the subscription to the Association. First production in November. New members are invited to join, both for acting and for scenery, property and costume making. For meetings apply Hon. Sec., Mr. C. J. Roblou, 26 Homefield Road.

Parents' Group

This group exists to help parents with the job of bringing up their children. It holds discussions at 13 Gunter Grove, at 8.0 p.m. on the third Wednesday in each month. All can contribute, share experiences and get help from those who have made a special study of children. Suggested subjects are: "Food and Temper," "Special Aspects of Adolescence," "The Value of Sunlight."

Orchestra

Wednesdays, 8.0 p.m. Practises weekly for its own enjoyment and produces two or three times a year for the pleasure of members of the Watling Association and their friends. The first meeting this autumn will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, when new members will be welcomed. Subscription 1/- a month which includes membership of the Watling Association. Secretary: Mr. L. V. Hogan, 48 Gloucester Grove.

Glee Party

Conductor: Mr. A. I. Jones. This Group will start with simple Glee and Part Songs and will produce as occasion opens for the members of the Watling Association and their friends. First meeting Friday, Oct. 2, when the regular meeting night will be fixed. Subscription 1/- a month which includes membership of the Watling Association.

Dressmaking Class

(Arranged in conjunction with Middlesex Education Committee) Meets on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. Teacher: Mrs. A. Rainbow. Provides expert instruction in the principles of the craft with practical applications. First meeting Sept. 17. Fee for twelve lessons 2/6.

Public Lectures

On the SECOND Thursday in each month at 8.0 p.m.

Oct. 8. "Films of Foreign Lands."

Nov. 12. "Discipline" Mr. A. B. Allen.

Dec. 10. In co-operation with the Watling Horticultural and Allottees' Society. "Sweet Peas, Preparation of Ground and Culture"

Mr. G. Allen, Hon. Sec. W.H. & A.S.

English Class

This is designed to help women in the use of English, making speeches, writing minutes and reports, composition, etc. Teacher: Miss C. Clement Brown. A preliminary meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 4.30 p.m., when the regular time of meeting will be fixed. Anyone who wants to join the class but cannot come on the 10th, should let Mr. Harris know beforehand.

Language Classes

French and German Classes will be arranged either for beginners or for more advanced students if a sufficient number enrol.

Allotment Gardening

A Saturday School arranged by the Watling Horticultural and Allottees' Society and the Watling Association, will be held on Jan. 16 at the Centre.

3.0 p.m. "Planning and Preparation of Allotments"

Mr. J. Hardy, N.D.H.

5.0 p.m. Tea.

5.45 p.m. "Selection, Rotation and Consequent Cultivation"

Mr. G. W. Pyman.

Fees: Single lecture 3d., Tea 6d., both lectures and tea, 9d.

Adult Schools

Three Adult Schools, affiliated to the National Adult School Union, meet at the Centre for study and fellowship. The Women's School meets on Mondays at 2.30 p.m., and starts with a cup of tea. The early autumn programme will be:—

Sept. 7. "The Everlasting Mercy, by John Masefield" Mrs. Wilson.

14. "Millinery"

Miss A. M. Sperring.

21. "The Deaf and the Dumb"

Mrs. Williams.

28. Business Meeting.

Oct. 5. Open Subject

Mrs. Lord.

12. "The True Art of Education"

Mr. E. J. Fullwood.

19. "A Tour in Denmark and Germany"

Mr. F. Dodson.

The Young People's School, Wednesdays, 8.15 p.m.

The Men's School, Sundays, 6.30 p.m.

Sept. 20. "The Human Eye"

A. I. Jones.

27. "Unemployment: a Human Problem"

Louis Cornillie.

Oct. 4. "The Cinema and Radio"

E. Bowden.

11. To be arranged.

18. "Causes and Effects of Unemployment"

H. L. Bullock.

25. "The New Spirit in Society"

J. A. Deeprose.

Nov. 1. "The Service of Law"

E. Sewell Harris.

8. "Heroes"

W. E. Winfield.

15. "John Ruskin"

K. A. Simkins.

W.E.A. Psychology Class

The students who have been studying psychology for the past three years, at the Centre, are continuing for a fourth year. For the first half-year they will consider the effects of diet upon the personality, and to conclude the course they will study what contribution psychology has to make to the "Inner Life" of the individual. Any student whose name was included in the original roll of the class can join in this final course. The Secretary, Mr. Carter, will be pleased to hear from any students who wish to rejoin. The first meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 21, at 8.0 p.m.

Watling and District Rose Society

This bright and brotherly society of amateur rose growers meets on the first Thursday of every month at 8.0 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.



Locomotion

When we are very little, we play at trains and make paper boats, but when we grow older it's not good enough just to play with these things. It's nicer to rush down the road on your roller skates or on scooters. Then, it is also fun to have a penny ride on the top of a 'bus and have a free view over the walls of other people's gardens as you pass by. (But you can't see much of Buckingham Palace in this way—the trees stop up the view).

A real journey in a train to the seaside, is always exciting, though sometimes grown up passengers are a nuisance, telling you to keep still. A tube is different from an ordinary train, because it goes under ground, makes an awful whizzing noise in your ears, so that you can't hear people speak, and can sing if you like and there's nothing to look at except the dull people sitting in rows and the advertisements telling you to read *Punch*, drink Guinness or "Mac-clean" your teeth.

The thing all of us want most, is to have a bicycle. You can go where you want to then, without pennies for the 'bus, you can clear people out of the road with a bell, which makes you feel properly important and you have to learn the Highway Code and be a responsible person. (It is more fun if the bicycle is a racer and painted red). Some of our friends have motor bikes and motor cars. If you learn how to work the taps on a motor bike, you can soon learn to do it in a real car, though you can't heave the gears about till you are really big. Of course, there is travel now by Road, by Rail, by Sea and by Air, as well as by Foot. There are a lot of thrilling new engines on the railways. The ones on the Southern Railway, all have names painted over their cylinders: they are called after important people. But the London and North Eastern have the streamlined engines and they look like some great, proud monsters, standing there in King's Cross station and not like really human engines any more at all. The Flying Scotsman is a famous train that went to Canada for a holiday, and in Europe there are other famous trains—the Simplon Orient Express, for instance, which runs from Paris, right through Switzerland and the Simplon tunnel, through the mountains into Italy and the East. We all know something about travelling by road or by rail, but some of us are quite old before we know anything about travelling by ship. Little boats, perhaps, on a river or a lake, but not the big steamers that cross the Channel. These have to cross from England to France, Belgium and Holland every day and night and in all weathers, so they must be well built and strong, and if the sea is in a fairly good mood, they plunge along very steadily. But if it is rough they sometimes roll and pitch like the little boats do and you are glad to see the friendly flat coast of Belgium coming into view, or better still, the white cliffs of Dover. Then there is the *Queen Mary*—a ship so enormous that she is like a great palace and you lose yourself when you get on board. Sleeping on a ship in a little cabin is fun, you can feel the engines vibrating underneath you, and it soothes you and sends

you to sleep. But have you all forgotten the joys of travelling by foot? They are the best of all. Go for a tramp on the South Downs, with the wind blowing in your hair, with the salt smell of the sea in your nose and the soft, springy turf under your feet. Ten miles is then nothing—they seem like one. And travelling by air? Who has had this experience, to share with the King? In a few years time, perhaps, we shall all go to work in aeroplanes instead of by 'bus or by tube. But meantime there is one person who soars in the air on her wand among the stars, when you are dreaming, and that is your friend, the Fairy Blackstick.

With regard to seeing into the gardens of Buckingham Palace, I was once riding past on the top of a 'bus, when I saw a figure in shorts and singlet, taking a constitutional run round the grounds. It was the Prince of Wales, now our King.

Ed.

Dear Moggies,

Now the holidays are over, we hope to settle down to some real hard work and plenty of fun. There will be something for the children every day and we want lots of children to come along to the Centre and join with us. All classes will begin on the first week in September.

Monday	English	5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
	Acorns	7.0 to 8.0 p.m.
Tuesday	Painting and Posters	6.0 to 7.0 p.m.
Wednesday	Playhour	6.0 to 7.0 p.m.
Thursday	Handicrafts	6.0 to 7.0 p.m.
Friday	Eurhythmics	6.15 to 7.30 p.m.
Saturday	Physical Training	10.45 to 12.0 a.m.

A prize will be given to the Moggie that sends in the best essay on "What I did on my holiday." Closing date, September 15.

Yours lovingly,

B. LORD

P.S.—In addition to these groups of our own, other groups to which children are welcomed meet at the Centre as follows:—

Tuesdays	Cripple Parlour	6.0 p.m.
Wednesdays	Brownies	5.30 p.m.
	Co-op. Junior Circle	6.0 p.m.
	Cubs	6.45 p.m.
Thursdays	Co-op. Senior Circle	7.0 p.m.
	Scouts	7.0 p.m.

GARDENING NOTES (Continued from page 11)

Any potatoes still remaining in the ground should be lifted forthwith and stored in a cool, dark place. Now is the best time to select the tubers for next season's sowing and it is best to transfer the selected seed potatoes into a dry shed where they can be matured by exposure to the light.

Carrots that are fully grown should be lifted and stored in soil that is not allowed to become very dry. If it is too dry the carrots will split and become useless.

Keep a watch on the outdoor tomatoes, which should be ripening freely now. Gather them when they begin to colour and finish them off indoors. This will assist the remaining fruit to mature. Any that are gathered green will ripen later if kept in the dark. It is a good plan to wrap up each tomato in paper separately and keep them all in a dry box with a lid. They should, of course, be frequently inspected and the ripe ones taken out.



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Bulbs

The time has come to consider what bulbs should be planted for flowering out of doors next spring, so here are some notes about eight of them which may help the reader to make his choice.

WINTER ACONITE comes first in order of flowering and first in charm, too, with many people. The glistening yellow flowers appear in February, and when the plants are sufficiently established to carpet the ground they are peculiarly attractive. This beautiful little harbinger of Spring is well suited for growing under deciduous shrubs and should be planted rather thickly.

SNOWDROPS are exceedingly beautiful, especially the single variety. They nestle amongst the grass, they carpet the ground beneath shrubs, or they can be grown in belts and clumps in the border. They succeed best in the shrubby border as the roots of the shrubs keep the soil dry and make sure of their having a thorough season of rest.

SCILLAS include some of the prettiest of the bulbous plants that flower in springtime. They are inexpensive and beautiful, but not cheap and ugly. They will thrive in any ordinary garden soil and should be planted freely among ferns or under deciduous shrubs, as well as in flower beds and borders. There are many varieties but *S. bifolia* and *S. sibirica* are the earliest to bloom, and as they are small in growth they can be planted close together without fear of overcrowding. The flowers of these two are a bright blue. *S. hispanica* blooms late in the spring and is much stronger in growth. The bulbs of this should be planted from four to six inches apart in clumps.

The LILY OF THE VALLEY is attractive for the beauty of its form and for its sweet scent. It can be most successfully grown in a partially shaded position out of doors and the soil should be well prepared by deep digging and liberal manuring. It should be planted early in the autumn as soon as matured crowns can be obtained. When a good bed has been established do not disturb it.

CROCUSES, like snowdrops, are exceedingly beautiful when planted in the grass, but this should only be done where the grass need not be mown until the crocus leaves are dying down. Crocuses are also very effective in large clumps or belts, or round the margin of beds. Plant in September or October.

TULIPS thrive in well drained soil. They should be planted not later than October and the bulbs should be about five inches apart. There is an almost endless variety to choose from, but for early flowering out of doors the following, all of which are single, may be recommended: Carmine Brilliant, Crimson King, Ophir d'Or, Vermillion Brilliant and Yellow Prince.

DAFFODILS are very popular and deserve to be. Their name is legion and new kinds are being added to the long list almost every year. From the beginning of September to the end of November is a suitable time to plant them. Any fairly good garden soil will produce satisfactory results, but if the soil is poor a dressing of super-

phosphate or bone meal should be given at the rate of 3 ozs. to the square yard.

HYACINTHS make a good show either in the house or in the garden. For out of doors they should be planted in October about nine inches apart. Here again there is a great variety of choice and also a fairly wide range of price. For bedding purposes the most useful include Baron von Tuyl and Charles Dickens, both of which are blue; Gertrude a deep rose; and Gigantea a bright rose; Lord Macaulay red; Veronica a rich red; and L'Innocence pure white.

What to do in September

FLOWER GARDEN. Give attention to the question of bulbs on the lines indicated in the foregoing notes. Any bulbous plants that require forcing should be potted up this month. Use a good light sandy soil for this purpose. Sink the pots in the frame and cover them well with coco-nut fibre refuse.

Anemones and iris, as well as the bulbs already mentioned, may also be planted in the border.

Some of the carnations previously layered should be well rooted by now and may be potted up and kept in the frame in case the coming winter should prove to be a severe one.

Violets should be planted in a frame on some suitable dull day this month. Before putting in the plants give the soil in the frame a good dressing of soot and lightly fork it in. When they are growing nicely they will be greatly benefited by the application of some liquid manure. Let them have plenty of air.

Dahlias should be making a good show still. If the weather is dry a plentiful supply of water, or, still better, of liquid manure, will help to keep them blooming freely till the first frost comes.

A few patches of hardy annual seeds may be sown for spring flowering.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Raspberry canes that have fruited should be cut away and the new young canes should be reduced to three or four stout ones for each plant. These will bear fruit next season. Similar treatment should be applied to loganberries.

Young fruit trees have grown greatly in most districts this year. Shoots that overcrowd each other should be thinned out so that the wood on those remaining may be properly ripened by exposure to the sun and air.

Ripe fruit should be gathered and this should be done carefully, avoiding wrenching, twisting or rough pulling. Do not pick any fruit when it is damp, and do not store any that is bruised.

A filbert tree or two is a great addition to any garden. The nuts should be ripe about the end of the month and should be gathered as soon as they are, and stored, if not eaten, at once. If you want to keep them through the winter it is a good plan to place them in pans or on a cement floor where they can be kept cool and dry. This will keep them in good condition for quite a long time.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Seed sowing is now practically over, but a little lettuce, for planting out in the spring, may be sown in a warm border.

Transplant the cabbage plants sown in July.

Take up onions, if this has not been done already, and protect them from damp and frost. The best kind of place for storing them is a cool shed, open at the sides, where the air has full play upon them.

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LADIES' PAGE**HINTS**

FOR FISH OR POTATO CAKES.—When eggs are scarce, soak a tablespoonful of tapioca in cold water to cover for a couple of hours and use for binding.

BREAD-CRUMBS.—Break bread into colander and rub through. Much quicker and easier than a grater.

COOKING TOMATOES.—If when cooking tomatoes which are cut in half a little vinegar is put on top the seeds will not come out, which always spoil the look of this dish.

Chocolate Frosting

2 cups of sugar.
4 desert spoons of cocoa.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk.

METHOD.—Mix sugar and cocoa well together, then stir in the milk and cook slowly until sugar is dissolved. Test in cold water and if formed into a ball without making the hands messy when handled add one piece of margarine, the size of a walnut, and one teaspoonful of vanilla essence and let stand until pan is nearly cold.

If wanted as fudge turn out on to a plate and add nuts or fruit as desired; let it set and cut into squares.

STY ON THE EYE.—Soak a piece of lint, or soft linen, in a little castor oil and apply when going to bed. This gives instant relief and takes away all the inflammation.

A poultice made from flour and black treacle will cure a boil or abscess.

Half a teaspoonful of powdered charcoal in a wine-glassful of water taken three times a day will cure offensive breath.

To remove grease from leather apply the white of an egg to the spot and dry in the air, preferably in sunshine.

A dried bean or pea placed in the salt pourer pot will prevent the opening from becoming clogged.

Icing for Cake

Wet plate before beating white of an egg thereon.

Maplene, 9d. per bottle, at Selfridge's.

Boil sugar and water slowly or it will peel off cake.

1 white of egg and pinch of salt.

1 cup of sugar.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water (barely).

2 drops of Maplene essence and a few drops of cochineal.

METHOD.—Whip white of egg and pinch of salt until you can hold plate upside down and it does not move; boil sugar and water *slowly* until it hangs in strings from the spoon, whip into beaten egg on the plate when the pan has become nearly cold, then add the flavouring and colouring and beat well.

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THOUGHTS ON SMOKING

By F. H. LAKE

A HAZY afternoon. Birds faintly twittering. Trees mystically swaying. In the distance the wavy drone of a bee. In this meadow everything appears still and silent. The sun's searching rays lull the world to sleep. Yet there is a strangely mysterious rustling which one can always hear in the country. There is no apparent movement; just some silent pulsating hum. It is Nature at work; never still, always moving, working, evolving. In the heat of the afternoon one can hear the grass sizzling. An intermittent wisp of bluish smoke ascends from a verdant bank and twists and wriggles swiftly upwards. Trace the course of the smoke downwards and you find it issuing from a cigarette, and stretched on the mossy bank, puffing at the cigarette, unmindful of everything, is the writer.

An insect appears from nowhere and starts to climb a blade of grass, up one side and down another. I study it intently, feeling like Gulliver. How silly the insect is! Why doesn't it go straight, or take a short cut, instead of crawling up and down blades of grass? I swallow some smoke and close my eyes.

Why do I smoke? I have often asked myself that. Is it because I really like it? Maybe, and yet often when I have been without a cigarette I have craved for one. If I have been in the house I have searched everywhere for even a portion of one—a "dog-end." Then, when I have found one, I have been indifferent to it, or I have had a couple of draws at it and then put it out. It is just the dread of being without one. It is a habit that reduces one to slavery. I've seen men give food for cigarettes. I've seen men make cigarettes out of tea leaves and newspaper. During the war we often got an issue of tobacco and no cigarettes and it was quite common to make cigarettes with writing paper.

The first thing we look for after a meal is a cigarette. We may have regaled ourselves with a seven-course dinner, or a hunk of bread and cheese, but we must have a cigarette to finish off with. It seems a necessity. If we don't get one we are miserable; even if we don't smoke it. As long as we have got some cigarettes by us we are content. It's like women: you can't do any good with them—or without them.

Why should we be such slaves to nicotine? Most of us at some time or other try to give up the habit. We succeed for a couple of days and then, after making ourselves and everyone else miserable, we give in. I've made several half-attempts to give it up, but while I'm smoking I agree with most people that it is a bad habit, and that we should be better without it, then as soon as I attempt to give it up I find all kinds of excuses to take it up again. It is simply marvellous how subtle and convincing these arguments are. Once I gave it up for a whole week. It would probably have been longer, only I was let down. I was what the gangsters call "double-crossed." It was like this: Murgatroid, my friend, ran out of cigarettes. He asked me for one and I apologized to him regretting that I had not got one. "Well, anyway, what do we want to smoke for?" said he. "I'll give it up." "Do you mean that?" I asked, in surprise, for Murgatroid was a heavy smoker. "Of course I mean

it," he said, confidently. "Well, if you can, I can," I said. "Let's give it up." "Right!" answered Murgatroid. I never saw him for a few days, but my resolution was strong, and at the end of a week I was still holding out. Then I ran into Murgatroid again. I saw him in the train with a friend and he was smoking. I watched him contemptuously and then followed him out of the station. I tapped him on the shoulder. "Hullo!" I said. "Still smoking?" "Er! Oh yes," he answered. "I just fancied this one. First one for a week, you know. Not too bad, is it?" His friend looked at him in surprise: "Why, you smoked yesterday, and the day before, and the day before that!" I was disgusted. I know it ought to have steeled me and made me more determined not to smoke. But it didn't. I bought a packet and smoked them all off.

During the war observers were often able to detect the presence of troops through tell-tale tobacco smoke. Explosions in coal mines have been caused by lighted cigarettes and what good does smoking do a man? None whatever. It discolours his teeth, agitates his nerves, rots his lungs, and yet some people can't do without a smoke. They will sell their souls for tobacco.

Giving up tobacco means a fight. There are no half measures. Once I took to a pipe, hoping that it would cure me of cigarette smoking, but it didn't—I smoked just as many cigarettes, as well as the pipe. I tried rationing myself; I tried eating sweets, but that made me worse. It doesn't matter what methods of reducing you try, eventually you drop back into your old habit, unless you give it up altogether. And that is what I am trying to do. I have now been three months. I am not going to say that I have not smoked during that time. I have. After a couple of days, when the novelty had worn off, I found myself settling down to a grim battle with this drug.

You fight the craving once and win, but you haven't beaten it. It comes at you again from many angles. You are constantly in the company of people who smoke and it seems as though, since you have given it up, more people offer you "fags."

All these circumstances, and many others, will come about to induce you to give in, but you must stand firm; you must continue to resist, until you have put this dragon at your mercy. He is not so formidable as he appears. You will find that you can tackle your work with a clearer brain and without artificial stimulation.

I found that while I was strong and resolute opportunities for smoking would arise, and temptation would be strong, but as soon as I weakened Providence would relent and come to my aid and I would find tobacco inaccessible or awkward to get.

Smoking can be very pleasant, but whoever courts My Lady Nicotine is enslaved by her. If we could enjoy a smoke and then be able to forget it, all well and good, but how many of us can? As soon as we have formed the habit we are addicts; we must have a smoke, whatever else we go short of. If, when these vices become objectionable, we could take hold of them by the scruff of the neck and say "Out you go!" how fine it would be! But they gradually eat into our systems and it is the Devil's own job to get them out.

Tail-Wagger Chats

A DOG'S SENSES

Dependence Upon the Nose

By PHILOKUON

Nature has endowed animals, as well as human beings, with the five senses of hearing, sight, taste, smell and touch, and in many of them the organs that produce these sensations are more sensitive, more highly developed than in men and women. While civilization has conferred upon us advantages and privileges that are withheld from the lower animals, it has at the same time imposed certain penalties. Either as a consequence of habits in which we indulge, such as smoking, for instance, or from failure to cultivate them, our senses have become less acute. That they are capable of cultivation is obvious from the skill of those who compound scents or act as tea-tasters.

Some wild animals are protected from their enemies alike by their sight, nose and hearing. A few depend more upon their scenting powers than any other sense, as big game shooters know from experience in approaching elephants and other animals. They are always careful to proceed up wind, so that the wind blows from the quarry towards them. Even then, in spite of all their precautions, a capricious wind may go round into the wrong direction, and the game either charges or bolts.

I am inclined to think that domestic dogs make more use of their noses than eyes as a means of identification. They can often recognize the scent of a friend at a considerable distance. I have known my own dog throw up his head on a dark night and run to a person he knows some distance away, whom he could not have recognized by sight, although he is able to see better in the dark than we can. Note, too, the habit your dog has of smelling when he comes up to you, as if he distrusted his vision. The nose seems to convey such a lot to their brains. If they have been away from you for a time they will sometimes nose you all over as if to ascertain where you have been. The more curious of them adopt the same procedure with regard to parcels that are delivered to the house. You will have seen also how they run up to a stranger in the street and smell him or her as if they anticipated meeting a friend.

Many people are convinced that dogs have a sixth sense by means of which they are enabled to anticipate impending disaster. Our own knows when a thunderstorm is coming long before we are aware of it, becoming restless and disturbed. The matter was commented upon at a recent meeting of the British Medical Association in connection with the behaviour of dogs before the earthquake at Quetta. One dog pulled an Army instructor from his bed half an hour before the occurrence, and two others are said to have acted in a similar manner. A friend of mine whose husband is a doctor assures me that if the doctor is called out at night the dog's behaviour tells her beyond a doubt if the case is going to end fatally. Personally, I am disposed to examine all such matters with a critical mind to see if there is any possible natural explanation of what, on the face of it, seems to be something bordering on the supernatural. The subject is one that might very well receive fuller consideration from scientists.

FROM THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

A Letter to Members

Watling Centre,
Orange Hill Road,
23/8/36.

Dear Member,

I hope some of you have been enjoying a holiday, during the last week of lovely weather and that those who had to take their holidays when it was not so fine, are managing to get out into the country on Saturdays or Sundays, or both, while the sun is shining. The party to the Rickmansworth garden, details of which are on another page, is planned partly for those whose holidays were not quite satisfactory, or worse.

As usual in the September *Resident*, a large part of this issue is occupied with notices of winter activities and it will be a great help to the Association, if you will try and interest as many people as possible in these things. The general programme is on page 7, the details of various lectures, musical groups and other interesting things on the centre pages, and the children's groups on page 10. I think there is a good deal of variety, but if you do not find just the thing you are looking for, let me know and if half a dozen people want the same thing, we can probably arrange something.

Organized activities, of course, are only one side of the Association's work and we should also like you to interest your neighbours in other aspects of it. For instance, do they read the *Resident*? If not, why not? Would they join up for the sake of getting improvements in local transport, or other local conditions; or would they be interested in helping the less fortunate people on the Estate: the old folks, or the people who want advice or assistance in one way or another? Would they enjoy the use of the Library, or do they want a place to make new friends? All this means keeping up the organization of the Association and claims part of the space at the Centre and part of the time of your officers and workers.

You will find displayed advertisements of two of the early public lectures in publicity for which we specially want your help. G. D. H. Cole and Mrs. Corbett Ashby are probably well known by name to many residents on the Estate and we want to have good audiences for both of them, on September 29 and 30, at 8.0 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. respectively.

With best wishes for an interesting winter.

Yours sincerely,

E. SEWELL HARRIS.

Young Watlers' Thanks

In conversation with Mr. Dave Lyons, the hairdresser of Watling Avenue, the subject of the Young Watlers' outing to Southend cropped up. He immediately expressed his pleasure with £1-0-0 donation. The Young Watlers have already composed a song of thanks which looks like becoming a hit in their party. Thanks are also due to the *Times* and *Guardian* and the *Burnt Oak Gazette* for publishing our request for donations.

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CLUB NOTES

Boxing Club

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Billiards and Snooker

We have at last finished our Billiards and Snooker Tournament, for which we had forty-two entries. This rings down the curtain on the last of the Watling Week items. Owing to having only one table (we hope, one day, someone will come along and give us another) and competitors going on their holidays, the Tournament has been long drawn out, but the interest and excitement has been terrific. In the first heat, 100 up (Billiards): Radley beat Coles; Hilton beat Wells; Morgan beat Fanthorpe; Herridge beat Griffin; Lodge beat Searle; Brant (junior) beat Brant (senior); Parrett (senior) beat Clifton; Orchard beat Allen; Roblou beat Kent; Hyde beat Haines. In the second round, 100 up: Roblou beat Lodge; Hilton beat Hyde; Parrett (senior) beat Herridge; Brant beat Radley; Orchard beat Morgan. In the third heat, Parrett, Roblou and Hilton received byes; Orchard beat Brant (junior). Semi-final: Orchard beat Hilton; Parrett (senior) beat Roblou. Final: Parrett beat Orchard. Prizes: Winner, Canteen of Cutlery; Runner-up, Suit Case. Winners of first heat, Snooker: Radley, Parrett (senior), Orchard, Roblou, Kent, Parrett (junior), Davey, Wells, Bruce, Trigg and Allen. In the second round, Parrett (senior) beat Kent; Parrett (junior) beat Roblou; Allen beat Radley; Bruce beat Trigg; Orchard beat Wells; Davey, bye. Third round, Davey beat Allen; Parrett (junior) beat Bruce; Orchard and Parrett (senior), byes. In the semi-final: Orchard beat Davey; Parrett (senior) beat Parrett (junior) and in the final, amidst tremendous excitement, Parrett (senior) beat Orchard. Prizes: winner, pair Ivory Handle Carvers. Runner-up, Suit Case; and so the same two players won both first and second prizes, for both events. Some very close games were played and there was no grumbling about the handicaps, much to the satisfaction of the promoter.

JACK HILTON

Northern Cycling Club

Runs are being well supported of late and many enjoyable ones have been made. The week-end camp in August was considered the finest ever held. The whole club took part in swimming, running and cycling races. There is only one race to report this month, this being the North Midds 100 miles, in which J. Smallman, H. Grayson, A. F. Hewson, B. Edwards and F. J. Swanson took part. J. Smallman retired at 22 miles, A. F. Hewson at 40 miles, while B. Edwards made a vain, but gallant, effort and retired at 97 miles. H. Grayson, with two punctures, did 5 hrs. 30 mins., and F. J. Swanson 5 hrs. 18 mins. The social season is eagerly looked forward to by one and all. Several dances have been arranged. Well, till next month I will leave you. Cheerio!

"BURLINGTON BERTIE"

North Western Road Club

In spite of this glorious summer weather our members during August were chiefly to be found on tour. Fred and Billie did nearly 1200 miles in the Scottish Highlands leaving their wheelmarks at John o' Groats, whilst Margaret and Peter were in Devon and Cornwall and made Land's End. John S. made for his favourite Central Wales, and Bank Holiday found a party of the boys down at the "King's Head" in Hants, enjoying beer and company of Syd, Cozens and Harry Grant. Colin is now off to the Derby Dales, and hopes to return very fit. Fitness, of course, leads us to racing—still talked of in some circles.

In their own original manner the boys found a "perfectly beautiful" morning for the first of the Club "100's." Anyway, Harry Orme just returned from his holidays in East End (sorry Ostend), ambled round the best in 5 hrs. 27 mins. 26 secs., with Colin 2½ minutes slower. Len Brickett was third and his photo afterwards is even better than his caricature in the Club Mag. The latest issue of *The Potterer* (our own quarterly Club Mag.) is the best yet and ranks very high amongst cycling club magazines anywhere. Congrats to Peggy and Frank.

So that our non-cycling friends may note our DANCE DATES early, we append them below:—

Sat., Oct. 10, 1936. Sat., Feb. 20, 1937.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1936. Sat., Mar. 27, 1937.

These four Club Dances are to be at the "White Lion," Edgware, where the usual welcome awaits our Watling friends. We hope to see you!

"BROKEN BLADE"

Enlarging the Centre

Those of our readers who peruse the *Burnt Oak Gazette* must have been surprised to see in the issue of July 31 that the Borough Council had sanctioned "a scheme for increased clerical accommodation at the Centre." Unfortunately it is not the Watling Centre which the Borough Council has agreed to enlarge, but the Health Centre in Cressingham Road. The need for more accommodation at Watling Centre is as urgent as ever.

The Burnt Oak Young People's Adult School

Has spent some very pleasant outings during the summer, visiting Whipsnade, Dunstable Downs, St. Albans and Boxhill.

Our meetings are held every Wednesday evening, at 8.15, and anyone wishing to join us will have a very hearty welcome.

FRANK WHITEHEAD, Sec.

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The Journal of the Watling Association

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Random Jottings

Day Nursery

The Borough Council has instructed its M.O.H. to investigate the need for a Day Nursery on the Watling Estate and the Association has offered to help him find out who needs the Nursery. Would any who want this service themselves or who know anyone else who needs it send particulars, giving ages of children to be cared for, name and address to the Secretary, Watling Centre.

Games Matches

Games evenings with matches against various clubs, including table tennis, darts, chess, draughts, whist and billiards, are being arranged at the Centre. Anyone knowing a good team, who might be invited should send name and address to Mr. Lodge at the Centre.

Drama Festival

Up to the date of going to press six plays have been provisionally entered for the Association's Cup, which is to be competed for on November 27 and 28, and on the 26th if there are sufficient entries. Tickets will be 9d. and 1s., but workers for the Watling Association and those attending the Social on Saturday, November 21 can get a limited number of tickets at 4d. and 6d. respectively. Those requiring these should send in their names before 11.0 p.m. on Saturday, November 21. If there are more applications than tickets available lots will be drawn for the allocation of tickets.

Pop Corn

Have you seen it popping? Have you heard it popping? Would you know unpopped pop corn if you saw it? I am told that certain members of a certain section of the Association have been investigating the matter and propose to put on a demonstration. Will you have it sweet or salt, in toffee balls or loose? Look out for further announcements.

Speed

One often hears complaints of vehicles rushing through the Estate. Users of Orange Hill Road and Watling Avenue are, of course, the chief sufferers. Is 30 miles an hour slow enough? If not, what do you think the maximum should be?

W.A.T.T.C.

The Table Tennis Club visited Cadbury's Sports Club on Monday, October 19, for a match and won by 18 games to 7. Congratulations.

Learners

Rex Judd, of Brooklands fame, was seen riding a motor-bike last month with a learner's L fore and aft. Can you beat that?

Danny and Sports

Cyclone Danny Carter was seen driving his old yellow car in Watling Avenue recently. Can it be that having completed his contract abroad he has returned to sign up with Jack Hilton for the next Watling Association Sports Meeting? If not Danny Carter, what will the big attraction be this time, and why not try for an afternoon meeting instead of an evening show? We all missed our sleeping draught through his last meeting finishing so late.

Accordions

Jack Hilton would like to know if it is possible to get enough entries for a local talent piano-accordion competition. Will anyone wishing to compete send along their name and address?

That Front Wheel Cover

Is it true that now Mr. Harris has a new outer cover on the front wheel of his bike he proposes joining one of our affiliated cycle clubs?

[This query is rather late in the day. We understand said cover has been on at least six months.—ED.]

Sports Fixtures

Football and other clubs which have matches or meetings to which the public are welcomed are encouraged to send their fixture lists to the editor of the *Resident* in order that they may be published from month to month. Copy should reach the Editor, Watling Centre, not later than the 13th of the preceding month.

Women's P.T.

All members and others who might become members of this class are asked to note that it now starts at 5.0 p.m. on Tuesdays, not at 4.30. New members will be welcomed and are encouraged to visit the class to see the work being done if they are uncertain whether it is what they want.

Anniversary of the Centre

The Centre was opened by King Edward, then Prince of Wales, on January 18, 1933, and the Council has asked the W.A. Crazy Gang to plan suitable celebrations for the fourth anniversary. The gang has already gone into conclave on the matter and has roughed out a plan, which will suitably and solemnly, and with due decorum and hilarity, celebrate this important date in the history of the Watling Estate, but it will take the best part of a week to do it. You won't want to miss any of the items, so don't spend *all* your money at Christmas.

Children's Competition

Next month there will be another painting competition. Children under 14 may send in as many entries as they like, provided that they buy that number of copies of the *Resident*. Be sure you get next month's issue.

Games with Deeko

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Centre on October 6, when the Deeko Sports and Social Club from Dalston visited us for the purpose of a games tournament. The Association were winners at Billiards, Snooker, Table Tennis, Draughts, Whist and Crib, and the Deeko at Dominoes and Darts. It was pleasing to see members of the Veterans' Club taking part in some of the games. A series of these events is being arranged, so if any members would like to take part in any game will they give their names to Mr. Lodge at the Centre.

Boxing

See Club Notes. See also, Club Notes for cycling and many other matters of interest.

Watling Week

The winner of last Watling Week's Dart Tournament was R. Clay and the prize was given by Mr. George Nosworthy, of the Green Man, Mill Hill. The runner-up was Mr. L. Whytock, the prize being given by Mr. Lodge.

Character and Society

Special attention should be drawn to the meeting of the Men's Adult School at the end of the month, November 29, when the aim of the discussion will be to consider the part played in the formation of character by association with others in social societies. This should be of special interest to members of the Watling Association and all men are cordially invited to attend.

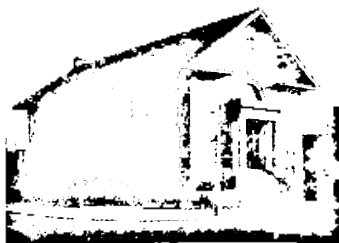
Footbridge Committee

We understand from the W.A. representative on this Committee that it is still active and is securing signatures to a petition asking for a footbridge between Littlefield Road and South Road. Anyone willing to help should see Mr. Watson, 2 North Parade, High Road, Burnt Oak.

Woodcroft Parents' Guild

The next meeting of this Guild will be one to which all parents are welcome. It will be held in the Infants' Hall, Woodcroft School, on Thursday, November 5, at 2.45 p.m. Speaker: J. E. Cuthbertson, Esq., M.A., M.Litt., Director of Education.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

- November 1—Mr. J. W. LAING
 .. 8—Mr. E. W. ROGERS
 .. 15—Mr. GEORGE GOODMAN
 .. 22—Mr. E. W. ROGERS
 .. 29—Wing Comm. P. J. WISEMAN

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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, 6.30 p.m.
 1. "The Service of Law," E. Sewell Harris
 8. "Heroes," W. E. Winfield
 15. "The Spirit of a Man that is within him."
 Chas. E. H. Carrington
 22. "The Dynamic of a New Idea,"
 Edmund Jones
 29. "Social Groups," S. B. Goode
- Mondays* — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 W.E.A. Psychology Class, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at
 26 Homelield Road.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
- Tuesdays* — Millinery Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 5.0 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 6.30 p.m.
 Public Lectures: "How You Live and Why,"
 8.0 p.m.
 3. "How the Making of things is Organized"
 10. "Why Trade with your Neighbours?"
 17. "Who Controls Raw Materials?"
 Mr. R. M. M. Stewart, M.A.
 24. "Machinery and Us"
 Physical Training for Girls over 17, Wood-
 croft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days* — Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 4. "The Hospital Savings Association,"
 Mrs. Collins
 11. "Design and Pattern Making for Em-
 broidery," Miss Margaret Phillips
 18. "Embroidery," Miss Margaret Phillips
 25. "Cakes and their Making,"
 Mrs. E. Sewell Harris
 Veterans Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thur'days* — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 English Class, 4.30 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays* — Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays* — Members' Socials, 8.0 p.m. (except Nov. 28)

Other Events

- Sunday* 1 — Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.,
 "Can we Help to Prevent War?"
 Miss L. Stevenson

News of the Movement

The second number of the New Estates Community Committee Bulletin includes some interesting notes of the development of the Community Association Movement in various parts of the country: Birmingham, Bristol, Carlisle, Reading, Sheffield, Slough, etc.

The Birmingham Council for Community Associations has appointed an Appeals Secretary; the Billesley Community Centre, which is being built by the City Council, is nearing completion; the Perrystanding Community Association held its third holiday camp in August, fifty members spending a week under canvas at Barmouth; this year the whole of the "house-keeping" was done by a committee of the women members.

Bristol City Council has approved plans for a Community Centre on the Knowle Estate, of about 5000 houses, which will include a hall to seat 500, a gymnasium, club, games and craft rooms for juveniles, and common room, reading room and committee rooms for adults, and a skittle alley.

The Housing Architect of Reading has prepared plans for a joint Adult and Youth Community Centre, for one of the town estates, which is estimated to cost £15,000. Some of the Reading Councillors and the chief Education Officer came over to see the Watling Centre during the summer in the hopes of gleanings from our experience.

A very ambitious scheme, involving a total capital expenditure of £25,000, is being promoted by Slough Trading Estates Ltd. for the benefit of the many new residents in the district who have come to work at the factories on the estate. The county Education Committee is contributing towards the equipment of the junior block and towards the maintenance of junior activities.

Various conferences have been held recently dealing with some of our problems. One on Community Centres for Youth, at Bernhard Baron Settlement, was attended by the Chairman of the W.A. Council, and is to be continued on November 2. At another, the Annual Conference of the Institute of Housing Administration, Mr. A. H. Salway, late superintendent of a section of the St. Helier Estate and ex-Chairman of the St. Helier Community Association, read a paper on "Community Centres and Social Work on Housing Estates."

- Thursday 5 — Watling & District Rose Society, 8.0 p.m.
 Sunday 8 — Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m.
 "Knots," Mr. A. I. Jones
 Thursday 12 — Public Lecture, 8.30 p.m.
 "Discipline," Mr. A. B. Allen
 Sunday 15 — Public Lecture in Co-operation with Edg-
 ware Fellowship, 8.0 p.m.
 "How to Keep Fit During the Winter,"
 Miss N. Hosali, B.Sc.
 Musical Evening at 13 Gunter Grove, 8.0
 "Pattern in Music," Mr. Trevor Fisher
 Sunday 22 — Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m. Dr. Rosefield
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 Sunday 29 — Musical Evening, 8.0 p.m.
 "An Hour of Song,"
 Miss Christine McClure

HINTS

Knitted Jumpers

When home-knitted jumpers are washed the shoulders invariably become baggy and rather shapeless. The only way to ensure the shape being retained is to tack a fairly wide piece of ribbon or tape along the shoulder seam before washing, which can be removed when dry. Stuff the sleeves with tissue paper while wet and they will dry a good shape. To prevent the buttons on woollen cardigans from pulling, back them with linen buttons on the other side of the garment, sewing both buttons together.

Kitchen Graters

The graters used in the kitchen for suet, cheese, lemon rind, nutmeg and so on are easier to wash after use if they are first rubbed over with a crust of dry bread. They should then be dipped in hot soapy water and scrubbed with a small, stiff brush. Before they are put away they should be thoroughly dried in the oven. A grater that has been used for nutmeg should be well warmed in the oven before it is washed. It will then come clean more easily.

A Cure for Boils

At night take a cupful of warm milk with a grated nutmeg in it.

To Relieve Toothache

Dip a small piece of cotton wool into a little boiling vinegar, then apply to the gum as hot as can be endured. Stop up the aching tooth with some cotton wool. Pain is usually gone in a few minutes.

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The Story of the Red Cross

By ARTHUR GROOM

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"Dear God, give me strength to help these poor fellows."

No one knows what Henri Dunant actually said when he arrived at a place called Solferino in North Italy in the year 1859, but no doubt he uttered some similar prayer to the one above, a prayer that came straight from the heart of this kindly and generous Swiss philanthropist, who was the real founder of the Red Cross—that emblem that was afterwards to be chosen to be the sign and safeguard of service to the sick and wounded in time of war.

Henri Dunant was travelling in Italy when that country, aided by France, was fighting against Austria, and there can be little doubt that his arrival at Solferino, just after a desperate battle had raged throughout a long hot day, was deliberately planned. At the back of his mind he knew what he would find on that bloody field, but the terrible sights that met his gaze shocked his sensitive soul to the very roots.

Untended, thirsty, screaming and groaning with ghastly pain lay 40,000 wounded men, for at that time, less than eighty years ago, it must be remembered, the medical service of armies was hopelessly inadequate and the mortality amongst the wounded was tragically high. Henri Dunant wasted no time, and, although a few sufferers had been carried into empty barns and half-ruined churches, by some of their uninjured comrades and a few sympathetic peasants, he knew that to do any good at all he must think fast and act as rapidly.

Hastening to the little town of Castiglione close by, with the tears streaming down his face, Dunant enlisted the aid of the women of the place and others, and the very first "Red Cross" unit hurried with hastily made rough bandages to the field of battle to do what could be done for the poor wounded soldiers, who had fought so gallantly all through that sweltering Italian day.

Amongst those who assisted this kindly Swiss philanthropist were travellers of other nations, Belgians, Swedes, British, etc., and this was a forecast of what was to be when the Red Cross became perhaps the only perfect international organization in the history of the world.

The impression made on Dunant's mind by that awful experience made him determined to do something to aid the wounded in war, so he set himself to arouse public opinion. This determination led to the publication, in 1862, of his now famous pamphlet *Un Souvenir de Solferino*. What a horrible and yet necessary document that was, to be sure! In it the author described in detail everything he had seen, and wound up by suggesting that in all countries people who were willing to give their services should prepare in times of peace to aid the sick and wounded in time of war.

This pamphlet made a great impression, and when in the third edition Dunant pointed out how very valuable such voluntary aids as he had suggested in the first edition would be in all times of disaster such as earthquakes, floods, epidemics, and so forth, steps were taken in the author's own town of Geneva to call a conference on the subject by a group of public-spirited men belonging to a Society named "La Société Genevoise d'Utilité Publique." Thus did Geneva first become associated in the minds of civilized peoples with international questions and conferences.

To continue with the history of the Red Cross, however, a preliminary meeting of the Geneva Society was held in 1863, and a year later a Conference met at which the representatives of sixteen countries, Great Britain being one, attended and arrived at an agreement called The Convention of Geneva. The Red Cross was an established fact at last, and at this point I would mention that the Red Cross, with equal arms on a white ground, was chosen because it would be fairly easily seen from a distance, and, appropriately enough, because the arms of Switzerland, Dunant's native land, show an equal-armed white cross on a red ground.

It should also be mentioned that the instructions given to the British delegates at the 1864 Conference were drawn up by Florence Nightingale herself, whose magnificent work in the Crimea ten years before had done much to influence Dunant. Indeed it is more than likely that the published accounts of the service Florence Nightingale had rendered to the sick and wounded during the Crimean War directed that Swiss philanthropist's steps towards North Italy in 1859. By the way, please note that Henri Dunant was never a doctor as so many writers on the subject of the Red Cross have credited him with being. He was just a kindly man who devoted his life to helping others less fortunately placed than himself.

The Convention of Geneva meant that the countries represented agreed to the neutralization of the medical services and of the sick and wounded in time of war, and that henceforth service to suffering was to be protected and put outside conflict. The wounded were no longer to be treated as enemies and killed on sight, and doctors and nurses were not to be attacked; neither were medical stores and hospitals to be fired upon or molested in any way. One might almost say that the Convention of Geneva was the first step towards a new understanding of the word "humanitarianism," and the first glimmer of light through the darkness of cruelty that cast its shadow over the whole world. No wonder the names of Henri Dunant and Florence Nightingale have lived.

The Committee of Genevese gentlemen who called the first meeting became the International Committee of the Red Cross. The president was a M. Moynier, a great international lawyer, and he was assisted by a Swiss doctor named Dr. Appia, and so well did they and their Committee lay the foundations of the Red Cross that, although they have been added to with the passing of the years, and a great peace service, as well as a war service, has been erected upon them, those foundations have never been disturbed.

The Committee's headquarters are still at Geneva, and together with the League of Red Cross Societies, formed in 1919, constitutes the International Red Cross, with National Branches in no fewer than 61 countries. An International Conference is held in a different country every three years—the last was in Tokyo, Japan.

In the early days the various societies were usually known as Aid Societies or something of the kind, and Holland was the first to adopt the title "Red Cross Society," to be speedily followed by others. Again, in the beginning we find that the Societies were soonest

active in countries most exposed to risks of war. Nevertheless, once the noble aims and objects of the Red Cross were put into practice they were not limited to warfare, but were in many countries linked up with the provision of hospitals, the training of nurses, the combating of disease, and with relief work in times of disaster. In our own country much of this work was already being carried out by other organizations, and this fact, coupled with the fact that Great Britain was long happily free from fear of war or invasion, was the reason why the British Red Cross did not begin to train Voluntary Aids until the clouds of war began to lower in the early years of the 20th century. All the same for that, the work of the British Red Cross had begun at the time of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870, when this Society, then called by the clumsy title of the "Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded," raised funds to help the sick and wounded on both sides.

Florence Nightingale was a member of the Committee of this Society and Sir John Furley—afterwards the "Father" of the St. John Ambulance Brigade—was one of its most energetic Commissioners. He travelled all over the war area to distribute chloroform, which had not long been discovered, and was very difficult to obtain on the field of battle, or even behind the lines.

British Red Cross Missions also helped during the fighting in the Balkans and in the South African War, but it was not until 1909 that the British Red Cross took seriously to heart the famous words of Florence Nightingale: "If you desire to qualify yourself to nurse the sick and wounded *study* to do so." This proper organization of the British Red Cross came none too soon, for five years later the great calamity of war befell the British Empire and practically the whole world.

The story of the Red Cross during the Great War cannot be told here, but I can mention that good came even out of that great evil, for, since the war years, every branch of the International Red Cross has worked valiantly in the cause of health and the prevention of disease. This has been quite apart from the vast amount of work done to restore the health, not only of the wounded and disabled soldiers, but also of the people, especially the children, who had suffered so terribly from hunger and privation. We in Great Britain have but little idea of the extent of this suffering amongst the people of Continental nations. At the close of the war there were 32 Red Cross Societies. Today, as we have pointed out, there are over 60, and this shows clearly that the work done is found to be of the greatest possible value.

In countries where the mosquito abounds the Red Cross pays special attention to getting rid of swampy places and stagnant water near houses, and to supplying quinine to native peoples. In Australia the Red Cross is very active in anti-tubercular work; in Canada it provides the little "Outpost Hospitals" that are such a boon to farmers, and in England the Red Cross is busy in many ways in first-aid work on the road, in dispensaries in the hop-fields and camps, in helping hospitals and sick people at home, in fighting that common and painful complaint, rheumatism, and, of course, in providing the Blood Transfusion Service in which so many Rover Scouts assist.

Peace or war the Red Cross is needed, and is growing bigger and bigger. The Junior Branch was started during the Great War and now extends all over the world, with some 15,000,000 members, all pledged to preserve

good health by living cleanly and wisely. The Red Cross must never be regarded as a purely war-time organization. If war comes, and, please God, it will not, then the Red Cross will be trained and ready to render service to the sick and wounded, as well as render first-aid to the civilian population in the event—which we so earnestly pray may never arise—of gas attacks!

One more thing, and an important one. The Red Cross flag or the Red Cross in any form, *cannot legally be used* by all and sundry. All dressing stations, hospitals, hospital ships, aeroplanes and other places must be properly registered and authorized by the Red Cross before they can enjoy the neutrality that is the birthright of the great world-wide Society founded by Henri Dunant on that bloody field in North Italy seventy and seven years ago. Furthermore, the individual who, in time of war, masquerades in the uniform of a Red Cross nurse is worse than a traitor to his or her country—he or she is a traitor to all humanity!

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Seen in the Stars

Those born in the last six months of any year or the first six of the next will be very lucky. The sun will rise in the East and set in the West, while there will be plenty of moonlight. Some upheaval on the roads and in the garden. Umbrellas will go up and rain will come down. Look both ways when crossing the road, and keep your fingers crossed. If about to marry—don't. You may expect a holiday near the end of December. Little chance of a rise in life if you live in a bungalow. This is an expensive period for those in the later stages of life. A time for changes (is your library book due up?)



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The Weather

The opening of a personal conversation is most frequently the weather, in this country at any rate. Where the weather does not vary for three or four months at a time no doubt some other subject serves the purpose, but with a very variable climate like ours the weather is a constant topic. It is the frequent changes from warm to cold, from sunshine to cloud, from mist to clear visibility, and vice versa, that help to make the English countryside so attractive.

The wettest place in England is in the midst of our most beautiful scenery, viz., the English Lake District. The heaviest rainfall of any inhabited spot is at Seathwaite in upper Borrowdale, not more than three miles from Scafell Pike, the highest mountain in England. Seathwaite has an annual average rainfall of about 135 inches. There is another rain-gauge at Sprinkling Tarn, two miles from Seathwaite and one and a half miles nearer Scafell Pike, where the average annual rainfall is about 122 inches. The average annual rainfall for the British Isles is about 37 inches, and for England and Wales only, 34 inches.

The keeping of a rain-gauge is an interesting hobby and one that is useful for gardeners. It also helps to promote a contented mind, one that is not constantly complaining about the weather. If the weather is fine you rejoice in the sunshine and warmth. If on the other hand the weather is wet you wonder how much rain there will be to measure next morning, and if there is a deluge you wonder whether the record has been broken. So in any case you can be interested and contented.

In the Lake District they say the rain "doesn't dither and dither but comes down a regular posh."

Some knowledge of weather signs is invaluable both to the farmer and to the amateur gardener. Though only a very wise weather prophet can forecast the future there are some general rules which are useful.

The colour of the clouds is a sign that may still be relied upon in these modern days as it was in the time of Christ. A red sunset foretells fine weather and a red sunrise is generally followed by rain or wind or both.

In rainy weather if the sky is tinged with sea-green the rain will increase; and if the sky is tinged with deep blue the day will be showery.

By watching the clouds carefully the weather can be foretold with some degree of certainty. If the clouds grow bigger and increase rapidly much rain may be expected. When the clouds are formed like fleeces of wool, dense in the middle and bright towards the edges, and with a bright sky in between, a frost may be expected with rain, hail or snow.

If clouds form high up in the air, in thin white trains, there will be wind and probably rain.

If the whole sky is covered with cloud and small black fragments of cloud float about underneath, rain, which will probably be lasting, is almost certain. Two currents of cloud moving in different directions always portend rain, and in summer time this will be accompanied by thunder.

If at the end of a fine day the dew lies heavily on the

grass another fine day may be expected. If there is no dew and no wind, rain is sure to follow.

A barometer is, of course, essential for anyone wishing to forecast the weather, as the changes are preceded by an alteration in the atmospheric pressure. There are all sorts of mechanical barometers, self-recording and otherwise. But here is one that is old-fashioned, if not unique.

The essential feature of this is a living leech. Take an eight ounce phial, put in it three gills of water, place a healthy leech in the water and cover the phial with a piece of muslin. The leech re-acts to the condition of the weather in a very remarkable way. If it is going to be fine the leech remains motionless at the bottom of the glass, coiled up in a spiral form. If rain is expected, the leech will creep up to the top of the glass and remain there until the weather is settled again.

If wind is coming the leech will move through the water with amazing speed and will not rest until the wind blows hard. If it stays for some days almost continually out of the water, stormy weather with thunder and rain may be expected. In frosty weather and in clear summer weather the leech lies constantly at the bottom of the glass; and in snowy and rainy weather it keeps close to the mouth of the phial.

The water should be changed once a week in summer time and once a fortnight in winter.

What to do in November

Trees, bushes and the larger herbaceous plants should be put in early this month so as to avoid the possibility of damage from frost.

Manures and other substances for the improvement of the land may be freely applied.

FLOWER GARDEN.—If the ground has been well prepared, now is a good time to plant roses. They delight in a heavy loam and dried clay may be added where the soil is light, so as to make the whole less porous. Plant with care and see that the roots are placed sufficiently deep for the whole of the stock to be covered with soil to a depth of at least three inches. Stake each tree so as to secure it against high winds, and give a good mulching so as to keep out the frost and also retain a greater amount of warmth in the soil.

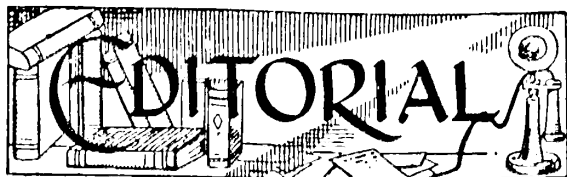
FRUIT GARDEN.—Gooseberries, currants and raspberries should be pruned. In pruning gooseberries reduce all weakly shoots to about one inch in length. The stronger shoots should have only the tips cut off. The branches growing towards the centre of the bush should be removed so that when the fruit comes it may have plenty of light and air.

Red and white currants should receive similar treatment, but black currants do not need to be pruned as the fruit is borne along the whole length of the branch.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Cut off the stems of asparagus and treat the bed to a liberal supply of manure.

Force some roots of seakale by covering them with the large earthenware pots that are specially made for this purpose. The base of the pot should be surrounded with manure or fermenting litter. It is essential that all light should be excluded. From four to six weeks will be required to produce nicely blanched crowns. Plants raised from cuttings are more suitable for providing an early supply than the old plants.

The remains of most vegetable crops can now be cleared away and the vacant ground trenched in preparation for next year's crops. Where the soil is heavy it is specially important to trench early so that the top soil may be thoroughly pulverised by the frost.



I have just seen a member of the Watling Association passing the Centre. He looked at the garden and he looked at the rose-bed. I wondered what he thought. Did he think: "Well, I don't get much out of that?" or "I suppose it's worth fourpence," or "It's a shame the committee doesn't run that place better," or "I wish I was on the committee," or "I wish I could help more there." Did he feel annoyed because the Centre did not provide just exactly everything he wanted, or did he feel proud to think he was helping to run a place and an organization which was of benefit to his fellow residents? Was he one of those who are just members of the Association for what they can get out of it in enjoyment for themselves, or was he one of those who like to feel they are putting in their share of work as well as getting their enjoyment?

There are many ways of looking at the Association and many ways of acting towards it, and now and again it is a good thing to consider our relationship to it and whether our attitude is that which befits a man or a woman. There is no reason why anyone who is prepared to pull his or her weight should not get his or her full share in running the show, and the success of the Association does in fact depend upon its being a democratic and self-governing organization into which many people put much voluntary work. As it is democratic not everyone, of course, can always have things go just as they want all the time. There must be some give and take and all are open to have their actions and opinions commented upon by others. Comments are of various kinds, sometimes not as friendly as they might be, but we have to learn to accept these with the best grace we may and part of our work for the Association is to rub along as best we can with those who may not have put their criticism in just the most kindly way. People often don't mean quite all that one might read into their words and so other people get unnecessarily upset by what is said. Indeed the person who can say just exactly what they want to express, neither more nor less, and convey exactly the right impression to a group of other people, is comparatively rare. It requires great skill not only in the use of words, but in the use of voice and even attitude of body. So in working for the Association and for ourselves through the Association we have to remember to be charitable to others, and to put the best possible construction on their words and deeds even if they do not on seem to return the same attitude to us. If we cannot get together on the Watling Estate how can we expect peace in Europe?

Mr. Lake

We are all very sorry to know the Editor has been so unwell, but are glad to know that he seems to be making satisfactory, though slow, progress, and hope that it will not be long before he is actively back amongst us. The sympathy of all is extended both to him and to Mrs. Lake.

Letters to the Editor

HILTON'S HILARITY

85 Goldbeaters Grove

Dear Editor.—By the time this edition is being read I shall be in the middle of collections for another theatre outing. I started on October 3 and full payment of 6/6 must be completed by November 14, when tickets will be issued to the party. There will be at least four 32-seater charas, to leave the Centre at 8.0 p.m. sharp on Thursday, November 19. Owing to higher prices being charged at the Palladium, we are having a change, and are going to the Victoria Palace, where, I believe, they have the reputation of always having a good show. Anyhow, I have reserved 150 upper circle seats. After the performance we shall, as usual, drive to the Piccadilly Corner House for supper. Then, having satisfied our appetite for food and enjoyment, charas pick us up and bring us back to the wide open spaces. As I shall be very busy that night I shall have no time for signing autographs.

Should any more people wish to join our party on reading this, they must let me know immediately, as a further reservation may not be possible. JACK HILTON

A CORRECTION

81 Park Road, Hendon, N.W.4
13th October, 1936

Dear Sir.—In the October issue of the *Watling Resident* it was stated in the Club Notes, under the heading of the Northern Cycling Club: "first was Miss M. Scrivener, the record holder, who covered 204 miles in the Rosslyn Ladies 12 hour event."

Whilst not wishing to demerit her splendid ride in any way it should be pointed out that:—

1. The official distance covered was 193 miles 148 yards and not 204 miles.
2. Miss M. Scrivener is the Northern Cycling Club's Ladies 12 hour record holder and not the record holder so far as the event is concerned.
3. She was placed ninth and not first, as was stated by the person writing the Club Notes mentioned above.

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Cycling Roundabout

By "CYCLUX"

Hearing that Fred Lake, your worthy Editor, was on the sick list, I couldn't help but call on him. A few days later the Organizing Secretary sends me a polite P.C. stating Mr. Lake told him I had a cycling article nearly finished, and could he have it by the 13th. Well, here it is!

The point is, though, that this is not the one referred to. That one is all about a 1200 mile cycling tour "Cassie" and I did in Scotland this year. You shall hear all about it later.

In the meantime...

The Wembley Six Day Cycle Race

Did you go? If you didn't it's a great pity. You missed a thrilling spectacle, and if you appreciate sheer human effort and athletic speed and stamina at probably its highest level then you also missed something that would have commanded your appreciation.

Of course the newspapers had to photograph the "off stages" of it and some of them offered unfriendly and uncalled for sarcastic comment.

Round bankings at 40 miles an hour, nearly 2,000 miles by two riders as a team in six days and nights, with the winners only one lap (176 yards) ahead of the next best. Sounds good, doesn't it? It was!

Don't Stop Your Cycling

Winter may be drawing near, but my advice is—just keep riding. If you're buying gloves—don't. Mitts (with the four fingers all together) for warmth are better and must not fit too tightly.

If your waterproofs aren't so good try an application of ordinary floor and furniture polish, such as Ronuk or Mansion. Rub it well into the seams and shoulders. Sounds very simple, but from my own experience I can say it works.

If you fix your bell on the end of your handlebars you will find your cape won't muffle the sound of it, as happens in other positions.

Read About Cycling Regularly

You must keep in touch with all phases of the great game of cycling to gain the utmost enjoyment out of it.

Until quite recently the only publication for self-propelled wheelfolk was just *Cycling*, published every Wednesday morning. There now is *The Cyclist*, published on the same day, and lo! on Tuesday morning *The Bicycle* appears and is very popular too.

Of course, cyclists are still blamed for every conceivable road problem, but now we have three weekly periodicals to reply to those spiteful people who keep levelling rearlights, an annual tax, cycle-paths, single file, etc. at our heads.

Why Bicycles Should Not be Taxed

Motoring correspondents are everlastingly blurring "that cyclists should be made to pay an annual tax." Many times in several papers I have explained why not. How does this view on the matter suit you?

Exemption from income tax is rightly allowed for those whose income is small.

Similarly road-wear tax is not imposed upon those whose road-wearing capabilities are small.

Motorists, after all, only contribute towards the damage

they cause to the road, for does not the crippled or bed-ridden ratepayer pay his share towards the highway rate?

Cycling Lectures at Watling Centre

I feel sure that a good many of our cycling readers will be glad to hear that there is a great possibility of "Petronella" (Mrs. Evelyn Parkes) coming to the Watling Centre in the early spring. An interesting and very entertaining lecture is assured.

The weekly journal, *The Bicycle*, also have a film depicting incidents in the recent Wembley Six Day Race. Mr. Harris, we want to see this at the Centre too.

Further news will no doubt appear in the *Resident* as soon as we have it.

A Few Words about Bonnie Scotland

The weather clerk during the first week of our seventeen days was rather unkind to us. We reached John-o'-Groats with flapping capes wet inside and out, but we found the comforts of a peat fire within a stone's throw of the "end." Two dear old ladies dried our wet clothes whilst we well and truly "tucked-in" to some wholesome Scotch fare.

Very few inns in Scotland. Beer is *not*, of course, the national drink. Silver teapots were very popular; chrome and aluminium at even the lesser places. Very few places to stay the night, especially in the far North. Once I enquired some thirteen times along Loch Lomond and then only just got in ahead of some others!

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Cycle touring is, of course, my hobby, pastime and recreation. It gives to me the enjoyments and delights of a pleasant countryside for so little asking. The care-free cheapness of my cycling holidays quite definitely appeals to me.

I am a motorist for business purposes on six days nearly every week, but that doesn't matter. Business and pleasure never did mix.

Reader, if you have a cycle, no matter what sort, keep using it, for even by coaxing along gently this frail two-wheeled instrument of travel you can still enjoy the pleasant lanes around Shenley and Elstree within an hour of leaving your Watling home.

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NERVOUS DOGS

The Firework Season

By PHILOKUON

At any time now, small boys, in anticipation of a famous anniversary, will be adding their contribution to the noises of an already noisy world. They do not wait until the Fifth of November, and get it all over at once with an orgy of explosions, but extend the celebration over several weeks. They are entitled to have their fun, and it is all for the good of trade, but there is no doubt that many dogs suffer acutely while it lasts. As far as we can we should try to make things easy for them, and the only way to do that is to keep them indoors while fireworks are being let off.

Many dogs are perfectly indifferent to fireworks, thunderstorms, or any unexpected noises, but others are reduced to a state of abject terror. Petting and soothing seem to have no effect, and I regret to say that I know no means of alleviating their timidity. Medicine is of no use, for the condition that makes a dog susceptible to explosive sounds has no association with what we call canine hysteria. I can remember some of the boldest retrievers bolting when a gun was fired. My own dog is blessed with a fearless temperament in the ordinary way, but is a pitiable object during a thunderstorm, or when fireworks are going off.

For the next week or two we shall give him his exercise before the boys get to work, not taking him out for his final run until they have gone to bed.

It would be unkind to expose him to the din, if a little consideration will prevent his nerves being upset. Thunderstorms are another matter, for inside or out, the reverberations are terrifying. Any efforts to persuade him that it is all right are unavailing. He is scarcely aware of our presence, so we simply leave him to do what he pleases. As a rule he takes cover under a bed, where he remains until the noise has ceased.

Curiously enough, noises seem to have a variety of qualities to his ears. One day recently a motor-tyre burst close to us without disturbing his equanimity, yet a fog signal sent him scampering for refuge. In North Wales we happened to be close to some stone quarries when blasting operations began. Instead of being scared, as we had expected, the dog took scarcely any notice. An Irish setter belonging to a friend is a bundle of nerves, and a prey to hysteria, but thunder and fireworks fail to upset her. She is altogether indifferent.

I have heard of dogs being disturbed by loud-speakers, but my own take no notice of strange voices that are projected into the room. The first time we installed the wireless made me interested in watching the behaviour of the dogs. They never so much as cocked an ear, or

(continued at foot of next column)

W.A. Council

At a meeting held October 1, the following matters were dealt with amongst others.

Day Nursery.—Reported that the Medical Officer of Health has been instructed by the Borough Council to investigate the need for a Day Nursery on the Watling Estate. Agreed to offer the assistance of the Association.

Watling Week, 1937.—The same Organizer and Committee as for the week this year were appointed.

November Meeting.—Not to be held on November 26, but on December 3.

Anniversary Celebrations.—The Executive reported having entrusted these to the tender mercies of the Crazy Gang. What!

School Meals.—Agreed to ask the Borough Education Committee to supply free school meals for children from families on the U.A.B.

London Federation of Boys' Clubs.—Agreed to apply to affiliate our boys' work.

Bazaar.—The Executive reported having asked Mrs. Roblou to arrange this for December 12. (Book the date and produce the goods, please). Date now changed to December 5.

Ways to KILL an Association

Don't come to the meetings, but, if you do, come late.

If the weather doesn't suit you don't think of coming.

If you do attend a meeting find fault with the work of the officers and other members.

Never accept an office as it is easier to criticise than to do things. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but, if you are, do not attend committee meetings.

If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter tell him you have nothing to say.

After the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done.

Do nothing more than is necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the association is run by a clique. If you receive service without joining don't think of joining.

Keep your eye open for something wrong and when you find it resign. At every opportunity resign and then get all your friends to resign.

When you attend a meeting vote to do something and then go home and do the opposite.

Agree to everything said at the meeting and disagree with it outside.

When asked for information don't give it.

When everything else fails cuss the secretary.

gave a sign that anything unusual was happening. They must have heard, of course, and the only inference I can draw was that the sound did not suggest reality to them. If they had heard real voices, there would have been a hullabaloo at once.



If any members of the family have been suffering from chilblains during these first cold autumn days, here is a cure which worked well and speedily for one member of our family so afflicted during the first cold spell last year: apply to the chilblain a drop of castor oil and a drop of iodine and rub in thoroughly night and morning until it disappears.

I was much interested in these health suggestions from a State registered nurse and pass them on to you:—

"A very late summer such as we have had means a lowered resistance to illness during the coming winter. Extra attention to natural health-giving matters is, therefore, very important. All advantage must be taken of the remaining sunny days. Sun and air and light baths should be continued as long as possible, a balcony or sheltered room being used with a wide open window for this, if winds are keen.

Less sunshine means less natural vitamin D, since this vitamin is produced by the action of the sun's rays on the skin. Clothing should, therefore, be as light as possible, and throughout winter remain as light as is compatible with warmth. Too much clothing, and non-porous shrunken or thickened material are unhealthy, hindering the skin at its work of 'breathing,' and preventing light and air from reaching the body. So let the children wear their summer clothes as long as possible, using a light-weight coat or cardigan for cool days, rather than hurrying into thicker clothes.

Warmth below the waist is more important than a muffled throat. Hats and mufflers should be taboo, but leggings will be required for protection from cold winds.

An increase of the protective foods will be necessary, such as fruit and vegetable, particularly oranges, carrots, tomatoes, and dairy produce, especially eggs, butter and milk."

For all-round popularity and usefulness I think my family likes Golden Spice Cake best of all the cakes I make. It's my lucky cake, too. One day I had two American guests to tea for the first time and when I cut the cake the lady said, "Spice cake is the only kind of cake my husband likes." Here is the recipe: 2 cups sifted flour, 2 to 4 teaspoons baking powder (according to kind), $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon gr. cloves, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon nutmeg grated, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon mace, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon allspice, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. fat, $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups brown sugar (pieces), 1 egg beaten light, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk and water mixed, broken kernels of 6 walnuts. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt and spices and sift three times. Cream fat, add sugar gradually and blend thoroughly. Add egg, then flour and milk alternately, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Pour batter into tin or tins which have been greased and floured. Sprinkle floured nuts over the batter and bake in a moderate oven until cake leaves the sides of the pan and a knitting needle can be inserted without any batter adhering. Cover with frosting or not as desired.

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Hadrian's Wall

My friend said we must go and visit the Roman Wall; it was most romantic and historic country besides having the great additional point in its favour that nobody else ever went there. At first I did not believe her that there was a Roman Wall, but in the end collected various bits of evidence that went to prove that it still existed, and in a fairly good state of repair.

So one breezy Sunday morning in mid August saw us toiling up a steep hill, rucksacks on back, looking back every few steps at the wonderful panorama of distant Pennine Hills to the south. Up and up we went till there were no houses left but a few scattered farmsteads amid desolate moorland country covered here and there with great slabs of rock. We had no place to sleep, but were out to explore. At last the country showed a curiously formed cliff, dropping very steeply to the north, but it was an inland cliff, as, of course, we were very far from the sea coast, and were heading due north about half-way between Newcastle and Carlisle. Along this cliff the cunning old Romans had built their wall, making an impregnable fortress across the breast of England to keep out the Picts and Scots. How could any Pict or Scot attack an unscalable wall of natural rock fortified at the top by slabs of stone fifteen feet high and four feet broad, as built by the Romans. But how much remained?

At first I was disappointed, for it looked much like the ruins of any other wall, but on closer inspection, and on reading from our notes, we found the blocks of stone were quite different in character from any other around, being smooth and square and slightly concave. And in some places the wall was still too high to climb, though when we did climb it, we found its four feet breadth grown over and smoothed down by the turf and the harebells, a thrilling pathway to follow. Up and down it went, here and there breaking away to make place for a solitary farm or a river in the valley, and then stretched away again in the distance as far as the eye could see keeping to the line of the cliff far over to the east. We called at a farm and a little wayside inn, and finally got beds at a tiny cottage, situated half-way up the cliff between the Wall and the road and hidden by an immense sycamore tree. The inn sent us to the cottage and the cottage door was opened by an old, old woman. "She must be at least 100," I whispered to J., while she went away to see if her bed was aired.

Perhaps, we thought, it is a place like the travellers found in J. B. Priestly's *Benighted*, and we shuddered at the thought. Her eyes were red and I have never seen a face more deeply lined. But she begged us to stay, because she was so lonely and never saw anybody, and there was a kindly old twinkle in her eye when she smiled which finally settled us. Later on we found her field—which we were bound to cross before starting off on any expedition—contained A LIVE BULL. She explained that the bull belonged to the local farmer, who, according to her description sounded to be a demon of the worst kind, and kept the bull in the field on purpose

to annoy. Everyone seemed terrified of the bull, but I must say he seemed strangely passionless and always completely absorbed with his grass eating, and once I even passed him in the dark—unharmd. Moreover, the farmer of evil repute once met me out and took me for a ride in his car all round the countryside to see his dogs round up the sheep. So one can't always go by what people say.

Not far from where we were lay the old Roman Marching Camp, Borcovicus. Here one sees the remains of a real Roman village, some of the foundations still intact, including pieces of the Roman Bath. Near to this was a Roman Road, marked at intervals with gigantic Roman milestones, much taller than a man. Did these mark the mileage to London or to Rome? So one's imagination works as one pictures the war-like old Romans with their clever devices, on the ground one treads today, in the times long ago.

Competition

Next month there will be another painting competition. Children under 14 may send in as many entries as they like, provided they buy that number of copies of the *Resident*. Be sure you get next month's issue.

"Woodcroft Infants'" Harvest Thanksgiving

On Friday, September 25, the children of Woodcroft Infants' School very finely exemplified that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," when they held their Harvest Thanksgiving.

Every child brought a gift, and the hall looked very beautiful piled high with flowers, fruit, vegetables, pots of jams, tins of fruit, and dried goods, etc. Round the window-sills was the birds' harvest—hips, haws and berries, nor were the squirrels forgotten with acorns and nuts.

One marrow was the envy of all the other marrows, for it had grown the name of the school, "Woodcroft Infants," on it.

The whole school assembled in the hall and sung suitable harvest hymns and songs, after which they were addressed by Rev. A. Gilbert Adams, of the Berger Hall Central Church and Medical Mission, Bow, an old friend of Miss Bydawell, the headmistress.

Mr. Adams held all the children deeply interested while he told them something of the lives of the little children under his care, of the sickness and poverty among them, and of the drab, dull surroundings in which they live.

So touched were the children by hearing about these children less favourably situated than themselves that they willingly gave of their own accord "sweet" half-pennies and pennies (240d.) towards one special case of a little girl about whom they had heard.

After the service the gifts were sent to the local hospitals, and to the sick and poor of Berger Hall.

Miss Bydawell would like to take this opportunity through the press to publicly thank all parents for their generous gifts, and also to the staff of the school who voluntarily gave up so much of their free time on Thursday evening to decorate the hall, and their well-earned rest on Friday evening to carry heavy loads of fruits and flowers the long journey to Bow. Teachers and children alike shared the joy of giving.

CLUB NOTES

Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers

Edgware Branch, No. 1

The above Branch has commenced the Winter Series of Lectures, which we hold at WESLEY HALL, WATLING AVENUE, BURNT OAK on alternate Monday evenings after the conclusion of Branch business (8.45 p.m.)

The November Lectures are as follows:—

Monday, Nov. 2	} THREE LECTURES ON WORKING CLASS HISTORY (1880-1936) by Mr. PAT DOOLEY (Marx Memorial School)
" " 16	
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An invitation is extended to any local residents to attend.

FRED J. TAYLOR,
Lecture Secretary.

Northern Cycling Club

By the time this appears before you the racing season will be closed and our first social event, a dance at the White Lion, Edgware, will be over. Our Winter Programme is a well-planned affair; it includes several football matches, concerts and suppers. The first supper and concert will be held at the White Lion, Edgware, on November 14, then the following Saturday our first football match takes place, when we meet the Queen's Park C.C. at Gustard Wood, Wheathampstead. The next event is a dance on December 12, which is also at the White Lion. On December 23 a bottle party is arranged to take place at our club room at Featherstone Farm, Bunn's Lane, and last, but not least, is our annual dinner and dance. All of these social affairs are in the hands of our hard-working and capable Social Sec., T. Cox.

Club runs have been well supported of late and it is with pride that I say that our runs are best supported of any club in this district—our average shows that. On one run alone 32 members left Mill Hill. That was October 4, this run being given the title of "The Mystery Run." No one but the leaders knew where the lunch place was until we arrived. This run was promoted, mapped out and led by A. Pope and L. Hinton.

Well, folks, till next month, "Cheerio!"

"BURLINGTON BERTIE"

Clarion Cycling Club

The Hendon section of the National Clarion Cycling Club calling all cyclists!

This section is only young, having been running for about five months, during which period we have increased considerably in membership.

We have not as yet started racing, but are getting prepared to try our luck next season. So, to other local racing clubs and clubmen, we'll be seeing you! Also, to the lady speedsters—it may interest you to know we've got some real tough girls, who are also looking forward to the next racing season, and do we poor fellows know it?

Although we have lacked in racing we have made up for it with our runs: touring, camping and social side.

During the past (ahem!) summer, despite the unkind weather, we have had some extremely enjoyable runs

and novel experiences. There has been a good attendance of members on all runs, rain, hail or sunshine.

One of our earliest experiences took the form of a flood after a thunderstorm and cloudburst, at Sandridge, near St. Albans, early in June. Water rose to the height of four feet, and we had to wait about two hours for it to subside. Don't let that frighten anyone, however, for, although damp in person, it certainly did not affect our spirits. Still, it did christen our new section.

Since then we have had some really glorious and interesting runs in the surrounding counties, led by our able captain, Mr. Chris. Smith.

Nearly all our members went on holidays by cycle to all points of the compass, thousands of miles being traversed altogether. Two successful camps were held during August: one in Bucks, a trifle damp from point of view of weather; and one in Gloucestershire, not far from the Severn, and oh, boys! you should see the photos!

Our runs for November are as follows:—

November 1.	Great Dunmow.
" 8.	Knebworth.
" 15.	Leighton Buzzard.
" 22.	Bishops Stortford.
" 29.	West Wycombe.

You will notice these are all fairly short, to allow for bad weather and shortage of daylight.

The old slogan of "safety in numbers" still holds good in regard to cyclists on the roads of today, so, to the unattached—try joining a club. One of the big advantages of the Clarion is the Insurance, which also covers members whilst riding to and from work. Many other facilities are also available to our members which are not obtainable in many other clubs.

Anyone, of either sex, interested in our activities should meet us any Sunday at 9.0 a.m. at the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, or write to our Secretary, Mr. W. Richardson, 43 Haverford Way, Edgware.

The Clarion wish to thank the *Watling Resident* for their kindness in publishing this report.

To all other cycling clubs in the district we say Good Luck, for you are doing your bit in uniting cyclists and getting the most out of the best game in the world. Cheerio!

VIC. BOTTERILL,

Publicity Secretary.

Boxing

CORRECTION.—October *Resident*, par. 5, page 14, should read *Honorary* members wanted, not "new" members. Oh, yes! We still want members and lots of 'em. We offer you a good club room, punch-balls, gloves and good trainers and instructors, and, above all, a good chance to keep fit. If you think we are charging too much for the season let us know; don't stay away. We are not thought readers. After all, you were asked to attend the annual general meeting, when the Club's subscriptions were fixed.

I am pleased to inform you that through the efforts of our chairman (Mr. Lodge) Mr. Nosworthy, junr., of the Green Man, Mill Hill, has consented to be a Vice-President of the Club.

A letter of thanks has been sent to Mr. Ford, of Mill Hill, for the good set of boxing gloves he gave the Club. Just what we wanted for the juniors.

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lined up this season, I should be very pleased to see you on any Tuesday or Thursday at the Centre, and if you have a grievance I should be pleased to hear it, and, if it is at all possible, put it right.
L.K.

Sunshine Blind Babies' Home Whist Drive

A successful whist drive was run in aid of this Home at Barnfield Road Scouts Hut, which was kindly let by the Mohican Scouts. A basket of fruit, which was presented by J. Wilson, was raffled with excellent results. Mrs. Fry won the raffle. Twenty-three other prizes were given, presented by friends and local tradesmen.

1st prize. Voucher. Won by Mr. Hammett.
2nd " " Won by Mrs. Butt.
3rd " Pair Scales. Won by Mrs. Hogan.
1st Half Case Teaspoons. Won by Mrs. Dewell.
2nd " Tablecloth. Won by Mrs. Cusick.
Mrs. Crowe officiated as M.C., thanking all friends who helped to make it an enjoyable afternoon.
The proceeds were £4-16-6.

Watling Athletic Football Club

Although forced by injuries to make several changes in both teams the Watling Athletic F.C. can be congratulated upon for making a fine start to the present football season.

Outstanding results at time of going to press are:—

FIRST ELEVEN

Sep. 26	Home	Beat	Hendon Labour (H'd'n Cup)	8-2
Oct. 3	Away	Beat	Hampstead Garden Suburb	3-0
10	Home	Drew	Wm. Moss & Sons	4-4
17	Away	Beat	West Hampstead	2-1

SECOND ELEVEN

Sep. 26	Away	Beat	Hosas F.C.	5-0
Oct. 3	Home	Drew	Hendon Labour Res.	1-1
10	Away	Beat	Penythians S.C.	3-2
17	Home	Beat	Park Villa F.C.	2-0

It has been very gratifying to see the crowds gathering at Montrose Avenue and we hope they will continue to favour us with their presence.
TOUCHLINE

Burnt Oak Men's Adult School

The programme of this school is worked out by members themselves, so anyone who joins can take his share in making suggestions and can be sure of getting discussion on, at any rate, some of the subjects in which he is interested. More members would be welcomed so that we can get more variety of points of view, and so get even more interesting evenings than we already have.

It is often hard to drag oneself away from a warm fire-side at 6.15 on a winter evening, but those who come to the Men's Adult School will agree that it is worth it. Our discussions of important subjects in a friendly atmosphere where no one need fear saying just what he thinks, bring a new interest into life. They do at least stimulate thought. We share each others experiences and obtain a wider outlook and a breath of vision which help to ripen our judgment and create true standards.

The difference between an educated man and an uneducated man is, says Mr. J. L. Hammond—

"... the difference between a man who is capable of taking an intelligent interest in some aspect of life or art, and the man who is capable only of noticing its sensational phenomena. One man can lose himself in reflection, the other only in excitement... One man can respond to the stimulus of ideas, associations or the beauty of perfect art; the other only to immediate, crude and astonishing effects."

This statement is a direct challenge to ourselves. There must be many hundreds on the Watling Estate who take an intelligent interest in life, in men and affairs, and the problems that beset man. The Burnt Oak Men's Adult School gives them an opportunity to contribute to the common weal. Won't they come along and support us?

Watling Centre, Sunday evenings, 6.30.

PROGRAMME

Nov. 1 "The Service of Law" E. SEWELL HARRIS
AIM OF THE TALK.—To examine our attitude towards law, and to see how law serves the community.

Nov. 8 "Heroes" W. E. WINFIELD

Nov. 15 "The Spirit of a Man that is within him" C. E. CARRINGTON

AIM OF THE TALK.—To see why every man is of infinite importance.

Nov. 22 "The Dynamics of a New Idea" EDMUND JONES

AIM OF THE TALK.—To see how a new idea compels to action.

Nov. 29 "Social Groups" S. B. GOODE

AIM OF THE TALK.—To consider the part played in the formation of character by association with others in social societies.

Veterans Club

During the past few months the membership of the Club has shown a steady increase. We started with about 36 members on the register; today we have 53, and on taking a survey of attendances since the beginning, we find that not only have they been very regular, but only about three have dropped out. There is no doubt that the old folks really do look forward to their Wednesday afternoons. To some it is the one bright spot of the week and all are proud to be members of the Veterans Club. We hope in the near future to be able to present them with suitable badges to wear. We believe there are still a number of folk living on the Estate who are over 65 years of age but are not members, and we offer them a cordial welcome to the Club. We meet at 4.30 p.m. every Wednesday afternoon.

Thanks are extended to the following ladies, who have provided the refreshments throughout the month:—

Mesdames Cooper, Connor, Manly, Cole, Richardson, Sewell Harris, Inskipp, Myall, R. Mills, Hogan, Lord, Littler, Dongworth, Yewin, Goalen, Frewer, Whitehead, Tadman, Fanthorpe, Roblou, Williams, Hilton, Luffman, Squibb, Townsend, Brixie, B. Mills, Nyberg.

E. COLE

North Western Road Club

Last month we closed our notes with the Club Championship still being wheeled out. It resulted as follows: 1, H. Orme; 2, F. Steggall; 3, C. Robinson. They all averaged over 20 m.p.h. over 25, 50 and 100 miles. The odd three places of decimals are still in the hands of the Racing Sec., but this is and will be the order.

Harry Orme, a pleasant rider of somewhat gentle habits, broke the Club 50 records in his efforts, with a 2 hrs. 22 min. 3 secs. They tried to kid him he'd done a 2-12-0, but he preferred to cover all the course instead!

Two tandems started in the Norwood Grove Tandem 30 and came back manned by four lumps of chilled beef. Aforesaid four "bokes" reported "thawed out" by closing time the next day.

Turning towards more interesting and universal topics, how did you like our first club dance? We were pleased to see and drink the health of our several Watling friends and we hope to do so again on Saturday, November 21: another N.W.R.C. Dance, at the White Lion, Edgware. Tickets 1/6. Get them from members, Pegley's in Watling Avenue, or wherever you see our posters. Above all, please come early. We don't want to shut you out, but we can't overcrowd the place.

In order to tune *ourselves* up for the social round we have our own little Supper on Thursday, November 5. Sorry we can't invite you to watch the feast, etc., but we hope to have Dick Lodge and some of the W.A. people along soon after that date for darts, table tennis, ludo and blind man's buff.

Len Bickett should, of course, be complimented on his taking ways—no doubt you met him at our first dance.

People keep asking me if Nobby uses the boot-brush on his sideboards and where Percy got his "small" overcoat from?

Anyway now that the racing season is over, peace and quietness reigns, and John S., having little or nothing to do, except buy the medals, is creeping quietly away to have a really close shave. Best of the month—"That's your fault!" "GREENUN."

Women's Adult School

The last few weeks have shown a good increase in our attendance; this has been justified by the very interesting talks we have had. Firstly, Mrs. Williams, who gave a moving address on "Isolated Lives," dealing with the difficulties of the deaf. The speaker, who is afflicted herself, impressed the School very much. She maintained the State did very little for the problem.

The next talk came from our own Mrs. Lord, who reviewed Mrs. C. Chesterton's famous book on her adventures among destitute and homeless women. This talk made us realize the scandalous position of a national charge, left to charitable people to solve and provide shelter for such a pitiful section of our people.

Finally, the President of the London Union, Mr. Fullwood, gave a very instructive lecture, "The Aims of Education," containing hints most helpful for the development of self-expression and also points on health, deep breathing exercises, etc.

This month's business meeting was notable for the almost unanimous agreement of the School to affiliate to

the Hendon Peace Council. Our President, Mrs. Heaf, and several members are to attend the next meeting to hear delegates report on the World Peace Congress which was held at Brussels.

Tuesday Night Dances at the Centre

It is very pleasant to see the young folks enjoying themselves at the Tuesday Night Dances. One wonders what can be done next for this dance as at present they are having a grand time, streamers and spot prizes, and only 4d. admission. But there is still more room in the hall for other people to come along and to make it still better. The Social Secretary of the Association, Mr. C. Deacon, is acting as M.C., so come along and show him you appreciate these dances.

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Random Jottings

Christmas Bazaar

This date must be booked: December 5. A real American will demonstrate the popping of corn and the delectable proceeds will be on sale, fresh from the popper. Your Christmas Crackers, Toys, Sweets, etc. The Mayoress will open it. See special advert.

Other Seasonal Events

See Social Committee notice for information re special Whist Drives and Social and don't miss the middle pages which tell you about the Anniversary Celebrations.

Jumble Rummage

Whichever you call it, the W.A. is getting ready for another Sale. So when you are clearing out at Christmas remember the Building Fund. If father gives you a new coat send the old one to the Centre, or ask the Secretary to have it collected. If he is getting a new suit let the Association have his old one. It will help someone else and the Building Fund.

John Keble Church

The Mayor of Hendon reports that he proposes officially to attend the Consecration of the new John Keble Church by the Bishop of London on Saturday, December 12, at 3.0 p.m.

Coin and Bottle Trick

Get an ordinary bottle with a fairly wide mouth, just big enough to let, say, a sixpence fall through the neck easily. Bend a match without actually breaking through the fibres into a V shape, so that when resting across the neck of the bottle it will support the sixpence. Then challenge anyone to get the coin into the bottle without touching either bottle, match or coin. This looks impossible, but is really very easy. A few drops of water allowed to fall on the joint of the V of the match will cause the fibres to swell, the match will straighten and the coin fall into the bottle.

Embrocation for Rheumatism

Beat up one egg, add 1 teacupful each of olive oil, turpentine and vinegar. Shake all together and keep in bottle ready for use.

The Rattling Door

To silence a rattling door procure a medicine bottle cork and slice off a circle about one-sixth of an inch in thickness, and with two small-headed tacks nail it on to the doorpost half way between the catch and the top. This will prevent noise even in a high wind.

An alternative method is to hem a three-inch-wide strip of felt of double or treble thickness, to reach almost from one handle round to the other, and run a line of machining right round the edge. Sew a loop of elastic at each end, so as to connect the strip to the door knobs. When the felt is placed in position a prima donna could fling the door to with all the force of a passionate temperament and no one would be any the wiser!

Cooking Smells

You can get rid of all cooking smells by burning a handful of dried lavender in a kitchen shovel and carrying it, whilst still smouldering, round your house or flat.

A Remedy for Piles

Buy some good isinglass from the chemist. Take just as much as will go on sixpence three times a day after food.

Husband (home early): "Ah! there's no place like home."

Wife: "What's happened at the club, darling?"

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"Wouldn't you be surprised if I gave you a cheque for your birthday, Henry?"

"I certainly would, dear."

"Well, here it is, already made out, ready for you to sign."

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Man: "A cup of coffee without milk, please."

Waitress: "I'm sorry, sir. I'm afraid we haven't got any milk."

Man: "Have you any cream, then?"

Waitress: "Yes, we have that."

Man: "Well then, I'll have it without that."

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A correspondent to a weekly paper said that wherever he is he always makes a point of having a boiled shirt for dinner. Our own preference is a cut off the joint and two veg.

H.S.A.

The W.A. has been asked if an H.S.A. group could be started at the Centre. This depends very largely on whether a reliable person can be found to act as secretary. A volunteer would be welcomed by the Secretary, Watling Centre.

Amateur Variety

The popularity of local talent competitions was demonstrated when over 400 applications were received by the 'Organ-izer at the Regent Cinema. The job of sorting them out was not one to be run after, according to Stanley Hemery, the organist, to whom we extend our heartiest thanks for securing for our representative an invitation to witness the finals on Saturday night. The house was full and a more critical crowd of judges it would be difficult to find.

Judging was by popular vote and so close was the competition that our hands were very tender when we finished voting. The first prize winners, the Three Martins (gymnasts), were perhaps the most spectacular, but my vote went to Master John Holmes, of Constable Gardens, a vocalist whom I hope to persuade to give us a turn at the Watling Centre some time. Although he only secured the third prize I hope he will not be discouraged. His was an individual effort and I, for one, hope to hear him again. The second prize winner was F. Lewis, vocalist and impersonations. J.H.

*Organ-izer was the Organist, I believe.

From the N.E.C.C. Bulletin, No. 3

Carlisle City Council has asked its officials to make a report on the establishment of Community Centres in three districts of the city. Slough Urban District Council has built a Community Centre on its Manor Park Estate. This was officially opened October 14.

Wythenshawe Residents' Association organized a visit to a Manchester theatre and about 250 members went.

Currock House is decorated with a number of original paintings lent by the Chairman of the Community Association.

Eltham Community Association has recently taken over a new sports ground and pavilion and is co-operating with a local Evening Institute for its educational work.

A "Toy Loan Library" run for toyless children on the lines of a lending library has been started in Los Angeles. The idea is spreading and the promoters hope to have fifty in swing this winter. Room is being found for them in city playgrounds and Community Centres.

**JOIN THE WATLING
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Whist

I wonder how many members of the Association who play whist do not care to come along to the drives owing to the fact that they are nervous of being told off. I should like to reassure such members that on Wednesday the drive is a social one and is for the enjoyment of all. So I sincerely hope that as many members as possible will come along on Wednesday evenings and support the whist drives.

We give good prizes and the price of admission is 6d. *Don't Forget!—Every Wednesday evening at 8.15 sharp.*

C. D., Social Sec.

A Grand Christmas Whist Drive

Will be held on Wednesday, December 16, at 8.15 p.m. Admission will be 1/-. M.C.: Mr. Frank Williams. We want a full house, so roll up and bring your friends.

A TURKEY DRIVE will be held the following Monday, December 21. The price of admission will be announced at the Monday night Drives in December.

It will please all members to know that Mrs. Nyberg will M.C. our NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCIAL from 8.0 p.m. to 12.0 p.m., Thursday, December 31. Admission 6d.

C.D., Social Secretary.

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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, 6.30 p.m.
Mondays — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 W.E.A. Psychology Class, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at
 26 Homefield Road.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Tuesdays — Millinery Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 5.15 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 6.30 p.m.
 Girl School Leavers, Woodcroft School,
 7.30 p.m.
 Physical Training for Girls over 17, Wood-
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Wed' days — Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 2. "Cakes and their Making,"
 Members of the Guild
 9. "Current Events,"
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris
 16. "Social Reform and the Child,"
 Miss Margery Briggs
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 Veterans Club, 4.30 p.m.
 2. Miss Marjorie Briggs
 9. Sister Annie Gilbert
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Thur' days — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 English Class, 4.30 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 8.0 p.m.
Fridays — Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
Saturdays — Members' Socials, 8.0 p.m. (except Nov. 28)

Other Events

- Thursday* 3 — Rose Society, 8.0 p.m.
 Joint Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
Saturday 5 — Christmas Bazaar, opened by the
 Mayoress, 2.30 p.m.
Sunday 6 — Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
 "Creative Peace," Mr. M.L. Rountree
Thursday 10 — Public Lantern Lecture in co-operation
 with W.H. & A.S. 8.30 p.m. "Sweet
 Peas," Mr. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.
 W.H. & A.S.

- Sunday* 13 — Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m.
 "Christmas on the Continent,"
 Miss Clement Brown
Sunday 20 — Public Lecture in co-operation with
 Edgware Fellowship.
 "New Trends in Socialist Literature,"
 Mr. A. L. Lloyd, M.A.
 Christmas Music, 8.0 p.m., at 13 Gunter
 Grove
Friday 25 — The Centre is closed
Saturday 26 — The Centre is closed till 7.0 p.m.

FROM THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

A Letter to Members

Watling Centre,
 Orange Hill Road. 21/11/36.

Dear Member,

May I, on behalf of the Council of the Association and on my own behalf, wish you a Happy Christmas. This may seem a little early for the wish, but there will not be another issue of the *Resident* before Christmas. Nor will there be another issue before the New Year as the last Friday in December is Christmas Day and we do not want to publish on Christmas Day. So may I also wish you a prosperous, or happy, or whatever else you most wish, New Year.

I expect the next issue of the *Resident* will come out on New Year's Day, so that will be time enough to reflect on what the future may bring for the Watling Association and the Community Association Movement as a whole, in which it has been one of the pioneers. Probably not many members realise how much the work put in by the Council and the other workers for the Association is affecting other new estates. I see it in the office, because of enquiries about our work. This week I have had two visits; one from a lady who is going to live on a new estate at Brighton and one from the Vicar of Corby, where Stewart & Lloyds, the big tube manufacturers, are enlarging their new factory and building some 2,000 houses. What we do is of interest to people like this so that they may avoid our mistakes and learn from our successes.

A number of Watling people are, I believe, going to the new L.C.C. estate at Hanwell. If any who are interested in the Association are going I should be glad to hear from them. We might be able to help them a bit in the initial stages of starting their own Community Association. There is already a big building there; it used to be a school to which Charlie Chaplin went at one time, I believe, and part of it might, perhaps, be available for a Community Centre.

This afternoon I am going to the opening of Hill House, the new centre which the St. Helier Association has secured. I am sure you will want me to wish them, also, the best of success in their work.

Again wishing you a Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

E. SEWELL HARRIS.

Boxing

The committee have decided to lower the club's subscriptions to: juniors up to 14 years of age, 1/-; over 14, 2/6 for the season. Now what could you have cheaper than that? Subscriptions for juniors works out to less than a halfpenny a week and for seniors less than a penny. In view of this fact and the good equipment we have, also first class trainers, I doubt very much if there is a club in London which can offer such good value for money.

I hope this will mean increased membership. If you are a member bring your pal; if he can box so much the better, if he cannot box we will do our best to teach him. If you are not a member, why not? If you are under 14 1/- covers your club subscriptions for the season. If you are over 14, 2/6 covers you. It does not matter to us if you can box or not; if you can so much the better, if you cannot, come along and learn. Knowledge in the art of self-defence come in very handy at times, but apart from this it will keep you fit.

Now what about you members that turned up last season and have not done so this year—have you a grievance? If so, why not come up and let's have it out? We are always open to suggestions, especially if they are for the good of the club. L. K.

The successful business man was lecturing to an admiring audience.

"Finally," he said, "I must emphasize that I owe everything to my wife."

"That you don't" shouted a tradesman at the back of the hall. "You haven't paid my little account yet."

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Rupert was in the hospital as the result of a car smash. His jaw was broken and his face was swathed in bandages; his right leg was set in plaster, his hands were badly lacerated, and he was so stiff he could hardly move.

On visiting day his friend Algy came to see him.

"Lucky dog," said Algy. "I bet you're having a gay old time with the nurses."

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Dogs in Bad Weather Simple Precautions

By PHILOKUON

Fortunately, nature has endowed dogs with constitutions and protective coverings that enable them to adapt themselves to the changing seasons and even severe cold without incurring serious consequences. It is not necessary for them to put on thick clothing as we do when the winter comes round. Nature arranges that for them. If they are in good health, their coats become a good deal thicker, only to be shed in the spring when warmer days appear. I do not profess to be a scientist, but I imagine that their higher temperature acts as a central heater. Perhaps the theory is not sound, however.

The normal temperature of a dog is 101.5—three degrees higher than the human. A rise of temperature in a dog to a point that would be alarming in a human being is not serious. Ignorance of this simple fact sometimes leads to amusing misconceptions. A writer in a popular daily paper once warned his readers to suspect distemper if a dog's temperature went up to 101 degrees. In providing sleeping quarters for our dogs, allowances should be made for breed idiosyncrasies. Obviously, greyhounds, smooth dachshunds and the like, with their scanty covering, require more warmth than those that are well provided for. None the less, all dogs, whether they sleep indoors or in an outbuilding should be made as comfortable as possible. Place the sleeping box or basket where it is well away from draughts. In the house the bed may consist of an old rug or blanket doubled, a cushion or straw. In an outbuilding, I prefer a deep box generously littered with straw, which should be shaken up every morning. If the box is shielded by a wooden screen, so much the better.

Dry, frosty days are seldom harmful. It is wet, muggy weather and draughts that are most to be feared. Exercise is desirable, even in bad weather, but the dogs have to be cleaned and dried, which is a nuisance, especially in the case of those that have short legs and long coats. Owners of kennels sometimes have a compartment with a deep bedding of sawdust into which the dogs are turned after being exercised. This absorbs a good deal of the wet, besides acting as a cleansing agent. I use a damp sponge first on my dog to clean off the mud and mop up much of the moisture. Then he is well rubbed with a towel and brushed. I have heard a washleather recommended for this purpose.

A careful eye should be kept on young dogs that have not had distemper or been inoculated. Winter is a bad time for this serious complaint. If a dog is off his food, shivers and lies about in a dejected manner he should be

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Winners Move

Judging by the remarks of the Social Secretary on another page, it would appear that there is quite a number of people who like a game of whist, but do not go to any drives owing, perhaps, either to lack of confidence, or to being a little sensitive to the remarks of people who think they are better players. Whist is a cheap and pleasant pastime, it affords distraction to thousands of people. As a game it is harmless and interesting, and, to the average player, it would be difficult to say whether prizes are won more by luck than by judgment. We have all seen comparatively moderate players walk off with the prizes, whilst more skilful players never seem to get a look in. Often a player will get good scores all through a game, and then flop on the last few hands, or get a high score in the first half and get stuck at one table in the second half. So it would seem that Fortune in whist, as in most other things, is fickle, and it is useless for any player to build up hopes until the prize is actually won.

The good player knows the fluctuations of the game and adopts the common sense policy of not taking it too seriously. If our partner lets us down, well, we all make mistakes, and we have all had to learn the game. We can't read each other's hands, unless we are clairvoyants or card-sharps, and anyway, an apparently dull partner who has erred, may have been taking a gambler's chance, and, but for a stroke of luck, or a master card being in the wrong direction, may have given the game a more favourable aspect. So it seems that two essential qualities of a good whist player are tolerance and a sense of humour. If we lose a hand let us not glare at our partner and say, "Didn't you see the Knave fall? You must have known I was sitting with the King and there you were holding the Queen." The average person goes to a whist drive to pass an hour away and resents being told off. So let us remember that we have got to learn to play and then play to learn. F.H.L.

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kept indoors in a warm place and watched for developments. A rise in temperature should be regarded with suspicion and the invalid should be put on a light nourishing diet without any solids. The treatment will be suitable if it is nothing more than a chill, and it will be greatly helpful if distemper is the trouble. In this disease, nursing is more important than medicine, though the guidance of a veterinary surgeon is invaluable. Simple catarrh, corresponding to our cold in the head, is not unknown in dogs, and as they get on in years rheumatism is a common disability. That, of course, is encouraged by damp or by allowing them to lie about on wet grass.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I have been asked to draw attention, through the *Resident*, to the following complaints:—

Excessive Motor Bus Speed in Orange Hill Road

The drivers are probably compelled to run to a strict Time Schedule; but it is felt that the L.P.T.B. might arrange for slowing down on the hill approaching Watling Avenue.

Broken Milk Bottles

A serious danger to animals and children exists with the broken milk bottles in roads and on the pavements. It could be minimised by housewives keeping them on their own doorsteps, and by the milkmen collecting them at more regular intervals.

Yours faithfully,

FRED. J. TAYLOR

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Use and Ornament

One of the big problems that an amateur gardener has to solve is whether to give the chief place to flowers or to vegetables and fruit. Flowers are beautiful and ornamental; vegetables and fruit are useful and need not be ugly.

In the immediate vicinity of London the comparatively small plot of ground available is too often converted into a flower garden or a shrubbery, or even into a playground for the children. But with a little care and attention a kitchen garden may not only be useful, but actually ornamental. It is an important part of general domestic economy.

The same expense incurred in making the ground "a laboratory of sweets might suffice to render it agreeable to the palate as well as to the olfactory nerves, without offending the most delicate optics."

One objection to making a kitchen garden in the front of the house or in sight of the living room or parlour is that its very nature may make it rather an eyesore than otherwise at most seasons of the year. This objection may, however, easily be got over by a little attention to neatness and good order, for the vegetables themselves, or at any rate some of them, if properly seen to may be made really ornamental.

The cutting of cauliflowers, cabbages, sprouts and other greens for use should be neatly done, all useless leaves cleared away and any roots no longer wanted taken up. The ravages of insects and slugs should be guarded against and got rid of with vigour.

Where space will admit the larger plots in which vegetables are grown may be surrounded by flower borders, stocked with herbaceous plants, annuals and bulbs in due order of succession. Lavender plants make a good border for the path and are both useful and ornamental. Neat espaliers, on which fruit trees and even gooseberry and currant bushes can be trained, may also be placed in the borders.

Beetroot in the border is as ornamental as it is useful. The leaves of this vegetable are often quite beautiful, those of "crimson perfection," for example, being of a fine deep red colour. Purple sprouting broccoli looks well in almost any position and even the humble carrot, with its beautiful leaves, is good to look upon. Parsley makes a good edging, if not allowed to grow too large.

The solution of the problem whether to give first place to flowers or to vegetables is to grow both and thus combine use with ornament.

What to do in December

*If Christmas finds a bridge he'll break it;
If he finds none he'll make it.*

The temperature in December is usually lower than November and frosts are more frequent and severe, but the brighter sky and drier atmosphere make gardening

conditions more agreeable. A period of sharp frost often comes in the second half of the month and the gardener should therefore have plenty of protective covering available for use in frosty weather.

The planting of trees and bushes may be done in open weather and new beds and paths may be made.

Keep the lawns well swept and rolled, except during frost, when nothing should be allowed on the grass. If there should be a fall of snow it should at once be removed from trees and shrubs.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Cyclamen and winter aconites should be flowering this month and next.

The Christmas rose, curiously called *helliborus niger*, with its pure white flowers, is the most attractive flower at this time of year. It is not appreciated as much as it should be or cultivated as much as it deserves. Ordinary garden soil is all that it requires and it does not like to be disturbed. In smoky districts cover the plant with a bell-glass. This will preserve the purity of the flowers and also stimulate growth.

Beds planted with wallflowers and other spring flowering plants should be kept free from fallen leaves and whenever the soil is dry enough run the hoe over the bed so as to freshen the surface.

Keep a sharp look out for snails, as these pests are very troublesome just now and specially attack newly planted subjects with green foliage.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Apricot trees should be dressed with an insecticide and made ready for pruning later.

Bush fruits may be planted at any time when the ground is in a workable condition. Red and yellow currants may be grown in various ways: as bushes or as cordons against a wall, or as an espalier, as suggested above.

Apples and pears growing against walls should now be pruned. In pruning apples consideration should be given to the variety and habit of the tree, as some have a tendency to produce their best and most fruitful wood near the points of the branches.

The plum is an abundant bearer as a bush tree when well grown, but young trees when planted in suitable soil are apt to root very freely and produce strong, unfruitful wood, unless they are checked by being lifted. This usually remedies the evil by causing fertility, and when this commences it checks the further production of gross unfruitful wood, and with ordinary care the trees can be maintained in a satisfactory state.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Continue the digging and preparation of vacant ground if the weather be open. If it be frosty wheel out manure to where it is wanted.

Where the soil is well cultivated the earthworm is more numerous and in better condition, and consequently more able to carry on its good work of enriching the soil.

Turn over all heaps of weeds and vegetable refuse so that the lime already placed on them gets thoroughly incorporated.

In preparing the ground for potatoes, assuming that it has been previously well cultivated, no manure is more suitable than leaves which have been used for a hot bed during the spring and summer months.

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HELP! POLICE!

Did you see the crowd gathered round the Police Box at the corner of Montrose and Watling Avenues on October 29? The rumour went round that Jack Hilton had knocked off a bicycle or had been knocked off a bicycle, or something like that, but this is the true story of what really happened. It may not be quite so exciting, but it may be of nearly equal interest.

The Executive of the Watling Association, having been asked by a resident to take up the question of police protection on the Estate, wrote to the Inspector at the Edgware Station to find out just what was being done. In reply he offered to demonstrate the working of the Police Box system and a number of members of the Council met him at the Box on this particular evening. A number of other people also soon gathered round; the police van dashed up; a wireless car arrived, etc., etc.; hence the crowd.

Police Telephone Box System

The Telephone Box System is in force throughout "S" Division of the Metropolitan Police, which serves Burnt Oak and Watling Estate, and includes the districts of Hampstead, West Hampstead, Golders Green, Finchley, Hendon, Edgware, Bushey, Elstree, Shenley, South Mimms, Potters Bar, Barnet and Whetstone.

There are 69 boxes in the Division and they are so arranged that, as a general rule, no person in the area need go more than half a mile before reaching either a police telephone box or a police station.

The important things about the Telephone Box System are that it provides definite and easy facilities for the public to communicate with police, and transport so organized that prompt and effective response can be given to any call for police assistance. These are essentials in everyday life under modern conditions.

The boxes are uniform in design and of a distinctive blue colour and are placed in selected positions throughout the district. In each box a telephone is installed, connected by private line direct to the local police station, where a telephone operator is constantly on duty. The telephone instrument stands in a small cupboard visible from the front of the box and is accessible by merely pulling open the cupboard door.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE AT LIBERTY AND ARE EARNESTLY INVITED TO MAKE FREE USE OF THESE TELEPHONES ON ANY MATTER IN RELATION TO POLICE WORK. By this means it is possible to obtain immediate communication with police without having to find a policeman. As a caller can speak direct to the officer in charge of the station it will be seen that many minor services can be rendered by way of these boxes without the inconvenience of having to make a special journey to the police station.

Further, it not infrequently occurs that members of the public witness some incident which they consider ought to be brought quickly to the notice of the police; for instance, someone may be seen loitering suspiciously or causing damage, or committing some offence; or a policeman may be seen in difficulties with a violent prisoner. Again, in the event of an accident, fire or other emergency, by using the telephone at a box to inform the police at headquarters a member of the public will be rendering

valuable assistance, not only to the police but to the community in general. No matter will be regarded as of too little importance for police attention, and it is hoped that no member of the public will hesitate to use the telephone at the boxes.

At the station motor transport is always available to ensure a prompt and effective response to calls for assistance on much the same lines as that of the Fire Brigade and Ambulance services. One of the motor vehicles is specially equipped for dealing with accidents, the equipment including not only first-aid appliances, but a complete mechanical breakdown outfit.

When the demonstration was given on the 29th, the inspector described the working of the boxes to us and then an urgent call was put through, the officers at Edgware Station replying almost immediately the receiver of the instrument in the box was lifted. He asked if it was an urgent matter and on being told that it was he informed Scotland Yard and a wireless message was sent out to any wireless cars which might be in the neighbourhood. At the same time he ordered out the general purposes van and set flashing all the red lights on the tops of neighbouring boxes and the blue lights inside, in case there should be an officer inside a box who would not notice the light on the top.

The inspector explained that the same system operated whether the call was made from a police box, an ordinary call box or a private phone; an urgent message was sent to Scotland Yard and the box lights were set flashing.

The call to the police station was made at 6.41. At 6.44 the van from the station arrived and five or six policemen jumped out ready for action. At the same time a cycle patrol man also arrived. He had seen the light flashing on the box at Stag Lane, had entered the box, telephoned to the police station to find out where the trouble was, and sped down the Avenue on his cycle. At 6.48 a radio car arrived. This had been cruising in Uphill Road, Mill Hill, when the operator picked up the message from Scotland Yard and it had come straight along to the scene of action. In addition, a plain clothes man, who had also seen the lamp flashing, arrived on the scene. Thus within the space of seven minutes of making the call, half had arrived from four different sources.

It was impressed upon those present that the success of the system depends upon the public using the 'phone. The boxes are there to make the services of the police available to everyone without charge, and anyone needing help or advice is encouraged to use them.

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If you want to secure a supply of parsley during the frosty weather place a hand-light over some of it or remove a root or two into the frame.

Seakale and rhubarb can now be forced in abundance, both by taking up the roots and placing them in a dark and heated structure, or forcing them in their permanent beds. Though the latter plan involves more labour it is well worth while, as a far superior quality is the result. Pots should be used for the seakale and wooden tubs for the rhubarb.

ANNIVERSARY CEEB

FOREWORD: To celebrate the Fourth Anniversary of the Opening of the Centre we have decided to run a special week of social activities, commencing on **Monday, January 18** and finishing **Sunday, January 24**. The "**CRAZY GANG**" (1935) have once again been called together to arrange the programme, and we think you will agree after you have studied it that they have kept up their reputation of giving **Variety in Entertainment & Value for Money!**

To enable you to attend as many of the functions as appeal to you without meeting the cost in one week we are starting an Anniversary Club. You can pay in what you like and we will reserve tickets for the functions you wish to attend. You can pay in at the Centre's Office or to any member of the Crazy Gang. Now please turn to the programme and then **START SAVING**.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 18 at 9.0 p.m. prompt

GRAND WHIST DRIVE

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Admission, One Shilling.

M.C.: Frank Williams.
Miniature at 8.30, Threepence.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 at 8.30 p.m.

SPEECH NIGHT

This night we propose to give the novice a chance to show his prowess. Each competitor will be allowed ten minutes for his speech. The winner and runners-up to be decided by three judges. Come along and enjoy an instructive and entertaining evening. See footnote at end of programme.

Admission to Non-Competitors Threepence.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 The usual DANCE at 8.0 p.m.
M.C.: C. Deacon. ADMISSION FOURPENCE.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 at 8.30 p.m. prompt

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

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at 8.0 p.m.

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A Five-Course Supper and a Good Dance for Three Shillings!

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M.C.: F. Welsh.

Fred Cole's Rhythm Band!

WATLING "RITZ" NIGHT!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

at 8.30 p.m.

CRAZY SOCIAL

CRAZY DANCES! CRAZY GAMES! CRAZY NOVELTIES!

M.C.: Mrs. Nyberg, assisted by the Gang!!!

Admission: Members and Friends 6d. Includes short WHIST DRIVE at 8.0 p.m. sharp.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

at 8.0 p.m.

Three Pence and Easy.

Members and Friends over 25.

M.C.: J. Radley.

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GRAND DANCE

Members and Friends under 25. Members' Invitation. Admission by Ticket.

SPOT PRIZES.

NOTES.—Could you keep an audience interested for ten minutes by giving an address? Have you ever tried? Why not try now? We invite candidates to enter this free competition. All you have to do is to select any subject you like which is not political or sectarian and talk for ten minutes. There are three judges and adjudication will be given according to the way your speech is made and the interest with which it is received. Candidates who have had previous experience in addressing an audience will be handicapped according to experience. Prizes for the winner and runners-up. If you cannot think of a subject may we make some suggestions:—My Favourite Hobby—Sports—My Work—Gardening—Holidays—Watling Week—The Watling Centre—Where I lived in London—Dogs—The Zoo—Motor Cars.

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Records and Radio

By the time this article appears, it is to be hoped that the B.B.C. have developed some ideas for the Christmas programme. At the time of writing, it seems that they have little more to offer us on Christmas afternoon than is broadcast every Sunday afternoon. It is, unfortunately, impossible to repeat the Empire programme which has been given in previous years and which was terminated by a speech by the King. With a little imagination, a programme could be arranged more in keeping with the festive season, certainly more entertaining and interesting than light orchestras trying to play dance music "out of dance time," if I may coin a phrase.

While on the subject of dance music, a lot has been written in the daily press concerning the Dance Band Leaders Federation. This seems to have been formed with the intention of enabling these leaders to have more of their own way regarding the arrangement of the tunes that they play. Then comes the news that after this year, Harry Roy and his band are not going to broadcast from the B.B.C. again, owing to differences of opinion. This does not seem an auspicious beginning for the new Federation as Harry Roy is amongst the most popular band leaders of this age. Some of the newer bands are improving, especially Billy Gerhardt from the Piccadilly. It is very gratifying to hear Ambrose and his orchestra from the Mayfair again. Sam Browne was doing the singing, too, unless my set misled me. It only needs the return of Elsie Carlisle to make the band the high spot it used to be about two years ago. Jack Payne, too, provides a good programme on his rare broadcasts, although his broadcasts from Radio Luxembourg do not seem to come up to his usual high standard, maybe due to the recording.

Two of the most popular programmes given from B.B.C. stations are Gerald's Music Shop of popular tunes and Van Phillips and his two orchestras in Old and New. Judging by Gerald's programmes, it seems that dance tunes which are really good last longer in popularity than of late. For example, *Empty Saddles* and *It's a Sin to Tell a Lie*, both appeared in at least two of this series but with different orchestrations.

A very attractive tune is *When the Poppies Bloom Again*. This is treated with great respect and excellently recorded by Jack Payne and the band on Rex 8874. The chorus is sung by Billy Scott-Coomber, who is surely one of the mainstays of the band. Also on Rex 8896 there is the Mills Brothers playing, or to be accurate, singing two old favourites, *How'm I Doing* and *Bugle Call Rag*. This is exceptionally good value. Another record that will please his numerous fans is that of Nat Gonella and his Georgians playing *Shoe Shine Boy* and *Chinese Laundry Blues*. Both these numbers are suited to his style of playing and are well recorded on Parlophone F590. Also there is *Serenade in the Night* played as a tango-foxtrot by Billy Cotton on Regal MR2208, and by Mantovani and his Tapica Orchestra on Columbia F1521. Ambrose also plays this number on Decca 6097. This is backed by *When the Poppies Bloom Again*, and both tunes are treated in that particularly refined manner so typical of all Ambrose records. It is interesting to note that Billy Cotton is said to be recording on Rex records, instead of Regal, in the near future.

Among the records which are appreciated at parties is the finale of the *1812 Overture*, played on Regal 2205 by massed military bands, which includes Foden's band that won the championship this year. On H.M.V. C2307, Jack Hylton plays a medley of old songs, and on Columbia DX264, Debroy Somers band plays *A Musical Comedy Switch*, and it is very interesting and amusing to pick out and recognize the various tunes.

Here's hoping that your Christmas listening will be bright and cheerful in between your *Knock Knock* stories and through it all, *Smile, Darn ya, Smile*.

LISTENER-IN.

Discipline

Mr. Allen's talk on "Discipline," given at the Centre, on Thursday, November 12, was enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

The speakers entertaining and informal manner and the interesting anecdotes with which his talk was punctuated, kept the attention of his listeners until the end. His views on discipline are certainly progressive and were tried out when he was a teacher at a Watling school. His method met with the approval of the pupils, but not always with the approval of the parents, some of whom still believed in the old fashioned idea of sparing the rod and spoiling the child.

As a schoolmaster Mr. Allen must be very popular. He is the pupils' champion and believes in seeing the youngsters' point of view. This was brought home to him when he first started out as a teacher. At his first school he had to teach in a classroom which was more like a dungeon. An underground room, cold and damp in winter and stifling in summer. To make matters worse the head told him that he had got to teach the scholars a certain part of the curriculum by a certain date, otherwise he would lose his job. He taught the stuff and the kiddies learned it, but how they hated him and his forceful methods! One boy's mother came to the school to see the head and informed him that the boy had not slept properly for a week and dreaded coming to school. This settled Mr. Allen as far as discipline was concerned and thereafter his methods changed. He resolved that from then on he would try to make his pupils like coming to school, and in this he has succeeded, as any of his old boys will testify.

Some of his real life stories were intensely human and go to prove that in training children—and adults for that matter—better results can be obtained by example and persuasion than by force. Some of these incidents actually happened on the Watling Estate. Here is one.

A boy could not get on with arithmetic and always made a hash of his sums. One day his teacher had an opportunity of speaking to the boy's mother. She exploded and said that her son was always carving airplanes out of wood; he wasn't fit for anything else. The teacher, being something of a psychologist, decided not to give the boy any more sums. Instead he sent him to the woodwork master, who gave the boy tools and set him making airplanes. Result, a more contented and diligent boy. He eventually left school and by his skill obtained a job in an aircraft factory, where he is now doing well.

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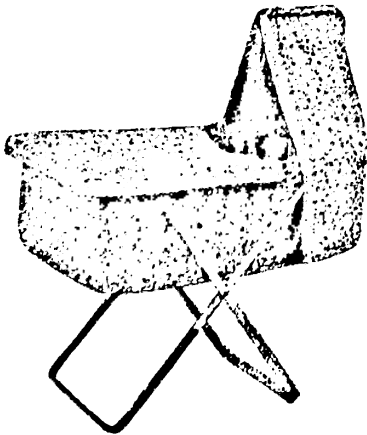
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The New Stores

Dear Ladies,

The biggest housekeeping event of the month has been the opening of the new London Co-operative Society Shop Building in the High Road, Burnt Oak. The management is to be congratulated for having secured this strategic site and having placed this fine building upon it; such an one has long enough been needed in the Burnt Oak district. It will be a landmark for a long time to come. Twice since its opening we have been out in the evening with strangers to the neighbourhood and both times they have asked, "What is that building?" to which we have replied, "That is the new L.C.S. store." The management is to be congratulated upon the energy, wisdom and initiative they have manifested in the planning and execution of this fine shop.

Perhaps a few friendly criticisms would not be resented. These are gleaned from many sources and given at random—very random. First let me say that I have not given the shop a very thorough inspection, but when I hurried home to relate to the "big high chief" of our family the wonders and glories of the new shop and that there was even a hairdressing salon, this provided an inducement where other suggestions had fallen on barren soil, and the "big high chief" sought the new palace of the L.C.S., only to be told there was no gentleman's establishment for the practice of the consorial art! This was indeed too bad!

The service at the counters struck me as somewhat casual and off-hand, as if no one really cared whether I got what I wanted. I have met with this complaint from other sources and it is one, in fact, from which Co-operative Stores all over the country suffer. No doubt when initial difficulties are over and an *esprit de corps* has grown up, one will no longer be able to make this complaint—I have never noticed it in the grocery department. The stocks seemed to me rather inadequate in two departments I visited and this, too, I have heard from other persons and wondered if it would not have been better to hold over the opening of the building until stocks and equipment were more nearly complete. I did not feel this in the basement departments. I have not had tea in the delightful tea room, but friends from Colindale say you get "a very nice tea." I asked an ardent co-operator who knows something about buildings, if there was anything the matter with the new shop and he said, "The stairway is too narrow." But when all this is said we still think it a fine shop which we are glad to have in our district.

Christmas Cake

I am going to repeat my recipe for Christmas Cake, for in my quiet, modest way, I still think it makes the best Christmas Cake I have ever tasted:—

1 cup of fat	1 tablespoon gr'nd allspice
2 cups brown sugar (pieces)	1/2 tablespoon gr'nd cloves
3 eggs	1 small nutmeg, grated
1 cup black treacle	1 lb. large raisins, seeded
1 cup milk	1 lb. currants
5 cups plain flour	1 cup finely sliced citron
2 teaspoons bicarbonate	1 cup broken walnut kernels
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon	

Cream the fat and sugar (without lumps) together, add treacle and beat in eggs, one at a time; add milk and flour (to which has been added through a sifter bicarbonate, cinnamon, allspice, cloves and alternately, nutmeg); then raisins and currants, which have been washed and floured, citron peel and floured nuts. Beat well after each addition; pour into pans which have been greased and floured and bake in a moderate oven.

This makes one very big cake or two fairly good sized ones.

I wish you all enough Christmas happiness and cheer to last you well a whole year.

Yours,

SUSAN SAVOURY.

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Women's Adult School

Among the subjects for the month was Mr. Dobson's talk, "The Depressed Areas Unemployment Allotment Scheme," and his visit to Germany and Sweden. He said the countries could not be compared as Sweden was very progressive and although Germany has many shortcomings she still retains her characteristic competency. Miss Duncan, of the Alliance of Honour, gave an excellent lecture on "Purity—Sex-knowledge Among Children and Young People," which found us somewhat lacking in our parental duties, according to her stories of experiences among youth and their amazingly intelligent questions in their search for truth.

Mrs. Fraser, of Buch Street Nursery School, followed, but unfortunately could not show her promised film of the nursery, owing to a difference in voltage. Then Mrs. Seed, of Rickmansworth (whose garden we visited), told the life of William Penn, Quaker, and his persecution, owing to his beliefs, and, finally, Miss Hurst, of the Society of Friends, told of Palestine, its beauty and oldness, splendour and picturesqueness, but the picture was spoilt for us by her description of the vast amount of blindness among women and small children, who exist, apparently by begging, and the terrible hovels they live in, which, she said, were unfit for cattle. She also touched upon the differences between the Arabs and the Jews, assuring us it was much better to let them settle their problems themselves.

Burnt Oak Men's Adult School

WATLING CENTRE—SUNDAYS, 6.30 P.M.

On Sunday, December 6, a Business Meeting will be held at the Watling Centre at 6.30 p.m. The Secretary and Treasurer will present their respective reports and the meeting will then proceed to elect the officers for the ensuing year. After this future programmes will be discussed. The *Adult School Handbook* for 1937 will be before us and we shall no doubt be able to adopt many of the talks in it. But, besides this, it is hoped that members will make their own suggestions. Members might make lists of topics of interest to themselves and if speakers can be suggested as well—so much the better. The meeting will, of course, also afford an opportunity to members to raise any points they wish. It will, one hopes, be a bumper meeting; every member will surely do his best to be present.

PROGRAMME.

Dec. 6 Business Meeting.

13 Self Expression. Mr. Dilsen.

"To examine some of the ideas involved in personality, and to see how personality can express itself in the world."

20 The Bondage of Law. Mr. Edwards.

"To see how laws tend to outlive their usefulness, and how they may conflict with our sense of what is right."

All men are invited. New members and visitors will be given a cordial welcome.

K. A. SIMKINS, Hon. Sec.

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Random Jottings

Hospital Savings Association

It is thought that there may be H.S.A. collectors who would be willing to take more subscribers on to their books than they have at present. Now and again the Association hears of people who want a collector, so if there are any who would like more members will they please let the Secretary of the Association know.

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The Centre Anniversary

In celebrating our good fortune in having had the Centre open for four years don't let us forget what we want it to be. We still need, perhaps I should say we more than ever need, the building completed. Details of the celebrations will be found elsewhere.

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The Regent Cinema

All who like to see the children enjoy themselves—and who doesn't—will want to join in thanking the management of the Regent Cinema for entertaining 1000 children on December 29, and the Watling Association is glad to have been of service in distributing the tickets.

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Talkies

Last winter there was a Talkie programme sponsored by the G.L. & C. Co. at the Centre. On January 31 there is to be one sponsored by the Prudential Insurance Co., which will be worth seeing and on March 11 a first-class Talkie on "Nutrition," which you must on no account miss.

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Carry on Cecil

Our Social Secretary, Mr. C. Deacon, is very busy these days. We like the lights in the Hall; they certainly brighten the place. Another idea of his is balloons advertising the Centre. We've recently had a letter from an old Watlingite who is serving in Palestine. If one of our balloons comes down in that Holy Land it will make our old friend homesick.

The Market

There is one thing that we can boast of in Burnt Oak, and that is our shopping centre. It is probably unequalled anywhere in London. At week-ends people from surrounding districts flock into the shop area, looking for bargains and there is no doubt that the thrifty housewife is able to save a small sum on most of the articles she purchases, so that the shopping expedition to Burnt Oak is not only interesting but worth while.

The latest innovation is a covered market where most household goods can be bought under the same roof. On the opening day of the market business was brisk from the word "go," but although every effort had been made to get the market open before Christmas there were many stalls still in course of construction. By now the market is, no doubt, complete and in full swing, and it can be counted as another of the attractions of Burnt Oak.

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Christmas Fare

Most things this Christmas seemed cheaper than ever and undoubtedly more money was spent. Children were especially fortunate. In the old days they had to be content with few things and generally got one toy—now they have to have two or three, and expensive toys at that. Still, perhaps these days children are more intelligent and, anyway, they might as well have the best and make the most of their young days.

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It's Done Now

We were pleased to see our caretaker, Mr. Lodge, win the first prize, a turkey, at the Scouts' Whist Drive. It is not true that he gave an open invitation to Christmas dinner to all members. Anyway, we hope he enjoyed it. When he pulled the wish-bone did he wish for a larger building?

SHOP LOCALLY
SEE WATLING SHOPS
SPEND LOCALLY

Penny Pictures

We strayed into the Centre one evening about six and found ourselves in a cinema. We went back twenty years to the silent pictures. Yes! There was Charlie Chaplin as a cleaner in a bank, sweeping everything before him and head over ears in love with the pretty typist, who, however, loves the cashier. But, look out! Who's this hovering in the background? Dirty Desmond and his gang of crooks. They have stunned the manager and are now after the safe. The typist screams, but the cashier is yellow and hides under his desk. "Come on, Charlie!" yell the kiddies and our hero hobbles up in the nick of time. Yes, sir! He fights those villains—four of 'em—single handed, and, although they are armed, he locks them all in the safe. Gee! He's tough! And does that girl fall for him? Ask the kiddies.

W.A. Distress Fund

The following amounts were collected by Mr. and Mrs. Lord during December for the above fund, and the thanks of the Association are tendered to the donors. From Colchester Road, Norwich, Briar and Kirton Walks, 12/24; from Hook Walk, Langham and Islip Gardens, 3/11

Miss McClure's Visit

On the last Sunday in November, Miss Christine McClure and Mrs. Goddard paid what we hope may now be regarded as their annual visit to the Centre, and gave very great pleasure to an appreciative audience with an hour's Song Recital which included, among other items: "My True Love," "Lover's Garland," "The City Window," "The Child and the Twilight" (set by Parry), "The Sobbing of the Sprey," "The Pibroch," "Windy Nights," "Johnnie," "Bold Unbiddable Child" (set by C. V. Stanford), "Oak Tree Bough" (E. C. Bairdow), "Sweet Obscurity" (E. Walker), "When Childer Plays" (Walford Davies), "A Song for Christmas" (*King Charles I.*), "Twelve Days of Christmas" (arr. Austin), and three folk songs from Newfoundland.

Oh Yez! Oh Yez! Oh Yez!

SPEECH NIGHT

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at 8.0 p.m.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES :

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

January, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays* — Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
Mondays — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 W.E.A. Psychology Class, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at
 26 Homfield Road.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Tuesdays — Millinery Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 5.15 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 6.30 p.m.
 Girl School Leavers, Woodcroft School,
 7.30 p.m.
 Physical Training for Girls over 17, Wood-
 croft School, 8.30 p.m.
Wed'days — Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 13. "Burning Questions of the Day,"
 Rev. W. J. Piggott
 20. "The Humours of Cranford and its
 Times," Mrs. Cornelius
 27. "The Quantity and Quality of our Future
 Population," Mrs. Tamplin
 Veterans Club, 4.30 p.m.
 13. "In and Out of an Asylum,"
 Rev. W. J. Piggott
 20. Humorous Reading from *Martin Chuzzle-*
wit Mrs. Cornelius
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Thur'days — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 English Class, 4.30 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 8.0 p.m.
Fridays — Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
Saturdays — Members' Socials, 8.0 p.m.

Other Events

- Sunday* 3. Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
 "Creative Peace,"
 Mr. Maurice L. Rowntree
Thursday 7. Rose Society, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 10. Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 14. Gwalia Glee Party, 8.30 p.m.
Saturday 16. Two Lectures on Allotment Gar-
 dening. See advertisement

- Sunday* 17. Lecture in co-operation with Edgware
 Fellowship, 8.0 p.m.
 "The Truth About Spain"
Monday 18 to Anniversary Week
Sunday 24. See separate notices
Thursday 28. W.A. Council, 7.45 p.m.
Sunday 31. Talkie Programme
 sponsored by "Prudential"

FROM THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

A Letter to Members

Watling Centre,
 Orange Hill Road. 27/12/36.

Dear Member,

I hope you have had a good Christmas and have enjoyed it as much as I did mine—and now for 1937.

Please make a note now that the Annual Meeting of the Association is on Thursday, February 18, and come to it ready with the ideas you want to see worked out during this year.

I think the two outstanding needs of the Association still remain the same:—a man who will give a lot of time to adolescents and the completion of the building. We must again turn our energies to searching out ways of securing these two ends. We have tried hard in 1936 in a number of ways but so far without success.

In 1936 we were again successful in paying off £100 of our loan which we raised for the Centre. Can we manage £150 in 1937? The more we can pay off the less interest we have to pay and the better security we have to offer for a future loan to finish the building.

In May we shall be celebrating the Coronation; in June we shall be having Watling Week. Nearer at hand, from January 18 to 24, we shall be celebrating the fourth anniversary of the opening of the Centre and, nearer still, we shall be having another visit from the Gwalia Glee Party, which Mr. Jones, our President, is bringing on Thursday the 14th. Those who heard this party at a Free and Easy fifteen months ago and at their concert about twelve months ago will look forward to hearing them again. The proceeds are for the building fund.

Now, here is a new year's resolution for every member to take, please note: "Every shopkeeper I go to who does not advertize in the *Resident* I will ask why he doesn't. Every shopkeeper I go to who does advertize I will tell him I've seen his advertisement in the *Resident*." If every member would carry this out it would help the *Resident* considerably. It costs nothing and only requires very little effort. Thank you!

With best wishes for 1937.

Yours sincerely,

E. SEWELL HARRIS.

Watling Association Drama Festival

The above Festival, organized by the Watling Guild of Players at the request of the Association executive committee, was run on November 27 and 28, and proved a real success.

Five teams entered and the winning team was one entered by the Beethoven Street Players, the title of which was *The Autocrat of the Coffee Stall*.

We were fortunate in having Mr. Rex Thomas, Chairman of the Hendon and District Federation of Operatic and Dramatic Societies as the Adjudicator, and I am sure that all who took part in the Festival will agree with me when I say that he gave a very constructive criticism of all the plays and that this was very much appreciated.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped to make the Festival a success, with special mention of our Stage Manager, Mr. E. Fanthorpe, whose work was necessarily in the background, but was fully appreciated by all societies who entered.

In conclusion, may I appeal to all who read this to watch for notices of future productions and give us as much support as they can to enable us to realize our ambition with regard to a larger hall, where we shall be able to produce a larger and more varied programme.

Wishing you all the Compliments of the Season on behalf of the Watling Guild of Players.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. ROBLOU, *Hon. Sec.*

W.H. & A.S. and W.A. SATURDAY SCHOOL

Allotment Gardening at Watling Centre January 16th

3.0. Planning and Preparation of Allotments
Mr. J. HARDY, N.D.H.

5.0. Tea

5.45. Selection, Rotation & Consequent Cultivation
Mr. G. W. PYMAN

Single Lecture 3d. Tea 6d. both Lectures & Tea 9d.
Tickets to be obtained from the Centre before Jan. 14

WATLING ASSOCIATION Annual Meeting

The above will be held

On Thursday, February 18

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GWALIA GLEE PARTY CONCERT

Thursday, Jan. 14, at 8.30 p.m.

at Watling Centre

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Looking Forward

We have all seen the man at the fair joyfully smashing crockery at seven balls for sixpence, and most of us as children have carefully built a castle of bricks and then deliberately demolished our handiwork with a well-aimed brick.

There is sometimes a psychological tonic in breaking things. We've got the blues, or are oppressed, and we feel that we must bust something or bust.

There are probably more things broken in January than at any other time of the year, for, besides the ordinary breakages, there are the resolutions which have a knack of coming unput. The Watling Association is not making any resolutions this year, but we are making plans which we hope will fructify and give all-round satisfaction. It is not possible at this stage to give details of all we hope to accomplish in the coming year, but there are one or two things which we can look forward to.

On January 14 we are to be honoured by another visit of Mr. A. I. Jones's GWALIA GLEE PARTY. Those who have heard these singers before will not miss this first-class entertainment.

Also on January 31 there is to be shown at the Centre a talkie film on the workings of a large insurance scheme. This fine film is of absorbing interest and combines education with entertainment. It should not be missed.

Then in February there is a topical talk on the important subject of the Electrical Transformation of Great Britain.

A great attraction in March, and one which should be attended by every housewife, is the Gas Light and Coke Company's Nutrition Film, with Mr. Julian S. Huxley as commentator. The subject of this film affects every human being and is a valuable contribution to our knowledge. Experts of every kind speak about their work and demonstrate what can be done on a small income.

These are just a few of the items, which we hope will be appreciated by all our members.

In 1937 we are making fresh efforts to complete the building, so, if you have made no resolutions, make one now—resolve to support the Association on every possible occasion.

JOIN THE WATLING ASSOCIATION!

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MEMBERSHIP: 4d. MONTH

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I read with surprise a correction of my notes in the November issue of the *Resident*.

First came Miss M. Scrivener's mileage. When I sent my notes to the press there was no official result, and, according to our counting up she had covered 204 miles or thereabouts. We were informed a fortnight later that she had been turned five miles short on one of her detours, which accounted for her official mileage being ten miles short of ours, but the North Western R.C. General Secretary had no authority to publish anything whatever. It was my job, which I intended doing in the December issue.

2. It was not stated that Miss M. Scrivener was the record holder of the Rosslyn Ladies' 12 hour event. When notes are published under the heading of "The Northern C.C." they deal with their own riders and records only and nothing whatever outside the club's own activities is included.

3. It was not stated that Miss M. Scrivener finished first in the event. The same applies as in item No. 2—she was first of our entries only.

I think I can safely say that Miss M. Scrivener is the champion lady cyclist of these districts after all this criticism.

A. COPELAND, Pub. Sec.,

Northern C.C., N.C.U., W.A. and N.M.H.C.A.

Watling Association Christmas Bazaar

On Saturday, December 5 we held our annual Christmas Bazaar and, thanks to the support of our members and friends, it proved a success.

The Bazaar was opened by the Mayoress of Hendon, Mrs. A. G. Reynolds, who in the course of her remarks said that she hoped all present would help to make it a success, and so help on the work that was being done in aid of the Building Fund.

We are indebted to the following for gifts towards the Bazaar:—Wednesday Neighbourhood Guild, Women's Adult School, Veterans' Club, Moggies, Oddfellows, Local Footbridge Committee, Messrs. Deeko, per Mr. C. Tadman, Miss Clement Brown, Mrs. Crow, Mrs. Hewett and Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Sewell Harris, Mr. F. Williams, Clifton, Fanthorpe and others, Messrs. Steele, Bumper Bargain Stores, A. I. Jones, Alfreds, Hassan, J. Griffiths, of Chas. Phillips, Passfield, Deansbrook Road, Greenwood's, Edgware.

As long as they lasted people were popping the question to Mrs. Sewell Harris about the corns which kept on popping and I am sure they were a real success, except that the supply was insufficient.

We all missed an old supporter in the person of Mrs. Wildes, who, I regret to say, is in hospital and I am sure we all wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she will be with us again in the near future.

To all these, and the catering staff, I would say thank you for helping towards the success, and may I take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

L. A. ROBLUO



Eat More Fruit

These are slogan days. Some slogans are bad and some are good. "Eat More Fruit" is a good one. So is "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." "Grow your own fruit" is an excellent one. Fresh fruit, straight from your own garden, is both healthy and pleasing.

The apple takes a prominent place amongst hardy fruits and should have as much space allotted to it as can possibly be spared for this purpose.

The best situation for fruit growing is a fairly open piece of ground. This should be protected, if possible, from east and north-east winds. If the trees are not so protected they are liable to suffer when blossoming in the spring and there is a risk of the whole crop being ruined.

A good deep loam is the best soil and it should be well prepared before planting. If, however, the ground is heavy and cold it should be thoroughly drained and should be given a good dressing of lime or ashes, which should be well incorporated with the soil, so as to lighten it. If, on the other hand, the soil is light and sandy a dressing of clay or brick earth will give it body and have beneficial results.

Great care in planting is essential to success. The absence of such care is one of the chief causes of failure. Only too often the hole made for the tree is too small and consequently the roots are crowded together and have little chance of thriving. The hole should be large enough to allow of all the roots being laid straight out, the soil should be carefully shaken between the roots and at the same time gradually made firm. The stem should be well secured to a stout stake by means of a hay-band, or some other material which will gradually give and allow the stem to swell whilst keeping the tree from swaying about in the wind.

When it is intended to plant standard apple trees in grass land or an orchard it is a good plan to pare off the turf for a space of about six feet square and incorporate the chopped up turf with the soil which was removed in making the hole.

There are various shapes of trees. What has been said so far mainly applies to standards. Where plenty of space is available, or where it is the intention to make a permanent orchard, these are the best type for that purpose. Full standards should be planted 24 to 30 feet apart, so as to allow for their full development. Three-quarter standards require about 18 to 20 feet and half-standards 15 to 17 feet. The last type of tree is very useful for poultry farmers, as the trees can be planted in the fowl runs without any injury from the fowls and the fruit provides a very useful side line.

The dwarf bush type is best for small or medium-sized gardens and may be planted 10 to 12 feet apart each way. Strawberries can with advantage be grown in between for a few years whilst the trees are still small.

Pyramid is another type, with spreading branches

near the ground and tapering to a graceful point at the top. These require a space of about 15 feet each way.

The cordon and trained trees are best where there is wall-space or a wooden fence available. Cordons may be planted 1½ to 2 feet apart and Trained 12 to 15 feet apart. These can also be grown easily on wires erected by the side of a garden path.

One of the best catalogues of everything for the garden is that issued gratis by Daniels Brothers of Norwich. It is a guide as well as a price list and includes a useful article on "The Culture of Hardy Fruit," with diagrams of the seven types of fruit trees. Use has been made of it in writing the above notes.

What to do in January

"A favourable January brings us a good year."

In open weather any vacant ground which is still untitled should be thoroughly dug, trenched and ridged up so as to expose it to the fertilising influence of the air and the pulverising action of the frost. New paths may be made and box edging may be relaid.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Bulbous plants, such as tulips, anemones and hyacinths, may still be put in, if not done in the autumn.

Hardy herbaceous plants, such as phloxes, and michaelmas daisies, should be divided and re-planted.

Roses may be planted in open weather. The more tender kinds may need some protection during a very cold spell.

A few of the hardiest annual seeds, such as mignonette and sweet peas, may be sown in a warm border.

Damp is a great enemy to many rock plants. They should, therefore be kept clear of dead leaves, which also harbour slugs and other pests. Choice specimens (of rock plants, not slugs!) may be preserved by a top dressing of coarse sand or small stones. Others may be protected by stones pressed firmly round their stems.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Fruit trees may be planted, as already indicated, but this must not be done in frosty weather. A mulching of manure should be added to protect any newly planted trees from the frost.

Pruning may be done now, providing a frosty day is avoided. Dead wood and branches that are too crowded should be removed during the process. The morello cherry does not require pruning but only the cutting out of dead wood and crowded branches.

Cuttings of gooseberry and currant bushes may be taken. Look carefully over all fruit in the store room and remove any that show signs of going bad.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Early peas and broad beans may be sown in a warm situation, also lettuces and radishes. Early carrots and kidney beans may be sown on a slightly heated hot-bed and mustard and cress may be sown in a frame. Vacant spaces intended for beet, carrots and parsley should not be manured, the previous manuring for some other crop being quite sufficient.

Plots intended for onions, peas, beans and potatoes should have plenty of stable manure in addition to some artificial. Prepare a hot bed to assist various crops during the spring in their initial stages. Stable litter, with fresh dead leaves, two parts of the latter to one of the former, will give heat for a considerable period. The top should consist of at least six inches of fairly light soil.

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Three Weeks in Germany

One could fill the whole of one issue of the *Watling Resident* with a description of a three weeks holiday in Germany, but the Editor has, quite rightly, to maintain some sort of balance. It is therefore necessary to compress one's thoughts and impressions into a few sentences.

My wife and I travelled to Germany via Harwich and Flushing, arriving at Cologne about 10.30 in the evening, where we were met by some friends of ours who took us to a café for supper. Here the band, on finding we were English, played *Tipperary* and *Missouri* for our benefit. This was the first of many instances, showing how the German people are anxious to make the foreigner feel at home.

After a day in Cologne, where we visited the beautiful cathedral which dominates the centre of the city, we travelled by train along the right bank of the river Rhine to Wiesbaden, and then on to Frankfurt-on-Main. The journey by train along the banks of the Rhine is one long to be remembered. From Frankfurt we journeyed to Falkenstein, a delightful, small village in the Taunus mountains. Here we renewed our acquaintance with the proprietor of the Frankfurter Hof Hotel and his family, whom we met two years ago. Two days were spent at Falkenstein visiting Bad Homburg, one of King Edward the Seventh's favourite resorts, and Königstein, a beautiful small spa.

Our next place of call was the famous University town of Heidelberg. Here we visited the famous castle which contains the gigantic wine cask capable of holding 100 gallons. Heidelberg is the scene of the musical play and film, *The Student Prince*. We saw the garden, café where scenes for the film were taken.

Munich was the next town visited. It is the most beautiful German city we have seen, though we were told that Dresden is even more beautiful. One could easily spend weeks visiting the many museums, art galleries, gardens—not to mention beer houses—in Munich. We were very impressed by the wonderful Deutsches Museum, which is in some ways rather similar to our Science Museum in South Kensington. From the clock tower of the Town Hall we got a fine view of the city and the snow-clad mountains some thirty miles distant. Our next move was southwards to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the famous Bavarian town where the Winter Sports section of the Olympic Games was held earlier this year. We saw the bob-sleigh course, the ski-jumping place and the ice stadium which were specially built for the Games. Garmisch-Partenkirchen is an ideal centre for a holiday, being situated in the plain and surrounded by beautiful snow-clad mountains, one of which is the Zugspitze (10,000 feet), the highest mountain in Germany. We stayed in Garmisch-Partenkirchen about a week, making excursions to Oberammergau, the Passion Play village, where we saw the theatre where the play is given every ten years, Mittenwald on the borders of Germany and Austria, the Eibsee, a beautiful lake at the foot of the Zugspitze. Each evening we visited the Kur Park and listened to the fine orchestra, which plays three times daily. Reluctantly we left Garmisch-Partenkirchen on our way home.

We broke our journey at Nürnberg to see the beautiful old walled town, and the newer parts outside

the walls. The walls appear to be in an excellent state of preservation and seemed to be complete. The only way to enter the old town is through one of the numerous gateways. We saw most of the famous old houses, including the home of Hans Sachs, one of the Master-singers, and the house of Albrecht Dürer, a famous German painter. We also visited the Luitpold Arena, where the recent Nazi Party Congress was held. The next town we visited was Wiesbaden. Here we stayed for one night only, but we were able to get an impression of the beauty of this world famous health resort. From Wiesbaden, we sailed down the Rhine to Coblenz, where we stayed for a few hours, being driven round the town in one of the old-fashioned horse landaus. Later in the afternoon we left by train for Cologne, to spend our last few days in Germany. Each day we made an excursion to some place of interest. Two of the most interesting places were the Drachenfels, an old ruined castle near Königswinter, and the Eifel district, a lovely stretch of country to the south-west of Cologne.

A word about costs. The German Railways offer a 60% reduction on fares in Germany, if the visitor stays at least seven days. The third-class return ticket from London to Garmisch-Partenkirchen cost £5-10-0. Bed and Breakfast costs, on the average, 2/6 per person. Good substantial meals cost 1/3 to 1/6.

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THE RAJAH

By F. H. LAKE

"Any other business?" asked the chairman at the close of the Quarterly General Meeting of the Watling Association. He looked round the room with wide expectant eyes. For a moment there was no response, and then, as he was about to declare the meeting closed, a genial looking man with a mop of ginger hair stood up.

"Isn't it possible to give the Association more publicity?" he said. "There is a lot of people on this Estate who don't bother to come here simply because they don't know anything about us. I think we should advertize more."

This statement was received with much comment and various schemes were suggested whereby the Watling Association would receive more prominence, but, after some discussion, no new ideas could be found and the meeting broke up. The ginger person, or Ginger Bates as he was commonly known, left the Centre accompanied by his friend, Munro.

The night was chilly and Ginger turned up his coat collar, thrusting his hands deep into his pockets. "Yes," he said, "we could get another hundred members at least if we could find some means of attracting them."

"A lot of the residents on this Estate don't know anything about the Association or what it stands for," said Munro. "If you want new members you must go after them, as Lord Bacon said, 'If the hill will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet will go to the hill.' Oh, well! Let's sleep on it—I'll see you in the morning."

Burnt Oak Underground Station between the hours of 6.30 and 7.30 a.m. was the scene of much activity. With doors wide open, like the gaping jaws of a hungry giant, it swallowed up the hordes of workers who passed through. People had no time to spare in the mornings: getting to work was a grim business.

The last workmen's train went at 7.30 and the workers, men and women of all ages, passed in orderly haste through the barrier.

On the platform, on the fringe of the crowd of people waiting for the next train, stood Munro, who was presently joined by Ginger Bates, and, at that moment, the train came in. The mass of people surged forward and our two friends made for the carriage door, assisted by the impetus of the crowd. The train was soon full and Bates and Munro found themselves sitting beside each other. Ginger dexterously rolled and lit a cigarette, blowing a stream of smoke into the air. "I've got an idea," he said. Munro did not answer, but looked at Ginger expectantly. "I've got an idea," repeated Ginger. Munro smiled, "Well, let's hear it."

Ginger blew a cloud of smoke and watched it rise. "It's about this publicity," he said slowly. "I was reading in last night's *Evening News* about the Rajah of Jodhpur, who is on a visit to this country, and I thought what a good idea it would be if we could get him to visit the Watling Centre. There's publicity for you! Just imagine it! The Rajah strolling up Orange Hill, followed by all his wives and his retinue! Why, all the village would turn out to see the show and it would boost the Association no end."

Munro laughed. "You're an optimist," he said. "You'd never get the Rajah to visit the Centre. In any case, I

don't suppose he would bring his wives with him. You must think of something better than that."

Ginger was unabashed. "It could be arranged quite easily. You see, this is my idea. I'm in the Guild of Players. I can get some costumes: two or three of us dress up and I shall be the Rajah. No one will be the wiser and the Centre will get the finest boosting it's ever had. Are you going to help?"

"Yes, I'm game," said Munro, laughingly.

The organizing secretary of the Watling Association sat in his office writing notes on small pieces of paper. To the uninitiated it might appear that he was wasting time, but not so. These notes on small pieces of paper represented the momentous decisions of various committees which from time to time sat at the Centre. And, in due course, the organizing secretary would, from these small notes, enter vital minutes in the statute book, or write a pungent letter to the local Borough Council.

The morning post arrived and was placed on the table. The secretary casually glanced up and went on with his notes. Then he glanced up again: something had caught his eye—a long envelope. Nothing peculiar about that, perhaps, but on the back of the envelope, which faced the secretary, was a large gold seal. The secretary picked up the envelope, opened it and read the enclosure. Then he whistled. Just then Abbot, a member of the Council, entered the office.

"Read that!" said the secretary, handing him the letter. Abbot read the letter. "My word!" he exclaimed. "The Rajah of Jodhpur coming here on Saturday! What are you going to do about it?"

"Oh, we shall make him welcome. We'll decorate the place a bit and show him round. Can't do much more than that."

"What about a feed," suggested Abbot, "in case he's hungry?"

"Yes, we must get something for him," puzzled the secretary. "What do Rajahs eat?"

Abbot had been to Egypt. "Oh!—dates and—er—olives, and things like that."

"We could get some dates," agreed the secretary. "but I don't know about the olives."

"We'll get a bottle of olive oil and some peanuts. That ought to suit him," said the enterprising Abbot.

The news had got round, and, on Saturday afternoon, a small crowd had gathered outside the Centre. More people and lots of children gathered and soon the police had to send for reinforcements to keep the crowd back. Never had there been so many policemen on Watling, in fact, a policeman at any time on the Estate was a novelty. The Centre itself was decorated with coloured lights and bunting and the path to the doorway was covered with red carpet. Standing in the porch dressed in their Sunday best were officials of the Watling Association, waiting to welcome the Rajah. Members of the Association, who were arriving for the Saturday social, were politely requested to avoid treading on the carpet.

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something of a surprise when an old Ford drew up and disgorged four dusky figures in robes and turbans. One of them, judging by the way the others kept fussing round and dusting imaginary specks from his costume was the Rajah. He was dressed in robes of many brilliant colours and crowned with a gorgeous turban. Stuck through a silken band which girded his corpulent waist was a curved gilt sword. For a moment the crowd was silent. Then they burst into a cheer, the like of which has never been heard in Watling and is not likely to be heard again.

The Rajah bowed and said something which sounded like "Mullagatawny." Then, after posing for two Press photographs, and nearly tripping over his curiously curved sword, he turned and bowed twice to the officials of the Watling Association, who were falling over each other to greet him. A speech had been prepared and the secretary of the W.A. stood with a scroll in his hand reading it out. The Rajah answered in Hindustani and the whole party entered the building, accompanied by cheers from the crowd.

It was thought that after his journey the Rajah might fancy a little refreshment and a table had been laid in the common room, to which the party now repaired.

A general conversation was carried on and the Indians seemed to speak English fairly well, although with a slight Cockney accent.

When the party was seated trays of food were brought in and a special tray was placed in front of the Rajah. On it was a dish of dates, a plate of peanuts and a bottle of olive oil.

The secretary beamed: "We thought perhaps you would like your —er natural food. Help yourself to peanuts."

The Rajah scowled. "Peanuts! I never eat 'em and olive oil—that's all right in sardines." He reached across and helped himself to a rock-cake, taking a large bite: "Blimey, these are good! Oh!" Someone had kicked his leg under the table.

The officials looked on in surprise. It seemed strange to hear the Rajah speaking in the vernacular. His aide-de-camp came to the rescue: "His Highness often speaks like that," he explained. "He has spent some years in this country and he knows the lingo well."

His Highness then caused some alarm by drawing his sword, but it was only to prod another rock-cake, the plate being out of reach.

"I think I should like to see round your wonderful building. Shall we go?" he said, stuffing the remainder of the cake into his mouth. He arose, taking another cake for luck. By this time the officials were getting used to his peculiarities, putting them down to the customs of the East.

The party went forward, the secretary leading, then the Rajah, followed by the Rajah's staff and the officials, who were doing their best to fraternize and explain things to their dusky visitors. The tour took some time as the Rajah asked many questions and wanted a full explanation of everything which took his eye. Finally the party came to the main hall, where a social was in progress. The band struck up a polka and the Rajah took a lady's arm and commenced to dance. Twice round the hall and then, getting tied up with his sword, he gave it up. (The dance, not the sword.) It was then announced that the Rajah was going on to the platform at the end of the ball to make a speech, so the party assembled on the

stage, the Rajah in front, surrounded by his staff and the officials of the Watling Association clustered at the rear. The people in the hall were greatly interested in the Indian visitors and listened intently for what the Rajah had to say.

The secretary of the W.A. made a short introductory speech, in which he said that the Rajah had promised a gift of a thousand pounds towards the building fund, at which there was prolonged cheering.

Then the Rajah stepped forward and held up his hand for silence: "Ladies and gentlemen, before I make my speech I should like everyone in this hall to conform to an old Indian tradition. Let us get on our knees and salaam."

With that he and his staff went down on their knees, gingerly followed by the officials. A few people in the hall sank down, but some of the ladies, who had charming frocks, hesitated. However, after some encouragement from the Rajah, and thinking of the thousand pounds he had promised, they went down on their knees.

"Now," said the Rajah, "I want you to do this," and he kissed the floor three times, at the same time shouting loudly, "Sala bim Salaam Sam!" Everyone followed suit and people walking by outside were puzzled at the strange cries emanating from the building.

Now up to this point, although one or two people had been a little suspicious, the scheme of Ginger Bates had gone well, although Ginger himself had once or twice nearly upset things by getting too enthusiastic and by making cigarettes with some vile kind of tobacco, which surprised and nearly gassed everyone who got near.

And then Mrs. Bates came on the scene. It was usual on Saturdays, when Ginger came home from work, for him to pay his wife his wages, but on this particular Saturday he had forgotten to do so. Consequently after he had left the house to go to the Centre Mrs. Bates was unable to do her shopping. She had no money.

Muttering to herself she dressed and followed her husband to the Centre, arriving in time to see everyone on their knees, apparently saying their prayers. What was she to do? She spied her husband on the stage, going through his antics and she had to get to him somehow. It was getting late and she must do her shopping.

Picking her way through the people on the crowded floor she reached the stage and touched her husband's arm as he bent down, accidentally knocking off his turban. "I say, what about some money, Bill?" she asked, a little impatiently.

Bill stood up and the people looked in surprise. There was the Rajah showing a mop of ginger hair and his face a patchy white where he had wiped away the perspiration. He was recognized. "Ginger Bates!" There was a moment's pause and then someone shouted "After him!" There was a rush for the stage, where officials and "Indians" were scrambling to get away. Someone turned the lights out and pandemonium broke loose. Screams and yells rent the air and it seemed as if murder was being done.

Then the lights came on again. What a mix-up! But no one was hurt. The Rajah and his henchmen were missing. They had escaped. As a matter of fact they were at that moment hastening down Orange Hill.

"A fine mess you got us into!" said Munro, ruefully feeling his bruised nose. Ginger gathered round him the torn remnants of his robes. "Yes, but look at the publicity," he answered proudly.

Radio and Rhythm

Christmas has come and gone and now the New Year parties are in full swing. During the holidays, while walking around different parts of this district, the attraction of the radio or gramophone was very obvious. At a rough estimate about sixty per cent of the houses were enjoying music from one or other of these sources. Due to its obvious advantages the radio is more popular. A gramophone can be an expensive hobby, even in these days of Rex and Regal records priced at one shilling. Of course, the chief advantage of the gramophone is that one only buys records to suit one's own particular taste, so that one can always put on a record that will be liked.

What would be an ideal programme of records, capable of pleasing everybody, is hard to say, as individual tastes vary from the "swinging" of swing music to what is to me, I must confess, the dreariest of chamber music. In such a programme, too, military marches would have to find a place and also one or two of the older tunes.

Through the radio it is possible to listen to one's own favourite dance band. To buy records of the complete programme would cost a small fortune, but the radio provides it for the small sum of ten shillings per year. Discussing various dance bands with some friends recently, the usual argument under such circumstances was started—who was and who wasn't the best band and the best vocalists. With all due respect I place the bands in this order:—

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| 1. Jack Payne | 3. Billy Cotton | 5. Ambrose |
| 2. Roy Fox | 4. Geraldo | 6. Billy Merrin |

No doubt some of my readers will definitely disagree with this list. If so, write and say so, addressing your letters to me, c/o the Editor. It is only my opinion—"a poor thing, but my own." If Ambrose had a better lady vocalist I should place him third, but until Evelyn Dall can pronounce her words more clearly and keep to the tune she will never be the success that Elsie Carlyle is, and, of course, the band's popularity suffers accordingly. Listen to her singing "Organ grinder's swing." Evelyn Dall sings it as "Argin granda's swang," which may be American, but is certainly not English. Jack Payne and Roy Fox are both ideal broadcasting bands, although they have a different style of playing. Jack Payne is better because of his greater versatility. Billy Cotton's is a sturdy reliable type of band, with Peter Williams's singing as a high spot. Have you heard them play "Sylvia"? Geraldo is perhaps more musical than Billy Cotton, but he has not the same variety of playing, due more or less to the composition of his band. In his style of playing Geraldo is ace-high, especially for tangos and tango-foxtrots. Billy Merrin's is another reliable band, capable of satisfying any dance music enthusiast. Experience and a larger band will bring the band nearer the top in due course. Harry Roy and Maurice Winnick have not been included as they specialize too much, one in hot music and the other in sweet music. They are both excellent bands in their respective styles, but one can have too much of a good thing however good it is.

So much for the bands. Next month I'll give you my lists of vocalists, and please don't throw too many bricks if you, by chance, do not agree with me.

Cheerio everybody.

LISTENER-IN

Borough Council Notes

For the purpose of creating a green belt along the northern boundaries of the Borough additional areas have been purchased, including extension of Mountopen space, along with Barnet Gate Wood.

Plans for the rebuilding of Deans Lane Bridge have been prepared and are at present awaiting the approval of the Middlesex County Council.

The work of constructing the subway under Watford Way, Mill Hill, at an estimated cost of £4,000, is well in hand and when completed should prove a great convenience to the general public and remove a very dangerous crossing on the road.

A scheme has been prepared for providing further main sewage facilities in Edgware to deal with the rapid development which is taking place.

The lay-out and provision of suitable sanitary and dressing accommodation in Montrose Playing Fields has been approved and the work will soon be commenced.

The estimated population of the Borough at June 30, 1936, was 155,000, showing the remarkable increase of over 40,000 since the 1931 census.

The following table of attendances at the Child Welfare sessions illustrates that the services are appreciated: 1931, 31,004; 1932, 35,184; 1933, 38,825; 1934, 40,267; 1935, 41,249.

Work on the Mill Hill Branch Library has recently been commenced.

Subscriptions during the past year to the King George Memorial Fund amounted to £70-19-6. With the grant from the Mayor of Hendon's Benevolent Fund of one hundred guineas the Fund now stands at £174-8-3.

An application from the British Union of Fascists and National Socialists for permission to hold a mass demonstration in Watling Park was considered and disapproved.

A letter from the Watling Association asking for the provision of freemeals for school children whose parents were dependent upon the Unemployed Assistance Board has been referred to the School Medical Officer for investigation and report.

The condition of the section of the Edgware Road maintained by the Middlesex County Council has been brought to the notice of the County Council and they have been requested to put the road into a proper state of repair. It is also considered by the Council that the tram tracks are a contributory cause of a large number of the accidents which have occurred on this section of the Edgware Road.

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Ten travellers come to an inn and each demand a single room. The host says "I have only nine rooms, but I think I can manage it in this way. Will you"—addressing one of the travellers—"wait here until I have placed your friends and then I will come back for you?" He then put the second traveller into the first room, the third in the second room, the fourth in the third, the fifth in the fourth, the sixth in the fifth, the seventh in the sixth, the eighth in the seventh, the ninth in the eighth, and then returns for the last man and puts him in the ninth room.

"I've sold everything out of that room," said the helper at the jumble sale proudly.

"Oh, dear!" cried the vicar's wife, "that was the cloakroom!"

Try this little trick on any of your friends, it never fails to come off.

All you need to do is to tell your friend to stand against the wall, with his heels pressed tight against it. Then place a sweet or some small object on the ground a few feet in front of him and tell him that if he can pick it up without moving his heels from the ground he can have it. But however athletic he may be he will always find he can't get more than half way without toppling over on to his nose.

"So you are ninety-eight next birthday, my man?"

"Yes, madam."

"To what do you attribute your long life?"

"Dunno, except that I never died."

Smith: "Did you tell me that your dog was a foxhound?"

Jones: "Yes, why?"

Smith: "He doesn't chase foxes, does he?"

Jones: "Well, he doesn't know he's a foxhound yet."

The master had just given the class a lecture on British railways, which the boys found very dull.

"Now," he said, "do any of you want to ask me any questions about our railways?"

"Yes, sir," answered one boy smartly, "what time does your train go?"

RESULT OF DECEMBER PAINTING COMPETITION

1st, John Wood; 2nd, Walter Ellis; 3rd, Doris Tadmán; Consolation Prizes: Henry Rutland; Ronald Yates, Anne Hilton, Leslie Wheeler, Gwen Buer.

Prizes may be had at the Centre.

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Requests for certain roads on the Estate to be closed on Coronation Day so that children could have their teas in the roadway have been made, but the Council has no jurisdiction in the matter.

The Mill Hill Ratepayers' Association has asked the Council to provide a pond in Mill Hill Park for the purpose of sailing model yachts and boats by children. Extensive areas of this park are already allocated to purposes of general use as a public park and no action is being taken in the matter.

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Dear Reader,

On January 18 we are commencing a special week of activities to celebrate the Fourth Anniversary of the Opening of the Centre, to which you are cordially invited. We have put in a considerable amount of hard work and expense to give you a first-class programme. At the same time we have endeavoured to keep the cost to you as low as possible, for our motto is "Variety in Entertainment and Value for Money."

We open the week with a grand Whist Drive: £2 top. M.C.: Frank Williams, at 9.0 p.m. Admission is one shilling.

On Tuesday we have for your enjoyment and interest a new Competition for this Estate. We style it Speech Night. You will hear competitors who have never addressed an audience before speaking for ten minutes on subjects of their own selection. The winners and runners-up will be decided by three judges and prizes awarded. The following have entered this competition: Mesdames Nyberg, B. Mills, Woods and Messrs. Judd, Wickens, C. Deacon, Hogan, Downes, Hilton, Tadman and Roblou. We are still open to receive names of competitors up to and on the night of competition. Admission to non-competitors, threepence.

On Wednesday, at 8.30 we are running a Crazy Whist Drive, twenty hands. M.C.: C. Deacon. You will find this a most novel way of playing whist. Here is an example of the way three of our hands will be played, i.e.: player holding two of spades declares trumps and leads; score opponent's tricks; leading lady to declare trumps after looking at her cards. Well, that's enough to arouse your interest. Come along and enjoy an entertaining and, I hope to you, a profitable evening. Admission, one shilling. Prizes on show on the Monday and Tuesday of this week.

On Thursday, at 8.0 p.m., we are putting on a Variety Show under the heading of MUSIC HALL. We shall have a full programme, of artists to entertain you, including the Crazy Gang. This is going to be a great night, so book your seat in advance, as we are limited in number. Prices of admission are: one shilling reserved; ninepence and sixpence.

On Friday we are holding our Annual Supper and Dance. Here's your chance to be an aristocrat for one night. Enjoy a five-course supper with people to wait on you by way of a change, then into the ballroom for delightful dancing for the rest of the evening, and the inclusive price per head is only three shillings.

On Saturday we have the Crazy Gang out again, assisting Mrs. Nyberg in a Crazy Social. You can be prepared for anything. Admission for members and friends sixpence. Short Whist Drive at 8.0 p.m. sharp included.

And as a grand finish we are planning a Crazy "Free and Easy," under the secret orders of our old friend, Jack Radley, who will lead the gang goodness knows where this night. Admission to members, threepence.

Now to Celebration Week! May we meet many old friends and make lots of new ones. E. COLE

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Gingerbread

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all! May we all seek peace and pursue it in our hearts and homes as well as our country, for peace, like charity, begins at home.

I have several times been asked to repeat my gingerbread recipe given to you some eighteen months ago.

Ingredients: 1lb. plain flour (I think it makes nicer gingerbread to use half wholemeal and half white flour), 1 dessertspoon ground ginger, 2oz. crystallized ginger, 2oz. candid peel and meats of 6 walnuts, all chopped finely; 4oz. fat, ½lb. brown sugar, 3 tablespoons black treacle, 1 egg, a little milk, 1 teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda. Method: sieve flour and ginger into a mixing bowl, chop fine and add crystallized ginger, mixed peel and nut meats. Dissolve fat, sugar and treacle together in a small pan over boiling water and add to flour; add beaten egg and pinch of salt to mixture and, lastly, dissolve the bicarbonate in the milk, which has been warmed, and add. The mixture should be the consistency of a very thick batter. Pour into a tin or tins which have been greased and floured, and bake in a moderate oven until a knitting needle may be inserted without any batter adhering to it, also the cake will leave the side of the pan.

This must be all for this time, as I, like all of you, am in the midst of Christmas preparations.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN SAVOURY

Watling & District Rose Society

We offer our hearty congratulations to members on the number and quality of their achievements during the 1936 season and we wish them an even more prosperous New Year in 1937. We wonder if there is anywhere in the country a similar small society that can show an equal record.

The outstanding success of the year went to Mr. R. J. Ford also took first prize for six specimen blooms at the Royal Horticultural Society Amateur Show at the R.H.S. Hall, against 34 exhibits from all over the country. Mr. Ford, who took first prize for a box of six blooms at the National Rose Society's Show at Chelsea, first for six specimen blooms at Kingsbury Show, first for six specimen blooms at Colindale Hospital Show and second for box of six blooms at the Watling and District's own Show, also the best rose in this show with Dame Edith Helen.

Mr. F. R. Parrish has also had a very successful season. He won the Gardeners' Challenge Cup at the N.R.S. Summer Show at Chelsea, with first for six vases of roses of six different varieties and the second prize also in this class. At the N.R.S. Autumn Show Mr. Parrish first for a basket of twelve blooms and second for box of six blooms. At the Hendon Show the Dr. And-

rews' Rose Cup, first prize for box of twelve blooms, open, and the best rose in the show with James Rea; first for box of six blooms at the W. & D.R.S. own show.

Mr. W. C. Clarke won first at the Hendon Show for vase of six blooms, first at Kingsbury Show for vase of six blooms, first at Colindale Hospital Show for vase of six blooms, and the Elmar Rose Cup at the Watling Horticultural Society Autumn Show.

Mr. J. S. Smiddy did not have as successful a season as in 1935 but won first for box of twelve blooms at the Hendon Show and first for box of six blooms at the Watling H.S. Summer Show.

Is this not an enviable record?

What Roses to Plant

At a recent meeting of the Watling and District Rose Society members voted on a list of the best roses for growing in this district, using as a basis the selection given by growers and nurserymen in the Rose Annual published by the National Rose Society. For six roses to be grown for general garden and exhibition purposes and having regard to soil and other conditions in our district, members chose the following:—1, Barbara Richards, creamy maize and very fragrant; 2, Golden Dawn, pale yellow; 3, W. E. Chaplin, crimson; 4, McGredy's Ivory; 5, Mrs. A. R. Barraclough, pink; 6, Mrs. Sam McGredy, coppery-orange flushed red.

For decorative and cutting purposes the members made a good selection of twelve roses.

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CLUB NOTES

Veterans' Club

Since our last report I am pleased to say that the membership has increased by three. This brings the number on the register up to fifty-six and I believe that we now head the list in numbers for any one section of the Watling Association activities, and what we most admire about this club is that no matter how rough the weather may be the old folks put in a good attendance. They are also always willing to pull their weight in helping the Association along.

The Christmas bazaar found them busy with a "brantub," and, I understand, they sold out. All money taken was handed over to the building fund. Preparations are being made for a New Year's Party, which, I expect, will take place on the second Wednesday in January.

On behalf of the Veterans I extend a hearty vote of thanks to those good ladies who have supplied the teas throughout the year. They have done their part well in the building up of this club and must feel, like those of us who are responsible for the running of the club, that it was well worth while.

E. COLE

Northern Cycling Club

Don't forget this date, readers—January 9. If you want a real good night out with a jolly crowd come to the White Lion, Edgware, and make yourselves happy. It's our annual Dinner and Dance and the night when the boys and girls get their rewards for their efforts throughout this year. Mr. F. Cole and his band will be there. A local club, a local band and a local hall, so come along all you locals and make it a local night!

Well, getting back to the doings of our boys and girls, I think the first thing to mention is our football match with the Queen's Park C.C., and what a match! Our boys won by 5 goals to nil. Although we did not have our strongest team out the team we fielded played well. Neither W. Sykes nor W. Atkinson, our full backs, played. The goal scorers were: S. Coe, two goals, and H. D. Olgard, D. Gibson and A. Copeland one goal each.

The night at the Palladium proved a great success, 22 members being present—even our old friend "Sid" turned up. By the time this appears before you our Bottle Party will be a thing of the past. I must remind the critic in that little "mag," called *The Potterer* that the "Press Sec." knows what detours are, having ridden in a 12 hours himself as "the Critic" and the "Invisible Man" was none other than "our Soc. Sec." S. Coe. I must add this old saying of Wally's "Sarcasm is the lowest form of wit." Ah! Ah!! Ah!!!

Cheerio till next month.

BURLINGTON BERTIE

North Western Road Club

1937—Happy New Year readers!

You know it's amazing the things N.W.R.C. finds to do during the winter months. We have just discovered we are the most active cycling club in the district (any district will do) and our winter club runs have found more members out than in the summer months.

This is attributed to the fact that they like cold feet, warm gloves and warmer pubs. One hardy and muscular piece of humanity, Len Brickett (*alias* Bicket, Birchett, and Birkett) persists in wearing shorts and by the remarkable cash-relieving influence that he alone possesses making everyone else short. [See *The Potterer*, on sale after tea Sunday, January 24.]

Before I go much further, the item of supreme importance at the moment:—

N.W.R.C. Annual Dinner and Dance

Presentation of Prizes and Awards at the White Lion, Edgware, on Saturday, January 30, 1937, tickets 5s. each (inclusive) from any member. In the chair Mr. A. I. Jones, our worthy president, well-known to all readers and W.A. people.

To cyclists in the district (see above)—if you can't go to *Cycling's* "B.A.R." Concert come to our Dinner and win a "B.A.R. Attendance" prize. There are cups to fill up for 25, 50 and 100 miles; there's dancing afterwards and some really fine "turns" also.

Members, please don't forget the A.G.M. on Thursday, January 14, at the White Lion clubroom at 7.30 p.m. Please do your best to attend and have a few words to say about the 1937 programme. Each and every member of the committee is regularly found on club runs and hopes that a fully representative meeting will be possible.

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National Clarion Cycling Club

Well, here we are again, wishing all cyclists a Happy New Year and good twiddling. We are all looking forward to a year of membership getting, touring, racing and camping, and I am sure all other clubs in the district will be of the same mind.

During the past year we have had great success for such a young section and our progress has been terrific. Our runs during the winter season have been well supported, despite bad weather.

The Hendon Clarion takes this opportunity of expressing its deep sympathy with the Northern C.C. at the news of the accident to Miss C. Scrivener, their popular lady speedster, and hopes she will soon be well and racing again.

We shall be running our first dance at the Labour Hall on Saturday, January 30, 1937. It will be a super-show and the admission is to be only 1s. Further particulars will be issued later.

Our runs for January will be as follows:—3rd, Mystery Run; 10th, Walkern; 17th, Coombe Hill; 24th, Hatfield Forest; 31st, Burnham Beeches. All runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9.15 a.m.

We wish to thank the *Watling Resident* for their kindness in publishing this report.

So, cheerio! We may see you sometime, and, until next time of meeting, so long!

VIC. C. BOTTERILL, *Hon. Press Secretary*

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Random Jottings

The Cripples Parlour

—Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, is a place for cripples to spend an interesting and enjoyable evening, every Tuesday at 6.0. Fretwork and Needlework are two of the subjects for the cripples to interest themselves in, besides singing and games.

A Present

Mrs. Crowe wishes to express her thanks to all those attending the Thursday afternoon Whist Drives for the kind gift of an umbrella which she received from them on December 31.

To "Daily Mirror" Readers

The *Daily Mirror* has a scheme for helping organizations such as the Watling Association which we should like to put into practice. Each day there is in the paper a coupon to the value of one-tenth of a penny. The Association is registered as a member of the *Daily Mirror* Appeal Fund and will receive 8/4 for every thousand of these coupons which are collected and sent in from the Association. Will all who read the *Daily Mirror* therefore please collect these coupons and send them to the Centre?

An African native found a piece of mirror on the shore. He picked it up and gazed in bewilderment, mumbling, "My poor dear father."

He took it home, hid it in a corner of the hut, and looked at it daily and mumbled to himself.

His wife, growing suspicious, one day searched the corner and found the mirror. She looked at it, grew very angry and exclaimed, "So that's the ugly girl he's after now!"

A motorist was doing a steady thirty miles per hour through a busy Midland town, when a dust-cart ahead of him turned into a side street without giving the slightest warning. By skillful manœuvring he just managed to avoid a collision, but it gave him quite a shock, and turning to the driver of the cart he fumed—

"Why the dickens didn't you put out your hand to show you were turning round?"

"Don't talk so daft, man," said the dustman coolly, "I always go down this street."

Bow-Wow

There were 818 entries in the Adult Schools' Arts and Crafts Exhibition held at Bunhill and 615 certificates were awarded. Burnt Oak was well represented and took its share of the awards. Our friend Mr. Lord fancied his culinary abilities and made some sausage rolls which he intended to enter. As the exhibition did not open until one o'clock he had to take them to work with him and Mr. Lord is a taxi-driver.

In the course of his morning's work the sausage rolls were driven all over London and well shaken up, so that when he finally arrived at the exhibition with the sausage rolls he did not know whether to enter his exhibit as confetti or mincemeat!

Sports Meeting

Messrs. Wm. Moss & Sons have again granted us permission for the use of their sports ground for our Sports Meeting in June, and for a full Saturday afternoon this time, so get all your sports gear out and a bottle of embrocation. You've five months from now. An SOS to all weight-lifters—Keep your eyes open for our Sports special attraction, Maison Lyons, Watling Avenue, have promised another cup this year. As usual all our trophies will be on view in various tradesmen's windows, but please be careful this year, as two windows were broken last year.

Auld Lang Syne

We are now too far into the New Year to say much about good wishes, etc., but we must comment on the New Year's Eve Social at the Centre, which was as successful as ever and greatly enjoyed by a large gathering of young and old members, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Nyberg, who "mothers" the socials and makes us all at home.

Cassidy was officiating as M.C. at the Brothboys' annual dance.

"The next item," he announced, "will be a snake dance."

"Whatever's that?" chorused a number of voices in amazement.

"Why," explained Cassidy, "it's to give those who have snaked in an opportunity to snake out!"

BURNT OAK
MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL
 WATLING CENTRE
Sundays - 6.30 p.m.

Programme for February

Feb. 7	My Occupation: Electrical Worker	Mr. Wickens
14	The Use of Words	To be arranged
21	Qualities of Words	Mr. F. D. Whitehorn
28	The Lutheran Church	Mr. P. H. Wykes

SPEECH!

The amateurs who addressed their first audience at the Centre on Tuesday, January 19, were listened to with keen interest. Here are some points from their various speeches:—

Mr. DEAKIN: Social Work—"All the organizations I have been in have been broke when I joined and flourishing when I left."

Mr. DOWNS: Neighbours—"All neighbours have their good points."

Mrs. MILLS: Watling Centre—"I've enjoyed every minute I've spent there."

Mr. HILTON: Bedtime Stories—"Anyone who has been hit with a shell has never been known to complain about it."

Mrs. NYBERG: The End of a Perfect Day—"My baby couldn't do wrong."

Mr. ROBLOU: Robes—"Why can't the Watling Council have robes?"

Mr. WICKENS: Electricity Don'ts—"Don't switch on the light when standing in the bath."

Mr. TADMAN: Experiences—"I want to join the army."

Mr. JUDD: Explanations—"My father bought me a concertina."

Mr. HOGAN: Making Things Brighter—"Speak plainly, write clearly."

Mr. LODGE: Wireless—"I enjoy the children's hour."

Mrs. KING: Children—"If you know of any child who is in want let us know."

Winner of Competition: Mrs. King.

Runners-up: Mr. Wickens and Mr. Judd.

In the chair: Councillor Pugh.

F.H.L.

SHOP LOCALLY
 SEE WATLING SHOPS
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**Mrs. Hilton's Young Watlers Entertain
 the Children of Mill Hill East**

At the request of the Great Northern Social Club Mrs. Hilton took a troupe of twenty-two Young Watlers to the St. Paul's Hall to entertain the children of Mill Hill East. Arriving at 5.0 p.m. they sat down to tea with 200 children—whom they were to try and amuse later—and, watching these children, I saw two splendid illustrations—sociability, and how to work for a cause.

Their cause is THE BUILDING FUND and for their size they are pulling their weight, and much thanks is due to their parents for encouraging and assisting the children to carry on this good work. They gave a splendid performance and met with tumultuous applause. After the performance each child was presented with a parcel containing a money box in which was sixpence, a fountain pen, fruit, sweets, etc. Mrs. Hilton was presented with the splendid present of £1-17-6 as a donation to the Building Fund.

Bravo! the Young Watlers and thanks very much. On your behalf a letter of thanks has been sent to the Great Northern Social Club who worked tremendously hard on behalf of the children of Mill Hill East.

The next performance of the Young Watlers is at the Watling Centre on February 12. Make a note of this date and roll up in your hundreds to their own production by THE YOUNG WATLERS.

Pastry which is to be eaten cold is more crisp if mixed with milk instead of water.

**Watling Association
 Annual Meeting**

Thursday, February 18

at 8.0 p.m.

Admission by Membership Card

: : Paid up for January : :

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Matters arising
3. Annual Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Officers, etc.
6. Any other business

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

February, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
 7. "My Occupation: Electrical Worker,"
 Mr. Wickens
 14. "The Use of Words"
 21. "Qualities of Words,"
 Mr. A. D. Whitehorn, M.A.
 28. "The Reformation: Luther and Calvin,"
 Mr. P. H. A. Wykes, M.A.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 W.E.A. Psychology Class, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at
 26 Homefield Road.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
- Tuesdays** — Millinery Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 4.30 p.m.
 Young Watlers, 6.0 p.m.
 Cripple Parlour, 6.0 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 6.30 p.m.
 Girl School Leavers, Woodcroft School,
 7.30 p.m.
 Physical Training for Girls over 17, Wood-
 croft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'ays** — Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 3. Current Events
 10. "New Zealand Gardens," Mrs. Fisher
 17.
 24.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thur'days** — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 English Class, 4.30 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** — Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** — Members' Socials, 8.0 p.m.

Other Events

- Thursday** 4. Adult School Social
Sunday 7. Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
 Miss Effie Ryle
- Thursday** 11. Public Lecture: Electrical Development
 of Great Britain,
 Mr. G. S. Francis, 8.30 p.m.
- Friday** 12. Young Watlers Concert, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 14. Free and Easy. "Local Transport and
 the Tube Extension,"
 Mr. Holmes Waghorn, 8.0 p.m.

- Tuesday** 16. Left Book Club Discussion on "For-
 ward from Liberalism," 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 18. W.A. Annual Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
Friday 19. Acorns Concert, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 21. Concert in Co-operation with Edgware
 Fellowship, 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 25. W.A. Council, 7.45 p.m.
Sunday 28. Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m.

FROM THE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

A Letter to Members

Watling Centre,

Orange Hill Road. 24/1/37.

Dear Member,

Our week of celebrating the anniversary of our opening is just about over. I hope that you have enjoyed all the activities in which you have been able to take part.

Now we must turn to the serious work of the Association. First of all in importance there is the Annual Meeting on February 18, the best opportunity in the year for taking stock of our position, seeing what progress we have made in the last year and planning improvements for the future. I hope you will show that you do appreciate the Association for something more than whist drives and socials, excellent though these are, by making a special point of turning up on the 18th, so that your officers and committees may really know what you want.

Major Carter, in proposing the toast of the Centre at the supper last Friday spoke of the number of people who enquire from him about the work of such a Centre and Association as ours, and said that he often referred enquiries to us. We want to maintain this position as an example and this means that we must make continual efforts to be better and better.

We want to get an accurate list of all people over 65 on the Watling Estate and in old Burnt Oak, that is north, south and east roads. If you know any such would you please let me have names and addresses as soon as possible. Even if you think they are already members of our Veterans' Club be on the safe side and send me the names.

Thursday, 11th, we have a lecture on the Electrical Development of Great Britain, which will be very interesting to all who take an interest in social progress, and that must include most of us. Be sure to come at 8.30.

One other thing: if you read the *Daily Mirror* please save the "Tenth of a Penny" coupons for us. The more we can get the better for our finances.

Yours sincerely,

E. SEWELL HARRIS.

(Concluded from page 8)

The main crop of parsnips may now be sown. A deep and, if possible, stoneless soil is essential. The seed takes a long time to germinate, but it is not injured by frost, though excessive moisture may cause it to rot.

Make a sowing of early peas and choose a fine day for the purpose. If the seeds are gently soaked in paraffin before planting the mice will keep away from them.

Party for Children of the Unemployed 1937

Once again I was asked by the Executive to organize the above party. This I agreed to do knowing that I should have the ever ready support of my wife. Thanks to the co-operation of Mrs. Lord we were able to book Friday, January 15, on which to hold the party at the Centre.

Having got so far the next was to realize that a party without the necessary eats and good things to cheer the hearts of the children attending would never do. Here again I was fortunate in knowing that I could appeal to all and sundry for support and I am proud to say that for the third successive year the response to my appeals to members' organizations and local tradesmen on behalf of the children was wonderful. The 15th duly arrived and 207 children sat down to tea, after which they had community singing and talkie films followed by a ventriloquist and conjurer.

On leaving each child received a gift bag of fruit and sweets, also a toy or book.

We are indebted to the following for gifts of money or goods towards the party:—

Messrs. Woolworths, J. Sainsbury, Boots Cash Chemists, Westminster Wine Stores, Fords, Pegleys, Thompsons, Herman, Cretonnes, Price, Wright Bros., Watlings, Holbrooks, Furniture Exchange, Marks, Endean, Louis, Millsons, Lester, Hales, Mrs. Voysey, Edgware, Mrs. Allen, White Lion, Mrs. Skinner, Bull Faced Stag, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. B. Mills, Miss Clement Brown, Mrs. Nyberg, Mr. E. Cole, Mr. A. I. Jones, Neighbourhood Guild, Women's Adult School and others.

We were pleased to have with us Mrs. Rex Thomas of Boreham Wood, and Mrs. P. Burnell of Hendon, who helped with the teas. Having said so much I should like to appeal to all members to do what they can to share their custom with local traders, whom I can tell you from my own experience are always ready to give towards our functions.

May I, as organizer, thank all those who rendered such valuable assistance in helping to make the party a success.
C. J. ROBLOU

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Further particulars apply:—

Mr. S. E. Young
32 Edrick Road
Burnt Oak



Dear Sir,

I was surprised that my correction of the obvious errors by "Burlington Bertie" of the Northern Cycling Club in his club notes in the October issue of the *Watling Resident* should have caused him dismay.

I did so in the interest of the sport, and in order that the few thousand people who read the *Watling Resident* should not be led to believe things that were not quite true, cycling readers in particular.

Furthermore, his letter in the January issue is also incorrect as defined below.

1. The official result sheet *was* to hand in time for the October club notes, other wise how could our Press Secretary have stated the correct distance covered by our rider in the same event?
2. If Mr. Copeland intended to show the correct result in the December issue of the *Resident*, why did he not do so? He was unable to read of my correction until he obtained the December issue for himself. Obviously, had he carried out his intention both his and my corrections would have appeared?
3. Criticism of the lady rider is not entered into. I admit her to be the best lady rider at 25 miles and 12 hours belonging to a club in the Edgware district. My contention is that "Burlington Bertie" should word his notes so that they tell the obvious truth.
4. The question of authority to write letters to the Editor of any publication has no connection with the "Pub. Sec." of the N.C.C. Any lay reader can do it. The Editor reserves the right of publication.

Yours faithfully,

F. G. STEGGALL, Hon. Sec.
North Western Road Club, C.T.C. and W.A.

15 Grenville Road, N.19

11/1/37

Dear Sir,

Although newcomers to the Watling Centre we are keen readers of your very excellent journal and so, at our first Lodge meeting of this year, January 4, I was instructed to send our Greetings and Very Best Wishes to the *Watling Resident* and all members of the Association.

I do this with great personal pleasure for I am well aware of the thoroughness and kindness which is to be found in every effort of the Editorial Chair.

Our Noble Grand wishes to be particularly remembered to members of the Manchester Unity who live on our estate and expresses a desire to meet them at Lodge. In February we meet on the 1st and 15th at 8.30 p.m.

Incidentally it may not be generally known that we are a "mixed" Lodge, so of course women Oddfellows may also be sure of a hearty welcome.

Yours fraternally,
R. H. EDMUNDS, Prov. Hon. Sec.
Burnt Oak Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U.

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Dear Editor,

As you were one of our party I am sure you will agree with me that on January 7 our visit to the Finsbury Park Empire to see *Babes in the Wood* was really lovely and enjoyed by all. We were a party of 53—43 children and 10 adults.

The winter scene with Jack Frost and Snowflake was a beautiful picture and the summer that followed was a scene I shall never forget. The School Mistress was very funny but very good, and without her, well, I doubt if it would have been so good. When she undressed it was a scream—she had at least six underskirts on and, to crown it all, when getting into bed she sat on the hot water bottle everyone screamed with laughter. The scene where the birds covered up the lost Babes was very nice. Oh! and I must tell you of Tommy Trinder, the Baron's Page, and his gold fish. He had a name for each one and near the end of the performance the lights were dimmed: he held a mirror, the music played and when it stopped the lucky child the mirror was reflected on received a gold fish. About ten gold fish were distributed in this way, and the children in our party were very disappointed they didn't carry one home with them.

On our way home we had to wait at Finchley and were entertained with songs from some of the children, all joining in the choruses which brought our evening to a happy ending.

We must give Mr. and Mrs. Hilton a vote of thanks for getting this outing up, for it must have meant a lot of work for them, and to finish up the evening Mrs. Hilton took 47 to her house for light refreshment. I cannot think where they put them all, but they must have wonderful patience and goodwill to run these treats.

Yours truly, SMILER-IN

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

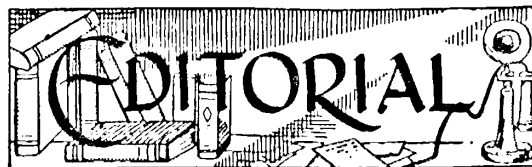
February 7—Mr. R. HUDSON POPE

14—Mr. J. FENWICK ADAMS
Mr. J. MCKAY

Special Song Service

21—Mr. W. F. INKPEN

28—Wing Comdr. P. J. WISEMAN



The Editor has moved to 26 Crispin Road, Burnt Oak, and all correspondence should be addressed there.

Criticism

We are aware that, like most other publications, the *Watling Resident* does not escape criticism. Some of it is kindly meant and some of it is off-handed and destructive, but it is easier to condemn than to investigate and to help.

We are not afraid of genuine criticism, in fact we welcome it; it helps us to see our faults and spurs us to fresh endeavours. But before we judge or undervalue our magazine let us not forget the fact that, unlike a newspaper, our scope is limited. A revolution in Mexico, an earthquake in Japan, or quads born in Barking leaves us cold, but it is front page news for the average daily.

The *Watling Resident* is the mouthpiece of the Watling Association and the object of the Magazine is to speak to our affiliated organizations and to residents on the Watling Estate, and to make known our aims, ideals and news. We know there is room for improvement.

We would have more articles on topical subjects, perhaps a thrilling serial or intriguing competitions. We would raise our circulation and, consequently, increase our membership.

All these improvements would greatly benefit the magazine and the Watling Association, but this can only be brought about by collective effort. If we are going to pass by and leave the work to other people the cause will suffer. We must all lend a hand and help when we can. There must be people on the Estate who could write a good article, or a story, and there are many people who could spare an hour or so every month to help to circulate the *Resident*. There are plenty of people in Watling who are doing good work for some cause or other, and there are many who might put their shoulder to the wheel.

If we all do our share, however small it seems, we can put the Watling Association on a firmer basis than it has ever been and make it an even better community of comradeship.

F. H. L.

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The Task Before Us

A speech by SIR WYNDHAM DEEDES, Chairman of the London Council of Social Service, at the first meeting of the reconstituted Council on October 7, 1936.

I feel loath to let this occasion, the first meeting of the reorganized London Council, pass without saying a word or two by way of introduction. To omit to do so would be to show a lack of appreciation of the significance of first beginnings.

At any time I find it difficult to divorce the work upon which I am engaged from the work of the world around us, and at this time when events of unprecedented importance are taking place on the world stage I find it doubly difficult. Great times should evoke great reactions from individuals and institutions; and if they fail so to react, those individuals and institution must be moribund or dead! We have reached a critical stage in the development of our social and political system in this country, and I rejoice to see that in the last few days this fact has been recognized by two ministers of the Crown—one of whom said (to paraphrase his words)—“We cannot produce A.1 results with a C.3 nation.”

Great movements are taking place in other countries which have incorporated in their ranks every active member of the adult population. There is a good deal of criticism here of those movements, but the case, I think, is in the reverse order. These movements are a challenge to us. Instead of self-complacent criticism let us ask ourselves what we are doing, and whether we are able to show other countries a more excellent way. Must an unorganized democracy necessarily be a disorganized democracy? or, can we impose on ourselves what the State has imposed on others? Can we bring about a voluntary unity in place of an enforced uniformity? That is the question we have to answer. Let us not imagine that we are free of dangers both from without and from within. As to the dangers from without, I will here and now say nothing; as to the dangers from within, let me quote you a few extracts from a leading newspaper:—

“But we have done all too little against the ravages of moral desolation. What is to keep a man alive, unless you give him something to live for? A whole community wallowing in prosperity would be a sorry spectacle if it had no inspiration beyond the enjoyment of its fortune. What we have failed to give workers and workless alike is an adequate sense of citizenry ties and purpose.

“We are rearing a generation that lacks activity both of bodily impulse and of mental interest, and in which the senses of social loyalty and patriotism are becoming withered. There is no health in us unless we can arrest and reverse that decay. We require a hygiene that is not merely curative and preventive, but creative. We may not care for the remedies that the dictators apply to these ills, but unless we can find our own, our devotion to country or to freedom becomes an empty vaunt.”

*Observer, October 4, 1936

(continued in next column)

That Sore Throat!

Sore throat is common at this time of year and whilst looking through a book of remedies I gleaned the following recipes:—

Bran Tea for Sore Throat

Take three teaspoonfuls of bran, one quart of boiling water; honey to sweeten.

Put the bran in a jug and pour over it the boiling water. Cover and leave in a warm place for a quarter of an hour. Strain through muslin and sweeten to taste, adding the juice of half a lemon if desired.

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Sore Throat and Dryness

Gargle frequently with a teaspoonful of glycerine in two tablespoonfuls of water.

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A Soothing Remedy

Rub the back of the throat with boracic ointment.

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Sore Throat and Hoarseness

Apply a cold compress to the throat made by wringing out a clean handkerchief in a solution of one dessertspoonful of Epsom salts, dissolved in five tablespoonfuls of hot water. Allow to cool, apply to throat, cover with a piece of flannel and bandage. Leave on all night.

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Comforting and Cleansing

Gargle with Epsom salts of the same strength as used for an aperient dose, to half a tumbler of hot water.

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To Prevent Quinsy

Dip the second finger of the right hand in dry bicarbonate of soda and rub round your throat.

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A Nightcap

Stir one teaspoonful of honey into a glassful of hot milk and drink at bedtime. This is good for sore throats, colds, etc.

F. H. L.

(continued from preceding column)

At all events here in London we are determined to meet this challenge. Our programme is ambitious, and the dark spots which need light and the defects which need remedying are many; the standard of physical, mental and moral life in this city is none too high. There is only one way in which we can succeed—by uniting our forces while maintaining our several identities, by a real co-operation between individuals and between agencies of all sorts and kinds. That is the form that a national effort ever takes in this country; it is partly State and partly individual and private, and if we—the private organizations—fail, there will be a demand for some other methods.

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Radio and Rhythm

One of the most interesting things of 1937 is the continued popularity of "When the Poppies Bloom Again." Although included in various medleys of "Big Hits of 1936," it is still being featured by some recording artists. Listen to Turner Layton sing it on Columbia FB1564. Two Hawaiian numbers have continued the run of Hawaiian successes during recent years, "Just say Aloha" recorded on Regal MR2256, and Columbia FB1551, and "To you sweetheart, Aloha" recorded on Parlophone F627 and Rex 8941. On Rex 8952 Troise and his Mandoliers play "El Relicario" and "Heykens Standchen Serenade." The contrast in these two numbers is obvious, but they are both excellently played and recorded.

This month I rashly promised to give you my opinion of the vocalists of the various dance bands. After all, a programme of dance music without any vocals could be rather tiring and monotonous. The crooners afford a contrast to the instruments and, bad as crooners are according to some people, they can make or mar a dance band. Jack Payne was the leading band, therefore, it is only natural that one of his vocalists should hold the premier position. I say one of them because, as you probably know, there are five actual vocalists in the band, including Jack Payne himself.

1. Billy Scott-Coomber.
2. Sam Browne.
3. Elsie Carlisle.
4. Denny Dennis.
5. Ralph Sylvester.
6. Sam Costa.

The first three artists are noted for their versatility and can really sing anything. They can croon too, if necessary. Billy Scott-Coomber, who is Irish "and proud of it" has been Jack Payne's leading vocalist since 1929, no mean feat in these modern days of fierce competition. He is fond of painting, chiefly in Cornwall and Ireland, when he gets the chance. Sam Browne seems to have grown up with the dance music. He has seen service with Jack Hylton, Bert Ambrose and numerous other bands, especially for recording purposes. He increased his popularity when he first started singing duets with Elsie Carlisle, who comes third on the list. As a proof of the versatility of the latter listen to her singing "Solitude" on Decca F5764 and on Decca F3312 "Puleeze, Mr. Hemmingway." She is now a big success over the air and on the variety stage with two pianists to accompany her. Then comes Denny Dennis who does a lot of the vocals for Roy Fox. His many admirers think him the English counterpart of America's Bing Crosby. According to them Bing Crosby just happened to achieve popularity first. Denny Dennis is of the crooner variety of singers as he sings with a deep intimate type of voice. The next choice, Ralph Sylvester, is definitely a singer and not a crooner. He is an ideal vocalist for the concert arrangements for which Jack Payne and his band have become famous. He, too, is Irish and known as "the Irish tenor," and his high notes are almost marvellous. He has made a solo record of "When the Poppies Bloom Again" and "Serenade to the Night" on Rex 8907; he is accompanied by an accordion. Maybe you can recognize the player. Sixth and lastly there is

Sam Costa, who is a free-lance vocalist. He quite often records with Primo Scala's band and used to be with Maurice Winnick.

So much for the bands and vocalists. Popularity is notoriously fickle, but somehow the bands and vocalists I have chosen seem to have "come to stay." There are other bands and other vocalists but they seem to specialize too much and are therefore only popular with a certain section of the listening public. Anyway I hope you all agree with my list of vocalists. Judging by my correspondence nobody disagreed with my list of dance bands, much to my relief.

Have you noticed how the B.B.C.'s programmes are improving? Being one of the victims of the "flu epidemic," I have been listening-in to pass the time away for the past two weeks. The only times I had to resort to my gramophone for more interesting programmes were Sundays and when Henry Hall was directing the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. Henry Hall has a big job to do, and unfortunately hasn't the band or personality for it. Sundays, of course, I could listen to Radio Luxembourg or its kindred broadcasters, but I prefer to hear my own records without any advertising to tell me what to take before, after and between meals. With all due respect to their sponsors, the programmes are badly arranged and show no imagination. For example, I recently heard the same tune from the same station three times within an hour.

However, whatever your choice and idea of entertainment, good listening to you all.

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Gardens of vegetables and flowers were unknown in Britain before Tudor times and then only to the wealthiest. For seven centuries previous to that time all the gardens of England were herb gardens and they must have been very lovely for roses, lilies, gillyflowers, lavender, rosemary, poppies, marigolds, honeysuckle, peonies, periwinkles and violets were all used as herbs. Vegetables as we understand them were practically unknown, so that herbs were needed in large quantities for stuffings, stewings, for perfume, for decorations and for medicine. These plants came to Europe from Asia and Africa, by way of the Mediterranean lands, and the Roman conquerors carried them to the farthest outposts of their empire, from which time they were known to our ancestors. A great deal of the old wisdom of the herbalists is being corroborated by modern scientific research workers and one day they will know enough to explain all about the relationship of salts and essential oils, which makes us appreciate their medicinal value and their culinary virtues. Herbs add to both the interest and the utility of the garden and it is worth while to devote a bed or border to them.

Here are some which will repay the space and attention which you devote to them.

MINT was originally a bog plant and is just the thing to put in that damp shady corner where nothing else will grow. It appreciates rich soil and will repay a light dressing of sulphate of ammonia or a little liquid manure.

SAGE, on the other hand, likes a poor soil and plenty of sunshine and will improve soups, stuffings and rissoles.

PARSLEY.—Should be raised fresh from seed from time to time and it makes a beautiful edging plant.

CHIVES.—No garden should be without chives, which is the mildest member of the onion family and gives just the right piquancy to many kinds of sandwiches, soups, or salads.

THYME is also easy to grow, but likes the sun and is one of the essentials in a "*bouquet garni*" which distinguished recipes sometimes call for the other ingredients being parsley and bay leaf.

SAVORY grows like thyme, but is spicier. No German housewife would think of boiling beans without a few sprigs of savory. It is indeed one the most freely used of all kitchen herbs in that country.

BALM.—These lovely fragrant leaves are used to flavour hot drinks for winter colds, and cold drinks for summer thirst. Try to prevent its too rampant growth.

TARRAGON leaves are used for flavouring vinegar and as one of those *finer herbes* which the French use with such discrimination. *Fines herbes* consist of the following herbs in equal proportions finely chopped:—parsley, chervils, chives and tarragon. These are sprinkled over salad after it has been dressed.

I hope you will give yourself the pleasure of a herb bed this year.

What to do in February

"February Rain is as good as Manure."

The rotation of crops for the year should be carefully considered and made a note of. Plans for the planting of special beds in the flower garden should also be made. If the weather be dry the soil should be worked up and prepared for the seed sowing that is to follow.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Many of the earlier flowering Alpine plants in the rock garden will be showing signs of new life. During mild weather see that all decayed leaves are removed and the soil round these plants loosened so as to give a fresh and tidy appearance.

About the third week in February introduce the dahlias tubers into a gentle heat and cover them with leaf soil or other light material. An occasional damping with tepid water will help them to break. When the cuttings are about four inches long take them off with a heel attached and insert singly in thumb-pots filled with sandy soil and place in the propagating frame. When they are in the frame do not allow too much moisture or the cuttings will damp off. When well rooted gradually admit the air and remove the frame as soon as it is safe to do so.

Cannas can be grown from seed or increased by dividing the crowns. The seeds may be sown at the beginning of the month. It will hasten germination if they are soaked in warm water for a day or two. If the supply is increased by division this may be done at the end of the month.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Gooseberries and currants, if trained on a north wall for a late supply, should be pruned now. Cut away all breast-wood to three eyes and nail in young growths for extension purposes.

Loganberries make tremendous growth during a season, often as much as from ten to twenty feet. The plants should be pruned this month. Old growth should, of course, be cut away and the new growth should be trained. If any of the new branches are too long for the space available cut off the ends. A strong plant trained up a pillar is ornamental as well as useful.

Now is the time to spray all kinds of fruit trees. For old trees infected with lichens use a wash of caustic alkali. This should be made of 1 lb. of caustic soda, 1 lb. of potash, both dissolved separately, 1 lb. of soft soap, and sufficient water (rain water for preference) to make up a total of 10 gallons for the whole mixture. Smaller quantities in the same proportions. Take care not to let the spray fall on your hands.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Broad beans may be sown now on a warm border. Draw deep lines two feet apart and plant the seeds in it six inches apart and about three inches deep. A double row is better than a single as the plants support one another to some extent. If you have a portable frame at liberty cover part of two or three rows with it. This should result in a gain of three weeks. When the growth becomes too high remove the frame and use it for some other purpose.

A bed of carrots may be sown now. Choose the warmest available spot (out of doors). The seeds may be sown broadcast or in rows. Break up the soil well before sowing and remove all stones. The seed should be only slightly covered. Carrots at this time of year are very slow to move, so if a sash light can be spared lay it on the seed-sown ground. This will keep it dry and assist germination.

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Tail-Wagger Chats TRAINING GUIDE DOGS

Gaining Their Affection

By PHILOKUON

Anyone who has had the opportunity of seeing a Guide Dog leading a blind man along a crowded street, steering him clear of obstacles and traffic, must have marvelled at its cleverness and the skill that was expended upon its education. The bald statement that it takes about three months to train one of these dogs fails to convey any idea of what goes on in the training school that is maintained at Wallasey by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Clearly, it is of supreme importance that a high state of perfection should be reached considering that the life of a sightless man may be at stake.

Captain N. Liakhoff, the Trainer, has explained how it is done in an article published in *The Tail-Wagger Magazine*. To begin with one imagines that he must have a deep knowledge of canine psychology, for a great deal depends upon the choice of the dogs, which, he remarks, is the base upon which the rest of the work is built. A mistake will cause trouble and needless expense. What are the characters for which he looks? A dog must be neither aggressive nor nervous. She—it is usually a bitch—must be able to concentrate. Later on her whole mind will have to be given to the work. It will be necessary for her to be absorbed in the welfare of her master, and she should not have her attention diverted by other dogs or people. The protective instinct has to be there, but discretion has to be used. It would never do for her to bite a friend who went to speak to her master.

Throughout the training the dominant idea is to impress upon the pupil that it and its master make one inseparable whole. The dog must learn, for instance, that an opening wide enough for her to pass through may not admit a man. One observation of Captain Liakhoff is applicable to all who wish to train their dogs. Right from the beginning the trainer must win the dog's affection and confidence. At first the work proceeds as if the trainer is a seeing man. Later on he assumes that he is blind, transferring the initiative to the dog. The progress is tested and verified by actual blindfold tests, and marks are given for each division of the duties, such as crossings, turns, traffic, concentration and so on.

When a dog's training is finished the blind man who is to receive her goes to the school to be trained with her. The man has to be studied as carefully as the dog was before she was accepted. "His probable capacity for control, his sense of direction, his degree of independence, the quickness of his reactions, his degree of nervousness, his balance on his feet, whether his gestures are distinct or vague, if his voice is clear and decisive, and so on." According to his responses he is classified into one of five groups, and is given a dog that falls within his particular group. All dog owners are aware that a confident manner on their part is imparted to the dog. If they are irresolute the dog will not understand what he is wanted to do.

As the two start work together the dog will probably be unable to maintain the high standard that she had reached with her trainer, and lapses have to be corrected before the blind man can leave the school with his guide.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School Fourth Anniversary

The B.O.W.A.S. celebrated its fourth birthday at the Watling Centre on January 8. Nearly a hundred people sat down to supper. Many others were expected, but unhappily the epidemic of 'flu kept them away. Among those absent through illness was Mrs. Heaf, the president of the school. This was a great pity. Their absence was regretted as much as they regretted their inability to attend. Their thoughts at least must have been with their fellow members who were celebrating this great occasion.

The room was beautifully decorated and so also were the tables a delight to the eye. The supper was excellent and the birthday cake made by Mrs. Harris and iced by Peggy Griffin, could proudly have taken its place at the Confectionery Exhibition at Olympia and won a prize. In the absence of Mrs. Heaf, Mrs. Fairbairn called upon Mrs. Fuller, the vice-president of the school, to cut the cake and this was done to the singing of "Cut a Little Bit Off the Top for Me," started by the witty Mr. Thomas.

Mrs. Seed, a friend of the movement, made a second cake, which was cut at the Monday meeting and greatly enjoyed with the usual cup of tea. All absent members were sent a piece.

Mrs. Fairbairn, the honorary secretary of the school, paid a tribute to Mrs. Nyberg for her untiring energy and skill in organizing the supper, and complimented Mrs. Thomas on her work for the school. It was to Mrs. Thomas, said Mrs. Fairbairn, that the success and prosperity of the school were largely attributable. On her devolved the responsible duty of obtaining the speakers. Mrs. Fairbairn asked those present to give both Mrs. Nyberg and Mrs. Thomas a hearty clap as a mark of their appreciation and this was done with great enthusiasm.

A social followed the supper. Mrs. Nyberg acted as M.C. That alone assured its success. There were games that provided much fun and merriment and dances which were thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Jessie Williams delighted everyone by her beautiful singing. She sang a number of songs and responded again and again to the encores that were accorded her.

At the end of the last dance Mrs. Nyberg made a short speech thanking her fellow members for giving her their unstinting help in all the arrangements. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a very jolly evening to a close.

May the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School have Many Happy Returns of the Day.

Erratum

Mr. F. R. Parish desires us to say that he was the winner of the 2nd, not the 1st, prize in The Gardeners' Challenge Cup at the National Rose Society's Summer Show at Chelsea. Mr. Norman Rogers, treasurer of the N.R.S., was the winner of the 1st prize. Will the *Hendon Times* and *Guardian* please copy and relieve Mr. Parish's embarrassment?

Cyclone Danny Carter on Sports in Motion Pictures

Sports play a very important part in the making of modern motion pictures. The quality of a motion-picture depends chiefly upon its speed, fast movement, thrill after thrill—things which are also necessary in sports and which we can obtain only by employing good sportsmen in films.

It is true that, since the talkies, we hear from the screen very often nothing but more or less uninteresting talk, but such pictures, which are only screen reproductions of the theatre, in spite of their very high, sometimes artistic value, can hardly be called motion-pictures, being too talkative and slow-moving. A fast-moving, sensational drama will always appeal more to the masses than a highbrow stage play.

This is why all the movie stars, male and female, must excel in all kinds of sport. We cannot imagine a film actor, especially in America, who could not swim, ride horseback, drive a motor car, or play a good game of tennis. American women fall for Buster Crabbe and Johnny Weismuller, champion swimmers, who made good in films only because of their swimming records. Modern scenarios describe most film heroes as brave, fearless and strong he-men. Only a good sportsman can depict such a type upon the screen.

Still, these madly courageous and reckless feats attributed to film heroes by the scenario writers are sometimes more than dangerous—they seem almost impossible. A scenario writer, glorying in the thought of thrills he will provide for the sensation-seeking public, doesn't at all realize that his imagination sometimes runs away with him and that his ideas are, to say the least, extravagant. Directors and producers like such scenarios, knowing that they mean box office and success, and they don't care if the tricks to be performed are fantastic.

And the actors? The handsome leading man who gets big money for kissing his lovely leading lady (what a delightful job! He ought to pay extra for the pleasure of it, the dog!) doesn't want to risk his smooth features, admired by his fans, in dangerous accidents and be crashed. The film company is also afraid to use him for that job, knowing that if he loses his looks—which may easily happen—he'll also lose his popularity with the fans, and box office value.

Somebody must replace him. But who?

There's where the stuntman comes into the picture. Stuntmen are always good sportsmen, who are always ready and willing to do any crazy thing requested, not so much to get paid for it, but just because they get a kick out of *doing* such things themselves, not watching them from a cosy upholstered cinema chair.

This is where I play my part: my job in the studio consists of doing all sorts of dangerous stunts, doubling for the stars.

It is not the actual stunting that worries me; it's the weeks of preparation, because after starting the engine it is only a few seconds before it's over. A simple explanation of this is when I was working on the film *The Return of Bulldog Drummond*. I had to ride over a bridge in a Rolls-Bentley and leap out while the car was travel-

ling at 40 m.p.h. a few yards from the bridge. The actual film was only two or three seconds, but it cost the firm £2,000. There was a staff of thirty people, together with the car, which had to be transported to Action Bridge, Creve, and then back again to the Studio at Elstree.

Most of you residents have witnessed my crashing through two sheets of glass and riding through fire. This was originally one of my many stunts in the film *Money for Speed*.

I wrecked eleven machines on this picture—eleven bikes went to pieces. We made the scene several times and it wasn't good enough, so I kept on trying and each time wrecked a specially prepared machine until it was O.K. I didn't mind the scratches, but it was the building of the machines that worried me.

The most thrilling part, and yet the easiest for me, was riding a machine over the "Wall of Death."

This was in fact easier and less embarrassing than riding in the Watling Carnival.

So! Just remember—the next time you sport a back seat at the Regent Cinema (discussing a Knock-Knock with Little Audrey), don't "laugh and laugh," but just think of us fellows who do all the hard work.

[We thank Cyclone Danny Carter very much for his interesting article, and also for his promise of further articles referring to his experiences abroad. We are hoping for an article by our old friend, Rex Judd, a very whole-hearted supporter of the Watling Association.

I may add Rex Judd sells more motor cycles than any other dealer for miles and has promised us an article on how to *buy* a motor cycle and, having bought one, how to care for it, followed by a few of his track experiences.—JACK HILTON.]

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Women's Adult School

Outstanding among our recent meetings was the Annual Meeting, when our officers were elected for the coming year. There was little variation—only one member standing down. There were three nominations and the voting was very close. Mrs. Heaf is President again and Mrs. Thomas continues as Programme Secretary and Mrs. Fairbairn as Secretary. The School were very enthusiastic.

Mrs. Harris's talk on the "School Handbook for 1937" proved very enlightening. The Programme Secretary, in discussion, pointed out that the School did not care for talks of too religious a nature, which is not surprising, but it is rather surprising that they are not keen on history. Mrs. Harris's suggestions will prove helpful in adapting these lessons to more suitable talks.

Mr. Gardiner, of Hendon Adult School, took us back to days gone by and how the people cultivated gardens: Terraced, Hanging and sunken gardens with some very good paintings by himself which made the talk more realistic. He answered many questions with practical advice on rockeries, laying out small gardens, planting fruit trees, etc.

Then Mrs. Harris, who is a member of the School, gave a talk on "Some difficulties effecting us in our personal lives," from her own experience. This proved very helpful and seemed to point to thoughtfulness for others, restraint, self-discipline and, last but not least, diplomacy. Unfortunately the School has suffered from influenza, almost all the Committee being absent at the present time but happily all are on the road to recovery.

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Pancakes and Pyramids

Dear Ladies,

At the beginning of this month comes Shrove Tuesday and with it the old custom of making pancakes. In fact it's very often called "Pancake Day." One can think of several days and times like this that are associated with something special to eat—plum pudding at Christmas, hot cross buns on Good Friday and Easter Eggs at Easter. Often we don't know why we eat things when we do. The custom is so very old that the reason why it began is practically forgotten. But we can guess that pancakes were made in the old days so as to use up all the eggs, grease, lard and such like food in the house before the long fast of Lent, when to eat such things was forbidden. Nowadays, I think, most of us make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday just because they are nice things to eat and we have heard of it as Pancake Day, not because we don't use eggs and fat during Lent. It is like this with many old customs—we go on following them though the original reason why they were useful has disappeared.

Another day in February has an old custom, February 14, St. Valentine's Day—a very different affair from making pancakes. True lovers sent pretty cards to one another to show their faithfulness or to hint their feelings in a delicate way. But, somehow, it hasn't lasted as has the making of pancakes. More's the pity perhaps.

This is a good recipe for the pancakes when you do make them. Sieve 4 oz. of flour and a pinch of salt into a basin. Make a well and mix the eggs into the flour as smoothly as possible, adding half the milk gradually. Then beat hard to produce a smooth batter. Stir in the rest of the milk. Heat some butter or lard in the frying pan, but keep only just enough to cover the bottom of the pan and cook slowly.

There are all sorts of fillings and variations that can be added to the plain pancake. One very good sort that I enjoyed a little while ago had raisins added to the batter. Jam, lemon curd, apple and mincemeat all make very nice fillings. The important point about all pancakes is not to make them too thick, then they won't be leathery. I hope all yours will be delicious. MOTHER HUBBARD

COCONUT PYRAMIDS

To make these popular dainties mix together 2 oz. coconut and 4 oz. castor sugar. Add the stiffly whipped white of an egg and beat well.

Form into pyramids, place each on rice paper and bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes. Half the mixture may be coloured with a few drops of cochineal.

years that in March it will be entitled to elect six members. Make your point of view felt in the selection of those members. Go to the Polling Station and put a cross against the name of the Candidate you prefer.

"THE M.C.C." and YOU

On Tuesday, March 2, the Middlesex County Council Elections will take place. The seventy-five elected members of the Council come to the end of their three years' term of office. Most of them will stand for re-election and there will be some new candidates.

At the last M.C.C. Election in 1934, only 20 per cent of the Middlesex electors voted. Only one person in five who might have done so took the trouble to go to the Polling Station and record his or her vote.

Why are the electorate so indifferent?

Is the work of the County Council of so little importance to the people of Middlesex that they do not think it matters of whom the membership consists?

Of the retiring councillors, fifty-four belong to the old political parties, twenty-one are Labour and Co-operative. The twenty-five aldermen are of the same political complexion as the fifty-four.

What work does the County Council perform that is so important to you men and women and to your children and that makes it desirable that you should elect people who are capable and hard-working, and whom you feel you can approach, and who will, you believe, understand your point of view?

Among the work which I hope I may, in subsequent numbers of the *Resident*, be allowed to describe in some detail, there is that performed by the Public Health Department and controlled by the Public Health Committee. This Committee is responsible for the five great County Hospitals of which Redhill is one and, subject to the agreement of the County Council as a whole, decides what the hospital patient shall pay towards the cost of his treatment. It has also charge of the two Sanatoria and appoints District Medical Officers and makes grants to District Nursing Associations.

Public Assistance is the sole responsibility of the County Council. Over 10,000 persons and their dependents are in receipt of Out-Relief given them in accordance with the County Scales and regulations. Are you not interested in the amount they receive and the manner in which it is given them? The County acts as parent or guardian to nearly 1,000 children. Does it not interest you at all what sort of people arrange for these children's health and well-being?

The County Council has the care of the Old People in its institutions and of the Blind and the Mentally Afflicted.

The upkeep and safety of the main roads running through the County has been the responsibility of the Highways Committee and it is the County Council that has carried out the 5½ million pound Sewerage Scheme that was opened in October by the Minister of Health.

The Educational Committee has control of the whole of the Secondary and Technical Education of Middlesex, and this is a matter of great importance to parents of bright boys and girls.

The members of the County Council determine the conditions of work of their employees and their rate of pay. The condition of the lower paid workers has during the past three years needed careful watching, as also has the tendency of the salaries of the more highly paid officials to steadily increase.

Hendon has at present three members of the County Council but so rapidly has its population grown of recent

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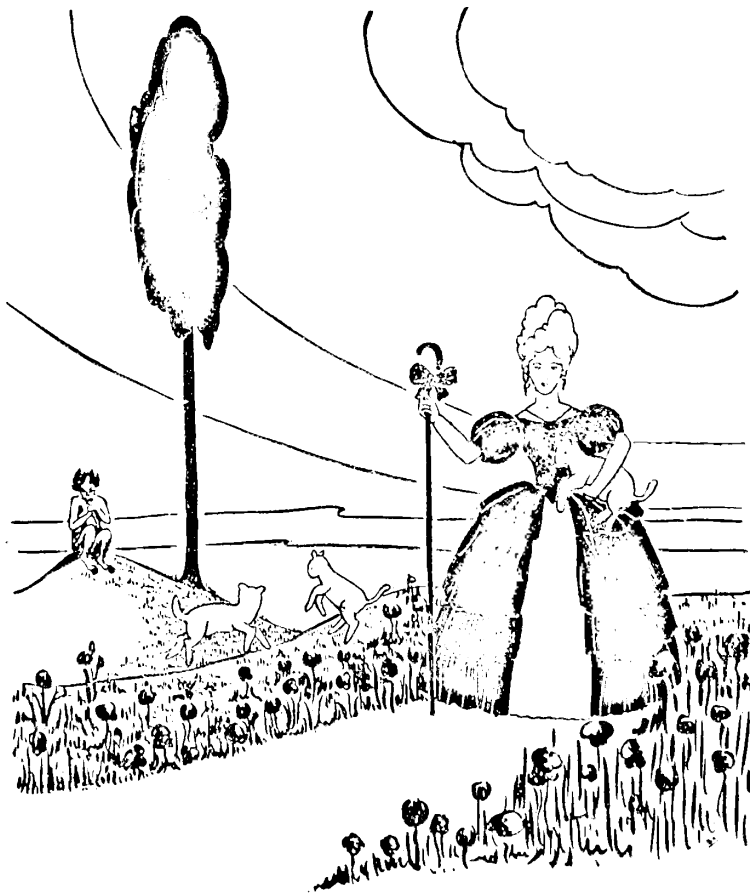
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"WATCH THE CLOCK."

See next month's *Resident* for further particulars of a new and novel Competition

Veterans' Club

The big event in January was the New Year Party held at the Centre on Wednesday, the 13th. About 70 sat down to tea, which included helpers. We were sorry to learn that 15 of the Veterans were unable to attend owing to illness. Among the visitors present were Mr. A. I. Jones, who said grace, Mrs. Frencham and Mrs. Stokes. Mrs. King (chairwoman), in a short speech wished the club a happy and successful new year. This was endorsed by Mrs. Cole (treasurer) and Mrs. Hilton (vice-president). Two bouquets were presented by the Veterans to Mrs. King and Mrs. Cole. After tea they adjourned to the main hall for the evening's entertainment, which was opened by the Veterans themselves.

Mr. Torrence was the first and gave us a number of old choruses, which all joined in. Next came Mrs. Fox, who sang an old Irish song; then Mrs. Richards, who sang "The Miner's Dream of Home." This concluded the Veterans' part of the entertainment.

Following on, the Dockwell Sisters gave delightful songs and dances. The stage now having been set we enjoyed an hour and a half of entertainment given by Miss Sandford's Concert Party, a troupe of seven ladies. Included in their programme was a pantomime, *Cinderella*. It was a very fine show and we are greatly indebted to them for their services.

An interval of fifteen minutes was given when refreshments were provided for the club. Thanks are due to Mr. George Nosworthy for his generosity in giving the drinks, which the Veterans enjoyed.

The next half of the programme was opened by Mrs. Stokes, who sang some popular songs. Mr. Wheeler obliged with banjo solos and Miss Clement Brown's junior girls club gave a Christmas play entitled *Christmas Eve*.

As it was 10.30 when the play finished, the Veterans were asked if they would like to finish up or stay and see some cinema films. With one accord they said carry on, so up stepped our president, Mr. A. I. Jones, with that wonderful machine of his, and we all settled down again to a movie show.

In closing I should just like to thank on behalf of the Veterans our lady helpers who once again supplied the tea, also Mrs. Frencham (100 cigarettes), Mr. J. Roblou (100 cigarettes), Mr. Fisher, who gave his services as pianist, and the men who rallied round and assisted in stewarding, etc.

E. COLE

Burnt Oak Young People's Adult School

Why not come along to B.O.Y.P.A.S. on Wednesday at 8.15 p.m., for an interesting evening? We have excellent speakers and interesting discussions. Don't forget our birthday tea and social evening on Saturday, February 13 (tickets 1/-). For further particulars see school members or Secretary.

Yours faithfully,

F. WHITEHEAD, Sec.

41 Cressingham Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware.

Boxing

What's wrong with the Senior Boys? We seem to be very short of members over 14 years of age, why is it? The junior section under those two old friends Messrs. Benham and H. Faux, is doing very well, and they manage to keep these two trainers busy. It is no wonder one of them has to rub in some vile smelling oil when he has finished; if the result is anything like the smell, it must do a lot of good. I understand that one of our trainers is still able to win cups for boxing, and what is more, goes down to Edenbridge to do it. Massive affair the cup I believe, had a job to find it in his waistcoat pocket.

On Tuesday, February 9, the preliminary bouts of the J.O.C. Boxing Tournament will be held at the Watling Centre, and on Saturday, February 13, the final bouts will be held at the Drill Hall, Hendon. We hope to put in a full team. Come along to the Drill Hall, Hendon, on February 13, to support the boys. It will be a good evening's clean sport, and what is more cheap?

We are hoping to have a team match very shortly with the All Saints Club, Childs Hill, to be followed by the Inter Estate Cup Competition, which I believe will be held at Morden this year on Saturday, February 27. Apply early to book your seat on the coach. L.K.

Northern Cycling Club

Well, the night of nights is past history, but what a night! Eighty members and friends sat down to dinner, and the number swelled to some 200 for the dancing that followed. Visitors included members of the Upper Holloway and our old friends and rivals, the North Western R.C. In his speech for "The Club" Mr. T. V. Church (official club timekeeper) mentioned that the club was some 24 years old and still going strong, and it made him happy to see some of the original members still so keen for the club's welfare.

In response the club's president, Mr. C. J. Humphreys (known to the boys and girls as "Guv") recalled memories of the beginning of the club in 1912 and told all the main events of the past year and thanked the committee for the valuable work done during the club's busy months.

For "The Visitors" Mr. F. J. Swanson (club captain) made a short but good speech. The chairman, Mr. J. G. Mayhew, thanked "The Guv" for services rendered and his unfailing efforts for the club's welfare. The final point of the evening was when the prizes were presented to the racing men who proved successful during the past racing season.

During the dancing four spot prizes, two novelty prizes and a raffle were included. Music was again rendered by Mr. F. Cole to good effect. A surprise presentation was made to Mr. T. V. Church, a set of fish knives and forks.

Well folks, my job is ended and now I must say Cheerio. After these notes you will be kept informed of the club's doings by another Northern scribe who will be chosen at our Annual General Meeting to be held at our clubroom on January 27. "Bungol"

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Random Jottings

Billiards

The Billiard Room at the Centre has been let for Tuesday evenings, so it is not then available for members, but they are welcome to use it any other evening in the week including Sundays. The charges are: per half hour, billiards, 6d.; snooker, 8d. Adult members will be specially welcome, but should bring their own partners to make sure of a game, unless notice is given. A partner can be found at any time for a member if twenty-four hours' notice is given at the office.

Tinfoil

As the price of metal is rising it is now more worth while to collect tin- and lead-foil or silver paper. Any members who would like to help the Association funds by collecting this can bring it to the office or hand it over to Mrs. Lord.

"Daily Mirror" Coupons

The collection is getting on nicely, but we can always do with more.

J.O.C. Boxing Cup

Congratulations to the Boxing Club and the members who fought so well in winning the J.O.C. Cup on February 13. We must specially mention Mr. S. Benham, who has been after this for years.

Nutrition

Did you see what the papers said about the "Nutrition" film which is to be shown at the Centre on March 11th? *Daily Herald*: "One of the most arresting social pictures ever produced . . . reveals the hidden dangers sapping the strength of the Nation"; *The Times*: "A valuable contribution to our knowledge of a problem of national importance"; *New Statesman and Nation*: "it drives home the point that the poor go ill-fed because they are poor not because they are ignorant . . . a study of an urgent social problem." If you have any sense of responsibility for the community you must see this film.

Another Outing

Jack Hilton has taken 200 3s. Grand Circle Seats at the Palladium for Thursday, May 27th. If you want to join the party weekly payments will finish on May 8th, but you must let him know at once. Six charabancs will leave at 8.0 p.m. sharp on the date named.

Amateur Music Hall

There is to be a local talent Concert at the Centre in the near future. Don't miss this as there are some surprises in store for the audience. Several prominent promoters are being invited and perhaps engagements will be offered. This has been asked for a long time and we are expecting the best talent obtainable to appear.

Sports Meeting

Don't forget we are to have a full Saturday afternoon Sports Meeting this year—on June 12, at Moss's Sports Ground again. Cups and prizes by the bushel.

Free to the First Cailer!

A complete volume for 1935 of the popular cycling journal *Cycling* will be given by Mr. F. A. Dovey, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer of the North Western Road Club, to the first person calling on him at 109 Ellesmere Avenue, Apex Corner, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

Cheers

What a Club, Les! What Seniors, Tommy! 100% Eddiel

The above are just a few "straight lefts." You can see we have just won the J.O.C. Cup at Hendon and as we have not been able to pull it off with the juniors in the previous three years I got my pals Tom and Eddie to smarten up a few seniors. They did and the result is the W.A.B.C. slogan, "Seniors 100%." We want more like them. Not slogans, but seniors. Plenty of room for another dozen or so.

S. A. B.

News of other Community Associations

We learn from the February Bulletin of the N.E.C.C. that the Bermondsey Borough Council has approved in principle to a scheme for the provision of a Community Centre on the Redriff Estate—a large block dwelling estate in Rotherhithe. The scheme provides for tennis and netball courts, a small football ground and a Centre with hall and five small rooms, at an estimated cost of between £10,000 and £11,000. Birmingham City Council has made a contribution of £400 for the year beginning April 1, 1937 to the work of the Birmingham Council for Community Associations. Edinburgh is considering what can be done.

The Surrey County Council Education Committee has recommended that a Junior Institute should be erected on the St. Helier Estate and that the building should contain the rooms suggested in the Board of Education's pamphlet on Youth Community Centres. Perry Standing Community Association has a 16 min. film of its work.

On January 29 an interesting meeting was held in London of representatives from some twenty tenants' community associations. One of these has already been to see the Watling Centre, and another is making arrangements to do so.

Odd Fellows, Loyal Burnt Oak Lodge

We do hope Mr. Printer will forgive our insistence on a two-worded title, a request which is supported by our journalist-in-chief, Bro. T. G. Graham, *doyen* of Fleet Street, editor *Odd Fellows Magazine* and Parliamentary Agent for our Order. "Odd" by the way, is the very antithesis to the "queer" definition some people think it implies. The learned of Watling will recall that a famous admiral in the time of Good Queen Bess called his best fighting ship an Odd ship—meaning good. Also that at one time the word had a religious flavour, for the early Christians were called by their oppressors the "odd sect." Indeed, some of our earliest signs, still in use today—the All-Seeing eye, for instance—may be traced from that source. That the rapid growth of Odd (God) Fellows put fear into the hearts of the tyrants of old is shown by the cruel practises of those days. Perhaps we had better remark at this juncture that our lodges—as we call our units—like the Watling Association, are non-political and non-sectarian; every member has his or her free choice; moreover, such subjects are banned for discussion during lodge hours. If we continue in this strain Mr. Lake will say we are giving a lecture, and not a report, but perhaps he would like to invite the intelligenzia of the Association to comment on this theme.

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We are afraid our actual report must necessarily be brief and also sad. On January 26 we lost by death Bro. George L. Lingstrom at the age of 75. He was the Corresponding Secretary for all North London and for the past 36 years had the welfare of some 53,500 members at heart, including we few of the Centre in recent times.

Our letter of last month brought us visits from four residential members. We are happy, however, to report that we included Miss Hilton, who, being Jack's daughter, ought to be able to show our publicity bloke a trick or two—we hope so anyway. Negotiations with the North London Development Committee have been favourable; whilst we cannot yet give dates of forthcoming concerts, etc., we would like to conclude by quoting part of our last minutes:—"That the business of the lodge be transacted as expeditiously as possible and that the door then be opened to indicate a welcome to all who would join us in song, dance or games."

E. FARESS

The Hosas Social Club

This Hosas Social Club was formed about three years ago to bring together local contributions to the H.S.A.

Meetings are held each Thursday evening at the "Royal Oak" in Burnt Oak Broadway, and the average attendance is 30 to 36 members. The Club caters for most of the indoor sports and pastimes and has its own cups for darts and table tennis, which are competed for annually. The activities sponsored by this Club are in no sense rival to those of the Watling Centre—in fact several of our members are interested in the Centre.

Friendly matches are played against other associations, our most earnest competitors being the Darts Team of the O.C.A., who have the same Club Raven during the week.

The latest development of the Club is the Hosas Football team, which made its entry into local football this season and, considering that the players had not previously played with each other as a team, the standard of play is to be commended. The Club's ground is at the West Hendon Playing Fields, and the energetic Hon. Sec., Mr. L. Kent, of 11 Rose Glen, Kingsbury, has arranged an interesting programme of matches. On Easter Monday the Club is entertaining a team from Luton—a match at the Black Cat Sports Ground, available through the kindness of Messrs. Carreras Ltd., will be followed by a social at the "Royal Oak."

Very keen interest is shown by the Club members in all Club activities.

Occasional outings are arranged, either a ramble to the neighbouring country round St. Albans, Dunstable, or more local places such as Elstree; or maybe visits of educational interest to the large factories. Last year a summer outing was made to Littlehampton and this year the Club has arranged an outing to Ramsgate for July 12. A few seats in the coaches are still available and readers of the *Watling Resident* who might be interested are invited to apply to Mr. E. G. Bishop, 3a Watling Avenue, between 7.0 and 7.30 p.m. on any Thursday evening. The only qualification is that intending visitors must be members of the H.S.A.

Enquiries regarding membership of the Club would be welcomed from any local H.S.A. contributors and should be addressed to the Hon. Sec., c/o 24 Oldberry Road, Burnt Oak. The subscription is 2d. per week, but in addition there is an extra subscription to other sections in which the members may be interested.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated

March, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
 7. Business Meeting
 14. Young People's Week, Mr. Eric Lord
 21. "The English Reformation," Mr. Balmbray
 28. Easter Sunday. No Meeting
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 W.E.A. Psychology Class, 8.0 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at
 26 Homelfield Road.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
 Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m. (alternate weeks).
- Tuesdays** — Millinery Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 4.30 p.m.
 Young Watlers, 6.0 p.m.
 Cripple Parlour, 6.0 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 6.30 p.m.
 Girl School Leavers, Woodcroft School,
 7.30 p.m.
 Physical Training for Girls over 17, Wood-
 croft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed' days** — Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 3. "French Painting," Miss Pearce
 10. "Visit to the National Gallery," Miss Pearce
 17. "The County's Mental Hospitals,"
 County Councillor Mrs. F. M. Suggate
 24. "Current Events," Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris
 31. School Holidays. No Meeting
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thur' days** — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 English Class, 4.30 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Boxing, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** — Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** — Members' Socials, 8.0 p.m.

Other Events

- Thursday** 4. Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
Sunday 7. Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
 Rev. O. Gibbs-Smith
 Carnival Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 9. Left Book Club, 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 11. Talkie Programme, including "Nutri-
 tion" film, 8.30 p.m.
Saturday 13. Boxing Match v. All Saints, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 14. Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m.
Tuesday 16. Physical Training Demonstration,
 7.30 p.m.
Friday 19. Three One Act Plays by the Wat-
Saturday 20. ling Guild of Players, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 21. Public Lecture in Co-operation with
 Edgware Fellowship,
 "The Power Behind the Press,"
 Mr. Allen Hutt, B.A., 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 25. W.A. Council
Friday 26. Good Friday. Centre Closed.
Sunday 28. Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m.

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Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

- March** 4—Special Visit of Dr. H. A. IRNSIDE,
 of the Moody Memorial Church,
 Chicago. 8.0 p.m. (Thursday)
 7—Mr. E. F. ALES
 14—Mr. W. SINGLETON FISHER
 21—Mr. T. E. ADAMS
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Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

The meeting to hear the report of the first Conference called by the London Federation of Peace Councils was the best attended for some time. As the delegate revealed to the women the enormous amount spent on armaments by the leading countries of the world their indignation grew. The fallacy of air defence protection against gas attack was dealt with and the power of women in preventing the catastrophe of war, which appears to be so near, was stressed.

The next meeting was taken by Mr. Maurice Rowntree on "Truth," which was very broadminded. He really trounced us, saying: "Most people needed a volcano to get them out of the rut they were in. Happily the younger generation thought and acted for themselves." He spoke on various aspects of the subject and said we should never put any person or section of people outside our own circles, and that we were always running away from truth. We were all unusually quiet.

On February 8 Mr. Dillson gave his usual bright talk on "Words and their Meaning." Most words seem to have a dozen or more meanings, of which he gave us many, excluding the slang meanings, causing much merriment. Our President returned this afternoon after a somewhat lengthy absence. There are a series of lessons on words in the handbook and Miss Clement Brown gave the next. She read from Shelley, Ruskin and Macfieid, etc., and told how German and French gave more scope for expression, although the Scotch was almost perfect too. She said how proud she was of her mother-tongue and asked us only to use good English words and use none that sounded ugly. She told us her future plans and how happy she had been in the School, and promised to arrange things so as to attend as usual on Monday afternoons.

A mistake occurred in January report. The Lesson Handbook for 1937 was taken by Mr. Sewell Harris.

Rhythmic Exercises for Men

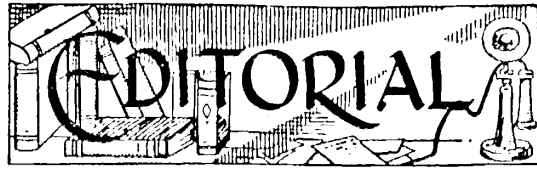
People sometimes think rhythmic exercises are a namby pamby kind of business, just a dancing lesson with some elegant posturing thrown in. That is off the map. There is nothing namby pamby about rhythmic exercises. There will be plenty of hard work. If you're in training to start with so much the better. If you want exercise you will have plenty of it. Another mistaken idea is that they are very solemn and highbrow. Off the map, too. Solemn faces are *not* wanted. You can't move well unless you move happily.

In many people the body and mind don't work properly together; the mind doesn't know how to direct the body; the body doesn't know how to obey the mind. And so the movement of most of us is clumsy, ill-timed, wasteful and dreary.

Rhythmic exercises develop a sense of time and rhythm; give balance and control; teach each nerve and muscle to react to the directions of the brain. And movement then becomes accurate, well-timed, economical and a pleasure to do and a pleasure to see.

Will any volunteers for this experiment kindly give their names to Mr. Harris at the Centre? A group of 12 to 15 men is wanted. If a group can be formed there will be an hour a week—time to be announced later.

DRESS: Shirt or singlet, old grey flannel trousers or shorts, gym. shoes.



To Thinking Men

Many people have said that they have learnt more since leaving school than they did at it. We will readily agree with this. Some of the world's greatest men were considered duds at school. But whether we are at school or not we are always learning, and it is a fine thing for us to get together and discuss the needs and amenities of life.

The Burnt Oak Men's Adult School which meets at the Centre every Sunday evening at 6.30, affords a fine opportunity for this. It is called a school because its main object is education—adult education. There are no conditions of membership, you don't have to belong to any church or party. You just join, come to the meetings, and you are a member.

The complaint of some bored people is that "nothing happens," but the world does not stand still. Things are happening every day. Some of us are content to jog along and let things take their course, but we must not become apathetic. We enjoy many privileges in this country, which, if we don't watch, we can easily lose. The Adult School movement believes that we are separate creatures with our own individualities, but that we belong to each other, and that we can, by serving the common purposes of humanity give ourselves a wider horizon and make more real to ourselves the meaning of life.

If you have an hour to spare next Sunday evening, come along to the school, you won't be asked to speak. You can just make yourself comfortable and listen to an interesting talk and discussion. If you wish, you can join in the discussion, and we are confident that you will learn something and will want to come again.

Good Wishes

I would like, through the medium of the *Watling Resident*, to express my thanks to all who have helped to make my stay at Watling such a pleasant one.

I am looking forward to my new charge at Hanwell and hope when in the near future we shall be able to challenge Watling, that a keen and happy rivalry will be fostered in the fields of sport.

A. W. ADAMS

JOIN THE WATLING ASSOCIATION!

MEMBERSHIP: 4d. MONTH

Dear Mr. Editor,

Since writing to the Executive a few months ago announcing my intention to bring my regular work here to a close about the end of February, I find that some of the facts in relation to this decision have been rather confused in people's minds, and I should be grateful if you would kindly allow me a little space in the *Resident* to make it clear.

Last summer I was asked if I would be willing to take over again one of my old jobs—that of Secretary of the Children's Hospitality Committee of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. I replied then that I was settling down to a renewed period of work in Watling, and it would not be possible to go to their office. However, as the post remained vacant, and help would be urgently needed again this summer, and as I had also come to feel that I was not participating in enough of the Watling Association's activities to justify the giving of full-time services here, I decided that it was better, after all, to make the change.

It may interest some of your readers who remember my young Austrian friend, Rosa Frank, to know that the committee of which I shall again be secretary was formed after the war for the purpose of finding temporary homes for the Austrian famine children, of which she was one. Though these children returned to Austria after a year's care in this country the committee had been in touch with so many kind hosts and hostesses that it continued its work by arranging periods of hospitality for our own children and mothers from poorer London districts. The work has been going on ever since, though I myself left it early in 1928 to go out as club leader to these same Austrian children (by then young people) at the Friends Centre in Vienna. Now I am hoping to make another link in its continuity this summer.

I am going to live in Mill Hill, so shall not be very far away, and I hope to rejoin the Association as an Associate member, and to come round to the Centre sometimes to a social, to some of the women's groups to help in the office or to visit my friends. I shall always be interested in the Association's work, and am hoping through my work with the Nat. Association of Mixed Clubs (one of my voluntary jobs) to visit other new estates from time to time and to follow the developments of the Youth Centres.

Wishing you all every success,

Yours sincerely,

C. CLEMENT BROWN

67 Horsecroft Road, Edgware

Dear Sir,

I would respectfully enquire if you or the Officers of the "Association" are able to inform me as to the reason the first train from "Edgware" station (Underground) on Sundays is 7.50 a.m.

I believe there are a great number of residents who find it necessary to travel by all manner of ways to enable them to arrive in the centre of London by 8.0 a.m. owing to their employment.

Perhaps the collectors for the "Association" could make an enquiry when calling on the members so as to ascertain their desire for an earlier train service on Sundays.

C. H. WHEELER

The Electrical Development of Britain

Through the good offices of the Hendon Electric Supply Co., Mr. G. S. Francis visited the Centre on Thursday, February 11, and gave a very interesting lecture on the above subject. He started by narrating the elementary forms of power which were at first available to mankind, and then sketched the discoveries about electricity which had made possible the modern developments.

Benjamin Franklin and Joseph Priestley were among the first experimenters of modern times, but Michael Faraday is the man to whom the industry owes most. All he learnt in his childhood was to read and write, nothing more; in fact, he started life with no external advantages except the one great thing, that his father was a Yorkshireman. One of his first jobs was at a booksellers, and then he became laboratory boy to Sir Humphrey Davey and in 1831 he discovered that waving a wire in a magnetic field produced a current in the wire, that is to say mechanical power could be made to generate electricity, and the first germ of the dynamo was born.

The first practical use of electricity was for telegraphy, then in 1880 the vacuum or incandescent lamp was invented, and later it became apparent that electricity could also be used for power.

War-time experience showed that Britain was very badly organized electrically, and in 1919 there ensued a struggle between the politicians and the engineers. Unfortunately the politicians won and the resulting legislation included so many safeguards to protect the public from the dangers of monopoly that there were no practical electrical results.

Next the Weir Committee was set up and reported that nation wide organization was necessary; this was followed by the Central Electricity Board, which chose 120 of the existing 590 generating stations as the most suitable for the national system and by the "Grid." It is noteworthy that, while in the rest of the world the economic blizzard of the early '30s was reflected, as usual, in declining consumption of electricity, in England the consumption rose steadily.

In conclusion Mr. Francis dwelt on the fact that the development of a new source of power must be thought of not merely as a business, but as a determining factor in the kind of society which is to develop, and that therefore responsibility for this power is a matter of urgent importance.

In answer to questions he said, amongst other things, that although the grid itself, that is to say the main system of high tension wires, is now finished, there is still a good deal to be done in the way of local tapping of the grid and distribution throughout the countryside. Again, seventy per cent of the industrial horse power in England is now electrical; in Northampton it is as high as ninety-eight per cent and in a number of towns the industrial use of electricity is greater than the domestic use, thus making it possible to supply domestic current very cheaply in those places.



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To Remove Various Stains

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Place stained article across a basin and pour boiling water through stain.

JUICE STAINES ON WATERPROOF COATS.—Sponge with a little cold water in which an aspirin tablet has been dissolved.

GRAVY OR FRUIT SPLASHES.—If a damask tablecloth gets soiled in this way, rub a little French chalk on at once. Leave for a few minutes, brush off and the stain will have gone. If some French chalk is kept handy, it often saves having to send a clean cloth to the wash.

WINE STAINS ON TABLECLOTH.—Hold the wine-marked piece of the tablecloth in a saucepan of milk while the milk is actually boiling on the stove. The milk must boil all the time.

COCOA.—Wash in cold and then pour on boiling water.

COFFEE.—Pour boiling water over.

INK

Soak the stains in buttermilk for at least an hour, then wash out in lukewarm water containing a little borax only. Repeat the process until the stains have all disappeared.

ON LINEN.—Rub well with melted tallow candle, then wash in the usual way. The ink and grease will come out together, without damage to the cloth.

Cut a tomato in half and rub the cut side with a circular motion on the ink stain. The stain will gradually grow fainter, and when almost gone, wash the part with water and soap in the ordinary way. This method will not injure the most delicate fabric.

SILK STOCKINGS.—Soak for two hours in pure vinegar, rub gently, then wash in the ordinary way.

INK AND IODINE.—These may be easily removed if soaked in glycerine before washing.

INK ON SILK.—Cut a tomato in half and rub on the ink mark. Leave to dry, wash as usual, when the stain will have disappeared.

Soak in milk or lemon juice and a little salt. Red ink stains: apply ammonia and water, then wash in milk.

Ink stains which have been allowed to dry on the material can be removed by applying olive oil liberally to the marks. Leave overnight then wash in a lather of soap flakes. Rinse thoroughly.

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ON BLANKETS.—Make a mixture in the proportion of 1 tablespoonful of glycerine, $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoonful of aqua ammonia, and 9 tablespoonfuls of tepid water. Lay the stained part on a tray and moisten with the liquid, brushing it well into the blanket with a nail-brush. Leave for 12 hours, but every now and then moisten and brush the stain as before. Lay a folded cloth under the stain, cover with another and rub rather hard. Then rinse and dry the blanket when stain will have gone.

Apply a little of the best glycerine and rub in stained parts, then wash. Even old stains may be removed in this way.

STAINED ALUMINIUM TEA POTS.—Rub inside with a little common household salt and the stains will be removed.

COCOA AND TEA.—Sponge cocoa stains with cold water; warm or hot water only sets the stain more deeply. When tea is spilt on a delicate material smear a little glycerine over and leave on for a few hours before washing with soap and water.

A STAINED TEA CLOTH.—Cover the stain with glycerine and leave to dry. Then wash and boil in the ordinary way, when no mark will be left.

BLOODSTAINS ON LINEN.—Smear with powdered starch, mixed to a cream with water. After a few hours, wash in warm water and soap.

BLOOD STAINS.—Apply cold water at once.

IODINE.—If on cotton or linen, cover stain with soft paste of mustard and water. Leave for a few hours, when every trace of iodine will have gone.

CREOSOTE.—Rub a mixture of methylated spirits and vinegar with a piece of flannel into stain. Then steep article in warm soda water for twenty minutes.

PAINT STAINS ON WINDOW PANES.—Rub well with the edge of a penny or pencil eraser.

STAINS ON MAHOGANY.—Make a mixture of linseed oil and cigarette ash and rub into stain with the fingers. Leave for several hours, wipe off any surplus oil and polish in usual way.

GRASS STAINS.—Damp with cold water and apply cream of tartar.

STAINED EGG-SPOONS.—Keep the water in which the eggs are boiled, then after the meal dip the egg-spoons into it when all stains will be removed.

STAINED FINGERS.—If potatoes and other vegetables are placed in a colander and peeled under running water the fingers will not become stained.

You can avoid stains on your fingers from peeling fruit and vegetables if you will rub lemon juice into the hands before and during the process of peeling. Keep an old used piece of lemon peel near the sink for the purpose.

Half a lemon is useful kept in a jar by the sink to remove vegetable stains and clean the nails after dusty work.

TRY LEMON.—For perspiration stains, place the stained part over a bowl of boiling water and rub with a cut lemon. Rinse thoroughly with cold water and the marks will go.



Beautifying London

Some three years ago a society was established for the beautifying of London. It is called "The London Gardens Society." The aims of this excellent body are stated to be:—

1. To make a permanent contribution towards the beautifying of London by the growing of flowers, particularly in parts which are dull and ugly.
2. To provide a healthy and civilizing interest for those who have very little opportunity for self-expression.
3. To give the humblest citizen an opportunity of taking his part in a movement for the improvement of his surroundings, i.e. of performing a civic function.

These aims are carried out in two main directions: the personal and the communal. The personal can be achieved, even if there is no garden, by means of floral decorations, flower pots and window boxes. A window box full of earth is not really necessary and it is often difficult to get sufficient earth in the heart of London, and a trip into the country for this purpose may not be within the means of a dweller in the East End. Also you do not want to annoy your neighbour below or at either side by drippings of water.

But a few pot-fuls of plants on the window-sill can make a brave show. Care must be taken to avoid the risk of their falling off. A piece of wood could be fixed across, or the pots could be kept in their place by some stout string or a piece of rope. The comparatively small amount of soil required for the pot plants might be obtained from a friendly greengrocer, from the bottom of a bag of potatoes.

The communal aim can be achieved by a group of enthusiasts uniting in beautifying some waste place or tidying up some derelict or neglected plot. To change a waste place into a garden is an object well worth striving after. It may be a great joy to those who carry out the transformation and to all the passers by. A churchyard in a congested area, a hospital plot or a club garden can all be made beautiful. The Winter Distress League has rendered valuable help by providing free labour for this purpose.

The tiniest backyard can also be made a thing of beauty and joy, if not actually for ever, at least for a long period. The London Gardens Society gives a good example of this, which it calls "The Case of Mr. Brown." He is a porter at Billingsgate Fish Market. "For thirty-five years he has toiled year in and year out, carrying unbelievably heavy weights on the top of that unique form of head-dress known as the 'porter's hat.' It is a monotonous life, but his hours are early and he has time to himself at the end of the day." When he was visited by members of the Society he said, "If it weren't for this

garden I should go fair mad." The "garden" is wonderful. It cannot be more than the size of a railway carriage compartment, but every inch of it is occupied and when seen in mid July it was a sight for glad eyes in that very drab neighbourhood in the South of London where he lives. "There is no doubt that Mr. Brown lavishes untold care on his 'garden,' but there is no less doubt that it is his garden that makes Mr. Brown feel that life is worth living."

What to do in March

This is a trying month for gardeners on account of the rapid and sudden changes from warmth to cold and vice versa. If the weather is bright there should be a fine display of crocuses and many other early flowering plants and bulbs. Special attention should be given to the raising, under cover, of annuals from seeds and half hardy plants that will beautify the garden during the summer months.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Complete the planting of roses and prune those previously planted. Those on south walls and other warm positions will be starting their growth and should be taken in hand first. All dead and weak wood should be removed. Retain as much as there is room for of the branches that will make strong growth. The aim of the pruner should be to have the whole of the space covered with good flowering wood. Where there are walls covered with ivy, remove loose shoots and straggling leaves so as to give the whole a neat and tidy appearance. It is better not to clip the ivy with shears as this produces a rusty appearance that lasts for some time.

Sow patches of hardy annual seeds in an open border and transplant autumn sown annuals, biennials and herbaceous plants into their flowering quarters, and also carnations, pinks and pansies.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Peach and nectarine trees should be pruned. Where possible cut out old wood without reducing the size of the tree, but leave as many of last year's shoots as can remain without overcrowding, as it is on these that the new fruit is borne.

Early in the month gooseberry bushes should be pruned if this has not already been done. In the case of old bushes thinning the shoots is preferable to spurring. Leave only those branches that point outwards and remove all that are likely to rest on the ground. Birds prefer the buds from spurs to those on long shoots.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Shallots should be planted. Leave the tops of the bulbs above the surface. They prefer a light rich soil.

Sow the main crops of peas, beans, cabbages, carrots, parsnips and onions.

Plant the main crop of potatoes and cabbages towards the end of the month.

Young cabbages and lettuces should be planted out under hand glasses.

Celery, tomato and cucumber seeds should be sown in boxes placed in heat.

Some roots of rhubarb and seakale may be forced.

For an early supply of vegetable marrows, which is always welcomed, sow now in a strong heat in the greenhouse or in a frame on the hot bed.



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Young Watlers' First Anniversary Celebration

Never has there been such a practical demonstration of the necessity for the larger hall for the Watling Centre—the occasion being an entertainment by Mrs. Hilton's Young Watlers. Such a large crowd and such an enthusiastic audience has never before crammed the hall on any occasion and no better encouragement could be given Mrs. Hilton or the members of her Young Watlers. Many older and more experienced entertainers would turn green with envy to see the crowd that turned up to watch the performance of this Juvenile Troupe, and more than fifty people were refused admission owing to lack of accommodation. It was a great pity, because these juveniles were keyed up to such a pitch that they could have performed before Royalty without stage-fright, and would have entertained their audience to an all-night show had not Mrs. Hilton called them to a halt about 10.30. It was then that the proudest moment of their young lives came, the presentation of medals. They probably expected half-a-dozen, but when they found there were twenty-five for distribution, well, I ask you? Just fancy, twenty-five medals, what encouragement! And it was then that Mrs. Hilton got the surprise, when one of her Young Watlers, on behalf of the troupe, presented her with a beautiful glass rose bowl, to be followed by a presentation to Mrs. Lyons of a very pretty tea cosy in the Watling Association colours, made by the Watlers themselves. In conversation with Mrs. Lyons later, she expressed regret at not saying a few words, but to quote her, "the lump in her throat forbade speech," and she wished she had been able to express the honour she felt at being asked to present the medals, and will always remember the occasion with pride.

I should also like to express the pleasure it gave me when I was asked to act as Comper, even if I did use a lot of ifs, and buts, when I was asked. Also Mrs. Hilton wishes to thank Mr. Fanthorp for his kind assistance as stage manager, and for his gift towards the Medals (another remembrance for Watlers). Mr. Clifton again rendered valuable service as doorkeeper, and if he does that job much longer we shall have to buy him a uniform.

Almost another guarantee of the performance being a success was the appearance of Mr. Fred Cole at the piano. It is wonderful the confidence the youngsters have in Fred Cole—they all settle down to rehearsals without fear when they know he is going to play for them, in fact I think they would like him to join the Young Watlers.

Mrs. Maison Lyons, who kindly attended to make the presentation of medals, expressed her pleasure at being asked to perform such a big job, but she got through with it in record time.

The following were the proud recipients:—Joan Abbot, Eileen Boland, Irene Judge, Doris Osborne, Irene Ashby, Veronica Turley, Mary Turley, Eileen Turley, Edie Clay, Anne Hilton, Gladys Angel, Vera Reed, Irene Bell, Phyllis Moneypenny, Ada Foster, Kathleen Kostin, Joan Edwards, Betty Judge, Joyce Weatherley, Dorothy Harper, Grace Buckeridge, Ivy Miller, Joyce Gilbert, Dorothy McIlbride, and the only male, Douglas Roblou (Pianist) in their early career and singing their signature tune "Carry On Watling Centre, Carry On," the Young Watlers brought to a close the very successful celebration of their first anniversary. Mrs. Hilton wishes to state that there will be a further presentation of medals at their next performance during Watling Week.

JACK HILTON

Moggies' Tea

Through the auspices of the Women's Adult School, the Cubs' committee and others the Moggie Cubs spent a very enjoyable evening on the occasion of their tea party. The staff of helpers prepared an appetizing tea, and after Mr. Roblou had said grace the children set to and the catables soon disappeared. Having eaten their fill the children went into the hall, where they had singing and games, led by Mr. Eric Lord and Mrs. Rendel, assisted by Will Godbeer. After a jolly evening the children were each given a bag containing sweets, cakes and fruit and then went home.

Thanks are accorded for help kindly given by the following who helped to make the evening such a success: Mesdames Carter, Nyberg, Whitehead, Westley, Manley, Gay, Fanthorpe, Littler, Richardson, Buckridge, Hoy.

BEATRICE LORD

The Winners of last month's painting competition:—

1st, Ruby Holman (who wins 2/6 presented by Uncle Bob).

2nd, Geoffrey Lake

Consolation prizes: Betty Judge, Edward Gardner, Daisy Buttevant, Ronald Cole

Prizes may be had on application to the Centre.

Competition—Counting the clocks.

Now then children here is a novel competition for which we offer three prizes. What you have to do is to count the clocks displayed outside shops and buildings and send the number of clocks, shown together with the names of the shops, to the Editor, Watling Centre.

There is a clock with four faces outside the filling station at the bottom of Deans Lane, but that only counts as one clock. All clocks must be seen from the roadway and not inside from view. The area is from Staples Corner to Manor Park Crescent, Edgware. There are quite a number of clocks shown so keep your eyes open and see how many you can count.

All entries to be in by March 18.

THE M.C.C. AND YOU

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

In my first article on the work of the Middlesex County Council I gave a general outline of a few of the more important activities that that body carries out. I now propose to deal in greater detail with some of the work of the Public Health Committee.

The Public Health Committee controls the five great County Hospitals, of which Redhill and perhaps Central Middlesex (called till recently Park Royal) are those with which Watling people has most to do.

Until April, 1936, anyone who desired admission to these Hospitals had to do so under the Poor Law and it was the Relieving Officer who was concerned with whether or not the would-be patient should be admitted and, if so, on what financial terms. This is no longer. The Hospitals of the County are now administered under the Public Health Act and are open to every resident in Middlesex, rich or poor. What patients are asked to pay is now assessed by the Area Officer and the Almoner, with a right of appeal to the sub-committee dealing with such matters.

The staffs of these hospitals have the very highest qualifications and no better hospital treatment can be expected anywhere. But, and here is a very big but, there is a great shortage of accommodation and at present many would-be patients have to be refused every week.

When Redhill Hospital extension is completed there will be over 500 additional beds for acute cases, including 51 maternity beds. This will ease the situation, but here, as in other parts of the County, many more hospital beds will still be needed.

In regard to payment for hospital treatment, as the Law at present stands, the County Council must recover from the patient or his liable relatives as much of the cost of the treatment as it is thought can be afforded. But, and again I want you to notice this carefully, though the hospitals are no longer under the Poor Law, yet still the same relative are liable as was the case hitherto. Still a man may have to pay, not only for himself and his wife and dependent children, but also towards the cost incurred by his own parents or by his sons and daughters grown-up and living away from home, and grandfathers may be liable for their grandchildren. If you think this is wrong see that your representative on the C.C. knows your views and will express them in the proper place.

One good thing the retiring C.C. has done. Under pressure from an energetic minority the majority were persuaded to bring in a 48-hour week for nurses and all other members of the hospital staff. With that I am sure everyone will agree, for a nurse's work, though it is a fine occupation that any woman may be proud to follow, yet it is exhausting work, tiring both physically and mentally. I am sure none of you grudge the nurses a shorter working day.

The Public Health Committee appoints a District Medical Officer in each County Division and to him poor persons who have no panel doctor can go free of charge. There are members of the C.C. who think that poor people should have a choice of doctor. What do you think?

At the Central Middlesex Hospital, as well as in the North and West, there has been established a Mental Clinic, which is open one day at least each week. To these anyone who thinks he or she may be going to have a mental breakdown can go and consult very highly qualified specialists. These clinics are the means of preventing quite a number of people from ever needing to go to a mental hospital.

Do you begin to see how important it is to have active and energetic and thoughtful members on the County Council, who will still further improve what is good and do their utmost to put right what is wrong in the way things are done that affect so many of us?

F.M.S.

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THE WINDOW

By F. H. LAKE

Ben Jarvis put down the hair brush and gazed intently into the dressing-table mirror. Then picking up a hand mirror he held it to the back of his head, turning this way and that. Yes, he was certainly getting thin on top; still he was thirty-five and, well, plenty of people were bald at that age. He sighed and looked at his watch—8 o'clock; he must get off to business. Anyone trying to "place" Ben would probably have labelled him "Engineer." Of medium height, slim and athletic in build and a ruddy complexion, Ben would have looked as much at home in overalls as he now did in a black coat and striped trousers, but appearances, as we all know, are sometimes deceptive, and Ben knew as much about engines as he did about women. He was in fact a clerk and a bachelor.

He was athletic, having at some time or another been captain of his works Rugby club and his ruddy complexion was due to the rude health he enjoyed. He led a quiet life and lived in rooms in an unpretentious dwelling with the pretentious name of "Belvedere House."

Ben put on his heavy coat and a thick pair of gloves, then, as an afterthought, a woollen scarf, for during the night there had been a heavy fall of snow and the weather was cold.

"Good morning, Mrs. Bates," he called to his landlady, who occupied rooms on the ground floor.

"Good morning, Mr. Jarvis," came echo-like the reply of Mrs. Bates. She always seemed to be waiting on his "good morning." Ben let himself out and set off quickly to the station.

His route took him past the rear of a large block of service flats and, as he reached the corner, he glanced up at a small window of a first floor flat. The window was generally open when he passed and invariably snatches of song would float through. This happened every morning and he had come to glance up at the window and listen for the song as a matter of course. It had become a habit but he could never catch sight of the singer; in fact, although he had looked at the window dozens of times he never saw a figure of any kind—just a blank space. This naturally roused his curiosity and set him wondering what the singer was like. Was she dark. Was she fair? Of course she was good looking, in a homely, cheerful kind of way; a woman with that kind of voice must be. He had formed an idea as to what she was like and had often pictured her.

Her voice was perhaps ordinary, but it was soft and musical with a certain charm which intrigued.

One morning he passed the window and there was no song to greet him. Something was wrong! He glanced up at the open window and then stared in amazement. Suspended in the open window frame was a hand—white and ghostly. He looked closer. *The hand was transparent* and was apparently floating in space. He stood still trying to puzzle it out but could make nothing of it. From

where he stood the window was, he supposed, about twelve feet away. He could see fairly plainly and so far as he could make out there was nothing to which the hand could have been attached. "Funny," thought Ben.

He went on to work but he told no one of his problem; he would probably be laughed at. Yet he had seen the apparition and must believe his own eyes. All day long he tried to account for the phenomenon, but when his day's work was done he was still no nearer a solution. In the ordinary way Ben did not believe in spooks, but here was one which had given him a scare.

On his way home he decided to make further investigations and reaching the flats he, with some trepidation, approached the window. *The hand was still there, as ghostly as ever.*

"This can't be," he said to himself. "There is some explanation of this." He stared hard at the window, then burst into a laugh. The window frame was covered with gauze wire which, from a distance, was almost invisible. On the wire was a neat impression of cook's floury hand. Ben was on the point of turning away when the gauze window was pushed open and, for the first time, *he saw her*—a little plumper than he had imagined; but he felt sure he would have recognized her anywhere.

"Would you come up for a minute?" she called.

"Me?" queried Ben. "Why, yes! How do I get in?"

"Go down those steps and you'll find the back door—come up to Number 59 on the first floor."

Ben descended the steps to the back door and wondered what he was wanted for. She was not bad looking, he thought, in fact she was rather attractive.

He had no difficulty in finding Number 59 and the lady was at the open door. "Oh!" she smiled. "You'll excuse me, but our cat has got on a high shelf and we can't get him to come down. Could you get him down?"

Ben borrowed a broom and after a little coaxing plus a push or two the cat was persuaded to jump down. "Oh, thanks so much," said cook. "Would you like a cup of tea?" Before our hero could reply she said "Sit down I'll soon get you one." Ben sat down and cook busied herself with the tea things; she spread the cloth and presently brought in a pot of tea, some bread and butter, cakes, and a salad. "Here, I say," said Ben surprised. "What's this—a party?"

"No just tea for two—you'll stay, wont you?"

"Well, I don't mind," smiled Ben, drawing his chair up. "But what about the missus?"

"Oh, she's away in the country. The other maid is out and here I am—all alone. How about you?"

Ben laughed. "I've got a nice bachelor flat in Belvedere House—but I suppose it's lonely there sometimes."

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CELEBRATION WEEK

We cannot let the festivities embracing the fourth anniversary of the opening of the Centre go by without a report in this journal. Celebration Week, which started on Monday, January 19, and continued throughout the week, will be remembered for many months by those who attended or helped in the festivities. Financially the building fund is richer by about £12; socially we are richer by making many new friends and members.

We commenced the week with a grand whist drive. Mr. C. Deacon officiated as M.C. in the absence of Mr. F. Williams, who was on the sick list. Tuesday found the Common Room all set for speech night. This took the form of a competition for amateur speakers. The judges were Councillor T. Pugh (chairman), Mr. A. Rae (of the National Council of Social Services) and Mr. S. E. Sharpe. Each competitor was allowed ten minutes for an address on any subject, and the talent displayed by the competitors was remarkable. Those taking part were:—M. C. Deacon (How I become a Social Worker), Mr. C. Downes (Neighbours), Mrs. Brenda Mills (Watling Centre), Mr. W. R. Hilton (A Bedtime Story), Mrs. L. Nyberg (The End of a Perfect Day), Mr. C. J. Roblou (Robes), Mr. H. E. Wickens (The Don'ts of Electricity), Mr. C. Tadman (Incidents in Life), Mr. T. Judd (Exclamations), Mr. L. V. Hogan (Making Things Brighter), Mr. A. R. Lodge (Wireless), Mrs. D. King (Work Done for Children). The results were as follows:—1, Mrs. D. King; 2, Mr. H. E. Wickens; 3, Mr. T. Judd.

On Wednesday we held a crazy whist drive. Roars of laughter were caused by the players as each hand was played, and I have a strong suspicion that the M.C., Mr. C. Deacon, was nearly crazy himself when we came to the end of the drive.

Thursday we ventured on a variety concert in true Music Hall style. On each side of the stage box seats had been erected and these were occupied by the Gang. The Gang certainly earned the title of the Crazy Gang on this night, for with ready wit and humorous antics between acts they created roars of laughter. The orchestra, led by Mrs. Ethel Green at the piano, with Mr. L. W. Green and Mr. H. Squires (violins), and Miss Elsie Nugent (cello), accompanied the turns. The programme opened with the Gang presenting "Al and Stout" (Mr. E. Cole and Mr. C. Tadman), in a song and humorous patter. Mr. Tom Folly (Comedian) rendered some tongue-twisters, Miss Florrie Beckworth (Comedienne) sang some old timers, Mr. Monty Biggs, in the guise of a woman, sang humorous songs. The Gang next presented "Eltonia," the great musician, in the person of Mr. J. Hilton, whose beautiful strains of *O Sol Mio* rendered on the mandolin was subjected to endless interruptions by the Gang, and finally found himself pinned to the floor of the stage by the safety curtain which was unconsciously lowered by one of the Gang. Mr. Fred Allsop and Miss Florrie Beckworth sang humorous songs with patter. A very clever performance of comic juggling was given by the comedy japs, "Royal Lenito." And as a

final the Gang presented a sketch, "Husbands are so jealous," with Mr. Sewell Harris as the burglar, Mrs. B. Lord as the wife, and Mr. C. Downes as the husband. The activities of the Crazy Gang embraced Messrs. C. Tadman, C. J. Roblou, R. Lodge, J. Hilton, E. Sewell Harris, C. Downes and Mrs. B. Lord. Mr. C. Fanthorpe was Stage Manager, Mr. H. E. Wickens managed the lighting, Mr. C. Deacon acted as commissioner, and Mrs. Roblou acted as attendant and programme seller.

On Friday we held our annual supper; about 130 members and friends attended. Mr. A. I. Jones, President, presided. After the loyal toast given by the President, Major Carter proposed the toast to The Centre, and Mr. C. J. Roblou, Chairman, responded. A toast to the Visitors was given by Mrs. B. Lord, and in response by Mr. A. C. Dailley.

Finally Mr. D. H. Woollon paid tribute to the service. During the supper Mr. Vladimir Elin gave a recital of songs accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Elin. The remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing to music supplied by Fred Cole's Rhythm Band. Mr. F. Welch officiated as M.C.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Frank Whitehead, our chef, who, with the assistance of Mrs. Whitehead and Mr. C. Tadman, produced a five-course supper that would have done credit to any first class restaurant in the West end of London.

Thanks are also extended to Mesdames Harris, Littler, Hewins, Cole, Hilton, Lodge, Judd, Tadman, Roblou, the Misses Hines, Lodge, and Messrs. Fanthorpe, Deacon, Wickens, F. Whitehead (jun.), and Lord, who, with the Crazy Gang, assisted in the arrangements of the event.

Saturday was Crazy Social Night, and what a night. Mrs. L. Nyberg officiated as M.C., and there must have been well over a 100 members present. Many of the members were in fancy dress and all heartily enjoyed the humorous games, novelty dances, competitions, etc.

A burlesque by the "Crazy Gang" of a mother's meeting, with Mrs. Nyberg acting as the chairman, caused shrieks of laughter. The men were dressed in their wives clothes and the lecturer, Mrs. Pancake, gave advice on the "wear and tear of husbands." Each "lady" in turn was asked to give her experiences and difficulties concerning her "husband." Another short skit by the Gang was "Putting the baby to bed."

Celebration Week concluded on the Sunday with an invitation dance for members under 25 years of age, M.C., C. Deacon, and a "Free and Easy Social" for the older members, M.C., Mrs. L. Nyberg. Humour was supplied by the "Crazy Gang" as schoolboys, and a jolly evening finally ended with Jack Hilton playing popular

tunes on the mandoline accompanied by Mrs. Green at the piano.

In conclusion we should also like to thank Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Allen and Mr. Geo. Nosworthy for the loan of plates, silver ware, etc., Mr. Ollett for the printing of tickets, Mr. C. J. Walker who skilfully made up the Gang throughout the week, the many people who rendered assistance throughout the week whose names I cannot recall at the moment, and to everyone who attended and supported our various fundions. And finally three cheers to the Gang, Messrs. Harris, Hilton, Downes, Lodge, Roblou, Tadman and Mesdame Lord.

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Northern Cycling Club

Well folks, here I am making the best of my new job. The Annual General Meeting is now over, and once again the same committee sits except for two alterations; let's hope they run things as well, if not better, than last year.

The weather has not been behaving very well this year so far, but it has not stopped us cyclists getting out and about.

Our table tennis team played the Hawkes C.C. at the White Hart recently, and after a good game beat them, seventeen games to eight.

We are glad to report that Micky is out with us once again; not being so strong as she might be, she is now forced to take a back seat (tandem I mean). Don't be surprised if you see a mo' bike careering along the road apparently on its own. If you look a bit closer you will see our Boy tucked down behind that massive tank. Yes, our Boy has actually bought a motor-bike and he still has the cheek to call himself a cyclist. This is his way of trying to break club records.

Now for the biggest item. We have another Grand Dance coming off at the Cornwall Assembly Rooms, White Lion, Edgware, on Saturday, March 13, at 7.45 p.m. Don't forget to come along and bring all your friends for a jolly evening. Tickets as usual from S. Coe, 62 Methuen Road, Edgware, or any of the boys.

Cheerio till next month.

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IF you have enjoyed this issue why not introduce the *Watling Resident* to your friends . . . ?

Boxing

Saturday, February 13, is a night that will be remembered by all officials and members of the Watling Association for a long time. That was a night when our Boxing Club won the J.O.C. Cup for the Centre, and what a reception! On arrival at the Centre during Mrs. Nyberg's usual Saturday Social, the cup, in charge of the Boxing Club officials, was accorded musical honours, a grand march was formed, and with the cup at the head, was carried round the hall amidst great jubilation. Rarely has a section of our Association been so honoured. I cannot understand why we cannot get more senior members when there is so much appreciation for them, especially when so many of its early members, who trained at the Watling Centre, have turned out local celebrities. With Tom Curzon, Syd. Benham, Reg. King, Dick Lodge and others, acting as officials and instructors, and a fair staff of sparring partners and equipment, why are we short of Seniors? Now for the love o' mike, do roll up and join. The initials W.A.B.C. command respect after its performance on Saturday, February 13, at Hendon Drill Hall.

The largest crowd gathered to witness the best finals that have been fought for years. The J.O.C. was satisfied, officials of the A.B.A. were satisfied, and, of course, Watling Association was satisfied. Now all you prospective champions, roll up and join a club that makes 'em. Our instructors are good teachers as results show on another page in this magazine.

I should like to state that I thought we had another winner in young Parrett. I was, with others, very surprised at the verdict, but there it is. A.B.A. officials were in charge and they know their job, so we, as well as the loser, accepted their decision, at the same time bearing in mind that perhaps we were watching our own man (or boy) more than we were watching his opponent. Oh, well, it's all in the game.

I was pleased to see Watling Estate so well represented. Among them were Father Fox, Mr. Brady, Mr. Alec Adams (who saw his son fight one of the gamest losing battles ever fought in the finals), Jack Radley, and a host of others. The W.A.B.C. wish to thank them for their support, and promise to try and turn out next year's winners if only they can get the material.

Do not forget the team match with the All Saints Boxing Club on March 13, at the Centre. See posters for full particulars.

Are you a member of a sick club?

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The Manchester Unity of Oddfellows
at THE WATLING CENTRE

Further particulars apply:—

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CLUB NOTES

North Western Road Club

In response to the suggestion of "Greenun" in the January issue of *The Potterer* that another name or non-de-plume should appear at the end of our Club Notes for this month, I have offered to take over the job. As he is an active Committee man I know he is grateful for any lightening of his duties. His topical humour, buoyant phraseology, and uncanny knack of covering all our activities in a short, concise manner have always been appreciated.

And now concerning the Club. Our Annual Dinner held at the "White Lion Hotel" on January 30, attracted a gathering of over fifty for Dinner and nearly 200 people were present to see the prize distribution and entertainment, which included "Weldo," the amazing magician, and "Owd Bob," one of our own members, giving his impersonation of Stanley Holloway and "Albert." As usual this evening was enjoyed by all and was a success in every way. Our new Social Secretary, Mr. Brickett, under the guidance of the Committee, handled everything with complete competence.

H. Orme, club champion, with a speed average of 20.477 over 25, 50 and 100 miles, was "shouldered" by his runners-up to take the "Pegley" Club Championship Trophy. Other prominent winners were F. G. Stegall (100 miles—"Ellesmere" Cup) and C. Robinson (25 miles "Christopher" Cup).

Mrs. L. I. Dovey, holder of ladies' club records at 10, 25, 50 miles and 12 hours, received loud applause. Prizes were also awarded for non-racing activities such as attendances on Club runs, free-wheeling contest, scavenger run, rough-stuff contest, and general activity on behalf of the Club.

The "Rensto" Attendance Cup was won jointly by Mr. L. Brickett and Mrs. L. I. Dovey. The latter received a small replica it being her third successive win. H. Orme also won the "Rex Judd" Cup for the fastest 50 miles of the year.

Dancing continued. Spot and lucky number prizes were won by: Mr. Horwood and Miss A. Morgan, Mr. J. Morris and Miss W. H. Apsey.

Dance No. 3 now being over, we have our Carnival Night on March 27 to look forward to. Some of our members will be on tour, as Easter falls on this date, but as other members have volunteered to run the dance there is no doubt that this evening will make a glorious wind-up to our social season.

It is pleasing to see such a good attendance on Club runs in spite of the bad weather, in fact wet days seem to lend an attraction to most members. Perhaps they are preparing to face an English summer. Who knows?

"POTTERER"

National Clarion Cycling Club

Hendon Clarion calling! Well cyclists, we're in the news again. Our dance on Saturday, January 30, was a huge success. Members and friends supported the event with an attendance of over 160, and as doors were closed well before 9.0 p.m., dozens of would be patrons had to be turned away. We were well supported by our comrades in North East and North West London sections, and Mr. J. Bayard, of East London section, made a brilliant M.C.

The Palma Dance Band was in attendance, and provided the dancers with music of a very high standard. The hall was decorated with bunting and 300 balloons on release suspensions. When the evening was at its height of gaiety, hundreds of hats, novelties and streamers were distributed, the lights were dimmed, spot lights flashed, and hundreds of balloons showered down on the dancers. For many minutes the walls resounded with the explosions of balloons and the crash of cymbals.

Spot Prizes of vouchers kindly presented by Mr. W. Pegley and Mr. Rex Judd, were won by Mr. L. Evans and Mr. I. Sayers. A box of chocolates presented by Mr. E. C. Genner was won by Miss E. Angel; a lady's compact presented by Mr. Holbrook was also won by Miss E. Angel; a large tin of toffees presented by Mr. L. W. Brady was won by Miss E. Giles; and a set of salad servers presented by Mr. Keats were won by Mr. H. Connell, Junior. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the local traders for their generosity in presenting these prizes. Many were the requests for another evening of the same character.

The morning after the dance many members turned out as usual for their Sunday run, showing no signs of the night before. On being questioned upon the point, one of our tough pretties announced, "Why should I feel any less energetic, I dance every Saturday evening," and she "dances on the pedals" every Sunday. Are our girls tough? I'll say they are.

Our runs for March are as follows:—

7. Inter-club run with Harrow section; 14. Princes Risborough; 21. Ashwell; 28. To be arranged. Our club journals, *Boots* and *The Clarion Cyclist*, will be available on these runs.

All cyclists are welcome at our clubroom, the Labour Hall, Back Lane, Burnt Oak, at 8.30 p.m. every Wednesday evening. How about coming out on a run with us? We meet at the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9.30 a.m. every Sunday.

To any keen cyclist wishing to join a good club, and so help to protect yourself and all cycling rights, our Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, will be pleased to supply full particulars.

So until next time, and wishing all cyclists good weather and riding over Easter, so long!

VIC C. BOTTERILL

JOIN THE WATLING ASSOCIATION!

Radio and Rhythm

Looking back over the last eight or nine years of broadcasting, one is forced to realize the vast improvements which have taken place in such a short time. Have the performances given by broadcasters improved correspondingly especially in the dance music world? Way back in those days, the regular broadcasters were Jack Payne and his B.B.C. band, Billy Cotton from Giro's, Ambrose from the Mayfair, The Blue Lyres from the Dorchester, Jack Harris from the Grosvenor, Eddie Cross-hart from the Café Anglais and Roy Fox from Monseigneur. At that time Lew Stone was pianist and arranger for Roy Fox.

Returning to the present day, the regular broadcasters are Henry Hall, Ambrose, Harry Roy, Maurice Winnick, and Geraldo, Jack Payne and Roy Fox make occasional microphone appearances.

The cause of all these changes is due to public opinion, not waning, but increasing in favour of the stars. During the period of a few years Jack Payne left the B.B.C. and made two pictures and has been on the variety stage ever since, and today has one of the best bands in the world, in spite of the fact that half of his band left him to form the original Barnstormers. Billy Cotton, after a period of illness, now does stage work and records for the Luxembourg programmes. Ambrose left the Mayfair, went into variety, made a picture, and then returned to the Mayfair after losing Elsie Carlisle and Sam Browne. The latter returned to the band after a brief variety engagement. The Blue Lyres, which was a junior edition of Ambrose's Mayfair Band, has now vanished from the general public. Jack Harris has gone into partnership with Ambrose and they are going to open a restaurant with Ambrose and his band as the star attraction. Jack Harris also supplied the pit band for a West End theatre. Fudie Cross-hart retired from the dance music world and is now enjoying a quiet life in the country.

Roy Fox left Monseigneur, then Al Bowly and Lew Stone left the band which eventually was reformed under the leadership of Lew Stone. Nat Gonella left the band and returned again. Roy Fox formed a new band, made a film and also went into variety. Their many variety engagements are the cause of the irregular broadcasts of Roy Fox and Jack Payne. Henry Hall, who was conducting a band at the Gleneagles Hotel, was offered the position on the B.B.C. vacated by Jack Payne, and, in spite of many changes in the band and in vocalists, has held that position ever since, for better or for worse, just as you prefer. Geraldo first achieved popularity because of his Gaucho Tango Orchestra which can still be seen and heard on the stage. He is now famous for his "Tunes of the Times" series which is broadcast every fortnight. Harry Roy emerged from the lyricals, a band led by his brother, Sid Roy, and specialized in so-called hot music. He gained a great deal of publicity through his marriage to Princess Pearl, made a picture and has now planned to make another which is conditionally to be called "Rhythm Racketeer."

So much for the bands. Their performances are certainly more melodious than they used to be. This is partly due to the guitar being used instead of the banjo and the bands as a whole are balanced instrumentally

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Lighter Vein

An American paper, in announcing the opening of a new cemetery says:—

"Mr.— had the pleasure of being first buried there."

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A man had been knocked down by a small car and the motorist was trying to appease him.

"Here's a pound," he said, "and I'll send you some more later if you'll give me your address."

"Ere, what game's this?" cried the victim. "You can't run over me on the instalment system."

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A student was once asked what was meant by "posthumous works." "They are such works," said he, "as a man writes after he is dead."

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"You are privileged you know," said the Judge, "to challenge any member of the jury you wish."

"All right. I'll fight tae one-eyed fellow fourth from your end in front."

Please pass this Magazine to a non-member and get him or her to sign the Membership Form below.

Watling Association

WATLING CENTRE, ORANGE HILL ROAD, WATLING.

Membership Application Form

I _____
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much better than they used to be. Changing vocalists, too, make for variety in their programmes. Most bands have at least three vocalists or else two and a trio. In fact some bands must consist of vocalists entirely, who play instruments in between times. In retrospect, much has happened in such a short time, comparatively speaking, but it all turns out for the best, sometime, so "au revoir."

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Sold Out

There are no further vacancies for the Palladium outing. All 200 seats are disposed of.

Carnival Dance

Our Sports Organiser is running a Grand Carnival Dance at the Centre on Friday, April 9th. The Aves Melody Makers' band. M.C., Johnny Tarn. Commence at 7.45. Admission, 6d.

A good night's dancing is promised. Cars, 11.30 p.m.

Young Watlers

Mrs. Hilton is putting on a few productions of the Young Watlers, juvenile entertainers, in aid of our Coronation Fund.

Lost—A Lamp

The lady who lost the lamp off her bicycle on the night of March 13th suggests that if the person who stole it applies to her, she will instruct them on how to get the best results from it.

Prizes

Rex Judd and Maison Lyons have promised Cups for our Sports Competition on June 12th on Moss's Sports Ground (behind the "White Lion"), commencing 2.30 p.m.

Paint Brushes

Mothers are warned that quite a few children have found out that they can make good paint brushes by cutting snips off their hair and tying them on match sticks. Ref. Mrs. Hilton.

Coronation Celebrations

The Committee of the Watling Association, which is responsible for these, wants to know the names and ages of all the children over 3 years old, and not yet 14 years old, who belong to members of the Association who had joined before the end of February, 1937. Will all such members please hand in the information required at the office.

Watling Week, 1937

Once again we are thinking about Watling Week because, as usual, we have to raise as much money as we can so as to bring nearer the day when we complete our building. The programme will be much on the same lines as last year's except that the order of events will be somewhat different.

The "week" will start with the Carnival Procession on Friday, June 18th, and conclude with the Piano-Accordion Contest on Sunday 27th. The Sports will be held before the "week" itself starts, on Saturday, June 12th.

Those who wish to start putting by for the Dinner, or for any other item of the week, can do so now by getting a saving card from the Centre.

Women's Adult School

February 22nd saw the end of the series on "Words," and the programme Secretary was very fortunate in securing such an accomplished speaker as Miss Starkey for the School. She stirred our memories and held our interest, and the women were very responsive to her questions. Her recitations were keenly enjoyed and all thought it a splendid afternoon.

The following Monday Mrs. Fairchild gave a most interesting and personal talk on her administrative work as a former guardian of Shoreditch Borough Council. She has a wealth of knowledge on Public Services, and was most instructive. The next meeting was the Hyacinth Show, which was so close a contest that it was decided by vote—Mrs. Woodward securing the prize.

March 15th was a very large meeting to hear Mr. Croker—husband of a member—on "Truth or Dope." His talk was very topical, touching upon unemployment, armaments, youthful ambitions, War the outcome of Foreign Policy, the Versailles Treaty, and should Fascist countries be allowed expansion, which, if granted, would never stop. There were many questions.

Burnt Oak Men's Adult School

Meets on April Sundays as follows, at Watling Centre. Any men who are willing to take part in a free discussion and to have their pet theories vehemently opposed are welcome.

- 4 6.30 p.m. Speaker: Mr. F. H. Lake
- 11 6.30 p.m. My occupation. Chef. Mr. F. Whitehead
- 18 9.30 a.m. Reading from Shaw's "Back to Methuselah" Mr. J. T. Harris
- 25 9.30 a.m. My occupation. Bank Clerk. Mr. K. A. Simkins.

From the Social Secretary

Dear Members and Friends,

Many thanks for your loyal support to our Dances held at the Centre. We hope that you will continue to support them. Judging by the number of patrons of these functions we can see that they are wanted by you, so we will endeavour with your help to carry on with them.

Carnival Dances are to be held at the Centre once a month for members and friends.

Our next Carnival Dance will be held on Sunday, April 18th. Admission, 9d. Come and enjoy yourselves.

Now I want to appeal to the Young People and their friends to support us. We have arranged Dances to be held at the Centre on Friday nights, April 23rd and May 7th (Admission, 6d.) in aid of the Watling Association Coronation Fund, and I want your help to increase this Fund.

Our Wednesday Night Social Whist Drives are well patronized, and we would be very pleased to welcome any players who want a nice enjoyable evening.

The Saturday Night Socials are a real success—plenty of fun, a good variety of Dances and games, and 10 hands of Whist—all for 4d. M.C.: Mrs. Nyberg.

Come and see for yourselves.

We also have a Carnival Social without Whist once a month. Admission, 6d.

The Social Committee would welcome any suggestions that you may have regarding functions that are held at the Centre, or could be organised, because during the summer months we shall be planning our next Winter's Programme.

We want your opinions please. Tell us what you like, and tell us what you don't like. We will endeavour to please you.

C. DEACON,
Social Secretary.

Local Talent Concert

This is Jack Hilton calling all residents of Watling. **Make a date of Friday, April 27th** when the best talent of Watling will be on view at Watling Centre.

This production has been asked for times out of number, as from time to time artistes of talent have cropped up and have been allowed to fade away, very little more being heard of them; but on this occasion I am trying to persuade a few promoters to be present, and if I meet with any success we may hope to hear more of Watling's talent in the future. This event is not a competition of any sort, but just a Local Talent Concert, at which I hope to produce the best we have on Watling. I also hope to stage a few extra turns who have promised to appear, but what we want most is to put Watling's talent in the limelight.

One offer I am very pleased to have is from a father and three sons, in "Musical Madness." The boys are Watling favourites and I have often heard them mentioned. I wonder how they all became so musical. Well, come along on the 27th and satisfy your curiosity. Another offer is Miss Dorothy Harper, comedienne and dancer. Also I hope to get the services of a pair of sisters who are very popular in Watling with piano-accordion selections. These young performers came very close to winning our Piano-Accordion Competition last Watling Week, and I have had a strong request to try and produce them.

Another promise is from a pair who are making their first appearance at our Association, Burns and Shorey, comedians and impersonators.

The above are only a few of a galaxy of artistes.

The evening performance will be opened with selections by our own Watling Association Orchestra.

Don't forget the date, April 27th.

The Good Earth

A reader has written to a leading London newspaper appealing for some earth in which to grow some bulbs. He has recently moved to a flat and, having several window boxes and a selection of bulbs, he naturally wants to make a show; but he can find no soil in which to grow the bulbs. Here's a fine state of affairs. To anyone who has been to Dartmoor or Salisbury Plain and seen the miles of good fertile soil—tons and tons of it, it seems almost incredible that there should be anyone who is unable to scratch together enough soil to fill a flower box. But such is the case.

Various suggestions were sent to the newspaper, amongst them being:—Tea leaves, which are said to be excellent for bedding and bulbous plants. A compost of old newspapers or old silk stockings. Sawdust, in which plants revel. Coal-dust, which is said to be equal to the best charcoal. Coal ash, which is rich in lime, or Peat moss, which can generally be got free from the greengrocer. So it seems that plants will grow in almost anything, and if the young man is still unable to procure suitable soil in which to grow his bulbs we feel confident that there are many gardeners on this Estate who would be only too willing to provide him with a few square yards of choice Watling clay.

P. H. L.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

April, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26, Homefield Road.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m. (alternate weeks).
- Tuesdays** —Millinery Class, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 4.30 p.m.
Young Watlers, 6.0 p.m.
Cripple Parlour, 6.0 p.m.
Dance, 8.0 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
Boxing, 6.30 p.m.
Girl School Leavers. Woodcroft School, 7.30 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 17, Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days** —Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
7. Up-to-Date Homes. Miss A. M. S. Wilson, B.Sc.
14. The County's Mental Hospitals. County Councillor Mrs. F. M. Suggate.
21. To be arranged.
28. The Power of Non-Violence. Mrs. Seed.
Veteran's Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thursdays**—Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
English Class, 4.30 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
Boxing, 8.0 p.m.
- Fridays** —Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Members' Socials, 8.0 p.m.

Other Events

- Sunday 4 Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
Dance 8.0 p.m.
Friday 9 Dance.
Sunday 11 Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 15 Left Book Club Discussion.
Friday 16 "Local Talent" Concert, 8.0 p.m.
Saturday 17 Inter-Estate Boxing Competition at St. Helier.
Sunday 18 Carnival Dance, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 25 Free and Easy, 8.0 p.m.
Monday 26 Rummage Sale in aid of Coronation Celebrations.
Thursday 29 W.A. Council.

Saturday, May 1st—"The Next Five years." Two lectures at 3.0 and 5.45. Mr. Harrison Barrow.
Sunday, May 2nd—Adult School Rally, 8.0 p.m.

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Watling Association Council

The most important business of the Council Meeting, held on February 25th, was the election of various committees and officers as follows:—

Chairman.—Mr. C. J. Roblout.

Executive.—Mesdames Cole and Whitehead, Messrs. Fanthorpe, Williams, Hilton and Price.

Social Committee.—Mesdames Nyberg and Roblout, Thomas, Harris, Hilton, King, Lord, Miss Clement Brown, Messrs. Veal, Simkins, Price, Lewis and Father Davie.

Billiards Committee.—Messrs. Tadman, Hilton, Fanthorpe, Clifton, Green, Stephens.

Personal Service Committee.—Mesdames King, Lee, Ede and Father Davie.

Distress Fund Committee.—Mrs. King, Father Davie, Mr. A. I. Jones.

Juvenile Organiser.—Mrs. Lord.

Tenants' Welfare Officer.—Mr. H. Davis.

Resident Advertising Manager.—Mr. Hilton.

Representative on Mill Hill Social Service Committee.—Mrs. Lee.

Representatives on London Federation of Community Associations.—Messrs. Ede, Roblout, Price.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE RESIDENT

Dear Editor,

In connection with the celebration of His Majesty's Coronation the Hendon Borough Council proposes to entertain the old people, of 70 years and over, of the Burnt Oak Ward, which comprises the Watling Estate and Old Burnt Oak. I should be obliged if any person seeing this letter will give to me the name and address of any person of this age living in the Ward whom they know. Names can be handed in at Watling Centre, addressed to Councillor C. Pinkney.

Yours truly,

C. PINKNEY.

WATLING CENTRE ORCHESTRA

Dear Sir,

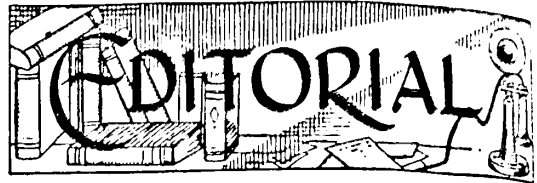
May I trespass on your valuable space. I am desirous of drawing the attention of your readers to the fact that the Watling Orchestra meets at the Centre every Friday evening, from 8 till 10. An extensive library of instrumental music (full score) is placed at our disposal by the very able conductor, Mr. W. Lancaster.

We are very anxious to extend our membership, especially in view of the forthcoming Coronation celebrations. What better idea could we work for than to have our own band and orchestra? Every instrumentalist will be heartily welcomed. This will not entail any further charge to members.

A number of us are always present at the Blind Club, held on alternate Saturday afternoons, and recently the whole orchestra played before the members at a "Free and Easy" Sunday Evening Social.

Yours faithfully,

L. V. HOGAN, Hon. Sec.



Peace on Earth

Great Britain is now in the race to ruin—the arms race, and if things go on as they are with the different nations making fireworks as fast as they can, one day there is going to be a big bang. To the ordinary man in the street it all seems so tragic and futile. Here we are spending millions on munitions and madly piling up armaments, which in a few years will probably be obsolete and useless. We all know it's wrong, and yet we go on doing it. It's like the lunatic who kept tapping himself on the head with a hammer. When asked why he did it he said: "It feels so nice when I leave off."

The ordinary German or Italian citizen bears no hatred to the ordinary Frenchman or Englishman. They do not want to shoot us down any more than we want to shoot them down, but one day we are caught up in the vortex and we find ourselves using all our resources to annihilate each other. When we have devastated the countryside, when we have ruined the crops and polluted the water and left behind a trail of maimed, blinded and hopeless humanity we cease the carnage we have done. The world is full of distress and suffering. It is crying out for peace and reconstruction and most of the problems could be solved, if only we would devote a fraction of the money and energy in relieving the black areas, housing and unemployment that we spend on hysterically arming ourselves against nations who are doing the same to defend themselves against us.

The cost of one battleship would build a small town or a row of hospitals. The money wasted in a day's target practice would enable us to build super community centres. But no, we can readily find money for wars, but not for food.

There is plenty of space in the world for all. There is an abundance of food, clothing, shelter, and good things for all to enjoy; but life has become ill-balanced. One man has a country mansion and a flat in town, whilst a slum family is packed in one room. One man must have a dozen or more suits whilst another is shivering. Food is cornered and prices inflated. If the hoarders cannot get the price they want the food is burnt, or used for manure; and half the world is starving.

This monstrous inequality and avoidable suffering should be occupying the minds of statesmen instead of the present muddling policy which, if we are not careful, will land us into another war. Militarists are people who will lay down our lives for their country, so we must not allow this war madness to develop. If the people say there shall be no war there will be no war. They must compel the statesmen to use every effort to avert war for war is the greatest plague that can afflict humanity.

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By Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

On Tuesday, March 2nd, the Middlesex County Council Election took place. On other days of the same week, all the other English counties, including London, went to the poll also.

In Middlesex there were no great changes among the representatives chosen. The Labour group still has 20 members as before, but owing to the increase in the size of the Council, the majority Party has five additional members, while all the aldermen (now 26 in number) are still, as they have always been at Middlesex Guildhall, chosen from among non-Labour nominees. The relative strengths are therefore 20 to 26. Hendon is now represented by 5 Conservatives and 1 Labour member, instead of two to one as was the case prior to the Election.

At the Annual Meeting of the County Council on March 11th, members allocated themselves and one another to the various Committees by which the Council's work is carried out. It is important that members from every part of the County should be represented on each committee. To achieve this end the 126 members are divided into 6 groups and each group selects 3 or 4 to serve on every committee.

There was the usual competition for seats on the Education Committee and the same difficulty in finding the quota to serve on the Mental Deficiency Committee. Places on the Public Health Committee (which is responsible for Public Assistance as well as for Health) are always greatly coveted by Labour members, whereas in areas that send conservatives only to the Council, the requisite number is not always easy to find. It is interesting to speculate why this should be so.

Places on other committees were filled by mutual arrangement, but as always there were a number of bitterly disappointed members who had been trying for years to get a seat on one particular committee, but as yet without success.

Now the County Council is settling down to work again, though actually it never stopped of course. The Public Health Committee has to solve as speedily as possible the problem of providing increased hospital accommodation. The Education Committee must go on building ever more schools in growing districts, as well as carry out its plans in regard to Secondary and Technical schools. The Mental Hospitals' Committee will see the completion of the second half of Shenley Mental Hospital, the Housing Committee will enter upon the management of estates at Brentford and elsewhere. The Parliamentary Committee will promote a bill to consolidate all the odds and ends of legislation that apply to Middlesex. And so with the other committees. Each to its task, its many tasks in most cases.

The question has been asked sometimes why the County Council cannot hold its meetings during the evening, so that people now precluded from serving

because of their day's work, might be given a chance to do so. This would be impossible. There is far too much to do. Every afternoon there are two, three, maybe four Committees or sub-committees meeting, while visits to hospitals, sanatoria and other institutions take place as a rule in the mornings.

The work of the County Council is growing and could not possibly be compressed into the evening hours. Moreover, some of the County Councillors are members of their local councils which do meet in the evenings.

The daytime meetings lead to two striking characteristics of the membership—the large number of old men, and the growing number of married women. There are, by the bye, 15 women members, two of whom are aldermen, while of the 13 councillors, nine belong to the Labour group. In the days before there were any women members of the body, it was thought desirable to co-opt on to certain committees, notably the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, a small number of women. This, however, is no longer necessary, as the women members are a very active section of the Council.

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FATHER GOES FLYING

By Winifred Steer

The advance publicity agent for Jack Reyners' flying stunts, officially called "The Purple Ribbon Air Circus," had done his job well in Stanleyville.

For a month past the town and surrounding district had been placarded with flaming notices announcing the coming visit of Reyners' famous band of "Flying Aces."

The local Press had also given much space to the recalling of the Circus's past achievements and had printed full details of its present programme, not omitting of course, the love interest concerning the Girl Parachutist and the leading Dare-devil stunt Pilot.

That until almost the opening day, none of these notices caught the eye of Reggie Taylor, is very strange indeed, for there was not in Stanleyville a more ardent follower of flying activities. In early youth Reggie could have named every aeroplane that took the air and its pilot; he eagerly devoured everything written on the subject. Despite his desire, never had a chance of getting into the air game come his way.

There was the war period, but thinking like most people that the war would be of short duration, he hesitated at signing on for seven years— as was then the term of enlistment in the Royal Flying Corps.

So the infantry had him for five years instead. Demobilised, he married, thus putting an end to ideas other than to work as a commercial artist.

The coming of the Circus stirred up all Reggie's past longings, so that the opening day saw among the first arrivals at the flying field the Taylor family.

Mrs. Taylor, it might be added, was also keen, and of course their two bonny little girls had both planned to fly round the world in their own machine!

The father had continued his reading and attendance of flying displays so was able to explain—to his own satisfaction at least—most of what was to be seen.

It was not long before many of his hard-earned shillings were spent in taking the family up for a flight.

They occupied the front seats of a very comfortable eight-seater biplane.

Reg, with his youngest daughter by his side, eagerly followed the pilot's movements through the dividing window which separates the cockpit from the cabin, whilst the mother and Ethel gazed out of the side windows in much wonder.

Short as the flight was, the machine passed over their house—that is, thought Ethel—if that toy railway station really was Stanleyville station.

There came a "breaking" sensation, a slight dip and a turn; one long delightful swoop to the ground, a slight jolt on touching, and, before the children could realise it, the door was opened and a smiling mechanic helped them all out.

"Let's go again," chorused the kids.

"Bank won't stand it," laughed Dad.

Jane, the youngest, would have rushed straight away home to get her money-box had not her father said she would miss "Mademoiselle Amice" (otherwise Lucy Smith) drop with her parachute.

At Dad's suggestion they made their way to the

refreshment tent, wherein he had a "quick double" and emerged looking innocent carrying two beers and some ginger-pop for the kids.

A height-guessing competition was now taking place, one entry allowed for each programme. As both Jane and Ethel wished to enter, another copy was bought.

The "Moth" encircling the field suddenly sent off a rocket—the signal to judge its height. "One-thousand-five-hundred," quoth Reg.

The youngsters filled in their forms 1,550 and 1,600 feet respectively.

Jane dashed off and handed in the forms whilst Dad took the glasses back and thus wangled another "quick one."

On the same aeroplane there now appeared a wing-walker; his performance held the crowd enthralled.

This item over, another small machine began to approach the field and out dropped the parachutist.

Dad declared she had dropped a bit too soon, and began to enlarge on the point when, through the loud-speaker came a call for Joan Taylor! She's won a free flight!

Excitement.

Mother suggested they all go, but Reg, having a mind to sample a trip in an acrobatic 'plane (although he did not say so) handed out the money for Mum and Ethel.

All this in but a few seconds.

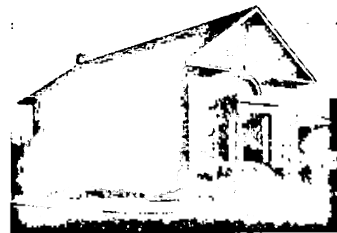
Away to the booking-hut darted the happy trio, leaving Reg grinning.

Intent on watching his family rushing away he was oblivious to the warning cries. He felt a hefty whack, and together with the parachutist who had fallen short of the cleared space, fell to the ground.

In a maze he saw the girl's eyes staring at him.

To be continued.

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Beautifying Britain

Something was said last month about "Beautifying London." Now something may be said about beautifying Britain.

There is much beauty in the British countryside, though some of it has already been spoilt by the speculative builder and without any regard to Regional Planning. Some of it is in imminent danger of being spoilt and every effort should be made to prevent any further spoilation. The preservation of existing trees and the planting of new trees is one of the most effective ways of preserving the beauty and of increasing it.

Numberless fine trees have been destroyed in suburban London alone to make room for new houses, and many of the trees if allowed to remain would have increased the attractions of the district. There were some beautiful elm trees just outside Mill Hill Midland station when it was decided to "improve" the approach, and all these trees were cut down and uprooted with the exception of one which, thanks to the pleading of the station master, was allowed to remain.

There is something pathetic in the fact that in a few hours a beautiful tree that has been growing for half a century and giving pleasure to thousands of people may be destroyed. "If the nation saves the trees, the trees will save the nation."

About twelve years ago a Society was established which calls itself "The Men of the Trees." The aim of this excellent Society is "to create a love for trees and encourage all to plant and protect trees everywhere." The Society now issues a journal which contains much valuable information and tells what is being done in the direction of carrying out this aim.

From this journal we learn that there is a great scheme for Coronation planting. This includes the formation of a Coronation Oak Tree Forest. Already two and a half million young oak trees have been offered to the Society for this purpose, together with 200 acres of suitable land. It is estimated that the cost of planting and maintaining these trees will work out at about half-a-crown per tree. A plan has been prepared "which will provide the privilege and opportunity for every man, woman and child in Great Britain to subscribe for an oak tree" in this Coronation Forest.

Local Coronation Committees might well plant clumps of trees. It is suggested that there should be nine native trees in a clump. A scheme of this sort is capable of being carried out in every county from Land's End to John o' Broats, and if this were done, there would be permanent landmarks throughout the whole country. In a plan issued by the Society the arrangement of the trees in these clumps is in the shape of a shield, the point of which should present

itself to the prevailing wind which is usually from the south-west. The whole group may be protected by a fence strong enough to keep cattle out, with wire netting as a protection from rabbits. Or it may be protected by a quick-set hedge or, if sufficient funds are available, by a ha-ha. Wherever possible at least one of the trees, placed in the centre, should be an oak. Amongst the others may be included a sweet chestnut, mountain ash, beech, hornbeam, and wild cherry.

Amongst the various activities of The Men of the Trees one of the most important is the planting of slag-heaps. These mountains of ugliness, which so disfigure the countryside of the coal mining areas, may be beautified, to some extent at any rate, by planting trees on them.

The ground where the tree is to be planted should first be prepared by sowing the common agricultural lupin seed in an inverted turf. This will enrich the sterile ground and impregnate it with nitrogen. The most suitable trees to be planted in these prepared pockets are native hardwoods such as silver birch and mountain ash and, especially if there is running water, the common willow and alder.

The address of "The Men of the Trees" is 10, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

The address of The London Gardens Society, reported on last month, is 47, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

What to do in April

Evergreen trees, shrubs and roses may be transplanted. Lawns will require frequent rolling and should be repaired with new turf where necessary.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Plant gladioli and put a little sand in the bottom of the hole before placing the bulb in it.

Divide herbaceous plants as required and hoe well the surface of the ground between them.

The sites intended for dahlias should be dug and manured. It will greatly help them in blooming if agricultural salt is sprinkled over the earth when dug. One ounce to the square yard is about the right quantity.

Flag irises will bloom better in the summer if you start feeding them now. Use alternately an ounce of superphosphate per plant one week and weak soot and water the next.

Try growing achimenes. They bear dainty blooms consisting of narrow tubes with widely extended mouths. The tubers are very cheap. Plant 8 or 9 in a five-inch pot filled with light loam and leaf-mould in equal parts and just a sprinkling of sand.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Cherry trees should be carefully watched for the first appearance of aphids. The trees are troublesome to clean when badly attacked by this pest, but if taken in time it is easy to get rid of it.

Keep the strawberry bed free from weeds, and if you have a warm corner with an early batch of plants they should be covered at night to protect them from frost.

The seed of Alpine strawberries may be sown on a warm border, or in shallow boxes placed in the cold frame. They should give good fruiting plants for next season. Care should be taken that they never suffer from want of water.

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The Master of the House You or Your Dog?

By PHILOKUON

Who is the master of the house? You or your dog? The question is not so irrelevant as it may sound for I know several houses in which the husband and wife have abdicated in favour of the family pet. A page in *PRINCE* recently had a sting in it because it was at least true of some households. In a series of scenes we saw a Scottish terrier going round a room until he had settled upon a chair to his liking. This not being as comfortable as he expected, he evicted the cat from hers, only to be dissatisfied with that. Then he proceeded to bark in front of his alleged master, and in the final tableau we had the man going off dejectedly to another seat while the dog ensconced himself in his.

Exaggerated? Not altogether, for I know of similar happenings and have been rather saddened on hearing about them. Where is the dignity that is supposed to raise men above the brutes? Where is the strength of will that is necessary if we are to train our dogs decently? Dogs can be very artful if they like, and are not above imposing upon us if the opportunity is given them. Of course, they take advantage of our weakness, becoming horribly selfish instead of pleasantly companionable. After all, they have their limitations, not having the mentality to distinguish niceties of behaviour. The natural dog, as a rule, approaches adult life with a fund of devotion, a desire to please and a willingness to sacrifice himself for those he loves. Under the influence of education these admirable qualities may be developed and fixed.

You teach him by praising when he does right and scolding if he transgresses, just as you would a child. The child develops and grows up however, whereas the mind of the dog, by comparison, remains immature, although naturally, in adult life it is more advanced than in puppyhood. If you have a flair for that sort of thing, it is not difficult to train a dog.

Educating them in the ways of obedience brings out their finer qualities and makes them respect you, forging bonds that cannot be broken. Excessive petting turns a dog into a tyrant, and makes him peevish, discontented and surly. It ruins his nature, and frequently induces ill health. The dog that is humoured in one way is often pampered in another by receiving food that is altogether unsuitable. He is fed with dainties at all sorts of hours until he goes off his appetite altogether and refuses wholesome fare. A veterinary surgeon, who had a large canine practice, told me that a considerable proportion of his patients had had their digestions ruined by careless feeding and lack of exercise. All he could do for them was to give them a dose of Epsom salts and starve them until they came to biscuits and meat.

One cannot emphasise too strongly that plain food is the proper food for all healthy dogs. Biscuits and meals can be had in wide variety, and scraps from the butcher are cheap enough for anyone. Green vegetables may be mixed with the food several times a week, and carrots and leeks are much esteemed. Trainers of racing greyhounds give a daily pinch of caraway seeds, which they believe helps the digestion. I am converted to the theory of dry food whenever it can be allowed conveniently, though in large kennels it may be more economical to cook the meat and mix meals, biscuits and vegetables with it.

Odd Fellows

As reported in every local paper and the general Press, Bro. O. B. Meadmore, P.P.G.M. was elected corresponding secretary for North London at the Odd Fellows "Parliament." Congratulations O.B. Burnt Oak assures you of their loyal support.

We have been asked to speak mostly this month of the feminine side of our activities. At the onset let us confess that the request frightens us. What pains and penalties we will suffer if not careful. (Stick it, lad, you're alright so far.)

Ladies of Watling—no! mistake number one. Women of Watling, lend us thine ears and eyes. First please read our advertisement and remember that it invites inquiries from you, your daughter, niece, mother, aunt, etc., as well as dad, uncles, son and so on.

Next please make up your mind to pop in and see our womenfolk—they want your company. Let's give a slight idea—our own copyright—of their personality, a few to get on with anyway:—

There's Amy who Steer's a straight course,
Lends no ear to tales that are coarse;
There's Maisie quite charming and Young,
So willing to join in the fun;
There's Ethel called Meek—but she ain't,
And Stevens, our Nancy, our saint;
There's Levett who signs double E,
An asset on our Committee;
Another two E's go with Lincoln—
We've also Doris o' Hilton;
There's Laura the lively who's Wright,
When she says that our scribe cannot write.

BEARESS.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Sow spinach at intervals throughout the season so as to have a continuous supply. Sow it thinly.

Runner beans may be sown this month. Also peas, beet and turnips, cabbages, savoy, broccoli and Brussels sprouts for succession.

See that young peas are protected from the attacks of birds. The wire protectors are better for this purpose than black cotton. Though they cost more at the outset the protectors will last for many years.

Ridge cucumbers which are grown out of doors are very tasty though not so shapely as cucumbers grown in a frame. They need a bed similar to that made for vegetable marrows. Prepare it now ready for planting in May.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

The following activities will be carried on for children during April. Full particulars can be obtained from the Juvenile organiser, Mrs. Lord.

Monday—

5.30 English.

6.30 Acorns.

Tuesday—

6.0 Painting and Posters.

Wednesday—

6.0 Play Hour.

Thursday—

6.0 Raffia and other Handwork.

6.30 Physical Training for Boys, 11-14.

Friday—

6.30 Eurhythmics.

Saturday—

10.45 Physical Training for Girls, 10-14.

A Juvenile Concert

Two plays were given by the Acorns, the juvenile section of the Burnt Oak Adult School, at the Watling Centre, in aid of the Building Fund. It was the first concert attempted by the Junior Branch, and their efforts were highly successful.

"The Fairy Chain," as the romantic story of a princess captured by a cruel ogre. Those taking part were Violet Kileen (fairy queen), Peggy Dunn (princess), Joyce Lord (prince), Jack Whitehead (ogre), Joyce Hill (sprite), Iris Cole, Joan Barkshire, Edith Pow and Elsie Mills (fairies), Barbara Fairburn and Joan Heath (bluebells).

The second play was a sacred story, "Where Love is, God is." Dorothy Robbins was in turn Martin, a soldier's wife and an apple woman; Joyce Lord appeared as Ivan, Stephen and a boy; Winifred Shoubridge shared the part of Martin, and Beatrice Lord was "The Voice."

The plays were produced by Mrs. Lord, with Mrs. Whitehead as pianist, Roy Cole as announcer, and Douglas Roblou operating the stage curtains.

£2 was realised for the Building Fund.

The children repeated their play to the Veterans who thoroughly enjoyed it.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those who have sent along tinfoil and DAILY MIRROR tokens.

In thanking people that gave help for Moggie's party I am so sorry I forgot to mention Mrs. Goodhew, one of those people who are always in the background but always ready to help.

B. LORD.

SMILE !

Sergeant (at rifle practice): "You've got a bull, Perkins!"

Private Perkins: "That's splendid, isn't it?"

Sergeant: "Splendid! It's in a field a hundred yards away!"

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"Where's your mummy?"

"She ain't in."

"Tut! Tut! Where's your grammar?"

"She's out too."

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Passenger: "What time is the first bus from W— on Sunday?"

Conductor: "10.30 a.m., Madam."

Passenger: "Oh, dear! What's the one before that?"

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Walter: "Don't you know better than to come begging with your hands in your pockets?"

Weary Wilfred: "I'm begging for a pair of braces, guv'nor!"

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Teacher: "Yes, that's a nice dog you've drawn, Sambo, but why on earth did you give him such a long tail?"

Sambo: "Well, miss, yo' sho' done say 'An' put in plenty ob detail'."

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AVENUES TO PEACE

An article re-printed from the February issue of "The Wayfarer."

By C. CLEMENT BROWN.

At this crucial time in the world's history it is often a heartburning question for peace lovers to determine which type of movement or line of thought should claim their energies and support. As individuals we may, theoretically, be clear up to a certain point, but to press these theories to a logical conclusion in action for ourselves and others is the crucial test of their clarity and strength. Absolute pacifism has, of course, its own philosophy, its peculiar psychology, its practical technique. "The position of the Christian pacifist is unassailable," wrote a correspondent in a recent issue of *THE STATESMAN AND NATION*; inferring that such a pacifist will not compromise, denounces all coercive measures and the evils of the competitive system as a whole, and is prepared to take the consequences of his belief in the form of prison or social boycott. He may, or may not, have confidence in the effectiveness of the peace machinery already established; probably not, for he generally maintains that until states have accepted the principles upon which his own convictions are based, war is inevitable, and his constructive action runs along the line of proclaiming the principles in which he believes.

Bertrand Russell's new book "Which Way to Peace?" gives the similar, yet basically different, point of view of the non-religious absolute pacifist. In this book Mr. Russell states the case for each of the much discussed roads to peace, Isolationism, Collective Security, Alliances, etc., "and riddles each with criticism," says Canon Raven, in a review of this book in *RECONCILIATION*. He adds, "and so prepares the way for a programme of Unilateral Disarmament . . . brings the policy of absolute pacifism down to earth, and shows that even from the point of view of worldly prudence it is the best and only way to peace." But though the religious pacifist may use this book to confirm his own argument, Mr. Russell's line has excited much criticism in other ranks.

But there are, of course, a large body of peace workers, who, while not prepared to take the absolutist position, are nevertheless prepared to work hard in the cause of strengthening the existing organisations for peace. Those taking this less extreme attitude, may do so for very different reasons—some, and this perhaps represents the average sort of person, because they feel unequal to committing themselves to so definite and exacting a stand; others feel vaguely that the absolute pacifist is an impossible idealist, while others take this less uncompromising position for sound and concrete reasons.

Francis Williams, in his most illuminating book, "Plan for Peace," expresses this latter point of view, stating that he holds no absolute position himself, not because ideally he does not think such a position logically unassailable, and not because many of the friends he has most honoured and admired have embraced it, but because he cannot convince himself that complete pacifism does indeed offer a way out of war. He believes that the very people who endorse this creed, run the risk, through their own attitude, of having on

their shoulders the responsibility for a reign of terror in the world. But he makes the point clear that if it is necessary to take arms it must be for the defence of law only, and not of privilege. "And the law that is to be defended must be equitable."

Essentially realist in thought, and backed by specialized knowledge, financial and economic, Mr. Williams proceeds to analyse in his book the whole question of the dissatisfied countries with a view to establishing peace on a permanent footing, and in terms of what is strictly practicable. Charles Roden Buxton, in his book, "The Alternative to War," takes much the same line in insisting that until we have probed into the fundamental causes of unrest we cannot hope to escape the inevitability of a conflagration sooner or later. His practical proposals, like those of Mr. Williams, include the demand for some transition from imperialism to trusteeship under the Mandate system in the case of the British Empire, and emphasize the need for "peaceful change" rather than "political security."

Those who dismiss absolute pacifism, religious or otherwise, as a practically untenable position, need surely have no misgivings in throwing in their weight to back the peace proposals of these writers, and of others like them, who have explored exhaustively the essential possibilities. And having done so, the future is not devoid of all encouragement. As is pointed out in the books, though the forces making for war have been strengthened in the last months, so also have the forces of peace. And one of the most hopeful factors is the present French government, and the fact that a new world economic conference—the purpose of which would be to find a basis for international political security and to meet such economic claims by the dissatisfied powers as are legitimate and equitable—has been actually proposed, and the chances of its success, if it is held, will be "substantially increased by the co-operation of the forces of peace in Britain and France."

The books quoted above were, of course, written before the culmination of the troubles in Spain, a crisis which, at the moment, is plunging the peace movement again into heart searching dilemma as to the respective claims of non-intervention or moral intervention, the amelioration of the sufferings entailed, and the deeper issues of principle involved in the clash between the opposing forces of Fascism and Communism.

But George Lansbury said, only on Armistice Day last, that the proposed world conference must be called. "Let the League call it if they will," he said. "But let us have Japan and Germany and all the states there." He believes that Britain and America could secure such a conference—he is convinced that Mr. Roosevelt would join in giving this lead if the British government asked him. "But somebody has got to insist on it—people like you," he said.

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Radio and Rhythm

Whatever their faults, and sometimes it seems that they have many, they are always capable of rising to a big occasion or an emergency. For example, during the floods in the Fen districts the broadcast reports and news were concise but avoided any panic which may have otherwise been caused. Preparations, too, are going ahead for the Coronation festivities and they are of a much gayer spirit than was at first anticipated.

Arrangements are being made for a relay of Jack Payne and his band, with Gracie Fields, from one of the Coronation gala nights. It is reported that the B.B.C. at first declined these artists' offer to broadcast and to give the broadcasting fee to charity, but, second thoughts being proverbially the best, they will now be "on the air" during the Coronation week. It is hoped to be able to have a variety show nearly every evening, and to extend the broadcasting hours until 2 a.m. It sounds very good news, so here's hoping.

The news of the parting of Henry Hall and the B.B.C. has been announced and denied in the Press quite often during the last six months. However, the parting was definitely announced by the B.B.C. on March 17th. As is usual in such circumstances, both parties parted amicably and Henry Hall is going to broadcast quite often in the future, so he says. Although his plans are not yet definite, he intends to go on a six months' tour of the music halls in this country, make another film, and then to make a tour of the continent, possibly ending in Australia in about two years' time. It is to be hoped that Henry Hall will develop sufficient personality to keep in public favour, as he will certainly need it once he has lost all the glamour of the B.B.C. The latter, at present, do not intend to have a resident dance band of their own, but to rely on the regular outside broadcasting bands. This decision will thus avoid too many broadcasts by one band in the same week. In spite of the short life of a popular dance tune, it is extremely difficult for any band to put over a good programme four or five times in one week.

The two most popular of the B.B.C.'s orchestras are the Variety Orchestra and the Theatre Orchestra. They are similar in style but have a remarkably varied repertoire, from the latest dance hits to the ever-popular marches of Sousa. The so-called Military Band seems to understudy the Symphony Orchestra rather than try to build up a reputation of its own as a Military Band.

The popularity of "Angel of the Great White Way," in the "Songs you have not heard" series, is proved by the fact that there are now six recorded versions of this tune. The best is by Ambrose and his Band on Decca F6312, and on the other side is "Harbour Lights." This is definitely a tuneful record. Another fine recording is by Geraldo and his Orchestra on Decca F6306, playing "I once had a heart, Margarita," a tango, and "When the sun says Good-night to the mountain." A more boisterous record is Columbia FB1604, of Louis Levy and the Gaumont British Orchestra playing "Empire Builders" march, and that well-known tune "Music from the Movies." The latter is the Gaumont British signature tune arranged as a march and is well worth one and sixpence.

Cheerio, everybody, and pleasant listening.

LISTENER IN.

IRONING HINTS

BAD DRYING WEATHER.—Instead of waiting for all the clothes to dry before folding to iron, fold a dry article and then a damp one with it, and so on. In this way, the damp things will just dampen the dry things sufficiently for ironing and so save time.

SILK FROCKS, ETC.—When ironing silk, place a clean piece of butter muslin over so that the iron will not come into actual contact with the garment. This prevents the shiny appearance which silk often shows when iron is applied to it direct.

CLOTHES which are sprinkled and folded 24 hours before they are ironed will be much smoother than if ironed directly after folding.

TO MAKE THE ORDINARY "FLAT" RUN VERY SMOOTHLY, rub the hot iron quite clean on a coarse piece of emery paper (or powdered bath-brick), then rub a slightly moistened tablet of soap over the face of the iron; wipe clean and dry with duster.

COLLARS.—Iron from, not towards the point. This will avoid the crease.

OVAL OR ROUND MATS.—These should be ironed with the weave of the material, never diagonally.

WRINKLES IN IRONING CLOTH.—Place 3 or 4 sheets of an unfolded newspaper underneath the cloth, when it will remain quite smooth.

PLEATS.—After ironing the back pleats, tack them in position before the dress to iron the front of the skirt. Use a different colored cotton from the frock, so that stitches may be taken out easily.

EMBROIDERED ARTICLES.—These should be ironed first on the right side, then on the wrong. The material will have a better gloss and the embroidery will stand up better, than if it had been ironed on the wrong side only.

TO REMOVE IRON MOULD.—Cut a stick of rhubarb in pieces and boil for 10 minutes with a little water. Put the stained part in the hot water for 15 minutes, then rinse in cold water.

TO REMOVE IRON MOULD.—Place stained part of garment flat on table and lay smoothly on it a piece of clean rag which has been soaked in methylated spirits. Press over stain with a hot iron; repeat process if necessary.

TO REMOVE IRON MOULD.—(1) salts of lemon, or (2) oxalic acid. Put 1 teaspoonful to $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of boiling water and soak the place. Then wash as usual.

IRON MOULD ON LINEN.—Rub with a cut lemon dipped in salt and, after this has been well rubbed in, plunge the part quickly in boiling water and lift out quickly.

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SWIMMING

The ladies have, of course, been going to the baths regularly all the winter for their weekly swim. Now that summer draws nigh, perhaps the mere men will want to restart their swimming club. Any who do should send their names in to the office in good time so as to be ready to take the first plunge of the season.

CRICKET

Will anyone over 18 who is interested in the above either by way of playing or by way of organising a team, please leave their name and address at the office at Watling Centre. Some equipment is already available.

AVENUES TO PEACE—continued from page 12

The near future would seem to be the great testing time as to whether the peace movers can compass effective action. They are certainly alive as never before. The peace movements, representing both the civic and religious life of the country, are strengthening their ranks both intensively and extensively.

But a cohesion of the different positions, or more, a bringing to fruition of the programmes of the active peace workers and thinkers, is still waited for. There is hope in the development of the new People's Front Movement, which, representing the Church and political forces of the country, is beginning to make its voice heard in an appeal for united action for peace and social justice.

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Club and Society Notes

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

This time of the year is usually a very dull period, yet when we look back over last month with its Dances, Dinners, etc., we see that the organizing wheels have been turning just as sure as our cycle wheels. Club runs are still well patronized and our Club Room is now attracting more and more members. Recently the Committee have been forced to consider the closing down of this weekly meeting place, just when I was looking forward to an increase in equipment, such as darts in our own room, draughts, dominoes, etc., so make a show folks, and prove that our time and money are not wasted in this direction.

These new cycles! Are we going to be inflicted with many of these horrible "mangles" this summer? Angles of 73° and rear stays that take a long time to make up their minds—and the colours—let's hope they justify the money being spent. The proof of the pudding, etc. . . .

As we are now planning our Easter tours, and making arrangements for the last Dance in our series, it seems hard to visualise that we shall be reading these notes after these events are over. So I suppose I must just hope you have had a good time instead of hoping you are going to.

Racing, I suppose, deserves a mention in this issue as the "bashing" season has just commenced, and, as usual, everyone has started to train seriously, or secretly. Good luck to you imbeciles!

RUNS

April 4 Low gear '25'—afterwards meet 10.15 a.m. for 7-1 a.m. (D) Red Lion, Gt. Missenden

(T) Fox & Hounds, Chalfont St. Giles

11 Herts-Cambs Boundery Univ tandem '30' 9 a.m. (D) Red Lion, Therfield, nr Royston

(T) White Horse, Coreys Mill, nr Stevenage

Sat 17 Hodites lecture 'Panorama & Pageant' at St. Albans

18 OXFORDSHIRE Hardride, Leader F. G. S. 8 a.m. (D) St. Cuthberts, Banbury Rd, Kidlington,

(T) Swan, Hemel Hempstead [5m N Oxford

25 Along the BRIGHTON ROAD, Miss E. Rolph Meet Marble Arch at 8 a.m. sharp

(D) Half-Moon Inn, Warminglid, n Handcross

(T) Wayside, 11 The Crescent, Leatherhead

:: All Runs leave "Green Man"

POTTERER.

BOXING

What a night March 13th. Our boys pulled off another victory by beating All Saints' Boxing Club by 6 cvents to 4.

I am not going to set out the praise of any one of the team, I might leave one or two out. Well done, the whole team winners and losers. Hard luck on the boys whose opponents did not turn up. Let's hope the performance will be repeated at Child's Hill on April 5th.

Do not forget the Inter-Estate match at Morden on April 17th.

A coach will be leaving the Centre at 5 p.m. on the 13th; seats will be limited, so book early. Mr. Lodge is arranging this trip, so if you want a good evening's sport hand your name to him at once.

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Centre on Thursday, April 29th, at 8 p.m. Now it's up to all members of the Boxing Club to attend this meeting, when officials, committee, etc., will be elected for the 1937/8 season.

If you have anything to suggest, any faults to find, any praise to give, roll up at the Annual General Meeting and air it.

Well done, Wally Graham, who went to Walthamstow on March 8th, and was runner-up in the 9-stone open novices' competition; the first time the club has been so near. The club's name is spreading.

Well done, Wally!

L. K.

NORTHERN C.C.

Well, folks, here we are once more with all the latest news.

The weather this last month hasn't been very encouraging, but runs have been fairly well supported. What with torrential rain one week and snow the next, one hardly knows what to expect, but "be prepared and take what comes" is our motto these days. We've seen fields under water and under snow, and ridden through water and snow. What more could one ask from this "England" of ours.

The one fine week-end we had, a paper chase was organised with G. Hayhew and S. Humphreys as hares; and what a ride they gave us, across fields and over stiles hunting for the trail. G. Putnam was the winner of this event.

With Easter close upon us there is one thing we hope for—that the weather will take a turn for the better and enable us to enjoy ourselves at the "Ridge-way Farm," Thursley, where we shall be spending the holiday. Good Friday will be spent as usual at the "Herc Hill" meeting of champions, where we hope to cheer our favourites to victory.

The Dance on March 13th brought our very successful dancing season to a close. What a bumper evening we all had, and if appearances are anything to go by everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our next season begins in October, so just get out your diary and jot these dates down before you forget them:—October 30th, December 11th, January 22nd, March 12th.

That seems to be about all I have to say for this month, so I will conclude with our runs programme for April:—

9th.—"Stag," Hatfield Heath.

Tea—"White Horse," Hertingfordbury.

11th.—North Midds. Middle Markers "25."

Dunstable Cottage, Potter Street.

Tea—"Bee Hive," Hatfield, Hyde.

18th.—Free-Wheeling Contest.

Crosskeys, Gustard Wood.

Tea—Bakery Tea Rooms, Tewin.

25th.—"Queens Head," Littlebury.

Tea—"Rose and Crown," High Wych.

Cheerio until next month!

TONY.

The Veteran's Club

After the quiet month of February the Veterans are now once again off at the gallop. They started with an American tea the first Wednesday in March, at which about 40 members were present, also a number of helpers. After tea they enjoyed an entertainment in the Main Hall which was opened by Mrs. Fredrick singing a humorous song. This was followed by Mrs. Lord's children in a play entitled "Fairy Chain." The entertainment was enjoyed by all.

The last Wednesday in the month the Veterans are holding their Bulb Competition, and the results will be published in our next issue.

Plans are now going forward for an outing to "Rye House" the first Wednesday in June, and with the Coronation Celebrations the latter part of May, the old folk are in for a busy time. Our ladies have kindly continued to supply the refreshments, and we offer them our heartiest thanks. E. COLE.

Scout News

14th HENDON GROUP

I am about to break the long lapse of notes from this delightful book which travels to all parts of the country.

You will all be pleased I'm sure to hear that the Scouts are endeavouring to become the best Troup, not only on the Estate but in Hendon, and they are all working hard to gain Proficiency Badges before the Winter Term ends.

The Cubs are still going very strongly, and several were presented with yearly stars the other week.

Through these lines I wish to thank Mr. Smith and all the helpers who have helped me to pull the Troup well on the way to 1st Class status.

Cheerio,
RIKKI.

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National Clarion Cycling Club

Hendon Clarion calling all cyclists once again!

Well, friends, how have you liked the weather lately? The Sundays it snowed certainly made a change. We had some good snowball fights and some of our members were able to get good photographs of our local countryside under its fairy mantle of snow.

Despite the changeable weather, however, our members still come out on the runs each week, and quite a few new members are joining up, although it is early in the season as yet.

We had a very enjoyable evening with the Hawk C.C., whom we played at table-tennis and darts. Although we lost at both games we are not disheartened and we are always ready to play any other clubs at almost any indoor games.

By the time this report is published the road racing season will be in full swing, and we take this opportunity of wishing all local clubs the best of luck during the season, which incidentally will be our first, and we hope to have some successes.

Our runs during April are as follows:—4th, Inter-club run with North-West London Clarion; 11th, Stokenchurch; 18th, Treasure Hunt; 28th, Binfield.

The run to Stokenchurch on the 11th will take the form of an invitation run, and any cyclists wishing to try club life are cordially invited to spend the day with us. We meet every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. at the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak. Our club journals, Boots and the CLARION CYCLIST will be available on all these runs.

Our Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20, Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, will be pleased to let anyone have full particulars of our activities, insurance benefits, etc., upon application.

Hendon Clarion signing off.

VIC C. BOTTERILL,
Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

B. O. Y. P. A. S.

The fourth birthday party of the Young People's Adult School was held at the Centre on February 13th. 80 people sat down to high tea which was served by members of the school. Then followed dancing until 11.15.

The school meets every Wednesday evening at the Centre at 8.15 and new members are cordially invited.

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Random Jottings

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2,400 coupons from the *Daily Mirror* produce this beneficial result for the Watling Association Building Fund. A cheque for £1 has already been received and the collection of coupons is well on the way towards the second. Those who have so industrially collected them are sincerely thanked and are asked to continue with the good work more earnestly than ever.

N.E.C.C. Annual Conference

We are glad to hear that the Orchestra and the Guild of Players distinguished themselves at the Conference, and that the orchestra still survives another dose of flour. There were also some films of new estates, including Watling Week which showed up very well. Other notes on the Conference will be found elsewhere.

Our New Type

A change of printer provides a good opportunity for looking at the set-up of a magazine. Some readers will have noticed the new type in last month's issue and we should like to know how they like it. We are now going to a London printer and hope that all those who regard it as important to support home industries will redouble their efforts to get readers and advertisers for the "RESIDENT." Suggestions for improvement will, as always, be welcomed by the editor.

Palladium Outing

Jack Hilton will be at the Centre after 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 8th, for the purpose of issuing Palladium tickets to all people taking part in the outing; all subscriptions to be completed on or before that date.

S.O.S. to all Tenants on Watling

Before shopping, please look down the traders' page in the *RESIDENT*, and support them who support us. Also mention *WATLING RESIDENT* to them; it may be of advantage to you.

The Local Talent Concert

Will patrons drop me a line to 85, Goldbeaters Grove, giving their version of the above Concert, and let me know if there is any particular artiste who appealed to their tastes, and we will know what to provide for you next time. Fair criticism, mind you!

JACK HILTON.

Please take notice

Any tenant vacating their premises and not returning until late or early morning are advised that it is their privilege to notify the Police Station what time they are leaving, and what time they expect to return.

Strict measures

—are to be enforced in future to maintain order on Monday nights at the Debating Society. Artistes with an imaginary sense of humour have a stage on which they can perform, perhaps to an appreciative audience.

Encore

Women of the Adult School have got busy again and have now formed a Concert Party. As is usual with these ladies they have set about it in a business-like manner—made their own costumes and got together a collection of gags and songs with which they soon hope to rival the "White Coons."

The Watling Association will never die whilst we have such go-ahead members.

Cheerio!

Our Social Secretary, Mr. Deacon, had a pleasant surprise the other day when he received a gift of three bottles of port from Mrs. Skinner of the "Stag" as prizes for whist drives.

Boxing Celebration

The first Annual Supper and Dance will be held at the Centre on Saturday the 8th of May. Apply to R. Lodge, Esq. for tickets. Book early; number limited.

To all Children of our Members

Make your parents enquire about your Coronation Celebration at the Centre.

Did You Know ?

Described by his doctor as a "perfect man," a Kettering, Northants, middle-aged hairdresser, has completed a year living on nothing but milk.

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What is your body worth? About 3s. 6d. in chemical constituents. You contain enough phosphorus to make 2,000 matches.

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The entire Chinese language is made up of words of one syllable, 50,000 of them. They are spoken with different tones.

Social Committee

Officials for Functions:—Whist, Monday, Mr. Williams; Thursday, Mrs. Crowe. Dances: Mr. Deacon. Saturday Social: Mrs. Nyberg. Whist: Wednesday, Messrs. Fanthorpe and Tadman. Saturday: 10 Hands Whist, M.C., Mr. Wickens.

Young Members, don't forget the Dance in aid of the Coronation Fund, Friday, May 7th. Admission, 6d. M.C., W. Preedy.

Coming shortly, Comp. Novice Dances.

C. DEACON, *Social Secretary*.

Here She Comes !

SCENE: A fashionable wedding at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Crowds collect and elbow for position.

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SCENE: A photographer's shop at Watling. Two cars drive up and out step a wedding group to be photographed. Crowds collect, all straining to get a good view. Everyone loves to see a bride whether it is in Watling or Westminster.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

May, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays* — Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 2 My Occupation. Mr. W. Pratten.
 9 Zion and Greece. Mr. G. Currie Martin.
 16 Whit Sunday. No Meeting.
 23 Margaret MacMillan. Miss Rayner.
 30 Spain. Mr. J. E. Whitehead.
- Mondays* — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26, Homefield Road.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
 Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m. (alternate weeks).
- Tuesdays* — Millinery Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 4.30 p.m.
 Young Watlers, 6.0 p.m.
 Cripple Parlour, 6.0 p.m.
 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
 Physical Training for Girls over 17, Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days* — Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 5 Visit to National Gallery with Miss Pearce.
 12 Coronation Day. No Meeting.
 19 Co-operation in Japan. Miss Helen Topping.
 26 Visit to Kew.
 Veteran's Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thursdays* — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
- Fridays* — Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
 Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays* — Members' Socials, 8.0 p.m.

Other Events

- Sunday 2 Fellowship Meeting. 8.0 p.m.
 Thursday 6 Watling and District Rose Society 8 p.m.
 Friday 7 Dance, 8.0 p.m.
 Sunday 9 Free and Easy. "Wild Life." Prof. E. H. Warmington. 8.0 p.m.
 Wednesday 12 Coronation Day. Centre closed.
 Thursday 13 Borough Council and Watling Association Coronation Party for Old Folks over 70. 5.30 p.m.
 Tues. to Fri. 18 to 21 Coronation Parties for Children of Watling Association Members.
 Sunday 23 Free and Easy. "Watling Week, 1937." 8.0 p.m.
 Sunday 30 Edgware Fellowship Concert.

Watling Association Council

The most important business of the Council Meeting held on February 25th was the election of various committees and officers as follows:—

- Chairman: Mr. C. J. Roblou.
 Executive: Mesdames Cole and Whitehead, Messrs. Fanthorpe, Williams, Hilton and Price.
 Social Committee: Mesdames Nyberg and Roblou. Messrs. Deacon, Tadman, Williams, Fanthorpe, Hilton and Green.
 Sports Committee: Mrs. Lord, Messrs. Wildes, Hilton, Stephens and Green.
 Education Committee: Mesdames Heaf, Chinnery, Roblou, Thomas, Harris, Hilton, King, Lord, Miss Clement Brown, Messrs. Veal, Simkins, Price, Lewis and Father Davie.
 Billiards Committee: Messrs. Tadman, Hilton, Fanthorpe, Clifton, Green, Stephens.
 Personal Service Committee: Mesdame King, Lee, Ede and Father Davie.
 Distress Fund Committee: Mrs. King, Father Davie, Mr. A. I. Jones.
 Juvenile Organiser: Mrs. Lord.
 Tenants' Welfare Officer: Mr. H. Davis.
 Resident Advertising Manager: Mr. Hilton.
 Representative on Mill Hill Social Service Committee: Mrs. Lee.
 Representatives on London Federation of Community Associations: Messrs. Cole, Roblou, Price.

Watling Association

A Quarterly General Meeting of Members

will be held at the Centre on

Friday May 28th
 at 8.0 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Report of Council.
5. Any other Business.



WELL, DEAR EDITOR,

I'm sorry not to have let you have an article on my pet hobbies for Watling Week before now, but you are quite aware that working for, and discussing our ideas, for obtaining the completion of our Community Centre, is a plentiful occupation, and where are we? Are we any nearer or not? Why can't you get an article from Major Carter, Sir Wyndham Deeds, our Chairman, our Secretary, or our President, on our progress, hopes, or disappointments on this subject. Publish what they know, or what they think, and let our members know; we cannot put it over verbally. Encourage the workers, and arouse the enthusiasm of the tenants. It is not for ourselves, we are craving a larger Centre. It is the satisfaction of knowing that if we knock off, our worries and work have not been time and labour wasted; we shall have accomplished something for the benefit of those who keep putting their faith in us, and re-electing us. A once a year report on this subject is not enough. Sorry, I'm afraid I'm running away from my subject. I am well on the way of again obtaining prizes for our Sports that Watling can be proud of presenting. Mrs. Allen of "The White Lion" has presented us with a nice Cup, and Cyclone Danny Carter, although not performing at our Sports meeting this year, has promised a Trophy. So those two with Maison Lyons, Rex Judd, and possibly others will look quite nice in the windows of various tradesmen before the meeting, also very nice in the homes of the winners, so wake up, ye sleeping athletes, you've all got a chance.

Other good news I should like to broadcast is the offer of a FIRST CLASS PIANO ACCORDION Concert, in aid of our Building Fund. The production of this entertainment is a pretty expensive item, but no pains or expense is to be spared, and Mr. HALES, of Watling Avenue, is footing the bill. All proceeds go to our Building Fund. Now to all readers I do plead that you patronise this entertainment, patronise Mr. Hales, and by so doing support our cause. It is only by your collective support that we can get anywhere. Oh, yes. Danny Carter is again leading our Carnival with an escort of 30 or 40 motor cycles, so we should start off with a big bang. Bravo Cyclone.

My other commitment for Watling Week. The Piano Accordion Contest is at present rather baffling. I hope for a good competition but I'm afraid I shall have to punt round and fish for it, but I've a whole heap of confidence, persuasion, personality and push, and we'll have a Contest even if we have to kidnap the players to compete, but even Piano Accordion Players have a heart, and rally round on special occasions, so I don't despair; in fact, I am hoping that before long our local players (and we have more than a few) will have confidence enough in themselves to put over a Local Competition. It is better to have played and lost, than never to have played at all.

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DEAR SIR,

May I through the medium of THE WATLING RESIDENT offer my thanks to Councillors Connell, Pugh and Pinkney for the interest they took in the above matter. Particularly to the latter for his expression of regret at the deletion of a running track and a cycling track from the Coronation Sports Centre Scheme for Copthall Playing Fields at a decisive meeting of Hendon Borough Council (Estates and Parks Committee) last month.

I feel sure the other sportsmen and women who are to be offered excellent additional local facilities for cricket, football, rugby, hockey, tennis and netball on this site will sympathise with both cyclists and field athletes who have been barred access to that which they would have willingly paid a fee to use.

F. A. DOVEY.

North Western Road Club, C.T.C., W.R.R.A., W.A.

AMATEUR TALENT AT THE CENTRE

Organising a function of any kind usually calls for a lot of hard work and patience but Jack Hilton's efforts to stage an amateur talent concert at the Watling Centre proved very fruitful and met with a splendid response from budding stars. There was no dearth of talent and when next the B.B.C. is looking for stars of the future it might do well to give Watling a look over. The only drawback was that the hall was not large enough to accommodate all the people who wanted to get in. Hear what Jack says.

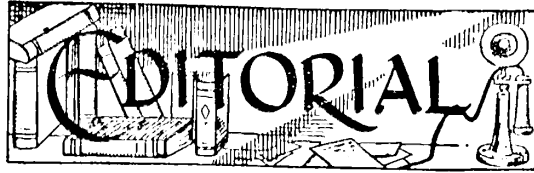
"The two nights following the concert were the first good sleep I'd had, since I started organising. The satisfaction of the audience was my satisfaction, I think it stands out as one of the Centre's biggest successes, and I should estimate the number who could not get in at 200. I should like those who were refused admittance through lack of space to write to the L.C.C. Housing Committee, County Hall, expressing their opinion of the size of our Centre, we might then get a grant or even a loan to complete the building, we could then guarantee you would not have to go further for your entertainment. At present, it is difficult to house a large enough audience, to make a good performance and show a profit, so help us to help you, voice your opinions loudly—in the proper quarter, and don't forget you cannot get anything from people who have got nothing, but in the right place, SPEAK LOUD.

GARDEN NOTES—continued from page 12.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Sow the main crop of beet, kidney and runner beans towards the end of the month.

Broad beans, peas, cauliflowers, cabbages, Brussels sprouts, broccoli and savoy's may be sown for late use.

Plant out the vegetable marrow plants towards the end of the month. A prepared mound of rich soil is better than an old hot-bed or manure heap. They may not grow so robust on the former but they will be much more prolific and will last longer.



Elbow Room

It is the practice on Council Estates for a periodical census to be taken, and if it is found that certain tenants are occupying more room than is considered their due, they are advised to move to a less spacious dwelling which leads us to question what is sufficient room.

We hear of slum families who are crowded in one room, and we read of lonely bachelors who live in large houses. Then there are the wealthy people who when they travel occupy two or three state cabins on the ship and book the entire floor of a hotel when they land, and yet some people are not content unless they are jammed in a crowd watching a football match or a Coronation.

When it comes to it it is surprising how few things we really need, as those of us who served in the Great War well know. All our possessions we carried about with us and we often slept twenty in a tent. In spite of these privations we managed to keep fit, so that it seems that the more we have the less happy we are and the less healthy we are.

When we settle down to live in a house we start seriously to surround ourselves with an accumulation of goods and chattels as if we were going to live on this earth for ever. People who go to Woolworths very often do so with no intention of buying anything, but generally they come away with a collection of articles which they hope to make use of. Every day we are collecting things and putting them by in case we need them. Then one day we find we haven't enough room for all our treasures and we clear them out. Then we start another collection.

This collecting fever seems to be a weakness of mankind, and who would deny that it is the cause of most of our troubles. The people who collect the world's wheat supply and then juggle with the prices until half the world is starving. The landlords who collect houses and charge exorbitant rents. The nations that collect colonies and build huge armies and navies to defend them.

It all seems to be a policy of expansion and getting more. But are we any happier for it. The Gipsy seems to lead a healthy life in the confined space of a caravan, but that wouldn't suit everyone, nor am I suggesting that we should be like Diogenes and live in a tub, but if we were to rid ourselves of some of the trappings that encumber us and try to do with less we should find that there is a little more for the other person, and probably we should be healthier and happier for it.

F.H.L.

FATHER GOES FLYING

(continued)

With a dazed mind he remembered his family—he'd better tell them he was alright.

He rose.

Now he found himself by the booking-hut; the family were not in the queue.

Well, he'd have his self-promised flight anyway.

"Sorry, Sir, the acrobatic machines are all booked," said the flights clerk, "will you have the last seat in the liner? Only ten-bob for almost an half-hour trip.

He paid and took the vacant seat which was at the back and on the right.

There were thirteen other passengers and although seats for two pilots, only one was on board.

Reg caught sight of the pilot's face as he turned to see "all's-well" before taking off, and for some unknown reason felt a cold shiver run down his spine.

The pilot looked ill!

The twin motors roared into life—the machine moved forward—gathered speed—up came the tail—faster—off the ground—up—up—and up.

Reggie's spirits rose with the plane.

After about ten minutes' flying the plane reached a great height, and again the pilot glanced back.

He seemed to look straight at Reg, who half rose from his seat.

The pilot's staring caught the attention of all on board.

Suddenly there was a cry of consternation as the pilot, still looking back, clapped his hand to his forehead and fell to the floor.

His body, pushing open the bulkhead door, came half-way into the cabin.

The atmosphere was electric—all were too shocked to speak or move. Most held tightly on to their seats.

The machine lurched badly and began to turn sharply to port, and then to dive.

Reg was the first to recover his wits.

"Hold tight," he cried, "I can manage it. Pull him clear of the door!"

He walked rapidly up the gangway and assisted those in front to move the helpless pilot.

A few seconds later he was at the controls.

Slowly and uncertainly the machine recovered a normal attitude.

Reggie had never piloted a machine before; he had said the first thing that had come into his head. He had a rough idea of what should be done, his chief thought being "I must keep high."

A quiet voice announced: "I'm a doctor; the pilot has been drugged. We must go down at once."

Reg turned to the speaker who was standing at the cabin door. He laughed and shook his head.

Beckoning the doctor nearer he said: "It's like this, Doc. I haven't a chance of putting her down—I've never controlled before."

"I can keep her going in the air, but when the motors stop—"

"Good Lord," replied the Doctor. "Looks as though we're for it."

Silence for a moment and then: "Tell you what, Sir, write a note and when I turn—if I can—drop it

on to the aerodrome—suggest they send up a pilot to wing-walk on to us."

Right, that's a chance anyway."

As the doctor turned towards the cabin Reg called out: "Doc., just a minute—can you read Morse?"

"No."

"Well, I can, just a little—tell them to flag—was instructions in Morse slowly,—how are they inside?"

The doctor peeped into the cabin.

"Quite calm, I think. I must tell them we're O.K."

Reggie's attempts to turn were very wobbly, but eventually the machine passed over the aerodrome and the note, folded in a handkerchief with a coin to weight it, was dropped.

The message fell on the roadway outside the field, and some ant-like people could be seen running towards it.

The machine now began to circle quite well. Reg had become more familiar with the controls.

The doctor emerged again from the cabin.

"They're quite alright inside,—any sign of a message?" he asked, as he took the second pilot's seat.

"Not yet—ha, look at the Territorial camp in the next field—there goes a flag! Wave your hanky, Doc."

"Now he's off! P-L-A-N-E, wave again, Doc."

C-O-M-I-N-G-, wave, U-P, wave Doc., that's all, wave!

"Quick work," said the doctor. "The Terriers come in handy, what!"

Sure now that their message had been safely delivered Reg took the machine up higher still.

The display seemed to have "faded out" for nearly a dozen planes were coming up all around, but wisely keeping well distant.

One, a four-seater Avro, came closer, and standing upright could be seen Jack Reyner holding up a large notice.

Now quite close it was easy to read: KEEP LEVEL AND STRAIGHT.

The doctor waved an acknowledgment.

"I'll have to sight a landmark and keep straight at it," said Reggie. "You watch Mr. Reyner and tell me what is happening, Doc."

"Righto."

Their machine seemed to sense the drama; except for an occasional light touch on the rudder-bar Reg had little to do; the plane flew itself.

"They're almost touching us," essayed the doctor.

"Reynier is climbing out on the wing—he's holding on to the struts—he's walking along his wing!"

The new pilot was longing to look, but dare not take his eyes off his chosen direction marks—a distant spire and a tall chimney behind.

"He's at the tip of his wing—he's waiting—we've gone lower than them!—Good!—we're level again. Now for it!—we're dead level—HF'S ON!—thank God!"

The machine dipped violently on, one side with Reynier's weight.

Reg, afraid to try and right it with the ailerons, put on a slight turn which fortunately had the effect of levelling the plane.

"He's nearly with us now," continued the doctor. "Cheers, he's reached the cabin—I'll go inside."

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It was a matter of a few seconds for Jack to open the emergency door, and amid excited and most welcome greetings the famous Ace was helped in by willing hands.

Briefly the doctor explained what had happened, then, with a glance at the still helpless pilot, Reyner entered the cockpit and took over the controls.

"You've done very well," he told Reg, who, now that his ordeal was over began to tremble—much to his annoyance.

"Thanks," he replied, "I have really enjoyed it, but anyway, Sir, yours was a most plucky action."

"Well," said the Ace, "I wanted to save my machine besides you!"

They both laughed.

The plane was now many miles from the flying ground. Jack turned back, and in a very short time made a beautiful landing.

An ambulance and fire-appliance were at the side of the machine almost before the plane had stopped.

Jack Reyner darted into the cabin.

"Get the sick chap out first," he ordered.

Willing helpers lifted out the stricken man.

Reyner and the doctor followed whilst mechanics helped the passengers to alight.

Reggie climbed out of the cockpit to the accompaniment of most bewildering and deafening noises.

The crowd pushed and shoved as he fought his way to where the pilot was being examined.

Reaching the doctor's side Reg could see the pilot was coming to, so he bent to speak.

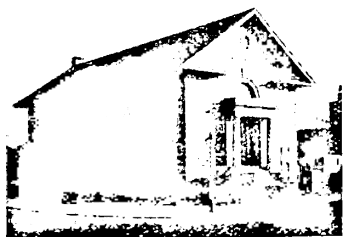
Then without the slightest warning the pilot strangled his feet and threw his arms around Reggie's neck!

It seemed to Reg that the crowd had also gone mad—they all joined in the embarrassing demonstration.

Someone forced a brandy-flask to his lips; he yelled and struggled, but of no avail—he was forced to the ground.

(Concluded at foot of next column)

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

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 9—Mr. ERNEST BARKER
 16—Mr. J. W. LAING
 23—Mr. H. DENNETT
 30—Mr. E. W. ROGERS

WATLING WEEK, 1937

Details of the Sports, to be held on the afternoon of Saturday, June 12th, will be found on another page. Intending entrants are asked to cut out the entry form and return it as soon as possible.

The real start of the "week" will be with the Carnival Procession on Friday 18th, and it is now time that you began to consider what fancy costume you will wear for this. If you are the secretary of any organisation which wants publicity here is your chance. Get together your bright ideas and enter a decorated vehicle which will tell the world what you are doing. It is hoped to have an extensive route which will cover part of the High Road and a large part of the Estate. Prizes will be given for the best local vehicle, best adult costume, comic adult costume, child's costume and comic child's costume, also probably for decorated cycles, so there are plenty of opportunities.

Some very attractive ideas, especially for the ladies, are being thought out for the Bazaar on the 19th. You will get your 2d.-worth of entertainment even if you only pay for admission and don't spend anything else, but of course there will be plenty of opportunities of buying useful articles as well. In the evening you will have the choice of a Social or a Young Watlers' Concert. It's a pity you can't go to both, but we need more evenings in the week; anyone who will invent a way of getting these without making the week longer will be doing us a service.

Enquiries are already coming in for the Juvenile Dance Competition. This will be held at St. Alphage Hall as last year. If you have children under 16 who are going to one of the local schools of dancing get their teacher interested. There is a chance for the school to win the Silver Bowl for the year, and your child to win the Medal for the best individual performance. The Baby Show is the afternoon of the same day, Tuesday, June 22nd.

There are a number of other important events which you will not want to miss, such as the display of activities on Wednesday 23rd; Guild of Players, Thursday 24th; Dinner and Dance, 25th, and Accordion Contest, 27th.

The full programme will be published in next month's issue which will be an extra large one to make room for it.

BE SURE TO BUY
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BABY SHOW
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Write a short composition answering these questions:

1. Do you want to move away from Watling?
2. How many times a week do you go to the Centre?
3. What do you like about the Centre?
4. What do you dislike about the Centre?
5. Have you made any friends there?
Is this what the Centre should be for?
6. How many dances and socials; how many talks and debates should be arranged.
7. Do you like to go with your parents or rather alone?
8. Should there be a separate Centre for young people?

OR

Write a short composition saying what you think of Watling as a place to live in.

ENTRIES

must be received at the Centre before May 20th and must bear name and address of writer.

Watch the next "Resident" for RESULTS.

PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY

A fine display in physical training was given by the girls and women of the Watling Association to a large audience.

The Children's Eurythmic Class gave a delightful demonstration under the direction of Mrs. Rendel.

The Junior girls gave a fine show run by Mrs. Lord and the Women's class gave an exhibition of keep fit exercises under the instruction of Fräulein G. L. Karlisch. Then came the senior girls who gave a very good display of skipping, physical training and country dancing with Miss E. Ingham as instructress.

Iris Cole and Gladys Cooper did a pretty Spanish dance.

Mr. Lodge was in the chair and Miss Nosworthy (of Mill Hill) kindly presented medals and awards.

Silver medals for best attendance, 1936-1937.

Kathleen Mansfield, Eurythmics.

Dorothy Pullham, Junior Class.

Dorris Auth, Senior Class.

Mrs. E. Brixey, Women's Class.

Mrs. Lodge and Mrs. Parker received awards for good show put up at Women's Swimming Club.

Miss Nosworthy was so pleased with the children that she afterwards sent along two large boxes of Black Magic Chocolates.

The sympathy of the Acorns and leaders go out to Mr. and Mrs. Mills in the bereavement of their little daughter Elsie. We shall miss her very much.

STOP PRESS

The Committee arranging the members' Children's Coronation Party will not take any responsibility for having omitted sending invitations to the children of members unless the names of such children, over 3 and under 14, have been handed in.

THE HOSAS SOCIAL CLUB

On Easter Monday, the Hosas Club had the pleasure of entertaining some members of the Luton Boys' Club.

Teams from the two clubs met in a football match on the Black Cat Sports Ground, kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs. Carreras, Ltd., and the final result was 6 - 0 in favour of the visitors. The result does not seem to do justice to the Hosas team but the visitors played a magnificent game and kept the home team on the defensive for the entire first half of the match. After the change-over with a score of 4 - 0, the Hosas players, whose positions had been shuffled in the interval, had things a little in their favour and although they succeeded in breaking through the Luton defence on more than one occasion, they were unable to score and two further goals by the visitors served to make the result more decisive.

The splendid Tea which followed was served at the Hosas headquarters, the "Royal Oak," Burnt Oak, and the admirable catering of some of the lady members was heartily commended.

Incidentally, it is understood that a return visit has been arranged for Whit-Monday when the Hosas Club hopes, and intends, to reverse the result of their last encounter.

It is learned that the Burnt Oak club has increased its membership to such an extent that the present accommodation at "The Royal Oak," Burnt Oak, is insufficient for the provision of facilities for further activities, and the headquarters are being removed to the WATLING SOCIAL CENTRE, where any members, who must be U.S.A. CONTRIBUTORS, would be heartily welcomed.

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HOSPITAL SAVING ASSOCIATION

The Burnt Oak and Watling Group will in future be known as The Watling Association Group and contributions will be received at the Centre on Fridays from 8.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m.

Contributors are urged not to come before 8.30 p.m. as the room is let to the New Tabernacle Sick Club and it will be impossible to deal with H.S.A. contributors before 8.30 p.m. A great deal of inconvenience is being caused by contributors coming before time.

The Hon. Group Secretary regrets that he was only able to give short notice of the alteration of times, etc., but only had short notice of removal himself.

It is hoped to improve the facilities at a later date and contributors are advised that all alterations will be notified in THE WATLING RESIDENT.

THE HOSAS SOCIAL CLUB

The Hosas Social Club will in future be held at The Centre on Thursdays from 7.30 till 10.30 p.m.

Membership is open to contributors of the H.S.A. and the subscription is 3d. per week. Facilities provided include Football, Rambles, visits to places of interest, Darts, Table Tennis, Billiards and Dancing. Arrangements are now in hand for the formation of a Cricket Team.

Full information can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Miss P. Phipps, at the Centre during Club hours.

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"To the Youth of Watling"

Five years ago I came to reside on the Watling Estate and quickly joined the Watling Association. I at once perceived the wonderful work it was doing for the educational and social life of the tenants living on the Estate. They were catering both for the aged, middle-aged, and also for the young, whom, rightly, they recognise are to be the men and women of tomorrow.

Unstinted praise should be given to the pioneers of this association for the good work they created. Some have left the Estate, and some, alas, have fallen by the wayside, but for all that, other men and also women, have come forward and stepped into the breach.

The Secretary, Mr. Sewell Harris, J.P. is still at the helm, and like Tennyson's Brook, seems likely to go on for ever at his job. Well, he's top-hole, and would take a lot of beating at his game. Before I had been a member very long I got a brainwave. I thought that if we could get a Debating Section going it would be of some educational value to the youths and adults of Watling. To my mind debate is simply another term for argument, and who is there amongst us who, when the occasion occurs, would hesitate to dive into one. Speaking for myself, I admit at once it is one of the big kicks I get out of life.

Reading this, I am sure that some of my Council friends will groan, and add "Don't we know it?" Now, having reeled this off, I will get to my points and relate that some moons ago I got an appeal printed in the RESIDENT. I asked for support to get a Debating Section started. At that time nobody seemed to want it, so it fell flat, and I gracefully retired. Well, since that time something has happened. At the last Council Meeting I attended I learned that at long last a Debating Society had been brought into being and, by the youths of Watling themselves.

This, I think, is a good augury for a successful Debating Society being established. Now, my object in writing this article is to make an appeal to all thinking youths (both sexes) to come along and help the Chairman and Secretary make this a really big thing.

Think, you budding journalists, shorthand typists, prospective orators, Members of Parliament, etc. of the chances this society can give you all of getting the necessary experience for gaining the knowledge you may require to reach the goal you are mapping out for yourselves. There is no limit to the advantages for can gain if you become a serious member of this society. I am aware that most of us are a bit nervous when we make a first start at anything. But, please, always remember that practice makes us perfect. This society will give you the opportunity of ridding yourselves of this distressing complaint and enable you to practice what you may want in the future—to preach.

The society meets at the Centre at 8.30 p.m. every Monday night.

HARRY DAVIS.
(Tenant Welfare Council Member).



The First Garden City

The Garden City idea has now so captured the imagination of thousands of progressively minded people that it is difficult to realise that it is a comparatively new idea. For it was only in 1898 that Mr. (afterwards Sir) Ebenezer Howard produced a little book which revolutionised the whole trend of thought and practice in regard to urban and rural building and town-planning. This book was first called "Tomorrow" with the sub-title of "A Peaceful Path to Real Reform." It was re-issued later with the title altered to "Garden Cities of Tomorrow."

Howard was appalled by the haphazard growth of towns which was to be seen in all directions and by the over-crowded and unhealthy conditions under which such a large proportion of town dwellers existed. As he himself has written his idea was to build "a new and beautiful and slumless city as an object lesson to the nation, preparing it for the yet greater work which lies before it, the work of reconstructing its outer fabric on the basis of Truth, Justice and Peace."

In a parable of "The Three Magnets" he summarises the attractions and disadvantages of town life and by the third magnet combines the attractions of each in the "Town-Country" or the Garden City, in which all the disadvantages of both are eliminated. There is a list of eighteen advantages, which includes, beauty of nature, fields and parks of easy access, social opportunity, pure air and water, good drainage, no smoke, no slums, freedom, co-operation, bright homes and beautiful gardens. Readers can complete the list by thinking out the other advantages which there is not room to mention here.

He advocated the building of an entirely new type of residential and industrial town and considered that in this way the aimless and uneconomic growth of towns, which was everywhere taking place, would be checked.

The lay-out of such a town would be on a spacious scale with separate areas for dwelling houses, business houses and shops, factories and workshops. Ample open spaces were to be provided and the whole town was to be surrounded by a belt of open country to be set apart for all time as a permanent open space. This rural belt was intended to protect the town from getting overgrown both from outside and inside; it was also to ensure that the country-side should always be within easy reach of the centre of the town.

The new town was to be of a size large enough to make possible a full measure of social life but it was to be no larger; and it was an essential feature of the scheme that there should be a limit to the population.

The whole of the land was to be in such ownership as to ensure that it would be held in trust for the community. Unearned increment in land values was to be abolished and the inhabitants themselves were to have the full benefit of such increment.

Ebenezer Howard's dream has come true. Five years after the publication of "Tomorrow" a company called "First Garden City Limited" was formed. Fifteen contiguous estates with an area of 3826 acres were bought by the company and on the 9th of October, 1903, the first sod of the new town was cut by Earl Grey.

The new town is known as Letchworth. It is two miles to the north-east of Hitchin in Hertfordshire and twenty-three miles to the south-west of Cambridge. There were but three tiny villages with a population of about 400 people on the land purchased and the number of inhabitants of the First Garden City has already grown to about 16,000.

(To be continued)

What to do in May

"In the middle of May comes the tail of the winter."

Plants, such as primroses, daisies and the later flowering bulbs, which were used for "Spring bedding" should be removed as soon as their beauty is over, and replanted in the reserve garden, where they should be carefully watered and looked after.

The flower beds should receive a good dressing of manure before the summer bedding plants are placed in them.

The lawn will require mowing at least once a week and the weeds in the grass should be exterminated.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Dahlias may now be planted in rich soil.

Young asters and stocks should be pricked out in the cold frame.

Petunias should be grown on in pots as their roots are very fragile.

More air should be admitted each day to all plants in frames and they should be watered freely.

Thin out the annuals already sown and sow some more for autumn flowering.

Climbing plants should now be in full growth and will need special attention to keep them from being broken off by rough winds. In tying them up allow room for the growth to expand, otherwise the ties may cut through the growth and thus cause disfigurement. The aim should be to cover evenly the trellis without over-crowding.

Keep a sharp look out for green-fly on the roses. It usually makes its appearance during cold east winds. Syringe the plants with an insecticide that is distasteful to the insect but will not damage the foliage. Soft soap and quassia is as good as anything.

FRUIT GARDEN.—If there is a heavy crop of apricots remove the smallest fruit.

Keep the leaves of trained fruit trees free from blight by syringing with some good insecticide.

Remove all surplus suckers from raspberries; also the runners from the strawberries. Surround the latter plants with clean straw (hence the name) so as to protect the fruit from the soil.

The young shoots of apple, pear, cherry and plum trees should be pinched back so that only three leaves remain.

Thin the fruit on the gooseberry bushes and use the thinnings in the kitchen. Leave those that are to ripen later about two or three inches apart and water well when dry with farmyard liquid manure.

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THE M.C.C. AND YOU

By County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

Schools are of interest to everyone. We have all been to school when young and most of us now have children who have been to school or are at present attending school or about whose future education we are concerned.

There is some uncertainty in the minds of many people as to precisely which schools are the responsibility of the County Council and which that of the other Local Authorities within the County. The position is this. There are parts of Middlesex where the County Council is responsible for all forms of education. This is the case in Harrow, Wembley and other more recently developed areas. But in Hendon, as in Willesden, Finchley and other long-established centres of population, the Borough Councils provide and maintain the Elementary Schools. The term "elementary schools" includes Senior or Modern Schools. It is the duty of the Borough Councils also to provide Nursery Schools where these are required.

Throughout the County, however, the County Council is responsible for all Secondary, Technical and Art Schools.

In 1931, at the time of the "Financial Crisis," the National Government discouraged in every way the expansion of the educational services and for a long time there has been a serious shortage of Secondary School places in Middlesex, as elsewhere. It must be remembered that the population of Middlesex increases by about 1,000 persons per week and that many of these are children needing accommodation in schools. Recently the purse-strings have been loosened and the Education Committee has been going ahead to make up for lost time. Only one new Secondary School was opened in the County during the lifetime of the last Council, 1934-37. This was the Cophall County School for Girls, at Mill Hill. In the near future, however, new schools will be opened at Pinner and Wembley, while, as regards Hendon, there is a site already procured in Golders Green (on Hendon Way) and another at Edgware.

In the Secondary Schools of Middlesex over 90% of the children have come from elementary schools and in the case of 50% of the pupils no fees are paid. Children are admitted to the secondary schools between the ages of 11 and 12 and only after passing the Entrance Examination. After the result of this examination we know that a child has qualified to enter a County School, then the parents may apply for whole or part exemption from paying fees. Help in addition to the reduction or remission of fees may be given in the way of travelling expenses or of free school dinners in some cases. It would be possible for the County Schools to be attended entirely by "free-placers," but of course, among the children who pass the Entrance Examination there are those whose parents are unable to pay all or part of the fees. These parents are expected to do so. About a quarter of the pupils are full fee payers.

More and more factories are being put up in Middlesex, many of them along the new arterial roads. This

development is likely to continue. There is therefore an increasing need for technical education. A few years ago, a new Technical Institute was opened at Willesden and another is expected to be completed in Hendon, at the Burroughs, in September 1938.

The Hendon Institute will be for Day and Evening Students and will have courses in Engineering and Commerce, as well as in Domestic and Trade subjects. The demand for boys leaving Technical Schools in Middlesex is said to exceed the supply.

Another aspect of the Educational service is the Medical Inspection and Treatment of school-children. This applies to Secondary and Technical Pupils nowadays equally with those attending elementary schools. Treatment is advised and in necessitous cases, given at the clinics belonging to the Borough Councils by arrangement between the County and the local Councils. Since the Spring term, 1935, dental and ophthalmic inspection is carried out for secondary and technical pupils. This would have come some years earlier had not the "financial crisis" in 1931 caused the Government to restrict educational service of every kind, as has already been stated.

Recently the first "Special" School in Middlesex was opened at Southall. This is for Mentally Defective Children. Physically defective children are sent to day or residential schools approved by the Board of Education. In 1935, there were in various such institutions, 30 blind children, 45 deaf, 64 cripples and 7 epileptics. Children suffering from tuberculosis are sent to Harefield Sanatorium where those who are able to take part in ordinary school work are under the charge, for that purpose, of two qualified teachers and have a special school building.

Other services the Education Committee performs. It carries out the duties imposed on the County Council by the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933. In this connection the Committee has charge of a Remand Home and an Approved School and has been asked by the Home Office to provide as soon as possible another school for Boys and one for older Girls who have been before the Justices for one reason or another.

The Committee is also responsible for the carrying out of the Government's intentions, recently announced, in regard to Physical Training.

I have not exhausted the many duties of the Education Committee but have I not said enough to show that the County Council needs members who can give time, thought and ability to the solutions of the many problems that confront it on this as on other committees?

Is it not worth your while to give serious attention to the choice of your member and to take the trouble to vote in his or her selection?

By the by, there is a County By-Election on April 15th in the Division consisting of Golders Green and the Garden Suburb. This is due to a vacancy caused by the fact that the member for that division was at the first meeting of the new County Council made an alderman.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL

Names sometimes mean a lot and the word "School" has many interpretations. But the words "Adult School" stand for a movement known in many parts of the country.

Many famous men first learnt the art of talking and expressing their ideas in their local Adult School.

Your opportunity is at hand. Interesting short talks given by good speakers, followed by discussion, enable us to spend a very pleasant hour together.

All are welcome.

The Men's Adult School meets every Sunday morning at 9.30.

The Women's School on Monday afternoons at 2.30.

The Young People's School on Wednesday evening at 8.15 p.m.

J.W.P.

A Grand Adult School Coronation Social will be held at the Centre on Thursday, May 6th, at 8.30 p.m.

Admission 6d. including refreshments.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

On March 22nd, the speaker failed to appear, much to the concern of the programme Secretary, but the school heard the report of the Hendon Peace Council's annual meeting to which we are affiliated. The H.P.C. have had an active and successful year, sending the largest delegation in the country to the World Peace Congress at Brussels, organising the first Public Demonstration against war ever held in Hendon, various local organisations taking part. On June 5th, Mrs. Hodges took the History lesson, The Monk, Martin Luther and the Reformation. The following Monday Dr. Stacpoole, Faith-Healer, told of his work. Faith and experience among the mentally sick. As with all subjects of this character the sympathy and emotions of the women were touched. The school has chosen Margate for the annual outing and are visiting Rickmansworth in June.

Teacher: "Your essay on 'Our Dog' is word for word the same as your brother's."

Small Boy: "Well, it's the same dog."

"Well, what did you do with the sixpence I gave you to take your medicine, sonny?"

"I spent threepence on sweets and gave threepence to my sister to take the medicine for me!"

"Waiter, look at this piece of wood in my pudding."

"Oh yes, sir, you see it's cabinet pudding, sir!"

A skeleton is a man with his inside out and his outside off.

"Twenty-eight? She doesn't look it, does she?"

"Not now, but I suppose she did once."

Club and Society Notes

TABLE TENNIS

We have had a successful season and the play of members has improved 100%. New members are invited and new players coached. Look out next month for further announcements. Please note the Secretary's address: Mr. A. L. Wilkes,

2 Appledore Close,

Camrose Avenue,
Edgware.

VETERANS' CLUB

We are now able to publish the result of the Bull, growing competition. The winners were as follows:— Mrs. Lewis, first, who received a floral vase, Mrs. Hillier, second, a case of spoons, and Mrs. Fox, third, a bread knife. Mrs. King presented the prizes, and Mr. Sewell Harris kindly judged. A very difficult task as all the exhibits were of a very fine standard.

I have heard that there is over 70 people living on this Estate who are 70 years of age and over. A number of these are already members of the Veterans Club, but there is still a great number who have not yet found their way to our club.

Now then folks, what about it? Do come along one Wednesday afternoon. You will receive a great welcome by our Chairwoman, Mrs. King. We meet every Wednesday at 4.30 p.m. There is a nice cup of tea waiting for you, after which you can join with the other members in a nice little chat about home affairs etc., or play Draughts, Dominos, cards, etc. We also have from time to time some very interesting speakers.

This club was formed for you, the members are about your ages and understand your point of view. Don't forget all veterans who are 65 years and over are welcome.

E. COLE.

WATLING WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

Affiliated H.S. & B.A.W.L.A.

Hon. Sec.—A. BOOTH, 96 CRESSINGHAM ROAD.

Well, folks, I'm pleased to say that we have made an excellent start in the London District Weight Lifting League Third Division, Section A. We have won both our matches. Our first was on March 17th—a home match by which we beat the Pembroke Athletic 2nd Team quite comfortably. Our second match was at Ealing when we beat the Ealing P.C.C. by a walk over. Our next match will probably be on June 3rd against the Musketeers at Ealing. The "Iron Game" is getting immensely popular I note. We hope to give a display of lifting during Watling Week and no doubt we will give feats of strength.

I have heard several remarks concerning weight lifters becoming muscle-bound. This amuses me although it sets me thinking. I have never heard of anybody becoming so, and I am quite willing to press the point that nobody else has, so you fellows who are desiring to make a fitter Britain come along and see me, I can assure you if you have any interest in physical culture you will find weight-lifting both interesting and beneficial. We are looking forward to the British Olympic Championship with profound interest. No doubt we will enter some lifters soon and so bring the Watling Weight-Lifters into the limelight.

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BOXING

The end of a very successful season. We have at the time of going to press won all that we as a club have entered for. We hold the Championship of Hendon by winning the J.O.C. (You can see the cup at the Centre if you ask.) We have won both matches against All Saints' Boxing Club; we hope to carry this success on to the Inter-Estate Competition which, by the time you read this, will be over.

Before closing I should like to broadcast a vote of thanks to the following:—First of all the Hon. Medical Officer to the Club, Dr. Matthews. We have been fortunate in not having many patients for him during our season, but on two occasions on which he was needed we found him very useful. I have not realised before what a valuable asset to the club he is. Now, you parents, you can rest assured that should your boy be unfortunate in receiving an injury he will receive every care and attention.

Now for the trainers, Messrs. Benham and Faux. They have worked hard and well in getting the Juniors up to their present standard of boxing.

Messrs. T. Curzon and E. Stewart are to be congratulated on the wonderful progress the seniors have made this year.

Well done the twins. (I hear the A.B.A. officials have a very good opinion of Mr. Curzon as a second.)

To Mr. Lodge, our Chairman, known to all and sundry as Dick, a very hearty vote of thanks for acting as chief scrounger, a very valuable asset in these hard times.

Our President, Mr. A. I. Jones deserves a pat on the back; he has always been willing to put his hand in his pocket when called on.

A vote of thanks also to Mr. Lodge, and all the gents who have given donations to prizes.

Now for the club members.

F. Allen.—We were very pleased to see him back again in the club; he did well in the Inter-Club matches; and on each occasion gave a very classic display. Do not be so late in rejoining next season, Fred!

W. Graham.—Same remarks as above. He also entered and reached the final in a 9-stone open novices' competition, for which he received a handsome cup. Good for you, Wally.

D. Gooden.—Well done, young Dave. You have lived up to your name a Good 'un. He entered and won the J.O.C. and the two inter-club matches, and on each occasion gave a good display of boxing.

S. Walker.—Good boy, Ginger, winner J.O.C. and inter-club matches. He has also made several attempts to win his novices. Keep on trying, Ginger, you will manage it.

T. Welch.—One of Mr. Benham's best pupils, winner J.O.C. and inter-club matches. In each case he gave a fine display of boxing and ringcraft. Well done, Tommy.

A. Sarson.—Alias one round Tarzan knock-outs in the J.O.C. (in which competition he gave away over a stone) and the inter-club matches, also a good trier for the Div. Championship, and several open novices' competitions. Well done, Tarzan!

To the boys who have entered for the competitions and have proved themselves sportsmen and good losers. Space will not permit me to name you all; good luck

to you next season. Winners and losers are to be congratulated on their clean boxing—not one foul has been registered against the club. This speaks well for its method of instruction, and of course, the good sportsmanship of the lads.

Now for those members who have not been entered in the competition, keep on learning, your turn will come.

By the way, we are still open to receive secondhand gloves, punch-bags or balls. Of course we should not say no to new ones. If you have anything in sports gear that you wish to dispose of, fetch it along, we will give it a good home.

Cheerio till next season.

EXTRA LATE NEWS

Another win for the Boxing Club, this time the Inter Estate Cup,—all of it, not half. We went to Morden on the 17th April, two coach loads of us (what a lovely crowd of supporters).

We won six events out of ten, Eltham came next with three, and St. Helier two, and so we brought the cup back home, and what a reception. The Social Section very kindly kept their function going till we arrived back, the cup was carried in by our very popular Capt., E. Stewart, ably backed up by his sparring partner Tom Curzon, supported by the team, we felt very proud of ourselves. Now for a few comments on the team.

M. Ashby and C. Rutter put up a very plucky losing show against bigger, and they looked to me to be much older boys. In my opinion they were very badly matched. W. Parrett put up a very good show, and won the last fight as a junior, our Bill goes to work now.

T. Welch as usual showed the spectators that he can box, and he did and won.

D. O. Heefe who is a member of the Hendon Boxing Club, and ours, was a credit to both clubs, and won comfortably. F. Allan was another winner, what a boy, the best fight of the evening.

S. Walker met a good lad from Eltham, and just lost, he did not disgrace us.

R. Milne showed us how to use a left, and won comfortably. Well done Milne, he also went out to Newington Green on Thursday, the 15th April, and reached the semi final in an 8 stone open novices'.

A. Sarson (one round Tarzan) as usual knocked his man out, he allowed his opponent to reach the second round, and out he went.

A. Bingle, a newcomer to the club, put a very good display against Sillett of Eltham, but just lost.

We have won all that we have entered for this season.

Do not forget our supper on the 8th of May, let's see if you can eat as well as you can box.

L. K.

CRICKET

In spite of the weather (as we write) King Willow is with us and cricket should now be in full swing. We have a fine team at the Centre and we wish to arrange fixtures for Saturdays and Sundays.

Please write Watling Association Cricket Club, Watling Centre. New members welcomed.

CYCLISTS' CORNER

LADY WHEELFOLK TO THE FORE!

- *The authoress is a well-known local woman rider with considerable experience of most phases of the pastime.*

Women, Ladies and Young Girls, there must be thousands of you on Watling listate who ride a bicycle, and what is more, enjoy it too! The great pity is that so many of you fail to sample all the joys of cycling, because, well to put it bluntly you find "the man of your choice" and give it up. But you are doing yourself a lot of good by cycling to the office or factory. In the former case it needs a little pluck I admit, having done it myself—in shorts too, and the boss *has* often seen me. There have been lots of frowns chiefly however, from my own sex, especially from those film-struck girls with powder-box complexions who abound at every firm.

To Employers—I do wish they would supply us with little better cycle accommodation. After all, the fitter you arrive at work (per bicycle) the better can you serve your employer. I have had to put my cycle along with the men's, you know, among all sorts, club bikes, plain and heavy roadsters and rusty old irons just good enough to get some bread-winner to work. But I must say I have received every assistance from the man in charge of the shed—in fact he has nearly nursed my old bike for me.

About your Bike. You know girls, these black leather cloth (rexine really) covered multi-sprung saddles being freely fitted to Ladies models are all *wrong*. They're unhealthy for a start due to lack of ventilation and they are not shaped to suit us. Refuse any saddle without a leather top—years of experience have told accomplished women (and the men too!) that leather it must be, otherwise you are sure to be "saddle-sore" and have your rides spoilt due to chafed legs. Messrs. J. B. Brooks of Birmingham are going to tackle this problem of a really suitable ladies' saddle, so you must watch the weekly cycling papers for details of this.

More Women in Cycling Clubs. Gradually during the past few years, more clubs have opened their ranks to us. I believe all the local clubs entertain mixed membership. Sooner or later you may think about joining a club yourself. Don't be afraid because you are about to be enlightened on some of the finer points of organized cycling. You may not know it, but women compete quite extensively these days, amongst themselves of course. They have their own programme of road and track events, the same as they have in athletics, tennis, etc.

Touring Most Popular. Always when "Cyclux" and I have been on tour, enjoying the pleasant English countryside we always notice a large number of mixed-tandems often with baby comfortably housed in an attached sidecar. Be it North Wales, the Cotswolds, Devon and Cornwall—at holiday times you will always see it. Healthy, bronzed couples enjoying travel under their own power. "He" or "she" may not cycle when you first meet, but that's no obstacle at all, provided the uninitiated one is prepared to try a marvellous pastime before condemning it as not "his" or "her" line.

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NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

Hendon Section in the news again, say folks do you remember I said in my December notes that we might win some of the Trophies on the Clarion Stand, well we've worked the oracle.

On Sunday, April 11th, four of our members entered for their first time trial, which was also the first trial of our young club. The event was the Clarion London Union Novices' 25 miles Time-trial, and Hendon had the honour of winning the Cooper Trophy for the best team of three. The times recorded were as follows:—

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These times are good when the following items are taken into account, a high cross-wind was blowing, all the boys were riding steel rims, and ordinary road tyres, and Fred had a badly buckled front wheel, in fact it was very plucky of him to ride at all on such a wheel, which was caused by a slight accident some days before the race and his new wheel did not arrive in time. Anyway, despite these difficulties, we are one trophy to the good, thanks to the "boys."

At time of writing great excitement is abroad in the club at the mention of the Clarion L.U. Spring Meet on April 18th at Knockholt, it is reckoned that at least 600 Clarionettes will be present, and many of the members are looking forward to showing off their new "mangles." Let us hope the day will be fine (or should I have put 'was').

Many miles were done by members during Easter recess, some went to Wales by tandem, others toured the South Coast, and Berkshire, whilst many kept up their attendances on club runs on Good Friday, Sunday, and Easter Monday.

We are getting new members every week now, it seems, and many of the 'butterflies' are appearing on runs. The runs for May are as follows:—

May 2nd	May Day Celebrations.
" 9th	Bernard's Run.
" 16th	Whitsun Camp.
" 23rd	St. Chrisshall.
" 30th	Salford.

All these runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9.0 a.m. sharp. Our club journals will be available on all runs.

Any cyclist wishing to join a good club should get in touch with our Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, for full particulars of our Social, Racing, and Touring, and also our insurance scheme.

So cheerio till next month!

Hendon signing off.

Vic C. BOTTERILL,

Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

NORTHERN C.C.—continued from next page.

9	7.0 "Club 25."
	10.30 Ashridge Park.
	Tea: Cowper Cottage, Harpenden.
15	3.0 Whitsun Tour, 2½ days New Forest.
23	8.30 Old Farm House Tea Rooms, Dussels, near Braughing. Tea: Green Man, Fyfield.
30	9.0 Tour in the Chilterns.
	Tea: Cressex Farm, High Wycombe.
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THE WATLING RESIDENT

The Journal of the Watling Association

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Heaven (?)

A Coronation visitor speaking on the wireless said that in Tristan da Cunha, the lonely pacific island, there are no motor cars, no wireless, no telephones, no rich, no poor, no sickness and no crime.

Our Week

Last year the Jubilee followed by Watling Week. This year the Coronation followed by Watling Week, so that one great celebration leads to another; but let us not forget that Watling week is our special function; planned and organized for the benefit of all our members. Let us unite in making it worth while by supporting all the events which are taking place so that our building fund will be swelled and we can bring nearer the day when the enlargement of the Centre is accomplished.

Relax

One woman's reason for attending the Adult School is that she gets a rest. At home she has so many jobs to do what with the children and household duties. When she attends the school she has got to rest for a little while at least.

Buy a Brick

Hundreds of people have seen the board outside the Centre appealing for contributions to the building fund to enable us to complete the enlargement of the Centre. As we all know this is urgently needed in view of the over-crowding which takes place at some of the popular functions. It will be some satisfaction to all to know that we have so far collected the useful sum of £225 and we take this opportunity of thanking all those members and friends who have so generously supported the Association.

Congratulations

We wish to congratulate the Rev. Father Armitage on his election to the Chairmanship of the Watling District Nursing Association.

Those of us who know how much of his time he gives in the interests of our Nursing Association will be only too glad to join us in our wishes.

Spot Prizes

The following traders and others too late for the press, are offering spot prizes during Watling Week. Look for the Orange disc in the 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 June the 28th.

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Chas. Phillips, Grocers, Watling Avenue.

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Bartlets, Drapers, Watling Avenue.

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Mr. Holbrook, Fancy Stores, Watling Avenue.

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Mr. Victor, Jeweller, Watling Avenue.

Hillman, Butchers, Watling Avenue.

Thompson, Watling Avenue.

J. Marks (Ladies' and Children's wear) Watling Avenue, has offered a ladies' afternoon gown to be competed for in a fox trot during the week. Date to be arranged.

YOUNG WATLERS

At the request of Mr. Deacon, 16 Young Watlers in the care of their Organiser, Mrs. Hilton and Mrs. Gay, took a trip to Somers Town, for the purpose of giving an open air performance to the tenants of Clarendon Court. On arrival they were lustily cheered by some 200 children, and that acted as a cue for the tenants to bring chairs out on to the balconies and settle down, in anticipation. When we saw the flats were six stories high, and the six balconies running the whole length of the buildings each side, at a length of about 200 yards, I wondered how they expected to hear, but to my surprise I saw there was a microphone fitted and that carried not only to the end of the flats but across the opposite side of the road where the windows were soon lined with people. Opening up with their signature song, "We're from Watling," the Young Watlers soon got a grip on their audience, and requests for vocal assistance from the onlookers met with such tremendous results, that I wondered if it could be heard at home on Burnt Oak. Some of our Artistes met relations and friends, and one, Master Desmond Scott, was staying there with an aunt, anyhow, all our party was lionised, and treated with the utmost respect. The decorations made special appeal to our Watling Party, every railing in the balconies was wrapped in coloured paper, and garlands of bunting almost covered in the whole of the dwellings. The Building Fund boxes which always travel with the Watlers, was passed round and received a splendid donation of £1 7s. 6d. At the close of our performance three cheers were called for, and what a cheer. I should think there must have been quite 1,000 people present. Jack Hilton compered the performance, and others who accompanied the party were Mr. and Mrs. Wickens, Jim Zard, Perc. Aves and Mrs. Harvey.

Other engagements for the party are, Harrow Weald Bus Garage, an open air performance at Euston, then Watling Week and the Dance Competition. Requests for their services would make many a professional envious, and so Mrs. Hilton's Young Watlers carry on pulling their weight for our Building Fund, with no intention of looking back.

CORONATION

There were many Coronation street parties on the Watling Estate and many of them have had their due amount of publicity. Another party which was no less a success was held at Lower Goldbeaters Grove where some forty-five children were seated to tea at tables decorated with flowers and Coronation favours, each child having a novelty hat, bon-bons and a coronation mug. The Rev. Walsh, of St. Alphage Church, joining in with the children. The street was decorated and the jollity of the party must have satisfied those neighbours who provided the necessary funds. After tea, races were run and prizes awarded—not forgetting a race for Mum and Dad—which added to the excitement of the children. This was followed by games and singing. During the evening fruit, sweets and drink were provided and the function closed with the usual honours. Great credit is due to the untiring efforts of the organisers, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Lewis, assisted by Mr. Withers (Treasurer) and Mr. Barnes. Thanks are also due to the ladies who assisted at the tables, etc.

New Estates
Community Committee

The **April Bulletin** includes:—

(1) Information about a new edition of "New Housing Estates and their Social Problems," a 6d. pamphlet telling what has been done and can be done, new powers of Local Authorities, about block-dwelling estates, etc., with new illustrations and a selection of plans.

(2) Details of a scheme for training people who want to take up work as secretaries of Community Associations or wardens of Youth Centres.

(3) Notes on the Physical Training and Recreation Bill.

(4) Review of a Report on the need for the provision of Youth Community Centres on new Estates in Liverpool, published by the Liverpool New Estates Allied Council of Social Welfare. The Watling Association has a copy of this Report and it is very interesting.

(5) News from various quarters. Godstone Rural District Council is asking the Surrey County Council to provide a Community Centre at Coldshott. Glasgow Corporation has received approval from the Department of Health for Scotland for a scheme on the Knightswood Estate estimated to cost about £85,000, and including library, hall to seat 1,000, swimming bath, accommodation for youth activities, women's activities, etc., and an Estate office. A Committee representative of various youth organisations anxious to work on the Hanwell Estate has now been formed.

The **Annual Conference** this year was distinguished by the presence and speech of the Rt. Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health, and by the presence of a large number of representatives of Local Authorities who came to find out what was being done. There were some interesting discussions and a general feeling that the near future would see the movement for Community Centres and Community Associations spreading rapidly. Stress was laid on the importance of residents on new Estates doing things themselves and running their own affairs.

The Minister of Health expressed his impression of the value of the work being done and his desire that his department should do all it could to help in future developments.

Mr. E. L. Turnbull, Secretary of the Juvenile Organisations Committee of the Board of Education, spoke at a later session and outlined the new powers being conferred on Local Education Authorities by the Bill now before Parliament. Some interesting problems of block-dwelling Estates were discussed in a paper by Mr. M. M. Bruce, Secretary of the London Council of Social Service, and Major Carter gave some valuable suggestions for the necessary preliminary work in preparation for a Community Centre.

Space forbids mention of all the speakers, but Sir Wyndham Deedes raised some interesting problems in connection with the relation of individual members, affiliated organisations and group activities in a Centre.

The Conference concluded with a summing up by Professor Ernest Barker who had been in the chair throughout the week-end.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

June, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
6. Tom Bryan. Mr. Edmund Jones.
13. Reading from "Back to Methuselah."
Mr. J. T. Harris.
20. My Occupation. Mr. Brixie.
27. Business Meeting.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at
26, Homefield Road.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m. (alternate weeks).
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30
p.m.
- Tuesdays** — Millinery Class, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class,
4.30 p.m.
Young Watlers, 6.0 p.m.
Cripple Parlour, 6.0 p.m.
Dance, 8.0 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 17,
Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.
- Wed'days** — Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
2. Business Meeting.
9. Mrs. Elliott.
16. Rev. J. H. L. Morrell.
23. Watling Week. No meeting.
30. Upholstery. Miss Goodman.
Veteran's Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
- Thursdays** — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
H.S.A., W.A. Group, 7.30 p.m.
- Fridays** — Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.
- Saturdays** — Members' Socials, 8.0 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

- Friday** 4 Concert by the "Eight Giddy Girls"
8.0 p.m.
- Sunday** 6 Fellowship Meeting. 8.0 p.m.
- Monday** 7 Meeting on "Social Problems."
8.0 p.m.
- Saturday** 12 Watling Week Sports, on Moss's
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- Sunday** 13 Free and Easy. 8.0 p.m.
- Friday 18 to Monday 28.** Watling Week.

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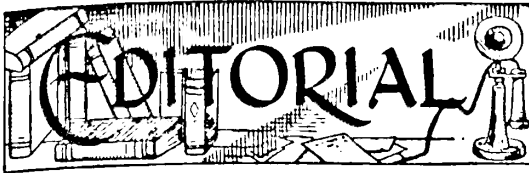
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IN THE PARK

Most of us who wandered through Watling Park during springtime wondered what the flower beds would look like when they bloomed. We guessed there was going to be a wonderful show as the neatly arranged and cleverly mingled plants promised, and now we are enjoying the fruits of the park gardeners' labours.

There is however one thing we notice. There never seems to be enough paths to suit man's wandering nature.

A park is laid out, paths to the various gates are made and then people start finding short cuts. People will always find short cuts no matter what the nature of the country is. Then again a path never seems wide enough. It is one of the vagaries of human nature that no matter how wide a path, people will continue to walk on the edge of it until it begins to look like a main road.

On our way home from work tired and thoughtful it is refreshing to turn from the busy streets into the restful and pleasant surroundings of the park. It seems to freshen us up and welcome us like a dog who with wagging tail joyfully greets its master as if he had been away a thousand years instead of a short day, and when we arrive home and tend our own patch of garden we try to put into it ideas which we have gleaned from the park lay-out.

We can be truly proud of our park and we advise all those who have not yet seen the flower beds to make a special visit. Here indeed is a thing of beauty which should be seen by all.

CELEBRATING

Watling residents were not out-done with regard to Coronation decorations and some of the streets were very original in their ideas. Some say it is a waste of money, but most of the people who put out their flags do not go into details about the whys and wherefores. To their idea the Coronation was an occasion to rejoice, and, any occasion which lends itself to rejoicing is welcomed and must be made the most of; in fact the more days on which we can rejoice the better for us. After all there is enough gloom about and who can blame us if on the slightest pretext we can forget our troubles and celebrate.

Some of the children's parties in the streets were well organised and the youngsters had plenty to eat and lots of fun, but judging by the way in which the grown ups let themselves go we are wondering whether the parties were for the children or the parents.

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And at HERNE BAY.



DEAR SIR,

Enclosed find report for June issue of the WATLING RESIDENT.

I wish to take this opportunity of complimenting you on the new set-up, also on the article by "Lassie" also past articles by "Cyclux," let's have some more.

Thanking you in anticipation and for past good services.

V. C. BOTTERILL.

THE ROSE BED

DEAR SIR,

I have always been an admirer of the Rose bed in front of the Centre but I think that its beauty would be greatly enhanced if there was a border of grass round it. When the roses are blooming it is certainly a beautiful sight and is the admiration of hundreds of people, but a nice frame of green grass would, I think, greatly improve the picture.

S. A. BILBY



I had tea at the House of Commons the other day for the first time in my life. I went there to a meeting as a substitute for someone else. I thought all of you housekeepers would like to know that tea at the "best Club in England" is very much like tea anywhere else—quite a good tea, though. The Meeting I went to was one sponsored by the British Association for Labour Legislation, the British Section of the International Association for Social Progress. The subjects considered were "What remains of the Housing Problem," and "Rent Rebates," and the speakers were Sir Raymond Unwin, Mr. Geoffrey Wilson and the Rev. C. Jenkinson. Seldom have I listened to three such interesting speeches on the same occasion. I have heard Sir Raymond Unwin speaking on housing subjects a number of times, but I never remember him dull for a moment. Someone described him as one of those persons, who, now that he has retired, works harder than ever. He is almost the only person I know who can make statistics interesting and alive. Did you know, by the way, that it costs roughly £200 more each to build slum clearance flats in London than cottage-garden dwellings like ours on the outskirts. We at Watling should appreciate Sir Raymond's basic standard for housing, namely, "that every family shall be so housed that he may play his full part in community life and activities."

You will remember that a part of the Gardening Prize in the February number of THE RESIDENT was devoted to the growing of herbs. The enthusiasm for growing herbs is evidently increasing rapidly. I have since read two more articles on the subject, one in a daily newspaper and one in a Trans-Atlantic monthly magazine. The latter includes suggestions for the use of the herbs and special recipes. I myself concocted a tasty sandwich spread recently in the following way:—Cream 2 ozs. butter, chop finely together 6 sprigs of watercress, 6 spikes of chives and two large sprigs of parsley; add to the creamed butter; season with salt and pepper, and as a change celery seed and paprika. The family pronounced this "delicious."

Herb-Devised Eggs:—Hard boil 1 egg per person; when cold cut in half length-wise; remove yolks and mash to a paste with butter, mayonnaise and ½-teaspoon dry ground mustard. I also add a few celery seed. Finally add 2-teaspoons each finely chopped parsley chives, basil, savory or watercress. Indeed, you may almost use any three herbs in combination. Mix well and fill the egg whites. These will be a popular item in a picnic basket or with salad for high tea or supper. Indeed, once you have a herb bed established you can entertain yourself to your heart's delight using herbs singly or in combination because a few leaves added to any salad, soup, sauce or stuffing is almost sure to bring an improvement in flavour.

SUSAN SAVOURY.

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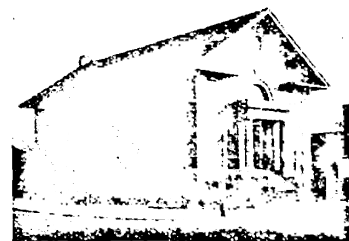
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MEN'S EVENTS. Entrance Fee, 6d. per person per event. (ALL EVENTS OPEN.)

1. 100 Yards Scratch.
2. 100 Yards Veterans' Handicap, over 40 years.
3. 220 Yards Scratch, for the Cyclone Danny Trophy.
4. 1 Mile Scratch, for the White Lion Cup.
5. 880 Yards Scratch, for the Rex Judd Trophy.
6. 1 Mile Relay, teams of 4, 880, 440, 220 and 220 yards.
7. 3 Miles Marathon, for Sidney Hurry Challenge Cup and Medal.
8. Tug of War, team of 8, catch weights, for Barney Built Trophy.
9. Push-Ball Tournament, team of not more than 10, for Perpetual Trophy and Medals.

ADDED ATTRACTION, INTER CLUB WEIGHT LIFTING CONTEST

Watling Association v. Pembridge Athletic Club

and an attempt on Weight Lifting Records by F. Edgecombe, 9½ stone champion of Middlesex, runner-up in Olympic Championships (featherweight).

LADIES' EVENTS. Entrance fee per person per event, 6d.

10. 100 Yards Scratch.
11. 440 Yards Relay, teams of 4, 110 yards each.
12. Tug of War, team of 8, over 18 years, catch weights.
13. Ladies' Inter-Estate Tug of War, team of 8, catch weights, for L.F.C.A. Trophy. (Challenge)

All entries must be received before 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th. The Committee reserves the right to cancel any event for which insufficient entries are received. Winners of trophies must be prepared to give guarantors of safe keeping, and return within 11 months of trophy.

ENTRANCE FORM

To be returned to Mr. W. R. Hilton, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th.

Herewith please find s. d., being Entrance Fees for the following events:—

Event No.	Entrance Fee	Name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)
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.....	Address
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.....	Date of Birth.....
.....	Club

WATLING WEEK No. 9. JUNE, 1937

THE MAYOR OF HENDON

FRIDAY 18th

will open Watling Week and

The Carnival Procession

which will assemble at the Watling Centre at 5.30 p.m., will leave the Centre at 6.30 p.m. and probably take the following route:—Deansbrook Road—High Road—Watling Avenue—Gervase Road—Montrose Avenue—Blundell Road—Eversfield Gardens—Abbots Road—Deansbrook Road, to the Centre, for

FUN FAIR

Entrance for the Procession is free.

PRIZES are offered as follows:—For Local Traders or Organisations in Class 1, 1st, 10/-; 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 2/6. Classes 2 and 3, in each case, a first prize to the value of 3/6. Classes 4 and 5, in each case a first prize to the value of 2/6. Class 6, Best Dressed Pedal Cycle, Three Special Prizes.

Vehicles must be supplied by the Entrants.

IMPORTANT.—Judging will take place at 6.0 p.m. Competitors not in place by that time will be disqualified from competing.

ENTRY FORM

To be returned to Mr. C. J. ROBLLOU, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before Monday, June 14. We/I wish to enter:— (Please put a X against the Class in which entry is made)

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| 1. Decorated Vehicle. | 4. Child's Individual Costume. |
| 2. Adult Individual Costume. | 5. Child's Individual Comic Costume. |
| 3. Adult Individual Comic Costume. | 6. Decorated Pedal Cycle. |

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

Signed Society.....

Address Date.....

SATURDAY 19th

3.0 p.m. **Grand Bazaar**

Admission 2d.

to be opened by

Alderman Mrs. S. J. Bannister

Stalls, Sideshows, Demonstrations, Refreshments at reasonable prices.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Washing Machine Demonstration. Ladies bring your weekly wash and get it done free.

Hair Waving Demonstration.

Gifts for the Bazaar will be welcomed by Mrs. Roblou at the Centre.

8.0 p.m. **Pot Pourri Social**

Admission 6d.

Ten Handed Whist Drive—Social—Concert—Film Show. M.C. Mrs. Nyberg.

SUNDAY 20th

8.0 p.m. **Debate**

Admission 3d.

That the private ownership of Capital best serves the Community.

Proposed by Councillor A. A. Naar, M.B.E.	Conservative.
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8.0 p.m. **Carnival Dance for Members** Admission 9d.

M.C. Mr. C. Deacon.

MONDAY 21st

2.30 p.m. Super Jumble Sale

Gifts will be welcomed by Mrs. LODGE.

Admission 2d.

8.15 p.m. Miniature Drive

Admission 3d.

8.45 p.m. Whist Drive

£2 TOP

Admission 1/-

TUESDAY 22nd

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 two classes are open to all:—

Class D—Over 6 and under 12 months.

Class E—Twins under 2 years.

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

In addition to first prizes in each class, prizes will be given for the best Watling baby in the Show, and for the best Watling first baby in the Show.

ENTRANCE FORM

To be filled in and returned with entrance fee of 6d. per class to Mrs. LORR, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before June 17.

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

8.0 p.m. Dance

Admission 4d.

M.C. Mr. C. DEACON.

Numbered and Reserved Seats 1/6

Admission to Hall 1/-

Tickets limited in number

8.0 p.m. Juvenile Dance Competition

For Teams from Schools of Dancing or Permanent Organisations.

At St. ALPHAGE HALL, (Corner of Motrose Avenue and Playfield Road).

Each School or Organisation may enter any group or individuals; all performers to be under 16 years of age.

The School or Organisation must have been in existence before 1st January, 1937.

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 1938, and there will also be a medal for the best individual dancer.

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

ENTRANCE FORM

Juvenile Dance Competition. To be filled and returned with entrance fee of 5/- to Mr. C. Downs, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before June 5th.

I wish to enter the School of Dancing/Organisation
for the above competition. I hereby certify that all the members entering will be under 16 years of age on June 22nd, 1937, and I understand that the decision of the committee is final.

Entrance Fee enclosed..... Signed.....

Address Date.....

WEDNESDAY 23rd

7.30 p.m. Display Night

Tickets 6d.
Children (accompanied by Adult) 3d.

Come and see what your friends do at the Centre. Displays of Scouts, Brownies, Co-op Circle, Physical Training, Eurythmics, Weight-Lifting, Sketch by Children, etc., by Association Groups and others.

No children admitted unless accompanied by an adult.

Tickets strictly limited in number.

8 p.m. Social Whist Drive

Tickets 1/-

M.C.: Mr. C. DEACON. Handsome prizes to suit all tastes.
Come and enjoy yourself and win something useful. Value unequalled.

THURSDAY 24th

2.30 p.m. Whist Drive

Admission 6d.

M.C.: Mrs Crowe. 10/- top, and many other prizes.

8.0 p.m. An Evening's Drama

Admission 6d.
Reserved Seats 1/- and 2.6.

THE WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS PRESENTS

"Fugitive"—A play in one act by V. Targuse.

"Evidence for the—" A comedy in one act by Harold Simpson (by kind permission of the Stock Exchange Dramatic and Operatic Society).

"Legionnaire" A play in one act by Vernon Sylvane.

"The Man with a Cane" A comedy in one act by Geoffrey Dearmer.

Come and forget yourselves in other people's lives.

Tickets strictly limited in number.

FRIDAY 25th

7.30 for 8.0 p.m. Dinner and Dance

Tickets 5/-
Double 9/6

At THE WHITE LION, High Street, Edgware.

DIAMOND BAND M.C.: Mr. F. Welch.

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

On Montrose Playing Fields—BEACH'S FAIR, closing at 10.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 26th

5.30 p.m. Children's Sports

For those under 14 years old, on MONTROSE PLAYING FIELDS.
Entrance Fee, 3d. per event. If three or more entries are made by one child, 2d. per event.
A Second Prize will be given in each event where there are six or more entries.

GIRL'S EVENTS

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. Hurdle Race, 75 Yards Scratch.
5. Obstacle Race.
6. Skipping Race for girls under 8.

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SUNDAY—PIANO ACCORDION OPEN COMPETITION (Continued)

RULES

1. The contest is only open to amateur players of piano accordions. Amateur, for this purpose, means any person whose principal means of livelihood is obtained from non musical work.
2. Entries must be made on the attached form and must reach Accordion Organizer, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, Mddx., not later than June 7, 1936. Entries received after this date will only be accepted in very special circumstances. Each entry form must be accompanied by the entrance fee of 2/6 per player, which carries with it one ticket of admission for a friend.
3. Entrants must play two pieces, the combined playing time of which does not exceed six minutes.
4. In the event of an equal number of points being awarded to two or more contestants, the judges shall have the right to request such contestants to play again.
5. Contestants will be designated to the judges by numbers only.
6. All decisions of the committee will be final.
7. Only a limited number of players can be accepted owing to time.

ENTRY FORM

Piano Accordeon Contest. To be filled in and returned together with entrance fees to Mr. W. R. HILTON, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, Mddx.

CLASS A—SOLO.

Full name of entrant.....
(In BLOCK CAPITALS Please)

Address

Occupation Entrance Fee enclosed

I declare that I am an amateur within the meaning of the rules of this contest.

Date Signed

If you want any tickets of admission to the hall to sell at 1/- each, please give the number required here.....

CLASS B—DUET.

Full names of Entrants (In BLOCK CAPITALS Please)

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Address

Occupation

Entrance Fee enclosed.....

I declare that I am an amateur within the meaning of the rules of this contest.

Signed Signed

Date Date

If you want any tickets of admission to the hall to sell at 1/- each, please give the number required here.....

6.0 p.m. Special Children's Entertainment

Admission Adults 6d.
Children 3d.

By Children for Children.

SPECIAL NOTICES

1. To enable as many as possible to buy tickets for the Dinner and Dance a special Savings Club has been started. Contributions may be paid in at the Office, Watling Centre, or to Mr. C. J. Roblou and a Dinner Club Card will be issued.
2. Anyone buying 5/- worth of tickets (excluding the Dinner ticket) will be given one Sixpenny ticket free.
3. To advertise these events and to sell tickets your help is needed. Come and offer it at the Centre.

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Tails Wag in All Lands

A Member from Spain

By PHILOKUON.

The aims of the Tail-Waggers' Club have met with so much acceptance that within a few months of its foundation members were enrolled from all parts of the world, and branches sprang up in several countries. This support was welcomed by the directors, who realised that some nations are more indifferent than we are about the manner in which dogs and other animals are treated. A great work remains to be done and it is a pleasure to think that efforts are being made everywhere to ameliorate the conditions of dumb creatures. Evidence of the ubiquity of the Club is published in the current number of *The Tail-Wagger Magazine*.

The story is interesting. A citizen of the U.S.A. when on holiday in Virginia picked up one of our medallions bearing the number 132489. He wondered what the wording, now so familiar, on the piece of metal meant and he took the trouble to write to the headquarters of the London Telephone Exchange to ask them if they could tell him what the symbol was. They got into communication with us at 58 Mark Lane, and the American gentleman now knows all about the Club, and that the medallion belonged to a lady who lived in Berkeley Square, London, at the time her dog was made a member. Presumably she had been on a visit to Virginia. We have a good many members in America, but it is evident that this gentleman had never before heard of the Club.

The wearing of this medallion is particularly useful in Great Britain, for it bears the name and address of the owner of the dog wearing it. Before the regulation came into force making it compulsory for dogs to carry these particulars on their collars the Club did excellent service by working with the police in the restoration of strays. Altogether we have been the means of restoring 6,000 lost dogs to their owners, and curiously enough we still have applications for assistance from the police.

Going to another part of the world, I see that a lady in Bloemfontein has been the means of enrolling 100 recruits, and her dog is now entitled to be known as a centurion and to wear our solid gold medallion that is given in commemoration of such services. I am glad to know that we have a number of centurions in this country and we should be delighted to have many others. It is an honour for the dog to carry the gold medallion, and owners of members who are particularly energetic should not have much difficulty in persuading a sufficient number to join for them to receive the coveted award. The objects of the Club have such general approval that most dog owners, on being approached, are delighted to pay their half-crowns. Among recent recruits are Viscountess Curzon's Susan, the Marchioness of Northampton's Dandelion, Mrs.

Burn's Basenji Bongo and four of Mrs. Powell's Chihuahuas.

Four new members deserve special mention because they belong to Mrs. Paul de Castro of Segovia in Spain. This town is situated a little north of Madrid, and one is glad to realise that normal life is still going on there in spite of the dreadful civil war. Dog lovers all over the world are greatly indebted to Spain which gave us, first the spaniels, and then pointers. We should be poor indeed without these breeds.

NOTE.—This chat is issued by THE TAIL-WAGGERS' CLUB, 58 Mark Lane, London, E.C.3. The Club will be pleased to answer any queries submitted by Tail-Wagger owners in connection with canine hygiene and welfare.

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THE W.A. —and YOU

1. The Watling Association is a Community Association. It is democratic in principle, non-party political and non-sectarian and endeavours to promote the well-being of the community generally. Its ideals and objects can be readily understood from the following extract from its constitution.

To promote the well-being of the community resident on the Watling Estate by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and residents in a common effort to further health, to advance education, to protect the interests of the tenants; and to foster a community spirit for the achievement of these and such other purposes as may by law be deemed to be charitable.

2. Public Services of the W.A.

In Public service the W.A. has always been to the fore and has worked for many amenities, improvements and necessities to the Estate, such things as Bus Services and Shelters, Postal Facilities, Playing Fields, Rent Reductions, Police Protection, Day Nursery, Traffic Control and Provision of Magistrates.

Social Service has been and continues to be rendered to the community, benefits being derived by ALL, as this service is NOT confined to members only; it includes Poor Man's Lawyer and Personal Service.

3. How the W.A. Works.

The Association is led by a Council composed of officers and members' representatives and representatives of sections and Constituent Bodies.

4. How the W.A. caters for its Members.

The Committees and Sections formed in the Association are as follows:—Social Committee, Sports, Education, Veterans Club, Catering, Guild of Players, Billiards, Women's Neighbourhood Guild.

Juniors: Brownies, Scouts and Cubs meet at the Centre; and other groups for boys and girls.

Library: A Lending Library is provided where members can borrow books at 1d. each per fortnight.

5. Why you should join the W.A.

Because in public matters the Association is *your* voice. Many of the things listed in paragraph 2 of this page are *improvements*. They are *not* complete. If the W.A. speaks with *your* voice they will become complete achievements. Your support is therefore necessary. As a resident you are part of the community and are affected as is also your neighbour. Do not ignore the other fellow. His problem to-day may be yours to-morrow.

Membership of the W.A. is 4d. per month for the first member in a household and 2d. per month for

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each successive member. This admits you to the Centre and covers a free copy of the magazine, "THE WATLING RESIDENT." All you have to do is to fill up the attached Application Form and return it to any of the following with your Subscription:—

Mr. W. R. Hilton, 85 Goldbeaters Grove,
Mr. C. C. Smith, 89 Millfield Road,
Mr. C. J. Robloun, 26 Homefield Road,
Mr. E. Sewell Harris, 13 Gunter Grove,

or to the membership Secretary at the Centre, Orange Hill Road.

Fill up the Form and JOIN NOW!

WATLING ASSOCIATION.

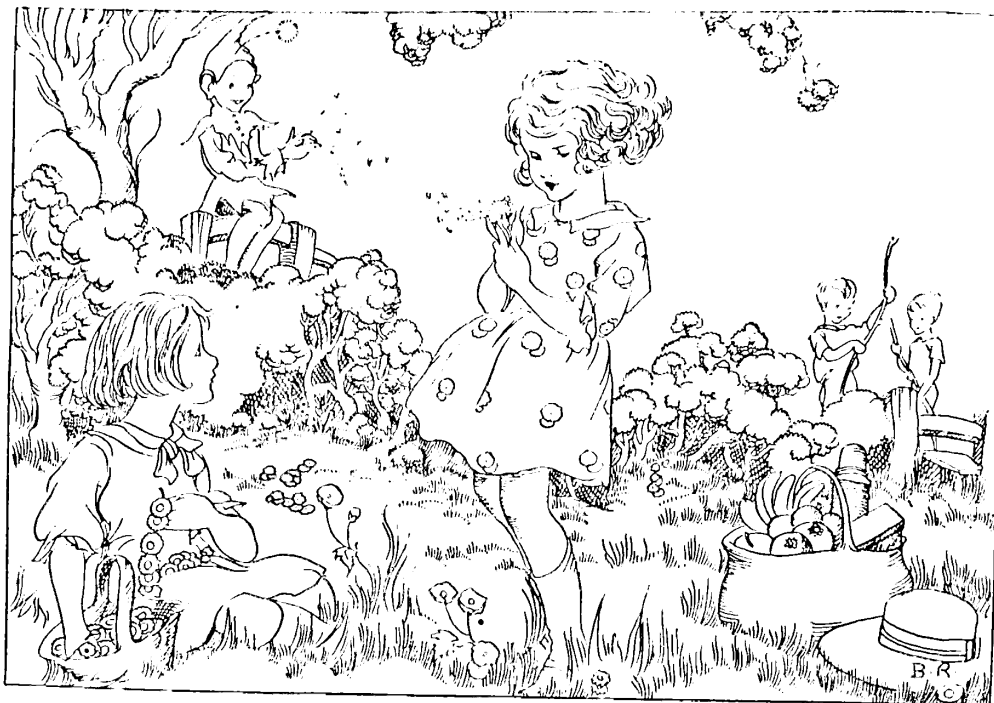
Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Watling, Edgware.

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desire to be enrolled as a member of the above Association. I agree to abide by its rules and Constitution.

Date..... Signed.....

If under 18 please give your age.....

PAINTING COMPETITION



PICNIC TIME.

Entries to reach the Editor by 15th June, Three prizes.

MY FUTURE

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1st prize, 7/6 2nd prize, 4/- 3rd prize, 2/6.

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BOXING

What a good time we had at the Watling Centre on the 8th of May for our 1st Annual Supper and Dance, it is a pity that it was not better supported by the parents, especially the juniors.

It was a good dinner, and I take the chance of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead and their band of helpers. I did not realize the club trainers were comedians, cheers for Tiger and Alec.

Now for this Stop Watch Competition that our Chairman, Mr. Lodge spoke about, the response of those willing to take cards was very poor. Now this is the point. Next season the club will want new gear, gloves and mitts, etc., and we have not enough money to buy them, hence the competition. A ten guinea gold watch ladies' or gent's, will be offered to the one who guesses at what time a watch stops.

If you want the new gear let me have your name and address and the number of cards you are prepared to take. If you are not prepared to help the club, I am afraid you will have to put up with the kit we now have. You might say "Why not run dances to raise funds?" If you are not prepared to help us, why should we put ourselves out to help you.

Please let me have a card addressed to

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The First Garden City

(Continued)

Last month a brief account was given of the development of the Garden City idea and its practical application in the founding and growth of Letchworth, the first Garden City. The first sod of the new town was cut by Earl Grey, as stated in that article, in October 1903. Since that date the development of the town has been sure and steady.

By 1911 there were 1,260 houses with a population of about 7,000. There were then 9½ miles of roads, 18½ miles of water mains, 14 miles of gas mains and 13 miles of sewers.

In 1933 there were 3,934 houses with an estimated population of 15,215. There were 168 shops, 117 factories and workshops, 17 places of worship, 5 secondary schools and 6 elementary. The gas, water and electricity services are owned and managed by First Garden City Limited and the sewage works are owned and managed by the Letchworth Urban District Council. The output of gas in 1933 was 136 million cubic feet, of water 296 million gallons and of electricity 10 million units. There has been a considerable increase under each head since that date.

The communal activities of the growing town have been well provided for. There is a Cottage Hospital, which began as a modest dispensary in a cottage and is now an efficient custodian of the health needs of the town.

The Guild of Help, established in the early history of Letchworth, has proved a real friend in need to many of the residents.

A refreshment stall in another cottage developed into "The Skittles Inn" otherwise called "the public house without beer." There are several cafés and refreshment houses which, as well as meeting the needs of the inhabitants, meet those of the numerous visitors who constantly come to see this model town.

The Howard Hall, built in memory of the founder and his wife, which for ten years was the leading public hall, has been superseded by larger and more convenient places for public meetings, was transferred to the Hertfordshire County Council and is now used by it as a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

Music, the drama and art had many keen and well qualified enthusiasts in the early days and to-day there are many devotees of these elevating influences. With "unwitting appropriateness" the first performance of the Philharmonic Society was of Haydn's "Creation."

Education in various forms is a prominent feature of the life of the town. Elementary Schools, Secondary Schools (both boarding and day) are numerous. Mention must also be made of the Adult Educational Settlement which is a community centre at which several of the County Council's evening classes are held. There is a warden in charge of the whole work which is very varied in its scope, covering as it does literary, dramatic, musical, art and other activities.

The town is being laid out as closely as possible in accordance with the original plan. There is the shopping centre near the railway station. The industrial area, in which are numerous factories and workshops, is close to the railway and is so placed as not to interfere with the amenities of the town.

But the most pleasing feature of Letchworth is its gardens and many beautiful open spaces and its tree and grass-lined roads and avenues. Every house has its garden gay with flowers and many of them are used for growing fruit and vegetables.

We may well hope that the keen foresight and clear vision of the founder and the pioneers that have already been displayed, combined with the experience gained during the earlier years of this experiment in town planning, will fulfil the inspired dreams of Ebenezer Howard.

What to do in June

The chief work of this month includes the planting of the summer bedding plants in their flowering quarters, and the thinning and training of the fruit trees; also the thinning of the fruit itself if, as seems hardly likely to be the case, the crop is a heavy one. The lawn should be kept well mown and many plants will require to be neatly tied up and staked.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Biennials, such as forget-me-not, silene, wall-flower and sweet william, should be sown in the reserve garden for transplanting in the autumn.

The flower stalks of carnations will require supporting.

Roses will soon be in full bloom. Keep a sharp look out for green fly. If the pest becomes troublesome wash thoroughly with some reliable insecticide; this is best done in the evening.

Thin out the early sown annuals so as to avoid overcrowding. Allow them a space of six to twelve inches according to the size they are likely to attain, and after the thinning give a gentle watering to those that remain so as to settle the soil.

FRUIT GARDEN.—If the weather be dry, which also seems unlikely, give the strawberry plants plenty of water.

Keep the leaves of the fruit free from blight.

Newly planted trees of all kinds should be watered. A good mulch will check evaporation and also prevent the ground from cracking.

Continue to disbud peaches and nectarines.

The leading growths of cordon apples and pears should be secured and all laterals pinched off in order to allow the sun to play upon the fruit.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—To secure a regular supply of french beans make another small sowing now. Ground cleared of early potatoes is suitable for this purpose.

Cucumbers should be growing freely and will require constant attention in stopping and regulating the growth. Remove their surplus shoots rather than allow a thicket of growth to form.

The main crop of broccoli, savoys, Brussels sprouts and celery should be transplanted into their permanent quarters.

It is hardly possible to give too much attention to hoeing at this time of year. Your motto should be hoe at every favourable opportunity and in every quarter, not only for the destruction of weeds but also for the purpose of cultivating the surface soil.

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Club and Society Notes

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

Last year we had the pleasure of hearing 'Hodites' lecture "Such Roads as These" at the Watling Centre, and our members who went to hear 'Panorama and Pageant' at St. Albans on April 17th were not disappointed. Perhaps Fred will say a few words in our next Club Magazine for the benefit of those who were unable to attend.

Miss Ethel Rolph wound up our April fixtures by arranging a Surrey run with tea at Leatherhead where 23 members were able to purchase a Club Magazine—much to the relief of Peggy and Frank who had been carting them around Surrey all day.

I almost started "As expected..." before giving Andy Horne as the winner of our Club 25. But speaking to Arthur who took second place and F. G. Steggall (third) and other of our racing men before the event, there was a definite "wait and see" attitude prevailing, but they managed to run him close and I can see them making a scrap of our future events.

Our Open Ladies' 25 on July 25th came in for much discussion at a recent Committee Meeting and 'Long John' our Time Trial Secretary has all arrangements in hand—his chief ambition being to get a full card (100 entries). He is even negotiating with another member to elect an Accommodation Secretary.

Our programme for Coronation Day is a repeat of that wonderful Jubilee week-end, a ride down to 'The King's Head' Hatch, near Basingstoke, and a visit to the Guildford Grass Track meeting will provide an alternative. Hatch may provide shelter for members going to assist our riders in the Balham 2nd Class 100 Whitsun week.

A mention of the Six Day Cycle Race at Wembley seems to be indicated but as full reports and details have now been published in all cycling journals my few lines can give you no information apart from the fact that as usual our Club is arranging visits for all our members.

The result of our Club Draw is now in the hands of all book sellers and a word of thanks is due to all those who have helped to make this successful.

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SPORTS MEETING

Although our Sports Meeting is an activity of Watling Week, it takes place just one week before Watling Week proper. The date for the Sports Meeting being Saturday, June 12th, at Moss's Sports Ground (behind White Lion, Edgware Road). Doors open at 2 p.m. and commence 2.30 sharp.

M. Harris, our organising secretary, seems peeved that there are only 7 days in one week, particularly as it will be a Coronation Watling Week. Untiring himself, he seems determined to crush the rest of his Watling Week Committee to a jelly in his effort to make this, our 9th celebration, as unforgettable as the year 1937 will be.

Our trophies this year make a dazzling display and are a credit to the tradesmen who have presented them. There is only one unpleasant sight to the shopkeepers, that is the sight of me! Every time they see me they groan and murmur, "I'll bet he's begging." But how splendidly they respond. I have never lived in any other neighbourhood and met with such liberality; their generosity is wonderful, year after year, we have to keep approaching them, and it is only by their unceasing kindness that we are able to keep going.

This year I have again received a splendid trophy from Maison Lyons, hairdressers, Watling Avenue, also from Mrs. Allen, White Lion; both gave cups last year. Other donors are Rex Judd, Cyclone Danny Carter, Mark Barney, gent's outfitter of Kentish Town, and we are expecting other trophies to come along.

An added attraction this year is the first real lime-light for our new section, The Watling Association Weight-Lifting Club, who are competing against the Pembroke Weight-Lifting Club, a club of some renown, and a splendid contest should result, good luck to the winners. Also on the same platform, Mr. F. Edgecomb, 9½ stone champion of Middlesex, and runner-up in the Olympic Championships, will attack four records: The Left Hand Military Press (at 10 stone) and his own three last records. The referee is from the British Amateur Weight Lifting Association. Now I advise all you hen-pecked husbands to bring your wives along and let them see what you might turn out to be some day, that'll larn 'em! Then again I suppose, they in turn will point out the ability of the ladies from other estates on the tug-o'-war, and defy you to do your worst, you then must retaliate with "what about Watling, they can't find a woman's team to enter."

Unfortunately that is the only fly in Watling's ointment, we used to have a team that feared no one, now they are all shy and suffering from the figure complex. If I could only say something rude that would make them take hold of the rope and pull all others all round the field I'd say it. Come on women of Watling, we want eight women weighing not more (altogether of course) than 90 stone. I know we've got them, but they won't turn out, and such a beautiful Big Solid Silver Cup, too. Are we, the holders, to lose that without a pull? Leslie Haffenden, that very capable and impartial referee, will be in charge, so you can all be sure of fair play. Under A.A.A. Rules. Now don't forget the date, Saturday, June 12th, at 2 p.m. Good Sport, Clean Sport and a Coronation Celebration.

All enquiries to Jack Hilton, 85 Goldbeaters Grove.

HOSPITAL SAVING ASSOCIATION

Watling Association Group, No. N. 2048.

The Hon. Group Secretary, Mr. E. G. Bishop desires to thank all contributors for their forbearance during the transfer of the Group from 3a Watling Avenue, and regrets that it was impossible to give longer notice of the change of address.

It has now been possible to make permanent arrangements and in future the Group will be held at the Watling Centre on Thursdays between the hours of 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. when all business will be transacted. For the benefit of those who find these hours difficult the Asst. Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Kent, will attend on Fridays from 8.0 till 9.0 p.m. for the purpose of receiving contributions only. As this arrangement is only possible owing to the courtesy of the New Tabernacle Sick and Provident Society it must be clearly understood that no other business can be transacted on this night as the Hon. Secretary will be engaged on the business of the Sick Club.

New Tabernacle Sick and Provident Society.

Watling Agency.

Local Agent: Mr. E. G. Bishop.

The Local Branch of the above Society is held at The Watling Centre on Fridays between the hours of 7.30 and 9.30 p.m.

HEALTH, WEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Health, Wealth and Happiness—which would you rather have? With great fortitude some of us stood for hours to see the Coronation. Without reasonable health how should we have fared during this trying ordeal? Some of us returned home mental and physical wrecks, but only for the time being, nature always coming to our rescue with countless reserves for each one. What are the minimum requirements for health and strength, wouldn't you like to know? I should.

In 1935 a London man won £28,000 in a sweepstake. How much better off was he? In less than two years he had drunk himself to death, as was recorded in the paper to-day. Wouldn't some of us give the skin off our backs to have a similar opportunity of doing likewise? A short life and a wealthy one says A, a longer life and a poorer one says B. Well, I don't know, do you?

It seems that happiness is dependent upon health or wealth, or a combination of both, a problem worth solving. Will you come in your thousands to the Watling Centre on Monday, June 7th, at 8 p.m. to a preliminary meeting of a W.E.A. class to be formed in the autumn, to discuss "MODERN SOCIAL PROBLEMS"? Do, if you can, you won't regret it.

D. LYLE, Secretary.

STAMP MACHINE

Anyone who puts coins in local stamp machines and does not receive value for money in stamps is recommended to apply to the Postmaster at Edgware for a refund. The W.A. has recently taken up the question of people losing money in the Orange Hill Road machine and has been informed "that in every case of failure to obtain stamps from the machine which has been brought to notice, the amount lost has been refunded to the applicant."

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

Hendon Section have another success to proclaim with regard to racing. Following our first success announced in last month's report, some of our racing lads entered the Hawks C.C. 25 miles T.T. on April 25th, and succeeded in getting first and second places despite the cross wind which made going very hard, here are our "boys' " times:—

1. F. Puddifoot	1 hour, 14 mins., — secs.
2. F. Keats	1 " 14 " 15 "
3. K. Higgs	1 " 15 " 40 "
4. S. Keats	1 " 21 " 45 "
5. J. Smith	1 " 22 " 15 "
6. R. Batten	1 " 26 " 30 "

Well that's our second race since we started, and our second success! So much for racing!

Club runs are being well supported no matter what the weather clerk turns on. New "mangles" are much in evidence amongst our ranks and there are rumours of yet another tandem. Membership is rising fast, also, a sudden influx of lady members is quite noticeable, more are always welcome however.

The Coronation Day run was very successful even if we didn't get any free beer, it didn't matter since we are nearly all T.T.

At time of writing saddle bags are being packed for the Whitsun break. Some are touring and some going to camp at Cirencester. Club runs will be run on the Sunday and Monday however.

Runs for June will be as follows:—

- 6th Mystery.
- 13th Guildford.
- 20th Newport.
- 27th Maidenhead.

All runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9.0 a.m. sharp. Our club journals "Boots" and the "Clarion Cyclist" will be available on all runs.

Mid-week runs are also being arranged, further particulars are available from our Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, who will be pleased to supply full particulars of our Touring, Social, and racing activities, also our insurance scheme to any cyclists wishing to join a good club.

So cheerio till next time of writing!

Vic C. BOTTERILL,

Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

Meet your Friends at the Adult School

To few of us is given the opportunity to live on a farm and yet enjoy the privileges of town life.

One of our members is in this fortunate position, and we learned quite a lot when Nellie told us her story the other evening.

How many know that a certain farmhouse not very far away is over 800 years old, and has a secret passage used in days gone by?

This is just one extract from an interesting talk on the life of somebody we know.

The Men's Adult School meets every Sunday morning at 9.30.

The Women's School on Monday afternoons at 2.30.

The Young People's School on Wednesday evening at 8.15 p.m.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

The Lost Sheep

As most of us know the Burnt Oak Tube Station is very busy in the early morning with crowds of people coming and going.

The other morning a woman gave up the wrong half of her ticket and the collector—stout fellow—went after her to retrieve her mistake. Meanwhile another train had come in and crowds of passengers came out—but there was no-one to whom they could deliver up their ticket. The collector was missing. We are inclined to think that in this case it would have been better to have forsaken the one and looked after the ninety and nine.

Watling

(By a Nottingham visitor).

I dare not say too much nor dare I be critical, I hear that Watling have won the weight-lifting contest, and that your editor is a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. My chief impression of your estate is, that it is very beautiful, and the estate where I live, Arply, Nottingham is not to be compared with it, and yet ours is supposed to be one of the finest in the Midlands. I cannot add any more to this during such a short stay but, as I have not seen any, I do not think your policemen are wonderful. If you should visit Arply in the future I will prepare you by saying that our Boxing Club is the best of the Midlands A.B.A. Watling will linger in my mind and I hope I am fortunate enough to visit you again.

JOHN GLEESON.

Watling Week

The Committee regrets that as this issue of the *RESIDENT* comes out before the week closes it is impossible to include a report of the week. Full reports of prizewinners, etc., will appear in the August issue, so if you are going away for a holiday be sure to leave an order for your copy.

Cricketers

Please note that the Watling Association Cricket Club meets on Montrose Playing Fields at 7.0 p.m. on Thursdays and at 3.0 p.m. on Saturdays. Those wishing to play should report to Mr. Hicks or Mr. Taylor. No practice, no matches.

For Children

A new group, for girls over seven has been started. They are doing rhythmic exercises with Miss Kalisch on Tuesdays from 5.30 to 6.30. More members will be welcome.

Free and Easy

I understand that the Senior Free and Easys (is that right? the plural of Free and Easy seems difficult. Should it be Frees and Easys, or Frees and Easies, or Freeandeasies), anyway I understand that they are over for the season, but that Mr. Radley is looking forward to resuming his activities on Sunday, September 25th, but also,

Y.P.F. & E's

That the Junior Free and Easys, or whatever it is, will continue throughout the summer on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in each month, that is, on July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd, and September 12th.

N.B.

Although doubtless the Editor would be interested and I understand the O.S. also, in any solutions of the above problem of writing about more than one Free and Easy, neither I, nor the Editor, nor the O.S., are offering any prize for any said solution.

C.A. Secretaries

Did any of you notice the queer people who were knocking about the Centre on June 12th and 13th? I'm told they were most of them secretaries of Community Associations, but there were not many with sense enough to wear an open neck shirt. You should have seen the spreads Mrs. Lodge and her helpers gave them, especially for Sunday dinner. I hear the Association invested in some soup plates to make it possible. It certainly looked good and went down well in more senses than one.

ENGLISH?

Whilst walking along Deansbrook Road the other day I heard a schoolboy reciting this:

I went to the pictures tomorrow,
An got a front seat at the back,
Tickets were free—pay at the door,
Seats all around—sit on the floor;
The band struck up, but did not play,
So they all sat down and walked away.

This brought to my mind other nonsensical jingles; for instance.

Foreman: "You get here early of late. You used to be behind before. At first you was always the last and now at last you are the first."

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Cockney Sweep: "You don't know nobody what don't want to buy no soot do you?"

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Lancashire Mother: I shall not keep telling thee I'll tell thee. I've told thee two times twice once afore. If I've to tell thee agen, I'll not tell thee. I sh'll tell thee feyther."

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Then there's this:—

Down came his sleeves rolled up. Off came his jacket on. He missed the train that he came by; he won't come now he's sure to.

JUST SO

A just judge of justice is justly judged just, when judging with justice his judgments are just.

If judging unjustly his judgments are unjust, with justice that judge shall be judged for his judgments unjust. For soon will the Judge of all judges, so just judge him, when He judges the just and the unjust.

That judge will then own, nor will think it unjust, that he justly is judged for his judgment unjust.

OR TO BE QUITE CLEAR

Promulgating your esoteric cogitations or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical, or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications demonstrate a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibleness, no coalescent conglomerations of precise garrulity, jejune bafflement and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous verbal evaporations and expatiations have lucidity, intelligibility and veracious vivacity without rodomontade or thespian bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous propensity, psittaceous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity and vaniloquent vapidity. Shun double entendre, obnoxious jocosity and pestiferous profanity, observable or apparent.

LEO.

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Next-door Neighbour's Little Boy. "Father says 'could you lend him your gramophone, for to-night?'"

Gramophone Enthusiast. "Have you a party on?" Little Boy. "Oh no; Father only wants to go to bed."

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FLIES

A fly lays four times during the summer, each time eighty eggs, which makes 320; half of these are supposed to be females, so that each of the four broods produces 40.

1. First eight, or the 40 females of the first brood, also lay four times in the course of the summer, which makes 12,800; the first eight of these, or 1,600 females, three times, 384,000; the second eight twice 250,000; the third and fourth eight, at least once each, 230,000.

2. The second eight, or the 40 females of the second brood, lay three times, the produce of which is 9,600; one-sixth of these, or 1,600 females, three times, 384,000; the second six twice, 256,000; the third sixth once, 123,000.

3. The third eight, or the 40 females of the third brood, lay twice and produce 6,400; one fourth of these, or 1,600 females, lay twice more, 256,000.

4. The fourth eight or forty females of the fourth brood, once, 3,200; half of these, or 1,600 females, at least once, 128,000. Total produce of a single fly in one summer: 2,080, 320!

FLEAS

The flea is not an isolated creature. In fact, more than 300 different species have been described.

It has been said that a flea may become a grandfather in 24 hours. The common flea takes four weeks to develop from the egg.

In warm damp weather a generation may develop in ten days or a couple of weeks. Female fleas deposit their eggs in cracks of furniture, walls and floors.

ADULT SCHOOL OUTING

On Saturday there is a Federation Adult School Outing to Kenwood. This is a conducted tour for Adult School members only. All those who wish to spend an interesting and enjoyable outing should meet at Bishops Avenue opposite Kenwood at 3 o'clock.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

July, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

Sundays — Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
4. Octavia Hill. Speaker: Miss Gray.
11. Reading History Backwards.
Mr. Balmira.
18. To be arranged.
25. To be arranged.

Mondays — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at
26, Homefield Road.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m. (alternate weeks).
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30
p.m.

Tuesdays — Millinery Class, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class,
4.30 p.m.
Young Watlers, 6.0 p.m.
Cripple Parlour, 6.0 p.m.
Dance, 8.0 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 17,
Woodcroft School, 8.30 p.m.

Wed'days — Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Veteran's Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.

Thursdays — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8.0 p.m.
H.S.A., W.A. Group, 7.30 p.m.
Cricket, 7.0 p.m. on Montrose Playing
Field.

Fridays — Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.

Saturdays — Cricket, 3.0 p.m. on Montrose Playing
Field.
Members' Social, 8.0 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

Thursday 1 W.W. Sports Dance for Prize Distri-
bution at White Lion, 8.0 p.m.
Sunday 4 Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 8 W.A. Council.
Sunday 11 Young People's Free and Easy.
Sunday 25 Young People's Free and Easy.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL

Who can fail to be stirred by a deep emotion, when the story of a great life is unfolded.

Such a life was Tom Bryan's, first Warden of Fir-croft College, Bourneville.

The members of each school have heard the story from various speakers, including Tom Bryan's wife, and I feel that some of the points are worth repeating.

Through the assistance of friends Tom managed to work his way through the University.

Having obtained a degree he was offered two well paid posts, but he preferred to help start the Browning settlement which meant a very low salary.

After working in Walworth for nine years he became first labour Mayor.

Knowing he was a poor man, newspaper reporters asked him how he would meet his expenses and he said "by not incurring any."

The opportunity for starting a residential college for working men came while he was a lecturer at Wood-brooke Quaker Settlement in Birmingham.

With the help of George Cadbury of the Adult School movement a large house was obtained in Bourneville and opened in 1909 with 12 students in residence.

Tom Bryan passed away in 1917 but his work lives on and every year, thirty students from all over the country and abroad live together and study the problems that are around us.

Various societies make grants to suitable students who have shown their interest by studying Social and Economic problems at evening classes.

J.W.P.

The Men's School meets every Sunday morning at 9.30.

The Women's School on Monday afternoons at 2.30. The B.O.Y.P.A.S. (for all young people over 17 years of age) on Wednesday evenings at 8.15.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

A recent outstanding event was the joint rally when Gospel Oak, Camden Town and the Highgate Women's Schools were entertained at the Watling Centre by the Burnt Oak Schools' Concert Party, tea being generously provided by various members. On May 24th Mrs. Bryan Elliot told of the Life and Work of Tom Bryan, and of life at the Browning Settlement, Walworth, where he was the first Labour Mayor, and how dear to him was the welfare of the working class.

The following week Miss Effie Ryall spoke of a Japanese Social worker; Dr. Kagawa of his devotion to the masses in Japan, his efforts to organise them in Trade Unions, and how he fraternised with diseased outcasts, knowing that their crimes were really society's.

Another interesting afternoon was when Mrs. Symmes told of women's work. Had we freedom and equal opportunity? The subject aroused much controversy.



Just as the July number of the RESIDENT comes out, strawberries ought to be at their cheapest, so perhaps you will like to have this recipe for strawberry short cake. It is a good way of making the strawberries go farther, that is to make the delicious strawberry taste last longer and so is an economical way of using them.

Measure 2 cups ($\frac{1}{2}$ lb.) of plain flour into a sifter; add 4 tea-spoons baking powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ tea-spoon salt (omit baking powder if self raising flour is used) and sieve into a mixing bowl; add 2 oz. fat and work in as for pastry; finally add enough milk or milk and water mixed to make a soft dough and press into a greased and floured cake tin (8 or 9 inch round or square). Bake in a hot oven and when done remove on to a large meat plate. Stem, wash and crush with sugar, 1 lb. ripe strawberries. Let stand some while and when cake is ready cover with crushed strawberries and serve with thinned cream or top milk. This is enough for 4 to 6 helpings.

I have seen some recipes in newspapers which include some sugar and two eggs. This, to my mind, is a mistake as it makes the shortcake so rich that it detracts from the flavour of the strawberries. As an old itinerant preacher once said, "The superfluity of the cake spoils the 'falarity' of the berries."

I also give a recipe for strawberry jam with which I have been very successful. I got it from the B.B.C. talks:—

2 lb. stemmed strawberries; 3 lb. castor sugar; the juice of one lemon. Grease the saucepan with butter; make the sugar and fruit hot before combining, stir constantly until boiling; boil hard for one minute; remove from fire; stir occasionally as mixture cools somewhat; put into hot jam jars and cover at once.

A friend of mine has written a book on "Patchwork—Old and New" which is published as a "Woman's Magazine" Handbook and I am the pleased and proud possessor of a complimentary copy. When housework is pressing, this book has to be avoided as studiously as rose catalogues. Once you 'just look in' you are lost in the pursuit of photographs and stunning suggestions for "pick up work" from the scraps of your daughter's and your own frocks. They lead you from quilts to pouffe and cushion covers; from table cloths to chair backs, tea cosies and night gown cases. Oh me! Oh my! how one's fingers itch to be busy with scraps and shapes and scissors. Incidentally I believe patchwork is an occupation very soothing for the nerves.

It may be that you will just read this in time to pay a visit to the exhibition of a labour-saving house for the family whose income is £3 per week at the Housing Centre, New Bond Street, before it closes on June 28th. It is said to be really good.

SUSAN SAVOURY.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following

Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30:—

July 4—Mr. W. SINGLETON FISHER.

11—Mr. J. FENWICK ADAMS.

18—Mr. E. W. ROGERS.

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CONCERT PARTY

The opening show of the "Eight Gay Girlies" was attended by a large and appreciative audience. Concerted items, songs and sketches made up the programme and kept the audience in good humour all the evening. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Griffey, Mrs. Williams and that popular singer Mrs. Taylor of the Edgware Operatic Society.

The acting in the two sketches, "The School-room" and "The Cricket Match" was of a high standard especially in the latter sketch judging by the response of the audience which is, after all, the test of good acting.

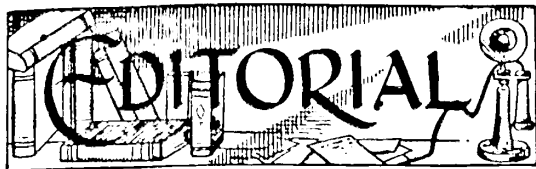
All those taking part are members of the Women's Adult School and it is creditable that these women although having the responsibilities of marriage, can yet find time to give such a splendid performance "on the green."

There is another show in course of preparation which it is expected will be even better than the last and the party are confident that there will again be a full house, so watch out for another novel and entertaining show from the "Eight Gay Girlies."

Mesdames Nyberg, Lord, Lake, Griffey, Williams, Richardson Fairburn, Taylor, not forgetting Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Notley who did valuable work back stage.

At the Piano - Mrs. Woodward.

The party was well supported by Mr. Lancaster and his orchestra.



Tell the World

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DEAR SIR,

THE RESIDENT gardening articles are very helpful and interesting, but could you tell me what to grow in a shady front garden. The garden is square and there is unfortunately a large tree in one corner of it which shades the house and must sap a certain amount of nourishment from the soil. Also I should like to grow some kind of flowering creeper over the porch.

ROB ROV.

DEAR SIR,

I shall be interested to learn from you whether it was an oversight that no notice of the Coronation was taken by THE WATLING RESIDENT in its last issue.

You will recollect that it was the King's brother—amidst the acclamation of the Centre—who opened the Centre, so I should hesitate to think that there was deliberation in the exclusion of any notice of the Coronation in the WATLING RESIDENT.

I am seeking this information as a member of the Association.

Yours faithfully,

IVOR GWYNNE-JONES.

We much regret that a member of the Association should have been disturbed by the absence in the pages of our May issue of any reference to the coronation of Their Majesties. We must confess that our minds were so occupied with preparations for celebrating the event that this point slipped us. We hope that a review of the June issue, with its reports of our celebrations, will have reassured Mr. Gwynne-Jones and any others who have felt as he did.

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DEREK'S STORY

I had always been very interested in motor cycling trials, hill climbs, etc., and when a chance came to try personally a stunt which hitherto I had only heard a lot about but not witnessed, I jumped at it.

One day found me down at Hurlingham talking to Rudy Coombes (one of the American stars) who assured me with a very solemn face that riding the wall was one of the easiest indoor games he knew, and as for danger, pooh, there just wasn't any! I had my doubts as to that however, and these were confirmed when he casually introduced me to a tough looking customer on crutches who it appeared had only just left his machine—via the roof of the drome! The bike landed 20 yads away from the Drome and the gentleman on crutches escaped serious injury—if not death—by catching hold of the safety wire at the top of the Wall on his way out! I then very nearly went back to my job at Standard Telephones, but something inside urged me to give it just one try, so telling Rudy that I was ready, we proceeded to the field where the Drome had been erected.

Imagine my surprise on arriving there to find that half a dozen girls (pretty ones too) were trying their hand with a baby Triumph two stroke, with little success I am afraid.

To describe in detail those long days of constant practice would bore you, so sufficient to say that after three weeks of really hard practising, I was passed by the Management as O.K. Oh! Boy what a day, but wait a minute! What about my people. You must realise that I had kept all this a secret from Mother and Father, and now, how to break the news? Anyway, feeling very excited, I rushed home and burst into the drawing room, to find my sister Kitty and my brother-in-law-to-be, sitting in the dark. Without waiting to put on the light, I poured out the good news, only to be met with an ominous silence as having got up and switched on the light, I discovered my father seated in an armchair opposite. My life for the next few weeks was not worth living as you can easily imagine. However my parents resigned themselves to the inevitable as all parents eventually do in cases like this.

The next day all the riders who had been passed were told to give a demonstration to Mr. Morgan, and to my dismay, I was turned down. This was a bitter blow, as I had fully expected to be given a contract on the spot.

Three hours later, I was in the offices of Messrs. Silodromes Ltd., where after putting up the biggest

bluff of my life I was given a contract to ride for them at Whitley Bay in the North of England, for the summer season.

A week later found me in Whitley Bay in company with another chap who was to be my partner for the season. Arriving at the Drome we were shown two very dirty and disreputable machines which were to be our bikes for the season. During my training at Hurlingham I had learnt a lot from Rudy Coombes about preparing bikes for the job and could see at a glance that these were practically useless as they were. We were two days preparing the machines, which left us with three free days before the show opened, and during that time I had practically to teach my partner to ride again as he had forgotten, or so it seemed, everything he had ever learnt.

I always look back upon this period as the most valuable in my career, as it was at this time that I learnt most of the tricks and stunts I know now. It was simply a question of either having to learn a few stunts, or closing up the show, as the public will not pay money merely to see a bloke riding round and round a wall. What agony I went through during those days. The pressure set up by centrifugal force is terrific and night after night I went back to my digs and flopped on the bed, too tired to undress even.

To give you an idea of the enormous downward pressure exerted on a rider circling a perpendicular wall at 35 miles an hour or so: a well-known lady rider was attempting a new stunt which involved putting her feet on the tank whilst still in the saddle. She managed to place her feet correctly but whilst she was leaning back, the pressure caught her and forced her back on the rear wheel. She did six laps in this position and then crashed. She was unconscious for a week and badly injured, but was riding again in a month's time.

During my season there I had three accidents, none of which proved serious. The first was when the rear tyre burst; fortunately I was not at the top of the wall at the time. Secondly through Scotch mist on the wall causing me to skid, and finally when the engine seized through crystallisation of an oil pipe.

The show went well and I had a good season. I gained invaluable experience, but was after bigger meat now that I had tasted success, and when my contract expired with Silodromes Ltd., I thought foolishly perhaps, that I could do better on my own wall. Unfortunately funds would not run to it, so I up with a bookmaker who was running a wall with his son on a fifty-fifty basis.

After doing one or two fairs in the vicinity of London, we obtained a five week contract to ride at the Bradford Olympia. We got a real "break" here, and the show attracted thousands of spectators. One of Bradford's biggest newspapers gave us a great "write-up" and what with invitations to parties every night after the show and the Mayor himself coming to see us and the resulting publicity, we had a really good time. It was at this time that I experimented seriously with getting a chair on the wall. This had

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not been done before, and I was very keen on being the first rider to do it successfully.

Messrs Noxals Ltd., the well-known sidecar makers built a special rigid frame chassis for me, but I regret to say that after repeated try-outs and after crashing six times, I finally had to give it up as a bad job.

After our success at Bradford and buoyed up with hope for even better times, we turned our footsteps London-wards, but we were doomed to disappointment. Inclement weather proved to be our "Jonah."

My lady partner, Miss Speedy Pepper married the Boss's son and the manager, Harry and I went into partnership with them. Little did I realise what a rotten time the four of us were going to have during the following year.

Our first pitch was at Trowbridge, Kent, and as we very little money, we had to put up the show ourselves. Our equipment weighed 10 tons, and it took us three days in the pouring rain to do it. After this we had to dry the wall by the simple process of pouring petrol on the sides and lighting it. I had just finished drying the last spot when the petrol tin I was holding burst into flames. I threw the can through the open door and a second later it exploded, setting the whole of the front of the wall on fire. The others dashed into the drome and rescued the machines whilst I did my best to quell the flames until the fire engine arrived. My hands were badly burnt, but covering them with oil, and bandaging them well, I was able to ride that night, though in terrible pain.

Next morning we were up at five to repair the damage done by the fire, what a day!

After paying our rent we had no money to buy Government stamps for the admission tickets for the evening performance, we tried to wangle it, but were caught and summoned to the County Court two days later and fined £3. As if this had not been enough; the 6 cwt dynamo for our lighting burnt out and we had to send to London for another. We stayed up all through the night to fix it.

From Trowbridge we moved to Eastbourne where we thought we would make good, but owing to our pitch being a mile from the town, it was difficult to persuade the public to come along. As we had to stay there for three weeks and were getting desperately short of money I decided to take up grass track racing and try and win a little. Using my old chromium plated A.J.S. I caused a sensation at my first appearance by charging through the crowd and injuring several spectators. However, after settling down I made a fair amount of money which helped to keep us going for the time being.

Siddeley Green was our next port of call, and when we arrived, we discovered that a spot of excavating was necessary for the foundations of the Drome. This being erected, we did a couple of good days business but on the third night a terrible storm arose which blew off the top of our Drome as well seriously damaging the whole structure. It took two days working like niggers before we got the Wall repaired and thoroughly dried. This business of getting the wall dry was always very important as a wet panel could cause a rider to crash very easily.

Ill-luck still seemed to be dogging our footsteps, for a week later I crashed with a fourteen stone passenger,

he fainted when we were a foot from the top of the wall. This time I was not so lucky as my leg was badly squashed, which necessitated my laying up for a week. Our affairs gradually went from bad to worse. All sorts of things went wrong with the show and several times we went hungry.

On our way to Reading, the Tillings Stevens lorry kept breaking down every five miles. As a fitting climax on approaching Slough the dynamo got so hot that all the solder ran out of the connections. Twenty minutes later, when we could touch it, we were busy with a blow lamp repairing it. By the time Reading was reached it was one o'clock in the morning and we were in a state of collapse. Our last petrol can was sold to a garage for three shillings to enable us to get some food which we procured from an all-night coffee stall. After this we just fell asleep on the floor. Looking back at it now I can laugh, but it wasn't very amusing at the time believe me.

We were up at 7 a.m. and managed to get the equipment on to the ground where the Reading May Fair was being staged. Working like niggers all day we got up an hour before schedule time. Ten minutes before we opened it rained "buckets" and six people paid admission that night. We just managed to clear expenses here and you can take my word we were not sorry to see the last of Reading.

Then back again down south to Tunbridge Wells. On the way there occurred one of the most hair-raising and terrifying experiences I have ever met with. After an uneventful run we reached the top of River Hill, Kent. This hill is notorious for its steepness and length. We cautiously proceeded downhill dead slow. Rounding the first bend it struck me that our brakes did not seem to be holding too well, and all too late I realised with a thrill of horror that the brakes of the trailer behind had burnt out and that our ten tons of equipment were pushing us down at an ever increasing rate. Our speed gradually increased until we must have been doing sixty miles an hour down that darned hill, more by luck than judgement I managed to keep her on the road, but it took us three miles to come to a standstill. I was as white as a sheet with fright and we were both perspiring freely. When we climbed out of the cabin, neither of us could stand.

Arriving at Tunbridge Wells we tried to get "digs" but I suppose because we looked so disreputable nobody would have us and we slept under the trailer that night.

Two weeks later I severed my partnership and came back to London. What a joy it was to sleep every night in a real bed and have several meals a day.

I had not been home long when I secured a contract with the Wembley Picture Corporation Ltd., to double Cyril MacLaglen in the stunting for his new picture "Money for Speed." I had a fleet of eleven machines and had complete control of all the stunts. Indeed I was made Technical Director. What a contrast this work was compared with the rough time I had had during the summer months.

The stars themselves were very "matey" towards me and I received dozens of requests to give them "just one ride" on the wall. I had to refuse however as the producer was not risking any of his valuable stars.

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THE M.C.C. AND YOU

At the May meeting of the Middlesex County Council there was little excitement of any kind. Indeed there rarely is on such occasions. The real work of the Council is done in committee where many a heated discussion takes place which is not reported. Nevertheless Labour members and a few others frequently weary those whose chief desire is that the Council meeting shall be as brief as possible by asking questions in order to obtain necessary information or by insisting upon debating matters which, because of the size of the majority party, are certain when put to the vote to be endorsed.

The subject which gave rise to the most discussion at the May meeting was the recommendation that the County Engineer and Surveyor should receive an additional £250 per annum because of the work he does, or rather because of the extra responsibility he assumes, owing to the carrying out of the West Middlesex Drainage Scheme. This scheme involved the construction of extensive Purification Works at Mogden, near Twickenham and includes also a site of 240 acres at Perry Oaks, 7 miles away where the resulting sludge is dried, as well as 70 miles of main trunk sewers. It constitutes one of the largest Sewage Disposal Works in the world and cost over £5,000,000 to construct. It takes the place of those smaller works previously run by Hendon, Ealing, Uxbridge and other Boroughs and Urban Districts in the west of the county. The current cost to the ratepayers is a 6d. rate (compare an 8d. rate for Higher Education), but of course this cuts out the Sewage Rate previously paid to the superceded authorities.

These works not only receive and purify domestic sewage but also waste products from factories and other large establishments in the area, e.g. Technicolor, Ltd., Virol, Ltd., the Empire Swimming Pool at Wembley and the Guinness premises in that part of Willesden that was formerly part of Ealing. The effluent, as it is called, is discharged into the Thames and is of the very high standard of purity required by the Port of London Authority. The sludge is disposed of to farmers and contractors.

It is interesting to notice the extraordinary growth of population of this Drainage Area within recent years. In 1921 it was just under half a million and it was estimated that by the time the works would be completed in 1935 the population would have reached the figure of 680,000. However the census of 1931 showed that the number of persons was already 771,263. In view of the unforeseen rapidity of the growth of population it was necessary to re-design the works and they have been constructed to deal with 1½ million persons, a figure which it is estimated will be reached in 1940 or thereabouts. Till a short time ago we used to talk of the population of the County of Middlesex as growing at a rate of 1,000 a week, but later statistics now give a figure of more like 1,500.

Think of the size and the cost of these vast works—and carry your minds back for a moment to the days when the people of cities flung their rubbish into the streets and emptied sewage into open gutters and when the Squares of London, many of them now so beautiful were used as Refuse Dumps. No wonder there were frequent epidemics and that the expectation of life was not a great deal more than half what it is

now. Money well spent, don't you think. Or don't you.

To return to the County Engineer! He got his additional £250 on top of a salary of £2,500 and a large majority of the C.C. considered it no more than was due to him.

There were however those in whose minds certain thoughts would not be still, and who knew the unceasing watchfulness that they need to exercise where the wages of the more lowly paid employees are concerned. Some recalled that that very week a gardener would have been taken on at 50/- had not a question from a vigilant member revealed the fact that the agreed wage should have been 6 and 7 shillings more. Another employee would have been paid 5/- in all for two spells of two hours each on separate Sundays had not another member elicited the fact that double rates ought to be paid in such circumstances. These two instances came beneath my own notice at two different committee meetings on the Monday and Tuesday of the same week when the County Council as a whole enthusiastically gave this addition of nearly £5 per week to a high official already drawing £48 per week.

The pockets of the ratepayers cannot be bottomless and electors, in my opinion, should bear in mind that the C.C. needs not only members who will see that our excellent Engineer and Surveyor, whom everyone who knows him admires and trusts and likes, shall have his good work and his responsibilities recognised, but also those who will watch very carefully the wages of those employed by the C.C. who draw £3 a week and less.

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Cruelty to Dogs

By PHILOKUON.

Several cases of atrocious cruelty to dogs have been printed in the papers recently, but it would be wrong to assume that the majority of people are callous when they have to deal with dumb animals entrusted to their care. It means, however, that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the police are exercising a commendable vigilance. More than ever, too, the public at large are alive to their responsibilities, and where brutality is practised the offender is almost sure to be brought to book.

I can never understand why men keep dogs at all if they are not prepared to look after them properly. Surely there cannot be many who take a sadistic pleasure in inflicting pain and suffering. Taken on the whole, dogs, if they could speak, would have little cause to complain of their present condition. At no time in our history have they received such intelligent care, or has so much trouble been exercised in making them happy. To-day it is a common thing for them to be the friends of the family, the sharers of our outings, and our constant companions. There is no doubt that the foundation of the Tail-Waggers' Club and its subsequent activities have been the means of improving their lot.

Here we have an organisation of nearly 700,000 members, the owners of which are pledged to give their dogs a fair deal. Their obligations, as a rule, extend beyond that, most of those who have Tail-Waggers being anxious to help others who do not know as much about dogs as they do. That is why I am anxious to see the majority of the dogs in the country enrolled with us. Anyone who wants advice about feeding and management generally has only to write to our headquarters at 58 Mark Lane, London, E.C.3. and we will gladly give them all the assistance in our power.

It may be thought that everyone is competent to have the charge of a dog. That is not exactly true. Even in these enlightened days I come across dogs that are suffering from the ignorance of their owners, who have not mastered the elementary knowledge necessary to give their pets proper care. The whole thing is very simple, and may be summed up in a few words—regularity of feeding, a nice adjustment of the amount required so that the animal has neither too much nor too little, daily exercise, and routine grooming. Most dogs are content with one meal a day, but there is no objection to a snack in the morning if preferred.

A healthy dog will eat his food gusto. Should he shy at it, something is wrong. Worms are often respon-

sible for capricious appetites, but perhaps the primary cause is overfeeding and under-exercising, or ruining the digestion with sweetstuffs. Dogs require plain food, such as biscuits, meals, meat or fish in combination, and a moderate amount of vegetables, of which leeks can be recommended. Treated in this manner, it is not likely that they will be indifferent to the dish when it is set before them.

THE YOUTH HOSTEL MOVEMENT

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Then too the movement can play its part in promoting understanding between people of different class and opinion. At a time when industrial strife and ideological disputes are rife, the simple comradeship of the Youth Hostels may help to play a decisive role.

One of the most important aspects of the movement, in many respects, is the opportunity provided for international co-operation. In 1932 the International Youth Hostels Union was founded, with headquarters in Amsterdam. This committee embraces the principle countries of Europe, and member-associations guarantee complete reciprocity in the use of hostels. Thus the holder of an English Y.H.A. card is able to enjoy the use of some 4,000 hostels in Scandinavia, Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, and other European countries. Associations have also recently been formed in the U.S.A. and in New Zealand, presaging perhaps, an era of inter-continental wandering.

The same facilities are of course available for foreigners visiting England, and in 1936 over 36,000 bednights were spent by foreigners at English hostels. There could scarcely be a better way for young people of different nationalities to get to know each other, walking together in the fresh air, amid the peaceful beauty of nature, there is ample opportunity to ventilate the mind as well as exercise the body, while in talks and sing-songs round the hostel fire in the evening, new friendships and new understandings cannot fail to arise.

The Youth Hostels Association is organised on a democratic basis. Twenty semi-autonomous regional groups carry out the work of local administration of hostels; the ungrudging service put in by the voluntary regional secretaries and workers has been one of the decisive factors in the success of the Y.H.A.

The registration of members is in the hands of the National Office, situated at Welwyn Garden City. A certain percentage of all membership subscriptions received is devoted to a Regional Development Fund, from which sums are allotted to various Regional Groups according to their needs for Hostel development; thus it is ensured that rich regions (i.e. those with large membership) shall contribute to the extension of hostels in the more sparsely populated areas.

The association is a non-profit making concern; any surplus from those few hostels which earn a profit is devoted to the furtherance of the Association's work elsewhere. The control of the hostel properties is vested in the Youth Hostels Trust, amongst whose trustees are such public spirited men as Professor G. M. Trevelyan, Dr. A. D. Lindsay (Master of Balliol), Sir Wyndham Deedes, and Sir Percy Jackson.

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It is a commonplace to say that modern industrial civilization has put us out of touch with nature, and so robbed us of one of the most powerful springs of life. In Elizabethan times, village life, with its close contact with the changing seasons, bred an instinctive and un-selfconscious artistic expression; singing came to men naturally, country dancing, acting and games were part of the life of every member of the community. To-day, largely owing to our divorce from natural surroundings, such pursuits are becoming lost arts; we listen to professional singers on the wireless, watch professional actors on the cinema, go to see professional players at football matches, or read the reports in a newspaper. We have become content with life at second hand, like the shadow-watchers of Plato's cave.

Since the very beginnings of modern urban life, constant attempts have been made to bring about a return to nature. From the moment when Jean Jacques first popularised the phrase, it was taken up as a literary, religious or artistic slogan in innumerable "revivals"; but because it was merely a slogan, it vanished each time as quickly as it had appeared. It was left to recent generations to re-discover the simplest and most natural way of effecting a "return to nature"—walking and roaming the countryside itself.

It was inevitable, however, that difficulties should arise. After centuries of town-dwelling men found themselves ill-adapted to living and sleeping completely in the open air amid the rigours of our climate. And the rights of private landowners tended to make life difficult for the modern nomad wishing to pitch his tent. Two alternatives have hence been open to would-be wanderers; either to stay nights at a hotel—usually prohibitive for people of limited means—or to make only day excursions, returning home for the night.

It was to meet the need for simple and inexpensive accommodation for ramblers (and cyclists) in the country, that the Youth Hostel movement arose.

The Youth Hostels Association does not claim originality; other European countries have shown the way, among them Holland, Denmark, Switzerland and above all Germany. It was in 1909 that Richard Schirrmann, a young Westphalian school teacher first conceived the idea of establishing simple accommodation in the country for parties of school children on holiday journeys; his proposal was that ordinary school buildings should be made available for the purpose during the holidays. The first hostel was, however, established in 1910 in a small private house in Altena, made available by a grant from the town itself, and similar buildings were established in various parts of Germany. The hostels soon came to be used not only by school children, but also by the Wandervögel (Wandering birds), young people who had already discovered the joys of roaming in forest and mountain, but had hitherto used haystacks or farm houses as night-quarters.

In the years of poverty and hardship following the war and the inflation, the movement spread with amaz-

ing rapidity; the number of hostels increased from 17 in 1911 to 2,000 in 1924, while the total of "over-nights" spent in the hostels rose from 3,000 to over a million in the same period.

English visitors to Germany invariably returned full of enthusiasm for the Youth Hostels system of that country, but it was not until 1930 that the movement first took root in England. In that year the National Council of Social Service gathered together a group of hostel enthusiasts, and a provisional executive committee was formed under the chairmanship of Barclay Baron of Toc II. The first few hostels were opened by Easter 1931, among the earliest being the Old Mill at Winchester, which still remains to-day one of the most popular hostels.

The buildings used are of a very varied nature; they range from old manor houses and castles with historic associations, to converted water mills and mountain huts, and, more recently, modern specially constructed buildings with flat roofs and electric cooking stoves. But in all of them the same system prevails. There are separate dormitories for men and women, equipped with double tier iron bedsteads, and blankets, but no sheets; in their place, hostel-users are required to bring with them their own sheet sleeping bags, so that the expense of daily laundering is avoided, but the blankets kept perfectly clean. A common room provides opportunity for evening recreation; acquaintances thrive and experience broadens in conversation and sing-song.

Beside wash rooms and a drying room for clothes, the hostels also provide a kitchen where members can prepare their own meals. A resident warden (man or woman) is in charge of each hostel, and generally undertakes to provide simple meals for those who do not desire to do their own cooking. All other household duties however, such as sweeping, bed-making, and washing-up are left to members themselves. These conditions ensure that there shall be no competition with hotels or boarding houses where the luxuries of service and complete privacy are obtainable.

Membership has increased steadily since the Association was founded, and now totals 60,000. The provision of hostels has however failed to keep pace with the increase in membership, and the 260 hostels now open, with 7,500 beds fail to provide sufficient accommodation at peak holiday periods. Increasing interest and support is now being obtained however from charitable trusts and municipal and national authorities, and it is hoped to accelerate the provision of new hostels.

Although the provision of hostel accommodation is one of the primary aims of the association, we claim to be more than mere cheap lodging house keepers. Hostels are a means, not an end. Among the ends which our means can serve we may mention first and foremost health of body and mind. The Y.H.A. has been one of the pioneers of the "keep fit" movement, which is now so greatly occupying the public attention. Besides this, the Y.H.A. can help young people to a greater appreciation and love of nature, with all that this implies in the way of simplification of living and deepening of personality. We hope to inspire a greater interest in the preservation of the country, so that some at least of our rapidly dwindling countryside may be saved from the hands of the speculative builder and the bill poster.

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C. O. P. O.

These mystic letters stand for Cox's Orange Pippin Orchards. C.O.P. is well known as the premier desert apple and commands a high price, often as much as sixpence *per apple*, in the English market.

The largest supply of these excellent apples has so far been imported, chiefly from the U.S.A. Board of Trade figures show that more than £50,000,000 worth of apples, of various sorts, have been imported from the United States into this country, since the war. It has been estimated that out "of every five apples eaten by the English people at least three are imported." But an effort is now being made to grow apples on a larger scale in this country.

A few years ago a Company was formed with the special object of growing and marketing Cox's Orange Pippins. The idea has caught on and now the Company has orchards in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire with a total area of 2,000 acres.

This is not an ordinary Company, for instead of financial share-holders you have tree owners. The investor, large or small, buys the actual trees and the Company cares for them and sells the crop on behalf of the tree owner, remitting the profit after deduction of a reasonable percentage for expenses, to the investor.

By conducting the business on a large scale it is possible to do everything that is necessary to produce the best possible results, and the results are little less than marvellous. There is, for example, an arrangement for protecting the young trees, and the older ones too, from danger by late frosts. This is done by warming the air round the trees. Spraying too, at the different seasons of the year, is carried out on the most scientific method. It has been the writer's privilege and pleasure to receive a box of the most perfect pippins he has ever seen; the shape, the colour and the flavour being such as would satisfy the most fastidious.

We cannot all have apple orchards of our own but by co-operating with C.O.P.O. and its thousands of enthusiasts we can at any rate share in the business of apple producing with the double satisfaction of promoting a useful home industry and receiving a high return on the money invested. The scheme represents a valuable contribution to the employment of British labour on the land.

On becoming a member of the Company a number of trees are allotted in exact proportion to the amount of capital subscribed. These trees are young ones and of course do not bear fruit immediately. Young trees planted in the coming autumn should begin to bear in 1939 and be in profitable bearing in 1940. The wholesale market prices of the crops per 50 trees are estimated to yield

£5	0	0	for the first season of profitable bearing.	
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This, on the basis of the price paid for the trees, shows a profit beginning with 16 per cent for the first season and rising to 50 per cent for the fifth and following seasons. This yield should be more than maintained for forty or fifty years.

The address of C.O.P.O. Limited is Cockayne Hatley, Potton, Beds. They have supplied the information made use of in this article and will be glad to furnish fuller particulars, including a beautifully illustrated brochure, to any who would like to have them.

What to do in July

Box edging, also holly and privet hedges should be well and shapely clipped.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Sow the seeds of cinerarias, calceolarias and Chinese primulas in a fine sandy compost and put a sheet of glass over them until they germinate.

Remove useless side shoots from dahlias, hollyhocks and herbaceous plants and stake and tie the plants firmly as a protection against strong winds.

To produce plenty of good carnations water the plants, one week with lime water (2 oz. of lime to a gallon of water), next week with soot-water and the third week with weak liquid manure. Repeat the applications in this order until the end of the season.

When cutting roses take off each with a good long stalk, also cut off any that have already bloomed. Both these operations will serve as summer pruning and encourage the production of many more flowers.

Pick off all dead blooms from the sweet peas and do not allow seed pods to form.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Summer prune red and white currants, shortening the new side shoots to within five leaves of the base. In the case of gooseberries shorten the too long shoots only.

Mulch young fruit trees planted in the late Spring with strawy litter, lawn mowings, or early potato tops if these are not diseased.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Winter onions, prickly leaved spinach, parsley and turnips should be sown before the middle of the month on an open and sunny site.

The final setting out of all varieties of so-called Winter Greens and celery should be proceeded with during showery intervals, wherever spare ground exists, until all the spare seedlings are disposed of.

CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION

1st.—DORIS DORLING, Fortescue Road.

2nd.—ELSIE COLE, Orange Hill Road.

3rd.—SIDNEY JAMISON, Deans Lane.

Judge: UNCLE ERNIE, who has also given two Consolation Prizes to:

SYLVIA SPONG, aged 6.

ALAN LAKE, age 5.

"MY FUTURE" ESSAY COMPETITION

1st.—SIDNEY BATES, Watling Avenue.

2nd.—OLIVE HALL, The Meads.

Another Competition next month.

PLEASE NOTE—

The Painting Class at the Centre is closed down until the first week in September.

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SMOKE UP

By F. H. LAKE

Some time ago I read in *THE RESIDENT* an article on smoking and the hard struggle some people have if they decide to give up the habit.

For various reasons I gave up smoking after being an addict for some twenty years.

I was never a heavy smoker, my average being about eight cigarettes a day. Sometimes I would smoke a pipe, and on high days and holidays I would indulge in a cigar or two (if my friends didn't forget me).

I remember my first smoke. It was half a cigarette picked from the ash tray, and so far as I recollect, it did not make me vomit or turn green; in fact, I thought it rather an adventure. Then when I was about sixteen, and getting a little pocket money, I remember my friend and I buying a packet of ten "Blue Book" cigarettes between us. This packet contained ten mixed cigarettes: Virginia, Turkish, Russian and Egyptian.

We smoked these according to the company we were in. If we were in ordinary society we smoked Virginia. If we thought the atmosphere select we went Egyptian. If our friends were inclined to be Bohemian the delicate fumes of Russia would drift across the firmament and for the Blue bloods we reserved the Turkish. Our efforts to impress may have had the reverse effect as most probably all our friends suspected we were smoking old rope, but still it pleased our vanity and we got a certain amount of fun out of it.

In my efforts to become disinterested in tobacco, I seem to have become more interested, and although I don't smoke now, I have collected a few facts about which I was previously unaware and which may be of interest to others. If the details I have collected seem to be more against smoking than for it, it may be because I have not been diligent enough in my search for truth.

However, here goes:—Tobacco smoking is very ancient. It existed in S. America and the West Indies in very early times and in China old engravings have been found showing people smoking quaintly shaped pipes.

In 1492 Columbus discovered America for which he has often been blamed, but what is perhaps to some more interesting he also discovered the island of Tobago where he first saw the tobacco weed being smoked. It was first introduced into England by Sir John Hawkins in 1565, some say by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1585.

Tobacco seeds were grown in France in 1556, which was earlier than it was seen in England.

It was first cultivated in Italy for medicinal purposes. It has been recommended for various diseases and was thought to be good for dropsy, gout, melancholia and other complaints. It was at one time regarded by society as a low vulgar habit.

In 1857 there was much discussion in the *LANCET* on the Great Tobacco Question. A surgeon to St. Thomas' Hospital asserted that it was one of the causes of general paralysis and he also quoted three cases of

delirium tremens due to smoking. A more modern medical man considers that it may truly be described as suicide by instalments.

More tobacco is smoked in the U.S.A. than in England. In 1913 it was calculated that the yearly consumption of tobacco was 5.59 lbs. per head as against 2 lbs. in this country.

Pipe smoking is a very ancient way of using tobacco, as finds in pre-historic graves testify. Makeshift pipes of various kinds, such as the rather grim utilisation of the thigh-bone of a child or a knuckle-bone of a lamb.

Indians had two tubes, one in each nostril, through which they used to inhale smoke.

Cigar smoking was popularised in this country by officers who learned it in Spain during the Peninsular War, and cigarettes similarly, being brought from the East as a result of the Crimean War.

Tobaccos vary in nicotine content. Kentucky contains 8 per cent., Virginia 6, Cavendish 4.15, Latakia 2.35, and so on.

According to the *LANCET* analysis pipe mixtures have the highest nicotine content and British cigars a higher than Havana. It depends a good deal on the way it is smoked.

It has been stated that a smoker who relights a pipe or cigar absorbs more poison than he would from ten ordinary smokes. So it seems it is all a question of combustion. The smoke of one cigar contains as much nicotine as 12 to 18 cigarettes.

Cigarette versus Pipe.

Cigarette smoke contains up to one per cent. carbon monoxide more when smoked quickly, but cigarette smoke is diluted more freely with air than pipe smoke, and a heavy cigarette smoker consumes less tobacco than a pipe or cigar smoker. The content of nicotine in cigarettes is less than in pipes or cigars. Much depends on condition—moist or dry—of the weed, the state of the pipe—clean or foul.

Chewing or snuffing is attended by little absorption of nicotine and is comparatively harmless.

Tolerance to smoking is acquired and is due to slow destruction of nicotine by ferment, and so long as destruction keeps pace with absorption toxic symptoms are avoided.

Idiosyncrasy shows itself in the curious way in which some people can smoke an enormous amount of tobacco in the form of cigarettes, but none in the shape of a pipe, or a cigar.

Tolerance is limited and when a seasoned smoker oversteps the mark he suffers more than the novice because his tissues are saturated with nicotine.

During the Plague of London smoking was regarded as a protection against the disease and women and children had lessons.

Tobacco exerts a toxic effect on the brain. Psychological tests have shown that smoking lowers mental efficiency diminishes the general capacity for work and renders sleep less refreshing. It revitalises ambition.

Migraine and epileptic fits are aggravated by smoking and they frequently disappear when the habit is abandoned. It has toxic effects on the system and attacks of syncope are sometimes due to it.

Many complaints are known to be aggravated or caused by smoking, but of course it is sometimes difficult to be certain that a given case is due to tobacco smoking.

Cigarette smoking by boys and young women is liable to cause irritable heart. Smoking on an empty stomach is often the cause of indigestion.

There is a condition of blindness due to excessive smoking. Women are more affected by excess than men.

The old clay pipe, with its rough, hot stem, would burn a place on the lip and so allow cancer germs to get a foothold. That's why it is safer to smoke a pipe with a vulcanite stem, and the longer the stem the better.

Smoking is a sedative to nervous troubles, but it does not prevent or cure diseases.

Tobacco is a definite poison, an oily liquid alkaloid containing pyridene and prussic acid. Cigarettes contain carbon dioxide.

The prejudice against smoking by athletes whilst training is very old, and though it is open to discussion seems to be on the whole approved.

From a statistical enquiry into 304 male students in Ohio, it was found that non-smokers were more successful both in scholarships and athletics than the smokers.

Non-smokers are on the increase among Cambridge University undergraduates. Since cigarette smoking spread among women it has lost favour with the men.

More Facts.

A woman celebrated her hundredth birthday by smoking a cigarette. Until a few years ago she smoked a pipe.

Until his 90th birthday a man had never smoked. Then he suddenly took to cigarettes and became a confirmed smoker. Tobacco and beer became his daily tonic. He died at 98.

A Bedfordshire woman, aged 100, enjoys good health and regularly smokes a pipe.

Women cigar smokers are on the increase.

The world's richest man, the Nizam of Hyderabad, who rules fifteen million people, smokes cheap cigarettes at ten a penny.

A man picked up cigarette ends from the streets and dustbins, extracted the tobacco, and sold it in packets to men waiting outside Labour Exchanges.

There will be a time when doctors will prescribe cigarettes as medicine if experiments are successful. The cigarette will contain a drug called benzidine, and a small dose of this is said to have a remarkable effect on mental and physical activity.

It is said that it takes six weeks to get the nicotine out of the system.

Tobacco has proved a comfort to millions. Some can smoke more than others. On the other hand there are people who cannot stand tobacco at any price. It nauseates them. One man's meat is another man's poison.

Smoking is perhaps a pleasant social custom, and the question is—is it used or abused. There is no doubt that like other luxuries it is abused by many, but life under modern conditions would be a sad affair if everything which gave pleasure when used in moderation were forbidden because some folk failed to use restraint.

VETERANS' CLUB

Now that Watling Week is over I have asked the Editor for a large space in the RESIDENT to write a report on the special activities that have taken place in the club during May and June.

A great number of our members attended the Coronation celebrations at the Centre on Thursday, May 13th, by invitation of the Hendon Borough Council. They enjoyed a magnificent tea followed by a grand concert, and they must have felt very proud when the Mayor in his address complimented the club on its success and hoped that other veterans there who were not yet members of the club would come along and join them in the near future.

On Wednesday, May 26th, two coaches left the Centre at 2.30 p.m. with the veterans all set for an outing to "Rye House." They enjoyed a lovely ride through the country and arrived at Rye House at 3.45 p.m. Tea was provided in the Masonic Hall after which some of the veterans went for a walk down the lanes, while others played darts, explored the old Tower House, or took trips on the river. I saw a couple of the old brigade chasing frogs, but there, "boys will be boys." We returned to the Centre about 10 o'clock.

On June 3rd the club celebrated its second anniversary at the Centre. About 55 members sat down to tea provided by our usual happy band of lady helpers. Mrs. L. King, chairman, said grace and Mrs. A. I. Jones lit the large birthday cake which she had presented to the club. The top of the cake was decorated by a very fine sugar model of the Watling Centre, adorned by two coloured candles.

A welcome was extended to the old folk by Mrs. King, and congratulatory messages were also given by Mrs. W. R. Hilton and Mrs. E. Cole. After tea the party adjourned to the Concert Hall, where a fine entertainment was provided by Miss Doris Wilson's troupe of juvenile dancers, and a performance by the Young Watlers' Concert Party, under the direction of Mrs. Hilton and Mrs. Gay. Both troupes presented a hearty programme of half-an-hour each. This was followed by individual humorous entertainment, including friends from the Cricklewood Bus Garage. They included Mr. Tom Elliott, entertainer; Mr. Jack Connor, comedian; Mr. Stan Connor, ukelele and banjo; Mr. Jim Savage, comedian; and Mr. Andre Gooden, tenor. Mr. Fred Cole accompanied at the piano, except for the dancing troupe whose accompanist was Master O. Roblou. Stage manager, Mr. C. Fanthorpe. During the interval a cake which was presented by Messrs. Pritchards, High Road, Burnt Oak, to the club was cut and handed round, also glasses of beer were once again provided by George Nosworthy of "The Green Man," Mill Hill.

On June 9th we held our annual Business Meeting. In the election of officers the following were proposed and accepted unanimously:—

Mrs. A. I. JONES, President.
Mrs. L. KING, Chairman.
Mrs. W. R. HILTON, Vice-Chairman.
Mrs. E. COLE, Treasurer.
Mr. E. COLE, Organising Secretary.

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WATLING WEEK SPORTS MEETING**MEN'S 100 Yards**

First Prize: J. Gibbons. Handley Page S.C. (Maison Lyons trophy) Pair Bronzes.
 Second Prize: G. Jenkins. Chronos Club. Canteen Cutlery.
 Third Prize: J. Bicknell. Handley Page S.C. Oak Timepiece.

VETERANS Handicap 100 Yards

First Prize: J. Wilby. Gold Centre Medal.
 Second Prize: H. J. Beery. Silver Medal.

LADIES 100 Yards Scratch

First Prize: Vera Peacher. Bohemian Cut Glass Fruit Boat.
 Second Prize: P. Seward. Green Glass Trinket Set.

MEN'S 220 Yards

First Prize: J. Gibbons. Handley Page S.C. Cyclone Danny Carter Trophy and Case of Fish-eaters.
 Second Prize: V. T. Maranic. (Highgate Harriers) Cut Glass Cruet, 5 Piece.
 Third Prize: J. R. Whittaker (Wigmore Harriers). Coronet Camera.

MEN'S 1 Mile Scratch

First Prize: J. J. Whittaker (Wigmore Harriers). White Lion Cup.
 Second Prize: E. A. Newman. University College Athletic Soc. 8 Piece Egg Set.

MEN'S 880 Yards Scratch

First Prize: J. J. Whittaker (Wigmore Harriers). The Messrs. Rex Judd Trophy.
 Second Prize: V. T. Maranic (Highgate Harriers). Leather Case Shaving Set.
 Third Prize: T. G. Laws. L.M.S. Railway S.C. Leather Case Brush Set.

3 Mile MARATHON

First Prize: A. V. Stratford (Wigmore Harriers). Sydney Hurry Trophy and an Oak Barometer Brush Set.
 Second Prize: E. J. Peacock (West London Harriers). Set of Carvers in Case.
 Third Prize: N. Keeble. Watling United S.C. Gold Centre Medal.

1 Mile Relay - MEN'S

First Prize: Chronos Sports Club. Gold Centre Medals.
 Second Prize: Kingsbury County School. Silver Medals.

Tug-o-War - MEN'S

First Prize: Catford Southend Village Police. Mark Barney Trophy and Gold Centre Medals.

Tug-o-War - LADIES'

First Prize: Watling Association W.O. For L.F.C.C. Trophy.

Push-Ball

Caledonian Road Police. W.O. For Maison Lyons Trophy and Silver Medals.

Weight Lifters

Watling Association. Silver Medals.
 Mr. F. Edgecombe. Record Attempt. Gold Centre Medal.

Although the weather was bad, all events were off to time, and some of the best Athletic Clubs represented, although there were three County Championships taking place on the same day. A great many athletes wrote me expressing their sorrow at being unable to be present. That, and the rain, might have been disastrous but, our patrons were very well satisfied, as were the Competitors. We did not have a prize distribution as I am running a Dance at the White Lion on July 1st for presentation of prizes. Admission 1/6 single, 2/6 Double, Mr. F. Welch acting as Master of Ceremonies. A galaxy of prominent sportsmen have promised to be present. A quick step Competition will take place, the prizes being a Permanent Wave for the lady, and a Barometer for the gentleman. Judges have not yet been decided on but they will be COMPETENT and IMPARTIAL. Tickets are being sold already and a very full house is promised.

Jack Hilton.

D. A. STEELE

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VETERAN'S CLUB—continued from page 14

As the club is now 60 strong it was decided that they should in future be self-supporting, and it was agreed that they would set up a Committee among themselves and arrange for their own tea each week. The veterans expressed a desire that a letter be sent to the helpers thanking them for their past services, and hoped that the ladies would join them on any special future celebration.

E. COLE.

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

As the month of May draws to a close, signs of touring again become evident, already members have been seen in Cornwall, as far down as Lands End, Devon, South Wales, and the Wye Valley. Maps of distant places are being produced, and trips abroad have been under discussion.

The southern roads appear to attract our lady members lately, four riders went to represent the Club in the West Croydon Ladies "25" and a few weeks later Mrs. L. S. Davey rode in the Swanage R.C. "10" coming 6th with a time of 29 minutes, 44 seconds. While Miss E. Rolph stayed "At home" to bring the "50" record down a few minutes.

The men have been doing things too, Andy lowered the 100 miles to 4 hours, 57 minutes, and in the Club "50" clocked 2 hours, 12 mins., with George H. second, 2 hours, 18 mins., and Len B. third 2 hours, 23 mins. John and F. Steggall just failed to lower the 30 miles tandem record, on the Eastern roads, by 25 secs. Keep going chaps, it won't be long now, (the grave, I mean).

Our June fixture concluded with a run that has been well looked forward to, the breakfast ride to Newbury. This run figured among the favourites a few years back, and is well worth support, if you can manage to get up.

Forms for our Open Ladies "25" on the 18th of this month are now available from T. R. Shelly, 17 Leopold Road, N.W.10. No trouble or expense have been spared to make this event a success, and I hope our John is rewarded with 100 entries. He can count on all the support the male section can give him, and I know the girls are keen to pull off the team prize.

Our runs for this month cover

- July 4th Dinner, Eaton Socon.
Tea, Biggleswade.
- 10th St. Leonards-on-Sea, Week-end.
- 11th Sunday run to meet week-enders.
- 18th Ladies Open "25."
Dinner, Eaton Bray.
Tea, Harpenden.
- 25th Club "100."
Dinner, Long Marston.
Tea, Essendon.
July issue of "The Potterer."

August week-end in Sussex.

See runs card for all details relating to above.

"POTTERER."

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

Hendon Clarion have again been successful in gaining first and second places and the handicap medal in the Edgware Wheelers 25 miles Time Trial on Sunday, June 6th. This was our "boys" third time trial and their third success!

Here are their times and positions:—

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| 1. A. Keats | 1 hr. 7 mins. | 15 secs. |
| 2. K. Higgs | 1 " 8 " | 50 " |
| 4. F. Puddifoot | 1 " 9 " | 15 " |
| 6. E. Keats | 1 " 10 " | 8 " |
| 8. G. Williams | 1 " 11 " | 14 " |
| 12. R. Batten | 1 " 15 " | — " |
| 14. J. Smith | 1 " 19 " | 25 " |

R. Batten secured the handicap award.

These times are very good and all have beaten their previous best times.

Many of the club turned out early to help marshal the course, and most of them went on the club run afterwards; by the end of the day they had done about a hundred miles riding.

The Whitsun break was welcome. Some of the club went to the Clarion Meet at Cirencester and then went for a run around the Cotswolds. They had a grand time with plenty of sunshine and was it hot! Ben went hostelling and he tells us, he thoroughly enjoyed himself. The rest of the club spent a happy Whitsun with club runs to different parts every day.

Week-day runs every Tuesday evening are getting very popular. We leave our usual meeting place 8.0 p.m.

We now meet every Thursday evening at 8.30 p.m. at the small hall of John Keble's Church. Many games are arranged for members such as darts, etc. Cyclists will receive a warm welcome.

Sunday club runs for July are as follow:—

- 4th Mystery.
- 11th Royston.
- 18th Henley.
- 25th Dorking.

The meeting place is the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, Edgware, at 9.0 a.m. sharp.

We are pleased to welcome new members who are coming out each week.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, will be pleased to give particulars to any enquirer of our Social, Touring and Road Sport also our insurance scheme. If you want a good club see our Secretary.

VIC C. BOTTERILL

Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

WATLING WEIGHTLIFTERS

Affiliated (H.S.B.A.W.L.A.)

Unfortunately, June 12th was a very unsettled day and put the Watling Sports Meeting back some. Anyway, we managed to give a show in the form of a Match with the Pembroke 2nd team. Mr. Barrs of the Pembroke, (incidentally their Hon. Sec.) did the M.C. part and the Referee was Mr. Jones, a well known Ref. and Lifter. Although under great difficulties caused by rain and the sloping ground to say nothing of the platform, both teams did well. Mr. Hilton scrounged a cup and four medals for the winners, so we feel quite pleased to have won. We have a return match with Pembroke (League Match) at their Club (St. Francis House, 114 Acklum Road, North Kensington), where they reckon on turning the tables, as it is our second win against them.

I'm sorry that Mr. F. Edgecombe failed to break the 10 stone British record on the Left Hand Military Press, for I have seen him do it many times at practice. Anyway I think we can excuse him as he had to wait about for some few hours and when he did start he felt so off-colour that he retired without an exhibition on the Three Olympic Lifts, which I can say would have impressed the audience in respect of amazing poundages at the bodyweight of 9 stone 5 lbs. Mr. Edgecombe is a Lifter to be admired and I am certainly one of his admirers.

A. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Cricket

I hope not too many people went to look for the W. A. Club on Montrose last month. The fact is that just after I wrote my previous jotting on this subject the Club decided to meet henceforth in Mill Hill Park instead, so there it now meets on Thursdays at 7.0 p.m. and Saturdays at 3.0 p.m. See Mr. Hicks or Mr. Taylor.

Warning

Parents are recommended to warn their children not to go off with strangers who speak to them in the street. A case was heard of recently of a man suggesting to two children that they should go away with him. When an adult appeared he quickly made off.

Lenon Beeson

This lad, who some years ago gave at the Watling Centre a demonstration of mental calculations, has recently been successful in winning a strictly competitive scholarship to Christ's Hospital, better known as the Blue Coat School. This was preceded by a success in the scholarship to Secondary Schools, the particular school of selection being William Ellis of Highgate. His continued success at gaining first place in his different classes at Goldbeaters School leaves one with a sense of anticipation for the future, and that this diminutive figure who can juggle with millions may well prepare us for conquests in the realms of thinking which we associate with this famous school.

Mable. "Have you heard I'm engaged to an Irish boy?"

Violet. "Oh, really!"

Mabel. "No, O'Riley."

Mr. T. Hancock Nunn

Many who were connected with the Watling Association in its early days will remember Mr. Hancock Nunn who died on June 22nd at the age of 78. For some time he was a regular attender at the meetings of the Council of the Association as the representative of the London Council and Social Service of which he had been one of the founders.

As a young man Nunn spent ten years at Toynbee Hall with the Barnetts and since then many other movements and institutions for social welfare sprang from its activities. Amongst others he started or helped to start the Hampstead Heath Society which sponsored the first Tuberculosis Care Committee in London, paid nurses for visiting elementary schools, the first School Care Committees, Hampstead Infant Welfare Welfare Committee and Hampstead Health Institute.

THE TIMES said of him that "he initiated and provided more reforms in this category (health and relief activities) than can be attributed to any other voluntary worker of his time."

THE FESTIVAL OF YOUTH

held at the Wembley Stadium on July 3rd provided an opportunity of seeing some interesting demonstrations of various forms of physical training from P.T. exercises to Camping, from Stool Ball to League of Health and Beauty.

One of the most interesting sections was that which showed how quickly an open field could be marked out for various games with only temporary equipment. One of the prettiest sections was the Folk Dancing performed by some 1,300 people, members of the English Folk Dance and Song Society and schools in and near London.

The march past, which opened the festival was interesting as showing the variety of organisations, some better known than others. The Budokwai was a new one on me, as they say, though I had heard of Ling and Dalcroze and of course the Scouts, Guides, Boys' Brigade, Girls Guildry, Camping Club, Royal Life Saving Society, Lacrosse, Fencing, Hockey, Boxing, and many others were well represented. There seem to be plenty of societies working at these ideas, but what Watling wants is a gym.

BILLIARDS

At the Centre we have the best table in the neighbourhood and it has recently been covered with new cloth and new cushions fitted.

The billiard room is open every day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is open all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

All members are eligible to make use of the table, and we welcome new members.

All shift workers and part-time workers wishing to pass an hour away can make use of the facilities of the billiard room providing they are members of the Watling Association. If they are not members they can become so by paying fourpence a month which entitles them to many other privileges.

Billiards : 6d. half hour.

Snooker : 8d. " "

MR. KILLEEN

"Tiny" as he was more popularly known—an old member of the Association, is still in hospital and wishes to be remembered to all his old friends.

If any member would like to get in touch with him his address is : St. Anthony's Hospital, London Road, Cheam, Surrey.

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Watling Association Diary

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August, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays —Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at
26, Homefield Road.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8.0 p.m. (alternate weeks).
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30
p.m.

Tuesdays —Women's Physical Training Class,
4.30 p.m.
Young Watlers, 6.0 p.m.
Cripple Parlour, 6.0 p.m.
Dance, 8.0 p.m.

Wed'days —Veteran's Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.

Thursdays —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
H.S.A., W.A. Group, 7.30 p.m.
Cricket, 7.0 p.m. on Montrose Playing
Field.

Fridays —Weight Lifters, 8.0 p.m.
Orchestra, 8.0 p.m.

Saturdays —Cricket, 3.0 p.m. on Montrose Playing
Field.
Members' Social, 8.0 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday 8 Young People's Free and Easy. 8.0
p.m.
Friday 20 Left Book Club Discussion Group.
8.0 p.m.
Sunday 22 Young People's Free and Easy. 8.0
p.m.
Wednesday 25 Women's Neighbourhood Guild
Social. 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 26 W. A. Council. 7.45 p.m.

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15—Mr. G. CONDE.

22—Mr. A. GALE JOHNSON.

29—Mr. J. W. LAING.

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

No. 115 (Edgware and Watling) Division

The familiar smart black and white uniforms of the Ambulance men were seen once again on Saturday, July 24th, on the occasion of the Brigade's annual flag day. The sum collected by this Division was £71 18s. 0d., a substantial increase over last year.

The expenses were £2 15s. 6d. and 10% of the collection has to be sent to Headquarters. This leaves a profit for the Division of £62 4s. 6d.

Every penny of this money is used for stores, such as uniforms, equipment, dressings, etc., and the maintenance of the Ambulance station at the Apex Corner.

May I take this opportunity of thanking every collector, also those people in this district who so generously subscribed and those many people in private cars passing the Apex Corner who threw their gifts into the sheets held out for them.

To my N.C.O.'s and members and their wives and friends who turned out and worked so hard.—Thank you.

WILLIAM H. LANE,
Divisional Supt.

HAIR RAISING HINTS

By LEO.

HAIR FALLING THROUGH ILLNESS.—Rub white iodine (from any chemist) into the scalp night and morning, and soon new, soft hair will start to grow.

DANDRUFF.—This may be cured by rubbing lemon-juice into the roots of the hair.

TO IMPROVE AND THICKEN HAIR.—Get the chemist to mix together equal parts of olive oil and castor oil. About an hour before washing the hair, rub the mixture well into the scalp and after washing, when the hair is dry, rub a little of the oil in again with the finger-tips. A few drops applied on a soft hair-brush to finish, will give that well-groomed appearance. This remedy is more effective than olive oil alone, and sixpennyworth will last several months.

TO CLEAN A SCURFY HEAD.—A few hours before washing freely apply pure olive oil, well rubbed in by the fingers. As a result, the dandruff will quickly disappear.

WASHING BABY'S HAIR.—Use about $\frac{1}{2}$ a teaspoonful of pure borax (no soap) and rinse well. If washed in this way there will be no trace of scurf.

WASHING CHILDREN'S HAIR.—Rinse the hair with a small watering-can and the child will quite enjoy the process.

HOME-MADE HAIR TONIC.—Get from the herbalist— $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. camomile flowers, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. sage, 2d.; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. rosemary, 2d. Place all the herbs in an old jar or pan and pour on 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pints of boiling water, cover over and leave until cold, then strain through muslin and bottle. It is then ready for using. Rub well into roots of the hair night and morning, and brush vigorously.

Or; You can buy the ingredients from a chemist. Bottle of bay-rum, olive oil, and sixpennyworth of oil of rosemary. Mix an equal quantity of each together in a bottle, shake well, and rub in the scalp daily.

Thoroughly wash and dry the hair. Apply daily, for a week, a weak solution of phenol (carbolic acid), using the finger-tips. Massage into the roots of the hair the yolk of an egg, allow to stand ten minutes, and then rinse thoroughly.

Afterwards apply olive oil and mutton fat.

This massage should be applied once a week, but not until the week's treatment with phenol is over.

TO STIFFEN A HAIR-BRUSH.—Dissolve 1 oz. alum in a quart of boiling water and leave till cold. Pour into a pie-dish and arrange the hair-brush so that the bristles rest in it, but not the back. Leave for half an hour, then take brush out, shake well and dry.

(continued at foot of next column)

WATLING WEEK

Mrs. Lodge wishes to thank those ladies who helped during Watling Week in the kitchen, and also on Montrose Playing Fields.

ODD FELLOWS

Did you miss us? Of course you did! Well, up we pop again in these columns after a two issue sojourn. Despite our silence our Sec. tells us that inquiries are coming in wholesale—what a nice compliment to the RESIDENT for it's our 'Ad.' therein that's pulling, as much as we would like to claim credit for the lodge's progress in respect of our efforts on this page!

You will recall we mentioned that the Manchester Unity was considering accepting members by the mere signing of a form. The question was duly debated at our Annual Conference and the position now is that until the end of this year members may be accepted on their signature—they cannot hold office such as Chairman, Noble Grand as we call them, Trustee, etc.,—but after that date all candidates MUST present themselves in person at a lodge meeting and have conferred on them the "Initiation Ceremony." (If time, date or place of Lodge, such as our Mondays at the Centre, are inconvenient then arrangements can always be made with the co-operation of a near, or far, neighbouring lodge to perform this service). The voting following a very lengthy debate was, for "Compulsory Initiation" 522; against, meaning "dotted line" fans, 210.

Mr. Colin W. Eckford and Mr. Stanley A. Wilkinson who are well known locally are two new members. As you will find recorded on another page our Sister Laura Wright did us proud during Watling Week and secured a first prize. Well done Laura. Incidentally we are glad to inform well-wishers that she is now out of dock (hospital variety) and NO, it was not eating her "pennies from heaven" that caused her 'Op.'

We regret the absence of Sister Amy Steer from several meetings by reason of the sad illness of her daughter; we extend our sincere sympathy.

Watling is to HEAR a lot of us in the near future for Bro. Harry Read, our champion tub-thumper, is to perform in Open Air. Listen-in folks, you'll enjoy his sallies.

EFFARESS.

HOW TO BRUSH THE HAIR.—Brush the hair upwards from the base of the neck to the crown, from forehead to crown and from the temples to the crown of the head. Brushing the hair the correct way stimulates the scalp, keeps it clean, and improves the texture of the hair.

Study the moon before getting your hair cut.

To prevent baldness never have a hair-cut except when the moon is growing (waxing).

If you are beginning to go bald study this waxing and waning of the moon, and a new crop of hair will grow on the bald patch.

This is a genuine hint.



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What of Watling

A friend from a Council Estate at Bexley Heath observes that the Watling Estate is better finished off than the one he lives in.

He comments on the pleasing appearance of the green spaces and shrubberies which abound on Watling and of the congenial aspect of the surrounding district. There is evidently something distinctive about Watling, as many visitors seem ready to testify, and there are many people who would like to live here.

It has been said that Watling is the best Council Estate in England. This may or may not be true, but the fact remains that we possess advantages over many other housing estates, including some privately built, where often houses are crowded together with little regard for open spaces, shops, or travelling facilities. The old stigma of living on a Council Estate is dying out, as no one can deny that on Watling at least we have space to breathe, a shopping centre which could not be surpassed and, besides an electric railway serving the Estate, other railways at convenient distances, also a frequent service of buses, and what is more we are no great distance from the green fields; a Sunday evening walk will take us into some glorious country where we can find peace and quiet and feel that we are miles from anywhere.

It is perhaps not for us to praise our little village as there are apparently many people who will do it for us, but we are proud of the fact that we are a community of hard-working, peaceful citizens living up to the principles of democracy.

VETERANS' CLUB

It is with regret we report the sad loss to the Club of one of its members, Mrs. Adams, who passed peacefully away on Wednesday, July 7th. A chaplet was sent from the Club many of whom attended the funeral service at Wesley Hall on Tuesday, July 18th.

E.C.

PLEASE NOTE that all matters for publication must reach the Editor, at 26 Crispin Road, by the 13th day of the month preceeding publication.

BOROUGH COUNCIL NOTES

The Mayor has given permission for scholars from the Secondary Schools in the Borough to attend meetings of the Council.

The question of providing woman park-keepers for parks and open spaces in the borough is under consideration.

A census of the number of people who attend Band Performances in Hendon Park and Watling Park showed approximately from 100 to 150 persons in each park.

The figures relate to the early part of the season and it was anticipated that the number of attendances would increase.

Eight tenders have been received for the construction of bowling greens in Mill Hill and Watling Parks. The lowest tender, £3,194 9s. 7d. for the two parks has been accepted.

The Watling Association have offered to the Council part of the unused land at the Watling Centre as a site for a Branch Library and negotiations are being entered into for the acquisition of the site.

The Borough Surveyor reports that the Mill Hill Branch Library building is approaching completion.

Sir Frederic G. Kenyon, G.B.E., K.C.B., will give an address at the Opening Ceremony.

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Vanishing Wild Flowers

Mr. Baldwin, the late Premier, once said "There are three classes which need sanctuary more than others:—birds, wild flowers and Prime Ministers. This statement is particularly true of wild flowers, which unlike birds have no wings to bear them to a place of safety, and unlike Prime Ministers, no Chequers to which they can retire from observation."

There are many causes which account for the vanishing of wild flowers and ferns. One obvious cause is the development of house building, often on the outskirts of large cities where town and country meet. The writer remembers the time, not many years ago, when cowslips could be gathered in the fields round about Edgware and Mill Hill. And longer ago he remembers finding the royal fern (*osmunda regalis*) in considerable quantities amongst ditches on the borders of fields where the large and popular seaside resort of Morecambe now stands. This is an almost unpreventable cause.

Another cause, and a preventable one, is the thoughtless gathering of large quantities of wild flowers. It is no uncommon thing to see big bunches of primroses, cowslips, bluebells and other flowers lying on the roadside where they have been left by children who have picked them and afterwards thrown them away. And children are by no means the only offenders. How often has one seen cyclists and other adults returning from an enjoyable day in the country with big bundles of bluebells or other spring flowers.

Motoring has led to an alarming increase in the robbery of flowers. It is a familiar sight to see a string of motor-cars, including a motor coach or two drawn up alongside a wood carpeted with bluebells and the occupants as busy as bees picking, uprooting, and trampling down the precious plants and flowers.

It is sometimes said in defence, and with some show of truth, that the gathering of the flowers is not objectionable so long as the roots are left, but even the taking of the flowers lessens the chances of the plants increasing.

Uprooting of the plants should be regarded as a crime, especially in the case of rare flowers. However much one may long to transplant some rare specimen to one's own garden or to add to our collection of pressed flowers the temptation should be resisted. The collection of wild flowers for an herbarium is an interesting and educative hobby but if every collector rooted up a specimen of some rare plant it would become rarer still and would soon vanish altogether.

In a delightful little book by Henry S. Salt entitled "Our vanishing Wild Flowers," on which in part this article is based, the author gives various examples of the way in which some of the rarer wild plants are being exterminated. Here is one. "On Shoreham shingles, until a few years ago, there grew ten

or twelve fine clumps of wild sea-kale; then, one day, an inhabitant of a bungalow went out with a spade and coolly appropriated the lot."

The extermination of wild flowers is by no means modern though it is in greater danger to-day than ever before. Here is another case quoted by Mr. Salt in reference to the very rare cyclamen which was to be found in Kent. "Towards the end of August, 1861, I as shown the native station of this plant. The people in those parts had found out that it was in request, and had almost entirely extirpated it, digging up the roots and selling them for transplantation into shrubberies.

Gardeners and all flower lovers must do all that is possible to prevent the spoilage of the homes of the common wild flowers and help in the preservation of the rarer specimens in the out-of-the-way places where they are still to be found.

What to do in August

This is a busy, not a holiday month for the gardener.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Sow anemone seeds of one or more of the fine single or double-flowered forms on a sunny border.

The bulbs of the beautiful white madonna lily may be planted now. Place them in groups of three with the bulbs 12 inches apart. A deep layer of leaf-mould should be dug in before planting.

Dahlias should have an abundance of root water and frequent disbudding will help to secure fine flowers.

When rambler roses have done flowering cut out all the shoots that have borne blooms, thus allowing the sun and air to reach the new spring shoots which will bear next year's flowers. This will help to ripen the new shoots before the cold weather comes.

Chrysanthemums in pots require much watering during sunny dry weather. This may be done as often as three times a day. Occasionally weak manurial watering is also advisable.

FRUIT GARDEN.—The summer pruning of apples, pears, cherries and plums should be attended to early in the month. Shorten all young shoots by cutting off three-fourths of their length on all trained trees. In the case of wall trees nail the branches to the wall. In the case of cordons and espaliers fasten them to stout stakes.

Fig trees carrying good-sized fruit should have the points of the bearing shoots pinched out. This will help the fruit to mature better. All suckers should be removed from the base of the trees.

Prune the black currants at the end of the month. Big old branches should be cut out altogether to make room for the new young branches.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—The remains of crops that are over should be cleared away and the ground dug up. A liberal use of lime will be of good service and should be applied on dewy mornings.

Trench all open ground.

Sow the seeds of spring cabbage, red cabbage and colewort early in the month. Also sow onion seed on ground cleared of early pea and early potatoes.

Endive for a late crop may be sown, also main-crop turnips.

Gather herbs of all kinds and tie them into small bundles to dry for winter use.

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Lift onion bulbs towards the end of the month and spread them out on the paths for a few days so that they may get thoroughly dried before storing.

Earth up celery in fine weather.

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

Answers to Correspondents

ROB ROY

The best plants to grow in a shady garden are: The Rose of Sharon, or larger St. John's Wort; Periwinkle—large and small (the larger one grows very freely); Lilies of the Valley and nearly all kinds of ferns; and ivy, of which there are several varieties. These all prefer shade to much sunshine.

If your "large tree" is an elm it should not interfere much with the healthy growth of any of the above. If it is an elder nothing much will thrive close under it.

For a flowering creeper for the porch I should recommend one of the numerous clematis tribe, honeysuckle, a rambler rose of some sort, or a pyrus japonica. The last flowers early in the Spring, is very attractive and quite easy to grow. A beautiful annual is the canary creeper (*tropaeolum canariense*). This grows very rapidly and should easily cover the porch, but it is half-hardy and the seeds should, if possible, be sown under cover and the seedlings planted out when there is no risk of frost. The first sharp frost in the autumn will kill it.

HENRY HARRIS.

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Presentation of Prizes at the White Lion

I have been asked to contribute again this month with reference to the winding up of Watling Week. The sports I have already spoken about. Although a good Meeting, our old enemy the weather beat us, but this was atoned for by the attendance at the Dance organised for the presentation of prizes. Between two or three hundred competitors and friends attended, and filled the White Lion Ball Room to overflowing, Mr. and Mrs. Maison Lyons contributing very generously to the success of the evening. In addition to covering the expense of all Dance Competition prizes they officiated as judges, and rendered valuable service throughout the evening. Mrs. Allen, although feeling ill and acting against the advice of her doctor, stayed up later than was advisable for the purpose of keeping her promise to again present the prizes, a function she carries through in a real sportsmanlike fashion.

In a short speech she expressed her sorrow at not having to hand the Tug-of-War Trophy to Edgware Police again, but after giving their conquerors the once over, she was not surprised, as the Catford Southend Village Police were a fine body of men, as were the Caledonian Road Police, winners of the Push-ball Trophy. Both these Police Divisions wish to convey to the people of Watling their grateful appreciation at the way Watling receives them. They state that they are made to feel at home, and enjoy an evening in our company, and hope for many more Meetings, not as winners or losers, but as friends of sporting acquaintanceship, and I may say on behalf of Watling, we shall be pleased to meet them.

Now for the Piano-Accordion contests. This event did not produce the competitors anticipated, only two entering for the solos, and one pair for the duets, therefore the trophies to be competed for were held over and are to be competed for on September 28th at St. Alphage Hall, but more of this anon. Although the Senior Section of players failed to attract, the Junior Section showed their paces in a last minute performance by pupils of the National Musical Training Centre, of 4, Watling Avenue. 1st, 2nd and 3rd suitably engraved Gold-Centre Medals were presented, and from information gleaned I believe four Consolation Medals are to be presented, and well they deserve them. If only the more experienced players had the nerve these novices had, I should not have these Cups now.

CUPS TO BE WON.

I have in hand three beautiful Cups for competition—presented by Messrs. Hales, Messrs. Hohner, and Messrs. Thompson, Diamond and Butcher. These will be competed for on Tuesday, September 28th, with the support of the Wimbledon Accordion Band. This evening's entertainment is under the auspices of Mr. Hales of Watling Avenue, and all proceeds go to the Building Fund of the Watling Association. This kind of assistance earns the very grateful thanks of all members of the Watling Association, and we are hoping for a rally of music lovers that will surpass anything that has been staged in Watling before.

JACK HILTON.

WATLING WEEK No. 9

There is no point in giving detailed descriptions of the events of this year's Watling Week, unless perhaps it might whet your appetite for next year's. Many people came to the various nights and enjoyed themselves and quite a number were successful in carrying off material winnings as well as happy memories.

The Committee would like to thank all those who came along and all those who gave so much time to helping with the various efforts, particularly His Worship the Mayor of Hendon and the Mayoress who so kindly came both to open the week on the Friday Carnival Procession night and to judge the entries and on the evening of the Dinner and Dance when the Mayor proposed the toast of the Association.

The adult sports being held a week before the rest of the week were duly reported in the July issue, so here we start with the Carnival Procession. Mr. Hoare and Mr. Hunt kindly lent lorries for use in the procession and Messrs. Lyons lent their loud speaker van.

The judging of the competitions resulted as follows:
DECORATED VEHICLES.

- 1st Angus Keen, Dairy.
- 2nd Moggies Group, with May Pole.
- 3rd Spurrier, Bakers.
- United Dairies, Special Prize.
- Express Dairies (Brittania) Special Prize.

ADULT COSTUME.

- 1st Mrs. Hilton (Mrs. Casey Court and her family).
- 2nd Mrs. Laura Wright, Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows (Pennies from Heaven).

CHILDREN'S COSTUME.

- 1st Margaret Southernwood (Chip off the Old Block).
- 2nd Roy Cole (Sandwich Man).
- George Bishop (Scarecrow).

DECORATED PEDAL CYCLE.

- 1st Marjorie Downs.

The Bazaar on the Saturday was opened by Alderman Mrs. S. J. Bannister and among the attractions were demonstrations of hair waving by Eugene Ltd. and of washing by the Persil Institute.

The Pot Pourri Social in the evening included ten hands of Whist, concert items by Mrs. Goodman's Party and the Eight Gay Girlies and Films of Watling Week No. 8 by Mr. A. I. Jones giving us a chance of seeing ourselves as others see us. Winners at the Whist were 1st, Mr. Guy and 2nd, Mr. Taylor, 3rd, Mrs. Swad, mysteries Mr. Davey and Mr. Lake and in the Raffle for a fruit bowl full of toffees presented by Mr. Harold Jackman and a table runner, Mr. H. Tomkins and Mr. C. Fisher.

Sunday evening had the double programme of the Carnival Dance and the debate at which the programmed speakers were Dr. Russell Thomas, Mr. W. Shebbare, Councillor A. A. Naar and Mr. Ted Bramley. Councillor Naar has, as a result, promised to come again for a debate with Councillor T. Pugh and it is hoped to open the winter programme with this in

September. The Fox-trot competition at the Dance had an afternoon gown presented by Mr. J. Marks of Watling Avenue and a box of 100 cigarettes presented by Miss Nosworthy, was won by Miss J. Forty and Mr. W. Birkins.

The result of the Whist Drive on the Monday was

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| 1st Mrs. Page. | 1st Half Mr. Oaten. |
| 2nd Mr. Bull. | 2nd Half Mrs. Book. |
| 3rd Mr. Bailey. | Mrs. Crow. |
| 4th Mrs. Mandley. | |

The Baby Show on the Tuesday afternoon was judged by Dr. Richard Maynard and Dr. Sybil Pratt, help with weighing, etc., being given by Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. Gulland, Mrs. Neville and Miss E. M. H. James.

The winners, prizes and donors were as follows:

- Class A. 1st Wilson, 8 Horsecroft Road, Spoon, Mrs. Piercey.
- 2nd Benttle, 223 Deansbrook Road, Allenbury's Malted Rusks, Allen and Hanbury.
- Class B. 1st Moneypenny, 14 Crispin, Spoon, Mrs. Piercey.
- 2nd Miller, 29 Edrick Road, Ridge's Food, Ridge's Food Co.
- Class C. Nyberg, 117 Banstock Road, Spoon, Farley's Infant Food, Ltd.
- 2nd Benton, 98 Gervase Rd., Roboleine, Oppenheimer, Son & Co.
- Class D. 1st Phillips, 71 Springfield Mount, Kingsbury, Spoon and Pusher, Mellins Food, Ltd.
- 2nd Lambert, 20 Meadow Gardens, Edgware, Robb's Food, Alex. Robb & Co., and Vindia Gift Box, Vindia Co.
- Class E. 1st Entwistle, 25 Bransgrove Road, 2 Feeding Spoons, Cow & Gate Ltd.
- 2nd White, 131 Abbot's Road, Robb's Biscuits, Alex. Robb & Co.
- Best Watling Baby in the Show White, 131 Abbots Road, Pram, W. J. Harris & Co.
- Best Watling First Baby Miller, 29 Edrick Road, Silver Cup, Savoury & Moore.

The Burnt Oak School of Theatrical Dancing again won the cup in the Juvenile Dancing Competition, which was more exacting than ever, there being four other entries. Runners up were Miss Doris Wilson's School of Dancing, and the other entrants Miss Betty King's, Miss Golda Comin's and the Bradley sisters'. The medal for the best individual performance, presented by Mrs. Grey-Skinner, was awarded to Miss Iris Kirk. Senorita Emma Marquief and Miss Horner kindly acted as judges and Mrs. Grey-Skinner gave away the prizes.

Display Night on the Wednesday included interesting items from the Parhythmics Class, Cubs, Co-op Circle, Young Watlers, Junior P.T. Class, Scouts, P.T. Class for girls over 17, weight-lifters, and a play by members of the Women's Adult School.

The winners at the Whist Drive the same evening were 1st, Mrs. Pierce, 2nd, Mrs. Forty, 3rd, Mr. Jacobs, 1st half, Mrs. Williams, 2nd half, Mrs. Westforde.

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The special raffle at the Thursday afternoon Whist Drive was won by Mrs. Calverhouse, 44 Blundell Road, with No. 173.

Drama Night illustrated the value of co-operation by the way in which the Motley Crew, affiliated, like the Watling Guild of Players, to the Hendon Dramatic Federation, came to the help of the Players who had been hindered by various unexpected difficulties. Three plays and a revue, with invaluable music from the Watling Association Orchestra which now seems an inseparable part of a Guild production, provided a rich evening.

Speeches at dinners are sometimes boring, but not so those on Friday, June 25th. Both his Worship the Mayor of Hendon, and Mr. Lewis Silkin, Chairman of the London County Council, had things of value as well as things of humour to tell us and added to the pleasure of the evening.

After the dinner there were many prizes to be secured. Mr. Silvey and Miss Partridge won the elimination dance. Spot dance prizes were won by Mr. C. E. Deane, Miss J. Edwards and by Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, raffle prizes by Miss D., Mrs. and Mr. H. Williams. Amongst these were gifts presented by Bumper Bargain Stores, Watson's Wood Stores, Harrison (Hairdresser) and the Hendon Electric Supply Co.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS

The results of the Children's Sports held on Montrose Playing Fields on the 20th were for girls events.

75 yards Handicap.
1st, Irene Richardson; 2nd, Joyce Palmer.

100 yards Handicap.
1st, Joan Redman; 2nd, Jayce Lawrie.

Hurdles.
1st, Joan Redman; 2nd, Joyce Lawrie.

Obstacle Race (under 10 year).
1st, Pamela Vincent; 2nd, Betty Vincent.

Obstacle Race (over 10 years).
1st, Joyce Lawrie; 2nd, Irene Richardson.

Potato Race (under 10 years).
1st, Edith Row; 2nd, Pamela Vincent.

Potato Race (over 10 years).
1st, Joan Redman; 2nd, Rose Morgan.

Skipping Race. (under 10 years).
1st, Kathleen Moore;

Skipping Race (over 10 years).
1st, Irene Richardson; 2nd, Iris Ide.

for Boys' Events:

50 yards Handicap.
1st Terrance Fletcher;

75 yards Handicap.
1st, Derek Vincent; 2nd, Leslie Redman.

100 yards Handicap.
1st, Robert Avis; 2nd, Ray Wood.

Hurdles.
1st, L. Galley; 2nd, Leslie Redman.

Obstacle Race.
1st, Stanley Jones; 2nd, Derek Vincent.

Potato Race.
1st, Leslie Redman; 2nd, Derek Vincent.

A special medal was awarded to Joan Redman as the child with the highest number of points and the Coronation Perpetual Juvenile Trophy, 1937, went to Irene Richardson as the child who was either the child of a Watling Association member or a member of a Watling Association Group and had the highest number of points. She holds the trophy for one year and gets a medal to keep.

The evening saw an excellent programme put on by the Young Watlers and a Carnival Social at which Raffle Prizes presented by Mrs. Grey-Skinner were won by Mr. F. Lake, Mr. W. Ellis and Mr. W. Birkins. The Young Watlers also performed for the benefit of a children's audience on the Monday evening. The report of the Piano Accordion Contest will be found elsewhere.

Other gifts for the week were a rug made by the Thursday Moggies Handicraft Class which was sold for £1.

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To all who gave so much in kind, in cash and in work resulting in a profit which the audited accounts to be published next month will show to be near one hundred and forty pounds, the Committee tenders its most sincere thanks.

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LADIES' PAGE

During the summer days our thoughts turn to ice cream and cooling drinks. Here is an easily made thirst quencher with

MINT AND LEMONS

To every lemon allow half a dozen leaves of freshly-picked mint and three lumps of sugar, also half a pint of water.

Wash the mint leaves, then pound them with the sugar till the sugar has absorbed the green mint. Squeeze the lemon juice on to this, stir well, then add the hot water, and stir till sugar is dissolved.

Do not let the water reach boiling point. Stand aside in a jug to cool, and when quite cold add a lump of ice and serve, but strain into glasses, and add a sprig of mint to each glass.

And now a tasty recipe for lunch.

FISH IN CASSEROLE

Put half a pint of milk and a cupful of water, with a small chopped onion and a nut of butter, into a casserole and simmer for ten minutes. Then add 1 lb. white fish, small thin cod steaks or fillets of plaice, cut in halves, and simmer for another half an hour. Thicken the liquid with flour, season and serve hot.

A SANDWICH FOR TEA

5 ozs. lard, 6 ozs. sugar, 8 ozs. flour, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 3 tablespoonsful of milk, a pinch of salt.

Cream the sugar and lard. Slowly add the eggs, then the flour, then the milk, and the baking powder last. Bake in moderate oven.

Split before using. Spread the middle with raspberry jam or lemon cheese or cream or anything else that tickles your fancy.

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Here are a few suggestions as to ways to make war on summer insect pests. The standby in our family is citronella oil and from 6 p.m. until bedtime we all go about our various ways bearing such an aroma as you would suppose would discourage the hardest insect. Dabbing the neck, arms, legs and face with oils of pennyroyal, cedarwood, cinnamon and verbena is said to be effective also. If you dislike oils, try weak solutions of any of the following used as a wash: ammonia, epsom salts, lemon juice or carbolic acid or lavender water used neat. If the little enemy has done his diabolic deed, one of the following may bring relief if dabbed on the bite: glycerine, moistened toilet soap, witch hazel extract. If the irritation is severe a cold fomentation of damp salt or bicarbonate may bring comfort or ammonia applied immediately, followed by olive oil or unsalted butter.

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We welcome you to inspect our enlarged store and new windows where a greater and improved variety of Gowns, Coats, Children's Outfits and Drapery will be found stocked.

Customers will in future be able to make their purchases more speedily and in greater comfort than previously.

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For a wasp sting, pull out the sting and apply ammonia, vinegar, the dampened blue bag or bind on a slice of raw onion. This latter remedy brought relief after a wasp sting when everything else failed. Bees and wasps never sting in the shade so a sheltered spot may be a help. For beetle stings apply a bruised dock leaf, for spider bites a solution of ammonia and ant stings, alum. For nettle stings, bruised dock leaf is the traditional remedy, but bruised fresh mint often brings speedier relief.

With all good wishes,

SUSAN SAVOURY.

FACE CURTAINS.—Iron quite dry on a dress-board; they will keep their shape better.

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TO PREVENT RUST ON A FLAT-IRON.—When the iron is warm (in about two minutes) remove it and wipe well with a dry cloth. You will find iron is quite wet, but no further moisture is produced after this process, and the iron is beautifully clean when ready for use.

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IRON RUST.—This may be removed easily and quickly by placing the stained part on an inverted iron, which has been made moderately hot. Squeeze the juice of a lemon on the stain, which will be removed in the steam.



Cruelty to Animals

By PHILOKUEON.

Few things testify so emphatically to the progress of civilisation in the course of a century as our attitude towards animals. The concern of these chats is, of course, mainly with dogs, though all dog lovers are also interested in the welfare of animals generally. Our outlook is so different from that of our great grandfathers that it is difficult to imagine that bull-baiting was not made illegal until 1853, and that fights between dogs were not stopped for some years after that date. It is doubtful if they have been altogether discontinued even now, though anyone taking part in them does so at considerable risk.

When a Bill to prevent bull-baiting was introduced into the House of Commons in 1802 one of its principal opponents took the line that the practice encouraged manly sports and a spirit of pluck in the populace. He did not explain how that was done by witnessing the torture of a tethered animal. Little was said about the degrading effects of these mis-called "sports." A gentleman who received the nickname of Humanity Martin was one of the pioneers of the movement for the better treatment of animals. Public opinion moved slowly. The first man to be prosecuted for promoting bull-baiting was let off with a fine of twenty shillings, though it was proved that the wretched animal, after being painfully mutilated, was removed to another place where the flesh was torn from his bones by dogs while he was still alive.

All that is now a thing of the past, and we have various Acts designed to ameliorate the condition of animals, chief of which is the Protection of Animals Act, 1911, and several amendments thereto. Dogs come under its aegis in common with other animals. One of its provisions makes it an offence to cruelly beat, kick, ill-treat, over-drive, overload, torture, infuriate or terrify any animal, or wantonly commit, or cause to be committed, any act that causes unnecessary suffering. Conveying any animal in a manner that will cause unnecessary suffering is another offence. People have been fined under this clause for sending dogs by rail in a box or hamper that was too small for them.

Fighting or baiting any animal is expressly forbidden, as is the administration of poisonous or injurious drugs or substances, as well as subjecting an animal to any operation which is performed without due care and humanity. Another clause has a direct bearing upon a matter that has recently aroused protests. Dachshounds having been raced successfully on a greyhound track, the suggestion was made that

(continued at foot of next column)

The Effect of Exercises upon the Heart

Note.—These articles on Physical Exercises are contributed by Mr. James F. Finfold, instructor of physical exercises to the Downham Community Centre.

Of all the organs in the body, we recognise that the heart is the most important, therefore, I want to explain, very briefly, how exercises affect the functioning of that organ.

Let us think of the heart as a very strong "pump" whose duty it is to force blood to every part of the body. It pumps the blood out by strong muscular contractions and immediately it relaxes, then it fills again, ready for the next effort. These contractions, during rest, are about 60-70 to the minute. During periods of activity this may be increased to 100 per minute.

I should like you to remember that the heart is a muscle, and like any other muscle, has to be strengthened to bear the increased strain gradually.

One should not forget that the development of the heart has its limitations, beyond which it is unwise to go.

The greater the activity, the more the heart has to work. This causes an enlargement of the heart muscle, indeed, if this was not possible, you would not be able to increase your activity.

For the boy or youth to be able to lift a very heavy weight over his head, may appear to be a wonderful feat. But at what expense to the heart is such a feat accomplished? Permanent injury to the heart and blood vessels is bound to follow.

Gymnastic exercises practiced under sensible and intelligent direction avoid these injurious extremes, because the appearance of fatigue is a sign for the instructor to stop before the danger point is reached.

For the individual leading a sedentary and inactive life from Monday to Saturday, it is a grave mistake to spend the week-end with as much "sport" as one can cram into it.

It is no uncommon thing for such individuals to feel "washed out" on Monday morning.

Exercise of any description must be gradual. If this "common-sense" rule is carried out, then great benefit will be derived from exercise in the open. Ten minutes' exercise and deep breathing, every day, will prepare your body, and tone up the heart muscle for the pleasures of the week-end.

on another occasion they would be tested on a live rabbit. An amendment to the principal Act passed in 1921 prohibits the coursing of any animal released for the purpose in an enclosed space. That wholesome provision put an end to a "sport" that had been common in some parts of the country. That was coursing rabbits in enclosures with whippets. It was a debased pastime, for the rabbits, bewildered by the shouts of spectators, were too terrified to escape, even if they had the opportunity.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

WIN A PRIZE

To-day we picked a bunch of our favourite flowers which made a lovely bouquet.

Do you know what the flowers were? There were eight different kinds and we want you to try and pick out of the list below (in any order) the eight flowers:

Carnation, Lily, Canterbury Bells, Dahlias, Anemone, Sweet Peas, Rose, Phlox, Delphinium, Clarkia, Violas, Geum.

Send your list to the Editor by the 20th August.

Teacher (fiercely): Tommy! How can you prove that the earth is round?

Tommy (scared): P-please, miss, I never said it was!

An English party spending a holiday in Switzerland decided to ascend a very small peak in the neighbourhood of their hotel. Though the climb was no more than an arduous walk a guide was engaged, and when the party assembled it was observed that one of them carried a totally unnecessary rope.

The guide, nodding gravely towards the rope, enquired politely: "M'sieu is going to skeep- yes?"

"Blackarts" are the latest craze. You simply cut a piece of black paper into a few shapes, according to your fancy, and then form them into some weird article.

It is not as easy as it looks, but it is much more fascinating than it appears. Once the craze gets hold of you, there will be a run on the scissors. Try it for yourself.

The teacher was instructing the class in composition. "You should not attempt any flights of fancy," he said, "but write what is in you. Do not imitate any other person's writings, nor draw inspiration from outside sources."

As a result John Kelly sent in the following:

"We should not attempt any flites of fancy, but write what is in us. In me there is my stummock, lungs, heart, liver, two apples, two sticks of chocolate cream, one piece of cake and my dinner."

A little neglect may breed great mischief. For want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for want of a horse the rider was lost, being overtaken and slain by the enemy; all for want of a little care about a horseshoe nail.

Teacher was trying to give the pupils some idea of the size of China.

"Do you know that every time you breathe a Chinaman dies?" she said.

Shortly afterwards, looking round the class, she observed a small boy red in the face, and breathless.

"Whatever are you doing?" she asked.

"Killing Chinamen," gasped Willie.

"Fasten that tunic-button, you!" bellowed the sergeant. "None o' that strip-tease stuff 'ere!"

While he was at the hospital Algy spotted another friend.

"Hallo," he said, "how did you come to get here?"

"Flu," was the answer.

Nellie had been reading fairy stories. "What is a gnome, Maggie?" she asked her sister.

"A gnome?" repeated Maggie. "Same as an 'ouse, of course, silly!"

"Tommy," said mother sternly, "there were two jam tarts in the pantry last night. Now there is only one! How do you account for that?"

"I 'spect it's 'cos it was so dark I couldn't see the other one!" replied naughty Tommy.

"Stoop if you can."—Stand with your back to a wall, and be sure to see your heels are close up to it. Place a penny near your toes, then try to pick it up without moving your feet.

A VISIT TO THE GLASSWORKS

The Burnt Oak Men's Adult School had a very pleasant outing to a Finchley Glass Works on Sunday, 25th July, and were conducted over the works by Mr. Hicks who is also a member of the School.

Mr. Hicks took great pains to explain to the school the various processes in the making of glassware from the raw products such as silver sand, bi-carbonate of soda and other mysterious ingredients and finally he gave a very interesting demonstration of glass-blowing—which is his trade.

The furnaces in the shop are kept going day and night and have to be fed every three quarters of an hour. The glass is boiled under terrific heat in clay containers and comes out white hot and is as pliable as toffee.

The manager of the works obligingly showed us how glass was cut and trimmed after it has been blown and he dispelled the idea held by some people that glass-blowing is a dangerous trade. No product used in his works for the manufacture of glass is injurious to health and the actual blowing of the glass is, according to his and Mr. Hicks testimony, harmless.

A very instructive outing winding up with tea and biscuits generously provided by the manager's wife.

F.H.L.

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Club and Society Notes

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

The girls of the Hendon Clarion are going to try their luck at time trials by entering a team in the North Western R.C. Ladies' 25 miles Time Trials. Let us hope they are as successful as the "boys" have been. Speaking of lady speedsters we wish to take this opportunity of congratulating Miss E. Rolph of the N.W.R.C. on her brilliant ride from Birmingham to London. Many of the members of our section are getting ready for our club "25" at the end of July. It certainly looks as if Reg is going to be well supported in this first attempt.

Runs are being well supported and many members are touring in different parts of the country. One or two of the regular faces are missed from the Sunday club runs.

They usually come back with many stories of experiences and marvellous country encountered. Britain sure is beautiful and most towns have their attractions.

In June the week-end run was well supported and another is being run to Clacton district in July.

The club is now well established in our clubroom at John Keble's Church, and jolly evenings are to be had there every Thursday night, and the girls are getting quite expert at darts.

New members are welcome and a hearty welcome is extended to cyclists to come out on club runs on Tuesdays and Sundays.

The club runs for the Sundays in August are as follows:—

August 1st.—Mystery.

8th.—Fenny Stratford.

15th.—Great Dunmow.

22nd.—Paper Chase.

29th.—Betchworth.

All runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, on Sundays at 9 a.m., and on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. sharp. Come along and join in the fun.

The hon. secretary, Mrs. E. Keats, 20, Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware, will be pleased to hear from prospective members and will give details of our social, touring and sporting activities, also of our insurance benefits.

VIC. C. BOTTERILL,

Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

YOUNG 'UNS v. OLD 'UNS

We don't usually do things by halves at the Centre, but on Sunday the 11th July, our cricketers divided themselves into the Old Half and Young Half to do battle with the bat and ball.

A battle it was! A merry battle! Lodge, one hit, 4; Hilton, one hit, 4. I believe Jack was thinking of darts and the "double top" the way he slogged, or perhaps he was only trying to protect his rotundity.

When we come to analyse the play, it looks as if both were "one man" teams.

Pountney scored 18 and bowled 8 for the Young 'uns.

Latimore scored 10, bowled 3, for the Old 'uns.

Youth told in the end by 11 runs, 52—63. Not so bad, considering that Mr. Extras accounted for 16 and 14 respectively.

Attached are details of innings.

YOUNG 'UNS.

Mr. Harwood, c Lane, b Tizer, 1; Mr. Milne, b Latimore, 0; Mr. Berkin, c Roach, b Latimore, 1; Mr. Evans, c Roach, b Dean, 7; Mr. Luffman, c Dean, b Tizer, 1; Mr. Hicks (capt.), b Latimore, 10; Mr. Pountney, run out, 18; Mr. Allen, l.b.w. 5; Mr. Taylor, b Roach, 6; Mr. Read, b Tizer, 0; Mr. C. Nyberg, not out, 0; Extras, 14.—Total, 63.

OLD 'UNS.

Mr. Latimore, not out, 10; Mr. Roach, b Allen, 7; Mr. Tizer (capt.), c Harwood, b Allen, 7; Mr. Dene, b Pountney, 2; Mr. Hilton, b Pountney, 4; Mr. Green, c and b Pountney, 1; Mr. Lodge, b Pountney, 4; Mr. Littler, b Pountney, 0; Mr. Lake, b Pountney, 0; Mr. Cole, b Pountney, 1; Extras, 16.—Total, 52.

BOXING

The Boxing Season is approaching and it's up to you to make the club a bigger success than ever. Last season we won the J.O.C. cup at Hendon, the Inter-Estate cup at Morden, and beat All Saints' Boxing Club twice. We must keep these cups at Watling (still in the cafe).

We start on the first Tuesday in September.

Now you parents whose boys are not already members of the club, send them along, they will be in good hands. Messrs. Benham and Papworth and H. Faux will train the juniors and Messrs. T. Curzon and E. Stewart the seniors.

Doc. Matthews, who has always given us help when we needed (which was not often), will again look after any member who has been unfortunate enough to get an unlucky blow.

We are still in need of kit, nothing will be refused—gloves, mitts, punch balls, shorts and vests, etc. A Mr. Gwynne Jones who has done some excellent work for the Association as Hon. Solicitor and the Poor Man's Lawyer, has become interested in the Boxing Club. By the way, it was through Mr. Gwynne Jones that we have such a good ring, and I think he is going to do us a bit of good.

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Now a word to you fathers. Come up on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and see how we are treating your boy. The trainers would be very pleased to meet you. Make an early start this season; don't leave it till after Christmas before joining. We want to know by the end of September what sort of talent we have in the club.

See you on September 7th.

I.O.T.

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

Although the clerk of the weather was not very kind to us, our Essex week-end was very successful; it is seldom we travel so far along the East Coast, and the change of country was most enjoyable.

Once again we were able to put a team in the Dalston Ladies' 25 on June 20th. Let us hope this "ground work" may lead to even greater success in our own event. This is the first time a club in this district has promoted an Open Ladies' event, and judging by the start card (over sixty entries) this event will be placed among the regular fixtures.

On hearing Miss Ethel Rolph announce her intention of attacking the Birmingham-London record our tandem riders in the Archer Road 50 gave up the idea, but decided to lend a hand along the route, and their efforts were well rewarded by Miss Rolph making the record time of 6 hr. 16 mins. 43 secs. She rode a wonderful ride despite her spill in the first mile and the loss of approximately nine minutes in Coventry which was not marshalled.

Traffic lights and busy roads caused some slow riding through Finchley and Highgate, and Ethel was not able to get wound up again until the comparative quiet of Liverpool Road where the timekeeper passed, and I hung on (only just), until the finish. She finished in grand style, and surprised the timekeeper by arriving almost as soon as he stopped outside the G.P.O.

July 4th was a very busy day, having a team of ladies riding in the Hounslow 25. Fine form was shown in this event, most riders beating their previous best, and Nan making her first attempt and finishing in 1.20. Simultaneously three entrants were riding in the Luton 12-hour. Andy and George were forced to retire while Jack continued, to make club record with 202 miles, a very creditable performance on a wind-swept course. Others were riding time trials on our own course while Miss Rolph took 3rd place in the Vectis (I.O.W.) 25.

Our run card for August and September is now in the hands of the printers, so details are not available at the moment, but I feel sure we can look forward to a variety of activity during the next two months, including night rides, long runs, and week-ends.

"POTTERER."

We have a new Minister of Transport. We hope he has some new and sane ideas. Fantastic and fanatical "brainwaves" to bridge over and tunnel under public highways are no obstacle to such motorists as these. And obstacles *must* be placed in their way for the sake of public safety.

CVCRLUX.

THE VARIETY OF CYCLING

Many Cyclists are apt to neglect their oilskins. You know capes, leggings (spattees are preferred) and sou'westers will not last for ever. Remember they are often carelessly screwed up and strapped on your touring bag. With summer coming, or here maybe, this seems the wrong topic to talk about. But supposing after weeks out of use you open your cape to find it lets the rain by badly? Avoid this in the following manner: Rub ordinary floor polish well into the seams (especially at the shoulders) and rub all over with a rag soaked in linseed oil. Do this regularly and your oilskins will last longer and not go stiff like boards. Now for sunshine!

Week-end Tourlets. Recently I have spent several. You know, away Saturday afternoon sharp, with a bed several miles down the road awaiting, and all day Sunday in a new district. Grand carefree side of cycling this, and it need *not* be expensive. Let the Y.H.A. (Youth Hostels Association) help you. I prefer a bed these days; but you youthful enthusiasts with a none too plentiful supply of pocket money—go ahead, and get about this pleasant countryside of ours.

Touring in Scotland. Last year "Cassie" and I did a 1,200-mile tour in the land of heather, glens, and mountains. We rode our solos this time with gears of 60 and free wheels of course, and spent 16½ days carefree travel. We saw the Cairngorm Mountains at their best, traversed some of the highest mountain roads, arrived at John o' Groats in the pouring rain to find everything at sea blotted out by a thick Scotch (?) mist . . . and so on . . .

This year we return, with the Isle of Skye and the Western Highlands as the reason. As you read this, dear reader, we shall probably have pedalled away in some remote corner some 500-odd miles away.

Local Clubs. Most of them seem very busy at the moment with road events. The best local rides I have noted up to the present are:—A. Hewson and A. Pope (Northern C.C.) 1 hour, 59 mins. 5 secs. in Marlboro' Tandem "50"; A. Horne (North Western R.C.) 2 hours, 12 mins. 52 secs. for 50 miles and Miss Ethel Rolph (North Western R.C.) (7th) 1 hour, 15 mins. 47 secs. in W. Croydon Ladies "25", although I consider the Kingsbury Wheelers team performances better than these. I always did have an appreciation for riders teaming up rather than individuals seeking success. We shall soon have enough riders and clubs in the districts of Mill Hill, Edgware, Harrow, Kingsbury, Hendon, Kenton, etc., to form a District Time Trials Association.

A Disgusting Motorist. At Stratford Police Court on June 8th, a man was accused of "killing and slaying" a police constable who was knocked down and killed whilst cycling to duty at Barking the previous day. The motorist proved to be driving under the influence of drink and driving dangerously. No doubt cycling readers have followed this case in the daily press.

Does this not prove, most conclusively, to the public, that a motor-car in the hands of such a person as the man above mentioned is a lethal weapon? It is also stated it was a *small* saloon car.

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MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL

After giving a talk on "Christianity and the Future" at an Adult School recently, a member asked me the following question: "Is it not a fact that many people who do not trouble to attend meetings are already busy working in a quiet way for the community?"

My answer to this question was that many of us would like to believe this is so, but unfortunately recent events show this to be hardly the case.

Most of us are like sheep when faced with the call of a powerful leader. We have not learned the lesson of standing alone, and consequently dictators are not necessarily clever, but may be little men who are able to talk us into the belief that they are giving us something we want.

Hitler has given the Germans manliness, Mussolini has given the Italians an empire, and Stalin has given the Russians bread. None of them have given their people freedom to think and act according to their own desires.

Progress is not inevitable, and those who feel that their fireside or club is more important than some little meeting, are often helping to bring progress to a standstill.

Individuals are like batteries, they need constantly recharging, in order to face every new call for energy.

The Adult School seeks to give that inspiration and encouragement which will help you to get the best out of life, and power to face a challenge with your mind made up.

The Men's School meets on Sunday evenings at 6.30. The Women's School on Monday afternoons at 2.30. The B.O.Y.P.A.S. (for young people over 17 years of age) on Wednesday evenings at 8.15.

J. W. P.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

The afternoon Mrs. Symnes told of Women's Work showed that we don't need dictators to keep women in the home, things are arranged in such a way in this country that many women, unfortunately, accept drudgery as their lot. However, "Man will never be free while Woman is enslaved."

On June 21st, Rev. Gibbs-Smith of the John Keeble Church took the lesson "History To-day and Yesterday." He gave an excellent talk telling how in spite of industrial progress people were still suffering, mentioning one and a half million unemployed. He said royalty were landmarks and wars cause reaction. There were many questions.

Mrs. Stokes of the Wicker Gate School continued the series on "History," giving a summary back to the 14th century, which proved the glorious tradition of the common peoples' struggle against oppression. She said we are linked up with the nations of the world, most things occurring in each country sooner or later. She said the League of Nations must live and be strengthened to prevent wars, friendship and unity being stressed. There was a very good discussion.

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July 5th, Mr. Fairchild spoke to us on Holidays, causing much merriment and some thought. He said 100 years ago only the very rich had real holidays, 1871 saw Bank Holidays, even now millions cannot afford them. He argued for holidays with pay, the authorities, and perhaps the Co-ops, to provide accommodation to put families up.

Finally, Miss Marshall of the Milk Publicity Council, on food values and how the various foods built our bodies. Milk containing all the necessary vitamins and making for growth in the young. She advised one pint of milk per person every day. There was a good discussion and complaints of unclean milk supply in the schools.

BURNT OAK YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADULT SCHOOL

What is Boypas?

Is it a club? No.

Is it an evening class? No.

Is it a school? No.

It is something between the three. Young People's Adult sounds funny: it is neither one thing or the other. Actually it is a class for young people over 17. The general run of a meeting is a talk given by somebody who has studied the subject on which the talk is based. Then follows a discussion on that particular subject. The evening winding up with a dance. We are affiliated to the National Adult School Union. Non-political. Non-sectarian. Wednesdays at 8.15.

F. WHITEHEAD,

Secretary.

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The Journal of the Watling Association

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OF THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE WATLING ESTATE

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Lend us your aid

It has been said that the road to Hell is paved with good intentions. To avoid this predicament would you like to put your good intentions into practice? We want the services of people for a few hours each month to sell the *WATLING RESIDENT*. Also we need stewards at the Centre to assist with the various functions. There is a job for you. Will you tackle it?

What is it?

A section of Watling Park has been boarded off and has led to some conjecture as to what is going to be done there. Some of the guesses were—more tennis courts, an extension of the children's playground, a swimming pool. Actually it is the new bowling green in course of construction.

Congratulations

To Miss Marsh on her marriage. Miss Marsh has for some time been a *RESIDENT* seller and we had hoped that she would still carry on the good work, but unfortunately for us she is contemplating making her home at Hounslow, so we shall lose her good services.

Get your Woollies out

"Ne'er cast a clout
Till May is out.
Change in June,
You change too soon.
Change in July,
You'll catch cold in the eye.
Change in August
If you must,
But always remember
Change back in September."

Chess

The Watling Association possesses, I am told, two sets of chessmen with boards for playing on. How is it that these are so seldom seen in use? Why not start a chess club at the Centre. If anyone interested will send me his or her name and address I will try to get the enthusiasts together.

I'LL LARN YER

Tommie, aged five, had been for his first day at school. When his father came home in the evening, he said to his little son: "Well, and what have you learned to-day?" The reply came: "Not much, I have to go again tomorrow."

DID YOU KNOW?

How many people know that there is no city properly named "Hull" in great Britain? There is a river named the Hull flowing into the Humber, and on its banks is situated the city of Kingston-upon-Hull, with a population of over 300,000. This place has been known in everyday speech as "Hull" for centuries, but its official name always has been and remains Kingston-upon-Hull.

Manager: "From your references I see you've had four places in the last month."

Applicant: "Yes, sir. That shows how much in demand I am."

"While I was out the other night a burglar broke into my house."

"Did he get anything?"

"He did. My wife thought it was me coming home."

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 has not been idle despite the outdoor attractions, and an interesting and full programme has been arranged for the winter months.

The Committee appreciates very much indeed 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 friendships and spending pleasant hours, and what is important it is a source of revenue to the funds of the Association. Please do your bit to make the programme a success by regularly 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 "Free and Easies" and dances to be arranged for Friday evenings when possible. The "Syncopadians" will start with the Dance on September 5th.

The Tuesday Night dances will start on Tuesday, September 7th, with the Ave Brothers Dance Band in attendance.

The Wednesday Evening Social Drive has caused concern to the Committee. Numbers have decreased, and an appeal is made to members to support the social, which is intended as a social evening and has proved so profitable and enjoyable to members 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.

For the guidance of members we append below a Calendar of Dances. Please make a note and do not fail to come along.

Sunday, Free and Easy.	Sunday, 6d. Dances.	Carnival Social, Saturday Evening.
Sept. 12, 26.	Sept. *5, 19.	Sept. 18.
Oct. 10, 24.	Oct. *3, 31.	Oct. 16.
Nov. 14, 28.	Nov. *7, 21.	Nov. 20.
Dec. 12, 26.	Dec. *5, 19.	Dec. 18.
Jan. 9, 23.	Jan. *2, 16, 30.	New Year's Eve
Feb. 13, 27.	Feb. *6, 20.	Carnival Social
		Jan. 21.
		Feb. 18.

Dates marked * denotes Carnival Dances.

Admission 9d.

C. DEACON, Social Secretary.

Important Notice

On Tuesday, September 28, at 8 p.m. the musical tit-bit of the season takes place at St. Alphage Hall in the form of a piano-accordion open contest for three beautiful Cups, presented by the Messrs. Hales, Hohner, Thompson, Diamond and Butcher. The trophies are on show at Messrs. Hales, of Watling Avenue.

The famous Greenford Accordion Band will perform for the first time in this district. Great interest is being taken in this event and some very prominent people in the accordion world are to be present, so the performers will give of their best.

Organised by Jack Hilton, Mr. Hales is sponsor for this performance, and all proceeds go to the Building Fund of the Watling Association. Entrance fee for the contest is 1s. 6d. per player. There will be two Classes: Class A, Solos; Class B, Duets. Entrance forms can be obtained from Messrs. Hales, Watling Avenue; Jack Hilton, 85, Goldbeaters Grove, Burnt Oak, Edgware, or Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware. All entries to be sent with entrance fee to Jack Hilton (organiser) on or before Saturday, September 25.

Admission to Hall, 1s. and 6d. Seats, numbered and reserved, 1s. 6d. Doors open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m. sharp.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

Sept. 5—Mr. MARK KAGAN.

12—Mr. R. COLBERT.

19—Mr. T. RENDLE.

26—Mr. J. FENWICK ADAMS.

Middlesex County Council—Education Committee

HENDON LOCAL HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

EVENING CLASSES commence on **MONDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER, 1937**, at 7.30 p.m. at the undermentioned Schools.

For students over 14 years of age:—

Algernon Road Evening Institute

Responsible Teacher: Mr. W. L. Nelson, B.A.

Childs Hill Evening Institute

Responsible Teacher: Mr. F. A. Davis.

Edgware Evening Institute

Responsible Teacher: Mr. E. Lavender.

Goldbeaters Evening Institute

Responsible Teacher: Mr. A. T. Leach.

SUBJECTS SELECTED FROM—

Accounts, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Cookery, Costing, Commercial Geography, Commercial Correspondence, Drawing (Technical), Dress-making, English, English Literature, First-Aid and Home Nursing, French, German, Home Handicrafts, Mathematics, Mechanics, Metalwork, Needlework, Physical Training, Reading Circle and Discussion Group, Science, Shorthand, Typewriting and Woodwork.

CLASSES FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN will be held at **WOODCROFT EVENING INSTITUTE,**

Goldbeaters Grove, Watling Estate, Burnt Oak, Edgware.

Responsible Teacher: Miss E. M. Rippin.

SUBJECTS SELECTED FROM—

Cookery, Handwork, Hobbies, Household Crafts, Household Decoration, Leatherwork, Needlework, Rhythmic Exercises and Country Dancing, Tailoring, Weaving.

SENIOR CLASSES

for students over 16 years of age will be held at **HENDON SENIOR EVENING INSTITUTE,**

County Council, Golders Rise, Hendon, N.W.4.

Responsible Teacher: Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, B.Sc.

SUBJECTS SELECTED FROM—

Book-keeping and Accountancy, Commerce and Foreign Exchange, Cookery, Dressmaking, Economics, English, English Literature, French, German, Physical Training, Salesmanship (Foodstuffs), Shop Practice and Commodities (Foodstuffs), Shorthand, Spanish, Speech Training and Typewriting.

Fees—The Committee are prepared to consider complete or partial remission of fees in cases of financial necessity.

Prospectuses giving full particulars of these classes may be obtained from the above schools, the Central Library or the Education Offices, Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, N.W.4.

Prospective students are requested to attend at the above schools on Wednesday, 15th September, or Friday, 17th September, 1937, at 7 p.m. when the Responsible Teachers will be in attendance for enrolment purposes.

H. M. WALTON,

Secretary to the Middlesex Education Committee.



September: To me this month almost seems to bring the greatest change of any in the year. The children are back at school; holidays to which we have been looking forward for so long, are over. We settle down to the daily round of cooking, cleaning and sewing. It is a long look ahead which includes Christmas festivities.

Almost it would seem that the first of September ought to be the New Year. But then we may still look forward to some of the best first-fruits of the year and the inclusion of the autumn harvest in the Old Year is probably the reason for putting the New Year in mid-winter. Some of the choicest and rarest vegetables and fruits of the year are only available during August, September and October, and those who like new tastes in foods will do well to keep an eye on the greengrocers' shops.

This very day I have bought an aubergine for the first time this season. This beautiful glossy purple vegetable is sometimes called "egg plant." Some varieties are long in shape and others globular. Cut across in slices $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, peel each slice thinly, make a batter of one egg and a little milk beaten and seasoned with salt and pepper, dip in flour or fine breadcrumbs each side and fry. This is a favourite dish with the high chief pan jandrum of our family. I also serve vegetable marrow in this way.

Another delicacy to look for at this time is the large sweet peppers or pimento. It also is a beautiful vegetable, being either yellow, scarlet or glossy green. It is a relative of the small red and yellow chili, but is not hot. A pound of these large peppers or pimentos at sixpence is not a luxury for it will last a family of four nearly a week. Removing the stem and the seeds, a few thin slices will add just that piquant flavour which will make a plate of salad interesting, if one of your health rules are like ours, "a salad a day keeps the doctor away." Parsley being scarce in our garden just now, I tried chopping green-pepper with chives and watercress and blended them with creamed butter in the herb sandwich paste which I gave you some months ago. Family and guests alike were loud in their praise of the resulting sandwiches. Green peppers are also delicious in soups or stews or filled with stuffing and baked in the open—always removing the seeds of course.

It is worth while giving yourself one treat of corn-on-the-cob each season, even if it does seem rather expensive. Buy one ear of corn per person, remove the husks and silks, cook in boiling water in a covered saucepan for 20 minutes. When eating, butter two or three rows of grains at once right the length of the cob or ear, and adding a little salt with the knife, if desired, holding one end in each hand. Repeat

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TO THE EDITOR,

I note with interest that the August issue of the *WATLING RESIDENT* contains an article, "The Effect of Exercises upon the Heart," written by Mr. James F. Finfold. Many of us have been warned about the strain on the heart caused by exercise or sport, this warning usually being given by "armchair sportsmen" and termed "athletic heart."

What is "athletic heart?" I find it is technically named "athletic hypertrophy of the heart." Hypertrophy is increased growth; if we gain an increase in the size of a muscle, we have an hypertrophied muscle. Athletics or exercises ensure muscular development, and to cope with the extra work the heart, which is a large hollow muscle, is increased in size, and like any other muscle when exercised becomes stronger. It is therefore obvious that it is an advantage to have hypertrophy of the heart, as of the biceps.

Now there are other things that make the heart hypertrophy. Suppose illness affects one of the valves of the heart and causes it to leak, every time the heart contracts only part of the blood is pumped out, and nature tries to overcome this by increasing the size of the heart so that the amount of blood pumped is the same as before. This is known as "compensated valvular diseases of the heart," and while this counterbalancing is going on the person affected needs medical supervision.

Years ago the knowledge of the heart was small compared with what it is to-day, and when an athlete went to a doctor and that doctor heard a louder beat than usual from the heart he thought—"valvular disease of the heart." On further listening he found no valvular trouble, and as athletes seemed to suffer from this complaint it was termed "athlete's heart." Of course, nowadays, thanks to the pioneer efforts of, I understand, Dr. Mackenzie, doctors know different, but unfortunately the ignorant still warn aspiring athletes.

Now Mr. Finfold states that a boy or youth who lifts weights overhead is bound to injure his heart and blood vessels. The British Amateur Weight Lifters' Association, the organisation that governs that sport in this country, does not permit any person under the age of seventeen years to compete in lifting. Yet other athletic associations allow boys to compete in feats of similar nature to those of men, and we see proud parents applauding (as they do the men) at the finish of the event.

In track events we see boys—and even men—collapse due to the fact that the general or circulatory blood stream throws so much extra work on the pulmonary stream that the heart which pumps both is temporarily affected.

Dr. J. Stephen Lewis conducted a number of tests on weight lifters before and after strenuous lifting,

and the fact that he is now the Hon. Medical Adviser to the B.A.W.L.A. needs no comment. I maintain that there are injurious extremes in all sports and exercises including gymnastics, unless sensible and intelligent direction is given, and that if an instructor is capable he will soon detect fatigue.

I heartily agree with Mr. Finfold about the "week-end sportsman," but such individuals are usually "flash-in-the-pans."

Among the number of athletes of various types I have met and know, are a number of gymnasts who have taken a course of lifting for strength. I myself advise lifters to practice breathing and "free" exercises and gymnastics.

I would like to explode another fallacy. The B.A.W.L.A. has never had one of its members sustain a rupture while practising any of its forty-two lifts or while attempting any record, or whilst participating in any championship meeting.

DAVID T. SHELL,
Certificated Div. B.A.W.L.A. Referee.

Re SUNDAY FREE AND EASY'S

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS,

On Sunday, September 26, we start this season's Socials, and, as in the past, I should like to set out in print what the objective is in having these meetings.

In the first place, we cater for members of 25 years of age and over, hoping that it might be the means of making new friends and also giving you some break from the four walls and scullery.

Secondly, we get speakers on almost all subjects to come along so that you can, once a fortnight, have a go at someone else, instead of your husband or wife, for after all, fellow members, we are not yet too old to learn, and I would ask you if you would kindly come along early as we have decided not to start the lecture until 30 members are present, and that means a late start for the social if you do not turn up in numbers early.

I would ask mothers not to bring along their children as you did last year. If you do I am afraid that I shall have to retire from the job, for on many occasions there were more children than grown ups. I love the young 'uns, but my job on Sundays is to find amusement for the adult members.

And again I would ask the artistes to bring only one friend and not whole families, for if you are out to do us a favour you will do it alone—young or old.

I am trying to get a small orchestra to attend each session, and I would like any artists, budding or in full bloom, to send along their addresses to me, for like the bloke who loved the bird said, "I want you."

Let's try and make this season a record both in attendances as well as enjoyment. We can, if you will back me up.

A last word to those young artistes who many times got me out of a hole last year. Thank you, dears!

I'll be seeing you on the 26th of September (early).

Yours to a cinder,

JACK RADLEY.



Swim

We haven't enough swimming pools. During the hot days—when we do get hot days—it is a real pleasure to be able to dive into the rippling depths of the swimming pool, disport therein, refreshing our languid bodies and adding new sparkle to our minds. We emerge from the water with a brighter outlook on life.

But these pools are not always easily accessible. They are too few and far between. It is true there is a pool at Mill Hill and another at Hendon, but when one is tired these places are a long way from Burnt Oak. Why not a pool in Watling Park? In this National get fit campaign, swimming should be encouraged to a greater extent than it is. Swimming pools should be more numerous and the prices of admission reduced. The pools need not be elaborate affairs. All we want is somewhere to swim when we feel like it and not too far away.

Not in the clamour of the crowded street. Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng, but in ourselves are triumph and defeat.

Plan for the Winter

Autumn leaves are falling fast and wise Watlingites are looking out their winter overcoats and checking up the coal cellar. The radio is being overhauled and soon an armchair and a bright fire will be calling, but we shall not desire to spend all our evenings indoors.

To keep well in body and in mind we shall need some distraction.

Fortunately we have not to go far to find it. The Watling Centre is accessible and open to all and anyone can become a member at the small fee of fourpence a month, which includes many privileges. An attractive winter programme has been arranged and is set out on the centre pages of this magazine. It will be readily seen that no member, young or old, will fail to find some interest or new line of activity.

We would, however, remind all members that the success of the programme depends on the co-operation of all, and that in whatever capacity you participate, whether as a steward, a helper, or as an ordinary attendant, you are adding to the interest and enjoyment of all.

F.H.L.

POETS' CORNER

His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, this was a man.

—SHAKESPEARE.

O woman! in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,
And variable as the shade
By the light quivering aspen made;
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou!

—SIR WALTER SCOTT.

O grant me Heav'n a middle state,
Neither too humble, nor too great;
More than enough for nature's ends,
With something left to treating friends.

—MALLET.

Watling Week No. 9 Accounts (subject to Audit)

INCOME.	AMOUNT.
	£ s. d.
By Sport and Prize Distribution Dance ...	1 9 6
„ Carnival Procession, Bazaar, Miniature Fair ...	13 5 1
„ Pot-Pourri Social ...	3 1 9
„ Debate ...	0 12 5½
„ Carnival Dance ...	1 1 6½
„ Jumble Sale ...	6 1 0
„ Whist Drive—Monday ...	2 12 8
„ Baby Show ...	1 18 0
„ Dance—Tuesday ...	0 6 7½
„ Juvenile Dance Competition ...	6 3 2
„ Display Night ...	1 1 8
„ Social Whist Drive—Wednesday ...	0 3 3
„ Whist Drive—Thursday ...	1 5 0
„ Drama Evening ...	1 5 9
„ Childrens' Sports and Fair ...	66 4 9½
„ Carnival Social ...	2 0 10½
„ Young Watling's Concert ...	2 2 6
„ Piano Accordion Contest ...	0 13 9
„ Special Children's Entertainment ...	0 3 10
„ Donations (for details, see August RESIDENT) ...	34 14 0
Total ...	£146 7 2½
Less Miscellaneous Expenditure ...	9 2 3
Net Profit ...	£137 4 11½

WATLING ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly General Meeting

will be held at THE CENTRE on
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, at 8 p.m.

CAN'T YOU SLEEP?

By F. H. Lake

"God gives sleep to the bad, in order that the good may be undisturbed."

Some people have no difficulty in sleeping. They just close their eyes and they are off. Some folk can, literally speaking, sleep on a clothes line. Others twist and turn, count sheep, let their minds become blank, practice auto-suggestion, but still sleep is as evasive as ever. Sleep cannot be bought, as witness a fabulously wealthy Indian Prince who could not sleep. He tried all the known remedies in his own country and failing to gain relief there came to Europe where he consulted some of the leading specialists without success. His problem was published in a newspaper and hundreds of remedies were sent to him, but whether he was cured or not I never found out.

A Chicago University professor has invented a machine which hums a lullaby and rocks people to sleep with a gentle rocking motion, whilst a French scientist lays down these simple rules:—

At bed-time the sufferer should calm the muscles and nerves of the stomach with a teaspoonful of olive oil. Patients who have a distaste for olive oil should sniff menthol to clear the lungs and reduce the effort of breathing to a minimum.

HE STARES.

One person cured himself by staring. This is what he says:—

"I went to bed in my usual wide-awake state. Turning my head towards the darkest side of the bedroom I noticed the dark, round shape of the electric light switch cover.

"I stared at this for a few moments and then discovered that my eyes had grown so tired that I had to close them. When next I looked at the switch cover—it was 7 a.m.

"I tried the same thing on succeeding nights and the effect was the same. Every night since I have enjoyed sound, unbroken sleep.

"The cure is simple. Place a dark round object on the wall just in line with your eyes. Do not attempt to woo sleep. Don't even think about it. Just stare at the object and fight against the desire to close your eyes.

"In losing that fight you will gain something that gallons of hot milk and thousands of tablets and sleeping powders could not give me—the sleeping habit."

HERBS.

Another remedy suggested is said to effect a permanent cure. It is by means of two simple herbs, made into a tea—scullcap, taken thrice daily, and ladies' slipper root last thing at night.

Scullcap is also a wonderful nerve medicine, also use a pillow made from mixed fragrant herbs.

Here is another method.—Think of a colour, and visualise three objects that are familiar to you in that colour—say, a blue hat, blue book, blue delphinium. Then go on to another colour and visualise again three specific articles in that colour, and so on, but by the time you have worked out about five sets of colours I hope you will be falling asleep! It promotes concentration and prevents mind-wandering, which is a frequent source of sleeplessness.

Another victim says:—

"I have cured myself of sleepless habits caused by a too-active brain at bedtime; a condition no doubt experienced by many brain workers.

"Relaxing thoroughly in bed, I pictured myself having to keep watch by the side of a sleeping friend, and where I was compelled to watch only the rhythmic breathing of the sleeper.

"Mind wandering took place at first, but with persistent effort I pictured the steady breathing until drowsiness overtook me, as it overtakes an actual watcher.

"The perseverance of this habit brought about such good results that I now seldom go to bed without falling asleep at once."

BY RADIO!

Insomnia victims lulled to sleep by voices of eminent politicians on the radio—that was the picture conjured up by a well-known M.P.

"I suggest an insomnia service at about midnight, when eminent politicians and others could broadcast speeches for about three hours."

In early English history persons condemned to death were prevented from sleeping. This was a form of torture.

Some people need a lot of sleep, others are refreshed with little. Napoleon found an hour or two sufficient and, like Mr. Lloyd George, had the convenient gift of being able to "drop off" when he chose.

But whether we require much sleep or little it is a blessing to be able to close our eyes and go into healthful oblivion.

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Provisional Programme of Regular Events

at Watling Centre or in connection with Watling Association
for those over 14. :: WINTER, 1937-38

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

- 9.0 a.m.—Church of England Religious Instruction Classes.
2.30 p.m.—*Women's Adult School.
8.0 p.m.—*Class in Modern Social Problems. Whist Drive. N.A.S.O.H. & S. Painters and Decorators. Oddfellows. Watling Athletic Association.
8.15 p.m.—Poor Man's Lawyer.
8.30 p.m.—*Debating Society. *Watling Guild of Players.

TUESDAYS

- 9.0 a.m.—Church of England Religious Instruction Classes.
2.30 p.m.—*Dressmaking and Millinery Classes.
4.30 p.m.—*Women's Physical Training Class.
5.30 p.m.—A.E.U.
7.30 p.m.—*P.T. for Girls, 12-16. *Thinking Straight Discussion Group.
8.0 p.m.—Dance, Table Tennis Club. Boxing, see also page 10.
8.30 p.m.—*Physical Training for Girls over 16.

WEDNESDAYS

- 2.30 p.m.—*Women's Neighbourhood Guild.
4.30 p.m.—Veterans' Club.
8.0 p.m.—*Parents' Group. *Watling and District Rose Society.
8.15 p.m.—*Young People's Adult School. Whist Drive. Weight Lifters.

THURSDAYS

- 2.30 p.m.—*Upholstery Class. Whist Drive.
7.30 p.m.—Hosas Social Club. H.S.A.
8.0 p.m.—Boxing, see page 10.
8.30 p.m.—Adult School Socials.

FRIDAYS

- 8.0 p.m.—*Orchestra. Weight Lifters. New Tabernacle Provident Society. *Left Book Club Discussion Group. Table Tennis. Helpers' Socials.

SATURDAYS

- 3.0 p.m.—Net Ball Club, see also page 10.
8.0 p.m.—Members' Socials. N. A. of O. Plasterers.

WEIGHT LIFTERS

Meet on Sundays at 11 a.m., Wednesdays at 8.15 p.m. and Fridays at 8.0 p.m., for physical training and to practice 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 8.15 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.

PERSONAL SERVICE BUREAU

Those in difficulties not involving legal problems who want to ask advice or talk their cases over are asked to come to the Centre on Tuesday afternoons. This service is for residents on the Watling Estate.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.0 p.m. Subscription, 3d. per week. Secretary: Mr. Wilkes.

THE VETERANS' CLUB

Open to all Watling Residents over 65 years of age, meets on Wednesdays at 4.30 for a talk, tea, games and entertainments. There is no subscription to the club. September talks will be:—

- 1st.—China. Mr. P. Wallbridge.
- 8th.—Outing.
- 15th.—Readings. Mr. F. Mashford.
- 22nd.—Germany. Mrs. W. Harvey.
- 29th.—English Women before the Conquest. Mr. C. H. Hocking.

BOXING CLUB

Meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. From 6.0 to 8.0 p.m. instruction is given to junior members under 14. From 8.0 p.m. to 10.0 p.m. to senior members. Secretary: Mr. L. King.

NET BALL CLUB

For girls over 16 meets at Woodcroft School on Saturdays at 3.0 p.m. A business meeting will be held at Watling Centre at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8th. All interested are invited to attend. Secretary: Miss R. Hall. Subscription, 3d. a week.

KEEP FOR REFERENCE

INTERESTING WINTER AFTERNOONS

Arranged by the Watling Association and other bodies.

All held at Watling Centre. Those who cannot attend the opening day, please notify.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

First in the month **Fellowship Meetings**, 8 p.m., arranged by Adult Schools, Society of Friends and Neighbourhood Guild.

Second and Fourth in the month, **Free and Easy**, 8.0 p.m. for members of the Watling Association only, starting September 26. During the first hour each evening there will be a talk and discussion, which will be followed by music and a social time.

Sept. 26 Rents according to Means.

Mr. C. H. Hocking.

Oct. 10 Black and White in Africa.

Mr. D. E. Headley.

24 How to Stop Road Accidents.

Mr. T. C. Foley (Sec., Pedestrians' Assoc.).

Nov. 14 The Terrestrial Globe. Mr. G. W. Simmons.

28 Watling Association Orchestra.

Dec. 12 An Hour of Song. Miss Christine McClure.

Jan. 9 To be arranged.

23 Foreign Affairs. Mr. G. B. Kaye.

Feb. 13 Common British Birds. Mr. J. O. Weston.

Later Sundays to be arranged.

Third in the month, **Lectures**, etc., arranged in co-operation with the Edgware Fellowship at 8.0 p.m.

Oct. 17 One Act Peace Plays. The Pax Players.

Nov. 21 The Present Situation in China.

Also a fifth Sunday, [Mr. F. S. T. Woo.

Oct. 31 Education in Russia. Miss Beatrice King.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Meets Mondays at 8.30 p.m. under the leadership of Mr. G. B. Kaye. The chief object of the society is to provide the younger members of the Watling Association with opportunities of discussing matters of interest and of self-expression. The programme is arranged from time to time by the society. Admission free to members of the Association.

PHYSICAL TRAINING CLASSES

For **Women**.—Tuesdays, 4.30 p.m. at the Centre. Instructress: Miss G. Kalisch. The chief purpose of the class is to provide "Keep Fit" exercises for married women. Meets August 31. Fee 2d. a week for W.A. members, 3d. for others.

For **Girls over 16**.—Tuesdays, 8.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School. Instructress: Miss Ingham. Next Meeting, August 31. Fees 3d. a week for W.A. members.

For **Men**.—A class will be formed if sufficient numbers enrol. Apply at Watling Centre.

WOMEN'S HANDICRAFT CLASSES

(arranged in conjunction with Middlesex Education Committee).

Provide expert instruction in the principles of the crafts with practical applications. Fee for each class, 2s. 6d. for twelve lessons.

Dressmaking.—Meets Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m.

Teacher: Mrs. A. Rainbow. First meeting, Sept. 21.

Millinery.—Meets Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m.

Teacher: Miss F. I. Maxted. First meeting, Sept. 21.

Upholstery.—Meets Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

Teacher: Mrs. Hallett. First meeting, Sept. 23.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

It is planned to hold this Exhibition, probably in co-operation with the Burnt Oak Adult Schools, early in April. Members are encouraged to get on with all sorts of handicrafts in preparation for it and anyone wanting a class or individual help in any craft or art should enquire at the Centre. Further particulars of the Exhibition, classes, etc., will be published in future issues of the RESIDENT.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

Meets every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., except during school holidays. Each meeting usually includes a talk, a time, a talk on some subject of interest and a time for discussions and discussion.

Aug. 25 Social.

Sept. 1 Current Events.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

8 Visit to Mrs. Seed's.

15 Cookery Demonstration.

22 Present Day Germany. Mrs. W. Harvey.

29 English Women before the Conquest.

Mr. C. H. Hocking.

Oct. 6 Outing to Lambeth Palace.

The Human System.

By Capt. F. Harper-Shore.

13 The Circulatory and Respiratory Systems.

20 The Digestive System and Diet.

27 Spirit, Mind and Body.

Nov. 3 English Women in the 14th Century.

Mrs. J. E. Whitehead.

10 Children and Singing. Mr. Donald Dally.

17 Spain. Mr. J. E. Whitehead, M.A.

Dec. 1 Visit to Kodak Works.

8 The Poor Law. Mr. J. Fleming, J.P.

15 Current Events.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

22 Social.

Dec. 29 & Jan. 5 No Meetings.

Jan. 12 Social.

19 English Women in the 17th Century.

26 English Women in the 19th Century.

Feb. 2 Current Events.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell-Harris.

9 First Aid in the Home.

16 English Coal Mines. Mrs. Parker.

March 2 Dancing. Miss Mary Horner.

9 Prison After-Care.

16 The History of Industry.

23 Mr. E. Sewell Harris, M.A., B.Sc.(Econ.).

30 Social.

April 6 Current Events.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

THE WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

Is open to all adult members and associate members of the Watling Association. The subscription is 1s. a month, which includes the subscription to the Association. First production in October. New members are invited to join, both for acting and for scenery, property and costume making. For meetings apply Hon. Sec., Mr. C. J. Roblou, 26, Homelield Road.

PARENTS' GROUP

This group exists to help parents with the job of bringing up their children. It holds discussions at 13, Gunter St. at 8.0 p.m. on the third Wednesday in each month. All contribute, share experiences and get help from those who have made a special study of children. Suggested subjects are: "Food and Temper," "Special Aspects of Adolescence," "The Value of Sunlight."

For further particulars, alterations and new arrangements

OME SUGGESTIONS FOR ADULTS

AFTERNOON AND EVENING EVENTS

Id at Watling
Opening day
FOOD GUILD
unless otherwise stated. If you want to take part in any of these activities, but
notify the Secretary, Watling Centre

MODERN SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Would you like to know why prices are rising? Something about the results of transferring young people from distressed areas? The effect of poverty on physical fitness? Why traffic accidents are greater in one town than another? A course of 24 lectures in Modern Social Problems arranged by the W.F.A. will be held on Mondays at 8.0 p.m. First meeting September 20. Tutor: Miss Holman, M.A. Secretary: Miss D. Lyle.

ORCHESTRA

Fridays, 8 p.m. Practices 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. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 3, when new members will be welcomed. Secretary: Mr. L. V. Hogan, 48, Gloucester Grove.

THINKING STRAIGHT

A group is being formed to discuss the B.B.C. talks on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. which include such subjects as Tabloid Thinking, Press Stunts, The Manufacture of Opinion, Prejudice and Question-begging. The place of meeting has not yet been fixed, so all those who would like to join should notify Mr. Harris so that they may be informed. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

French and German Classes will be arranged either for beginners or for more advanced students if a sufficient number enrol.

COOKERY DEMONSTRATION AND CLASS

Can you feed a man on 4s. 6d. a week? A series of cookery demonstrations has been arranged for September 14 to 16 in co-operation with the Gas Light and Coke Company. Good menus will be explained and the cooking of items demonstrated which provide for the feeding of one person for one week on an expenditure of 4s. 6d. The latest equipment will be shown and demonstrated.

The demonstrations will be public except the one on Wednesday, September 15, which is for the Watling Association Women's Neighbourhood Guild.

It is hoped to follow the demonstrations with a **Weekly Class in Cookery**, to be arranged in conjunction with the Middlesex Education Committee. Those interested are asked to give their names to Mr. Harris as soon as possible.

PUBLIC DEBATE

Sunday, September 19, at 8 p.m. Councillor T. Pugh, v. Councillor A. A. Naar on the motion: "That the Labour Party Plan is the only remedy for our social ills." Admission, 3d.

PUBLIC LANTERN LECTURE

Thursday, October 14, at 8.30 p.m., by "Petro-nella," "Two Vagabonds in Spain." Of special interest to cyclists. Admission, 6d.

AN HOUR OF SONG

Special Song Recital by Miss Christine McClure, Thursday, February 10, at 8.30 p.m.

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 Women's School meets Mondays at 2.30 p.m. and starts with a cup of tea. Early Autumn programme:—

- Sept. 6 The League of Nations.
- 13 Africa, The Land. Mrs. Stevenson.
- 20 Visit to Camden Town School.
- 27 African Labour. Mrs. Thompson.
- Oct. 4 Work at the Bedford Institute.
- Mr. W. Durrant.
- 11 Community Work. Mr. J. F. Mashford.
- 18 Music. Mr. P. E. Wallbridge.

The Young People's School meets Wednesdays at 8.15 p.m. Early Autumn programme:—

- Sept. 8 True Stories of Great Deeds.
- (Dr. Kagawa of Japan). Miss Burn.
- 15 The Romance of Music.
- Mr. P. E. Wallbridge.
- 22 Ourselves and Others. Mr. F. Marshford.
- 29 Foods for Health. Miss P. Marshall.
- Oct. 6 A Challenge to Youth. Mr. A. Deavin.

The Men's School meets Sundays at 6.30 p.m. Autumn programme:—

- Sept. 19 Music. Mr. P. E. Wallbridge.
- 26 The New Slavery. Mr. J. F. Mashford.
- Oct. 3 Local History. Major Norman Brett-James.
- 10 The Partition of Africa.
- Mr. David E. Headley.
- 17 Book III. of Back to Methuselah.
- Mr. J. T. Harris.
- 24 History Backwards. Mr. E. C. J. Taylor.
- 31 The Modern State in Action. Mr. Simkins.
- Nov. 7 Radiation. Mr. L. R. Bee, M.A.
- 14 White and Black in African Industry.
- Mr. G. W. Simmons.
- 21 The Education of Public Opinion.
- 28 Business Meeting.
- Dec. 5 Astronomy. Mr. W. T. Bennett, M.A.
- 12 Diet and Health. Mrs. Sewell Harris.
- 19 What Form of Government?
- Mr. V. Lefebure.

WATLING AND DISTRICT ROSE SOCIETY

This bright and brotherly society of amateur rose growers meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 8.0 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.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Is held by the **Left Book Club** on the third Friday in each month at 8.0 p.m. to discuss the Club's book of the month. Secretary: Mr. Henfield, 13, Tewkesbury Gardens, N.W.9.

A PARENTS' MEETING

Will be held in the Infants' Hall, Goldheaters School, at 8.0 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21. Speaker: Miss Doris Rayner. All parents of children at Goldheaters School are welcome.

and new members see the "Watling Resident" each month.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

for boys and girls up to 14 arranged by the Juvenile Organiser, Mrs. Lord, to whom enquiries should be addressed, and held at Watling Centre unless otherwise stated.

Opening event of the season.

R.S.P.C.A. Talkie, Wed., Sept. 1st, at 6.0 p.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

from September 1st onwards.

MONDAY.

6.30 p.m. **Acorns**, Leader Mrs. Lord.
A Junior group for boys and girls held in co-operation with the Adult School Movement.

TUESDAY.

5.30 p.m. **Rhythmic Exercises for girls 8—12.**
Miss G. Kalisch.

7.15 p.m. **P.T. for girls 12—16** at Woodcroft School. Miss R. Hall.

WEDNESDAY.

6.15 p.m. **Play Hour.** Organised games for boys and girls. Mrs. Lord.

7.0 p.m. **Dramatics**, for boys and girls 12—14.
Miss Jackson.

THURSDAY.

6.0 p.m. **Handicrafts**, Rug-making, Raffia, Knitting, etc. Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Thomas.
Painting, Miss King.

FRIDAY.

6.30 p.m. **Eurhythmics**, for girls. Mrs. Rendel.

SATURDAY.

10.45 a.m. **P.T. for girls 8—12.** Mrs. Lord.
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.** Miss R. Hall. 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 a poster.

The Young Watlers Concert Party meets to practice at the Centre on Tuesdays at 6.0 p.m. and Saturdays at 3.0 p.m.

Boys over 12 will be welcomed in the **Boxing Club** at 6.0 p.m. Tuesdays and 6.30 p.m. Thursdays. Secretary: Mr. L. King.

The following groups arranged by other organisations meet at the Centre.

Cripple Parlour	...	Tuesdays	6.0 p.m.
Brownies	...	Wednesdays	5.30 p.m.
Co-op Junior Circle	...	"	6.0 p.m.
Cubs	...	"	7.0 p.m.
Co-op Senior Circle	...	Thursdays	7.0 p.m.
Scouts	...	"	7.0 p.m.

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MOGGIES' ZOO OUTING

On August 10th we spent an enjoyable day at the London Zoo. There were 25 of us—the girls wearing their new green and brown uniforms which Mrs. Lord had put so much work into. Mrs. Heaf kindly paid for our admittance into the Zoo.

After deciding on a meeting place we split up into groups and started a morning tour. Jacky, the playful monkey, seemed to be affected by the heat and was not near so frisky.

The little ones loved watching the bears sit up for sugar.

Dinner-time soon came and we all sat on the grass and had a good tuck in.

Mrs. Heaf treated us all to a ride on an animal. The elephant ride was the choice of the majority. Thank you, Mrs. Heaf.

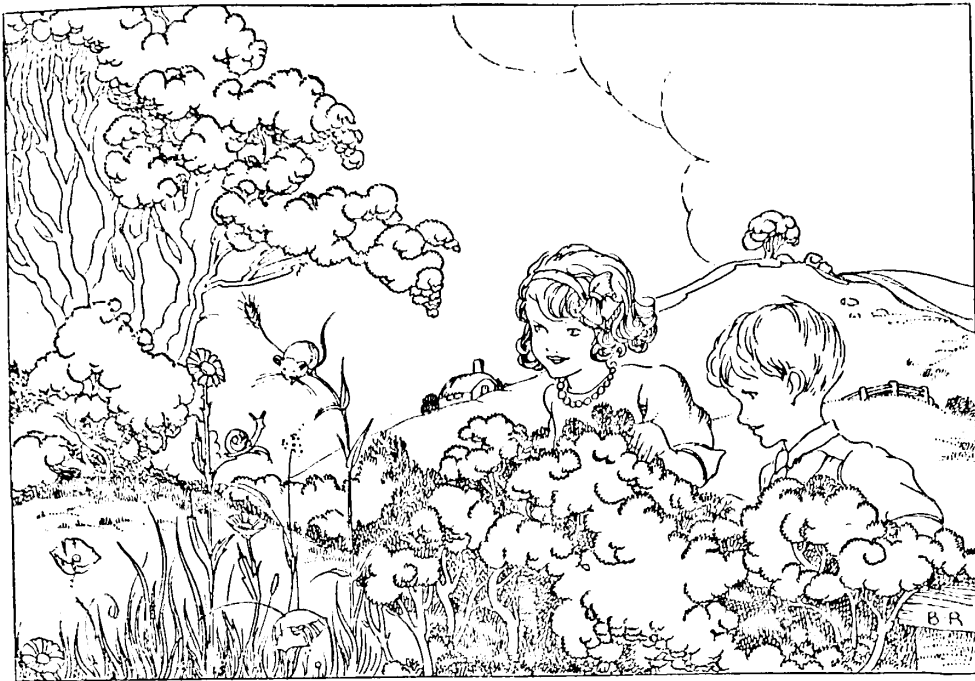
We then went to see the lions fed, and we saw them devour what would be our Sunday joint. The feeding of the seals was another big item. One seal was very clever, he caught the fish in mid-air and dived straight into the water.

The chimpanzee's tea party was the final event. Mrs. Heaf being a "fellow" of the Zoo was able to take us into an enclosure where we had a magnificent view.

Alas, we had to turn our steps homeward. The end of a perfect day.

I think we must thank Mrs. Heaf, Mrs. Lord and Auntie Ethel (Mrs. Lord's sister) for all they did to make the day so enjoyable.

Joyce Lord,
On behalf of the Moggies.



PAINTING COMPETITION—"The Eavesdroppers."

Entries to reach the Editor by September 20th.

"THE BUNCH OF FLOWERS."

No all correct solution was sent in for last month's competition. The nearest were Terry Hilton, Goldbeaters Grove; Ronald Cole, Orange Hill Road, who will receive consolation prizes. The flowers in the bouquet were: Carnation, Lily, Sweet Pea, Rose, Anemone, Delphinium, Phlox, Violas.

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until all the grains are eaten off the cob. It's very inferior cutting the grains off the ear and not nearly so delicious as gnawing them off, but you have to have fairly good teeth for the attack.

I have been looking at autumn fashions a little. It appears to me that the woman who is clever at making her own clothes will be able to look smart on very little money, though we have been warned that the materials themselves will be somewhat dearer. I had a horrid moment when I read that straight box coats were to be the vogue for winter coats, but felt better when I discovered that there were still a good many waist-lines apparent. We did without waist-lines for so many years that I am not at all anxious to have them disappear again just yet. It ought to be easy to make yourself, a chic little hat—turban or bonnet shaped.

All good wishes,
SUSAN SAVOURY.

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A Wild-Flower Sanctuary

Something was said last month about our vanishing wild-flowers and the urgent need to prevent their extermination. This can be done either by not rooting up the rarer specimens or by providing a sanctuary for them.

Such a sanctuary is to be found at Sibford Ferris, near Banbury, in the County of Oxford. Here Mr. Joshua Lamb has a wild-flower garden which is deservedly famous throughout the British Isles and even over a much wider area. Plant lovers come to see it from many parts of the world.

More than twenty years ago the idea came to Mr. Lamb to make the cultivation of wild-flowers his principal hobby and he has achieved astonishing success in his venture. He has also a herbarium of 2,334 mounted specimens, but that is another story. It is the living plants, not the dead ones, that we are taking note of now.

The soil of this garden is a rich red loam with some lime in it. In some cases special soil has been added to suit the requirements of the particular plant.

Such a garden has of course its limitations. There are for instance no water plants for the simple reason that there is no running water. Mr. Lamb has also imposed on himself the limitation of excluding the ordinary common species of wild-flowers and anything that grows wild in any quantity within a radius of three miles from his home.

The plants are tended with great care and amply repay the care expended on them. The ground is of course kept clear of weeds. No manure is used. Watering is carried out when and where necessary. Those plants that require support are carefully staked and climbers have the help of pea-sticks. Around the stems of some of the rarer specimens, and some of the quite small ones, you will find tins from which both the top and bottom have been removed. These tins are sunk half way into the ground and serve the double purpose of preventing the plants from being attacked by slugs and also protecting them from the feet of careless visitors!

Mr. Lamb is always on the look-out for plants he has not got and his travels, tramps and climbs are sometimes quite adventurous. On one occasion when he was in a train he saw from the window what looked like an unusual plant growing on the embankment. He promptly got out at the next station, which was not his destination, and walked back along the line for three miles until he found the plant that had attracted his attention. It proved to be the pearly everlasting (*antennaria margaritacea*). There is now a fine clump of it in the plant sanctuary. The clump measures four feet across and when in flower is covered with heads of silver-white blossoms with neat rosette-like centres. Only on this one occasion has Mr. Lamb ever found this rarity.

If you ask him what he considers his rarest find of all he will probably tell you it was the St. Dancet's heath (*menjiesia cantabrica*) which he discovered in the mountains of Connemara. Several of his rarest plants have come from Ireland.

Another interesting plant to be seen in the garden is a compact clump of canary grass (*phalaris canariensis*) which produces dozens of precise, cone-like seed heads from which the common bird-seed is obtained.

Further details of many other plants will be found in an article by John Faulkner entitled "The Magic of a Wild-Flower Garden" which appeared in the "Country-side" magazine for Winter, 1936. The article has a portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb. Some use has been made of that article in writing this one.

"Country-side" is issued by the British Empire Naturalists' Association, commonly known amongst its members as "Bena." The magazine is mostly devoted to wild animal life but occasionally there is some special article, like the one referred to, on plant life. The Honorary Secretary of the Association is Mrs. G. B. Thomason, "Warham," Glamorgan Road, Hampton Wick, Middlesex.

What to do in September

This month is characterised by the variability of the weather. There are usually periods of bright, warm and genial weather and on the other hand there are often times when there are heavy rains and strong gales of wind, and it sometimes happens that there is a sharp frost about the 20th of the month. Watchfulness is therefore necessary and such plants as are likely to be injured by frost or heavy rain should be housed in good time.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Continue to cut back all shoots of hybrid perpetual roses which have bloomed. Cut back to the first prominent eye. This will ensure a succession of autumn blooms which some of these roses produce abundantly.

Wallflowers which are soon to be moved to their spring quarters will, if they are good plants, now be compact and sturdy. If however they are very sappy drive in a fork under each plant and lift gently until you hear the taproot crack. This will cause the production of fibrous roots and stiffen the growth.

If the oplyanthuses show signs of flowering now, as they often do, pick off the flower buds. If they are allowed to bloom before the winter the spring display will suffer.

Nearly all kinds of cuttings may be taken this month, including verbenas, petunias, ageratum and calceolarias.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Early in the month is a good time to make a new strawberry bed. The plot should be well trenched and heavily manured as the bed may be in bearing for three years. A little soot or artificial manure helps the growth of the plants.

Fix grease bands round the trunks of the fruit trees. These sticky bands will trap vast numbers of crawling pests.

Shortage of potash is often a cause of unfruitfulness in apple, pear and plum trees. If you have a tree that has borne badly, or not at all, give it some sulphate of potash. Apply 4 ounces per square yard of the ground occupied, hoeing in the dressing.

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J. F. M.

COOKERY DEMONSTRATIONS

AT
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September 14th—17th at 2.30 p.m.
each day

A WEEK'S MEALS FOR 4/6

(see centre pages)

GARDEN NOTES—continued from page 12.

Follow this up with a good mulching of manure over the roots in February and you should get a much better result next year.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Lift any potatoes that have not yet been dug up and store them in a cool dark place.

Thin out spinach and turnip plants.

Transplant the cabbage plants sown in July.

Continue to earth up celery and give copious watering in dry weather.

All stems of globe artichokes should be cut down as soon as they have been cleared of their heads. The plants will become exhausted if allowed to seed. Give them a large supply of liquid manure if possible.

A sowing of lettuce intended to stand the winter may be made now. The plants should be neither too large nor too small. The ground selected should be of a light porous nature.

Keep the seakale free from weeds. Pick off all decayed leaves and as soon as this has been done cover the crowns with ashes or tanyard bark.

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Club and Society Notes

CRICKET

The cricket season is nearly over, and we shall soon have the glamour and excitement of football with us. As we go to press, it is too early for us to know, but many of us are hoping that Middlesex will end the season as Champion County again, after an interval of some years. Whatever the final result, we should like to offer to the Middlesex team our hearty congratulations for a fine seasons work and a great effort.

Criticism is sometimes levelled at Middlesex because, with a large population of its own, it sometimes draws on men from outside of its boundaries for service in the county team, whereas some other leading counties, such as Yorkshire and Notts. play only men born within the limits of the shire. Be this as it may, we think the most important thing is that a high standard of play and of the spirit of sportsmanship should be set, and this Middlesex has always done.

In this part of the county we are especially interested that one of the most brilliant members of the side should be a native of our own borough. A great player of the past has spoken of him as the most promising young batsman in England, and we shall follow his career with great interest.

Cricket is a great game, perhaps the greatest amongst the many games that have had their beginnings in this country. We wish that more cricket were being played on the Estate, and we cherish the hope that the number of clubs will increase within the next year or two. Those who have never taken part in club cricket cannot realise the joy there is to be found in it, and, we think it not unreasonable to suppose that there may be some amongst the youth of Watling who might, one day, play for Middlesex and even for England.

L.B.W.

PUBLIC DEBATE

at

WATLING CENTRE

on

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

at 8.0 p.m.

Councillor T. PUGH

v.

Councillor A. A. NAAR

on the motion

**"THAT THE LABOUR PARTY PLAN
IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR OUR
SOCIAL ILLS"**

ADMISSION 3d.

WEIGHT-LIFTING NOTES

The 1937 British Olympic Championships, held on July 24 at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, Holborn, created great enthusiasm amongst us lifters, for these Championship Trials decided the British team to be sent to the World Amateur Olympic Championships to be held in Paris in September. The winners are as follows:—

	Press lbs.	Snatch lbs.	Jerk lbs.
Bantam-Weight:			
Baxter (Goole) ...	154¼	154¼	198¼
Feather-Weight:			
Holroyd (Illand) ...	190¾	192¾	253½
Light-Weight:			
Griffin (Islington) ...	192¾	192¾	248
Middle-Weight:			
C. Gotts (Castleford)	181¾	203¾	259
Light Heavy-Weight:			
Ward (Watford) ...	192¾	214¾	275½
Heavy-Weight:			
Walker (Wakefield)	253½	292	319½

The team selected by the British Amateur Weight-Lifters' Association to represent Britain in the World Championships are:—Holroyd, Griffin, Gotts, Walker and Ward. Walker will lift in the light-heavies, so he will have a good chance of a championship. As he is confident of getting down to 12st. 13¾lbs. with his total he should do well.

So far the Watling Weightlifting Club are not doing too bad. We have had six matches this season and have won four. Winning three out of four League matches leaves us second on the Division. One was the Challenge Cup match presented by the Watling Association, the other being another Challenge Cup match where we met one of our betters.

Our next match to be held at the Centre is with the Haling Physical Culture Club on September 8, at 8.30 p.m. We are still open to new members who are keen and fit. I say fit because, being a Weightlifting Club we cannot conveniently carry on elementary P.T. for the novice, and it is advisable that young fellows with a mind for the "Iron Game" should start with light and free exercise.

Our club meetings are as follows: Wednesday and Friday, 8 p.m. till 10.30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. till 1.30 p.m.

I noticed with amusement the article in last month's issue on exercises and the heart. I wonder how many of the people who condemn weightlifting know anything about it. Many people have witnessed a 100 yards race or 440, or even a mile race, and have seen the competitors flop out on the ground after the race utterly exhausted. Why not come and see our next match and see how many of us flop out on the platform after elevating a weight. I have no room for more argument there, but facts speak for themselves sometimes. Think it over you folks who condemn scientific weightlifting, and compare the physical strain of the two sports.

A. E. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.,
Watling Weightlifting Club.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL

This question is often asked, "Why should we sing hymns or read the Bible?" as though these things were an unnecessary addition to an instructive discussion.

An Adult School is something more than a place where knowledge may be gained; its meetings offer inspiration and help, and the test of its success is the happiness of its members.

I have little faith in the usefulness of the ignorant Christian, and again the person full of knowledge, yet without faith, often becomes an embittered cynic.

We are made up of many parts, and the spiritual side of life is a reservoir of great power, which we can use for good or evil, if we have learnt the secret. We cannot feel that we are living to the top of our capacity if this side of our being remains undeveloped.

A few weeks ago I went to a local service and the minister was a man who had been preaching for forty years. The service was a simple one, the hymns were easy to understand, and the sermon short and to the point. I came away encouraged and with renewed vision to face the difficult problems that await a solution. You may claim that this is merely dope. Yes, so it is, if I remain content with my own happiness, regardless of how my neighbours are living.

Most of us are inconsistent and illogical, and our efforts to live a Christian life often fail, but the religion of Jesus is not dope. It led its founder to a Cross, and even to-day, in a neighbouring country, is still leading to a Cross.

"And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did The Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight;
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land."

WILLIAM BLAKE, 1757-1827

J.W.P.

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MEMBERSHIP: 4d. MONTH

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

Our Ladies' Open 25 on July 12 was run off without a hitch which was very satisfactory to those who had worked so hard to make it a success. Miss Wilson (Bournemouth Arrow) broke the women's competition record with the splendid time of 1.8.52; Miss Ball (Yorkshire R.C.) and Miss T. Biggs (Rosslyn Ladies) were second and third respectively. Our local girls, however, were not crowded out. Miss J. Remison (N.W.R.C.) took third handicap prize and with Miss E. Rolph and Miss H. Lundsten formed the third fastest team. In connection with this event a word of thanks is due to the Camden Wheelers for their excellent and valuable assistance; no fewer than 13 members were to be seen along the course.

THE POTTERER again made its appearance last month; copies of this quartet's issue can be obtained from Mr. L. Brickett, 20, Village Way, Neasden, N.W. I mention this because Mr. Brickett has still a few copies of the previous issue on hand, and will be pleased to send either issue to members who require them.

The August Bank Holiday run was well supported and lovely weather made this the week-end of the year. Touring through the Vale of the White Horse and Marlborough downs, visiting local points of interest, and after watching the Bath Road "100" at Newbury, we sprinted (not much) up to the finish at Pangbourne, afterwards spending a lazy day along the river.

On Thursday, August 5th, some of our members went to Royston to help Miss Biggs and Miss Springhall in their successful attempt on the 50 miles W.R.R.A. record. The attempt was timed by our club timekeeper, Mr. W. King. The new record is now 2 hr. 1 min. 25 secs., being over 11 minutes faster than the previous holders, Miss Du Hcaume and Miss Haverley.

Our Captain, Mr. A. J. Morgan, has been forced to tender his resignation owing to business arrangements causing inconsistency in club run attendances, but Mr. W. Gray has accepted the office until our next A.G.M.

The Club "100" and "50" now being over, it leaves only our last "25" in this month to decide who is the best all-rounder for this season; if things continue to go as they are at present there should be little doubt as to the winner.

Thinking of prizes reminds us that the social season is drawing near. Next month (October 23rd) brings our first Dance at the White Lion, Edgware Road. Yes, this part of our activities brings pleasant thoughts and if this year brings the same variety and entertainment as did last, there's a good time coming.

Our runs for this month are as follows:—

- Rosslyn Ladies' 12 hour.
- 5th.—Dinner, Cambridge.
Tea, Sawbridgeworth.
- 19th.—Dinner, Penn.
Tea, Great Missenden.
- 12th.—Dinner, Thaxted.
Tea, Hertford.
- 26th.—Dinner, Ash Vale.
Tea, Stanwell Moor.

Full details on runs card.

POTTERER.

BOXING

I hope by the time you are reading this the Boxing season will be in full swing, and that if you are not already a member you will soon become one.

We are looking forward to a good season, matches have been or will be arranged with the Hendon Boxing Club, All Saints, the S.O.C. and also its Inter-Estate Competition, which will be held at Watling this year. If we can find proper accommodation we also hope to run open events.

The committee are open to suggestions for improving the club; if you have any, let's hear them. Also we should like to see the members turn up for practice early in the season. Some of the Inter-Club events will probably be run early in the season and we shall want to know what talent we have.

Several times I have been asked by the members of the club, "Where are the cups that we helped to win last season. Have you pawned them?"

If you have X-ray eyes, you can see them any time you like at the Centre, in the Safe,—keep it dark. Some day they will be displayed in a glass case, so let's hope we can keep them till then and that we shall not be members of the Veteran Club by that time.

Till the 7th September—Cheerio!

L.K.

Sydney Hurry

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NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

Our lady members have claimed attention again in this month's notes. Their times in the N.W.R.C. Ladies' 285 miles T.T. were as follows:—Miss K. Rainbow, 1 hr. 18 mins. 3 secs.; Miss P. Smith, 1 hr. 19.25 secs. and Miss D. Hancock succeeded in doing 1 hr. mins. 53 secs. despite a crash at the turn. They came in fifth team; not bad for a first attempt. The N.W.R.C. are to be congratulated on a fine event well organised and well marshalled.

We held our first time trail over a 25 miles course with a very stiff cross-wind to fight both ways. Here are the times:—

	hr.	mins.	secs.
1st.—Mr. A. Keats ...	1	10	33
2nd.—Mr. F. Puddifoot ...	1	11	33
3rd.—Mr. E. Keats ...	1	15	34
4th.—Mr. K. Higgs ...	1	16	—
5th.—Mr. C. Yates ...	1	16	41
6th.—Mr. L. Capel ...	1	22	—

Two new names amongst our fast boys are in the above list. They are to be congratulated on plucky attempts.

At the time of writing cloudbursts and storms are sweeping this district, but up to date the weather clerk has been very generous and many enjoyable runs have been had during the past month. Ambling through beautiful lanes in brilliant sunshine makes life worth living.

Many of our members are away touring and we shall miss Chris and Ernie when they go to Wales.

Enjoyable evenings are being spent at our clubroom at John Keble's Church every Thursday evening. Keen cyclists are welcome if they care to drop in.

The Tuesday evening runs are now very much looked forward to and are being well supported.

The club runs for September are to be as follows:—

- 5th.—Invitation Run.
- 12th.—Blackberry Run.
- 19th.—Bedford District.
- 26th.—Abinger.

Cyclists are welcome on the Invitation run which is to be to the L.U. Autumn meet, a jolly affair at Hoddesden. The club leaves the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9 a.m. sharp every Sunday morning.

Our Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20, Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, will be pleased to give full particulars of our activities, insurance benefits, etc., upon application.

Cheerio folks, and don't forget if you want a good club the Hendon Clarion is what you're looking for.

Cheerio!

VIC C. BOTTERILL,
Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

PLEASE NOTE that all matters for publication must reach the Editor, at 26 Crispin Road, by the 13th day of the month preceeding publication.

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The Journal of the Watling Association

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

New Paths

Have you been to the Centre since the entrance path was concreted? At long last it is now smooth, but not slippery and straight and uniform from the gate to the door. It is very nice to see these improvements in the Estate's Community Centre. I hope you take as much pride in it as I do. If we all did, and encouraged the children to as well, it might be even better than it is.

Fences

Which reminds me that I have been specially asked to seek your help in protecting the fence at the Centre. Some children, we hope it is not older people, seem to take a delight in pulling off the palings and making large holes through which they can climb. The Association would much appreciate your help in stopping this.

A Record

Since the *WATLING RESIDENT* was first published there has been six editors, the longest in office up to recently being Mr. J. A. Veal, who got our thirty-five *WATLING RESIDENTS*.

The present editor, Mr. F. H. Lake, has completed three years in his honorary capacity and has now broken the record with thirty-six issues of our community journal.

This is a creditable performance as the policy of the Watling Association being non-political and non-sectarian, the scope of the editor is naturally restricted. He must confine himself more or less to the activities of the Association.

We congratulate Mr. Lake. May he continue to wield the pen in true community style.

Whiz-Bang

The firework season is upon us and nervous people and dogs are being startled out of their wits by sudden bangs and explosions. Besides the noise there is a certain amount of danger in this indiscriminate discharging of crackers. We suggest that these modern Guy Fawkes confine the war to their own back gardens.

The New Branch Library

Residents in Burnt Oak are invited to make full use of the branch library in Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill (opposite the Fire Station). The library is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. each weekday.

Too Many Cinemas?

Are there too many cinemas in Burnt Oak. At least we have enough and some people are of the opinion that our needs would be better supplied if we had a Playhouse and a Palace of Varieties. We must not become too mechanized and after all, there is quite a number of people who appreciate the legitimate stage, to say nothing of a good old music hall show.

Mother and Child

Sometimes mothers are prevented from going out to meetings they would like to attend because they can't take young children with them. If any mothers would like to attend the Neighbourhood Guild at Watling Centre on Wednesday and bring their children, arrangements will be made to look after these in a separate room so that the mothers may enjoy the meeting in peace.

The Clash of Colours

It is always a good thing for people who think themselves superior to know what others think about them. If anyone feels that the negroes are inferior to white people they had better come to hear Mr. David Headley at the "Free and Easy" at the Centre on October 10th. Mr. Headley is himself a negro and will speak on "Black and White in Africa," so we may hope to hear some home truths.

Men's P.T.

At the time of writing these notes this class is just being fixed up, but details are not yet certain. Any man interested should apply to Mr. Harris at the Centre.

Women Park Keepers

I understand that the W.A. Council has urged on the Borough Committee the desirability of having women park keepers as well as men, especially in the Watling Park where there are so many children. The surprising thing is that this has not been done before, and I hope that the Borough Council will make some such appointments speedily.

The Use of Leisure

If by any chance you missed getting last month's RESIDENT you ought to make an effort to see if you can get one now. It contained a full list of activities for men, women and children going on at the Centre and in connection with the Association, whether organised by the Association itself or by other bodies, and if it does not contain what you want you should write and complain.

Accidents

Have you ever seen an accident at the corner of Gervase and Booth Roads and Montrose Avenue? Some people think it is a dangerous place and that something ought to be done about it. What do you say and to whom do you say it?

D. A. STEELE

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CHILDREN'S OUTFITS

IN MEMORIAM

Those qualities of character which enable us to call a man great, are the same whether they are found in one of high position and renown or in one who walks in humbler paths doing well and cheerfully that which falls to his lot to do.

F. R. Parish had these qualities of greatness. He was steady, he was calm, he was free from pettiness and meanness; he was loyal to what he knew as best and it was with a sense of shock and loss that his many friends in Watling and Colindale learned of his death on August 23rd.

Fred Parish was indeed a "first citizen" of Watling. He came to Watling Estate with his family when it was first being built to work as a carpenter, and no good citizen of Watling could understand why, some years later, official red tape required that he should remove from the Estate. But he and Mrs. Parish retained their loyalty and interest in all its welfare, and the "freedom of the city" in the hearts of all their friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Parish was a foundation member of the Watling Horticultural and Allotters' Society, and it was through his initiative and suggestion that the very popular Annual Children's Bulb Show and Party was inaugurated. Could not his name be commemorated in this annual event?

He was also assistant secretary of the Colindale Allotment Association, a member of the Hendon Horticultural Society and of the National Rose Society, at whose annual shows he had taken noteworthy prizes. He was a foundation member of the Watling and District Rose Society and on its committee. He was one of the chief persons responsible for the making of the rose garden in front of Watling Centre which has been the admiration of all who have seen it. For two and a half years he wrote the gardening notes for the WATLING RESIDENT. With Mr. Parish horticulture was an art, and he brought to this art the same love and expertness with materials from which a painter gives us a fine picture or a musician fine music.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Parish and her two daughters, Beryl and Betty.

DANCES AT THE CENTRE

For the guidance of members we append below a Calendar of Dances. Please make a note and do not fail to come along.

Sunday, Free and Easy:—

Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 14, 28; Dec. 12, 26; Jan. 9, 23;
Feb. 13, 27.

Sunday, 6d. Dances:—

Oct. *3, 31; Nov. *7, 21; Dec. *5, 19; Jan. *2, 16,
30; Feb. *6, 20.

Dates marked * denote Carnival Dances.
Admission 9d.

Carnival Social, Saturday Evening:—

Oct. 16; Nov. 20; Dec. 18; New Year's Eve; Jan.
21; Feb. 18.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

October, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
3. Local History.
Major Norman Britt-James.
10. The Partition of Africa.
Mr. David E. Headley.
17. Book iii. of "Back to Methuselah."
Mr. J. T. Harris.
24. History Backwards.
Mr. E. C. J. Taylor.
31. The Modern State in Action.
Mr. Simkins.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
4. Work at the Bedford Institute.
Mr. W. Durrant.
11. Community Work.
Mr. J. T. Mashford.
18. Music. Mr. P. E. Wallbridge.
W. E. A. Class in Modern Social Problems, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking and Millinery Classes, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 4.30 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls, 12-16, 7.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Thinking Straight Discussion Group, 7.30 p.m., at place not yet fixed.
Dance, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 6 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 16, 8.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
6. Outing to Lambeth Palace.
The Human System.
By Capt. F. Hasper-Shove.
13. The Circulatory and Respiratory Systems.
20. The Digestion System and Diet.
27. Spirit, Mind and Body.
Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
6. Sister Annie.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
6. A Challenge to Youth.
Mr. A. Deavin.

- Thursdays** —Upholstery Class, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Boxing, 8 p.m.
- Fridays** —Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Net Ball Club, 2.30 p.m.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

- Sundays** — 3. Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
10. Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Black and White in Africa. Mr. D. Headley.
17. Edgware Fellowship, 8 p.m. One Act Peace Plays. The Pax Players.
24. Free and Easy, 8 p.m. How to Stop Road Accidents. Mr. J. C. Foley (Sec. Pedestrians Association).
31. Edgware Fellowship, 8 p.m. Education in Russia. Miss Beatrice King.
- Mondays** —11 and 25. Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
- Wed'days** — 6. Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
- Thursdays** — 7. Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
14. **Lantern Lecture. "Two Vagabonds in Spain" by "Petronella," 8.30 p.m.**
28. W. A. Council Meeting.
- Fridays** — 1. Left Book Club Discussion Group, 8.0 p.m.
8. Dance, 8 p.m.
15. Left Book Club.
22. Discussion Group, 8 p.m.
Dance, 8 p.m.
29. Helpers' Social, 8 p.m.

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If you are in doubt about your policies, and will bring them to the Watling Centre, we will endeavour to give you the best possible advice.

J. P. M.

"FATE"

(Or, What is to be, will be)

By HARRY DAVIS

MR. EDITOR,

By introducing the subject above, please do not think that I am bawling, up the pole, or that I have had two over the eight. I am not in the mood for love, but, *I am in the mood for an argument.*

In my opinion, people who believe (or think they believe) in fate, are never ready to argue it, simply because they cannot explain *why* they believe it.

If I am ask the question, "are you a Fatalist," my reply is no, and if I am asked to explain myself, well, I never feel at a loss in doing so. In this article, I am really searching for someone, who, thinking I am wrong, will be a good pal and educate me in this matter of *what is to be, will be.* In my long life, I have come across numerous people who, when some misfortune has overtaken them, exclaim, "It's simply my fate" (what is to be, will be). They then go on living in their usual way, waiting for the next "Basin-full."

If they won the Irish Sweep, I am thinking they would call it "Luck." Fate? Oh no! Simply good luck, and to my way of thinking, they would be quite right. I recall meeting a lady who came to visit a servant of hers, who, poor girl, had been betrayed. At this time, I was an official at a certain London hospital, and when in the waiting room I overheard her remark, "Poor girl, it's her fate." I got in touch with the lady and asked her if she really believed that God was a just God, and did she believe that God had destined this girl, when she was born, to become what many Christian people term "a bad lot." After the lady had got over her surprise, and some indignation at my rather blunt question she replied she had never thought about this matter in the way I had put it. I, myself, cannot believe that God "destined" murderers, thieves, adulterers, prostitutes, etc., to be so.

Here I am going to inflict readers with a story which concerns myself. When serving in India, I came in contact with a native Fortune Teller. He told me that he could tell me something of my future. I consented for him to have a shot. He then poured a black liquid into my left hand, gazed into it, and then said "Sahib, you will go home to Blighty (England), you then will go from there to another foreign country, and you will certainly come back to India." Well, what he had predicted did come off. I went home with my Regiment, to Shorncliffe, went into the same hut, and took up the same bed I had occupied when last there. We moved to Leeds, where again I was posted to the same block, and same room, and same bed I had lived in when in Leeds Barracks some six years before. From Leeds, I volunteered to

go to South Africa, stayed two years, and the Regiment was then ordered to India. I found myself in the same station (Sialcop) which I had left, took my quarters in the same bungalow, and took over the corner cot I had left years before. I did look round for that old native, but without success. I wanted him to tell me a bit more, such as, should I ever get married, what kind of wife would suit me, and if I was going to die when I got to be 90, etc. Doubtless, some of my fatalist readers will think they have the laugh on me, but let me tell them, all these happenings could only be coincidences, that is my honest conviction, so that's that. And now, a story of the burglar and the fatalist Judge. The man was on trial, and when asked if he had anything to say replied yes and said, I must admit my crime, but, I am a fatalist, and was bound to do what I have done. It is known, my lord, that you too, are a fatalist, so holding the fatalist views as you do, you cannot give me punishment. Said the judge, I am a fatalist, and believe that you were destined to commit this crime, but I am destined to punish you, so sentence you to two years hard labour.

What an easy way to deal with hard subjects. My last story dealing with fatalists I have met, is as follows: Years ago, I got in the company of a gentleman, who told me that he was a *convinced fatalist.* Said I to myself, here's a chance to test him, so I said, let us assume that I am one of your debtors, I owe you £50, but I come to tell you that I, too, have become a convinced fatalist and my circumstances are such that I cannot pay my debt. His answer was that if this business was really a bit of *real business*, I should find that fatalism in business, was not business, and there was such a thing as County Courts to deal with such matters. Now, getting back to material things. I am asking thinking people, do they really believe that God endowed scientists with brains to invent such abominations as poison gas, shrapnel shells and bombing machines. I do not think this possible. I cannot believe he destined all these devilish things which have in the past, and also to-day, are destroying the Flower of the Nations. Is this what survival of the fittest means? As I see it, it means in the future nations of kiddies and the aged only. Is this what is to be, will be? My verdict upon this subject is that man, not God, wills these atrocities, and so I rule out as *nonsense* all this belief of what is to be, will be.

Now, Mr. Editor, of course I am aware that my subject is very controversial, also I know that many have an honest conviction that all things are governed by *fate.* I sincerely respect their views, and should welcome honest and constructive criticism, through the medium of our journal (*The Watling Resident*). So now, my fatalist friends, DO LET ME HAVE YOUR THUNDER.

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Cleaner Bread

It is not so long ago when milk was delivered at our doors in cans. These were often dirty and greasy, and it was a very unhygienic way of getting our milk supply. It was a progressive step when in 1924 cans were done away with and the milk delivered in bottles. These bottles cost 3d. each and there are 250 million in circulation. They are renewed at the rate of 75 million a year. The next step will be to have our milk in cartons which can be disposed of after use.

But whilst we are so concerned about the cleanliness of our milk we are neglecting another important item in our food supply, namely our bread. Feeble efforts have been made for a cleaner delivery of bread, but we are still getting it unwrapped and exposed to all the dirt and disease which happens to be about.

How many people handle our bread before we get it. The tired roundsman cannot be for ever washing his hands, and his barrow of bread which has been pulled round the dusty streets, rests at our door and our bread brought out. If we happen to be out, the bread is left on the window-sill. In some cases on the door step, and this is the stuff we call the staff of life. Bread is the mainstay of many families, so let us have it clean. If milk can be delivered in bottles without extra charge, so can bread be wrapped in some kind of dirt-proof paper which, after all, is only common sense and decent and a law enforcing it is long overdue.

My Hat

A few years ago any man in the habit of going about without a hat was regarded as a crank. He was considered to be almost a nudist. Nowadays we are more impervious to public opinion, and the number of men who discard their headgear at the approach of warm weather is increasing.

Male dress reformers have for years been trying to get men to wear what they consider to be more suitable clothing, especially during hot weather. Instead of the drain-pipe trousers, thick clinging, stuffy coats and heavy ugly-looking hats, they suggest we wear more hygienic and picturesque clothing—such as breeches and blouses and Byron collars, an attire which to some men might seem effeminate or too romantic; for the lords of creation are generally reluctant to shed or change any part of their dress which they consider necessary and respectable.

We do not wear top hats and frock coats for any of our social functions on Watling, but our dress is becoming freer and more airy. Open neck shirts and even shorts are more popular, so we can claim that men are less tight-laced than our forbears. It would be safe to say that during the summer months a good third of the male population find it more comfortable to dispense with their lid, tile, roof, tit fer tat, or whatever they like to call it.

This may not be good for the hat trade but it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and perhaps the barber benefits, as to be hatless is said to make the hair grow.

F.H.L.

The Needs of Watling Residents

What does this neighbourhood need to make it a perfect place to live in? For children, for adolescents, for adults, for those who have to travel, for recreation, for reading and study, and so on? There are many aspects of life which need catering for and many problems of organisation and provision which have to be solved. A few people are thinking and working to make the Watling Estate as ideal as possible as a place to live in and bring children up in. What contribution are you making? Perhaps you have thought about these questions and have various ideas which you think might be carried out immediately if others would co-operate, or in the future if authorities can be persuaded. Perhaps you have never thought much about it, but realise that co-operative effort might do something if people got together.

A group is being formed to think out some of these matters and any other suggestions which are brought before it. Would you like to join? The group will probably meet about once a month, and will discuss all sorts of ideas for improving the facilities available in the neighbourhood. It will consider which are practicable, which are the most important, which ought to be tackled first and what steps ought to be taken to bring about the desired result. Then it will make recommendations to the Council of the Watling Association and ask it to take the necessary action in the way of approaching appropriate individuals or organisations. There are always things which want doing and when one thing has been taken up in a practical way the group will turn to the next and continue regularly to survey the needs of the neighbourhood. Would you like to join and make your contribution? It may mean some hard work, but it will be worth while for the sake of the future. Give your name and address to Mr. Harris at the Centre and you will be told when the group meets. You will be welcome whether you are a member of the Watling Association or not, if you live on the Estate.

Let's Blow the Gaff

By BRADLEY PAYNE

Let's "take the rise" out of something! What shall we pick on?—How about that old chestnut—the bulwark of our nation—our Parliamentary System of Government.

Some of us are not at all sure that Guy Fawkes was not right after all. He certainly is not regarded as a double dyed villain any longer, but rather as a poor fellow sufferer whose sense of humour went a little astray. We have to put up with a great deal of red tape nonsense these days but taken as a whole it can be said that our sense of humour is never lacking.

We are well aware that our system of Government is far from the ideal, that the Houses of Parliament is the Cathedral of humbug and procrastination, but for all that we evidently prefer to remain with the devil we know than with another we don't know. So many of our neighbours seem to have jumped out of the frying pan into the fire.

The world goes round—astonishing changes in the methods of governing in many countries have come into force—sometimes too forceful—but our dear old Parliament goes on for ever. Or at least that is what we expect it to do. It has been said, and truthfully, that there is no such thing in actual practice as "an institution"—nothing can be established and for it to be said to "stay put" for eternity,—nothing remains stationary in this world,—to some degree we either progress or degenerate, we either go forward or backward. With the one exception of the Houses of Parliament which manages somehow or other to step sideways.

Our Parliamentary System has been showing signs of old age for a long time. To cope with the rapidly changing modern situations it has been added to and subtracted from, patched up here and there in so many different places that it has now become a very intricate piece of machinery, so much so that it represents a life study to attempt to understand it all. Half the Members of Parliament do not know whether they are standing on their heads or their heels. They are told that their questions and proposals must go through the "usual channels," a better term would be the "usual labyrinth," through which they might see the light of day again, but more than likely might not.

Some of the members have given it up in disgust and do not even bother to attend. Who is not acquainted with the scandal of the empty benches? Even when specially "whipped" for the 47 divisions which were taken in the last quarter of 1936 (latest annual figures) the average number of members available was under half of the total of 615. *That does not mean that that pious half which did attend sat all through the debates. Not a bit of it—just the necessary quorum of 40 members was carefully maintained. If a speaker had 50 members to address he could consider himself lucky!* But when it came to the time of the Division, they all trooped in apparently from nowhere, cast their votes like good little boys—exactly as they

were told to do by their Party Leaders (they probably did not even know what they were voting for) and then they all trooped back again to continue with their billiards, filling up their football coupons or whatever they were amusing themselves with before they were so rudely disturbed.

Of course we would not think of being done out of our old grouse about our crazy system of Representation. In the last General Election approximately 11 millions voted for this Government and 10 millions against it, therefore a fair and honest Representation would be in the proportion of 11 Government Members to 10 Opposition Members. In fact almost equal with a slight leaning in favour of the Government. But being without all rhyme and reason we have instead, 428 Members for the Government and only 187 in the Opposition. Yes there is some opposition although they might just as well not be there at all! They cannot in any manner alter or modify the Government's policy. In many instances Opposition Members with their petty personal bickerings only succeed in causing obstruction and delay, which to them is their right and privilege! *The Opposition Press is the only effective instrument the Public have in which to voice any unpopular proposals of the Government.*

Who cares anyway? Because it would be a change if everybody voted, for at the last election 26% of the Electorate were not sufficiently interested to go to the poll. Heaven knows there was more than enough publicity, promises and encouragement, and to catch a vote the rival parties would wait on a prospective supporter hand and foot. But still they didn't vote. Apathy—that is the skeleton in the National cupboard.

Then there is the small matter of cost. Few realise that on salaries to Members and Ministers alone nearly half a million pounds is expended annually, and just recently they decided to give themselves an increase all round! How nice to be a Member of Parliament. Five hundred thousand pounds viewed beside the Budget does not appear to be very much, but as an item on its own it has to be admitted that it is a colossal sum of money, especially as we have cause for thinking that we are not getting value for our money.

We also have the House of Lords, blest if anybody knows why. 772 of the "noble gentry" have the right to sit there just because their fathers did before them. There is a tale told about the House of Lords which very thoroughly dispenses with any further words on the subject. It concerns two devoted nurses to a very old Peer, so very old that he had become a helpless paralytic, blind, deaf, dumb and mentally deficient. Poor chap. However these two nurses wanted to go out for the day together but they did not know what to do with the poor old man, when they suddenly remembered that being a Peer he had the right to sit in the Upper House. That solved their problem—they could dump him there! So they bundled him into a taxi and set off for Westminster, but on arriving there they felt rather ashamed of themselves and one of them said as much to the Constable on duty at the door. But he quickly put them at their ease by his calm reply—"Lor, luv yer mum, we've got plenty worse'n 'im 'ere."

'Nuff said.

Names and Places

A correspondent writes: "When I was a boy, my family moved into a small town in the Midlands, and we were much amused to find that our part of the town was spoken of nearly always as 'Fern's Folly.' This was really the proper name of a house and large garden which had come, in the course of time, to give a name to the neighbourhood.

Local tradition, which there was no reason to disbelieve, said that a man named Fern had once sat upon the bough of an apple tree and had sawn it off at a point between himself and the trunk. Quite naturally, at the end of his labour, he tumbled to the ground together with it's results, and hence, the title that has, ever since, been given to his house and garden. Can any of your readers supply an instance of a proper name having such a peculiar and amusing origin?"

Our correspondent has introduced a most interesting subject, and one that would well repay the trouble of further exploration. There is an English Place-Name Society, which has conducted far-reaching and valuable investigations, and quite a number of fascinating books have been written on the theme.

It is probable that nearly all of the words we use have had a meaning related closely to the circumstances in which they first came into existence. It is unfortunate that most of their original meanings have been lost to us, but we still know many of them, and this applies especially to surnames and place-names.

Most of us bear names derived from the trade, place of habitation, or personal characteristics of our forefathers, and, in the majority of cases, these are not difficult to decipher. Also, and particularly in old towns and villages, history is written largely in the names given to streets and lanes and, indeed, in the names of the towns and villages themselves. How many places have been named in consequence of the business that was carried on in them, or because of some incident of which they were the scene? One thinks of Bread Street, Milk Street, and Dagger Lane; and innumerable examples could be given.

To return to the point raised by our correspondent: lots of places up and down the country do bear names that are queer and amusing, and one often wishes that he knew how such names came to be given. The oddest name, of which we have heard, is that of "Crooked Usage," in Finchley. We should be glad if someone would tell us why this small street has been labelled, or should we say, libelled, thus.

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Hedging

Some people sit on the hedge and we wonder on which side they will eventually come down, on the side of progress or on the side where things remain as they are or even have a backward tendency. But it is not that kind of hedging that I want to write about now but about that beautiful hedge which might border our gardens.

The value of a good garden hedge can hardly be over-estimated and to-day when so many houses are being built all over the country it is being realised that a nicely planted hedge gives a cosy home-like appearance as well as providing a nice finish to a new house and garden. The hedge also affords excellent shelter and enables us to grow many choice and desirable plants which require some protection.

Hedging plants fall naturally into two main groups; the evergreen which are full of leaves all the year round, and the deciduous which cast their leaves in the autumn and bring forth a new set in the following spring.

In the evergreen class mention may be made of five different kinds. First of all comes the holly, green or variegated, the prickly leaves of which are particularly good for keeping out marauding animals.

A yew hedge is perhaps the warmest for shelter. There are at least three varieties, English, Irish and Golden. It has a poisonous effect on animals if eaten by them. Its pretty little red fruit is poisonous too.

Box makes a handsome hedge. It grows close and erect and will stand any amount of clipping.

Laurels are popular with some but rather suburban in appearance.

One of the best, but not so well known as some of the others, is the *Cupressus Macrocarpa*. For a beautiful ornamental hedge it is hard to beat. The foliage is light and graceful and a charming shade of green. When established it is perfectly hardy. It grows very quickly, often two or more feet in a year, and soon makes a very close hedge. When the shrubs have reached the desired height the leading growth may be stopped. They can be clipped to any extent and kept well in shape.

In the deciduous class of hedging plants the commonest is the thorn. It is also called the haw- or hedge-thorn; and as haw means hedge the red haws of autumn are simply the hedge berries. The word "haw" is derived from the same source, a haw being a witch or old woman who sat under a hedge. The hawthorn is beautiful in the spring when covered with May blossom, and also in the autumn when the flowers have turned into haws. This applies more particularly to the hedges of fields and lanes, for in a garden the close clipping of the hedge prevents the development of both flower and fruit. Quickthorn is another name given to it because of the rapidity with which it forms a thick and impenetrable barrier.

Privet comes next and is specially good for gardens in towns or their immediate neighbourhood on account of its capability of withstanding the evil influence of smoke. There is a gold-leaved variety which makes a brilliantly coloured hedge.

Beech makes a pretty hedge because it retains its foliage during the winter when the brown leaves are beautiful and produce a warm effect.

Sweet-briar can be trained into a good hedge, the beauty of the roses and the sweet scent of the leaves being its chief attraction.

Myrobellia has been described as "the quickest growing and most impenetrable hedging plant in existence." This can be confirmed from practical experience. It belongs to the plum tribe and has large and very sharp spikes on its stems which make it a terror to cattle and other animals.

Hornbeam is generally grown as a tree. There are a great many of these trees in Epping Forest. Some have been pollarded like the beeches, but those which have not suffered in this way have formed fine trees. Hornbeam can also be used for hedges. In Letchworth many of the garden hedges are made of it. In one road there it has been allowed to grow to a height of some fifteen or twenty feet, completely hiding the gardens and houses behind it. For two hundred yards there is an almost solid mass of Hornbeam, pierced at intervals by passages leading to the house, the garage and the tradesmen's entrance.

What to do in October

The chief work this month is the preparation of the ground for planting any trees, bushes or perennials that you want for next year.

Leaves should be removed from the lawn as they fall, otherwise the worms will drag them into the grass and then they are more difficult to sweep up.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Summer bedding plants should be removed and the soil of the beds in which they have grown renewed by a copious dressing of manure before the bulbous and spring flowering plants are put in their place.

Plant the hardy bulbs where required and fill in the spaces between with wall-flowers, daisies, primroses, polyanthus and forget-me-nots.

Dahlias should be lifted two or three days after they have been blackened by a frost. Store in a cool dry place with the stumps of the stalks downward so that any moisture they contain may drain out.

Cut down the delphiniums and put ashes over the roots to keep them safe during the winter. If the plants have remained undisturbed for three years, lift and divide them now.

Overhaul the rose-beds. Remove all withered flowers and hips. Cuttings of the free growing kinds can be successfully planted in moderately light soil. Put sand in the bottom of the trench in which the cuttings are to be set.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Finish gathering the apples and pears and store them. It is worth while to wrap the best of them separately in tissue paper.

Give raspberries and loganberries a dressing of bone meal—4 oz. to the square yard.

Set cuttings of currants and gooseberries.

Provide well-drained sites for new fruit trees which may be planted as soon as the leaves have fallen

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Speed and Road Accidents

The question of safety on the roads ought to, and probably does, exercise the minds of people living on large housing estates more than any other sections of the community for it is there that we find a large proportion of the population whose only means of travelling about is on foot. It is there also that we find a higher percentage of child population than elsewhere. It cannot be doubted that these people are the biggest sufferers through accidents on the roads, yet all too often there is not sufficient regard paid to their interests when consideration is being given to matters of road safety and convenience.

The application of a 30 m.p.h. speed limit to roads in built-up areas in March 1935 was followed by a diminution in the number of fatal road accidents much more marked in the towns subject to the speed limit than in the county areas where speed still remained unrestricted. Accidents also became less severe. This fact was quoted by the former Transport Minister, Mr. Hore-Belisha, as "proof of the mercy of controlling speed."

It is regrettable therefore that the Minister of Transport has thought fit to deprive many roads in built-up areas of the benefits of the speed limit, using powers which were given to him by Parliament to redress any anomalies which might arise by reason of the definition of a built-up area as an area lit by street lamps not more than 200 yards apart.

This action on the part of the Minister has resulted in many protests from organised bodies of residents on big estates. The two outstanding examples in the London area were those of Westway (Hammersmith) and the Faloden Way (Hampstead Garden Suburb). The first of these two instances had the effect of bringing a re-imposition of the speed limit, and the second campaign is still going on in a vigorous manner.

It is sad to find that in too many cases residents just make a protest, perhaps through their local Council, and then settle down, almost in despair, to the more dangerous conditions created by unlimited speed. Where there is a well organised body of opinion—a Community Association, Tenants' Association or other body, a fight can be put up with better hope of success against any action which would subject our ordinary walking public, and particularly the children, to greater dangers on the roads.

J.F.M.

Members of the Association should note that Mr. Foley will be speaking at the Free and Easy on October 24th, on "How to Stop Road Accidents."

GARDEN NOTES—continued from page 8

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—The main crop of carrots, parsnips and beetroot should be lifted and stored in sand in a cool dark place.

Finish planting out cabbages and earthing up celery.

Place a few roots of parsley in the cold frame for use in frosty weather.

Sow a row of turnips now for the sake of their tops. The roots will not be much good but the tops will make an agreeable vegetable dish in February and March when green stuff is scarce.



Now that winter days are coming the health of the family requires that we should give rather more careful thought to food. In such a good summer as we have had the sunshine helps to feed our bodies—if we have not had so many clothes on that it could not penetrate. We do not want to lose the health which a sunny summer has given us, so we must provide the following things in an all-round diet:—

Proteins: body building foods such as meat, fish, eggs, milk, cheese, peas, beans and lentils. These are needed more by growing children than by adults, and more by women than men. It is quite a mistake to suppose that the hard working man needs meat to keep his strength up more than the mother of a family. What he needs is: carbohydrates or starches, sugars and fats, energy producing foods such as bread, cereals, raisins, dates, prunes, cheese, butter, margarine, dripping and cream. Fat is the heat producing food so less is needed in summer than in winter.

Mineral Salts: Body building and regulating vital processes; fruit and vegetables, milk and the outer coats of cereals contain these foods. Too much cooking destroys the benefit of these foods.

Vitamins: essential for the maintenance of health and growth. Four if not five of these important substances are now recognised:—

A and D occur in animal fats and oils, especially in cod liver oil, also in green vegetables and especially in carrots. They are easily destroyed in cooking.

B occurs in grains and nuts, especially in outer coats (bran) and germs of grains and cereals; in yeast, milk and tomatoes. Hence wholemeal bread is much better than white.

C occurs in fruits, vegetables and milk—very easily destroyed in cooking.

E occurs in seeds and in green leaves. Cook your vegetables in as little water as possible and as quickly as possible. Never throw away vegetable water or juice, but use it in soups, gravy or sauces or just drink it. Never, never, never put bicarbonate or soda in with your green vegetables to improve the colour. Green vegetables will remain a good colour if you pour *boiling* water over them for cooking, not too much of it, and cook them briskly, but not violently, and not slowly.

With greetings and good wishes,

Yours for another month,

SUSAN SAVOURY.

P.S.—The cheapest food is often the best. Porridge made of coarse oatmeal and *fresh* herrings cannot be bettered for winter diet. Peas, beans and lentils are good substitutes for meat and are delicious in soups and stews or as vegetables.

A NICE CUP OF TEA

By F. H. LAKE

*Now stir the fire, and close the shutters fast,
Let fall the curtains, wheel the sofa round,
And while the bubbling and loud hissing urn
Throws up a steamy column, and the cup
That cheers, but not inebriates, wait on each,
So let us welcome peaceful evening in.* COWPER.

"Every morn I bring thee violets" so runs the old song, but who wants violets in the early morning. As a famous comedian said "give me a cup o' tea." It is said that tea is harmful to us, but we must drink something, and who can deny the stimulating effects of a fresh cup of tea. It was noted in a newspaper recently that a Bristol woman drank sixty cups of tea a day and, far from having any harmful effects on her, she claimed it sustained her through a hard day's work.

Before tea came into use in this country beer was commonly consumed even by children, but it probably was beer, made with malt and barley, so that it was a form of nourishment. Nowadays tea is generally favoured and it is without doubt our national beverage. It is the first thing the average English person wants on waking up in the morning. Opinions differ as to what is the perfect cup of tea, some people like the milk in first, some like it in last, and some don't care whether it is in first, last, or in the middle.

In China cold water is disliked and considered unwholesome and therefore tea is taken to quench the thirst. Scented tea is very common in China, and various odoriferous plants are grown for this purpose. In Russia, a squeeze of a lemon often takes the place of milk and in Germany it is common to flavour it with rum or vanilla.

It is difficult to say what is the ideal brew as even experts do not agree; most of them have different methods which each claims to be the best.

The kind of teapot used is, according to "those who know," a very important factor.

It makes a lot of difference whether a metal or china teapot is used.

Here are some views of people who are considered to be authorities on the subject.

"My experience, professional and private, leads me to the conclusion that the silver teapot gives a perfect cup of tea.

I say with confidence—always put in the milk after the tea has been poured into the cup. Otherwise the delicate flavour of the tea is somewhat injured.

The water should be freshly and fiercely boiled. It is ready for the teapot when a good straight jet of steam emerges from the kettle spout.

The tea should brew for not less than five or six minutes."

"Many agree with me that the pewter teapot gives the perfect cup of tea. I do not agree that milk should be added after the tea has been poured into the cup, and in my opinion the tea should brew for not more than four minutes."

"The secret of a good cup of tea is to use a real china teapot (in preference to a silver one), warmed but perfectly dry. This is most important. Then the water poured on to the tea immediately it boils, and to brew from three to four minutes."

"Do not remove brown deposit from the teapot because this deposit, strange as it may seem, helps to precipitate the tannin in tea, and it's the tannin which harms the stomach."

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SOME HINTS

TEA LEAVES

Collect used tea-leaves for several days in a zinc pail, then pour over them a quart of boiling water. Leave till cold, stirring now and again. Strain liquid and bottle. Use to rub over mirrors, varnished wood, or linoleum. Polish with a soft duster and a fine polish will result.

Brush into a dirty carpet; dry and mix with camphor against moth; keep some at hand near the stove, for bound on a slight burn they will give instant relief.

COLD TEA

Oak-stained doors may be successfully cleaned and polished with cold tea. Just sponge them down with this, and polish when dry. It removes all finger-marks and dust, and does not spoil the varnish, but gives an added polish.

If you mix blacklead with cold tea it makes a better polish—and one less liable to rub off.

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?

I was paying a visit to my aunt, a very old lady. She was out on a shopping expedition when I arrived, and, with a number of friends, I awaited her return.

Hardly had she taken off her bonnet than she rattled the teacups and teapot on to the table, opened the caddy and then, looking at us with an accusing eye, said: "Somebody's been making tea. I know, because the fly has got out of the caddy."

SATURDAY SOCIAL

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.



A TRIP TO ELTHAM

Dear Moggies,

While most of you were enjoying yourselves at the seaside we made up a team and went down to Eltham to try and bring back the cup put up by the Eltham Association. The team ran ever so well, but didn't run off with the cup. Never mind, "Watling," better luck next time. Eltham gave us a nice tea, but the tram ride gave us such a shaking up that several wished we hadn't been so kindly treated.

We are now well away on our Winter Programme. Miss King turned up in full force for her painting class and Mrs. Bull for her handwork. Scouts and cubs started afresh, while poor old "Ricky" was working away "All through the night."

Come on children, don't waste all these opportunities.

Yours lovingly,

B. LORD.

"Did you enjoy your birthday party last week, Bobby?"

"Rather! I didn't feel hungry till five-thirty the next afternoon!"

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Park Keeper (to sleeping tramp): Hi! Wake up! I'm just going to shut the gates!

Tramp: Awright, old chap—don't slam 'em!

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When has a man four hands?—When he doubles his fists!

Why are feet like old, old stories?—Because they are leg-ends!

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Dear Old Lady: I suppose when you're at sea you are always extra careful, of course?

Polite Young Officer: On the contrary, madam, we try to be as "wreckless" as possible!

As a number of children were away on holiday last month there was still a small number of entries for the painting competition. Consolation prizes are awarded to IRENE RICHARDSON and DORIS DORLING.

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THE TRANSLATION

I am very weak following our operation.

Our recovery has taken much longer than I had hoped and certainly Doctor Zebeourf, if indeed he was a doctor and not a madman, has not met with the success we three had anticipated.

Perhaps I should have said we two.

You see, the experiment concerned myself, a man of forty—that was before the operation,—Doctor Zebeourf and Ethel, my daughter of seventeen, whom I am now with as one.

Ethel, because of her illness, a helpless invalid through meningitis, could never have made herself a willing party so as to be understood by we two other schemers, although I know now that she was well aware of our discussions, and was without fear.

It happened like this.

But in parenthesis let me first say that now, as I have told you, my daughter and myself are one—it is her hand that guides this pencil, my part in our mind may find difficulty in explaining our predicament. You will understand that as Ethel was unable to even hold a pencil before, let alone write words, the setting down of this narrative must necessarily rely upon her father's conscience, but the improvement in us, small as it is, and our dual personality may make this statement not too easy for you to understand.

Please bear with us.

The adult was found dead; heart failure it was said. You recall, do you not, the "passing" of a well-known social worker—one Edmund Gayley?

You remember his funeral when some thousands of his fellow members of a certain Order, dressed in full regalia, followed the hearse?

It was my body, the father, that was interred.

A month had elapsed between the mysterious disappearance of father and daughter during what was to have been a casual Sunday morning walk, until the finding of the body lying in the middle of a canal tow-path.

There was no doubt that the body had been placed there, but a few minutes before discovery, because the path was used by dozens of barges every day and night as well as being a "country" walk and a lovers' lane. The widow identified the body and at the inquest told of the events leading up to the disappearance. It was her husband's custom, she said, to take the child in her invalid chair for long walks, particularly on Sundays.

He had gone out dressed exactly as found; she could offer no explanation. She did, however, tell the court that any minute prior to that Sunday an order for the girl's admission into a mental home was expected.

Police evidence of the finding of the body—actually it was found by two small boys on a fishing expedition—was given, for most part relating to the extensive search for both us missing persons and—well, you will be aware of the hue and cry raised at the time.

Of course all kinds of rumours, "the other woman" and so on, were prevalent, but my character was too

well-known among my own friends for those early suggestions to be maintained.

We know what happened, and will tell you, but wait, for we have yet to deal with the reappearance of Ethel.

A mill man, employee of a large concern, turned his horse milk-float from the main road into the side street where Mrs. Gayley resided in the early morn three days after the funeral. He was just in time to see a large car start off in the opposite direction; it had apparently been standing by number two, Gayleys' house, the man's first call. He alighted and entered the front garden gate with bottles in his hand; behind the privet hedge he saw to his amazement the missing girl seated in her chair.

She was smiling; she held out her hands to him. Her lips moved as though in speech, but no sound came.

He knew her and she apparently him.

Of course he did as the occasion demanded; everybody did.

The return caused a complete breakdown of the mother, in spite of our efforts to explain. The mother was sent to a convalescent home, and her child to a mental institution, from where we now write.

We are sorry to be so long in telling you the actual facts. We wanted to be quite sure you understood who we were.

I had been out with Ethel for about an hour, walking along the tow-path and had reached a bridge beside of which there was a pub—my usual port of call. Leaving Ethel outside by some tables and forms I obtained my pint and came back to her. There were many customers and but two vacant seats, one of which I took.

My daughter would rarely eat or drink out of doors. I tried her with an ice. She refused, moving her head from side to side as I tried to put a spoonful in her mouth.

I was suddenly aware that I was being watched and that the seat next me had become occupied. I turned and saw the smiling face of an Indian. He was apparently very old, but was neatly dressed. His drink was a mineral. He murmured something I didn't catch, and then spoke to Ethel.

I have never seen such a look of delight on a child's face before; I cannot describe the radiant beauty of her smile. I had never been keen on coloured folk, but to see my Ethel smile like that I'd be friends with the devil himself.

Perhaps—?

He again spoke to me, not in English. I do not know what the language was, but I understood.

So did I, Daddy, he told us he could make me better, that I should walk like other children—he said I was to sleep while he told you how to help me. Then, Daddy, I felt sleepy and only remember next when I was outside our house together with you in my chair, and Bob the milkman told mummy we were there.

Yes, my child; yes—but let me write.

A giggle escapes me.

I've the pencil, Dad.

Indian; of course, Indian.

He stared at me. How he stared.

Your life is nothing; never will be. Will you give your brains to your child? You will give; you shall. She will become a wonder upon earth. I, Doctor

Zebecourf, shall perform this miracle! . . . He said: "Rise."

Soon I was pushing the chair along a lane, my attempts to turn off to the tow-path were frustrated. I could but obey an unchallengeable will.

Stop.

A car drew up behind us—we lifted Ethel and her chair into the car. I was sat beside the driving seat—the devil, the Indian, drove. I remember Ethel was laughing happily and making singing noises such as I had never seen or heard from her before.

We stopped by a cottage.

We were in a room—warm; very warm. All purple. A smell like swamps—hot now—sticky tropical smell.

Would I sacrifice myself for Ethel—details horrible. I shuddered—did I agree—I don't know.

Stand! he said to Ethel. Walk! and for the first time for fifteen years she walked unaided across the room. I cried in wonder.

To me; he turned to me, Come!

Another room, white, all white.

Lie there—his hand moved over my face. "See I have your scalp."

God—my scalp was in his hands. I was stilled; I felt nothing.

He speaks: And now I take your brain and give to her . . .

Blankness . . .

I recall, as we have said, being outside Mum's house. Why did they all cry, why did they send us away to this home so quick.

If only we had pen and paper then we could have told Mum—this is the first chance we have had . . . That girl wants her paper back; we must tell her we must write to our Mum—we must—tired—we are so tired—so tired.

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"Sister! quick, look at number seven!"

"You've kept her in the sun too long; take her to the ward—hullo, what's this—where did she get this writing pad?"

"It's mine, Sister; she put out her hand for it, and see, she has scribbled it all over."

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From Sister in charge Ward X. Feb. 1st.
—writing is enclosed. I understand she has never been able to write before . . . my service out East . . . I remember seeing similar characters . . . perhaps you might be able to read . . .

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—University. Feb. 2nd.
My Dear Friend,

Of course I remember you out East. I am ever so glad . . . now you are in England you must let me call on you. . . I don't know if you are pulling my leg about the "manuscript" you sent, but here is a rough translation. . . .

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Stop Press—the "Daily ——" Feb. 3.
The body of an elderly Indian was found among the smouldering ruins of a cottage off the — road. The deceased was considered by the local people to be somewhat eccentric. An up-to-date laboratory with a fully equipped operating theatre was discovered at the rear of the house. C.I.D. officers are investigating.

THE END.

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Club and Society Notes

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

The first item of this month's notes is to correct the printer's error in last month's report. It was a 25 miles T.T. that our lady members entered, not 285 miles as stated—they are not quite as good as that.

Our invitation run last month was a huge success, an extraordinary number of members and prospective members turned out for the run to the London Union Sport Day at Hoddesden. Nearly 400 London Clarionettes were there and all the events were a great success. Miss R. Rainbow of our section came second in the 100 yards running event, and Clifford came second in the 220 yards running event. Hendon section also got into the semi-finals of the six-a-side football matches. The day was wound up with dancing and prize-giving, after which sections made for home after a day that will not easily be forgotten by all that attended.

Another pleasant day during the past month was the Blackberry run at the end of which every member returned home laden with blackberries and covered with stings and scratches.

Now for some good news on October 30th. We start our social season with a grand dance at the Labour Hall, Back Lane, Burnt Oak. This should be a grand event as Ben is putting a lot of effort into making it a success. So don't forget the date: OCTOBER 30th, LABOUR HALL, and admission is only 1s. Anybody who attended our last dance will know what a fine show it was, so roll up cyclists, tickets are obtainable from the Secretary, address as below.

Well, the winter season is nearly here, and members are looking forward to those fine runs to be had in the cold weather, riding through snow, sleet, fog and rain are all part of the game, so come on, don't be butterflies, come out with us this winter and enjoy the dull days.

Our runs for October are as follows:—

- 3rd.—Mystery Run.
- 10th.—Nutting Run.
- 17th.—Biggleswade.
- 24th.—Pleshey.
- 31st.—Headley.

New members are always welcome, either at our clubroom or on our club-runs.

Our clubroom is at John Keble's Church every Thursday evening at 8.30 p.m. for darts, and indoor games, etc. Our Sunday club-runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9 a.m.

The hon. secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20, Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, is always willing to give information with regard to our touring, sporting and social activities, also our insurance scheme. Your enquiry will be welcome.

Hendon Clarion say cheerio! hoping to see you at our dance.

VIC C. BOTTRILL,
Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

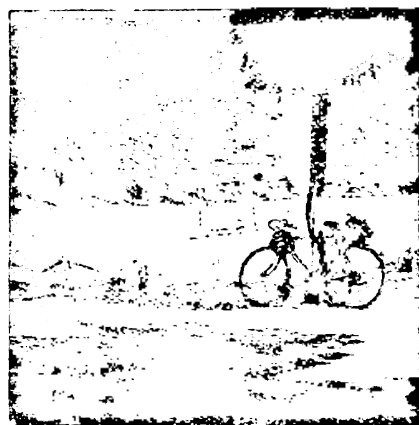
VETERANS' CLUB

On Wednesday, September 15, two coaches left the Centre on the Veterans' Annual Outing to Southend, and it was plain to see that by the eagerness and look of joy written on the old folk's faces they intended it to be the happiest day of the year. We arrived at the seaside at 11.45 a.m. and the veterans broke up into little groups and set off in various directions. Some chose the end of the pier while others explored the gardens along the front or took it easy in deck chairs.

At four o'clock we met at Offredies' Restaurant where an excellent tea was provided. During tea two greetings telegrams were sent to Mrs. Dullamore and Mrs. Reffell, who unfortunately, owing to illness, were unable to come. After tea a number of the veterans went to the Kursaal and tried their hand on the pin-tables, etc. This was too tame for one old lady, she preferred the bumper cars and giant switchback. A special permit was granted by the police for the old folk to travel along the front by coach from Thorpe Bay to the extreme end of West-cliff and view the illuminations. We arrived back at the Centre at 11 o'clock. So ended a jolly and wonderful day.

In closing I should like on behalf of the veterans to thank Messrs. Cronshaw for the coach they once again so kindly gave us, also their letter of good wishes and fine weather.

E. COLE.



A picture from
Petronella's
Lantern Lecture
Two Vagabonds in Spain
at Watling Centre
On Thursday, October 14th
at 8.30 p.m.
Admission - - 6d.

Burnt Oak Men's Adult School

WATLING CENTRE
SUNDAYS, 6.30 p.m.

As will be seen from the undermentioned programme, the B.O.M.A.S. will begin its meetings on Sunday the 19th Sept. at 6.30 p.m., when Mr. W. E. Wallbridge will speak on MUSIC.

While regretting the swift passing of summer, members will console themselves with the fact that winter brings its own special interests and that not the least of these are the meetings of the B.O.M.A.S.

Providing, as they do, opportunities for the free interchange of thought and discussion, and the inestimable value of fellowship and good-will that is the goal of the "Movement," they fill a gap in the modern mechanised age for which it would be hard to find a substitute.

It is hoped that the coming months will see an influx of new members. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.

PROGRAMME

- Oct. 3 Local History. Major Norman Brett-James.
- Oct. 10 The Partition of Africa. Mr. D. E. Headley.
- Oct. 17 Book III, Back to Methuselah. Mr. J. T. Harris.
- Oct. 24 History Backwards. Mr. E. C. J. Taylor.
- Oct. 31 The Modern State in Action. Mr. Simkins.
- Nov. 7 Radiation. Mr. L. R. Bee, M.A.
- Nov. 14 White and Black in African Industry. Mr. G. W. Simmons.
- Nov. 21 The Education of Public Opinion.
- Nov. 28 Business Meeting.
- Dec. 5 Astronomy. Mr. W. T. Bennett, M.A.
- Dec. 12 Diet and Health. Mrs. Sewell Harris.
- Dec. 19 What Form of Government. Mr. V. Lefebure.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL

The question of politics often arises in many groups and usually there are a number of people who object to discussions on this subject.

The real difficulty lies in the fact that the word "politics," meaning "the science of government," is confused with the idea of party politics, which happens to be our method of electing a government.

The government of the country, and the local Council, control so many things which affect our lives that to fail to study how they work is to live in a fool's paradise. Most of us have very little influence in changing the course of events, but we have the right to express our opinions by voting.

Every Adult School member should know how to use their vote, because many of the talks clearly show what changes are necessary to make life happier for us all.

Politicians and local councillors are very sensitive to the demands of the voters, especially if that demand

is organised. This is where political parties come in. They issue a programme, and invite your support for each candidate who is pledged to vote for each item in that programme.

By using your vote you are expressing your opinion and insisting on controlling the things that matter to you. By not using your vote you give a blank cheque to those who rely on your apathy, in order that they may use their position to serve their own interests.

Use your vote at the Borough Election on November 2nd. If you do not know for whom you should vote then join the Adult School and get some ideas. The School provides the material, and it is your job to use this material in your own way.

Adult Schools are not connected in any way with any political party and do not support any particular political programme. But they aim at expressing in a practical way the teaching of Jesus Christ.

A very interesting talk given by Mr. Frank Whitehead, on September 1st on his visit to Geneva, gave a very good idea of how things are carried on there.

On September 8th Miss Burn spoke on True Stories of Great Deeds, featuring Dr. Kagama of Japan.

All young people over 17 years of age are welcomed to the Group on Wednesday evenings at 8.15 p.m.

A very full and interesting programme for the coming season may be obtained from the Secretary or from any member.

An Inter-Adult School evening will be held at the Centre on Thursday, October 7th, at 8.30 p.m. Dancing, games, variety. Tickets, 3d.

Poets' Corner

OLD ENGLISH DRINKING SONG

This now almost forgotten song was once very popular. It was included in one of the earliest of all English comedies, "Gammer Gurton's Needle," which was produced in 1575.

"I cannot eat but lytyll meate;
My stomache ys not goods,
But sure I thynke that I coude drinke
With hym that werythe an hoode.
Drynke ys my lyfe, although my wyfe
Sometyme do chyde and scolde,
Yet spare I not to plye the potte
Of jolly good ale and olde.

Chorus:

Back and syde goo bare, goo bare,
Both hand and foot goo colde;
But Belly, God send thee good ale in oughe
Whether hyt be newe or olde."

I love no roste but a browne toste
Or a crabbe in the fyer,
A lytell bread shall do me steade
Mooch breade I never desyer.
Nor froste, nor snowe, nor wynde, I trow
Can hurt me yf hyt wolde;
I am so wrapped withyn and lapped
With jolly good ale and olde.

Back and syde goo bare, goo bare,
etc., etc."

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

The Consolation "25" will mark the closing down of another racing season (we hope). The prospect of rising at or before dawn on the cold mornings does not appeal to me. This season cannot pass without commenting on our most successful racing year the club has ever known. Every type and distance have been exploited by both male and female members with encouraging success. The club has entered no less than six teams in ladies' events, and records on both sides have been smashed with monotonous regularity.

Many members have followed Jack's example, and tried the Twelve Hour event, and last month saw the second team in an open "twelve." Miss Rolph, riding tandem with Mrs. Uren (Southern Ladies), set up a Birmingham-London and a 25-mile record in quick succession.

After seeing such a vast improvement in this side of the game, I hope this winter season may do as well; speciality runs seem to be indicated, scavenger, rough-stuff, mystery, etc. I see no reason why our week-end runs should cease during the winter; a two-day run, providing of course the distance is not too great, can be enjoyable at all times of the year.

As last year's free-wheeling event was so popular I think we can expect another this year, and of course a rough-stuff ride—this time in Herts!

Dances, of course, must not escape attention; each season we reserve five dates at the "White Lion Hotel"—four dances and our Dinner. Our first is on the 23rd of this month, so put this date down in your diary, because if they are received with as much enthusiasm from all concerned, as on previous occasions, barring perhaps the Social Sec. and the members to whom they mean work, there is a good time in store for all who attend.

So away with all racing gear for another year and allow us loiterers to forget all about it—leave only as a reminder the constant appearance of empty feeding bottles, which of course take up too much time to remove.

A chance for our non-active members to see the "Mob" is afforded this month at our "Season opener" in the White Lion Club Room.

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BOXING

The Boxing season has commenced, but not with such gusto that I should like to have seen. It is true a lot of new members turned up, and I think we have found some talent, but what has happened to those boys who did so well for us last season? Do they imagine they are so good that any more training is not wanted? I hope this is not so, and that by the time this goes to press they will have come along and made a start. We shall need them early, we have a match with Hendon in the middle of October.

A cup has been offered to the member with the best attendance and best progress for the season, suitably inscribed, so make sure that when you turn up for training you let the club official know, so that he can book you up.

The club subscriptions for the season will be: juniors, 12 to 14, 1s.; over 14 to 18, 1s. 6d. and over 18, 2s. 6d.; hon. members, 2s. 6d. Not much for what you can get, is it? We should like to enrol a few more hon. members among the parents, and having got their subscriptions we should very much like to see them turn up on club nights.

Our new President, I. Gwynne Jones, Esq., has promised that, with the aid of a few friends, to provide us with plenty of gear, and hopes to make Watling Amateur Boxing Club one of the best clubs in London, and with your help I do not see why his hopes should not be realised. We have the kit, trainers, and some cups that we won last season, and to do this you must train; bear in mind that the Inter-Estate Cup Competition will be held at Watling this year. We don't want to lose the cup on our own ground—Morden will be after our blood.

THE BOXING CLUB

Meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. From 6.0 to 8.0 p.m. instruction is given to junior members under 14. From 8.0 p.m. to 10.0 p.m. to senior members. Secretary: Mr. L. King.

THE NET BALL CLUB

For girls over 16 meets at Woodcroft School on Saturdays at 3.0 p.m. A business meeting will be held at Watling Centre at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8th. All interested are invited to attend. Secretary: Miss R. Hall. Subscription, 3d. a week.

THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.0 p.m. Subscription, 3d. per week. Secretary: Mr. Wilkes.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Cups in the Common Room

The cups which are now prominently displayed in the Common room were awarded for various sporting activities and indicate that we Watlingites can do things when we try.

There is still room in the glass case for a few more cups, but we are confident that with the abundance of talent in the Association it will not be long before we have a worthy collection of trophies.

Views

If you stand at the Convent in Orange Hill Road and look to the other end of Abbots Road the view is charming.

The wealth of the variously tinted trees in the distance gives the impression that one is gazing at miles of country.

There are probably many more pleasant aspects like this one on the Estate and we should like to hear of them.

Tickets please

On the underground the other day I had the experience of having my ticket examined by an inspector. During my eleven years' travelling by tube this is the first occasion on which this has happened. Of course it is a common occurrence on the buses, but it seems rare on the underground.

A real chestnut

A navy had spent a long time in hospital. One day, during his convalescence, a nurse brought him some stout in a tumbler not much larger than a wine-glass. He looked at it steadily for a moment or two and then said, "Nurse, may I have a postage stamp, please?" "Yes," she replied, "But what do you want a stamp for?" "Why," said he, "I want to have a read."

A close shave

When your safety-razor blade becomes blunt don't throw it away. With your finger strop it on the inside of a glass of water when a new edge will be put on and its life prolonged.

P.T. for Men

It is not yet too late to join this class which is being held in connection with the Goldbeaters Evening Institute at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The fee is 5/- for the session and for that you get a first class instructor. Don't put it off.

Handicrafts

Have you started work on your exhibits for the Handicraft Exhibition to be held in the Spring? If not why not? If you leave it till the last minute you will not be able to put in your best work. Further details of the exhibition will be published in a later issue of the *RESIDENT* but do not wait till then to begin making that cupboard, bookcase, stool, rug, tray, basket, hat, frock, embroidery, painting, or whatever it is you have in mind. Whatever your age or inclination your exhibits will be welcomed.

Bagatelle

I understand that more games are being organised for younger members of the Association in the Common Room on Tuesday—Friday evenings and that some additional equipment would be welcomed. In particular if you know anyone who has a bagatelle table they have finished with get them to give it to the Association. I have no doubt Mr. Harris will arrange to have it fetched.

Evolution

- 1—Man is born.
- 2—Man grows up.
- 3—Man kicks the bucket.
- 4—Man is buried.
- 5—Man turns to dust.
- 6—Grass grows from dust.
- 7—Horse eats grass.

Moral—Never kick a horse, you might injure a former relative.

Autumn tints

The creeper which adorns most of the houses on Watling takes on at this time of the year many coloured hues. The effect is very pleasing. It certainly adds to the appearance of the houses, and to the charm of Watling. It seems a pity that in some cases the creeper has not been allowed to grow.

MOGGIES

DEAR MOGGIES,

It's just great the way you are all rallying round this session.

Keep it up and the centre will have to build their new hall, if only for the moggies. I hear Irene Richardson has been shining again—walking off with a painting prize and what with the cup! dear, dear. "Carry on Rene."

Lots of friends are bringing along their "Daily Mirror" Tokens. Thank you all so much. We have now received £7 from the "Daily Mirror."

Some of our friends at the Centre have set about making a box-horse for us, won't it be fun when we are able to use it, especially the boys P.T. class on Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Yours lovingly,
B. LORD.

ARE YOU STILL YOUNG?
THEN READ THIS

What's on at the Centre for the young and energetic? Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month, in the Common Room you can play table tennis (can you play? if not, come and learn), darts (now supplied by the Association), shove-ha'penny, or pin-bagatelle. We shall soon have two first-class table-tennis tables and two dart boards. So no one need grow fat and lazy. Again, if you're of a serious turn of mind, and think you're a bit brainy (!) why not try a game of draughts or even chess (somebody wants to start a Chess Club). Or yet again, if you're rich—say on Friday night—there's billiards at 6d. the half-hour, or snooker at 8d. (Or if you're not quite so rich—say on Saturday night—try the smaller table at 4d. or 5d.). And if none of these things is the thing that you want, come and tell us, and we'll see what can be done.

Another idea is to go over to the "hut" some Tuesday or Thursday (at 8.0 p.m.) and try a little boxing with the help of Mr. King and the instructor. It'll do you lots of good! Also on Tuesdays there's P.T. (8.30 to 9.30) just round the corner at Goldbeater's School. Come and get yourself all twisted up and then untwisted again. You'll feel a new man. And all done by kindness.

The next paragraph is for LADIES ONLY. On Thursday night, except the 4th Thursday in the month, you have a Common Room all to yourselves—to do just the thing you really want to do. So far there's table tennis (and very soon there'll be darts), and a few physical jerks, and, I believe, a piano. But if you want to darn your sister's socks (or those of your boy friend), or learn to become a woman M.P., or anything else under the sun (within reason) it's just up to you to drop in and start doing it. And, by the way, woe betide the man who puts his head inside Room C on Thursdays! Another thing for the ladies (young): at the Woodcroft School every Tuesday at 8.30 a P.T. class. How about trying that?

And now to return to ladies and gents. There's dancing. You can dance on Tuesdays for 4d., on some Fridays for 6d., and on Sundays (2nd and 4th), if you're a real live member—subs. up-to-date and no

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The M.C.C. and You

by County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

The Middlesex County Council is back at work.

A special meeting was held on Friday, October 8, and when it was over, after a long and heated debate, the members of the Public Health Committee heaved sighs of relief.

At last, after more than two years of striving, the Committee has induced the County Council as a whole to agree to go forward with the extension and modernisation of the North Middlesex Hospital.

We, in this part of the County, know how inadequate the hospital accommodation hereabouts is. But, believe me, the position is at least as serious elsewhere.

We have at Redhill a comparatively new building and are hoping that, in a few months' time, the extension will be opened which will double the present number of beds.

Now listen to what the Finance Committee's report has to say about the present North Middlesex Hospital: "the hospital consists of a series of brick buildings erected in 1910, some huts taken over from the War Office, a nurses' home opened in 1935, a maternity hospital and casual wards, and two huts recently erected, in addition to the workhouse buildings. A number of old and unsatisfactory buildings are used as an 'out-patients' department. . . The site is in one of the most crowded parts of Edmonton." I may add that the "two huts recently erected" were put up in record time in February last when the situation was becoming desperate.

Certain members of the County Council have put up a stubborn resistance to the Public Health Committee's scheme for setting up a really adequate and modern hospital on this site where it is so urgently needed. They would like to be back in the days when Boards of Guardians provided infirmaries for old and sick people and all other people in need of hospital treatment were dependent on the old voluntary hospitals in London. They will not face the fact that the voluntary hospitals are hopelessly insufficient to cater for the needs of Greater London and that with the growth of population in Middlesex hospitals are needed in every part of the County, hospitals capable of dealing with acute cases, and not just infirmaries for nursing the sick and aged.

I wish sometimes that those members of the County Council who so lightheartedly turn down and put off schemes for making our hospital service more nearly what it needs to be, could be made to serve on the Public Health Committee for one year and come in contact with the harassed medical superintendents and matrons who are far too often called upon to decide which of the patients in their over-crowded wards they dare send home to make room for some urgent case that they must take in.

If ever any of you are discontented with the hospital services never blame the hospital staff which does its utmost under very trying circumstances. If you must blame someone blame those members who, knowing nothing of this side of the County's work, do their best to hamper it.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

November, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
7. To be arranged.
14. White and Black in African Industry. Mr. G. W. Simmons.
21. The Education of Public Opinion.
28. Business Meeting.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
W. E. A. Class in Modern Social Problems, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Homefield Road.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking and Millinery Classes, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls, 12-16, 7.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Thinking Straight Discussion Group, 7.30 p.m., at 158 Orange Hill Road.
Dance, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 6 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 16, 8.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School.
Physical Training for Men, 8.30 p.m., at Goldbeaters Evening Institute.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
3. English Women in the 14th Century. Mrs. J. E. Whitehead.
10. Children and Singing. Mr. Donald Dalley.
17 and 24. Spain. Mr. J. E. Whitehead, M.A.
Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Upholstery Class, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
H.S.A., 7.30 p.m.
Boxing, 6.0 p.m.
- Fridays** —New Tabernacle Sick and Provident Society, 7.30 p.m.
Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Net Ball Club, 3.15 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

- Monday** 1 Birth Control Clinic, 3.0 p.m.
- Wed'day** 3 Watling and District Rose Society, 8.0 p.m.
- Thursday** 4 Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
- Friday** 5 Neighbourhood Guild Social, 8.0 p.m.
- Sunday** 7 Fellowship Meeting, 8.0 p.m.
Members' Dance, 8.0 p.m.
- Friday** 12 **Guild of Players produce "Mullions"**
- Saturday** 13 **"Millions" and "Suppressed Desires," 8.0 p.m.**
- Sunday** 14 Free and Easy. The Terrestrial Globe, Mr. G. W. Simmons, 8.0 p.m.
- Friday** 19 Left Book Club Discussion Group, 8.0 p.m.
- Sunday** 21 Lecture in co-operation with the Edgware Fellowship.
The present situation in China.
Mr. F. S. T. Woo, 8.0 p.m.
Members' Dance, 8.0 p.m.
- Thursday** 25 W.A. Council, 7.45 p.m.
- Friday** 26 Helpers Social, 8.0 p.m.
- Sunday** 28 Free and Easy. Rents according to Means. Mr. C. H. Hocking, 8.0 p.m.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL

Ourselves and the Watling Association

Those of us who spend part of our time at the Watling Centre are often challenged by what appears to us to be wasted opportunities. The thought arises "Have Adult School people new avenues for service, or are they out of place in such an environment?"

Is a Community Centre merely a place of entertainment where one can obtain a game of billiards, or a prize at a whist drive, with an occasional lecture thrown in?

There are some who feel that this is sufficient, but others take a broader view, and in their dreams they see a new community arising out of the environment of such a Centre. Their vision shows a place where all classes of society can meet on equal terms, where personal and social needs are catered for, and where an idealism embodying the gospel of service, and not self, is found.

Community Associations are comparatively new institutions, and are destined to play a very important part in the life of our towns. Can we not unite in this new experiment in democracy? It may mean giving up an attitude of isolation, but not losing our identity, in order to render the greatest service.

There are differences of opinion, but all of us can agree to the ideal of Friendship, Fellowship and Service. Let us work together for an ever improving Watling Centre.

J. W. P.



SEEING THE LIGHTS

DEAR EDITOR,

I would like to record my thanks for the wonderful outing to Southend on October 9th. Seven coaches, one of which was occupied by the Women's Neighbourhood Guild, left the Watling Centre just after 3 o'clock, many neighbours and friends turning up to give us a good send-off.

We started off in great spirits, which continued throughout the journey. The first stop was at the "Half Way House" for a cup of tea, which was very much appreciated, having sung ourselves dry. When we reached Southend we naturally broke up into different parties. Some friends and myself visited the Kursaal where we made proper "Whoopee." After seeing and going on nearly all the amusements, we made our way to see the lights, which were really wonderful. We met the Coaches for our homeward journey at 10.30, but were we down-hearted, "No."

Our high spirits continued until we once again stopped at the "Half Way House" for a cup of tea and a little "knees-up." Then back to the coaches again for the final stage of our homeward journey which terminated at the "Centre" at 1.30 a.m., all very tired but happy.

In closing I would like to register my sincere thanks to Mr. Deacon, our Social Secretary, who organized this outing.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) BRENDA MILLS.

APPRECIATION

DEAR MR. HILTON,

I should like to convey my very sincere thanks for your kindness in introducing to me such excellent turns for my Variety Bill.

The Watling Association Orchestra proved themselves to be a first-class amateur combination and imparted just that atmosphere that was needed to give the show a good send off.

The Misses Cooke and Painter are undoubtedly talented children and have in addition a real touch of comedy which should be encouraged.

Messrs. Aves and Yard proved themselves to be masters in the art of high-speed syncopation, and Mr. Yard especially possesses a first-class stage personality.

Messrs. Wheeler and Recce were very well received and put their act over like experienced veterans.

Hoping perhaps we can work in together again.

Sincerely yours,

A. FRANCIS SMITH.

PALLADIUM OUTING

After unceasing requests I have started to collect for another Palladium outing. I should, however, like this made clear. Although these outings start from the Centre, and all members are invited to join the outing, this is not a function of the Association, neither do they accept responsibility. This, of course, makes the outing open to all residents on the Estate, and their friends. I propose this time to run the outing on Thursday, December 16, when all shops should be decorated for Christmas.

For those who can leave at 6 p.m. I am trying to arrange for charabancs to drive them to Marble Arch and leave them to saunter along Oxford Street to see the shops, then they will join us in the Palladium at 8.45.

For those who cannot get away so soon further charabancs will leave the Centre at 8 p.m. as usual.

The popularity of these outings need no enlarging upon by me, but enquiry of others who have been will satisfy intending members.

Our usual procedure is: charabanc from Centre to Palladium (reserved Grand Circle seat), proceed by charabanc to Piccadilly Corner House for supper, then home (with usual enquiries for date of the next meeting). Our last party numbered 213 persons.

People wishing to join can pay weekly, to me at the Centre, or at 85, Goldbeaters Grove.

JACK HILTON.

A woman doctor will attend at the
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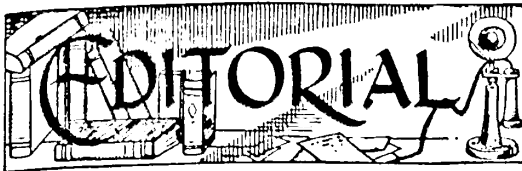
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Watling, Edgware.

All enquiries to be addressed to:

Mrs. WYLSON, Clinic Superintendent,
North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre,
12 Telford Road, Ladbroke Grove, W.10.



A Bandstand

It has been suggested that we need a Bandstand in Watling Park. Indeed the Borough Surveyor has been asked to submit a report, together with an estimate of the cost.

We know it is the end of the band season, but it is emphasized that that is all the more reason why we should agitate now so that we get the idea going for next season.

The present arrangements for the bands which play in the park are inadequate.

The bandsmen form a circle with their chairs on a flat piece of ground and get on with their job as best they can. Children run about and sometimes mingle with the musicians, which must be very diverting, as, at crucial moments a soloist in the middle of a touching passage might have his attention distracted and blow a quaver for a dotted crotchet which might make "William Tell" sound like something else and make the bandmaster tear his hair.

So for the comfort of the bandsmen and the appearance of our park, let us have a bandstand.

F.H.L.

Unemployment

It is often said that men do not long remember benefits they have received; but the human mind would seem to forget with equal facility experiences that have been unpleasant. How many of us now remember with any acuteness that most painful experience of two or three years ago, when such a large proportion of the nation's workers was unemployed, and when there seemed little prospect of times ever becoming better?

The crisis has passed, and we read in the newspapers that we are in the midst of a period of "boom" and "prosperity." True it is that this month's returns show that 1,339,204 persons are still out of work, a proportion of, roughly speaking, 1 in 15 of the working population not yet re-absorbed into industry; and the return takes no account of those unemployed who are not registered at the Employment Exchanges. Still, we are grateful for small mercies and only too happy that so many of us who were walking the streets a few years ago are now in jobs.

There are, however, other prospects of the question that would seem to demand attention. Are we doing anything to prevent a recurrence of large scale unemployment, or, if it does come, are we preparing to meet it? In the opinion of the writer of these notes, the answers to both questions is "No!" Government action has been concerned mainly with the transfer of labour from one part of the kingdom to another, or

with the training for certain trades of unemployed young men, a scheme excellent in itself, but does nothing to create new employment, except for a few instructors and officials.

Certain it is that the "boom" will not last for ever. Quite recently, an evening newspaper stated that anyone questioning the performance of the present state of prosperity, was helping to destroy confidence and rendering a dis-service to his country. Yet some of us are wondering about the future, and one lesson that the economic past has taught us is that a period of boom is followed invariably by a slump. Does it not behove us all to prepare for it? For, even if we are proved to be mistaken, and there is no sharp decline in trade and employment, our preparedness would do us no harm. Now is the time for thought, counsel and action, in Parliament, in City Council, in Trade Union Lodge, in Church, in Community Association, and wherever men and women meet to discuss and decide upon matters of serious concern in the life of the nation, so that, if the evil day does descend upon us again, it shall find us ready.

J.F.M.

Whose Library?

Perhaps to Watling people the most interesting thing about the opening of the Mill Hill Branch Library was the statement made by Councillor Rice, Chairman of the Library Committee, that he wanted to see the whole Borough properly covered by the Library Service and particularly that he wanted to see a branch on the Watling Estate. We all hope his particular wish may be speedily fulfilled.

The Branch Library was opened by the Mayor with one of the best speeches we have been privileged to hear from him and one felt that here, in this additional source of interest and enlightenment, open to young and old, rich and poor, was a spark of encouragement in these difficult times.

The guest of honour of the afternoon was Sir Frederick Kenyon, who recently went out to Spain to examine the condition of the governments art treasures and the arrangements made for their safety. He has also been Chairman of a Departmental Committee on Library Services and he gave us some description of how the libraries all over the country are now linked together, in regions and through the National Central Library, so that the books of each are available to all. Thus when we get our branch on the Estate if that has not got what we want we can call on the Hendon Central Library and through that on all the others.

It is interesting to note in the annual report of the Hendon Library Service, which arrived shortly after the opening of the Mill Hill branch, that this network of libraries has been used to such good effect that during the year 443 books for individuals and 137 for organized groups of adult students were obtained (by the Hendon Library) from 104 libraries, Public, County, University, and Institutional libraries in all parts of the country co-operated in thus supplying the book needs of Hendon students. In the same period Hendon lent 345 volumes to 68 libraries.



Our London

"London then, as the guides aver,
Shared its glories with Westminster,
And people of rank, to correct their tone,
Went out of Town to Marylebone."

So writes Austin Dobson in his delightful poem, "The Ballad of Beau Brocade." "Then" was 200 years ago or to be exact according to the poet, in the year 1739. At that date London and Westminster were separate and distinct cities with, as now, their two cathedrals of St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey respectively. Separating the two cities was a large area of green fields in which the well-known church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was built.

Marylebone can hardly be classed to-day as a health resort, but 200 years ago it was regarded as "out of Town" and was frequented by those who were in search of fresh air and country life.

How different London is to-day and how different it is to-day from what it might have been if past generations had had any idea of Town Planning. But some attempt is being made now to bring order out of chaos, beauty out of ugliness and health out of sickness.

There is a quarterly review called "Town and Country Planning" which is altogether devoted to propagating the Garden City idea by advocating the formation of new Garden Cities and the improvement of existing towns. In the June number of this magazine there is a striking article entitled "A Workable Future for London," by Robert Sinclair, the author of "Metropolitan Man," which is described as "the strongest indictment of London for many a long day."

In this article it is pointed out that the population of Greater London, which is included in the Metropolitan Police area, is about 8,000,000, and that the area covers 700 square miles. According to Mr. Sinclair there are at least 7,000,000 too many people in this Greater London, and he evidently regards 1,000,000 as quite large enough for any capital city. The area under the control of the London County Council is much less than that of Greater London and has a population of 4,000,000, which Mr. Sinclair says is 3,000,000 too many.

If, in the L.C.C. area there were a mere million of inhabitants we should have, says Mr. Sinclair, "not an ideal city but a sensible city which would be practicable in the social and economic conditions of England and the world to-day. In those circumstances we would expect seven-eighths of London's transport difficulties to disappear. If the County of London held only a quarter of its present population the edge of the County would probably be green all round. I can imagine, too, such social problems as poverty,

unemployment, and the removal of obsolete housing, being many times easier of control."

Mr. Sinclair has fine ideas for the future of London. He thinks we must have three rough objectives in mind.

1. There must be, he says, immediate relief, with things as they are, of the worse drawbacks. A good deal might be done to lessen the congested traffic which is such an acute problem. "Reducing the time of passenger transport and the cost of goods haulage is a first step to easing London."

During the bus strike and during the Coronation processions some streets, and even some areas, were closed to certain kinds of traffic and this might have to be done permanently. Another suggestion is the use of short distance buses "popping about the central area, allowing no one to take more than a penny ride, all other buses becoming long distance non-stop vehicles, purely to supplement the Green Line coaches and the railways."

Mr. Sinclair advocates "administrative cohesion as a preliminary to regional planning." "No effective planning is possible while dozens of Borough and Urban District Councils retain all their existing powers and several County Councils govern various parts of London in autonomous grandeur." Some day there will be a General Municipal Council to run all London for Londoners just as the Leeds Corporation now runs Leeds.

2. The second objective is a practical limit to the usefulness of any physical reconstruction embarked upon. "Even the near future is qualified by things we don't know," and we must get into the habit of remembering at every step the factor of future change. "If we are to tackle tomorrow we must try to visualise tomorrow and not to-day."

Mr. Sinclair is resigned to there being a too large population in the London region for years to come. "Although a unified local government in place of the present anarchy will probably be imposed by the central government, no drastic physical remodelling will receive the necessary public support for another generation. It is already a generation too late to "zone" most of Greater London in any radical way, and three generations too late for inner London. But there is hope in one thing—London itself is on the move."

All honour therefore to the L.C.C. for its successful efforts in the direction of securing a green belt round this huge congested area.

3. The third objective is "very general principles of regional planning which might be expected to accord with the needs of more than forty years hence," and whilst it would be foolish to plan for it now in any detail we can show first that we can put our own house in order. "The most we can do for the year 2,000 is to keep living and working areas distinct, to keep urban units, large and small, from spreading out a yard more than they need, and to clear, and keep clear, broad strategic routes, whether for road, or rail, or magic carpet, that will be useful to any kind of civilisation that follows us."

Let us have the dream of a new and better London and do all we can to make that dream come true.

What to do in November

Trees, bushes and the larger herbaceous plants should be put in as early as possible in the month or a frost may stop the work at any time.

Preparation of the soil is an important item. Where it is heavy throw it up in ridges so as to expose a greater surface to the fertilising influence of the air and the pulverising action of frost. Heavy soil should be well drained. Where there is good soil on the surface, or to the depth of two feet, but a subsoil of clay, this poor soil should not be brought to the surface and deep trenching should be avoided.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Divide or transplant hardy asters, hypericum, edging plants, paeonies, perennial sunflowers and phloxes.

Plant briars on which it is intended to bud roses next July.

See that standard roses are well staked and climbing roses securely tied to fence or trellis so as to withstand winter storms.

Plant anemones six inches apart and two inches below ground in a rich light soil.

The foliage of red-hot poker and pampas grass should be tied all around the heart of the plant as a protection against damage by frost.

Christmas roses should be covered with a bell-glass or a glass-topped box. This will assist their blooming and keep them from being soiled by smoke.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Apple and pear trees may be planted. Great care should be exercised in doing this. Vigorous growth and early fruiting, if not the very life of the trees, depends upon breaking up the soil deeply and well. Manure should be mixed with the soil below but on no account should the manure come into contact with the roots at the time of planting. Avoid deep planting. The upper roots should not be more than two inches below the upper crust of soil. Tread the earth rather, but not too, firmly over the roots and finish off the surface with a little fine loose mould. Stake and secure all standards and such trees as are liable to suffer from the winds of winter. A mulching of manure placed over the roots after planting is beneficial for keeping out the frost and counteracting the adverse influences of March winds and will ultimately afford nutriment for the roots.

Cuttings of red, white and black currants may be taken now. Plant them in a firm sandy soil, in a bed facing east if possible.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Spread manure on all ground to be dug later. Even if heavy rain makes digging impossible the valuable salts in the manure will be washed into the soil.

Make a heap of fallen leaves, potato peelings and carrot scrapings, sprinkling each layer with soot. Turn the heap over at intervals during the winter and you will have some useful manure for the Spring.

Plant some spring cabbages now ready for eating at a time when cabbages are very dear.

Cut red cabbage now and pickle it.

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The Spalding Geographical Society's Trip to Derby - June 24th, 1937

THE DERBY ENGINE WORKS; or, MAKING LOCOMOTIVES

On June 24th, 1937, the party of about 80 boys assembled outside Spalding Station and entered the two special coaches chartered for the occasion. At 8.30 a.m. the train started on the first stage of the long journey through Bourne to Saxby, where we changed to another train and proceeded along a single line past the iron works at Corby and so through Nottingham to Derby. As we did not arrive at Derby until about 11.5 a.m. every one was glad of the chance to stretch his legs.

We then went to the Arboretum at Derby to while away the time until 1.30 p.m. Several interesting things were to be seen here—a monkey (of course, out came the old jokes), a stone statue of a boar which aroused more latent humour, two old cannon captured at Balaclava, and cages of wild birds. There was also a bronze statue of Mr. Royce, designer of the famous Rolls-Royce cars, born at Altwalton, near Peterborough. This statue was of special interest to some of us.

To pass over the various methods employed to spend or "kill" the time until 1.45, we assembled outside the gates at that time and went down to the station, marching very "free," over a long footbridge (causing a serious traffic jam) from which could be obtained a good view of the station and shunting yard. Then we finally arrived at our destination—the engine works themselves.

Here we divided into two groups under guides, and started our tour, after depositing hats, coats, etc., in the Metallurgical Laboratory. Incidentally, a few of us and one master were interested in a machine for testing welds. This machine gave a series of sharp, hard taps to the weld, registering the number automatically, until the weld broke, when the machine was stopped, and the number of taps recorded on a sheet. We asked the operator what was the object of this treatment, but he explained, "I've not the slightest idea, I've only been here three weeks." A good start.

However, we went on to the Smithy. Here we found massive steam hammers, so delicately adjusted that they could crack an egg without damaging the contents, yet could deliver a blow hard enough to reduce the thickness of a red-hot iron plate by half an inch. In contrast to these appliances, there were several "mighty blacksmiths," armed with sledge and chisel. In this section of the works the springs are made and tested. The latter process is effected by putting the spring into a big press which compressed it until it was flat and released it again about 30 times a minute. To be passed, the springs have to keep their size and shape after several hard minutes of this test, if they fail, back they go to the smiths. (Of course, the stress they undergo is far in excess of anything they will be called upon to endure in actual service.)

From this department we went into the wheel shops. Here we saw immense lathes, turning the hub centres of six-foot drivers, and truing up the rims. It is worth

noting that the inside diameter of the hubs is turned to .0001 inch less than the diameter of the axle. Both wheels are forced on by a hydraulic ram which exerts a pressure of 600 tons. The wheels are not keyed to the shaft. The complete axle and wheels is now sent to the testing gauge, or balancing gauge. The wheels and axle are spun at high speed on a machine, which registers the slightest vibration. This is checked by putting balancing weights on the wheels, to be replaced later by the piece of solid metal seen on all locomotive wheels. The tyre is shrunk on beforehand by heating it and cooling it round the rim. In this way a perfect joint is obtained, without any tendency for the tyre to "creep" around the wheel while in motion.

We now left the wheel shop and entered the adjoining axle shop. Here the axles were being roughly (in comparison) turned on a lathe, and finished off on a huge grindstone.

Then we strolled quietly out of this shop, and walked into a solid blast of noise. The boiler shop. When we got accustomed to the racket we saw that it was caused by several hundred pneumatic rivetting hammers clouting home the red-hot rivets. Here too were several time-saving machines, the most ingenious of which was probably an oxy-acetylene cutting machine. A steel frame of the desired shape to be cut was clamped above the bench, and the sheet metal placed on the bench. The cutting jet itself was mounted on a jointed arm, and could move infinitely within limits in the horizontal plane. At the top of the jet was mounted an electric motor, with a milled spindle similar in shape and size to the driving wheel of a cycle dynamo. This motor spindle when the current was switched on became an electro-magnet, and was attracted to the steel frame mentioned above. As the spindle slowly turned, the jet was guided by the arm around the steel frame, cutting out the same shape in the sheet metal underneath. In this shop were also several electric furnaces, emitting a dazzling, intense blue glare, at which we were not allowed to look with the naked eye. The glare could be seen reflected from the ceiling, however. The temperature of the electric arc was sufficient to quickly melt a charge of steel into a white-hot mass.

Now we left the building, and came into the open air for a welcome cooler, and to rest our ears again. Here we saw row upon row of boilers, rusty and apparently derelict to our inexperienced eyes, complete with their fireboxes. These boilers, however, were quite good, and were parked in this yard until needed. An electric crane was used to transport the boilers.

Then on we went, dodging a few "Lister" motor-trucks, to the chair foundry, an open sided shed, the air heavy with black dust from moulding "sand," and warm with the heat from molten steel. Here the moulds for the chairs were being made, and the molten steel run into them, forming the chairs to hold the rails on the permanent way. The output of this part of the works is 2,000 chairs per week average.

Then into the iron foundry, where the wheels were being cast, together with cylinder and valve-gear casings. We did not stop here long, but passed on to the forge. Here were batteries of drop stampings, also a few presses and steam hammers. The largest drop forging weighed five tons. This weight falls on the metal from a height of nearly twenty feet, so it is as well to keep one's fingers clear! One press we saw took a large sheet of red-hot metal, and in two squeezes, lasting each about three seconds, formed and trimmed a complete trough of "W" section. We passed rather quickly through the shop where sundries were being made, but yet had time to notice a few details. (The writer was so interested in one lathe that he got left behind.) One man was working near a furnace from which protruded the ends of about a dozen iron rods. He took out a rod, inserted it into a machine (or rather inserted the hot end). The rod end was automatically tapped square. He put it into another groove, where six inches of the shaft were tapped round. In yet another groove a knife descended and cut off the end, and a complete rivet dropped on the floor. The whole operation took about fifteen seconds. Similar machines were making bolts and nuts.

In another shop immense connecting rods were being finished on a machine, and other machines were putting the thread on big screws. We were informed that a copper bolt, as used in the firebox, cost 3/6 at the current price of the metal.

Now we went to the assembling rooms. Here the wheels were put into the axle boxes and the springs fitted. The cabins were bolted to the boiler units, and finally the complete body-work was lifted by a travelling crane and lowered on to the wheels. Now the engine was getting near completion.

Next to the painting shop. Here the footplates were being attached to the cabins, and the paint put on the engines. All the under coats of paint are sprayed on, but the final coat is put on by hand entirely. In this shop were full-size models of old engines, such as the "Rocket" and "Northumbrian." Also there were models of the special coaches used by queens Alexandra and Victoria. We were allowed to examine these, and to thoroughly inspect an old single-driver, built in 1910 and taken off the road in 1921. A very quaint old engine indeed!

Having seen the various stages in the manufacture of the engines, we went to the Railway Museum. Here were specimens of material produced at the works during the war, sectional models of engine controls, and scale models of engines and coaches ancient and modern. A really ancient power sewing machine was there also, which some attempted to operate, and it went, to our surprise!

Then to the Joiners' shop, about the best place to work in, one would imagine. There were several band saws, circular saws, and mechanical planes lined along the walls, while carpenters' benches occupied the middle, with wood-turning lathes at the ends of the room. We saw a novel screwdriver being used, it works on the same principle as the Archimedian drill, and has a triple ratchet action. The joiners' main job is making the wooden patterns for the casting moulds, and sundries such as wooden cupboards for the footplate of the engines. Some fine work was being done while we were there.

This was the last part of the interior of the factory

we saw, and after inspecting an old howitzer in the yard, and watching a few shunting operations, we got our coats and wound our way over the long footbridge again, out of the station, and over the road to the Railway Institute, where we were to have tea.

To pass over the ensuing half hour, we will endeavour to describe a little of Derby itself. Out of the Institute we descended a hill almost as steep, but not as long, as the notorious Brockley Hill, near Elstree. As we had to catch the train back at 6.20, we had no time to go to the largest shopping centre, twenty minutes' walk distant. So we bought presents for home, and strolled through the busy streets to the station. Here we found our seats in the train and got away for Spalding at 6.30.

We stopped at Nottingham on the return journey, and alighted to stretch our legs. An amusing incident occurred here. One boy strolled up to another boy who was leaning out of the carriage window, and informed him with delight that "JIX," in other words one of our masters, was in the carriage with his legs on the seat, fast asleep. A voice at his elbow quietly, "Who is?" "JIX" himself! We started off again, and as we gathered speed, saw Snaith and Prescott, two of the boys, flying along in the wake of the train. With a desperate spurt they flung themselves into the last compartment. As if to mock their efforts, the train at once stopped and stayed there for five more minutes. At last, however, we got going for good, arriving at Spalding at 9.30, ten minutes late. After a lovely fourteen-mile cycle ride through the cool, refreshing night air, I landed home at 10.30, in that pleasant condition, best described as "tired, but happy."

G. BISHOP.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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14—Mr. J. W. LAING

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28—Mr. W. SMITH



The Fidelity of Dogs

They do not forget

By PHILOKUON.

At the end of his twenty years of wandering Ulysses returned home, forgotten by men but recognised by his old dog Argus.

"He knew his lord; he knew, and strove to meet;
In vain he strove to crawl and kiss his feet.
Yet (all he could) his tail, his ears, his eyes,
Salute his master, and confess his joys."

Homer is supposed to have lived about 850 B.C., and his famous epic makes it clear that even in those remote days the fidelity of dogs was understood and appreciated. The canine temperament was then as it is now and has been through all the ages.

A touching story about an Uxbridge dog that has just been related is worth repeating. This terrier was in the habit of meeting a postman punctually every morning and accompanying him as he delivered his letters. When he had finished the postman would remark that that was the lot, and Bob would make his way home. One morning recently the postman collapsed and died in the road, and when he was found Bob was licking his face. The interesting thing is that since the death of his friend Bob has continued to go the round of the houses at which they used to call. No doubt many of my readers will be able to tell equally true stories of the fidelity of dogs they have known.

One that is a classic refers to a mastiff bitch that accompanied Sir Piers Legh to the battle of Agincourt. As her master lay through the night wounded she watched over him. Sir Walter Scott, lover of all dogs, was never happier than in drawing the character of some of them in his books. What he thought of them was epitomised in some passages in *The Talisman*. "The Almighty, who gave the dog to be companion of our pleasures and our toils, hath invested him with a nature noble and incapable of deceit. He forgets neither friend nor foe, remembers, and with accuracy, both benefit and injury. He hath a share of man's intelligence, but no share of man's falsehood."

I daresay most of you have forgotten "Robinson Crusoe," as I had done until the object of this article revived my memory. The dog that was on board when the ship was wrecked swam ashore, and "I wanted nothing that he could fetch me, nor any company that he could make up to me, I only wanted to have him talk to me, but that he could not do." Fiction, of course, but Defoe must have realised that a dog would be capable of endearing himself to any man. Our friends can be clever as well as devoted.

Jesse is responsible for an anecdote about one that belonged to a Roman Catholic. This was a foxhound. As soon as the forty days of Lent began the hound deserted his master, going to the house of a friend, who, being a Nonconformist, fed as usual instead of fasting. Charles Dickens knew of a Newfoundland that used to be turned out daily to have a swim in the river. One day his mistress noticed he smelt of beer, and had him watched. Then it was discovered that he went regularly to a shop near by for his morning pint.

SUNDAY FREE AND EASY

The first meeting of the Session was held on Sunday, September 26. It was a brain-wave on the part of Mr. Radley to re-arrange his programme and ask the Watling Association Orchestra to start the opening entertainment with a "flourish of trumpets."

The orchestra turned up in great numbers and the attendance of the members filled the hall to overflowing. In the absence of the conductor (Mr. W. H. Lancaster) on holiday, the baton was most ably wielded by Mr. Fitzgerald.

The musical programme included such varied items as overtures, musical comedies, marches, and dance numbers. Instrumental solos were given by Mr. H. W. Callaghan (violin)—"Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Un pen d'Amour"—and Mr. C. Allen (cornet)—"If I might Come to You" and "Love's Old Sweet Song." This was highly appreciated by the audience who joined in the last refrain.

Tenor songs were most effectively rendered by Messrs. Godin, Senior and Junior. Mrs. Roblun contributed materially towards the success of the even-

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What the Watling Association has done

At the last quarterly meeting the Council's report of work done for the Estate was so interesting that it was decided to publish a brief account of the work during the summer months in *THE RESIDENT*.

This particular report, coming at the beginning of the autumn included the preparations of the Education Committee for winter activities, all of which were advertised in the September issue, but some of which were worthy of special notice, some of the subjects for the Free and Easy, Upholstery Class, Neighbourhood Guild, W.F.E.A. Class in Modern Social Problems, etc.

Reports were also given for the Social, Billiards, Personal Service and Sports Committees. The outing to Southend was then in the future and is now a pleasure to look back on. A new cloth was put on the billiard table during July. A Senior Net-Ball team has been started.

Three new constituent bodies were welcomed during the period under review:—the Hendon Advisory Committee of the London Society of Compositors; the Edgware Garage Club of the L.P.S.A., and the Watling Group of the Left Book Club.

Part of the site attached to the Centre had been offered to the Borough Council for the building of a Branch Library and it was hoped that this would be accepted.

Various matters had been taken up with the appropriate authorities including the building of accommodation for old people, Traffic Dangers and Slippery Pavements.

A visit had been received from members of the Cowley Estate Community Association and visits had been paid or were about to be paid to that Association and to the Hanwell Estate to help in the formation of an Association.

Over four pounds had been raised, in co-operation with St. Alphage, for the support of the Basque children, and this has been earmarked for those quartered at Currock House, the Community Centre in Carlisle.

The Association had continued its affiliation to the London Federation of Associations and the secretary of the Association had been re-appointed as secretary of the Federation and as its representative on the New Estates Community Committee. Suggestions had been made for the Southern Regional Conference of the N.E.C.C.

Steps were being taken to organise more activities in the Common Room for the younger members of the Association, but the inadequacy of the Centre both for adults and for adolescents was more and more realised and attempts were being made to secure help to remedy the situation by the completion of the Adult Centre and the building of a Youth Centre, though there was not yet anything very definite to report.

These were only the most important matters, a great deal of the business of the Council being concerned with the administration of the Centre which, though not spectacular, is nevertheless an important service to individual members of the Association, to the many organisations which use the premises and to residents on the Estate who, though not members, come for help, advice, entertainment or edification.

WANTED

CYCLER—Gent's. Must be Light and Modern, but not necessarily sports model. Advantage if speed-gear model. Write, giving description, and cash price to CYCLIST, 21, Regis Court, Dorset Square, N.W.1.

Accordion Contests and Concert

I do think we should appoint a reporter to our *WATLING RESIDENT*, when one has to write up one's own function; the writer always adds a little bit of paint to make the thing look prettier, but when we are able to say that St. Alphage Hall was packed to capacity, no further garnishing is needed. The success was really due to Mr. Hales of Watling Avenue. He spared no expense, time or labour, and without him we could never have made the entertainment the success it was. In the contests, some of the finest piano-accordion music was produced, and I am very pleased that we were able to secure the services of Professor Eustace St. George Pett, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M., Principal of the British College of Accordionists. Only a person of his qualifications could have adjudicated to the satisfaction of both players and audience, and his praise for the performance of the contestants was unstinted. He stated that although, during his career at the College, he had heard thousands of accordionists, the competitors had attained a very high place in his esteem. He congratulated them all, and wished them good luck in their future efforts.

I also wish to convey the very grateful thanks of the Watling Association to the donors of trophies (for the second year in succession). Mr. Hales, Messrs. Hohners, and Messrs. Thompson, Diamond and Butcher have come forward with magnificent trophies, and beautiful medals were provided in the Solos class by County Councillor Mrs. M. Grey Skinner. Mr. E. Walton won the Hayes Cup, and Master H. J. Bardwell, second, won the Gold-Centre Medal.

In the Duets class Mr. E. Walton and Miss F. Walton won the trophies presented by Hohner's and Thompson, Diamond and Butcher, and Mr. W. J. Elkins and Mr. E. V. Callingham obtained second place, and Gold-Centre medals.

Mrs. Grey Skinner with great modesty presented the prizes. In conversation later with Mrs. Skinner I tried to express sorrow at the lack of attention I was able to extend to her, but was then very nicely told that being able to sit back among the crowd, unnoticed and unembarrassed, had given her greater pleasure, and had enabled her to enjoy the programme more than she was always able to do when called upon to take a prominent part in such functions; in fact, I gathered that associating with the audience and not with the officials had provided her with a very pleasant, if unusual evening, and in her own words she enjoyed every moment of it.

I should also like to thank the stewards, Messrs. Nyberg, Lodge, Frank Williams, Roblou, Wickens, Downs, Roblou Junr., Lodge Junr., and the caterers Mrs. Lodge, Miss G. Lodge, Mrs. Roblou and Mrs. Littler, all of whom worked hard to make the show a success.

JACK HILTON, Organiser.



It has been suggested to me that since so many of the residents of Watling carry lunch packets to work every day a number of sandwich suggestions would make a useful "Ladies' Page" for this issue of THE RESIDENT. Perhaps I might say, without undue boasting, that this suggestion was made to me by a person who had just sampled some of my sandwiches. I pointed out that most of my sandwich recipes had been in THE RESIDENT at one time or another, to which he made answer that he would take the Ladies' Page more seriously after this! A shoemaker who once proved himself a very good cook, when asked the secret of his success, replied, "One must know all sorts of things, but the most important is to do the cooking with love and care." I set out to make sandwiches. I do it with love and care, that is, I take an interest in it.

There are certain things one must know and there are certain ingredients that I always keep in stock on my shelves. It is necessary to know that one has only to change the kind of bread from one day to the next to make the same sandwich spread appetizing and appealing to the habitual lunch-packet carrier. White bread, hovis, wholemeal, scofa or lacto malt, cracked wheat or rye-bread can be used in turn.

Here are some of the seasonings I always keep in hand: celery salt, ground black pepper, paprika, celery seed, tomato ketchup. This is not an expensive outlay; a bottle of celery salt or paprika costs 6d. and will last a year for seasoning purposes. Black pepper is more tasty and not so hot as white.

(1) **TOMATO CHEESE.**—Pour boiling water over two small tomatoes, remove the skins, chop into a small basin and set in a saucepan over boiling water, grate a quarter-pound of ordinary white cheese and put in the basin to melt; break an egg in the basin and add a little pepper; stir frequently until the cheese is thoroughly melted and the mixture is a creamy consistency all through. This can be kept in a covered glass several days.

(2) **EGG SANDWICHES.**—Hard boil one or two eggs and grate on a fine grater, add salt and pepper to taste. Finely chopped chives or watercress will add to the and mix to a paste with salad cream or mayonnaise. appetizingness of this spread and the addition of a few celery seed or a little tomato ketchup will change the flavour for another day.

(3) **BEAN SANDWICHES.**—Left over boiled or baked beans can be put through a coarse sieve and mixed with salad cream, tomato ketchup and watercress to make a very nice sandwich paste.

(4) **HOME-MADE FISH PASTE.**—Use a small tin of pink salmon or sardines; if salmon remove bones and skin, mash fine with a fork; add a finely-grated hard-boiled egg; mix to a paste with salad cream. Once when I had used this recipe with sardines I was told that the sandwiches tasted like paté de foie gras!

(5) **TASTY HAM SANDWICHES.**—Buy an end bone of ham (these are very inexpensive to buy), wash

thoroughly and cook until tender. When cold, put through a fine mincing machine avoiding the crust, but using some of the fat. Add mixed mustard and stir well with a fork. Spread on your bread like paste (a little salad cream or ketchup can be added if desired). This is far less expensive than using sliced ham and can be stored for several days unless the weather is very hot.

(6) **HERB SANDWICHES.**—Warm 2 or 3 ozs. of butter in a small basin and beat with a dessert spoon until creamy, add finely-chopped watercress, parsley and chives. If you do not grow chives (which you ought to do) or if they are out of season, use a little grated Spanish onion. When they are in season finely-chopped red or green peppers are most delicious in place of the parsley (see September RESIDENT), spread on thin slices of wholemeal or rye bread.

Yours for greater culinary adventures and until next month!

SUSAN SAVOIR.

ARE YOU STILL YOUNG?—continued from page 2.

mistake about it, mind you—for just one penny. Any thing may happen at a dance. Romance, thrills, adventure, a dream of a girl. Oh, Boy! (for further description see local cinema placards). At any rate, if you dance, dance here—it's good exercise.

In addition to all this, we're supplying the answer to all the questions that Mr. Eden doesn't know the answer to. This is on Monday evenings—the "debates" night. Communism or Fascism, which? What to do when you've nothing to do; do we wish we were back at school? or, on the contrary, shall we join the army? etc., etc., etc. So come, prompt at 8.30, on Monday night and say what YOU think.

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Borough Council Notes

Bowling Club

Application has been made to the Borough Council enquiring whether the Council would grant a lease to a proposed Watling Association Bowling Club.

The Council are prepared to grant a lease in respect of three links when the bowling green is finished.

Physical Fitness—a New Civic Centre

A pamphlet has been issued by the National Advisory Council and a copy of this has been circulated to each member of the Hendon Council.

Grants are made available in respect of approved expenditure.

The avowed aim of the Government is "to inculcate a wider realisation that physical fitness has a vital part to play in promoting a healthy mind and human happiness" and they have decided that any scheme must include arrangements for increasing the supply not only of gymnasia, but also of playing fields, swimming baths and other means of healthy physical recreation.

In relation to the schemes which may be formulated it is recognised that many people may desire opportunities for physical exercise and recreation as part of a fuller club or community life.

Already Hendon has been in the forefront in providing playing fields while we have in the Borough two open air swimming baths and a further one about to be constructed. The Education Committee has also provided in certain of the schools gymnasiums, the use of which might well be extended.

The question of providing or aiding in the provision of Community Centres, the development equipment and use of the existing gymnasia, the provision of further gymnasia and the engagement and training of personnel are all matters which will call for careful consideration by the appropriate Committees.

For many years, however, the Council has had in mind the creation of a Civic Centre. The want of a public hall has been long felt. There is no satisfactory accommodation in the Borough for large public meetings, receptions, dinners, dances or other social functions.

There is also great need for a really good and well equipped central gymnasium.

In addition, the National Advisory Council has drawn attention to the desirability of combining other forms of physical training and recreation with covered swimming baths and the use of such baths during the winter months. They estimate the cost of such baths at not more than £8 per square foot of water surface.

Having briefly outlined some of the possibilities which present themselves, it is proposed to ask the Finance and General Purposes Committee to take into early consideration the practicability of formulating a scheme for the erection on the site opposite the Town Hall of a suitable building or buildings providing for:—

1. Large Hall and suitable suite of rooms.
2. Car Park.
3. Fully equipped gymnasium.

4. Swimming bath.
5. Rooms for active indoor games.
6. Air raid shelter.

Bookworms

The new branch library at Mill Hill is being well patronised, especially by the people of Watling, and no less by children. The next step will be to get our own branch library on Watling—preferably built on the piece of spare ground at the Watling Centre.

School Organised Games

As the Montrose Avenue Playing Field will not be available for school children for organised games during the new school year, arrangements have been made for the children attending Barnfield Boys', Barnfield Junior and Burnt Oak schools to use the West Hendon Playing Fields.

Bus fares are being paid.

Population

The estimated population of Mill Hill is 23,618; Edgware, 14,441; Burnt Oak, 21,146.

Moat Mount

The Hendon Borough General Purposes Committee have considered the provision of a water supply to the Moat Mount Camp site. The camp site will not be used again until next year and the Committee resolved to recommend that the matter be deferred pending a report by the Borough Surveyor.

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CYCLING and HEALTH

A Message to Women Readers

ARE you one of the many women who have, at some time or other, experienced the desire to become fit and well for all time? You may have even followed the physical training hints from the daily papers and borrowed books from the library to aid you exercise frequently before an open window.

Now, I am not for one moment pretending that this form of exercise is overrated or not practical,—it can be enjoyed very much, providing one has the necessary time, but let me tell you about something which can be practised during the usual daily routine and be of great benefit to you. It is a perfectly rhythmic and balanced exercise for your limbs, and doctors speak highly of the stimulating effect on the lungs and skin.

IF you have got a bicycle, get it out of the shed and really use it,—if you haven't got a bicycle, go to one of our many local traders and buy one. It may cost in the region of 2s. 3d. per week (if you find this method of payment convenient)—but a quick calculation finds that this is soon compensated by fares saved.

A word of advice when you use your bicycle for shopping. Do not leave it "propped up" against the kerb, not only is this unnecessary strain on the cranks and pedals, but if it is a windy day it is not a very nice feeling to leave the shop and find your mount blown 'neath the wheels of a large lorry! The best plan is to gently place the machine against the shop front, and I, personally, have never been asked to remove mine, for after all, I should certainly not give my custom to those who objected to my bicycle being left outside their shop!

SPEAKING of lorries brings us to the question of traffic. Providing you are prepared to be quite sensible and polite, traffic riding is quite a safe and simple matter. The public generally are not aware that facts concerning cyclists are road law. A cyclist using the King's highway is entitled to free and uninterrupted passage thereon, and as a bicycle is a carriage under Section 85 of the Local Government (England and Wales) Act of 1888, they are entitled to the privileges and subject to the penalties of other carriages. Base your knowledge on these facts and be a sound-thinking intelligent cyclist, instead of a "person-on-a-bike" who goes about in fear of being killed by those who are often travelling too fast to think quickly if required.

Always signal your intentions to the traffic behind and when making a right-hand turn just slow down, if necessary halt completely, then glance behind and see if the road is clear for your safe passage.

AND so for shopping,—there are heaps of other uses for the bicycle, as an emergency measure to call a doctor or public assistance; call and see your friends more often; join the new branch of the public library at Mill Hill, you won't have to pay fines when it just means "popping round on the bike" with the books! Go out for an afternoon spin,—only eight miles, and you will find some delectable lanes beyond Elstree, and just now you'll be able to

bring back some tinted leaves, two sprays will be enough for a large jar.

There are many more things I could tell you of the exhilarating joys of cycling, but space forbids, so till next time . . .

LET me advise you on any problems you may have. Write to me c/o The Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope for a reply. I shall be very pleased to hear from you, and in the meantime wish you all good health for the ensuing winter months.

CASSIE.

Left Book Club (Watling Group)

MONTHLY MEETING

The Watling Left Book Club Group met on Friday, October 15, at the Watling Centre. The subject of the meeting was a discussion on the September choice of the club: Robert Brady's "Spirit and Structure of German Fascism."

Mrs. Noble opened the discussion by giving a short account of the working of German Fascism. Particular stress was laid upon the treatment of German children, of the manner in which they are taught to be good subjects of the Reich: the boys to be soldiers, and the girls to be mothers and housewives. It was also shown that Fascism entails the complete control and regimentation of all activities, both private and public, political, economic and cultural. These and many other important aspects of German Fascism were discussed.

The general conclusions of the discussion were that German and every other brand is really a partnership of the fighting forces and big business running a country to develop and consolidate the interests of big business, and that Fascism is wholly incompatible with democracy and is therefore repulsive to all progressive and democratically-minded people.

THE TRANSLATION

The author of the story which appeared under the above title in last month's issue was Mr. F. R. Steer. We regret the omission.

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Club and Society Notes

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

The winter social season is now well upon us and when this report is published our first dance of the season will be over, and members will be busy preparing the programme for our Grand Carnival Dance, to be held on Saturday, January 29, 1938. This will be a "pukka do" and I will announce when tickets will be ready in my next notes.

Late in September our Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, was successful in the Clarion L.U. 100 miles in 6½ hours event, despite the fact that the weather tried its hardest to wash out the event.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hendon section, the following members were elected or re-elected to the various officerships: Chairman, Mr. Glendenning; Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20, Blundell Road, Burnt Oak; Captain, Mr. Chris. Smith; Vice-Captain, Mr. A. Keats; Lady Captain, Miss R. Rainbow; Social Secretary, Mr. B. Slingsby, 41, Grosvenor Crescent, Kingsbury, N.W.9; L.U. Racing Committee Delegate, Mr. J. Smith; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Calcutt; and Press Secretary, Yours truly.

Now for some interesting news to some of those cyclists who are shy of coming out on long club runs. We are arranging a short Sunday afternoon run; the idea of this section is to give you an idea of how good club life can be and is! So let us have your name, get in touch with our Secretary, and don't worry what your bike looks like. We won't.

Well, runs are continuing to be well supported, and at time of writing, members are looking forward to the reliability trial of the London Union; let's hope it's not too muddy for them. I should hate to see any of our gallants come to a sticky end.

Runs for November are as follows:—

7th.—Inter-Club with Richmond Clarion.

14th.—Herts lanes.

21st.—Tring.

28th.—Ripley.

Members are always happy to meet cyclists who come up to our clubroom at John Keble Church, Mill Hill, any Thursday evening at 8.30 p.m. for a game of darts, cards, or what you wish.

The club runs start every Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m. from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak.

So, hope to meet you some time. Cheerio!

Vic C. BOTTERILL,

Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

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ing by her two songs "Paradise for Two," and "Mighty Like a Rose."

The "turn" of the evening was Mr. J. Radley in his famous impersonation of Mr. George Robey in "Turn Again," etc.

The evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne" and "The King."

The Committee wish to thank all those members of the Association and the orchestra who so willingly gave their services, and so ensured the success of the First Sunday Free and Easy.

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

The latter part of October and the approach of November brings us well into the social season.

Having already started our series of dances with last month's great hit on the 23rd, and spent an enjoyable evening at our "Opener" on the 28th, we now look forward in anticipation to our next dance on the 20th of this month. Put this date down in your diary. November 20 at the White Lion Hotel (Cornwall Rooms), Edgware, and rest assured of at least one enjoyable evening this month.

Our A.G.M. is now fast approaching. The date has not yet been decided, but it will in all probability be in December instead of the usual first or second week in January. Let me take this opportunity of impressing upon all members the importance of attending this meeting, and attending early. The officers for the ensuing year are to be elected, members who are put into office by you to govern your interests for twelve months. General, Social, Time Trial Secretary and Captain all automatically resign, and the whole issue go into the melting pot to be straightened out by your vote. I could enlarge upon this theme for hours, but I am sure you all see the importance of your presence and will try your utmost to attend.

One point to bear in mind; to understand each discussion thoroughly it is necessary to be in possession of a few facts concerning issues that may come up for debate, and the current issue of our Club Magazine may afford some considerable enlightenment.

It is pleasing to see the return of a proper club run, now our riders are not split up following races. We are once again able to enjoy the company of all our membership, one of the chief factors of an enjoyable run.

Looking around on club nights I have noticed a considerable improvement in the standard of play in indoor games, and it has set me wondering if we can again this year have the pleasure of meeting other clubs at table-tennis, darts, etc. Len probably has some opponents in line, so we will carry out the old motto—"wait and see."

Just to remind you of this month's programme:—

Fri. 5.—Firework Run.

Sun. 7.—Dinner—Mentmore.

Tea—Hemel Hempstead.

" 14.—Dinner—Shere, Surrey.

Tea—Stanwell Moor.

" 21.—Dinner—Harlow.

Tea—Stanstead Abbot.

" 28.—Dinner—Bracknell.

Tea—Hedgerley.

POTTERER.

CRICKET

Although our membership was small I think we can claim that the season has been successful. Next year we hope to increase our membership and to procure a ground so that we can have a full season of matches. Names of intending members and suggestions and ideas for improving the Cricket section will be welcomed.

Mr. Taylor and I thank all those who gave us their support last season.

Watch the RESIDENT for further announcements.

C. HICKS.

NORTHERN CYCLING CLUB

Well folks, here we are back again, and I must apologise for our absence these last months.

There has been one or two races in which some of the boys rode. First there was the "Southgate 25" in which A. Hewson and A. Pope rode. Their times being:

A. Pope—1 hour, 9 minutes, 3 seconds, and
A. Hewson—1 hour, 9 minutes, 21 seconds.

Next was the "Club 25" in which was a sealed handicap event. The following times were returned by Mr. T. V. Church, the time-keeper:

Handicap	Place	Time
A. Pope	Scratch	4 1 hr. 9 mins. 44 secs.
G. English	3½ mins.	2 1 hr. 11 mins. 30 secs.
G. Putnam	4¾ mins.	1 1 hr. 11 mins. 45 secs.
R. Pope	5½ mins.	3 1 hr. 14 mins. 50 secs.
A. Copeland	6 mins.	5 1 hr. 18 mins. 34 secs.

The last event was the North Midds. Hill Climb in which four of the boys rode, returning the following times:

G. English	1 min. 7.4 secs.
A. Hewson	1 min. 7.8 secs.
F. J. Swanson	1 min. 9.8 secs.
A. Hurrowell	1 min. 12.2 secs.

By the time these notes are printed the club's opening dance of the season will have been held and we hope that everybody will have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and be looking forward to our next on December 11th, at the White Lion Hotel, Edgware, at 8 o'clock. Tickets 1/6. Cheers,

TONI.

VETERANS' CLUB

The Club is now settling down to the winter's meetings. We have had some very interesting talks during the last month including such subjects as China, Germany, and Early English History.

The Veterans accorded a very cordial welcome to Sister Annie who came specially from Streatham to address them. Sister Annie built her talk round an old aphorism quoting these words, "Don't worry it may never happen," and it was plain to see how well the old folks understood the meaning of those words. Two special coming events for the club are, an American Tea, to which the helpers are being invited, and a visit to a West End Pantomime.

We feel sure there are still a number of veterans living on the Watling Estate who are over 65 years of age and are not yet members of the Club and to them we say: Do come along one Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. and enjoy the society of people whose interests are kindred to yours. E. COLE.

An Idle Thought

As the train emerges from the tunnel at Golders Green, the position being high, one gets a view of the surrounding country, and it must be admitted that the aspect is pleasing. The mellow shades of trees and houses blend to make the approach to Burnt Oak a panorama of peaceful scenery.

How different to the approach into, say Brighton, where from the train all one can see is a mass of congested roof-tops.

BOXING

We are still making good progress, new boys are still being signed on, but we still want more. Our equipment is improving, we now have scales, a thing we have been after for years and now through the efforts of one of our Presidents (I. Gwynne Jones, Esq.) we have at last a pair of decent scales.

We are after having a shower bath installed in the hut, so that when the members have finished training they can have a wash down. For the benefit of those who have not joined up and are thinking of doing so, our subscriptions are, boys 12-14, 1/-; over 14 to 18, 1/6; over 18, 2/6 for the season. Practice nights Tuesdays and Thursdays, it does not matter to us if you cannot box, Messrs. Benham, Curzon, Papworth and Stewart will teach you, what value for money!

The match with the Hendon B.C. had to be postponed, we are trying to fix up with them early in the new year, meanwhile, towards the end of November we have a match with All Saints B.C. at Childs Hill, and a return match at Watling early in December.

A correction. In October's RESIDENT it was stated that Mr. Gwynne Jones was our President. It should have read, "Our joint Presidents, A. I. Jones, Esq. and I. Gwynne Jones, Esq." L.K.

A CYCLE GIFT

Reading that the British Cycle and Motor Cycle Manufacturers and Traders Union, Ltd., in commemoration of the birthday of Princess Margaret Rose, were to present the Princess with a cycle, Mr. A. McKenzie, of Deans Lane, Burnt Oak, put forward the suggestion that it would be a good idea if similar gifts could be made to children in less fortunate positions who were born in the same month.

He wrote to Major H. R. Watling, director of the Union, to this effect in March, and Major Watling replied, saying the idea had been acted upon. It had also been found that Mr. McKenzie had a son who was born on August 8, and although cycles were only being allotted to children born on the same day as Princess Margaret Rose, the Union would be glad to present the boy with a cycle as Mr. McKenzie had given them the idea.

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A Merry Christmas to all our Readers

Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Lamentation

A member of the Watling Association sends us a report of a conversation he had with a local Newsagent.

"It's all right for you to ask me to advertise in the WATLING RESIDENT. What would I advertise?" "Well," says our correspondent, "early morning delivery of papers and periodicals, and Sunday papers." "Yes," says the newsagent, "that sounds all right, but do you know the difficulty we have to find boys who are willing to get up early enough to deliver papers, and then sacrifice their Sundays to collecting money. If we could only trust to the customers to call at the shop and pay their account, that would give all our boys a much longer Sunday for rest and pleasure than they get at present. As it is now, after they finish delivery on Sunday, they have to go round again collecting, and sometimes have to call more than once for accounts. Very often I myself am not done until 4 p.m. on Sunday; after having been here to see to the early morning rounds off. If only we could get the customer to agree to pay regularly at the shop all of us could be done by 9 or 10 a.m. Sundays."

Very red in the face and his conscience pricking him our correspondent left the newsagent, registering a mental vow to be one of the first to start paying at the shop, weekly and regularly, because HE HAD NOT THOUGHT OF IT BEFORE.

Refrigerators

Gas-refrigerators which can be hired at an all-in charge of one shilling a week are offered to working class tenants on the Roehampton Estate.

The shilling hire includes the cost of gas consumption, installation and maintenance.

Wednesday Evening Discussion Group

A Young People's Group has been formed to study the problem of Youth in Industry. The group meets on Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. under the supervision of Mr. C. H. Hocking. An invitation is extended to young people who are desirous of giving concentrated study to one of the great problems of the modern industrial world.

Bowls

The Bowling Green in Watling Park is getting on well and the Watling Association has started a Bowls Club to play thereon. All those who would like to join the club should write to the Secretary, Bowls Club, Watling Centre.

Christmas

I should like to wish every reader of this column a Happy Christmas and the opportunity of making Christmas happier for someone else. There are still a good many people on the Estate who will find it difficult to be merry even at this season.

Punctuality

Why do children nearly always come to the things arranged for them half an hour or an hour or even more before the time set? And why do the adults nearly always come late? If we could cure them both and have real punctuality, neither before nor after the right time, how much easier life would be for some of us.

A Thought

Finish every day, and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. To-day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear with its hope and invitations to waste a moment on the yesterdays.

EMERSON.

THE "DAILY SKETCH"

This paper has now started a Charity Bonus Scheme and the Watling Association is registering under it, so if you read either the "Sketch" or the "Mirror" please collect the coupons and send them to the Centre.

"Herbert," said Mrs. Brown to her husband when he arrived home one evening, "a strange black cat came into the house a few minutes ago."

"That's lucky," said Mr. Brown.

"This one certainly was," said Mrs. Brown, "when I wasn't looking, he ate the fish I had got for your tea."

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It was once said that for every man whose job it is to make laws there are more than 250 who live by interpreting them.

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Grocer's Delivery Man: "You certainly have some wonderful chickens, Mrs. Stillrich. Do they lay well?"

Mrs. Stillrich: "Oh, they could, you know, but in our financial position of course they don't have to."

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"Sir, your grocer has employed me to collect this bill you owe him," said the debt collector on being ushered into the customer's office.

"You're to be congratulated," replied the customer, "on obtaining a permanent situation."

Christmas is Coming

Yes, Christmas is coming and so is January, and so is the Anniversary. So please book these dates in your new diary, January 18th to 24th. Special applications are being made to "Colney Hatch" for the release of the "Crazy Gang" for the week. Be sure to get your January issue of the RESIDENT early and look for the full programme of events. And here's a suggestion. Why not start saving a few coppers each week, you will not miss them and you will be able to pick and choose the events that appeal to you most, which we hope will be the lot. You may pay your money in the office to Mr. Harris or I will be only too pleased to collect your mouldies any Saturday evening. Here's wishing you a "Merry Christmas" and a "Crazy New Year."

E. COLE.

BIRTH CONTROL

Two excellent books, "Advice on Family Spacing and Healthy Sex Life" and "The Sex Factor in Marriage" are available at the Centre to any members who wish to borrow them.

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The No. 115 (Edgware and Watling) Division held their Annual Social at Barnfield School, on Saturday, November 13. It was a very happy gathering. District Officer Green kindly acted as Chairman. From 7.30 till 9 p.m. friends enjoyed dancing. Sergt. New again acted as M.C. At 9 p.m. refreshments were served, and at 9.30 p.m. Capt. Rees, Assistant Commissioner, and Mrs. Rees were received by Supt. Lane and Mrs. Lane. Other guests followed: County Surgeon Dr. N. H. Hammer and Mrs. Hammer, Mrs. Green, Supt. Collins and Mrs. Collins, Dr. Matthews and Mrs. Matthews, Supt. Hawkins, Councillor Beard (Barnet), Ambulance Officer Cowan, Lady Supt. Miss Vicary, Corps Officer Stillwell. Supt. Lane officially welcomed the guests. Capt. Rees replied. A bouquet was presented by Miss Winnie Walls to Mrs. Rees. Cups and Awards were presented to the members by Mrs. Rees. A medical case was presented to Dr. Matthews as a token of esteem from officers, N.C.O.'s and members of Edgware Division by Mrs. Rees.

The evening concluded with more dancing, and proved to be the most successful Social held by this Division. Supt. Lane expressed his thanks to all who helped.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

December, 1937

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
5. Diet and Health. Mrs. Sewell Harris.
12. Radiation. Mr. L. R. Bee, M.A.
19. What form of Government.
Mr. V. Lefebure.
26. No meeting.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
W. E. A. Class in Modern Social Problems, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Homefield Road.
- Tuesdays** — Dressmaking and Millinery Classes, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls, 12-16, 7.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Dance, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 6 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 16, 8.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School.
Physical Training for Men, 8.30 p.m., at Goldbeaters Evening Institute.
- Wed' days** — Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30
1. Visit to Kodak works.
8. The Poor Law. Mr. J. Fleming, J.P.
15. Current events. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
22. Social.
29. No meeting.
Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
- Thursdays** — Upholstery Class, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
H.S.A., 7.30 p.m.
Boxing, 6.0 p.m.
Girls Common Room, 8 p.m.
- Fridays** — New Tabernacle Sick and Provident Society, 7.30 p.m.
Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** — Net Ball Club, 3.15 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

- Wed'day 1 Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
Thursday 2 Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
Friday 3 Gay Girlies Concert, 8 p.m.
Saturday 4 Boxing Tournament, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 5 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
Members' Dance.
- Monday 6 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
- Saturday 11 Grand Christmas Bazaar to be opened by the Mayoress of Hendon at 2.30 p.m.**
- Sunday 12 Free and Easy. "An Hour of Song." Miss Christine McClure, 8 p.m.
- Thursday 16 W.A. Quarterly General Meeting, 8 p.m.
- Sunday 19 Members' Dance, 8 p.m.
- Monday 20 Rummage Sale, 2.30 p.m.
- Friday 24 Dance, 8 p.m.
- Saturday 25 Christmas Day. Centre closed.
- Friday 31 New Year's Eve Carnival Social.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Some of our RESIDENT readers do not realise perhaps that these Fellowship Meetings—arranged through the collaboration of the Adult Schools, Society of Friends and Women's Neighbourhood Guild—take place regularly on the first Sunday evening of every month in room C at the Centre.

It is now three and a half years since they were started, and those who have attended regularly have found them to be of real value and inspiration.

We have a visiting speaker every month, and the subjects of the addresses, though they vary considerably in range and selection, are all designed to give "spiritual uplift," as we have come to call it, and to help us tackle our everyday problems in the right way.

The meetings are devotional in character, including a few hymns and a reading, but very often people stay on to have further talk or discussion with the speaker.

Musical items—singing, violin or piano solos—have often also been an enjoyable feature of the gatherings, and we are hoping to revive the musical side again this winter.

The meetings are open to all who care to come, and we should welcome a larger attendance.

C.C.B.

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MRS. PRATT.

With reference to your editorial last month re a bandstand in Watling Park. I heartily agree, also although I like brass and military bands, why not have an orchestra sometimes for a change and what's more, why not start off with the Watling orchestra. I was in the Centre the other evening and I thought they played very well and I am sure they would put up a good show in the park, after all we ought to encourage local talent.

“ ENCORE ”

With reference to the article "A nice cup of tea" which appeared in the October issue the following might be of interest to readers:

Nutmeg tea was a remedy for sleeplessness often tried with good effect by our grandmothers.

They made it by pouring a pint of boiling water over a finely-grated nutmeg and letting the infusion stand for fifteen minutes. They then drank one or two cups of it very hot and settled down to a peaceful night's rest.

Nutmeg oil can be used externally as a liniment for stiff rheumatically limbs. It should be well rubbed in with the finger tips.

The usefulness of nutmeg as a medicine lies in the active principle called "mysticism" found in the essential oil, which has valuable tonic and digestive properties.

Yet another monument has been erected in Whitehall and it has caused a certain amount of comment. Some people think that we already have more than enough statues. They say that these effigies are an eyesore besides being an obstruction to traffic. Many of them were erected to people who have now been long forgotten and, according to some, they should be scrapped.

Those of us who have been to Westminster Abbey and seen the accumulation of busts and memorials to long forgotten heroes and obscure notabilities are amazed that the nation allow these, in some cases monstrosities, to lumber up the place.

If we must spend huge sums on memorials let us at least have something useful. There is still a housing shortage so what more suitable memorial than a row of houses for the aged, the disabled, or the poor : or a Trust to provide food and clothing to the unemployed.

This would give succour and pleasure to many, whereas a monument often causes disagreement and is soon ignored and forgotten.

F.H.L.

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— A — GRAND CHRISTMAS DRIVE

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th

— A — GRAND CARNIVAL SOCIAL

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th

— A — GRAND POULTRY DRIVE

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The M.C.C. and You

by County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

On Thursday, October 28th, the Middlesex County Council resumed its regular meetings which take place on the last Thursday of each month, at 3.30 p.m. at the Guildhall, Westminster. There was an unusually large number of people in the public gallery, why I do not know. Perhaps it was to see last year's Chairman presented with a magnificent silver urn, or ewer, or whatever it might be called.

The meeting lasted just four hours and a number of discussions arose in the course of it and several divisions were taken.

The first debate concerned the opening of Cinemas on Good Friday. You may perhaps recollect that last Good Friday the cinemas in Middlesex were at the last moment allowed to be opened. The Licensing Committee did not wish such short notice to be given next time to the cinema proprietors and the public but that the decision should be made well in advance. So the subject was put down for discussion. There were those present who took the view that Good Friday is a sacred day and should be respected as such. There were others who were of opinion that no matter what their own personal views were they should not interfere with the liberty of other people to do as they pleased, within the law of course, on Good Friday. They stressed the point that no one who did not wish to do so need go to a cinema. Yet another point of view expressed was that the day should be preserved as a holiday for those employed in picture-houses. By 53 votes to 25 the County Council decided that cinemas should only open by special permission on Good Friday. Which way would you have voted?

Another matter of interest that was discussed was whether the County Council should or should not seek powers from Parliament to become a Housing Authority. As matters rest at present it is the Borough and Urban District Councils which are empowered to put up houses. But certain members of the County Council are very much concerned about the housing of Tuberculous Persons. The County Council itself is the body responsible for the care and treatment of people suffering from T.B. There are two County Sanatoria, one at Clare Hall, one at Harefield. The latter consisted until a year or so ago of "army huts" that had been used as a hospital for Australian soldiers during the Great War, but on October 18th of this year the Duke of Gloucester had officially opened the new sanatorium at Harefield, a magnificent building with the most up-to-date facilities for treating the disease. In the opinion of some members it was of little use to treat and, in an increasing number of cases one is happy to say, to cure the disease, if the patients are allowed to return, as many of them do, to insanitary and overcrowded homes (where they themselves may possibly relapse and where other members of the family may very likely develop the disease. By 44 to 31 the County Council decided that it wished to do nothing about the matter.

The third debate was not a long one but concerned a matter of importance which however does not, happily, affect many people. It concerned the proposal to use the mansion on the Denham Court Estate and a small area of the land for the purpose of an Approved School for senior girls, that is a residential school to which older girls who have been before the "Juvenile Court" can be sent for reformation and training. One member objected that such a beautiful house and situation—the estate forms part of the "Green Belt"—were too good for the purpose suggested and several others agreed. Others, however, were of opinion that no place was too good, provided it was in other ways suitable, to be made use of in trying to help back to good ways of living, girls who had gone astray. By 41 to 9 the County Council agreed to allow the place to be used for the purpose.

It is two years and more ago that the Home Office asked the Middlesex County Council to provide such a school as the one referred to above, a school to be shared by neighbouring counties who for their part would undertake to provide a school for senior boys, or for junior girls or boys. For two years the Education Committee has searched in vain for a site for their purpose. Always the people of the locality where it was thought possible to build the school have raised objections and the project has been given up. Now at last we shall be able to go forward and it will be up to those of us who serve on the Committee responsible for the care of difficult children to see that really useful and humane work is carried on by the school.

And of course we discussed the question of Hospital Accommodation!

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AGENDA:

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.
2. MATTERS ARISING.
3. CORRESPONDENCE.
4. REPORT OF COUNCIL.
5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

SALT

By F. H. LAKE.

Salt has many uses besides giving flavour to food. Here are some ways in which salt can be of service to you.

How often do you find that mustard, made the day before, has hardened during the night and cannot be used? To prevent this caking, mix in a little salt when you are preparing mustard and the condiment will be soft until the last scrap remains in the pot.

A little salt in half a tumbler of water makes a most hygienic mouth wash.

Some people think oranges eaten with salt are good—try it.

Visiting an invalid the other day, I saw the room was kept at comfortable heat by salt. You simply place a block of salt in fireplace, pour over it as much paraffin as it will absorb, then light. This gives a steady glow that lasts for hours, and given its daily dose of paraffin, a block will last about three weeks.

Sometimes the kitchen sink gets excessively dirty. If this happens, and you have run out of the usual cleaning powder, salt again comes to the rescue.

You will only need a cloth, which must be damp and dipped in some salt. When you have rubbed the sink well for a few minutes no discolouration will remain.

If you are washing any coloured garments, about a handful of salt added to the water will prevent the colours running or fading.

When the colours in a carpet have dulled (as in time, they so often do) the best method of reviving the tints is to sprinkle salt over the surface and sweep it off with a stiff broom. You will find the carpet has regained its former freshness.

Ink stains can be removed from linen table cloths or similar materials if they are treated immediately like this.

Cover the stain with salt and rub hard with a cut lemon. When dry, wash in warm water. Repeat the process if the stain does not disappear the first time.

Use it when you're making coffee, whether you use a percolator or make your coffee in a saucepan, the addition of a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt brings out the flavour.

You can boil cracked eggs if you put some salt in the water.

The salt prevents their bursting and running out. This is useful to remember because you can often get

new laid eggs cheaply when they are cracked, and you needn't use them all for cooking or frying.

In damp weather salt is apt to get into lumps. Add one or two grains of rice to the salt in each pourer, it will absorb the moisture and keep the salt running freely.

Home dry cleaning for weatherproof coats and tweeds is easily done with a piece of woollen material of similar weight and warm kitchen salt; result: very satisfactory.

Clean your frying pans with salt. Put salt and vinegar into the pan and put it over the gas for a while, and then rub it with a piece of paper, you'll find all the stains are gone and your pan will be like new.

Silver salt-cellars: To remove any black spots, place the salt-cellars in olive oil for several hours, afterwards wash in soapy water and polish with chamois leather.

It is difficult to fill the bottle type of salt container without spilling the salt, because of the narrowness of the neck. But you'll have no more trouble if you try my tip; I unscrew the top and use it upside down as a funnel. It makes a very practical little one, which is handier and much less troublesome than a paper funnel.

EPSOM SALTS

For the hands: Put $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of lard in a basin and stand in boiling water till it melts, then add the juice of a lemon, 2 teaspoonfuls of Epsom salts and 1 teaspoonful of common salt. Pour mixture into a jar and stir till cold and set. This keeps hands in good condition and prevents chilblains.

To "frost" leaves and berries: Make a solution of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Epsom salts to 1 pint of water. Dip while solution is warm.

Health salts: Get from the chemist $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Epsom salts, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Glauber salts, 2 oz. magnesia, 2 oz. bicarbonate of soda. Mix well and take as required.

Smelling salts: Break a pennyworth of rock ammonia into small pieces, put into a smelling-bottle and fill up with eau-de-Cologne or lavender water.

TO PARENTS

The GOVERNMENT are adopting a scheme to INSURE YOUNGSTERS between 14—16. As with the Adult National Health Insurance the GOVERNMENT know that they can rely on the administration of the

ODD FELLOWS

CONSULT Mr. T. E. YOUNG, 32 EDRIK ROAD (or call on Burnt Oak Lodge at the Centre) Mondays, December 6th and 20th, at 8.30 p.m.

Shall we Boycott Japan?

What does it matter anyway? Japan—and China—are a few thousands of miles away from this "tight little island": let them settle their own quarrels: it's no business of ours. Is that true? Just think: you go into Woolworth's and buy a Japanese toy; or maybe, if your taste is that way, you buy a little China tea, picked, and packed, and carried many miles by this or that simple Chinese peasant, because YOU demand it. And if one day a Japanese bomber sails over and drops his bombs—and that's the end of that Chinese peasant and maybe one or two of his family, while the rest of the family are left to starve, or left without an arm or a leg—is that really no concern of your's or of mine? Again, we were glad enough to get Chinese to help us in the Great War. Is it then so easy to argue that *her* war is no affair of ours? Some of us no doubt feel at times that we'd like to shut ourselves up safely and permanently in this island of our's. We feel we could probably get along well enough—with, of course, a certain amount of help from the British Commonwealth! But really it can't be done. The world is one; and it's becoming more, and not less so. And then, dash it, a Jap or a Chinese is a human being after all. If he happened to live next door to you, you'd never dream of treating him as other than human like yourself. Does it really alter the case then if he happens to be on the other side of the earth?

So shall we agree that if, at the other end of the world, the Japanese military machine takes it into its head to kill off a few thousand helpless Chinese civilians—at the same time protesting to the rest of the world that she is not at war with China!—it's up to us to do something about it if there's any blessed thing that we can do.

What are the facts? There is the argument that the bombing is aimed only at military objectives. This is difficult to apply in this case since often the poorest and most crowded parts of a city have been bombed—places of no military importance whatever. And in any case that doesn't account for the proposal which Japan made at one point to stop the war by wiping out Nanking, the capital of China and a city of millions of inhabitants.

Here's a curious story. The police in what is known as the International Settlement (American, English, German, Russian, etc.) in Shanghai offered to go into the Chinese part of the city, where there were hundreds of corpses, and help to bury the dead. The Japanese refused, saying they would do it themselves. Why? It's hard to resist the conclusion that they didn't want the world to know the extent of the slaughter of unarmed men, women and children.

It is these ruthless attacks on civilians which most easily arouses our indignation, but besides all that there is the fact, cleared stated by the Assembly of the League of Nations that Japan is unjustifiably invading China. It's a question of right and wrong affecting the whole world. Is such aggression—of any country, East or West,—against another, to be accepted by the rest of us sitting down? Will there ever be peace on earth until the nations, and each of us who make up the nations, make our stand on this?

How does Japan justify herself? She claims that her object in all she is doing in China is to bring

peace and order into that country, which is assured to be in a state of chaos. A few years ago the tale of chaos in China was not unjustified but not today. During the last ten years China has steadily advanced in the direction of becoming a united nation under one stable government, and the queer thing is that the more signs of unity China has shown, the more vigorously Japan has pursued her aggressive policy. How about this fact? The League of Nations' expert on the drug traffic just recently reported that in those areas of China under Japanese influence the use of drugs has increased to an alarming extent, while in the rest of China there has been a most encouraging advance towards the extinction of the traffic. Does this look like the work of someone whose intentions are wholly benevolent?

It has been stated by some of those who ought to know that a boycott, applied swiftly and effectively, *could* stop Japan. Japan's trade with ourselves, the U.S.A., Holland, and France alone is probably on a scale large enough for the cessation of it to do the trick.

Shall we do our bit then—we who make public opinion?—by refusing ourselves to buy goods made in Japan, and by pushing and pushing until our Government *must* take notice—pushing for an effective policy: a policy which shall lead to action!

Finally, there are three things worth remembering about this plan for a boycott.

First, a boycott means sacrifice—of business, maybe, and therefore, of employment. If we can bring our Government to the point of supporting a boycott, then obviously she ought to stand by those in the country who suffer from it. It would be a big and difficult thing to plan and carry through—but so was the Great

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Poison

Many of our wild plants are poisonous; some are mildly so and others are virulent. The poison is usually in the sap of the plant and some very useful drugs are obtained from this sap. One man's poison is another man's medicine.

Deadly Nightshade is one of the best known poisonous plants. Its berries when ripe are a glossy black and are particularly attractive to children who should be warned not to eat them. Belladonna in its allopathic and homeopathic form is made from Deadly Nightshade and is a remedy for coughs, sore throat, scarlet fever and congestion of the blood. This plant sometimes grows in almost inaccessible places such as high up on the face of a cliff. It is recorded that on one occasion a number of cattle belonging to a certain farm died, all about the same time, and when the cause of death was investigated it was accounted for by the discovery that some Deadly Nightshade plants had climbed to the top of a cliff and poked their heads into the sunshine where they attracted the notice of the unsuspecting cows grazing in the field above.

Henbane belongs to the same family as Deadly Nightshade and is one of the virulent poisons. It grows in waste places and is covered with a large number of sticky hairs. It is sometimes fatal to domestic fowls, hence its name.

Nearly all the members of the Spurge family are poisonous. Fortunately they are rare in this country. Wood Spurge however is not so rare as some of its relations. It grows in thickets and has crescent-shaped glands on its blossoms. Another name for this plant is Milkwort which was given it on account of the milky sap which exudes from the stem when broken or damaged. This sap is very acrid and poisonous and often causes blisters to form on delicate skins.

The common Foxglove is beautiful but poisonous. The drug digitalis is obtained from it. This is useful in connection with diseases of the heart, dizziness and shortness of breath.

The well known drug opium, so deadly if taken in excess, comes from the harmless looking Poppy. It has an evil record more particularly on account of the way in which its manufacture was, in the past, forced upon the Chinese by the British Government.

Hemlock grows in nearly every country in Europe. It has compound umbels of white flowers. It is another example of a poisonous plant being of considerable value in medicine. The poison by which Socrates ended his life was Hemlock.

Some plants are poisonous in all their parts whilst others are only partly poisonous. A good example of the latter is the common potato which is such a staple form of diet, not only in Ireland but in many parts of the world. Whilst the tubers are such a wholesome vegetable the fruit is poisonous. Happily no one eats the fruit.

Herb Paris is both poisonous and rare though it can be found in several places in the north of England. "It is a very local plant, but when found there are usually a large number all together in a small space, and it cannot be mistaken . . . Paris grows nine inches high and possesses only four leaves at the tip of the stem from the centre of which grows the solitary flower. The colour throughout is green excepting when the four united fruits ripen to a beautiful deep black colour."

The above is a quotation from a short article on "Deadly Flora" by C. W. Jackson, F.R.H.S. which appeared in the "Estate Magazine" for August of this year. That article has been made free use of in writing these notes. The magazine is issued by the Country Gentlemen's Association and gives much useful and interesting information on all sorts of subjects relating to country life.

What to do in December

FLOWER GARDEN.—Herbaceous plants of all the hardier kinds may be divided and transplanted during mild weather. The more tender kinds are best treated in the Spring. The hardy plants include Anemone, Japonica, Spiraea, Aquilegia (Columbine), Campanulas, Delphiniums, Paeonies, Oriental Poppies and Pyrethrums.

If you gather greenery from the garden for Christmas decorations be careful not to harm the shrubs. It is better to cut out whole branches here and there rather than strip a bush. Make a clean cut with a pair of secateurs.

Gathered evergreens may be made glossy by placing them in a bath of tepid soapy water with a little soda added. Leave them immersed for two or three hours and the leaves will be beautifully shiny after that.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Look over the black currant bushes and pick off all abnormally large buds and burn them. The large buds are full of very destructive mites.

Plant loganberries and other berry bearing plants such as the Phenomenal Berry (the fruit of which is sweeter than the loganberry), the Newberry (which is excellent for cooking) and the Japanese Wineberry. The last named, with its bright orange fruit vessels, is very decorative and the fruit itself has a pleasant flavour though slightly bitter.

Now that the leaves are off the apple, pear and cherry trees winter pruning may be carried out on fine days when there is no likelihood of frost at night.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—The old heap of soil and manure on which the marrows were grown is excellent stuff for digging into the ground where next year's vegetables are to be grown and will enrich it.

Do not interfere with the tuft leaves of the Brussels sprouts plants until the sprouts are gathered. Then the tops may be cut off and will make a pleasant dish.

Begin to prepare next year's onion bed now. Onions need a well broken-up soil. Therefore dig the ground over this month and leave the weather to do the breaking-up. Add manure to the second spit and mix Kanit with the top soil at the rate of one quarter of a pound to the square yard.

Parsnips need not be dug up before they are wanted. Leave them in the ground till required. Frost will not hurt them, indeed it improves the flavour.

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Odd Fellows Local Branch

Watling Centre

Alternate Mondays, 8.30 p.m.

The London Co-operative Society

Burnt Oak Broadway

J. Vowden, Greengrocer

205 Deansbrook Road

W. A. & S. Thomson, Newsagent and

Stationer, 7^A Silkstream Parade, Burnt Oak

Club and Society Notes

WATLING NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

The Women's Neighbourhood Guild held their first Social of the season on Friday, 5th November, this was well attended and everybody agreed that they had a jolly evening, during the course of which Mr. Savage accompanied by his daughter entertained us with some old time songs, and Miss Kitty Barnes accompanied by Mr. Fred Cole at the piano pleased us all once again with her step dancing. The remainder of the evening was filled with dancing and games and the members were pleased to have with them Mrs. Vere, the wife of a Trainee who will be at the Centre shortly to study life at a Community Centre.

The Social was organised by Mrs. Roblou who wishes to express her thanks to those who helped to make the evening a success, especially Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Williams and the Ladies of the Canteen.

Mr. Roblou acted as M.C. and wished to thank the husbands for their co-operation during the interval.

It was nice to see two husbands, who, although going on night work, found time and sufficient interest in their wives to accompany them to the Social for a few minutes and we hope that the next time they will be able to come for the evening. We should like to see more of the men folk who can rest assured that they will have a good time. Music was supplied by Mr. Fred Cole and son.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

In the September issue of the RESIDENT we appealed to members of the Association for their support during the winter months, and we are very happy to record the excellent response to our appeal. Attendances have increased and financially the programme has been a success. The Social Committee is very grateful to members for their co-operation and support. We are certain that people cannot realise the tremendous amount of work involved in preparing and organising the social events of the Centre, but the attendance is an encouragement and stimulus to members of the Committee, who are devoting a great deal of time and patience to the organisation. A casual reflection shows a definite need for an organised social programme, and the success of our programme suggests that the need is being answered in a small way. However, there is still room for further improvements both in attendance and in the scope of the programme, and we can assure members that with their co-operation we shall do our utmost to meet the needs and wishes of as many as possible.

May we draw your attention to the excellent programme arranged for the Christmas season. It is intended to appeal to everyone, and the Social Committee sincerely hope that the programme will be well patronised and successful in every way. We should like to again express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your support in the past, and may we hope to have your support in 1938?

The Social Committee extends to all members of the Association the Season's Greetings, and every good wish for a prosperous and happy year in 1938.

C. DEACON,
Social Secretary.

Watling Association Grand Christmas Bazaar

at
WATLING CENTRE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11th

to be opened by
THE MAYORESS OF HENDON
(Mrs. EGAN)

at 2.30 p.m.

STALLS SIDESHOWS
CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL PARADE
(over 5 and under 13)

The Watling Association Orchestra
will render selections
during the afternoon

CHILDREN UNDER 7 ONLY ADMITTED IF IN
CHARGE OF AN ADULT

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL

How often one hears the complaint of loneliness raised by people who live on estates similar to Watling.

There can be no doubt that in many districts the facilities for concerts, dances and meetings are almost non-existent.

Perhaps the people who live in these districts prefer their radio and fireside.

A comfortable home is a great asset, but when it is surrounded with a wall of exclusiveness those who live within miss the many advantages of community life.

Watling offers many opportunities for making friends and yet there must be many people living here who feel the need of friendship and yet cannot rouse themselves to join any group.

The various Adult Schools that meet at the Centre offer a wonderful opportunity to those who are nervous about taking the plunge.

A trouble shared is a trouble halved, try the Adult School and drive away the blues.

J.W.P.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Dear Moggies,

We are keeping our numbers up. Miss King has had to have two more helpers for the painting class and Mrs. Bull would like someone to help with quiet games, as she has so many now in her handicraft class. The boys are making swords for the girls P.T. class.

We had a visit from the Juvenile Organisation Committee, Education Committee, Rotary Club and Hendon Clergy and they were surprised at the children's work carried out at the Centre. We are hoping to hold our own stall at the Xmas Bazaar. Most of the articles to be sold have been made at the classes, but if parents and friends would like to contribute to our stall we will be very grateful.

The Watling Association has received £8 for tokens collected from "Daily Mirrors". Thank you so much every one for saving them for us.

Yours lovingly,

B. LORD.

VETERANS' CLUB

The Family Circle

On Wednesday, October 27th, we had our first American tea of the winter season. Chairs and tables were arranged in a big Family Circle and veterans and helpers sat down to a very fine tea with plates piled high with cakes and buttered scones supplied by the veterans themselves. I must say they certainly know the old golden rule that the way to a man's heart is his stomach. After tea tables were cleared away and the old folks settled to a cinema film kindly shown by Mr. Lodge.

In the early part of the summer the first party of veterans went on a visit to Mrs. Seeds at Rickmansworth where they enjoyed the wonder of her beautiful gardens. A second party should have followed a week after but this had to be postponed as Mr. Seed had a serious illness. As a token of her regret at the disappointment of the remainder of the club in not being able to go Mrs. Seed sent a lovely box of Lavender from the garden, sprigs of which were distributed among the club and an invite to them to visit her gardens "Blue Bell" time. This kindly thought was greatly appreciated by all.

B. COLE.

SHALL WE BOYCOTT JAPAN?—continued from page 10.

War, and I don't believe there's much chance of real peace until we can stand together for what we believe to be fair and just, as firmly and unitedly in peace time as in time of war.

Secondly, who taught Japan to build her military machine? We did. If Japan makes use of it now she's got it, can we complain much—unless we stop relying ultimately on a military machine ourselves?

Thirdly, it is not the whole of the Japanese nation that wants the war, but a military group which holds the reins in Japan just now. There is evidence that there is strong feeling in Japan against the whole business—it has even been reported that the Emperor himself was against it, but was silenced. Let us strive with all our might to stop it then: for the world's sake, and for Japan's sake.

WEIGHTLIFTING NOTES

Amazing Lifting was witnessed at the World's Championship held in Paris last September. Winners are as follows:—

	Body weight	Press	Snatch	Jerk	Total
Feather Weight Class					
C. Liebsch, Germany	59.5	209½	198½	248	655½
Light Weight Class					
A. Terlazzo, U.S.A.	67.3	231½	242½	314	787½
Middle Weight Class					
J. Terjoak, U.S.A.	70.1	225½	242½	308½	776½
Light Heavy-wt. Class					
F. Hala, Austria.	82.4	231½	264½	332	826½
Heavy Weight Class					
J. Manger, Germany	107.3	297½	275½	352½	925½

Bodyweight is given in Kilos; Lifts in lbs.

Our match against Ealing P.P.C. resulted in a win for us, although we put out rather a bad team. If Ealing had been steadier in their lifting I feel sure they would have won.

The match was on the British Amateur Set of Lifts with four attempts on each.

The Lifting was as follows:—

Watling	Body weight st. lbs.	Snatch lbs.	Push lbs.	Jerk lbs.	Total lbs.	Total
A. Booth ...	10 0½	140	170	210	520	2,155 lbs.
M. Glasier ...	10 11½	145	150	210	505	
K. Harding	12 4	130	150	200	480	
F. Maynard	14 10	180	200	270	650	
Ealing						
D. Bridges ...	10 7½	135	140	190	465	1,830 lbs.
A. Lane ...	9 8	130	155	205	490	
J. McConnell	9 5	110	130	165	405	
K. Peacock	9 10	130	160	180	470	

A win for Watling of 24.540 points.

LOCAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

Name	Body weight st. lbs.	2 hands Clear G Push lbs.	2 hands Snatch lbs.	2 hands Con. Jerk lbs.	Total lbs.	st.
Murphy	8 12½	110	130	160	400	9
Charman, J.	8 13½	130	110	160	400	9*
Booth, A.	10 3½	180	150	220	550	10½
Glasier, M.	11 1	170	150	220	540	11½
Allsup, W.	11 4½	120	135	180	435	11
Maynard, F.	14 12½	200	180	250	630	H-wt.

DENNIS MURPHY with total of 400 lbs. becomes 9 st. Amateur Champion of Hendon.

ALBERT BOOTH with total of 550 lbs. becomes 10½ st. Amateur Champion of Hendon.

MARKUS GLASIER with total of 540 lbs. becomes 11½ st. Amateur Champion of Hendon.

FRANK MAYNARD becomes Heavyweight Champion of Harrow with total of 630 lbs.

Our last match of the League matches was to have been with our most strongest rivals (The Musketeers) on November 3rd, to be held in our club-room, but as they never turned up, Watling gained the two points. Anybody interested is invited to come along.

A. BOOTH,

(Hon. Sec.) Watling W.L.C.

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

Our first dance this season and a very enjoyable time was had by all who attended. Spot prizes were won by Miss Yerby and Mr. W. Rainbow, Miss Fitz-Gibbon and Mr. Batting, Miss P. Smith and Mr. R. Batten, and Miss Stagg and Mr. F. Macdonald. Music was provided by the Palma Dance Band; M.C.'s were Mr. J. Smith and yours truly.

The Sunday afternoon section I announced in my last month's notes, has turned out to be a huge success and large numbers have been leaving our usual meeting place at 2.45 p.m. This section is particularly formed for the inexperienced club rider, you are promised an enjoyable run under the able leadership of Mr. B. Shingsby and Mr. J. Smith. So come on boys and girls, never mind what your bike is like, we want.

The L.U. Reliability Trial went off all right and all the boys came through even if they were a trifle muddy. The next big London Union "do" which every member is looking forward to is the annual supper and dance at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on December 4th, wonder how many will be out on the run on the following day, perhaps that's the mystery.

Although the winter has now come, we are agreeably surprised at the huge numbers turning out on club runs. This certainly proves we have no "butterflies," in fact it seems that our membership is composed of just the opposite.

Runs for December are as follows:—

- 5th Mystery Run.
- 12th Buntingford.
- 19th Holly Run.
- 25th "Appetiser."
- 26th Bucks Lanes.

Club runs start every Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m. from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak. Cheerio till next year.

Vic C. BOTTERILL,

Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

BOXING

On Saturday the 4th of December we are running a club show at the Centre. If you want a good evening's enjoyment come along and see us. I promise you good value for a bob; we have several new boys you have not seen in action, remember the last show we ran we had to turn a lot of spectators away; don't be left out in the cold this time.

The shower bath is at last on the sky-line, and I hope by the time you read this we shall be using it.

If we are to retain our cups of last season, we want more members, the opposition this year will be much stronger, and we can only retain these trophies by putting out a strong team, plenty of practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and by keeping fit all the time.

I have noticed with regret that several boys turn up for three or four weeks (pay their subs. in some cases) and then seem to fade away, what is the reason, if there is any reason for this in regard to running the club, I should be glad to hear, so that steps could be taken to improve matters, we are always willing to learn, and always open for suggestions.

We are still short of some of the good club members of last season, what's wrong? L.K.

Games Tournament

Burnt Oak Odd Fellows

Watling Association

"Our 'ed is bloody but un-bowed"; we forget the chap's name who wrote these words (we know a few blokes that try to sing 'em!) but they really do describe just how we feel after our vainglorious bout in Games Tournament with the Watling Association on October 22nd.

Lodge—we mean our opponents' Mister—warmly greeted our lodge (he must have been laughing up his sleeve) and forthwith ensued a very long combat of T.T. (uo, Table Tennis you chumps).

We were very lucky for the visitors only won 8 games out of 36. That chap Stevens has a lot to answer for—5 games, mark you, out of 6 the blighter won; his last was 20 all!

Messrs. Hilton and Fanthorp know their cues—alas our poor billiards! We couldn't even "Snooker" Bishop plus young Lodge; like life, it was a Hard Old Struggle and they justed pipped us. Push half-penny—yes you've guessed it—they won.

By this time we got warmed up, so off came our coats and for "2,001 up," 3 times at darts, we collared 2 games. Somebody shouted "time gents" at 11.45 pip emma, when, all wearing their own 'ats—tho' those of our gallant victors did appear shrunk some— we kissed each other bye-bye.

Music please; "Here's to the next time"—and wont it be some night, when, in the new year, "we will now take you over to the 'Flower of Hendon Lodge,' St. Dunstan's, Sunningfields Gardens"—listen-in to the knock-out of the Watling boys. (or won't you?).

TEAMS

THEM:—Messrs. JAYS Greenhalgh, Wilks, Clay (Sec.), Bailey, R. André, W. Canning, Cole, Deacon, Wickens, and other un-named stars. (Watling Ass'n).

US:—Messrs. Cracknell, Murphy, Carpenter, Prior, Lee, Capel, Mourou, Edwards, Wilkinson, Ickford, Stevens, E. R. Young, Lewis, T. E. Young. (Odd-fellows).

EFFARESS.

WATLING ASSOCIATION

Rummage Sale

at

Watling Centre

Monday, December 20th

at 2.30 p.m.

SPECIAL SALE OF FURNITURE, AS WELL AS CLOTHES, TOYS, Etc.

Admission 2d.

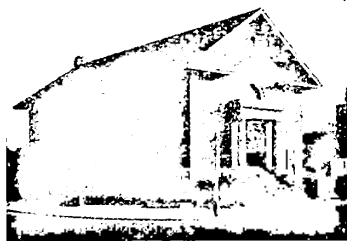
WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

We have just finished our first production for this season, and from results and comments I feel it is safe to say that the production was a great success. Those taking part are to be congratulated on their performance. The major portion of my connection with the production was back stage which, as many who have interested themselves in like manner will realise, entails a fair amount of work. But believe me I was well repaid when sitting in the wings as prompter for I think I enjoyed myself as much as the audience. This was large on the first night, but the play was not so well attended on the Saturday. May I appeal to those of you who enjoyed the production to assist us by advertising the fact to your friends so that we may look for their support at our next production. The Next date to book is that of the Eight Gay Girls' concert party at the Centre on Friday, the 3rd of December for which tickets can be obtained at the Centre.

The Guild's next function will be the Dramatic Festival in January, of which further particulars will be found on the notice boards. I should like to record the Guild's sincere thanks to The Associated British Film Corporation of Elstree for loan of certain properties for our production and to the Watling Association Orchestra under the direction of their leader Mr. Lancaster, for the splendid incidental music which added largely to the success of the show, also Mrs. Lodge and her staff in the canteen and Mr. Lodge for his assistance.

C. ROBLOU,
Hon. Sec.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

Dec. 5—Mr. T. B. REES.

12—Mr. T. B. REES.

19—Mr. T. B. REES.

26—Mr. A. J. VEREKER.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Secretary of the club has felt it necessary to resign, and we regret very much indeed that Mr. B. Wilks has severed his connection with the club. He was one of the pioneers, and enthusiastically worked for the success and development of Table Tennis at the Centre. We are happy to say that Mr. Wilks intends to remain an active member of the Association. Mr. Wilks' successor is Mr. Tony Clay, and we hope that support will be forthcoming to make the club a great success during the winter months. A most successful start has been made when on Tuesday evening we played the Bramber Engineering Company Team, and successfully defeated them after a very close and exciting finish.

The club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. and the weekly subscription is 3d. We hope that table tennis fans will roll up and support the club.

T. CLAY.

Christmas Bazaar

Once again the season of Bazaars is upon us and we are appealed to for our support and as organiser I appeal to you now for your support at our own Bazaar which is to be held on Saturday, 11th December at 2.30 p.m.

The Bazaar will be formally opened by the Mayoress of Hendon, Mrs. Egan. Friends of the past and new ones have agreed to support us with stalls and side shows and you will find it well worth a visit. The whole of the proceeds from the Bazaar are in aid of our Building Fund.

The majority of us realise how much we need for the completion of the Building to enable us to cater for the needs of our members. The afternoon programme will include a fancy dress parade for children between the ages of 5 and 12 years for which there will be a prize for a girl and boy. Price of admission to Bazaar will be 2d. Children under 7 years of age not admitted to Bazaar unless accompanied by an adult. Be sure and book the date and help to make it a record success this year. Thanking you all for your support in the past.

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Wishing You All A Happy New Year

Random Jottings

By CENTURION

A Tonic

A lady who was not a member of the Watling Association bought a ticket to see the "Eight Gay Girls" Concert Party. She duly arrived at the Centre, expecting to see a display of talent by eight juveniles. Her surprise and amusement when the eight girls, who are members of the Women's Adult School, appeared on the stage, knew no bounds. She simply roared with laughter. She says she thoroughly enjoyed the show and will certainly buy a ticket for the next show.

Hullo Children

One of our members says that in his opinion the "Children's Hour" is one of the most enjoyable features on the Radio. It is, he thinks, just as interesting to grown ups as it is to the younger people. Judging by the quality of some programmes we are inclined to agree with our friend, as the "Children's Hour" often consists of a variety of entertaining items which, generally, are worth listening to.

Folk Dancing

Any members of the W.A. who are interested must be sure to come to the Free and Easy on January 9th, when Mr. Douglas Kennedy, Director of the English Folk Dance and Song Society, is coming to talk and make us dance. Mr. Kennedy is one of the chief authorities in England so the Association is very fortunate to get him.

Noel

Was it our fancy or are we correct in observing that the Christmas display in the shops was not so elaborate as in other years. Conditions are no worse this year, in fact, some people think that generally they are a little better. The Christmas spirit was, however, very much in evidence, and there is not much doubt that the people of Watling did justice to the festive occasion.

The National Federation of Community Associations

I am sorry that this was once more turned down at the Southern Regional Conference of the Community Centres and Associations Committee. However, it looks as if we should get the beginnings of a national organisation to express our point of view and to give us larger representation on the Community Centres and Associations Committee. Perhaps in time we shall get the Federation; after all, the movement is still young and the Watling Association is one of the oldest, though it is not yet eight years old in its present form.

Pianoforte

If one walks round the district, the sound of a piano being played is rarely heard, which leads us to believe that there are less piano players than of yore. Maybe it is that owing to the popularity of the Radio, people do not bother to learn to play these days, and yet a salesman at one of London's leading piano manufacturers informs us that there are more pianos sold to-day than ever before.

Our Bazaar

Congratulations to Mrs. Roblou and all who worked with her on the success of the Bazaar. I have not heard the exact results, but the attendance was better than usual and things went with a swing. I hear that a sewing group is to be started to work for the next bazaar. If you would like to join give your name to Mrs. Nyberg, Mrs. Roblou or Mrs. Lord and they will let you know which afternoon in the week it is to meet. You will get a merry party and help the finances of the Association.

Indoor Games Club

Have you joined this yet. It meets at the Centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Some new games have been bought for it, others are in process of being secured, the Common Room is cheered by a bright fire, and the wireless makes a cheerful noise. Membership is 3d. a week and this includes membership of the Watling Association.

The Trainees

I should like to say "Thank you" to Messrs. Hocking, Mashford and Wallbridge for the jobs they have done at the Centre. We shall be sorry to lose them, but that is part of the scheme and we must welcome Miss Rawcliffe and Messrs. Payne and Vear in their places. I hope our departing friends have felt their stay here to be profitable and enjoyable and that they will soon find the work they want.

The Adult School Eight

A report on the concert given by The Eight Gay Girlies has already appeared in the local press, but this is the first opportunity we have had of passing a few comments and we must say our piece.

Although the concert has been voted a great success, it may not be generally realised how much hard work a two-hour show of this kind entails, especially as all the members of the party have the responsibilities of marriage and often had to hasten through their domestic duties in order to get to rehearsals. It will therefore, we hope, be readily appreciated that whatever work was put in was fully justified by the triumphant results.

Although the "Eight Girlies" have obliged with short programmes at different Adult Schools, this is only the second show given at the Centre, and, although the first concert was well up to expectations, the second show went with a kick and sparkle which delighted the audience whose interest, starting from mild amusement, was worked up to genuine applause. It is not disclosed when the next show is "coming off" but people are already enquiring about tickets.

LEO.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

At our Meeting on Sunday, December 5th we had the pleasure of a visit from the Rev. K. M. D., vicar of St. Alphage Church, who spoke to us on the subject "The Purpose of God's Church in the World." Mrs. Nyberg kindly gave us two solos and Mr. Warhurst Junior at the piano.

We are hoping that the next meeting on January 2nd will be entirely taken over by the Women's Aid School. Your presence would be appreciated.

DISTRESS FUND

On Sunday, December 19th house-to-house collections were made in parts of the Estate for the Distress Fund with the following results. The thanks of the Association are tendered to the collectors and the donors for the help given.

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Walk, Islip Gardens, Edwin Road	14	7	
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between the railway and the Centre	1	12	11
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Walk and Kirton Walk	1	6	7
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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

January, 1938

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
2. To be arranged.
9. Mr. V. Lefebure.
16. New Housing Estates. Mr. W. Pratten.
23. Reading from "Back to Methusalem." Mr. J. T. Harris.
30. Length of Days.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
W. E. A. Class in Modern Social Problems, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Homefield Road.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking and Millinery Classes, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls, 12-16, 7.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Dance, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 6 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 16, 8.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School.
Physical Training for Men, 8.30 p.m., at Goldbeaters Evening Institute.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
5. No Meeting.
12. Social.
19. To be arranged.
26. English Women in the 17th Century
Mrs. J. E. Whitehead.
Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
H.S.A., 7.30 p.m.
Boxing, 6.0 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Fridays** —New Tabernacle Sick and Provident Society, 7.30 p.m.
Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Net Ball Club, 3.15 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar was opened by the Mayoress of Hendon, Mrs. Egan on Saturday the 11th of December. The Mayoress was accompanied by His Worship the Mayor and the Chair was taken by the President Mr. A. I. Jones who welcomed them, after which the Mayoress said how pleased she was to be able to pay us such an early visit in an official capacity and that it gave her great pleasure to declare the Bazaar open. We were very fortunate in having County Councillor Mrs. Grey Skinner supporting us and take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of this. The Bazaar was a great success and I should like to thank all those who worked so hard to make it so successful. We should like to thank the following local traders for their support, Messrs. Steele, Bumper Bargain Stores, Mrs. Voysey, also Miss Clement Brown, The Burnt Oak Women's Adult School, The Moggies, Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, Young Watlers, The Veterans' Club, Neighbourhood Guild, Mrs. Crow, Watling Guild of Players. We are indebted to the Watling Association Orchestra for Musical Selections during the afternoon and to Mrs. Warhirst and Mrs. Horner who came along to judge the children's costumes. Thanks to Mrs. Grey Skinner every child who entered had a prize.

We should also like to extend a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Lodge and the Canteen staff for the admirable arrangements which were made for people visiting the Bazaar. A pleasing little incident was the presentation of a bouquet to the Mayoress by little Miss Margaret Parker, who in return was presented with a kiss.

May I take this opportunity of wishing everybody a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

MRS. L. A. ROBLOU.

OTHER EVENTS

- Sunday** 2 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
Members' Dance, 8 p.m.
- Monday** 3 Birth Control Clinic.
- Wed'day** 5 Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
- Thursday** 6 { **Drama Festival, 8 p.m.**
Friday 7 { **Three different one act plays each**
Saturday 8 { **evening**
- Sunday** 9 Free and Easy. "English Folk Dancing." Mr. Douglas Kennedy, 8 p.m.
- Sunday** 16 Public Lecture in co-operation with Edgware Fellowship.
Members' Dance, 8 p.m.
- Sunday** 23 Free and Easy. Foreign Affairs. Mr. G. B. Kaye, 8 p.m.
- Thursday** 27 W.A. Council Meeting.

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Trees

What a great thought of God was that when He thought a tree.—RUSKIN.

Certain residents on Council Estates are at times concerned about trees which grow in their front gardens. They say that sometimes the trees are too close to the houses, and besides shutting out the light, take the nutriment from the soil. One man we know of says that he has got a tree which is so near to the house that it runs up the wall like a creeper. He has confessed that at times he feels like creeping out on a dark night and sawing it down.

But trees are zealously guarded on Council Estates, and it would seem that the powers that be would sooner demolish a house than cut down a tree.

A resident on a Flintshire estate refused to allow a tree to be planted in his front garden on the grounds that it would prevent air and light entering the house. He got notice to quit.

On another estate in Hampshire two women had a long dispute over a holly tree. The tree formed part of a hedge separating Council houses from a bungalow, and both women claimed the right to pick the holly, an argument which cropped up every Christmas time.

It was decided by the Council that officials should cut the holly and divide it between the contestants.

Trees certainly beautify an estate and we can fully understand the authorities' reluctance to cut any down. In the summer we have on Watling an abundance of variegated foliage which is a feature of the Estate. But no one wants a tree growing through the bedroom window.

F.H.L.

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Watling Bandstand (Or what could be, should be)

In the WATLING RESIDENT letters have appeared which have stressed the need of a Bandstand for Watling Park.

It may be remembered that I, some two years ago, urged the same thing. I pointed out that the performers in the Bands engaged during the summer months did not feel very enthusiastic when they found themselves dumped upon apparently "no man's land" to play to a handful of children and very few adults. As an old bandsman, I assert that a Band plays with greater spirit from a bandstand than from a dump. Again, a bandstand in the Park would be a landmark and also a beacon to all lovers of music. Instead of a few people attending the performances I am sure the bandstand would attract hundreds, especially if the Bands played on Sundays instead of working days.

Try to imagine twenty-two football players in an open field without an audience. I can imagine their feelings. Then picture the feelings of a Band playing to a very scanty audience and not getting that inspiring "clap."

A modern bandstand for Watling is very essential, and every "Social Body" catering for the enjoyments of this Estate should back the idea. They should form a small deputation to go to the Town Hall and stress the urgent need of this bandstand.

I myself would gladly make one of the number, for with my years of experience I could put over the bandsmen's point of view as well as my own as a resident living on the Estate. I have the optimistic feeling that if this question was given the limelight it deserves the powers that be would realise that we are out for something and intend to get it, and would, I believe, accede to our just demands, and next summer we should find ourselves seated in our comfortable chairs listening to the Band whose faces would reflect the joy they felt in playing from a bandstand.

My recent article on what is to be, will be, did not bring me the thunder asked for. But this question of a bandstand will, I trust, inspire many of my readers to create some thunder, the claps thereof to be heard over the Town Hall, and then, next summer, we may be found clapping the Band in our new Modern Bandstand in Watling Park.

I have made the remark that what could be, should be, so, to pull my own weight at our next Council Meeting I intend to move—that the Watling Association *do start* the ball rolling in the direction I have indicated.

PLEASE NOTE that all matters for publication must reach the Editor, at 26 Crispin Road, by the 13th day of the month preceding publication.

Borough Council Notes

The Elementary School population of Hendon is 14,221 and the staff of head and assistant teachers is 417.

Work was commenced in July last on the erection of the New Edgware Junior and Infants' School to accommodate 450 children.

Plans and estimates have been prepared for the reconstruction of the Senior Department of the Edgware School, and this work will be commenced as soon as possible.

503 Hendon children (219 girls and 184 boys) were admitted to secondary schools and 32 children were admitted to Junior Technical and Art Schools during 1937.

Progress is being made with the erection of the Technical Institute in Central Hendon.

The estimated cost of Deans Lane Bridge is £7,100, and the cost of erecting traffic control signals at the junction of Watling Avenue and Orange Hill Road is £400.

Further conversion of the tennis courts in Watling Park into permanent all-weather courts is taking place and the Council has had under consideration the desirability of providing additional facilities for sports, and for this purpose and scheme has been prepared for the taking over of approximately twenty acres of land at the junction of North Circular Road and Claremont Road and developing it for Playing Field purposes.

It is hoped that the new bowling greens in Mill Hill and Watling Parks will be available for next season's play.

The libraries of Hendon have a combined stock of 100,000 volumes. The issues from the new Mill Hill branch are 42,412.

There are over 40,000 registered members of the lending libraries of Hendon.

The most striking feature about the Mill Hill Branch Library is that in membership and use of books the figures exceed those for Golders Green which has a thicker population.

Another noteworthy feature has been the large number of children who have joined the library. While the daily attendance averages 400, on several evenings it has passed the 500 mark.

During the rush period it is estimated that there are sometimes as many as 180 children in the Junior Department. On November 3rd, 2,249 children's books were out on loan.

It is estimated that about 60 per cent. of the children reside on the Watling Estate.

F.H.L.

Community Associations in Conference

Some of us think a good deal of our Association. Perhaps sometimes in the middle of a Saturday Evening Social or a Sunday "Free and Easy," when the fun is at its height we remember how much more dull life was before there was a Watling Centre, and how much harder it was to get our noses down to the

grindstone again on Monday morning. Or maybe it is the weekly hand at whist, or an afternoon at the Neighbourhood Guild which makes quite a Red Letter Day for us in the week. Whatever it is that we put in at the Centre, this is what having a Community Association means to us, and it's a grand thing to have.

I wonder then if we realise that up and down England (and even in "foreign" parts such as Scotland and Wales) there are now—all over the place—these centres of good fellowship where folk get together for this or that or the other thing that they are keen on, or often, at any rate to begin with, just for a bit of a change. It's said that there are new associations being formed, in one place or another, as often as once a week. So it isn't surprising that occasionally people from all these different associations should want to meet each other and get some fresh ideas from one another about how to make their own Association or Centre an even better show than it already is. This is exactly what happened at Reading a few days ago. Members of twenty-four Associations in different parts of the South of England met for a day and a half to do just what I have described. Previous to this there had only been one meeting of its kind held each year for the whole country, but now there are so many associations that it was decided to split up, and have four meetings in different parts—one for the South of England, one for the Midlands, one for the North and one for Scotland. The meeting at Reading was for the South and so included Watling. And this short article is written to tell you something about what went on there, since you yourselves sent five representatives and therefore have a right to know something about it.

There was a marked contrast between the comparative coldness of the building in which we met and the warmth of the feeling and enthusiasm of those who met there. This enthusiasm found ample expression because very little time was given to solemn speeches, and a good deal of time to really practical discussion about the running of our Associations.

One big question which nearly always arises now at such meetings as these is the attitude of the local Government Authorities—the City or Town Council or whatever it is—to a Community Association. Very often the authorities help to "Pay the Piper" for the Association; they make a contribution at Watling (and we hope that very soon they will do quite a lot more). In some places they are paying for the building of Community Centres costing as much as £20,000. And from one point of view it is natural for them to want to control what they themselves have provided. And yet the feature that makes a Community Association what it is—perhaps the most distinctive thing about it—is that it is run by the people that belong to it. Watling Centre, for instance, is *our own show* and we are very anxious to preserve that. A number of Town Councillors and Education Officers attended the meeting at Reading and we hope they were "Educated" a little as to what a Community Association really is; at any rate they were very friendly.

Besides this there were other "important" people at the Meetings, people holding leading positions in one or other of such National Movements as the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., the Boys Club Movement and so on. You may wonder what they have to do

with a Community Association. Unfortunately at the moment there is not enough room at Watling for a proper Boys' Club or Girls' Club. But some day we hope there will be, and while such a club will still be *our own show* we may need the help of people who have had experience of running such clubs and some of these other organisations may be able and willing to give just that help.

Another question which is not new but still interesting is this. Should the Centre be a place where everybody can come—just say for a chat and a smoke or maybe for a Social or a Dance—as they feel, or is it to be only for people who want to do something definite; join the orchestra, study Karl Marx, or act Julius Caesar? The first idea sounds perhaps like the right one, but some people disagree. The difficulty of course about opening the Centre to everyone is that you need a very big Centre to do it properly. On the other hand you'd think that a Community Centre should be for the *whole* Community, including those who, at least to begin with, just want a homely spot where they can meet their pals of an evening. Obviously the Centre ought to have the second feature also, that is to say, it should provide as far as possible all sorts of things that people want to do, and even encourage them to take up one thing or another whether it be Psychology or Gardening or Welsh or Fur-bearing Rabbits or what-not.

An interesting point that came up at one meeting concerns those without whom the Association could never keep going at all, the people who come regularly on one, two, three or even more nights a week to work in the Canteen or in a Social or Whist Drive or helping to run this or that discussion group or whatever it is, and give their services freely and willingly. Watling Centre can boast a big contingent of these working members. It was suggested that these people might meet together, say, for one week-end with voluntary helpers from other Associations and pool ideas and experience. Possibly one or two outside people who have been doing some of these jobs for many years might be invited to come and pass on their ideas also. This is not to suggest that those who do the work don't know their jobs, but there are always useful tips to be picked up, and there would be the fun of a week-end together. If you think this is a good idea, let us know at the Centre.

One new feature of this meeting was an address on the relation of the churches to Community Associations. The speaker was a clergyman and his idea was that members of churches should join in the sort of things that go on in the Community Centres and not just keep themselves to themselves. It is good to know that some churches at any rate feel this way.

The meetings closed with an address from the Chairman, who belonged to the Y.M.C.A. and this article may well close with one point from his address. He regarded as almost the greatest curse of life to-day the spread of mechanisation—turning men into machines. He thought this was hurting us far more than we realised and because of this one of the greatest gifts we can offer to anyone is the thing which Community Associations offer: The chance to escape, at least for a while, from being a machine and becoming a human being—the chance to be ourselves and do whatever we really want to do—in other words the chance to live.

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LADY LUCK—continued from page 16.

in sight. Well, I still felt pretty fit, so I pushed harder and now the wind was only side on. About four miles from the finish I sighted Tony again less than half-a-mile ahead, when, Band-siss—! My back tyre had punctured; just my luck. Well, I carried on despite the bumps of riding on the rim, but no speed could I get out of my 'iron.' When I got past the timekeeper, very sore in more ways than one, I found I had done the course, 1 hr. 10 mins. 50 secs. Tony had done it in 1 hr. 9 mins. 46 secs. 'Just my luck' I thought, 'Now he has got the sweetest little girl in the world all through my back tyre!'

"Well, where was the good luck for you in that?" asked one of Bill's listeners.

"Give me a chance to finish," said Bill. "You see they got married and I never saw any more of Tony until the other day when he nearly knocked me over with his car. We had a chat and he told me Joan had made him give up the 'bike' and get a car because, she said, she liked comfort. I asked him how she was. Tony said she was now fat and all she did was nag him and say she wished she'd married me and for all he cares, he said, he wished she had, but he's afraid to tell her so.

"Poor old Tony, he certainly looked fed-up with life, so you see I did get the luck in not marrying her after all.

"I wouldn't give up my 'bike' for any girl," said Bill in ending. We all chorused "Hear, hear!" But, I wonder!

V. C. BOTTERILL.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FOREWORD : To celebrate the FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the Opening of the Centre we are once again running a special week of activities, commencing on MONDAY, JANUARY 17th, and finishing SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th. The "CRAZY GANG" take pleasure in presenting their programme for your enjoyment.

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Admission by Ticket

M.C.: C. Deacon

NOTES : What is the best way to peace? Should we disarm and set a world example towards peace? And if we did would we lay ourselves open for some foreign power to take what they considered our weakness to force us into submission under their regime? What if we increased our armaments until we are the most powerful nation in the world, wouldn't we then be safe against aggression? Yet again, what are armaments for other than that of killing our fellow beings? Is it possible for the great powers of Europe to get together and agree gradually to reduce their armaments? And if they all agreed except one, what would happen then? What do YOU think? Come along to this debate on Thursday, January 20th and join in a discussion which is of the most vital interest to every citizen.

100 YARDS SPRINT. To help raise £25 0s. 0d. towards the Building Fund we are issuing cards of one foot each. These cards contain eight envelopes which hold a penny in each. Every card sold means the eightpence towards the Building Fund and one foot off the 100 yards. We are offering prizes for the three persons that cover the most ground. Cards may be obtained at the office, Watling Centre. Will you help us in this effort?



Wild and Tame

A large number of our garden plants, shrubs and even vegetables, have their counterpart amongst the wild ones and indeed are descended from them. First the wild and after that the tame. The wild flower has been cultivated and improved, sometimes to such an extent that is difficult to recognise its origin. Some people may prefer the flower in its wild state whilst others like the cultivated one better. When it is a question of fruit or vegetables we naturally prefer the cultivated plant.

Some flowers such as the primrose and the snowdrop are practically the same whether wild or tame. These are highly appreciated for their simple beauty.

Amongst bulbous plants we have, in addition to the snowdrop, the blue-bell or wild hyacinth, the tulip, the common daffodil or lent lily, and the scilla or squill. From the wild blue-bell has been developed a whole galaxy of beautiful hyacinths in all the colours of the rainbow. There is only one British species of wild tulip but the list of tame tulips is a longer one. In Holland especially the cultivation of tulips has been raised to a fine art.

There is also only one species of wild wall-flower amongst British flora, the bright yellow flowered plant that grows so freely on the walls of old buildings and, though scantily supplied with moisture, flowers abundantly nearly all the summer. There are at least thirty different kinds of cultivated wall-flowers and no plant is easier to grow and propagate. Their charming colours, delicious perfume and profusion of bloom make them very desirable for any garden large or small.

There is only one British species of clematis amongst the wild flowers (*C. Vitalba*) but it is quite common and has some special attraction. It is a hedge shrub and grows best where limestone or chalk enters largely into the composition of the soil. In summer its numerous greenish white flowers distinguish it and in autumn and winter it is still more conspicuous on account of its tufts of feathered seed-vessels which have given it the popular name of "Old Man's Beard." In many places it covers the hedges with what at a distance looks like snow. This beautiful plant is the parent of a numerous offspring; the list before me gives twenty-four different kinds of clematis.

The wild rose has been even more prolific in its descendants, but there are a large number of varieties in the wild state. The author of "Flowers of the Field" says they are "incalculable." Now we have a vast variety of cultivated roses and the list is constantly being added to by the production of new kinds. In the present catalogue of a well known florist there are about 350 different roses, consisting of bush, standard, climbers, sweet briars, moss, pillar and weeping roses. The wild dog rose has been trained

to some purpose, but we shall still love it and its brethren in their wildness.

In the vegetable department there are also many modern plants which have their origin in the old world.

There is the wild carrot which in flavour bears a strong resemblance to the garden variety. There is also wild celery, the direct ancestor of this popular winter vegetable. The strong flavour of the wild plant is almost exactly the same as that of the tame, whether of the white or the red variety.

Wild cabbage is quite common though not well known. It grows freely on the borders of fields. It is often confused with chervil though it may easily be distinguished from it by the smoothness and glaucous hue of its upper leaves. From this plant is descended the whole cabbage tribe which includes broccoli, Brussels sprouts, savoys and of course the common cabbage itself.

These are but a few examples of wild plants being tamed. There are a great many more.

WHAT TO DO IN JANUARY

The state of the weather at this time of year is of course the governing factor in deciding what to do, and most of the suggestions that follow can only be carried out in open and fairly dry weather. Beware of frosts.

New flower beds may be prepared, turf may be laid, new paths may be made and old ones renovated. Trees, shrubs and flower roots may be planted.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Overhaul the rose beds, pulling up the weeds and loosening the soil with a fork. When the soil is left solid during the winter it is bad for the trees. After stirring up the soil apply basic slag to the rose beds at the rate of 2 oz. per square yard.

Keep the surface soil between the hardy plants in the herbaceous border free and open by occasional hoeing when dry.

Promptly finish planting wall-flowers, Canterbury bells, evening primroses, forget-me-nots and other spring flowering plants.

Plant pæonies in well prepared border choosing a spot where they can remain undisturbed.

Plant Michaelmas daisies and transplant biennials.

Shrubs like barberry, lilac, lavender and spiræa can be divided in the same way as the border plants.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Spray the fruit trees with tar oil wash, which is one of the best things for killing the eggs laid on the twigs and branches by all kinds of blight.

A mulch of manure over the roots of the fruit trees will be a great help if applied now. Stone fruits and apple trees will greatly benefit if lime be spread on the ground.

Pruning should be completed this month as the flower buds are already appearing. Remove old wood out branches altogether and thin well the central part of the trees.

Plant strawberries now. If the plants are good ones they should fruit well during their first summer.

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Do you ever decorate your things with embroidery? Here are some suggestions if you do.

It is not easy to describe stitches without pictures but if we take different ways of using a stitch we already know, such as blanket stitch, it may be useful.

1. It makes a very pretty filling for petals or leaves as a change from satin stitch. Do it in rows working the second row into the spaces of the first. If the leaf is a hairy one work from the edge inwards and the free bars of the first row make the hairs; if it is smooth start from the middle and the base of the stitch makes a firm edging.

2. Try a border with large blanket stitch but instead of making the stitches upright make the top of the first stitch about a quarter of an inch to the right of the base, let the next stitch be on the same slant but let the third stitch slope the other way so that it crosses over the first two its top being above the base of the first stitch and its base below the top of the first stitch, let the fourth stitch lie the same way with its top above the base of the second stitch and its base below the top of the second stitch, repeat these four stitches along your border and you will get a row of crosses with spaces between them; take a different coloured thread and put a small upright cross in each space and your border is complete.

3. Try doing it in groups of three, doing the tops of the first three stitches into the same hole so that the second stitch is upright and the other two slope towards it, do the same with the next three stitches and repeat to the end of the border. You can make this more elaborate by turning your work upside down when you have got to the end and working back a second row above the first with the tops of its stitches in the same holes at the tops of the first row and its bases away from the first row; put a spot of another colour in the squares you will get between the groups. It is as well to draw two lines to keep border even.

4. Double Chain is really a kind of blanket stitch, it is very pleasant to do and makes a nice border. Draw two lines side by side along the border and turn the work so that they run towards you; start your stitch from the top of the line on your left and make a blanket stitch on to the line on your right, putting your needle in at the top of the line and bringing it out a little way along it—keep your needle running the same way as the line all the time,—now make a blanket stitch on to the left-hand line putting your needle in where you started the work and bringing it out opposite where you brought it out on the right-hand line; now repeat putting the needle in on the right-hand line where it came up last time, do the same on the left and continue to the end of the border.

PRESSING EMBROIDERY. Do not worry if you are inclined to pucker your work, it can easily be put

TO PARENTS

The GOVERNMENT are adopting a scheme to INSURE YOUNGSTERS between 14—16. As with the Adult National Health Insurance the GOVERNMENT know that they can rely on the administration of the

ODD FELLOWS

CONSULT Mr. T. E. YOUNG, 32 EDRICK ROAD (or call on Burnt Oak Lodge at the Centre) Mondays, December 6th and 20th, at 8.30 p.m.

right without spoiling its freshness by ironing. Put a double thickness of damp rag on a pastry board and gently but firmly stretch your work on to it, fixing it with drawing pins. Get it absolutely flat and tight and then leave it until it is quite dry, you will find the results really surprising.

CHILDREN'S PAINTING COMPETITION

There was a large number of entries for last month's competition and the judges found great difficulty in placing the winners. It was decided to divide the prizes between the following names: Leslie Wheeler, Kathleen Moor, Reginald Turnham, Raymond Chataway, Boris Dorling, Edward Gardner.

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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 Women's School meets Mondays at 2.30 p.m. and starts with a cup of tea.

The Young People's School meets Wednesdays at 8.15 p.m.

The Men's School meets Sundays at 6.30 p.m.

PERSONAL SERVICE BUREAU

Those in difficulties not involving legal problems who want to ask advice or talk their cases over are asked to come to the Centre on Tuesday afternoons. This service is for residents on the Watling Estate.

GARDEN NOTES—continued from page 10.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—A good fermenting material can be made of stable manure or fallen tree leaves or better still a mixture of both. Toss it up lightly into a conical heap towards the end of the month. It will undergo fermentation and be an excellent material for the hot-bed for cucumbers, melons or anything else you want to force. Repeat the tossing process once or twice for a second or third fermentation.

Set seed potatoes up in shallow boxes where they can sprout.

Out-door rhubarb may be forced by heaping manure over the plants and covering it with boxes. Plenty of moisture is essential and if growth is made in total darkness the colour is better.

Plant Artichokes, horseradish and shallots.

Indoor Games

(Return Contest and Concert)

By way of a change we write whilst sober. After our "copy" had been posted off last month we had our misgivings, apparently not without cause, for although Mr. Printer done his best to read our scribble the printed report contains an error. We Odd Fellows were thoroughly whacked by the Watling Association in the Games Tournament, who gained 28 points to our 8.

Good News. With the kindly co-operation of our Bro. W. Barry, secretary of the "Flower of Hendon Odd Fellows Lodge Social Club" (whoever thought that title out is as long-winded as this writer!) all amenities of "St. Dunstan's," Sunningfields Crescent, Hendon, will be open to members of the Watling Association on February 4th, when we of Burnt Oak Lodge have been invited to share honours as Hosts. At 8 p.m. the "return event" of indoor sports will commence.

A **Concert** will follow. Please bring your lady friends and do please let our Mr. Young, 32, Edrick Road, know as soon as possible of the likely numbers—perhaps you would tell us on a Lodge night?

Sedate, this month, are we not?

"EFFARESS."

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak

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

Jan. 2—Mr. H. C. HARLAND

9—Mr. R. W. MacADAM

16—Mr. R. COLBERT

23—Mr. E. H. BROADBENT

30—Wing Commander P. J. WISEMAN

BOXING

What a wonderful feat of good clean boxing and sportsmanship we had at our Club contest at the Watling Centre on December 4th.

The best bout of the evening in my opinion was between B. Shaw and J. Hicks, both boys went all out, and despite Shaw's better experience he had to go all the way to win. I rather fancy that Hicks is not so fond of smoking as Shaw.

You would not think that S. Walker of Watling and T. Hayes of All Saints were good pals outside the ring would you? but they are, this was a great fight, and Ginger gets his own back for his "defeat" by Hayes at Childs Hill earlier in the season.

I take this opportunity of thanking the officials, Mr. Haddon Hall, referee, and Messrs. T. Church and L. Haffenden for the excellent manner in which they carried their duties. I think you will agree that all their decisions were fair. It is very nice to have Mr. T. Church with the club again, the present club owes a lot to the ground work put in by him when he ran the Toc H Boxing Club.

A vote of thanks to the local branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, whose representative made himself very useful.

The other officials know what I think of them.

I am sure the competitors will join me in a vote of thanks to the kitchen staff under the guidance of Mrs. Lodge, especially for the hot meat pies.

Our President, I. Gwynne-Jones, Esq., was very disturbed about the local barbers being out of work, he remarked that judging by the looks of some of the competitors most of the local barbers must be on the dole, and suggested that the club's signature tune should be "get your hair cut."

I thought our Chairman, Mr. Lodge, carried out his duties as M.C. very well, a trifle nervous at times (perhaps he needed a pint). I see that he made sure that the paint on the ropes did not come off this time. The duties of timekeeper was ably carried out by Mr. Nightingale, yet another who the club have to thank in its early stages. Now we are going all out for the J.O.C. cup, we must retain this cup this year. I hear that All Saints, Childs Hill, are all out to avenge their defeat of last year.

Heats will be held at Barnfield Schools on 8th February and finals at Hendon on the 12th February.

Make up your minds to win this cup again this year, come up for practice every Tuesday and Thursday; remember the fittest will win every time, get yourselves fit and keep fit for the J.O.C.

One more vote of thanks to the following gentlemen Messrs. Nightingale and Papworth for donations to prizes on the 4th December.

Did you notice how posh our seconds looked, white sweaters and white flannel trousers, very smart.

By the way, if any of the past and present members of the club have any criticism on the running of the club, the proper place and time to do so is on club nights to the Hon. Sec. or Committee and not in the Common Room at the Centre.

In conclusion the Committee and I wish all its members and parents A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

L.K.

VETERANS' CLUB

It is with great regret I have to record the sad loss to the Veterans' Club in Mr. Lawrence, a very respected member of the club who passed away on Wednesday, December 8th. A Chaplet was sent by the Veterans in deepest sympathy.

The Veterans enjoyed four very interesting talks last month. Two on the "Black and White Races" and Native customs were given by Mr. T. E. Headly, one on the Poor Law by Mr. Fleming and one on "Spiritualism" by Mrs. Allerof sponsored by Miss Wilkinson.

Mr. Headly was so impressed by the welcome he received and that grand feeling of friendliness and good fellowship that has always prevailed in the club that he asked if he might be given the privilege of visiting the club occasionally and sitting among them. Another person to be caught up by this fellowship and geniality was Miss Wilkinson who straightway took them into her heart. She felt she could not express her feelings in a better way than to ask if she might be allowed to provide them with a tea at their next meeting. And what a tea she gave them. Plate upon plate was piled high with buttered scones and cakes, chocolates and cigarettes were handed round and as a grand finish each veteran received a little Christmas pudding. The veterans most heartily thanked Miss Wilkinson for her kind action and thoughts.

Special coming events during January will be the New Year's Party on Wednesday, January 12th, and a trip to pantomime about the last week in the month.

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Club and Society Notes

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

So much for the festive season; as usual the highlight of our December programme, i.e. the Xmas morning appetiser, was well patronised and enjoyed. The return of the speciality event in its form of a "bonk" race was very welcome, some of the riders may have other views, but still it does much to foster our winter fixture and special thanks go to Fred for providing the fun.

Although, owing to the new proprietor of the Hotel needing the room for private purposes, we have been forced to relinquish our Club Room we still meet at the "White Lion" each Thursday night until we find a new room or are reinstated in different quarters at the same hotel. We must find a place to rig up our table-tennis, especially as we have been promised inter-Club matches with local and other Clubs.

While on the subject of the Club Room reminds me that our Dance advertised to take place on the 12th of next month (February) at the "White Lion" has been cancelled. This is unfortunate as you will all agree. Let us hope we can yet run one at an alternative Hall. Our Dinner on January 8th, however, and our closing Dance on March 19th will still take place as fixed so we are still certain of two enjoyable evenings.

Our Secretary has, I believe, obtained some tickets for "Cycling's" B.A.R. concert at the Albert Hall on January 29th. These will be allocated to members in the usual manner. Tickets for "Claud's Do" on the 31st of last month were in great demand and I trust as good a time will be had as is certainly anticipated.

Yet, we enter the New Year with the same hope and enthusiasm as helped us through the last, and help our new Committee to make 1938 another great step up in the life of our Club.

All the best for the New Year. Good wheeling to everyone.

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

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| Jan. 2nd | New Year Opening Run.
Dinner. High Wycombe.
Tea. Stoke Poges. |
| Jan. 8th | Annual Dinner-Dance.
White Lion Hotel, High St., Edgware. |
| Jan. 9th | Dinner. Whitwell. Tea. Mill Green. |
| Jan. 16th | Dinner. Binfield, near Bracknell.
Tea. Cowley, Middlesex. |
| Jan. 23rd | Dinner. Blackmore, Essex.
Tea. Epping Forest. |
| Jan. 29th | "Cycling's" B.A.R. Concert, Albert Hall. |
| Jan. 30th | Dinner. Chobham.
Tea. Stanwell Moor. |

"POTTERER."

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

Hendon Clarion wish everybody a very happy new year, particularly fellow cyclists to whom we say good twiddling.

Two great events take place during the coming month, firstly our new year's annual party to be held at Chalfont St. Giles on January the 8th, this is always a grand affair, and it makes a change to go to a party 16 miles out in the country. The ride home late in the night is also a ride to remember. The second event is even more important it is our ANNUAL GRAND CARNIVAL DANCE to be held at the LABOUR HALL on SATURDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1938. Tickets cost 1/6 each or 2/6 double, these are obtainable from our Hon. Social Sec., Mr. B. Slingsby, 41 Grosvenor Crescent, Kingsbury, N.W.9. This should be a success, and a feast of merriment, there will be hundreds of balloons and novelties, streamers and prizes of value, in plenty.

During the past months great events were the L.C. Supper and Dance which was an evening not easily forgotten by Hendon members. Then the Holly Run, and Carnival Run on Christmas morning, this in conjunction with many other London sections. These are just a few of the grand memories which occur during a clubman's month.

Well now we have started on a new year, many of our members are getting ready for the time-trials season, remember we won the London Clarion Cooper Trophy for the fastest team of novices last season and we have many novices ready to hold the trophy again this season. Well, here's luck to them.

Runs for January.

2nd A mystery run somewhere in Bucks.

Tea at Chalfont St. Giles.

9th Blackmore.

Elevenes Waltham Abbey. Tea. Harlow.

16th Rough Stuff.

23rd Ladies' Day to Ivinghoe Beacon, to be led by Miss R. Rainbow, Lady Captain.

Elevenes Wheathampsted. Tea. Leverstock Green.

30th Lazy Day.

All runs leave Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, at 9.30 a.m. Afternoon section to tea places 2.45 from same meeting place.

Our Hon. Secretary Mr. E. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, will be pleased to let anyone have full particulars of our activities, Insurance benefits, etc., upon application.

Well! hoping to see you on the 29th. Cheerio!
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CYCLING and SEASONS

(Another article by our woman contributor)

Tiny green shoots begin to make an appearance, the brown twigs are gradually covered with buds which get fatter and fatter every day. Birds seem gayer and chirp more cheerily as the sun makes a point of showing every morning; babies' eyes glisten more brightly and even Dads go off to the factory or office with a lighter step. What does this all mean? Just that Spring has arrived and nature takes a turn in preparation for better and brighter days.

Have you ever taken a book, found a grassy slope, lain 'neath a shady tree and after reading for a while just listened? It may have been a bit too hot to pay much attention to the story, but as the distant notes of the birds waft slowly with a slight breeze, it is enough to rest and think. Only a few more days and the corn will begin to change colour, from bright yellow to a faint gold, from a deeper, richer gold to the final golden brown when it looks really "roasted" . . . poppy heads wave gently, how fragile they are, certainly not to be picked by human fingers . . . ah, yes! this is truly summer.

A poplar tree at the bottom of the garden shows signs of tinted leaves, the flowers have bloomed their fullest and roses say "Goodbye, we may come again for a short while before the frosts but will not promise." A lucky person who chances to roam towards Bucks., the county of beautiful beeches, will aim for a hill-top and from this vantage point view the panorama of colour beneath. Every hue of red and gold, yellow and brown, is to be seen, blending together as only nature's tints on autumn leaves can blend . . . it will probably be a bit chilly going back, the small scarf will be useful, autumn has arrived with its fresh mornings and evenings.

Ever had bright red roses in your cheeks and felt the cold air with its compensating tingle which follows after a brisk walk in the snow? It's very dark in the mornings now and in the afternoon we need the lights at 4 o'clock . . . the trees are quite bare and look so sorrowful with their hugh boughs and numerous branches and twigs stretching in all directions. Pussy likes to stay in at night . . . the birds are tucked away in their nests and visit the garden every morning for their customary tit bits, for there's not many wild berries for them now. It's a sure sign winter is here.

And those, dear reader, are our four seasons. For those of you who would wish to find out what happens in other places than your own "home town" I say . . . use that bicycle more, go out and see the hedges, trees and flowers, for ever changing under nature's miraculous hand. I do this and feel something achieved, and besides it helps to keep us young and well.

CASSIE.

Lady Luck

It was a comfortable little Pub. somewhere in Bucks. The members of our cycling club had just finished tea and were occupying their time playing darts, cards, etc. The conversation had drifted from variable gears to ghosts, and was now centring on

luck, when Bill spoke up with the following words: "Luck's all right, but sometimes good luck is taken for bad luck. I'll give you an instance."

While Bill relit his pipe, we all settled down for one of his usual interesting yarns. So with everything set, Bill started.

"It was when I was with the 'Buckled Wheelers' that I met Tony—he was Social Secretary, quite a decent fellow and a really good cyclist. I was Racine Secretary at the time and since we met quite a deal besides committee meetings and club runs we became good friends.

"Now in the club there was a certain damsel named Joan; Joan Ride if I remember rightly. She was fairly good looking and attractive in many ways; anyway she didn't have much competition in the 'Wheelers.' She seemed to spend most of her time leading poor clubmen up the garden and it wasn't long before Tony and I had fallen for her, and she seemed to spend her time equally between us. Naturally we became jealous of one another and Joan enjoyed the joke. Our romances went on for quite a time; longer in fact than any other affair of Joan's in the club.

"So after some three months of competition between Tony and myself for the fair lady's hand, I took the plunge and asked Joan to marry me, only to be informed that Tony had only the day before asked the same question. When I asked her what she was going to do, she said, 'See Tony and decide it between you.' So I saw Tony and we made a gentleman's agreement to let the best man of us, in the next twenty-five miles club time trial, have the girl. We saw Joan, explained the idea to her. She was enthusiastic about it, despite the fact that she wasn't much of a cyclist.

"Now Tony and I were about equally matched, both having done a 1 hour, 15 odd, so it looked as though a good duel was to result and the 'boys' were very excited about the whole affair. Tony and I went into strict training with much advice from all sides in the club.

"Well, the day arrived, and six o'clock found us on the course; 'bikes' stripped, tights on, and all keyed up for the start. Tony was off at six-twelve, and at six-eleven Joan kissed him good luck and all was set; then, three—two—one—off! And Tony flashed down the course. I was off at six-sixteen, only one man between us you see, and as I was getting set, feet in straps and comfortable position Joan came up and kissed me good luck, same as she had Tony. The seconds ticked round, the 'boys' started swinging me back and forth, three—two—one—off! And I was away down the course going strong.

"Just before the turn I overtook the fellow who had left the start two minutes before me; that was encouraging. I must be up on time so I tore up to the turn and could just see Tony on the hill about a mile down the road. Did I spring? But the wind was against me and going was hard. Well, I got up to the bend at the fifteen mark, just before the fork road that led back to the start. Here came a yell of encouragement from the marshalls, but Tony wasn't

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

The Centre Anniversary

I hope you enjoyed celebrating the opening of the Centre and that in doing so you gave a thought to those who worked so hard to bring it about. Did you also think what you could do to help finish the work they started so well? You know what the Centre needs.

The W.A. Council

Looking round the Council the other day, in my mind, I wondered how many of us had been there when we made the momentous decision to make the daring experiment of taking 35 Abbots Road as a temporary Centre. That marked a definite epoch in the history of the Association. Look up the Resident for November, 1931, and all what was said.

The Telephone

Why do the wires at the Centre get crossed so easily in the wind? Why do so many modern plays make use of the telephone? Are these thoughts sufficiently random for this column? But they will both take you quite a long way if you follow them out.

Fellowship Meetings

We should like to remind members and friends that on the first Sunday in each month there is held at the Centre a bright little meeting to which they are cordially invited.

The meeting lasts for an hour, from 8 to 9 p.m., during which time there is an address on an interesting subject, and some hymns. After the meeting friends may if they wish, stay and discuss the address. The next meeting is on Sunday, February 6th, when the speaker will be Mrs. Silcock.

Opening Meeting

At the first meeting of the new year on January 2nd, a very earnest address was given by the Rev. Father Nidroll of St. Alphage Church, on the subject "The Birth of New Things." This was followed by a number of songs rendered by members of the Concert Party of the Women's Adult School.

You are cordially invited to the next meeting on Sunday, February 6th, at 8 p.m.

The Vaulting Horse

Had you heard that Mr. Lodge had made a horse for the Boys' P.T. Class, out of some of the wood generously given to the Association by Councillor Curton. Now that the P.T. Display in Anniversary Week is over the class would be glad of more members, so send your boys along, 10-12 years of age. The class for girls over 16 which meets at Woodcroft School on Tuesday evenings, at 8.30 p.m. would also welcome new members now.

Litter

WHERE? WHY?

PICK IT UP.

DON'T MAKE IT.

USE THE BASKETS PROVIDED.

At home, at the Station, in the street, at the Centre.

Serving

Has anyone got a treadle sewing machine to lend or give to the Centre. It would help some of the classes and the group which is going to work for the Bazaar.

Apartments

People are already discussing summer holidays, and it seems that during the past few years people's ideas on holidays are changing. No longer are they content to put up with any discomfort at the old-fashioned boarding houses where they must be in at certain times for meals and home at a certain time at night so that they don't disturb others. If it rained they had to creep back to their rooms or stay out and get wet.

More Freedom

Nowadays people like holidays to be free and easy. The number of people who prefer bungalows or caravans is increasing. There, providing the work is shared and not too much left for mother, holidays can be really enjoyable. Cooking can be of the simplest and you can have your meals when you fancy them. What is more you can, if you wish, stay in all day or come home when you like with a clear conscience.

So roll on summer with plenty of fine weather and long and enjoyable holidays.

Resolutions

Probably by now most resolutions have been broken. Let us hope that your attendances at the Centre will not drop off. That you will find time to do an odd job or two for the Association—and incidentally for your fellow members—and that you will finish up the year with the satisfaction that you have had a fuller life and a happier year.

Aldershot Tattoo

It is interesting to know that the Social Secretary, Mr. C. Deacon, is getting a party together to see the Aldershot Tattoo on Saturday, June 11th. The cost which will be 10/- per person includes a reserved seat in the enclosure, luncheon basket, copy of the time-table, and a reserved seat in the coach. If any members wish to join this party they are asked to give their names to Mr. Deacon or Mr. Wickens. Weekly payments can be made to suit your purses.

Are we Social Beings?

We meet our friends. We hike together. We dance. We play in theatricals; go to parties and generally try to enjoy ourselves. But is that the end of our social ability? Are we Social Beings?

Is it enough just to get together to thoughtlessly enjoy ourselves? Isn't it necessary to meet our friends also to discuss those problems on which our dancing and hiking and general enjoyment depend?

Wages are our most immediate concern. Or, more broadly, our standard of living. Even if you are interested in dancing you must also be interested in why you are as well-off as you are. So are lots of other people. We are all concerned with our conditions of life; no matter how narrow our individual consideration of those conditions are. But, once we consider the problems of why we are so ill-off—and those are the conditions for most of us—then we become concerned with bettering those conditions for many of us at the same time. But beyond the activity through Trade Unions, there lies political action, which in the long run is the more powerful because it unites people both inside and outside Trade Unions.

Once we start discussing politics we begin to remember those people in other countries—so many of them—who are suffering because they are not permitted the rights of political discussion that we possess; and which possessing we often seem to hold so lightly.

Once started there are the problems of the Disputed Areas; of China; of Spain; of Foreign Policy. Do you think about these problems? Come and discuss them with us at the Left Book Club Meetings on the third Friday in the month. Free entry is open to anyone.

Adult School Birthday Party January 14th

On this date the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School met in the evening at the Centre to celebrate their fifth birthday.

Surrounding three sides of the hall tables were tastefully arranged with good things for what was a happy love feast.

Mrs. Heaf, the President of the School sat in the place of honour and by her side was Mr. Edmund Jones of the London Adult School Union.

The Men's School and Junior Schools were full—represented among the hundred or so who sat and enjoyed a happy re-union.

Mrs. Heaf welcomed all present to the School's happy party and called upon Mr. Edmund Jones to speak to the company. He responded right nobly reminding his listeners of the boy and the rabbit who, he was told, could multiply but could not add.

"We were not to be content with our numbers, sixty-two, but add to them until we reached one hundred."

He reminded us of the great need in the world to-day which was fellowship, and we, if true to our ideals, could supply this in our School. The right of all was to be happy, and by helping others we could obtain happiness ourselves.

At this juncture of the proceedings the lights appearing to give out and a wonderful birthday cake, with its five lighted candles was revealed on a table in the centre of the hall. The band greeted it with musical honours joined in by all the company.

Miss Joyce Lord is to be congratulated upon her handicraft of cake-making. Everyone voted it excellent.

After the tables were cleared, under the able direction of Mrs. Nyberg, dancing and songs were enjoyed.

During the evening Mr. Philip Ransome sang many songs, among them "My Dreams" and "Song of Songs."

Miss Jessie Williams also entertained the members with songs and songs, among them "Shine through my Dreams," "Will you Remember" and as a special request ending the evening's entertainment with "Me Hero."

On the stroke of eleven-thirty Mrs. Nyberg reminded us that the time for departure had arrived and, all joining hands, we sang Auld Lang Syne. So ended a wonderful evening, the end of another School year, and the beginning of a more prosperous one we hope.

With thanks to all who had worked so hard to make the evening such a success we wended our way homewards.

MRS. THOMAS.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

February, 1938

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
6. My occupation. Mr. Taylor.
13. Are we an Educated Nation? Mr. Flint.
20. A Balanced Diet. Mrs. Sewell Harris.
27. Time to Spare. Mr. George Symes.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
W. E. A. Class in Modern Social Problems, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Homefield Road.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking and Millinery Classes, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls, 12-16, 7.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Dance, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 6 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 16, 8.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School.
Physical Training for Men, 8.30 p.m., at Goldbeaters Evening Institute.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30
2. English Women in the Nineteenth Century. Mr. W. J. Payne.
9. } First Aid in the Home.
16 } Mrs. McCabe.
23. Germany To-day. Miss Rothert.
Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
H.S.A., 7.30 p.m.
Boxing, 6.0 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Fridays** —New Tabernacle Sick and Provident Society, 7.30 p.m.
Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Net Ball Club, 3.15 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

- Thursday 3 Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
Sunday 6 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
Members' Dance, 8 p.m.
Monday 7 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Thurs. 10 An Hour of Song. Miss Christine McClure, 8.30 p.m.
Sunday 13 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Common British Birds. Mr. J. O. Western.
Thursday 17 W.A. Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.
Friday 18 Left Book Club discussion. "Is Armed Force justified in defence of Socialism," at 8 p.m.
Sunday 20 Joint Lecture with Edgware Fellowship. "The Social System we live in" (illustrated with lantern slides) Mr. J. P. M. Millar, 8 p.m.
Sunday 27 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. "Rents according to Means." Mr. C. H. Hocking.

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YOUR POCKET

Watling Association The Annual Meeting

will be held at Watling Centre on
Thursday, February 17th, 1938
at 8 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
2. Annual Report for 1937.
3. Accounts for 1937.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Election of Members' Representatives on the Council.
6. Any other business.

Copies of the Annual Report and the Accounts will be available for those members who ask for them, a few days before the meeting.

Watling Association Drama Festival

The above Festival for the Ben Littler Cup which was started by our old friend of that name some three years ago, was held this year on the 6th, 7th and 8th January and all who attended seemed to enjoy all the plays presented in the competition.

In all we had eight different plays and as the Adjudicator said it was amazing that they were all plays of a different type.

On this occasion the Cup went to the Little Theatre Society to whom we all offer our hearty congratulations, the second place was secured by the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild while the Watling Guild of Players and the Old Hendonians tied for third place.

We were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Oscar Cook as Adjudicator, this was made possible by our association with the London Council of Social Service, through their representative Mr. Roberts, to both of whom we are deeply grateful.

As Secretary of the Guild of Players I should like to thank all those who worked so hard to make the Festival a success, worthy of special note are the following, Mrs. Vear who at very short notice took part in one of our own plays and gave a very creditable performance, to Mr. Payne for his valuable assistance with stage work, to Mr. Wickens for Lighting effects, to The Watling Association Orchestra under their Leader Mr. Lancaster for their Orchestral Selections, which does so much to cover the waiting periods during change of scenes, to Mrs. Lodge and the Canteen Staff for the way in which they coped with the additional work entailed by the Festival. To all friends who came along to give us their support and to members of the Hendon Federation who turned up in great force to help make the show a Financial success. I should like to add that The Watling Guild of Players have entered "The Children of Darkness" for the Hendon Federation Festival in April and it would be very encouraging to our Group if they knew that they had the support of our Members with regard to this and I should be glad to make up a party to go to St. Michael's Hall, Golders Green, when this takes place, the whole cost to those who would like to support us provided I know in time to book the Tickets need not be more than 1/6 per person, including travelling expenses.

May I look to you for your support as any who saw the Play will tell you that those taking part are deserving of same.

In conclusion I should like to extend to the Editor of *The Times* and *Guardian* for their report of the Festival and to Mr. Bishop their Reporter our sincere thanks. If any Member would like to join our Dramatic Group I should be pleased to hear from them at 26 Homefield Road.

C. J. ROMLOU,
Hon. Secretary.

As a **CHEMIST**

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AND CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS
TO CLEAR**

Advance Spring Outfits now showing

Provident Checks taken as Cash



The Watling Bandstand

Mr. Editor,

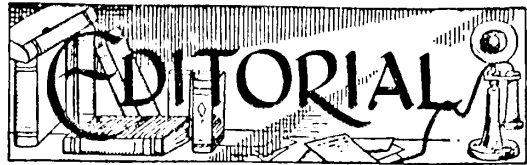
Under the above title, I sent in an article for insertion in the WATLING RESIDENT.

It appeared in the January number. In the article, I stated that I would gladly make one of a deputation to the Town Hall to back up our request. I also said that I would bring this matter before the Watling Council. The latter has been done, the Council unanimously agreeing to support my Resolution. As my name did not appear some readers may think that I purposely withheld it and that I had backed out from doing what I had promised to do. This is all wrong, for I am ready and waiting to do all I can to get this Bandstand for the Residents of Watling.

To put me right with the readers of the WATLING RESIDENT, I am asking you, Mr. Editor, to find space in the February issue of our journal for this letter.

Yours faithfully,

HARRY DAVIS.



Coal

According to my dictionary coal is a solid opaque combustible substance of vegetable origin found in the earth, and extensively used for fuel. This description of coal sounds almost as fantastic as the price we have to pay for it.

How on earth the ordinary working person manages to get sufficient of this "opaque combustible substance" to keep his house warm and yet keep out of debt is a mystery. If the scientists who spend much time and money in discovering the means of blowing the world to blazes would only invent a fuel which would give us a more peaceful blaze in the homely hearth and yet be purchasable by even the poorest, science would indeed confer on mankind a great service.

Penalizing Punctuality

Some kiddies on this Estate will be glad when the warmer weather comes. At one Infants' School, the youngsters who arrive early have to wait outside, sometimes in bitter cold or wet weather until the school bell rings. Those who arrive later are, of course, more fortunate, as they go straight in. So it seems that the best policy for the kiddies is to stop indoors till the last minute, and then dash off to school. They will then at least arrive warm, if late. Surely children so young should, in the winter months be allowed to go directly into the school-room, round a warm stove until it is time for lessons. We don't want to make them soft. It may be healthy for them to run about in cold weather, but not when it is raining. It's tough, mighty tough, in the wet.

F.H.L.

DO YOU REMEMBER

how bad the 'flu was this time last year? Perhaps you were ill yourself! Be on the safe side this time. Join the largest centralised Dividing Society.

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Couplets Competition

PRIZES FOR WINNERS

Below are some words which are usually associated with other words. What you have to do is fill in the missing words; for instance the first couplet is Eggs and Bacon. Now carry on and see that your effort reaches the Editor by February 15th.

Eggs and	Work and
Strawberries and	Rich and
Knife and	Bubble and
Adam and	Cain and
Cup and	Sunshine and
Salmon and	Town and
Men and	Bread and
Pen and	Boys and
Sausage and	Day and

Now Laugh !

"Waiter," said the would-be diner, with a sigh.
"Have you ever visited the Zoo?"

"Not for many years, sir," said the waiter.

"Well, you ought to go again. You'd enjoy watching the tortoises whizz past."

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"Go on!" said the seconds after the eighth round,
"You're not finished yet, boy!"

"But I can 'ardly see 'im!"

"All the better, boy! Sock 'im from memory!"

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"I say, you have a fine lot of books here, old man!
Oughtn't you to have more shelves?"

"Yes; but nobody ever lends me shelves."

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"I don't see Charlie half as much as I used to."

"You should have married him when you had the chance."

"I did."

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First Cruise Enthusiast: "What's the best cure for seasickness?"

Second Ditto: "Give it up."

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Doctor: Good, you have no temperature now."

Patient: "No, Nurse took it just now."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

at

WATLING CENTRE

at 8.30 p.m.

"AN HOUR OF SONG"

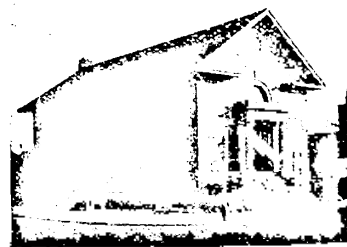
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Miss CHRISTINE McCLURE

ALL are invited

Admission - - - - - 6d.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

Feb. 6—Mr. J. W. LAING

13—Mr. JOHN BULL

20—Mr. R. COLBERT

27—Mr. J. McCREADY



Herbs for Health

These are the days and weeks during which we get out our seed catalogues and plot and plan our garden beds. I am going to make another plan this year that you should give some space in your beds to aromatic and culinary herbs. Until you have tried this plan you cannot think what pleasure from sweet fragrance and what zest to the jaded appetites of mid-summer will be yours. They are excellent from the point of view of health for they seem to store and distill the sunshine which is the source of the vitamins so necessary for the well-being of our bodies. The following are easy to plant and well repay the trouble: chervil, thyme, sage, summer savoury, sorrel, purslane, mint, chives and parsley.

Chervil is a curly-leaved plant in habit and growth much like parsley. It will add distinction to soups, salads and sandwiches.

There are few prettier edgings for the vegetable beds than a row of chives with its fresh green spiky leaves and misty lilac flower heads. Chopped chives give an excellent flavour to salads, sauces and sandwiches. The clumps should be divided every three or four years.

Sage and mint are sufficiently well known perhaps to need my urging upon you.

Purslane and sorrel are valuable additions to the salad bowl. Sorrel, especially, will grow in heavy soil such as ours and in partial shade. The French make a delicious soup of sorrel and finely chopped or whole leaves are a refreshing accompaniment to scrambled eggs or omelette. The Breton fisherman makes his favourite fish soup with sorrel leaves, chives, spring onions, parsley and mint chopped fine together. The plants should not be allowed to flower and plants if sufficiently thinned out should continue in full bearing for three or four years.

Summer savoury, must be sown each year in prepared beds of light soil. It is an excellent flavour to use in cooking broad beans or any such dried pulses as peas, beans, or lentils.

Here is wishing you a happy and new gastronomic year because you will be growing your own herbs as you have never done before.

SUSAN SAVOURY.

PLEASE NOTE that all matters for publication must reach the Editor, at 26 Crispin Road, by the 13th day of the month preceding publication.

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ADULT SCHOOL

The Value of Handicrafts

The ability to make something is an almost universal desire, and what pleasure it gives when we look at work we have just completed.

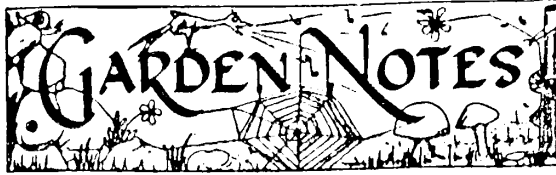
Naturally we all aim at perfection, but it is the joy of something attempted and the mental exercise involved in our new experiment that is of the greatest value. Many people lead very monotonous lives, at their daily work, and it is the leisure hours that bring that opportunity for self-expression and individual achievement, which is not possible in highly organised office or workshop.

Develop your hands as well as your brain. The mechanic has a skill which cannot be obtained from books, but is obtained through years of practice, and he is a great asset in any community.

Your hobby will never make you as proficient as the professional craftsman, but you can catch some of his spirit and independent character by the wise use of your leisure hours.

The Adult Schools and the Watling Association are holding an Exhibition of Arts and Crafts, at Watling Centre, on May 6th and 7th. Here is your opportunity to display your skill. Full details as to classes of work which may be shown, will appear in next month's RESIDENT. Begin work now and make sure of showing something you will be proud to exhibit.

J.W.P.



An Australian Garden

We call the region on the other side of the earth exactly opposite any given point on this side "the Antipodes." The word comes from the Greek and means literally the opposite feet. If it were possible to bore a hole from the Centre of Watling to the centre of the earth and then continue the hole straight on, where should we come out on the other side? The answer is at the antipodes where we should, in theory, find the feet of the people there opposite our feet, assuming, of course that we went down the bore-hole feet first.

As a matter of fact however our bore-hole through the earth would come out in the sea, for the simple reason that there is no land at the exact antipodes of London but only a part of the Pacific Ocean. But we should come out not far from a little island which on account of its position has been named Antipodes Island. This little island is about 500 miles east of the south part of New Zealand which in turn is about 1,000 miles east of the Australian coast.

This does not read much like a gardening note so far but it leads up to my telling you of the receipt of a letter from a correspondent living in Western Australia which, though not exactly at our antipodes, is not far from it and at any rate may be regarded as on the opposite side of the earth.

This correspondent lives at Harvey, not far from Perth, the capital of the State. The latitude of Perth is 32 degrees South and the longitude 116 degrees East. The letter includes an account of her garden which has interested me and may interest others. Australia being in the Southern Hemisphere, the Australians are enjoying (more or less) our winter, and Perth being 19 degrees nearer the equator than we are, things will grow there that will not live in our climate.

Here is what my correspondent says about her garden. "I have some darling little roses, new ones; they are polyanthus roses and grow in little clusters, close to the ground. A friend gave me some cuttings a few months ago and now they are flowering, red, dark red, orange, pink (two shades) and white. Next year they will make a lovely show, if all is well. My marrows, cucumbers, melons and pumpkins are coming on nicely. People cannot think how I do so much."

"It is very nice to be able to grow one's own vegetables. I grew peas and sold enough to buy myself a cooler (for butter and milk) and also wool to make a pretty bed-jacket. This is much more interesting than to just take your ordinary money and buy these things."

"I planted three bags of potatoes and got twenty-one bags back but as they are such a poor price I shall loose on them. Never mind, the interest was great whilst they were growing. Many people have lost hundreds of pounds."

WHAT TO DO IN FEBRUARY

This is a busy month preparing for the still longer days to follow. The weather is an uncertain quantity with a wide range of temperature and this precludes continuous work out of doors. Fine dry days should therefore be made the most of. Indoor work can be done when out-door work is not possible.

FLOWER GARDEN.—Hardy Alpine and herbaceous plants may be placed in an open border.

Many of the early flowering rock plants should be showing signs of new life. See that all decayed leaves are removed and the soil round the plants loosened, on the grounds of health as well as of tidiness.

If any bulbs still remain under ashes or coco-nut fibre lift them out of the plunging material.

Anemone and ranunculus roots may still be planted in vacant ground, either in groups or rows. The former is a free growing and inexpensive plant. By planting it successively at intervals of six or eight weeks between October and March there should be forthcoming displays of plenty of bloom for quite a long period.

Rhododendrons are amongst the most showy of flowering shrubs. They are permanent, evergreen and very hardy. They may be planted during mild intervals at this time of year. In consequence of their unbreakable basal balls, full of fibrous roots, they bear transplanting, including transit, better than most things. If you can secure some peat soil in which to place them they should do exceptionally well. If peat soil is not available use leaf-mould or chopped-up turf from a loamy pasture.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Fruit trees and bushes of almost all kinds may be planted this month during open weather.

The cropping of old fruit trees will be improved by a good dose of liquid manure.

Keep the row of raspberry canes an even height of about four feet by cutting off the tops of those above that height. This stiffens the canes and encourages better fruiting.

Put some farm-yard manure around the gooseberry bushes, or as an alternative bone meal at the rate of four ounces per square yard. As a substitute for both of these try fish manure, which is quite, though not so good.

Black currants are liable to various diseases. Spray the bushes with lime-sulphur wash. This can be bought ready for use.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—The first sowing of broad beans may be made this month on a warm border. Draw deep lines two feet apart and plant the beans six inches apart and three inches deep. Three weeks can be gained by covering some with a portable frame, which can be removed for other purposes when the beans have grown high enough.

An early crop of carrots can be obtained by selecting the warmest available spot out of doors for the bed. Break the soil well before sowing. Broadcast the seed over a bed four feet wide and slightly cover the seed with soil. If a sashlight can be spared from a frame place it on the bed. This will keep it dry and assist germination. Carrots are very slow in moving at this time of year. As soon as the seedlings are up the sashlight can be taken off.

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The M.C.C. and You

by County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

The December County Council meeting, which is the last one to occur before I have sent these notes to the Editor, was the shortest for many months and passed off very quietly.

The business that I think will be of most interest to you concerns the activities of the Public Health Committee. Among the 39 proposals put forward by that hard-working Committee were two that had to do with Convalescent Homes and one to do with the housing and care of the County's babies.

First, the question of Convalescent Homes!

At present the C.C. has only one such home under its control. This is Edgbury House, at Woburn, in Buckinghamshire. This is used exclusively for women patients. Men and children are sent to various homes belonging to Voluntary Associations or under private ownership.

As regards men patients it cannot be said that the conditions in some of the homes are satisfactory. Complaints have from time to time been received from men who have visited them and these complaints have been found in some instances at least to be justified. Members of the Committee have visited some of the homes and have felt that the County should run its own Convalescent Homes if possible and thus be able to lay down its own conditions. (I myself visited a home where the men, only recently come from hospital be it remembered, had to cross an uncovered yard to the bathrooms which were in a sort of outhouse. Moreover, though they were compelled by the rules of the place to bathe every so many days, they were charged for each bath. At another home the superintendent was one of the most melancholy men I have ever seen and the worst of it was that not only were the men in daily contact with him but they were expected to go each Sunday to a church or chapel of some sort and there to listen to him preach.).

In considering what sort of locality would be best for a men's convalescent home the committee came to the conclusion that the seaside was much preferred to an inland place. Apart from the fact that sea-air is more stimulating, the activities of a seaside place provide a matter of interest for people with time on their hands.

With regard to premises, there were two alternatives. First, the County might purchase a site and erect a suitable building upon it; second, the County might buy some existing building and adapt it for the purpose. It was decided that the more economical course would be the second and a number of possibly suitable premises on the south coast were inspected. It was finally agreed to ask the Council to sanction the purchase of Netley Castle, which stands on the shores of Southampton Water and from the grounds and windows of which the men in residence would have interesting shipping of all kinds under their eyes all the time.

To provide accommodation for children, it is proposed to purchase a property known as the Clarence Hotel at Mundesley-on-Sea, in Norfolk. Here the air is bracing and there are good sands.

And now for the proposed Homes for Babies. What babies?

Do you know that the County has in its charge for one reason or another over a thousand healthy children. Of these 180 or more are under three years of age.

Now in regard to our older children, we have for some years now brought them up in what are called "scattered homes"—that is, in largish houses where some ten or a dozen boys or girls are in the charge of a foster-mother, where the conditions are as nearly like those of an ordinary home as possible and from which the children attend the nearest elementary school. Years ago the County children lived in "barracks" and knew little if anything of home life. The little ones, the babies, are still in institutions.

For some two years past the Children Sub-Committee has been trying to produce some scheme acceptable by the County Council for removing these latter children from these old institutions into more suitable surroundings. Each time a recommendation has been brought forward it has been turned down, mainly on the score of too great expense, but also because some members were anxious that the babies, like the elder children, should be brought up in little homes rather than wholesale. The scheme that has now been sanctioned meets the latter point of view, though it is certainly no less expensive than former proposals. It provides for a group of eight cottages in each of which six children under two years of age will be under the charge of a well-qualified "mother" with such assistance and guidance as is felt to be necessary.

This way of dealing with babies in the care of a public authority will be of the nature of an experiment for no other body has tried this method. I think I may say that the Ministry of Health, whose sanction of course has to be obtained looks, quite kindly upon the experiment.

All committees are now in the throes of preparing their estimated expenditure for the next financial year. It is more than likely that there will be a rise in the County rate.

By the bye, do you ever look on the back of your Rates form to see how your money is spent?

TO PARENTS AND OTHERS

Our Representative may shortly call on you, and, if you can spare the time, will explain all about the

MANCHESTER UNITY OF ODD FELLOWS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

(Voluntary Benefits, N.H.I.; Adult and Juvenile)

Local Branch, BURNT OAK LODGE, Watling Centre.

Further information, Mr. T. E. YOUNG, 32 Edrick Road, Burnt Oak, from whom tickets (6/-) for the Annual Lodge Dinner, Lysbeth Hall, Soho, April 23rd, may also be obtained.

GARDEN NOTES—continued from page 8.

The first sowing of early peas may be made early in the month. It is a good rule that the distance between the rows should be the same as the height that the pea plants will grow to.

Correction. Please note that the last word of the first column on page 10 of the January RESIDENT should be "tamed," not "trained."

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Behind a Chemist's Carboys

Fifty years' association with Pharmacy furnishes one with a good many reflections and a few stories, the latter of which at any rate may be of interest beyond the ranks of the "Chemist and Druggist" as one was called in the old days or as an old master of mine who was of a specially independent mind used to express it "Chemist and Druggist." That was in the days when shops kept open to 9.30 p.m. on most days and 11.0 on Saturdays; when assistants generally "lived in" with their employers and were subject to demands on their time for requirements, often trivial, after closing at those hours.

In those days, before Community Centres had even been thought of and education was not so wide-spread as to-day we used to get a good deal of amusement from the mistakes in spelling and pronunciation of the names of medicines in common demand. "Ipecacuanha" was a great stumbling block and resulted in such attempts as Hecky-pecky-uhannah." "Seidlitz Powders" has been turned into "Serious Powders"—not so far out, sometimes! One demand was from a customer who wanted some "paint;" he was asked "what sort of paint?" the reply came, "to paint a parson with;" further cross-examination elucidated the fact that he meant a "person" and he was supplied with Tincture of Iodine.

One amusing incident occurred to me in the Birmingham district. There, a frequently-used alternative name for Friars Balsom was Tincture of Benjamin, arising from the facts that the technical name for Friars Balsom is Compound Tincture of Benzoin and that another name for Jun Benzoin is Jun Benjamin. A young lady solemnly asked me over the counter for Tincture of Abraham!

Ammonia has been often called Harmonium. Older readers, at any rate, may remember a household cleansing preparation "Scrubbs's Cloudy Household Ammonia." A Chemist friend of mine asserts and who would doubt the word of a Chemist, especially as he is a Quaker too?—that his first customer one morning was a maid sent by her mistress for "a bottle of Mr. Scrubbs's Cloudless Household Harmony!"

On one occasion I was elaborately explaining to a young man how he was to use an ear syringe for a stoppage of wax and that if necessary he should continue the syringing for ten or fifteen minutes. He had not used an ear syringe before but evidently had some knowledge of other syringes for he asked with great concern in his voice where all the water goes to if he kept on so long! He must have had visions of getting water on the brain.

J.A.B.

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MEMBERSHIP: 4d. MONTH

Temperature

"Wake up." I open my eyes, nurse is bending over me. A thermometer is popped into my mouth, "A merry Christmas," she smiles. "A mer' Chris'us," I gurgle nearly swallowing the thermometer. She feels my pulse and departs to the next patient. I yawn and sit up. My mind goes back to the previous evening, Christmas Eve, when, soon after the lights were dimmed, carols were heard, faintly at first, then getting louder as nurses in their red capes and carrying lanterns made a tour of the wards. Slowly they tramped into our ward and, forming a circle in the middle, sang the old favourites and then slowly tramped out again. And now it is Christmas day. I look around me. At my bedside is a cardboard dish containing fruit, nuts and cigarettes—a present from "Father Christmas." There are one or two boys in the ward and they are more fortunate. Pillow cases containing toys and other gifts are tied to the foot of their beds. Soon everyone is awake and there is general talk and greetings. The nurses, always cheerful, are if anything, more cheerful, and come and admire our presents. Breakfast over, there is a general visiting of wards by those who are allowed up, to see the various decorations. Our ward is made to represent a golf course. Other wards represent an aerodrome, with planes of every known and unknown type tied all round the room. An old country inn, complete with bar, although I believe the bottles are only dummies. A Women's ward is made up as a South Sea Island, with grass huts and waving palms, and, among the children's wards is an aquarium and a zoo. The great moment arrives. Dinner is ready! The doctor carves the turkey, and nurses serve up the dinners under the watchful eye of "Sister" who sees that those on diets do not get what is not good for them. In this hospital there are many clever doctors and some noted specialists, but the one who seems to have most control over the patients is the Sister. She watches their progress and understands their fads and fancies. She controls their diets.

With our Christmas dinner a little "light refreshment" is served, not too much, but just enough to give good cheer. Crackers are pulled and carnival hats put on. Everyone is in festive mood. Behind a screen I spy some nurses doing a ballet dance. They are enjoying themselves more than anyone, and why not. If it wasn't for them hospital would be a dull place. Then a doctor, all in fun, invites Sister under the mistletoe. Sister laughingly declines. A few patients cry "coward" and Sister allows herself to be kissed.

Later on in the afternoon visitors arrive and sit around the beds. As it is Christmas time, tea is served to everyone, and the visiting time extended. As soon as the visitors have gone, the nurses bustle round with washing water and remake the beds. Supper is served—milk, cocoa, or whatever suits you. Temperatures and blood pressure are taken and medicine served out. Finally a mouth wash or gargle, and out go the lights. Christmas day is over.

Patients in hospital especially at Christmas time receive much sympathy and kindness, and rightly so, for there is suffering enough. I have spent some Christmases in strange circumstances and I know that if one is not too ill, there can be worse places to spend it than in a London hospital.

F.H.L.



New Dogs from Abroad

WILL ANY BECOME POPULAR?

By PHILOKUON

Dog shows have been the means of adding materially to the number of breeds in the country. In the old days it happened occasionally that special circumstances were the means of making a new dog popular, as in the case of the pug, which followed William and Mary from Holland. Courtiers and others desirous of cultivating royal favour were not unmindful of the maxim "Love me, love my dog." Pointers, which arrived from Spain a few years later, soon became general among country gentlemen on account of their usefulness to shooting men, but as a rule strange dogs from foreign parts had few opportunities of getting known.

There is no doubt that from time to time travellers brought home with them dogs that took their fancy, but they usually remained in obscurity. Even the fact that Queen Victoria had dachshunds at Windsor soon after her marriage failed to influence their fortunes to any extent. Dog shows had been running fifteen years or more before serious efforts were made to establish them. The story of the Pekingese is more curious still. Several were sent home after the sacking of the Summer Palace in Peking in the early 1860's. One went to Queen Victoria and others to the Duke of Richmond's family, yet when several were exhibited in the classes for foreign dogs shortly before the end of last century no one was aware that Goodwood had some.

Since the War ended we have had so many that one would have thought the field was fully occupied, yet at the Kennel Club show the other day the section given up to miscellaneous foreign dogs had a record entry. It is evident that there are many optimists who hope to have the honour of introducing something fresh that will meet with general acceptance. These classes always interest me as they are sure to contain something that later on will become a commonplace. A Husky, not for competition, was sent from the Zoological Gardens in Regent's Park. These are the draught dogs of Canada and the frozen north, and are of great economic value during the winter. In the summer they run more or less wild.

Two dogs from Switzerland might easily find friends over here. The Bernese Mountain dog especially is very attractive in his brilliant black, tan and white coat, the markings being distributed after a pleasing pattern. Used for herding in their native country, it is not surprising that they have plenty of intelligence. The Rottweilers, of which a fair number were present, are not as picturesque, having short hair,

and being of a homely black and tan colour, but they have, what is lacking in so many, serene and fearless temperaments and sound constitutions. The German police use them a great deal, which is a testimony to their qualities of disposition. They look to be very powerful for their size.

These are also cattle dogs that work largely in the south of Germany. They are to be found in none of the continental countries. None is as handsome as the large, white Pyrenean mountain dogs, some fine specimens of which were exhibited. Going to the other end of the scale we had some of the Mexican Chihuahuas, which are so small that they can be carried without effort.

INDOOR GAMES CLUB

How many people know that we have started an Indoor Games Club? A Club that is open to the young and old of both sexes.

Commencing a fortnight before Christmas with a small membership, our numbers have been growing from week to week and we can now claim a membership of one hundred and three.

Membership subscriptions are 3d. per week; this includes not only the Club subscription, but the subscription to the Association. The club is open on Wednesday and Thursday of each week from 8.30 to 10.30 for such games as table tennis, bagatelle, darts, table skittles, etc.

With the co-operation of new and old members we hope, within the near future, to increase our sphere of activities.

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Shoes and Stockings

By LEO.

If you wish to cut down your footwear expenses to the minimum, here is a useful hint.

When the boots or shoes are new, or have been recently resoled, they should be treated with ordinary varnish. Apply a coat with a brush to the soles, and when this has sunk well in, put on another, and even a third coating.

It is best to let the varnish set as hard as possible before actually wearing the boots.

It is surprising to find how well the leather treated with varnish resists wear, even on the most gritty roads.

Examine the soles now and again, and when the varnish shows signs of wearing off, it pays to give another application.

A SHOE-TIDY.—Take about 1½ yards of cretonne to match colour scheme of room and turn up 6 or 8 inches to form pockets. Make a hem at top to take a dress hanger or rod and hang behind door of bedroom or wardrobe.

SHOE SENSE.—Do not place wet shoes in front of fire to dry; instead, fill with oats which swell as they absorb moisture and act as shoe-trees. Or you can try this method. Immediately the shoes are removed stuff tightly with newspaper as it not only absorbs the damp but keeps the shoes a good shape. They will not dry stiff and hard as they do when dried in front of a fire. Rub olive oil into patent leather occasionally, or a little vaseline, to soften the leather and prevent cracks. Clean light-coloured satin shoes with a piece of flannel dipped in spirits of wine changing flannel as it soils. If brown shoes have become "rubbed," paint over with two or three coats of iodine and polish, when dry, with brown cream.

SUEDE SHOE REVIVER.—Buy a rubber brush and go over them every day, using a liquid suede cleaner once a week. This will restore the freshness and colour.

STRONG HEELS FOR SOCKS.—Instead of knitting front and heel and purling back, knit garter stitch. This means knitting both sides plain and is quickly done.

A GOOD USE FOR OLD SILK STOCKINGS

Cut the worn feet off and neatly stitch the legs into socks. These will be quite useful for sports or walking.

Bind them round coat-hangers. Then, using up odd pieces of wool, crochet a cover for the hangers by making a chain the width across hanger and double-crochet the required length to cover hanger, then join neatly underneath.

Old silk stockings make excellent shoe-covers and shoes pack better than when wrapped in paper. Turn stocking inside out, seam up end where foot has been cut off, then make a wide hem at one end through

which run ribbon to draw up. Party shoes will be kept free from dust if hung by ribbon loops in wardrobe or cupboard. These "Shoe Protectors" should sell well at bazaars. The leg of a white stocking is just the thing to cover a sleeve-board, as it fits over without any wrinkle.

STRENGTHENING SILK STOCKINGS.—Machine round top of stocking where the woollen top joins the silk, as the bend of the knee weakens here first. The machining will catch each silk stitch firmly and thus prevent "laddering."

WASHING STOCKINGS.—After Squeezing out water, fold carefully into shape and lay across the palm of one hand. Pat sharply with other hand. Do this the whole length of the stocking, then dry in the usual way. When dry, the stockings will look as if they had been ironed.

SILK STOCKINGS.—Will not show rainspots if washed in salt-and-water before being worn. If always rinsed in clean soapsuds instead of clear water, they are less likely to ladder; also, silk stockings will dry quickly and need no ironing, if after washing they are filled with tissue paper and hung out in usual way.

"I dreamt last night that someone stole my clock. It was so vivid, that I woke up and put out my hand to see if it had gone."

"And had it?"

"No. But it was going."

Doctor: "Put your tongue right out, please, Mary."

Mary: "I can't. It's caught up somewhere the other end."

Variety is the spice of life, and if you want variety in the kitchen, just glance at the ladies' page where Susan Savoury gives some useful hints on making food more palatable. With a limited income food can become monotonous, but with the addition of various herbs which you can grow in your own garden, ordinary everyday dishes become much more interesting.

Read Susan Savoury every month.

IF you think the Centre or the RESIDENT could be improved.
IF you have any ideas or suggestions.
IF you have any news, information, stories or articles which might be of interest to Residents

WRITE TO US.

Contributions to reach the Editor by the 13th of preceding month.

DANCE ENQUIRY

Will the member who wrote to the Social Secretary for information about dances please call at the Watling Centre as Mr. Deacon wishes to see the person.

Club and Society Notes

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

The A.G.M. is now over, and I am glad to see most of our last year's officers re-elected to continue their services through 1938. One notable change was the election of a Woman Road Secretary, i.e. Miss Ethel Rolph. I think you will agree that such a keen rider with her long experience should make a good job of the office.

In late December we had the pleasure of meeting the Northern C.C. at Table Tennis. Although I am sorry to say we lost the match, we all had an enjoyable time. Perhaps we can arrange a return on home ground this year, and if we are able to turn out a more representative team we should be able to put up a much better show. Congratulations to those members who were called upon to fill the breach at the last minute.

The Fourth Annual Dinner was a huge success. Eighty-eight members and friends sat down to Dinner, the number being increased to nearly 200 for the Prize Distribution and Dance. Incidentally chaps, are you going to let Andy run away with any of our next year's events so easily? No! I'm sure you can make our awards (83 in all) again mount up to this total.

In concluding, have you heard about our Jack? Yes, Jack Barnes! He is now Mr. Barnes. (ahem!) Married to an N.W.R.C. lass last month. Congrat's from "Potterer" Jack, and may your bride enjoy everlasting happiness.

Events are still moving; Billie is riding her "Rudge" 25,000 miles in twelve months in order to prove that cycling will keep women fit and healthy. Good luck, lady! Be seeing you up the road. "POTTERER."

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

The Hendon Section is now in the thick of a very busy Social season, besides the usual Sunday club runs. Here are some of the events of the past month. Early in the month came our usual Annual Party at Chalfont St. Giles. This was very successful and was well supported. A large iced cake was made for us by the caterer, with the club's name inscribed on it and a silver glass trumpet again reposing in the centre. During the evening toasts were drunk to "The Club," "The Caterer," and to "Absent Friends."

Then there was the visit to our Club-room by North London Clarion, and we visited Richmond Section's Club-room upon their invitation. Very enjoyable evenings were had in both cases and they will be carried out again in the near future.

Then later in the month came a very interesting visit by some of the club to Odhams Press to see the "Daily Herald" printed, much information was gleaned about paper and print.

At time of writing great preparation is going ahead for our Annual Grand Carnival Dance on January 29th. As this event will be over no doubt when you read this report I can only hope that you were one of the fortunate people to be at such a super event as it will surely be.

Now for the near future, there is to be the C. and A.C. (that's our London Racing Club) Dinner early in the month. Here we will be presented with the Cooper Trophy and the boys will receive their medals. Then later in the month we have a sausage and mash supper with Richmond section. These are only two events that spring to my mind as I write. The club runs are still being well supported and many are the runs to be looked forward to during the coming months.

The runs for February are as follows:—

- 6th Mystery run led by Mr. A. Keats.
- 13th Chiselhurst Caves.
- 20th Princes Risborough.
- 27th Woburn Sands.

All runs leave the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, at 9.30 a.m. Afternoon Section led by Mr. Jack Smith to various tea places, 2.45 p.m. from same meeting place.

Our Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, will be pleased to let anyone have full particulars of our many activities, Insurance benefits, etc., upon application. Now is the time to join a good club so get in touch with our Secretary now!

Be seeing you some time down the road. Cheerio!

VIC C. BOTTERILL,
Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

Cycles for "Keep Fit" Women

Editor's Note: CASSIE is the pen-name of Mrs. Billie Dovey, a local wheel-woman of no mean experience. She has recently joined "RUDGE-WORTH LTD." and will, during the whole of 1938, be carrying out a propaganda ride on one of their machines.

CYCLING FOR ALL SEASONS. I hope I am not too late to wish all readers . . . "the Compliments of the Season" . . . for there are still 11 good months in store yet. So far as my cycling readers are concerned, well they will agree with me when I say that there is no special season for riding bicycles, the simplest and easiest means of keeping fit ever devised.

You may not get up early enough in the morning to do those special exercises for "keeping fit." Well, why worry about that? Why not go to work, business (call it what you like!) on your bicycle? What does it matter if it is factory, workshop, office or shop . . . the best way of getting there is usually on a bicycle. Just think of the fares you will save. No waiting for crowded buses, stuffy tube trains, and often in the suburbs a bicycle is the quickest way.

ON KEEPING DRY. If you are new to cycling you will no doubt be of the opinion that riding in the rain is the most disagreeable thing you know of. Well, it need not be. The best way of keeping really dry is not to buy the cheapest waterproofs you can see in the shop.

Now this is what you will need to do the job properly.

A good quality yellow oilskin cape at about 8/11.

A light-weight sou'wester ("Cella" brand are best at 3/6, and only weigh about 1½ oz.)

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A pair of "Spattees"—NOT leggings, cost about 4/6.

The initial outlay on these is well worth it, for you will then be able to really go riding and "singing in the rain." I find that such equipment will last about two years, even with our English summer to help us to make good use of it.

ON BEING SEEN IN THE DARK. That is why I have chosen a yellow cape. Sometimes we do experience a "dirty dark wet night," and I know from experience cyclists can be seen better by those following up from behind when so equipped. Always be sure your reflector is facing the rear, and wipe your finger over it to remove the mud splashes. Keep your white patch clean, although the tendency these days is for all-white mudguards.

My riding takes me along all sorts of roads many of which are narrow unlit lanes. My preference therefore is for a dynamo to show me my way about. These are getting lighter and more reliable every year, and seldom do they give any trouble. This again is just a case of initial outlay. For town riding however, there is little real need for such a brilliant light, and the easily detachable electric lamp costing 2/6 is ideal.

CYCLE WITH SAFETY. I always feel that something is bound to happen when I see a woman riding along with her handbag or shopping bag in her hand or hung on her handle-bar. The simplest and most comfortable way of carrying things on a bicycle is in a neat little bag attached to the back of your saddle. These cost about 4/6 and are just the thing to hold your library books, and small shopping items. Go shopping on your bicycle by all means, for some of you must live quite a good way from the shops. BUT please do not prop your machine in the gutter resting against the kerb.

It is liable to fall or be knocked over any moment. Lean it against a wall or by a shop-window. Oil your cycle regularly and never let the chain get so slack that it is liable to jump off the chain-wheel. Serious accidents have happened due to this.

TO LOCAL CLUB GIRLS. You have recently been enjoying the social round of Cycling Club life—Dances, Dinners, etc. Each year more girls join clubs, enjoy club runs, week-end rides in new districts. I hope that in 1938 you will find even greater enjoyment awhel, and will encourage others to enjoy it with you.

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VETERANS' CLUB

Our New Year Party. On Wednesday, January 12th, 58 members of the Veterans' Club sat down to a magnificent tea provided by the lady helpers of the club. Tables were piled high with dainty sandwiches, cakes, buttered scones, mince pies, etc. On a table in the centre of the room stood a beautiful iced cake decorated with violets and heather, presented by their President, Mrs. A. I. Jones. Seated at the table in honour of the occasion were the following guests: Mrs. Gray Skinner, Mrs. Ann Allcroft, Miss Wilkenson and Mr. T. E. Headley.

During the tea a greetings telegram sent by Mrs. King (Chairman) who, unfortunately, owing to the illness of her mother was unable to attend, was read out by Mrs. Jones to the club.

Mrs. Jones in an address congratulated the club on its steady growth. They had, she said, nearly doubled their number since last year, and she hoped that next year they would double this year's numbers. This was endorsed by Mrs. E. Cole (Treasurer) and Mrs. J. Hilton (Vice-Chairman) who wished them all health and prosperity throughout the year.

Mr. T. E. Headley spoke on the friendliness and good companionship he had always found when visiting the club. He had travelled in a good many parts of the country and visited many clubs and institutions but he had never received such a welcome as he had at this club. At the close of tea a greetings telegram was sent to Mrs. King conveying the good wishes of the Veterans' club.

The evening's entertainment was opened by Mrs. Hilton's Young Watlers who for 20 minutes put on a very creditable show followed by Miss Doris Wilson's troupe of girl dancers, who showed their talent as acrobatical dancers. The stage was then given over to Miss Sandford's Concert Party who entertained the old folk for the next hour. During the interval refreshments were served, also a little drop that cheers, kindly given by Mr. Geo. Nosworthy, a kindly action he has always done since the club was formed. Packets of tobacco for the men and a large tin of sweets and cigarettes for the ladies was given by Mrs. Gray Skinner, and a bottle of Port by Miss Hilton.

Mr. Savage opened the second part of the programme with comic songs followed by Messrs. Whitlock and Freeman's "Popular Melodies" and finally Mr. C. Wheeler who led the old folks in community singing with the Banjo.

In closing I should like to thank Mr. D. Lodge for the assistance he rendered towards making the Veterans comfortable, also Messrs. Fanthorpe, J. Hilton, Williams and Wickens (stewards), and last but not least that gallant band of ladies who always are willing to do their part.

BOXING

The attendance just recently has been very poor, why?

It is not much encouragement to the trainers who give up their Tuesday and Thursday evenings to find only 6 or 8 boys to train. As I have said before if there is anything wrong with the running of the section come up and let us know, the committee would welcome any suggestions that would benefit the club.

We shall have to pull our socks up if we are to retain the J.O.C. and the Inter Etsate cups.

An Odd Fellow Visits Russia

Report of a Lecture by "Effaress"

Having observed that most people were interested in that enormous country, occupying approximately one-sixth of the world's surface, known to-day as the U.S.S.R., Bro. Wright said that one's impressions of a business trip such as he had undertaken, depended largely on the individual outlook on life, and one had to be careful not to be influenced by knowledge of past events in such a country or by impressions gained by the reading of newspapers. It was a country wrapped in quite a lot of mystery, and Bro. Wright added that he undertook the trip with no small amount of wonder as to "what was before him."

After briefly alluding to the Scandinavian countries through which he toured, the speaker continued:—

LENINGRAD

The journey from Helsingfors to Leningrad by train takes about ten hours, and I got my first thrill when we approached the frontier, and I could see the huge symbol of the five-pointed star and the hammer and sickle near by.

Leningrad, with its fine river and myriad of what were at one time palaces, is quiet and to my mind dullish. Very little rebuilding has been done except to put up some huge blocks of flats for the workers. Very few cars on the roads and a lack of "life" generally.

MOSCOW

The reverse is Moscow—reached after another long journey. Here the efforts of the authorities towards building a new virile city have been concentrated and some Americans I "chummed" up with stared in amazement at the enormous skyscrapers, thirty to forty storeys high which were dotted about. More blocks of flats for the workers and handsome Government buildings, housing this "Commissariat" or that, were much in evidence. The Red Square—meaning in Russian the Beautiful Square—is truly forbidding, being towered over by that old fortress and collection of churches, the Kremlin. The St. Basil's Cathedral at one end of the Square is "fantastic in its beautiful ugliness"—no doubt you have heard the story of how the architect is reputed to have forfeited his sight so that he could never build another.

Lenin's tomb in the Square—a huge modern type of plain mausoleum in marble. A wait of about 1½ hours in a seemingly never-ending queue, composed mostly of peasants, gave us ultimately a sight of that still most revered of revolutionaries. He reposes as though asleep in a coffin with glass at sides and top, dressed in an ordinary suit of clothes. His sharp features and square forehead are clearly defined, the strong light concentrated on him making the rest of the building and the slow moving file of people practically invisible.

One hears complaints of the overcrowding of London's trams but the packing of those in Moscow want to be seen to be believed. How the people got off once they were on must have been by a miracle.

ELABORATE UNDERGROUND

Moscow's first Underground Railway—not long in miles, but in workmanship and decoration surely the

most elaborate in the world—was opened this year and is a show place visited by thousands daily.

The few cinemas are thronged nightly and, until early morning, and a visit to the Opera and Ballet convinced me that they are still an artistic race and capable of rising to its great heights.

In the hotels they do their best to make one's stay comfortable, although conditions generally cannot be compared with those ruling in the normal commercial hotel as we know it. They encourage tourists and have quite a large traffic which is growing each year. Sightseeing tours are arranged and some factories can be visited. I found time to explore a bread factory, things are worked out on modern scientific lines. The sturdily built females, who seemed to outnumber male labourers, apparently had no time for idle gossip amongst themselves but kept going like the machines they controlled.

AN EYE-OPENER

Being interested in the textile trades a visit to the only large store was an eye-opener. Materials of all kinds are expensive and in no great variety. One saw girls and women four and five deep in front of long counters almost fighting for cotton and rayon materials printed with very ordinary designs. The people of both sexes are badly dressed and inclined to stare at strangers, who are probably wearing only a very ordinary suit and overcoat judged by our standards.

Certainly the people seem to be earning plenty of "roubles" but the goods are not there to be purchased in sufficient variety—at least that was the impression I gained.

Policemen who look like soldiers, money changers calculating on bead frames after the Japanese style, the very wide main streets with overhead traffic lights and the droves of people who seem to ceaselessly tramp the pavements at night being the sights are all small impressions of Moscow. Every day, I was told, they get about 10,000 visitors from outlying districts sometimes many miles distant all attracted by the biggest city in the Union. Each station has very good arrangements for the care of babies and the younger children while the parents are sightseeing.

A very business-like aerodrome was well worth the visit. Perhaps it is not generally known that Moscow can be reached from London in 16 flying hours by a regular service.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Unfortunately it was not possible to arrange speakers for the first two weeks of January, but we now have a rather full programme.

On January 31st we are fortunate in having Mr. Hannington to speak on The Problem of the Distressed Areas. As Mr. Hannington is the General Secretary of the N.U.W.M. an invitation has been sent to our local group.

Speakers for February:—

- 7th Mr. Kaye. Why and If Not!
- 14th Member of Conservative Association.
- 21st Representative of H.S.A.
- 28th Mr. A. R. Cobb Town Planning.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

First Aid

A St. John Ambulance Class for men has been started at Barnfield School, meeting at 8.0 p.m. on Tuesdays. Although membership of the Brigade itself is only open to those over 18, membership of the class is open to those over 16. Join up.

Hard or Soft

Recently a man won a wager by eating a hundred sausages and ten fried eggs, yet there are some people who shiver and go bilious at the sight of one fried egg. They think that chicken fruit should only be used at election time.

Love and Hate

(Sent to the Editor unsigned).

Hate is the greatest enemy of man,

A passion second only to love,
So never bear malice, love all you can,
'Twill be returned from above.

Love thy neighbour, God's commandment so grand,
Is the foundation of a nation's birth,
For peace and prosperity go hand in hand,
And the meek shall inherit the earth.

Lives and loves have been cruelly shattered
In unguarded moments of wrath,
The lack of thought how little it mattered,
Then realization! What was it worth?

To the end of life these passions will fight,
But love will remain supreme,
So let's keep it on top with all our might,
Living to love must be our theme.

Montrose Open Space

It begins to look as if we might congratulate the Borough Council on a good piece of work in laying out Montrose Playing Fields. It ought to look very nice and be very useful when finished, but where are we going to have our annual fair? We do want a bit of ground somewhere for that.

Vagaries of a Vegetarian

Too many cooks spoil the (vegetable) broth—by putting in B—L.

It is easier to live if you don't have to make both ends "meat."

What is sauce for the goose is often not good enough for the food reformer.

Say it with flowers—why not cauliflowers?

A salad a day—would bankrupt Beecham.

What is one man's meat is the vegetarian's poison.

A pinch of thyme saves nine stitches (only a bit exaggerated).

Every dog has his day—does every lamb?

One swallow doesn't make a summer—but what one swallows affects the number of one's summers.

J.A.B.

Bon Voyage

Mr. Harry T. Silcock, an Edgware resident, is going on the 23rd February to China on a visit of friendliness. Mr. Silcock is a member of the Society of Friends and was a missionary in China from 1907 to 1921. He is now Director of the Universities' China Committee, and has been released by them for six months to undertake this visit. Mr. Silcock hopes to travel first to West China and then to Shanghai, where he is particularly concerned for the expression of a message of goodwill. He then hopes to spend a short time in Japan. He will be accompanied by Mr. B. Ward Perkins, a Presbyterian, who worked with the Friends' War Victims Committee at the time of the War.

Our Station

Now we can go for a longer walk while we wait at Burnt Oak Station for the train. What will happen when these very long trains get into short underground stations, or won't they stop at these? Once more the problems of London's Transport are brought to our notice. Why do we let London grow so big?

Garden Cities

It would be so easy to build Garden Cities at some distance from London, with their own industries, social amenities, services, etc., and so bring many more people within reach of the open country. But perhaps we enjoy our long journeys to and from work.

H.S.A.

Will members please note that in future contributions must be paid at the Labour Hall, on Monday evenings between 7 and 9 p.m.

Veterans' Club

The Veterans' Club offer their sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nosworthy (Juniors) on their recent marriage and wish them every success.

Mr. C. C. Smith

At the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, February 17th, the Watling Association Council were grieved to hear of the accident to Mr. C. C. Smith who it will be remembered did such good work with the Scouts at the Centre. The Council send their best wishes and hope Mr. Smith will make a speedy recovery.

Watling Association Council

The Council members elected at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, February 17th, are as follows: Messrs. Hilton, Deacon, Fanthorpe, Taylor, Williams, Lord, Hicks. Mesdames King, Nyberg, Cole, Lodge, Lake.

Fuller details of the Officers of the Council will be published in our April issue.

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The Young Watlers

This talented concert party of children has been active again recently and has brought in some nice donations for the W.A. Building Fund by means of the collecting boxes which it takes to the show it gives. One show produced a nett profit of £2 0 0 for the Fund. Many thanks.

DISCUSSION GROUP

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things."

It is apparent that the time has come to talk of, if not many, at least one thing—The Discussion Group.

As far as I can see it the Group has a threefold purpose to fulfill.

1. It should be the channel whereby our knowledge of National and International Life may be strengthened.

2. It should provide opportunities for the expression of ideas and encourage the growth of personal philosophies, or outlooks.

3. It should foster the feeling of tolerance and fellowship. No doubt, this will appear to be something of a "pain in the neck," but in practice it is a pain that can be prevented.

How can we achieve these aims? Our knowledge can be strengthened simply by listening to the speaker, who, although appearing to be an utter fool, may have something to say that will help us.

Through the discussion following the address it is possible for all of us to express our own opinions and queries; we find that in putting our thoughts into words, our ideas become more clear in our mind and our outlook becomes more stable. Not only is this true of those who speak during the discussion, but it is also true that the listeners are helped by the discussion.

Tolerance is probably the hardest part of the aim to achieve. It demands an appreciation of the speaker, however much one may disagree with things said; it demands the ability to listen and to see the other point of view; finally, it demands an appreciation of the group itself. Whatever we feel as to the lack of a Common Room or the poorness of a speaker, we must tolerate the poor unfortunates, who happen to be organising a Discussion Group and not a Games Club, Fun Fair, or Choral Society. L.V.

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NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

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REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
6 "Back to Methuselah." Mr. J. T. Harris.
13 Business Meeting.
20 International Brotherhood. Mr. F. Whitehead.
27 Communications. Mr. Lionel Sproule.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
W. E. A. Class in Modern Social Problems, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Homefield Road.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking and Millinery Classes, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls, 12-16, 7.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Dance, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 6 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 16, 8.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School.
Physical Training for Men, 8.30 p.m., at Goldbeaters Evening Institute.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
2 Dancing. Miss Mary Horner.
9 Visit to Kodak.
16 The History of Industry.
23 Mr. E. Sewell Harris, M.A., B.Sc., (Econ.), J.P.
30 Social.
Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Boxing, 6.0 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Fridays** —Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Net Ball Club, 3.15 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

- Wed'day 2 Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
Thursday 3 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
Friday 4 Neighbourhood Guild Social, 8 p.m.
Monday 7 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Thursday 10 Gwalia Glee Party Concert, 8.30 p.m.
Friday 11 Lantern Lecture. "Dr. Schweitzer," Mr. John P. Fletcher, 8 p.m.
Saturday 12 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.
Sunday 13 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. "John Groom's Crippleage," Mr. Alfred Groom.
Wed'day 16 Parent-Teacher Group at Goldbeaters School, 8 p.m.
Thursday 17 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Sunday 20 "Revolt on Song and Dance." Edgware Co-operative Musical Society and Unity Theatre Dance Group.
Friday 25 Helpers' Social, 8 p.m.
Sunday 27 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. "I.C.B." Mr. Lionel Sproule.
Thursday 31 Watling Association Council.

VETERANS' CLUB

We regret to record the death of one of our first and most respected members, Mrs. Rolls, who passed away on Monday, January 24th. A Chaplet was sent by the Veterans' with deep sympathy.

Gwalia Glee Party

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Cheer Up

In one of the daily newspapers there has recently been some correspondence on "Winter depression." It appears that during the drab days of winter some people get more fed up than others and don't know what to do with themselves.

This sinking feeling cannot be ascribed to any particular cause as various things affect people differently. The weather of course comes in for most blame, but there are numerous other trifles which under sunnier conditions we should laugh at, which, on a damp foggy day, seem to envelope us in a blanket of gloom.

Some of the remedies for low spirits advanced by readers of the newspaper are as follows:

Seek solace in the (?) warm, cheerful atmosphere of the local pub (in other words booze the winter away).

Get near to nature. Take advantage of the public libraries. It is possible during the winter months to swat up all about flora and fauna so that when the summer comes you will have an interesting outdoor hobby.

One sufferer from melancholia says "turn to religion, and instead of depression you will find the joy of living."

A student suggests reading and study whilst an "Optimist" asserts that with warm clothing, a bright fire, good food and drink, and a few good friends anyone should be happy and thankful.

Another reader thought that melancholia is another word for self-centredness, and said that a sure cure is to seek out people, make their interests your own, and instead of hoarding your own misery, give happiness to others.

A man we know says that if someone would pay his income tax he would be perfectly happy. Many more remedies were suggested but we have given enough to show that although the circumstances which cause you to be down in the dumps are many, the cures are just as varied. Happiness comes from within and we must each find our own panacea.

The great missionary and explorer, David Livingstone, was a subject throughout his life to fits of Gaelic gloom, whilst the late Mr. Ramsay Macdonald who was a prey to loneliness and depression used to visit, twice a year, a psycho-therapist and mental specialist for a mental overhaul. This was the advice given to Mr. Macdonald which it is said added years to his life.

1. On going to bed lie flat on the back, placing the arms by the side, and with legs uncrossed relax the whole body.

2. Exhale slowly through the mouth four or five times.

3. Lie perfectly still for two minutes at least; breathe quietly and relax the mind, thinking of all the good things possible, placing your mind in harmony with that of God the Creator, the Greater Mind.

4. After two minutes' silence, begin to breathe in through the nostrils long, deep inhalations, fill the lungs to their fullest capacity. Sustain the breath as long as possible, then exhale slowly through the mouth. Do this six times.

Next Please!

A Watling mother has a complaint. She says she took her small son to the barber's for a hair-cut, and left him there on a seat, informing the barber that she would call back. An hour later she returned to the shop and there was her offspring just as she had left him and still unshorn of his golden locks.

It is not for us to criticise the method by which the barber conducts his tonsorial art, but it seems a common practice in barbers' shops that, as long as there is a man customer, the boy must wait. Admitted that usually a man's business is more pressing, but couldn't there be a sort of children's hour, or a hair-dressing saloon specially for children? We make this suggestion "free, gratis."

F.H.L.

THE YOUNG WATLERS STEP OUT

The above, was the heading of *The Times* and *Guardian* and a very appropriate heading too. Our Young Watlers concert party, is one of the most famous, and most sought after units of the Watling Association (I think). Let us run through their record. About two years ago these children were a nightmare to us, so instead of continually chasing them away we decided to take them all in and see what could be made of them. We found we could not make a sewing group of them as they were continually singing and dancing, so after a visit to our lessons for parents' class I decided to test their abilities on our members by bringing them forward as a Concert Party. Since then their progress has been wonderful, although I would not like to say their performance at rehearsals on club nights is as good as that given in public. Sometimes I wonder if I'm running them, or if they are running me, but their performance and behaviour away from the Centre has always been very good, and their reputation the Watling Association are proud of. They have performed before large audiences, at Camden Town (twice), West Hendon, St. Pancras, Mill Hill Union Church, Wealdstone, for L.P.T.B. employees (twice), and Wealdstone Co-op. Hall.

On pleasure bent they have twice visited Southend and twice to Pantomimes. From each of their performances they have returned with fat donations for the Building Fund of the Watling Centre. I have in hand several requests for their services, but they need very careful consideration, but whatever decision I come to will be for the good of the children and the benefit of the Building Fund.

ANNIE HILTON.

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This report gets fuller every year. We can't print it all here, it would take too much space, but there is a great deal of interest in it and readers are strongly encouraged to ask for copies for themselves. Any adult resident on the Estate can get one at the Centre for the asking.

The list of matters, new and old, which have been taken up with the appropriate authorities during the year is worth glancing through. Here it is: The Day Nursery, Public Conveniences, barriers outside certain gates to prevent children rushing on to the road, free meals for school children whose fathers are dependent on the U.A.S., electrification of the local L.M.S. service, traffic dangers, cab rank, cheap fares, provision of woman park keeper, stamp machine and accommodation for old people on Council Estates, Bandstand in Watling Park. Apparently the Association thinks there are still improvements which might be made in our Estate and the amenities of the neighbourhood. May it have success in getting them.

I note with interest additions to the physical training facilities which are offered. How grand it will be when the Association gets the gymnasium which is so much needed. Then things will really go ahead. In the meantime good work is being done in spite of great difficulties.

Two new developments of the year which primarily affect the younger members are the Monday evening discussions and the Indoor Games Club. Both have met with some success, though it is perhaps early to speak dogmatically of the latter.

The Folk Dancing Group is not mentioned in the report as I understand it was just after the turn of the year that it was initiated, but it seems to have every chance of featuring as a successful new departure in the report for 1938.

The accounts, which are printed at the end of the report, are pretty good reading. £200 paid off the debt, instead of the £100 only, which is the necessary minimum, and nearly £100 in the repairs and decorations fund to carry into this year. Since December yet another £100 has been paid to the bank so that the loan which started at £900 is now only £200.

The Association can be congratulated on its position and on the useful work it has done in many departments. No wonder people come from all over the country, and from foreign countries as well, to see what is going on and how it is managed. An interesting list of places with which contacts have been made is included in the report. Get it now and read it.

THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING in February had the enjoyment of listening to a talk, accompanied by the reading of a number of Poems or extracts from Plums on Religious Themes by Modern Authors, given by Mrs. Silcock. Afterwards, some of those present spoke of and quoted from their favourites. Mr. Sewell Harris was in the Chair and Mr. Griffin at the piano. Next Month—March 6th—J. Rowntree Gillett will speak on the "Experimental Knowledge of God."

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Flowering Trees

Trees that have beautiful flowers add greatly to the attraction of a place. Speaking generally they look best in parks or very large gardens but even in a small garden, one or two, if well placed, will add to its beauty but they should not be crowded together. Let them have plenty of room in which to grow and develop their natural shape without deformity.

There are many instances of the shape being spoilt by the assumed necessity of making room for telegraph, telephone or electricity wires which may have been put up long after the trees were planted. Big branches are cut out or shortened in order to leave uninterrupted room for the wires and beauty is sacrificed to utilitarianism.

It is a mistake to suppose that flowering trees can only be grown in the country. Some of them do almost equally well in the suburbs or even in the town itself.

One of the best uses for trees with beautiful flowers is to let them form an avenue by planting them in the grass verge at each side of the road. Two good examples of this are to be found at Letchworth. One is in the famous Broadway which is a wide road with a broad grass verge and footpath on both sides of the road. The footpaths pass under an avenue of lime trees. The other example is in William Way where there is a fine avenue of horse-chestnut trees, white and pink, planted alternately.

These Letchworth trees were planted about 30 years ago and though quite a good size already should be much larger in the years to come. The avenues have been possible through the planning of the Garden City from the commencement. The original lay-out provided for them before ever a house was built.

Perhaps the finest chestnut avenues anywhere near London, or even in the southern part of England, are those at Bushey Park close to Hampton Court. There are nine avenues each a mile long. They consist of well-matured trees and when they are in flower they are well worth an effort to see. You should go on "Chestnut Sunday" which is the day when they are likely to be at their best. It is usually the last Sunday in May or the first in June. The exact date naturally varies according to the season. It is announced in the press beforehand.

There are many other trees besides chestnuts with beautiful flowers. Only a few of them can be noted here.

The almond tree has a profusion of pink blossoms and as they come out before the leaves are unfolded they are beautifully conspicuous. It does well in the London suburbs and is generally at its best in April.

Laburnum with its masses of golden yellow flowers is deservedly popular. May is its month.

There are several varieties of hawthorn in addition to the single white of our hedgerows, including single scarlet, double pink, double crimson and double white.

The trees grow slowly to a height of about 20 feet.

The Siberian crab-apple bears an abundance of pink blossom towards the end of May or the beginning of June and in the autumn there should be a good crop of the little bright scarlet fruit. So this tree has two seasons of beauty.

And so has the mountain ash. In the spring it is much admired for its masses of white flowers and in the autumn it is still more admired for its clusters of scarlet berries which are very useful for decorative purposes.

WHAT TO DO IN MARCH

This a trying month on account of the rapid changes from cold to warmth but "a peck of March dust is worth a king's ransom."

The planting of ornamental and other flowering trees should be completed in the early days of the month, also the planting of shrubs and fruit trees.

FLOWER GARDEN.—The planting of roses should also be completed before the month is many days old.

Roses may be pruned now, all dead and weak wood should be cut out.

Turfing the lawn may be done now but not later. With care the grass will grow if the sods are put down at almost any time of the year, but in order to secure a good lawn in the summer do not delay the matter beyond this month, otherwise the roots will not have time to penetrate deep enough to withstand a dry spell early in the season.

Sow sweet peas. They like deeply broken-up well-manured ground.

If you want a fine display of lupins reduce each plant to the three strongest shoots. Scrape the soil away so that the unwanted shoots can be cut off at the roots.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Bush fruits should be pruned before they begin to form leaves.

Gooseberries should be severely pruned in the centre of the bush so as to admit plenty of light. Also remove any low branches which would rest on the ground when weighted down with fruit, and any poor branches that would crowd, or lie across, better ones.

Fork over the strawberry bed between the plants and put down a good dressing of manure.

Vines can be cultivated with advantage out of doors in the South of England, and are a good covering for the walls of buildings. They require careful pruning and training. Cut the shoots back to one strong eye. As a preventive of mildew paint or syringe the wood with a solution of sulphur.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Plant first early potatoes in the first half of the month, and allow sufficient space between the rows for green crops to be planted there in June. Land for potatoes should have decayed stable manure applied to it at the rate of one load to eight square rods. The manure should be dug in and the potatoes should not be set in it.

Sow broad beans (Broad Windsor and Early Longpod) for succession.

Main crop and stump rooted carrots should be sown in drills one inch deep and eight inches apart.

Sow peas according to the kinds required and protect the young plants from the birds immediately they appear above ground.

Spinach, lettuces and radishes may be sown between the rows of peas and the rows of broad beans.

Coal

With regard to last month's editorial on coal. Here are some hints which may be found useful.

To every shovelful of coal dust add a good handful of common salt. Mix together with water to a stiff mortar, then store in tins or jam jars until hard, when the brickettes can be turned out for immediate use. It is well to stand the jars in a fairly warm place during the drying. The brickettes will burn better afterwards.

I find that by filling empty fruit tins and other tins with coal dust mixed with dried orange peel, and to have the slack well damped with water, makes a very useful coal saver.

Put in the centre of a bright fire and cover with more coals.

It will give out a splendid heat and can be used over again.

Fill your empty 1lb. size sugar cartons with damp coal dust and potato peelings. They make good coal blocks. If put on a good fire they will last for hours.

BREAKING COAL.—Give one hard blow with the hammer and a rapid succession of light taps. The coal will then fall to pieces easily.

Line the inside of your coal scuttle with thick linoleum, using glue to fix it in its place. It'll last much longer that way and it's cleaner, too.

To prevent dust flying when raking out the ashes, sprinkle a little water over them or hold up a newspaper in front.

TILES IN FIREPLACE.—If tiles at side become loose, get a small tin of condensed milk and brush each tile with it and replace. I used half a tin for six tiles, which are still firm after twelve months.

FIRE-GUARDS.—To avoid ends rubbing against the tiles, cover with a rubber teapot spout.

LEO.

Questionable Statements

The first question is whether it is quite proper to give to any statement that can be questioned the adjective questionable! But that is merely by the way.

There is a boy of my early memories towards whom I find I have a kind of natural feeling, though, if the proverb that the boy is father to the man be applicable in this case, the feelings ought to be filial rather than paternal! He was a chemist's apprentice. One day when serving a customer of the friendly sort the weather came under discussion. It happened to be raining and the customer thought to conclude the conversation by remarking, "Never mind, the rain will do more good than either you or I will." The boy's individuality had not yet got him submerged in that subservience which finds expression in the dictum "the

customer is always right" and more by his expression than by any argument he managed to put forward. He conveyed to the amused customer the fact that he dared to regard the statement as a questionable one.

Is it true that "the rain will do more good than you or I can?" I guess I'll let you work it out and the only clue I will give is to put another question to come in at the end of your consideration. Are physical or spiritual things ultimately the more valuable?

But when I have found my conclusions I am reminded of an Adult School man I knew—one of the many fine ones. He was an educated man who could carry his convictions about such a subject as votes for women to the point of parading the town alone with sandwich boards supporting the movement and was once nearly mobbed for his Peace principles. One story about him is that once when he got a rise in salary he went home to his rooms, interviewed his landlady, told her about it and said he thought he ought to pay her more in consequence! He was always helping progressive movements but I have been told that he said that he thought he would have done better if he had spent his life inventing something that would have lessened the labour of women. That would have been a choice of the physical as against the spiritual (giving the latter word a broad meaning)—but the fact that it was to be on behalf of women pretty much redeems it.

Another example of the Questionable Statement came to that youth when a friend of his master came in one day with a Sunday paper in which a writer (I think it was Dagonet of *The Referee* to the "old uns" who remember) had given a quotation from John the Baptist and then went on to give another by "one greater than John the Baptist," to wit, Shakespeare. The argument was of course based upon the words of Jesus about John the Baptist being a great man but "he who is most in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he" . . . It opens up a pretty argument. What do you think of it? Does it need the help of a bible authority?

J.A.B.



Dear Editor,

I should like, through the *Watling Resident* to express my thanks and sincere appreciation to the workers in the Canteen, for their co-operation throughout the year. I'm sure, when they see the takings for the year, in our annual report, £672 14s. 0d., they, as I do, will feel justly proud of their voluntary efforts. In addition to the above, they have put in quite a lot of labour in catering for various suppers and functions where refreshments have been provided, and I sincerely thank them for their services in the past year and hope for their continued assistance in the future.

MRS. A. R. LODGE.
(Canteen Supervisor)

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Borough Council Notes

The subscriptions to the Hendon Council Christmas Gift Fund this year amounted to £720. Vouchers issued equalled 1,860 cwts. of coal and 2,058 families received assistance.

From time to time during Choice of Employment Conferences a desire has been expressed by certain boys to enter Horticulture and Nursery work but that owing to lack of openings, alternative employment had to be obtained. It has been recommended that the Estates, Parks and Allotments Committee of the Council be approached to ascertain whether it is possible for the Borough Council to organise an apprenticeship system.

The Director of Education, Bournemouth, has enquired whether the Hendon Council would be prepared to make use of a proposed residential Open Air School at Bournemouth.

A revised estimate amounting to £835 10s. 0d. for the installation of traffic control signals at the junction of Watling Avenue and Orange Hill Road has been forwarded to the Ministry of Transport.

Owing to bad weather progress in connection with the bowling green in Watling Park was slow and the contract period of four months exceeded.

Mill Hill Ladies' Bowling Club has applied for the use of four rinks on the Bowling Green in Mill Hill Park for next season, and also for the provision of a pavilion with lockers for serving tea.

The re-surfacing of the tennis courts in Watling Park has been completed.

The Chief Librarian has been authorised to purchase 260 new books for addition to the stock of the Mill Hill Branch Library.

It has been suggested that the facilities provided for medical students should be extended to law students by the payment to the Law Lending Library of an annual subscription of £2 7s. 6d. which would enable the Library service to borrow books on legal subjects up to the value of three guineas at any one time.

The Borough Surveyor reported with regard to the appearance of the second-hand car depot, Burnt Oak Broadway. A portion of the land will ultimately be required by the Middlesex County Council in connection with the widening of the Edgware Road. The County Council has been requested to proceed with the widening of this portion of the Edgware Road as soon as practicable.

F.H.L.

Health

We all want health; some of us seem to keep it easily, others with difficulty, others seem to get little help from even the cleverest doctors. What is the secret? Perhaps we each have our own ideas. Some believe in injections, others in diet, yet others in operations or medicines. There is a man in this neighbourhood who seems to have been able to help some people, and people who had been regarded as hopeless by others, by the power of God. He makes few promises, but he is willing to help those who will come to him. He makes no charge, because this power has been given to him freely, and he believes he should pass it on freely. If you are ill, or crippled, have arthritis, nervous disorders, gastric trouble or are paralysed, or any other serious trouble, particularly if you have found that the doctors cannot help you much, would you like to ask for help here? If so send your name and address to me at Watling Centre and an appointment will be made. If a lot of people apply at once there may be some delay in arranging a meeting, but probably not long.

E. SEWELL HARRIS.

ANNUAL PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF UNEMPLOYED

The above party was held on Wednesday, 19th January, when no less than 400 children were catered for. This would have been impossible had it not been for the generous support of local traders and the willing co-operation of other members of our Association, for you will realise that when on the previous figures, I as Organiser was catering for 250 and only the night before the party to be told by Mr. Fanthorpe that the number was 400, some quick thinking had to be done for it is our proud boast that anything undertaken by us must be a success at all costs. I am pleased to say that owing to a good friend of the Association we were able to live up to this tradition and I am sure the youngsters enjoyed themselves, with their old friend Fyfe Clayton in command.

Now the other side of the story, this party was quite unconsciously fixed to take place in the middle of our Anniversary Week. With the services of Mrs. Lodge and her catering staff taxed to the utmost, it would not have been surprising if they had grumbled about the additional work entailed by the party, but no, they are just as keen that the youngsters should have a good time, then Mr. Lodge and the trainees are to be congratulated on the part they played. I have received letters from some of the children all of which were very nice, one in particular said he hoped I had kept enough money to buy things for my wife. To me such thoughts coming from a child were very gratifying, and I feel, fully repays one for the effort made. In conclusion I should like to thank the following for their support: Messrs. Woolworth, Spurriers, Steele, Brady, Hales, Marks, Vowden, Dewhurst, Boots, Pearks, Dicks, Cooks, L.C.S., Mrs. Grey Skinner, Mrs. Voysey, Westminster Wine Stores, Popular Stores, Thompsons, Express Dairy, United Dairies, Harrison, Chas. Phillips, Pegleys, Pritchards, Sainsbury's, Mrs. Connor, Mr. Freddy Cole, F. Williams Kunzie, Members of Neighbourhood Guild and Burnt Oak Women's Adult School.

C. J. ROBLAU.

BURNT OAK ADULT SCHOOLS AND THE WATLING ASSOCIATION

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION, 1938

to be held at the

WATLING CENTRE

FRIDAY, MAY 6th.

7.30 - 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7th.

3.30 - 6.30 p.m.

GRAND VARIETY CONCERT - - - SATURDAY, MAY 7th, at 8 p.m.

The competitive classes are open to Members of Adult Schools in the North-West Federation. Members of the Watling Association. Members of Affiliated Groups. Residents on the Watling Estate.

ENTRY FORM

Class		Class		Group No.	Description of Exhibit.
1	Cake making.	19	Leather Work.		
" 2	Sponge.	" 20	Rug making.		
" 3	Pickles.	" 21	Raffia Work.		
" 4	Short Pastry.	" 22	Painting (Oils).		
" 5	Flaky Pastry.	" 23	Painting (Water-colour).		
" 6	Fruit Cake (Men only).	" 24	Pencil Sketching.		
" 7	Open Tart (Men only).	" 25	Pastel Drawing.		
" 8	Jams.	" 26	Poster Work.		
" 9	Jam Tart.	" 27	Fancy Needlework.		
" 10	Preserves.	" 28	Plain Needlework.		
" 11	Puff Pastry.	" 29	Knitting.		
" 12	Sweet making.	" 30	Hat making.		
" 13	Floral Table Decoration.	" 31	Hat Trimming (Women).		
" 14	Woodwork.	" 32	Hat Trimming (Men).		
" 15	Carving.	" 33	Photography (Studio).		
" 16	Metalwork.	" 34	Photography (Snapshots).		
" 17	Boot Repairing.	" 35	Photography		
" 18	Toy making.		(Enlargements).		

Full Name.....

Age if under 18 years.....

Address

Entrance Fee d. enclosed.

Each class will be divided into three groups (1) Professional; (2) Amateur; (3) For Exhibition only.

Please state group number and give description of exhibit on entry form. Young people under eighteen must also state their age.

Certificates will be awarded to the three best entries in each class and the judges' decision is final.

ENTRANCE FEES: Each exhibitor 2d. any number of entries.

Children under 14 years, 1d. any number of entries.

This will include free admission to the Exhibition on each day.

The tickets for the concert will be 1s. 0d. and 6d.

All entrance forms with fees must be returned by April 23rd to the Exhibition Secretary, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak.

All exhibits must be clearly marked and left at the Watling Centre by 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 5th, 1938.



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"What's the biggest ant in the world, Jumbo?"

"The elephant, of course!"

"You look a wise old fellow. So tell me, now—
if a lad has a step-father, is that lad a step-ladder?"

A TRICK

When you do this trick it looks as if you throw
a sheet of paper into the air, and as it falls cut off
a perfect strip. But what really happens is this:
You have prepared a small strip from the paper and
placed it beforehand between the blades of the scissors,
so that as the paper comes down you open them, and
out falls the strip.

"No! No supper—I warned you! Off you go to
bed without your supper."

"Hurrah! No medicine, then! It says I'm to
take it after meals."

FROGS

(Essay by Tommy age 5)

What a wonderful bird the frog are. When he stand
he sit, almost, when he hop he fly, almost. He ain't
got no sense, hardly. He ain't got no tail, hardly,
either; when he sit, he sit on what he ain't got, almost.

Visitors to a certain hotel frequently had shepherd's
pie for lunch, and much enjoyed it. Finally, one
guest decided to ask for the recipe so that his wife
could make one like it.

"Sorry sir," said the waitress, "there's no recipe.
It just accumulates."

"Oh, doctor," exclaimed the agitated woman, "my
little Tommy has swallowed a ten-shilling note."

"Well, what do you expect me to do," said the
doctor, "get it back?"

"Oh, if you don't think you can get it all back
at once, perhaps you can recover half-a-crown of it
for me to go on with."

An Irishman, seeing grape-fruit for the first time,
exclaimed: "Begorra, and thim's big oranges indade.
It wouldn't take many av thim to make a dozen!"

"My small son had got a lot of books and, being
rather short of cupboard room, I wondered where to
put them. I got an orange-box (3d.), with two com-
partments, and gave it a coat of dark oak varnish
paint. Then I made a curtain for the front. Then
packed in the books. Now he is the owner of a book-
case all to himself."

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RESULT OF LAST MONTH'S COUPLETS COMPETITION

Eggs and Bacon.	Work and Play.
Strawberries and Cream.	Rich and Poor.
Knife and Fork.	Bubble and Squeak.
Adam and Eve.	Cain and Abel.
Cup and Saucer.	Sunshine and Shadow.
Salmon and Cucumber.	Town and Country.
Men and Women.	Bread and Butter.
Pen and Ink.	Boys and Girls.
Sausage and Mash.	Day and Night.

No one sent in an all-correct solution. Sunshine
and Shadow was the couplet which baffled all entrants.

Consolation prizes have been awarded to the follow-
ing who made only one mistake: Raymond Chattaway,
Bertie Nials, Iris Warburton, Edward Gardner, Joyce
Birch, Roy Cole.

Tommy: "Please, teacher, can I be punished for
something I haven't done?"

Teacher: "Of course not, Tommy."

Tommy: "Good, I haven't done my homework."

PLEASE NOTE that all matters for
publication must reach the Editor, at 26
Crispin Road, by the 13th day of the
month preceding publication.



Being completely devoid of ideas for this month's page, I asked a Scottish friend, whom I know to be a "braw" cook to contribute some of her recipes, which she has kindly done. I wish she had added a recipe for "Black Bun," but perhaps she will give us that another time.

OPEN APPLE TART

2 large apples, 1 egg, 1 lemon, 1 cup of sugar. Melt butter, stir in beaten egg, sugar, finely shopped apples, grated rind and juice of lemon.

Line a pie plate with short crust, pour in mixture and bake in quick oven. This is very good.

SCOTCH SHORTBREAD

4 ozs. butter, 3 ozs. sugar, yolk of egg, 6 ozs. flour, 2 ozs. ground rice.

Beat butter and sugar to a cream, add yolk of egg, then flour and rice and knead; then roll it out, prick with fork and bake in moderate oven.

CHOCOLATE SPONGE SANDWICH

Two eggs, their weight in flour and sugar, the weight of one in margarine and one dessert spoon of cocoa.

Beat butter and sugar to a cream, add eggs one at a time and beat well, add flour and cocoa, if too stiff add a little milk, put in two sandwich tins and bake in fairly hot oven; when cold put together with butter icing as follows: 4 ozs. icing sugar, 1½ ozs. butter, 2 dessert-spoonfuls chocolate powder and a little milk. Mix in basin stood in a saucepan of hot water.

COFFEE SPONGE SANDWICH

2 eggs, their weight in sugar and flour, and the weight of one of margarine, and 1 dessert-spoonful of coffee essence.

Beat butter and sugar to a cream, add eggs, beat well then add flour and coffee essence, put in two sandwich tins and bake in fairly hot oven, when cold put together with coffee icing as follows: 2 ozs. butter, 4 ozs. icing sugar, coffee essence and a little milk. Beat sugar and butter, add coffee essence and enough milk to make it like cream. When I put icing on top I omit the butter.

SNOWBALLS

3 ozs. butter, 3 eggs, 4 ozs. sugar, 8 ozs. flour, ½ tea-spoonful carbonate of soda, 1 teaspoonful cream of tartar. Sift flour, soda, cream of tartar together, cream butter and sugar, beat whites of eggs until stiff then add yolks and beat until thick, add to butter and sugar then add flour and if too stiff add a little hot water. Bake in patty tins and when cold dip in a thin white icing and roll in coconut.

Yours till next time,

SUSAN SAVOURY.

D. A. STEELE

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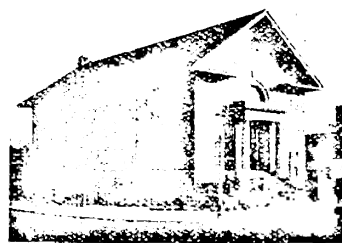
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Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

March 6—Mr. J. FENWICK ADAMS.

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Celebration Week

Celebration Week is now fading into the past and all eyes and energies must now be turned towards the coming Watling Week but we cannot let it pass without making a few observations on what was considered a very creditable and profitable week for the Association. The week started with the big Whist Drive which was well attended and ably conducted by Mr. Frank Williams and his stewards. Tuesday saw the Common Room packed for the P.T. display under the leadership of Mrs. B. Lord. Many people were turned away owing to lack of accommodation. Groups taking part were Eurythmics, Junior Girls, Intermediate, Senior Girls and Women's P.T. Classes. Medals were awarded to the following:

Junior P.T.: 1st (Good all round work) Iris Cole.
Eurythmics: (good attendance)

1st Margaret Harris. 2nd Sheila Chineery.

Junior P.T.: 1st (Goog all round work) Iris Cole.
2nd (Improvement) E. Powell.

Intermediate: 1st (good all round work) Joyce Lord.
2nd (Improvement) Phyllis Isles.

Senior P.T.: 1st (good all round attendance) Rose Ulmer. 2nd (Improvement) G. Chapman.

Women's P.T.: 1st Good attendance, Mrs. L. Parker.
2nd Good attendance, Mrs. P. Lock.

County Councillor Mrs. Suggate officiated as Chairman, supported by County Councillor Mrs. Grey Skinner and Miss Knight (Central Council of Recreative and Physical Training).

The display was a credit to the Association and showed most plainly the urgent need for the completion of the Centre so that several of the Groups who have to find accommodation at the local schools may be housed under the one roof and those groups at the Centre extended in numbers.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Crowe organised a special Social Whist Drive for the benefit of the Building Fund. Prizes were given by local traders and the drive proved a great financial success.

Wednesday evening, Mr. C. Deacon, complete with School Cap and Gown, lead his scholars in one of the craziest of Crazy Whist Drives we have run at the Centre, causing roars of laughter and I think a few headaches.

Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Crowe ran her usual Whist Drive, and in the evening a debate on "The Best Way to Peace" was held in the Main Hall. The debate was opened by Councillor A. A. Naar. The speakers were Captain Phillip Mumford, "Peace Pledge Union," for disarmament; Commander John Irving (Navy League), re-armament, and Mr. Alec Wilson, "League of Nations Union," Collective Security. Each speaker put up an excellent appeal for their particular point of view, and members of the audience made good use of the three minutes allowed to each of them for questions.

The Annual Supper held at the Centre on Friday, once again proved a great success. About 130 members and friends attended. We raise our hats to Mrs. Lodge

and the Canteen staff for the excellent supper and efficient service they gave us.

The Gang broke loose on Saturday and there was no stopping them. The Social opened with our M.C., Mrs. Nyberg, complete with Fairy Dress, football socks and boots, and magic wand (which looked suspiciously like a wall broom) being wheeled into the hall on a wheelbarrow, followed by the Gang in various forms of crazy dress. A number of the members were also gaily attired in most extraordinary styles of dress.

During the evening the Gang staged a grocers shop. What star turns they all were, and what a shop, there was nothing left of it at the end of the scene.

The things that happened that night would fill this journal so I had better leave it at that.

Sunday saw the end of Celebration Week with a Social Dance for the younger members in the hall and a crazy Free and Easy in the Common Room for the older members. The Gang were once again very much in evidence under the leadership of Mr. J. Radley. They tried their hand at the "Big Apple" dance, also as Glee singers and finally Jack opened his crazy Court and summoned various members to Do, Say, or Pay. Most of them paid.

The 100 yards race by 1ft. cards proved a great success. Prizes were awarded to the three filling the most cards. Mr. Wickens came first with 69 to his credit. Mr. Taylor second with 38, and Mr. Griffin third with 26. Mr. Wickens put his prize up for sale and raised a further 9/7 for the Building Fund.

The effort of Celebration Week was to raise £25 for the Building Fund. All I can say at the moment is we were more than successful.

The Crazy Gang Committee this year were Mrs. B. Lord and Messrs. E. Scwell-Harris, J. Hilton, W. R. Lodge, C. Tadman, C. J. Roblou, C. Downes, C. Deacon and E. Cole.

In closing, on behalf of the Gang we tender our thanks to all the people that supported our functions during the week. The stewards and many other good people whose assistance contributed so largely to our success and to the local traders for their response to our appeal for prizes.

E. E. COLE.

TO PARENTS AND OTHERS

Our Representative may shortly call on you, and, if you can spare the time, will explain all about the

MANCHESTER UNITY OF ODD FELLOWS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

(Voluntary Benefits, N.H.I.; Adult and Juvenile)

Local Branch, BURNT OAK LODGE, Watling Centre.

Further information, Mr. T. E. YOUNG, 32 Edrick Road, Burnt Oak, from whom tickets (6/-) for the Annual Lodge Dinner, Lysbeth Hall, Soho, April 23rd, may also be obtained.

Cycling for Women for Health and Fitness

says Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY

25,000 mile propaganda ride in 1938 by ex-Watling Resident

(Exclusive article specially written for readers of "THE WATLING RESIDENT.")



[PHOTO BY COURTESY OF "CYCLING"]

Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY at the commencement of her year's propaganda ride.

As reported in the last issue of the *Watling Resident*, "Cassie" is now busy on her bicycle advocating that cycling for women and girls keeps them fit and healthy. Perhaps before I go on to other subjects you may be interested to know my progress to date. Well during the month of January with its memorable days of gales I managed to cover nearly 2,170 miles on my Rudge-Whitworth lady's bicycle.

This is an average of over 72 miles per day, the highest distance covered in one day being over 91 miles on the gale day of 23rd January. Do you remember it?

Now my venture is not intended to be a race, or just a ride to collect a lot of miles, or a demonstration of hard-cycling. These miles I have so far covered have been made up of pleasure rides, local riding calling on people, cycle dealers and so on, and are being carefully checked by the weekly journal "Cycling" which publishes latest details of my riding every Wednesday. It is naturally interesting to see approximately how far a woman would travel using a bicycle for travel, and as what is so very important these days, as an excellent and inexpensive means of obtaining physical fitness at the same time.

Although my residence, when not on a bicycle or on tour, is at Mill Hill, I am actually an ex-Watling resident, and I have great pleasure in saying so. It was in July, 1931, that I became one, my parents moved to Dryfield Road, where they still live.

For over 5 years as a resident on Watling Estate, I watched the growth of cycling clubs in the district, and the increase in popularity of an excellent sport and pastime. Before I came to live in the district my interests were in Gymnastics and Physical Culture, and Walking. After 4 years at the Camden School of Gymnastics I succeeded in winning the Women's Championship of this organization—after which I decided to turn to cycling, a step that I have never regretted.

I had not been in the district long before I became interested in this popular little magazine of ours—or rather yours. The next step was to become a "seller"—and I enjoyed this little job once a month as I watched my sales creep up to over 80 copies for the Dryfield Road—Walter Walk section. This took me all Sunday morning, and I only relinquished it because "the call of the road" had to be obeyed.

Another happy memory I have is the pleasant evenings spent with Mrs. Harris at 13 Gunter Grove with members of the Watling Girls Club whilst energetic Mr. Harris was busy at the Community Centre, then, I believe, at 35 Abbots Road. Most of those girls eventually became keen and active cyclists, and if we had been a little more experienced those 6 years ago, we could have laid the foundation to a really fine all-ladies' cycling club.

Occasionally I contributed to the *Resident* myself, and gradually this became regular when Mr. Veal, then Editor, asked me to write the Ladies' Page, which I did under the pen-name of "Buddy Bee." Being now years since I last saw this conscientious gentleman I trust he is still a Watling resident, and as fond of his roses as ever.

Yes readers, all that is of the past, and now we go ahead ON BICYCLES to conquer ill-health, sluggish liver, poor appetite, restlessness, etc.—it's Doctor Bicycle for you and me—take doses of it daily according to your choice.

Cycle to work, factory, office, shop—and enjoy pedalling home again when the daily round is over. There's a strange fascination about riding a bicycle, a feeling of something attempted—something done.

Some folks say it gives them aches and pains. Perhaps that's true at first. It is just that the human machinery was a little sluggish, and needed oiling.

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If you have not cycled much lately, and are getting the "iron" out again, buy yourself a bottle of Elliman Athletic Rub before doing so, and avoid complaining that—"cycling is hard work."

Next month I hope to have time to tell you all about machine, where I have been, strange experiences, etc.,—in the meantime my good wishes to Mr. Lake your Editor, to all contributors, to all readers,—and don't forget the bicycle. If you have one already, look after it—it will look after you well.

If you are going to buy one for yourself or for one of your children, you are making an investment not a purchase, and you are "all set" for the easiest Road to "Good Health."

Yours awheel,

BILLIE DOVEY (Mrs.)

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

We seem to have had already a taste of this month's weather, let us hope the windy season has finished early this year and we can go right ahead into the spring.

The attendance on Club runs has been very encouraging of late; this to me is surprising as I was of the opinion that our runs would not be so well supported since the points system has become redundant. Even so, I hope they will be brought back into force for next year, as I think they provide an added incentive to the average rider and set an opportunity for the non-racing member to compete for an award.

An awful thought has just struck me; I shall soon have to say something about racing, all these lads buying sprints and tubs. I hope you are also doing a little in the "keep fit" line. Don't think that all you need is a pair of sprints and you become a fast man—they still have to be pushed, quoth he, to the amazement of all and sundry. Anyhow, good luck to you; may fast times and plenty of helpers be your share throughout the coming season. Our recent affiliation to the North Midds. and Herts. D.A. will provide further scope for you this year. We will probably allow the times done in the North Midds. 100 to stand for our B.A.R. trophy. Incidentally, what about having a smack at White Hill, Len?

Having, as Jack would say, "finished with the imbeciles," let me remind readers of our Closing Dance on the 19th of this month. I need not dwell upon the popularity of these functions. Just come along and an enjoyable evening is assured.

Our runs for this month include:—

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| March 6th | Dinner — Bennington.
Tea — Hunsdon. |
| March 13th | Dinner — Kidlington.
Tea — Hemel Hempstead. |
| March 20th | Dinner — Chesham.
Tea — West Hyde. |
| March 27th | Dinner — Cowley.
Tea — Stoke Poges. |

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NORTHERN CYCLING CLUB

Well members and other folk who may be interested in our notes, after a few months of absence our notes once again appear in print.

As some of you know, we held our A.G.M. last month, and I am glad to say that some of our very able members have accepted their old positions, and poor old George was persuaded to do the donkey work again. Well we seem to be picking up again this year, for we have many new faces among us, and we hope to see many more before the Spring.

To encourage new members we decided on reduced subscriptions. For members under 18 years of age, 5/-; over 18 and under 20 years of age, 7/6 per year.

CHARLIE.

GAMES TOURNAMENT

W.A. v. Odd Fellows (return contest)

Well, Dear Editor, on behalf of the Watling Resident Staff, we all wish to express our great pleasure in welcoming you back from Hospital. You missed a treat by not being able to accompany us on our trip to the Odd Fellows, Flower of Hendon Lodge, who were hosts to the Burnt Oak Branch (Watling Centre) and us, for our return contest of indoor games. This away event is likely to prove the forerunner of many, and I for one am looking forward to our next visit to St. Dunstons, Sunnyfields Crescent, and I'm sure, the Ladies who accompanied us enjoyed the Social evening, that was provided for them. Music was provided by the "Directors" band with Mrs. De Lattin at the piano, and the M.C., Mr. Teddy Edwards, D.C.M., M.M., a Bro. of the Odd Fellows. I should think by the sound of his voice, his rank in the Army must have been Sgt. Major, anyway, whatever his rank, he soon infected us with that "make yourself at home" feeling. In giving you the results, I don't mean the morning after the night before results, but the results of games played (even that sounds a bit sticky), but please don't misconstrue these remarks.

Table Tennis: Watling Association beat Odd Fellows, 14 games to 11.

Darts: Dick Lodge (capt.), Deacon, Hall, Taylor, Wickens, Stanborough, Wheeler, Silvey, Hyde, LOST to Odd Fellows Bros. J. H. Carpenter, J. W. Carpenter, W. Prior, W. Capel, P. Murphy, E. Verslugs, T. E. Young, Webb, Mott, Aber.

Billiards: Hilton and Bishop beat Odd Fellows W. Cracknell and S. Storrer (200 up).

Billiards, singles: Garrett, Odd Fellows beat J. Orchard (100 up).

Snooker: Lodge junior and A. Parrott beat Odd Fellows Webb and Mott.

Snooker, singles: Odd Fellow C. Murphy beat Stevens, W.A.

Whist: Griffin and Nyberg, W.A., beat Young and Garrett.

Dominoes: Griffin, W.A., lost to Garrett.

Draughts: Nyberg, W.A., beat Loiney.

Crib: W.A. beat Odd Fellows.

Shove-ha'penny: Taylor, Hicks, Stanborough, W.A., lost to Verslugs, Sheldrick, Capel.

I hope this report is quite correct, but my memory, like that of the Darts Captain, is a bit hazy, but I do remember going up to fetch him down, and then 35 others coming up to fetch us down. Anyhow, we just emerged from the Games Tournament, winners by 1 point (not pint), a defeat, which the Odd Fellows have promised to wipe out in the near future. (Perhaps).

JACK HILTON.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT THE ADULT SCHOOL

It is very surprising that when a group decides to change its name, some people think a minor evolution has occurred. They at once begin to raise objections and to criticise.

The young people have felt for a long time that the name B.O.Y.P.A.S. was unsuitable and after considerable discussion have decided on

Deansbrook Club (Adult School).

There is no intention or desire to break away from the Adult School movement or its ideals, but we feel the new name will give us a better chance to advertise the group and explain its objects.

We aim to get inspiration, fellowship, recreation and knowledge from our meetings and we succeed in this endeavour.

Our programmes include Folk Dancing, Talks and Discussions, Hymn singing and the reading of good literature including the Bible.

We are not ashamed of the religious side of our meetings because from this we gain the inspiration and help to fully develop our personality.

Do you want friendship, knowledge, and the ability to express yourself, then try the Deansbrook Club next Wednesday at 8.15 p.m.

J.W.P.

BOXING

Beaten but not disgraced.

On Saturday, 12th February, we lost the J.C.C. Cup. We were unlucky in having so many of our boys drawn together in the preliminary heats, and one of the team who was injured through football and another through illness were unable to compete in the finals. All our competitors put up a good show, and your respective trainers are satisfied.

I hope you have made up your minds to avenge this defeat next year.

It has come to my knowledge in a round about way that several members of the club who have not turned up just lately, have put up a very weak excuse of "I am not going up to train because of the lack of trainers and there is nothing to do."

Now I challenge any member, past or present, of this club to prove that on any Tuesday or Thursday during the season there has not been at least one trainer for the Juniors and two for the Seniors.

The fact is that some of you would rather come are going to win your next contest, instead of getting stripped and learning how to box, perhaps some of you up and stand round the fire and discuss how you think that you have nothing to learn, the sooner you get that idea out of your heads the better.

Now we want a team for the Inter-Estate match to be held at Barnfield School.

Now for the love of mike, don't let a team come to Watling from another Estate and walk off with that cup. Come up and train like — until the event. A medal for the Inter-Estate match (when held at Watling) is worth having. Ask some of the 1936 team!

We are trying to arrange two more Inter-Club matches in the near future, so that you cannot complain of nothing to do.

I noticed on the 12th of February that the barber is still out of work.

L.K.

B.O.Y.P.A.S. 5th BIRTHDAY

On the occasion of the 5th Anniversary of the B.O.Y.P.A.S., a birthday party was held in the Hall at the Watling Centre on Saturday, February 12th.

The tables were tastefully arranged, and many thanks are due to the members who worked so well to make this event a success.

The cake was made and cut by Frank Whitehead, the Secretary of the School.

After the tables were cleared, a very enjoyable evening followed with games and dancing.

Mr. J. W. Pratten, the President, being a very able M.C.

At the conclusion everyone joined in Auld Lang Syne. At the next anniversary, it is hoped a larger number will be present. All young people over 17 years of age will be welcomed on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock in C. Room, Watling Centre.

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OF THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE WATLING ESTATE

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

New Members

From time to time new people appear at the Centre. They generally look in at a Social function and it is hoped that when they attend older members will make them welcome, and do their best to make them feel at home.

Keep Fit

We've got the bowling green. We are getting a library and a bandstand.

Now we want a swim pool. It's no use the Government telling us to keep fit if they stick a mouldy bath in one place and a pool about umpteenth miles away. Swimming is one of the best exercises for keeping in good health and there should be cheap and good swim pools in every district.

Lid off

Men's hats are gradually disappearing again. This is a sure sign that summer is coming. As the warmer weather approaches more men leave off their hats until the proportion wearing hats is about 1 in 3. Then as the summer draws to a close, the hats gradually return, leaving just a few hardy enthusiasts to go through the winter without hats. Except for wearing flannel bags, this is about all the distinction men make in their wearing apparel for winter and summer.

"Safe for democracy"

I stood beside two boys who were going to the pictures and I couldn't help hearing scraps of their conversation. They seemed to know more about the international situation than I did.

Said one: "My dad said there will be a world war. Old Mussolini has gone mad and Hitler's worse."

"Yes," chimed in the other. "Look at the way he stands up at the pictures wiv' one hand in his coat and the other one behind him—like some blinking lord."

Brighter Suits

The other day I saw a man wearing a green suit. It was a nice darkish shade and was not at all unbecoming. I admire the man's courage and individuality as it is about time mere man woke up to the fact that there are colours other than blue, black, brown and grey—colours he has kept to for ages.

Why not brighter clothes for men. Psychologists assert that colours affect our spirits so it is up to us to find out what colours make for good humour, confidence and goodwill, and it is for us to choose our cloth accordingly.

To Men

International crisis, religious controversy, democracy or fascism, compulsory training, use of leisure, local government. What do you know of these things. It has been said that public affairs are conducted with higher ability in Britain than in any other country. Each of us has a public duty. Are you playing your part or are you apathetic? You have your views, you have an opinion. Don't bottle them up. Express yourself. You have certain rights and privileges—safeguard them. The Burnt Oak Men's Adult School meets at the Watling Centre every Sunday evening at 6.30 and discusses subjects which affect all of us.

Come and join us next Sunday. No entrance fee. Join the school and be a live citizen.

Fishing

Neither in the silkstream, nor the paddling pool, nor Mill Hill swimming bath, but where there are worth while fish. Do you fish? Do you like company? Who's for a Fishing Club. Names to "Fisher-man" at Watling Centre and nets shall be laid.

IF you think the Centre or the *RESIDENT* could be improved.
IF you have any ideas or suggestions.
IF you have any news, information, stories or articles which might be of interest to Residents

WRITE TO US.

Contributions to reach the Editor by the 13th of preceding month.

Watling Week, 1938

This is the 10th Watling Week. Last year's was a record financially. Can we beat it this year? If so we ought to be able to clear off the debt to the bank. That would mark a milestone in the progress of the Association. Watling Week No. 10 starts on Friday, June 17th, and will probably finish on Monday, June 27th, so a little more and we shall have Watling fortnight. The Association is always willing to help people save their money to spend this week. Will you want a ticket for the dinner?

Folk Dancing

The Folk Dancing group which resulted from the visit of Mr. Douglas Kennedy, of the English Folk Dance and Song Societies, to the first Free and Easy this year is going strong. At present it has to meet sometimes on Fridays, sometimes on Sundays. Mr. Harris will be glad to give particulars to any who want to join. Some of the dances learnt are being practised in the first part of the Free and Easys, so members can come and see what they are like.

Drama

The Hendon Drama Festival is being held in St. Michael's Hall, Golders Green, from April 4th-9th. Sixteen different plays will be put on and the Watling Guild of Players entry appears half-way through, on Wednesday, April 6th. This festival is an occasion which should not be missed.

The National Community Movement

The Community movement is spreading rapidly; all sorts of people from all sorts of places are interested. The visitors' book at our Centre indicates how many people come to see the building and learn how the Association works. The Annual Conference of the movement meets on April 2nd and 3rd and will consider proposals for altering the constitution of the National Committee, the Community Centres and Associations' Committee, in a way which will give half its membership to Community Associations. A report of the Conference will appear next month.

May 1928

This was an historic month. It saw the first issue of *THE WATLING RESIDENT*. How many of my readers remember the first editor, the redoubtable Dr. Briggs? I understand that special plans are afoot to celebrate the tenth birthday of the "Resident" in the next issue. Be sure you get it.

The Watling Association

Rumour has reached me that some people think the W.A. does not want new members. Rumour, as usual, is false. The W.A. welcomes new members, both from the Estate and from off the Estate. It welcomes new workers, and there are all sorts of jobs waiting to be done. Join up now and offer your services.

Young Watlers

If you hear an unearthly row coming from the room on Monday or Thursday evenings, don't get nervous. It is only The Young Watlers Concert Band exercising their lungs and feet in preparation for the best show ever, which is to open up *WATLING WEEK*, No. 10, with a bang. They intend giving of their very best, and how they would like to win the cup this year. They will, I think, persuade Mrs. Hilton to let them enter, and who knows?

Keep this Date open, Tuesday, 5th April

A Grand Dance and Cabaret will be held at The Cornwall Assembly Rooms, White Lion Hotel, for the benefit of the Distress Fund. Maison Lyons of Watling Avenue is sponsoring this programme, and giving good prizes including two Cups for a Fox Trot Competition, 2nd and 3rd prizes if enough entries. Cabaret turns by well known Artistes. A good Floor, a good Band, and a very popular M.C. and programme organised and arranged by a well known organiser, this should be the *Dance of the Season*. Dancing from 7.30 till midnight.

Here's fun

We are pleased to hear that Mr. C. Fanthorpe has been elected Assistant Social Secretary.

Mr. Fanthorpe, as is well known, is a worker, so it looks as if the already popular functions held at the Centre will continue to flourish.

Aldershot Tattoo

All tickets for this Outing have been sold and a party of 250 will leave the Centre on June 11th to see this annual military spectacle.

VETERANS' CLUB

We regret to record the death of one of our earliest and much loved members, Mrs. Reffel, aged 79 years, who passed peacefully away on Wednesday, March 2nd. A chaplet from the Veterans' Club and a posy of flowers from the President, Mrs. A. I. Jones, was sent in deepest sympathy.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

April, 1938

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** --Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
3 "Ends and Means."
Mr. C. E. H. Carrington.
10 "Do we unconsciously help to maintain a lower standard of life?" Mr. E. E. Cole.
17 Easter Sunday. No meeting.
24 Meeting at 9.30 a.m. Subject to be arranged.
- Monday** --Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
W. E. A. Class in Modern Social Problems, 8 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8.15 p.m., alternate weeks.
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Homefield Road.
- Tuesdays** --Dressmaking and Millinery Classes, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls, 12-16, 7.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Dance, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 6 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 16, 8.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
- Wed'days** --Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
6 Current Events.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Sewell-Harris.
13 and 20 School Holidays. No Meetings.
27 To be arranged.
Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Thursdays** --Women's Ballroom Dancing Class, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Boxing, 6.0 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Fridays** --Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** --Net Ball Club, 3.15 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

- Friday 1 Net Ball Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Sunday 3 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
Monday 4 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Wed'day 6 Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
Friday 8 Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
Sunday 10 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. "Social Credit."
Mr. Roy Hawthorn.
Thursday 14 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Friday 15 Good Friday, Centre closed.
Friday 22 Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
Sunday 24 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. "Rents according to Means." Mr. C. H. Hocking.
Thursday 28 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Watling Association Council, 8 p.m.

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What do YOU Want?

A good time? Sure! So does everyone else! Of course a good time means decent conditions of work and pay, but how are you going to get them? Do you think that you can get them off your own bat while some 11,600,000 of your fellow workers, who also want them, earn *no more* than £2 10s. each per week?

If you really want those conditions which make life worth while then it is no use following the lone trail. Then what about putting *your* efforts together with those of your fellow workers? There are some 16,000,000 of them in this country alone and some 1,750,000 more of them who even want work and can't get it during this "prosperity period" of capitalism!

Will capitalism get you what you want? Will it?—while even in prosperous England during a prosperity period it means poor wages and poor conditions for most people and the threat of war hanging over all of us? Which makes us wonder what are the causes of war? Why can't you and I and the rest of us be free from such evils and those of poverty. Why should the working classes always suffer most?

Well, we want to change all this. To do so we want to know why and how. We'd also like to talk things over with you at the Left Book Club Group meetings, where you'll be made very welcome.

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Last year Britain's lifeboatmen rescued 523 persons from the sea.

Every year we spend 120 millions on tobacco and 70 millions on cosmetics.

Every day approximately 125 hairs fall out of your head. Fortunately hair replaces itself, otherwise we should all be bald.

A man swallowed 20 pieces of chain,
2 combs,
64 nails,
8 screws,
50 buttons,
12 pins,
A knife handle,
and still lived—after an operation.

During 1936 maternal mortality was greatly reduced.

The Germans are making cloth from wood, door-handles from pressed cheese rind, soup from coal, oil from grape stones, fat from bark and toothpaste tubes from cotton.

According to scientists a certain species of fly is the fastest living thing on earth. It can fly at 800 miles per hour.

It is calculated that there are 50,000 bicycles in Singapore—one in every ten of the population. Is this a record?

It would appear that the soya bean is the most remarkable plant in the world. From it is made milk, flour, cheese, salad oil, soap, paint, glycerine for explosives, celluloid and paper.

It is stated that the modern schoolgirl is more fully developed than her predecessor of twenty-five years ago. Girls in the North of England are stocky. London children are slimmer than suburban children.

The country is not so quiet and peaceful as we have been led to believe. According to statistics it is far safer to live in the town. More women between the ages of twenty-five and fifty-five died in rural areas than in cities or towns. And the country was more dangerous for men up to the age of sixty-five.

For children under five the rural roads are less safe than the urban, and at the school ages the country death risk is higher than in the towns.

Deaths from tuberculosis are declining. The average age is increasing. The population of England and Wales in 1935 was 40,645,000: 19,500,000 were men, 21,000,000 women.

Fog and pollution caused by smoke costs this country about £40,000,000 every year. Nearly £1 per head for every one of the population.



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Dear Sir,

With reference to the article "Vagaries of a Vegetarian" which appeared in the March issue, I am to a certain extent in agreement with what he says. But where does he get the leather for his shoes, the hide for his furniture, etc., hair for brooms, bristles for brushes, horn and bone for handles, studs, etc., wool for his clothes and a hundred and one things which he uses and which are derived from animals? Vegetables seen under the microscope are composed of millions of fleshy organic cells which are more or less meat, so what's the difference?

Our friend may not believe in the killing of animals for food, but he cannot go through one day without using some article which has come from a slaughtered beast.

Therefore our vegetarian friend is an accessory after the fact and just as much a cannibal as the rest of us. I don't believe in making animals suffer, but what about the sufferings of vegetables. Think of the innocent cabbage basking harmlessly in the sunshine, when along comes a great big hulking brute, swipes off its head, and bungs it in a pot of boiling water. Who is to say whether a cabbage has feelings or not.

"BANSTOCK."

Dear Sir,

Thanks for the opportunity for replying to the letter of "Banstock" which I am pleased to have been allowed to see.

There is nothing for it but to acknowledge my inconsistencies, to agree that I do not go the whole hog—or should a vegetarian say cauliflower or coconut—and fall below the standard of perfection.

But, like one of old, I am "willing to justify myself" and to begin to make excuses.

I do wear leather shoes, but for very many years I have had friends, Adult School men, in the shoe trade, and the question arose of deserting them when I considered going to Dawson and Owen of Hatfield, who not only make non-animal shoes, but also equally innocent nails, clothes and tooth brushes, and even supply a Dunlop tennis racket non-animal string. I have an impression that Rexine is a non-animal upholstery fabric. For underclothing, Kuklos, the cycling expert, strongly recommends cellular cotton as being warm and much more hygienic than wool.

"Plastics" made from coal distillation by-products (and, please, vegetarians were not responsible for the death and decay of the immense amounts of vegetable growths that made our coal seams) can readily replace the use of bone in everything I can think of.

I have to confess, however, that though there are vegetarians who do manage, and with perfect health, without consuming dairy produce—milk, cheese, eggs and butter—that I have not reached that standard, though I often use nut butter instead of the ordinary kind.

It is astonishing though what can be done. I have just been reading of a Budapest sculptor during a period of unemployment, kept himself going by eating oats taken from the nosebags of the streets. He said, "At first I had great difficulty in adapting my teeth to the grinding of oats, eventually I managed the process and even enjoyed it. Now I am determined to live on this marvellous food for the rest of my life."

The experiments of Sir J. Bosc, the Indian scientist, certainly did prove that cabbages suffered pain when cut from their stems, but he pointed out that plants obviously do not suffer the same terror as animals when they are being put to death.

I think it was Bernard Shaw (a vegetarian) who gave me the idea (in "Back to Methuselah") that man will evolve so that ultimately he will not have the sort of "body" that needs feeding. Surely it is a step in that direction to live without killing for food being with such highly sensitive natures as animals possess.

By the way, to end on a higher note, a friend of mine once told me that his father always said a prayer when he killed a fowl—which, though it made me smile, seemed rather nice. What is the appropriate attitude of mind when one goes into the garden to cut a cabbage for dinner?

Yours sincerely,

I. A. R.

Dear Sir,

When I first came to live on the Watling Estate animals were rare. One could go all day without seeing either a dog or a cat. But that has soon been altered. Now there are numerous cats, and most nights I am treated to a moonlight sonata. As for dogs they infest the streets and there is every breed from a spaniel to a Mongolian mouse hound. Isn't it time we had a round up and sorted out those we want. I would not like to suggest that these dogs are not all licensed, but we must remember that in Australia one of the greatest pests is rabbits, and the Australians spend millions and would do anything to get rid of them. Let us thin out the dog population on the Watling Estate. I like animals but one can have too much of a good thing.

ERNEST ROUSE.

TO PARENTS AND OTHERS

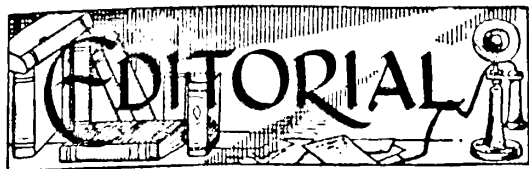
Our Representative may shortly call on you, and, if you can spare the time, will explain all about the

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Further information, Mr. T. E. YOUNG, 32 Edrick Road, Burnt Oak, from whom tickets (6/-) for the Annual Lodge Dinner, Lysbeth Hall, Soho, April 23rd, may also be obtained.



Class

It is well known that when a couple have been married a long time they tend to look like each other. This is not surprising as they share each other's thoughts and problems, eat the same food and have more or less the same outlook. This leads us to question whether people living on Council estates become alike: perhaps not physically, but in their needs and desires, and their general attitude to life.

Council estate tenants are mostly weekly wage earners who generally get just enough money to pay their way and keep body and soul together, but does this similarity of outlook tend to standardize them? Do they develop characteristics which distinguish them from people living in districts with a more varied population? If we go to some small towns or villages we find that the people there are usually dependent for their livelihood on adjacent farms, neighbouring factories, or works, and we notice a sameness about their mode of life. They all know each other and are familiar with each other's trials and troubles.

When they stroll out everyone says "good morning" to everyone else. We almost believe that they greet the horse looking over the gate and nod to the sheep in the meadow.

If we drop in to the "local" we hear the same conversation, and what concerns one person concerns all. Most Watlingites at one time lived in various parts of London where the population was decidedly mixed. There were all classes in the neighbourhood—poor, middle class, the wealthy, and a sprinkling of the nobility.

We often wonder if this mixture of people is not better than for us all to be of one type. There is more variety and interest. Some people advocate a classless society. Others think that the individual will always assert himself and that there will always be people who think themselves better than others.

But whether we are alike or not matters little so long as we all do our job well, and try to leave the world better than we found it.

Perhaps one day the world will be united in one common purpose—the uplift and happiness of mankind. Then probably we shall all speak the same language and have the same ideals. Then there will be no distinction in being different.

Camp Fires

They had been trimming the trees in Watling Park the other day and burning the wood. It was a bright fresh morning and the smoke from the fire drifted across the park and met the nostrils of people hurrying through the park to catch early trains.

What memories the smoke from a tree-wood fire brings back. It conjures up visions of gypsies and the

care-free life of living in the open air. Those of us who have camped out can never forget the smell of a camp fire. At this time of the year especially it seems to animate something in our blood. We are urged to get on the move, to travel. Our thoughts wander from the ordinary humdrum things to distant seas and adventures. We feel the wander lust. Something stirs, and things long dormant through the winter wake up. In short, it is spring time, and once more Nature is performing its miracles. F. H. L.

Borough Council Notes

A number of matters of general interest came up at the February meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that, with the consent of the parents, suitable boys going to the Russell Cotes Home and School of Recovery might be selected for tests to help in the determination of the effect of winter climate on delicate children at the coast. The Mill Hill Rate-payers' and Residents' Association having urged that paid workers should be put on to facilitate school children crossing roads and specially dangerous spots, it was agreed to try to get the necessary police protection.

It was reported and noted with satisfaction that two girls from Orange Hill School had passed the Oxford School Certificate Examination in December last. A number of minor improvements in schools both on the Watling Estate and in other parts of the Borough were agreed upon, such as providing hot water supply to basins in Handicraft cloakrooms at Orange Hill Boys' Central School and fixing domes of silence to kindergarten chairs in Woodcroft Infants' School.

It was agreed that lists of school leavers, with addresses, be supplied to the Secretary of the Cadet Movement.

Resolved to enter into an agreement with the Watling and District Nursing Association for the Association to be responsible for the midwifery service in the district. The proposed agreement specifies the changes to be made by the Association, the rebates to be allowed in cases of financial stringency and the subsidy to be provided by the Borough Council.

The Highways Committee reported protests against the delay of the Council in making up the roads on new estates in Edgware, a request from the Ministry of Transport to consider the erection of guard rails to prevent pedestrians crossing the junction of Goldbeaters Grove and Watling Avenue diagonally, and the need for improvements in the transport services to Edgware along the Edgware Road during the day-time.

The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor were asked to work out a scheme for apprentices in Horticulture and Nursery work. A teak bandstand is to be erected in Watling Park and fifteen band performances are to be given in the park during the summer.

The charges at Mill Hill Swimming Pool are to be the same as last year and the pool is to be closed from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. each day.

The Buildings and Town Planning Committee recommended that delegates should not be sent to a Town Planning Conference organised by the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association.



"It's queer," said Mrs. Jones, "how the spring gets into yer, what with the sun shining and the little leaves bursting on the currant bushes, and the almond trees all a flowering, and the spring vegetables in, it's no wonder now that we have to get down to the spring cleaning, and making the house like a new pin, and dearie me," she said, with a chuckle, "don't the men folk just hate it!"

I expect a good many of us are feeling a bit like Mrs. Jones and just itching to get the rugs out in the sun and the blankets washed and drying in the wind, and feeling full of the joys of spring. If we were asked what were the joys of spring I wonder what we should all say. For myself I think it's a hard question; there's joy in the bright spring flowers, and the flowering shrubs and the blossom on the trees, and the fact that windows can be opened without every door in the house shutting with a bang, and the new warmth there is in the sun, and the smell of freshly cut grass, and newly turned earth, and the birds singing in the mornings and just a flavouring of relief that the long cold winter months are gone for a while.

And all the different puddings and food we've had in the winter months seem to be dull and unappetising, but that's soon remedied, there are plenty of new dishes to try. Have you ever thought of baking your bananas? It is easier than making banana fritters. You simply take the number of bananas you think will be wanted, skin them and lay them in a buttered pie-dish with just a small knob of extra butter to keep them from sticking. Then with a tea-spoon lay a strip of honey along the top of each one and bake in a rather slow oven till the bananas are soft. They should be served hot.

Here is a savoury, too, which will make a quick supper if you have been spring cleaning all day and are feeling tired. Take a round of bread for each person and toast it on one side. On the untoasted side put a thick layer of grated cheese (dry pieces of cheese can be used up for this) and on top of the cheese lay strips of streaky bacon. Put the whole thing under a fairly hot grill until the bacon is cooked, when the cheese will be found to have melted and a nice hot supper dish be ready. I hope you will like these two recipes and enjoy them.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

At the March meeting a resumé of the contents of Aldous Huxley's book, "Ends and Means" was given by Miss Marjorie Bayes, Mr. Thomas in the chair.

Miss Bayes gave a judicious mixture of reading from the book which was an exposition of Huxley's point of view and a contribution to progressive thought.

The Fellowship meeting is held on the first Sunday in every month and a cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to spend a pleasant hour. Speaker for Sunday, April 3rd, Mr. C. E. H. Carrington. Subject: Community.

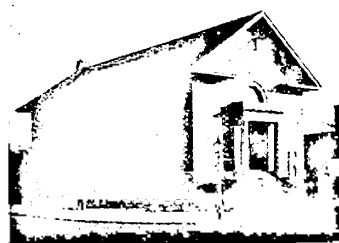
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The M.C.C. and You

by County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

The County Rate is up! You will have to pay 5d. in the £ more in the coming year than you did in the year ending March 31st, 1938.

At its meeting on February 24th the County Council listened for three-quarters of an hour while the Chairman of the Finance Committee explained in great detail in what branches of the County service increase of expenditure was anticipated and why this was to be the case.

The increase of expenditure proposed is more than half a million pounds, bringing the total expenditure for services that are general throughout the County to over £5 million. (In certain parts of the County there are also special rates, e.g., West Middlesex Drainage, Elementary Education, but these rates take the place, of course, of rates which would otherwise be paid to the smaller authorities, Borough Councils or Urban District Councils.)

Most of the increase is due to expansion of services, notably those carried out by the Public Health and Public Assistance Committee, while some additional duties have been laid upon the County. These last include those laid down by the recently passed Physical Training and Recreation Act and by the Air Raid Precautions Act. The estimate of £40,000 has been put forward provisionally in connection with Air Raid Precautions but towards this there would be a Government grant of £24,000.

The principal reason for the large increase in the total of the Public Health Committee's Estimate is due to the fact that for the first time since the County Council took over the functions of the Guardians there is to be a large provision of new hospital beds. The position of hospital accommodation is, as you know, a very difficult one and many more beds are needed both because the County Hospitals now deal with all classes of patients and cases and because the population of the County continues to increase rapidly.

The increase of population is now approximately 1,400 per week which means that in the course of a year there is added to the population of Middlesex about as many people as make up the total of persons in such a town as Bath or Barnsley. Services cannot be provided for this increased number of people except at increased cost and these services include not only those connected with health but also schools and highways and other necessities. The increase in the rateable value of the County arising from the increase of population is not sufficient to render a rise in rates unnecessary.

A member moved a reduction of 2d. in the £ in the proposed County Rate but this suggestion was rejected by 63 to 18, the Chairman of the Finance Committee pointing out that to cut the rates by that amount would save the average household only about 5/- per year, but would seriously hamper the County services. An attempt to reduce the proposed increase by 1d. was also defeated.

There were several other matters discussed at some length and consideration of the many recommendations of the Officers and Staff Committee to raise indi-

vidual salaries had to be postponed to a further meeting. At this subsequent meeting the members, bearing in mind the rise in the rates, turned down almost without exception the rises proposed for highly paid officials though they agreed in a number of cases to raise the salaries of humbler members of the staff.

Next month the members will take part in their yearly scramble for places on committees and there will be the usual amount of disappointment on the one hand and relief on the other, according to whether a member has been turned off a committee the work of which he finds most interesting and towards which he thinks he can usefully contribute, or whether he has managed to retain his seat. I am myself fervently hoping to keep my place on those committees with the work of which I have grown familiar during the four years I have been a member of the County Council.

STEWDLERS

The Adult School spirit was manifest on Saturday, February 26th, when a party from the Centre visited the Kentish Town Men's Adult School Social at Lyndhurst Hall, Kentish Town.

Going down Orange Hill a heavy shower caught some of us and damped our clothes, but not our spirits, and we arrived at Lyndhurst Hall ready to sing and dance and join in any fun that was going. A very able M.C., Mr. Reece Walker, who is also a prominent Adult School member, directed operations and it was not long before we had made ourselves at home and were thoroughly enjoying things. Various party games were played and there was a fancy dress parade in which Burnt Oak came out with honours. Mesdames Griffey and Nyberg won first prize for their Puritan costumes and Mr. Griffey partnered by his daughter, Miss Winnie Griffey, won a prize in the card dance.

Others who took part in the fancy dress parade were Mrs. Taylor, in a crinoline, with her dancing partner Mrs. Fairbairn; Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Lake, Italian organ grinders; Mr. Griffey and daughter, pierrots; Mrs. Lord, Mephistopheles; Mrs. Hicks, fairy; Mrs. Charles, Charlie's aunt; Mrs. Morcher, harlequin, and Mr. Despain, pierrot.

It was arranged that we should finish the Social at 10 o'clock so that we had plenty of time to get home; but we were not going home. Oh, no, not just yet. When the Adult School go out, they go out. Some of the party wandered to a fish bar to repair the energy expended at the Social, others fancied some "stewdles," or in other words, a basin of eels, and did they enjoy them? Yum, yum! all jelly!

In the train coming home some amusement was caused by Mrs. Lord and her devil's trident, and so ended one more Adult School outing. The extraordinary part about this night out was that although thirty-eight members went we were some short coming back. One party got as far as a fish bar in the Tottenham Court Road, and another party found themselves at "Radlett." How did they get there? Search me. We said earlier on that the Adult School had a night out and that explains a lot. You never know what they are up to, but a little harmless fun is a good tonic.

Leo.



Flowers from Seeds

There are four main classes of flowers which may be grown from seeds.

First there are the hardy annuals which include a vast variety which can be got in the popular penny packets or larger quantities as required. Easter is a good time to sow them. They must be sown every year as the plants die down after flowering. The seeds should be sown in the place where the plants are intended to flower during the summer and autumn. In choosing the place due regard should be paid to the height to which the plants will grow and their relation to their surroundings. Many of them are capable of giving excellent results even in quite poor soil. The best results are obtained by sowing thinly. Plants are often spoilt by being too crowded. If the seeds have been sown too thickly the patch of plants should be thinned out as soon as the seedlings are big enough to handle. The ground should be fairly firm but friable and in good condition. The depth at which the seed should be sown is dependent on its size. Large seeded annuals, such as lupins and nasturtiums, may be sown up to an inch deep and fine seeds, such as godetia and clarkia, should only just be covered by the soil. The earth should be kept moist until the young plants appear and they should not be allowed to suffer from drought during the early stages. The flowering period may be lengthened by removing the dead flowers and seed pods, as the energy of the plant will then go to produce more flowers instead of producing seeds. This applies especially to sweet peas.

The second class consists of the half-hardy annuals. Some of these, for example the beautiful canary creeper (*tropaeolum canariense*), may be sown direct in the garden. Half-hardy annuals should not be sown in the open until May. Most of the seeds in this section should be sown in boxes or seed pans and germinated in a greenhouse or cold frame, and planted out in their flowering position when big enough to move. Care should be exercised to avoid the risk of their damping off whilst in the box or dying from "black-leg." Cheshunt compound will check these and similar complaints and will also induce added vigour of growth. The soil for the seed box should consist of a fine porous medium made up of good loam, well decayed leaf-mould and a little sand to ensure good drainage. Sow thinly and keep the soil nicely damp but not too wet.

Hardy perennials, the third class, are more or less permanent, flower annually, and do not require to be re-sown or re-planted each season. Seedling perennials are, as a rule, more vigorous than plants propagated by division of the roots or by cuttings. They may be sown any time from spring to early autumn. A fairly rich and well prepared seed bed should be made in a sheltered position and the seed sown thinly. One good watering of the drills a few

days after the seeds have been sown should be sufficient unless there is a dry spell when the seedlings are quite small. Michaelmas Daisies, in all their variety, are a good example of this class. They may be sown in the open in May or June.

The fourth class is the hardy biennials. These are of little or no use after having once flowered in their second year, consequently they need to be replaced each season. They should be sown in the late spring or early summer. Wallflowers and Canterbury bells are the most popular plants of this class. Like the hardy perennials the seedlings should be transplanted to their flowering quarters before the end of September.

WHAT TO DO IN APRIL

FLOWER GARDEN.—This is the best time for dividing pyrethrums. Lift the roots, shake off the soil and cut the roots into two or three pieces according to size. Then plant them.

Finish planting out violas, pansies, carnations and hollyhocks.

Complete the pruning of roses. Cut back strong young branches to three or four eyes. Tea roses should not be cut quite so much if vigorous and exceptionally fine blooms are desired.

Prepare the site for dahlias by digging and manuring. Plenty of manure should be dug in and time allowed for it to mellow before planting the tubers. Agricultural salt helps dahlias to bloom magnificently. Sprinkle it over the prepared bed at the rate of one ounce per square yard.

Plant lillies of the valley and gladioli. For the latter put a little sand at the bottom of the hole before planting the bulb.

FRUIT GARDEN.—If the rhubarb plants throw up flowering stems cut them off.

Apple and pear trees which make a lot of growth but produce very little fruit can often be made to bear by ringing the bark, and this should be done in April. About 12 inches below the lowest branch peel off a strip of bark half an inch wide and half round the tree. Four inches lower down on the other side of the tree take out a similar strip of bark. Then paint over the half rings with lead paint to keep out disease.

Watch the cherry trees carefully with the object of preventing the ravages of aphids. The trees are very troublesome to clean when badly attacked by this pest, therefore ward off the attack on its first appearance. Either cut off the infected leaves or syringe the branches with warm water and soft soap.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Young green peas should be supported as soon as they are an inch or two high. Do this by pushing little twiggy sticks into the soil close to the plants. This will protect them from keen winds and also support them until they are ready to climb up the tall sticks.

Sow the main crop of peas, beans, carrots, parsnips and onions.

Plant the main crop of potatoes towards the end of the month.

To secure a continuous supply of lettuce sow a small quantity of seed once a fortnight.

Give the asparagus bed a dressing of salt at the rate of one ounce per square yard. Rake off all loose manure from the top and re-surface the bed with fine soil.

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You all know what the Watling Centre looks like and I expect most of you know that some day we hope to make the Centre much larger and more comfortable; in fact, negotiations are in progress for making the Centre worthy of Watling, and we hope soon to see alterations in progress. Have a look at the picture of the Centre on the front cover. That's what it looks like now. How do you think it will look when the new building is finished?

Just draw a picture of the Centre as you think it will be, or as you would like it to be. You can colour it if you like, and for the best two efforts I will pay half-a-crown each.

AN UNEXPECTED VISIT TO THE YEAR 2,000

We were indulging in an arithmetic lesson which is one of my weak subjects. The temperature of the room must have been at least 80°. I felt drowsy and suddenly fell asleep.

I awoke to find myself in a strange room. The articles level with my eye were made of iron—there were iron plates, cups, saucers, spoons and other household necessities. I rubbed my eyes to make sure I wasn't seeing things and jumped up as I heard someone say, "Nutbolts, come here!" I was bewildered at such a comical name. I was amazed at the next thing that met my eye: it was a lady who was short and fat and wore a suit of armour. "Have you seen my boy, Nutbolts?" she said.

"No, I haven't," I said, looking at her with surprise. "Your clothes are peculiar," she said. "If you don't mind my saying so, yours is, too," I replied.

"I suppose you haven't seen our ten shilling and pound stores?" she said.

"What is its name?" I asked.

"G. J. Chisel and Sons," she said.

After this she went away still shouting "Nutbolts."

I went out into the street and there I saw an object which resembled a motor car. It was made of iron with rubber tyres. The road was a mixture of concrete and asphalt. I jumped out of the way of a man who was wheeling a baby in a pram; the baby was dressed in a suit of armour. Nearly all the females wore armour. The males wore skirts and blouses. In both cases wooden shoes were worn. It seemed as though the women went out to work and the men stopped home to look after the babies and do the cooking. Their trains were driven by a Robot. If a man and woman were rich they could have a mechanical servant if they wished. Their telephones were much different from ours, all you had to do was to press a button and speak through a tube, and then when you had finished the conversation a photo of the person you had been communicating with came out of a slot.

The city policemen all wore iron helmets, skirts and blouses. Iron seemed to be used quite a lot there.

The army all wore mailed armour and had ray guns. They had their parliament and laws. One law was that anybody found smoking on Fridays was fined.

Their aeroplanes were shaped like birds. They told me they were going to make a rocket ship and were going to pay a visit to the different planets. I said I would like to go with them. They took an order to the man who made their aeroplanes and he told his robots.

Very soon it was finished and all the people came. We were going up when something hit my head; this made me wake up and I found I had been hauled out of my seat and that my head had come in contact with the teacher's hand.

D. ROBLOR.

Heaven

"There is lyf without any death,
And there is youth without any elde;
And there is all manner wealth to welde;
And there is rest without any travaille;
And there is pees without any strife,
And there is all manner lyving of life;
And there is bright somur ever to see,
And there is never winter in that countrie,
And there is more worship and honour
Than ever had king or emperour;
And there is great melody of aneles songe,
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And there is evere perfect love and charitie;
And there is wisdom without foyle,
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As these a man may joys of hevене call;
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To the sight of Goddes bright face
In whom shineth all mannere grace."

"Rolle" (an old Monk).

ADULT SCHOOL NEWS

At the business meeting of the Burnt Oak Men's Adult School on Sunday, March 13th, a letter was read from the North-West Federation appealing for contributions towards the Prison and Comrades' Fund. The Fund goes towards bringing some light into prison life, and also towards sick visiting and distress amongst Adult School members. Every year calendars are sent to Holloway prison and these are much appreciated as one goes into every cell. For the first time a concert party was allowed in the prison. This was so well enjoyed that the party was asked to pay a return visit which they have arranged to do.

Other matters were discussed at the meeting, including the School's summer programme. As was done successfully last year, the School will, at a date to be arranged, meet on Sunday mornings instead of in the evenings, and when it is fine we hope to sit out in the sunshine and enjoy the benefits of an open-air school.

Arrangements are being made for speakers to speak on the following subjects:—Astronomy (it is hoped to get Will Hay, who is an acknowledged authority on this science), Drama, Primitive Peoples, Euthanasia, Diet, Music, Foreign and Internal Policy, Market Gardening, Readings from Bernard Shaw, also other subjects if speakers are procurable.

SOMETHING FOR ALL

Being Notes on the Community Diary

MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Secretary: Mr. Simkins, 4 Purcell's Avenue, Edgware. Meets to discuss subjects of common interest in a spirit of fellowship.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mondays, 2.30 p.m. Secretary: Mrs. Fairburn, 151 Silkstream Road, Edgware.

WHIST DRIVES

Monday, 8.15 p.m. M.C.: Mr. Frank Williams. Admission 6d., Miniature 3d. Prizes according to numbers attending.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Mondays, 8.30 p.m. Discusses a variety of subjects of interest in an informal way.

POOR MAN'S LAWYER

Mondays, 8.15 p.m., sits to advise those who are involved in legal difficulties and cannot afford a solicitor. Those with Accident claims and Insurance claims are specially recommended to make sure of their position.

WOMEN'S P.T. CLASS

Tuesdays, 5.30 p.m. Secretary: Mrs. Parker, 135 Deansbrook Road. Folk Dancing and Keep Fit exercises. Fee 2d. per week, 3d. if you are not a member of the Watling Association.

DANCE

Tuesdays, 8.0 p.m., in charge of Mr. C. Deacon. Admission 4d.

WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

Wednesdays, 8.30 p.m. Secretary: Mr. C. J. Roblou, 26 Homefield Road.

P.T. FOR GIRLS OVER 16

8.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School. Secretary: Mrs. Lord, 23 Colchester Road.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.0 p.m. Secretary: Mrs. A. Clay, 93 Deansbrook Road. Ladies and Gentlemen are welcomed as members.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

Wednesdays, 2.30 p.m. Chairman: Mrs. Roblou, 26 Homefield Road. Meets for lectures and discussions.

VETERANS' CLUB

Wednesdays, 4.30 p.m. Chairwoman: Mrs. King, 92 Deansbrook Road. Secretary: Mr. Cole, 9 Langham Gardens. 90 minutes of social time and enjoyment for any old folks of Watling over 65 years of age.

WEIGHT LIFTING CLUB

Wednesdays, 8.15 p.m., Fridays 8.0 p.m. Secretary: c/o Watling Centre. Meets for physical training and to practise the art of weight lifting.

SOCIAL WHIST DRIVE

Wednesdays, 8.0 p.m. M.C.: Mr. C. Deacon. A variety of handsome prizes every week for 6d. admission.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADULT SCHOOL

Wednesdays, 8.15 p.m. Secretary: Mr. F. Whitehead, 41 Cressingham Road.

INDOOR GAMES CLUB

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8.0—10.30 p.m., in the Common Room. On Thursdays the room is reserved for members of the Club. Darts, Table Tennis, Bagatelle, Shove-halfpenny, etc. Chairman: Mr. W. Taylor.

WHIST DRIVE

Thursdays, 2.30 p.m. M.C.: Mrs. Crowe. Top prize, 10/-, raffle and snowball. Admission to drive, 6d.

ORCHESTRA

Fridays, 8.0 p.m. Conductor: Mr. Lancaster, 15 Oakmead Gardens, Edgware.

FOLK DANCING

The group meets for a social time learning and practising English Folk Dances, sometimes on Fridays, sometimes on Sundays, at 7.30 or 8.0 p.m. Charge 3d. a time. Secretary: Mrs. Gay, 12 Banstock Road.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION, 1938
Watling Centre

REVISED PROGRAMME

Friday, May 6th, Grand Variety Concert at 8 p.m.
(in Main Hall)

Judging of exhibits in Common Room.

Opener: Mr. G. Peverett, *National Adult School Secretary*.**Saturday, May 7th**, Exhibition opens at 3.30 p.m.
Certificates will be presented at 8.30 p.m.Opener: Mr. A. I. Jones, *President of the Watling Association*.

Last day for Entry Forms, April 23rd.

Full particulars from the Exhibition Secretary,
Watling Centre.

A letter from the Chairman

TO ALL WHO USE THE CENTRE

Dear Friends,

We have been increasingly concerned about the cleanliness and tidiness of the Centre, and we want to ask for your help. To some extent it has been a financial problem, but last year our finances were a little easier than in previous years, and so the Committee hope to be able to do more to help in some ways, but we cannot do it by ourselves. We can only keep the Centre as we would like it kept if we have the help of all those who use it.

One thing we want to do is to keep the rooms and passages free from litter. We have got a number of small bins which are just being put up. Would you please use them. It is such a waste of time for someone to have to go round picking up our bits and the place looks so untidy while they lie about.

If you will help us by putting your cigarette packets, chocolate wrappers, crisp bags, matches, cigarette ends, etc., in the bins which are there for that purpose instead of on the floor, the Centre will look much nicer. If you see other people dropping things about would you remind them of this.

National Health Insurance

A REMINDER

From April onwards children on attaining the age of 14 become insurable under the above scheme, and on receipt of National Health Insurance cards should immediately get in touch with a Doctor of their own choice and ask to be placed on his or her panel, also they should get into touch with an approved Society regarding the above, any member of our Committee will be only too pleased to help you.

C. J. ROBLITT.

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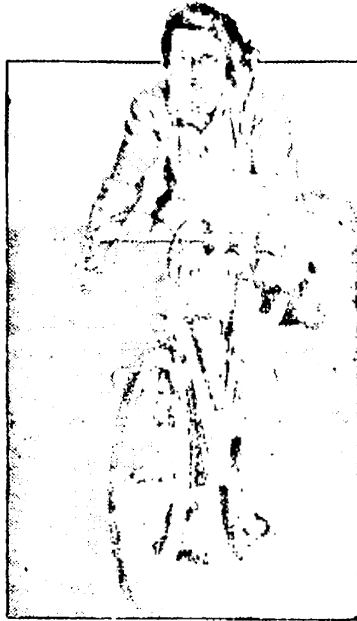
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KEEP FIT by CYCLING

The "miles better" way to Good Health

says Mrs. Billie Dovey the local RUDGE - WHITWORTH demonstration rider
(Another exclusive article specially written for readers of "THE WATLING RESIDENT")



(Photo by courtesy of London Press Photos and "Reynolds News")

Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY averages 72 miles a day to prove cycling is the road to good health.

This photograph was taken on January 27th, within a mile of Watling, and shows Mrs. Dovey looking fit and well as she covered her 2,000th mile a wheel this year.—Ed.

Two weeks to Easter—that's what it will probably be when you find yourself reading this article. Do you realise that the first *real* holiday of 1938 is nearly here? I hope you will be spending some of it on a bicycle, with pleasant riding along country lanes lined with banks full of primroses. One of the finest places I know for this type of beauty is an unspoilt part of Essex near the appropriately named villages of Good and High Easter not many miles from Great Dunmow of "bacon fitch" fame. If you go near there, I hope you will not pick *too* many of the primroses and violets that abound there.

To think too, that I have now been three months on my year's propaganda ride. My January total actually turned out to be 2,236 miles in the 31 days riding, whilst February accounted for 1,984 miles in its 28 days. During the latter month I managed two "century" rides, as those of over 100 miles are best known to wheel-folk who cycle or travel. For the first time I made for Guildford, Surrey, admiring once again the High Street (still cobbled) and the marvellous clock before riding on to have lunch at a typical Surrey farmhouse. A feed such as cyclists with their incomparable appetites often dream about!

On wheels again we made for Farnham, climbing up by the Park, and making for Odiham and Basingstoke, and so home through Windsor Great Park where wild deer were much in evidence on such a sunny afternoon. Who said that mid-summer was the only time to enjoy riding a bicycle?

Cycling Lectures—have been held at Watling Centre. I can remember hearing Kuklos, Petronella, Hodites . . . now I am looking forward to hearing Mr. Bernard Newman. Mr. Harris I am hoping will secure a date for Mr. Newman to visit the district, and all readers who can, should then make a point of attending. Quite recently I saw (and heard) his "I saw Spain"—with his bicycle named by him, "George" of course. His adventures are most arresting, his humour and interesting manner will hold your attention for hours.

In fact Watling Estate has never to my mind been backward so far as cycling matters are concerned. Rather has it been the happy reverse. How many readers remember Watling Week—it was No. 4 I believe, held in 1932 with Jack Radley as the Organiser. I have pleasant memories of taking part in the decorated cycle part of the procession along with several enthusiastic members of the Northern Cycling Club, although my envious task, or otherwise, was chiefly that of collecting money in a huge cardboard imitation beer bottle. The "Northern" it should be remembered have been active longer on the Estate than any other local cycling club.

Watling a Cyclists' Centre—yes, I think the Estate can make this claim, and when you consider the number of cycling clubs now available locally, and the good work that has been put in to make them as successful as they undoubtedly are, it is not surprising.

You have only to pay a visit to the sizeable premises of either Pegleys in Watling Avenue, or Rex Judd of High Street, Edgware and observe their stock and the trouble they go to in order that cyclists' sundry wants shall be supplied.

This prompts me to remind non-cycling readers of the easy travel the possession of a bicycle gives you. It's a long way from the The Meads to Gervase Road for example to call on a friend. You have to walk there no doubt. An excellent exercise is walking, but can you always spare the time on these mid-week evening visits? From Banstock Road to Gloucester Grove is another journey where the handy bicycle would be worth its 2/6 per week, and that's all it need cost you.

In view of this I am looking forward to lots more Watling residents buying bicycles this year, and pedalling along the inexpensive . . . "road to Good Health" at the same time.

My own machine is a Rudge-Whitworth splayed tube Ladies' model. It can be used therefore with a skirt, but is at the same time of sporty appearance and specially built with a long head for easy

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steering. At the same time it is rigid, and very suitable for club runs, touring and riding to business.

It is fitted with a Cyclo chain gear of 60-66-74 which I consider are the best gears for all-round use. Dunlop's new Silver Sprite tyres and a Brooks' leather top saddle to my own design are conspicuous equipment.

The new Rudge comfort handlebar designed by Jack Lauterwasser, the Finsbury Park racing man, certainly lives up to its name, and I have no intention of departing from it. My brakes are two Rudge patent positive action rim type which mean *stop* in the true sense of the word.

The finish—hard-gloss green enamel with all chrome front forks, with white mudguards to keep off the grit, mud, etc., to complete. At the moment I suppose I have already covered as many miles on it as most girls do in a year, so by the end of 1938 it will most surely have been put to the test.

Some experiences were promised you last month. Well space is short, so it seems that these must be deferred, ere I succumb to the wrath of the Editor's blue pencil.

But I really must cram in this one. I had lunch at a place near Bishops Stortford, and the woman when I asked her to sign my checking card to prove I had been in that district, she remarked that it must be fine me riding about like that, adding that . . . "of course, you are only about 18 or 19."

Sad to relate I have several years passed that delightful age of bliss. She then suggested I should guess how old she was. Tactfully I suggested about 45 or so. She laughed, and said "I shall never see that again, I'm over 60."

The query is—was it cycling that made us both look and feel so young? I departed the shop not daring to ask. BILLIE DOVEY.

Club and Society Notes

CRICKET

The Watling Association Cricket Club is making plans for the coming season and some interesting matches have been arranged. All those connected with the club last year have pleasant memories to look back on and are looking forward to some enjoyable cricket this year. If you want to join a good club and enjoy the company of keen sportsmen come up and see us some time.

New members are wanted and there will be plenty of opportunities for practice.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. Hicks or Mr. Taylor at the Watling Centre.

We understand that the Nimrod C.C. have two vacancies for playing members.

Application should be made to C. Palmer, 86, Colchester Road.

BOXING

On Monday, February 28th, S. Walker (Ginger) distinguished himself at the Hendon Drill Hall in a 9st. 9lb. open novices' competition, reaching the final after four bouts (the only competitor who had four bouts) and just lost on a casting vote, for which he

received a very nice clock. Well done, Ginger. Now Ginger is in my opinion a clean fighter and a good sportsman. I am told that at Hendon in one of his bouts, after knocking the man down, he went across and helped him to his corner before the bout was declared over. I am sure Ginger will agree with me that a great deal of his success is due to the club trainers, Messrs. Curzon and Stewart (coupled of course with his own keenness), especially Duggie who, when Ginger came up two seasons ago, got in the ring and showed him how to use a straight left. He will also agree that Tommy did some good work in his corner during the contest. I understand that Tommy was mistaken for a bargee on the occasion when Ginger tried to help his opponent to his corner. His flow of English was remarkable. I suspect the local parson will be putting his name down on his visiting list.

Congratulations to C. Little of the Hendon Boxing Club and this club who beat Ginger in the final.

Sarson had hard luck when on March 3rd he went to the Surrey Docks and reached the semi-final in the novices' competition. Well tried, Sarson!

Don't forget April 2nd at Barnfield School for the Inter-Estate match.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the club room on Thursday, April 28th, at 8 o'clock.

The two cups presented by your President, Gwynne Jones, Esq., for the best junior and senior for the season will be presented. Officers and Committee for next season will be appointed. As I have pointed out before if any member of the club has any grievance against the club this is the time and place to air it, also if you have any suggestions come along and let's hear it. Come along and elect your own Committee, come along if it is only to show us that you appreciate what is being done for you; don't forget the Committee do not finish its work like you do when you have had your training and go home. Have you ever stopped to think who puts the ring up and takes it down when I have finished, who does all the work—arranging matches. If you have never given this a thought, just do so, and show us your appreciation of what has been done for you by turning up to the Annual General Meeting.

Late News

Congratulations to W. Papworth in winning the United Dairies Heavy-Weight Championship again, and E. Fuller in winning the fly-weight Championship of the United Dairies. Well done the pair of you!

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

The first item of news this month is that the Hendon section of the National Clarion Cycling Club have now changed their clubroom. The reason for this move is that the club has grown too big for the old clubroom. The new clubroom is to be at the Royal Oak Hotel (opposite the Burnt Oak Odeon). The club night will remain the same, Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Cyclists are welcomed to come along and join us in indoor games.

During the past month the club runs have been well supported, nearly 30 members out each week.

Last month was the London Union Clarion Membership Campaign, all sections making an extra effort to

gain members, and many members have been gained. On April 3rd the campaign comes to an end with a grand Spring Meet at Knockholt; over 40 members will be going from Hendon alone. Some of the items during the day will be a football competition between sections, reliability trial, huge "tealight" and an impromptu concert. Local cyclists are invited to come with us.

The time trials season has now started and many of our members are preparing for events to come, the first of which will be the C. and A.C. Novices' "25." All future reports of events given by me will be of members of this section riding for the London C. and A.C. This is the racing section of the Clarion through which members will ride under the new R.T.T.C. regulations.

Easter will soon be on us and many Hendon Clarionettes will be attending the 43rd Clarion Easter Meet at Gloucester. This is the biggest meet of the year where sections from all over the country meet new and old friends.

• Although Gloucester is the official venue of the section, runs will take place as usual for those members unable to get away.

At this time of year many new cyclists are starting their adventures on the roads. We are glad to welcome these newcomers to the greatest sport of the world, and would like to do all we can for them. Many new cyclists or would-be cyclists have problems, such as what bike to buy, what to wear, how to get the most out of a bike, etc. Let us have your problems—we will willingly help you. Come up and see us or drop our secretary a line. Runs for April as follows:

Sunday, 3rd Spring Meet.
Sunday, 10th Cvc-Hike.
Friday, 15th Informal.
Sunday, 17th Mystery Run.
Monday, 18th To be arranged.

Also Easter Meet.

Monday, 24th Aston Hill.

All runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9 a.m. Afternoon Section, 2.45 p.m.

The afternoon section is for members unable to get out in the morning and for beginners who are not sure what they can do.

As from the date the clocks go forward the mid-week runs will start every Tuesday evening.

If you would like to join us, require information, or are interested in being insured against accident, third party risk, etc., write to our Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Keats, 20, Blundell Road, Burnt Oak. Let's hear from you.

Cheerio! See you up the road.

VIC C. BOTTERILL.

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

Our last dance in this series having marked the closing down of the social season we commenced our more strenuous programme with the annual low-gear event, 25 miles on a 63 gear (who said lovely?) I noticed on our last runs card that we are beginning to vary our starting point. The idea seems to meet with satisfaction as it is repeated on our current runs list and is probably intended to attract more members to start with the Club although it has always been

my contention that a meeting place much further afield is a greater advantage, and will help to solve the problem of "formation cyclists" indulging in a London scramble.

Summer time begins on the 10th of this month and soon after we embark on our Easter tour to Cheddar Gorge. There is some grand touring ground around this district, plenty of things to see and numerous places to visit, so I do hope the weather is kind to us as time is short and it will be hard luck if we cannot have a good look round.

I wonder if I dare speculate as to our chances in Open Events this year? Having paved the way by entering a team in the Rookery 25, I can only hope this spirit will be encouraged and we may see more teams riding for the N.W.R.C. this year than we were able to get last season. If last year's Consolation 25 can be used as an illustration, we have many new riders coming along who need a chance and a long-markers' event is just the thing they need. The ladies should have a better chance this year now they have a Road Secretary of their own; anyhow, good luck to you bashing 'erbs, but don't forget we still have our club runs:—

April 3 Dinner. Great Missenden.
Tea. Chalfont St. Giles.
10 Dinner. Elstead, Surrey.
Tea. Ripley, Surrey.
17 EASTER TOUR TO CHEDDAR GORGE.
24 Dinner. Flaunden.
Tea. Hemel Hempstead.

"POTTERER."

INDOOR GAMES CLUB

A visit was made to St. Dominic's, Kentish Town, on Friday, March 11th, and some keen and enjoyable contests took place.

A coach left the Centre at 7.30 p.m. and arrived at St. Dominic's at 8 o'clock, and soon the games were in progress. Watling won at snooker and billiards, but lost at table tennis and darts, so that scores were about equal. The evening was rounded off with a dance so that everyone spent a pleasant time.

The indoor games club are running a series of contests and these take place at the Centre nearly every Friday.

Several football matches have also been arranged so that altogether the club is in a flourishing condition.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

A man

"Isn't it a lovely day again? Simply marvellous. A treat to be alive."

During the lovely spring weather that we have been having, this was the way a colleague at the office invariably greeted us. He is one of those men who it is easy to get on with; always obliging and cheerful, and he is paralysed down one side, has only one eye, and has something wrong with his spine. During the war he was a wireless operator and his ship was blown up. He was flung into the sea and was just rescued in time—pulled out of the sea more dead than alive. In spite of his incapacity he is an example to most of us.

Hardy Perennials

You can always tell a gardener. They are like farmers. When it is raining they want sun; when the sun is shining they want rain. I met one the other day and I did my best to keep the conversation off the weather because I knew that I should have a job to get him to agree with me. If I said "It's a nice sunny day" he would have replied "yes, but the ground's dry, it's crying out for rain." If I had said "There's rain in the air," he would have appeared startled and exclaimed "No, we don't want it just yet, this warm sun is just the thing to bring the seedlings on." So to keep the peace with him I have to be a "yes" man. I agree with everything he says. But I must not be too hard on gardeners. I am one myself, and if I meet a friend and he greets me with "Good morning; nice day," it's ten to one I shall reply, "yes—but we could do with a shower."

Anonymous

If "Interested Member of the Association" is sufficiently interested to reveal his or her identity the Editor will be glad to take the matter up.

Don't miss this

In response to many enquiries we are now able to give the date of the next Concert to be presented by the Eight Gay Girls.

Owing to the heavy demand for tickets there will be two shows, one on the 12th and one on the 13th May at the Centre. At the last Concert the hall was packed and many people were turned away. We don't want that to happen again as we should like everyone who wishes to see this novel performance, **SO MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR TICKET EARLY!**

Look out

Mrs. Hilton's Young Watlers are looking forward with great pride to the honour conferred upon them of opening **WATLING WEEK**. Props for the concert are being made and it is hoped to have a surprise item on the programme. Medals will also be presented.

Summer Clubs

Rambling and Tennis Clubs have been asked for at the Centre. There is still some good country not too far away from our Estate. Will any, young or old, who would like to join a Rambling Club send their names to Mr. Harris at the Centre and a meeting will be called if numbers warrant. The same applies to those who would like to play tennis.

An apology

On behalf of the writer of last month's Borough Council notes. He made an error about the bandstand. It is not yet by any means certain.

Sewing for Bazaar

A special Social is to be held on Thursday, May 19th, to raise money for buying materials to be made up for the Christmas Bazaar. Any ladies who are willing to help with the sewing are asked to give their names to Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Nyberg or Mrs. Roblou, or in the office.

Boxing

Alteration of the Date for Annual General Meeting. Meeting will now take place on Tuesday, May 3rd. Chairman: I. Gwynne Jones, Esq. Come and support your club at this meeting.

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I heard an interesting theory the other day. It was to the effect that rubber soles or shoes were not so healthy as leather ones.

It seems according to the theory that the earth is charged with electricity which we absorb through our feet, and if we have rubber soles to our shoes they act as insulators and so stop the healthful rays from reaching our bodies. Also, country roads are better for us to walk on than town roads, as in the town, the road surface is usually coated with concrete or some other composition and so the electricity is not so free to percolate through the earth's crust. So now you know.

The Kitten in the Kitchen

We've got a cat; and what's more it is what is termed a good "mouser."

The other evening at the Centre our cat caught a mouse in the kitchen, and when I arrived on the scene, the mouse was in the last stages of exhaustion. How cruel nature is. Every time the mouse summoned up enough strength to try and scramble away, the kitten would pounce upon it, toss it in the air and then wait to see if the poor half-dead mouse tried to move again.

A lady present exclaimed "how lovely. It deserves a saucer of milk." I said which—the cat or the mouse?

Model Aeroplanes

The Edgware Model Aero Club is putting on a special show of model aeroplanes at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Centre on May 7th. This will be worth coming to see in itself without anything else as some twenty different models have been promised. Remember, 3.30, Saturday, May 7th, at Watling Centre.

Peace

Hendon Peace Week is to be from May 22nd—29th. This affords an opportunity for all lovers of peace to put in some work for the cause and to help to demonstrate the strength of public opinion. The full programme will be out shortly after this goes to press. It is hoped to cover the expenses by collections at meetings, etc., and those who can are asked to help both by collecting and by giving generously. We pay for war through taxes, but must pay voluntarily to get peace.

Children

The three best entries for last month's competition "A Drawing of the Future Watling Centre" are of equal merit. The two half crowns are therefore divided between Alan Francis, Edward P. S. Gardner and Irene Richardson.

Prizes may be had on application to the Centre.

This Month's Competition—Send in a joke for the children's page. Prizes will be awarded for the best six published.

WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL CLASS

On Monday, May 2nd, at 8.30 p.m. at the Centre, the W.E.A. Class are holding a meeting to decide upon the form and subject of a Class or Classes during the coming winter.

Anyone interested in forming such Classes will be welcomed with full liberty to suggest the subject for any such Classes for consideration during the winter.

This is your opportunity and should not be missed.

DISTRESS FUND

We should like to express our gratitude for the response of local traders to our appeal for the Distress Fund for the following donations:

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The Dance, held at the Cornwall Assembly Rooms, was a tremendous success, and competition for the prizes presented by Maison Lyons for a Fox Trot Competition was very keen. Fred Cole and his Six Musical Maniacs supplied the music, and dancing was continued until midnight. Cabaret was greatly applauded when Master Charles Granger (Mrs. Hilton's prodigy), Rocky Turley, Nellie Childs and Ivy Miller, Messrs. Wheeler and Reece gave a brilliant musical interlude as Banjo Duetists.

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Friday, May 6th

8.0 p.m. Admission 6d. & 1/-

Comper: Mr. Jack Radley.

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Saturday, May 7th

3.30—8.30 p.m.

To be opened by Mr. A. I. Jones.

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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.
 1. Mozart, Mr. K. Simkins.
 8. Jesus, Strong and Serene, Mr. E. Dodgshun.
 15. Reading from "Back to Methusalem," Mr. J. T. Harris.
 22. My Occupation (Market Growing), Mr. H. Gardner.
 29. Euthanasia, Dr. P. Rosefield.
 Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
 Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8.15 p.m., alternate weeks.
 Young People's Debating Society, 8.30 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Homefield Road.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
 Physical Training for Girls, 12-16, 7.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
 Dance, 8 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
 Boxing, 6 p.m.
 Physical Training for Girls over 16, 8.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 4. Holland, Mrs. Heaf.
 11. Hungary, Miss Georgie Bogyo.
 18. A Call to All Mothers, Mrs. Hedi Born.
 25. The History of the Infant Welfare Movement, Miss Wilson.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
 Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Women's Ballroom Dancing Class, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Boxing, 6.0 p.m.
 Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Fridays** —Orchestra, 8 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
 Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Net Ball Club, 3.15 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
 Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

- Sunday** 1 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
- Friday** 6 Handicraft Exhibition Concert, 8 p.m.
- Saturday** 7 Handicraft Exhibition, 3—8.30 p.m.
- Sunday** 8 Adult School Conference, 6.30 p.m.
 Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Mr. Douglas Kennedy.
- Thursday** 12 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 Gay Girlies' Concert, 8 p.m.
- Friday** 13 Gay Girlies' Concert, 8 p.m.
- Sunday** 15 Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
- Thursday** 19 Special "Bazaar" Social, 8.30 p.m.
- Friday** 20 Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.
- Sunday** 22 Free and Easy, 8 p.m.
- Thursday** 26 W.A. Council, 8 p.m.
- Friday** 27 Helpers' Social, 8.30 p.m.
- Sunday** 29 Folk Dancing, 8 p.m.

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"Stop Me and Buy One"

On April 23rd, 1937, a man named Taylor was riding a tricycle. Attached to the tricycle was a receptacle containing ice-creams, which Taylor was offering for sale to the public. As his custom was, he arrived at a school in Clancarty Road, Fulham, at a moment when the children were leaving the premises, "in order that they might stop him if they wished to buy ice-cream." It turned out that they did wish to buy ice-cream, and he remained there for about 15 minutes, serving eight children from a "receptacle occupying a stationary position at a place in the carriage-way."

It will be obvious at once that Taylor, by selling from a stationary tricycle, put himself in jeopardy of being held to contravene Section 30 of the L.C.C. (General Powers) Act, 1927. A constable, approaching him and finding that he had no Hawker's Licence, charged him with the offence. Taylor cleverly came back on the constable by pointing out that Section 30 contains a proviso (which the constable, he claimed, had overlooked) authorising him to sell from a stationary receptacle if he ordinarily moved it from place to place in pursuance of his trade. The constable denied that Taylor's action was covered by the proviso, and hailed him before the justices. The latter sided with the constable; held that the law had been outraged by the sale of ice-creams from a temporarily stationary receptacle; convicted the salesman; but, despite the gravity of the offence, tempered justice with mercy under the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907.

The finding of the Justices was broadly this: that it is in order to sell ice-creams to children from a tricycle so long as the man in charge of the tricycle is pedalling it along the road and his customers are keeping pace with him at a jog-trot along the pavement. If it is a running contract of sale and both parties are proceeding *pari passu* during negotiations, the delivery of the goods and the payment therefor, then the vendor commits no crime. If the vendor, however, for one moment stays his progress, delays the venture and comes to a full stop, then, in the view of the Justices, the law is breached and the salesman is liable to whatever penalties are ordained by Section 30 of the L.C.C. (General Powers) Act, 1927.

If the matter had remained there, we Londoners would in future have had to buy our ice-creams on the run. Happily for us all, however, Taylor was a man of spirit, who appealed to the High Court on the ground that the proviso which the constable had rejected was sufficient authority for his conduct. Happily, too, the Court before which the appeal came was strong, well-balanced and admirably suited to try a criminal action with a commercial background. The Lord Chief Justice presided and, with him on the Bench were Branson, J., and Humphreys, J. Of these two judges the former, who has spent almost the whole of his working life in the commercial Courts, is supremely qualified to hear a charge arising out of the purchase and delivery of a choc-bar or a fourpenny tub. The latter Judge, who had a distinguished record at the Criminal Bar, has seen at close quarters most of the famous wrongdoers of the past thirty years, and well understands those dark instincts of the human soul which may tempt a desperate man to contravene Section 30 of the L.C.C. (General Powers) Act, 1927.

Counsel engaged in the appeal were also of excellent quality—two eminent silks and two busy and experienced juniors. Taylor won his appeal and the world has been made fit for school children to buy ice-creams in. But the victory was not by any means a walk-over. The Lord Chief Justice, it is true, thought that the effect of the proviso to Section 30 was to protect certain vehicles notwithstanding that at certain times they did occupy stationary positions. But Mr. Justice Humphreys found considerable difficulty in holding that the section was intended to authorise in the proviso what it prohibited earlier.

Nevertheless, the appeal succeeded, and, as laymen, who look at these difficult points of law from a practical standpoint, we are glad of it. A contrary judgment might, in our view, have led to grave abuses. Even if we neglect the revelant passages in the Sale of Goods Act and the later judgements of Lord Mansfield, it is clear from the text books and from Lord Halbury's obiter dictum in *Blackburn v. Vigors*, that a contract for the sale of ice-creams is not *uberrimæ fidei*. A vendor who insisted on payment before delivery might subsequently accelerate his tricycle, and, without making delivery of the goods paid for, cry caveat emptor derisively to his breathless and sobbing customer. If an infant were bound in law to buy his ice-creams, currens, so would the adult; and there are many of us who are ill-qualified physically to keep pace with a tricycle as we buy from a better placed and more athletic seller. And we have our adult dignity to consider, too. It would not do for The Chancellor of the Exchequer or The Chairman of Lloyd's to be seen running through the streets of London by the side of a tricycle, scattering pedestrians right and left, as with one hand he fumbled in his pocket for the necessary fourpence and with the other received the familiar tub and cardboard spoon. No. The judgement of the Court of Appeal is undoubtedly sound.

And so the battle of Clancarty Road is settled—no without dust and heat. It has taken the time and services of the L.C.C. bureaucrats who formed the Act, of the M.P.s who passed it, of the police who tried to enforce it, of the solicitors who prepared the briefs, of the justices who convicted, of the four counsel who argued the case on appeal, and of the three eminent High Court judges who heard it. Is there in all this, do you think, something slightly out of proportion? Can it perhaps be that the world is just a little bit mad?

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GARDEN NOTES—continued from page 5.

tread this down, place 3 inches of soil on top of the manure and place the seedlings 9 inches apart. If more than one row let the rows be 4 feet apart from centre to centre. Water well in the early stages.

Broad beans should be in full flower before the end of the month. Pinch out the tops as soon as any black fly appears, or even before it appears as a preventive.

Apply stale soot to onions, young turnips, carrots and parsnips in showery weather. This will serve the double purpose of affording a little food for the plants and warding off attacks of insects.

Sow scarlet runners early in the month and make an additional sowing of dwarf beans.



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Epping Forest

All true lovers of gardens in particular are lovers of nature in general. And all lovers of nature especially appreciate beauty spots. One of the best beauty spots of a wild character within easy reach of London is Epping Forest. The southern part of the Forest is indeed within the boundary of the London County Council and the Forest itself now belongs to the Corporation of the City of London who hold it on behalf and for the enjoyment of the public.

The history of the Forest is full of interest and goes back to the days of the Druids. Its ancient limits were vastly larger than they are to-day, and it appears that in Saxon times a large proportion of what is now the County of Essex was "waste," that is natural woods, open spaces covered with heather, and far-stretching grassy commons.

In the middle of last century encroachments by the Lords of the Manors and land owners adjoining the Forest were widespread and there was danger of the whole Forest being destroyed. Speculative builders took their share in this vandalism, partly tempted no doubt by the rapid growth of London on its northern side. Large blocks of land, often several hundred acres in extent, were enclosed and in 1850 the area of the Forest was reduced to about 6,000 acres. But a truer and more just view of the needs and rights of the people was beginning to prevail.

A great legal contest was entered upon between the public and the Lords of the Manors. The public were represented by The Commons Preservation Society. At its instigation a Committee of the House of Commons was appointed. This Committee reported in 1863 that the Forest was being destroyed and recommended that the forestal rights of the Crown should be enforced, where these rights had not already been sold. The legal contest lasted fifteen years the last three of which were occupied by a law suit. In the end the public won and as a result 5,500 acres were preserved for the use of the people for ever. Subsequent additions to the extent of nearly 300 acres have been made. The law suit was said to have cost the successful litigants £25,000.

The Forest is about 12 miles long and in several places is 2 miles wide. It runs from south-west to north-east and most of it is on a ridge of high ground between the river Lea on the west and the river Roding on the east. High Beach is almost the highest point of the ridge which reaches an altitude of 370 feet. From this point there is a magnificent and far-reaching view on a clear day, especially when the wind is from the east. Winds from the west and south are laden with London smoke which obscures and sometimes obliterates the view.

There are many ways of entering the Forest. The L.N.E.R. line from Liverpool Street to Ongar runs in some places quite close to the eastern border, and

has stations at Snarebrook, George Lane, Woodford, Buckhurst Hill, Loughton, Theydon and Epping. Some of these, such as Loughton, are within a few yards of the Forest and none of them are more than a mile away. Or you may take the branch line from Walthamstow to Chingford which is practically in the Forest.

To go by motor-bus all the way from London to Epping is a very pleasant way of approach and enables those who are not able to walk far to see quite a lot, as the main road from Woodford Green to Epping goes right through the middle of the Forest.

But to see the best of the Forest and appreciate its solitude you should walk along some of the many by-paths where motors cannot disturb. You may easily get lost if you have not a map or a guide-book or a companion who knows the secret places, but you need not get hopelessly lost for if you go straight on (not in a circle) you will in time come to a road on one side or other, after which you can easily get somewhere.

What you may see when in the Forest must be left over for another article.

(To be continued).

WHAT TO DO IN MAY

FLOWER GARDEN.—During fine weather sow such annuals as shirley poppies, alyssum, mignonette, calendula, calliopsis, cyanus, larkspur, scabious and dwarf nasturtiums. These will look well in beds, borders, amongst the roses or in vacant ground in front of a shrubbery.

Plant out rooted slips of violets singly in open positions.

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

Plant honesty in odd corners or under trees where other plants usually fail.

Lift and divide and set in a north or west border, polyanthus, primroses, double daisy, arabis, aubretia, iberis and some saxifrages.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Keep your eye on the gooseberry bushes. They are liable to be attacked by two kinds of caterpillar. Those of the saw-fly appear first and are followed by the off-spring of the magpie moth. If any of the leaves are seen to have five or six minute holes, like pin pricks, they will be found to have, on the underside, a colony of very young saw-fly caterpillars. These should be crushed between finger and thumb, otherwise they will spread as soon as they grow larger, over the branches and leaves. When the caterpillars of the magpie moth appear they should immediately be hand picked and destroyed. If this is not done the bushes will be defoliated and there will be no fruit, even if the young berries have escaped the April frosts.

To secure good crops of black-currents, raspberries and loganberries water freely with liquid manure.

If the apple and pear trees have not been previously fed get some sulphate of potash and sprinkle it at the rate of 4 ounces per square yard over the land occupied by the trees. Hoe it into the surface and water well.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Plant out early celery. A good celery trench should be a foot deep and 18 inches wide. Fork up the bottom, add 9 inches of manure,

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TEN YEARS

I feel that I cannot let this month's issue of the RESIDENT go to press without making a few observations on what might be considered a record for this type of journal.

I do not know of any other community magazine that can lay claim to having been continuously published for this length of time.

Why then this achievement at Watling? Perhaps the answer lies in the following notes:—

THE WATLING RESIDENT was the first local paper, and was published when there were only about 2,000 houses built on the Estate.

It has always been managed by the people of Watling.

Its pages are devoted entirely to local interests.

In its volumes are chronicled the history of Watling from its very beginning.

It has no political or sectarian bias.

In its pages are published the activities of the Watling Association which is in itself an organisation of the community.

It is run by voluntary effort.

Finally: It is Watling's OWN Magazine. Keep it going!

We have managed to get in touch with previous Editors of the RESIDENT and below they send their greetings.

E. COLK, Sec.

I am glad to take the opportunity of congratulating THE WATLING RESIDENT on reaching its tenth birthday and while doing so I should like to extend my good wishes to all your readers, especially those it was my good fortune to come into contact with, and found it a pleasure to work with, in producing the RESIDENT in its younger days.

The necessity of keeping residents informed of the useful activities of your Association on their behalf is of vital importance, a task which a publication of this kind carries out very efficiently.

May your pages continue to flourish and

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

GEORGE E. ROBINSON.

A Message from Dr. Briggs

Dear me, how time flies. It is ten years since the Association and the RESIDENT started, and how well I remember it all.

At the beginning I doubted if it would ever start at all, for how we talked, and talked and talked in my waiting-room: the Committee sat often until one in the morning, but started it all was.

The trouble we had also in finding printers, in finding advertisers, writers, money, and all the things needful to start a paper, but it got under weigh, and has kept under weigh ever since.

I remember also standing without watching H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Mr. Baldwin arriving in '33

(it seems more than five years ago) to open the Centre. Then, my little work done I went away, happy.

I expect many of my old friends, many of the original Committeemen have left Watling as I left it, since those early days, but doubtless many are still left, and to them I send sincere greetings.

For myself, I have wandered much since those days; over much of the world, over the whole of Europe, to Burma, over Australia, and up the Amazons; I am still wandering, but I shall never forget the days when I was young and full of enthusiasm, when THE WATLING RESIDENT and the Association were born, lusty twins, who have grown vigorously.

May they grow to a useful manhood, and may I be present on their twenty-first birthday.

Very Many Happy Birthdays to the Watling Resident!

Ten years ago Dr. Briggs added the Editorship of the RESIDENT to his many other labours, professional and honorary. Despite its front page advertisements of beer and fish it became eagerly sought after and was read from cover to cover. Dr. Briggs was forced to hand over the editorial pen to Mr. Robinson after successfully piloting the journal through four issues owing to pressure of other work. Under Mr. Robinson's guidance the journal reached a very high level and the sales increased steadily. The most startling issue of the RESIDENT in those days was the last issue of the first volume—April 1929. This issue had a marvellous presentation map of the Estate as its "piece de resistance." Even the numbers of the houses were shown on the map! The RESIDENT was sold right out—2,000 copies—or was it 2,016? Mr. Bedford, the Circulation Manager, was too excited for words.

Unfortunately, after such a peak in sales had been obtained, there was a difference of opinions and the Editorial chair became vacant. Rather than see the RESIDENT brought to such an early end, I felt the chair, sat in it and kept sitting for the long stretch of June, 1929, to March, 1931. During the previous regime I had acted as Business Manager so I knew something of the procedure. I was not quite prepared for the avalanche of work that followed, however. After a time things began to smooth themselves out. I have never regretted my brief incursion into alleged journalism. I appreciated the contacts I made with all sorts of people on the Estate. Everyone was willing to help in their way. I made many discoveries of hidden talent to the benefit of the RESIDENT. But it was very hard work to keep the enthusiasm going. Contributors had to be visited and persuaded to carry on when their interest and enthusiasm had flagged. Enormous success was scored with painting competitions. I made one mistake of putting my address as the place where entries were to be delivered. About 200 or 300 entries were received one month and practically all of them were delivered by hand. Each entrant generally brought a few friends and they were

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all anxious to know if I was "Uncle so-and-so." I disclaimed any knowledge of the gentleman in order to keep the conversation short as it was the week the journal was going to press! When funds allowed we had some illustrations which brightened up the journal considerably. As Editor I was called on to represent the journal at school openings, meetings at the Town Hall, etc. I remember having a press seat at a High Pontifical Mass and at a Jewish Synagogue.

One Christmas Eve I helped to take the first prize in one of our competitions to the winner. Of course it was some outlandish spot on this Estate. The prize was well worth having and the competition was ridiculously easy. I regretted very much that I was barred from entering. The casual manner in which we were received, relieved of our load and dismissed was rather a shock and it took me about ten minutes to recover my equilibrium. This was quite an exception as it was generally very difficult to slip away quickly from the kindly hospitality offered.

The Editorials were generally very scathing of the efforts of the L.C.C. and the Hendon Council. I doubt whether those two bodies were severely shaken as I intended. The Children's Page was a very good feature thanks to the wonderful assistance of Miss Marini. My wife gave me considerable help with the Ladies' Page and there is not the slightest doubt that but for her patience and tolerance it would not have been possible for me to carry on so long as I did. To come home to lunch and have two or three people waiting to have a word with me about something is all right once in a while. To have very few private evenings or meals at home during the busy press week is a bit of a strain.

The RESIDENT experienced another worrying shock. We were to be sued for libel! Some solicitors' letters caused great concern. The RESIDENT made a handsome apology and paid a solicitor's bill that knocked the profit out of several months' issues.

Looking through what I've written so far I am struck with the similarity of my writing to that of Hannen Swaffer's. There are too many personal pronouns.

Please forgive this as it was really a personal experience. Nevertheless I do wish to emphasise that the success of the journal must be through team spirit and work. The sellers of the magazine, the contributors, the advertisers, the book keeper, the circulation staff as well as the editor make the journal.

My very best wishes Mr. Editor, and to your staff of helpers. May the RESIDENT go on from success to success.

A. E. VILLE.

Time Marches On

It seems strange to be sitting down writing for THE WATLING RESIDENT once more, but hearing from Mr. E. Sewell Harris that the "Old Rag," as I always affectionately call it, was celebrating its 10th Birthday I felt that I must join in with congratulations of "Many Happy Returns."

Somehow it doesn't seem possible that the RESIDENT has been published for ten years and that it is three years since I sat in the Editor's chair.

When one thinks of the amount of work that has been put in during that period it only proves how much can be done by voluntary workers.

I should imagine that something like 2,000,000

words have been written on a multitude of subjects.

Perhaps this is late in the day to take the opportunity, but I would like to place on record my appreciation and thanks for the help I received during my editorship—particularly to Mesdames "Jimette," Billie Dovey and Messrs. Fred Dovey, Jack Hilton and Todd Diss.

Looking back I suppose that we on the Watling Association have had our quarrels, but those things are forgotten and one only remembers pleasant associations and a job that has been done.

Once again my congratulations and may the next ten years be even more successful in carrying out a great ideal into practice.

WM. BOND.

Now We Are Ten!

The almost unbelievable has happened! THE WATLING RESIDENT has survived for ten years, and seems to be in a fair way to continuing its useful career for a long time to come. Long life to it! But birthdays, unless they are to be mere sentimental anniversaries, should bring with them some sobering reflections and, maybe, some good resolutions for the future. Suppose then we do a little journalistic spring-cleaning.

In the first place, it is as well to remember that THE RESIDENT is the official organ of the Watling Association, and as such has a position and a dignity to maintain. No one who has ever occupied the editorial chair and suffered the monthly pangs of struggling with reluctant contributors (eventually perhaps filling the gaping column oneself) could ever be so high-falutin as to suppose that the Editor should see all things under the species of eternity. But even so, the business of THE RESIDENT, as the Association's organ, is to take the longer rather than the shorter view, and sometimes at least to stand for principles in the teeth of expediency. It is very nice, for instance, to be persona grata with one's landlord, but if every window rattles, and the paint and paper are peeling off, the landlord must be told about it. Again, it is pleasant to be on good terms with the local authority, but "good terms" can be purchased at too high a price. The 20,000 people of Watling are still without that branch library, and a public library is perhaps the most fundamental of all the amenities of civilisation.

And what of the Association itself? In its constitution it announces that one of its main purposes is to further the education of its members. What is education? Is it something to be got out of a book, or lectures, or evening classes? Emphatically not. All those things are useful aids, but education is a drawing out of all the capacities and capabilities in man—his body, his mind, his spirit—for the enrichment of his own life and the benefit of those around him. Can it be said that the Association has done much more than pay lip service to this ideal? And what of those in and out of the Association who strive to see beyond the material in man—have they been allowed a fair field in which to prosecute their aims? When the Common Room, with its shelves of books, became a dart gallery, the majority won a victory no doubt; but is democratic civilisation concerned only with majorities?

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I was rather amused at the last paragraph in last month's Borough Council Notes about the refusal to send delegates to the Town Planning Conference organised by the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association; also the contracts. The Redhill Hospital and the M.C.C. don't think they are justified in making a path to connect Barnfield with Southeast Road. Land in Middlesex owned by Middlesex C.C. and the people of Middlesex would benefit. A short cut to the Tube, easing pedestrian traffic. No! No! a thousand times No! Contrary to the Government Commission's Report on Road Accidents we have lost so many footpaths in this area, thanks to motorists on the Highway Committee. The cost of a path from North Road School to connect with the path beside the line, welcome short cut home to keep kiddies away from the main road. Yet some 50 years ago a scheme was mooted to culvert the Silkstream in from the Upper Harp to the Mill Hill Viaduct, Southwood, as an alternate way to Barnet (Hendon Rural Sanitary Board had the sewer laid along the Valley over 40 years ago). Look at the waste land that could be saved in a short space, and money expended in trying to keep the brook clear of debris because certain refuse is not allowed in the dustbins. At last the hedges have been trimmed over Deans Lane Bridge. It has taken the authorities long enough to decide. I think the idea of hiding the street names behind the 'phone boxes is a good one, as with Barnfield and Dryfield, it is both fields only I see. I am hoping with the new L.N.E.R. Electrification Scheme that a path will be made through Wenlock Road, "underneath the arches," so that the allotments are also accessible. I think a sign on the "Centre" pointing towards the new barracks with Queensbury, Kenton, Kingsbury and Wembley on would ease the problem of the avenue and Orange Hill. Food for thought, Mrs. Suggate. We are now penalized for the muddles of the past!

F. J. CLIMPSON.

DOGS

DEAR SIR,

Re Mr. Rouse's letter which appeared in the April RESIDENT. I heartily agree with Mr. Rouse who complained of the numerous dogs on this Estate. The reason why there are such numbers is because the council have done nothing to prevent tenants from breeding dogs. This has become a flourishing business. It is very sad to see the poor little bitches not a year old themselves having a litter of puppies. Dogs are sold for 5/- and the bitches for 2/6. A common sight is to see puppies a few weeks old on a collar and lead being dragged along by small children who have not the faintest idea how to look after them, and when the licence is due they are either turned adrift and disowned, or sent away callously to be put to death. I suggest that a petition be sent to

the Council forbidding dog breeding. This will serve two purposes—to lessen the numbers and stop the TRAFFIC.

EDITH JONES

THE HOSAS SOCIAL CLUB

DEAR SIR,

I shall be obliged if you will find space in the next issue of the RESIDENT to publish a paragraph or two regarding the Annual Outing of this Club.

The Committee concerned has arranged for a Saloon Coach to be attached to the 10.35 train from Kings Cross for SKEGNESS, where the party is due to arrive about 1.15 p.m. and the outing has been fixed for Sunday, July 17th next.

At present there is room for one or two friends in the coach, so that should any of the Association members be interested, the Secretary of the Club,

Mr. J. MELLOR,
85, Axholme Avenue,
Edgware.

would be pleased to reserve them accommodation at a cost of 7/9 per head.

As this Club is affiliated to the Association, there is really no need for me to remind you of its activities, but I would mention that our Secretary would be pleased to hear of any persons, preferably contributors to the H.S.A., who might be interested in membership.

J. A. SNELL.

Dear Editor,

I feel I would be lacking in my duty if I did not send some contribution to THE WATLING RESIDENT on the occasion of its tenth birthday.

When one looks back as far as ten years ago, very happy memories are recollected. About this time found the inception of THE WATLING RESIDENT. The first committee meeting was held at Dr. Briggs' house in Watling Avenue, where Dr. Briggs was elected Editor, myself as Advertising Manager, and three other committee members consisting of Charlie Ingram, Jim Lysaght, and the late Mr. Bennett. The Editor and myself were given a free hand, as far as the make-up was concerned. Nevertheless I am proud to say that within 21 days we had our first copy ready for sale, the adverts having covered the initial cost of printing.

After some months of hard, but successful work, the position of Editor changed hands. This responsible position was now taken on by Mr. Albert Ville. I should like to say at this juncture, that I made a new and sincere friend in Mr. Ville, and a friend I have cherished ever since.

Later on, other new faces made their appearance in the team of workers in those of George Redpath, who later took over the position of Editor, Mr. J. Veal, and that of Freddy Welch, who commenced as Assistant Advertising Manager. He later took over the whole responsibility of my own position, which I was obliged to vacate owing to pressure of Council and other Public Work.

I say to the present voluntary staff of THE WATLING RESIDENT. Carry on with the good work.

Please accept my sincere greetings to all concerned with THE WATLING RESIDENT.

Councillor H. W. J. CONNELL, J.P.



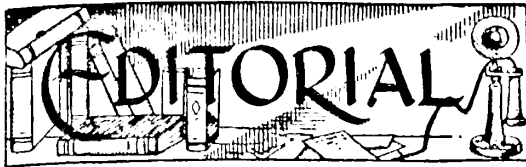
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Keep Fit

The Montrose Playing Fields are nearing completion and the ground looks as if we really can play on it. It is well laid out and drained and the surface is level, not like the old days, when we wanted to play cricket we had to choose the local park or common where the pitch was like a moles' paradise, where you never knew whether the ball was going to rise, shoot, break to leg or knock your brains out.

At one time good sports grounds were the monopoly of schools or clubs, but now it seems the powers that be are trying to encourage the common people to take a more active interest in sports and games so that we can attain a worthy standard of health and fitness.

CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBOURS

About this time of the year the B.B.C. usually request listeners to tone down their wireless sets. This request is chiefly to people who have their sets blaring out into the garden and forcibly entertaining their neighbours to a programme they do not wish to hear.

The neighbours may be trying to have an afternoon's nap in the garden, or perhaps, after a strenuous week, are trying to relax by doing a quiet spot of gardening.

Nothing is more disconcerting on a peaceful summer's day than suddenly to hear the massed bands of the Brigade of Guards strike up "Colonel Bogey," or a quartet of crazy saxophonists rendering their version of the "Retreat from Moscow" in three movements—allegro, rallentandem, bangalorum, or whatever it is. The Radio can be a blessing, it can also, according to some people, be something very much different. So there are two ways in which we can help to make this a land fit for heroes to live in. One is to control our Radios, and the other is not to save up our rubbish until the first fine day and then burn it.

Ways and Means

Guildford Council has decided to deduct one shilling for each child under school-leaving age from the rent of each of its 400 houses. This seems quite a humane act as in these times people with large families find it a struggle to make ends meet. What chance have we of building up an A1 nation if an over-large portion of a man's wages goes in rent. Whether or not people should have large families or whether they should have a family at all we are not disputing, but when the children arrive they must be fed and reared, and we can all agree that a woman with only two children has got a full-time job to bring them up decently. If we can take some of the financial strain off her more productive sister we shall be doing a christian service.

F.H.L.

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JUNE 17th — 27th, 1938

PROVISIONAL SKELETON PROGRAMME

**LOOK THIS THROUGH NOW AND BOOK
THE DATES OF YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS**

Friday 17th	Young Watlers Concert, 8 p.m.	Wednesday 22nd	Watling Variety Concert, 8 p.m. Social Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Saturday 18th	Carnival Procession, Fair, in afternoon—Carnival Social, Carnival Dance, 8 p.m.	Thursday 23rd	Dramatic Productions, 8 p.m.
Sunday 19th	Musical and Vocal Contests, 8 p.m.	Friday 24th	Dinner and Dance, 8 p.m.
Monday 20th	Jumble Sale, 2.30 p.m. Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.	Saturday 25th	Sports and Physical Training Display, 2—8 p.m. Social, 8 p.m.
Tuesday 21st	Baby Show, 2.30 p.m. Dance, 8 p.m. Juvenile Dance Competition, 8 p.m.	Sunday 26th	What You Will, 8 p.m. Dance 8 p.m.
		Monday 27th	Piano Accordion Concert, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21st.

8 p.m. Juvenile Dance Competition

**Numbered and Reserved Seats 2/0
Admission to Hall 1/-
Tickets limited in number**

For Teams from Schools of Dancing or Permanent Organisations.

At JOHN KEBLE HALL (Deans Lane).

Each School or Organisation may enter any group or individuals; all performers to be under 16 years of age.

The School or Organisation must have been in existence before 1st January, 1937.

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.

The winners will hold the Perpetual Challenge Cup until Watling Week 1939, and there will also be a medal for the best individual dancer.

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

ENTRANCE FORM

Juvenile Dance Competition. To be filled and returned with entrance fee of 5/- to Mr. C. Downs, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before June 1st. Do it now.

I wish to enter the School of Dancing/Organisation
for the above competition. I hereby certify that all the members entering will be under 16 years of age on June 21st, 1938, and I understand that the decision of the committee is final.

Entrance Fee enclosed.....

Signed

Address

Date.....

SATURDAY, 25th.

2 p.m. Sports Meeting

ON CRESSINGHAM PLAYING FIELD

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 yards Handicap for boys 8 or over and under 11.
9. 100 yards Handicap for boys 11 or over and 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 an Association Group who secures the highest number of points. 1st, 5. 2nd, 3. 3rd, 1.

Adults' Events. Entrance Fee 6d. per person per event unless otherwise stated.

- Men's 13. 100 yards Scratch, for members of the Watling Association.
 14. 220 yards Scratch, for the Cyclone Danny Trophy, Open.
 15. 1 mile Scratch, for members of the Watling Association.
 16. 3 miles Marathon, for Sidney Hurry Challenge Cup, Open.
 17. Tug of War, team of 8, catch weights, for Barney Built Trophy, Open, entrance fee 5/- per team.
 18. Push Ball Tournament, team of not more than 10, for Maison Lyons Trophy, entrance fee 5/- per team.

Ladies' 19. 100 yards Scratch, for members of the Watling Association.

Mixed Couples.

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

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 20th. *Do it now.*

Herewith please finds.d. being Entrance Fees for the following sports events.

Event No. Entrance Fee.

NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS.

.....	Address
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.....	Club (if any).....
Total	

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th.

8 p.m. Competitive Meeting

Entries are invited for

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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| 1. Vocal Solos | 6. Piano Solos |
| 2. Vocal Solos, set piece | 7. Violin Solos |
| 3. Duets | 8. Mouth Organ Solos |
| 4. Recitations | 9. Spelling Bee (teams of 6) |
| 5. Recitations, set piece | |

Each class will be divided into age groups.

Other classes will be included if there is sufficient demand and the organiser reserves the right to abandon any class for which there are insufficient entries. For final arrangements see the June "RESIDENT."

Entrance Fee 3d. per person per event.

COMPETITIVE MEETING ENTRY FORM

To be returned to the Organiser, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, together with entrance fees, before June 5th.

I wish to enter for the following classes and enclose entrance fees.

Class No. Entrance Fee

.....	Name
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NOW WE ARE TEN—continued from page 7.

However, let us have done with jeremiads. It is a sincere pleasure to hail THE RESIDENT and its Editor on the journal's tenth birthday, and to wish it long life and much usefulness in the future. Let us also

recall with gratitude the RESIDENT's many loyal workers of the past and of the present, and if we single out for special mention Dr. Briggs and Albert Ville it is because they deserve the salute accorded only to pioneers.

J.A.V.

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The National Conference of the Community Centres and Associations Committee (C.C. & A.C.)

This was held a fortnight before Easter and was attended by about 320 delegates representing 69 Community or Residents' Associations, 70 Local Authorities, 60 Voluntary Bodies, 14 Physical Training Area Committees and 3 Government Departments.

Interesting addresses were given by the President of the Board of Education, Mr. W. W. Wakefield, M.P., Chairman of the J.O.C., Mrs. Stocks, Secretary of the London Council of Social Service, Sir Wyndham Deedes, Mr. Anthony Bertram and Dr. Ernest Barker who presided throughout.

Mr. Bertram stressed the importance of having Community Centres designed and not merely built. There are two obstructive attitudes, he said, to the designing of Centres as buildings of beauty; one is based on the idea that design does not matter, the other on the idea that it is not fair to give people public buildings which may make them dissatisfied with their own homes. In truth, however, design does matter, and if people's conditions are bad you do want to make them dissatisfied. Design is equivalent to civilization; not design which is merely decoration, but design which makes the building and the rooms perfectly fit for their purposes. "The essence of art is form, proportion, balance, texture, colour." He suggested that the Community Centre should be as obviously a Community Centre as the Church is a Church and that perhaps one way to get an ideal building would be to have a nation-wide competition for planning a Centre. He deplored the prevalence of brown, and other dull colours, as internal decoration and pleaded that the price of paint should not be set against the cultural value of bright colours.

Dr. Barker had a two-fold plea; firstly that we should not become doctrinaire, nor think that there was one single perfect pattern of a Community Centre laid up in the heaven of our own minds; secondly that whatever powers or authorities might provide our buildings we should continue to maintain the democratic nature of our movement and ensure that each Community Association should manage its Centre.

On the Sunday morning a most interesting session for representatives of Community Associations and kindred bodies discussed the national organisation of the movement. Mr. Harris put forward the suggestion of the London Federation of Community Associations for the formation of a National Federation, but the Conference decided by 55 to 5 to adopt the suggestion for a Consultative Council. The definitions of a Community Association and a Community Centre put forward by the C.C. & A.C. were provisionally adopted and the Conference resolved itself into the Consultative Council. A resolution was then passed asking the C.C. & A.C. to consider the possibility of a holiday camp scheme for members of Community Associations and the Council broke up into three regional groups, each to elect four representatives who will, together with four from Scotland when elected from a Standing Committee of the Consultative Council, form the Associations' half of the C.C. & A.C., and also serve

as the representatives of the Consultative Council, i.e. of the Community Association Movement, on the National Council of Social Service.

The Southern Regional Group divided itself into two, Greater London and the rest, and each section elected two representatives; the London two were Mr. R. Purcell of Eltham and Mr. Sewell Harris of Watling, the other two, Miss M. R. Schofield of Lambrook Community Association, Taunton, and Mr. A. T. Carr of Slough Social Centre. The four Midland representatives were Mr. W. Bennett, Bilelsley Farm C.A., Birmingham; Mr. H. Chessell, Wesley Castle C.A., Birmingham; Mr. W. J. Cox, Frecheville C.A., Derbyshire; Mr. B. Shenton, Braunstone Estate T.A., Leicester. The four Northern: Mr. M. G. Green, High Heaton T.A., Newcastle; Mrs. Tylecote, Burnage Association, Manchester; Mr. E. Wright, Manor C.A., Sheffield; Mr. D. Thompson, Currock C.A., Carlisle.

After lunch the Standing Committee met and elected Mr. Sewell Harris as Chairman and Mrs. Tylecote, Mr. Chessell and Mr. Sewell Harris as its three representatives on the Executive of the National Council of Social Service.

Borough Council Notes

At the meeting of the Council on February 28th, reference was made to the intended reconstruction of Deans Lane Bridge which was only possible by Order under the Bridges Act, 1929, and for which the County Council would be financially responsible. The County Councillors present were appealed to by a Councillor to press the County Council to accept their responsibilities as soon as possible.

It was agreed, after discussion, that the charges for season tickets for Hendon residents at the Mill Hill and West Hendon swimming pools will be 15/- for adults and 7/6 for children attending schools, and the charges for slips shall be 2/- with no deposit.

Councillor A. A. Naar, M.B.E. was appointed the Council's representative on the Middlesex Advisory Air-Raid Committee.

The use of the Cressingham Road Playing Field for a Sports Meeting and Physical Training Display on Saturday, June 25th, by the Watling Association was recommended, free of charge, subject to the Education Committee being indemnified by the Watling Association against any claims which may fall against the Committee.

A scheme of apprenticeship in Horticulture and Nursery Work is being formulated by the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

It was reported to the Juvenile Employment Sub-Committee that from April 4th, 1938, the National Health Insurance Act, 1937, will come into force. The Act provides for free medical attendance, treatment and medicines for boys and girls who take up employment between school leaving age and the age of sixteen, and title to Medical Benefit will arrive as soon as a contributor takes up insurable employment or on April 4th if employment has already begun.

It was recommended that the gas boilers at the West Hendon and Watling Estate Health Centres should be regularly inspected, twice a year, by the Gas Light and Coke Co., fee 2/6 each inspection. No further action is to be taken about the proposal to construct a footpath and footbridge to connect Watling Estate with East Road, Burnt Oak.

The Estate and Parks Committee approved the use of Lyndhurst Park by the Watling Association for the Children's Sport Day, but not the Fair, during Watling Week, subject to no vehicles being allowed in the Park and satisfactory sanitary arrangements.

The Borough Surveyor will be asked to prepare a scheme for the Bandstand in Watling Park. The turfing of Watling Park bowling green is finished and the Mill Hill Green two-thirds completed. The Hendon Garage Club are to be informed there is no accommodation at Mill Hill for their Bowls Section, but they may apply for accommodation on completion of Watling Park Green. The greater part of the lay-out of Montrose Playing Fields will be completed by the end of March.

The Town Clerk reported the Middlesex County Council had agreed to provide two instructors for training Air-Raid Wardens; the courses of instruction of about ten lectures and practical work will run concurrently, the first course commencing on Wednesday, March 23rd, and the second Friday, March 25th. The Air-Raid Precautions Sub-Committee also considered the preliminary draft for air-raid precautions and recommended in order to facilitate completion of the scheme that the Sub-Committee be given full powers to arrive at decisions and to take immediate action as may be necessary. Over 250 persons had responded on the first two days to the appeal broadcast by the Home Secretary for volunteers, and a member of the permanent staff is now on duty daily from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for enrolment purposes.

The Food Education Society

For nearly thirty years the Food Education Society has been engaged in its task of raising the standard of public health by improved nutrition. Its activities are various, but the one in which members of Community Centres and Housing Estates are likely to be most interested is the work that is being done to bring the new knowledge of food, in simple form, to the housewife who has closely to consider ways and means.

THE NEW KNOWLEDGE

Tremendous strides have been made in recent years in the realisation of the relation of food to health. Health and Fitness are the watchwords of to-day. It is now well known that these depend more on sound nutrition than on any other single factor.

It is an undisputed fact that many of our commonest ailments are directly due, or closely associated with, faulty feeding and food habits. Sound growth, maintenance of health and resistance to disease can likewise be built up by the Right Foods, prepared and eaten in the correct way. Much illness, for which remedies (expensive) are sought in patent foods and medicines, may be prevented and cured by a sound and well-balanced diet.

It is easy for the housewife to be led astray in these days of intensive and often misleading advertisements. Much money spent on highly advertised goods could be put to better advantage by the housewife with an up-to-date knowledge of food values.

THE SERVICE OFFERED

This essential knowledge of simple food values, conservative cooking and the preparation of nutritious dishes, both cooked and uncooked of "protective"

foods at the lowest possible cost is given in the Talks and Demonstrations of the Society, which are specially devised to help and inform the busy housewife. The whole idea is to translate the essentials of modern nutritional science into the simplest terms of the shopping basket and the housekeeping budget.

SCIENTIFICALLY BASED

The teaching is in conformity with the Report of the League of Nations Mixed Committee on Nutrition and the British Advisory Council on Nutrition. The society has always been undogmatic in its teaching and has no commercial axe to grind. Instruction includes the all-important subject of nutritional hygiene—right food habits—which do so much to increase the value of our daily food. Questions are invited and the ensuing discussion often proves most useful.

STALL

The Nutrition Exhibition Stall, approved by representatives of the Ministry of Health and the Central Council of Health Education, to which the society is affiliated, can be set up, if desired, wherever a talk is given.

FEEES

These vary according to requirements. The aim is to provide a Travelling Nutrition Service working out at the rate of 3d. or 4d. per head for an audience of not fewer than forty or fifty people, which is less than the price of the cheapest cinema seat. Literature, including the 3d. booklets "Vegetable and Salad Dishes," "Day-School Children's Meals" and "Meals for Toddlers" are supplied on sale or return. All particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretaries, Food Education Society, Gordon House, 29 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1. Telephone: Euston 2151.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following

Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30 :—

May 1—Mr. R. SCAMMELL

8—Mr. A. B. HARLAND

15—Mr. C. Stokes (of Northern Rhodesia)
Missionary Sunday

22—Mr. JOHN H. PARKER

29—Mr. MARK KARGAN

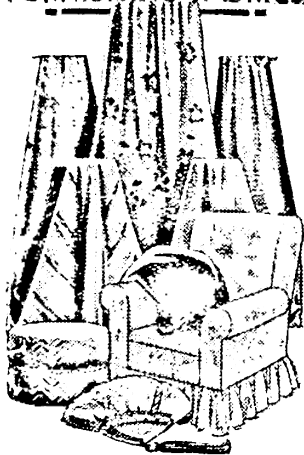
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By Cycling You Are Keeping Fit

says Mrs. BILLIE DOVEY

Where to Easter? Do you know I have not yet decided the district. "Cyclux" and I have for the past fortnight discussed the New Forest, Central Wales and more recently Derbyshire's Dales, Rutland, and places like that. That's the best of a bicycle—it allows you complete freedom to change your mind, even on the Thursday evening before Good Friday, and start off in the opposite direction you had previously thought of going. Next issue you shall know for certain where we actually spent April 15th to 18th—at the moment it's nearly the time of going to press—and I haven't even packed my bag yet.

But that isn't serious to a cyclist going off for four days freedom "on the road." Travel light is the key to successful long-distance touring. Never put in your saddle-bag any of those things you feel you *might* need.

I only wish more of you Watling residents were spending a cycling holiday. But there are more bicycles in the district, and the number is steadily growing. Lots of touring will be undertaken in the days that are to come. Don't wait until next year. Have a CYCLING HOLIDAY in 1938.

Bernard Newman. Last issue I mentioned this gentleman, and at Aylesbury recently I had the pleasure of hearing his latest lecture on a cycle ride that he himself undertook last year across the face of Europe—a "Ride to Russia."

Extraordinary in interest and yet freely humorous and full of astonishing incident it concerns the people of the countries through which Bernard Newman cycled on his way to Russia, and how he mixed and lived with them.

Mr. Harris, we really must give Watling residents the opportunity of hearing Mr. Newman and seeing his excellent lantern slides at Watling Centre. Whether you ride a bicycle or not, it doesn't matter. Mr. Newman's adventures are interesting (and at times thrilling) enough to command your attention, and when the last word has been spoken and the slides all finished you will be sorry it is the end.

Girls and Cycling Clubs. Nearly every local cycling club accepts women riders. The Northern C.C. in its early days on the Estate continued in the wake of its predecessors as a purely male club. It was pleasing to note that it decided to open its ranks to the "fair sex" after two years harbouring bachelors. "Cyclux" was one of these, but he had converted me to cycling, and was I believe the first of the circle who founded the club to take his leave of that happy (?) state.

Most prominent women riders of the Northern C.C. have been "Micky" Scrivener and Hilma Lundsten (now North Western Road Club) who put up some excellent performances at 25 miles and in the Rosslyn Ladies' 12-hour event.

Most active in women's road sport have been the North Western Road Club, founded in 1933 chiefly by keen cyclists living on Watling Estate or in the vicinity. Last year several women riders competed regularly in road events and Ethel Rolph, Hilma

J. VOWDEN

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RELY UPON TO STUDY
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Lundsten, Ann Evans, Peggy Apsey, Nan and Jan Remison and yours truly were usually twiddling pedals to our best advantage.

Touring the Chief Interest. I have just referred to the more seriously energetic side of cycling for women. I know this does not interest most women cyclists. You want to travel—gently maybe amid leafy lanes, seeing the beauties of an ever-changing countryside. Well, there again is the advantage of a bicycle. It can be your sport and pastime if you wish. You make the choice yourself.

The evenings are lighter now. All women with bicycles should once every week or so spend two or three hours around the quiet lanes near Elstree and Shenley—only a half an hour's ride away from Deansbrook Road, Blundell Road—it doesn't matter where you live with a bicycle handy.

Think of June, and the long summer Sundays which you can spend cycling to health and fitness. At one time I could not ride a bicycle. I probably thought it difficult, dangerous, perhaps even "un-lady-like." Welcome to all new-comers to the world of wheels. Bike it—and like it, too!

"Cycling for Fitness"—that is the object of the 25,000 mile ride which I am very busy with at the moment. I am very anxious to complete this by the end of the year. By the evening of April 8th I had covered 7,256 miles a wheel to date since commencing on January 1st.

I am happily over 500 miles ahead of my schedule thanks chiefly to the excellent weather during the month of March when I covered 2,400 miles—an average of nearly 78 miles each day. My daily average since January 1st is approximately 74 miles, and I call on cycle dealers, etc., en route.

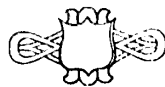
The first three months of my ride have shown quite clearly to me that cycling is a valuable exercise if practised with discretion. I started off very steadily for the first few weeks in order to build up stamina and get accustomed to a steady pace I could travel at with ease.

It is really surprising how the miles go by without even trying to hurry. Why some people say "Oh! Cycling is too much like hard work" I really don't know. Well, really, I and you *do* know. It is just that they can't be bothered to get themselves fit. It's easy enough to "keep fit"—just keep on riding that bicycle, of course.

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Club and Society Notes

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

Our brilliant spell of weather, as much out of place as it was during February and March, was as welcome as those few old faces that appeared on club runs as well as the increase of new members. My expectations regarding the entry of teams in open events for this year are proving correct. On the tenth of last month we entered our third team, this time in the "North Midds" middle-markers and the times were, I believe, very satisfactory. Andy again won our Club Low Gear (63.5 ins.) with a time of 1 hr. 11 mins., with Len Brickett running second and a new rider, George Munk, third. This ride of George's was all the more creditable as he was penalised to the extent of 1 min. 15 secs. owing to late starting. We again used the Barnet By-Pass, but this time the course included nearly nine miles of the North Orbital Road, a comparatively recent stretch of road instituted, in my opinion, for the sole purpose of giving cyclists "the bonk." A more dreary, heavy stretch of road would be hard to imagine.

Most members are now aware that our mid-week meeting place, hitherto the "White Lion," Edgware, has been changed, and we now have our club-room at Maimie's Cafe, next to the Odeon Cinema, Kingsbury. It is in Kenton Road at the Honeypot Lane roundabout, and entrance is gained at the rear, the room being on the first floor. The usual games may be played.

Notification of this quarter's Club Magazine failed to appear on the runs card, but it was out as usual on the 30th of last month. Copies may be obtained from the usual source.

Our May fixtures bring the ladies into the picture. I see, as well as an open event (West Croydon Ladies' 25) they are to take the men for a run after the Club 50 on the 29th. Should be good, chaps!

The massed start races at Brooklands are promised to remain a permanent feature; I wonder if we could arrange a team or perhaps call in to see it one Sunday? It is at least an avenue we have not yet explored and it may provide yet another permanent activity.

A brief summary of this month's programme is as follows:—

- May 1 Dinner, Codicote.
Tea, Datchworth.
- May 8 Dinner, Thaxted.
Tea, Bengoe.
- May 15 Dinner, Fingest.
Tea, Great Missenden.
- May 22 Dinner, Brockham Green.
Tea, Fetcham.
- May 29 (Ladies' Run). Dinner, Rickmansworth.
Tea, Sarrat.

POTTERER.

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

As I write the sun is streaming through the window with June brilliance, and my thoughts are anticipating Easter, hoping all the time that the weather will hold. Well, by the time this is published the

holiday will be over and we shall know what the weather clerk dished up.

The main fixture for the Hendon Clarion is the 43rd Clarion Easter Meet at Gloucester and quite a lot of us will be (or should I say "were") there. I will tell you all about it next month. There was a trip to Herne Hill on Friday and club runs for those who could not get away.

Last month I wrote about the Spring Meet. Forty members from Hendon attended and there was a good attendance from all sections of the London Union—about three to four hundred.

The day was spent in various activities, a comic football-cum-rugger match, whilst some members went for a run round Kentish byways. After tea an amateur talent contest and a film show. I need hardly mention that the members who played football during the afternoon suffered for it the next day in aches and stiffness; evidently football and cycling does not mix very well.

Seven of the Hendon members rode in the Clarion London C. and A.C. on Sunday, April 10th, in a 25 miles T.T.

During April also the evening runs started and are being fairly well supported—the short spins make an interesting break during the week and any newcomers are always welcome at our usual meeting point at 8 p.m. Tuesdays.

A very unusual run last month was the Cyc-hike. This is a new innovation in Sunday club runs and some very beautiful country was "discovered" in Surrey. The only disadvantage to the idea as far as I can see is the lifting of the bikes over numerous barbed-wire fences and suchlike obstructions. Still, perhaps I'm a wee bit lazy. Anyway, the bikes are all quite light.

Easter over, Whitsun will soon be upon us. Have you got that new bike yet? You haven't? You don't know what you're missing in not taking up cycling. Come now, get that bike whilst the year is young.

Our runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9 a.m. Afternoon section, 2.45 p.m. Runs for May are:—

- 1st. May Day Celebrations.
- 8th. Binfield.
- 15th. Maldon, Essex (start 8 a.m.).
- 22nd. Waddesdon.
- 29th. Telegraph Hill.

We will be glad to see you any Thursday evening at our club room at the Royal Oak, Burnt Oak Broadway, at 8 p.m. If you cannot get along write to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20, Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, for full particulars of the club and our comprehensive insurance scheme.

ODD FELLOWS SOCIAL

A very happy evening was spent at the Centre, when the Odd Fellows (Manchester Unity) presented a free social to celebrate the birth of a New Branch, called the Burnt Oak Branch, with Headquarters at the Centre, and meetings fortnightly. This branch has made wonderful progress and new members are being signed at all meetings.

Our old pal Teddy Edwards, D.C.M., M.M., was

Master of Ceremonies, and during the evening gave a very masterful speech on the superior benefits of the Odd Fellows Society, and also introduced some prominent members who had come a long distance to wish the new branch Good Luck.

Tremendous amusement was caused by the performance of Bro. Jack Dalemere in his entertainments as a Boxer and a Footballer, and a duet with the M.C. Miriam Epifano, Bessie Leech, Gladys Ellis and Doris Wollen gave a brilliant performance of Monologues, Tap Dances and Songs, and last but not least, two of our Young Watlers were asked to represent the Centre and were received with great applause. They were the terrible two, Miller and Turbey.

APRIL FOOLS' DANCE

The Watling Association Netball Club held a Dance on Friday, April 1st, under the name of April Fools' Dance. It attracted over 130 friends and members of the Watling Centre. Organised by the Netball Captain, Miss Ruby Hall, and her Committee, the dance was a great success.

Thanks are due to Mrs. Nyberg who acted as M.C. and also to the Aves Brothers' Band who provided the music.

Spot prizes were won by Miss Curry and partner, and Miss Ullmer and partner, and Miss Chapman won the raffle of a basket of fruit.

The Netball Club have given £1 of the proceeds to the Building Fund, and they are looking forward to running another dance in the near future.

WATLING WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

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Weightlifting Notes

1938 opened in great style for the "London and District Weightlifting League." The 30 teams were arranged into three Leagues, the third being divided up into three sections, each consisting of six teams; therefore giving us ten matches without Cup or other matches.

Our dates for home matches are as follows:—Wed., May 4th; Wed., June 22nd; Wed., Oct. 26th; Sept. 21st. We invite anybody to come along to witness these matches which are held in our Club Room.

I note with interest that the standard of lifting is greatly improving. This is proved by the fact that we (although we have improved a lot) have lost two matches as yet. But these defeats act as inspiration, and shortly we expect to put up better than ever poundage.

Results of the Watling v. Hounslow match.

	Body weight st. lbs.	Press	Snatch	Jerk	Total lbs.	
WATLING						
A. Booth ...	10 2½	150	150	195	495	Total 2,065 lbs.
D. Callow ...	9 4	120	140	180	440	
M. Glaser ...	11 1½	165	145	210	520	
F. Maynard...	14 10½	170	190	250	610	
HOUNSLOW						
R. Jones ...	11 5½	140	160	210	510	Total 1,925 lbs.
A. Lane ...	9 13½	145	145	200	490	
H. Mack ...	9 12	140	145	200	485	
T. Sawyer ...	9 8½	130	130	180	440	

Win for Hounslow of 14.735 points.

These three Lifts are the Olympic set which are used in the "Olympic Games."

In case anyone is puzzled by the results of these matches, I would like to explain further. The result is arrived at by means of a formula which sets a standard of lifting according to the bodyweight of a lifter. Therefore the heavier a lifter, the heavier the poundage he is expected to lift.

With reference to the Watling Association's Weightlifting Cup which was offered by Messrs. Curry of Edgware, I have no plans at present. We retained it last year against the Pembroke team at the sports meeting held at the Moss Sports Ground. It definitely will be held in the Centre in June some time. The details I will disclose later.

Results of Chelsea v. Watling match.

	Body weight st. lbs.	Press	Snatch	Jerk	Total lbs.	
CHELSEA						
G. Abberley	10 4	140	140	200	480	Total 2,000 lbs.
L. Davis ...	11 2	165	170	230	565	
W. Wright ...	8 13	120	140	190	450	
R. Leonard ...	10 11	145	160	200	505	
WATLING						
A. Booth ...	10 1	155	155	200	510	Total 2,120 lbs.
D. Callow ...	9 5	120	145	190	455	
M. Glaser ...	11 1	165	150	210	525	
F. Maynard...	14 9	180	190	260	630	

N. Chelsea won by 16.2 points.

We welcome prospective members either for Weightlifting or strand-pulling. Entrance fee, 1/-; weekly subs., 6d. Why not come and see how tough you are.

A. E. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

Watling Association

THE NEXT Quarterly General Meeting of Members

WILL BE HELD AT THE

Centre

On **THURSDAY, JUNE 9th**

at 8.0 p.m.

AGENDA:

Minutes, Correspondence, Council's Report and other Business.

VETERANS' CLUB

On Thursday, March 17th, the veterans were invited to a dress rehearsal concert given by the younger members of the Association.

It was a very creditable performance and much appreciated by the old folks.

Our thanks are extended to the Troth Bros., producers, and Mr. C. Deacon for their kind thought in offering this entertainment free to the Club before its first public appearance at St. Alphage Hall, but this concert was only a forerunner of bigger things to come, for on the following Wednesday a party of veterans left the Centre by coach on an outing to the Palladium. Comfortable seats were booked in the Grand Circle and they settled down to enjoy a very entertaining and spectacular show, rounding off the evening with supper at Lyons' Tea Shop, Oxford Street, and coach back to the Centre.

Other special events are an American Tea, at the end of April, to which our lady helpers are to be invited; the Anniversary in May, and a trip to Brighton in June.

In closing I should like on behalf of the Club to thank Mr. Payne, "Trainee," for the splendid programme of Speakers he arranged from January to April and the wide and varied subjects that were discussed.

E. COLE.

MOGGIES

The Moggies really have been very busy this last few weeks. The extra activities mean lots of hard work and they have got on with it. Some of the Junior P.T. girls went in for a competition for sword dancing and walked off with the framed certificate which can be seen in the Award case in the Common Room. Then they entered for another competition run by the J.O.C. by acting a play called "Wonderful Inn." Although they came bottom on the list I am very proud of them as the Judge could only catch them out in one word not pronounced correctly. Their latest achievement was a concert run for their own funds. The hall was crowded and both audience and players thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We are sorry to say good-bye to Miss Rawcliff as she has been very good in coming along to be our pianist for songs in "Wonderful Inn." Now we must get down to some more hard work for Watling Week.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

W.W.W.W.W.

What is worth winning in Watling Week or what is Watling Week worth to we? Not necessarily the same. The Association wants all the money it can get in order to clear off its debt this year. Can it manage it? With your help.

Decorations

When the decorators move in the old man moves out. But where will the groups from the Centre move to when the decorators start there? They are going to start soon, I believe, and not before it was needed. Have you heard about the new colour schemes?

Folk dancing

This group is making encouraging progress and is attracting a number of enthusiasts. It is hoped that there will be a joint display during Watling Week with other organisations and training has now commenced for that purpose. The group meets in June as follows:—

Friday, 3rd. Sunday, 12th. Friday, 17th.

New members are invited, so if you want to keep fit and cheerful, take up folk dancing.

British Red Cross Society

At the April Council Meeting a representative of the Red Cross Society spoke. The history of the Red Cross was very briefly described and stress was laid on the fact that while the Red Cross was enormously expanded in time of war it did function in peace-time and was increasing its effectiveness and facilities. The Red Cross provided, for instance, crutches and invalid chairs on hire for those in temporary need.

In reply to a question the Red Cross representative said there was no competition between the Red Cross Society and The St. John Ambulance Corps, both organisations having agreed there was room for both to operate, and there was co-operation between them.

It was suggested that a branch of the Red Cross should be set up in the Watling Estate and all those interested were asked to give their names to the Secretary of the Watling Association.

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 27th.

Harvey & Thompson, Outfitters, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak. Two prizes.

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Rego, Clothiers, The Broadway, Burnt Oak.

A. I. Jones, Opticians, Chemist, The Broadway, Two prizes.

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Coal

We can only offer our sympathy to the victims of the recent disaster. Most of us feel that it is time the problem of the coal-getting industry was tackled seriously. We can spend millions on armaments which soon become obsolete and may never be used yet we begrudge spending a few millions on making the mines safe.

The miners say that their wages are poor, yet we have to pay 2/6 and more for a hundred-weight of coal. Somebody makes money out of coal, who is it? It isn't the miners or the mine owners.

The public pay and at intervals we are shocked at these tragic disasters.

Good Literature

Much has been written and said, in recent months, of the value of reading the Bible as Literature. In spite of the fact that the two most widely-known translations (the Authorised and the Revised) are not modern "parlance," both forms have very beautiful English passages, which have always played a part in the education of the "learned," and has an uplifting appeal to all lovers of pleasant things.

It is not often that we hear passages of Scripture used as elocution tests, but an opportunity of doing this will occur on Sunday evening, 19th June, at the Music and Elocution Competitive Meeting, which is being held at the Centre in connection with Watling Week. Turn up 19th chapter of St. Matthew, and see what you can do in the way of RECITING the first 13 verses.

Aldershot Tattoo

There are a few tickets going for the Aldershot Tattoo, on Saturday, June 11th. Price of Tickets, 9/6 including motor coach, seats inside enclosure and luncheon baskets. Anyone who would like to go please give names into the office or to Mr. Deacon.

Plant Exchange

After a time a gardener finds that some plants accumulate to an extent to be beyond his requirements. He then has to split up the plant and burn the surplus or dump it in the dust hole. Now there might be a neighbour who could do with a root of that particular plant, and in return he would gladly give a few roots of his surplus plants. It would be a good idea if we could have a plant exchange service. If anyone has surplus plants or is likely to have more stuff in his garden than he needs or if he desires a cutting of a particular plant, write to us and we will insert a notice to that effect in the RESIDENT and we will broadcast it at the Centre. It would be advisable to leave the plants in the ground until they are required.

The Accomplished Young Watlers

is a phrase that has been heard often, and it is common to go to a Social, Dance, or Concert, and see one or other of them perform. They fully appreciate their responsibility in opening Watling Week and are not

nervous, or in any doubt as to their ability to put over a show, worthy of the Juvenile Section of Watling, everyone of them is keen, and I should advise patrons of this concert to come early because in the past we have had to put up the "House Full" notice.

The date is Friday, June 17th, admission 6d., and a few numbered and reserved seats at 1/-.

Another Date

to remember, Monday, June 27th, when Mr. Hale of Watling Avenue is producing another Piano Accordion Concert for the benefit of Watling Week Number Ten.

This will take place at St. Alphage Hall, where we have had so many other Accordion successes. In winding up Watling Week, Mr. Hales intends to put on one of the best Accordion concerts ever produced in Watling. Vocal and other items are included in this programme and some very prominent people in the accordion world have promised to be present. Various surprise items are expected. Admission 6d. A few numbered and reserved seats 1/-. So roll up and hear this instrument played as it should be.

Tickets can be obtained from Messrs. A. I. Jones, Hale (Watling Avenue), Jack Hilton and the Watling Centre.

A Thought

Talents are nurtured best in solitude, but character on life's tempestuous seas.—GOETHE.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

June, 1938

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
5. Whit Sunday, no meeting.
12. Business Meeting.
19. Tragic Drama, Mr. R. Croker.
26. The Trojan Women, Mr. R. Coker.
Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8.15 p.m., alternate weeks.
Young People's Debating Society, 8.30 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Homefield Road.
- Tuesdays** —Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls, 12-16, 7.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Dance, 8 p.m.
Physical Training for Girls over 16, 8.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
1. How I see the world, Mrs. Croome.
8. Business Meeting. Next winter's Programme.
15. Hungary.
22. Watling Week.
29. Social.
Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Fridays** —Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Net Ball Club, 3.15 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

- Friday 3 Folk Dancing 8.0 p.m.
Thursday 9 Watling Association's Quarterly General Meeting.
Friday 10 Girls' P.T. Class Dance.
Saturday 11 Outing to Aldershot Tattoo.
Sunday 12 Folk Dancing.
Friday 17 to Monday 27 } **WATLING WEEK**
Thursday 30 W.A. Council.

Watling Association

A Quarterly General Meeting of Members

THURSDAY JUNE 9th
8 p.m. at the Centre

AGENDA

1. Minutes
2. Matters arising
3. Report of Council
4. Any other Business

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The M.C.C. and You

by County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

The County Council meeting at the end of April was a very amiable and well-behaved affair on the whole. There was the yearly difference of opinion as to whether children from the County's "Scattered Homes" should or should not be allowed to attend the full-dress rehearsal of the Aldershot Tattoo and the usual decision was arrived at by a large majority that they should go. There was some discussion also as to the type of Charity which should receive grants from the Sunday Cinema Fund and a brief reference to the Entrance Examination for Secondary Schools.

In these circumstances it is not so easy as it is sometimes to decide about what to write this month. However, there is one decision to which the Council came without any discussion at all that will interest you I think, although I hope it will not directly affect anyone who reads this or any of their friends or relatives. Of course the matter was well considered in committee and no one in Council opposed the recommendation.

The decision was to inaugurate what is known as "occupational therapy" at the two County Sanatoria. It will be remembered that some few years ago, three I think, it was decided that the treatment for Tuberculosis should be free so that every encouragement should be given to sufferers to take advantage of Sanatorium treatment. Now it is hoped, by starting "occupational therapy," to make the patients undergoing treatment happier and more willing to stay out the time necessary to affect a cure. By giving them an occupation suited to their physical condition, their minds as well as their hands will be kept busy and so they will be more contented and their cure may even be hastened by this contentment. To lie in bed, sometimes for months at a time, quite without occupation must indeed be depressing and disheartening. It is to cheer and encourage the patients that the scheme is being begun.

Information has been obtained from Sanatoria where such occupation is already made possible for the patients, and it is found that among the things they are able to do are Rug Making, Basket Making, Leather Work, Woodwork, Tapestry, Printing and so on.

The patients at the County Sanatoria at both Claire Hall and Harefield have been consulted and are eagerly looking forward to the experiment. Some have asked for educational classes as well as instruction in handicrafts.

The experiment will be begun in a comparatively small way with one instructor to be appointed at each Sanatorium but if it prospers, as I have no doubt at all it will, and if the demand grows, there will be further appointments.

In the first instance only men will be catered for, as it is found that the women are much more cheery and bright and able to occupy themselves with sewing, knitting and embroidery. I should not wonder however if the women do not ask for some extension of the scheme to include them also.

The idea is an excellent one, I am sure you will agree. Middlesex is behind some counties in introducing the scheme, and I hope it will be carried out in a thoroughgoing manner to the extent that the doctors advise and the patients desire.

I may add that accommodation for Tuberculous people in the County is behind the need, but plans are being considered to make good this deficiency. It is to be hoped that no economy-monger will attempt to persuade the Council to hold up such necessary expansion of a service that is unfortunately necessary.

Health Points

Collected from various sources by LEO

It is the desire on the part of nature that everyone should be healthy.

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The curing of disease is a very difficult matter, the prevention of it a relatively simple one.

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Half the world is ill and the other half has something the matter with it.

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The real purpose for a man getting fit and strong is not so much that he should enjoy a splendid physique, but that he should fit himself for service to his fellows.

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The development of social interest is essential if a human being is to be healthy and happy.

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Dr. Johnson writing to a friend, "My health has been from my twentieth year such as seldom afforded me a single day of ease." (He lived to 75).

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A baby takes 180 days to double its weight:

A young cow, 47 days;

A young goat, 19 days;

A young dog, 8 days.

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Goats' milk contains higher concentrations of calcium and phosphorus than human milk, but goats' milk is poorer in iron than cows' milk, which in turn is poorer in iron than human milk.

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There are women who go to their doctors because they like them and not because they do them any good. Many elderly women even enjoy remaining ill for the pleasure of receiving sympathy from their doctors. Some are not even ill at all and some doctors receive a regular income out of old ladies who only suffer from imaginary ailments.

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Six million men, women and children are ill on an average winter day in the United States, according to a national health survey.

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"Those in hospital ought to be in prison, and these in prison ought to be hospital."



Vitamin X

A south coast medical officer expresses some concern at the way the unemployed spend their doles.

He thinks that if properly instructed these unfortunate people could obtain a higher percentage of vitamins; 'for instance,' says the official, 'a very nutritious meal can be had by using biscuit dust and scraps of bacon.' What a scandalous state of affairs in this twentieth century of civilization. It is a shameful admission that we do not know what food to eat. When the unemployed man sits down to his meal and watches his family smacking their chops over the luscious morsels of biscuit dust and bacon bits, he must wonder if he hasn't picked up the dog's dinner by mistake.

How he must smile when he reads of tons of coffee being burnt in Brazil and boatloads of fish being dumped back into the sea because there is no market. He must question if he is any better off than the native in the jungle who doesn't have to worry about food values, and can, if he wishes, build himself a house without consulting a building society.

A noted cleric once said that it was no use preaching religion to people with empty stomachs. Neither can a man live on kind thoughts and carrots. If we must keep the unemployed alive let us make a job of it and help them to live under decent conditions.

We know that a camel can go a long time without water. Goats have a weakness for eating rags and paper. It is said that an ostrich will eat nails, stones, and any old thing it can get hold of, but when we in Britain, with all the resources of an Empire greater than any yet known, suggest that an unfortunate person who has been squeezed out of a job by a system over which he has little control, should live on biscuit dust and scraps of bacon then it is time we went back to the jungle and learnt from the savage.

The bourgeoisie

A resident on the Old Oak Estate complains that in one road there are six families with saloon cars; and in another road houses are occupied by people with good businesses. From prosperous Coventry where motors and armaments are being produced at high speed, Corporation tenants are demanding garages in their Council houses. These houses already have motor-cycle garages.

We don't know how many Watling people own cars or businesses, but it would appear that the status of residents on Council estates is becoming somewhat elevated. If we go on buying Rolls Royce's and rows of houses we shall soon be in the category of bloated aristocrats. No longer are we labelled with keeping coals in our bathrooms and other false accusations.

We must have reformed for there is no doubt that our good conduct has convinced our critics that we are just as human as other people and in spite of our cars and businesses living on a Council Estate does not prevent us from being respectable and worthy citizens.

F.H.L.

Please note that all copy for the July issue should be sent to the Watling Centre—Ed.

Some Thoughts on the Arts and Crafts Exhibition

When the suggestion was first made that an Arts and Crafts Exhibition be held at the Centre very little interest was shown in the proposal and at one time it looked as though the scheme would be dropped.

However, interest revived and the first effort has had considerable success.

The Exhibition as a show was worth seeing, so many and varied were the entries.

Drawing, Knitting, Fancy Needlework and Cake Making were the most popular classes and the standard of work was very high.

From the point of view of numbers the results tell a different story. Over twenty thousand people were eligible to take part and only seventy had sufficient interest to do so.

One wonders how many people read the RESIDENT because quite a number complained of our publicity and groups that regularly use the Centre confessed to ignorance of the event.

Next year we hope that every affiliated body will be represented. The local Adult Schools were mainly responsible for the Exhibition being held, but by working with the Association we were able to provide facilities for many more people than those who are members of our groups.

Some criticism may arise because we only gave certificates instead of prizes.

The main object of an event such as this is to encourage people to develop their gifts in order that their lives may be more worth while. To make things for the pleasure of making them rather than for what can be won in a competition is our aim.

The certificate recognises the value of the work that is done, but does not pay for it. The prize is a form of payment and probably an undesirable form of inducement to do something for what can be got out of it.

Life's greatest moments do not come to us when we are riding along the road of gain but when we are trudging along the road of endeavour.

Enough moralising and complaining, the show was a good one and we are satisfied and our thanks are due to Mr. A. I. Jones and Mr. C. J. Roblou for opening the Exhibition and to the Committee who worked behind the scenes. They were Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Lord, Mr. F. Whitehead, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Nyberg, Mr. Sewell-Harris and Mr. Lord.

Over one hundred certificates were presented by Mr. Lord who is President of the North West Federation of Adult Schools.

J.W.P.

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THE WATLING AMATEUR VARIETY COMPANY

It was very pleasing to see that our first concert given at St. Alphage Hall was well supported by members. The artistes gave a wonderful display, for most of them it being their first time on a stage.

After the opening chorus, Laura Deen sang "One Night of Love," and "The Little Boy that Santa Claus Forgot"; Dan Dawson excelled in yodelling, imitations of animals and birds, and impersonations of well known film stars. Kate Loftus being a lively comedienne sang "The Three Maes" and "Our Threepenny Hop"; Tom Crawley sang "My First Thrill," followed by clever step dancing; Edna Hodge (Contralto) rendered "Where are you"; Roy Gilbert was impressive in the descriptive song "Broken Hearted Clown." The Lawton sisters (Beaty and Connie) with songs and dances showed exceptional ability as Tap Dancers, with Connie in acrobatics.

Piano Accordion selections were expertly rendered by Bert Aves; Eccentric dances were performed by Clark Spencer; Len Troth sang "You can't diddle me" and also gave a selection of humorous stories and impressive monologues, etc. Dressed in tramp attire Roy Gilbert and Tom Crawley sang "Underneath the Arches" and "Dreaming."

A clever pianoforte of hot rhythm was rendered by Bert Aves who was blindfolded, wore gloves, and had a table-cloth spread over the keys; expert tap-dancing was provided by Jack Evans. Humorous conversation was supplied by the Troth brothers as ladies in the waiting room of a doctor's surgery, and a humorous sketch "Engaging a maid" was performed by Laura Deen and Edith Lombard. Buresques "Old Boy," with Bert Ames, Al Troth and Laura Deen, and "Brown" by Edith Lombard, Edna Hodge, Roy Gilbert, Clark Spencer and Tom Crawley, were well carried out; Bert Aves was accompanist at the piano throughout the evening.

As Organiser, I must take this opportunity of thanking the Troth brothers (who produced and staged everything), also Mrs. Gay who acted as dresser, and all others who assisted in making this show a great success. Our next show is to be at the Centre on June 22nd, the Wednesday of Watling Week. All the members who could not come along to the last, must come to this show. Tickets are limited and are as follows: Reserved, 1/-; unreserved, 6d.

The Watling Association Amateur Variety Company is the second formed in England, the first being The Finchley Amateur Variety Society.

C. DEACON.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

St. John Ambulance Brigade A.R.P. Classes on Friday next at 8 p.m., an A.R.P. course will commence at the Barn Field Schools. This course is being run by the Hendon Borough Council through 115th Edgware Division St. John Ambulance Brigade. The course is open to men and women and there will be a small fee.

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We hope to revive the festive spirit of years ago, so wake up Watling, and cast care aside for a week.

As a prelude, a mass sale of RESIDENTS is to take place on the tenth of this month. Visitors to the Odeon (better known to us as the Regent) will be pestered by half a dozen beauties of the male sex, in fancy carnival costume, to buy the 10th Watling Week Edition of the WATLING RESIDENT, and we hope you will patronise them and buy one, even if you already have one. Don't forget every copy will have a number that may win prizes given by the various shop keepers.

The next big sale of the RESIDENT will take place on the following Friday, June 17th, outside the Burnt Oak Station, by the same Six Watling Beauties of the male sex—again in sparklig costume, and on both occasions watch out for The Man in the Mask and *guess who he is*.

He will be unmasked at the Social on Saturday, June 25th, and the first name out of the draw to forecast correctly, will be awarded a prize, *but his correct name must be given*. As both Sexton Blake and Sherlock Holmes are both passed by, I think this will be another unsolved problem.

S. J. LESTER

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The Next Ten Years

The Watling Estate looks very different in 1931, respects from what it did ten years ago. The Watling Association has grown, acquired a Centre, helped to bring other organisations into existence, made life better for a number of individuals and families.

What of the next ten years? May we see the Centre enlarged, more provision for youth, our debt cleared off, a growing brotherliness, a strong local patriotism? An adequate hall and stage may make Watling the dramatic Centre of Hendon. Does that interest you? A good gymnasium may make Watling a centre of physical culture for a larger area. Does that interest you? How far away will the countryside be in ten years' time and what can we do to prevent the spread of the desert of houses? Will jobs be sure for all or shall we still need a Distress Fund? Shall we have learnt to prevent diseases or shall we only try to cure them? The next ten years may well raise many questions in our minds, but what shall we aim at?

A bigger and better Centre, and better behaviour and organisations in it. A larger membership for the Association and more volunteers to carry on the work. More careful planning for the welfare of the Watling Estate, the provision of the best possible conditions in which our children can grow up. Friendliness to all, willingness to co-operate with all.

WATLING LEFT BOOK CLUB GROUP

What about You?

Do you think that no matter what happens elsewhere YOU can remain unaffected? Do you think that wars in Manchuria, China, Abyssinia and Spain do not affect you? Do you think that dictatorships in Germany and Italy do not affect you? Do you think that re-armament, increased taxation, international immorality, wars and the threat of wars do not affect you?

They do and must affect You! You can't side-step any of these important national or international events. You are a citizen among citizens. Re-armament which is paid for by taxation leaves you poorer. What is worse it threatens your life and the lives of others.

But none of these evils are necessary. They are man-caused and can be abolished. But they can only be destroyed utterly if *you* play your part. It is no use expecting others to do it for you. You've got your own part to do. If each individual would undertake to do a little a tremendous amount of good could be done. You have a tremendously important part to play in preventing another catastrophe like the last war. NOW is the time to do your bit and not to wait till war is declared. And the Left Book Club exists to help you to find out what doing your bit means. Join us or at least visit us at one of our meetings.

THE MOGGIES

Of all the children's organisations in Hendon and there are many Watling children—the Moggies were selected to give a physical training display in Hendon Park on the occasion when the Hendon Peace Conference held their Peace demonstration.

WATLING WEEK No. 10

JUNE 17 — 27, 1938

PROGRAMME

All events at Watling Centre unless otherwise stated.

CARNIVAL QUEEN

Ladies over 16 and under 25 who live in the Burnt Oak Ward are invited to enter for the competition to be **WATLING WEEK'S CARNIVAL QUEEN.**

Heats in the competition will take place at the Odeon Cinema, Burnt Oak, on June 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, at about 9.15 p.m. The final will be judged on the 10th at the same place.

The Queen will have the privilege and duty of heading the Carnival Procession on Saturday, June 18th, 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 30th 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 2nd.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17th.

8 p.m. The Young Watlers Concert

Admission 6d.
Reserved Seats 1/-
Doors Open 7.30

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th.

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. Deansbrook Road, Burnt Oak Broadway, Watling Avenue, Orange Hill Road, Deans Lane, Dryfield Road, Deansbrook Road to Lyndhurst Avenue, Abbots Road to Orange Hill Road and to the

Fair

at the Centre

Entrance for the Procession is free.

PRIZES are offered as follows:—For Local Traders or Organisations in Class 1, 1st, 10/-; 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 2/6. Classes 2 and 3, in each case, a first prize to the value of 3/6. Classes 4 and 5, in each case a first prize to the value of 2/6. Class 6, Best Dressed Pedal Cycle, Three Special Prizes.

Vehicles must be supplied by the Entrants.

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 Mr. C. J. ROBLou, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before Wednesday, June 15.
(Please put a X against the Class in which entry is made)

We/I wish to enter:—

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Decorated Vehicle. | 2. Adult Individual Costume. |
| 3. Adult Individual Comic Costume. | 4. Child's Individual Costume. |
| 5. Child's Individual Comic Costume. | 6. Decorated Pedal Cycle. |

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

Signed Society.....

Address Date.....

8 p.m. Carnival Social

for older members. M.C.: Mrs. Nyberg.

Admission 6d.

Carnival Dance

SPOT PRIZES
for younger members. M.C.: Mr. C. Deacon.

Admission 9d.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19th.

8 p.m. Music and Elocution Competitive Meeting

Admission 6d.

Entries are invited for

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

1. Vocal Solos.
2. Vocal Solos, set piece. "Where the Bee Sucks," *Arne*.
3. Duets.
4. Recitations.

6. Piano Solos.
7. Violin Solos.
8. Mouth Organ Solos.
9. Spelling Bee (teams of 6).

5. Recitations, set piece. { The first 13 verses of the 9th chapter of
the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Each class will be divided into age groups. Points will be awarded for choice of piece according to age and competition.

Other classes will be included if there is sufficient demand and the organiser reserves the right to abandon any class for which there are insufficient entries.

Entrance Fee 3d. per person per event.

MUSIC AND ELOCUTION COMPETITIVE MEETING ENTRY FORM

To be returned to the Organiser, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, together with entrance forms, before June 12th.

I wish to enter for the following classes and enclose entrance fees.

Class No. Entrance Fee

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Name

Address

Date of Birth.....

Total

MONDAY, JUNE 20th.

2.30 p.m. Super Jumble Sale

Admission 2d.

Gifts will be welcomed by Mrs. LODGE.

8.15 p.m. Miniature Drive

Admission 6d.

8.45 p.m. Whist Drive

£5 TOP GUARANTEED.

Admission 1/6
M.C.: Mr. Frank Williams.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21st.

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 two classes are open to all:—

Class D—Over 6 and under 12 months.

Class E—Twins under 2 years.

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

In addition to first prizes in each class, prizes will be given for the best Watling baby in the Show, and for the best Watling first baby in the Show.

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 17th.

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

M.C.: Mr. C. Deacon.

Admission 4d.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21st—continued.

8 p.m. Juvenile Dance Competition

Numbered and Reserved seats 2/-
Admission to Hall 1/-
Tickets limited in number

For Teams from Schools of Dancing or Permanent Organisations.
At JOHN KEBLE HALL (Deans Lane).

Each School or Organisation may enter any group or individuals; all performers to be under 16 years of age.
The School or Organisation must have been in existence before 1st January, 1938.

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.

The winners will hold the Perpetual Challenge Cup until Watling Week 1939, 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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd.

2.30 p.m. Social Whist Drive

Admission 6d.

M.C.: Mrs. CROWE.

8 p.m. Concert

Watling Association Amateur Variety Company.

Admission 6d.
Reserved Seats 1/-

8 p.m. Carnival Queen's Whist Drive

Tickets 1/-

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THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd.

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

Superstition, by M. Helen Stringer.

Lights out, by Walter Hudd.

Captain Cook and the Widow, by Stuart Ready.

Come and forget yourselves in other people's lives.

Tickets strictly limited in number.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24th.

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

Tickets 5/-
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SATURDAY, JUNE 25th.

ON CRESSINGHAM PLAYING FIELD

Sports Meeting and Physical Training Display

2 p.m. Children's Events

Admission 6d.
Children 2d.

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 yards Handicap for boys 8 or over and under 11.
9. 100 yards Handicap for boys 11 or over and 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.

3.30 p.m. Physical Training Display

5.45 p.m. Weight Lifting Match

5.30 p.m. Adult Events

13. 100 yards Scratch, for members of the Watling Association.
14. 220 yards Scratch, for the Cyclone Danny Trophy, Open.
15. 1 mile Scratch, for members of the Watling Association for the Curry Cup.
16. 3 miles Marathon, for Sidney Hurry Challenge Cup, Open.
17. Tug of War, team of 8, catch weights, for Barney Built Trophy, Open, entrance fee 5/- per team.
18. Push Ball Tournament, team of not more than 10, for Maison Lyons Trophy, entrance fee 8/- per team.

Mixed Couples.

The organisers reserve the right to cancel any event if there are not sufficient entries.

FIVE CLAYTON, JERRY AND BERT, THE EDGWARE WATER BABIES
will be present throughout the afternoon and will take entries for additional events such as Boat Race, Bun and Treacle Race, Pillow Fight, Boot and Sack Race on the Field.

SPORTS ENTRANCE FORM.

To be returned with entrance fee(s) to The Organiser, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before June 20th. *Do it now.*

Herewith please finds.d. being Entrance Fees for the following sports events.

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NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS.

	Address
	Date of Birth.....
Total	Club (if any).....

8 p.m. Social

M.C. : Mrs. NYBERG.

Admission 4d.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26th.

8 p.m. What You Will

Admission 4d.

M.C.: Mr. JACK RADLEY.

Members' Dance

M.C.: Mr. C. DEACON.

Admission 6d.

MONDAY, JUNE 27th.

8 p.m. Piano Accordion Concert

Admission 6d.
Reserved Seats 1/-

Place to be announced later.

SPECIAL NOTICES

1. To enable as many as possible to buy tickets for the Dinner and Dance a special Savings Club has been started. Contributions may be paid in at the Office, Watling Centre, or to Mr. C. J. Roblou and a Dinner Club Card will be issued.
2. To advertise these events and to sell tickets your help is needed. Come and offer it at the Centre.

From Our First Issue

"With this number is born the official organ . . . by which all members may keep in touch with the activities of the Association, and with each other."

The Association "hopes to bring together those whom convention forbids to introduce themselves . . . If he (or she) be a reader, it hopes to lend him books to read; if a talker, to hold debates at which he may join in a war of words; if a dancer, to organise dances at which he may tread a measure; if a sportsman, to organise games; if of studious bent, to give lectures and educational classes which he may attend with profit . . . In short, it hopes to give him pleasure in health, help in sickness, advice in perplexity, and aid in adversity. 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."

"History and activities of the Association. The idea of an Association was developed by a few tenants, who, by the kindness of the Rev. C. E. de R. Copinger, held preliminary meetings at The Vicarage in December, 1927."

"A public meeting was held in the Church Hall (kindly lent by the Vicar) on January 5th, 1928, 250 attending . . . Officers and Committee were elected, and Dr. Briggs donated £5 towards preliminary expenses."

"The Committee communicated with all bodies likely to be interested in the welfare of the Estate, and called a public meeting in Woodcroft Hall (kindly lent by the Christian Brethren) on February 7th . . . and Rules were approved."

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Mellin's Food, Ltd., Silver Plated Spoon and Pusher.
Virol, Ltd., Woolly pram set.
Oppenheimer, Son & Co. Ltd., Jar of "Roboleine."
Horlicks, Ltd., A bottle of Horlicks, Mixer and two tins of rusks.
Ridge's Food Co., Tin of Dr. Ridge's Food.
Vinolia Co. Ltd., Toilet set and soap.
Truefood Co., A doll.
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Epping Forest—II.

Last month a brief account was given of Epping Forest, its history, locality and accessibility. Now something must be said about what can be seen when you get there.

As these notes are supposed to have some relation to plants we had better begin with a reference to the flora of the Forest. A complete list of all the flowering plants to be found there would take up about seven columns of the "RESIDENT."

Such a list appears in an excellent guide to the Forest prepared, and mostly written by, Mr. E. North Buxton who was very active in promoting the acquisition of the Forest for the enjoyment of the public. Some of the information contained in last month's article and in this is based on that guide book. The list of plants contains the names of no less than 446 different specimens. The guide book was first issued more than thirty years ago and an eighth edition came out in 1911. It is quite possible, and indeed probable, that the number of plants is not so many to-day, as some of the rarer ones may have been exterminated by collectors or marauders. But even allowing for this it is a goodly list for so comparatively small an area.

In consequence of the variety of soil and aspect, combined with extremely dry parts and damp hollows, the Forest is exceptionally rich in flowers. It is a happy hunting ground for botanists.

One of the most interesting plants is the sun-dew which inhabits damp or boggy places, and is usually found in moorlands. It lives on small insects which it catches in the gummy hairs of its little leaves and then somehow absorbs into its body. Another plant, also found in boggy places is the grass of parnassus with its beautiful small round white flowers.

Quite a number of water plants may be found, including water-lilies in Wake Valley Pond (an ideal place for a bathe) and two kinds of bull-rush, one which is tall and slender and the other not so tall but larger. Then there is the sweet-scented rush with which the Monastery floors were strewn in ancient times.

Some of the commoner plants make a brave show. Primroses used to be very plentiful but are now reduced in quantity through being dug up for sale. Wood anemones and blue bells abound, also the water forget-me-not. In June the dog-rose and in July the honeysuckle can be seen in numerous places. In the autumn crab-apples and blackberries are numerous. On the higher ground there are great patches of heather almost large enough to remind one of the Yorkshire moors.

The common brake fern can be found over the whole area but the common polypody is not so abundant as it used to be, as the quantity has been sadly reduced by thoughtless marauders. It can however still be

found in the crowns of the pollarded beech trees and hornbeams.

Next in importance to the Forest flora is the Forest fauna which is quite remarkable for country so near London. Here pride of place must be given to the fallow deer. If you go to the right place and go quietly you will often see a herd of these graceful animals either grazing together or running from one pasturage to another. It is said that they are not indigenous but were introduced by the Danes. So we can think of them as wandering about more or less undisturbed all down the centuries until the present time when they resent the sound of the motor horn and keep away from the main roads.

Amongst many other animals of the Forest may be mentioned the fox, hares and rabbits, the badger, the squirrel, stoats and weasels.

The bird life of the Forest is one of its most attractive features but some notes about it must be left over until next month.

WHAT TO DO IN JUNE

FLOWER GARDEN.—Complete the bedding-out early in the month. In planting beds it is best to put in the outside rows first. If grass swards are at all long run over them with the mowing machine and clip the edges before planting.

Spring flowering plants such as narcissus, tulips, hyacinths, primroses, polyanthus and double daisies should be dug up to make room for the summer flowering plants. The bulbous plants taken up should be dried and stored as soon as the leaves die down and the others planted thickly in a shady place till they are wanted for planting out in September.

Set out dahlias in prepared beds. After making the holes line them with a two inch layer of a mixture of equal parts of loam, leaf mould and sand. This will give the dahlias a fine start.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Freely water the strawberry bed if the crop has survived the frosts, using manure water if possible. When the fruit begins to get heavy give a good hoeing between the rows and protect the fruit from grit by a mulching of clean straw. Barley or oat straw is better than wheat as it is more pliable.

If the gooseberries have not been killed by the cold they should be given a thorough soaking of water during dry spells, otherwise they are not likely to ripen well.

Protect plum, apple, pear and cherry trees from pests by fixing round the trunk a band of sacking folded two or three times. Many insects will make their home in the sacking instead of in the branches of the trees. Later on the bands can be removed and burnt, together with their "lodgers."

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—Early in the month sow late peas, and towards the end of the month sow Pilot peas. This is really an early pea but it is also a good kind to sow late.

French and runner beans may be sown and lettuce, spinach and radish for succession.

Use the hoe between growing crops as frequently as possible so as to keep down the weeds and aerate the soil.

Plant out, early in the month, cucumbers, vegetable marrows, tomatoes, leeks, chillies, Brussels sprouts, broccoli and kale. It is a mistaken idea to think that

the three last can be planted out permanently "anytime in the future." If the Brussels sprouts in particular are to make really fine growth they can hardly be got out too soon.

The growth of large onions may be promoted by watering in nitrate of ammonia or sulphate of ammonia at the rate of an ounce to the square yard. Old soot is also beneficial.

Poets Corner

OPPORTUNITY

Gather the rose-buds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying;
And that same flower that blooms to-day,
To-morrow shall be dying.—HERRICK.

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries;
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures.—SHAKESPEARE.

One summer morning, when the dawn came, Miss Morning Glory said, "I shall blossom when my little Master Dew comes to me!" Little Master Dew said, "I shall go to see Miss Morning Glory when she blossoms!" While they were waiting each other, the cruel hot summer sun came and perished both Miss Morning Glory and Little Master Dew.

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Mirrors of The Soul

The Eyes of a dog

By PHILOKUON.

Someone has written about the eyes being the mirror of the soul. That surely is true, for, whether we look at the eyes of men or dogs, their character is there reflected. No truer guide to the disposition is needed. Dogs cannot conceal their feelings as we do; they tell us plainly whether they love, hate or are indifferent. A spaniel that I pass most days on my way to and from the station piques me. He has seen me for several years, and I never neglect to pass the time of day with him as I go by, yet he might be oblivious of my existence. If I pause and look at him he just glances up and then turns his head away. Others that are met in a similarly chance manner acknowledge my greeting, smiling with their eyes, wagging their tails, and trotting along with me a few paces.

Of course, dogs vary a lot in temperament, some being more devoted to their masters or mistresses than others. Our own dear friend that we lost a few months ago, Ben, the Alsatian, lived for nothing else but us. If we sat down he would lie somewhere near, head on paws watching us. Should one of us move he was all alive to know what we were going to do. This is one of the characteristics of Alsations. A lady who does not understand doggy character once complained to me that hers was always spying on her. She was incapable of reading the devotion that shone through those eyes. Ruskin understood it when he wrote: "There is in every animal's eye a dim image and gleam of humanity, a flash of strange light through which their life looks out and up to our great mystery of command over them, and claims the fellowship of the creature if not the soul."

Men are sometimes very unobservant. The other day I was sitting by the ringside at a show in company with a distinguished Member of Parliament. Obedience tests were in progress, and one of the turns was being carried out by a poodle. The dog fascinated me by his intense earnestness and the manner in which he never took his eyes off his mistress's face. Whether he was walking or sitting he was gazing at her in an absorbed manner, anxious to anticipate her every desire and not to miss her slightest direction. My friend had failed to notice this absorption until I drew his attention to it, and then he became as much intrigued as I was. He wanted to buy that dog, to buy friendship undying and devotion that is seldom given to man by man. Of course, there was nothing doing. The lady would rather have parted with her last penny than her dog.

I knew perfectly that the dog lived in the house with her, enjoying her constant society, that she

talked to it, and was kind without being foolish. If you want devotion of this sort from your dogs you must treat them as reasonable beings, letting them understand that you are the person who must be obeyed, though showing that you are fond of them and enjoy their companionship. Let them share your daily life, giving them an interest in whatever you are doing, and then you will realise, as Kipling put it, that you have bought "love unflinching that cannot lie." You will have acquired that priceless possession, a friend that will not let you down.

ODD FELLOWS

Well, we're over it, and you, dear reader must forgive us in being so mighty bold to mention what your newspaper has already informed you. What a night indeed was May 7th, at Earls Court, for us—'us' incidentally being nearly 10,000! Yes folks, just 100 years ago the London District of Odd Fellows decided to divide into North London, South London, and Windsor Districts; there were just 5 lodges with less than 200 members. Today North alone number 99 lodges, 23,000 members and 31,000 N.H.I. Tickets for the big Centenary Birthday Party were at a premium; oh dear and what a job it was to get even a 'lemon' at any of the most spacious bars. One over the eight was impossible and one under the tigger for those who prefer same meant 'q's' and then some X words. We started at 7 pip cemma, danced—to Lloyd Shakespeare's Band—looked and listened to a wonderful cabaret show, heard in between our Grand Master's short speech, until 12, and so to bed.

And now as to the doings at the Centre. "Effares," the writer of this brilliant column, joining the whole of Burnt Oak Lodge in most sincerely congratulating our Sec. Bro. R. H. Edwards. Brothers H. Edwards and T. Lewis who have been awarded by our father lodge a Merit Jewel each—in other words a D.S.O. Well done! Good Luck to all three!

Recently we went over to Queensbury to see the Lodge of that name in a bout of Table Tennis—previously they had beaten us here.

Talking of visitors we are requested to say that the "Oliver Cromwell" (brother Albert Jones, Brooms Gardens) would be welcomed either here or in the City.

One of the brightest sparks we have working for us is Bro. Houghton; when our 'case' comes up at the Development Committee, Bro. H. is our Champion. He is secretary of the Wrotham Lodge, Barnet, and to cheer us up came over with a crowd of his lads and a party of the ladies "Jubilee" Lodge. That was April 23rd, a night some 30 of the Centre Villagers popped in to join our improvised dance. Messrs. Henry Hall (not the H.H.) and Herbert Stokes were so impressed by Bro. Houghton's little chat that they signed on at once. We must have more 'do's' like this—if only the powers that be don't hide their drums and cymbals! By the way the Barnet turn out was the idea of our one and only Laura Wright.

Into the fold we also welcome: Miss Helen Horn. Mrs. Alice Selway, Mr. Charles Selway and Mr. Ernest Hayward.



Now that the north-east winds have at last stopped blowing, perhaps we can settle down to think of this and that of interest to ladies—even of summer holidays.

I read the other day that those who suffer pain in the eyes because of sun glare ought to wear shaded glasses, amber or smoke being the best shades. I don't know why they are the best, I wish I did. It is also soothing to the eyes to bathe them with a boracic solution.

I thought these two sandwich paste recipes sounded good when I saw them the other day:

- (1) Cook a bloater or a kipper in the usual way, remove all skin and bones, pound and pass through a sieve, and when cold mix with double the quantity of cream of butter or margarine.
- (2) Mash some fresh cream cheese to a smooth consistency, chop very finely some spring onions, chives or small pickled onions with parsley and a small sprig of thyme and add to the cheese.

Either of these pastes is lovely served on water biscuits or cream crackers.

Mr. Harbord

It was with deep regret that THE WATLING RESIDENT learned of the death in April of Mr. Sidney Harbord of Orange Hill Road. Mr. Harbord was a long standing member of the Watling Association. An active member of the Watling Horticultural Society, the Watling and District Rose Society and of the Colindale Allotments Association. As one of the Carpenters for the No. 1 Section Estate Office, he was always welcomed by housewives for their "mendings" because of his quiet cheerful courtesy. What was best in and for the community and neighbourhood Mr. Harbord always supported; he was the typical Good Citizen whom Watling can ill spare. Our sympathetic thoughts go out to Mrs. Harbord in her sorrow and loss.

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(Not forgetting Mrs. Ethel Taylor and the Orchestra)

The two concerts given by the "Eight Gay Girlies" on the nights of May 12th and 13th were the culmination of weeks of hard work and rehearsals.

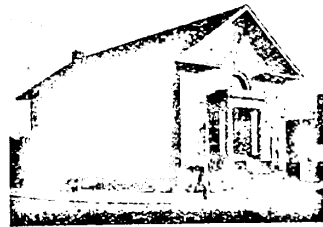
There was a good attendance on both nights and with all the other attractions around the district this was an achievement. It is difficult to say which night was enjoyed most. The programme was varied and rich in songs, comedy numbers and sketches. How did they find time to learn it all? One can imagine them at home cooking the dinner and at the same time swatting up their lines. Chops are put in the pan with a few dramatic lines from a sketch and the washing is done to the tune of "You can't love a fairy at 40." However, learn it they did and their efforts were enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

Owing to the limited accommodation of the hall it can readily be understood that after expenses have been paid the profits on these shows are not enormous.

The services of the Eight are given entirely free. For themselves they do not take a penny. Their object in giving the concerts is to raise funds to pay for the tea at the Women's Adult School in July. May they enjoy their outing in July as much as we have enjoyed their concerts.

LEO.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

June 5—Mr. E. B. BROWNLEY.

12—Mr. E. W. ROGERS.

19—Mr. J. W. LAING.

26—Mr. W. SMITH.

SPEND A CYCLING HOLIDAY

says Mrs. Billie Dovey

who is nationally demonstrating "Cycling for Fitness" on a 25,000 ride

Cycling Whitsun? Lots of estate people will be, and I hope you will be one of them. I thoroughly enjoyed my Easter cycling, along quiet and carefully chosen byways amid primroses and bluebells . . . yes, and we got away on the Thursday evening before Good Friday . . . did you?

Soon after 7 o'clock we took our leave of Mill Hill, and via Harrow and Northolt we reached the Bath Road to meet one we will call "George" at Maidenhead. Before long we were having supper at Twyford, Berks—some 37 miles on the way to the west country.

Continuing westwards on Good Friday we left "George" near Shepton Mallet and enjoyed some pleasant evening riding to a homely C.T.C. Farmhouse we know of at Long Sutton near Bridgewater where we stayed the night.

The next two days found little traffic on the roads as we visited Minhead, Dunster, Dunkery Beacon, into Bampton (Devon) and we returned home well satisfied with over 400 miles of freedom awhel. Cycling holidays are the most self-satisfying mode of travel you will ever experience.

Not a Record May I reply to "Leo," who in the April issue queried if the one bicycle for every ten people in Singapore was a record. Actually it is far from being so.

Did you know that there are 10,000,000 cyclists approximately in the United Kingdom, and that means one bicycle for every five people. Of course, this is not nearly enough. Neither can you expect to borrow some-one else's bicycle, and people who steal bicycles (this has broken out again locally I notice) deserve severe punishment when caught and convicted.

We British fitness people should emulate the cycle-minded Danes. Did you know that Denmark boasts and is proud of its 5,000,000 bicycles which are shared by its 3,500,000 people. That's an average of 1½ bicycles for each person!

Cycling is healthy . . . the R.A.C. motoring organization admit it too. R.A.C. road scouts are out with their bicycles (not to be confused with motorcycles) all days of the year. There are 1,000 of them, and these men only lost 750 day's work due to ill-health and sickness between them.

More Local Cycling Women According to the number of ladies' bicycles being sold locally, I predict in the near future that "mixed" cycling clubs in the district will be increasing their quota of lady riders. The great thing for a woman cyclist is to start along the right lines, and avoid spending money on the wrong sort of clothing. This is easy for some girls who know of experienced male riders to help them.

Unattached girls would do well to follow in the footsteps of those local women enthusiasts I mentioned

last month. But I omitted to mention among the other very keen local girls such as Margaret Pidd (North Western R.C.), Miss J. Crossley (Northern Clarion C.C.), Miss R. Rainbow (Lady Captain Hendon Clarion C.C.), Miss P. Green (Edgware Wheelers) . . . and others whose names I have not got by me at the moment.

Comfortable Clothing Important During my 25,000 miles in the year ride I have been requested to make observations on the much discussed matter of dress for women cyclists. Whatever the results of my notes, women's clothing must nearly always, so far as shorts or plus-fours are concerned—be made to measure.

One concern were extremely interested for me to submit a list of faults with women's cycling clothing which I did. Working on this information they devised a new line of comfort clothing and called it "CYCLE TOGS." If you take this copy of the *WATLING RESIDENT* along to Mr. Jackson, 11, Bank Buildings, Harlesden, N.W.10, you can examine shorts, etc., without obligation.

Read Cycling at the Centre Well done *RESIDENT*, ten years old last issue too. Congratulations to Editor Mr. Lake who I notice also has the long-distance habit of keeping in the Editorial chair, and many thanks also for your letter of good wishes to me concerning my "Keep Fit by Cycling" ride.

I sent a quantity of the weekly paper "Cycling" along to the Centre the other day, before turning my wheels in the direction of Eastbourne where I was due at 7 o'clock the same evening. Hope those of you who read them, and have not yet obtained bicycles will soon rectify living at such a disadvantage. Once you've had a handy and inexpensive cycle you will never be without one.

Thank you Mr. Harris for the Annual Report of the Watling Association for 1937. It is gratifying therein to note that three cycling clubs are among the affiliated bodies, for cycling plays a great part in linking up local people and local life. The most excellent example to my mind is the nurses of the Watling District Nursing Association, who each make great use of a bicycle in carrying out their good work.

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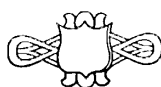
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NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

Well, fellow cyclists I hope you all had really enjoyable tours at Easter, we of the Clarion certainly did. I told you last month that we should be attending the 43rd Clarion Easter Meet at Gloucester. A good number of Hendon Clarionettes attended the Meet. Some riding down through the Thursday night, and some on the Saturday. The night run was enjoyable, but cold and we arrived very early in Cheltenham where a stop was made for breakfast before doing the last few miles to Gloucester.

Good Friday was spent mainly in lazing around after we had found our 'digs.' In the evening came a reunion "do" at the large hall reserved for the Clarion over Easter. We met Clarionettes from all over the country and after translating all their different dialects we wondered if we should ever speak our own tongue again. On the Saturday some of us rode over to Symonds Yat in the Wye Valley, others toured the Cathedral. In the evening came a grand dance, one could not help noticing how well most of the Northerners dance. On the Sunday some rode to Tewkesbury Abbey, in the morning and in the afternoon came a steamer trip up the river Severn to Wainlode Hill. Sunday evening came the prize giving, general speeches, etc., and the finals of the Rollor Contests. Other events that took place over the period of the Meet were Sports, Time Trial, and Conferences. Over the whole of the Meet there existed that spirit of comradeship peculiar to the Clarion.

On the Easter Monday Clarionettes rode homeward, members of Hendon doing their 107 miles trip in quite good time. Of course, whilst many of us were able to go to Gloucester, many of the club were unable to get away. They were well catered for, with a run to Herne Hill's racing on Good Friday and runs of various kinds all through the Holiday. Others toured in various parts of the country.

So ended the first holiday of the year and by the time this is published Whitsun will be on us. Hendon Clarionettes have many things arranged in which they will be able to take part, the London Union has arranged a camp, there will be a Meet at Marlborough, whilst Hendon Section has arranged a tour.

The big Clarion event of May was a Relay Ride from Glasgow to Barcelona. London Clarion met the riders at a big rally at Leith Hill before they continued their ride to the coast so over the channel for the French equivalent of the Clarion to take over. The idea is a competition between France and Britain to raise the most money for Spain. The N.C.U. asked every club to do something big in cycling during May, the relay is the Clarion's effort.

Did you see the Six Day race at Wembley? If you didn't, see it next time. You missed a treat. Hendon Clarion spent a thrilling evening at the event. We also put up a prize which was won by Cor Wals.

Runs for May are:—

- 4-6th Camping, etc.
- 12th Guildford.
- 17-18th Night Ride.
- 26th Marlow.

All runs leave Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9.0 a.m. Sunday Mornings, 2.45 p.m. Sunday Afternoons and 8.0 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

Come up to our clubroom at the Royal Oak, Thursday. If you want to join a really good club, get in touch with our hon. secretary Mr. B. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak. We cater for all cyclists.
Vic C. BOTTRELL.

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

Preparing these notes, as one does in the middle of the preceding month, I usually endeavour to bridge the gap with my thoughts between the time of writing and the day of publication. On this occasion I received an unexpected thrill to realize that as the first copies of this issue begin to circulate among our Watling readers, my tandem partner and I will be on tour and within striking distance of the "Lakes."

Touring has always been the most enjoyable part of the N.W.R.C. activity, throughout the summer months there is hardly one clear week when an N.W.R.C. rider cannot be found wandering in some part of the British Isles. It is a subject I could talk about for hours and enjoy every moment of it, but I suppose Club news must claim priority in the limited space of these columns, and our touring experiences left to the inexhaustible pages of our own club mag.

A hearty welcome is extended to George Munk, Peggy Green, Arthur Coan and Ciss Plowright, four new members whose regular attendance on Club runs is very encouraging, may they continue to enjoy their association with us. I feel sure we are all sorry to lose George Henderson who has returned to his home town in Scotland, but we wish him "all the best" in true N.W.R.C. fashion. It will be a lucky break for the Hamilton C.C. or whichever Club he chooses to join.

George used to provide some opposition to his pal Andy, who won our "25" on April 23rd. Andy 1 hr. 8 m. 21 s. was fast with George close second. His time 1 h. 9 m. 37 s. gained him the first handicap prize with Grey second handicap (5 mins.) and Arthur Coan third handicap (5½ mins.).

To make this month more interesting we have our Whitsun holiday in the first week. Our runs card is still in the hands of the printer but I think we are going up to Biggleswade where we have some members racing. This does not mean the whole of the week-end will be spent looking at feeding bottles and tights. My experience of these events brings back happy memories of many enjoyable holidays.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Play in the Parks

I hear on good authority that the Borough Education Committee has decided to try for an experimental period during the summer holidays the appointment of a whole time Play Leader in Watling Park. This is fine and there will be plenty of work to do for our children. Volunteers who can assist for an hour or two, or more, will doubtless be welcomed. If any would like to give their names to Mr. Harris at the Centre he will doubtless pass them on to the Play Leader.

The Borough Band

One of the features of this year's Watling Week Carnival Procession was the part played by the Hendon Borough Silver Band. These enthusiastic musicians added enormously to the attractive powers of the procession. They are indeed to be congratulated on having reached such high quality so early. It is nice to know that some of them are Watling Residents.

A Demonstration Centre

On July 2nd a number of W.A. members are going over to Woodford Green to take part with members of other Community Associations in demonstrating the kind of activity which goes on in a Community Centre. This is a job of work for the movement which the London Federation of Community Associations was asked to do, through the National Council of Social Service, by the Essex Area Committee for National Fitness.

Paint and Colour

I understand that before the next issue of the *Resident* comes out the internal redecoration of the Centre will have been started; and not before it was due. I hope when it is done all those who use the Centre will make an effort to keep it looking nice. I hope, too, that it won't be all brown. What do you think?

Closing the Centre

Where do the flies go in the winter? Where will some people go during the first week in August? Then the Centre is to be closed, so that redecorations may proceed more quickly. Do not go for a dance on August 2nd or a Whist Drive on August 1st. Nothing doing.

Whist

On and after Monday, July 4th, the Monday evening drive at Watling Centre will be a Social Whist Drive, admission 6d., commencing at 8.15 p.m.

On and after Wednesday, July 6th, the charge for admission to the Wednesday Drive will be 1/-, top prize £2. The drive will commence at 8.45 p.m. Miniature at 8.15 p.m., admission 3d.

St. John Ambulance Brigade

115 (Edgware and Watling Division)

The annual Flag Day of our local Division takes place on Saturday, 23rd July, and it is anticipated that the response to the collection will be greater than ever. All those who are interested and are willing to give an hour or two of their time on this day should get into touch with the Divisional Superintendent, W. H. Lane, 11 Stoneyfields Lane, Edgware.

What Again!

At a meeting of the Society for Checking the Abuse of Public Advertisements, Lord Harewood said: "It is regrettable to observe the artificial hideousities which have made the name of Council houses a byword."

The Hendon Borough Surveyor was instructed to submit a report regarding the provision of parking facilities on the Watling Estate. The Highways Committee resolved to recommend that the Minister of Transport be asked to expedite his decision in the matter of traffic control signals at the junction of Watling Avenue and Orange Hill Road. (We understand it has been decided to instal lights sometime).

Arrangements are to be made for an official opening of Montrose Playing Fields.

Friends who have passed

The heartfelt sympathy of members of the Watling Association is extended to the friends and relatives of two of our members who have recently passed away.

Mr. T. Ellis was a much respected member of the Veterans' Club who went on May 28th. A chaplet of flowers was sent by the club.

Mr. Killeen was known to many in various capacities, and before going to hospital the last time had been an enthusiastic worker for the Association, particularly in connection with the Billiard Room where his services will long be remembered. He was also a keen member of the Rose Society and every tree or plant he handled seemed to flourish. He passed away on June 6th, and a wreath was sent by the Association.

ACCESSORY TO MURDER

Is it not ironical that we hang a person who kills another and reward those who murder thousands? But perhaps murder or not murder depends upon public policy?

But is that reply really satisfactory to you? After all if it is public policy to put out of harm's way those who do one murder, it is equally, on the international scale, good public policy to put out of harm's way those who help and make wars? Are you then satisfied that in allowing murder to continue in Spain, Abyssinia and China you are not as much an accessory as if you allowed a mad-man to kill a baby?

They are killing babies in all those countries and we, by lack of action, are permitting them to carry on.

Perhaps you ask, what can I do about it. The answer is not simple but the first step is to FEEL concern. The second step is where we come in. Come and talk it over with us at the Left Book Club EVEN AND ESPECIALLY IF YOU DISAGREE WITH US. If you are concerned then it becomes worth trying to find a way of stopping these terrible murders.

After all if affairs go on as they are doing we shouldn't hang our individual murderers. Their services will be at a premium soon.

It is horrible. That is why we are concerned and want and ask for your help. Our next meeting is on July 8th, at Watling Centre, at 8 p.m.

You have a clockwork mouse and, if you are going out you set the mouse in motion and unchain the cat. The cat sees the mouse, springs at it, misses and lands on the bladder. The whistle blows, the goldfish dives for the noose, misses, and knocks itself out on the side of the bowl so that it doesn't have to worry about the gas anyway.

This experiment has been tried out in Professor Wat Ling's laboratory and he vouches for its efficacy. Blue prints of this wonder innovation will be a special supplement in our next issue.

Next month.—How to make a gas-proof chicken-run.

How to make a gas-proof Goldfish Bowl

By PROFESSOR WAT LING

Obtain from Woolworth's a goldfish bowl—6d. One goldfish—6d. See that there is water in the bowl otherwise when you get home you will find that the fish has a sore throat. Having got the fish home, place it on the table and chain up the cat. Next you will require some muslin, a chunk of cotton wool, a sheet of aluminium large enough to cover the bowl and an old football bladder. What to do with the bladder we haven't yet decided—but keep it handy it may come in useful. Cut the muslin, cotton wool and aluminium to shape of top of bowl and make a sandwich with the wool in the middle. This we will call a clamp (see blue print, square 4). Keep the football bladder near by. See if the clamp fits the top of the bowl—if not, throw it away and make another. Take the football bladder out into the fresh air and bring it in again.

HOW IT IS DONE.

When you have made the clamp fit, try it to see if it excludes air—you can tell this by watching the fish. If he/she continues to swim around the bowl, you know that somehow, somewhere, air is entering. If the fish wriggles on to its back and lays quite still you know the bowl is gas-proof.

Having made these preparations you sit down and blow up the football bladder, why, we don't know.

"But," you say, "supposing one is away from home—at work or, better still, on holiday and a gas attack comes on—who is to put the clamp on?"

SECOND LINE OF DEFENCE.

Ah! this is where we fall back on our second line of defence. We shall now require a cork, an elastic band, a whistle, and a football bladder. Most people who keep pets train them to do little tricks. We train our dogs to lie down and to beg, and our parrots to sw—talk. A little while ago, perhaps you read of a man who had a fish pond. At meal-times he would whistle and the fish would come up to the top to be fed. Well our goldfish is not without common sense and, to return to our experiment, what you have to do is this.

HOW IT WORKS.

Fix the elastic band to the cork and place the cork in the bowl when it will be seen that the elastic band is suspended like a noose (see blue print, square 8). Blow up the football bladder, fix the whistle in the teat and we are all ready. In the event of a gas attack we press the football bladder, the whistle blows and our intelligent goldfish dives through the elastic band which closes over its gills thereby preventing him/her from breathing gas—or anything else come to that. "But," you interject knowingly. "We have the same problem. Supposing you are out. Who blows the whistle?" That's easy.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

July, 1938

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.
 3 Reading from "Back to Methusalem," Mr. J. T. Harris.
 10 Ancient People, Mr. Gardiner.
 17 Mr. Balmbray.
 24 Mr. R. Croker.
 Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
 Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
- Mondays** —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.15 p.m.
 Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8.15 p.m., alternate weeks.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m., at 26 Homefield Road.
- Tuesdays** —Women's Physical Training Class, 5.30 p.m.

- Wed'days** —Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.
 6 Outing.
 13 Biology and Politics, Miss Holman.
 20 Dancing, Music, and Manners of a Foreign Land, Miss Flora Fairbairn.
 27 Rev. Walsh.
 Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8.15 p.m.
 Young People's Adult School, 8.15 p.m.
 Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.
 Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Thursdays** —Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
 Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.
- Fridays** —Orchestra, 8 p.m.
 Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Net Ball Club, 3.15 p.m., at Woodcroft School.
 Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Sunday** 3 Fellowship Meeting, Miss Edith Brittle, 8 p.m.
Monday 4 Women's Health Clinic, 3 p.m.
Friday 8 Left Book Club Debate, 8 p.m.
Thursday 14 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
Monday 18 Women's Health Clinic, 3 p.m.
Saturday 23 St. John Ambulance Flag Day Office.
Thursday 28 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.

FOR WATLING RESIDENTS

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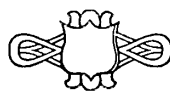
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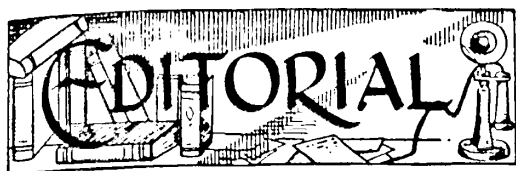
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Are We?

During the summer months many people visit Watling and most of them say that there is a certain charm about it and its people which is rather pleasing. But there is one criticism about Londoners, and we are, erstwhile Londoners, which country people make, and that is our reserve. A friend of ours who rarely comes to London visited us recently and remarked on the way people in the Tube, all travelling together sit and stare, or read their papers and say nothing. "Why don't they talk to each other?" queries our friend. In the part of the country where she comes from it is the custom, and we must admit a very genial custom, for all people to talk to each other—even to strangers, when travelling or in the streets, and it seems unnatural to her to see a gathering of people all hiding behind a barrier of reserve. This apparent standoffishness gives visitors the impression that we are sullen. When they know us better and get under our armour they find us affable and warm-hearted as their own folk.

Living in a town like London and packed together like we are, with all kinds and conditions of people from all parts of England—and the world, whose characters are sometimes doubtful, it is little wonder that we are on our guard and chary to whom we speak. Life and conditions in the great metropolis are so varied and complex that we tend to keep to ourselves, also we learn to mind our own business and unlike country folk we are not so prone to petty gossip. We have a larger view and are more sophisticated.

Foreigners accuse English people generally of being cold and reserved. This reserve is probably more developed in towns than in the country and perhaps it would be more conducive to conversation and friendship if we adopted a more agreeable demeanor.

Fortunately our weakness is only skin deep. As a world traveller said when you visit a country like America you are at once taken with it and want to stay, but this soon wears and you long to get home again. With England you begin by criticising it and then learn to love it. This might also be true of Londoners.

A police court missionary of the Midlands has been given the credit for what is termed a really excellent idea. After describing "that awful feeling of loneliness" which people in new neighbourhoods are subject to, the report goes on to say how the worthy missionary has conceived the brilliant idea of an "official adviser" to patch up quarrels, look after high-spirited boys and girls, and get people together. The scheme is going to cost £700 to start. Apparently there are still some people who have not yet heard of a Community Association. We might suggest that the B.B.C. be approached and asked to broadcast an occasional item such as "A night at the Watling Centre" or "A Community Association at work."

Various functions and activities could be incorporated in the broadcast, just to bring to the notice of the public the fact that there are people on new estates who are working together in a community spirit who are successfully keeping at bay "Old Man Depression, Loneliness, and Suburban Neurosis."

F.H.L.

The new £10,000 public library, opened at Cheriton, Folkestone, provides a special room for school children's home work.

English is the most used language in existence. It is spoken by 600,000,000 people.

There is a clock in the National Physical Laboratory which in a year only loses a fraction of a second.

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Epping Forest - III.

In the May number of the *RESIDENT* there were some brief notes of the history and locality of Epping Forest, and in the June number there was some reference to the flora and fauna of the Forest. There remain two important and attractive features of the Forest to write about.

One of these is the bird life. Both natives and migrants abound. In the guide book mentioned in the June article there is a list of 135 different birds to be seen, or heard, in the Forest. Amongst the migrants the nightingale ranks first. It is famous for its beautiful song and also because it sings in the night when it has the field, or the wood, almost to itself with the exception of the night-jar whose raucous note can hardly be called a song. The nightingale also sings in the daytime when it has other choristers to compete with. The cock bird arrives first and sings best whilst waiting for his mate to join him. When the nesting is far advanced his beautiful song is "reduced to a tuneless croak."

The jay with its harsh rasping note and cruel habit of destroying the nests of other birds and the already mentioned night-jar (or goat-sucker) with its noisy call at eventide may be heard and sometimes seen. The greater spotted woodpecker whose hammering with its pointed beak sounds just like that of a joiner is fairly common.

Wild ducks breed annually by several of the ponds and it is forbidden to shoot them, they are delightfully tame. There is a heronry at Wanstead Park and between 1882 and 1901 the number of herons' nests averaged 50 per annum.

The prettiest bird in the Forest is the gay kingfisher but he is a shy beauty and only the quiet naturalist is rewarded by a sight of him.

The other important feature of the Forest is the trees themselves. No notes on the Forest, however brief, would be at all complete without some reference to the trees. Many readers may even think that in writing about a forest the trees should come first instead of last for it is of course largely the trees that make it a forest.

The trees of Epping cannot compare with the oaks of Sherwood Forest, the beeches of Burnham or the oaks and beeches of the New Forest, but they are a very pleasing feature. The chief cause of the deficiency is due to the destructive custom of pollarding the trees, that is cutting back the branches to the crown of the tree, seven or eight feet from the ground, for the purposes of fuel. In the old days this used to be done every ten or fifteen years but now for many years the evil practice has been abolished and forbidden. The few woods of larger growth such as Monk Wood, Epping Thicks and High Beach are exceptions to the rule. These have had almost un-

restricted growth and the largest trees are to be found in these parts of the Forest.

The first place in the list of trees must be given to the oak and the second to the beech. Then comes the hornbeam of less imposing growth than either of the other two but much more widely spread through the Forest. It will grow in almost any soil however wet or dry and is not discouraged by the most ruthless pollarding but starts to grow again immediately after the operation.

Amongst other less numerous trees may be mentioned the silver birch, distinguished by its grace and lightness; the maple, with its gorgeous autumn colouring; the hawthorn which next to the oak is the longest-lived tree of the Forest; the common crab, or wild apple, whose fruit is eagerly devoured by the deer; and holly, the chief evergreen. For some unexplained reason the Epping holly trees do not often bear berries so it is no use to go to the Forest for Christmas decoration.

But go to Epping Forest whenever opportunity offers. It has great attractions at any time of the year and its appeal to all lovers of nature is strong.

WHAT TO DO IN JULY

Flower Garden.—Sow seeds of cinerarias, calceolarias and Chinese primulas, very shallow in a fine sandy compost and place a sheet of glass over them until they germinate. Then place them up near to the glass until they are large enough to prick off.

To secure plenty of good carnations give the plants lime water one week, soot water the next and liquid manure the third week. Repeat these applications in this order until the end of the season.

Dahlias, hollyhocks and other tall-growing herbaceous plants should be effectually staked and tied to protect them from high winds. Whilst doing this remove useless side-shoots.

This is a good time to clip box edging and holly and privet hedges. Do it well and neatly.

Fruit Garden.—Summer prune red and white currant bushes, shortening the new side shoots to within about five leaves of the base. The black currants should be left alone until August.

Towards the end of June summer prune apples and pears, again shortening the side shoots as in the case of red and white currants. For plums shorten only the crowded or weak shoots. In the case of gooseberries shorten only the longer shoots.

Thin out the young shoots of raspberries to three or four canes and remove the canes that have borne fruit as soon as the crop, if any, has been gathered.

Vegetable Garden.—All recently planted plots of cabbage and borecole should be carefully examined and any gaps there may be filled with fresh plants.

Keep the hoe constantly going on all cropped land so as to keep the surface soil clean.

Much watering should be done if the season be dry if good results are to be obtained.

Some more French beans may be sown early in the month for a late crop. Peas may also be sown for a late crop, choose an early kind.

Sow more spinach for succession, also endives and turnips for winter use.

Spray potato haulms with the object of preventing, not curing, an attack of disease. If the haulms are already attacked spraying is no use. It would then be well to cut the haulms right off and burn them. Bordeaux Mixture is a good spray.

Plea for Planning

A Book You Should Read

You in Watling are taking part in a great social experiment.

It is the experiment of the Community Estate with one building, the Centre, as the hub of daily life. "Experiment" may sound a cold-blooded word. Viewed by yourselves, the Centre and all its works is a great fellowship. But we will remain detached for a moment and call your estate an experiment (with apologies for impersonal note).

There are, of course, other experiments afoot, such as the "hundred new towns" (or garden city) movement.

When these new forms of social planning are more widespread we may call them accomplished facts. But not until then—so please don't think indignantly that I am unaware Watling has long emerged from the chrysalis stage into a fine maturity. Watling, after all, is only one unit.

Now, it will be a tragedy if the work of town-planning is left to the expert with his degree in architecture or engineering, or to the visionary with his noble idealism but lack of perspective.

Not until the attention of the man-in-the-street—*you and I*—is firmly concentrated on the improvement of his own community can the experts and visionaries march forward side by side in progress for the common good.

This is a plea emphatically expressed in the recently-published "Problems of Town and Country Planning" by an eminent civil servant, Sir Gwilym Gibbon. Here, indeed, is a book that appeals to the social sense of all of us, and yet is so monumental and comprehensive as to be acknowledged by the experts as the foremost work of its kind.

Now what is the difference between Watling and, shall we say, a mean industrial district,—outgrown and overcrowded? Simply that Watling is the result of planning for the future.

It is for planning in the future development of England that Sir Gwilym appeals. Too much development in the past has been a willy-nilly process of experience.

The book, incidentally, is mentioned in Sir Charles Bressey's Report on London's highways. This Report, one feels certain, would have been unnecessary if London had been planned at the outset and not just developed.

The problem of London is one of excessive growth. Some advocate decentralisation or the breaking up of large towns into smaller units.

Sir Gwilym is keen on the idea of the communal

suburb (it describes itself) as he feels that development near towns must continue.

His proposals for changing the face of the country are the adoption of regional planning (a network of towns with a close affinity) and he suggests an alternative to public ownership of land, the systematic pooling of ownerships.

Watling folk, themselves taking part in a planning experiment, will be enabled to see more clearly their own relation to society by reading Sir Gwilym's book and will be made to appreciate the privileges of the planned development which they enjoy on the fringe of London's unplanned and unwieldy growth.

The book (published by George Allen and Unwin Ltd.) is worth its price of 5s., but it can be borrowed from the Hendon Public Library.

H. K. GUDENIAN.

THE TATTOO OUTING

On Saturday, June 11th, I was one of a huge Watling Party that travelled by eight coaches to the Aldershot Tattoo. We fell in at 5.30 p.m., and with the able guidance of Mr. C. Deacon were allotted our seats in the lettered coaches. At 6 p.m. we were off to what to many must have been the most picturesque and enjoyable ride they have ever had. When the countryside was reached we found masses of rhododendrons and other flowers which added to the enjoyment of the ride.

We arrived at Aldershot at 9.30 after a short stay at the Royal Hotel, Ascot, where we consumed our eats and drinks. Then came the Tattoo and a grander or more picturesque sight may I am sure had never seen before. It depicts the uniforms of various troops worn hundreds of years ago and the many brilliant colours of the uniforms make a picture very difficult to describe. It was a really amazing sight. The pageant consists of 11 scenes and included Henry VIII. arriving at "The Field of Cloth of Gold" a really glorious assembly of horses and men dressed for the period they represented. This was followed by a drill display which was appreciated by all especially the ex-service men who had had practical experience of what is required to attain such a standard of smartness. Then came the assault and capture of Fort Moss, 1762, a pretty noisy affair with continuous gun and rifle fire which ends in "us" capturing the Fort after many casualties on both sides. Then followed musical items by the massed bands—over 1,000 musicians playing without music in the glory of their pre-war uniforms, a most imposing sight. This was followed by a physical drill display and club swinging by 600 men of various regiments during which the rhythm of perfectly synchronized movements at high speed is displayed. The arena was darkened and immediately the clubs were illuminated with various colours. Many brilliant coloured movements were carried out and all were admirably performed. Several other really magnificent scenes followed including an Air Defence display and we had a grim reminder of the days and nights many moons away.

We arrived home at 3 a.m. after a very enjoyable time and our thanks go to the organisers of this gigantic party and we all look forward to the next outing. Now Cecil, get to it. Thank You.

J. TORRANCE.

Watling Week No. 10.

The week cast its shadow before as it were, from June 7th—10th, when the Carnival Queen was being chosen at the Odeon Picture Theatre, Burnt Oak. The preliminary heats were judged by public acclamation and for the final on the Friday we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Margaret Bannerman who very kindly came at an hour's notice. She was supported by Brigadier-General Sir Edward Bellingham, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. John Turnbull, stage and screen star, and Miss Margery, a West End mannequin. Our thanks are tendered to them and to Mr. Harold Smith and his staff for all the work they put in.

Miss Alice Jackson was chosen as Carnival Queen, and the runners-up, Miss Dylis Williams and Miss Joyce Davis, as attendants. The London Co-operative Society kindly supplied their dresses and carried out the work most becomingly. Shoes were kindly given by Messrs. Bata Ltd.

The first appearance of the queen was on Friday, the 17th, at the Young Watlers' Concert, which proved a great attraction, and as usual people had to be turned away.

The full activities of the Carnival Queen, however, did not start till the Saturday afternoon, when in preparation for leading the Carnival Procession she was duly enthroned outside the Centre by the Mayoress of Hendon who accompanied the Mayor. Her car was supplied and beautifully decorated by J. H. Beattie & Co whose enterprising Mill Hill manager took a very lively interest in the affair. Other traders also supported the Carnival well and there were a number of entries from different sections of the Association and local bodies, such as the Adult Schools, as well as from individuals, particularly children. The Clarion Cycling Club put in a very good and welcome show of decorated cycles.

The prize winners in the carnival were: Vehicles, 1st, Keen's Dairy; 2nd, London Co-operative Society; 3rd, Eight Gay Girls. Special prizes: Veterans' Club, Neighbourhood Guild, Young Watlers and Moggies. Adults: 1st, Miss Joan Saunders as Australia; 2nd, Mr. Griffin as Brighten Your Life (and join the Watling Association). Adult Comic: Mr. D. Roblou as Prevents that sinking feeling. Children: 1st, Evelyn Lock as The Watling Resident; 2nd, Reg. King and Jill the Retriever as Retrieving the Expenses; 3rd, R. Lodge as Burlington Bertie from Bow. Child's Comic: The Day brothers as Sailor Boys. Pedal Cycles: 1st, The Nyberg tandem as Keep Fit; 2nd, Irene Richardson; 3rd, Miss Joyce Lord as Dreadnought. Special prizes: G. Lewis as Oddfellows, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony as The Early Days of the Clarion Club.

The judging was somewhat delayed owing to an accident caused by a bolting horse and we should wish to express our sympathy with the driver and others who suffered as a result. Apart from this the Carnival went off very well. Headed by the Hendon Borough Silver Band it paraded part of the main road and Watling Avenue and several streets on the Estate which have hardly been touched before. This unfortunately meant leaving out some streets which we

have usually visited, but the Estate is too large to go down every road.

On the Saturday evening the events were a very successful Carnival Social and Carnival Dance for the older and younger members respectively. The Social M.C. was Mrs. Nyberg, the Dance, Mr. Deacon. The Social was so much enjoyed, and by many who had not been to a Saturday Social for months, that a special request was made for a similar Social on the next Saturday.

Sunday evening was equally enjoyable in a different way. The Music and Elocution Competitive Meeting organised by the President of the Association provided a very pleasant programme lasting nearly three hours. Competitors were mostly juvenile and Woodcroft Junior School in particular should be thanked for providing a large number of entries. A warm welcome was given to Mr. A. B. Allen who kindly came to judge the Spelling Bee. The rest of the sections were judged by Mr. James Jones and his youngest son, who did yeoman service, as also did Mr. Cyril Davies who kindly came to accompany the soloists. Thanks are tendered to these and also to Miss Edith Torrance and Master Howard who rendered the set piece recitation and mouth organ solo respectively although their competitions had to be cancelled for lack of entries.

The winners in various classes were judged to be

- I. Vocal Solos (a) Miss Joy Griffiths.
(b) Mrs. Stokes.

- IV. Recitations (a) Miss Doris Rood.
(b) Miss Edith Torrance.
(c) Miss Helen Stanbury.
(d) Mrs. Hilton and Mr. Howard.

- VI. Piano Solos Miss Irene Taylor.

- IX. Spelling Bee Woodcroft School 9-10 year old team.

In the other classes there were not sufficient entries to provide a competition.

Monday's Rummage Sale was the usual success and the Whist Drive in the evening was the biggest which the Centre has seen for some while. The £5 top was won by Mrs. Galwin, second and third were shared by Mrs. Wikinson and Mrs. Ross, 1st half, Mr. Hume, second half, Mr. Chaplin. Mysteries, Mesdames Longhurst, Wickens, Torrance, Woods, Messrs. Saroon and Ted.

Tuesday afternoon was the baby show, when three doctors not living on the Estate judged 88 babies in various classes. The best Watling baby in the show was judged to be Pamela White, one of the winning twins. Other prize winners were:

- | Class A. | | Class C. | |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 1. Yvonne Reisinger. | | 1. John Clarke. | |
| 2. Robert C. Riceman. | | 2. Veronica Winnett. | |
| 3. Lillian French. | | 3. Barbara Border. | |
| 4. Frederick Fossey. | | 4. Jean Driscoll. | |
| Class B. | | Class D. | |
| 1. Michael J. Coombs. | | 1. Joan Lewis. | |
| 2. Alan Wilson. | | 2. David Curson. | |
| 3. Sylvia Norton. | | 3. Roy Dillingham. | |
| 4. Geoffrey Parker. | | | |

Tuesday evening saw the usual dance at the Centre, but the event of the evening was the Juvenile Dance

Competition held at John Keble Hall. The judges for the evening, Miss Horner and Miss McDowell, had an extremely difficult task, as evidenced by the fact that only half a point separated the first two schools. Miss Good's school won the cup and Miss Briscoe's were the close runners-up. The medal for the best individual performance was awarded to Margaret Knell, of Miss Good's school.

Wednesday afternoon and evening saw Social Whist Drives, and in the evening there was also a Concert by the Watling Association Amateur Variety Party. As usual people had to be turned away for lack of accommodation. When will people learn that with a hall as small as that at the Centre tickets for a popular attraction must be bought beforehand?

Thursday afternoon saw the novel Whist Drive, 10/- top prize, and in the evening the Watling Guild of Players and the Watling Association Orchestra put on an enjoyable programme to another full house. The audience had the thrill of seeing the Carnival Queen gagged and bound, not however, in her ceremonial dress, but as a confidential maid in "Superstition," the first play put on. In the second play, "Lights Out," the Guild had the kind help of Mrs. Straker, a member of the Hendon Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Section whose assistance was secured to fill a part at short notice, through the channels of the Hendon Drama Federation. In the third play "Captain Cook and the Widow" the Resident's son added to the laurels of the Jones family. Rather longer intervals than usual were necessitated by the changing of scenes and the services of the orchestra were therefore specially welcome. The co-operation of the two groups provided a very pleasant evening.

Friday evening the Centre was closed for the Dinner and Dance at the White Lion which was attended by about 110 people who thoroughly enjoyed themselves under the Chairmanship of the President at dinner and the able M.C'ing of Mr. F. Welch at the dance.

The children's sports were the first item on the Saturday afternoon programme and produced the following results for girls.

- Over 5 and under 8, 60 yards handicap,
1. Pam Welsh. 2. Barbara Judge.
8 or over and under 11, 80 yards handicap,
1. Edith Pow. 2. Kitty Wright.
11 or over and under 14, 100 yards handicap,
1. Irene Richardson. 2. Irene Ashby.
Circular Jumping,
1. Irene Richardson. 2. Edith Pow.
Obstacle Race,
1. Irene Richardson. 2. Edith Pow.
For boys:
8 or over and under 11, 80 yards handicap,
1. Leonard Danc. 2. George Richardson.
11 or over and under 14, 100 yards handicap,
1. Fred Bull. 2. Robert Avis.
Circular Jumping,
1. Derek Vincent. 2. Ronald Bull.
Obstacle Race,
1. Derek Vincent. 2. George Richardson.

The Coronation Cup was therefore won for the second year by Irene Richardson.

There then followed an excellent display of Physical Training activities put on by the London Co-operative Society's Burnt Oak and Edgware Children's Circles, Watling Girl Guides, 14th Hendon Scout Cubs, Watling Association Eurythmics, Women's P.T., Senior Girls' P.T. and Folk Dancing Classes, Moggies, W.A. Boxing Club and Columbian Girls' Club.

Entries for the Senior Sports were fewer than usual, but there was an exciting finish to the 3 mile marathon, won by G. A. Staniford, with F. A. Kemp second and L. M. Maisey, third. Messrs. Scarlett and R. Davis were first and second respectively in the 220 yards, Mr. E. Strong won the mile, and the Nine Elms Gas Light and Coke Co. team carried off the cup for the Tug of War. The thanks of the organisers are specially tendered to Mr. Humphrey of the Northern Cycling Club who supervised the route for the 3 mile marathon and Sergeant W. Sheehan of Harrow Road Police who judged the Tug of War, and to Alderman J. S. Lynch of Ealing Borough Council, a member of the London and Middlesex Area Committee for National Fitness, who took the chair at the display.

In the evening there was another hilarious Carnival Social for the older people with Mrs. Nyberg as M.C. and a dance for the younger ones with Mr. C. Deacon as M.C.

Sunday evening Mr. Radley looked after a "What you will," which turned out to be rather like a Free and Easy, and the younger members again had a dance.

The report of the Piano Accordion Concert on Monday and an account of the doings of the Carnival Queen must be left over to next month.

The heartfelt thanks of the Watling Association are tendered to all the many workers who gave so liberally of their time and energy during the week, to a number of donors whose gifts will be recorded in the accounts next month, to the London Co-operative Society and Bata Shoe Co. for clothing and shoeing the Carnival Queen and her attendants, to J. H. Beattie & Co. who provided and decorated her car, to the following donors of Window Spot Prizes:

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THE M.C.C. AND YOU

by County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

At the May meeting of the Middlesex County Council another battle took place of the kind which we are becoming familiar. On the one side were those members who are always willing to raise the salaries of the most highly paid officials but who show complete indifference to the almost starvation wages paid to some manual workers and others. On the other side were those members who care very keenly that the rank and file of the County Council's employees shall have wages sufficient to maintain their families definitely above Public Assistance level and are less concerned to raise the salaries of officers already drawing well over £1,000 per annum.

It was proposed by the Officers and Staff Committee that the salary of the County Valuation Officer should, because his work has been altered somewhat and in view of the Committee he has been given greater responsibility, be raised immediately from £1,500 to £1,750 and thence by yearly increments to £2,000. This was opposed on the ground that he is sufficiently well paid at present and Labour members pointed out the efforts they had made earlier in the same meeting to get better wages for men who were being appointed at under £3 a week in some instances and just over £3 in another, the latter being a skilled man. These efforts had been unsuccessful owing to lack of support from the majority present.

One of these poorly paid appointments was that of "temporary relief watchman" at the Local County Offices at Tottenham. It was pointed out by a Tottenham member that the Tottenham Borough Council, where Labour is in a majority, pays a minimum of £3 1s. 7d. to its employees, whereas the County Council is offering this man £2 14s. per week. Nevertheless the County Council refused to alter the amount.

The recommendation in respect of the County Valuation Officer was at the end of the discussion taken back for further consideration.

An item of interest to parents was the report from the Education Committee to the Council that the Board of Education had at length agreed to a more generous scale of help in the case of children attending Secondary Schools, both at the time of their admission and again after they had passed the General School Examination. Some members expressed the opinion that many parents did not receive the help that might have come their way because a certain amount of secrecy was observed with regard to the conditions of giving help and because parents did not always make special application.

Members on both sides of the Chamber expressed indignation that the County Valuation Committee did not propose to ask the County Council to take any steps to press the Government to do something in regard to the "derating of industrial hereditaments." It had been pointed out by the Chairman of the Finance Committee earlier in the year, that the derating of factories in Middlesex meant that the ordinary householders in the County are paying an additional rate of 7d. in the pound. It was strongly urged that the industrialists no longer needed this help at the expense of the general ratepayer and at the end of the discussion the Chairman promised to look into the matter again and report.



YOUR HEALTH is in YOUR FOOD

Here are some facts to make you think. They are given by Dr. Birches-Benues, a specialist of Zurich.

(1) The vitamins in which the nourishing effect of food depends originate solely in the vegetable kingdom. They are found especially in fresh green leaves, roots, tubers, stems, fruits, berries, nuts and seeds. These provide man with perfect food.

(2) Animals live on plants in which the energy of the sun is stored and thus use up the vitamins. Meat is accordingly poor in vitamins. Meat therefore, does not give strength. The idea that it does is due to the stimulative effect of dead albuminous substances and other products of decomposition.

(3) The human organism to be maintained and built up, needs certain mineral salts. These can only be obtained from the plant which has been growing in the sun. The essential mineral salts are sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, iron, silicic acid, phosphorus, sulphur, iodine. Each has to fulfil a highly important task. Some of them produce acids, some bases or alkalies. Our food must not contain an excess of acids. The latter must be neutralized by the bases or they will injure the living cell.

We can only be permanently healthy when our food supplies us with a surplus quantity of bases. Excepting milk and blood, this can only be found in vegetable foodstuffs, especially in fruits, stems, leaves and roots. Seeds such as peas, beans, lentils, peanuts and arcala, all albuminous or protein food and must lead to a surplus quantity of acids. If we take much food which produces acidity and at the same time insufficient vegetable food which contains many bases, the latter may for a time compensate for the excess of acids, but little by little acidosis of the whole system sets in and this leads in the course of years to grave chronic diseases.

In order to avoid such a result, it is necessary to restrict the quantity of meat and protein food. The physiologist, Rubner, has demonstrated that human food as analysed in mothers' milk contains an extremely small quantity of protein food. Man must revert to such foods as Nature intends, if he is to keep health or regain it. Fruit, green leaves and roots are measured by their mineral contents, Man's protecting food. They also contain proteins which may be supplemented by nuts of all kinds. *(To be continued)*

Here is a recipe for mayonnaise. 1 egg yolk (as fresh as possible), $\frac{1}{2}$ pint olive oil, juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon, salt and pepper, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon dry mustard. Beat up yolk of egg, add salt and pepper and drop by drop the olive oil, stirring evenly all the time. As the mayonnaise thickens, dilute with a little lemon juice; continue to add lemon juice drop by drop until the required quantity and taste are obtained. Put aside to cool. A French dressing made of the juice of half lemon and a small tea-cup of olive oil well stirred together makes a tasty and refreshing salad dressing for any time of year.

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Dear Sir,

I notice that the popular Monday night Whist Drive which has been running at the Centre for some time is now being changed to Wednesday night and that the price is being increased to a shilling. As a supporter of this function I, and there are others, strongly protest against this increase. This Whist Drive ran successfully for some time at the modest price of 6d. Then along comes an interloper and starts a Drive on the same night at another hall for a larger money prize. A number of our supporters leave us and go for the larger money, but paying more for admission. In consequence owing to the smaller attendance the Centre has reduced its prize and a few more supporters drop away. I maintain that if, in spite of the dwindling attendance, the prize at the Centre's Whist Drive had been kept at £1, we should have won our supporters back.

The people who deserted us were only the money grubbers, most of whom are not members of the Association, and it seems unfair that we should endeavour to win them back at the expense of the loyal supporters who attend this drive for the love of the game and a little distraction. Was this change put to the vote of members or was it decided upon by an all-powerful committee?

POUND FOR SIXPENCE.

We regret that other correspondence has had to be held over.

14th HENDON GROUP (1st Colindale)

It is now several months since I last spoke to you all through the pages of the "Watling Resident," and I feel sure you will like to know that the troop is still going strong.

Several of the Scouts camped for the first time over Whitsun, and I feel sure they had an enjoyable time. During the camp some of the scouts were able to obtain their second class badge by passing fire-lighting and cooking, now those boys will be able to help mother cook the Sunday joint.

The Cubs are getting along very well owing to the fact that we now have two new lady Cubmasters. They have been able to get the cubs through a lot more badge work than I could single handed.

The Scouts are hoping to have a grand camp this summer. We don't know yet where we are going but we can reckon on something good for our first summer camp together.

Yours in Scouting,

ERIC A. LORD,
Cubmaster and Scouter.

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Club and Society Notes

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

Another holiday has passed and the Hendon Clarionettes came back from their Whitsun tours looking like niggers and in some cases Redskins. The tourlets at Whitsun were many and varied. Some toured the New Forest, some went over to the Isle of Wight whilst others just potted around Kent, Sussex, Ashdown Forest, Arundel and the like. Meanwhile those who could not get away were well catered for with club runs as usual.

As these notes are being written arrangements are going ahead for the Clarion's part in the Watling Week procession. Of course it will not be possible for many of our members to turn out, some having to work or attend other fixtures, and a club night run falls on that evening, and I do believe some are shy. Still, we hope you enjoy our show. Being one of, if not the, largest clubs in the district we like to take part in the local activities.

Membership is still rising steadily and to the many who have joined us during the past month I say welcome and hope you will enjoy your cycling with us for many years to come. Once a Clarionette, always a Clarionette.

A large party has been arranged in the section to attend the Co-operators Day Celebrations at Wembley; this should be a very enjoyable event and by going together as the club more fun will be had.

As summer comes round each year new "irons" make their appearance in the club, all sparkling and bright, the latest trend of "continentals" look as though the cycle builders are either using up all their almost empty paint pots or that they have been trying to make the bikes look like fairgrounds, still they look fairly attractive and give a spot of colour to the roads of Britain.

Runs for July are:—

3rd—Lady Captain's Run.

10th—Breakfast Run.

17th—Ugly and Nasty.

24th—Brill.

31st—Informal Week-end.

All runs leave the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings, 2.45 p.m. Sunday afternoons, and 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

Local cyclists are always welcome at our clubroom at the Royal Oak any Thursday evening at 8 p.m. All cyclists should join a club. If you want a good club join the Clarion. Our hon. secretary, Mr. E. C. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, will be pleased to give you full particulars of our third party insurance, accident benefits, legal aid, etc., such as no other club can offer, at such a low subscription. Remember whatever your cycling interests we can cater for it. Cheerio!

VIC C. BOTTERILL,
Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

To sit down at the table, and to smell the appetizing odour of roast lamb in a C.T.C. house at Keswick on Derwentwater, is to my mind, the ideal surroundings in which to write this month's "Watling Resident" notes. As I mentioned in last month's issue, my tandem partner and I are touring Lakeland and are now starting our second week, so while I rest for a while after climbing 3,054 feet up Skiddaw I will impart all the Club news that has come to hand, most of which has been forwarded to me by our Road Secretary to whom I am very grateful. Not being in possession of a runs card I must be excused if the nature of these notes lean more towards racing.

Out of a rather rainy week we managed to select a dry morning for our Club "50" although judging by the times put up it was not a good morning. Len Brickett recorded the best time 2, 29, 27, with Arthur and George not far behind. I noticed the old school is dropping behind a little, come on Bill and Fred. Hard luck Roy, we must try to flatten the road out for you, still it is better perhaps as D.N.F. I noticed three D.N.S. Glad to hear that our President, Mr. A. I. Jones was able to attend the event, and wish to extend a hearty welcome to our old friends Mr. Coleman and Mr. Steggall, senior.

Our girls too seem to be meeting with some success recently in open events. Ethel did a splendid ride in the West Croydon gaining 4th position, while Hylma came 12th in the Dalston with 1, 18, 53. This reminds me that our own Open Ladies' "25" is to be run on the 17th of this month, and if we receive as much support, and the same enthusiasm is shown as in our first effort last year, I think the result will be as pleasing to all concerned.

POTTERER.

WATLING ASSOCIATION CRICKET FIXTURES

Sunday, July 3rd—Hanwell C. Centre. Away. Hanwell.

Saturday, July 9th—Westmorland Oddfellows. Away. London P. Fields.

Sunday, July 10th—Craven Oddfellows. Home. London P. Fields.

Sunday, July 17th—Watling Athletic S.C. Away. Montrose.

Sunday, July 24th—To be arranged.

Saturday, July 30th—Harpside C.C. Away. Gladston Park, Cricklewood.

Sunday, August 7th—Harpside C.C. Home. London P. Fields, Edgware.

Saturday, August 13th—Southgate C. Centre. Away. Southgate.

Sunday, August 21st—Southgate C. Centre. Home. London P. Fields.

Sunday, August 28th—Grove Home A.A.A. Away. Northholt (all day).

Any member wishing to support the above by coming along to these games, will be given a hearty welcome.
C. E. HICKS.

VETERANS' CLUB

At the Annual Business Meeting of the Veterans' Club the following officers were re-elected.

President, Mrs. A. I. Jones; Chairman, Mrs. D. King; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Hilton; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Cole; Sick Visitor, Mrs. Marshall; Organising Secretary, Mr. E. Cole; Canteen Committee, Mesdames Fox, Kennard, Cox, Oliff, and Lee. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the following benefactors: Miss M. Wilkenson, Mrs. Grey Skinner, Mr. George Nosworthy and Mr. T. Cronshaw.

On Wednesday, June 1st, the Veterans celebrated their third Anniversary. Tea was provided by our happy band of lady helpers and a lovely seed cake decorated with three candles was presented by our President, Mrs. Jones. Entertainment throughout the evening was provided by "The Young Watlers' Concert Party." The Watling Association Variety Concert Party, the Finchley Variety Concert Party, and Mr. Savage. Mr. F. Cole was Pianist. Refreshments were supplied by Mr. George Nosworthy.

On Wednesday, June 8th, the Veterans enjoyed a day at Brighton, kindly given by Miss M. Wilkenson. The weather was grand and the old folk thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Tea was provided at Messrs. Lyons tea shop when a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Wilkenson was given by Mrs. Fox on behalf of the club.

Two special events have been arranged for July. One, an outing to Mrs. Sead's gardens at Rickmansworth, and the other an outing to "Rye House."

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If you complain of headaches, inability to sleep well, poor appetite, blotchy complexion, etc., then most certainly do I recommend a few miles daily cycling each morning and evening to cure most of these maladies. No need for bottles of different coloured medicines, liver salts, etc.,—in fact you can by just cycling to and from the office or factory or wherever you work . . . and feel better for it! I did.

Bicycles and Watling Week . . . these should always go well together. Sellers of the *Resident* can carry their issues in a saddle-bag, and pedal their way to their allotted road, and well, a bicycle can so easily be wheeled from door to door. Decorated bicycles I am hoping will be taking a great part in the Carnival Procession, for I remember way back in Watling Week No. 4, Jack Radley had several of the local Northern C.C. out "on the road" in clothing of a kind not usually considered the most comfortable for cycling!

One enthusiast, Ted Millsom by name, spent hours previously making a "chariot-cum-sidecar" affair which caused endless amusement as we made our tour of the Estate.

A few years ago, bicycles were very conspicuous at the famous London Lord Mayor's Show, when the Southgate Cycling Club rode all types of bicycles dressed in the various costumes of the sport and pastime.

Women who cycle to work . . . may you long continue to do so. For you the best type of bicycle is the open ladies' frame of the splayed tube type. No big "up-in-the-air" handle-bars and curly tubes please.

I am a little surprised that more of you have not taken to using a smartly tailored divided skirt. In winter this can be made of velvet cord, and in summer of lightweight linen material. No worry about those funny little skirt-straps I still see some of you using, and much more comfortable.

Most girls seem to forget that tyres need "pumping-up" now and again. Everyday I see females on flat tyres, damaging the wheel rims every time they ride into a bump in the road. Never forget to wipe your cranks at the bottom bracket before each ride, and avoid cursing cycling just because you have got dirty black oil on your ankle-socks or stockings.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Slums

Historians of the future will write about us with regard to the conditions under which some people are living in London very much as we write about those who forced children of nine and ten to work in the mines 100 years ago. (SIR WYNDHAM DEEDES).

Up Cads

Passing Lords the other day and noticing that the Eton and Harrow match was in progress, we wondered how long it would be before the Watling Association Cricket Club played their annual match on that aristocratic ground. We must speak to our cricket secretary about this. So polish up your old School ties, lads.

Onions

According to a newspaper item the fishermen on the coasts of Brittany are always getting drenched with sea water and often are bitter with the cold and yet they never suffer with rheumatism. This it is stated is due to the fact that the staple diet of these humble people is onions. A great big human being will keep away from a man who has been eating onions so we are not surprised at a little rheumatic germ keeping at a distance.

Traffic Lights

The work of narrowing the road at the bottom of Orange Hill Road is now completed and traffic will not now be able to sweep round the corner as it will have to slow up to turn. Furthermore the traffic lights should help to make the crossing safer. These safeguards have not come too soon as this was becoming one of Watling's danger spots.

In Japan

But observe how traffic has to behave in Japan:—

"At the rise of the hand of policeman, stop rapidly. Do not pass him by or otherwise disrespect him.

When a passenger of the foot hove in sight, tootle the horn trumpet to him melodiously at first. If he still obstacles your passage, tootle him with vigour and express by word of the mouth the warning 'Hi, Hi!'

Beware of the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him. Do not explode the exhaust box at him. Go soothingly by, or stop by the road-side till he pass away.

Give big space to the festive dog that make sport in the roadway. Avoid entanglement of dog with your wheel-spokes.

Go soothingly on the grease-mud, as there lurk the skid demon. Press the brake of the foot as you roll round the corners to save the collapse and tie-up."

I.C.

It would be interesting to know how much ice-cream is eaten by Watling folk during the course of a week. The other day we saw in Watling Avenue four tricycles all selling different brands of ice-cream. Besides these there is about a dozen shops which seem to do a roaring trade with this "moreish" article of food.

Tut Tut

According to a newspaper item peas found in an Egyptian tomb thousands of years old have been successfully grown. That's nothing. We planted some Radish seed early in April and in July we had the finest crop of Dandelions we've ever seen.

Tell the World

So we've had another of our members on the "Air." A short while ago our Secretary, Mr. Harris, spoke on Community Centres and recently Mr. Cole in the "New Homes for Old" series was introduced as a tenant and gave his views on what life on a Council Estate was like.

We soon hope to hear the Eight Gay Girlies doing a broadcast.

Closing the Centre

Where do the flies go in the winter? Where will some people go during the first week in August? Then the Centre is to be closed, so that redecorations may proceed more quickly. Do not go for a dance on August 2nd or a Whist Drive on August 1st. Nothing doing.

For Voluntary Workers

and others who may also be interested. The London Federation of Community Associations is holding a Saturday School, on September 24th. For details of subjects and speakers, all very good, see our next issue, but book the date now. The charge of 6d. covers tea.

Play Leader for Children

Have you offered to help the Play Leader in the Park? The Hendon Education Committee has appointed a whole-time Play Leader from July 25th to August 20th inclusive, to help the children with their games. He will be there from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sundays. A lot of help will be wanted from volunteers who can put in an hour or two. Give your name in at the Centre with particulars of what days and what hours you can help.

W.A.Q.G.M.

The next will be held September 15th. Be sure to book the date. A.A.U.

The Kitten

Is it true that the Centre kitten was so worried when Mr. Lodge went on holiday that it threw itself under a bus? If not, where is it?

Mrs. Wildes

Most of us know of the sad death of Mrs. Wildes who passed away on Friday, 8th July. Mrs. Wildes was a member of the Association ever since the Centre opened, and when in good health she was a useful worker, as was her husband and son before they moved from Orange Hill Road.

A wreath was sent by the supporters of the Saturday Socials and all members of the Association extend to Mr. Wildes their heartfelt sympathy.

Tell us

If you have a story, article, news item or a grouse, write to the Editor. He can't bite you—he's just had his teeth out.

Officer: Come here! Why do you pass me without saluting?

Recruit: Well, sir, I thought you were still cross with me from yesterday.

The Angel Child had prayed for a baby sister for a long time, with no result. At last, one night, she murmured resignedly—"Well, Lord, please send us anything you have."

"Who on earth keeps ringing that bell, Jane?"

"It's only me, mum. I want you down here in a minute."

* * * * *

Little Willie was telling his mother what he had learnt at school.

"She said," he explained, "that if I had two apples and she gave me two more I should have four."

"Quite right," said his mother, "now you had four bananas, and I gave you four more, then how many would you have?"

"Oh," said Willie, "we haven't done bananas yet."

OUTING TO SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

After the wonderful turn out at our last outing to the Aldershot Tattoo I have had many requests for another day out, so I am going to run an outing to Southend which will be an all-day affair. The cost will be 6/- per head (children 3/9) which will include coach there and back, High meat tea at Crossways' Road House, and a Dance and Social to finish up with in the wonderful Ballroom of Crossways; also Tips to Coachmen and Waitresses. Here is a wonderful outing open to all members and friends. Weekly payments can be made, the date of the above to take place on Sunday, September 18th. This will be the last all-day outing this year, so roll up and enjoy yourselves. Mr. Wicken and myself or the office will collect your money on any Friday or Saturday.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

August, 1938

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** —Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
- Mondays** —Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8.15 p.m., alternate weeks.
- Wed'days** —Veterans' Club, 4.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8.15 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8.15 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.
- Fridays** —Orchestra, 8 p.m.
Weight Lifters, 8 p.m.
- Saturdays** —Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Monday, 1st,—Saturday, 6th, Centre closed.
- Monday 8 Church Army Rummage Sale.
- Friday 12 Left Book Club. Discussion on "Justice in Britain." Speaker, Mr. Hilliard, 8 p.m.
- Monday 15 Women's Health Clinic, 3 p.m.

Something For All

Being Notes on the Community Diary

MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Sundays at 6.30 p.m. Secretary: Mr. Simkins, 4 Purcell's Avenue, Edgware. Meets to discuss subjects of common interest in a spirit of fellowship, re-starts September 18th.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mondays, 2.30 p.m. Secretary: Mrs. Fairburn, 151 Silkstream Road, Edgware. Re-starts September 5th.

SOCIAL WHIST DRIVE

Mondays, 8.0 p.m. M.C.: Mr. C. Deacon. A variety of handsome prizes every week for 6d. admission.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Mondays, 8.30 p.m. Discusses a variety of subjects of interest in an informal way. Re-starts Sept. 19th.

POOR MAN'S LAWYER

Mondays, 8.30 p.m., sits to advise those who are involved in legal difficulties and cannot afford a solicitor. Those with Accident claims and Insurance claims are specially recommended to make sure of their position.

WOMEN'S P.T. CLASS

Tuesdays, 5.30 p.m. Secretary: Mrs. Parker, 135 Deansbrook Road. Folk Dancing and Keep Fit exercises. Fee 2d. per week, 3d. if you are not a member of the Watling Association.

DANCE

Tuesdays, 8.0 p.m., in charge of Mr. C. Deacon. Admission 4d. Re-start in September.

WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

Wednesdays, 8.30 p.m. Secretary: Mr. C. J. Roblou, 26 Homefield Road.

P.T. FOR GIRLS OVER 16

8.30 p.m., at Woodcroft School. Secretary: Mrs. Lord, 23 Colchester Road, re-starts in September.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.0 p.m. Secretary: Mr. A. Clay, 93 Deansbrook Road. Ladies and Gentlemen are welcomed as members. Re-starts in September.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

Wednesdays, 2.30 p.m. Chairman: Mrs. Roblou, 26 Homefield Road. Meets for lectures and discussions. Re-starts August 24th.

VETERANS' CLUB

Wednesdays, 4.30 p.m. Chairwoman: Mrs. King, 92 Deansbrook Road. Secretary: Mr. Cole, 9 Langham Gardens. 90 minutes of social time and enjoyment for any old folks of Watling over 65 years of age.

WEIGHT LIFTING CLUB

Wednesdays, 8.15 p.m., Fridays 8.0 p.m. Secretary: Mr. Booth, c/o Watling Centre. Meets for physical training and to practise the art of weight lifting.

WHIST DRIVES

Wednesdays, 8.15 p.m. M.C.: Mr. Frank Williams. Admission 1/-, Miniature 3d. Prizes according to numbers attending.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADULT SCHOOL

Wednesdays, 8.15 p.m. Secretary: Mr. F. Whitehead, 41 Cressingham Road.

INDOOR GAMES CLUB

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8.0—10.30 p.m., in the Common Room. On Wednesdays the room is reserved for members of the Club. Darts, Table Tennis, Bagatelle, Shove-halfpenny, etc. Chairman: Mr. W. Taylor. Re-starts in September.

WHIST DRIVE

Thursdays, 2.30 p.m. M.C.: Mrs. Crowe. Top prize, 10/-, raffle and snowball. Admission to drive, 6d.

ORCHESTRA

Fridays, 8.0 p.m. Conductor: Mr. Lancaster, 15 Oakmead Gardens, Edgware.

FOLK DANCING

The group meets for a social time learning and practising English Folk Dances, on Fridays, at 8.0 p.m. Charge 3d. a time. Secretary: Mrs. Gay, 12 Banstock Road. Re-starts in September.

The M.C.C. and You

by County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

I am sure that all Watling residents will be interested to know that the extensions at Redhill Hospital are going well ahead and that a number of the new wards are already full of patients. There will be included in the additional accommodation a unit of some 48 beds for persons suffering from Tuberculosis. It is hoped that this provision will help to shorten the period of waiting that a number of sufferers at present experience, it being of the utmost importance that the earliest possible treatment shall be given to these unfortunate people. In the grounds of the hospital there will be a "Chest clinic."

The June meeting of the Middlesex County Council passed off very quickly and quietly. It must not, however, be supposed that nothing of importance was accomplished. One very important matter, affecting thousands of the Council's employees went through quite without comment, to the great relief of those responsible for bringing it forward.

This was what is usually referred to as the New Grading Scheme, and deals with salaries and wages as well as other conditions of service of the staff under the control of the Public Health Committee.

The report containing the recommendations occupied 117 pages. It was the result of about 20 meetings extending over a period of more than two years and involving a tremendous amount of investigation and consideration between meetings.

The staff concerned consists of many hundreds of people occupying a great variety of positions. It includes the medical superintendents of our big County Hospitals and other members of the medical staff, the nursing staff from matrons to probationers, the technical staff and the almoners, the stewards and the clerical staff, the engineers and manual workers, and the domestic staff.

One of the main considerations of the committee set up to deal with the matter was, when they began their task, undoubtedly the fact that the great increase in size of the County Hospitals and the much wider scope of the work done by the hospitals had put greatly increased responsibility on the shoulders of the medical superintendents, matrons and other chief officers.

It became more and more apparent as the work of revision went on that not only the salaries of the chief officers needed revision, but also those of certain classes of subordinate staff. In recent months there has been great difficulty in filling certain vacancies. In many cases, in fact, no applications at all have been received for appointments at the prevailing rate of pay. It is felt by some members of the Council that, even when the new scales operate, this difficulty will not cease to exist.

In regard to certain classes of manual workers, their wages had been settled some years ago in accordance

with the Trade Union rates or with the Joint Industrial Council awards prevailing at the time and no adjustments had been made in the meanwhile in the County's scales. These anomalies and difficulties the new scheme is intended to meet.

It is impossible to deal with the recommendations that were accepted by the County Council, but I would like to say just a word about the nursing staff. It is well known that up and down the country, there is a shortage of nurses. It is the hope of the Public Health Committee that the all-round improvement in the pay of the nursing staff may help to relieve this situation.

It is intended moreover to reduce the age of entry for probationer nurses from 19 years to 18. The Public Health Committee is well aware of the need for greatly increased accommodation in the County, but it is also realised that it is of no use to put up buildings and to equip them unless they can be staffed.

A plea for the employment where possible of ex-Service men was made by Labour members and supported by others. It arose on the appointment of two ex-policemen as "adult patrols" to take care of school children crossing the roads. It was pointed out how meagre many an ex-Service man's pension was compared with that of an ex-policeman. The appointing committee agreed to appoint ex-Service men where possible for the duty under discussion.

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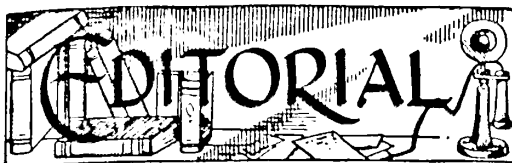
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The Pagans

"A new paganism is developing on many large estates," says a Councillor.

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This may be true, but people on new estates have learnt to strike out in new directions. Being strangers in a strange land they have had to make new friends and follow new pursuits which generally have proved definitely to their advantage. Some well meaning people seem concerned as to what characteristics people on new estates will develop. But they need have no fear.

Some of these old restraining influences are good and some are bad, and who would dare say that the personality of a Watlingite is inferior to that of a citizen in an older district.

We enjoy many facilities which were unknown to us previously. We have Community Centres and the standard of living for most of us is higher than it was for our fathers and mothers.

Anyway, what with better transport, airplanes, multiple shops and broadcasting, life is getting the same for all of us. We are all acquiring the same tastes and the same outlook, so why worry?

Swim!

Those of us who went to the Essex Fitness Rally at Woodford Green were favourably impressed by the small swim pool in the grounds. One or two people enquired why we could not have a similar pool for the use of Watling people, especially the children. It is true that there is a pool at Mill Hill, but it is too far away, and for children it is too expensive. A mother will give her child fourpence (the price of admission; 6d. on Sundays) on one day, but she can't keep on giving fourpences, especially if she has two or three children; and anyway, one swim a week is not enough. All swimmers like a dip as often as they can get it. The Government want us to keep fit. Fitness campaigns have been started in all the counties and the people are willing to co-operate, but we must be provided with the necessary facilities for keeping fit.

The population of England is something over 40 millions and it is estimated that there are some 500 public open-air and covered swimming baths. This is not nearly enough, and the authorities should encourage the establishment of more baths for the health and welfare of the people.

Some officials may think that a walk of a couple of miles to a swim pool is a help to fitness, but we want nourishment not punishment, and a pool in our own

neighbourhood would be an incentive for us to swim as often as possible.

Small pools could easily be provided in Watling Park and in the Montrose Playing Fields, in fact, there should be one in every park. The pool we saw at Woodford Green could comfortably be put in the grounds of the Watling Centre. These pools need not be elaborate affairs reserved for the elite with plenty of shillings and sixpences to spare. They should be free, and on certain days reserved for children.

If you want to keep in trim—SWIM: but where?

F. H. L.



81, Horsecroft Road,

Sunday, June 12th, 1938.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

As a member of the W.A. I should like to take this opportunity to mention that in the current issue of the W.R. a statement is made that in ten years time Watling should be made the dramatic centre of Hendon.

Why wait till then? It can be started *now*. Great oak trees come from small acorns. As you may know I am an amateur stage actor with wide experience.

It seems that I am apt to be forgotten in the ways of dramatic art which no society can be without, or any social activity come to that. I am ready to offer my services to the cause of the Drama among W.A. members. They will not be interested if they don't know how fascinating the work is.

I write to you as Editor of the W.R., which to my mind should be the mouthpiece of the W.A. if it wants full support of the residents of Watling.

Yours faithfully,

WM. J. WALKER.

GET TOGETHER

Dear Sir,

I am a member of the Watling Association and I admire its democratic spirit. I think the membership of 1d. per week quite reasonable and I should like to take a more active part than I do, but I find that it would be too expensive. There is the Bowls Club, Cricket Club, Indoor Games Club, Guild of Players, Adult Schools and others, all as separate sections, and all having a separate membership fee, which to my mind is all wrong. Why not make an association of clubs and charge one fee for the lot, say 1/- per month which would include membership of all sections. A member could then go in for anything he liked without extra charge. This scheme works very well in the firm I am employed at and it ensures a regular income and loyal support to all sections.

S. JAMES.

Watling Week No. 10, Carnival

Once again the above week has been held and each Watling Week the Organiser and his Committee endeavour to find some new attraction. This year we found ourselves with more than one extra to cope with as we had the Borough's own Silver Band playing on the Green outside the Centre before leading the Carnival Procession over the route to be taken.

The Mayor and Mayoress inspected the Band and congratulated them on the excellent progress they had made in such a short time, as I understand that they had only been formed three months and I am sure that those of us who were fortunate enough to hear them would also like to offer our good wishes for their future.

Another attraction which we had for the first time this year was a Carnival Queen and two attendants heading the procession. I should like to say a little on this item. In the first place as Carnival organiser I should like to thank all those young ladies who in the spirit of Carnival entered the Competition at the Odeon Cinema, Burnt Oak. When the idea was first suggested to me I agreed to tackle it, little realising what was in store by taking on such a task, but I am happy to say that owing to the support given by all parties concerned this item proved a great attraction and was so successful that I venture to suggest it should be an Annual item for Watling Week in the future.

The final night at the Odeon Cinema was, up to the eleventh hour a Nightmare, for, how many realise that even at that time a Celebrity had not been found to come along and assist with the final adjudication, but once again through the co-operation of a friend, we were able to secure the services of Miss Margaret Bannerman the noted actress, who, although having had a very hard day and having in fact only just entered the house when I phoned her at 7.40 p.m. agreed to come along at 9 p.m. to do this for me. On behalf of our Association I should like to extend our sincere thanks to her for having done this, for after all it was the heralding of the week to follow.

Having got the three young ladies selected, the next item was to arrange for dressing, etc. In this respect we are indebted to Messrs. Eugene for the hair dressing which was supervised by their Mr. Lohle and was a great success. The dressing of the three young ladies was carried out by the London Co-operative Society in a very becoming manner and Mr. Brown, the Manager of the Burnt Oak store, and the staff who were responsible for the arrangements, Messrs. Beattie are to be congratulated on the way in which the whole was carried out. To the Bata Shoe Coy. I should like to extend our thanks for the shoes they presented to the young ladies, and to the Manager of their Burnt Oak branch for the way in which he dyed the shoes to match the dresses.

To the following Tradesmen I should like to extend a vote of thanks on behalf of the Carnival Queen and her attendants for the nice presents which they gave to them: Messrs. Elmar, Stanley J. Lee, Curry, Ford,

A. I. Jones, The Bumper Bargain Stores, and the London Co-operative Society.

To the Odeon Cinemas Ltd. I should like to extend the thanks of the Association for the use of their Theatre for the Judging, and to Mr. Harold Scott, the Manager of their Burnt Oak Theatre, I should like to extend my personal thanks for the valuable assistance he gave me as also did his Secretary, Mr. Burton, and the staff.

The young ladies who filled the posts are to be congratulated on the way in which they carried out their duties for the week and I hope that this item will take place annually and that the entries will be doubled next year.

The Crown and Coronet worn by the Carnival Queen were supplied by B. J. Simmons, Covent Garden.

C. J. ROBLLOU, *Carnival Organiser*.

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Carnival Dance on 18th		1	12	11
Competitive Meeting			13	7
Rummage Sale		6	12	0
Monday Whist		3	19	1
Baby Show		1	19	0
Dance			4	0
Juvenile Dance Competition		5	17	3
Wednesday afternoon Whist		1	16	10
Wednesday evening Whist			16	9
Variety Concert		3	3	1
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What you will		2	4	11
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S. HOUGH.

16/7/38.

How to Make a Gas-Proof Chicken Run

By PROFESSOR WAT LING.

A standing committee has been sitting on this important question for many months past, but it has been left to the WATLING RESIDENT (in this year of grace) to give publicity and preoration to this important question so long before the public eye. We must at all costs preserve our chickens, chickens still unborn and chickens still to come. No longer can they be left to the barbarity of modern warfare when for only three shillings and ninepence you can build a shelter for three hundred of these little brutes.

There are various ways of preventing chickens from becoming suffocated by gas—

- (1) To kill all chickens before a gas attack.
- (2) To eat the eggs of hens.
- (3) To build a Gas Proof Chicken Run.

WHAT YOU WILL WANT.

Before commencing crection you should provide yourself with the following: A chicken run, some wood and nails, more wood and more nails, a watering can, an old tin can, a quantity of clothes line, three of your wife's best blankets, some chickens, imagination (plenty). The above should be dumped on the lawn, thoroughly mixed up and taken with a pinch of salt.

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HOW IT WORKS.

The house consists of an ordinary chicken run which gradually fills with gas during the attack. The hen in the coop, on obtaining a beakful of gas finds that its breath is coming in short pants. It dashes to the old can for a drink of water, the cord is pulled and the frame of the run is automatically covered with blankets. Simultaneously a watering can sprays water on the blankets, keeping them moist and therefore gas proof.

TO TEST FOR GAS.

Put a shilling in the gas meter. Remove the back kitchen mantle and connect the tube to the safety valve on the chicken run. Crawl into the run and shout to the boy to turn on the gas. Shut the door. Put out your cigarette. Remain in the gas proof run for a quarter of an hour—you will probably remain even longer! If the chicken run is gas proof you will emerge hale and hearty, but should this not be so, you will probably never emerge at all. If the gas kills you, well! you won't want the chicken run anyhow!

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By Leo.

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There were 597 estates valued at more than £100,000.

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The British Medical Association claims to represent 37,000 medical men.

During 1936-37 the Post Office sold 344,000,000 Postal Orders and more than 290 tons of specially made paper were required for their manufacture.

During the last seventy years approximately 1,760,000,000 pennies have been issued.

750,000,000 are held by the gas companies, trams, buses, and in telephones.

The wars in China and Spain have cost Great Britain thousands of pounds.

The money goes in the expenses of withdrawing volunteers, Red Cross work, evacuation of refugees, non-intervention, stationery, etc., etc.

The population of the world is estimated at 2,115,800,000.

There are 17,000,000 Jews in the world; 10,000,000 live in Europe and 5,000,000 in America.

3,300 persons in this country are both blind and deaf.

LONG WORDS: Antidisestablishmentarianism; Dysdiadokokinesia (a nerve complaint).

The biggest number of Nobel prize-winners to date has been provided by Germany with thirty-seven. England comes next with twenty-one and a half and France third with nineteen and a half.

There are 9,268,397 miles of roads in the world; or one mile of road to every 53 square miles of land. Great Britain and France have one mile of road for every 0.5 square mile; the United States one for each square mile; Japan one for 0.2 square mile; and Germany one for each 0.8 square mile.

The Case for Disarmament

(by the Peace Pledge Union, Hendon Branch)

"My overwhelming feeling is one of repulsion and resentment that humanity is really engaged in mortgaging so immense a part of its resources in preparation for a possible Armageddon, when so much might be done with those resources, if only a solution of this difficulty could be found. There is no ultimate solution for the world's troubles if every country in the world is to go on piling up armaments for ever and ever.

"But make no mistake about it. If we do not succeed and if the world does not succeed in finding some way in which we can stop the folly of this ever-increasing expenditure upon armaments, then, indeed, the future we are preparing for our children is one at which we may well shudder."

Here, surely, is a definite expression of distrust in the present armament policy of this country and, indeed, of many other countries. We cannot, of course, accept unquestioningly all criticisms of the Government's behaviour. It is easy to see that certain other countries and many people within this country, while having reason for criticism, may possibly be rather biased and extravagant in the expression of their criticism. But this criticism, quoted above, of the gigantic £1,000,000,000 budget was made by the man who must accept at least nominal responsibility for the budget—Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons on July 15th. Responsibility and criticism may seem contradictory, but Sir John Simon says: "We have done our best to set an example to the world in reducing armaments, but it was not followed."

Evidently, the position is that while world disarmament is absolutely desirable, and world armament is absolutely undesirable, the abandonment of armament must be by the whole world simultaneously. So long as the pace is set we are obliged to keep up with it. Is simultaneous disarmament by every country possible? It is perhaps theoretically possible as the result of some miraculous occurrence, but is it at all probable? If not, the only solution is that one country should be the first to disarm.

Sir John Simon says that we have already been in the position of setting an example, but only the example of *reducing* armaments. Disarmament to have any meaning must be complete abstention from equipment with arms, and not merely the saving of a few pounds on shells here, and a slight decrease in recruitment there. One is not entitled to call oneself a vegetarian if one gives up eating meat on Friday, or refrains from asking for a second helping.

Germany after the last war probably came nearer to being disarmed than did other countries, but that was forced upon her, and can hardly count as an example which other countries could have been expected to follow. If one country is to set an example of disarmament to the others it must obviously be voluntary. Which country can we expect to take this lead? Probably not Germany, as she had had to submit to attempts at imposed disarmament already. Japan, China and Spain, as they are actually using

their armaments now, cannot really be expected to take the lead, although such a gesture from one of these countries would be overwhelmingly impressive. But why go on naming and eliminating various countries?

Members of the P.P.U. when selling "Peace News" have sometimes been asked what was meant to be a devastating question: "Why don't you sell it in Germany?" If the questioner stayed for an answer he could be told this—Britain is the country we are members of, for whose behaviour we are, if only in a very small degree, responsible, and therefore the only country whose behaviour we can seriously contemplate altering or influencing. It is futile to look round the world and say this country should do this, or the world would be a better place if that country stopped doing that. That is the business of the nationals of the country in question, and we have no reason to suppose them any less concerned with world welfare than we are.

Do we agree with Sir John Simon that "ever-increasing expenditure on arms" is folly, and that if we do not succeed in finding some way in which to stop this folly "then indeed the future we are preparing for our children is one at which we may well shudder"? If we do, we must surely wish to apply the only possible solution. Naturally, difficulties arise when each country every year, and almost every month, underlines again its threats to murder the population of another country. It is disguising the facts to talk, as Capt. Evan Wallace did in moving the third reading of the Finance Bill on the 15th of July, of the state of the world obliging us to defend ourselves on the present scale; what that statement really means is: "Germany, Italy, Japan—any country—is capable of murdering three or four million people. Very well, we will go short of necessities and comforts so that Britain will be able to murder five or six million. Beat that if you can!"

The only solution of the world condition brought about by the making of such threats and counter-threats is to stop making them; in the absence of threats we can then make our very essential contribution towards a settlement by *reason* of the world's economic difficulties.

Next month we will present "The Case for Collective Security."

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Australia Again

In the February number of *THE RESIDENT* there were a few notes about a garden in Western Australia. Some further particulars of that garden have now come to hand which may be of interest to Watling gardeners.

Australia being in the Southern Hemisphere the Australians enjoy their summer whilst we are (more or less) enjoying our winter.

There were in all twenty acres of land at first, most of which was planted with oranges and lemons. "The oranges did wonderfully well for a few years and we exported some hundreds of cases of fruit to England." After a few years the orange trees began to die off. This misfortune was believed to be due to the fact that when the roots got down to the subsoil, which is clay, they rotted away. So the trees were cut down and the land let, first of all for potato planting and later for grazing. The land round Harvey is "wonderful grazing land" and most of it is now used for this purpose. The only relic of the orchard days is about twenty lemon trees. These require very little attention and need no manure. They might be better for some pruning, "but they have very disagreeable thorns and so I leave them to do or die!"

The garden proper is nearly half an acre in size and is very prolific. At this time of year (the letter was written in April) the ground is warm after the hot summer and you can almost see things growing.

The vegetables grown are very similar to those we grow in England, peas, broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, silver-beet, tomatoes, onions and lettuce. The last are "huge." There are also two wonderful beds of asparagus. These are got into good order in June. The old growth is cut down and the beds thoroughly manured and dug over. At the end of July they are given a good dressing of salt and soot and by September the new shoots are ready for cutting. Asparagus sells for one shilling a pound, but most of it in this instance is given away to friends.

New potatoes are ready for lifting in April. One hundred and forty "pieces" were planted and the result should be a bag, i.e., $1\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. "I eat very few myself but can always find someone who thinks them a great treat."

The strawberry beds were reported to be "looking nice" in April. The fruit begins to ripen in October and there was a good prospect of making a lot of jam again this season. The jam sells at one shilling a pound, "but where fruit is concerned I have very little that I cannot use."

Apricots appear to do well for last year the crop yielded "many cases," and a case holds 40 lbs. Some cases were given to friends in town and jam was also made.

At the time of writing our correspondent was giving away "huge bunches of chrysanthemums, all lovely

colours, and I have such masses of them." The carnations also were very wonderful in many choice varieties. "I have been rather extravagant in this quarter, but still they are a continual joy to me."

The carnations were all in full flower and the annuals soon would be—phlox, sweet peas, stocks, nemesis, cinerarias, calendulars, zinnias, petunias, later on poppies. The last are in great demand for "poppy balls in Harvey." People "come to me for flowers for nearly everything—funerals, weddings, balls, etc., and I am glad to give them."

What to do in August

FLOWER GARDEN. Dahlias and phloxes like an abundance of water at their roots. Frequent disbudding of the former will greatly improve the blooms. Young shoots of both should not be allowed to grow too freely and all those at the base should be removed.

As soon as the rambler roses have done flowering cut out all the branches that have borne blooms. This will allow the sun and air to reach the new growth which will bear next year's flowers. It will also help to ripen them before the winter comes.

English, Spanish and Dutch irises add to the beauty of any garden and are well worth growing if only for the fact that they flower just when the daffodils and other spring bulbs have ceased to do so. The tubers are inexpensive and should be planted at the end of the month.

The seeds of antirrhinums, larkspur, pansies, pelargonius and valerian may be sown now.

FRUIT GARDEN. A fig-tree is a valuable addition to any south-country garden. If you have one the fruit will mature better if the points of the bearing shoots are pinched out and all suckers removed from the base of the tree.

Cut out the old loganberry canes which have borne fruit this year and tie up the young canes into position for bearing next year.

Sever the rooted strawberry layers from the parent plants, then leave them alone for a few days, after which they may be planted where required.

If you have no strawberry bed now is a good time to start one. Plant in rows 30 ins. apart and 18 ins. from each other in the row. Do this in wet weather if possible, and in any case water in well when planting.

VEGETABLE GARDEN. Crops that are over must be cleared out of the way and the ground where they have grown turned up. A liberal use of lime, especially if spread on dewy mornings, will be found to be beneficial. All open ground should be well trenched.

Seeds of spring cabbage, red cabbage and colewort may be sown early in the month.

Onion seeds should be sown on land cleared of broad beans, early peas and early potatoes. Endive for a late crop may also be sown.

Onion bulbs should be lifted towards the end of the month and, when thoroughly dry, tied in "ropes" that can be hung from the ceiling in a shed or room.

Remove the side shoots of outdoor tomatoes and some of the leaves that are shading the fruit. Give the plants a liberal supply of liquid manure to help the fruit to swell.

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To continue with the interesting ideas on diet of Dr. M. O. Bircher-Benner of Zurich, which we began last month, we may repeat that Dr. Bircher-Benner's main teaching is that vital food value comes from the energy of the sun and is found in the greatest degree in those foods which are closest in the sun's energy. The next principle is as follows:—

(4) In order to grow, to keep well and to attain the highest degree of health, man must take a large part of his daily food raw. Dr. Bircher-Benner's contention is that children thrive on raw food and grown up people find that many ailments and illnesses cease when enough raw food is eaten: constipation, headaches and the tendency to catch cold disappear and the organism becomes stronger. Cooking impairs or destroys the vital quality of food (vitamins) diminishes the value of the mineral salts and "denaturalizes" food. Professor Friedberger has shown in his scientific researches that far greater quantities of food have to be taken in order to nourish the body, when it is cooked than when it is eaten raw.

The length of time food is cooked is also of much importance. The longer food is cooked, the more its nutritive value is destroyed. Experiments have shown that animals died when they had been fed exclusively on food cooked for a long time. McCarrison fed monkeys on food cooked in a steamer: they died within a hundred days: 30 per cent of them had an ulcer in the stomach. Cooked food induces greed, abnormally large appetites and the desire for stimulants (salt, alcohol, beef tea, coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate, vinegar and spiced dishes). Later on lack of appetite and disease set in.

(5) Perhaps the greatest of the mistakes of our present day food is the overwhelming use of white flour in bread, cake and pastry, etc., and of white sugar, both sadly "denaturalized" foods. The process of milling deprives white flour of valuable vitamins and minerals peculiar to wholemeal products, because it removes the seed coat and the germ. Similar facts are true with regard to sugar. As found in plants, such as cane and beets, and in fruits such as grapes (raisins), plums (prunes), figs and dates, sugar is always bound up with mineral salts and in this state is a beneficial part of man's food. Isolated and put on the market as sugar, it is a different foodstuff—a "robber of calcium" (so much needed for the well-being of teeth and bones).

I hope you are all having good holidays and that you are eating the right food.

Yours for better health,

SUSAN SAVOURY.

NOTE: The word *arcala* in last month's article should have been cereals.

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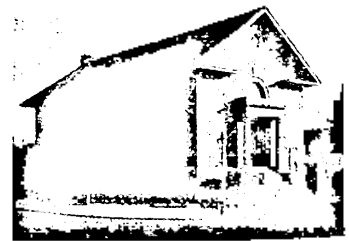
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21—Mr. Thornton Turrall.

28—Mr. F. N. Martin.

ESSEX FITNESS RALLY

The Essex Fitness Rally held at the White House, Woodford Green, was supported by many organisations including the National Council of Girls' Clubs, Girl Guides, Girls' Life Brigade, Y.M.C.A., Federation of Women's Institutes, Boy Scouts, Boys' Brigade, Rovers, Football, Lacrosse, Cycling, Boxing, Fencing, Hockey, Tennis, Rowing, Swimming, Skating, Rugby, Wrestling, Baseball, and many other clubs and organisations.

On behalf of the London Federation of Community Centres the Watling Association sent two motor coaches of members who gave a demonstration of a Community Centre at work.

In the spacious grounds of White House a canvas and wood structure representing a Community Centre was marked out, and in the various rooms sections of people were doing their stuff as they might be doing it at their own Centre. Visitors walked round and were encouraged to ask questions. In one room there was an Adult School, in another a handcraft class, in another the Poor Man's Lawyer sat and advised his clients, whilst in the gymnasium, folk dancing, wrestling, boxing and keep fit classes gave exhibitions. It would be impossible to try to describe all that was going on because so many interesting things were going on at the same time in and outside the Centre, but we can rest assured that as this Rally was only for the county of Essex, and we know that similar activities are going on all over England, we need have no fear of England degenerating, especially as all these organisations are supported by voluntary members who give their spare time and labour, so that by their good work they and others may be helped to become good citizens and so to help democracy to thrive.

LEO.

BURNT OAK L.B.C.

You'd have enjoyed yourself on Friday evening, the 8th July, if you'd been with us! There were plenty of laughs and plenty of good speeches; serious and humorous. Indeed, we were a rare mixture of opinions . . . and a good thing too, perhaps . . . when we debated, "Ought I to join the Army?"

Mr. Roe of the Young Imperialists League and Mr. Hilliard of the L.B.C. proposed the motion. Mr. Jarvis of the Peace Pledge Union and Mr. Clark of the L.B.C. opposed the motion.

There were nearly 40 of us and even the ladies had something to say and usually, whatever their attitude to speaking may be in private it is difficult to get them to put their points of view in public. So we welcome them most heartily. We welcome too all the people who spoke at a meeting of ours for the first time and we are proud that we had a forum for Young Imps., Liberals, Socialists, Marxists, Pacifists and the even more important . . . numerically . . . the people without opinions.

We want to get somewhere and it is only by making contacts with very varied opinions that we can make any developments. Though the motion was defeated by an overwhelming majority everyone of us left that meeting having learned a good deal and having enjoyed ourselves while we did so.

We want to make contact with YOU. And we promise not to bore you. Our next meeting is on Friday the 12th August.

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MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Winter Programme

(All are Welcome)

- September 18th, 6.30 p.m.—The Shape of Things to Come. Mr. J. Austin Bayes.
- September 25th, 6.30 p.m.—The Sculptor and His Work.
- October 2nd, 6.30 p.m.—Astronomy. Mr. W. H. Brown.
- October 9th, 6.30 p.m.—The Mediterranean in World Politics. Mr. G. Schwarzenberger.
- October 16th, 6.30 p.m.—Humour in English Literature. Mr. Eric H. Day.
- October 23rd, 6.30 p.m.—Ancient Egypt. Dr. Har Dayal.
- October 30th, 6.30 p.m.—Land Settlement. Mr. Fred Dodson.
- November 6th, 6.30 p.m.—God and the Nations. Mr. A. I. Jones.
- November 13th, 6.30 p.m.—Annual Meeting.
- November 20th, 6.30 p.m.—Loyalty. George Symes.
- November 27th, 6.30 p.m.—Communism. Mr. T. Campbell.
- December 4th, 6.30 p.m.—Fascism. Mr. A. E. Baker.
- December 11th, 6.30 p.m.—Democracy. Mr. Ronald Kidd.
- December 18th, 6.30 p.m.—The Way to Peace.

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Club and Society Notes

WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLS CLUB

The Bowling green in Watling Park is looking very fresh and inviting, but so far we haven't seen anyone playing on it; in fact, it seems a pity to walk on its billiard table surface, but the Watling Association Bowls Club is getting under way and soon we may see some interesting matches. Play begins on Aug. 1st, and as this will be a short season the entrance fee has been reduced to 5/- and then 2d. per game.

This is the cheapest Bowls Club in the district, so if you want to be in join up now.

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

The resumption of our mid-week activities, or shall I say Tuesday evening runs as a regular feature and the consistent attendance which they attract makes one hope that they can be carried on even through the winter months. One great deviation from the old style is the method we have adopted of changing the venue each week, and should any member find a suitable place for a mid-week run Bill will be glad to include it in the next runs card, so keep a look out put forward your suggestions for future weeks.

Andy seems to be finding his old form again lately, in the Club "100" last month he won the event breaking Club record for the distance with 4 hours, 55 minutes, 37 seconds. Many other riders also improved on their previous best. Frank Walduck and Sam had their first taste of the century, and both had the misfortune to run off the course as well as finding some punctures. However there is still the L.M. & H.C.A. event and I hope you have taken this opportunity to have another go.

Our ladies also continue with some success in open events. Ethel and Hilma rode in the Hounslow Ladies' "25," both returning some good times, Ethel obtaining fourth position. Our own Ladies' Open "25" took place last month and there were many well known riders among the 60 entrants, even so I think our own team stands a good chance. Unfortunately these notes have to be in too soon for me to give the result, but I know our Road Secretary has everything in hand, and if there is as much assistance offered I see no reason why the event cannot be run in the same efficient manner as last year.

Following my little excursion to the Lakes, our captain decided to try his luck on the following week but the inclement weather and the loss of his touring companion soon drove him south, but he is in agreement with me when he says it is a grand place for a tour if you are not unlucky with the weather. In this district you must, if you want to see things properly, be prepared to do some walking, and on some of the passes it is advisable to forsake your bike altogether, even so the area is so compact that a week is ample time to get around and see practically everything. The "old favourite" Cornwall and Devon have already seen N.W.R.C. riders this year, and I suppose as long as this club continues to thrive the West Country and North Wales will still rank as the most popular touring grounds in England. "POTTERER."

HENDON SECTION OF THE NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

First thoughts on writing this month's notes, are with regard to the Watling Procession, oh yes, I know I'm a little late, but this is my first opportunity of writing since the event. I hope you all liked our show, twenty of us took part, and we hope to attend again next time. Mr. John Anthony the "driver" of our decorated tandem is anxious to get hold of any photos taken on the route. If any readers happen to have taken any, we should be very pleased to see them, with a view to purchasing.

At 11.30 p.m. on the day of the procession many members turned out for a night ride up into Cambridgeshire with breakfast at Sandy. This fixture made a welcome change from the ordinary club run.

Lady members seem to be pulling their weight well of late. Miss Gladys Hancock led a run to Marlow with boating and swimming in the Thames, whilst the following week our lady captain, Miss Rose Rainbow, chose Hatfield Forest for the venue of her run. Well over thirty members attended these two fixtures, which goes to show how popular the girls are in the club.

Large attendances of club runs cause considerable anxiety to the officials of the club as the party has to be divided into groups of ten or so to facilitate easy travelling, each of course has to have a competent leader.

On July 2nd the social secretary, Mr. Stan Keats, organised a trip to the Co-op Day Festival at Wembley. A really interesting fixture which featured greatly in the conversations on the club run the following day.

Many interesting fixtures are to take place in the near future. I have heard whispers that some of the girls will be taking part in a ladies' "10" for the Clarion C. & A.C. I'll let you know all about it next time of writing.

Of course by the time these notes are published August Bank Holiday will be in full swing. Many local twiddlers will be wandering around the beautiful countryside of the British Isles and many of you who have stayed at home will be wishing you were with them, then why not join them, you'll enjoy yourself, if it's only around the local lanes (not around the Estate as so many seem to delight in). So get out the old bike and off you go and after the holidays, join a club!

Runs for August are:—

- 7th—Wadesmill.
- 14th—Dorking.
- 21st—Dumfrow.
- 28th—Nup-End.

All runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9 a.m. Afternoon section for beginners, etc., 2.30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, 8 p.m. Thursdays—club night at Royal Oak Hotel, Burnt Oak Broadway, at 8 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary is Mr. E. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak. Write to him for full particulars.

Cheerio! Good twiddling!

VIC. C. BOTTERILL,

Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

BURNT OAK YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADULT SCHOOL

Three cheers for the enthusiastic members and friends who turned up in such strength on Saturday, 9th July, for the mid-night hike.

Starting from the Centre on the stroke of 12, the hikers looked very fit and smart, and well equipped for all weathers. Knapsacks bulging with eatables and hot drinks, etc.

The route followed was via Marsh Lane, Highwood Hill, Nan Clarks Lane, thence across fields and stiles to somewhere in the region of Boreham Wood, where a halt was made for an alfresco meal at 2.30 a.m., strange but true we found the same field as the one chosen three years ago on a similar expedition.

The builder having passed by this beauty spot.

Everyone feeling very refreshed and merry after partaking of the goodies they had brought, we continued on our way.

Arriving at Aldenham Reservoir at 3.30 a.m. (what a contrast to 3.30 p.m.) several members declared that they would like to stay and see the dawn rise, whilst the remaining members wended their way homewards, thus completing a circular tour.

One and all vouched for the jolly time they had amidst beautiful surroundings in spite of the darkness.

D.P.S.

Cycling Holidays The Best!

says Mrs. Billie Dovey, the Rudge-Whitworth year rider who is at present touring Scotland advocating "daily cycling for women for good health"

A pleasant sight. "Cyclux" and I were returning from a Whitsun tour that had taken us across the face of Worcestershire and Warwickshire from Stratford-on-Avon to Spalding (Lines.). Approaching the Elstree Lane roundabout at the top of Mote Mount I witnessed as pleasant a piece of cycling as I have seen for some time.

A tandem pair pedalling smoothly and stylishly, with the woman rider acting as steersman, and her male companion taking the back seat! As we approached each other, I recognized them as two very enthusiastic Northern C.C. riders namely—Miss Lou Warder and Mr. Fred J. Swanson who was road champion of that club for many years.

With "Cheerio's" to each other we continued our own particular direction, and I tried hard to think of the last time I even rode on a tandem!

Cyclists play their part well. Finding myself due to pay an important visit at Northampton, I was unable to put in an appearance at the Watling Week Carnival Procession. But the results made pleasant reading, for the Hendon Clarion C.C. saw to it that our sports and pastime was well represented. Well done, Clarion members, I hear nineteen of you turned out, which is probably the best support any local

cycling club has given to any Watling Week. The result of such enthusiasm would be well rewarded with an influx of new members.

Then again, at Hendon Cottage Hospital Festival, Saturday, 2nd July, an excellent display of bicycle polo was given by the Wren Wheelers and the E.C. technic C.C. I'll wager our good friend "Bert" Rea-voize witnessed this match, for not long ago he played regularly for the Wrens, and is still no doubt the finest bicycle polo player who is also a Watling resident.

A week on a bicycle . . . is my recommendation to all readers considering holidays. Why not go touring? Do you know, that if you are a member of the Youth Hostels Association, the charge is 1/- per night for a good clean bed? It costs 2/6 per annum to join if you are under 25, and 5/- over that age. Hundreds of hostels in attractive parts of the country. Meals cost 1/3 to 1/6 usually. Now isn't that enough inducement for you to see the country, side per bicycle?

Girls can spend a week awheel without any fear. Every day this year I have ridden my bicycle for an average of over 80 miles, and slept lots of nights miles from home in the course of my "Cycling for Health and Fitness" year ride. Lilian Dredge and I often stop at C.T.C. houses, Commercial hotels, and country inns—it's great fun wondering where you are going to stay next. And it need not be expensive. Girl riders, get together and go away for one week's real holiday on your bicycles. It can be managed for 7/- or so a day, and you'll cover 300-400 miles too!

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

On Sunday, July 3rd, Miss Edith M. Brittle of Hampstead, gave us a very interesting talk on "Some of China's Problems," outlining the changes which are taking place in that country so fundamental that she termed them revolutions, though they are proceeding quietly.

Mrs. Roblou kindly gave us three songs and Mr. Davis presided at the piano.

There will be no meeting in August but we hope to make a good start again after the holidays, that is on September 4th.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

The Presidential Address

This is a new event. All those who know Mr. A. I. Jones know his real interest in the Watling Association and in the service of the Watling Estate. Come along and hear what he has got to say about the part which the Association ought to be playing. Even if it takes an effort to leave home it will be worth your while this evening, Sept. 15th.

Our middle pages

Show an increase in certain activities this year. Don't miss them. Two debates, two musical evenings, two dancing demonstrations, and be sure you join the Elocution class. Old favourites and new friends appear in the programme. Keep it for reference and remember to look at it.

Toujours la politesse

Chivalry is not dead. The other day I saw a girl walking along carrying a small attache case and with the courtesy of Sir Walter Raleigh her young man, who was by her side, offered to carry the case for her, thus relieving the gentle maiden of the strain. The next day I saw the same girl apparently going rambling and on her back was a pack weighing about a hundred-weight.

Meow !

Our kitten at the Centre still attracts a good deal of interest. One lady says, "Isn't it a dear, what a pity it cannot always remain a playful, lovable little kitten."

Yes, maybe: but things must grow up. After all, oak trees grow from acorns. Cucumbers from gerkins, wedding cakes from rock cakes, and so on.

Good luck

We hope our Organising Secretary, Mr. Sewell Harris, and Mrs. Harris have enjoyed their trip to America. No doubt when they return they will find plenty of work waiting for them, but we have no doubt that the ocean voyage will make them feel fit enough to tackle anything.

Rounders

Occasionally we see Baseball being played in the local parks and it is said that this "American" game is catching on in this country. But we seem to remember this game being played years ago under the more homely name of "Rounders." In the town I came from it was the custom every Good Friday for the men of the district to gather together and repair to Primrose Hill where the glorious game of Rounders would occupy their time, plus occasional deep draughts from a near-by gallon jar of beer.

This used to be a very hearty game with plenty of hefty slogging, finishing up with everyone in good spirits.

Tinted tickets

A reader suggests that it would be an improvement if return halves of railway tickets were printed a different colour. He says that he always has to scrutinize his ticket well before giving it up as, both halves being alike, he once gave up the wrong half.

All Scotch

Scotsmen are said to be a patriotic race. We've all heard the ballads and sentimental songs about Bonnie Scotland, yet at the first opportunity a Scotsman will travel and settle abroad. Wherever you go you will find a Scotsman.

But there is one man we know who spends his holidays every year cycling to Scotland. Perhaps he goes to catch a brace of Haggis.

Irish stew

One of the strange sights of Watling during the recent heavy rains was to see marrows floating off flooded allotments. We can imagine the unfortunate owners' feelings when they arrived on their allotments after the storm to find the vegetables all "mucking in."

Watling Loan Club

We understand from Mr. Bailey, the secretary of the Watling Loan Club, that this holiday season has broken all records for the amount of business done. There are 1,756 members in the club holding over 7,000 shares, and during the holiday period loans to the amount of £2,275 were granted.

This loan club has been operating practically since the Watling Estate started, and each year shows an increase in membership.

"I'm glad to see you keeping so well," said the annual visitor to the Oldest Inhabitant.

"Ah," replied the ancient, "but I haint the man I was. Time back, I could walk round the green. Now I can manage but half-way round and back."

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"I think, Jane," said the amateur gardener's wife, "that I'm going to have wistaria against that trellis."

"Lor, mum!" exclaimed the anxious maid, "shall I run in for the smelling salts?"

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"To how many of your girl friends have you confided our secret?"

"Four all told."

"They would!"

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The small boy had been taken to see the lions being fed at the Zoo.

He watched wide-eyed while the keeper flung great chunks of meat to each animal.

Then: "Mummy, when do they get their pudding?"

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The professor (you know him) was straphanging in a tramcar. His other arm clasped a dozen parcels. He was swaying dangerously.

"Can I help you?" asked the kind conductor.

"Yes, you can, you can. Thank you. Just hold on to this strap while I find my fare."

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

The Flag Day Appeal made by the 115th (Edgware and Watling) Division of the S.J.A.B. on 23rd July last realized the magnificent sum of £100 11s. 9d.

Our expenses amounted to £4 9s. 6d. and £10 is being forwarded to our Headquarters. A further £10 will be handed to the proposed Edgware Nursing Division of the Brigade as soon as it is registered.

The balance will be added to the Divisional Fund to help defray the cost of maintaining our equipment, Road Hut, etc. No individual member, of course, receives a penny for his ambulance work.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to every collector who worked for us and to the general public who gave so generously.

W. H. LANE,
Div. Supt.

Watling Association

Quarterly General Meeting of Members

AT WATLING CENTRE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, at 8.0 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.**
5. Report of Council.
6. Other business.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION, 1939

Think out your ideas and start work! The 1939 Exhibition will be held during the first week in May and will be run by the Burnt Oak Adult Schools and the Watling Association.

Full details will be published in THE RESIDENT at a later date, but meanwhile make a start and give yourself plenty of time for the finishing touches.

J. W. P.

NORMAN PURT

Watling Association, and residents in Goldbeaters Grove express their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Purt on their sad loss of their son Norman, who passed away in hospital after a very short illness. Mr. Purt, who is a member of our Association, has not had the best of fortune since residing at Watling, but we all hope very sincerely that a much brighter future is in store for him.

WAS HE UNLUCKY? YES AND NO!

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Came a long illness which cost his Lodge

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LOCAL INQUIRIES

The Burnt Oak Lodge, or T. E. Young,
Watling Centre, from 32 Edrick Road, Burnt Oak.
Meeting on alternate Mondays, 8.30 p.m.

THE MOGGIES

What a lovely day we had at the seaside. All the children seemed out to make each other happy and it was fine to see the bigger boys and girls helping the little ones, even if they did get mixed up and someone put on someone else's underwear.

Playing in the sea and on the beach the time passed all too quickly and it was with some reluctance that we assembled for home.

We are grateful for those who helped to give the children such a grand day.

B. LORD.

DOG LICENCES

There is now a scheme whereby the annual dog licence can be provided for by twopenny weekly instalments. Are readers procuring their dog's licence in this way? If not, they should write for particulars. It should not be left until the licence is again due on January 1st, as it is now possible for even the poorest dog owner to be in possession of the licence by that date.

LILIAN M. SHRIMPTON, *Secretary and Hon. Director,*
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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EVENING CLASSES

IN HENDON

SESSION 1938-39

Enrolment Nights : Wednesday and Friday, September 14th and 16th, 7-9 p.m. (AND on Tuesday, 13th September, in the case of the **Goldbeaters Institute**).

Classes Commence : Monday, September 19th, at 7.30 p.m.

CLASSES

For Students over 14 years of age at the following Centres :-

ALGERNON ROAD EVENING INSTITUTE

Responsible Teacher : Mr. W. L. Nelson, B.A.

CHILDS HILL EVENING INSTITUTE

Responsible Teacher : Mr. F. A. Davis.

EDGWARE EVENING INSTITUTE

Responsible Teacher : Mr. E. Lavender.

GOLDBEATERS EVENING INSTITUTE

Responsible Teacher : Mr. A. T. Leach.

SUBJECTS SELECTED FROM—

Accounts, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Cookery, Costing, Commercial Geography, Commercial Correspondence, Drawing (Technical), Dressmaking, English, English Literature, First Aid and Home Nursing, French, German, Home Handicrafts, Mathematics, Mechanics, Metal Work, Needlework, Physical Training and "Keep Fit" Classes, Reading Circle and Discussion Groups, Science, Shorthand, Typewriting and Woodwork.

CLASSES FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN will be held at **WOOD-CROFT EVENING INSTITUTE**, Goldbeaters Grove, Watling Estate, Burnt Oak, Edgware.

Responsible Teacher : Miss M. Casson.

SUBJECTS SELECTED FROM—

Cookery, Handwork, Hobbies, Household Crafts, Household Decoration, "Keep Fit," Leatherwork, Needlework, Rhythmic Exercises and Country Dancing, Tailoring, Weaving.

SENIOR CLASSES for Students over 16 years of age will be held at **THE HENDON SENIOR EVENING INSTITUTE**, The County School, Golders Rise, Hendon, N.W.4.

Responsible Teacher : Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, B.Sc.

SUBJECTS SELECTED FROM—

Book-Keeping and Accountancy, Commerce and Foreign Exchange, Cookery, Dressmaking, Economics, English, English Literature, French, German, Lip Reading, Physical Training and "Keep Fit" Classes, Salesmanship (Foodstuffs), Shop Practice and Commodities (Foodstuffs), Shorthand, Spanish, Speech Training and Typewriting.

Fees—The Committee are prepared to consider complete or partial remission of Fees in cases of financial necessity.

Further information may be obtained from the Responsible Teachers at the Institutes or from The Secretary to the Hendon Local Higher Education Committee: J. E. CUTHBERTSON, M.A., M.Litt., Education Offices, Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4.

H. M. WALTON,

Secretary to the Middlesex Education Committee.

Collective Security

By Hebe Spaul

Author of "World Problems of To-day," etc.

There is no difference of opinion between the complete pacifist and the supporters of collective security in believing that the competition in armaments is one of the fruitful causes of war and that it must be the business of wise statesmanship to end such competition. Where the two schools of thought differ is in the steps to be taken to bring about this desired end.

The advocates of unilateral disarmament think that if one country set an example by disarming it would help the cause of peace and that others would follow. Actually certain countries have come fairly close to total disarmament as compared with the present standard of armaments. One of these was Abyssinia. It did not bring her peace; it brought her the most inhuman and barbaric war and her annihilation as an independent State.

China was a by no means heavily armed country—most of her armaments have been imported since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese War—but that did not save her from being attacked by Japan. Indeed, there are few observers who would deny that her seeming helplessness from the military point of view encouraged the attack.

Perhaps however the best argument for collective security is to see how it has worked in our national life. There was a time in the Middle Ages when every gentleman's home was an armed fortress. No merchant dared go about his lawful business unless heavily armed.

How was disarmament brought about in England? Was it by the State going to the honest merchant and saying "Set a good example to the highway robbers by going about unarmed." Actually that would have led to complete anarchy and lawlessness and "gangster" rule. What the State did was to declare that henceforth an attack on one citizen was to be regarded as an attack on all. It was the business of every citizen to come to the assistance of any other citizen who was attacked. As soon as that became the basis of English Law and practice, homes ceased to be fortresses and merchants no longer needed to go about their business armed to the teeth. Indeed any business man who went about fully armed to-day would rightly be regarded as mentally unsound.

If the same principle is applied—as for a few years it was applied—as the rule of conduct between nations we may expect disarmament to follow as surely as day follows the night.

THAT DAY AT SOUTHEND

Well, folks, you may all have had your holiday by now, but there is another day which most people would like to take advantage of.

On the 18th of September our Social Secretary is taking a party to Southend by coach. You know that when Mr. Deacon does a thing it is done for the benefit of those who take part, so roll up and book

your seats for this trip as you are assured of a day. You start from the Centre and go on to Southend you have the day to yourselves. On way home you call in at Crossways Road where there will be a good Meat Tea waiting for you. After tea you just trip into the ballroom where you will finish the day with a Dance and Social, and forget.

Mrs. Nyburg will M.C. All expenses for this day, including lunch, will be 6/- adults, and 3/9 for children. I would like to mention that the children will receive the same menu as the adults so if the sea has spoiled them an appetite let them tuck in.

So hurry and book your seats at the Centre for Mr. Deacon or Mr. Wicken. Don't forget 6/- is the price you pay including waitresses' and coach drivers' tips. Fetch your friends as well.

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Dance and be merry

Now that dancing in London parks is being tried as an experiment we hope it will not be long before we see happy Watlingites tripping a stately measure round our own bandstand. Dancing, especially in the open air, is a very healthy exercise and should be encouraged more than it is. No doubt the Watling Association Orchestra for a small expense would be quite willing to supply the dance music and also to play musical interludes. The folk-dancing group from the Centre could give demonstrations and encourage others to join in, so that we could get a good mixture of old and modern dances. Scattered around would be small tables where refreshments could be had and there you are. Watling Park would be a bright and cheerful place where families could go and spend their leisure dancing or watching others enjoying themselves.

Good Manners

Considering the number of people who catch workmen's trains at Burnt Oak station it is really remarkable how, day in and day out, hundreds of people enter the station, get their tickets and catch their trains without disturbance of any kind. There are no police or officials there to attempt to keep order or marshal the people. It is very creditable to the section of the British public who use this line in that they are a model of ordiliness and good behaviour.

THE WIDER MOVEMENT

Those interested in the Saturday School arranged by the London Federation of Community Associations, should give their names to Mr. Harris so that room may be kept for them.

Community Association Saturday School
to be held at 26, Bedford Square, on Saturday,
September 24th from 3 to 7 p.m.

Programme

- 3. 0 p.m. Leadership, speaker MRS. J. L. STOCKS, Secretary, London Council of Social Service.
 - 4.30 p.m. Tea.
 - 5. 0 p.m. Problems of an Organiser, speaker MR. E. SEWELL HARRIS, Secretary of the Watling Association and of the L.F.C.A.
 - 6. 0 p.m. The Ideas behind our Movement, speaker MAJOR CARTER, Secretary of the Community Centres and Associations Committee.
- There will be a charge of 6d. per head to cover the cost of tea.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

Sept. 4—

11—Mr. ERNEST BARKER.

18—Mr. G. CONDÉ.

23—Mr. ERNEST BARKER.

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Dew Ponds

Amongst the many mysteries of nature one of the most mysterious is Dew Ponds—so called. These are usually circular ponds on high ground, often quite on the top of a hill, where there is no possibility of a spring and yet the ponds very rarely dry up even in the hottest weather.

This subject is one of perennial interest, and people naturally ask what is the secret of this constant supply of water, and where are these ponds most frequently to be found?

It is easier to answer the second question than the first. Dew Ponds are most often found on chalk downs such as those that stretch from Beachy Head to the west of Sussex. The Wiltshire Downs and the Yorkshire Wolds also have several good examples. Nearness to the sea is a characteristic.

It is difficult to answer the question as to the secret of the continuous supply of water. There are ponds similar in some respects to be found in low levels, but they are obviously fed by brooks. When the brook dries up in a hot summer the pond of course dries up, too. But water still remains in the Dew Pond on the hill-top.

It has been supposed that these wonderful ponds were fed by the dew, but it has been conclusively proved that the condensation of moisture which we call dew is quite inadequate to account for such a comparatively large supply of water. It has in fact been estimated that the annual dew-fall in and around a Dew Pond does not exceed an inch and a half, which is but a fraction of the rainfall, and could not possibly keep the pond supplied with water.

The writer of a pamphlet referred to at the close of these notes, who has made a special study of this subject, has come to the conclusion that "there was no source of moisture but mist or low clouds to account for the fact that well-made ponds do not dry up in summer."

The name Dew Pond is modern and must be regarded as a misnomer. It was hardly known much more than a century ago. Prior to that they were known as "Mist Ponds," and in some places as "Fog Ponds" or "Cloud Ponds." This is some confirmation of the theory that the water supply comes from mist and clouds blown up from the sea, especially as most of the ponds are near to the coast.

The construction of Dew Ponds is an interesting branch of the subject, but space will only permit the note that they must of course be water-tight, and with this object in view the bottom and sides should be well lined with lime-tempered clay.

There seems to be very little literature on the subject of Dew Ponds. Even the "New Pictorial Atlas

of the World," issued by the *DAILY HERALD* many years ago, which has an otherwise excellent index and encyclopaedia of geographical terms, has no word to say about Dew Ponds. Rainbows, stones, moraines, karroos, glaciers and many such things find a place in its 84 pages, but there is no mention of Dew Ponds. There is, however, a very interesting four-page pamphlet on the subject written by Edith A. Martyn, F.G.S., and published at 2½d. by the School Nature Study Union, to which readers may be referred for further particulars. These notes are largely based on that leaflet.

What to do in September

FLOWER GARDEN.—Almost all kinds of cutting may be taken now, especially those of philadelphus, clematis, forsythia, honeysuckle, flowering currant, hydrangea, deutzia and diervilla.

Purchase your bulbs this month. Snowdrops should be planted one inch apart and two to three inches deep. Daffodils planted in September usually prove more vigorous in the early spring and bear finer flowers. Cover the bulbs with about four inches of soil.

Seeds of the following may be sown out of doors:—Antirrhinums, clarkia, godetia, delphiniums, polyanthus and larkspur.

If polyanthus plants show signs of flowering now pick off all the flower buds and the spring display will be much finer than if allowed to bloom in the autumn.

Frosts may be expected towards the end of the month. Have some old lace curtains or similar material handy wherewith to protect the dahlias and other autumn flowering plants.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Trained fruit trees should be summer pruned. If the useless young growth is cut away flower buds are more likely to form.

Fix grease-bands round the trunks of fruit trees before the insect pests have time to climb up. Great numbers of crawling pests may be trapped in this way.

Early pears and apples (if any) should be gathered before they are so advanced as to fall off or to be blown down. Late kinds should hang on until October.

Shortage of potash is often a cause of unfruitfulness. Apply 4 ounces of sulphate of potash per square yard of ground occupied and hoe the dressing well in. If this is followed up by a good mulching of manure in February the result next year should be much better.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—In order to develop the last of the vegetable marrows shorten all the shoots which bear no small marrows and remove any leaves which shade the fruit.

Remove some (not all) of the leaves which shade the outdoor tomatoes.

An effective way of getting rid of earwigs amongst vegetables as well as flower plants is to attach half-open matchboxes or little rolls of corrugated paper here and there amongst the growth. Dispose of the "catch" by dropping the insects into a pan of paraffin. This is a better method than that of small pots with a wisp of hay inverted on a stake.

To improve the condition of heavy clay soil add lime freely up to two shovelfuls per square yard.

Provisional Programme of Regular Events at Watling Centre or in connection with Watling Association for those over 14 :: WINTER, 1938-39

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.
8.30 p.m.— Poor Man's Lawyer. *Discussion Group.

TUESDAYS

- 2.30 p.m.— *Dressmaking and Millinery Classes.
5.30 p.m.— *Women's Physical Training Classes.
5.30 p.m.— A.E.U.
7.30 p.m.— *P.T. for Girls, 12—16.
8.0 p.m.— Dance, Table Tennis Club, *Elocution and Public Speaking Class.
8.30 p.m.— *Physical Training 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 Biology and Politics.
8.15 p.m.— *Young People's Adult School. Whist Drive. Weight Lifters.
8.30 p.m.— *Watling Guild of Players.

THURSDAYS

- 2.30 p.m.— Whist Drive.
3.0 p.m.— *Women's Dancing Class. Veterans' Club.
8.0 p.m.— Boxing, see page 10. Indoor Games Club.
8.30 p.m.— Adult School Socials. Watling Association Amateur Variety Company.

FRIDAYS

- 7.0 p.m.— Transport and General Workers Union.
8.0 p.m.— *Orchestra. Weight Lifters. *Folk Dancing. *Left Book Club Discussion Group. Table Tennis Club. Helpers' Socials. N.U.W.M.

SATURDAYS

- 2.30 p.m.— Blind Club.
3.0 p.m.— Net Ball Club, see also page 10. Table Tennis Club.
8.0 p.m.— Members' Socials. N.A. of O. Plasterers.

WEIGHT LIFTERS

Meet on Sundays at 11 a.m., Wednesdays at 8.15 p.m., and Fridays at 8.0 p.m., for physical training and to practice 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 Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.0 p.m., and Saturdays at 3.0 p.m. Subscription 3d. per week. Secretary: Mr. Clay.

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 3.0 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 10.0 p.m., to senior members. Secretary: Mr. W. Papworth.

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 the exclusive use of the Common Room.

BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC

Is held from 3.0 to 4.30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month under the auspices of the North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre.

KEEP FOR REFERENCE

INTERESTING WINTER

Arranged by the Watling Association and other bodies.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR AFTERNOON
All held at Watling Community Centre
cannot attend the opening day, 19th Sept.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

First in the month **Fellowship Meetings**, 8 p.m., arranged by Adult Schools, Society of Friends and Neighbourhood Guild.

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 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. 9 Watling Association Orchestra.
23 Our Daily Food and Our Health, Dr. Har Dayal.
Nov. 13 The Story of the Red Cross.

Commandant Mrs. Maude Amps.
27 Curious Things about Natural History.
Prof. R. H. Warrington.
Dec. 11 The Defence of Civil Liberties. Mr. Ronald Kidd.
Jan. 8 Dancing, its uses and abuses.
Miss Flora M. Fairbairn.

Third in the month, **Lectures**, etc; arranged in co-operation with the Edgware Fellowship at 8.0 p.m.
Sept. 18 The Government, the Citizen and the Police.
Mr. Ronald Kidd, Secretary of National Council for Civil Liberties.

Oct. 16 Fascism without a mask.
A political Refugee.
Nov. 20 Education and the Struggle for Power.
Mr. J. P. M. Millar, General Secretary National Council of Labour Colleges.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets Mondays at 8.30 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg and Mr. C. J. Roblou. The chief object of the group is to provide younger members of the Watling Association with opportunities of discussing matters of interest and of self-expression. Admission free to members of the Association. First meeting of the season, September 19th.

Some of the Speakers:

Sept. 19 Mr. S. E. Sharpe.
26 Rev. H. J. Blackmore.
Oct. 3 Councillor F. W. Gilpin.
Housing and Public Health.
10 Mr. W. H. Brown.
17 Mr. David Headley.
24 Prof. E. H. Warrington on Wild Birds.
Jan. 23 Rev. McEwan Lawson on Science and Religion.

WOMEN'S HANDICRAFT CLASSES

(arranged in conjunction with the Middlesex Education Committee).

Provide expert instruction in the principles of the crafts with practical applications. Fee for each class, 2s. 6d. for twelve lessons.

Dressmaking.—Meets Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m.

Teacher: Mrs. A. Rainbow. First meeting, Sept. 20.

Millinery.—Meets Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m.

Teacher: Miss W. Hayes. First meeting, Sept. 20.

Classes in **Cookery** and **Upholstery** will also be arranged if a sufficient number of members enrol. If you want to attend send in your name to the Centre at once.

PHYSICAL TRAINING CLASSES

For **Women**. Tuesdays, 5.30 p.m. at the Centre. Instructress: Miss Preston. The chief purpose of the class is to provide "Keep Fit" exercises for married women. Fee 2d. a week for Watling Association members, 3d. for others.

For **Girls over 16**. Tuesdays, 8.30 p.m. at Woodcroft School. Instructress: Miss Wood. Fee 3d. a week.

For **Men**. A special class has been arranged at the Evening Institute at Goldbeaters School, Tuesdays, 8.30 p.m. Fee 5/- for the winter.

WOMEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

Meets every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., except on school holidays. Each meeting usually includes a talk on some subject of interest and a discussion.

Aug. 24 Outing to Southend.
31 The Will to Live, Amos to Moon.
Miss Margery Briggs.

Sept. 7 Visit to Mrs. Seed's.
14 Our Visit to the U.S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

21 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
28 Demonstrations of First Aid and Bandaging.
Commandant Mrs. Maude Amps.

Oct. 5 First Aid. Dr. Gwyned Dean.
12, 19 and 26 Czechoslovakia. Dr. Rene Well.
Nov. 2 My Favourite Book. Members of the Guild.

9 Sex Education of Children. Miss A. P. I.
16 Demonstration of First Aid and Bandaging.
Commandant Mrs. Maude Amps.

23 First Aid. Dr. Gwyned Dean.
30 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
Dec. 7 and 14. Mr. Donald Dalley.

21 Social.
28 and Jan. 4. No Meeting.
Jan. 11 Social.

18 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
25 Demonstration First Aid and Bandaging.
Commandant Mrs. Maude Amps.

Feb. 1 First Aid. Dr. Gwyned Dean.
8 News from Nowhere.
By William Morris and Mrs. Pennell.

15 Banking. Mrs. Croone.
22 International Trade. Mrs. Croone.
March 1 Self Control. Capt. F. Harper-Shove.

8 Man's Place in the Universe.
Capt. F. Harper-Shove.
15 Current Events. Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.

22 What I did at Work. Members of the Guild.
29 Social.

ELOCUTION AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

This class will probably be held on Tuesday evenings at the Centre. A teacher supplied by the Middlesex Education Committee. Instruction will be given in the art of speaking and in the production as an aid to dramatic work and public speaking. Also in rules of order, the conduct of a meeting and the arrangement of material for speech making. Fee 2s. twelve lessons.

Those interested are asked to send their names to the Centre at once and to recruit others for the class.

THE WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

is open to all members and associate members of the Watling Association. It meets at the Centre at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at other times for additional rehearsals. Members are invited to join both for acting and for property and costume making. Subscription 2s. 6d. Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. J. Roblou, 20 Homestead Road.

ORCHESTRA

Fridays, 8 p.m. Practises weekly for its own entertainment and performs two or three times a year for the pleasure of members of the Watling Association and their friends. The next meeting will be held on the Friday, September 20, when new members will be welcomed. Secretary: Mr. A. Hogan, 48 Gloucester Grove.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

organised by the Burnt Oak Adult Schools and the Watling Association, to be held the first Saturday in May. Members are encouraged to get on with all sorts of arts and crafts during the winter in preparation for it and to those who would like a class or individual help in any craft should enquire at the Centre. Further particulars of the Exhibition will be published in future issues of "Resident."

For further particulars, alterations and new

ALL AFTERNOON AND EVENING EVENTS

unless otherwise stated. If you want to take part in any of these activities, but notify the Secretary, Watling Centre.

BIOLOGY AND POLITICS

It is hoped to arrange a winter's class in the above subject under the auspices of the W.E.A. with Miss P. Holman, M.A., as Tutor, on Wednesdays at 8.0 p.m.

Biology is defined as the application of sociology to the main problems of human groups and is therefore a branch of biology. The foremost questions exciting both politicians and biologists are the quantity, quality and welfare of the population. Declining birth-rate, nutrition, health, environment and heredity race, ends and means, the type of individual and society we are aiming at are some of the matters which will come up.

FOLK DANCING

is carried on at the Centre every Friday evening from 8.0 to 10.0 p.m., starting September 23rd. M.C.: Miss Nora Claxton.

New dances will be learnt from time to time as well as old ones being enjoyed. Admission 3d.

A DISPLAY

will be given by a team from the English Folk Dance and Song Society on Friday, December 2nd, at 8 p.m. in Barnfield School. The display will be followed by general folk dancing under the leadership of Mr. Douglas Kennedy. Admission for Watling Residents 6d.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE

on British Foreign Policy, Thursday, November 10th.

8.30 p.m.—Address by Mr. H. R. Greaves or

8.45 p.m.—Refreshments. [Mrs. Honor Croome.

9.15 p.m.—Discussion in groups.

10.0 p.m.—Group reports and summing up by speaker.

Admission Free.

PUBLIC DEBATES

Sunday, September 25th, at 8.0 p.m. Councillor A. W. Burton v. Councillor T. Pugh on the question "Are the interests of the Employer and the Workman identical?"

Sunday, January 15th, at 8.0 p.m. "What I think of the other generations" by representatives of the younger, middle aged, and older folk.

AN HOUR OF SONG

Special Song Recital by Miss Christine McClure, Sunday, October 30th, at 8.0 p.m.

CONCERT

given by Hendon Brotherhood Choir, Thursday, October 13th, at 8.30 p.m.

LEFT BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GROUP

The Burnt Oak Left Book Club Discussion Group which is open to all who wish to come along, meets monthly at the Watling Centre to discuss the many problems which face the world today. These problems cover a varied range of subjects, from foreign affairs, to our own social problems at home.

REGINALD BRIDGEMAN (prospective Labour Candidate for Hendon) will address the group on 9th September, 1938, at 8 p.m.

Further particulars of the other meetings throughout the autumn and winter can be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Henfield, 43 Tewkesbury Gardens, The Hyde, N.W.9. All meetings are free.

WOMEN'S DANCING CLASS

Thursdays, 3.0 p.m. Teacher: Miss Horner. Fee, Watling Association members, 3d., others 4d.

NATIONAL DANCES IN COSTUME

A display will be given in Watling Park on Sunday, September 25th, at 3.0 p.m., by Miss Flora M. Fairbairn and her pupils from the Mayfair School of Dancing, Singing and Acting. The display will be similar to those given by Miss Fairbairn for the Arts League of Service in Hyde Park.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

French and German classes will be arranged either for beginners or for more advanced students if a sufficient number enrol.

CLASS: AN ENQUIRY

A study of the social structure of England, problems of education, economic circumstances, birth, occupation, and so on, and their influence on class with a comparison with other countries. Tuesdays, 7.30.

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 Women's School meets Mondays at 2.30 p.m., and starts with a cup of tea. Early Autumn programme:—

- Sept. 5 Social.
- 12 Adult School Aims. Mrs. Fairbairn.
- 19 Jumble Sale
- 26 My visit to the United States. Mrs. R. Sewell Harris.
- Oct. 3 The Care of Hands and Feet. Speaker from The Health and Cleanliness Council.
- 10 Success and Failure. Miss Effie Ryle.
- 17 The Jews Palestine.
- 24 Speaker. Mrs. Stokes.
- 31 Lantern Lecture. Tuberculosis. Dr. McPhail.

The Young People's School (B.O.Y.P.A.S.) meets Wednesdays at 8.15 p.m. and combines Religion, Knowledge and Pleasure. All young people over fifteen years of age are welcome.

- 8.15 Folk Dancing.
- 8.45 An interesting talk and discussion.
- 9.45—10.30 Dancing.

Men's Adult School meets Sundays at 6.30 p.m.

- Autumn programme:—
- Sept. 18 The Shape of Things to Come. Mr. J. Austin Bayes.
- 25 The Sculptor and His Work.
- Oct. 2 Astronomy. Mr. W. H. Brown.
- 9 The Mediterranean in World Politics. Mr. G. Schwarzenberger.
- 16 Humour in English Literature. Mr. Eric H. Day.
- 23 Ancient Egypt. Dr. Har. Dayal.
- 30 Land Settlement. Mr. Fred Dodson.
- Nov. 6 God and the Nations. Mr. A. I. Jones.
- 13 Annual Meeting.
- 20 Loyalty. Mr. George Symes.
- 27 Communism. Mr. T. Campbell.
- Dec. 4 Fascism. Mr. A. B. Baker.
- 11 Democracy. Mr. Ronald Kidd.
- 18 The Way to Peace.

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—8.30. This is followed by the speaker of the evening and discussion.

- Oct. 12 Co-operation between Home and School. Mr. H. A. Cooke, Headmaster Acton County School.
- Nov. 9 The Juvenile Employment Bureau. Mr. F. Taylor, Hendon Juvenile Employment Officer.

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.

THE MEDITERRANEAN

Its development from the inland lake of western civilisation to the inter-oceanic highway, Great Britain's stations, Spain, France, Italy, Egypt and the Suez Canal, the effect of air power. Thursdays, 8.30.

Those interested in discussing the above series of wireless talks are asked to send their names to the Centre.

Members see the "Watling Resident" each month.



PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

for boys and girls up to 14 arranged by the Juvenile Organiser, Mrs. Lord, to whom enquiries should be addressed, and held at the Watling Centre unless otherwise stated.

WEEKLY EVENTS

from September 1st onwards.

MONDAY.

6.30 p.m. **Acorns**, Leader Mrs. Gay.
A Junior group for boys and girls held in co-operation with the Adult School Movement.
Cooking.

TUESDAY.

6.0 p.m. **Painting**, Miss King.
7.15 p.m. **P.T. for girls 12-16** at Woodcroft School.

WEDNESDAY.

7.0 p.m. **Handicrafts**, Rug Making, Leather Work, Raffia, Knitting, etc. Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Thomas.

THURSDAY.

6.30 p.m. **Eurhythmics**, for girls. Mrs. Rendel.

FRIDAY.

6.0 p.m. **Play Hour**. Organised games for girls and boys.

SATURDAY.

10.45 a.m. **P.T. for girls 8-12**. Mrs. Lord.
Classes in **Cookery and Boys P.T.** will also be arranged.

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. W. Papworth.

The following groups arranged by other organisations meet at the Centre.

Cripple Parlour	...	...	Tuesdays	6.0	p.m.
Cubs	...	...	Tuesdays	6.0	p.m.
Brownies	Wednesdays	5.30	p.m.
Co-op Junior Circle	Wednesdays	6.0	p.m.
Co-op Senior Circle	Thursdays	7.0	p.m.
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LEFT BOOK CLUB

Mr. Reginald Bridgeman will address the group on Friday, 9th September, at 8 p.m., on "How can we make the Labour Movement Socialist?" Non-members cordially invited.

WRINKLES

A handful of hay in the bottom of a pail of water will take away all paint fumes from a room that has been freshly painted.

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A pail of water placed in the room in which potatoes are stored will take away any risk of the potatoes suffering from frost.

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Here is a useful hint for a working man's trousers when they fray easily. Cut strips from old kid gloves about half an inch wide, join together and sew inside the hem. This keeps the hem and edges always neat and saves the cloth from constant friction rubbing against the boot.

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You and Me

By LEO

According to medical science we have sixty-eight useless organs and parts of organs in our bodies, such as the appendix, which seems to cause the most trouble. 84 per cent. of a man's weight represents strength, against 54 per cent. in a woman, but women are stronger at birth, and a smaller proportion of girl babies die in their first year. The male brain weighs $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and the female only 2 lbs. 11 ozs. Male or female, your brain reaches its maximum power at the age of sixteen, but you can still learn more. A London hat expert says that men's heads are getting larger.

The body is found to weigh less than normal when travelling downwards in a lift, more when travelling upwards. When looping the loop, and in certain other aerial acrobatics, the passengers' bodies increase enormously in weight, so that it requires an effort to lift the limbs.

Work

This is what an average man can do in one year of 51 working weeks of $5\frac{1}{2}$ days with 8 hours work a day:—

Plough 224 acres.
Permanently wave 898 heads.
Shoe 1,683 horses.
Stoke 2,766 tons of train coal.
Take out 6,766 appendices.
Truss 8,976 turkeys.
Bicycle 39,248 miles.
Tap 42,075 rubber trees.

Milk 13,466 cows.
Lay 112,200 bricks.
Filet 179,520 fish.
Hammer out 242,352 jews' harps.
Shake 673,200 cocktails.
Open 1,077,120 oysters.

Sugar and Spice

The girl of 1938 is shorter but better developed and it is declared by certain tradesmen that errand girls are more reliable than errand boys. They work harder and are not so forgetful. But what could you expect when according to a poet, girls are made up of the "leaf's lightness, the fawn's glance, the sun's gaiety, the mist's tears, the hare's timidity, the wind's inconstancy, the peacock's vanity, the diamond's hardness, the tiger's cruelty, the fire's warmth, the snow's coldness, the magpie's chatter, the dove's cooing, honey's sweetness, and softness of down."

"All these together are called Woman."

The scientist is more prosaic, for he says the physical composition of a ten-stone human being is 2 lbs. of lime, enough phosphorus to tip a thousand or more boxes of matches, a few ounces of table salt, some potassium, some sulphur, enough iron to make a few tints, a little iodine, a trace of copper, manganese, silicon and flourine.

We hear a lot in the Law Courts about the value of the body. Persons are allowed hundreds of thousands of pounds for the loss of a limb or an eye, yet actually the human body, if analysed into the chemical substances of which it is made up, could be bought over the chemist's counter for 3s. 6d.

FOR WATLING RESIDENTS

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Transatlantic Diary

Sunday, July 24th. On board the M.V. "Britannic":—We reach Cobh at 7 a.m. and Ireland amply justifies her name of "Emerald Isle." She is literally a gem of green loveliness in her blue sea setting and aura of blue sky and flying clouds. It is fun to watch the pilot come on board to steer the ship nearer into harbour, to watch the anchor dropped and weighed, and to see the tender bring a new lot of passengers on board. At 11 a.m. we attend divine service in the 1st class or cabin lounge, and just before dinner at 12 we say farewell to the Irish coast in a bank of mist and soon run into rain and wind storms. By nightfall two members of the family, if not all four, are feeling very sorry for themselves, and not at all interested in the rest of the world. The least said the better about the next two days.

Wednesday, July 27th. We are all on deck and in the dining room again, though still a little shaky on the legs and a little uncertain in the innards. The swimming tank is erected on the 3rd class deck and filled with water from the Gulf Stream. Anthony is the first man in and E. S. H. not long after him. They report that it is warm and delightful to swim in. The Gulf Stream reminds us that there may be something besides wind and rain in other parts of the world, and we begin to watch the "Ocean Times" printed on board each day for reports on New York weather. A heavy mist hangs over the Gulf Stream as usual and the fog siren goes at intervals all day. For the first time we have a good look at our fellow passengers and find them an interesting lot of people. There are Poles and Czecho-Slovaks and Irish going into the U.S., under the annual immigration quota and a great many Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria. These are mostly young people or fairly young parents with very young children. We learn later that the "Aquitania" has been laid up for a few days for minor repairs and passengers have been transferred from her to the "Britannic" for our crossing, so that we are very crowded in 3rd class, making for an interesting if not such a restful crossing as sometimes. Picture shows are run three times during the week in the lounge with two sittings each, but each is so crowded and the air so stifling—"chronic" as one of the stewards remarked—that I only ventured once when Margaret and I saw Katherine Hepburn in "Bringing up Baby."

We reach America

July 30th. We have not been able to make up the time we lost in getting to Ireland because of the storms off the west coast of Ireland, and so we shall be a day late getting in. Weather reports in the "Ocean Times" chronicle a rise in temperature of two or three degrees each day, so we resign ourselves to the prospect of sweltering and suffocating in an old-time New York welcome, oh me—oh my! Landmarks begin to appear out of the mist, a ship or two, some fishing vessels, and finally the dear old Nantucket Light Ship and all Americans and some others too are thrilled at this visible evidence of our approach to the shores of the U.S.A.

July 31st. After being kept awake till pretty late the night before we waken at 4.30 a.m. Outside the porthole we discover on the port side a broken, mys-

terious skyline, and we decide to go up on deck to watch the sunrise. E. S. H. and I try to dress in the dark to leave the younger generation a little longer to their rest, but excitement is in the air and Anthony and Margaret are soon awake and out of bed. We get on deck just at crack o' dawn and find that we are anchored with Staten Island on the port side and Brooklyn off starboard. We have got very friendly with one or two sailors—very nice young men. We ask them about their living and working conditions and they reply that they are very good on this ship. They have enough food, clean linen and not too bad quarters. We slowly glide into harbour. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. but we are back on deck in time to get a good view as we pass in front of the Statue of Liberty. Other landmarks such as Ellis Island are sighted, and finally out of the shroud of haze the giants began to appear, the tops first and gradually the bases, too, like towers of fabulous fairy tales—the skyscrapers of Manhattan. A man from Willesden tried to tell us that he was not nearly so impressed with the skyscrapers as he had expected to be, but the rest of us were content to gaze in simple-minded awe and wonder and thrill at these marvellous buildings of man's imagination and skill. At 8.30 we reached pier 54 where not a breath of air stirred and heat settled over us, such heat as weighed and pressed us down. It took us three-and-a-half hours to pass the immigration and customs officials, for we were "foreigners," and come last. It is strange that so gracious and hospitable a people as the Americans have such an awkward way of receiving short-time visitors to their shores. The officials themselves were polite and kindly.

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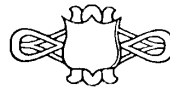
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NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB HENDON SECTION

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend as much as Hendon Clarionettes did; as far as I can ascertain they all went somewhere on their cycles. For a Clarionette to go on holiday without the cycle—well—it just is not done! Some made their way to the dear old South coast, others were to be found trying to climb Porlock Hill, Devon, and Cornwall received their fair share. Others enlisted the help of the railway and went to the Lake District, North Wales, and East coast, whilst some just potted around the local lanes in Bucks, Herts, Surrey and Essex. I was one of South Coast wanderers, and had the good fortune of meeting some comrades from Southampton Clarion amongst other interesting acquaintances.

Now the last Bank Holiday of the summer is over we start thinking of Christmas and the Social Season. Our social secretary is already busy getting ready a series of dances. One big date for the club is already fixed. It is a Grand Dance by the Clarion London Union at the Royal Hotel, W.C.1 on December 3rd. We hope to have over 50 Hendon Clarionettes there.

The girls had a shot at fast work in the Clarion Ladies' "10" last month. Only two were able to enter from Hendon. Holidays prevented others. Miss Rose Rainbow taking 2nd place and Mrs. P. Haulan coming in 7th. Miss R. Rainbow's time was 29 mins. 33 secs. and it wasn't an easy morning.

The boys decided not to be eclipsed, so during August they have entered the B.W.S.A. track championship and a pursuit match at Herne Hill. Good luck to them. I'll tell you the results next month. This is the first time Hendon Clarionettes have competed on a track.

At the time of writing we are searching for a new and larger clubroom, owing to a rapidly increasing membership. I'll let you know our new address next time of writing.

On September 4th the Clarion London Union is holding the Annual Sports Day at the Clarion Youth Hostel at Hoddesdon. If the weather treats us fair it is sure to be as great a success as in past years. Hendon will of course be there with at least 50 members. Any unattached cyclists are welcome, so come along! The whole day will only cost you 1/6 per head.

September runs will be as follows:—

4th.—Annual Sports Day.

11th.—Kentish Hopfields.

18th.—Abinger.

25th.—Blackberry run,

and Evening runs every Tuesday evening as usual. All runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, at 9 a.m. Sundays. 2.45 p.m. Sunday afternoon section, and 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

Whether you're a super clubman, a beginner needing advice, or a utility rider needing a good, but inexpensive insurance, our hon. secretary, Mr. E. Keats, 20, Blundell Road, Burnt Oak, will be pleased to hear from you. Write him and he will reply by return or better still come up and see us.

Cheerio, pals! and good twiddling.

Vic C. BOTTERILL, Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary

Nothing like Cycling for Health and Enjoyment!

... says Mrs. Billie Dovey who is now touring Scotland on her Rudge-Whitworth "Keep Fit by Daily Cycling" demonstration year ride.

YORKSHIRE IMPRESSIONS.—For the best part of July I was a wheel among the broad acres of Yorkshire. The weather was unkind to me, for mist and rain almost every day for the first three weeks spoilt the scenic views. But that is the best of cycling—there are always the "bright intervals," aren't there? Bradford has a plentiful supply of cobbled streets, and every road out of Sheffield seems to go up a very steep hill!

At York I received a very enthusiastic reception at one of my special evening visits, chiefly due I believe to the Clifton C.C. members. How pleased I was to meet Ann Caley and Magdalene Gallagher—one of the finest all-women tandem pairs in the country. Last year I had the pleasure of playing a small part in the marshalling of the London end of their successful London-to-York record ride. They took 10 hrs. 43 mins. for those 196 miles!

Hull cyclists were also very enthusiastic. All the local clubs seem to work well together for common good. There were over 200 of them at an N.C.U. Jubilee Social and they soon had me telling them my experiences (and dancing, too!) after my 95 miles a wheel that day!

TOURING TIME IS HERE... at least the acknowledged time to tour farther afield. At the time of writing it is but a few days before I cross the border over those Cheviot Hills into Scotland for the third successive year. In spite of having ridden every day this year, the thrill of looking forward to the annual break is still there! That is half the joy of cycling... being able to study route and travel books and maps before the day, and watch your plans take shape.

Don't risk sunburn. It is quite definitely dangerous to get your skin scorched an ugly red. And it's very uncomfortable, too! Gradually let your legs and arms get used to the rays of King Sol... and don't hesitate to use some kind of cream to avoid blisters and peeling. You will find Cooltan or Pigmentan very reliable, and obtainable from most chemists.

There is no need for the cycling girl to neglect appearance at all. Be sure to cleanse the pores of your skin after every ride, using cleansing cold cream and fine paper tissues. Of course, the good clean fresh air and sunshine will soon give you a genuine outdoor girl complexion that many girls take hours to "make-up" and copy.

MIXED TANDEM POPULAR.—It used to be a motor-cycle with a pillion seat. Now it is a tandem, and how much healthier, too! You, dear reader, must have noticed there seems to be more tandems about now, and less motor-cycles? Yes, it's a very true fact, too! Many more couples are considering pedalling their way about and seeing the countryside where little traffic ever reaches.

A little more attention should still be given to correct riding position for the lady who is to occupy the rear seat. But, don't get me mistaken they do take part in the pedalling, and very much so too! The better positioned they are, the better will they do it, too! The chief fault I have noticed is that most girls are sitting far too high, and over the back wheel. Gears on most mixed tandems seem much too high, too! Smart snappy pedalling is better than slow lunging on the pedals on high gears.

September, too, is a grand cycling month for cycling girls!

BILLY DOVEY (Mrs.).

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

Our Ladies' Open "25" proved as popular as did last year's event, attracting the greatest number of entries for an event of this class for 1938. T. Shelvey was again elected to do the work, and with the assistance of Mr. Coleman, Mr. W. King and Mr. Jones, and the co-operation of the Committee the event was well run.

At a meeting held on Wednesday, August 10th, our Secretary, Mr. F. G. Steggall, for business reasons, tendered his resignation from office. He hopes to continue to enjoy our activities when he has the opportunity. The vacant position has been filled by Mr. W. Grey who was acting Treasurer, and Mr. Chamberlain was elected to fill the gap left by Mr. Grey. Bill has always carried out his duties in an efficient manner and I hope he will continue to receive the support of our membership in his new capacity.

The racing season is now drawing to a close (subdued cheers) and it looks as if Andy is going to claim the honour of being our Best All-Rounder for 1938.

Our Club Room as many of you know is now at the Lightning Cafe at the junction of the North Circular Road and Edgware Road, better known perhaps as "Staples Corner." The premises are a good deal larger than before and we can now play table tennis in comfort. We should go right ahead and arrange some inter-club matches with local organisations, our standard of play has improved to a marked degree. Henry, they tell me, has had a good deal of practice.

After the sprints and "tubs" have been put safely away we turn our thoughts towards the social season and our dances. This year we are running the same number, at the same place, and I heard from Len that they come in the following months: October, November, February and March, with the Dinner again in January. Can we expect the same support as in previous years? Yes, I think so.

A brief outline of this month's runs:—

- 4th Rosslyn Ladies' 12.
Dinner Travellers' Rest, Cambridge.
Tea High Wych.
- 11th Dinner East Clandon.
Tea Elstead, Surrey.
- 18th Dinner Chobham.
Tea Stanwell Moor.
- 25th Dinner Penn, Bucks.
Tea Rickmansworth.

POTTERER.

WATLING ASSOCIATION v. SOUTHCOTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

An interesting series of games took place at Southgate when stalwarts from the Watling Centre demonstrated their prowess and showed what they could do in the field of cricket, table tennis and net-ball.

The net-ball team won their watch—19-10. The table tennis team, in a closely contested game, lost by a narrow margin—11-13, and the cricket team kept up its reputation by winning another match.

Outstanding performances in the cricket game was the wonderful catches by Barthelmy and How. Barthelmy's splendid average in taking 7 wickets for 14 runs.

Of course such an enjoyable day had to finish up with a dance and the teams arrived home still full of beans at the disgraceful hour of 1 a.m.

A return contest at Watling is being arranged and all those who would like a good day's sport are advised to turn up and support the teams.

LEO.

SWIMMING

At a meeting of the Sports Committee, the competition for the "Shearer Trophy" was discussed, and it was decided that Jack Hilton be asked to arrange for the competition to take place this month (September).

A notice with fuller details will be posted on our Notice Board.

PLEASE READ IT.

YOUNG WATLERS

A party of twenty-six young Watlers enjoyed a day out on Stanmore Common under camping-out routine. They left Mill Hill at 9.30 a.m. and returned about 9 p.m. under the care of Mrs. Hilton and Special Constable Lattimore of Wealdstone, who took the part of cook and play leader. Tea was brewed round the camp fire, and games played on the common, and did the Watlers Wattle—I'll say they did.

WATLING AND DISTRICT ROSE SOCIETY

By the courtesy of the Colindale Allotment Association this year's autumn show is being held at the Surrey Arms Hotel, The Hyde, N.W.9, on Saturday, September 10th. It is expected that all previous shows will be eclipsed by the quality and quantity of exhibits, and a full and interesting programme has been arranged for all, whether exhibitors or not.

After the show there will be a social and dance for members and friends. Admission to show and social, 6d.

The Rose Society meets at the Watling Centre East Wednesday in each month at 8.15. Commences October 5th.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

The Journal of the Watling Association

THE WATLING ASSOCIATION IS THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
OF THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE WATLING ESTATE

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Hobbies

Forms are being circulated among residents on the L.C.C. estate at Kenmore Park, Kenton, asking them what interests and hobbies they have. Upon their answers will depend whether or not a community centre is built.

The three R's

In India only three women in a hundred can read. This seems to indicate an urgent need for Adult Schools in India.

A good blow-out for twopence

Children attending Bucks. elementary schools can now have hot mid-day meals for 2d. per head.

Seen at Watling

During the past few weeks I have seen a man riding a bike to his allotment trailing behind him a small cart containing his garden tools. Another man riding a bike with a basket seat instead of a saddle, and a steering wheel instead of handlebars. A boy riding along Abbots Road without holding and playing a mouth organ. Then another boy cycling with his roller skates on. Any day now I am expecting to see a girl representing Lady Godiva, riding a motor cycle with aeroplane wings, powdering her nose and trailing behind a garden roller.

Rounders

With reference to the Rounders which appeared in our September issue, Mrs. Lord informs us that this game has been played by the "Moggies" for quite a long time. Well we are not surprised. If a thing is worth doing there is bound to be one or other section at the Centre having a go at it.

Fairey Cycle Winner

Congratulations to Mr. Torrance on winning the Fairey cycle in the raffle. The winning number was 78 Orange ticket.

Edgware Fellowship

The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 16th, at 8 o'clock. Speaker: Mr. T. Banks. "Fascism without a Mask."

The Hendon Band

Did anyone take a photo of the Hendon Band when they led the carnival procession during Watling Week. If any readers did and would be kind enough to let us have the loan of a print we should be obliged as the Bandmaster is anxious to see a copy.

Owing to probable change of address of the Editor, readers are requested to send all communications to the Watling Centre.

Mrs. A. I. Jones

All members of the Association will no doubt be pleased to know that Mrs. Jones, the wife of our President, has made a good recovery from her illness and operation, and that when she returns from her holiday she will be the same cheerful helpful woman that we have always known.

Personal Advice

Residents wishing to consult Mrs. King, the secretary of the Association's Personal Service Committee, are asked to see her at Watling Centre between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Mrs. Keeble

It is with regret that we have to record the passing of Mrs. Keeble of The Neighbourhood Guild.

Mr. Keeble and his family wish to acknowledge the many kind enquiries and messages of condolence from friends at the Watling Centre.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The last Fellowship meeting held at the Centre attracted a larger number of people than was expected owing to many friends being on holiday. The speaker, Mr. Silcock, gave a very interesting talk on China, which made us realise how much help is needed in that war-stricken land and that we in our small way can do our share. There is no doubt that Mr. Silcock's heart and soul is in his work in China, and we wish him every success in his undertakings. Fellowship meetings are held at the Centre the first Sunday in every month and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Come and make friends.

A. T. LORD.

ODDFELLOWS

At last we are able to announce the official opening of the "Loyal Deansbrook Lodge" (mixed), the only Oddfellows Lodge in the Watling area.

This ceremony will take place at the Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, on Saturday, October 29th, at 7 p.m.

It is desired that all eligible Oddfellows should endeavour to attend, and thereby support the Grand Master and Committee of Management of the North London District, who officiate at the ceremony.

At the conclusion of the opening ceremony; approximately 8.30 p.m., all members (including National Health Insurance) and their friends are cordially invited to attend a Dance and Cabaret.

LAURA WRIGHT.

Tenpence worth of ham an' two-pence change,"
said wee Jean, "an' ma mither'll gie ye the shillin'
the morn."

"If you wanted to go and set off fireworks with those
boys, why didn't you ask me first?"

"Because I wanted to set off fireworks, ma."

The water-pipe had burst in the bathroom, and
father was doing his best to stem the flow until the
plumber arrived.

"All right, dad!" said the angel child, suddenly
appearing; "you can let go now!"

"Thank the lord! Is the plumber here?"

"No, but the house is on fire."

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BOXING

The Boxing Club starts its new Season on Monday,
October 3rd. We shall be very pleased to see all our
members getting into training again, we hope to see
more new members, and anybody who is interested in
boxing.

Unfortunately we have lost one of our most active
members in Mr. W. Papworth, who is moving out of
the district, all we can say is that whilst he was with
us, he did great service to the Club.

We again have the services of Mr. Tom Curzon and
Mr. Eddie Stewart as Instructors, and we want to
make 1938 a very successful season. Hoping to see
all the old and new faces on Monday, October 3rd.

Beer

by LEO

In some parts of the continent it is customary for
the people to sit outside cafés and enjoy wine or beer
and to discuss the leading topics of the day. This is
considered quite in good order and no stigma is
attached to anyone seen thus indulging. In England
if a man is seen entering or leaving a pub he is
regarded by some people as being not quite respectable.
This is as may be and I have no shares in any brewery
or beer shop, but I have collected a few facts about
"wallop" which may be of interest.

During the past thirty-two years London has lost
2,097 public houses.

This is revealed by official figures. Apart from
residential hotels, there are now 4,797 public houses
in London, of which 370 are in the City.

Westminster is the "wettest" borough in London,
for it has one "pub" to every 620 people.

In Britain, beer consumption last year was 16,465,646
standard barrels, or 540,568 more than in 1936, states
the Brewers' Almanack.

To-day Belgium drinks most beer per head of popu-
lation at 39 gallons a year. Germany comes next
with 18 gallons, (Austria) third with 17 gallons and
Great Britain fourth with 15 gallons.

According to a ship's doctor, a glass of beer before
breakfast is a sure cure for sea-sickness.

Another sailor, a stoker, claims to be able to drink
five pints of beer standing on his head.

Every year the nation spends £240,000,000 on
liquor, 40 per cent of this sum goes in duty or tax.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

October, 1938

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
2 Astronomy. Mr. W. H. Brown.
9 The Mediterranean in World Politics. Mr. G. Schwargenberger.
16 Humour in English Literature. Mr. Eric H. Day.
23 Ancient Egypt. Dr. Har Dayal.
30 Land Settlement. Mr. Fred Dodson.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
3 The Care of Hands and Feet. Speaker from the Health and Cleanliness Council.
10 Success and Failure. Miss Effie Ryle.
17 The Jews' Palestine.
24 Speaker. Mrs. Stokes.
31 Tuberculosis. Lanern Lecture, Dr. McPhail.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Watling Athletic Association, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
Discussion Group, 8.30 p.m.
3 Councillor F. W. Gilpin. Housing and Public Health.
10 Mr. W. H. Brown.
17 Mr. David Headley.
24 Prof. E. H. Warmington. Wild Birds.
- Tuesdays** — Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Millinery 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.
Table Tennis Club, 8 p.m.
Elocution and Public Speaking Class, 8 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 First Aid. Dr. Gwyned Dean.
13, 18, 26 Czechoslovakia. Dr. Rene Welleck.
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.
Watling Guild of Players, 8.30 p.m.

Thursdays — Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Women's Dancing Class, 3 p.m.
Veteran's Club, 3 p.m.
Boxing, 8 p.m.
Indoor Games 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.
Table Tennis Club, 3 p.m.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Sunday** 2 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
Monday 3 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Wed'day 5 Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
Thursday 6 Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
Friday 7 Football Club Dance, 8 p.m.
Sunday 9 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Watling Association Orchestra.
Thursday 13 Concert by Hendon Brotherhood Choir, 8 p.m.
Friday 14 Left Book Club Group, 8 p.m.
Sunday 16 Public Lecture in co-operation with Edgware Fellowship. "Fascism without a Mask." 8 p.m.
Monday 17 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Sunday 23 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Our Daily Food and Our Health. Dr. Har Dayal.
Thursday 27 W.A. Council.
Sunday 30 An Hour of Song.
Miss Christine McClure, 8 p.m.

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W.A. Presidential Address

At the Watling Association Quarterly Meeting held at the Centre on Thursday, 15th September, Mr. A. I. Jones, our President, in his official capacity, addressed the W.A. Council. Mr. Jones began by apologising for coming from a peculiar part of the world—Wales. ("Hear hear," from Councillor T. Pugh.

I have grumbled enough at not being given sufficient work to do, as a President of a live organisation, and this is one of the reasons why I welcome this opportunity of addressing you as members of the W.A. at a General Meeting of this sort. The pity is, that I do not work in closer contact with those of the Council and Executive, who really DO put in valuable time, and expend valuable (if surplus) energy in trying to make a success of a very important, though still experimental, phase of communal life. I am not going to suggest that because it is experimental, it is anything new. As a matter of fact, I look upon it as anything but new. I like to think of it as a growth—an outcome—a continuation of the much simpler form of "Village Green" of olden days, adapted to the much changed conditions of living of the present day, and the newly conceived disposition of what we call "housing estates."

Now, in what I am saying to-night, I do not want any of you to think that I am referring to any person connected, or unconnected, with the W.A.; or that I am criticising, other than constructively I hope, anything that goes on here. If such thoughts do pin themselves to your minds, please do your best to disassociate yourselves from them, and try to look far ahead to what you hope will one day be the Ideal Community Association you would like to see here.

Let me ask, first of all, what should be the primary reason for a Community Association. Is there any essential excuse for wanting a movement—apart from any place to meet at or in—which causes a certain few to give most of their spare time to cater to the spare time of many others? Can we say it is the times we live in; or the conditions under which we strive; or just because we happen to be thrown together? Is it the need of an imperfect world only, or do you think that Utopia itself would require such a scheme? I think if we could look from the right view-point—if we could get behind the main idea—if we could turn back to "page one" of the story of mankind, the reason and object of a Community Association would appear clear to all of us, and would then probably become much easier to understand, and possibly more pleasurable to work.

I think the essence of the whole thing is just "Companionship." Human nature being what it is, or, if you like, having developed into its present state—a state which must be thousands of years old—cannot do without Companionship, and this companionship must be of the best and highest form, under which we recognise the word "Friendship." The phrase that it is not good for man to live alone was old even when it was first coined. And Friendship must include such properties as tolerance, charity, forbearance, and those many attributes (hide it as we may) which have been taught us through Christian writings, and which we have come to look upon as the finger-post of our mode of living. If we recognise this "Companionship-Friendship" "axis," as the root reason for a Commu-

ity Association, doesn't the rest become easy? From the point of view of the workability of the Association, it must be to all who meet under its auspices. If this is the first step, the next is to make an excuse to meet each other and so getting to know each other, as, I firmly believe, we are intended to. I am not touching upon the organisation part to-night—I may try my hand at that later—because I feel that the most important thing should be mentioned first and that is the spirit in which the work should be done.

I would like to see more tea-parties; many smaller gatherings around that homely, if insidious, tea; more socials and whist-drives but without prizes at the end of them, unless they be in the nature of "book prizes," more "get-togethers." What is there to prevent inviting certain sections of the Estate to tea at the Centre. They need not be members. Then again, Deansbrook Road would invite Abbots Road. It would be nicer if a more sociable spirit could be fostered among neighbours, entertaining can be expensive, but if we are going to each others homes for tea and a chat, we can contribute some food or tit-bit which would help to make our visit more enjoyable. This is done in the part where I come from.

Having accepted this fact of Friendship, then, and concocted processes of developing it until everyone knows to some extent everyone else, we shall learn that certain of us lack something that others may have in more or less abundance. I do not mean necessarily in worldly goods, but more especially what may be equally as important for happiness and the full enjoyment of living, say, handicrafts, hidden talents for the various arts, etc. That is where a programme such as is arranged for the coming season at the Watling Centre would prove extremely interesting.

By the time we come to this stage, we shall find that most of the members will know more about running this sort of thing than the Council! I would like to see men and women with good-will and talent for organisation meet together for mutual study, in order to submit themselves to a sort of voluntary examination for the post of "Councillor of the Watling Association."

I would like to see their studies reprinted in the *Watling Resident* as well as the deliberations of the various classes, etc., that are carried on here, for the benefit of all in this association and any outside who would care to read, so that with the help and co-operation of all members our *Watling Resident* would become a standard work eagerly sought for by Community Associations all over the country.

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Keep the Peace

According to a statistician, if the present decline in population goes on, there will be only six people in England in the year 2336, and those six will be mad. It is comforting to know that there will be only six loonies. To-day there are millions of people in the world and the way we are neglecting vital social services for the sake of armaments makes one think that we are all mad now. Apparently we have learnt nothing from past wars and especially from the last great conflict where 12,000,000 were killed and 20,000,000 severely wounded, and according to a noted professor it cost the world £80,000,000,000. This sum would have provided every family in Great Britain, the U.S.A., Canada, France, Belgium, Russia, Germany and Australia with five acres, a £500 house and £200 for furniture. Also a £1,000,000 library and a £2,000,000 university for every large city in those countries and, with the money left over, the whole territory of France and Belgium could have been purchased. Yet we are still piling up guns and bombs to blow each other to bits. For what? It has been proved time and time again that no one gains from wars. The "victors" are as bad off as the losers. Everything is disorganised, progress is set back. Millions are killed, maimed and crippled and yet after a brief spell to lick our wounds we start feverishly preparing for another war.

Who starts wars? It is not the people. The average citizen in Germany, France or Britain detests war, and yet as soon as war breaks out he finds himself caught up in it. If the people who made wars had to fight them there would be no wars. If a fraction of the brains, money and energy used for creating wars was used for overcoming disease, economic depression, the colonial question and other world problems, humanity would be happier and healthier and saner.

THREE ITEMS

Some of the subjects discussed at the W.A. Quarterly General Meeting were the erection of a shelter at the entrance to Watling Park, an all-in membership fee for the members of the Association, and the untidy condition of Watling Avenue on Sundays.

The Shelter.

It is thought that when a sudden shower occurs, people—some of them elderly, who may be sitting on seats in the park have nowhere to go to take cover, and a drenching is not too healthy when one is getting on in years. The matter is being taken up with the Hendon Borough Council.

All-in Fee

Some members of the Association have remarked that they would support more of the activities which go on at the Centre but for the fact that each one costs money and, however enthusiastic a member is, and attractive as some of the functions are, he must withhold his support from some sections owing to the strain on his pocket. The membership fees for the various sections are small we know, but totalled together they amount to a few shillings monthly and it is felt by some members that if instead of paying 6d. for this and 3d. for that they could pay a small all-in fee to include membership of all sections, better support would be given and members would have a wider range of interest.

Litter

The dirty and untidy condition of the shopping area in Watling Avenue on Sundays has been commented on by various people and we understand that steps are being taken by the Borough Council to set this matter right. After all, Watling Avenue is the gateway to the Watling Estate and the first impression of visitors on seeing cigarette cartons, matches, fish and chip paper, and flotsam and jetsam of all kinds scattered about cannot be too pleasing.

We are aware that with the thousands of shoppers who flock to Watling during the week-end and the large amount of trade done, there must be a residue of discarded litter. We don't wish the road sweepers to work seven days a week, but an opportunity might be given to the unemployed to earn a few shillings. Watling is, in the main, clean and tidy. Let us keep it so.

Be Sure to Hear Miss Christine McClure's Hour of Song

AT
WATLING CENTRE

Sunday, October 30th
at 8.0 p.m.



PAINTING COMPETITION

All Entries to be sent to Watling Centre by 15th October.

Try This

When rolling a bandage, get an empty cotton-reel and, as you start to unwind the bandage, instead of winding it round your finger, wrap it round the reel. You will find that it will wind tightly and be easy to put on again.

Rub you clothes-line with white wax. This makes it waterproof and keeps it clean as well as lengthening its life.

Next time you make a rice pudding try this. Children love it!

Take 2 dessertspoonfuls of rice and 2 of sugar, 1 pint of milk, and 1 dessertspoonful of cocoa powder.

Mix the cocoa to a paste with a little milk; add to the rice and sugar, and stir well together. Pour over the milk and cook in the usual way.

Instead of cutting across the stalk of a cauliflower when ready for cooking, take a pointed knife or apple corer and scoop out a deep hole in the stalk. Then your cauliflower will boil and leave saucepan without breaking.

If you've got a cloudy decanter you can clean it by lighting a piece of brown paper inside it. Your hand should be held over the opening until the decanter is filled with smoke. Rinse well and it will be found to be perfectly clear.

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Over There

Mr. and Mrs. Harris as most readers know have recently returned from a brief visit to the U.S.A. and our reporter was fortunate enough to get an exclusive interview with Mr. Harris who was good enough to give his views on his visit as set out below in the form of question and answer.

What was your first impression of the U.S.A.?

We landed in New York, and of course New York is not typically American, but landing there in the summer one's first impression is almost sure to be the heat; mine was; then the difficulty of getting through the formalities of entrance. Having got out of New York, which we did as quickly as possible the first impression was the beauty of the countryside and the great amount of woodland; trees and trees and trees.

How do American men compare with English men, physically and in personality?

The men I saw most of were of Anglo-Saxon descent and did not differ very much from Englishmen, but in the towns, especially, you do see more variety of physique, Latins, Slavs., and of course, negroes. American men seem more cordial and friendly to strangers than the English.

How do the women compare? Are they prettier? Better dressed?

What a question to ask. I've got to go on living in England and I've got to try to keep friendly with Americans. What am I to say? Shall we say I saw no prettier girls in America than I have seen in England, but American women, big and large, seem more vivacious than the English, they live in a drier climate. No, I don't think they are better dressed. Much the same I should say.

Is the countryside as charming as in England?

It varies very much, as it does here. The State of New York was very beautiful, with lovely wooded hills and valleys, all on a larger scale than in England, perhaps not so charming, but more grand. In parts of Ohio, and still more further west the country is very flat, as in Lincolnshire and in many parts between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains the country seems almost treeless and rather bleak.

Is the standard of living as high as in our country?

Yes and no. More people have motor cars, the suburbs of the small towns are prettier, food is more varied, but there is more extreme poverty.

Is it true that we are more "grown up" than the Americans?

Not so true as it used to be. America is getting older. Americans are learning to laugh at themselves, which is a sign they are growing up.

Are there Community Centres?

I did not see any like ours. On one new housing estate I saw a Community Building, but that included the library and schools and was only available for adults after five o'clock. As it included the schools it was not, of course, in the hands of a Community Association, but of the education authority. Some people to whom I talked about Community Centres seemed to think more in terms of Play Centres and not of a building with the variety of activities which our Community Centres aim at.

What do Americans think of England and the English?

They like the English, but think they are rather cold and distant and that they sometimes seem to think themselves rather superior. They cannot understand why England has given way so much to Mussolini and Hitler, some of them resent the failure of England to co-operate in preventing Japan from seizing Manchuria in 1931, some still resent our failure to pay our war debt.

What do they think of the European situation?

They are perturbed at the idea of Nazi power increasing by the absorption of Czechoslovakia. The ordinary people are opposed to Fascism, though of course there are some, as in England, who would like to have a dictatorship with their own group in power.

What is the food like?

The food is very good. During the summer they eat much more ice cream than we do. They treat it as a food. It is much cheaper than in England and there are many more varieties of taste. There is more fruit and it also is cheaper. In the country districts at any rate they eat a lot of chicken.

What impressed you most?

The amount of country which is still wooded, the distances, the cordiality of people and the interest which they were taking in European affairs.

Are there any customs or social services which you would like to see introduced into this country?

There is much less snobbishness and class distinction there than in England. Of course there are the divisions of wealth and power, but people of different economic standing in the community do not feel the separation between them that so often appears in England, neither looking down nor up. In dealing with unemployment during the last few years an effort has been made to provide work so that there are valuable assets, better roads, houses, etc., in exchange for the money paid to the unemployed instead of people just being kept miserably and the community having nothing to show for it at the end. In some parts the unemployed have got together to provide things for themselves and have exchanged goods and services.

MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Sundays, 6.30 p.m., at the Centre. Free and easy talk and discussion. New members welcomed

- Oct. 2. Astronomy. Mr. W. H. Brown.
- 9. The Mediterranean in World Politics. Mr. G. Schwarzenberger.
- 16. Humour in English Literature. Mr. Eric H. Pay.
- 23. Ancient Egypt. Dr. Har Dayal.
- 30. Land Settlement. Mr. Fred Dodson.
- Nov. 6. God and the Nations. Mr. A. I. Jones.
- 13. Annual Meeting.
- 20. Loyalty. Mr. George Symes.
- 27. Communism. Mr. T. Campbell.
- Dec. 4. Fascism. Mr. A. E. Baker.
- 11. Democracy. Mr. Ronald Kidd.
- 18. The Way to Peace.

WATLING ASSOCIATION F.C.

Watling Association have entered a team in The Hendon and District League, Division H.B.

The first league game was played at Woodfield Park, Cool Oak Lane, on Saturday, September 17th, against Vernon's F.C.

The Watling team played a grand game—clean and sportsman-like. After 10 minutes' play a brilliant piece of combination work between S. Whylock, T. Kent and S. Cutts enabled S. Cutts to obtain the first goal of the game. Soon after, T. Kent scored, and a beautiful shot by J. Orchard at which the goalkeeper did not stand a chance, made three goals up without any reply from Vernon's. S. Cutts and J. Orchard again scored, that made five goals. Then Vernon's scored twice before the interval which made the score at half time, Watling 5, Vernon's 2.

Second half opened with Vernon's F.C. forcing the pace, and twice were able to penetrate the Watling defence—and score twice—making the score 5—4.

Although Vernon's tried very hard to even up the score they could not master the Watling defence and after a very exciting game the result was a win for Watling F.C. by 5 goals to 4.

Come and support our games. Our home ground is Montrose Playing Fields. Fixtures displayed on Notice Board at Watling Centre.

- Oct. 1 Hendon Labour (away).
- 8 Midgas (home).
- 15 Halvergate (away).

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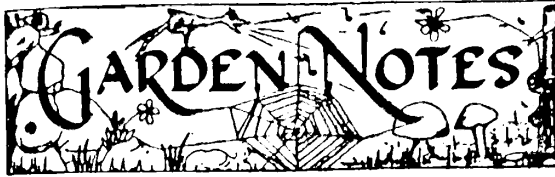
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Burnham Beeches

Epping Forest and Burnham Beeches are London's largest and most precious open spaces, though both are outside the London area. Some notes on Epping Forest appeared in the issues of the *RESIDENT* for May, June and July of this year, and now here are some notes about Burnham Beeches.

Burnham, like Epping, was not so long ago in grave danger of destruction as London spread itself more and more into the surrounding country devouring green fields and cutting down or rooting up large and beautiful trees which had been growing for generations.

A law entitled "The Corporation of London (Open Spaces) Act 1878" was passed by Parliament with the object of enabling the Corporation of the City of London to buy, for the purpose of preserving it as an open space, any unenclosed land within 25 miles of the Metropolis, such land to be used for the recreation and enjoyment of the public "for ever." Burnham Beeches is within the 25 miles radius.

On the 24th of July, 1879, a large portion of land was put up for sale by public auction. The facts relating to the proposed sale were brought to the attention of the Corporation of London but it was found that the Corporation had no power to become the purchasers because the Open Spaces Act, already mentioned, only enabled them to buy *unenclosed land*, and "Lot 23," of which Burnham Beeches was a part, consisted not only of unenclosed land but also of about an equal area of enclosed land. The peculiar circumstances of the case were brought to the knowledge of Sir Henry Peek, then M.P. for Mid. Surrey. He most gallantly stepped into the breach and at the sale bought the whole of Lot 23 and then resold the unenclosed portion to the Corporation at a price proportionate to what he had given for the whole.

The unenclosed land covered an area of 375 acres and included Burnham Beeches, Hardicanute's Moat and East Burnham Common.

Experts tell us that Burnham Beeches bears evidence of being a genuine remnant of primeval forest and that in ancient times the whole of Buckinghamshire was covered with beech woods. Beeches are still the predominant trees and many of them are an enormous size.

Nearly all the beech trees have been polled in the past. Local tradition says this was done by the Commonwealth army during the Civil War. The result is rather peculiar. On the top of a huge trunk some ten or twelve feet from the ground, you will frequently find as many as ten great stems springing out of the crown of the trunk. Many of these stems are as large as a fair-sized tree. This strange multiplicity of branches is often accompanied by a curious distention and distortion of the roots which spread

out over the surface of the ground to a surprising extent before finding their way underground.

As already stated most of the trees are beeches and these are the chief attraction of the place, but there are also many oaks and several groups of graceful silver birches which make their contribution to the beauty of the whole. Plenty of heather can be found in the more open parts.

There is much wild animal life including deer, hares, rabbits and foxes, jays, night-jars and pheasants. The pretty red squirrels used to be plentiful but they have nearly, if not quite, been exterminated by their grey brethren.

There are several small pieces of water amongst the trees. These ponds are very beautiful with their fringe of rushes, yellow irises and mare's tails, and a goodly show of water lilies on the surface.

It is easy to find solitude in Burnham Beeches, as the holiday makers who go there in crowds during the summer months, do not, as a rule, wander far from Wingrove's Tea Gardens, with its swings and merry-go-rounds and its fine open-air swimming bath. You can leave the beaten track and well-kept motor roads and plunge into the depths of the forest or explore some solitary dale. You may even get lost, but it is a delightful place in which to lose oneself.

The best time to visit Burnham Beeches is in the autumn when the leaves have turned a golden brown and the whole forest is a blaze of colour. This glorious colouring in October is even more beautiful than the pale new green of the spring, though that too is lovely.

Burnham Beeches can easily be reached by train to Slough or Beaconsfield and thence by motor-bus to Wingrove's or Farnham Common respectively.

What to do in October

FLOWER GARDEN. For bulbs grown in pots peat is much better than coconut fibre as it contains nourishment which the fibre lacks.

Spring bulbs to be planted in bowls or pots should be placed in a bed of ashes for a few weeks before planting. They should make roots before top growth and this will enable them to do so.

Delphiniums should be cut down and ashes heaped over the roots to keep them safe during the winter. Plants that have grown undisturbed for three years should be lifted and divided now.

This is a good time to plant most kinds of lilies. Do this in small groups, lining the hole with silver sand.

Cut flowers will last longer if a pinch of ordinary salt is added to the water.

FRUIT GARDEN. A dressing of bone-meal will benefit raspberries and loganberries. Four ounces to the square yard is about the right quantity.

Cuttings of gooseberries and red currants should be made now. Place them four inches apart in rows a foot apart. Use young shoots 12 to 18 inches long and remove all except the top four buds. In the case of black currants leave all the buds.

Do not keep the leaves of apple, pear and cherry trees for leaf mould as many of them will be carrying disease spores. It is better to burn them.

VEGETABLE GARDEN. Give attention to borecole, savoys and Brussels sprouts which may be infested with caterpillars. These should be destroyed with dressings of lime.

When gathering sprouts take a few from several plants in preference to stripping one or two. The sprouts should be removed by a downward and sideways twist.

Get rid of any slugs on the cauliflowers; if they are troublesome give the soil round the plants a dressing of quicklime.

Colewort should be planted now.

Remove some of the stronger crowns of sea kale to the forcing beds.

The roots of beet and carrots should be at their best now. Take them up and store them away being very careful not to injure the roots.

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Lights and Sights

Another Outing is over and becomes a memory to those who went to Southend on Sunday, the 18th of September.

The weather was quite good, warm, one or two showers, which could not dampen our determination to enjoy ourselves.

The Kursaal, the Boats, Rossi's Ices, the Photographers, etc., etc., all helped to lighten our pockets and our hearts.

We got a lot of fun watching some of our party at the Kursaal amusements.

Did you see Mrs. — on the Cyclone, the Water Chute, Over the Falls or Over the Top? If not, you missed a "Rare Sight."

Wherever one went one met small groups of Watlingites determined to make a day of it; with soft drinks the order of the day.

At 6 p.m. all roads led to Garons Central Restaurant in the High Street for a very good meat tea.

About seven, we dispersed again for the Illuminations; I hardly think it fair to say "Lights" because this word does not do justice to such a magnificent spectacle.

Some went to the Pier-head, some promenaded, but I with others saw the view from a steamer.

Now a word for the Organisers, Mr. Deacon and Mr. Wickens.

After the failure of "Crossways" it was nothing but hustle and bustle to make other arrangements. Garons for the tea, the police for permission to stay after 6 p.m., the coach owners and last but not least, having to tell all those going, of the change. Altogether a very trying time for them.

I am sure we all thank them, and think they came off with flying colours.

At 10 p.m., tired but happy we made for the Car Park, the road and home which we reached about 12.45 a.m.

By the way, I heard of two people who lost their voices; but we hope they will be found by the 24th because one will certainly be wanted then.

R.F.G.

Fru-it

According to the old saying an apple a day keeps the doctor away but apparently doctors are losing their taste for apples for according to recent statistics, people in Britain are eating twice as many oranges as apples. The doctor is a friend of humanity, but paradoxically enough he is one of those friends we like to keep away from.

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Irate Irish innkeeper annoyed with three of his guests because they came back very late one night and created a disturbance.

Said he: "You three make a fine pair! Last night you come home this morning and if you want to stay here you'd better clear out!"

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"Dear, dear! I've never seen a child as badly spoilt as that son of yours, Mrs. Jones."

"Why, how can you say that, Mrs. Murphy?"

"Just come on out now, and see what my boy has done to him."

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Transatlantic Diary No. 2

We left you last month on a hot, a very hot morning on the pier in New York. With immigration and customs red tape finally over, and somewhat revived by drinks of iced lemonade, we were discovered by our nephew who had driven all the six hundred miles to New York in his car, to take us "home." We gladly turned our backs on the pier, stowed our six hand-pieces of luggage (we were inordinately proud of having packed all the necessities for four people for seven weeks in a hot country in six pieces of which two were quite small) in the back of the car, climbed in and drove off. We had not been driving five minutes when Anthony discovered that cousin Warren was driving on the "wrong" side of the road and the wrong side of the car for in America the right side of the road is the right way to meet traffic—the cars are all left-hand drive.

We drove northward, quite soon coming to Riverside Drive, New York's famous roadway, along the Hudson river and along the Drive until we came to the beautiful George Washington Bridge over the Hudson, new since our last visit ten years ago. Here we turned westward over the bridge and we were to drive westward for the whole of the next two days, sometimes north-west, sometimes due west, sometimes south-west but always westward until we reached "home" in south-western Ohio, on Tuesday, August 2nd. At the western end of the George Washington Bridge we paid our toll of half a dollar, fifty cents, roughly two shillings, and found ourselves in New Jersey. We crossed a corner of New Jersey and found ourselves again in New York State. We stopped not far out in the country at a Dairy Produce Stall where we got ice-cold bottles of chocolate milk which stayed our hunger and thirst until late lunch at Middleton, N.Y. It was here that Margaret first noticed the "funny doors." These are doors of wire screening which are used everywhere in summer time to keep out flies and yet admit air and whatever breeze there may be. All open windows have screens also. The heat in Middleton on that Sunday afternoon seemed to rise up off the pavement and face you again and to be reflected off the walls of the buildings likewise.

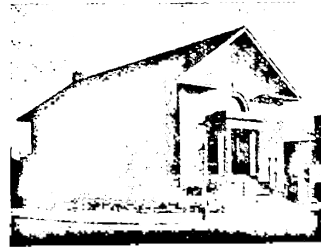
Sustained by such fare as iced cantaloupe salad, corn on the cob and ice cream, we renewed our journey. This was one of the loveliest drives I have ever experienced, through the foothills of the Catskill mountains. These hills are round-topped like the South Downs above Brighton, but unlike the South Downs they are heavily wooded and the road took us up hill and down from one glorious panorama to another, often running beside either the East Fork or the West Fork of the Delaware River. Along the way at farm houses and in small towns or on the outskirts of larger cities were signs in front of private residences, "Tourists." This is a sign of the depression for many a family formerly in comfortable circumstances now take this way of adding an "extra penny" to the family funds. After a light supper of fruit and milk-shakes at a Dairy Lunch place, it was at one of these "tourist homes" that we found our first night's rest in the United States. We were most comfortable and graciously looked after by Mrs. Fuller of Endicote, N.Y. A hot bath to take away the sweat and the toil of the day and then by 9.30, a good sleep in as comfortable a bed as one could wish.

Up and on the road again by 6.30 the next morning we covered a good many miles before breakfast at an excellent cafeteria in Ithaca, N.Y., about 8 a.m. Ithaca is on Cayuga Lake, one of the Finger Lakes, two of which, Cayuga and Seneca are larger than Loch Lomond. Another long drive brought us about 2 p.m. to Niagara Falls which we looked at from both the United States and the Canadian sides. Niagara Falls are just as magnificent and just as wonderful as you would expect them to be and I am not going to try to describe them.

In Buffalo we sought out another Home Dairy Cafeteria like the one in Ithaca, and had a good, if very late, dinner about 4 o'clock. Here the children were introduced to apple pie a la mode, which is apple pie with ice cream. The ice cream was "tutti frutti" flavour. And now again we took the road, this time running parallel with Lake Erie, but some distance off. Nevertheless we had frequent views of the lake which is like a great inland sea. You cannot see across it for most of the length of it. Out of New York State and across the small bit of Pennsylvania which touches Lake Erie and into Ohio, the best State, the "Buckeye State," to sleep our second night in the U.S.A., this time in a "Tourist Cabin." These are small, but attractive wooden huts of various designs and colours, just big enough to hold beds and wash-basins. The children and I slept in one cabin and the men-folk in the next, and the car was parked between. Here we were enthusiastically greeted by a young woman from Kensington. She had gone out in March to help her brother with his tourist business and she was thrilled to see someone from London.

HELEN H. HARRIS.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
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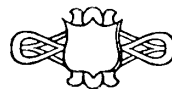
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Club and Society Notes

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

Well, so much for Summer 1938, while I write we still have some members away touring, they constitute the last of this year's wanderers, and by now they are back taking up their position behind a back wheel, travelling through more familiar country. While on the subject of back wheels, and with the winter months ahead of us, I would like to call members' attention to the notice which appears in the Handbook, and is probably inserted as usual in the runs-card concerning rear mud-flaps. I ask you to remember that the man in front puts one on to protect your clothing from mud splashes so it is up to you in turn to think of the rider behind and to show the same consideration.

Now that we seem well fixed in our new club-room and the weekly attendance is steadily increasing, it has been decided to increase our facilities for indoor games. Lots could be done in this direction if members would show more enthusiasm for indoor sport.

Our Grand Opening Dance takes place on Saturday, October 8th, at the Cornwall Rooms, White Lion Hotel, Edgware. Mr. Brickett is again in charge of the arrangements and it will be as well if readers who follow our social events would note his new address, 28 Hogarth Road, Burnt Oak, applications for tickets will receive an immediate reply. Admission is as usual 1/6 and dancing is from 7.45 until 11.45 p.m. As this is the third year that we have run dances at this Hotel I feel sure we can expect our usual jolly evening and look forward to seeing the same faces at our second dance on November 19th.

I did hear members discussing last year's "bonk race" at the club-room some weeks ago which started me wondering if we can again organize some winter events on last year's scale, such as free wheeling contests, and rough-stuff rides. Bill probably has them in mind so let him know that you want them by using the suggestion sheet and they will appear on the next runs-card. While on this subject allow me to crack the same old joke, "What about having a go in the North Midds. Hill Climb?"

This month's runs are as follows:—

- Oct. 2nd—Dinner, Knockholt. Tea, Epsom.
- 9th—Dinner, Cholesbury. Tea, Redbourn.
- 16th—Dinner, West Wycombe. Tea, Stoke Poges.
- 23rd—Dinner, Chobham. Tea, Stanwell Moor.
- 30th—Dinner, Bishops Stortford. Tea, Hertford. POTTERER.

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

(HENDON SECTION)

Some of the boys are, at the time of writing, very busy training for the end of season "25," many of the Clarion enthusiasts have been putting up good times lately, and, although our Hendon boys have to enter all events under the name of the Clarion Cycling and Athletic Club to which they belong, they want to pull their weight in club activities. Of course by their being members of a large body like the C. & A.C.

it gives them opportunities for racing such as they could never attain in a small local club, or even in a club of nearly 80 members like ours. Stan and E. Keats rode in a 30 mile T.T. the other week. Stan won the first handicap by returning 1 hour, 27 mins., 17 sec., whilst Ernie did a 1 hour, 25 mins., 12 secs. for the course. Most of club are waiting for the Clarion 100 miles in 6½ hours tourist trial and by the look of it Hendon will have about a dozen or more in the event.

The London Clarion 5th Annual Sports are now a thing of the past, but Hendon again had the most members present at the affair. The whole day's programme went off without a hitch and officials of the London Union are to be congratulated on the excellent tea arrangements made for over 350 members and friends who were present. In the sporting event Hendon members took 4 firsts and a number of places were also recorded. In the tug of war event Hendon's 2nd team got to the finals but after a hard battle, lost to a slightly heavier team from Peckham.

Many coming events are scheduled for the club's winter programme. Of course club runs will go on just as in summer, in fact we expect even more out than ever. During the winter however, the Hon. Social Sec. has promised even more fixtures and visits to places of interest, Dances, Socials, Concerts, inter-club activities and many other events. Also the London Union of the Clarion will be holding dances, concerts, etc., for the section's benefit. So whether it be cycling racing or social, the Clarion provides the best. This month's two runs strike me as being more than usually interesting. One is the night ride which I guess will be a pretty chilly one, the other is the inter-club run with East Ham section. The East Ham section are one of the oldest sections in London and although they have visited us at our clubroom it will be our first inter-club run with them.

October runs are as follows:—

- 1st-2nd—Night Ride.
- 9th—Inter-club with East Ham Clarion.
- 16th—The Pelhams.
- 23rd—Friday Street.
- 30th—Egypt.

All runs start from the Police Box, Watling Ave., Burnt Oak, at 9 a.m., afternoon section to tea places for beginners and others, 2.45 p.m. Tuesday evening spins at 8 p.m. Club night, Thursdays, 8 p.m. Temporary clubrooms, John's Café, Edgware Road, Colindale. Further information, Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak.

Let's see you sometime. VIC C. BOTTERILL.

VETERANS' CLUB

Wednesday, September 7th, saw a crowd of Veterans waiting outside the Centre at 8 o'clock in the morning with beaming faces and polished badges. They were off to Clacton-on-Sea for their Annual Outing and every one was eager for the coaches to arrive. Quite a number of friends came to see them off including a Fairy Godmother, well known in this district, who had come along with her arms laden with sweets, and cigarettes, a gift to the Veterans to enjoy on their way down. We had one mishap at the beginning by leaving one of the old folks behind but this good lady

always ready to assist promptly sent her car after us with the Veteran nice and snug inside. They caught us up at Epping. We arrived at Clacton at 12.30 and the old folk set off along the front to enjoy the beautiful weather and the sea. We all met at the Corner House at 4 o'clock for tea, during which a hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the Veterans' Club was passed by Mrs. Fox, to Messrs. Cronshaws for their great generosity in once again supplying the coaches at the bare cost, and to the officer and others for arranging the Outing and the good things they had enjoyed on the way down. Eleven o'clock found us back once again at the Centre, after a day full of happiness and enjoyment.

E. E. COLE.

BURNT OAK LEFT BOOK GROUP You and Me

Why should one person bother about another? I can give no direct answer to that. Each of us has some sort of answer. The most selfish is not so independent as to be consistently happy in himself. The most unselfish is not so selfless that he never considers himself. But each and all of us at times and in various ways depends on each other.

That is all very well, but why should an Englishman concern himself with an Abyssinian or Chinaman? Well, in 1931 the Japanese attacked and conquered Manchukuo and ever since we've felt that war in which we would be involved has come closer to us. Abyssinia, Spain, back to China—and now Czechoslovakia. But still, why should we be involved?

The question is not one of Pacifism or War; but are we, or are we not to be involved. If all that goes on around us has no concern for us, we still have to satisfy ourselves that others will not attack us. As long as people still rule their lives so very largely by fear and envy, can we say that nothing concerns us outside our own Isles? Anyway, does life in Great Britain stand still?

Such are some random thoughts on important problems which the Burnt Oak Left Book Club Group think about. New ideas and new people are always welcome. We believe we are neither stodgy nor dogmatic. Try us!

Our meetings are held at the Centre on the 2nd and 4th Fridays in the month.

Winter Cycling is Good for You!

... says Mrs. Billie Dovey, the Rudge-Whitworth year rider who has just completed 20,000 touring miles inside eight months daily cycling for health

Prepare your bicycle . . . for the wet and wintry days that lay ahead. It seems a shame to have to admit that autumn is here, but although there will be lots of sunny cycling days yet (we hope), bicycles need preparation.

Don't let the weather find out the faults in your equipment, attend to such matters now. Tyres are the first consideration, along with the chain. These will have to be in good condition if you intend to

keep on riding each week-end. Women cyclists enjoy their winter cycling once they are coated in gear low on their machines, and have learnt the art of quick pedalling to keep warm.

With rosy cheeks after a twenty mile ride, hot tea or coffee will taste better than usual. Winter cycling girls are usually brimful of health, and winter runs with one of the local clubs are usually more enjoyable than those in the summer months. Morning winter sunshine in the Chiltern Hills on an October Sunday morning takes a lot of beating. So keep riding, women cyclists, and encourage others to fortify themselves against "flu" etc., by doing the same. Grease and oil your cycle, in order to *ride it*, not to put it away in the shed to lay idle for six months.

Scotland to Watling. After three weeks on Scottish roads amid scenery such as only can be found north of the Border. I was riding through the Estate as I often do, glancing at the neat and pretty gardens as I silently pedalled along. Of course, that is one of the great advantages of cycling—you do notice things about you as you travel the countryside, town and old-world village. I have rarely anywhere in my 20,000 miles this year seen such a collection of front gardens.

And I have been through similar estates at Leicester, Hull, and a host of other towns. Watling gardeners, you have something to be proud of. I called at the Centre to leave another supply of the weekly paper "Cycling," but on reading the last issue of the RESIDENT was a little sorry to see that no cycling lecturer has been booked for the winter as is usual.

Winter cycling wear . . . for women chiefly. I found a "Durocord" divided skirt very useful last winter when making visits and not wanting to wear plus-fours such as the normal club-girl always wears these days. The only people who make a skirt of the above material and design are Jacksons of 11 Bank Buildings, Harlesden, N.W.10. The zipp jacket remains supreme to keep out cold winds but refuse to be sold one if it has not a fully yoked back, and fairly tight fitting cuffs and waist.

Shoes should be heavier than summer and not close-fitting. Tight shoes mean cold feet. Take two stiff sheets of brown paper (thick) and cut to your shoe size. Mix a thick paste of mustard and make a "sandwich" and leave to dry. Insert these in your shoes, they have been known to cure the "cold feet" people. Lambs' wool gloves are the only kind I now have.

The finest reference guide any cyclist can have, whether he or she rides for just business or pleasure and sport, is "Cycling Manual" from your newsagent for one shilling. Crammed with hints and tips for the novice and the old hand.

Cyclists' Dances are here again. Each year the local cycling clubs hold the best dances in the district. Cycling clubs in the winter become very much a social force in this way, for members, friends (male and female), parents and relations are all invited to make merry on these occasions.

The cycling club spirit usually prevails at these dances too, which shows how fine cycling must be, to those who dance but don't cycle. If you find (those readers of you who do not cycle), you like these cycling folk and dances, then you will have to get a bicycle very soon in order to enjoy more of their good fun!

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

A Lost Art?

The other day we tasted some bread which had been made by a pupil from one of the schools cookery classes and it was decidedly better than shop bread. It had a flavour which we have rarely tasted, except in farm-house bread.

In some parts of England people bake all their own bread. We wonder how many people on Watling do.

Here is an expert's recipe: 5 lb. of finest flour, 2 oz. yeast, 2½ oz. lard, dessertspoon of castor sugar and two pints of luke-warm water. The mixture is sieved and worked into a solid dough. This makes four loaves.

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The Adult Schools were well represented at the twenty-first birthday party of Miss Florrie King, a member of the Young People's Adult School, which was held at the Centre on Saturday, October 1st. After a run of dancing and entertainment Mr. Nyberg made a short speech and Miss King blew out the twenty-one candles which surmounted her birth-day cake, made by Mr. Frank Whitehead. Florrie was then seized and bumped twenty-one times. Mrs. Nyberg was then caught and bumped—but they had to take their coats off to do it. Toasts were drunk and the fun went on till everyone had had their fill of cats, drinks, dancing, songs and entertainment and a jolly evening came to an end with us all singing Auld Lang Syne.

Respiration

What shall we do with our gas masks? Now that the crisis is over—for the time being, it has been suggested that we might use them as a shopping bag or a new style hat. We know one old lady who uses hers to keep her knitting in.

Beaver

How will Santa Claus get his on? Will he have his whiskers bobbed or will he stuff 'em in his mask and choke himself?

Keep Cool

Whatever else the war scare did it showed once more how calm British people are in times of stress. Thousands of men, women and children were at the fitting stations getting gas masks and so far as we were able to observe there were no incidents although it was a sad sight to see some of the scared kiddies. So much for civilisation.

"Community" Flats

Building of seventeen blocks of flats—containing 819 rooms—in Homerton High Street, E., is recommended by a Hackney Borough Council Committee at a cost of £256,000. Besides the living accommodation the flats will include a community hall, a communal laundry, shops and a Sanctuary.

Breathe Deeply

Strolling round Watling one Sunday I was pleasantly surprised to see how well off we are for open spaces. Besides spaces reserved for allotments we are surrounded by Lyndhurst Park, Montrose Playing Fields, Cressingham Park, Woodcroft Park and Mill Hill Park. Truly we have room to breathe.

The National Fitness Council

have signified their willingness to advance for swimming baths, £196,347, Community Centres and Halls, £231,175; Gymnasiums and Equipment, £166,263; Youth Hostels, £13,840, and Playing Fields, £104,750.

Dancing

People dance for many reasons and in many ways. There are ritual dances, ballroom dances, stately dances, jolly dances, tap dances, ballet dances, folk dances, etc. The English Folk Dance and Song Society is a body of people who like the old English country dances. They are giving a demonstration at Barnfield School on Friday, December 2nd, at 8.0 p.m., and after the demonstration there will be a chance for all to join in. Come along for a jolly evening.

Reading

Do you enjoy reading? If so, what? The newspaper, THE RESIDENT, magazines, books? Does your neighbour buy THE RESIDENT? If not, please ask him or her to do so.

Reading

You can smell the biscuits as you pass through the station. We hope there will be a fine Community Centre on one of the new estates there. They are not Betta Biscuits.

What Do You Want

to do in your leisure time? If you don't know the W.A. can give you suggestions. If you do know but can't get others to co-operate let us put a note in random jottings.

Oh Yeah!!

There is some doubt about Sewell Harris having been to the U.S.A. He has not yet been heard to say—OH YEAH!!!

Watlers Old and New

On November 18th, doors open 7.30 p.m., commence 8 p.m. at the Watling Centre. Mrs. Hilton is again producing her Juvenile Concert Party. Young Watlers, both old and new, have promised to rally round Mrs. Hilton who, it is rumoured, will be handing them over to new management at the end of this year. While a feeling of regret shows among the party at the loss of their leader, who gave them their first chance, they are putting all they know into their rehearsals, and promise that as usual they will fill the house, thereby making Mrs. Hilton's departure the same as her entrance. **A FULL HOUSE WITH AN ADULT AUDIENCE.**

A full-dress Rehearsal Concert for Children will take place on Thursday evening, November 17th, commencing 5 p.m. Admission, 3d.

Hurry Up!

Another popular outing will take place on Thursday, December 15th, when seven coaches will convey Jack Hilton and his party of 230 on a visit to the Palladium, leaving Watling Centre at 8 p.m. sharp. After the performance the party proceed to Piccadilly Corner House for supper.

All enquiries to Jack Hilton at Watling Centre, or 85 Goldbeaters Grove. NO applications after Saturday, November 5th.

Christmas

The time for our Bazaar is coming. Keep the date December 17th. Collect your gifts and save your money. Let Mrs. Roblou know what you want and what you can contribute.

Come on everybody, we are going to sing, louder and Louder and LOUDER, OI!

The Eight Gay Girlies are as busy as bees rehearsing for their next show which will be given at the Watling Centre on Thursday, 17th November, at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that the Fairy will be able to reduce by then to 15 stone. What a fairy. I hear that the next show will be better than ever before, if that is possible. Make sure of a seat by getting your tickets early. Tickets, which may be obtained at 117 Banstock Rd., Watling, are 6d. and 1/-.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following
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13—Mr. J. FENWICK ADAMS.

20—Mr. K. BANHAM.

27—Mr. E. S. CURZON
Mr. F. N. MARTIN } DIALOGUE.

PERSONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE WATLING CENTRE

Dear Children,

Many of you listened to the appeal on the wireless, made by Uncle Mac, for the refugee children in Czechoslovakia, and most of you know how kind he has been to us.

I should love to send him some pennies from you—may I? Oh! I know you will not disappoint me.

You will find a collecting box in the office at the Centre, and it is reserved just for us! Do you think we can collect enough to fill a Xmas stocking?

If you would like to send a letter too—please do.

I will let you know how much we collect.

Jolly wishes to you all.

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Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

November, 1938

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
6. God and the Nations.
Mr. A. I. Jones.
13. Annual Meeting.
20. Loyalty. Mr. George Symes.
27. Communism. Mr. T. Campbell.
- Dec. 4.** Fascism. Mr. A. E. Baker.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Watling Athletic Association, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 8 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.30 p.m.
Discussion Group, 8.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays** — Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.
Millinery 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.
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.
2. My Favourite Book.
Members of the Guild.
9. Sex Education of Children.
Miss A. P. Duncan.
16. Demonstration of First Aid and Bandaging. Commandant Mrs. M. Amps.
23. First Aid. Dr. Gwyned Dean.
30. Current Events.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
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.
Boxing, 8 p.m.
Indoor Games 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.
Table Tennis Club, 3 p.m.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Wednesday 2** Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
- Thursday 3** Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
- Sunday 6** Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
- Monday 7** Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
- Wednesday 9** Goldbeaters Parent Teacher Group at Goldbeaters School. The Work of the Juvenile Employment Bureau, Mr. Taylor, 8 p.m.
- Thursday 10** Lecture School on British Foreign Policy, 8.30 p.m.
- Friday 11** Left Book Club Group.
- Sunday 13** Free and Easy, 8 p.m. The Story of the Red Cross. Commandant Mrs. Maude Amps.
- Monday 14** Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
- Friday 18** Young Watlers Concert, 7.30 p.m.
- Sunday 20** Public Lecture in co-operation with Edgware Fellowship. Education and the Struggle for Power. Mr. J. P. M. Millar, General Secretary N.C.L.C.
- Monday 21** Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
- Thursday 24** W.A. Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
- Friday 25** Helpers' Social, 8 p.m.
Left Book Club Group, 8 p.m.
- Sunday 27** Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Curious things about Natural History. Prof. E. H. Warrington.
- Monday 28** Oddfellows, 8 p.m.

FREE AND EASY

The first of this season's "Free and Easy" socials opened on Sunday, October 9 with a crowded hall and a variety of talent which has rarely been seen at the Centre. So many people attended that dancing was out of the question, but there were so many turns that the audience were content to sit and be entertained. Jack Radley was M.C. so we need not add that the evening was a "huge success." Jack's presence alone is an assurance of a good show, and every credit is due to him for getting together such accomplished artistes whose services, judging by the applause, were greatly enjoyed.

Many people attend these Sunday Socials who we rarely see on other occasions and in extending our cordial welcome to them, we can only add that we should like to see them more often. As good as the Free and Easies are, there are many other functions at the Centre which are worth supporting, and we hope our friends will come along. A copy of the activities taking place during the winter may be had on enquiry at the Centre.

London Community Associations

What sort of leadership do we want? How can we best organise our work? What are the ideas which stimulate our activity? These were some of the points discussed at Dalgarno Gardens when the Greater London Regional Conference of Community Associations met there.

Mrs. Stocks contrasted the dictator leader and the democratic leader. For a hundred years and more English social life, the English type of community, has been moulded by the growth of small, spontaneous centres of organised social effort led by small men seeking to express some idea—Trade Union branches, Co-operative Societies, Friendly Societies, Mechanics' Institutes, Free Church congregations—where could be pursued a common material interest, education or worship. These people learned by a process of co-operation, by the machinery of committee work, by the acceptance of majority decisions and the taking of financial responsibility, how to translate individual interests into social policy. This leadership was the basis of our democratic system, and the Community Centre leaders were the natural inheritors. An effective system of democracy must be based on broad delegation of leadership to many people, and in small areas it is possible for people to learn the responsibilities of leadership.

Mr. Harris dealt with some of the problems of an organiser, dealing with people and with material. The human problems are much more important than the material ones, and often much more difficult as they frequently involve achieving the right relationships between differing individuals.

Major Carter spoke of the ideas behind our activity. He said there were four—neighbourhood, wholeness, co-operation and democracy.

Neighbourhood was more than living in the same circle of so many square miles, it implied community, but a community was more than just the sum total of its members. That something more could be achieved if individuals shouldered their responsibilities and did things together, the things that made community worth while.

It was important that Community Associations should read the meaning of neighbourhood widely. The independent organisations, because they were independent, would be a source of strength to Associations if they co-operated by joining as corporate members together with individual members, for the Associations would then speak for their neighbourhoods as a whole, and that was valuable.

There had also to be a wholeness of body, mind and spirit in the people who composed the community, and the Centres played their part in helping them to achieve this. Bodily wholeness was not merely a question of games and physical jerks, but of activity which was normal to normal people. One of the important factors in attaining wholeness of mind was what Lord Horder had called "the quiet mind—a quality in the mind which balances intelligence with energy, and gentleness with fortitude." Every Centre should, if possible, provide a room where it was possible to be undisturbed for reading or thinking or writing and to cultivate a quiet mind which would

help in a right judgment of affairs. Lastly, spiritual wholeness was the fundamental thing which would unite any community, whatever it was trying to do.

Much had been said already about co-operation, but Major Carter wanted to stress the value of co-operation between Community Associations and other voluntary organisations, some of which had resources of leadership and experience which they would gladly share. Equally important was the co-operation with the Local Authorities, particularly since they would be the sources from which Community Associations would get Centres and playing fields. A real partnership was needed between voluntary organisations and Local Authorities, and in a partnership two things were necessary. One could not ask for help and hurl brickbats of criticism at the same time. It meant giving and taking on both sides. Community Associations had something to give to Local Authorities. It was very easy for a big machine to get too machine-like and to get away from human problems, and Local Authorities were willing to realise that the Community Centre movement could contribute something to the humanising of Local Government machinery.

Democracy was not merely an abstract principle, it was a thing to *live*. It meant the control of practical affairs, the affairs of a group, of a neighbourhood and, through them, the affairs of a town, of a nation and of the world. The conception of democracy had changed, and post-war thought was not in favour of the individualism which was a result of a laissez-faire attitude. We wanted now to help every individual to find his individuality in co-operation with others. We could not live to ourselves alone. But we had to realise that the individual was still the important thing although he could not realise his importance by himself or at the expense of his neighbours. He could only realise his individuality in its fullness in harmony with the other people round him. There was a clear demarcation between democracy of that sort and the political theories which said that the individual was no more than the servant of the state. Major Carter said the individual did matter, that the antidote to Fascism was an effective democracy which was impossible without delegation or representation. Community Associations must understand the duty of representative government, since that was the basis of democracy.

He thought that he could sum up by quoting what the Secretary of a Community Association in the Midlands had written to him: "If we can imbue into the minds of our people that spirit of 'What can I give my fellows?', I feel we shall have justified our existence in more ways than one." That spirit of service, of interest, of co-operation was more important than it had ever been before. Democracy was not a thing of crisis but was won by the hard day-in-day-out labours of working with our fellows in little things. The Community Association idea was an old idea in a new setting, and if we could put it into practice all day and every day the effect on the future would be tremendous.

Painting Competition Result

As the entries of last month's Painting Competition were of equal merit the prize has been divided between L. Nials, Dick Lodge, Kathleen Moore, Terry Hilton. Prizes may be obtained at the Watling Centre

Borough Council Notes

The Education Committee wants to support the North Western Child Guidance Clinic and to facilitate the attendance of children who need its help.

Steps are being taken to provide a car park on the land adjoining the Conservative hut.

Stopping places are to be instituted for buses in Watling Avenue for an experimental three months. The Council is invited to comment during that time, so if you don't like the scheme, say so.

The Parks Committee thought Sunday games on the Borough grounds might be allowed to start earlier in the future and the Council agreed.

The Watling Association's request for the appointment of a woman park-keeper for Watling Park was again turned down. Why?

Tenders are invited for the erection of a convenience in Woodcroft Park.

Representatives were appointed to the London Council of Social Services Conference on "Planning for Living," one session of which will deal with new estates.

Hendon members on the Middlesex County Council have been asked to try to get recognition again for the Watling Association Distress Fund and other funds under the Sunday Entertainments Act.

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OUR PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

I was extremely pleased to read in the October issue of the *Watling Resident*, the able, interesting and constructive address given by Mr. A. I. Jones at the Quarterly Meeting of our Association. I understand that this was one of a series of addresses he intends to give us. Well, his first was of a very high order, and if the succeeding ones are as interesting and as inspiring, what a benefit it would be to Watling if we had him as A. I. Jones, M.P. for Burnt Oak.

He has the gift of oratory, quiet, natural, and yet every word, every sentence, has a very telling effect upon his audience. I once asked the question as to why so many Scotsmen came to England, the answer I got was that God in His wisdom, sent them to this country to lead us in the right way. Well, perhaps God is now altering his plan and giving Welshmen a chance to excel. Anyhow, the one sent us is of an inspiring type, and may his shadow never grow less. One part of his speech has inspired me to write this article. He said he would like to see the deliberations of the various groups and classes reprinted in the *Resident* for the benefit of all classes. He stated that if this was done the *Resident* could become a standard work and would be eagerly sought for by Community Centres all over the country. I sincerely endorse his opinion, and here, I am suggesting that the items of discussion by the Watling Council should be reprinted in the *Resident*. This would certainly show the residents that the Council are a live body. It would prove that they are alive to the wants of the people they were elected to serve. A point I should like to introduce here is this: There are perhaps many of our young people who are working up for exams in Short hand, these folks should be invited to attend all our Meetings. They could send their work to the Editor, who could then use his discretion re the publishing of scripts sent in. This I think would be good practice for them. At present we only get the bald statements that the Council has met, etc., etc. Our President in his talk asks that we should give more detail.

I trust that those responsible for the work of the Centre will digest this and follow the President's lead in this direction.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY DAVIS.

DEAR EDITOR,

I read with interest in last month's issue of *THE RESIDENT* your editorial on "Keep the Peace," and I am in agreement with you that the people of Europe never have, and I hope never will, want war. Yet, as you say, how easily they are caught up in the throes of war once it has started. This set me thinking of the recent crisis and how easily we might have found ourselves striving to kill our brothers.

That issue has temporarily passed, but the challenge of Fascism versus Democracy still remains. One

wonders what stand the people of this country took, make if we have to decide here between these two.

It seems probable that an attempt may be made to the Fascists to make it appear a party affair. On one side Fascism, the other Communism, so as to leave the people the choice of supporting one of the two. This may be desirable, from a party political point of view, but the question of democracy does not confine itself entirely to one particular political party. Let me put it in another way. If we assume that the vast majority of the English people are believers in democracy and have no desire to be ruled under a Dictatorship we must also remember that this great part of the community consists of people whose political and religious beliefs differ, and yet all have one thing in common—Democracy. Does this not then point to the necessity of forming an alignment whereby they could unite in one common effort, regardless of creed, party or class, in an endeavour to uphold the policy of Democracy.

If we agree then, that such an alignment should be adopted, the next step would be to find an organisation through which this could be put into operation. It would have to be free of all the shackles of party politics and sectarian beliefs, but the same time fully representative of the people. Its machinery should be such that close contact could be made through its organisation in many counties throughout England.

What better organisation then, Mr. Editor, than the Community Association movement. It can lay claim to all that could be desired of a democratic organisation. Its Associations and Centres are spread over most of the English counties. Its general membership and its affiliated bodies represent most of the organisations in its area. Its general policy is non-party political, non-sectarian. Surely then it is through the machinery of organisations such as this that a stand might be made for Democracy.

E. COLE.

DEAR SIR,

When the final plans for the completion of the Centre are being considered I hope that the canteen will receive more attention. As it is now, a customer has to poke his head through a small cubby-hole to see what's on sale, and what does he see. Most of the stuff covered up, about one variety of chocolate and a few uninteresting biscuits.

The canteen could be made more profitable than it is at present if a little enterprise is put into it. The hole in the wall should be larger so that members could see what is on sale, and goods and fancies should be displayed so that customers would be tempted to purchase. I am not suggesting that we turn the canteen into a village store, but we can make it more like a service kitchen and less like a tuck box.

"BATH BUX."

DEAR SIR,

I hope all citizens of Watling will consider very carefully before they lend support to or are taken in by any scheme for "National Service" which is so much before us in the public press just now. There might be something to be said for some scheme for "Voluntary National Service" for young people, if it were to promote physical and mental fitness and awaken them to the satisfaction of doing something for the welfare of their fellow men, but when the

scheme for National Service is sponsored by such persons as Sir Arnold Wilson and Sir Edward Grigg, then those who value their ancient British liberties, secured for us by our forefathers through their endurance of religious and political persecutions, will look upon such National Service with some suspicion and misgiving. Before we know it we might find ourselves boxed up in some scheme for conscription. One is not reassured when one reads from Sir Edward Grigg's recent book, "Britain Looks at Germany," that he wishes for a register of all citizens, wishing to know age, occupation, war service (if any), Territorial Army service (if any), A.R.P. service (if any), and that "when once the register is compiled it will be for those who are free to volunteer to prove that compulsion need not be applied," Sir Auckland Geddes wrote in THE TIMES of March 24th this year. As the only man now alive who has been responsible to Parliament for the day to day administration of compulsory military recruiting, I hold the fully matured opinion that on balance the "imposition of military conscription added little if anything to the effective sum of our war effort." Let us beware then of compulsory efforts in peace time. So urgent has become the question of our civil freedom that the National Council for Civil Liberties and the National Peace Council is organising a conference on War Preparation and Democratic Liberties, to be held at the University College, Gower Street, October 28th and 29th, which date and place readers of THE RESIDENT may like to make a note of.

Yours truly,

HELEN H. HARRIS.

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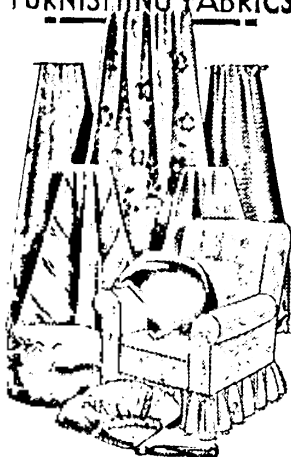
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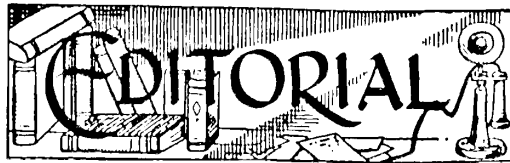
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The Love Bug

It is said that marriages are made in heaven. Many of them are wrecked, according to the psychologists, by lack of sex knowledge, and so we are to have sex schools all over Britain.

Not only are our love-making methods all wrong but we eat the wrong food. Dieticians have told us so for years. Cooking is wasteful, it destroys the vitamins.

Meat eaters they say are inclined to be savage and irritable—yet the Eskimos who live almost exclusively on meat and fish are the most peaceful race on earth. There is no word for "war" in their language. Incidentally, defective teeth is a disease unknown in Eskimo-land. So it would seem after centuries of thought, effort and experience, we do not know what to eat, or how to practice the amorous arts. As the Yorkshireman said, "There moost be summat up or summat!" What will happen when, as the scientists predict, we live on synthetic food, is open to conjecture: probably by that time a human being will be just an animated thought.

The problem which faces most of us at the moment, with the present upward trend in food prices, is, how to maintain a decent standard of living. Keep fit we are told, when many people find it difficult to keep alive. If, instead of the artificial environment the present state of civilisation compels us to live in, our conditions of employment and wages were more compatible with our needs and desires, we should not have to worry about vitamins or physical jerks, and this love business could look after itself as nature intended.

In spite of all, we are convinced that happy marriages are the rule rather than the exception, and if these new schools are helping to increase human happiness, they are worthy of support. F.H.L.

WOODCROFT MODERN SCHOOL

A Play

Children are natural actors. This was again proved recently when pupils from the Woodcroft Modern School for Girls presented a play, "Alice, Thomas and Jane." The hall was filled to capacity and those of us who are a little tired of cinemas enjoyed a pleasant change, and we followed with interest and amusement the adventures of Alice, Thomas and Jane, well and truly supported by a large and talented cast. The play was easy to follow and there was about it a continuity and sparkle which kept us alert and pleasantly interested from beginning to end. There is no need to reiterate that a play of this kind, with so many taking part, meant a great deal of preparation and exacting rehearsal, but whatever work was put in beforehand was certainly not in vain, for the children did justice to themselves in giving such a first class entertainment and they are certainly a credit to their school. F.H.L.



The New Forest

Some notes about Epping Forest and Burnham Beeches have already appeared in these pages. We may now complete this little survey of Forests by adding some notes in reference to a much larger open space which has some special attractions and some important historical associations.

The New Forest is easily accessible from London, being less than eighty miles away, and yet it is comparatively unknown to the majority of Londoners. It is in the south of Hampshire and part of it is opposite the Isle of Wight. It is one of the few large tracts of really wild forest land remaining in England.

It is anything but "new" as its recorded history goes back to the days of William the Conqueror. He was said to have destroyed villages and desolated the land in order to make this huge deer-park, but historians now incline to the idea that the New Forest is part of the primeval forest. This view is confirmed by the fact that no foundations of the cottages alleged to have been ruthlessly destroyed have been found and very few, if any, human remains, though there are some traces of the Roman occupation.

In the Conqueror's day the Forest covered an area of about 150,000 acres and its boundaries then were Southampton Water on the east, the Solent and sea coast on the south, the river Avon, which flows into the sea at Christchurch, on the west, and a line drawn between Salisbury and Winchester on the north. The area to-day is considerably smaller as hundreds of acres of common land on these boundaries have been enclosed as we noted was the case in regard to Epping Forest and Burnham Beeches.

As a result of these encroachments and some disafforestation the area has shrunk to about 92,000 acres and of these nearly 63,000 acres are national property all of which is unenclosed and preserved for the use and enjoyment of the people for ever.

The New Forest is a favourite excursion for holiday makers at Bournemouth and the railway between Southampton and that popular watering place goes right through the Forest for many miles.

You get a better general view of the Forest and a deeper impression of its wildness if you travel by motor-bus (there is a regular service now) from Southampton to Fordingbridge, on the Avon. The road between these two towns runs right through the northern part of the Forest and in one place crosses a wide stretch of moorland, and as it reaches an altitude of nearly 400 feet above sea level the views are beautiful and extensive.

But you cannot really see the Forest by keeping to the motor roads which run through it. You should leave the beaten track and go *into* the Forest. You can choose any point you like for doing this without running the risk of being disappointed. It is all free and open. You do however run some risk of getting lost, for a while at any rate, and a compass

and a map are useful when on an exploring expedition. But if you get lost you will soon find where you are when you come to the next road.

The writer got lost two years ago when trying to reach the Rufus Stone by a short cut. The Rufus Stone marks the traditional spot where the Conqueror's son William Rufus was killed in the year 1100, whether by accident or intentionally seems uncertain. The Stone itself is encased in iron as it was found that the Stone was gradually being whittled away by souvenir hunters! On the iron casing is a full explanatory inscription.

About half the Forest is woodland and the other half is wild open country. The animals of the Forest include nearly all the British mammals from the red deer to the field mouse. In Russell's "Graphic Guide" it is stated that "the shy denizens of wood, heath and bracken have a remarkable knack of making themselves invisible in the presence of a picnic party. But if the visitor is prepared to penetrate alone—or with a companion who will agree to preserve almost absolute silence—into the more unfrequented parts of this great sanctuary of wild life, he will be well rewarded."

What to do in November

Vegetation generally is preparing for its winter rest and the gardener should be preparing for next year's activities.

Vegetable Garden. A few things may be sown before the winter actually arrives and if they survive the winter early crops may be expected. This applies particularly to early peas and broad beans.

If a good situation is available try a sowing of Pilot peas which is one of the best early varieties. And if you have a sunny border with good light soil sow some broad beans there.

Cut down asparagus at once if this has not already been done and give the bed a good dressing of rotten dung.

Keep cauliflowers, lettuces and cabbages as free from slugs as possible.

Gather all dead leaves from the Brussels sprouts and clean them well.

Fruit Garden. Strawberry plants should now be mulched for the winter as the nutriment gets washed down to the roots and the litter helps to preserve the plants from frost.

The planting of apple, pear, plum and cherry trees may be done on fine days. If the ground has been trenched a hole just large enough to take the roots will be sufficient. Do not plant the trees any deeper than they were planted before removal. Spread out the roots in a natural way and work in fine soil between them. Keep the soil well rammed as the planting proceeds.

If you have any fruit to store see that the place where it is stored is properly ventilated. Look over the stock frequently and pick out all speckled or decaying fruit. Decay is very infectious and one bad apple will soon cause others to decay.

Flower Garden. Finish planting your bulbs as soon as possible. Those which ripen their foliage early, such as scilla, snowdrops, crocuses, early tulips and aconites should be planted first.

Keep the herbaceous border as neat as possible, but do not cut all the plants down indiscriminately.

The tops of those that are quite dead may be removed entirely and other plants may be partly cut down or trimmed up as required. Summer plants that have been used to fill up vacancies in the border should be pulled up. If the surface is then levelled with a rake the border will assume quite a respectable appearance.

Try This By LEO

"To prolong the wear of thin gloves place a small piece of cotton wool in the tips of each finger and thumb. This will prevent your finger nails rubbing through."

"A strip of velvet glued along the edge of a broom will prevent furniture or wainscoting being scratched during sweeping."

"When making suet roll put it into a plain stone jar, cover the top with greased paper, and then steam for one and a half hours."

"Cooking this way will make the pudding look much nicer and it will be far more digestible."

"Dried prunes or apricots soaked for a couple of hours in boiling water in a covered casserole or basin seem to have a much better flavour when cooked than they do when soaked overnight."

"Blowing bubbles is an old game for kiddies, but you will find their bubbles will be much bigger and stronger if a little glycerine is added to a bowl of soapy water."

"Apple batter.—Make a thin batter in the usual way. Grease a baking dish and pour in half of the batter. Cover this with a thick layer of sliced apples (raw), sprinkle with sugar and currants, and pour in the other half of the batter. Bake in a hot oven for twenty-five minutes."

"Pale children need iron. Medicine is not necessary if spinach and liver, which contain large quantities of the necessary elements, are given freely."

NURSING HINTS.—1. A poultice made from flour and black treacle will cure a boil or abscess.—2. Bronchitis may be relieved by sipping very hot water, sweetened with brown sugar candy.—3. Half a teaspoonful of powdered charcoal in a wineglassful of water, taken three times a day, will cure offensive breath.—4. Sufferers from cramp in bed may find relief by rubbing a small quantity of powdered yellow brinstone on the palms of both hands.

STY ON THE EYE.—Soak a small piece of lint, or soft linen, in a little castor oil and apply when going to bed. This gives instant relief and takes away all the inflammation.

BALD FACED STAG?

Cumberland Experience

I have just returned from a county of contrasts—Cumberland.

To be among the lakes is indescribable—the beauty of the scenes leave one almost speechless and over one's senses steals a feeling of content and peacefulness.

What memories come back. The moon over the mountains and lake at Keswick, clouds caressing the mountain tops and above all the wonderful hospitality of the people.

The contrast comes when you arrive in the industrial towns, Workington, Maryport, and like towns.

Unemployment? In London we do not know the meaning of the word. During my short stay I estimated that between 50 and 75% of the population were either workless or on short time. I have spoken to men of thirty years who have not done a day's work since they were about sixteen—and now married, with children.

The wages are very low and in some cases they are better off on the dole than in work.

The most interesting experience I had, came about through a Scotsman who lived at the house where I stayed.

One evening he was telling me of some of his experiences whilst a deputy down a pit—to us a coal-mine, and suggested that if I was interested, he could arrange for me to go down. As a matter of fact he had already made arrangements.

There were three of us in the party—shall we say Anne, Bob and myself. We arrived at the pit at 6.30 p.m. and were taken into the watchman's office, where we emptied our pockets of matches and cigarettes. Next we went into the lamp room and collected our lamps, weighing 7 lbs. each. The deputy in charge of our party then told us that one man in each party must have an oil lamp to test for gas.

Up the gangway we walked to the pit head and there saw the coal coming up the shaft in trucks, brought up by cages. As each truck was wheeled out it was automatically weighed and "porters" called out the tab number on each truck. The average weight per truck is 11 cwt.

I expected to go down in a lift of some description, but all that happened was that gates were slung on each side of the 4-ft. cage, into which we crouched and then a sheer drop of 1,200 feet.

At the bottom, we visited the ponies' stables and appreciated how clean and well looked after the animals were.

As we went through each section all trucks were stopped.

The height of the galleries varied almost every few yards, one moment you would be upright, then head inclined, then bent double. On the main galleries a double track of rails are laid and along the centre runs a steel wire. When the trucks need moving, these wires are fitted into a hook on the front of the truck and then the wires, driven by compressed air are set in motion in the desired direction. At points along the rails, are grease pumps, so that when the

truck passes over them they automatically squirt grease on the wheels.

At last we reached the end of the new gallery that was being driven and the deputy pointed out to us two seams of coal, one near the floor of the gallery and one towards the roof, each about 1-ft. 10-ins. thick. He told us that they could only use the top seam as the rock was so soft. If they dug out the lower one, the whole gallery would collapse.

In parts we could see huge timbers 6 to 8 inches across cracked under the strain and I wondered if they would last till we got out.

At the end of the gallery the miners were working and after using a pick to obtain a piece of coal to take back home with us, I was invited to try a drill driven by compressed air—and after that I certainly feel that a miner more than earns every penny he gets.

It was near here that our party split up, to the left of us was a tunnel about three feet high through which we proceeded. Bob did not want us to go on, but we compromised and Bob and Anne remained behind to retrace their steps back to the cross-roads.

Under we scrambled, the deputy leading the way and by the light of my lamp I followed, flat on my stomach with only his feet in front to guide me. The farther we got in the lower it became. In some places it could not have been more than eighteen inches high. After about 12 yards of this we came out into another gallery about five feet high.

Here a miner was working on his own, preparing the ground work for a morning shift to cut a new low tunnel. He was fixing up a machine that works on the circular saw system, only driven by compressed air. It is a circular machine with a revolving band to which is attached a number of small picks. Ropes are fixed to the machine and as the machine cuts into the coal seam the ropes hold it steady. When so much work is done the miner crawls in, lays on his side and then shovels the coal out.

On our way back to join the others, there was a sudden explosion. The deputy explained that a shot had just been fired.

We arrived at the cross-roads and after a short while Anne turned up—smothered in coal-dust and very black about the face but looking very pleased and excited at having heard a shot.

The heat down there was terrific and I felt that I would have willingly given anything for a glass of water.

We next visited the dividing doors of the up and down ventilation system—you open a door and step into a compartment and not until you have closed that door must you open the other.

At last we arrived at the shaft again and then the weird experience of going up to the pit head and feeling that instead of going up you were going down.

Out in the open again we visited the baths. You go in one end dirty and come out at the other end nicely cleaned up. On no account must you go vice-versa.

At 9.30 we left the pit and off we went for that longed-for drink and a firm conviction in that old song "Don't go down in the mine, Daddy."

WM. C. BORD.

Transatlantic Diary III.

Tuesday afternoon, August 2nd, arrived at 3.10 at Flatfields Farm, near New Vienna in South Western Ohio, and had a goodly welcome from the nearby home folks. After talk about our trip and about home happenings while my nephew had been away, we got most of our unpacking done and partly settled in for the next four weeks, all the while kept aware of the temperature by beads and rills of perspiration trickling down our bodies. Then cold baths and general tidying up and ready for supper feeling fresh as daisies. After supper there was a gathering of the clan. The clan consists of my brother-in-law and my sister, my niece and her husband and their two children, Kenneth and Mary Low, who are only a few months older, respectively, than Anthony and Margaret and proved great pals for our two (they live on a farm some twelve or fifteen miles away). My eldest nephew and his little daughter, Dorothy Ann, aged five (who live under the family roof-tree), my second nephew and his wife who live in a cottage on the home farm with only one pasture field between the two houses; my youngest nephew and his wife, who live on a farm a mile or so away and Vera, a friend and helper of the family for the past seven years. This was a grand "chin-wag," and then there were the presents from across the ocean, a kind of mid-year Christmas, and ending, sure sign that we were in America, with large plates of ice cream and cake. Here began what I suppose Susan Savoury would call a dietetic debauch of which you will probably hear more anon.

Life on the farm began usually about 5 a.m. but earlier if something special was on hand. My brother-in-law had 1,300 turkeys to feed. Nephew I. did the milking of the two cows and Nephew II. fed the cattle and pigs. Anthony was astir bright and early on a prowl of exploration which decided him that country life was better than London. All the family were ready for breakfast at 7 or a little after, and what do you think was the most remarkable sight on the breakfast table, and a surprise that we never got used to in our four weeks: a jug or pitcher holding a quart or a little more of *cream* to have in the coffee and on the cereal every single morning! From the depths of our town life it hardly seems possible, does it?

The first morning was devoted to cleanliness and we retired to the basement where hot and cold water taps and an electric washing machine soon solved the problem of our large pile of travel-worn clothes.

The Farm Bureau is the National organization catering for the farmers' needs—material and educational. It is a kind of co-operative society through which the farmer purchases in large quantities those materials such as petrol (called "gas") and foods for the livestock (always referred to as "feed"), which he needs. There is a youth organisation belonging to the parent body called the Four H Club, to which the young unmarried people belong from their earliest 'teens onwards. The Four H's are head, heart, hand and health. The local Farm Bureau headquarters are in the country seat, Wilmington, a small town of some 5,000 people, situated in the heart of a large agricul-

tural area. On our first Saturday evening Mr. Harris and I were taken to "Recreation Night" of the Four H Club. They held their meeting in a great rectangular room which had once been the Town Hall, an ancient and dirty room which the young people themselves had begun to re-model and redecorate under the inspiration of the County Agent, Mr. Bluck.

About 80 or 100 young folk had gathered from different parts of the county and were doing marching games, a very jolly "set" dance called "The Little Old Log Cabin in the Lane," and an original play or dialogue called "How to Make (or not to make) a New Acquaintance." We were given the honour of leading the Grand March to get the ice-cold fruit drinks which were served.

Afterwards we met my first cousin and his wife with whom we had ices or coca cola at the corner "drug store."

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BENEFIT OF CLERGY

By IVOR GWYNNE-JONES

In the reign of Henry II. people were not all subject to punishment if they committed serious crimes, such as murder and arson, which were, and are, called felonies. In Henry's reign the Clergy were not tried by the King's Courts, because they had no jurisdiction over them such as they had over other of the King's subjects who were not clergymen.

If a clergyman committed a murder he was simply handed over to his Bishop, who did not punish him severely. The Bishop only "unfroked" him, which means that the clergyman was forbidden to act as a clergyman ever again. All the clergyman had to do was to "plead his clergy," and he could escape punishment.

This benefit was extended to people other than clergy because the punishment for all felonies was death—even the stealing of one penny was punishable by hanging. The practice therefore arose that if the criminal could read a portion of scripture, or write a portion of a book or even write his name, he could plead "Benefit of Clergy" and thus escape punishment for his wrongdoing. Felonies could now be committed with impunity by anyone who could read or write; but a woman was not entitled to plead this plea though she usually escaped punishment by pleading that she committed the crime because she was forced to by her husband—this was called coercion. The more serious felonies such as murder, arson, and robbery, were now made not "clergyable."

In 1531 an Act of Parliament was passed forbidding any clergyman below the rank of Sub-deacon pleading "Benefit of Clergy." The Bishop at this date had the felonious clergyman imprisoned, and he also had to find sureties for his good behaviour in the future.

By the end of the sixteenth century the higher orders of the clergy were excluded from the benefit of the plea, and laymen were branded on the hand with red-hot irons if they pleaded their "clergy," so that they could not plead it twice, if they were charged with another felony.

In the early part of the eighteenth century the reading test was abolished, and it was not until 1827 that the plea of "benefit of clergy" was abolished by Act of Parliament, and offences which were "clergyable" were made non-capital, which means that people who committed crimes for which, before this date, they could plead "benefit of clergy," were not hanged when this plea was abolished.

Happily we now live in a far more enlightened age when everyone who does wrong is equally punished whether he be rich or poor, and whether he be an educated man or uneducated.

LONDON ADULT SCHOOL UNION

The Autumn meeting of the Council union took place at the Memorial Buildings, Bunhill Row, E.C. on Saturday, October 15th, when a large gathering of representatives from Adult Schools from all parts of London attended.

After a moment's silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Middleton the President, Mr. Frank Williams was introduced, followed by Mr.

Ernest Ship, who spoke of the handbook conference on December 4th, also of the Co-operative Home Committee, to which delegates were invited to attend. Mrs. Gentry representing the Women's Committee spoke of the interest taken in the N.S.P.C.C., also of the enquiry into the method of electing Justices of the Peace. Mrs. Gentry also spoke of women's activities and mentioned a social hour which was enlivened by a visit from the "Eight Gay Girls."

Mr. Collard—Men's Committee regretted the falling off of members from the men's schools, but refused to believe that this was a sign of decay. The men's schools were very much alive and efforts were going to be made to recruit more members. In this the women could help by inducing their men folk to attend. The question of mixed schools was also considered.

Miss Elsie Perry—Premises Committee, spoke on functions at Hop Gardens and reminded members that arrangements would be made at any time for members to use the premises of Hop Gardens for socials, etc.

Mr. Bowden (Hampstead School), Music Committee, said that next year a choir would be available to go round various schools to give demonstrations in hymn singing, and said that the Jubilee celebrations on March 5th would open with a music festival, and their schools would be sent copies of part songs to practice so that all could join in.

Mr. Fullwood gave a brief outline of the work of the Choir Committee and George Symes emphasized the fact that we must all endeavour to put the movement in the place where it ought to be.

Mr. Ernest Ship, editor of ONE AND ALL, was pleased to mention that Mr. John Hargreaves has been appointed sales organiser. Also the fact that Forest Gate School is showing revived interest in the magazine. A short report from the Young People's Committee followed, and then Mr. Will Lamb read out a financial statement. He mentioned that the financial year ended on October 31st, and was pleased to report that we are still maintaining Adult Schools in distressed areas.

Then followed some news about Jubilee Year, which commences on March 5th, 1939.

A special Jubilee booklet is to be published giving a full programme of the Jubilee celebrations, and Sir George Newman will speak at the Adult School Rally which will be held at Friends' House.

F. H. L.

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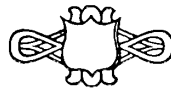
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Club and Society Notes

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB (HENDON SECTION)

On September 25th four of our "boys" rode in the London Clarion C. & A.C. 25-mile End-of-Season Time trial. Their times were:—

Stan Keats 1 hr. 9 mins. 40 secs. (2nd handicap winner).

Ernie Keats 1 hr. 10 mins. 30 secs.

Jack Skelton 1 hr. 12 mins. 36 secs. (1st handicap winner).

Reg. Batten 1 hr. 13 mins. 50 secs.

This was Jack's first event, he beat Stan by 4 secs. for the first handicap. So finishes the racing season until next year.

Now we come to the Social Season proper. Our first big event will be our Grand Dance at St. Alphage Hall, on Saturday, November 19th, featuring a Waltz Competition (with 2 Silver Cups) and a Novelty Lambeth Walk Competition. This dance will be up to our usual high standard and a good band has been engaged. Mr. Jack Radley the popular M.C. will be officiating. Tickets will be 1/6 single, 2/6 double, from the Hon. Social Sec., Mr. Stan Keats, 20 Blundell Road, Burnt Oak. Then will come the London Union "super do" at the Royal Hotel, W.C.2, when all the sections in London will get together and will things go?

The runs of the club are still well supported despite the changeable weather. The blackberry run was a success the fruit being so luscious along the hedges this year. The night ride was not cold as I had expected. Littlehampton looks very dismal in the rain but it did not damp the spirits of our hardy wayfarers. The inter-club with East Ham section did not come off owing to a hitch in the arrangements of East Ham comrades, so the fixture has been postponed to sometime in November.

We have now found a club-room large enough for our membership, at the Annunciation Church Hall, Thirleby Road, on Wednesday evenings. Our first meeting there will be on October 19th when the club's Annual General Meeting takes place. I will give you the names of next year's officials next month. Having a large club-room will be a boon, we will be able to promote more inter-club indoor sports than we have been able in the past. All cyclists are welcome at the Clarion club-room, Clarionettes are noted for their sociability all over the country and Hendon is no exception on this score.

Now that winter is with us Reliability rides will soon be here and the November programme is a good preparation. I seem to sense rough stuff in the Herts Lanes run, whilst the Map-reading Contest should prove exciting. I hear a good prize is to be offered and the winner will earn it.

November runs are as follows:—

Saturday 5th—Firework run.

Sunday 6th—Mystery.

" 13th—Elstead.

" 20th—Herts Lanes.

" 27th—Map-reading Contest.

All runs start from the Police Box, Watling Ave., Burnt Oak, at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Fellow cyclists are always welcome to join in these runs.

Further information on the club or our insurance schemes which cover you whenever you are riding, i.e., pleasure or business. Write to our Hon. Sec., Mr. E. C. Keats. Cheerio and Good Twiddling!

VIC. C. BOTTERILL.

NORTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

Our opening Dance last month was, as I anticipated, a great show. We obtained a following of roughly 130 members and friends, many of whom had not met since our last dance in March. For our next function the band, as advertised on our tickets and posters, and which was in attendance last time, will not be playing. Len has another in line so don't be afraid to come along again. March 19th is the date, at the "White Lion Hotel" ((Cornwall Rooms), dancing from 7.45 till 11.45 p.m.

The close of the racing season showed Andy again as our Best All Rounder. Generally there was not as much improvement shown as last year. Andy made the "100" record time a little faster, John and Fred broke the tandem "30" time only to find this beaten by Len and Roy some weeks after. The latter pair also carved a little off the tandem "50" time. I was very pleased to see two of our younger members turn up some fast times in the "Consolation 25." Next year should see the two Freds well in the limelight (incidentally R.I.P. Racing Sec.).

As most of you know we have now returned to the "White Lion" for our Thursday evening club night. I think most of us will feel more at home here as we have had a longer association with this hotel than any other Club Room. I wonder now if we can arrange indoor contests among ourselves and provide some prizes other than for racing to present at the Dinner in January.

POTTERER.

TABLE TENNIS

The season has now commenced, and the Watling Table Tennis Club, who hold their club meetings every Tuesday and Friday at 8 o'clock at the Watling Centre, have a few more vacancies open to anyone interested.

The club has gained the Willesden Table Tennis League and has started off in the most promising way. They played Albert Clarke's of Cricklewood last Tuesday, October 11th, and won by the margin of 8 games to 2.

We have two good tutors with us and new members can be assured of improvement to their game in a very short time.

Next season we hope to have a ladies' team in the League, so don't forget ladies, come along and join us.

Subscription, 6d. a week. Bats and balls are supplied, and conditions for playing are very good.

All are welcomed to come along and watch games free of charge.

D. DISSPRIN, Hon. Sec.

WATLING ASSOCIATION AMATEUR VARIETY COMPANY

The Variety Company made another successful appearance at the Slough Centre on Saturday, October 8th.

With Mr. Deacon officiating, the show opened very promisingly, the artistes being well received. Outstanding performances were given by Betty Lawton, who sang and danced better than ever, Ruby King and Bert Aves.

Miss King, a newcomer to the party, gave an excellent first performance and is undoubtedly an asset to the show. Bert Aves and his brother Percy gave their usual polished performance, while Roy Gilbert held the audience well with his descriptive songs. The "Three in Harmony" had a good reception, there being quite a lot of whistling from male members of the audience.

Jack Evans caused quite a sensation with his Spoon Dance, and the comic skits "Engaging a Maid" and "Brown" brought roars of laughter.

Kate Loftus sang well, and soon had the audience singing the "Lambeth Walk" with her, while Tom Crawley's comical song and dance caused much amusement. Roy Gilbert and Tom Crawley with their Flanagan and Allen melodies went down well, and the Troth Brothers "Monologue Trouble" and cross-talk was well received by an appreciative audience.

Laura Dean opened the show well as usual, and from then on the show progressed smoothly till the final curtain, when the whole company came on and sang their "Goodnight."

On the whole, everybody had a good evening. Sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Webber who made up the artistes so skilfully, also to Mr. Wickens for lighting effects, and Mrs. Howard as the girls' dresser.

L. K.

BURNT OAK LEFT BOOK CLUB Peace

These last weeks must have taught all of us that we can only have Peace if we are willing to put ourselves out to get it. One man, no matter how important, isn't able to control all the forces making for war.

If two people want one article and they have no moral code they'll quarrel, perhaps fight as to who shall possess that article. It's the same grabbing in wars. The quarrel is only more bloody and disastrous.

If this seems too simple then think about it and give us your explanation at the Left Book Club meetings we are holding every fortnight.

One thing is certain. No one will be able to avoid the results of the actions of the German, Italian, and our own Governments. Can we do anything? Out of the horror of the last weeks only one good thing resulted. Politicians learnt of the people's horror of war. Then haven't we got to change that horror into something constructive: To change hate into understanding, to make our politicians realise that we will not fight for them. This is a time for decisions. What is yours?

Winter Cycling Keeps You Well!

says Mrs. Billie Dovey, who is now awheel in the district again. She has ridden an average of 83 miles for every day since January 1st.

Is your bicycle fit? . . . for a really good dose of grit, mud and wet during the next few months. Regular oiling makes wheels, chains and brake cables, etc., work much easier. Never neglect oiling pedals and head bearings—these usually receive least attention.

Lighting is very important. Dynamos are getting lighter every year, and cheaper too, and as a result more popular. The initial outlay for one of the best now available is about 15/- to 18/-, and I have in mind either Bluemel's 333D set, or the Philidyne 52 set which either Pegley's or Rex Judd (the *Resident* advertisers) will I am sure be pleased to show you. Ride behind a really good light this winter!

A Poser for "LEO" . . . I took the September issue of the *Watling Resident* northwards with me via Stoke-on-Trent on the way to the Newcastle area. When being interviewed by the Lord Mayor of Stoke at their Town Hall, I would dearly have loved to have nipped outside to my bicycle and brought it in to show him.

Each month I read the facts and figures submitted by contributor "Leo" who has I believe erred a little when turning to cycling matters. You will remember he stated that an average man could cycle 39,248 miles in one year doing 51 weeks of 5½ days of 8 hours each.

This works out to somewhere about 144 miles a day! How many average men on Watling have we then who could do this? Very few, in fact only the club males would be fit enough to even tackle it. I venture to suggest that most other men would fall far below this "average," since it requires a steady 18 miles per hour all the year under all conditions.

There are few men like Rene Menzies who in 1937 rode 61,561 miles in the year, a total only exceeded by Ossie Nicholson of Australia who totalled 62,657 miles the other side of the globe.

Cycling and diet . . . Whilst in Salisbury some months ago, I paused at an interesting bookshop where I was fortunate enough to secure a bargain. The book was "Your Diet in Health and Disease" by Harry Benjamin, which brings me to the point of cyclists and their food.

Do cyclists study their foods and their values? I think that they do a little more than other folk, and of course they should for cycling, admittedly an exercise demanding energy. Not far away at Kingsbury is a firm that specialises in balanced foods. We might tackle these people for an advert mentioning the large number of cyclists who read the *Watling Resident*. Of special interest to readers would be their famous breakfast food. This is prepared from the best of the Scottish oat crop, and is a most nutritious cereal food. Very easy to prepare, and extremely enjoyable to eat, I often start a day's ride having included this in my breakfast menu.

Meanwhile, keep riding your way along the road to health during the next few months. Keep cycling to avoid "flu" and colds.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Old Iron

Germany, we read, is buying up scrap metal. She has already bought large quantities from this country. Let us hope that one day, that old iron bedstead we sold is not flung back at us out of a gun.

A Dog's Life

Recently some prize dogs were sentenced to be shot for sheep worrying. Surely they had enough to eat, for according to their woman owner they were all called by name to their meals and their dinner was set out in porcelain dishes. Their biscuit bill for a fortnight was £6, and their meat bill "is terrific." The puppies are fed six times a day on fish liver oil, milk and eggs. Does that make you feel hungry?

Wishing all Contributors, Readers,
Members and Friends
The Compliments of the Season

Aqua pura

A Hull doctor has been sued for using water for dispensing medicine. The water was used to dilute medicines and it is claimed that the doctor, in fact had sold water.

A cynical person we know says that's nothing new. His milkman and his local pub have been selling water for years.

Practice makes perfect

Would any budding reporter, journalist, or short-hand expert like to report the meetings of the Watling Association Council for *The Resident*. The Editor is open to receive offers for this job. Remuneration at the same rate as most of the work of the Association. That it to say the only reward is the pleasure of doing a useful bit of work and doing it well.

Shakesbacon

The controversy over who wrote the Shakespeare plays is still going on, and has even gone as far as digging up tombs in Westminster Abbey. We trust that our family vaults will not be disturbed to find out who wrote *Watling Resident*.

Gas Masks

A headmistress on the Estate feels that the intended humorous reference to gas masks and their uses in last month's issue may have misled some children. We hope that it has not resulted in any waste of material or labour of those who worked so hard in a voluntary capacity.

W.A. Distress Fund

The fund has been of great service in helping many cases of emergency on the Watling Estate. It needs replenishing. When the collector calls for a donation just before Christmas please give him or her what you can.

THE EDITOR HAS MOVED

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Christmas

The time when one thinks of—what? Puddings, mince pies, turkeys, Christmas trees, presents, helping the less fortunate, what one is likely to get, the man who gave us our greatest message of hope, and let himself be killed rather than be false to his ideals.

The River

A £1,000,000 scheme for building 1,660 flats and houses on a sixty-four-acre riverside site at Stoke Newington is being considered by the London County Council.

The site lies in a bend of the New River. It is proposed to make a promenade half a mile long on the river bank, and to provide tennis courts, playgrounds, a community centre, and a school.

Freemen or Bondmen

It must be evident to all people, who give time and think, that there are powerful forces at work to-day which threaten the personal freedom and political rights of the people of this and other countries where democracy still exists in some degree. Because the people of democratic countries have long been accustomed to freedom of thought and utterance, they do not readily perceive how these hard won privileges are gradually being withdrawn by one oppressive measure after another.

We know that in the past, this country has, with a view to repressing say new ideas which might, if put into operation, prove inconvenient to those in power, often construed the words of an Act of Parliament that was passed for a specific purpose, I mean something that was far from the intention of Parliament when it passed the Bill. That is what is being done again to-day, especially since it has become the policy of certain governments when dealing with foreign affairs, to sacrifice even honour for the sake of "appeasement."

Some readers will recollect that a certain disciple of appeasement suggested recently that it was "to foul our own nest" to criticise a certain agreement made with the dictator of Germany and commented that such criticism would not be tolerated in totalitarian states. To many of us who claim to see the light, there is behind those words, a threat of repressive steps being taken in this country against anyone who may be so bold as to criticise the particular government in power.

On Saturday, November 5th last, an important conference was called by the National Council for Civil Liberties and the National Union of Journalists to consider among other things, ways and means of combating any further encroachments on our liberties. The conference, which was attended by some 500 representatives of organisations of widely differing political views and social interests, was addressed by such well known people as Dingle Foot, M.P., Compton Mackenzie, Sir Henry Nevison, etc. It was reported at the conference that during the crisis of this summer a variety of methods had been used to bring the press in line behind Government policy and curtail the freedom of the press in giving not only opinions on, but news of, certain happenings. It is common knowledge that certain news films were cut in order "not to offend the dictators." It was further reported that recently a civil servant, employed at the Ministry of Health, whose official duties had no connection whatever with foreign affairs, and who had no access to any documents relating to foreign affairs, was dismissed the service for publishing a pamphlet dealing with the policy of the Government in the Abyssinian crisis. Numerous other examples of what is being done in this country and other democratic states, to conciliate or appease the sensitive dictators of Germany and Italy. As most of us are likely to be affected in this new drive against personal freedom and political rights, we must see to it, while yet there is a measure of liberty, that "they shall not pass," who would destroy our liberties.

GEE ENX.

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Watling Association Diary

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December, 1938

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
4 Fascism. Mr. A. E. Baker.
11 Democracy. Mr. Ronald Kidd.
18 The Way to Peace. Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg and Mr. E. Sewell Harris.
25 No Meeting.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Watling Athletic Association, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 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.
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.
7 and 14 Mr. Donald Dalley.
21 Social.
28 No Meeting.
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.
Boxing, 8 p.m.
Indoor Games 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.
Table Tennis Club, 3 p.m.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Thursday** 1 Adult School Social.
Friday 2 Folk Dancing and Display at Barnfield School, 8 p.m.
Sunday 4 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
Dance, 8 p.m.
Monday 5 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Thursday 8 "Girl in Question," presented by
Friday 9 Watling Guild of Players, 8 p.m.
Sunday 11 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. The Defence of Civil Liberties. Mr. Ronald Kidd.
Saturday 17 **Grand Christmas Bazaar, 2.30 p.m., to be opened by the Mayoress.**
Sunday 18 Dance, 8 p.m.
Monday 19 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
Sunday 25 Centre Closed.

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BARROWS IN WATLING AVENUE

Dear Editor,

I feel compelled to add to your list of "Letters to the Editor" this month in view of conversations between Burnt Oak shopkeepers and myself.

As you know, my job is to get traders to advertise in our *WATLING RESIDENT*, and their main topic of conversation is the removal of stalls from Watling Avenue. The general tone is that they are in sympathy with the stall-holders, and quite a few shopkeepers patronise the barrows, but their objection is to people coming from outside districts and trading, and going behind the shop premises and dumping all their refuse.

As I view it, there is a certain amount of co-operation between stallholder and shopkeeper, inasmuch as the shopkeeper knows that the parents and family of local stallholders shop locally, and the stallholder knows they are very frequently patronised by the shopkeepers and their staff, and a further view can be taken when I heard that a shopkeeper even stood security for a stallholder who had been taken into custody for obstruction in Watling Avenue.

What I think would be a very good idea for the stallholder would be to display the name and ADDRESS of the owner and thereby assist and encourage LOCAL TRADING.

Some shopkeepers even suggest licensing (at a small fee) stallholders resident in the locality, and thereby reduce our local unemployment.

If outside traders wish to come to Burnt Oak for business, why not rent a stall in Burnt Oak Market.

JACK HILTON.

"BATH BUN" ANSWERED

DEAR SIR,

I should like to thank "Bath Bun" for suggestions re Canteen. Now that the winter season has arrived we hope to have a better variety than we had during the summer, as "Bath Bun" will see if he enters the Centre during the week ends; we have already started introducing new lines. We assume the "Cubby Hole" mentioned by "Bath Bun" is the service hatch in "C" room, which accounts for his inability to see the variety of biscuits, chocolate, etc., which are always displayed. We would advise him when possible to use the service counter in the Common room where he can obtain a full view of the goods for sale. Though the service counter is not as wide as might be desired, the fault is in the original design of the building, and to alter this now would not only be costly but perhaps unnecessary in view of the possible completion of the Centre when the plans for the new canteen will allow a good length of counter for the comfort of the members and easier service. We do not mind criticism and welcome suggestions for the good of the association, but why use a nom de plume?

E. A. COLE.

DEAR SIR,

May I express a little disappointment at the manner of reporting the first Free and Easy? "A crowded hall and a variety of talent which has rarely been seen at the Centre" is no compliment to those contributing. Surely common courtesy alone should name some of the artistes.

On looking at the October *RESIDENT* I find the following among other events: Sunday, October 9, Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Watling Association Orchestra. On this evening Miss Lucy Ray, an operatic star of no small magnitude, and Mr. Philip Ransome, a very excellent platform tenor, also gave their services. To omit personal thanks to these alone shows an utter lack of appreciation which might influence their future action. "Jack's presence alone is an assurance of a good show," but . . . where would he be if he were met with a cold shoulder when next he approaches them. Even a one-man show leaves a lot to be desired. The Watling Association Orchestra is an asset of which we should be proud. Am I right, sir, in saying that Watling is the only Community Centre throughout the country possessing an orchestra?

Comparisons are odious, I am aware, but would it not have been better to have had that Free and Easy reported on the lines of the Watling Association Amateur Variety Company on page 16? I venture to say that your second paragraph of nine lines could have been put to better use in detailing to the absent ones what they had missed.

Please do not tell me that lack of space would not permit. With all due respect to Ivor Gwynne-Jones I suggest that things which are happening to-day at our Centre are of greater importance and interest than those dead and gone Benefits of Clergy!

Yours sincerely,

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

We regret that omission to mention so splendid a body as the Watling Association Orchestra was made in our report on this season's first Free and Easy. Our reporter informs us that this was through no lack of appreciation for the good work of the orchestra, or of the backing they give to various functions held in connection with the Association, but in making out a hasty report, he had no time to enquire the names of the various artistes, and through an oversight left out due praise for the enjoyable musical interludes provided by Mr. Lancaster and his Orchestra.

THE EDITOR.

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A National Register

According to some people conscription or a modified form of it should form an important part of our scheme for National defence.

It is not suggested that we should all be in the army, but we should be sorted and docketed, and put in our correct category, so that in the event of war we should be organised and know where to go and what to do. At the beginning of the last war men of all grades and professions rushed to join up, and many of them were square pegs in round holes. Brilliant men were often doing menial jobs or marching about with packs and rifles and getting killed in the trenches, when their brains and abilities could have been put to better use behind the lines or at home, where their services would have been invaluable. It was often the case that a group of clever men, in their enthusiasm, would join the same regiment. What a waste of brains. If they had been spread out more evenly and held in reserve we should not have lost such a large proportion of our best men in the early stages of the war.

It is thought that the proposed National Register will eliminate this evil, and should we be again plunged in a mad slaughter, the brains and man power—and women power of the nation will be more evenly distributed, and our powers of endurance strengthened.

Whatever happens, it is better for us to be organised than to have the same muddle as we had in the last war and, more shame to those in authority, during the last crisis.

But if we are to be organised for war, why have we not been organised for peace. Surely the war crisis is not the only evil to be organised for. What of the unemployment crisis, the slum crisis, and the scandalous canker of the distressed areas, and why can't we evacuate poor children to the country in peace time? We are prepared to sacrifice thousands of lives, and to draw on all our resources to wage a war when, in the past, our treatment of social evils has been appalling. Surely we should have had a National Register long ago, and the finest brains in the country mobilised to overcome the terrible but avoidable evils which beset the nation at this present time—in peace time. Let all good men not only in England but throughout the whole world, who have the brains and the ability—the scientists, the doctors, the economists and the financiers—get together, and their combined efforts would in a very short time overcome most of the evils which beset humanity.

Let us call it an International Clinic, for God knows we need one.

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A Famous Garden

Perhaps the most famous garden within easy reach of London, and very easily reached from Edgware, is the garden at Hampton Court. Doubtless many readers have visited it and those who have not are strongly recommended to do so. The pleasantest way of going there in the summer is by steamer, but there are plenty of motor-buses and trains at any time of the year.

The Palace of Hampton Court is full of historical interest. It was originally built by the great Cardinal Wolsey in 1514. Wolsey's wealth was enormous. The grandeur and magnificence of his palace and manner of life roused the enmity of many, whilst the taxes he levied for the purpose of maintaining his regal splendour caused him to be thoroughly disliked. The King (Henry VIII.) himself became jealous and the Cardinal, in order to retain the King's favour, wisely handed the palace over to him in 1526 with the explanation that it was all along intended for the King! Within four years from that date Wolsey "fell" and was banished from the Court.

The site of the Palace and its beautiful grounds was well chosen for it is at a great bend of the Thames where the river flows south-east, then east and finally north-east. Three sides of the park are thus surrounded by water.

Only a little of the original building is still standing. Of the five courts or quadrangles built by Wolsey only two are now left, and these are not magnificent but mean. Many of the kings who followed Henry VIII. pulled down, altered and added to, the original structure during the succeeding four hundred years.

The most important and extensive of these alterations were made by William III. who employed for this purpose the famous architect, Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral.

William, being a Dutchman, laid out the gardens in the regular and formal style beloved by the Dutch, and a pleasant feature of the park is its long avenues of lime trees which stretch down to the river.

On the northern side of the Palace is the famous maze, the hedges of which are formed of hornbeam. To get lost in the maze is the enjoyable experience of many young people and some older ones. When you are hopelessly lost the guide, from his raised seat in the centre, will direct you to the way out. A mathematically minded person is usually more successful in solving the problem than a student of history.

People who delight in well-kept gardens can learn many lessons at Hampton Court. The beds are trim and the paths are straight. There is a broad walk in front of the buildings on one side and from this there stretches a semi-circle of beautifully smooth lawns,

broken here and there by carefully shaped beds and crossed by three straight paths which spread out from the centre like the spokes of a wheel.

The beds are bright with flowers in the summer, and as there are many evergreens, variegated hollies and yew trees there is plenty of green even in winter.

One part of the garden is called "Queen Mary's Garden," as it was made by William III. for the queen who shared his throne. Here are the pleached or woven elms and the enormous vine which year after year for centuries has borne a great load of luscious grapes.

What to do in December

FLOWER GARDEN.—Keep the beds and borders free from fallen leaves and of course from weeds. Fork up the soil between the plants and protect the less hardy ones from damage by severe weather.

Herbaceous plants, the hardy ones, may be divided and increased, but the more tender kinds should not be disturbed until the spring.

Wall trained plants should be trimmed up and any long young growths that cannot be fastened to the wall should be removed. Plants such as magnolia grandiflora and passion flowers should be protected by matting.

Wall climbers have often only a restricted amount of soil to grow in and after one or two seasons this gets exhausted. Therefore renew the soil by digging out as much as possible of the old and replace it with good fresh soil.

To keep rhododendrons in good condition place a layer of leaf mould over their roots.

FRUIT GARDEN.—Carefully look over the black currant bushes and if you find any abnormally large buds pick these off and burn them. They are full of very destructive mites.

To keep the birds away from red and white currant bushes and gooseberries dust the bushes with a mixture of soot and lime in equal parts.

Loganberries are deservedly popular but there are several other tasty berries such as the Phenomenal Berry, the fruit of which is sweeter than that of the loganberry. Also the Newberry which is excellent for cooking and the Japanese Wineberry whose bright orange "lanterns" are so useful for decorative purposes and whose fruit makes excellent jam. These may be planted now.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.—It is not necessary to dig up the parsnips and store them. They may be left in the ground and dug up as required. The frost will not hurt them, in fact it will improve their flavour.

Begin preparing next year's onion bed. Onions require a well broken-up soil. So dig up the bed now and leave the weather to do the breaking up. Add manure to the second spit and mix Kainit with the top soil at the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. per square yard.

The old heap of soil and manure on which marrows have been grown is excellent stuff for digging into the ground that is to be used for vegetables. It will well enrich it.

Force seakale, rhubarb and chicory.

My "Bear" Story

By HARRY DAVIS

Years ago I was soldiering on the North-West Frontier of India, and one day found myself encamped in a beautiful spot on the Himalaya Mountains. There was a spot of trouble there with some of the tribes. There is now, and to my way of thinking always will be. It has always struck me comical that Tommy Atkins is not allowed to mess with politics, but is always called upon to clear up the mess that politicians make. But this has nothing to do with my story, only to give a picture of the spot where my story begins. One day a native hunter came into camp and reported that bears were knocking around, so our officers organised a bear hunt, and were successful in bagging one. Later, some of us tasted bear meat for the first time. That day brought us another tit-bit, in the shape of a convoy, which among things included, what soldiers, and others, call "glorious beer," and I had a fair share. That night I was doing a spot of "sentry go," and when on my post, my chum brought me a modicum of rum, which later began to take effect. It made me feel sleepy, and unwisely I sat down on a large piece of rock. Shameful to tell, I fell asleep with my gun across my knees. I suddenly became aware that something was licking my hand. I may have been dreaming, or perhaps thinking of bears, but I remember that I decided that it

was a bear. Strange though it may be, a story of a hunter I had read about in my school-boy days leapt to my mind. The story was like this: this hunter was being pursued by a bear, and knowing that they will never eat anything they have not themselves killed, shammed death by holding his breath. The bear concluded he was dead and went off. I decided to try this dodge, and held my breath. Still the licking went on, so in desperation I jumped up, and then I saw the big body of an animal slide over the mountain side. I alarmed the guard, and reported that a bear had been on my post. Believe me, there was not a sleepy head in the guard tent that night. Loaded guns was the order. I was again on this post some hours later, and naturally my eyes were constantly on the spot where I had seen my shaggy visitor go over, and my finger was always on the trigger in case he did turn up again to give me the usual greeting of bears (a good squeeze). Well, something did happen. I saw a big head appear, and then—lo, and behold—the whole body appeared and ran towards me. Although my gun was ready I did not shoot, for this thing turned out to be a great big Afghan hound. He started to lick my hand, and I did not prevent him. I found out that he was the pet of a mountain battery near us, and I suppose seeing me asleep wanted to do me a good turn by waking me. Well, this licking did do me a good turn, for if I had been found asleep on my post the King's regulation lays it down that the penalty is death. So my "Bear" story ends by being a rather "Doggie" one.

BALD FACED STAG?

The M.C.C. and You

By County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

On Saturday, October 29th, the Extensions to Redhill County Hospital were formally opened by Lord Rochdale, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex. Between three and four hundred people from all parts of the County, especially from the district served by the hospital assembled at the opening.

There is no need for me to remind you how anxiously these extensions have been awaited in the neighbourhood. I hope they will not only enable many more people to be treated, but that they will also relieve the very serious overcrowding that has existed in the hospital for years past and which has made the work of doctors and nurses very difficult. I hope also that the increased accommodation will lead to fewer patients being sent home before they are really fit to leave hospital.

The original hospital was, as many know, erected by the late Hendon Board of Guardians and was opened in 1928. It was intended for 175 patients.

The new extensions have accommodation for 294 beds in the Medical Block and 60 in the Maternity Block. There is also a new Out-Patients' Hall and various Out-Patient Clinics. There is a Chest Clinic chiefly intended for the examination of persons thought to be suffering from tuberculosis. There is work still in hand to add a further 72 beds.

It must not be supposed that the formal opening was waited for before putting the extensions into use. As each new part became available it was immediately made use of.

I have received many inquiries at different times as to the exact nature of the Out-Patient Department. The regulations in this respect are as follows: Apart from accidents and other emergencies, patients are expected to bring with them a note from their own doctor. Patients who have been in hospital will be treated by the Out-Patients' Clinics so long as they require specialised treatment. Patients attending with or without a note from their own doctor will be examined by a member of the hospital staff, but unless it is found that they require specialised treatment or that they ought to be admitted to hospital they will then be referred to their own doctor.

This is certainly not the type of Out-Patient Department which many people living in the neighbourhood desire, but without further extensions and increased staff it is not possible to deal with other classes of patients.

It must be remembered that this hospital, like all other County Hospitals, is available for all classes of the community, rich or poor. It is the urgency of their need of hospital treatment that decides who shall be admitted, not the question of whether they can pay much or little or anything at all. It is this throwing open of the hospitals to all classes which, together with the amazing growth of population in the County, has made the problem of providing adequate hospital accommodation so very difficult for the County Council to solve. This problem is far from being solved yet, despite the Redhill Extensions and additional accommodation in other parts of the County.

The question of payment for Hospital Treatment is a matter which is still misunderstood by many. The facts are these: As I have said, ability to pay or inability to pay has nothing to do with admission. The financial aspect is dealt with by a special department.

Those persons who in their own opinion can pay full cost for their stay in hospital are asked to do so. This full cost varies actually from one County Hospital to another, but in fairness the average cost is charged and this is steadily increasing and is approaching five pounds a week.

Where people cannot pay full cost they are required to fill in a form stating their income and out-goings. These facts are considered together with the number of persons dependent on the income and then an assessment of what it is considered can be paid is made and the bill is sent in. A very important point is that where the patient cannot pay full cost certain relatives may be asked to help pay the balance.

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To turn to quite a different matter. The County Council is the body responsible for administering the Merchandise Marks Act, which among other things requires that all meat sold must be marked with the name of the country of its origin. The main intention of this order is that only genuine English meat shall be sold as such and for the price of English meat.

Well, during the past year, so we learnt at the October meeting of the County Council, no fewer than 157 prosecutions were instituted against butchers in the County of Middlesex who had transgressed this regulation and attempted to sell imported meat as English or who had broken the law in some other way. Butchers were prosecuted on 52 occasions for describing pigs' liver as either sheeps', lambs' or calves' liver and thus attempting to get a higher price than that which is the proper one for pigs' liver. Steak is another article that is frequently not what the butcher claims it to be. So, housewives, look out next time you go to the butcher's and see you get what you ask for and what you pay for. Of course, the majority of butchers conduct their business in a perfectly honest manner no doubt, but there are those who need watching. Equally of course it is not only "purveyors of meat" who break this law. There are pastry-cooks who sometimes label their dainties "Real Cream Meringues" or "Devonshire Cream Sandwich" when the so-called cream is really some kind of vegetable fat. And fishmongers occasionally put fancy names on their wares and sell fish for a higher price than under its own name it could command. And I have seen a greengrocer's scale-pan that had been "arrested" because on the bottom were a good two ounces of mud, off potatoes probably, robbing each purchaser of two ounces of potatoes or whatever was being weighed.

The County Council has a staff of agents who go round the shops making purchases. Perhaps the smart young housewife just ahead of you in the queue, or the portly lady with the shopping-basket, are County agents doing their part in protecting you against those traders who are not as honest as the majority of their fellows.

Well, good shopping!

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The Deansbrook Dinosaur

By LEO

A Queer Tale

Have you seen it? It is about sixty feet long—or perhaps sixteen, has a hard corrugated skin, a long sinuous neck surmounted by a head, which, in appearance is a cross between a horse and that of a rhinoceros. On its nose is a large wart. Its legs are short, bandy and scaly, and it hops along in short pants—pants along in short hops—anyway it gets along some way.

Actually the season for monsters is over. The Loch Ness monster conveniently appears during the tourist season, when people from all parts of the world flock to see it. All the hotels in Loch Ness are full and business flourishes. No doubt our monster will make Watling prosperous. A short while ago, a sea serpent was seen by fishermen off the Suffolk coast. This was verified by the local parson who also claims to have seen it. But who ever would have thought of a monster appearing in the quiet and peaceful village of Watling; anyway there it is, we've got a monster alright; but let old Ben Hicket, who first saw it, tell the story as, pop-eyed and stuttering, he told it to me. "Ahem! Man and boy I've lived in these parts nigh on 75 year. I've seen some funny things in my time I have, but this 'ere animile wot I saw fair give me the creeps it did. I genly takes a walk in the cool of the evening as is my custom, and the other night, I was standing gazing at the sunset over the allotments, when I saw it. Yus, I saw it. There it was, behind a marrer bed, crouching down as if ready to spring on somethin'." Here Ben took out his stump of pipe and spat. Replacing his pipe, and skillfully gripping it with his single tooth, he resumed his narrative.

"There was no one about at the time, and I felt kind of nervous, not being able to jump about like I used to. I thought I'd creep away and fetch the police, when it hopped a couple of paces and snorted as if it was angry about something. Then it looked up and saw me. Did I run! You couldn't see my hat for dust." Here Ben broke off, apparently overcome with the excitement of recent events. After eliciting a few more details, I gave him the price of a p—cup of tea and left him. I was naturally greatly impressed by his story, as I myself have seen some peculiar shapes on the allotments, and I was inclined to believe old Ben.

We Investigate

I happened to be passing the house of Professor Watling who is a great authority on these things, and I decided to call and talk things over with the great man. By good fortune he was in. "Ah! come in, friend" cried the genial man, gazing at me over the top of his spectacles. "I've been engaged in a very interesting experiment. You know, a lot of people on this estate have winks for their Sunday tea, and the business of getting 'em out with a pin—the winks I mean, has always struck me as being time wasting and laborious. Now I've invented a bait composed of glycerine, anised and dillwater, which, when placed near a bowl of winks, caused them to crawl out of their shells, and there you are. No need for pins. "How exciting," I exclaimed.

"Now I've come about a bigger wrinkle than you've ever seen in your life, in fact it's a monster." The professor who was wiping his spectacles looked up sharply, "Yes," I went on, "it was seen on the allotments." "Dear me!" ejaculated the knowledgeable one, "Pray go on!" I went on, and explained the whole story as told me by Ben. When I had finished, the professor was quite excited. "Ah! Just as I thought. It is a survivor of the antediluvian mammals which infested Burnt Oak. Distantly related to the Gasteropodic family which sported in the woodlands of Watling. They burrowed underground and lived in large caverns. That probably accounts for some of the houses on this estate sinking. These caverns are continually crumbling—causing the walls of the houses to crack. Let us go up and explore the ground. I glanced at the grandfather clock ticking solemnly in the corner of the professor's grotto-like study. "It's getting late now," I observed, "and the light won't be too good." "All the better," said he. "The habits of these odiferous monstrosities are more pronounced at dusk." The professor was now dressed and, collecting a butterfly net and a large volume from a bookshelf, he bade me follow him.

In Peril

It was still light when we got outside and the professor put on speed, seeming anxious to get there, all the while keeping up a running commentary on the prehistoric flora and fauna of the surrounding countryside. "By your description of the quadruped I should say it is a specie of the Dinosauria which abounded here about 10,000 B.C. I should think the Eucapipipi. He turned up his book and nearly collided with a lamp post. Ah! Page 642. Dinornis, an extinct genus of bird resembling a gigantic ostrich—um—ah—no that's not it. Hullo, here's the allotments. Now where is this overgrown mouse?" I looked in the direction indicated by old Ben, and my heart missed a beat. "There it is!" I whispered hoarsely. In the now dim twilight, the figure of the monster was discernible; crouching, just as old Ben had said, behind a marrow bed. It's long tapering neck swaying from side to side. The professor gripped my arm. "Follow me," he said with bated breath. He set off with his butterfly net held aloft. I looked round for a weapon and espied a broken garden fork lying half buried, and, seizing hold of it, I followed the professor. After nearly tripping over some rhubarb, he stopped. For some time we stood still, keeping a weather eye on the hideous shape in front of us, apparently unaware of our presence. "We must keep to windward of it," he whispered, "see those runner beans over there? We'll make for there. It'll make an effective screen." Stalking behind a gooseberry bush we managed to dart unobserved behind the beans. We could see it through the foliage, swaying its long neck from side to side. "Now," said the professor, "when I give the word, we'll rush round suddenly and smite it."

We Escape

I was trembling, I couldn't keep still, I perspired, and my brow was cold and clammy. It was now quite dark, and somewhat chilly. What was worse the Eucapipipi made no sound. If it would only bark or squeak, it would relieve the tension. I peered cautiously through the beans and could just see the

dim outline of our prey. "Now," shouted the professor. He ran, I ran, but instead of going for the monster, he was running back. I followed, stumbling and sprawling. Soon we were back on the road under the comforting rays of a street lamp. "Wha—what happened," I panted, "did you lose your nerve?" "No, no," said the professor, "as soon as I got near it, it turned and glared at me. It was too much. It was uncanny. I-I think that will do for to-night. We'll come up again in the daylight."

On my way to business next morning I passed the allotments, and, with more confidence, approached the spot where we had shivered the previous night. I smiled. Sprawled across the edge of the marrow bed was an old elm tree, blown down in a recent gale. A long loose branch waved in the breeze.

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JUNIORS' CORNER

Dear Juniors,

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Now you ask your father if you can join. Yes, he can come along and watch you being put through your facings. Oh yes, you must be hardened to be able to take it on the chin. Always put the gloves on in the same spirit, and with the same thought in your mind (that I hope you will have when you leave school, and have to enter the fight for your future, **I AM GOING TO WIN!** But—don't under-estimate your opponent, or your future.

UNCLE JACK.

P.S.—I propose to pinch a part of our Magazine for publicity every month, and let some of the old 'uns know what you young 'uns are doing. Ta, ta!

I forgot to mention that the penny pictures have started again—on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at a quarter to six. Uncle Dick flicks on Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and other of your pet film artistes, but I must warn you when you come out to go carefully across the road, and look both ways before crossing, as we have not had any accidents yet, and we don't want any of you to get hurt through not being careful.

And before I finish, if any of you would like to write to me, please do, and address it to "Uncle Jack, Watling Centre," and I will answer either by post or through **THE RESIDENT**.

REGRETS—Owing to extra advertisements, some contributions are unavoidably held over until the next issue.

Odd Fellowship

GRAND OPENING OF LOYAL DEANSBROOK LODGE

In announcing our promotion from a Provisional Lodge to a fully-fledged Lodge under dispensation of the Grand Master and the Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity we would like first to thank all our very kind friends of the Centre who have offered their congratulations. We are fully alive to our new status and responsibilities, and will do our utmost to maintain the high standard and dignity demanded.

Apart from a useful number of constant visitors, both brothers and sisters who help us at meetings, we have now 40 members (22 men, 18 women) on our books, the average age being 23 years.

Saturday, October 29th, was our red-letter day, when, at the Centre, a company of 150 witnessed the presentation of our Dispensation and the Installation of lodge officers; they are:—

Noble Grand (chairman), Bro. G. J. Lewis; V.G., Bro. W. C. Capel; I.P.N.G., Sister Laura Wright; Warden, Bro. J. P. Bell; Guardian, Sister A. Wilkinson; Conductor, Bro. S. A. Wilkinson.

These members hold their positions for six months and will then be promoted. Supporting the above-named will be Sisters W. J. Bell, M. H. Beckett, H. Horn; Bros. J. H. Carpenter, G. W. Prior and C. E. Hicks, all of whom will also receive higher honours in the near future.

Election as Permanent Secretary was the due and rich reward of Bro. R. H. Edmunds (15, Grenville Road, Hornsey Rise, N.19).

This officer has undoubtedly been the real backbone of the Lodge in its struggle for Unity recognition during the past 23½ years; his appointment was acclaimed with prolonged applause, testifying the company's sincere respect.

The officers representing the Order who performed the ceremony were Provincial Grand Master W. O. Golding; Deputy Bro. E. Bleeze; Bro. J. C. Dodd, I.P.P.G.M. and, acting for North London's corresponding secretary (Bro. Meadmore, absent through directorate duties), Bro. A. J. Lawrence.

One of the Lodge's most ardent supporters has been Bro. T. E. Young and Sister Laura Wright. On Saturday it fell to her lot to voice the Lodge's welcome to their important guests; she did so in a very creditable manner. After telling her audience that the Deansbrook meet at the Centre every other Monday she mentioned that the Lodge Social Club met on alternate Mondays at the "Leather Bottle," Stone Grove, Edgware, and issued an open invitation to all present and their friends.

Others who addressed the company were Bros. C. Sheppard, W. E. Gubbins, C. H. R. Whitehorn and Bro. A. H. Jacobs.

Dancing and a cabaret followed, the "Directors" band providing music. A hit of the show was Dot Tring; her performance was great. Another, mentioned during this long and happy evening was—

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MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the Men's Adult School on November 13th, the retiring Officers were all re-elected, with the addition of two Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Balmбра and Lake, and a *Watling Resident* correspondent, Mr. Frank G. Smith.

The other Officers, who were severally thanked for their services during the past year were: President, Mr. Ernest Cole; Programme Secretary, Mr. E. Sewell Harris; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Simpkins; Hon. Treas., Mr. Lord; Delegate to North West Federation, Mr. Lord (who is, incidentally the President of the Federation); One and All Correspondent, Mr. Griffin.

It was decided to once again send out a letter of invitation to old members as the response to the last once had good results and in view of the great importance of the coming subjects for the month of December, subjects which to say the least are of perhaps paramount importance at the present time, and of which particulars will follow.

In the Secretary's report it was stated that the attendance had reached the average of 15, which was felt to be extremely good but which might easily yet be better, if only the old members would help by coming along and every one trying to bring new ones.

It is felt that the non-members are the greater losers in not coming and sharing the good things there are each Sunday evening, and we feel certain that they have only to attend one meeting to decide to come regularly, and wonder why they haven't been along sooner.

Perhaps the best recommendation is the fact that the present members find the hour and a half all too short, and are always ready to go on much longer with the discussions. So what about it residents, aye, and *non-residents*? There is room and welcome indeed for ALL.

Now for the Programme for December, and just read the subjects carefully, we know you will be interested, well then come, and bring all the men you can muster.

Dec. 4th Fascism, by Mr. A. E. Baker.
Dec. 11th Democracy, by Mr. Ronald Kidd.
Dec. 18th The Way to Peace.

Messrs. E. Sewell Harris and Nyberg.
No School on December 25th, Christmas Day.
F.G.S.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Harvest Festival afforded the members an opportunity of showing in a very tangible way, their sympathy with the suffering Czech refugees. The sale of Harvest Gifts given by members, brought in £12s., which was sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund for Czech relief.

During the same afternoon a member of the League of Nations' Union told us of her experiences in Czechoslovakia, at the time of the crisis. Members of the School gained a new understanding of this little country, which, they felt, had been sacrificed by the statesmen, in the cause of World Peace. They were grateful for the opportunity of sending what help they could, to those who were so much in need of it.

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STOP PRESS

The Eight Gay Girlies have done it again. After weeks' of hard work, and by their own efforts, they produced an entirely new programme which was attended by a large audience on Thursday, Nov. 17th.

There is not space to do justice to all the artistes or to each item. The hunting scene "At the Meet" was an amusing diversion, and showed that the Girlies have nothing to learn about horse management, especially as some of the horses were a little frisky, owing no doubt to the stirrup cup which made their mouths water, as it did most of the audiences (but the Girlies' did give us some cockles later on). The "Pantomime" caused roars of laughter and the "Parochial Gathering" amused us so much that one of the audience woke up in the middle of the night saying something about a "jelly fish." Then there was the "Cockney Kids," "Oh, Mamma," songs and other items, brought to a fitting finish by "Hampstead Heath." Mrs. Taylor, the well-known singer, gave selected songs during the performance and the whole show was admirably supported by a section of the Watling Association Orchestra.

It was stated in the local press that the Eight Gay Girlies are going to the Palladium outing. This is not true as only one or two of the party are going independently. LEO.

PALLADIUM OUTING

If your attention is drawn to a line of chara's stretching from the junction of Deansbrook Road and Orange Hill Road, down as far as Littlefield Road, don't think it is the evacuation of Watling residents,

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Anyway, from the Palladium we drive to the most prominent restaurant in town, where James has our supply all ready for us. Oh, yes, we also have a band playing sweet music, and if the organiser is sober after drinks in the Palladium with many of the party, he settles up the bills and waits for the ladies to come downstairs. He gets impatient because the ladies take such a time, and there's no knowing what may become of their husbands, let loose up West, while waiting for their wives, so LADIES BEWARE, and don't give 'em too much rope, and please exercise a little patience when you take up the early cup of tea next morning and call father to go to work, while you proceed to get back into bed again before it gets cold. Oh, dear, and it is said the woman always pays! But the man proves that a fallacy that same night (Friday) when he comes home, particularly if he happens to have his "share out" that night, being near Christmas, but anyway a bet will be that 25% of the best people of Watling will have a royal night and make the usual enquiry: When is the next outing?

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B.O.Y.P.A.S.

The Annual General Meeting of the Burnt Oak Young People's Adult School took place on Wednesday, November 9th.

Among the many changes of officers were those of J. Buckingham as Social Secretary and W. Gay as Treasurer.

New members will be welcomed on Wednesday evening at 8.15 p.m. in room "C" at the Watling Centre.

J. H. WHITEHEAD, Correspondent.

VETERANS' CLUB

On Wednesday, November 9th, about 65 Veterans sat down to a splendid tea provided by Miss Wilkenson. This is the second tea Miss Wilkenson has provided in commemoration of a very dear friend. The tables were piled high with scones, cakes, etc., and beside each plate was a Christmas Pudding and a Gift, the ladies receiving a brooch and the men scarfs. The three oldest ladies in the club, Mesdames Wallace, Barr and Standbridge each received a dressing gown, and the four oldest men, Messrs. Sutton, Blatchford Garrard and Pyman, received a pair of slippers each.

Among those present were Mrs. A. I. Jones, President of the Club, and Mrs. Grey Skinner. The President recorded a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Wilkenson for the kind interest she has always shown to the club. This was supported by Mrs. Fox and Miss Reeves (veteran members). Miss Wilkenson in reply said that her greatest pleasure was in bringing

happiness to others and that as long as she lived she would always provide this tea each year in memory of her very dear friend Mrs. Collis.

After tea the Veterans gathered round the piano and joined in songs led by Mesdames L. Roblow, Richards, Wilkenson, Barratt, and Mr. Torrence.

So ended a bright and jolly evening leaving the old folks with yet another happy memory of their association in the Veterans' Club.

E. COLE.

TABLE TENNIS

During the past month we have had two matches of which we won one. This match was an outstanding point that we are improving in our play. The other match against Willesden Central Club on Monday, November 14th, although we lost 3—7, the score does not give us justice. Our captain, R. Wildes, was the hero of our team. He took the second game to dence and the score went to 28—26 which he won. However, we must not forget our number 4 player, R. Andre, who played his best game yet.

R. Wildes and D. Disspain won the doubles match which was a great feat, beating the other pair who had not lost this season.

We are meeting every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. We have a few vacancies open for new membership, and will be glad to see new faces come along and join us. We teach members who are not quite up to standard, and the subscription is 6d. per week.

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I met clubfolk and dealers from widespread parts of England—yes, and Scotland—and Wales, too. Local cyclists were there in numbers too. Among these I met Bill Gray (N.W.R.C. Hon. Sec. and Captain) along with Cis Plowright, John Shelvey and Albert Chamberlain of the same club. Later along came Jack Barnes and Peggy Green. Jack was eyeing sidecars very critically. His cycling wife Nellie had recently presented him with a daughter, and Jack was proudly looking for a choice carriage for the wee one, who one day will no doubt be turning 'em round to good effect in the Rosslyn Ladies' Annual 12-hour event.

Among the new bicycles . . . one kept on meeting cyclists well known in the Burnt Oak and Edgware district. There was Len Bricket, the N.W.R.C. Social Secretary, and also Arthur Purdom, the ever-energetic Secretary of the North Western Section of the N.C.U. and a gentleman of the same surname as myself who is a very popular Chairman of that ever-growing Section. He was debating on the next step for his youngster, now 7 years old and wanting to get out of the sidecar and feel his own feet on the pedals!

There were Margaret Findlay and Peter Steward, keen tourists, and then came another batch of North Western Road Club folk—Frank Walduck, Roy Burns, Frank Pegley and others, followed by Denis Hickman, the enthusiastic Youth Hostel patron and Continental touring member of the Edgware C.T.C.—and so on. All down for the Show, to see all that's new in bicycles and accessories.

Winter Cycling . . . seems to be finding more participants this year. There were probably more cycling women and girls at the Show than ever before, and most of them are keen on keeping on riding through the next few months. Chatting with Bill Welby of the Southgate C.C. who was well-known to scores of local wheel-folk who weekly visited Pegleys (the Resident advertiser) in Watling Avenue, he too is of the opinion there will be a considerable influx of female riders in the next two or three years. He is now manager of Pegleys branch at Greenford, and liking it too.

If only a few more of the girls resident on Watling Estate would realise that you really can keep warm cycling in the winter, I feel sure they would not leave their bicycles in the shed until next Spring. Don plus-fours and zipp wind-jacket on the really raw days,

use genuine lamb's wool gloves, and wear well-made shoes that do not fit too tight, and little will worry you.

A wheel at Xmas. As our next issue appears with the Festive feasting and fun, I wish all readers jollity and happy conviviality over Xmas tide, with lots of good luck in store for the New Year. Don't forget the finest way to acquire a real appetite for your Xmas Dinner is an "appetizer run" for a couple of hours or more in the morning on your ever-ready bicycle. All the local cycling clubs will be doing it. And if after eating perhaps very well but a trifle unwisely (you know the feeling!) then another, and little more gentle ride maybe, will soon have your digestive organs working to capacity. Try it and see.

Wherever there's a bicycle wheel there's always a way.

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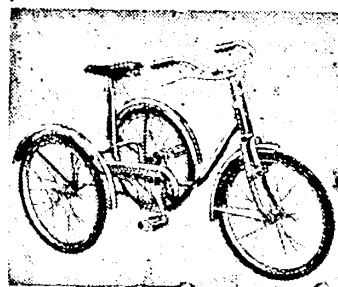
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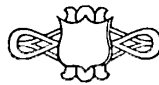
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WATLING ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Do you know you have a football team at the Centre? Have you seen them play? No? If not, why not?

I can assure you that the game on Saturday the 12th of November was worth going a long way to see.

Playing on their opponents' ground they defeated "Frigidaire," 3-2 after extra time, thus going on from success to success for they have not lost a match in their first season as a registered and attached club.

The match was fast and well fought, some of the movements being worthy of more experienced players. One might pick out faults in combination, unsteadiness in front of goal, over-keenness, or a tendency to individualise, but these are faults that will be cured by experience.

One-hundred-and-ten minutes of football at a great pace—they lasted well, and played the game as it should be played. "Frigidaire" are in the 1st Division Hendon League, Watling Association in Division B2, so our win in the 1st Round Hendon League Cup was very creditable.

I am sure our team's sympathies as well as those of the spectators go out to the goalkeeper (and to "Frigidaire") for the accident and the injury he received during the game, and wish him a speedy recovery. Now come and shout for your team. Give them encouragement.

P. F. G.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

In previous issues of *The Resident* we have appealed to members of the Association for their support during the winter months, and we are very happy to record the excellent response to our appeals, attendances have increased and financially the programme has been well worth while. The Social Committee are very grateful to members for their co-operation and support. We are certain that people can hardly realise the amount of work involved in preparing and organising the social events of the Centre, but the attendance is very encouraging and a stimulus to members of the Committee, who devote a great deal of time and patience to the organisation. A casual reflection shows a definite need for an organised social programme, the success of which suggests that the need is being answered. However, there is still room for improvements, both in attendance and in the scope of the programme, and we can assure members that with their co-operation we shall do our utmost to meet the needs and wishes of as many as possible. May we draw your attention to the excellent programme arranged for the Christmas season, which we hope will appeal to everyone, and the Social Committee sincerely hope that it will be well patronised and successful in every way. We should like again to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your support. The Social Committee extend the Season's Greetings, and every good wish for a prosperous and happy year in 1939.

C. DEACON, Social Secretary.

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Wishing All Readers A Happy New Year

Random Jottings

By CENTURION

A.R.P. Shelters

Worthing District Council are to build sixty A.R.P. shelters at the end of gardens belonging to a new set of council houses at Lancing, near Worthing.

The shelters will be built of reinforced concrete. Each will accommodate eight people. They will be in pairs like semi-detached houses. There will be no extra charge to tenants.

A long drop

Hampstead Tube is 181 feet below ground.

Shame

The Veleta, the world-famous dance so popular at the Saturday Night Socials at the Centre, was not profitable to the composer. All he received for the Veleta was five guineas.

O!!!

Lambeth Walk is the name given to one of the streets of a new council house estate at Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Other Firms Please Note

A well-known British firm is to begin a scheme of children's allowances. Every employee with more than two children is to receive an allowance of 5/- for each child.

Crash !

During a whist drive at the Centre the other evening a clothes rack fell down. The rack was rather overloaded at the time but according to a wag, that was not the cause of it falling. Some-one had his lunch in his pocket.

La Mode

Do women follow the films for fashions. According to an expert they do. Hand bags, shoes, hair fashions, are all copied from the screen. Judging by some of the toy hats women are now wearing it would appear that the designs come from the ancient Egyptians, the army, air force, tea cosy, pancake, cavalier and whatever you like.

Service

Why is it that when there is a play on the wireless, and often on the stage, if a servant has to appear she invariably speaks as if she has adenoids, and more often than not in an illiterate manner. Surely most maids are as intelligent and very often more cultured than their mistresses.

Yum! Yum!

Most mornings when I arrive at Charing Cross station, there is a smell of bacon frying, probably the station master having his breakfast. There is no doubt that even if you've had a meal, the smell of eggs and bacon cooking makes you feel hungry again.

1939

Will it bring peace? Not unless we, the ordinary men and women of the world insist on it, work for it, and are willing to make sacrifices for it. What are you doing about the petition for a new World Peace Conference?

Community Camps

The Birmingham Federation is going to run a camp in North Wales next summer. Members of the Watling Association are eligible to join if they wish, and to take their families. Adults 30/- a week; children 15/-

Voice Production

The Association has now secured a first class teacher for this class. Anyone who takes dramatic work or public speaking seriously is urged to attend. Details from Mr. Harris, at the Centre.

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Deans Lane, Edrick Road and Walk	3	6	
Banstock Road	8	11	½
Wenlock Road	7	5	
Colchester Road, Norwich, Briar and Kirton Walks	1	5	7
Langham Gardens, Hook Walk, Islip Gardens, Edwin Road, Deans Walk	12	6	
	£3	17	4

Elbow Room

Some people complain about Council Houses being small but what about this? A woman in Kent has died aged eighty. She had six children and never lived in a house, having spent all her days in a caravan.

Spelling Bees

The one at the Ambassador, Hendon Central, is quite good fun, a refined system of torture for the benefit of the spectators, but the victims seem to enjoy it. Volunteers for the Watling Association please give their names to Mr. Harris.

Work this out

Suppose a girl of five married a man of thirty-five. That makes him seven times her age.

They are married ten years—by which time she is fifteen and he forty-five. He is now but three times his wife's age.

Fifteen years pass and she is now thirty and he sixty.

Thus, he is now just twice her age.

How long will they go on living before they attain the same age?

Poor Man's Lawyer

Those wanting legal advice are asked to note that the lawyer is now sitting at the Centre at 7.30 p.m., so as to get through the work at an earlier hour.

Stop Press

Result of the N.U.W.M. Christmas Draw.

Mrs. Clark (Ticket No. 394), 1st Prize, £4 0s. 0d. 8 Gervase Road.

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NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

January, 1939

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
1 Allotments for the Unemployed.
Mr. W. Strang.
8 South Africa. Miss Fairbairn.
15 Amateur Gardening. Mr. L. Lock.
22 The Work of the P.A.C.
Mr. L. J. Clark.
29 Health and Holiness.
Dr. W. P. Knowles.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Watling Athletic Association, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 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.
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.
4 No Meeting.
11 Social.
18 Current Events.
Mrs. E. Sewell Harris.
25 First Aid and Bandaging.
Commandant Mrs. Maude Amps.
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.
Boxing, 8 p.m.
Indoor Games 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.
Table Tennis Club, 3 p.m.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Sunday** 1 Fellowship Meeting. Why we have one Bible instead of seven. Mr. W. Strang, 8 p.m.
- Monday** 2 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Oddfellows, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday** 4 Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
- Sunday** 8 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Dancing, its uses and abuses, Miss F. Fairbairn.
- Wednesday** 11 Goldbeaters Parent Teacher Group at Goldbeaters School. 8 p.m.
- Sunday** 15 Left Book Club, Mr. John Parker, M.P., secretary New Fabian Research Bureau, 8 p.m.
Joint Lecture with Edgware Fellowship. Spain, by a member of the International Brigade. 8 p.m.
- Tuesday** 17 Physical Training Display at Woodcroft School, 7.30 p.m.
- Wednesday** 18 Social Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.
- Thursday** 19 Discussion. "What I think of the other generations." Chairman, Councillor T. Pugh. 8 p.m.
- Friday** 20 Anniversary Supper and Dance, 8 p.m.
Centre closed for all other purposes.
- Saturday** 21 "Lambeth Walk" Carnival Social, 8 p.m.
- Sunday** 22 Take it Easy. 8 p.m.
Grand Members' Dance, 8 p.m.
- Thursday** 26 Watling Association Amateur Variety Concert Party at St. Alphage Hall, 8 p.m.
W.A. Council, 8 p.m.
- Friday** 27 Boxing Tournament, Barnfield School, 8 p.m.
Helpers' Social, 8.30 p.m.
- Sunday** 29 Left Book Club, 8 p.m.

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DEAR SIR,

Recent events have finally sealed the fate of German Jewry. Thursday, November 10th, will be remembered for centuries to come, not only by the Jews within Germany and Austria. It is true that there have been pogroms before. In Spain and Russia cruelty and barbarism have driven Jews out of the country, and yet even their fate was better than the situation with which the German Jews are faced to-day. People have been robbed of their possessions and have even been killed. But never have such cruel methods been employed.

We must save the children at any price. We cannot allow a whole generation of young Jews to be exterminated. For children and young people in Austria and Germany to-day there is no glimpse of hope. Soon, only too soon, their parents will not be able to buy them either food or clothes. What is their future to be?

Are you willing to let those innocent children starve while your own children have plenty of food? Are you prepared to let desperate young people commit suicide, while your sons and daughters are given every opportunity to learn a useful trade or take up a profession?

This is a question which can no longer be dealt with by Jews alone. It has become a problem which no civilised human being can shirk. We want families, not one, not ten, but thousands and tens of thousands, to offer hospitality to children and young people, to be brought up with their own children, away from hatred and oppression.

Time calls for a terrific effort. Save them now and they in their time will serve you well. But let not posterity say that the world's conscience was dead in 1938.

M. H. MILLS.

WAS HE UNLUCKY? YES AND NO!

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LOCAL INQUIRIES

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CYCLING FOR HEALTH?

SIR,

I read with interest Mrs. Billie Dovey's articles on cycling and I am in agreement with her about keeping fit, but why ride thousands of miles to do it? Why make the speedometer work overtime just to make another record? A reasonable amount of exercise no doubt keeps one fit, but I don't believe in all this rushing about. Keep fit by all means, but take it steady.

A. PEMBER.

WHO IS LEO?

DEAR SIR,

I enjoy reading the facts, figures, and hints which appear from time to time in THE RESIDENT under the pseudonym of "Leo," although I am inclined to dispute some of his statistics. Who is "Leo?"

EDITORIAL NOTE.

We have tried unsuccessfully to entice "Leo" into the open, but he prefers to remain obscure. All we can find out is that he is a member of the Watling Association.

It is said that he belongs to the Diplomatic Service. He apparently moves about in a mysterious manner gleaned information for the benefit of our readers.

Ed.

Sydney Hurry

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We are always ready to advocate improvements which will make life easier and happier for the people of, and around, Watling. We have lent our support to various schemes which have been brought to fruition. We have got a bowling green. We hope to get a bandstand in Watling Park, a swim pool somewhere on Watling and a branch library. Some readers have suggested that as a change from cinemas we might have a Music Hall in the district, or a theatre. Others have plumped for an ice rink. They are sure that these additional amenities would be well patronised, and would increase the health and happiness of the people. We agree. Why not have all these incorporated in one super building. Just think of it. A concert hall, a theatre, a swimming pool, an ice rink, all under one roof. It's a fine idea. It would pay. It would be a grand building. If we could get it.

All Together

The strength of the Watling Association rests on an informed membership and on the loyal support of all members. Membership involves a responsibility for taking a live interest in the work of the Association and the WATLING RESIDENT endeavours month by month to strengthen that interest.

We are all gifted in some way or another and it is up to each individual to see where he can best help and then to lend a hand. It is hoped that when the next annual election of officers for the Watling Association takes place new members will be encouraged to take office and that there will be no lack of volunteers for the posts. Some members generously offer their services year after year, and the Association owes them a great debt, but new blood is also desirable in an organisation such as the Association and its sections. We want all members to join in and feel that they are helping to mould this great democratic institution. There is plenty of work waiting to be done, and the Annual Meeting is on February 23rd.

F. H. L.

UNEMPLOYED CHILDREN'S PARTY

About 350 children sat down to a spread at the Centre on Friday, December 22nd, and did justice to a variety of eats as only children can. After tea the children were entertained by P.C. Clayton of Edgware Division Police who certainly got the kiddies in the mood for they nearly sung the roof off. Many hands make light work, and thanks are expressed to all those who lent a hand both in gifts and in time to make this a real treat for the kiddies.

FOLK DANCERS' FESTIVAL

The New Year Festival of the English Folk Dance and Song Society always draws crowded audiences to the Albert Hall, but this year it promises to be even more wonderful than usual since it is to take the form of an international folk dance gathering.

Dancers of all nations, particularly dancers of the nations of Europe, have a close tie in the interest which they share in their traditional music and dance and the English Folk Dance and Song Society has chosen this difficult year to demonstrate just how true a bond exists.

Teams of dancers are expected from Denmark, France, Holland, Jugo-Slavia, Norway, Rumania and Sweden to meet and dance with the dancers of the British Isles. And there may be others.

The delightful song dancers of Norway and the round and set dances of Denmark and Sweden are already known to us. France has chosen as its team a group from the Vendée district. The Dutch team when it dances will be dressed to show all the surviving traditional costumes of the different regions of Holland, while from Rumania and Jugo-Slavia it is hoped will come the "Calusari" and the "Roussalija"—those strange teams of men-dancers who dance bewitched by and accompanied by unseen and dangerous fairies. Those who saw the Rumanian "Calusari" in London in the summer of 1935 will never forget the astonishing emotional effect of their dancing. The "Roussalija" from the Turkish border of Jugo-Slavia have never as yet been seen in London. Their dance, like that of the "Calusari," is an enchanted dance based on pagan Slav ritual: their music is Turkish.

The Festival will consist of a Ball and Reception to foreign teams at the Great Hall of the London University on the evening of January 6 and two performances at the Albert Hall on the evening of Saturday, January 7, and on the afternoon of Sunday, January 8.

Health and Watling

Everybody agrees that it is better to prevent disease than to cure it, yet the majority of the medical profession are engaged in curing diseases which probably could have been prevented. It sounds quite mad that this should be possible in a rich civilised country, yet it is so.

The medical profession are well aware of the absurdity of the position, but the diseases must be treated; the treatment leaves little time for anything else. The Authorities are aware of the position and do a certain amount to encourage prevention of disease by publicity, welfare centres and various clinics, but the methods only touch the fringe of the problem and are robbed of much of their utility by being incomplete, more or less confined to children and in many cases being prejudiced by a charitable, patronising atmosphere. To add to this unsatisfactory state of affairs, the system does not include any method of actual co-operation with the general practitioner who might reasonably be expected to ensure the efficiency of such schemes.

Obviously the present system of medical practice is at fault. It appals one to think of the number of people drinking medicine in this country; even if it

does them any good, it is still appalling. Patent medicine, quack medicine, endless cure-alls, are making people more and more disease conscious instead of health conscious. The doctors are dragged into the demoralising business and their worldly success can be measured by the number of bottles of medicine that they sell. If one of them calls a halt, as most of them would wish to do, and tries to give the proper advice without medicine, he probably loses his patients and his fees are more providential than ever. Perforce he must encourage his patients to drink medicine and come back for more, the oftener the better. The thing is ridiculous, even if we admit that there are conditions that may need medicine for a time, but even those are preventable in the majority of cases.

The question is, what can be done about it? Obviously some system comparable to the N.H.I. which includes mothers and children and devotes more money to assurance of health and less to inadequate recompense for ill health. A system which co-operates and co-ordinates with the welfare centres and clinics. A system which ensures a regular and efficient overhaul of every member of the community—a system which teaches people how health may be achieved and diseases avoided and which insists on its teaching being practised. For ill health must cease to be considered a misfortune—it must be considered a crime and public opinion must be forced to support this, realising that the victim is not necessarily the criminal. It must be taken for granted that the system presumes that everyone has a properly ventilated hygienic house with adequate nourishment and leisure, for without these essentials the rest is impossible. Is it too much to presume that such conditions could be achieved in this country? Of course they could, public opinion can do it and it is surely time that it did. If the conditions are right, then the victims are the criminals, if the conditions are wrong, then those responsible are the criminals. You will ask, where does Watling come into this? It is my opinion that Watling offers a unique opportunity of putting much of this system into practice. It is a compact community, already imbued with an active co-operative community spirit. The houses are modern and hygienic, there are adequate gardens and open spaces, the position is ideal, the inhabitants are all workers. It would be possible to organise the medical services on the estate on a basis of prevention rather than cure, to investigate those cases where living conditions were bad and to discover why they were so. To make the children healthy, to teach adults the folly of ill health and the inefficiency that goes with it, to take a pride in achieving health, to give their support to those whose remuneration makes it impossible for them to secure the necessities of life, to show that the working classes, given fair conditions, can achieve health and contentment, can manage their own affairs, independent of charity and patronage.

Watling can do all this; it can be a place of healthy houses and of fruitful gardens, of endless interests and successful endeavours. It can be a model for the whole country; a promise of better times for all. It rests with us, shall we try?

ANON.

With apologies to the Addington Community Magazine.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

- January 1—Mr. H. BENNETT.
- „ 8—Mr. R. SCAMMELL.
- „ 15—Mr. J. STEPHEN.
- „ 22—Mr. A. E. BROWN.
- „ 29—Mr. J. W. LAING.

THOUGHTS ON A COLD MORNING

Ring-a-ling—r-r-r-rrrrr.

Ring-a-ling—r-r-r-rrrrr.

“Eugh! Ah!! Grrrrr!!”

The alarm clock—time to get up!

The bed pulls this morning. I feel just nice and cosy, and it's time to get up already. It looks a chilly morning, too. I was late going to bed last night—came in late. Then sat by the fire; none too anxious to leave it and go to a cold bed. I remember getting with reluctance between the icy-cold sheets.

But I must have soon gone to sleep, and now it is morning—a grey, muggy morning, and I must get up. I'll have another five minutes. I pull the clothes over my head and curl up. I've never felt so comfortable before. I don't remember being so restful and warm. I am completely relaxed.

Why do I have to go to work. The money goes as soon as I get it. Some people crave for money, but I want nothing more than to lay here and blissfully doze. I once read of a philosopher who thought that all effort was useless and spent the rest of his life in bed. Well, he could have done worse—especially on a morning like this. There must be something wrong with a person who can't sleep when it's time to get up. Ah, well! I suppose I'd better turn out. Perhaps I'll have just another couple of minutes, then I'll spring out, bring my wife a nice cup of tea then I'll have time to get a little breakfast, and then off. Ah, Aauh! Snore * * * * *

“Wake up, Henry! It's five to!! You'll have to gulp this, and if you rush you'll just catch the 7.30.”

ANON

Transatlantic Diary IV.

On the second Wednesday of our sojourn, a friend gave a luncheon party for me, making my presence in Ohio an excuse for a gathering of fourteen friends, most of them older women. As my hostess' husband is not living, the party was an exclusively feminine affair. We all sat down at one large table with my hostess at one end, a much-loved teacher of former days at the other, and I in the middle of one side, so that I could "talk to everybody." The first course of the lunch was glasses of iced grape-fruit juice; second course fried chicken, candied sweet potato, scalloped corn, and inevitably in America, a small plate of salad—lettuce and tomato this time, I think. Corn in America is *always* maize; sweet corn is the one used for the table, and this time the grains were cut off the cobs and cooked in milk in the oven. The third course was maple-nut ice cream and two-layer white cake. Iced tea, the ubiquitous summer drink in the U.S.A., was our drink, particularly good this time, as it contained fresh lemon and orange juice. If any other drink than cold water is provided for the men working in the harvest fields, it is always iced tea, *never* any alcoholic drink. By the way, tomato is mostly pronounced "tomáto," "a" as in mate.

The next day my sister and her husband, Mr. Harris and I were taken by car for evening dinner by four friends to the Colonial Inn at Hillsboro, the county seat of the adjoining county, a lovely small town about twelve miles away. Hillsboro is one of those towns of which there are so many in Southern Ohio, where one can suddenly perceive the influence in architec-

ture and in manners of the old colonial South as distinct from the influence of Puritan New England in Northern Ohio. It is a common saying about potatoes in Ohio, "boiled in the North, mashed (with butter and milk) in the South."

At the Colonial Inn, Mr. Richards, one-time rug merchants of Indianapolis, escaping from the depression, returned to his ancestral home, a large house set in a thick wood and full of such a quantity of four-poster beds, and other such like artifices as are seldom seen under one roof outside a museum West of the Allegheny Mountains, and here he dispensed hospitality in his high-ceilinged old house—hospitality with something of the quality of an American country house.

The next Saturday turned out to be a children's day. "Aunt Mary" had decreed that Anthony and Margaret should see Serpent Mound, which is seventeen miles away, and this was the day for the expedition. Serpent Mound is a prehistoric earthworks about a quarter of a mile long, built in the shape of a serpent with open jaws which enclose an egg. It is supposed to have a religious significance and the remains—pottery, flints, etc., are such as are found in the Late Stone Age remains in other parts of the world. There is one other serpent mound in Southern Ohio, one in Ontario, one in Scotland and one in Manchuria, I believe. Seeing this relic of ancient man on that hot August afternoon one could not but wonder how he had made it and how long it had taken him to do it and what inward urge had driven him to it.

HELEN H. HARRIS.

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BALD FACED STAG?



Hatfield House

As Hampton Court is to Middlesex so is Hatfield to Hertfordshire.

Hatfield station is on the main L.N.E.R. line to the north. It is just half-an-hour's run from King's Cross and is the station before Welwyn Garden City.

Hatfield is a town of great antiquity and dates back to the time of the Saxon kings who called it "Heathfield." It is duly recorded in Domesday Book. The Saxons owned the manor until King Edgar gave it to the monks of Ely. When Ely was converted into a bishopric by Henry I. the bishops made Hatfield one of their residences and in their time it was called "Bishops Hatfield."

The house became a Royal Palace in the reign of Henry VIII. and was at one time occupied by his children, Edward, Mary and Elizabeth. It was whilst Elizabeth was there that she received the news that she had become Queen and her first Council was held in the palace.

These events relate to the old building which was called the Palace and which is still in existence. But James I. built a new palace for Sir Robert Cecil who became the first Earl of Salisbury. This palatial building was completed in 1611 and is known as Hatfield House.

There are many interesting historical and political associations connected with both the old Palace and the new House but as readers of this page are assumed to be specially interested in gardens we must for the rest of our space keep outside the house.

The Park is the largest in the County and has a circumference of no less than nine miles. The river Lea, which eventually flows into the Thames on the East side of London, runs through the Park and greatly enhances its beauty.

The landscape gardening at Hatfield is a mixture of old and new. The western windows look out upon the Privy Garden, close to which is the Maze, second only to the one at Hampton Court. This Privy Garden is small, secluded and square. There is a little lake in the centre enclosed by a trim privet hedge. Four mulberry trees planted by James I. are here.

The southern windows look out upon gay parterres of the patchwork-quilt order. The circular flower beds are as geometrical as a Catherine wheel.

About half a mile from the House is a pleasure originally known as the Dell but now called the Vineyard. It is not like the vineyards of Switzerland or the South of France but it does consist largely of vine trees, 30,000 of which are said to have been presented to the king by the wife of the French Ambassador. More than 500 fruit trees were given by His Most Catholic Majesty; Cherry and liquorice trees were contributed by other great personages who either loved or feared the king enough to ask his acceptance of them. The vineyard occupies both banks of the river and you must ferry across to get from one side to the other. "Avenues of yew trees cut into green

towers, battlements and bastions fortress it round cool and deeply shaded walks fall slowly to a river of the softest and greenest turf, abutting upon a river."

In another part of the Park are the remains of an old oak tree under which it is said that Elizabeth I. used to sit. Little is now left of this ancient tree except a portion of the trunk which is railed round. Another famous tree planted about the same time is the Elm Oak. This still stands between the House and the great West gates and still puts forth leaves in its season.

Hatfield House is well known in more modern times as the home of the Cecils and the famous Lord Salisbury who was Prime Minister in the memory of some of us was a direct descendent of the first Earl created by James I.

What to do in January

Flower Garden—Overhaul the rose bed. Pull up the weeds in it and loosen the soil with a fork. It is bad for the trees if the soil is left solid in winter. Apply basic slag at the rate of 2 oz. per square yard and fork it in between the bushes to a depth of 6 inches. The slag will ensure much finer roses in the summer.

Where more rose bushes are to be planted in the spring prepare the ground now by digging deep and manuring at the rate of half a bucketful per square yard.

Plant pæonies in a well prepared border when the weather is mild, choosing a place where they can remain undisturbed.

Lift and divide Jews mallow and Japanese stone crop.

Fruit Garden—Spray the fruit trees with tar-oil wash, which is excellent for killing eggs of insects that have been laid on the twigs and branches. A mulch of manure over the roots will be helpful now.

Lime spread on the ground will greatly benefit stone fruit and apples.

Moss on boles and main branches may be destroyed by dusting them with a mixture of wood ash and lime, or a wash of clayey loam, fresh slaked lime and a little soot.

Prune gooseberries and cut away any low branches near the ground.

All plums can 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.

Fruit trees may still be planted but this must not be attempted in frosty weather.

Vegetable Garden—If for any reason the preparation of the soil by digging and manuring was not completed during the autumn take advantage of any fairly open and dry weather for doing it now.

The vacant spaces reserved for this year's crops of beet, carrots and parsley should not be manured, the previous year's manuring being quite sufficient.

Ground intended for onions, peas, beans and potatoes should have plenty of stable manure in addition to artificial manure.

Force outdoor rhubarb by heaping manure over the roots and covering with boxes. Plenty of moisture is essential. If the growth is made in complete darkness the colour is better.

Towards the end of the month loosen the soil of the spring cabbage bed and sprinkle a little nitrate of soda round the plants. One ounce per square yard is about the right amount.

FOR WATLING RESIDENTS

In response to the request of many Watling Residents

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BURNT OAK MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL Secretary's Report for the Year

During the past year the programmes of our School have been as varied and diverse as in former years. Religion, Literature, Drama and Music have all been touched and problems, both social and otherwise have been discussed. Several talks from the current lesson handbook have been taken and a large number of the others have revolved round the central theme of the handbook, "Achievement and Challenge."

We have had the pleasure of welcoming many old friends as speakers and of making the acquaintance of several new ones. While it would take too long to enumerate in detail the names of the speakers, we might perhaps be allowed to make special mention of Mrs. Currie Martin and Mr. Schwarzenberger, the former, as widow of the late Professor Currie Martin, a life-long friend of the Adult School Movement, and the latter, in bestowing upon the English people the honour of seeking England as his country of adoption on his departure from his native land, Germany.

The number on our register at present is 22, and the average weekly attendance for the year has been 15. We have been glad to welcome several new members but have had to deplore the absence of some of our old members. How we should try to win them back and what we should do to attract new members are points which it might be desirable for this meeting to discuss. Commenting on the need for strengthening our resources the National Adult School Union report for 1937 stated, "Undeniably, there has been

a falling away in membership, and in some districts there has been a lowered vitality which has led to the superficial view in some quarters that our day was passed and the Movement practically dead." While we can congratulate ourselves that far from a lowered vitality we enjoy a greater aliveness than ever before, we must share the concern of the National Adult School Union at the downward trend, and ask ourselves what we can do to foster and further the interests of the Movement.

Passing on to review our other activities, mention must be made of the Arts and Crafts Exhibition held early in May and run by the Burnt Oak Inter-Schools in conjunction with the Watling Association, and the Inter-School socials also held at the Centre. The functions were fairly successful.

It only remains to tender our thanks to our programme Secretary, Mr. Sewell Harris, for the excellence of the programmes, to Messrs Balmura, Lord, and Griffin our representatives on the Inter-School Committee, to Mr. Lord again, as our delegate to the North West Federation and Hon. Treasurer, and to Mr. Cole, our president, who has with such unerring regularity and tact taken the chair at our meetings. These officers retire, with the exception of the delegates to the Inter-School Committee who were elected in September, but are eligible for re-election. Finally, we can feel justifiably proud in the honour that was conferred on Mr. Lord at the beginning of the year in being elected President of the North West Federation. If our congratulations to him are rather late they are no less sincere.

It's True

By LEO

43,078,630 motor vehicles, one for every forty-eight people—a new record total—were in use throughout the world on January 1 last according to American statistics.

Nearly three-quarters of that number—30,041,292—were in use in U.S.A. Britain, France, Germany, Canada, Australia follow as the next biggest car users.

Of the total of cars operating outside America, nearly 40 per cent. are of American make, it is stated.

America's wine consumption last year was about two quarts per person, according to statistics just published.

This is only one-fiftieth of the wine consumption per person of France.

But Britain Holds World's "Sweet Tooth" Record.

British people are using sugar, in all its forms, at a rate of more than 2 lb. a head every week . . . more than ever before.

In addition we drink on an average nine pounds of tea per head a year.

Also

Britain now leads the world in cycle production. In spite of competition from subsidised foreign manufacturers, such as those in Japan and Germany, the foreign bicycle has to all intents and purposes been eliminated from this country.

Unofficial surveys have shown that standards of physical fitness throughout Australia are surprisingly low, despite the sunshine and beaches.

A national "keep fit" campaign, affecting 1,000,000 adults and 600,000 children will be launched soon.

It will take fifteen years to modernise the maps of Britain. Half of them are more than twenty years out of date, and only about half of the rest are less than ten years old.

To-day in India whole communities are asking for Christian teachers.

The Church of England spends £1,000,000 a year on overseas missions.

Religious experts give as the greatest religion the Confucians and Taoists, with 350,600,000 followers.

Here are the next in order: Roman Catholics, 331,500,000; Hindus, 230,150,000; Mahomedans, 209,020,000; Protestants, 206,900,000; Buddhists, 150,180,000.

There are said to be 692,400,000 Christians and 1,167,110,000 non-Christians in the world at present.

This country spends £50,000,000 a year on sweets, £150,000,000 on tobacco, £7,000,000 on cosmetics and £1,000,000 on "fireworks."

According to an astronomer there is a star so hot that one piece of its core the size of a stamp would drive the "Queen Mary."

For the quarter ended September the number of pigs in England and Wales was 4,196,000, against 4,356,000 at the end of September, 1937.

In the British Isles at the year ending 1937, there were 2,120 mines owned by 972 undertakings and employing 739,999 men.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

During the past month members of Burnt Oak Women's Adult School have not only had an opportunity of delving into the interesting past, but have discussed many problems of the present day. Attendances have still kept to an average of forty. A good number of members attended the opening meeting of Mill Hill East Womens Adult School, and a few have attended each week since.

The month opened with a lantern lecture on "London's History and Romance." This proved to be very interesting, and shed new light on our knowledge of London.

The following week a Herbalist very kindly shared with us his knowledge of the healing properties of our common herbs, and told us how we could use them to ease our aches and pains.

Later Mrs. Lewis spoke to us on "Communism." The ideals expressed were good, we felt, though we had not always approved of the means used to carry them out.

Perhaps the most inspiring talk this month was that given by Mr. Howard Roberts on "Influence and Responsibility." He spoke of our reaction to the crisis just passed, asking us not to take a pessimistic view of world affairs. He urged us to shoulder responsibility individually, and to use every kind of influence within our sphere in the cause of Peace. Peace would come sooner because we had played our part, he said.

Early in the month the School entered upon a new project. It was decided to "adopt" a Spanish Baby at a cost of seven shillings per month. Members felt that this was a very useful piece of international service.

In conclusion, we should like to tender our heartfelt sympathy to two keen and hard-working members of the School. Mrs. Thomas, who has been our Programme Secretary since the opening of the School, has lost her husband after a sudden and brief illness. She has been very much in our thoughts during the last few weeks when she has been unable to attend.

Mrs. Nyberg, our energetic Social Secretary, and leader of the "Eight Gay Girlies' Concert Party," also had her husband taken suddenly and seriously ill. We rejoice to hear that Mr. Nyberg has now returned from Redhill Hospital, and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

The M.C.C. and You

By County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

The question of the road safety is of interest to every member of the community, especially those of us who are parents. Few of us feel that enough is done to safeguard the lives and limbs of people crossing roads carrying fast-moving traffic.

The question came up for consideration at the November meeting of the Middlesex County Council and I feel that a first step has been taken, if the people most concerned will play their part, should be of very great value. The M.C.C. accepted for the first time the principle that subways, with ramps not steps, are necessary under many of the great roads passing through Middlesex from London to the country beyond. I think that many of the members were somewhat alarmed at the number of such subways that the Ministry of Transport suggested would be necessary to ensure a reasonable measure of safety. Seventy was that number, the Ministry offering to pay 60% of the cost of construction.

The C.C. accepted the principle but agreed to consider each case on its merits from time to time. As a first step it agreed to consider the construction of a subway in Hendon where the Watford Bye-Pass, called there Edgware Way, forms a junction with Edgwarebury Lane.

The Ministry will meet 60% of the cost. Who then should pay the remaining 40%? It would be hardly fair if the locality where the subway is to be built should bear the rest of the charge, because Hendon in this instance did not build the road, and moreover some county districts are much more hardly affected by the existence of these arterial roads than others. The County Council, appreciating this, agreed to raise 25% from the County Rate provided the Borough Council would find the other 15%. This the Hendon Borough Council had now agreed to do.

Hendon, by-the-bye, has at present the only pedestrian subway in the County. This was constructed some years ago to allow people to pass in safety from one part to the other of the Mill Hill Park which was cut in two when the Watford Bye-Pass was constructed. That time the ratepayers of Hendon paid the entire cost. But that was before the Ministry of Transport really faced up to the problem and before the County Council would accept any responsibility.

When the Education Committee's report came before the County Council in November, Dr. Edith Summer-skill drew attention to the fact that only just over 1 in 3 of the children attending the County's Secondary Schools took part in the "Milk for School Children" scheme and that of these only 31 were supplied with milk free of charge. She asked that this matter should be looked into and that steps should be taken to see that more children had this milk and that all those whose parents could not afford to but it should be supplied free. It must be remembered that most of the children in the County's secondary schools have come from elementary schools and that about 70% of them pay no fees. It is plain therefore that the need for milk, and in some cases for free milk, is very nearly as great as in the elementary school.

1939 to be a greater Cycling Year?

"Yes, definitely!" says Mrs. Billie Dovey, the 28,000 mile Ridge-Whitworth rider.

A Cycle of Good Luck . . . is my wish to all readers of the *Watling Resident* for 1939! Although as I write dear old 1938 has quite a fortnight to go, when you read this issue (probably on New Year's Day) you may have already made—and broken—some of your resolutions.

I always think that those kiddies who have been fortunate enough to have juvenile cycles or tri-cycles as Christmas presents are lucky indeed. Such an early start on the road to health and fitness is to be envied. It's a fine exercise for the little ones, with almost no chance of doing themselves any harm for the miniature bicycles are usually geared very low.

Watch them twiddling away, full of glee, rosy cheeks . . . happy, travelling short distances under their own power. Not yet ten years old maybe. Who knows that in ten years' time the finest cyclist will be one who has pedalled the roads of Watling Estate in his or her early days?

The chances are great, for cycling is very popular in the district covered by this journal.

Cycling popularity . . . has to be investigated to be sure which is the most popular phase of this great sport and greater pastime. Recently the Wednesday weekly cyclists' paper—"CYCLING," held a ballot to find this out.

First choice was for Touring in Britain, and this was as expected. Who is there who doesn't enjoy roaming the countryside at leisure free from any timetable? Leafy lanes free from fast traffic abound all over England, glance at any map to convince yourself that there are thousands of miles of byways most suitable for cycling.

Second came club riding. Hundreds of cycling clubs have been formed in the past few years, and most of them have thrived on the sociability they offer both male and female enthusiasts. No need for girls to think that cycling might interfere with their dancing—join a real cycling club and find out that these wheel-folk promote the best Dances. Why, who runs better dances and dinners locally than the Northern C.C., Hendon Clarion C.C., and the North Western R.C., local cyclists all?

Look ahead to Easter . . . early April this year you can enjoy your first holiday a-wheel. You will be certain to enjoy it if you put in some steady miles now. Keep your legs in trim, don't put the bike away. If you leave it in the shed too long you will most certainly suffer from "Easter knees" when you do start. It is not long distances or speed that counts at first, it is those few miles each day that will see you fresh and fit later in the year.

BILLIE DOVEY.

Travelling Facilities

The London Federation of Community Associations has been having some correspondence with the L.P.T.B. which we think may interest our readers.

Four requests were made in the first letter of this series, as follows:—

1. That the hour at which workmen's tickets cease to be obtainable on local trains and on tubes should be made later, 8.30 a.m.

2. That the corresponding hour for trams and trolley-buses should also be made later, 8 a.m. These points would help alleviate the crush before 7.30 and also save so many people having to wait an hour or more in London between the arrival of their train and starting work, which they have to do now, girls especially, in order to be able to take the workman's tickets.

3. That workmen's tickets and return tickets should be instituted on the buses.

4. That further efforts should be made to decrease the overcrowding on trains and tubes by putting on more trains and, in the case of the open air trains reducing the proportion of 1st class carriages.

The reply was:—

1. and 2. The Board cannot agree to extend the time of issue of workmen's tickets. Apart from the considerable loss of revenue which would be involved by the adoption of this proposal, it would at the same time have the effect of creating greater congestion, as not only would more passengers travel later, but also considerable numbers would be induced by the reduced fare to travel earlier than at present, thus throwing greater numbers into the 8 to 9 a.m. peak.

3. The Board are not prepared to introduce workmen's tickets on buses, as to do so would result in a reduction of revenue which they are unable to face in view of their financial obligations. For the same reason, the Board cannot add to the number of return tickets which are already issued on certain bus services.

The only return fares which are issued on the Board's buses are those introduced by their predecessors, and these are confined as a general rule to routes which run parallel to certain tramway routes in the County of London.

4. During the times when the largest number of passengers are travelling, i.e., during the peak periods, the maximum number of trains are run on the Board's railways, and it is therefore not possible to increase the train services immediately. I have no knowledge of any undertaking where the number of trains per hour is greater or even as great as that on the Board's railways. As your Associations no doubt know, the Board are already engaged on a large development programme, having for its object the increase of rail facilities in practically the whole of North London.

5. First-class accommodation is only provided on the Board's railways on the Metropolitan Line and certain sections of the District Line. The question of first-class accommodation on these lines is one which is frequently before the Board, and where practicable the proportion of first-class accommodation has been reduced, but they are satisfied that the accommodation as a general rule is not in excess of requirements.

The Federation expressed its regret that the securing of revenue seems to be the chief concern of

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your Board, stressed one matter that seemed to it to be peculiarly unfair, that is the refusal to institute return fares on bus services which were not, before the establishment of the Board, in competition with the tram services of a public authority. It urged upon the Board once more that return fares should be available on all bus routes.

Their response was:

"I can assure you that securing revenue is most certainly not the chief concern of the Board. The Board's objects are laid down only too clearly in their Act, and at the risk of wearying you I will quote the two chief ones.

"It shall be the general duty of the Board so to exercise their powers under this Act as to secure the provision of an adequate and properly co-ordinated system of passenger transport for the London Passenger Transport Area, and for that purpose, while avoiding the provision of unnecessary and wasteful competitive services, to take from time such steps as they consider necessary for extending and improving the facilities for passenger transport in that area in such manner as to provide most efficiently and conveniently for the needs thereof.

"It shall be the duty of the Board to conduct their undertaking in such manner, and to fix such fares and charges in accordance with the provisions of this Act, as to secure that their revenues shall be sufficient to defray all charges which are by this Act required to be defrayed out of the revenues of the Board.

"From this you will see that we have to provide a proper service and obtain a proper return on our capi-

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Club and Society Notes

W.A. CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club finished a very successful season as the following totals show:—Played 17, Won 11, Drawn 1, Lost 1.

As can be seen we did well and we have much pleasure in giving the position of all players in regard to batting and bowling. On behalf of the cricket section we wish to thank all members who supported us during the season. We also hope to have more jolly afternoons next summer, and that many new members will come along.

C. HICKS, co-partner J. TAYLOR.

BATTING AVERAGES

Names	Innings	Times Not Out	Runs	Most In Innings	Average
ALLEN, G.	10	2	188	59	23.5
BETHELEMY, B.	14	1	177	38	13.6
EVA, F.	9	0	160	47	17.8
REDMAN, T.	12	0	160	50	13.3
MILNE, T.	15	1	148	30	10.4
ALLEN, F.	16	0	136	27	8.5
TAYLOR, J.	15	3	70	19	5.7
CUTTS, S.	15	1	43	10	3.1
MORGAN, T.	2	0	45	45	22.5
HICKS, C.	12	1	41	11	3.7
HOY, A.	12	1	40	18	3.6
LUFFMAN, H.	13	3	36	15	3.6
POWELL, A.	3	0	33	17	11.0
ALLEN (Senior)	5	0	9	5	1.8
HARWOOD	5	0	13	6	2.6

BOWLING AVERAGES

Names	Overs	Maiden	Runs	Wickets	Average
ALLEN, G.	50.5	14	124	33	3.7
BETHELEMY, B.	101.0	14	296	45	6.6
MILNE, T.	20.0	4	55	9	6.1
ALLEN, F.	55.0	14	140	11	12.7
LUFFMAN, H.	34.0	8	98	10	9.8

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT

Hendon and Burnt Oak Branch

The National Unemployed Workers' Movement as an affiliated organisation to the Watling Association, provides an opportunity to the residents where it is possible to get together and express through this medium the hardships and, in our opinion, mal-administration of the law as applied by certain officials of government departments.

Our membership is not restricted to unemployed persons but according to the constitution, "The National Unemployed Workers' Movement shall be open to all unemployed and employed workers, irrespective of sex or political opinions," therefore a cordial invitation awaits you when you decide to become one of us.

Our work puts us in touch with various people who are seeking some advice on unemployment or any-

thing that necessitates a person approaching our movement as is well known, we are able to render all possible aid.

Every Sunday at the Watling Centre between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. we hold a branch meeting and it is very interesting, you may come along if you so desire, make your mind up and devote one evening to a cause that endeavours to lighten the burden of our unfortunate colleagues.

Many cases have passed through our hands and we are able to state that our movement as usual, has been responsible for some amelioration, very often in a financial direction.

Don't forget, if you have any difficulties, whatever they may be, we are always ready to listen to you and give immediate action if necessary.

W. LEWINGTON (Hon. Sec.).

BURNT OAK MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

First, a Very Happy New Year to all our Members and Friends.

Whatever may help in this, we can be sure that our Sunday evenings spent at School will be still further helped. So let us make a Resolution:—"That whenever possible we will attend and bring a friend throughout the year."

We are pleased to say that the month's discussions have been wonderfully enlightened and particularly the evening spent on COMMUNISM.

This evening certainly was a great time, and those who braved the weather on this occasion were more than amply rewarded.

Looking through the New Lesson Handbook for 1939 entitled "This Changing World" it looks as though we are in for some really good old Adult School times.

Several new members have joined in the month who have already received the usual welcome, which is further extended to them here. At the same time we want to express our regrets at the illness of two older members, Messrs. Roblou and Nyberg, and we are pleased to hear that there is an improvement in both friends' condition, and we shall be pleased to soon see them with us again.

Attendances, as has been hinted, have been so good this month that it has been necessary to hold the School in a larger room.

Arrangements for the January Schools are not yet completed but up to the present we have arranged the following:—

- Jan. 1 Friends' Allotments. Mr. Strang.
- " 8 (possibly) Miss Fairburn from the Mayfield School of Dancing, on Some Aspects of Dancing.
- " 15 (probably) Mr. Lock on Amateur Gardening.
- " 29 Health and Holiness. Dr. Knowles.

It would be a good idea and help to the Programme Secretary and the School if members who have now got their new Handbooks would have a good look through them and decide to offer a paper on some particular subject.

Again all good wishes for 1939.

F. G. S.

WATLING ASSOCIATION ORCHESTRA

The end of December—the close of another year—makes one reminiscent, and suggests a balance-sheet of that "something attempted, something done." Figures are terrible things at the best of times; sometimes they show our weakness, sometimes our strength. In this case we quote some statistics to show to what strength we have grown during the past year.

The orchestra has met on 41 Friday evenings during 1938. The number of attendances has been 792, which gives an average of 19 members present at each meeting. The number of pieces practised was 229; 5.5 each evening, and of these 93 were different items. There must be very few amateur orchestras to claim such a library, ranging as it does from the lightest jazz to heavy opera, from a German waltz to a Spanish march, from a minuet to a set of Lancers. Of these pieces, 25 are the property of the orchestra, the remainder are a private library placed at our disposal, but, as our conductor does not wish his name to be mentioned—well, we refrain.

Of the activities during the year mention may be made of the Watling Guild of Players, the Eight Gay Girdles, the Free and Easy, the Christmas Bazaar, etc., while outside the sphere of the Centre we have played for several charity "Shows," including John Groom's Crippleage, at the Express Hall several times, and every alternate Saturday at the Centre for the Merry Club of the Watling Blind. Two events are outstanding, both at the Wesley Hall—the Concert on behalf of the Staveley Mine Disaster and that on behalf of the Servers of the Blind League.

We are hoping, however, to get still stronger, and would ask for the kindly help of brass instrumentalists.

Our Sense of Values

It cannot be denied that we are more affected by the sensational, unimportant happenings, than by the unsensational, important ones.

A maniac, whose perversion is very likely traceable to a bad upbringing, murders a child and the Press is agog and the people aghast. Hundreds of children, together with their parents, are blasted to pieces on the Ebro or at Hankow, and their epitaph, so far as we are concerned, is a few lines at the bottom of a page.

A notability breaks a small bone in an accident and it is headline news; a pit disaster is "fortunate" if it gets beyond the provincial Press.

The suicide of a film star is matter for a whole issue of Sunday journalism; when an unemployed man commits suicide, Fleet Street seems ashamed to give the event two lines.

A people gets the Press it deserves on account of its docility and inertia. And yet I believe that large numbers are unwillingly docile; they would like to break away from the stream of superficial thinking, but their outlook is fatalistic. It is these people that the Burnt Oak Left Book Club believes it can help, not less than it believes they can help it, by discussing the problems which are fundamental, by probing into causes rather than dealing with symptoms.

The next meeting of the group is on Sunday, January 15th, 1939, at 8 p.m. when the speaker is to be John Parker, M.P. for Romford. LEONARD CLARK

BOXING

Throughout the present season we shall give results of all contests in which our boys are concerned. During the past month we visited Hammersmith Stadium where Bert Shaw was beaten on points in the 8-st. Novices Competition, sponsored by Lyons B.C. This was his first appearance in senior boxing and he gave a good display against a non-stop forceful fighter. Next we visited B.T.H. Boxing Club at Willesden, and there Ginger Walker was adjudged the loser in the 9-st. 9-lb. Competition; this was a hotly disputed verdict. Then on to Standard Telephones Tournament at New Southgate. Here again Walker was our nominee and he duly obliged by winning his first contest of the evening on points after a smashing fight; he followed this by winning the semi-final. He severely punished his man and the referee rightly stopped the contest. The final was very closely contested and "Ginger" lost very narrowly on points. He was consoled however by the runner-up prize—a handsome eight-day clock. From there to Barnet where, in the 9-st. Competition W. Graham and A. Sarson unfortunately were drawn together in the Semi-Final. Sarson was the winner of a fast and clean contest which was a credit to the club. In the final, after having floored his opponent twice he ran on to a punch which caused the referee to stop the contest. He also carried home a very nice clock. At the Stadium Club W. Clarke won the first series in a 10-st. 7-lb. Open Competition, and boxing below form through making the weight, he lost the Semi-Final on points. Boxing for Hendon B.C. as a second claim member against Fitzroy Lodge B.C. he lost by a narrow margin. At Kentish Town Baths, "Ginger Walker" lost on points in the St. Pancras B.C. 9-st. 9-lb. Competition; in all cases these boys were seconded by Messrs. T. Curzon and E. Stewart. We would like to congratulate W. Newton on his magnificent performance on reaching the final of the all-London Schools Championships at 5-st. and must consider him unlucky to lose by the referee's casting vote.

On Friday, January 27th, 1939, at Barnfield School Hall, we are staging an Inter-Club Tournament against Hendon B.C. who need no introduction to followers of boxing. On the same programme there will be an 8-st. 8-lb. Open Novices Competition to all amateurs. Prizes valued at 5-guineas, winner £1 10s. Runner-up will be presented. This is the first occasion such a programme has been arranged by the Watling Boxing Club, and it is up to our supporters to see that it is not the last, so be sure to keep this date open. See posters for further details. We are having quite good attendances on our club training nights (Mondays and Thursdays), but we shall be pleased to welcome new members who are keen to learn. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Ted Shaw and Les Havcox who both have had distinguished careers in boxing, and will co-operate with Tom Curzon, Eddie Stewart and Sid Benham, our present instructing staff, to teach and encourage all our members. STRAIGHT LEFT.

A CONCERT

A long awaited Show will be held at St. Alphage Hall, on Thursday, January 26th, of the AMATEUR VARIETY COMPANY, in aid of their funds.

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Roy Gilbert	Descriptive Songs
Jack Evans	Tapps
Ruby King	The Girl with the Golden Voice
Clark Spencer	...	...	Eccentrics
Lawton Sisters	...	...	Song and Dance
Dan Dawson	...	...	Mimic
Laura Dean	...	...	Songs
Nat Clifford	...	...	Comedian
Rita Lawrence	...	...	Those Two Girls
Judy Western	...	...
Tom Crawley	Light Comedian
Troth Bros.	Entertainers
Bert Aves	At the Piano

Starts at 8 o'clock.

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Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Company or from the Office.

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB (HENDON SECTION)

A Happy New Year all, I hope you have all got over Christmas and are feeling fit to face another year. Of course the best way to get over Christmas gorging is a short run on the bike. I wonder how many of you did that. Many Clarionettes did, and felt satisfactory results.

Early in December the section attended the L.U. Clarion 4th Annual Dance and Cabaret at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C.1. What a night! Our members went by charabanc. There were some 700 members and friends, and the evening went with a swing. Some of the Southampton section rode up to join in the festivities and they, in common with all of us, had a really enjoyable time, despite their long ride.

The following Saturday the Hendon Section took part in the Labour Party Bazaar at the Labour Hall, by running a tyre bursting contest. Some of the figures put down by entrants were very interesting for they betrayed the people's faith in the strength of rubber tyres.

Over Christmas, members attended the Carnival run of the Thames Valley Cyclists' Rights Committee on Christmas morning. On Boxing Day two of the club's most popular members, Mr. John Anthony and Miss Eva Codd, became Mr. and Mrs. Anthony amongst much rejoicing from members of the club who were able to be present.

Other members of club went away for Christmas, some going with the North London section to Burnham Green.

Many are the social fixtures in the New Year, particularly the Clarion C. & A.C. Dinner which all members are keenly anticipating.

Also with January the 1st we, the Clarion, announce a new scheme which will interest those who cycle to work, or up to the shops, etc. We want you all to join in with us for the comradeship of the road. The new scheme is this: anybody can become an associate

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member of the Clarion for the sum of 2/6 per annum, groups of more than a dozen joining together are accepted at 2/- per head per annum. This scheme will entitle the associate member to legal aid in case of accident, third party cover up to £1,000, free advice re tours and touring, etc. Now many of you would never dream of working at your occupation without being in a trade union, and yet millions of cyclists do not belong to the clubs such as the Clarion which protect cyclists' rights. Think it over friends, you can't afford not to belong to the Clarion.

Get in touch with our Hon. Sec., Mr. W. G. Glendenning, 23 Brinkburn Gardens, Edgware, who will be glad to let you have full particulars.

If you want to come out with the club you are always welcome to meet us any Sunday morning at the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, at 9.30 a.m.

Well cheerio! Let's see you sometime.

VIC. C. BOTTERILL,

Hon. Press and Publicity Sec.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES—continued from page 12.
tal—not at our own volition, but by Act of Parliament. It is the balance of these two sometimes irreconcilable objectives that causes some people to think that we concentrate too much upon revenue. Perhaps we think that they concentrate upon unremunerative services!

"It must be remembered that the Board receive no subsidy whatever from either the Local or National Government. Indeed, they pay vast sums in taxation of all types."

This was followed by an interview between representatives of the Board and the Federation, the results of which have not yet been reported.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

The Journal of the Watling Association

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OF THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE WATLING ESTATE

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Democracy

Do you exercise your rights and carry out your duties? In small as well as large affairs? Make sure, if you are a member of the Watling Association, that you turn up at the Annual Meeting on February 23rd. Get your copy of the report beforehand so that you can study the accounts and see what has been happening.

Self Help

Council-house tenants at Bognor Regis are to form a Mutual Aid and Social Centre with special facilities for members who are unemployed. There will be a Day Nursery in charge of one or two responsible tenants and ample facilities for cooking the children's meals. A sewing class will make garments for the unemployed.

A Bargain

A new idea from Paris is a salon where articles can be swapped. Typewriters, cameras, wireless sets and other items are brought to the salon to be exchanged and good business is done without a penny changing hands. Some time ago we suggested a plant exchange at the Centre where gardeners could bring their surplus roots to exchange for other plants which they required.

It seems a good way of getting what you want if you don't want to spend money. You barter your old bike for a grass-cutter and everyone is satisfied.

Adult School Badges

Mr. Lord informs us that the first four dozen Adult School Union badges were soon sold, and he had to send for a few more dozen. Men, women and younger members are now wearing the badges which can be had for sixpence each.

Moggies' Party

The Moggies held their annual tea party on Wednesday, January 11th, and what a time they had. 170 sat down to a good tea provided by our good friends. Mr. Maison Lyons ran a dance at the "White Lion" in aid of the party and the Woman's Adult School gave their kind help as in the past, not forgetting Miss Clement Brown and Miss Briggs.

Mr. Lyons felt that no children's party was complete without a conjuror, and Mr. Thomas brought a friend along who gave us some humorous monologues. We cannot thank the people enough who worked so hard to make the children happy.

Physical Training Display

Owing to the confined space at Watling Centre where the usual Physical Training Display of the Association groups has been held in the past it was run this year at Woodcroft School on Tuesday, Jan. 17th. The groups taking part were the Moggies, Intermediate Girls, Senior Girls and Women. We were fortunate in having present Miss Colson, Secretary of the Central Council for Recreative Physical Training, Mrs. Gray-Skinner and Miss MacLellan, Physical Training Organiser for Hendon. It was very encouraging to see so many people turn up to watch the demonstration and all seemed thoroughly to enjoy the show. The girls really did look charming in their coloured dresses which helped to show up their well-trained work and the little sailor girls were delightful. The Women's Class was a great credit to its teacher and showed what a benefit the P.T. work had been to the members. As usual it was delightful to watch the children. Miss Claxton had most of the audience on the floor for the country dancing at the end. We hope that those who came to watch will join one or other of the groups, P.T. or country dancing and that next year they will all be members taking part.

Chest Colds

Beat the white of an egg to a froth, then add juice of 1 lemon, 1 teaspoonful of pure olive oil, and 6 teaspoonfuls of honey. Mix well together. Take 2 teaspoonfuls when cough is troublesome.

London Society of Compositors

Members and trade unionists generally on the Watling Estate will be interested to learn that the new General Secretary of the London Society of Compositors, Mr. A. M. Wall and the Organiser, Mr. A. V. Bollen, will visit the Watling Centre on Sunday, March 12th, when they attend the monthly meeting of the Hendon and District Advisory Committee. Mr. Wall is probably best known to trade unionists as the out-spoken Secretary of the London Trades Council and founder of "Actors' Equity." Everyone will wish him well in his fight for 100 per cent. organisation in the printing industry.

Workless

Whether or not we approve of the methods by which the unemployed are seeking redress for their unhappy condition, we must agree that continual agitation is the only way to get something done. Those who have been unemployed know the demoralising effect it has. The depressed feeling that one is not wanted, when all around is luxury and waste. Every man is entitled to live, to work and to enjoy the good things of life. The system which compels him to be idle, and his family to be undernourished in a world of plenty is criminal. There is plenty of idle capital in the banks, and a crying need for houses and roads to be built. If this government is incapable of solving the problem then it is up to us. We get the government we deserve.

GRAND FINALE

A riotous finish to Anniversary Week at the Centre was given when the Crazy Gang presented "Snowdrift and the Seven Twirps." The cast included; Snowdrift, Jack Radley; the wicked queen and witch, Mrs. Nyberg; the handsome (?) prince, Mr. Howard.

Clowns, Mr. Roblou and Mr. C. Deacon.

The Seven Twirps: Doc (Mr. Harris), Grumpy (Mr. Nyberg), Bashful (Mr. Cole), Sleepy (Mr. Hilton), Dopey (Mr. Downes), Happy (Mr. Lodge) and Sneezy (Mrs. Lord).

During the evening songs were rendered by Mr. Savage, Barbara Judge (age 7), and Mr. Howard.

P.C. Littler kept disorder.

Scene 1: "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the biggest Twirp of all?"

Scene 2: In Watling Woods. Snowfruit Radley is lost!

Scene 3, 4, etc.: The Twirps' Hut. The Maiden's Downfall. Tempted by the old b— witch. Enter the Prince and Twirps. The awakening! Curtain! Then followed the Circus!!!

Supported by a section of the W.A. Orchestra.

BURNT OAK LEFT BOOK CLUB

WHO ARE WE—AND WHAT DO WE DO?

There are something like four-thousand houses on the Watling Estate. That means that there must be many amongst the Watling residents interested to learn who we are and what we do, in the Burnt Oak Group of the Left Book Club. To begin with, to belong to the Group or to attend Group meetings you need *not* belong to the Left Book Club. We heartily invite you to our meetings at the Watling Centre, and

you will not be asked to contribute anything, unless you like to give the meeting your opinion on the subject under discussion. As a matter of fact, less than half of those who have attended our meetings are members of the Left Book Club.

Naturally, as a Left Book Club Group, we are guided in our activities by the principles of the Left Book Club. The aim of the Club is to help in the struggle for World Peace and a better social and economic order, and against Fascism; and to give members that knowledge which will immensely increase their efficiency. Occasionally we discuss the monthly book of the Club—and the discussion is full enough to be interesting even if you haven't read the book. Sometimes we discuss questions of topical importance, e.g., the Popular Front and A.R.P. At other times we have authoritative outside speakers. Amongst these we have had Mr. Reginald Bridgeman, who spoke on the Colonial Question, and on another occasion a returned member of the International Brigade, who gave some extremely interesting "inside" information on the struggle in Spain.

As for the Left Book Club itself, we haven't the space to tell you all about it here. Full information and membership forms can always be had at meetings. We meet at the Watling Centre twice a month on Sundays at 8 p.m. You will find details of our next meeting in the Watling Diary on another page.

So we say: if you've anything you want to get off your chest about "Hit" or "Muss," or even if you would rather "sit tight" and let someone else do the talking—come along to our meetings. You won't regret leaving the fireside. F. W. W.

Sydney Hurry

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All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

February, 1939

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
 Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
 Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
 5 What is Christianity?
 Mr. A. W. Smith.
 12 Fascism and the Jews.
 Mr. Gardner.
 19 The Jews in the World To-day.
 Mr. G. Cohen, LL.B.
 26 Business Meeting.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
 Watling Athletic Association, 8 p.m.
 Boxing, 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.
 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.
 1 First Aid. Dr. Gwyned Dean.
 8 News from Nowhere, by William Morris. Mrs. Pennell.
 15 Banking. Mrs. Croome.
 22 International Trade. Mrs. Croome.
 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.
 Boxing, 8 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.
 Table Tennis Club, 3 p.m.
 Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Wed'day 1 Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
 Friday 3 W.A. Football Club Dance, 8 p.m.
 Sunday 5 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
 Monday 6 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
 Friday 10 Neighbourhood Guild Social, 8 p.m.
 Sunday 12 Free and Easy, 8 p.m.
 Monday 13 Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.
Thurs'y 16 { "Girl in Question" presented by
Friday 17 { the Watling Guild of Players.
 Sunday 19 Joint Lecture with Edgware Fellowship.
 "Is the Soviet System Democratic."
 Mr. Pat Sloane.
 Monday 20 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Thurs'y 23 W.A. Annual Meeting.
 Friday 24 Helpers' Social, 8.30 p.m.
 Sunday 26 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Zionism, Mr. G. Cohen, LL.B.
 Monday 27 Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 1938

On Saturday 17th December we had our Annual Christmas Bazaar; this was opened by the Mayoress of Hendon, who was accompanied by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman H. G. Potter.

We are indebted to the Mayor and Mayoress for the splendid send-off which they gave to the Bazaar; both spent quite a long time with us and the Mayoress made many purchases from the stalls, whilst the Mayor gave a donation towards the Bazaar.

To all who worked so hard to make the Bazaar a success, I should like to express the sincere thanks of our Association.

I should like to extend my personal thanks to the following for donations in kind towards the Bazaar:— Mr. and Mrs. Fanthorpe for a doll, which was presented by Mrs. Fanthorpe and was dressed by Mr. Fanthorpe. Ladies who inspected the knitted clothes with which the doll was dressed, remarked that they would have been a credit to any of the fairer sex, that is why I feel that all the more credit is due to Mr. Fanthorpe, who is one of our hardest general workers for the Association.

Messrs. Pegley and Steele, of Watling Avenue, gave the prizes for the fancy dress competition. I am sorry there were not more entries for this. Other donors were:—The Bumper Bargain Stores, Mrs. Greenwood of Edgware, Miss Passfield, Mrs. Sewell Harris, Miss Moore, Miss Cavill, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Callaghan, and Mr. Austin Bayes. The following were stallholders: Women's Adult School, B.O.V.P.A.S., The Moggies, Women's Neighbourhood Guild, The Oddfellows, Young Watlers, Veterans' Club, Watling Guild of Players; Bunty Pulls the Strings, Mr. J. Roblou, Jr.; Lotto, Master D. Roblou. We are also very grateful to Mr. Lancaster and other members of the Watling Association Orchestra for their generous services while the Bazaar was in progress, also the ladies who managed the catering. In case anyone has been overlooked in this very brief report, may I thank all once again.
 Mrs. L. A. ROBLou.

Watling Association and National Unemployed Workers CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF THE UNEMPLOYED

The above party was held at the Watling Centre on December 22nd when some 360 children were entertained to tea, and conjuring show afterwards.

Once again we were fortunate in securing the services of Fife Clayton who has attended our Children's Christmas party since it was first started. We are also grateful to him for bringing his partner Joe Joe along with him to amuse the children. To both on behalf of the children may I say "thank you" and may you continue to do the good work, which means so much to those who are able to see you.

The success of such a party depends on the financial and moral support that the organisers can muster, and both Mr. Jim Thompson of the N.U.W.M. and myself on behalf of the children wish to thank the following: All helpers who prepared and served the teas; the following for financial assistance—His Worship the Mayor of Hendon, J. W. Laing, R. Bridgeman, J. H. Dewhurst, Ann Russell, Mrs. King, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Farr, Mr. Packer, Mrs. T. Johnson, Messrs. Woolworth (Burnt Oak), Osborne and Son, Victoria Wine Co., De Havillands, Ward and Strong, Boots Cash Chemists, Hendon A.S.W., Burnt Oak N.U.W.M., Burnt Oak T.G.W.U., Burnt Oak Painters' Union, Mill Hill Co-op. Women's Guild, and to the following for gifts in kind, Messrs. The Popular Stores, Pearks, Spurriers, Dicks, United Dairies, Express Dairies, L.C.S., Sam Cooks, Stevens and Steeds, Rosin, Sainsbury's, L. W. Brady, Chas. Phillips, Titus Ward, Hicks, Vowden, Pritchards, Mill Hill Personal Service (per Mrs. Wharhirst), Boltons, Mill Hill Lamson Paragon, and individual members of the Watling Association.

The Watling Association and the local branch of the National Unemployed Workers' Movement take this opportunity of thanking everybody for their generous support.

C. J. ROBLOU,
Chairman, Watling Association.

J. THOMPSON,
Secretary, Burnt Oak Branch, N.U.W.M.



SIR,

I've come to the conclusion that "Leo" is none other than Mr. Hilton.

S.O.S.

Last seen in Watling Avenue, an average-built man walking along in a brown study furiously scribbling in a large note-book with a stubby pencil.

Answers to the name of "Leo."

Centre Points

For the information of new members and as an interesting reminder to older members we give below some brief notes on the history of the Watling Association.

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The first rules of the Watling Residents' Association were adopted at a meeting held on February 7th, 1928 in Woodcroft Hall.

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January 15th, 1930 authority was given to amend the constitution of the Association and its name was altered to "The Watling Association."

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On Monday, September 28th, 1931 the Association took over 35, Abbots Road, as its temporary Community Centre and some will remember how the billiard cues had to be poked up the chimney in order to get a good stroke. Small meeting and whist drives, chess club, committee meetings, etc., were held there, and the Neighbourhood Guild was started.

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The present Centre was opened in January, 1933, by the Prince of Wales (now the Duke of Windsor). The then Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, chairman of the Pilgrim Trust, was also present.

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There are 500 members of the Association and 35 constituent bodies. Approximately 700 people use the Centre each week.

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Membership of the Association costs 4d. per month which includes free access to the Centre, use of the common room, free copy of the monthly magazine, admittance to lectures, Free and Easy if you are over 25, free advice from the poor man's lawyer and other facilities.

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It is hoped to enlarge the present building in the near future by the addition of a large hall and other rooms, and it is hoped a gymnasium.

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The pictures in the hall are provided by the Circulating Picture Club and are changed three times a year.

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All the work of the Association except that of the secretary and caretaker is voluntary, and there are vacancies for stewards and RESIDENT sellers, collectors of subscriptions, etc.

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There is a whist drive at the Centre on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Thursday afternoons; a dance on Tuesday evenings; discussion group Mondays; physical training Tuesdays; a Social every Saturday evening and a free and easy (social and discussion) on the second and fourth Sundays.



A Change of Air

Now that holidays with pay are coming within the scope of more and more workers, the next problem is how and where to spend holidays.

A holiday is necessary for every worker, but if he is to get the most out of it he should be in a position to pack his bag and go off to the seaside or the country. This the average worker finds difficult to do. After he has paid his bills, there is not much left for a jaunt to the seaside. So what does he do? Potters round the house or the garden and goes back to work without deriving the full benefit of his holiday. What of his wife? She has had no change at all, let alone a rest. If the workers are to keep fit and healthy, there should be facilities provided whereby every worker should be able to do it out of his income. There are some cheap holiday camps dotted about the country, but even these are too expensive for the ordinary worker. This is a national question, and a scheme to assist workers should be got going at once. As will be seen on this page the Birmingham Federation of Community Associations has started a community holiday camp in Wales. This is a hopeful venture, and the charges are quite reasonable. The only snag, as far as London people are concerned is the fare. By the time we have paid to get to Wales there will be little left to pay our rent.

At the last Watling Association Council meeting this holiday question was discussed, and, although we ourselves are not in a position to start a Community holiday scheme, we have sent a suggestion to the London Federation of Community Associations that they keep this matter in view. Holidays undoubtedly save a lot of illness, and so vital a matter, especially as it concerns the workers, should receive immediate and serious consideration.

F.H.L.

in the camp house. Bookings may be made outside the organised period if required.

Further information from the Hon. Secretary, Birmingham Federation of Community Associations, Mr. H. Chessell, 41, Green Meadow Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, 29.

Barmouth is a good centre for a holiday. It is at the mouth of the river and has a splendid beach of firm sand. For those who like walking and climbing the mountains are close at hand, and there are some fine excursions in the neighbourhood. Boating, bathing and fishing are popular amusements, while in the town there are public tennis courts and bowls. The camp itself is within a minute or two's walk of the sea.

A last word—book early if you intend to go.

A Holiday Camp in Wales

About a mile from Barmouth, one of the nearest seaside towns from Birmingham, is the site for the first community holiday camp to be organised by the Birmingham Federation of Community Associations. The camp will be rather more permanent than most, for the Federation hope to run it for a number of weeks in the summer, and a pleasantly situated bungalow will serve as a camp house.

The bungalow contains a lounge and dining room, four bedrooms and a kitchen. It will provide some sleeping accommodation, but it will be mainly used for dining quarters and as a place for recreation in the event of bad weather. There will be a small library of popular books, a number of indoor games will be supplied, so that with a wireless set as well campers will be well provided for in the, we hope, unlikely event of the elements being unfavourable.

Most of the campers will be accommodated in tents for two, having wooden floors and containing camp beds. Blankets will be provided, but campers will supply their own sheets or cotton sleeping bags, or if they prefer they can hire sleeping bags at the camp for a small sum. The sleeping quarters in the camp house will be mainly for ladies and young children.

Why the Camp is being run

For some years certain associations have organised their own camps for one or two weeks in the summer. Their efforts have been so successful that the Federation have felt the need for providing a camp on a more permanent basis for members of those associations which, for one reason or another, have been unable to organise their own holiday facilities.

The main object, therefore, is to provide simple, inexpensive holidays, especially for family parties. There must be many people who do not desire, and cannot afford, costly holidays in commercial camps, hotels and boarding houses, but would welcome a rest and change in pleasant, not too elaborate surroundings, and at a reasonable cost. It is for these people that the Federation is trying to cater.

The camp at Barmouth is the first venture of its kind, and if it is successful it is hoped that similar camps will be established in other parts of the country.

Organisation

A voluntary host will be appointed during the season to arrange any social activities the members may require, such as sports, picnics and concerts. He will represent the committee and will be generally responsible for the camp arrangements.

A housekeeper will be responsible for the domestic side of the camp, but all members will be expected to share in orderly duty and to help in keeping the camp tidy. In this way it is hoped to keep expenses down to a minimum.

The charge per week for board and accommodation during the organised period from July 15th to August 26th is 30/- for an adult, 15/- for a child under 14 years, and 10/- for a child under 5 years, provided there is not more than one child to each adult. There is an extra charge of 2/6 for persons wishing to sleep

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Animal Barometers

There is a close connection between the weather and gardening. So much of the success in gardening depends upon doing things at the right time and in the right weather.

The writer recently discovered a curious little book about the weather. It has only 41 pages and its size is only five inches by three. But it is most interesting and entertaining. Its full title is "A weather guide for the curious: showing the state of the atmosphere by animal and vegetable barometers, and the hour of the day in summer time, by a Botanical Clock. Taken from the observations of several eminent Naturalists, by Joseph Taylor." It was published in 1810.

The section headed "Animal Barometers" contains much useful information as the following extracts will show.

A leach is a very reliable weather prophet. Put one in a large glass jar three parts full of clear rain water, which should be regularly changed three times a week. Let the jar, with the leach in it, stand on the window sill facing north. In fair and frosty weather the leach will be motionless, rolled up in a spiral form at the bottom of the glass; but prior to rain or snow it will creep to the top where, if the rain is going to be "heavy and of some continuance" the leach will remain for a considerable time. If the rain is going to be but trifling the leach will descend to the bottom again. Should the rain or snow be accompanied by wind the leach "will dart about its habitation with amazing celerity, and seldom ceases until it begins to blow hard." If a thunderstorm be approaching the little animal "will be exceedingly agitated and express its feelings in violent convulsive starts at the top of the glass." However fine and serene the weather may be at the time "the coincident results will certainly occur within 36 hours; frequently within 24, and sometimes in 12; though its motions chiefly depend on the fall and duration of the rain, and the strength of the wind."

There are many common and familiar signs exhibited by other animals which foretell changes in the weather. Out of a long list given in this quaint little book the following are perhaps the most interesting.

If an owl is heard to scream during bad weather it announces that it will soon become fine.

The croaking of crows indicates fine weather.

If bees do not travel far from their hives in search of honey rain is indicated and if they return to their hives before the usual time it may be concluded that the rain will soon fall.

"It is a sign of rain or wind when the sparrows chirp a great deal and make a noise to each other to assemble."

When the gnats collect together before the setting of the sun and form a sort of vortex in the shape of a column fine weather may be expected.

If the raven croaks three or four times, extending

his wings and shaking the leaves it is a sign of serene weather coming.

"If the frogs croak more than usual; if the toads issue from their holes in the evening in great numbers; if the earth-worms come forth from the earth; if the ants remove their eggs from their small hills; if the moles throw up the earth more than usual; if the asses frequently shake and agitate their ears; if the dogs roll on the ground and scratch up the earth with their fore-feet; if the cows look towards the heavens and turn up their nostrils as if catching some smell; . . . and if oxen and dogs lie on their right side; all these are signs which announce rain."

What to do in February

Flower Garden Prepare the sites for the earliest sowing of hardy annuals. A little manure is required, say a quarter of a bucketful per square yard. Too much causes them to make foliage at the expense of flowers.

The best dozen amongst the hardy annuals are clarkias, larkspurs, godetias, annual chrysanthemums, love-in-a-mist, calendulas, annual delphiniums, sweet sultans, calcalia, linaria, saponaria and linum.

Divide the violas. A good clump may be cut up into several pieces, each with a few roots. Plant the divided roots in boxes and keep them in a sheltered place until the end of March when they should be planted out.

Prepare the wall-flowers for their spring display. Make firm any that are loose in the soil. Remove yellowing leaves and sprinkle the bed with freshly slaked lime.

Fruit Garden Cultivated blackberries are an acquisition to any garden. Plant a few canes in some odd corner. Parsley-leafed and Himalaya Giant are good varieties.

Spray the black-currents with lime-sulphur which can be bought ready for use. This will keep the bushes free from the diseases to which they are specially liable.

Manure the gooseberry bushes. Farm-yard is best and bone-meal, at the rate of 4 ounces per square yard, second best: failing these try fish manure.

Now is a good time to spray all kinds of fruit trees. An excellent wash for this purpose is caustic alkali. To make this dissolve 1 lb. of caustic soda and 1 lb. of potash separately, and when both are dissolved add 1 lb. of soft soap and sufficient rain water to make up 10 gallons of mixture. Care must be exercised to avoid letting any of the spray fall on your hands. This wash is especially effective in the case of old trees infested with lichens.

Vegetable Garden Sow some early peas on a warm border, during mild weather towards the end of the month.

Sow broad beans, also at the end of the month. The earlier they are up the less likely are they to be blighted by black fly when nearly ready for picking.

Plant Jerusalem artichokes in any odd piece of ground but preferably with a wall or fence on one or two sides as they are very liable to spread. Reserve for good the space chosen as they are difficult to uproot entirely.

Plant shallots before the end of the month, in fine surface ground, six inches apart in the row and the rows, if more than one, a foot apart. Plant so that the "neck" of each bulb is left just above the ground.

The Pedestrians Association

Viscount Cecil, President of the Pedestrians' Association, at a Press Luncheon in London launched a campaign for the purpose of securing a better use of pedestrian crossings by road users. Hundreds of thousands of pounds have been spent by local authorities on controlled and uncontrolled crossing places, but it is increasingly obvious that the best value for this expenditure will not be obtained unless all road users use the crossings in accordance with the regulations and with more mutual consideration.

Viscount Cecil said although the slaughter and maiming on the roads was still a very grave scandal, requiring more drastic action by the authorities, the immediate campaign of the Association was limited to informing pedestrians of their duties and rights with regard to the crossings.

Advice on Pedestrian Crossings

Watch the Policeman's signals. Watch the traffic, if any, and wait until it is held up by the lights. As soon as you have started to cross, proceed without hesitation. Always keep a look-out for traffic turning into the road that you are about to cross, which often constitutes a real danger. Where there is a refuge in the middle of the crossing, treat each half of the roadway as a separate crossing.

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Agenda

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.
2. ANNUAL REPORT.
3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.
4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
5. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNCIL.
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Mongrels I Have Met

Once upon a time an eminent person who had written a history of the Mongols was seated at dinner next to a smart young girl who turned the conversation most persistently upon dogs. At last the great man interrupted her: "My dear young lady, I know nothing about dogs." "Surely," said she, "you wrote a 'History of the Mongrels.'" Possibly this little story is familiar to many of my readers but I cannot resist quoting it in case it is not known to them. As a matter of fact, the mongrel is not of sufficient importance to have had a history written about him. His annals are simple, if they are not short.

Ever since dogs became divided into separate breeds we must have had mongrels, which are the progeny of two different breeds. The dictionary explains the word as a "dog of no definable breed." This is approximately true, though, in some cases, by a curious freak of nature, a dog will resemble more emphatically one of its parents than the other. A few days ago I met a most startling apparition which made me wonder what it could possibly be until it came sufficiently close to be identified. It was an unmistakable

cross between a French bulldog and a Scottish terrier, having features of both parents. There were the bat ears of the French bulldog, the rounded head and short face, and all behind this feature gave certain evidences of the Scottish terrier; a wiry light brindle coat, longish body and short legs. It was a most curious looking object.

Two or three other mongrels that I see frequently are really rather presentable dogs. There is no doubt that all belong to the same litter, though their appearance differs in detail. Their coats are largely white, ears are erect and the long tails are curled, all indicative of a dog of the Spitz type, probably a Samoyed, on one side of the ancestry. What the other parent was goodness only knows.

In the majority of instances mongrels are not things of beauty, though they may be joys for ever in the eyes of their fond owners and I dare say it is not without reason that they are so much prized, for they can be just as intelligent as pure-bred dogs. I cannot assent to the belief that a mongrel is *ipso facto* cleverer than one that has a pedigree. This is an entire fallacy. At times a cross between two breeds may be carried out with a definite object and serve a useful purpose. What is commonly called a lurcher, usually the offspring of a sheepdog and greyhound, is one of the best friends of the poacher, being able to catch a hare either by speed or craft, and capable of being taught to conceal delinquency. He has an uncanny instinct for spotting a gamekeeper or policeman and if he is caught will disown his own master rather than incriminate him. I can well believe that a lurcher would make an uncommonly good companion for anyone whose ways are legitimate, but I should not like to say that they would be handsome, except in the sense that "Handsome is as handsome does."

BALD FACED STAG?

The M.C.C. and You

By County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

Certain members of the County Council were in no particularly Christmassy mood at its meeting on December 20th. One member made a succession of criticisms of the work of the Public Health Committee which at length brought a spirited reply from the Chairman of that Committee.

She maintained that her committee consisted of the most hard-working and conscientious members of the County Council and suggested that if other members followed with more real interest the work of that committee, they would realise the great task which its members had before them.

She said, in plain terms, that could scarcely have pleased the majority party, that since the County Council took over from the Guardians in 1930, very few additional hospital beds had been provided and that much of the existing accommodation was poor in character. She emphasised that the County Council was not in fact carrying out its statutory duty in this respect. A member questioned her description of much of the accommodation as poor, but her Vice-Chairman underlined the point she had made.

We in this area are fortunate in having in Redhill Hospital the most modern hospital building of those the Guardians put up and in having had recently added to its accommodation over 300 beds. Still we can do with more. Yet in other parts of the County the situation is more serious. At North Middlesex

Hospital, for instance, not only are more beds needed, but the type of building is terribly out of date and moreover parts of it are overrun with rats. However in a few years' time it is planned they will have a new and modern building.

On the Education Committee's reports, a member questioned the County Council's progressive policy with regard to Community Centres. He urged the greatest caution in launching out on what he regarded as a costly and doubtful experiment. I don't think any RESIDENT reader regards Community Centres in this way and I am sure all Watling people will wish other parts of the County the best of luck in their efforts to obtain centres.

Later, on the report of the Estates and Town Planning Committee, a member objected to the expenditure of large sums of money in adding to the Open Spaces of the County when, as he said, the money was urgently needed to provide armaments. However the County Council decided that we could afford both.

I would like to add that I was able to visit the Redhill Institution on Boxing Day and a most enjoyable visit it was. I arrived just as the Mayor was carrying in the Christmas pudding. It was a happy gathering of old people and the fare provided would not have been amiss on any Christmas dinner table. Cheerful music was provided by a party of young friends of Councillor Connell and greatly added to the enjoyment of everybody present. It is a matter for unqualified rejoicing to think how greatly these institutions have changed since the bad old days!

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You and Me

By LEO

Love and Hate

A woman, according to an authority, loved more, hated more and feared more than a man.

The happiest times in the life of a woman were early adolescence, and the first five years of her married life.

Thin girls—and thin men—live longer than fat girls.

Boys are more inclined to lawlessness by the time they reach the age of thirteen. From then on the tendency to crime gradually diminishes. The most lawless age for girls is fifteen to eighteen. Men are more daring, for the amount of crime is eight times greater than among women. Britain is one of the most law-abiding countries in the world.

Dark or Fair

According to a United States expert people born in February and March live, on the average, longer than people born in any other month, and people with blue eyes—states a Berlin doctor—live longer than people with brown eyes. Dark brown eyes show temper and emotion. Brown eyes show a warm and affectionate nature. Blue the same as brown in a lesser degree. Grey eyes usually denote coolness of feeling, self control, and a calculating nature. Crows-feet at the corners of the eyes are a sign of a sense of humour. Artists with dark hair and blue eyes generally paint landscapes. Short artists with dark hair and dark eyes, also blue-eyed broad-headed painters paint figures. Those with long heads do landscapes. Women tend more to paint figures than do men. Young women with dark eyes and fair hair are generally of an artistic nature.

Temperament

Blondes are not good chess players as they cannot concentrate—so says a director of the Hastings Chess Congress, where among 130 players only one fair head was seen.

Fair-haired people become nervous and reckless under the strain of the competitive atmosphere. On the other hand some of the greatest figures in history have been fair-headed. Tall fair-headed people are more suited to the open air adventurous life than to squalid city life.

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BURNT OAK MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Well, we must say we are having some good times this year already.

Not only are we having remarkably good attendances but extremely fine discussions.

We are writing this report after a wonderful evening on Amateur Gardening. Introduced by one of our own members, Mr. Locke, we were shown the history of the garden from about the 14th Century down to our own modest plots.

This opening was in quite an unexpected manner and only goes to show what a wealth of talent we have among our own members.

Whilst we had a very good muster of members we are only sorry for those who were not present to hear, and perhaps contribute some of their experiences.

So once again, we do offer a most hearty invitation to every man in Burnt Oak to come at least one Sunday evening from 6.30 to 8, after which an invitation will not be needed.

So leave that book or whatever occupies your time on Sunday evenings and come along, it will be your and our gain, too.

A good programme is being arranged for this month, in particular a talk on Judaism by a Jew.

F. G. S.

During the cold spell nearly 400 houses on the Edmonton Council estate suffered from burst pipes or tanks. Twenty plumbers worked day and night to repair the damage.

Average Londoners now make 442 journeys a year each. They spend £15 per family on an average in travelling inside London.

On the Becontree estate, 41.9 per cent. of the people live over five miles from their work. Less than one in ten pay no fares.

To obviate overcrowding, several families share two semi-detached houses on the Council's housing estates at Solihull and Edndon Heath, Birmingham.

Twelve houses—rent 1s. 6d. to 3s. a week—have been built for poor aged people at Torquay. Twenty more are planned.

Folly Farm, Hadley Wood, Middlesex, popular resort of London children for picnics, has been sold for use as a housing estate.

It is officially stated that there are 4,891 public houses and beerhouses in the County of London and 2,006 off-licenses.

Three Generations

The discussion which took place on Thursday, Jan. 19th, on "What I think of the other generations," by representatives of the younger, middle-aged and older folk, was attended by an appreciative, if small audience. Mr. Gardener was the champion for the older folk, and opened by saying that every generation owes something to the preceding and successive generation. The Victorians and Edwardians had accomplished some worthy things, and perhaps we would forgive them for the less worthy things which they had passed on to us. Their generation had produced some robust men and women and many reforms had been brought about. Mr. Gardener said that the old time bathing costumes had gone, but he sometimes blushed to see the costumes of the modern hiking Miss.

Mr. Stan Sharp said he was reluctant to admit that he was middle-aged, but nevertheless he was the representative of that group. We must, he said, show gratitude for some of the productions of the Victorians, but there were many evils to condemn. The present-day Parliament was dominated by old men who impeded the more progressive middle-aged members.

Could we look with hope to youth, said Mr. Sharp. In his opinion youth was pleasure-seeking. If they devoted more of their time to more serious problems there would be no war. The children of to-day, thanks to the middle-aged, were better equipped for life.

Miss Ashworth, a school teacher, spoke for the younger generation. She admitted that the present-day youth had not the self-confidence or the capacity for hard work of the other generations, but the individual being the product of heredity and environment, credit or criticism therefore reflected on the other generations. She questioned whether youth was frivolous and said that the audiences in cinemas were composed mostly of older people. Also the crowds and directors of sports meetings were mostly middle-aged people. Youth to-day was always at the grindstone, but they tried to make a game of life. The elder people were brought up to consider work the most important. They had no time for culture and had lost the art of living. The "Forties" following lacked concentration. They screwed and scraped and worked for social standing. They introduced psychology into family life but lacked the confidence to put their ideals into practice.

Summing up, Councillor T. Pugh in his usual inimical style, gave a brief analysis of each speaker's main points. He was surprised that Mr. Gardener should be ashamed at the bathing costumes, "swaddling clothes" of the naughty nineties, and yet in the same breath blush at the "reformed" dress of the modern girl.

Mr. Sharpe, who was apparently well-known to the Councillor, was, as usual, wrong in most of his arguments.

Youth tried to throw responsibility for their shortcomings on to their elders, but if youth was to take its proper place in the world, it must take its fair share of responsibility. One serious indictment against youth was that it had produced crooners.

ANNIVERSARY SUPPER

The Supper and Dance held on Friday in the Sixth Anniversary Week went off excellently. The "experience" of the supper and the mental stimulus to follow, referred to by one of the speakers was abundantly justified.

Tables tastefully decorated, excellent eatables, willing waiters, snappy speeches and the community spirit beaming and bubbling up everywhere all combined to make the occasion most enjoyable.

After the menu had been disposed of the toasts came along, that of the King being proposed by the President, Mr. A. I. Jones. This was followed by "The Centre," spoken to by Mr. V. Stanyon from the Middlesex C.C. Education Offices, who told us of his knowledge of the Centre from his office files and the large and important correspondence that passed between the Centre and his office. On paying this first visit to the Centre he was surprised that such a large and admirable range of activities could be carried on with so small a building.

Mr. A. I. Jones, in responding naturally did not fail to take the opportunity of emphasising the urgency of the need for the proposed greater accommodation, the present lack of which is such a handicap.

Mr. F. Lake proposed "The Visitors," responded to by Mr. Valentine Williams of the B.B.C. staff. He claimed to be "one up" on Mr. Stanyon because he had been to the Centre once before. After a "reel" of most amusing stories Mr. Valentine Williams said that no one who had not been to Watling could write anything about Community Centres. That the spirit by which it was animated was the right spirit of this country, and that which had made England what it is. Those who were imbued by it worked earnestly and did everything for nothing. He concluded with the remark that Mr. Cole had done a great thing for the Centre when he took part in the debate on Community Centres on the Radio.

Thanks were given to the helpers of the evening with Mrs. Lodge as their head.

After this the other half of the evening's entertainment—the Dance. With Mrs. Nyberg as M.C. and Fred Cole's Rhythm Band at top notch this went merrily on until 12.30 a.m. when a most successful and happy event close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

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Transatlantic Diary V.

This will be my final Transatlantic diary and in it I will describe a family party and our day in Washington.

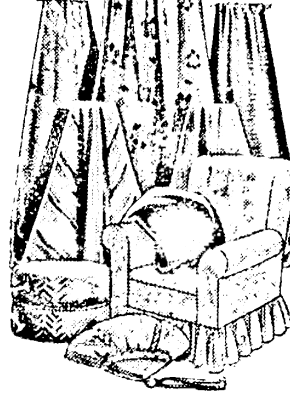
Sunday, August 14th, had been set for a gathering of all the cousins on my father's side of the family. About forty of us met at the home of one of the cousins. Each family had gone to some place of worship in the morning and then had come by motor distances varying from five to thirty miles. It was a very hot day—around 85 to 90 degrees. A long table was stretched on trestles underneath the trees, and when all had arrived each house-wife brought forth her picnic basket. Table-cloths were spread and the feast set forth. There was a roast turkey, several fried chickens, which the strict vegetarians in our family did not partake of. There were fruit salads and vegetable salads, potato chips, which we should call crisps (our chips are called French fried over there); there were devilled eggs, angel food cakes and devil's food cakes and, inevitably, on such a hot summer day there was ice cream, great plates of it, to end this family picnic feast under the shady trees on the lawn of my cousins' home. After dinner was cleared away and all the remnants re-packed into the now greatly depleted baskets, we sat under the trees or in the house visiting and remembering old-time happenings, or talking of present-day doings.

The rest of our time in Ohio went very quickly, seeing old friends and acquaintances and relatives, and all too soon came the day when we had to turn our faces eastward once more. Sunday, August 28th, was the day. All the members of our immediate family came in to spend the day and took us to the train at the nearest small town at 7.30 in the evening. It was already dusk, for Ohio being much further south in latitude, daylight is much shorter than in England in the summer. Since we were travelling as far as Washington, one of the main line expresses on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was stopped especially for our benefit, adding much to the thrill of the younger members of the family, as did also the Diesel engine by which the train was drawn.

And so we said "good-bye" to our home folk. We did not feel that we could afford Pullman sleeping accommodation, so we travelled in a day coach which was fitted with individual chairs two on a side with an aisle between, accommodating perhaps fifty to sixty people, with a small buffet at one end where light meals such as coffee, toast and fruit could be obtained. Commodious toilet rooms were at each end of the coach. After a little while, after passing Chillicothe, Ohio, and Wheeling, West Virginia, each member of the family was able to have two chairs to himself, and with the backs lowered to a convenient angle, we were able to get a comfortable amount of rest.

Early morning found us passing through the beautiful Cumberland Mountains, where the Potomac River rises, after which there was no more sleep lest we should miss something. Seven o'clock found us running down into Harper's Ferry, Virginia, where John Brown and his nineteen stalwarts made their raid

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We reached Washington at 8.15 and were met by two friends, one of whom took us all to breakfast on the top floor of the Hotel Washington, from which we had glorious views all over the city and across the Potomac to Arlington, Virginia, the old home of General Robert E. Lee, now the National cemetery. After breakfast the head of the family visited various government offices and officials interested in housing, while the rest of us were taken sight-seeing to see the Capital, the White House and the Lincoln Memorial standing high on the banks of the Potomac. After lunch we all went to see Green Belt, Maryland, which is an American housing estate situated some miles from Washington. It occupies a most beautiful tract of land, but was in an early stage of development. About nine-hundred houses had been built when we were there.

At five o'clock we started for Philadelphia where we landed some time after 9.30 p.m. footsore and weary. We were met by friends and taken to spend our last two nights and a day at their home in New Jersey. Early on the 31st of August they saw us off at Trenton, N.J., and so back to New York and to the S.S. "President Harding" by 11 a.m. We sailed promptly at noon. The voyage eastwards was the calmest we had ever had. Someone said the sea was so calm it was uninteresting, but we enjoyed it.

And so home again on September 9th.

HELEN H. HARRIS.

Cyclists' Corner

By Mrs. Billie Dovey

RIDE NOW FOR EASTER FITNESS

Estate Cycling Clubs—Northern C.C. President's 40 years awheel—this "rushing about."

There are housing estates such as Watling all over the country, and each of them probably boasts quite a good cycling club. Built out from the centre of big towns these estates are nearer the pleasant countryside, and consequently the inexpensive bicycle soon finds ready users.

At Hull, Yorkshire, last July I encountered a crowd of over 200 enthusiastic cyclists belonging to clubs in and around that city making merry at an N.C.U. Diamond Jubilee Social and Dance. A number of them I found were members of the East Hull Corporation Tenants' Association as well as members of the Reindeer Cycling Club which so actively operates in the district.

Every good-sized collection of houses should have its cycling club catering for both sexes. On Watling the Northern C.C. was started about 1930-31 and is still going well, and the Hendon Clarion C.C. thriving also.

Most experienced rider.

On January 1st, like all good cyclists, I started the year well by being awheel as usual. At Northwood Hills I encountered two riders who have done much for organized cycling in this district—George Mayhew (past secretary of the Northern C.C.) and the "Guv'nor," as Mr. C. J. Humphries, president of the same club, is affectionately known.

We talked about cycling generally, about this year's mileage record riders, the political situation, the Spanish problem and touring in Germany. Don't you ever believe that cyclists just turn pedals round and round and have no time to notice other things!

On the Barnet By-Pass later that sunny afternoon "Cyclux" and I encountered the jovial "Guv'nor" again, enjoying his cycling as much as ever even though he has over 40 years' experience of it!

"This rushing about"

I noted the letter to the Editor from Mr. A. Pember in last month's RESIDENT, and hasten to inform him that I too disprove of all this aimless rushing about. Glancing at the local "Times and Guardian" this week I see accident after accident due to dangerous or careless driving. Recently I have made quite a lot of use of motorised transport attending cycling dinners, etc. in the evenings, but see no object in excessive speed except to save time.

To cycle for pleasure means that you "travel" every mile of the journey, and do not just "arrive" at the other end.

Undue exertion by the unfit can be very harmful, so that if this year you intend cycling for your health's sake (ask any club rider you know how he or she feels to prove that it is beneficial), build your riding

(Continued in next column)

Club and Society Notes

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB (HENDON SECTION)

Hallo, friends! how quickly spring is coming. In a few weeks we shall be in the racing season, and despite the fact that we always moan about the early rising in the mornings, many of us will again be up the road with the boys enjoying the fun. It's a great game this racing, except for those who are racing.

On February 4th the Clarion C. and A. C. will be holding their annual dinner and dance; quite a large number are going from Hendon. The boys will collect their medals and many of those who swore "never again" last season will decide to have another go this year.

During January many members attended the tea-party given in honour of J. S. Taylor who came second in the "Cycling" best all-rounder contest, and the other members of the West of Scotland Clarion C. and A. C. team who attended the B.A.R. concert at the Albert Hall to collect their prizes.

Thinking ahead, many fixtures jump to mind. This being the year scheduled for the greatest Clarion membership drive in the 45 years of the club's history. We in Hendon are going to play our part in the scheme and many fixtures such as dances, socials, lantern lectures, rallies, sports and entertainments are already being arranged. We want to see all cyclists not in clubs join us either as full members or associate members. We are already the largest club in the district and we can still take hundreds more. Our clubroom on Wednesday nights at the Annunciation Church Hall, Thirleby Road, is very spacious and we have it splendidly equipped with indoor games. Two dances are being arranged, one being fixed for April 1st, in the form of an All Fools' Carnival Dance, at St. Alphage Hall, Montrose Avenue. Good prizes and novelties. Tickets, 1/6; 2/6 double.

Our secretary will be pleased to let you have tickets for a Bernard Newman's lantern lecture which the Clarion L.U. is holding at the Besant Hall, off Baker Street, W, on February 25th, entitled "Baltic Roundabout." Tickets 1/- each.

Associate members can join for as little as 2/6 per year. Hon. Associate Membership Secretary, Mr. Sid Bennett, 72, Cressingham Road, Burnt Oak.

All runs of the club start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, at 9.30 a.m. Sunday mornings. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to forward a runs list for the month to any person who cares to apply. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. W. G. Glendinning, 23, Brinkburn Gardens, Edgware.

VIC C. BOTTERILL,
Hon. Press and Publicity Secretary.

up gradually. Don't attempt say, Brighton and back one Sunday without putting in a few rides beforehand.

By the way, Easter falls April 7-10th, and I hope you will be enjoying good cycle-touring then, and by riding now are making sure you will be in quite good trim.

B. D.

VETERANS' CLUB NEW YEAR PARTY

About 60 old folks over 65 years of age, members of the Veterans' Club, sat down to a splendid tea provided by County Councillor Mrs. Grey Skinner. The tables were tastefully decorated with flowers provided and arranged by Mrs. J. A. Hague. A large iced cake in mauve and silver, with "Evening brings Memories" inscribed, was presented by Mrs. A. J. Jones, president of the club. In the absence of Mrs. Jones through illness, Mrs. W. R. Hilton (Vice-Chairman) presided, supported by Mr. S. E. Headly, Mr. G. Nosworthy, Mr. D. Lodge, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Hague, Mrs. E. Cole (Treasurer), Mr. O. J. Roblou, Mr. E. Sewell-Harris, and Mr. E. E. Cole (Secretary).

A welcome to all the old folks was given by Mrs. Hilton and messages of greetings and good wishes for the New Year were extended by Mrs. E. Cole, Mr. Nosworthy, Mr. Sewell Harris, Mr. S. W. Headly and Mr. C. J. Roblou, who also proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the club for their valuable work throughout the year. Regrets were expressed that Mrs. L. King, the Chairman of the club, was unable to attend.

An excellent programme was given by the "Eight Gay Girlies" Concert Party. Those taking part were Mesdames L. Nyberg, A. Richardson, O. Fairbairn, K. Hicks, V. Taylor, M. Lake, E. Griffey, B. Lord and E. Taylor, with Mrs. Guy at the piano.

There were three pleasant surprises for the old folks during the evening. The first was a greetings telegram sent by Mrs. Grey Skinner, wishing them an enjoyable evening.

The second, a surprise visit by Mrs. L. King (Chairman), who managed to break away from a very important engagement to be with them for a little while, and the third an offer from Miss M. Wilkinson to take them to a pantomime at the "Lyceum."

In closing I should like to thank that wonderful band of lady helpers who are always willing to assist in the catering arrangements, and who also supplied the interval refreshments. They were Mesdames Roblou, Littler, Dougworth, Fewings, Lodge, Luffman, Fanthorpe, Williams, W. Mills, Savage, Bull, Brixie, Cooper, Nyberg, Lord, Richardson, Lake, Harris and Hilton.

Our thanks are also extended to Mr. Geo. Nosworthy for his contribution towards the interval refreshments; to Gwen Jones and the Edgware Rotarians for use of cars which enabled us to get two old members of the club from the Redhill Infirmary to once again enjoy a jolly evening with the club; to Mesdames Manly, Frewer and Mr. D. Lodge for donations towards expenses; to Messrs. Williams and Bishop, stewards, and Mr. Wickens for loan of an illuminated ship wishing all a Happy New Year.

E. E. COLE.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Members of Burnt Oak Women's Adult School had the pleasure of congratulating one of their number, Mrs. Wright, on the birth of her baby daughter on December 30th last. This was a particularly joyful event as another member, Mrs. Carter, became "grandmother" at the arrival of this little girl.

A very interesting afternoon was spent when Miss Hands came to speak to us on "Palestine." She gave us a good idea of the social conditions existing in Palestine and helped us to understand some of the difficulties with which both Arabs and Jews are faced, living as they do, in close proximity to one another, at this time.

Miss Hands spoke of the International Zionist Organisation and the good work it is doing in organising immigration of Jews from all over the world. She spoke of her own experience in charge of a hostel for Jewish girl immigrants. Most of the girls had lived, she said, in suburbs of large cities and knew little of country life. In this hostel they were trained to take their part in life on farms. They learned how to milk cows, and how to do all branches of work in a dairy, as well as many other tasks which fall to the lot of a woman farm worker.

The last meeting before Christmas took the form of an informal party with Mrs. Nyberg, our Social Secretary, acting as M.C. The falling snow made it difficult for some members to attend, but those who did so spent a very pleasant afternoon. They danced the "Lambeth Walk" and "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree," as well as the more usual waltzes and fox-trots. The time passed all too quickly, but everybody felt that they had ended the School Year in a real spirit of good-will and good fellowship. O. P.

BOXING

By the time this article appears we shall know the result of our Inter-Club match with Hendon B.C. We shall also know whether it was a success financially. We know this, that we have spared neither expense nor effort to give our supporters a grand sporting evening.

The whole-hearted response with financial help by our President, Mr. Gwynne Jones, and our Vice-Presidents, plus the team work of the boxers and Committee, have made this possible, and we take this opportunity of extending to them an appreciation.

Owing to Christmas and New Year festivities the leather-pushing business was rather quiet during the past month (December 16 to January 15) and there was hardly any competitions for our boys to enter, so there is nothing to report in that direction, but next month should produce some interesting contests.

After a quiet start the training quarter is now, on club nights, a hive of industry, and this in itself is very gratifying to the instructors, who know that in the end fitness wins. This may make all the difference when we attempt to recover the J.O.C. and Inter-Estate Challenge Cups.

In the next issue we shall give a full report of the Inter-Club match. In the meantime, we can still accept a few more active members (especially seniors over 17 years), and they will be welcomed at the Centre on any Monday or Thursday.

Our subscriptions are lower than that of any senior Amateur Boxing Club, and works out at less than a halfpenny per training night for seniors, and a fraction of a penny for juniors, but don't waste your time and that of the instructors unless you are keen to learn and have what is commonly known as "guts."

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WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL ANNUAL SUPPER

Six years ago, when the Centre was opened, the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School was formed, and each year in January it has celebrated its anniversary with a supper and social at the Centre. This year the "banquet" was attended by some 130 people comprising, for the most part, members of the school, with their husbands and friends, and representatives of the North-West London Federation.

The setting of the tables and the floral decorations would have encouraged the most chronic dispeptic to forget his doctor's advice; which is a tribute to all those willing hands who assisted the social committee in the preparations.

The President of the School, Mrs. Heaf, to whose inspiring and charming influence the success of the School is to a large extent due, referred in her speech to the progress made by the School during the six years of its being. She said she was reminded, with "Albert" by her side, of the film "Sixty Glorious Years," and that the School, although young by comparison, had achieved much and had a promising and useful future.

Mr. Lord (Albert) and Mr. Balmбра, respectively President and Vice-President of the N.W. Federation, complimented the School on its growth (it has now a membership of over 60), and encouraged it to grow not only in numbers but by useful efforts of service and by encouraging the formation of further Schools in the neighbourhood.

It may be mentioned in passing that the School has and is helping two new Adult Schools in the district to "get on their feet."

The ceremony of cutting the birthday cake was carried out by Mrs. Heaf. As a preliminary, the lights were turned down and six miniature candles which were set upon the cake were lit. A cheer was called for and given by Miss Joyce Lord, who had kindly made the cake which was in three tiers and was a credit to the confectioners' art.

Then followed three hours of real merriment, with Mrs. Nyberg as M.C. There were dances of many kinds, including "The Chestnut Tree," "The Lambeth Walk," and "The Palais Glide," in which everyone could join, irrespective of age or skill in the usual dances. In between we were given the enjoyment of hearing songs from Miss Jessie Williams (soprano), Miss Milsom (comedienne), Mr. Ransom (tenor), and last but not least, Master Charlie Grainger who, although only 13 years, has already made a reputation as a robust entertainer.

In fact, the spirit of good friendship pervaded throughout the celebrations and the memory of the occasion will surely remain with us for a long time.

G. N.

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B.O.Y.P.A.S.

There was a large attendance at the dance held at St. Alphage Hall on Saturday, January 7th, organised by Mr. Jack Buckingham, Social Secretary of B.O.Y.P.A.S., assisted by Mr. Frank Whitehead, Secretary, who were both ably supported by Mrs. Whitehead, with her staff consisting of Mrs. and Miss M. Wadham, Mrs. and Miss P. Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patten; in the canteen Mr. Whitehead, Senr., and Miss B. Burgess, stewards, and Mr. J. Whitehead, doorkeeper.

The Harmelodians Dance Band was in attendance with Mr. E. Welsh as M.C., keeping the ball rolling with his usual witticisms.

A lovely box of chocolates was presented to Miss J. Richardson for holding the winning number on the ticket corner.

A box of chocolates and 25 cigarettes were won by Mrs. Townsend and partner for the spot dance.

A happy evening came to an end at 11.30 with Auld Lang Syne.

B.O.Y.P.A.S. had scored again.

Don't forget our Birthday Party on February 18th at the Watling Centre. Come along and join B.O.Y.P.A.S. at 8.15 p.m. every Wednesday at the Watling Centre.

J. H. WHITEHEAD, Correspondent.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

Flats

At a cost of £175,000 the London County Council plan to develop two more housing estates. At Stamford Hill, Hackney, three blocks of flats will accommodate about 630 people, and nearly 750 will be accommodated in two blocks on the Tanners Hill area, Deptford.

Get it Off Your Chest

If you have an article—a story—a suggestion—an advert or a grievance, write to the *Watling Resident*.

It does not matter if your writing is not copper-plate. Let us have your views in plain language. Its your magazine. Make use of it.

Whist

At the Watling Centre.

Monday evenings, commencing at 8.30 p.m., Grocery Drive. Many prizes. Admission 6d.

Wednesday evenings, Money Drive. All prizes cash. Miniature Drive at 8.30 p.m., admission 3d. Grand Drive at 9 p.m., admission 6d.

Thursday afternoons, at 2.45 p.m., Money Drive, admission 6d.

All are welcome. Come along and help to swell the prizes.

GOOD COMPANY AND A GOOD GAME.

Going to Sleep

(From an old magazine)

"The muscles of the legs and arms are the first to become drowsy, and next those that sustain the head. Among the senses, the eye is the first that goes to sleep, and after that the smell, taste, hearing, and touch become drowsy in succession.

"A slight tickling of the soles of the feet will awaken a person whom no noise could rouse."

What we Read

The borough librarian at Deptford (London) reports that the demand for works of fiction last year decreased by 7 per cent. But non-fiction issues increased by 31½ per cent.

A Book

The Middlesex County Council is celebrating its Jubilee by presenting all pupils leaving senior schools this year with a copy of a book about their county.

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Mr. Sharp claims to be one of the only members of the Watling Association who has attended all the eight annual dinners of the Association; the first one of which was held at the Railway Tavern, Edgware.

Chain Letters

The chain letter pest is about again. You receive a letter, printed often in an illiterate hand, telling you to forward on three similar letters to three other people. Failure to do so, according to the writer, brings bad luck. This ramp has been going on for years, but is gradually dying out, mainly because people are not so feeble-minded and superstitious as to waste their note paper.

Snowed Up

The snow we had in January disappeared from the streets much quicker than the snow we had at Christmas time. Was the letter the Watling Association sent to the Borough Council anything to do with it? You never know you know.

Rent according to Means

An attempt by the Birmingham Borough Council to institute a means test whereby municipal tenants, people with adequate means, paid an increase in rent, was met with some resistance. Demonstrators, mostly women, chanting "We won't pay" held meetings round the Council House and handed in petitions.

The Annual Outing

Will take place this year to Hastings. Dinner, tea and all expenses included in the initial fee. Pay your money and you've nothing more to worry about. Payments can be made to suit your pockets. Further information from Mr. Deacon (Social Secretary) or Mr. Wickens.

Pen Friends' Guild

There are in our Public Assistance Institutions hundreds of lonely inmates who never have a letter and never see a friend.

"It can't be for me, Nurse, there's some mistake. I have no one in the world to send me a parcel."

The old lady who said that now declares, *"If anyone deserves to go to Heaven, it's Pen Friends."*

Members of the Guild "adopt" these lonely souls as friends, and over and over again the response comes, *"It's so nice to think you are not quite forgotten."*

But many of them ARE quite forgotten.

If you are willing to be a friend to one of them please write to The Hon. Sec., Miss M. A. Pratt, 241 Salmon Street, Kingsbury, N.W.9.

Pen Friends undertake only two obligations—to write at very least once a month, and to inform the secretary should the correspondence cease.

Girls.

The London Federation of Community Associations anxious to get something done for the girls who have to travel up to town by workmen's trains and then wait about for an hour perhaps before their places of work open. Before anything can be done it is necessary to know how big the problem is. Would anyone who has to do this, or who knows others who have to do it, give details to the Secretary of the Watling Association, time and station of arrival in town, time of being able to enter place of work, how is the time between arrival and starting work spent at present.

Tomatoes

It is surprising how many recipes there are for ripening tomatoes. If you speak to amateur gardeners who grow a few plants in their back gardens they all have different methods of ripening them, some wrap them in tissue paper, some cover them with flannel, put them in a dark cupboard and so on. I once put some in a drawer. When I opened the drawer three months later there was some fine raspberry jam.

Cough Mixture

1 lb. of black treacle, 1 stick of Spanish liquorice, ½ oz. each of peppermint and aniseed. Dissolve treacle and liquorice in 1 quart of boiling water. When cold, add the peppermint and aniseed. Bottle at once.

The Youth Hostels Association

If you wish to see the country, and the Y.H.A. suggests that you should, the Youth Hostels' Association makes it possible for you to obtain lodging for the night for the nominal sum of 1s.

The Association, founded in 1930, has as its object:—
"To help all, but especially young people, to a greater knowledge, care and love of the countryside, particularly by providing hostels or other simple accommodation for them in their travels."

There are some 260 hostels in England and Wales, of varying types and in very varied places. There are farm-houses, disused country mansions, and specially built hostels on the Sussex Downs, in Lakeland, East Anglia,

North Wales and Cornwall, to mention only a few places. A remarkable feature is the large number of hostels which are either themselves notable buildings, such as Hartington Hall, in Derbyshire, and the house which is the scene of Kipling's "Stalky & Co." at Westward Ho, in Devon, or are situated in famous country.

The only qualification for membership is that you must proceed from hostel to hostel "under your own power," that is on foot or by bicycle.

Meals are provided at the hostels at reasonable cost, or you can use the cooking facilities and utensils provided to prepare your own meals.

Finally, in the morning you are expected to fold your blankets, assist in the washing of dishes and generally help to make the place tidy for the hostellers who will arrive that night. Since these tasks are of a co-operative nature, however, they should not be unpalatable to members of a Community Association.

So what about this year's holiday? You may be, as I certainly am, hard up: here is your chance to see the finest English countryside at a small cost. What is more, you will quickly come to enjoy, not only the day's tramp or ride, but also the friendly spirit of the hostel. If you are more ambitious, you can go abroad to Germany, Czechoslovakia, Scandinavia, and in this aspect the Youth Hostel movement is one which genuinely and not unsuccessfully seeks to promote international understanding.

And for those who are already members of the Association, what about a local group, which can do much to make your hostelling more enjoyable?

L.J.C.

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NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

March, 1939

REGULAR EVENTS

- Sundays** — Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.
Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.
Men's Adult School, 6.30 p.m.
5 The New Factory Act.
Mrs. Davies.
12 Mr. Frank Smith.
19 Dr. W. P. Knowles.
26 India. Mr. F. Williams.
- Mondays** — Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.
Watling Athletic Association, 8 p.m.
Boxing, 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.
1 Self Control.
Capt. F. Harper-Shove.
8 Man's Place in the Universe.
Capt. F. Harper-Shove.
15 Current Events.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Sewell Harris.
22 What I did at Work.
Members of the Guild.
29 Social.
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.
Boxing, 8 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.
Table Tennis Club, 3 p.m.
Members' Socials, 8 p.m.

Other Events

- Wed'day 1 Watling and District Rose Society, 8 p.m.
Thursday 2 Adult School Social, 8.30 p.m.
Sunday 5 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.
Monday 6 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Wed'day 8 Goldbeaters Parent Teacher Group, 8 p.m., at Goldbeaters School.
Friday 10 Football Club Dance, 8 p.m.
Sunday 12 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. The U.S.A. Mr. Allen.
Monday 13 Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.
Sunday 19 Joint Lecture with Edgware Fellowship. "Should Germany have Colonies?"
Monday 20 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.
Sunday 26 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. India, Mr. F. Williams.
Monday 27 Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.
Thurs'y 30 W.A. Council, 8 p.m.

"Surely you had two windmills the last time I was here?"

"Ay, zo we did. But we pulled one down vor tu leave more wind vor t'other, laikey."

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"I've called to tune the piano, Madam."

"But I didn't send for you."

"No, madam, but the neighbours did."

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"And what are you so busy at?" asked the kindly visitor.

"I'm scraping the paint off this gun," replied the angel child, "so it won't look like Georgie Smith's."

"But why worry about that?"

"Because this is his gun."

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Magistrate: What made you think the prisoner was drunk?

Constable: Well, your worship, he approaches me unsteadily, then he puts a penny in a letter-box, then he looks up at Big Ben, and then he says "Good lord, I've gone up two stone!"

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ALL ARE WELCOME

It's True!

By LEO

Instead of a penny or twopence change, natives of Nyasaland prefer salt, a cake of soap, or something else in kind.

In Scotland the most common surname to-day is SMITH, McDonald comes next. 'Then follows Brown!

Accepted names for wedding anniversaries are: First, cotton; Second, paper; Third, leather; Fifth, wooden; Seventh, woollen; Tenth, tin; Twelfth, silk; Fifteenth, crystal; Twentieth, china; Twenty-fifth, silver; Thirtieth, pearl; Fortieth, ruby; Fiftieth, golden; Sixtieth, diamond; Seventieth (usually) platinum.

Thousands of jumpers and pullovers that will soon be taking shape in British homes are likely, scientists say, to be made of—skimmed milk.

The biggest percentage of policemen in the Metropolitan Police Force come from London.

The United States spends £700,000,000 a year on drink.

Between 7,000,000 and 7,500,000 people a year visit London's twelve League club grounds.

But there are twenty-two dog tracks, visited annually by about 11,000,000.

In this country there are 19,792,000 males and 21,423,000 females.

In Paris the average number of cigarettes per head smoked is two-and-a-half a day.

There are 415,987 unemployed in France.

Great Britain uses soap to the amount of 20 lb. per person a year.

Russia uses 5½ lb., Japan 7lb., India 4 oz. and China 2 oz.

The total amount used in the world is 10,000,000,000 each year.

A frog can leap six feet and a flea thirteen inches.

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Iron Rations

The suggestion by some prominent people that we should store food against an emergency is very good: for those that can afford it. But what chance has the ordinary housewife to store food. When she has fed her family there is little left over to put by.

During the last war there were people who always seemed to have plenty of food. There were also profiteers. If we are mad enough to go to war, and if there is a food shortage, let us all be served alike. Let the Government issue out emergency rations now so that we can provide for a food shortage. Meanwhile, let the wealthy people buy up all the food they can—and then hand it over to the unemployed.

School Milk

School children have been given the opportunity to attend at their schools during the summer holidays for the purpose of having their daily bottles of milk. This is a splendid idea and the authorities are to be commended for arranging this privilege. There is no doubt that the children benefit greatly by the milk, but some children complain that during the winter the milk is too cold to drink; some even go without because of this. This is a pity, but we are sure that if the matter is brought to the notice of the authorities they will no doubt remedy this matter. As most of us know, cold milk on a cold day is cold, and is not very palatable. Hot milk is another story: there is no better stimulant.

In the variable and severe weather which we experienced during the last winter, a glass of hot milk during the morning was an undoubted safeguard against illness. So if we are going to provide school children with milk, let us give it to them so that they can drink and enjoy it.

F.H.L.

W.A. Annual Report

This was presented to the Annual Meeting on February 23rd. It is worth while to get a copy and to see how many different aspects of life are covered by our Community Association. Copies can be obtained from the Secretary at the Centre.

The report as usual makes it clear that the Association is handicapped in its work by lack of accommodation.

Fifty-four regular weekly activities are listed as taking place at the Centre, and in addition there are a number of monthly and fortnightly ones and there are some which have to take place in other premises. The average attendance per week last autumn is given as about 1,050 for adults and 500 for children.

The Association is evidently taking an increasing part in the National movement for Community Associations. It has been represented at two conferences and the list of places from which enquiries have been received numbers 31, ranging from Ruuslip and Southgate to Bannockburn, Iceland and New Zealand.

The educational activities for adults take up just over two pages and the Tenants' Welfare and Personal Service section over a page. Eighteen matters have been taken up with the appropriate authorities, including such things as the provision of a local V.A.D. office, improvements to exit at Burnt Oak station, appointments of a play leader and a women parkkeeper.

The Children's Work occupies nearly a page and the Social, Games and Sports just over a page. In this connection it is pleasant to record that the Bowls Club has recently had two sets of woods given to it.

The accounts, which have been duly audited, show that the loan of £900 from the Bank has now been completely repaid, a very satisfactory record in the six years' life of the Centre. The RESIDENT accounts also show a healthy condition.

Eight new items are listed for the year, including the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Folk Dancing, Football Club and Intermediate Net-Ball team.

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Springs

Near Settle, in Yorkshire, there is a remarkable phenomenon called "The Ebbing and Flowing Well." By the roadside, where all but motorists and cyclists racing to Morecambe can see it, there is a small stone trough into which the water flows. When the trough is full the inflow ceases, the water flows out of the trough through two holes, one at each end about half-way between the rim and the bottom. When the trough is nearly empty, and after a short pause, the water flows in again and the process is repeated. The rate of flow varies according to the state of the weather, but the time occupied from one filling of the trough to the next is usually about ten minutes. In wet weather there is too much water, and in dry weather too little, for the ebb and flow to function properly.

Under specially favourable conditions, what is called "the silver cord" appears in the water in the trough. This is an air passage between the two overflow holes, but it has the appearance of "a thin silvery line like a wisp of straw stretching across the well. It lasts but for a moment, suddenly breaking in the middle and disappearing at each end." The writer has been fortunate enough to see the ebbing and flowing on several occasions and to see the silver cord on two.

A few hundred yards beyond the well, which is on the right-hand side of the road going west, there is, on the opposite side of the road, a marshy meadow where the pretty little *primula farinosa* grows in profusion. The month of June is the best time to see it in flower, and this is also the time of year when the well performs its wonderful trick most frequently.

Springs are of special interest to gardeners and other lovers of nature and the open air life. They occur where a layer of porous rock overlies a layer of impervious rock or clay. The rain is absorbed by the porous rock, such as sandstone or chalk, but the water cannot pass through the impervious rock or clay. So it works its way along the top of the clay or hard rock until it comes to the surface and gushes out or up in the form of a spring. There is a fine example of such a spring at Thames Head, one of the sources of England's greatest river. Here the spring is surrounded by a large natural watercress bed, which revels in the pure running water.

Mineral springs deserve special mention on account of their health-giving properties. In their case the water passes through the strata of rock containing mineral salts. Pleasure and health resorts have sprung up round these springs. Harrogate is a good example. Some of the springs there contain sulphur and salts of iron, and the water tastes like rotten eggs! The famous Epsom Salts come from springs containing magnesia.

There are also hot springs, such as those at Bath and Buxton. Here the water sinks to a great depth, gets

warmed up in the lower regions and comes to the surface again along a crack.

The Dropping Well at Knaresborough, also in Yorkshire, has been described as "unquestionably the most remarkable petrifying spring that is known in Britain." The water contains a large proportion of sulphate of lime and carbonate of lime. Common objects such as a glove, a stocking or a hat, if placed where the water falls upon them, after a few months' immersion become apparently changed into stone, though actually only encrusted by the sulphates and carbonates in solution.

What to do in March

A large amount of work should be done this month, and the results largely depend upon how it is done.

Flower Garden. Sow sweet peas about the middle of the month if the weather be suitable. They appreciate deeply broken up and well manured ground.

Ranunculus should be planted now in well broken up rich ground about 4 inches deep.

This is the chief month for setting out plants in the herbaceous border, such as roses, flowering shrubs, trees and climbers.

Plant gladioli, and in doing so set each bulb in a little sand to prevent rotting. Plant 2 inches apart in groups of 4 or 5 with 4 inches of soil above the tops of the bulbs.

To secure a fine display of lupins, reduce each plant to the three strongest shoots and scrape away the soil so that the unwanted shoots can be cut off at the roots.

Fruit Garden. Bush fruits should all be finally pruned before they begin to form leaves, at which time birds will cease to pick out the buds.

Gooseberries should be severely pruned in the centre so as to admit the maximum of light.

Red and white currants become more permanent crop bearers if trained upwards in 4 or 5 distended branches, keeping the centre hollow. Young shoots should be cut back to two buds.

New strawberry beds may be made now. Ground that has been well trenched and has had plenty of manure incorporated with it is best.

Vines covering the walls of buildings should be pruned and trained. Cut the shoots back to one strong eye. Syringe the vine with a solution of sulphur as a preventive against mildew.

Vegetable Garden. Most of the crops should, if possible, be got in now.

Plant early potatoes early in the month. Leave space between some of the rows for green crops to be planted there in June. Decayed stable manure at the rate of 1 load to 8 square rods should be dug in.

Broad beans if not sown in February should be sown now.

Main crop and stump-rooted carrots should be sown in drills 1 inch deep and 8 inches apart.

Sow peas according to your requirements.

Sowings of spinach, lettuces and radishes may also be made between the rows of peas and broad beans.

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At Bow Street

Circumstances take one to many places in a lifetime!

Though my movements this morning were under the control of the Metropolitan Police my business fortunately did not take me to the Police Court, which so often figures in newspaper reports, but to another section—that of the Aliens Registration Department. I accompanied a German girl who had to attend with reference to her stay in England, and the experience seems worth recording.

We found ourselves at the top of a queue which extended down a flight of stairs into a semi-basement; when we moved down we were in a large waiting-room with tiled walls upon which the initials G.R. and a crown alternately appeared decoratively at intervals. On forms or chairs or standing were about fifty of us, half-a-dozen of us being passed in our turns into the adjoining room to transact our business when that number had come out after completing their business.

Nearly all of us were "aliens"—not the happiest term that might have been chosen—come to be registered, or to report, during the period of permitted stay in England. With some exceptions it was a well-dressed crowd; some of the men seemed to be business men—furs were not absent amongst the ladies. Jewish features were fairly numerous. There were old people, serious and anxious; young people with brows too early wrinkled, some of them very quiet, others able to laugh and talk together; much German and a sprinkling of other languages. One noticed a Roman Catholic Mother Superior.

There was a group of well-built men, a dozen or so, not generally Jewish in appearance; in fact, I could have accosted one of them as a fellow Yorkshireman until after hearing him talk English perfectly naturally he entered into German conversation with the others. My curiosity about them was not fully satisfied. They were being shepherded by a Londoner and they seemed to be about to undergo some technical training together.

Altogether a collection of people at an important junction of their lives, many of them undergoing catastrophies.

After almost an hour our turn came to pass into the inner room where were more chairs to sit upon and wait until one of the nine uniformed policemen-clerks at the counters were at liberty to attend to us. Courtesy and consideration to the applicants were in evidence and it seems that a smile and a friendly word are passports even between our officials and aliens.

When we left the queue of applicants had extended into the street.

J. A. B.

If they have an accident (seldom their own fault), most of them would not know the *correct* steps to take.

The easiest way to be sure of Legal Assistance is to join the N.C.U. for 2/6d. or the National Clarion C.C. for the same fee. Get in touch with Sid. Bennett, of 72, Cressingham Road, in the latter case, and learn how to cycle to and from work and be protected all the time.

Cyclists' Corner . . .

Cycling enjoys local popularity

Mr. Coleman of Pegley's—Northern C.C.'s Woman Social Secretary—Club Magazines—"Ride-to-Work" cyclists protection.

By Mrs. Billie Dovey—the Rudge-Whitworth rider.

I WAS chatting recently with a gentleman who has interested himself in all cycling activities locally for over seven years to my knowledge. During that time he has become associated with most of the clubs that have come into being. He has watched some prosper because they were run by capable officials—others at times reached very promising importance, only to fall short of such promise in following years due to an unwise change in officials. Most RESIDENT readers know him—Mr. Coleman, of Pegley's, the Watling Avenue sports house, and regular advertisers in this journal.

He recently attended annual club dinners of the Northern C.C., North-Western R.C., Greenford C.C. and others, and it was at the latter he and I discussed the all-important matter of increasing the number of women and girls who should (for the sake of their health, pocket and holidays), ride bicycles. I very much wanted to attend the Northern C.C. dinner too, as my old friend Miss C. ("Micky") Scrivener is now Social Secretary of the oldest cycling club in the district, and I understand is doing well at it too!

Now isn't that a good example of what women members can do in a really sociable "mixed" club? . . .

Cycling Club Journalists.

If you read the local *Times* and *Guardian* each Friday you cannot help but notice how active cycling clubs are in this district. The other week there were nine different sets of club notes on the Sports Page, and perhaps this has something to do with the decrease in membership some local clubs are experiencing.

Each week more cycling clubs decide to run their own club magazine. The finest that has come into my hands for some time I admit to be "The Link," produced by the North-Western section of the N.C.U. The first issue of "The Courier" also came to hand, and the Crusaders' C.C. are to be complimented on their initial effort. The North-Western Road Club quarterly journal, which I have not seen for some time, must now be nearly four years old. Even before "The Potterer" was born, the N.W.R.C. had a gazette produced periodically, so that they can claim to lead in this district so far as cycling journalism is concerned.

For those who Ride to Work.

Spring will soon be here, and bicycles for going to work and also for sport and pleasure are going to be very much in evidence this year.

There are lots of Watling people with no intention (as yet!) of ever joining a cycling club. They are content to just ride to and from work. These riders actually represent the bulk of the ten million riders in the country.

(Concluded in previous column)

The M.C.C. and You

By County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

My notes this month will be brief, for the greater part of the time of the January County Council meeting was taken up with the discussion of recommendations for rises in salary of various officers and members of the staff.

A decision was taken, however, that cinemas should not be open on Good Friday of this year.

Another matter that was briefly discussed was the Government Cancer Bill. In regard to this, two members, both of them doctors and both members of the Labour Group, moved that the County Council should ask the Ministry of Health to allow the diagnosis and treatment of cancer in the County to be free of charge. This the Council agreed to do. Whether the Ministry will give this permission or not is not known, because to do so would involve a departure from a general principle of treating free only those diseases which endanger the community as well as the individual. Cancer is not contagious, and its free treatment would mean a departure from this rule.

It may be remembered that it is a few years only during which the County Council has treated Tuberculosis without charge to the patients or his relatives. But tuberculosis is an infectious disease, and the community is protected by the segregation of those who suffer from it. We may hope, however, that the gravity of the menace of cancer will lead the Ministry to adopt the principle of free diagnosis and treatment.

A Book to Read

I Saw Spain, by Bernard Newman, author of "Spy," "Albanian Back Door," etc.

Mr. Newman is a cyclist. He lives at Harrow—that is when he is not cycling on the Continent. I am a keen cyclist, too, so in harmonious fashion cycled along to Hendon Library and borrowed their copy of his book.

Last winter I heard his lecture given under the same title, a title that is completely self-explanatory. Both essentially deal with travel—seeing how the people live, mingling with them and trying to understand why they do what they do.

Mr. Newman was there before the outbreak of civil war, but this book does not deal with that time. It deals with the time he was there during the first outbreaks of internal strife in July, 1936.

He actually meets General Franco in Morocco during the time plans were being made for the revolt. Humorously refers to his bicycle as "George"—shares a bed with a roving madman—at all times listening to what Spaniards have to say about troubled Spain.

Finest chapter—the last, entitled "Spanish Tragedy"—the story of the situation as he found it and saw it to be! So democratic is the author that he invites you to miss this at will, since it reviews chiefly the political situation, but even so you will probably complete the book without then being certain of Mr. Newman's own personal views on the matter!

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F.A.D.

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I think Basil will be one of the new ones I shall add to my list. Chopped fine Sweet Basil is said to add zest to the sauces which one prepares for fish and for such vegetables as broad beans or cauliflower, and also to soups. It requires a little care to grow.

Dill is another new one which I hope to grow. It can be used in bread and rolls with canned goods, fish and meats and their sauces, salads and soups.

For several years past I have urged housewives to grow clumps of Chives. Its delicate onion flavour is splendid for sandwich pastes, omelets, soups and salads, in fact, a fluffy omelet becomes a real adventure in tasty goodness when you have such ingredients as Basil, Thyme, Chervil, Chives and Parsley close at hand to pick, chop up and add to it.

Chervil we have found hard to grow, but each year we try it anew, because those who know it speak so highly of its flavour.

Summer Savory we have had for two seasons. It is very good in soups or "with hot boiled beans and very good butter" (margarine), as the old nursery rhyme says.

Sorrel we always try to grow too. Its large leaves add just the right refreshing sourish taste to a summer salad.

The onion is interesting to historians because it appears to be one of the oldest of our cultivated crops, and one variety is said to have been worshipped by the Egyptians before the Christian era, being so highly esteemed that it was depicted on their monuments. Ancient Romans utilised the onion in many forms, and it was they who introduced the vegetable into England. Dietitians value the onion for its calcium, sulphur and potassium content, in addition to which it possesses some of vitamins B and C, while young green varieties contain vitamins A, C and G and minerals iron and copper. The late Dr. Beicher-Beuner referred to onions as cancer insurance "because of their powerful germ-killing actions."

They are good in cases of catarrh, colds and rheumatism.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN SAVOURY

To make your old polishing mop quite new again, just boil it up in water with a lump of washing soda and two tablespoonfuls of paraffin. Add a few drops of paraffin to the rinsing water, and when dry the mop will polish as it never did before.



Dear Mr. Editor,

I am writing to draw the attention of your women readers to the Women's Discussion Group which meets at the Watling Centre on Tuesday afternoons at 2.45 p.m. The group has been meeting for some time and our aim is Education by means of informal discussion. We believe that housewives have a big responsibility in the scheme of things and the changing of the social order. The discussion of topical items that vitally concern all women, such as Nutrition, Care of Children, Women's Health, A.R.P., Peace Questions, and, most important, "What you can get for your family." All are cordially welcomed. Come and hear our interesting programme.

Future note.—We are making trips to places of entertainment by way of diversion.

E. LEWINGTON,
Hon. Sec.

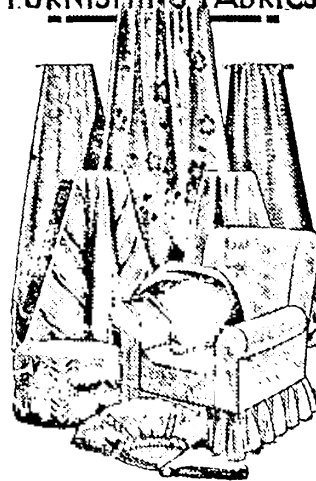
MR. HILTON

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A Holiday Adventure

An Insolent Action

Danger and a Lucky Escape

It was in India at a hill station about 600 feet above sea level in the month of May, when all who could, had fled to the hills to escape the heat of the arid plains, that the following adventure befell a party of people. The party consisted of two men, three ladies and two young girls not yet in their teens. They set out early one morning in four rickshaws on a picnic to a place about thirteen miles away. Some said the figure 13 had a lot to do with their unpleasant experience. Others pooh-poohed the idea, and the narrative will show that the trouble was due to the stupid and one might say insolent action on the part of one of the men.

Each rickshaw had four natives to it; one in the shafts pulling, another at the back pushing, and the other two running at the side. At intervals they would change places, the two running at the side taking up the positions on the rickshaw and relieving the other two of their burden. With bare feet they raced along the narrow road. The chosen spot was reached and passengers and servants had a most enjoyable picnic. It was on the return journey that disaster nearly overtook them.

AN INSOLENT ACTION.

The road wound through some magnificent scenery. After a while they entered a big tea estate. Here a belt of trees on each side of the road made a delightful avenue. Some of the native women pickers were making their way to the road through the trees when the young man in the second rickshaw, in fun, touched one of their baskets and nearly tipped it over. He did this again and the woman, in turning round in an attempt to right the basket on her head, got her sari caught in one of the wheels and let out a yell. The rickshaw men warned the young man to be careful and added that the natives of that district belonged to a primitive tribe who could be dangerous.

Hearing shouts, the young fellow looked through the trees and saw to his dismay a horde of tribesmen rushing

along the side of the hill in an endeavour to cut the party off. He could see they were armed; some with sickles, others with lathis. His rickshaw men had sensed the danger too. They raced passed the rickshaw in front and at lightning speed made for the exit. The gate was shut. It was slowly swung open, but alas! right across the road stood a bullock cart waiting to enter the estate. After much shouting the cart moved to one side and the rickshaw tore out of the gate and raced away at full speed. There were, however, no signs of the others. With growing fear, and a realisation that something terrible must have befallen them, and with the knowledge that he was the culprit of the whole miserable business, the young man told the rickshaw men to turn back. He felt ashamed at having run away and at having left the others to their fate.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

His rickshaw had returned a little way when he saw the others coming quickly round a bend in the hill. Their faces told him they had been through a fearful ordeal. (Both the girls were in tears). They shouted to him to turn and frantically waved him on. Not until they had covered five miles were they able to recount what had happened.

It appears the young man had hardly escaped when the tribesmen reached the gate and trapped the others. Throwing themselves on the only other man in the party they fiercely clutched him. One of the natives raised the poor chap's foot and started sharpening his sickle on the sole of the man's shoe, preparatory to cutting his throat. Brandishing their knives and sticks the tribesmen threatened the party. Fortunately, the timely arrival of the Headman, an Indian gentleman, saved them. Hearing the noise, he had come down from his house to see what was the matter. It was as well that the culprit was by then far away. Had he not got through the gate in time he would have been not just killed outright, but chopped to pieces. He had certainly learnt a lesson which he would never forget.

K.A.S.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADULT SCHOOL

The sixth anniversary of the B.O.Y.P.A.S. was celebrated at the Centre on Saturday, February 15th. Tea commenced at 5.30 p.m. Great ceremony surrounded the cutting of the cake, which was made by Frank Whitehead. The candles were blown out and the cake cut by Mr. A. Lord, President of the N.W. Federation of Adult Schools, who, in a presidential address, gave the best wishes of the Federation to us. Miss F. Knowles spoke of the achievements by the School in the six years of its existence, and brought greetings from Highgate Road women. Miss Milson, Joint Secretary with the above, brought greetings from Gospel Oak women. Mrs. Webster brought greetings from St. Pancras Y.P. and Mill Hill East women.

The Harmelodians Dance Band were in attendance, with Mr. J. W. Pratten M.C.

Jack Buckingham, Social Secretary, being responsible for the arrangements of the party.

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WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

The above Guild of Players produced "Girl in Question," a comedy in three acts, by Wilfred Massey, at the Watling Centre, on the 16th and 17th of February.

This play was postponed for about two months owing to sickness, then, just when we thought we were all set, another young lady was taken ill, but we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Joyce Lake at the very short notice of eight days. I am happy to say that the confidence placed in her by the remainder of the cast was fully justified by the performance she gave, this was also greatly appreciated by the producer, Mr. Sewell Harris.

CAST.

Clara	LILIAN MOORE
Jill Wentworth	JOAN BISHOP
Virginia Wentworth	ALICE JACKSON
Ernest Wentworth	ERNEST COLE
Mrs. Wentworth	EDITH COLE
Benjamin Sparrow	ERNEST STRONG
Marcia Chichester	ANN ROBLOU
Peter Hitch	JOSEPH ROBLOU, JNR.
Garry Mansfield	JAMES TAYLOR
Sheila Morgan	JOYCE LAKE

Wigs and make up by Harry Webber.

Musical interludes by the Watling Association Orchestra. Conductor, Mr. Lancaster.

According to many reports the show was the best yet performed by the Guild and was greatly enjoyed by an attentive and appreciative audience.

May we suggest that all those who were unable to see the play should book the date of the next performance which will probably be during Watling week.

On behalf of our members we should like to thank all those who gave us their support. From reports I gather that the show was enjoyed by everyone. May I suggest to those who were not fortunate enough to see it, that they should book the date of the next performance, which will probably be during Watling Week, as I am sure we can promise you a very enjoyable evening.

Both accommodation and funds are limited, but with the continued support of those who have already seen our shows and the added support of others, we are confident that the Guild could produce even better plays, which command a bigger royalty.

Unfortunately this is one of our setbacks at the moment. If there are any who would care to join us in any capacity we shall be pleased to see them at the Watling Centre any Tuesday evening at 8.30.

C. J. ROBLOU,
Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. A.: "Paid your rates yet, dear?"

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Puppy Dog's Tails

That silly old nursery rhyme about boys being made of snippets and snails and puppy dogs' tails came into my mind as an excuse for a heading to this little article. Like many other nursery rhymes, there seems to be no sense in this particular one, because one cannot understand how puppy dogs' tails enter into the composition of any human being. They are very important organs of the dog, however.

It is generally supposed, and I see no reason to question the supposition, that these appendages are intended to act as rudders, which balance their bearers when they turn suddenly. We can see, too, how the powerful stern of a Newfoundland would help him when swimming. Fashion has decreed that every breed has the style of tail peculiarly appropriate, and any departure from the normal would be a severe handicap to a dog in the show ring.

All the Spitz family have tails that are curled tightly over their backs and are well feathered. There seems to be no particular object in this shape and when these dogs are nervous or are in action the tail is unfurled and carried behind. It is quite a disaster if a Pekingese, Chow Chow or others of that kind will not curl their tails when they are being judged. In many cases man has taken the liberty

of interfering with nature, the reason being that a docked tail looks better than the natural, though possibly that is really a matter of custom. If we were used to seeing fox terriers and other terriers wearing long tails we should not consider them objectionable.

In two breeds the tails are docked off close up to the rump. They are Old English Sheepdogs and Schipperkes. The Schipperke, belonging as it does to the Spitz family, curls its tail in the manner of a Pomeranian when it is left on, and that, of course, completely changes the character of the dog. The presumption is that the Old English Sheepdog would be more efficient if he were allowed to grow a natural tail and in his case it so happens that one of the normal length is by no means a disfigurement. A German Sheepdog very much identical in type is allowed to retain his stern and he is really quite a good looking dog.

Various reasons are given for the docking of bobtails. Some say it was done by shepherds to indicate that they were workers and therefore exempt from the licence. Others, going much further back, attribute the practice to an ancient belief that a dog so treated would not suffer from madness. I am not altogether satisfied with that explanation because if it were a survival of an old superstition, how is it that other breeds were not also protected against a dreadful disease that was a danger to mankind as well as to the canine race? I know some who hold the belief that in the course of time bobtails will be born without tails. That is a theory that does not appeal to me in the least, because I cannot see how docking can in any way influence the action of the reproductive germ. The fact that some Old English Sheepdogs are born tailless or with short tails merely means that they are subject to a malformation that is seen in other breeds as well. I have had bloodhound puppies with a mere stump.

BALD FACED STAG?

NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB (HENDON SECTION)

Well, friends, the racing season has started—that means that summer is not far off. Now is the time to give your cycle an overhaul. Of course, if you are one of those people who put the bike in cold storage during the winter, now is the time to dig it out and get riding, otherwise come the brighter weather and you'll get what we clubmen term *Easter Knees* or *Bunk*! Of course, you should not start riding really until you have joined a club, and what better club is there than the Clarion; to which you can belong for as little as 2s. 6d. per annum.

During the past month we have had some exciting and interesting fixtures. At the end of January there was the B.A.R. Tea and many of our members were there to welcome the Scottish Clarionettes who did so well in the last racing season. Jack Taylor was among them, he is the second fastest Time Trialist in the country. Another celebrity present was "Billie" Dovey of Rudge fame. She is, of course, a Clarionette.

Then early February we had the C. and A.C. Dinner and Dance at which the medals for last season's racing were given. Members of our section who received awards were: Miss Rose Rainbow, Mr. Jack Skelton, and Mr. Stan Keats.

The runs have been fairly well supported and as Spring is drawing nigh the numbers are gradually rising again.

We are pleased to announce we have just bought a very expensive table-tennis table, complete with full equipment. This makes our selection of games at the clubroom complete. Any cyclist is always welcome at our clubroom at the Annunciation Church Hall, Thirleby Road, on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.

The Associate Membership Scheme is going well and Mr. S. Bennett, 72, Cressingham Road, Burnt Oak, will be pleased to give full particulars to any cyclist who wishes to join a club and not ride with it. Also this scheme only costs 2s. 6d. per annum.

The runs for March are as follow:—

- 5th Stapleford Journey.
- 12th Whyteleaf.
- 19th Chobham.
- 26th London Union Spring Meet (open invitation to all).

All runs start from the Police Box, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, at 9.30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Any cyclists desiring to join a good club please get in touch with our Hon. Sec., Mr. W. G. Glendinning, 23, Brinkburn Gardens, Edgware—you'll never regret it!

So hoping to meet you soon. Cheerio!

VIC C. BOTTERILL.

We have now over 30 active members and instructors. Stewart and Curzon are having a busy time, as we are now looking for more matches.

At the moment we can put out a team capable of testing the best, so be on the look-out for announcements in the press, as in away matches we shall be able to take a coach or two for supporters.

Hoping you will continue to support us.

STRAIGHT LEFT.

WATLING BOXING CLUB

In our open novices competition and inter-club match with Hendon and St. Pancras Boxing Clubs, we were successful in every way. There was a packed house, resulting in a profit which will be used for the benefit of the members in the purchase of new equipment, which is badly needed. We beat Hendon B.C. two bouts to one and also beat St. Pancras three bouts to one, and our boys fought splendidly to bring about this result. We would like to point out that the teams concerned were not the strongest of either three clubs, as in boxing, novices are matched always against novices, and open men against open men, but this does not detract in the least from our victory.

The open novices competition also came to Watling, thanks to Bert Sarson, who won three splendid contests.

Results were as follows:—

W. Graham (Watling) beat J. Rogers.

S. Walker (Watling) beat C. Little.

D. Gooden (Watling) beat G. Colley.

M. Ashby (Watling) beat E. Richardson.

E. Jones (Watling) beat E. Richardson.

A. Sarson (Watling) beat W. Randall, and in the semi-final T. Jenkins.

On February 11th, at Hendon Drill Hall, we competed against all the leading Hendon clubs for the J.O.C. Cup and secured third place with 20 points, as against West Hendon (28) and All Saints' (24). This result included walk-over for both latter clubs, the actual results on boxing only being West Hendon 22, All Saints' 20, Watling Association 20. We were unfortunate in not gaining the verdict in at least two finals. These points would have brought the J.O.C. Cup back to Watling.

Results as follows:—

6 st. Semi-final (Junior).—M. Ashley (Watling) beat T. Gunning (5th Hendon B.B.). Final, R. Hatter (Jewish Lads' Brigade) beat M. Ashby.

7 st. Semi-final (Junior).—T. Parrott (Watling) beat B. Dewar (5th Hendon B.B.). Final, Parrott beat K. Bentley (Watling United).

5 st. Final (Junior).—E. Jones (Watling) beat J. Whale (All Saints').

5 st. 7 lbs. Final (Junior).—D. Gooden (Watling) beat E. Renshaw (1st Hendon B.B.).

6 st. Final (Intermediate).—W. Fussey (All Saints') beat T. Rainbow (Watling).

8 st. Final (Intermediate).—A. Harvey (West Hendon) beat F. Gay (Watling).

7 st. 7lb. Final (Senior).—L. Walker (Watling) beat S. Ashby (Watling).

8 st. Final (Senior).—S. Bates (All Saints') beat J. Green (Watling).

9 st. Final (Senior).—G. Graves (Watling) beat I. Goletka (Jewish Lads' Brigade).

10 st. Semi-final (Special).—D. C. Mills (West Hendon) beat S. Walker (Watling).

On Friday, February 10th, at De Havilland Club, Stag Lane, A. Sarson (Watling) after beating his opponent by a technical knock-out in the semi-final, was beaten on points in the final by Riches (West Ham B.C.). This was a 9 st. intermediate competition. Sarson was unfortunate in running up against a boy of Riches class, who in our opinion is destined for high honours, and is to be congratulated on making a very close fight of it. He was presented with a very fine striking clock.

(Concluded in previous column)

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

The attainment of their sixth birthday is an event of which members of Burnt Oak Women's Adult School may well be proud. A very happy evening was spent when members gathered together to celebrate this great occasion at their annual party. Mr. Nyberg has already given us a full account of this, so further details are unnecessary here.

The New Year's programme of talks was opened by Mr. Sewell Harris, who spoke on the new handbook, "This Changing World." He gave members a keen desire to hear more of the subjects outlined.

Miss Henriques gave us an interesting and well illustrated talk on the "Literature of the Bible," and the Rev. R. W. Townsend, Vicar of St. John's, Hendon, a simple, homely talk on "Prayer." The latter provoked good discussion among members of the School.

Perhaps the talk which was most generally enjoyed this month was that given by Mrs. Silcock on the "British Museum." She spoke on that section which deals particularly with Ur of the Chaldees. She wove her description of exhibits into an enthralling story of life in that city from the earliest times until the days of Abraham. We looked at pictures of these beautiful and colourful things, and agreed that the School should make an early visit to the Museum to see everything for themselves.

The School now numbers seventy-nine women, but the average attendance is only just over half this number. Most members are wearing Adult School Union badges, as the result of Mr. Lord's Jubilee effort to sell as many as possible. A choir has been formed to practice songs for the Jubilee celebrations. It meets weekly under the leadership of the conductor of Watling Association Orchestra, who kindly gives his services. Members are still making a regular contribution to the upkeep of their Spanish Refugee Baby, and fifteen shillings has been collected for the "Mile of Pennies for Peace Fund." Much good work is already being done and we trust that the School will go on from strength to strength.

BRUSHES

It is usually the front bristles of a short-handled brush that wear out first. If you cut off the rounded front end of the brush at an angle it brings another row of bristles into use as front ones, and increases the life of the brush.

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With constant washing, hairbrushes often become limp. Here is a remedy.

Dissolve one pennyworth of alum in a quart of boiling water and leave until cold. Soak the brush in this solution, after washing it thoroughly, for half an hour, taking care not to wet the wooden back.

Place on a folded towel, bristles down, to dry. The bristles will now be stiffened up a great deal.

This has no harmful effect on the bristles and may be used for several brushes.

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During frosty weather it is a good idea to add a little methylated spirit to the water used for washing the steps. This prevents them freezing.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT

To-day we are faced with the fact that more than 2,000,000 able-bodied persons are unemployed during the supposed prosperity boom.

Will industry absorb them who cry out for the "right" to work? Far from doing this, the Government anticipate that there will be 3,000,000 unemployed, so they are planning to deal with this number in the near future.

You have no doubt read of the recent activities of the unemployed in order to let the public know of the hardships they have to endure.

Can the unemployment problem be cured by the Government within the present state of society? Its effects only are dealt with and not the causes.

Take for example the Distressed Areas, thousands of families have been transferred to various parts of the country, only to find themselves back on the Employment Exchange. We say that had the Commissioners been allowed to restore the economic life of the Distressed Areas, there would be no need to take families and, in some instances, place them where unemployment already exists.

The Government's "Keep Fit" campaign is absurd while they continue to pursue a rigid Means Test, thus compelling wage earners to keep their unemployed relatives.

Our movement will continue to bring these facts to the notice of the community and feel justified in doing so.

Work could be found in real A.R.P. Eighteen months ago two A.R.P. officials approached the Home Office with a view of getting bomb-proof shelters erected for the population. They were then told "that the chances of war is remote, so there is no need to build these shelters."

These same two officials approached the Home Office just recently, and this time were told that "there is no time now to get on building bomb-proof shelters." This is just the way urgent matters are allowed to be shelved.

Therefore we invite employed and unemployed persons to join with us in the fight for work for all and a better standard of life, so that we can have the necessary things of life and be self-supporting in society.

W. LEWINGTON,
Hon. Secretary.

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Random Jottings

By CENTURION

A Choir

It is proposed to form a mixed choir at the Centre, and all members are invited to join. A start has been made by some women members and a report of a musical festival in which they took part is on another page. For further particulars apply at the office.

More Homes

Pentonville prison is soon to be demolished and the site turned into a L.C.C. housing estate.

The L.C.C. are to build six blocks of flats in Southwark to house 1,200.

In the next financial year £6,500,000 is being spent on slum clearance and new housing.

Since the war, new housing accommodation has been provided for 415,000 Londoners.

Carrots or Cutlets

Recently two crews of University women rowed their annual boat race and, according to statements in the Press, the women trained on beef and beer as do the Oxford and Cambridge men crews. Apparently this beef and beer diet gives more strength and stamina than does a vegetarian diet, in spite of the superior claims of the vegetarian.

It would be interesting to see the result of a boat race between meat eaters and vegetarians.

The Tonic

Take a number of Watling people, place them in the Centre, add a dash of dancing, a sprinkling of songs, some community singing, a little spice of laughter, garnish with music from the W.A. Orchestra, flavour with pepper (Jack Radley).

Serve every other Sunday evening.

Whist

At the Watling Centre.

Monday evenings, commencing at 8.30 p.m., Grocery Drive. Many prizes. Admission 6d.

Wednesday evenings, Money Drive. All prizes cash. Miniature Drive at 8.30 p.m., admission 3d. Grand Drive at 9 p.m., admission 6d.

Thursday afternoons, at 2.45 p.m., Money Drive, admission 6d.

All are welcome. Come along and help to swell the prizes.

GOOD COMPANY AND A GOOD GAME.

No Gas Drill

Middlesex Education Committee has decided against gas-mask drill being given to scholars under its control.

A Blow Out for 3d.

A threepenny lunch is provided for more than 100 children every day in a Sussex school. The menu varies each day and is of a substantial quality. A typical meal is steak and kidney pudding, boiled potatoes, sprouts, fruit jelly or blancmange.

A Presentation

At the Eighth Annual Prize Distribution and Concert held at the Meads Junior Mixed School on Wednesday, March 22, Alderman J. J. Copestake, J.P., chairman of the Hendon Education Committee, announced the appointment of Miss A. M. Willis, the headmistress to the headship of the new Infants' and Junior School at Dole Street, Mill Hill. As the result of this unexpected news a Parents' Committee has provisionally been formed for the purpose of collecting towards a presentation.

A house to house collection is to be made in the school area of the Watling Estate to enable parents and friends of the scholars to contribute in appreciation of her 9½ years' service at the School.

The Committee comprises Mr. S. E. Sharpe (chairman), Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bantick, Mr. H. Walsh, Mr. W. Brunton and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Knight.

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You never had a chance, you went to an ordinary elementary school, and when you were 14 you had to leave school and go to work to earn your living. What did you know of world affairs, of economics, of politics, of poetry, music, philosophy, religion, democracy, dictatorships, the coloured races and a hundred and one subjects which go to make up the panorama of life. All these are reviewed at the Men's Adult School, which meets at the Watling Centre every Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m. Interesting speakers and enlightening discussions.

All men are welcome.

Mortality

The worst mortality rates are shown by underground miners of metals, sand blasters, stevedores, slate miners, quarriers in Caernarvonshire, and glass blowers who do not use machines. The best record was given by agricultural machine workers, wireless operators on shore, draughtsmen, costing clerks and bank and insurance officials.

London Calling !

In this case a question. Would you like to meet members of other Associations in London to discuss "The Ideals of the Community Association Movement" and "The Relation between Local Authorities and Community Associations"? The London Federation is arranging a conference on these subjects on Saturday, May 13th. Sir Wyndham Deedes will speak on the first subject. Admission free. If you would like to go send your name in immediately to Mr. Harris at the Centre. Places are limited. Names should be in by April 15th.

A Dance

The Tuesday Night Dance is in full swing with the Harmonicans Dance Band supplying the rhythm. If you want a good evening come to this select dance next Tuesday at 8. Price of admission, 4d.

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Good Service

Recently I went to the Branch Library at Mill Hill and enquired after five books which I wanted to read. I was informed that two were on the catalogue but were at that moment out, but if I wished, I could have them reserved. The other three books were not on the Mill Hill list but I could apply for them. To cut a long story short I got the whole five books within a month.

Hastings

The outing to Hastings is definitely fixed for the first Sunday in July. The cost is 9/6 each, which includes a slap-up tea, tips and all expenses. Weekly payments can be made at the Centre.

AMATEUR FILM SOCIETY

The Cinema to-day is a recognised means of entertainment, publicity and instruction. Millions of people take their cares, worries, hopes and desires to the cinema each week, hoping to be taken out of themselves in their imagination, with the help of moving shadows on a screen. But these are more than just shadows for they can express and conjure up in the minds of an audience more emotional effect than any novel or stage play.

But let us forget the ideals of the commercial cinema and consider for a moment amateur film. For it is proposed that an amateur film society be formed in conjunction with the Watling Association. For the activities of the Association and the theme of life on this estate are open to excellent film treatment with a little dramatisation. Production need not be confined to films of this type only, for short-story and comedy films of members' own writings could be produced.

Anyone interested in cinematography in any form, whether it be film acting, photography, film writing, production, art or projection are invited to help to make this a success. Remember it is up to you to create and make films and to discover new and unlimited horizons. Send me your name.

FRANCIS W. THOMAS,
c/o Watling Centre.

WATLING WEEK No. 11 JUNE 16th to 26th

This year may see the completion of the Centre. Let us make Watling Week No. 11 the best yet. Every penny subscribed will help us to furnish the completed Centre, fit for a King, and fit for Watling. Penny postcards will shortly be circulated about the Estate—give generously of your pennies. Every card filled will help towards the comfort of people using the Centre.

Special Note to Ladies over 16 and under 25 years who live in the Burnt Oak Ward. Look out for a special notice in next month's RESIDENT. We are in search of this year's Carnival Queen. It may be you.

So book the dates and make a special note of Watling Week.

Watling Association Diary

NOTE THESE DATES

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

April, 1939

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sundays —Society of Friends, Public Meeting for Worship, 11 a.m.

Weight Lifters, 11 a.m.

Men's Adult School.

2. Mr. Judd, at 6.30 p.m.

9. No meeting.

At 9.30 a.m.

16. Islam. Mr. J. D. Shams, Imam of the London Mosque.

23. London's Jubilee. Mr. Reginald Stamp, L.C.C.

30. Social Service. Is it worth while? Miss Wharhirst.

Mondays —Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Watling Athletic Association, 8 p.m.

Boxing, 8 p.m.

Poor Man's Lawyer, 8.0 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.

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.

Veterans' Club, 3 p.m.

Boxing, 8 p.m.

Indoor Games Club, 8 p.m.

Table Tennis Club, 8 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 2 Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.

Monday 3 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.

Friday 7 Centre closed.

Wed'day 12 Goldbeaters Parent Teacher Group, 8 p.m., at Goldbeaters School.

Public Speaking and Voice Production Class, 8 p.m.

Thursday 13 Girls P.T. Social and Beetle Drive, 8 p.m.

Friday 14 W.A. Football Club Annual Supper.

Sunday 16 Free and Easy, 8 p.m.

Monday 17 Birth Control Clinic, 3 p.m.

Sunday 23 Left Book Club Conference, 3 p.m.

Monday 24 Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, 8 p.m.

Wed'day 26 Voice Production and Public Speaking Class, 8 p.m.

Thursday 27 Watling Association Council, 8 p.m.

Sunday 30 Free and Easy, 8 p.m. Two Thousand Children, Mr. J. G. Lang.

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MOVE ON

DEAR SIR,

I have every sympathy for the stall-holders who have been moved from Watling Avenue. I also realize that the police have their duty to do, sometimes not very pleasant, in keeping the road clear of obstruction. But what about the cars which park in the avenue during the busy shopping hours of the week-end. These cars cause just as much obstruction as the still-holders are alleged to have done. We have a splendid shopping centre, and we welcome all comers to get the best bargains they can from our shops and stalls, but whilst these cars are parked in the busy thoroughfare of Watling Avenue, they are a source of danger to pedestrians and traffic alike.

E. TURNER.

MEAT

DEAR EDITOR,

During the war I was in Belgium in a village which had been under German occupation for four years. Sometimes the method of carting and handling food was somewhat rough and ready. I remember one woman expressing surprise at the way the troops' ration of meat was unloaded from a lorry. A half side of bacon was tipped out and the carter stood on it to reach more meat which was in the lorry.

The other day in Watling Avenue a butcher's van drew up outside a shop and a consignment of meat was carted into the shop. Walking about amongst the meat in the van, with his dirty boots, the carter sorted out the various joints and what was not for delivery to the shop was piled up in the corner.

Jumping about in the road and then in again amongst meat is not a very hygienic way of treating our food. There should be a cleaner way of handling it. Where are the food inspectors. QUIZZER.

THE LATE MRS. A. E. MILLS

Dear Sir,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the Watling Association for their kindness during my wife's illness and subsequent death. I feel I am unable to express my gratitude to the members individually for the beautiful wreaths sent, so request that this be done for me through *The Watling Resident*.

I am enclosing the lists of wreaths in the order received for publication.

A. E. MILLS.

Husband and daughter; Harold, son-in-law; Edie and Fred; Gertie, Harry and Jessie; Mr. and Mrs. Peachey and Don; Mr. and Mrs. Champion; Mr. and Mrs. Pugh and Tommy; Mrs. Simms; Mr. and Mrs. Bannell and family; all at 10 Wenlock; Mrs. Cook; Tom and Betty Chatterway; May and Bill (Meredith); Mona; Mr. and Mrs. Bussey and family; Mr. and Mrs. Poole and family; all at 6 Wenlock; Mr. and Mrs.

Burke; Mr. and Mrs. Sewell and Beryle; Mr. and Mrs. Diss; "Georgie" Rodd and family; Mr. and Mrs. Best and Peter; Mr. and Mrs. Dongworth; Joe and Doris; Mr. and Mrs. Burns; MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AT WATLING CENTRE; from Mother and Pop; Tommy and Philip; Elsie and Will; Laura and George; Frank and Joe; Shelaugh Brenda; Dorothy; Gladys and George; Eileen and George; Winnie; Gwen (sister); Mr. and Mrs. Mills (senior); Nellie and Rosie; Gladys of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. Dunford and family; Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Peggy; Little Molly; Mr. and Mrs. Wallis; Edgware 'Bus Garage; from the Neighbours; Mr. and Mrs. Day; Mr. and Mrs. Hurst; from Betty; The Women of the Communist Party.

Various other wreaths were taken to the cemetery and placed on the grave by friends and members of the Association.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Dear Mr. Editor,

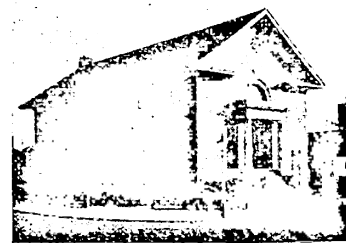
During the Summer Holidays the school-children will be going to school every day, not for lessons, but to have their usual third of a pint of milk.

Last Summer I wrote to the Hendon Borough Council to point out that this scheme was already adopted at Tottenham and Potters Bar, which by the way, was the first authority in Middlesex to institute such a system.

However, as you say, the local authority is to be commended for such, and better late than not at all.

W. LEWINGTON.

Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



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

April 2—Mr. A. E. HOTLEY.

" 9—Mr. W. SMITH.

" 16—Mr. H. CURTIS.

" 23—Dr. HOWAT LINDSAY.

" 26—Dr. A. HANTON.



A Neutral Zone

Hendon, in time of War is, according to the experts, a neutral zone. Therefore we are not to be given extra protection against air raids. It is nice to feel that we are in a neutral zone. It gives us a feeling of comparative safety. The experts know it, we know it—but do the dictators know it? When their airplanes arrive with their cargoes of bombs, will they recognise that we are in a neutral area? We think not. The rain falls on the just and on the unjust, likewise the enemy bombs will fall on the danger areas and the alleged safety areas, and it won't be any use us crossing fingers. How the aforesaid experts conclude that Hendon is a neutral zone is difficult for us to believe. We are in close proximity to airdromes, aircraft factories, and various other factories are close at hand, and not far away is a balloon barrage unit. It is therefore apparent to us, if not to the experts, that our position in time of war is vulnerable and it behoves us to see that Hendon is re-classified and adequate protection provided without delay.

F. H. L.

Inter-Oven Stoves

Many people on our estate have complained about the stoves installed in the living-rooms of our houses, and we must congratulate the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild on having started a petition for their removal and for the substitution of cleaner and more attractive fireplaces. We know one or two people who do use these ovens for cooking, even for the Sunday dinner, but the vast majority of us use the gas cookers, but we would like an open fireplace which would throw the heat out into the room instead of wasting a large part of it behind iron bars. We realise that some residents use the oven as an airing cupboard, or for drying the firewood, but they would probably be willing to dispense with this convenience for the sake of a more economical and sightly grate.

The Council of the Watling Association agreed to support the resolution which the Townswomen's Guild is sending to the L.C.C., and we wish the Guild success in its efforts.

Mrs. Mills

All members will regret the sad passing of Mrs. Brenda Mills. She was a staunch supporter of the Watling Association and patronised most of the functions. Her cheery personality was especially in evidence at the Saturday Socials, Whist Drives and the Sunday Free and Easy Socials.

At an amateur speech making contest some time ago in which Mrs. Mills took part she said that she enjoyed every minute spent at the Centre.

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W.A. Annual Meeting & Council

At the Annual Meeting held on February 23rd, a number of officers and the representatives of the individual members on the council were elected. The results were as shown in the list of officers, etc., as published elsewhere in this issue.

The annual report and the audited accounts were adopted. These are in print, and are available on request at the Centre.

The other chief item of business was a discussion of the position of the Estate in case of air attack, resulting in requests to the Home Office and the Borough Council for the re-scheduling of Hendon as a dangerous area and the provision of deep bomb-proof shelters respectively.

At the Council meeting on March 2nd, Mr. Roblou was re-elected chairman. The thanks of the Council were sent to Mr. Hilton for all his work, which he felt that he must stop, for the time at anyrate, owing to living further away. Mr. Fanthorpe was elected as advertising manager for the "Resident"; Mrs. Lord as Juvenile Organiser; Mr. H. Davis as Tenants' Welfare Officer; Mesdames Lee and King as representatives on the Mill Hill Social Service Committee; Mrs. Nyberg, Messrs. Lodge and Rowley as representatives on the London Federation of Community Associations; Mr. Rowley to go to the Annual Conference. Mrs. Cole and Mr. Wickens were co-opted.

The Council decided that committees should be comprised of three members of the Council, with powers to add to their numbers. The following committees were elected:—

Executive—Mrs. Lodge, Messrs. Taylor, Williams, Fanthorpe, Price and Hall.

Social—Mrs. Nyberg, Messrs. Williams and Deacon.

Billiards—Messrs. Fanthorpe, Hall and Wickens.

Sports—Messrs. Taylor and Griffin.

Personal Service—Mesdames Lee and Grey-Skinner, Rev. K. M. Davie.

Education—Mrs. Roblou, Rev. K. M. Davie, Mr. Price.

Distress Fund—Mr. A. I. Jones, Rev. K. M. Davie.

Since the Council the Social Committee has met and appointed Mr. Williams as its chairman and Mr. Deacon as secretary, besides co-opting a number of valuable workers.

The Personal Service Committee and Distress Fund Committee have each co-opted Mrs. King and appointed her as Secretary.

The A.U.B.T.W. (Edgware Branch), and the Congregational Church were accepted as constituent bodies. It was agreed to try to collect specific details of the irregularities of the 'bus services on the estate for forwarding to the L.P.T.B.

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In Praise of Youth Hostels

The article about Youth Hostels in last month's issue has stimulated me to write.

My experiences of them have varied from those of reconditioned and adapted farm buildings (on the Cotswolds for instance), to a building important enough to be preserved by the National Trust as is the Old Mill at Winchester, where one can get a dip in the river without leaving the building. In some places there are posh hostels, specially built for the purpose, but so far they have not been in my routes.

The main object of Youth Hostels is to make travelling over our glorious English countryside available to everybody, especially to Youth, and there are few things of more value to London Youth than the opportunity they afford. Contact with the country is essential to a complete life.

You may walk or you may cycle; you may carry your own food and cooking utensils—and a tent if you like; you may buy your food when you arrive and use the cooking utensils at the Hostel, or you may, in many cases, have supper and breakfast prepared for you. If you save the cost of digs at home your holiday expenses can be as low as your normal ones. And you can see the best parts of England, Wales and Scotland. A German friend of mine in his hiking from South Wales to the most Northern Hostel in Scotland, climbed our highest mountain and descended our deepest coal mine. And, by the way, it has been said that the ultimate purpose of Great Britain in an organised Europe may be to be its holiday play-ground.

I am fond of putting forward the assertion that anything established for our specific good always brings other good things as well. One of the other good things that follows the "open road" enjoyments of "Hostelling" is that of the fellowship in the hostel itself. Gathered in the Common Room during and after supper, there is the exchange of experiences, often giving most useful information of where to go, how to get somewhere and what to see, the swapping of stories, the exhilaration of a discussion on some vital subject, statements by men and women who know what they are talking about; then, in the communal bedroom, that special sense of human comradeship that comes as you say good-night and turn over in your bunk to go to sleep.

Try it—try it for a week—don't take just one day as a sample—and see if you do not find that Youth Hostels are open gateways to the joys of the open air and of friendship with your fellows.

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The Making of Gas

When a coal fire is burning brightly, no doubt you have often seen a little spurt of smoke suddenly burst out of one of the lumps of coal and then break into flame. What happens is that a tiny stream of gas has been driven out of the coal and set alight by the heat of the fire. And gas is made in much the same way—although, of course, in a modern gasworks to-day it is done on a huge scale. The coal is heated to a very high temperature in a closed chamber (or retort) to drive off the gas. These retorts are heated up to a temperature of over 1,000° Centigrade and the coal is left in each retort for about 12 hours, when a ram pushes out the brightly glowing coke, which is the solid residue after the "gas" has been driven off. The coke is then cooled down in a long water-trough, or jets of water are played down on to it, leaving it ready to be graded.

The "gas" is carried away in the form of a rich, thick, brown smoke, and when it leaves the retorts it is, of course, still very hot, and must be passed through water-coolers to chill it down. This makes everything which is not in the form of a "gas" at the same temperature as the air, condense, or separate itself from the rest. It turns liquid and consists of tar, light oils and water. All this liquid runs to an underground well, where the tar, being the heaviest, separates out by sinking to the bottom.

The next by-products to be removed are ammonia and sulphur. The "gas" is washed and scrubbed with water to take out the ammonia and to get rid of any final traces of tar.

The sulphur in the "gas" is in the form of sulphuretted hydrogen, which is extracted by passing the gas over iron oxide. This absorbs the sulphuretted hydrogen and turns itself, by chemical action, into iron sulphide, from which pure sulphur is afterwards recovered. Then the "gas" is washed with oil, and naphthalene and benzole, a cousin of petrol, are taken out. The gas, thus clean and purified, is dried, passes through the Works Meter to register the amount that has been made and then goes to the Holder, where it is stored ready to flow along the mains.

BY-PRODUCTS

Although the making of gas is, of course, the most important part of the gas industry's work, it also deals with the by-products on a very large scale.

Coke is used for all kinds of heating jobs, and the fact that it burns without making any smoke and soot is one of the reasons that it has such a big sale.

Tar has almost unlimited possibilities. The number of things that can be made from a tar base is already well over 2,000, and the chemist still goes on discovering other new ways of making use of it. Some of the better known of this family are moth balls, creosote, benzole, motor spirit, carbolic acid and aspirin. Scents of every kind, antiseptics, dyes in many beautiful colours, medicines, drugs and flavouring essences come under this heading too.

Besides these, many of our roads have surfaces made with tar.

Ammonia is greatly in demand as a fertiliser in the form of sulphate of ammonia, and the speeding up of agriculture by modern methods and machinery has opened up a big market for this artificial manure. Other ways in which ammonia is used are photography, calico printing and the making of artificial silk.

All these by-products are dealt with by the chemical side of the gasworks, and their extraction is an essential part of gas-making, but if the coal were burnt in factories and houses instead of being treated properly to get the best out of it, all these useful things would simply go up the chimney in smoke and be entirely wasted.

Gas-making is now a big national industry. More than £200,000,000 are invested and it gives direct employment to over a quarter of a million men. All the coal—roughly, 20 million tons every year—from which the gas is made comes from British mines and is carried on British ships and railways.

Hendon Borough Council

The following items, interesting to Watling Residents, were dealt with at the February meeting.

It was reported that, out of the fifteen girls from the Orange Hill Central School who entered for the Oxford School Certificate, twelve passed. The Committee's congratulations were sent to the head teacher, staff and scholars.

With respect to the formation of a Nursery Class at Barnfield Infant School, the Director of Education had reported that only one room would be available. Consideration was given to the Surveyor's report, sketch plans and estimate of costs. It was decided that further consideration be deferred for a period of six months, a motion to refer back the recommendation being lost by ten votes to eight. This scheme, fostered by our Association, is consequently held up.

The suggestion of again providing suitable entertainment for children in the Public Parks during the mid-summer holidays was approved.

Because the Watling Association Bowls' Club had already been granted the use of two rinks of the bowling green in Watling Park, and that the other four should be available for the public, other applicants had to be turned down. The early worm!

With respect to the proposition of the supply of a 'Bus Shelter at the junction of Watling Avenue and Orange Hill Road, the Borough Surveyor was instructed to submit plans and estimates.

A letter to the Council elicited the statement that First Aid Boxes are kept in all parks and recreation grounds where necessary, and the park-keepers render first-aid in cases of minor injuries. In the event of a serious accident occurring a doctor is at once called.

Water is to be supplied to the Deans Lane Allotments by the installation of seventeen tanks, at an estimated cost of £130.

The Mill Hill Swimming Bath will continue to be closed from 12.30 to 1.30 during the swimming season.

The M.C.C. and You

By County Councillor Mrs. F. M. SUGGATE

Middlesex County Council, at its meeting on February 23rd, considered the important matter of the budget for the forthcoming year. The Chairman of the Finance Committee explained the rise of 4d. in the general County Rate, bring it up to 4/6½ in the pound.

Estimated expenditure in the coming year will reach the record figure of £17,500,000 of which over £6,500,000 must come out of the general rate.

The Chairman explained that he knew the recommendation of an increase of 4d. in the pound would meet with criticism both inside the Council Chamber and outside but assured members that the chairmen of the Spending Committees had given great care and thought to their respective estimates, and had sought every possibility for limiting their requirements.

The chief reasons for increasing expenditure, he said, were due to several causes—first, the continued and rapid growth of population. During the past two years more than 70,000 persons per annum have been added to the population of Middlesex.

Then there were the new duties laid on the county authorities by national legislation, of which Air Raid precautions had to be mentioned.

Growth in population brought with it the necessity for the provision of extended services—for example in two such important matters as education and public health.

A member moved that the rate recommended should be decreased by 2d., and suggested that the saving might

be made in the expenditure of the Public Health Committee.

This led to a spirited debate in which the member who had moved this amendment was reminded that he himself had pressed hard for the provision of a new hospital in the part of the County which he represented, and it was pointed out that the provision of hospitals is a costly though necessary duty.

It was suggested to him and the one or two who supported him that if he feared to face his electorate with an increased rate, they might find it equally awkward to explain the lack of hospital accommodation that the same electors had urged him to obtain for them.

A matter of interest to all readers of the Resident will be the attitude of many members, some of them occupying influential positions on the County Council and elsewhere, towards the question of Community Centres. The County Councils are empowered by Parliament to provide Community Centres, but they are not compelled to do so. So we see the members dividing themselves into two camps on this question, those who wish the County to take full advantage of the Act to provide such centres wherever needed, and those who are firmly against the expenditure of public money on what they look upon as a costly experiment, the success of which they profess to doubt. I can see a fight brewing on the matter, and those who desire that the advantages that Watling people possess in their Community Centre should be enjoyed by many other districts also will have to take a very firm line if they are to persuade a majority of the Council to carry out the permissive provisions of the Physical Training and Recreation Act of last year.

BALD FACED STAG?



"The Quick and the Dead"

An interesting article with this heading appeared some time ago in "My Garden," which is published monthly at the cost of one shilling. This periodical is described as "An intimate magazine for garden lovers." It contains much useful and valuable information, and usually has a dozen or more pages of very beautiful illustrations, both plain and coloured.

This particular article is by Mr. J. D. Ballantyne, and the following notes are based on it. The aim of the writer appears to be to discourage wastefulness in regard to garden rubbish, which, if properly treated, can enrich the garden and promote its beauty and usefulness. We are too prone to burn or wheel away the "rubbish," when we might make good use of it.

Mr. Ballantyne writes: "When I hoard and store weeds, pea-haulm, cabbage leaves and stems; when I clip up into short lengths rose and fruit tree prunings; how my friends shake their heads and never hesitate to utter prophecies concerning retribution due to those who store such heaps of "diseased" material, and spread it later amongst their garden beds. . . . It is difficult to convince many that humus properly prepared is not a carrier of disease, but a sweet and mellow substance of tremendous force and power."

When garden refuse is burned, the ash from the burning preserves a small amount of potash and other soil minerals, but it preserves them only as dead substances, not as living and dynamic forces. The burning has released the nitrogen content and returned it to the air; whereas the humus, or compost, preserves the nitrogen and returns it to the soil. It is as rich as horse or cow dung in this respect. "In the nitrogen sense a ton of compost will render the garden as much nitrogen as a hundredweight of sulphur of ammonia. You buy the one: the other should simply be *there* ready for using."

Gardens of all sizes, even quite small ones, have waste, and they all should have a compost heap. When properly managed there should be no smell or other unpleasantness.

The ordinary garden refuse, and household refuse, too, such as vegetable parings and even tea leaves, should be collected as it comes. Heavy and dense substances should be reduced in size or crushed, and the green substances should be allowed to wilt before going on to the compost heap.

Start the heap from the level of the ground and build it up with sloping sides like a potato clamp, and cover it with boards, earth or straw. Make it by a series of layers six inches deep and dust each layer with lime before adding the next layer. The nitrogen germs develop more rapidly when lime is present, and experiments have proved that the plant sugars are broken

down and utilised in ten days, under favourable conditions. Leave an opening along the crest for watering and do this with liquid manure, if available; if not available, use clay-water.

The building and covering should be completed in about a month. Then leave the clamp for a year, taking care to water it once a month to make sure that the heap never dries out, and you will have a fine compost available for the following season.

This plan involves a second or even a third heap. Before closing the second heap bore some holes in its side, take some of the stuff from the first heap and pack this into the holes in the second heap, ramming the openings with earth so as to close them. Repeat this process at the end of the second month. These transfers from No. 1 to No. 2 will help to ensure a more rapid infection with fungi and bacteria, whose work will rapidly reduce the size of the heap by one-half.

What to do in April.

Flower Garden. Hardy annuals such as mignonette, godetia, nemophila, calceopsis, convolvulus and canary creeper may be sown generally in an open border.

The shoots of such plants as fuschias which are now making new growth will require pinching back or "stopping" so that they may become bushy and shapely specimens.

Fuschias are gross feeders, and unless liberal treatment is afforded them failure may be the result.

Hardy annual and herbaceous plants may be placed out towards the end of the month.

Dry dahlia roots that have been stored away during the winter and have not been started into growth in a frame may be planted towards the end of the month. Put in the stake before the tubers.

Fruit Garden. The branches of all fruit trees trained to a wall should be carefully nailed to it. Do not hit the branch instead of the nail!

The ground occupied by raspberries should be kept free from weeds. All young canes not required for a future supply should be removed. When the ground is cleared of weeds a good mulch should be given to the plants, as the raspberry is a gross feeder and well repays liberal treatment.

Cherry trees should be carefully watched for the first appearance of aphids, their chief enemy before the fruit ripens. The trees are troublesome to clean when badly attacked, but quite easy if taken in time.

Keep the strawberry bed free from weeds also. If it has a warm corner where an early batch of fruit can be raised, cover the plants at night or place a double thickness of netting over them to protect them from the evil effects of late frosts.

Vegetable Garden. Late varieties of peas may be sown, also herbs of all kinds.

Lift, divide and replant herbs, including mint.

Plant main crop potatoes early in the month.

Sow the various vegetables of the cabbage tribe such as broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, savoy and the cabbage itself.

Onions, parsley, radishes, turnips, spinach and lettuce may also be sown.

Get the trenches prepared for an early planting of celery in May.

Sow kidney beans at the end of the month for an early crop. French beans may also be sown in the open ground.

To secure good germination of the seeds light, air, moisture and warmth are required.

See that young peas and other vegetable seedlings are protected from the birds by covering them (the seedlings, not the birds), with netting or the useful wire protectors sold for the purpose.

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I recently read a helpful article about the care of the hair. The three rules for healthy hair are that it should be clean, well nourished and stimulated. Before shampooing one should brush the hair roughly and massage the scalp to stir up the circulation so that the blood will better nourish the hair. Use a good soap or shampoo, not just any soap-flakes that you happen to have on hand, and rinse very, very thoroughly, changing the water two or three times. If your hair is blonde rinse lastly in water to which the juice of half a lemon has been added. For dark hair add a tablespoon of vinegar to the last rinse. This will bring up the copper lights in the hair and is a specially good treatment for very oily hair. Dry the hair outdoors in the sun and air whenever it is possible, as this is most beneficial. Very oily hair should be shampooed every week or ten days; if not oily every two or three weeks will be sufficient. But the most important thing of all in the care of the hair is thorough brushing morning and night. Fifty strokes of the brush twice daily will put more lustre in the hair than any lotion or tonic you can buy. Hang the head forward as far as you can and brush up and outward. It helps to wipe the dust on the brush on to a small towel or piece of rag. To massage the scalp do not rub the fingers through the hair, but work the scalp about with the tips of the fingers. You will find it really restful to give yourself a little beauty treatment such as this after the labours of spring cleaning.

Looking forward to spring and summer I hope you are all going to plan for yourselves and your children, to absorb as much sunshine as possible by exposing the body to the sun on every possible occasion when any degree at all of sunbathing is feasible and by eating as much fresh fruit and vegetables, preferably uncooked, as you can while the season lasts. By so doing you will be storing up health which will serve you in good stead for the following winter. A salad patch in the back-garden is a good health insurance investment. Dr. Bircher Benner of Zurich, the noted health specialist, who died in January and of whom *The Times* gave an appreciative obituary notice, once wrote, "A certain degree of sunlight in the food is of the highest importance. Low degree of sunlight in the food causes sickness, high degree causes health. . . . If apes are fed with over-cooked food, they will die after about one hundred days. It is of the utmost importance that part of our food must be raw and fresh—in the original form as nature made it."

Yours sincerely,
SUSAN SAVOURY.

P.S.—Did you know that the leaves of fresh sage between slices of brown bread and butter make excellent sandwiches? The peasants of Italy claim that they are excellent for health.



OUR NEW SERIAL

Sapphires and Diamonds

Watling Avenue, that busy market place, was deserted. No wonder. The time was Sunday morning. As we all know, during the week the place is crowded with shoppers and visitors, cars and 'buses going to and fro, especially on a Saturday night, with the bright lights and variety of wares displayed in profusion.

But this was Sunday morning, and the place was deserted. It was about nine o'clock, and the sun was just peeping over the house-tops and throwing its slanting rays across the street. It was strangely quiet. Suddenly, a small figure emerged from a side street, paused, and began to walk towards the High Road. Then she stopped, for it was a girl, and looked about her as if surprised to see no one about. Something in a shop window attracted her attention and she stepped forward to take a closer look, then, looking up, then down the street, she turned back and walked slowly towards the station. She looked a lonely figure in that usually busy street. Perhaps she had come out too soon. People don't usually get up early on Sunday morning.

The girl walked aimlessly along and was now nearly up to the station, when a curious object seemed to be wobbling after her. It was a tiny puppy. Where it came from was a mystery, but there it was, a comical little thing, and now, almost up to the girl, it stopped and, with its head on one side, looked about, not quite sure of itself; then, catching sight of the girl again, it bounded up to her and shoved its nose on to her leg.

And so we are introduced to Betty Lister, for that was the girl's name. She was about eleven years' of age, short and chubby, and had a mop of curly hair. She was not exactly good looking, but her dimpled cheeks, somehow gave her an agreeable expression, as if she was always smiling.

Betty, when she felt the dog's nose touch her, jerked her leg away, but on seeing the puppy, she smiled and bent down and stroked it, rubbing her hand over its soft woolly coat. "Hello!" she exclaimed. "Where did you come from?" The dog wriggled about and in its playful way held her finger lightly in its teeth, then, frisking away he rushed round her this way and that as if to say, "come and chase me." Betty did.

Up the street went the pup with Betty close after it. Then the little rascal would stop and dodge and dart off in another direction. This went on for some minutes when, in trying to dart between Betty's legs, it got caught, and Betty lifted the captive up in her arms. "Oh, you lovely little thing," she said. "I should love to keep you. Where do you live?" She put the dog down. "Go along now, you must go home."

But it would not leave her. She pretended to run away. It ran after her. Soon they were in the High Road, and people were now beginning to emerge from various directions. Betty walked quickly along the High Road, and suddenly darted into a shop doorway, hoping the pup would lose sight of her. She stood there for some minutes, and then peeped out. The pup was nowhere to be seen. "He's gone now," said Betty to herself, and began to make her way home.

She had now been out some time and she had enjoyed her outing. It had been quite an adventure. She was just turning the corner when she nearly fell over something. It was the pup.

Further exciting adventures next month.

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There are three great racial groups in Europe and half a dozen smaller ones.

Group I.—The German races, which include English, Swedes, Norwegians, Danes, Dutch, Flemish and part of the Swiss.

Group II.—French, Italians, Spaniards, Portuguese and Roumanians.

Group III.—Russians, Poles, Czechs, Serbians and Bulgarians. The rest are Magyars, Hungarians, Finns, Jews, Greeks, Albanians, Celts, Lithuanians, Letts and Gypsies.

Strangely enough there are Red Indians in Northern Africa and Jews in Eastern China.

India is one of the hottest countries on earth. It has a population of over 350,000,000 people who speak 150 different languages and dialects.

The people eat rice because it yields more food per square mile than any other plant.

China has a circumference of 8,000 miles. The Chinese people form one-fifth of the total population of our planet.

Japan is a little larger than the British Isles, but only 16,000,000 acres of land can be cultivated. The cultivated area in the British Isles is 43,000,000 acres.

Italy's population, including the four Libyan provinces recently added to the home territory, totals 43,982,000.

According to statistics the average height of Scotsmen is 5-ft. 8½-in.; Irishmen, 5-ft. 8-in.; Englishmen, 5-ft. 7-in.; Welshmen, 5-ft. 6½-in.

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BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Again in February members of Burnt Oak Women's Adult School tendered their congratulations and best wishes to a fellow-member on the safe arrival of her baby. Mrs. Alabaster has a son and heir, and the little fellow is making good progress.

On February 7 several members, working in conjunction with the Burnt Oak Inter-School Committee, were responsible for opening a new Women's Adult School at Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church. Mrs. Sewell Harris acted as President, and was ably supported by Mrs. Lord (secretary), Mrs. Tathan (treasurer) and Mrs. Gay (pianist). Mrs. Heaf, President of the existing school, spoke on the first afternoon. Every Tuesday since some members have continued to support the new school, which is now making steady progress.

The first talk this month was given by Mr. Alexander Wilson, a member of the Peace Pledge Union, who spoke on "Civil Liberty and Freedom." On this afternoon Mrs. Jarvis, also of the P.P.U., appealed to members to take forms for the "National Petition for a World Peace Conference," and to get as many signatures as possible.

Members were grateful to Mrs. Webster, President of the new Women's School at Mill Hill East, who gave a dramatic and sympathetic account of the life of Olive Schreiner, and her work for the Negro Race in Africa, and the emancipation of women.

Another very interesting talk came from Mr. John Fletcher who spoke on "Poetry," with special reference to Negro Poetry and Spirituals. After hearing him members felt they had a better understanding of the mind of those Negro slaves in America, and of their suffering and hardships. The meeting closed with everyone joining in singing a spiritual instead of the usual closing hymn.

Mrs. Lord, one of our Vice-Presidents, gave us a very practical talk on "Technical Education." She spoke of her experience in sending her daughter for special training in cookery. She showed that, although Middlesex Technical Schools are inadequate to provide facilities within the county, it is possible to make use of London schools, at minimum charges, in certain cases. She gave much valuable information, which other mothers with sons and daughters in their teens, will no doubt find very helpful.

Numbers this month have tended to drop below forty, on some occasions, but we have every hope that, with the coming of Spring, this will soon improve.

LONDON ADULT SCHOOL

The Jubilee Thanksgiving of the above took place at the Friends' Meeting House, Euston Road, N.W.1, on Sunday, March 5, at 6.30 p.m. The Service was mainly musical and Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" were admirably rendered by the London Adult School Union Choir. Four small numbers were: "The Lord is my Shepherd," "How Lovely are the Messengers," "Joy of Heaven" and "Let all the world in every corner sing," performed by massed singing by Adult School groups.

These last four items will be of particular interest to readers when we mention that 15 members of our own Women's Adult School took part. Practices had been held at the Centre on Tuesday afternoons for some weeks previous, and it is only fair to the members to say how keen they were in this altogether new activity. Mr. W. H. Lancaster very kindly gave his services as conductor on these occasions, while Mrs. Durant officiated at the piano. On the Sunday evening the party from the Centre (including the husbands, friends, etc.) numbered 25.

A new point now arises. The Women's Adult School section are very much in earnest to continue this work, and ask for the support of more of their members, at the same time taking the opportunity of suggesting to the Men's Adult School a joining of forces, and thus creating a choir with four voice parts instead of only the women's soprano and contralto. We understand that the new "Constituent" would be heartily welcomed and encouraged by the powers that be.

The Women's Section propose continuing their Tuesday afternoon meeting, but obviously some suitable evening would have to be arranged for the Men's Section.

This invitation is also widely extended to all other members of the Watling Association—both male and female.

INDOOR GAMES CLUB

A games tournament was held at the Centre between the Indoor Games Club and the Deeko Social Club (our old friend Charlie Tadman was their leader). We played darts, billiards, snooker, and a few games of table tennis, and the Association won the lot. Charlie brought about 60 people over in two coaches. During the games the remainder of the party enjoyed themselves at a Social, which being the last Friday in the month was also the Watling Association Workers' Social, so we combined the two and made one big happy party, and did the Deeko girls let themselves go! Mrs. Nyberg was the M.C. and carried the job out in her usual jovial manner. Several of the visitors appeared on the stage in musical items to the enjoyment of all. Everyone was sorry when it was time for our friends to leave for home. A return match and social is being arranged for the end of March.

At the time of writing I am waiting for confirmation from Southgate Community Association for us to visit them on Easter Monday for a football match in the afternoon and a games tournament and social at night. I am hoping to take about 30 members for the day's outing.

A. R. L.

FOOTBALL

The Watling Association Football team has had a very successful season and is at the moment top of the Hendon Division 2B League. The team in its comparatively short life has made great progress, the finer arts of passing and combination play showing great improvement each time they play. The first match of the season was played against Vernon F.C. which Watling won, and in the return match some months later, Watling again proved masters of the situation. This match was marked by the slowness with which the Watling boys took to get into their stride, for, with only a quarter of an hour to go, Watling were losing 1-0. Then they suddenly came to life and play became vigorous, Vernon trying in vain to stem the pressing attack of Watling, but our boys had found their form and peppered Vernon's goal with shots, scoring once, then again a little later, which gave them the victory 2-0. In the match with Coldare on March 18 Watling won 4-3. The Watling Association has a very formidable football team. Turn out and support it. You won't be disappointed.

CYCLING NOTES

Primroses and Blue Skies Ahead

Local Clubs Active—Cycling Shoes—Hand Soap.

By Mrs. Billie Dovey, the Rudge-Whitworth Rider.

If ever there was a time to start riding a bicycle it is now. Don't delay, for Easter will soon be here, and if you get caught without a bicycle you will miss a treat.

Do you know there are lanes within ten miles of the Community Centre where primroses, bluebells and cowslips abound? Sleepy villages, unspoilt, still exist in the nearby Chiltern Hills just beyond Watford—in fact, they have always been there amid glorious surroundings.

Local cycling clubs are getting more members out on week-end club runs. Are you a member of one of them?—perhaps you prefer cycling alone or with chosen friends. That's the best of this cycling game of ours—you just please yourself how you yourself wish to enjoy it!

Cycling Shoes play a prominent part in helping one to acquire the correct art of pedalling a bicycle. Never put shoes away coated with mud. Wash off with lukewarm water. Dry them at normal temperature—do not place too close to the fire on stoves or on pipes. Cycling shoes were meant to be cleaned regularly too.

Lots of readers, whether they cycle regularly or not, have, during the past few weeks, been overhauling their bicycles. It really is remarkable how long a bicycle will run without attention, although he (or she) who gives it a regular once-over will find the least to renew.

Dirty hands—black grease—filthy finger-nails, etc., need not worry you too much. If readers would like a free sample of an excellent all dirt-removing Hand Soap

then a post-card mentioning that this article was seen in *The Watling Resident* will bring a generous testing sample from The County Chemical Co., Ltd., Birmingham, 5.

It's going to be a great cycling summer this year!

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' MOVEMENT

The Government "has under consideration" a plan to force the unemployed men to undergo compulsory training or lose their benefit.

Already in this district men have reported to us that they have been threatened with having their money stopped if they do not enter one of the training camps. This threat of "no drill, no dole," is an exceedingly grave step in the direction of compulsion and comes at the same moment as the Government refuses to provide work for the unemployed on bomb-proof shelters.

There is plenty of work to be carried out, which is preferable to the hardships and rigour of enforced idleness, and make no mistake about it, our "Democratic" Government are preparing to use your leisure, but not as you would like to put it to.

Therefore ask yourself what it all amounts to, "voluntary National Service, Compulsion or else?"

If, after having asked yourself this question, then it will be clear to understand what the Government is up to. On the other hand should you have any doubt in your mind, our movement will gladly enlighten you, and maybe you can do something before it is too late.

We meet at the Watling Centre on Fridays at 8 p.m., and cordially welcome any person who is interested.

Hon. Secretary,
W. LEWINGTON.

BURNT OAK MEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We must apologise for no report in last month's *Resident*. Three weeks' indisposition kept us away from school, so were unable to report activities.

Things are still merrily swinging along with good musters of men and remarkably fine discussions.

By the time this is in print the anniversary of the school will have passed (March 19th), but we are hoping to celebrate on a Sunday in April, probably the 16th, by a Breakfast at 8.30. Invitations will probably be sent out and we shall hope to have a bumper attendance.

The breakfast will be followed by the men's school, which will already have started its summer session of morning schools the week previous. At present the idea is only in the discussion stage, and full particulars will, we expect, be well advertised at the Centre.

It is not expected that the charge will be more than sixpence, and we know everyone participating will have a memorable time.

Take note that the School will be closed on Easter Sunday, and it will recommence the following Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

Look for full programme for April in this edition.

F. G. S.

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