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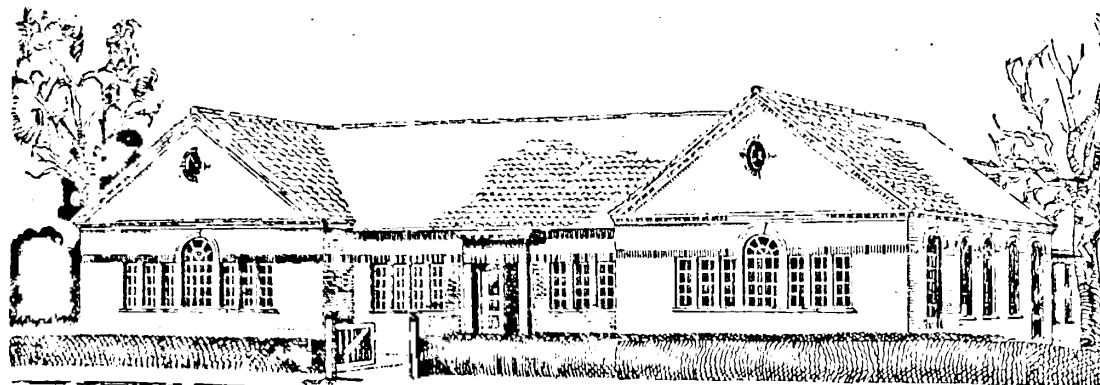
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## RANDOM . . . .

### Save Your Tanners Please!

There is a great demand for six-penny pieces now at the canteen, owing to the fact that a deposit of 6d. is now charged on all cups and glasses supplied to members for tea, coffee or lemonade. The bigger the crowd the greater the demand for these minute coins.

### Workers' Educational Association

The Workers' Educational Association held a social on the 24th of April at the "Centre" to popularize the movement, but owing to the date we are unable to include details.

### Let the People Sing

March 22nd was an interesting date for we held a very pleasing community singing evening, which was well supported; the choir led the singing, ably conducted by our president and choir master, Mr. A. I. Jones.

### We are Now on the Phone!

The Citizen's Advice Bureau, which is established at the "Centre," has now so much business that it has its own telephone extension from the Association's switchboard. This we hope will enable the Bureau to feel more at home and help to develop its already established good work.

### Stewards Wanted

As a practical piece of work for members we invite friends to volunteer to act as stewards for Socials, "Free and Easy's" and Dances; why should it always be the same folk at the door? Take your share of the work and give your name to Mr. Judd or Mr. Harris.

## CENTRE • POINTS

By "STROLLER"

The first "Free and Easy" Social opened on Sunday, April 12th, with a good attendance. The main idea of these socials is that they are for the over 25's and that they should consist of a talk on an educational subject and a social, so that there is a good balance of entertainment and interest. The talk on this occasion was given by Mr. A. I. Jones, President of the Watling Association, and with the aid of a gramophone he gave quite a bright and enlightening talk on musical instruments in an orchestra. We agree with Mr. Jones that if we knew more about the component parts of an orchestra we should enjoy music more, including symphony concerts.

KEEP THIS  
DATE FREE!



Saturday  
JULY 11

Mr. Bouchard made a successful debut as M.C. for the Free and Easy and he was supported by Mrs. De Lattin (piano), Kathleen Heritage, Mrs. Durant, Mr. Chester (songs), Barbara Judge (song and dance), Mr. and Mrs. Lake (duets).

These Socials are to be held every other Sunday evening and members over 25 are specially invited.

Damage to the fence surrounding the Watling Centre has become so serious that the Association has been compelled to take serious notice of this form of destruction, mainly perpetrated, it is believed, by children.

## . . . JOTTINGS

### Youth on the Executive

The Executive Committee has power to co-opt new members and an invitation has been given to the Youth Club to submit a nominee to serve for the ensuing 12 months. Also the Committee has asked Mr. W. G. Boggis, a youthful member of the association to join the Committee.

### How's Your Typewriter?

In spite of our reference last month to the Secretary's typewriter no suggestion was made at the last executive meeting of purchasing a new one, we trust the matter was not intentionally omitted from the business paper!

### It Pays to Advertise

This month however we should like to suggest the Executive purchase a set of stencils for posters that have to be handwritten. We know those artists of the past have done valiant service but a really smart poster is much more powerful in its appeal to the outsider.

### We Do Not Apologise

We cannot help the reduced size of this month's "Resident," it is part of our sacrifice in the saving of paper; we have been fortunate to keep as large as we have for so long. The committee trust that the reader will appreciate the difficulty of the editor in making what few pages we have keen and up-to-date, and that also the same interest for members and readers alike will be maintained.



## THE SCIENCE OF BOWLS

By A. TAYLOR, Watling Association Bowling Club Captain

Bowling is one of the best body and mind correctives the wit of man has devised, and the matured man or woman who does not seek its regimen is missing one of the most seductive tonics obtainable.

The ordered activity of Bowling will unclot the brain, and dissolve the impurities that deaden its alertness, in the tranquil environment of the green, geniality will banish irritability, reclusiveness will be lost in comradely good fellowship, and life will gain flavour and sparkle.

Walking on smooth spongy turf offers a contrast to hard pavement; road walking is better than none, but why risk its concussive discomfort and lack of recreative purpose when a bowling green affords all the advantages and none of the hazards of highway tramping? Suitable exercise not only promotes good health, but it lessens nervous tension and consequent mind confusion.

I know of no better game than Bowls for regulating the functions of respiration and circulation, and the repeated amble across the Green, the countless muscular movements exerted in picking up and delivering the bowls, the relaxation afforded by a habitual "roll up," are just the right means of promoting and maintaining hygienic flexibility for ever-hardening tissues.

No balanced mind can brood on life's anxieties while absorbed in friendly rivalry, the keen delight of social intercourse, calculated judgment of distance and angle of dispatch sustained in the fate or fortune of every rolling bowl.

*(I regret that owing to space this contribution has been considerably cut.—EDITOR.)*

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## HENDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

## PLAY CENTRES

By "OBSERVER"

"The Local Education Authority can make a real contribution by extensive arrangements for the children of women war workers on Play Centre lines outside school hours." The foregoing sentence is extracted from a joint Ministry of Health and Board of Education circular, arising from which the Director of Education prepared a report on the subject which has been approved by the Education Committee. The following outline will be of interest to readers: Play Centres should be set up in any area in which there is a proved need, because of the large number of children whose mothers are engaged on war work. The area is taken as the unit and not the individual school to ensure that a sufficient number of children are actually available for the play centre. Admissions must be strictly limited to the children of those mothers for whom the special provision is necessary. The suggested preliminary times of opening during the Summer period is 4.30 p.m. to 7.0 p.m., and it may be necessary in due course to extend the opening period before morning school and on Saturday mornings and probably for an extended period during school holidays. A superintendent and assistant superintendent together with staff of helpers should be appointed to each centre. Teas should be supplied at a charge of 2d., provided that the number of children requiring them is not less than 20. Provision has been made in the report for kitchen workers, cleaning assistance for caretakers, use of school equipment, and scales of payment covering staffing requirements, etc. Following consultation with head teachers who have already made a survey of the position in their respective schools, the final report will be reviewed by the Committee prior to the submission of the report to the Board of Education whose approval must be obtained before the scheme can be implemented.

Now read the article on Page 3, entitled *British Restaurants*.

### Figures that Tell a Story

The annual statistics issued by the Hendon Public Libraries reveal that during the past year the Mill Hill Branch alone has issued 204,180 volumes to the reading public with an average issue per day of 709 volumes. These figures exclude the reference library which has a total of 4,873 to its credit.

### AN APPEAL

Eager little fingers long to be busy. Busy children are happy children, and happy children—good children. Can you spare one hour's help per week in order to ensure that the proposals on the Children's Column are carried out successfully? Remember that healthy children are full of high spirits, and most childish mischief is simply misdirected energy, especially where boys are concerned. If their play-time can be spent under patient, sympathetic and wise guidance, they will grow up into useful citizens with the desire and ability to mould that better world we have failed to build.

This is a tremendously worth-while job. Will you help? If so, please give your name to Mr. Harris at the Centre.



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## Whose Responsibility?

**A** GAIN we draw your attention to the problem of damage to trees and shrubbery and grass verges, etc., now so evident on the Estate and in the Parks. We have mentioned this before, but this time we do so more strongly.

The Estate is laid out as it is to give the maximum of beauty and freedom and we have willingly given the iron railings to help the nation's war effort. Why damage the surrounding beauty when it is unprotected.

The children you will say are to blame, perhaps so, but so are the adults in allowing it to be done, do you ever call children to order when you see them wilfully destroying property? If not you should.

The head teachers can take action in calling all their pupils together and give a strong warning, at the same time pointing out the folly of the damage done now will remain so for years to come.

If these thoughtless young people were damaging *your* property—what would you do? Ask yourself that question and see whether the answer gives you the authority to walk by on the other side?

## A Proud Claim

This issue commences the 15th volume of this journal. Its history is very interesting, many have handled its pages and many have been responsible for its production. We believe we can claim to be the only Community Association printing a monthly journal in the country—many have duplicated sheets.

This is a record to be proud of and we would like to feel that every home on this Estate has a copy each month, but the paper shortage does not permit this, so would you see that your copy is passed on each month. It does not need to change hands more than once and then not every copy, for that wish to be accomplished.

Another matter we should like to bring to your attention is that we welcome written contributions from

readers who are not members. Last month we asked members to write saying why they are members? Why not a few letters on why you are *not* a member?

## WATLING "WEEK"

NO. 14

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## June 18-29

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For full programme of events see next month's

## "Resident"

## WATLING BRITISH RESTAURANTS

At the March meeting of the Borough Council sharp criticism and protest was voiced by Councillor Griliths and other members of the Council, regarding the serious delay that has occurred in providing British Restaurants in the Borough. Following the opening of the West Hendon Restaurant (the only one opened to date) plans for further development of the Borough's scheme have received a series of disappointing rebuffs. The miscarriage of the plans relating to the Burnt Oak area is typical of the difficulties which have been experienced. Previous to the appointment of the local British Restaurants Committee, the Civil Defence Committee had considered the erection of a Nissen hut on the Estate to meet requirements. In the second report of the British Restaurants Committee dated 1st December, 1941, it was stated that the Ministry of Food had been asked to approve the provision of two Nissen huts for Watling.

In January a letter was reported from the Divisional Food Officer informing the Committee that two Nissen huts would be available for Burnt Oak and one for Brent Street, and asked that arrange-

ments be made for delivery. In the February report plans and estimates for erection and equipment of the proposed Restaurants involving an expenditure of £8,694 were outlined, which had been submitted to the Ministry for approval. A further statement dated March 9th reported receipt of a letter from the Assistant Divisional Officer stating that any scheme which relies upon the assumption that a Nissen hut will be provided should not be further entertained, as the supply of such huts had definitely ceased.

It is now suggested that pre-fabricated huts might be secured and erected within a few weeks following approval of the relative scheme, and the Council is assured that they will receive sympathetic consideration from the Ministry.

The estimated costs of erection and equipment will probably be similar to those relating to the provision of Nissen huts, and the seating capacity will be 250 large type and 150 small type. Providing the suggested plans mature, it is possible that we shall yet witness the completion of British Restaurants in the Watling area before the end of 1942.

People are getting very annoyed with the endless procrastination and breakdown which have sabotaged all serious efforts made by the local authority.—"OBSERVER."

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The deputation appointed by the Watling Association Council recently to wait upon the local British Restaurants Committee were received by the committee on Monday, the 13th April. The deputation laid their case and were very courteously received.

It was pointed out that now there is difficulty in securing the pre-fabricated type of hut and the committee at its meeting later the same day decided to go for brick-built premises, the architect being advised to submit plans at regular intervals.

With this knowledge the deputation has now recommended the committee to open *temporary* Restaurants and have submitted suggestions and practical ideas on this aspect of the case. We await developments with interest.

—Ed.



# WATLING YOUTH COMMITTEE

## Special Youth Service

at ST. ALPHAGE

Sunday, May 10th

at 8 p.m.

All are invited!

Details will be given to Club leaders at the W.Y.C. Meeting on May 1st, and their help enlisted.

## TOUGH GUYS WANTED

By the Youth Editor

Those of us who are concerned with work among people, particularly young people, are not merely concerned to provide footballs, dances, billiard tables and what not, important as those things are.

And we don't want to be "heavy" but to help lead the way in making our corner of England a better, cleaner and happier place than it was had never come and lived here. Those of us who are Christians believe that that is why God has put us here.

But usually we are much too vague and so I would draw your attention to two very real, urgent and practical ways in which all of us who care for the Estate and its surroundings can help.

I refer to the careless and thoughtless treatment of our shrubs, trees and bits of green, and also to the paving of the streets of Watling not with gold but with glass.

The destruction of shrubs and trees, and the breaking of milk-bottles and the glass in street lamps, are nuisances which can be stopped if we all co-operate by not doing it ourselves and by discouraging others from these anti-social acts.

Those whose energy can only find an outlet thus are recommended to offer their time and energy to help in the allotments and gardens of those who have not time or are not strong enough to do heavy digging. I can give names of people who would be grateful of such help.

**Hendon Young Communist League.** We have had a good campaign this last fifty days, having doubled our membership and seventy per cent. doing Youth Service work.

We feel that with so many crises coming up every day we must keep up with the times, so our May programme consists of speakers on "India," "Unarmed Combat," and "Anglo-Soviet Friendship." Our slogan is: "Youth has a world to win."

## YOUTH PAGE

**14th Hendon Scouts.**—At the Group Committee Meeting held at the Centre on Friday, April 10th, Mr. Spreadbury ("Skip"), the Group Scoutmaster, welcomed the lady members of the Committee, also Mr. Lodge (representing the Watling Association). A financial statement was then read showing that the Troop funds were in a healthy condition. It was suggested that a secretary be appointed, to represent the Group Committee and to see to all its correspondence, and Joyce Lake was proposed and accepted to fill the office.

The question of redecorating the Scouts' room was raised and subsequently placed before the Executive Committee of the Watling Association, who agreed to get an estimate of the cost and to assist in the work as far as possible.

Proposals for a social were discussed, and it was agreed to organize the event to take place at the Centre on May 15th. It was hoped to make a donation to the Chief Scout's Memorial Fund from the proceeds.

Uniforms for the boys are still difficult to obtain. Khaki shirts, shorts or any scouts' equipment will be welcomed, and may be left at the "Centre."

At the Court of Honour held later on in the evening the possibilities of a Whiston Camp were explored, and it was decided to commence preparations right away.

An Ambulance Class to enable scouts to gain their ambulance badges was also suggested, and Mr. Lake, Scoutmaster, was asked to make the necessary arrangements and to take the class.—LEO.

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### Watling Association Youth Club.

Another month has gone by and W.A.Y.C reports its progress. With the larger attendances we have achieved. Watling Youth realize that only by our constant association can present-day Youth help to build a better and happier future. When our Victory has been obtained, Youth will be ready to shoulder its burdens through a better understanding of its future.

Youth of Watling, keep it up. We thank Mr. Harris and Mr. Lodge for their constant help.

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### St. Alphage Youth Organisation.

With the coming of spring our activities have shown renewed signs of their ever-present life.

Everything during Holy Week was subordinated to the presentation of the Passion Play, "Simon Peter." The effort put into the drama by producer and cast was well rewarded by packed and intent audiences.

On Easter Monday twenty-eight of us went on a ramble around Chalfont St. Giles, Jordans and Seer Green, and some of the very hearty hikers even played Badminton during the evening after their return.

But the hike must have had some effect, because the following day witnessed the defeat of the table tennis team by a vast number of games in a match against Kingsbury Parish Church Boys' Club.

And we were further chastised on Saturday when Watling Boys' Club beat us 6-1 at football after a very keen and enjoyable game into which some of St. Alphage's

players introduced a technique somewhat reminiscent of the rugby field. We all enjoyed the game and thank the Club for arranging the match.

The Scouts and Guides are very active. We hope to go to camp for a week in August, and in the meantime to have several week-ends at Mold Mount.

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**Watling Boys' Club.**—The club has now a series of activities for the summer months. It was decided at the last committee meeting that once every four weeks there is to be a Youth Hostel weekend, and the first of these is to be held on May 2nd. Cricket fixtures are being arranged for the remaining weeks.

The P.T. class is now held in the open, and the cross country runners have been training at the track on Parliament Hill Fields. It is hoped that hiking and cycling weekends will be popular with the boys, and beside the four weekly hostel weekends there will be other outings.

The football team finished the season with a 6-1 victory over St. Alphage. The team played 18 matches throughout the season. Of these nine were won, eight lost, and one drawn, 70 goals were scored and 73 were scored by opponents. In the second half of the season the club was badly handicapped by shortage of players, and matches were frequently played with a team of only eight men; this resulted that in nine matches played only one was won.

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**Youth Hostel Association (Hendon Group).**—Once more it is spring. The signs of its presence are all about for everyone to see. Seeds are pushing their heads above the ground, trees are breaking into bud and, in the meadows, the first young lambs are skipping playfully around the ewes.

It is vital that young people who have been working very long hours in the factory or office should take advantage of the coming months and get out into the country.

Many Club Leaders are no doubt wondering what they can do in the coming months to help their members with regards to week-ends and holidays.

To all those people who are interested, an experiment is being tried out by the Watling Boys' Club. About 15 of these boys are now members of the Y.H.A., and this is one of the activities of the Club. If any Club is interested in this new experiment, the local Y.H.A. Group, which meets at the Watling Centre on Thursday evenings, will be willing to send speakers and give any information required about the Youth Hostel Movement.

Any Club in the district is invited to get in touch with Miss M. Barrett, 104 Farm Road, Edgware, or Mr. H. Lee, 13 Goldbeaters Grove, Burnt Oak.

To any young person not connected with any particular organization the Hendon Y.H.A. Group would welcome them and they would be able to enjoy week-ends away with people of their own age.

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**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.**—The outstanding event during the past month was the very excellent concert given on behalf of our Club funds by the De Havilland Orchestral Society. The varied programme was greatly enjoyed by a large audience, and the proceeds amounted to over £7. We are very grateful to all who helped to make possible a most enjoyable evening and so welcome an addition to our funds.

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## Now is the time to "MIND MY BIKE"

By J. H. AVEY

This advice is for the benefit of those who use their cycles for work and short runs or who have recently had to give up cars and not for the clubman—he ought to know. There is no need to take the whole thing to pieces at once and then wonder where the parts belong. If you use the machine every day do the job in stages. One wheel per night and the parts near by it, and so on.

Remove the bearings and rub them in a cloth (not the tea cloth) or a piece of rag with fine oil. Then clean out the caps and other fittings. Fill the caps with Petroleum Jelly before replacing bearings and see that you have the same number each side. Tighten bearing until there is no "give," and remove all the lubricant which squeezes out. This applies to every part where there are bearings.

In the case of the wheels first remove tyres. If there are any bad cuts patch inside with stout canvas. If any spoke ends are sticking through the rim file them off.

Examine the end of brake cables, if they are frayed have them repaired. Replace badly worn brake blocks. Remember this is the part your neck depends on.

The chain. Soak this in paraffin in a flat tin and keep it raised from the bottom of tin. Leave it for 24 hours. Dry it as much as possible and brush well with a stiff brush. Lubricate with graphite if you can obtain it—as much as the chain will hold. When replacing make sure it is too tight to jump off the back cog but not so tight that it will not run easily.

The saddle. If the frame or any springs are broken it will probably have to go to the maker. If the top is slack it can be adjusted by a nut under the peak in front. Keep the saddle top really taut, you will find it much more comfortable.

If you have a variable gear of the hub type leave all adjustments, cleaning and repairs to a competent engineer.

A word of sound advice to the not so young or not so strong. Don't try pushing a high gear. Something in the neighbourhood of 56 to 60 inches is quite sufficient. Rapid peddling does not tire one like hard shoving.

### TICKETS PLEASE:—

By decreasing the thickness of the bus and tram tickets by 0.004in., London Transport expect to save precisely 589 tons of paper in a complete year.

#### YOUTH PAGE—continued

We are still having great times at our Discussion Group on Sunday evenings. On March 8th we visited the Kenton Methodist Youth Fellowship to enjoy and profit by an informal "Brains Trust."

We have completed our football and netball fixtures, and while we cannot hope to have won any shields or cups, we have enjoyed some good games and the fellowship they have made possible. We are now anticipating cricket and tennis, and shall be glad to arrange matches with other Clubs.

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The 1939 Club has pleasure in announcing a new production by the Dramatic Group entitled "EXPERIMENT THREE."

In the successful "Wizard of Oz," their previous production, the Group showed how lighting and recorded music could be used to create the atmosphere of fantasy, of which the theme demanded. In "EXPERIMENT THREE" these two forces are to be used to even a greater extent.

"EXPERIMENT THREE" presents some-

thing new apart from lighting and music, it presents a new form of production, design and construction. The Theme, as a whole is Typical "Revue"

The imagination of the Group was somewhat limited as to:—(a) What the audience expects, (b) What the audience sees and hears, (c) Out of what the audience witnesses, does it understand. And so the surrealistic tendencies amalgamated with convention and the result is "Experiment Three." Within its realm is to be found Slapstick Comedy, Operatic Tragedy, "Impressions of Music" (Swing-Ballet-Harmony-Classics), and also a "Straight Play."

The Show is to be presented on May 6th and 8th at Wesley Hall, Burnt Oak.

We shall be very pleased to see any members of other Clubs at Wesley Hall in May, as the proceeds are being divided among the two Youth Clubs. Pay at the door, seats 1/- and 6d.

On Easter Monday 50 members enjoyed a Hike to Elstree, Aldenham, along the Colne Valley, Radlett and home.

MAY, 1942

## Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the Centre unless otherwise stated.

### REGULAR EVENTS.

**Sunday—**  
Men's Adult School, 9.30 a.m.  
3 N.W. Federation Breakfast.  
10 "Thunder Rock," Miss V. Q. Henriques.  
24 Wagner, Miss Vines.  
31 Members' Meeting.  
Society of Friends Meeting for Worship and Children's Classes, 11 a.m.  
Members' Dance, 7.30 p.m.

**Monday—**  
Women's Adult School, 2.30  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Folk Dancing, 7.30 p.m.  
Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m.  
Watling Association Musical Society, 8 p.m.  
Edgware Model Aero Club, 8

**Tuesday—**  
Birth Control Clinic, 10 a.m.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30  
Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.  
Watling Association Youth Club Games Night, 7.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8

**Wednesday—**  
Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30 p.m.  
6 Children's in Ray Mrs. H. Pollitt  
13 Children's Miss Edith Bolde  
20 Children's: Mrs. L. Henderson.  
Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.  
Vocal Club, 4.15 p.m.  
Dance, 7.30 p.m.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30 p.m.  
Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m.  
Discussion Group, 8 p.m.  
Young Communist League, 8 p.m.

**Thursday—**  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30  
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7 p.m.

### Thursday (continued)

7 Talk. Mr. Tearse—Should the Working Class Support the War?  
14 Hostel Feature and Climbing Talk.  
21 Film Show.  
28 Social.  
Watling Association Youth Club, 7.30 p.m.

**Friday—**  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30  
H.S.A., 6.30 p.m.  
The Neighbours, 7.30 p.m.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30 p.m.

**Saturday—**  
Old-Time Social, 7.30 p.m.

### OTHER EVENTS.

Sat. 2 Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.  
Sun. 3 Odd Fellows, 10 a.m. Fellowship Meeting, 3.30 p.m.  
Thurs. 7 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.  
Sun. 10 Free and Easy, 7.30  
New Housing. Mr. Strauss.  
Joint Youth Service, St. Albans, 8.0  
Tues. 12 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.  
Thurs. 14 W.V.S., 2.30 p.m.  
Kentish Town Poultry Club, 7.30 p.m.  
Fri. 15 14th Hendon Scouts Social.  
Sat. 16 Blind Club, 2.30  
Sun. 17 Odd Fellows, 10  
Thurs. 21 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.  
Watling Association Council, 7.30 p.m.  
Sun. 24 Free and Easy, 7.30  
Tues. 26 Rabbit Club, 8 p.m.  
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—JIM RUSSELL of International Brigade

May 24th. "The Policy of the Communist Party"

—Speaker: MARJORIE POLLITT



## SECTION REPORTS

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTES

The full Social Committee is now complete; there are many new workers who are giving the co-operation needed to fulfil the duties of the Social functions. My thanks, "which have been recorded," goes to the old Committee for the work they put in last year.

Looking back during the past year the Community spirit has been kept well alive. The Saturday "Old-Time Social" is now revived, preceded by the usual ten-hand whist for those wishing to take part. Small prizes are given. There is no extra charge for whist: Admission 4d.; Whist 7.30; Social 8 o'clock.

The Members' Sunday Dance has been fully attended; admission 9d.

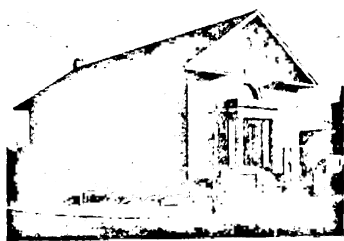
The Wednesday Radiogram Dance has been well attended. The youngsters are better occupied there than walking the streets. Admission is now 4d.—still a cheap evening for them.

Since Christmas there has been an increase in Junior membership, who attend at the Centre on Saturdays. This has set the Committee a small problem to solve. I am hoping some activity other than dancing will be found for them in due course in an Educational sphere.

Monday and Wednesday whist drives have not been over-attended. I have been asked to run a 1s. Drive on Monday. I shall have this considered.

T. JUDN, Social Secretary.

### Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following  
Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.15:—

- May 3.—Mr. P. O. RUOFF
- May 10.—Mr. J. W. LAING
- May 17.—Mr. J. E. ADAMS
- May 24.—Mr. F. N. MARTIN
- May 31.—Mr. R. SCAMMELL

### RABBIT CLUB REPORT

The Watling Rabbit Club is still progressing, for starting with 16 members in January, its membership is now over 50. April started a new era for us, for we blossomed out as a real Fur Club, and staged an Open Evening Show on April 14th, which was a great success. We tabled over 90 exhibits before our President, Mr. F. Maynard, who judged an excellent variety of rabbits.

**RESERVS.**—*Beveren A.*: 1. Horner, 2. Searle, 3. Priestley, R. Priestley, V. H. C. Pope, H. C. Ryder. *Belgian*: 1. Wildman, *Rev. Young*: 1. Searle, 2. Baker, 3. Palmer, R. Searle, V. H. C. Horner, H. C. & C. Coles. *Dutch A.*: 1. Atkins, 2. Bennett, *Chinchilla A.*: 1. Coles. *Chin. Young*: 1. Durban, *Flemish*: 1. Call. *Rex. Frimie*: 1. & 2. West, 3. Proctor, R. Burgess, V. H. C. and H. C. Proctor, C. Parker. *Fox*: 1. Burgess, 2. Lay, *Rev. A.C.*: 1. Dobie, 2. Stevens, 3. Jamieson, R. Dobie, V. H. C. Stevens, H. C. Bent. *Rex A.C. Young*: 1. Bryant, 2. Dobie, *Utility*: 1. & 2. Penn, 3. Hensman, R. Dawson, V. H. C. and 2/6 S. P. L. Burgess, H. C. & 2/6 S.P.L. Knight, *A.V. Fancy*: 1. Atkins, 2. Wildman, 3. Flint, R. Call, V. H. C. Bennett, *A.F. Fur*: 1. Horner, 2. Searle, 3. Proctor, R. Baker, V. H. C. Dobie, H. C. Jamieson, C. Dobie. *Challenge*: 1. Horner, 2. Searle, 3. Atkins, R. Baker, V. H. C. Dobie, H. C. West, C. Proctor.

Many thanks to Mr. Dobiedoe and Mr. Weatherley for their gifts of eggs, they were raffled with great success; also thanks to Mr. Maynard for 5/- specials. Please note new Secretary is S. G. Abbott, 24 Edrick Road, who will be only too pleased to give information about the club to anybody wishing to join.

### WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Members of the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School have a treat in store for them in a series of lectures to be given on three consecutive Monday afternoons by Miss Fordham L.R.A.M.

Mrs. Tidsdale, of the W.W.V.S., has visited us again and gave us a talk on poison gas.

On March 11th members read from the Handbook of the saintly life of George Lansbury.

### TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

On Friday, April 10th, the Townswomen's Guild held a Social at the "Centre" to which members and friends were invited. A large number were present, and an exceedingly good programme was provided.

This was very satisfactory, as the proceeds of the evening were devoted to the fund to provide woollen comforts for the Merchant Navy.

The Editor of the "Resident" is speaking to the Guild members on Thursday, May 21st.

### FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Some time ago it was felt that a musical item would be a bright addition to the monthly Fellowship meetings which take place at the "Centre" on the first Sunday afternoon in each month.

This innovation has been very successful and greatly enjoyed. The musical items have included flute and piano solos and singers. The latest item—a quartette from the Watling Association Musical Society in which Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Foley and Mr. Wakeling took part, helped the meeting to keep up its reputation for being bright and helpful. Come to the next one.

### Can We Help You?

If you have any problem or worry of any sort, whether it is caused by the war or not, the Citizens Advice Bureau is always willing to help you. We do not always know the answers to your questions but, like Professor Joad, we can usually put you in touch with the person who can. So come along to us at the Centre before the worry gets too big.

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## WATLING "WEEK," No. 14

Dear Editor,

May I seek space in the "Resident" to draw attention to this year's Watling "Week"?

Members and friends will be glad to learn that a donation is to be made from the proceeds this year to the British Red Cross and St. John's Organisation, and in an effort to swell the funds we are organizing a draw for a lady's gold watch, which will take place on Sunday, June 28th. Also a prize is offered to the person guessing the most accurate figure of the final proceeds of Watling "Week."

Tickets are now available, and friends are urged to purchase same at the first available opportunity.

Yours truly,

A. R. LODGE, Hon. Organizer.

Watling Centre,  
Orange Hill Road.  
April 13th, 1942.

## WHAT IS EDUCATION?

The Editor,

Your friend's reference to the "tolerance" of the officials of the Association does not augur well for a progressive approach to the question of education, and smacks of gratuitous patronage. At least it does not reflect my own attitude in raising the matter so sharply at the A.G.M.

Whatever encouragement may have been experienced by lecturers or speakers at the Centre in the past, I think this fundamental question should be approached in a spirit of co-operation and service, and anyone who has a genuine desire to impart experience to, and to draw inspiration from, their fellows would not consider an evening wasted if only one person could be given guidance or be induced to give guidance in the light of common experiences. The "lecturing" method never at any time appealed to me, and I much prefer the interchange of views as a means of arriving at conclusions.

The advantage of this dialectical method of approach is that it does not require any previous "platform" experience or knowledge of propaganda (detestable word). The realities of Life in all its aspects is the first and foremost theme in any scheme for education in its truest sense.

Yours sincerely,

G. F. STOKES.

124 Abbots Road,  
Burnt Oak.

April 10th, 1942.

## Can You Help Us?

The Ministry of Labour is appealing for women who would be willing to look after young children while their mothers are at work. If you feel you could do this, come and let the Citizens Advice Bureau know, here at the Centre, and we will give you full particulars of payment, etc.

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## WHY I AM A MEMBER ?

*This is the first reply we are publishing of this new series of letters. We hope to publish one each month for some time to come.—ED.*

About seven years ago, 1935, I had a nervous breakdown, and was told by the doctor I must get out and have a change of atmosphere. A neighbour who was a member of the Watling Association asked me to try and come to the "Centre" one Sunday evening as they had a social they called a "Free and Easy" which she was sure I would enjoy, so along I went the next Sunday, accompanied by my husband.

We had such a fine time and were made so welcome that we have been going ever since. It was the finest medicine I have known.

V. JUDD (Mrs.).

*We also invite those who may not be members to write to the Editor saying "Why I am not a member."*

## 2nd COMMUNITY SOCIAL

The second "Community Social" arranged by the "Resident" Committee was held at the "Centre" on Friday, March 27, when a large audience gathered chiefly to witness the exhibition of the musical talents of the children under the guidance of the Juvenile Organiser, Mrs. F. Guy.

It was perhaps fitting that the evening should coincide with the retirement of Mrs. Guy from her post as not only were we able to express our appreciation of the labour she has put into her work, but also we were able to introduce her successor, Mrs. E. Coleman, and wish her every success in the difficult task she has undertaken.

One of the objects of these "Community Socials" is to introduce to members and readers some of the work the association is doing that does not get the limelight normally.

The young people who gave solos really well were: Babs Carslie, Lily Draper, Maisie Gardner, Jean Ellis, Rose Smith and Joyce Smith. The "Watling Express" Dancing team comprised of the following: June Ellis, Jean Batten, Jackie Drake, Rose Smith, Maisie Gardner, Maureen Cox, Betty Hallett, Babs Carslie, and Pat Campbell. This feature was well performed and warmly applauded.

The evening was enjoyed by all with dancing and novel items. The pianist was Mrs. Bradbury and the M.C., Mr. A. F. Bouchard.

## THE CHILDREN'S GROUPS ("Moggies")

Subscription 3d. per evening.

Monday—Ballet dancing and tap dancing, 5.30—7.0.

Tuesday—Games, 5.30—7.0.

Wednesday (Girls)—Needlework and knitting, 5.30—7.0.

" (Boys)—Woodwork, 6.0—7.0.

Thursday (Girls)—Folk-dancing, 5.30—7.0.

" (Physical Training), 6.0—7.0.

Friday—Handicraft, drawing, painting, 5.30—7.0.

Above is the programme now working for the children, which, however, is in course of reorganization.

The bigger boys have volunteered to help in the cultivation of the waste ground in front of the office. This ground will then be in their charge to care for and keep tidy so that it will be a credit to the Centre.

A children's choir is to be formed, also a boot-mending class, and a course of elementary lectures on science is contemplated for boys.

We are to have spelling bees, play-reading and acting, and children are to be encouraged to write and draw for the "Resident," where we hope space will permit a children's own column. Mrs. De Lattin has very kindly volunteered to train children for the production of a Pantomime and an entertainment during "Watling Week."

Walks in the country and picnics are proposed for the summer holidays. Boys are being given some time to themselves in order to enjoy a "rough and tumble," for which they are showing their appreciation by their help and good behaviour generally.

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Here is a list of some of the new books that have been added to the libraries recently.

"The Swish of the Curtain"—*Brown* [written by a girl of fifteen about some children who form their own dramatic company, write and produce their own plays].

"May I Keep Dogs?"—*Barne* [How three children keep their home going by taking in dogs as paying guests].

"The Road to the Nile"—*MacArthur* [Older boys will be interested in this story of travel in the western desert of Africa].

"River Holiday"—*Young* [Hugh and Laura, Cicely and Stephen again; this time with a boat instead of a caravan].

"The Seasons and the Fisherman"—*Darling* [Another of those well-illustrated "seasons" books].

"Aero-modelling"—*Chinn* [Instructions and diagrams for making model planes].

"A Child's Day Through the Ages"—*Stuart* [Beginning at 3500 B.C. and travelling on to 1902 A.D.].

"Sam Pig Goes to Market"—*Utley*.

"Raven Among the Rooks"—*Mais* [The heroes of "Light Over Lundy" are involved in another mystery].

"Fiddler's Quest"—*Lynch*.

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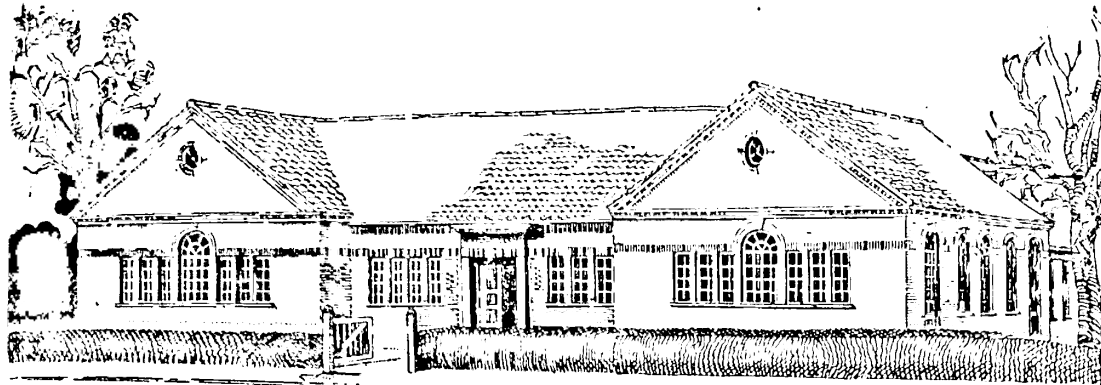
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## To Youth Club Leaders

By A. ROBERT CROKER

FOR six months now the "Youth Page" has appeared in this magazine. The experiment has proved successful in so far that it has brought to the attention of many people the existence of a large number of "clubs" on the estate catering in the interest of youth.

It is now popular to work "in the Service of Youth;" for the "cause" now has Government recognition; local authorities have the necessary power to give official approval to those clubs and organisation which for years have been pioneers in the Service of Youth and have paved the way for the recognition of Youth as a national asset, it is a tragedy that it has taken a war to bring this recognition.

There are at least to our knowledge about twelve Youth Clubs on the Watling Estate, most of which were in existence prior to the war. Their one object is to serve the youth of Watling, and yet it is necessary for them as separate units to appeal for more helpers; more equipment; more finance. What a tragedy that there should be this overlapping, this dovetailing of interests. As we have urged before what is necessary is a Youth Centre, where equipment and premises may be available for all.

What does Youth demand? With the formation of such bodies as the A.T.C. the clubs and groups have to be far more progressive in their outlook and methods to arrest the lad who in a desire to be of service finds the Training Corps better equipped to help him. It calls for deliberate and imaginative action on the part of club organisers and leaders to keep abreast with the times.

The Watling Youth Committee exists to co-ordinate the various clubs in the

district into a comradeship, and since its formation it has organised several social events, also two special church services. The socials have been extremely well attended but unfortunately not so the church services, and those who have their faith in the Church are a little disappointed no doubt as to the contrasting support a Church Service receives compared with social events arranged for club members. Let us examine this one item alone. Youth has little patience with the ceremonial, it seeks not to be lectured to but to be given the opportunity of self-expression.

I have recollections of a large number of young people meeting together on a Sunday evening regularly to exchange views, to dance, to partake of refreshments (prepared by themselves), generally speaking a social gathering, here is the point I want to stress, just as regularly every Sunday these same young people listened attentively to a talk on some aspect of religion and discussed it with the speaker afterwards over their tea or coffee.

No fuss, no ceremony, no feeling of being lectured but an opportunity of

airing individual ideas on a footing of equality. This was a huge success and was carried on for a number of years, naturally the leader suffered a great deal of criticism but his heart was in the work he had undertaken and his courage meant that the teaching of Christ was given and received whereas it might have in the normal way have been rejected.

Come now let us be courageous and try new methods if we are convinced that we have a message let us be alive to our responsibilities.

### ★ S O S

Owing to national demands the Watling Boys' Club is threatened with the removal of three of its leaders.

This club of boys between the ages of 14-18 is very active and has a large membership. Volunteers are wanted to help in the work of running the club.

The club meets Mondays and Wednesdays at Woodcroft School, Goldbeaters Grove from 7 p.m.

Those interested are asked to write to the Rev. W. R. Haw, Hon. Sec. Management Committee W.B.C., St. Alphage Clergy House, Montrose Avenue, Burnt Oak.

Desire to help is the first qualification, the need is very urgent.

#### ★ ★ ★ ★ Poor Man's Lawyer

Readers and members are advised that the day has again been changed when the Poor Man's Lawyer attends the "Centre." It is now 7.30 p.m. Mondays.

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## Hendon Borough Council

## Hendon as a Holiday Resort

Under a Ministry of Health circular, local authorities are requested to provide for the entertainment of the people during the summer holidays, but owing to the war conditions and the restrictions on travelling, workers fortunate enough to secure brief holiday periods, will, generally speaking, have to spend them in their home-towns. The Government has recognised the importance of meeting the special needs existent under these conditions, and it is hoped that the Hendon Borough Council will do all that is possible to implement the proposals outlined in the circular.

The Committee to which the circular was referred has suggested that the provision of such entertainments should be made at a cost not exceeding £1,000, and appointed a sub-committee to arrange entertainments in Hendon during the months from June to September. In a preliminary report the sub-committee suggest the following entertainments in Hendon and Watling Parks: Band performances, community singing, orchestral concerts, dancing, cricket and netball matches, and swimming displays at Mill Hill. That a concert platform should be erected in Watling Park capable of accommodating 20 performers, together with the installation of necessary equipment. It is understood that the co-operation of interested local associations and societies is to be sought. It remains to be seen how the Council will handle the matter, but if the various proposals are accepted, and the scheme receives generous support, together with energetic and imaginative application, the citizens of Hendon should enjoy many pleasant hours in the local parks and open spaces during the summer months of 1942.

OBSERVER.

### Saturday Evening Whist

The Social Secretary reports that there is a falling off of players at the 10-hand whist drive on Saturday evenings. Those wishing to participate are asked to be in their places by 7.45 p.m. Failing this it will be necessary to cancel drive.

### Discussion Group

Many good things are missed through not knowing of them. Probably this applies to the holding of a Discussion Group, at the Centre, on Wednesday evenings, commencing at 8 p.m. Already some most interesting and instructive evenings have been enjoyed by the few who have attended.

Subjects so far, have included "Money," "Mass Production," "The Case Against Pacifism," "Science, Good or Bad." For future meetings, "Nationalisation or Socialism" and "The Development of the Child."

It is open to anyone attending to suggest a subject.

Now, what about it, you who have ideas you think will benefit your fellows. Let us have the pleasure of your company, also the addition of your judgment on whatever subject may be under discussion.

There is no reason why Watling "Centre" should not set a standard for others to endeavour to emulate, and who knows, it may be the stepping-stone to wider circles, and opportunities to carry enlightenment beyond our own circle.

A special appeal is made to young people and a hearty welcome awaits new members of any age.

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### Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church

On the first Sunday in July the Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church is to welcome the new minister, Mr. P. G. Filby, B.D. Mr. Filby besides his ministerial experience has had practical business contacts. It was during his business life that Mr. Filby became conscious of his call to the ministry and he entered New College in 1938. He took his B.D. degree this year, after holding concurrently with his theological studies, student pastorates at West Byfleet, Stoke Newington, and Fulham successively.

The ordination and induction services are to take place, it is hoped, during the first or second week of July.

In the work at Eversfield Church he will have the co-operation of the Rev. Maurice Watts, B.D., of Union Church, Mill Hill.

We appeal to the folk of the neighbourhood to come to the church: rally round the new minister and help so that it may become a vital force for good—a shelter in this time of storm.

### WHY I AM A MEMBER No. 2

Several years ago I attended a Free and Easy Social. Here I met some of my neighbours and the atmosphere was so friendly that I became a member. From this beginning—I became interested in the activities of the Centre and now find great pleasure in helping at some of these functions. But the greatest thing of all is that I have found many good friends and greatly enjoy participating in the Educational, Sport, and Social Sections.

G. RICHARDSON.

Another contribution next month.—  
EDITOR.)

### Letter to the Editor

#### Beauties of Our Estate

Dear Editor,

Without trying to elaborate on the beauties of spring, etc., I must say that such trees and shrubs as have been left alone this past winter are now looking beautiful.

I cannot help thinking that if only the tenants on this Estate could picture how lovely these corner plots would look if unmolested by the destructive ones, they will find a further joy in residing here.

To the tenants: Do you know what your children are doing when out of school? Would you rather see these shrubs removed and replaced with tarmac? No, I am sure you would not.

Now try and help those responsible for their upkeep and talk to your children about these things and see the difference next year.

Yours, etc.,

Anon.

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### Voice of Reason

We heartily endorse this paragraph which appeared recently in the national Press.

"The place of children under 14 is at school or play. Farming has not yet reached a stage when its salvation depends upon the labours of the workers' young children."—Alderman E. G. Gooch, presidential address, National Union of Agricultural Workers.



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## Help the Red Cross through Watling 'Week'

WATLING "WEEK" has come round again, this year being the 14th of the series as yet unbroken in sequence.

Much work and organisation has gone into the preparation for this year's "Week" (why it is called a week is a mystery) in the hope that the work and interests of the Association may be seen at its best. Of course the very nature of wordly affairs at this moment forbids a more ambitious programme, nevertheless we hope the enclosed programme will be very thoroughly examined and support given to as many of the activities as you possibly can.

Remember that the Association is this year giving a donation from the proceeds of this year's Watling "Week" to the British Red Cross and St. John's organisation. The amount to be given depends on the amount realised.



### Are You Satisfied with Life?

Is the title of a series of open-air meetings arranged to be held at four separate meeting places on the Estate during the month of June.

Co-operation between the various religious denominations in Watling has resulted in an urge to reach the man in the street, honestly and fearlessly.

Study the dates and meeting places on the back cover of this magazine and decide to come along, support and ask questions.



### "Merrie England"

The Watling Association Musical Society are performing the concert version of Edward German's "Merrie England," at Wesley Hall, on Thursday next, June 4th, at 8 p.m.

We hope there will be a large audience to hear this their most

adventuresome programme attempted since the formation of the Musical Society.

At times like the present it is good that we can turn to such music as that in "Merrie England" and get something of the joy of living into our hearts and voices.

Tickets are obtainable from members of the Musical Society and at the office of the Watling Association.

### HAVE YOU A TICKET

for

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### "A Way of Life"

Some people believe that in Quakerism there is the key to many, perhaps all, of the problems with which man is confronted at this time.

To a non-quaker that may sound a sweeping statement and it should be emphasised that even the best of keys cannot be expected to open complex locks without careful and patient handling.

Quakerism is not a press stud that can transform the world at a touch. Nothing can do that. Neither will effort alone transform the world: the effort must be in the right direction.

The winning side in a game of football does not necessarily expend more effort than their opponents. Often they expend less. They win because they have more skill and a better policy. So it is with life, we want a better policy; a better direction for our lives. The early Quakers described Quakerism as a "way of Life." Perhaps it is the way you are looking for. We hope so.

Your enquiries would be welcomed by the clerk of our meeting, Robert W. Errington, 99 Cummoock Gardens, N.W.9. Local Friends meet for Public Worship at the Watling "Centre," Orange Hill Road, on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock and you are cordially invited.—Advertisement.



## YOUTH PAGE

### You Are Invited

It is said that a good Chairman knows when to keep silence. So I suppose should an Editor. Therefore I will leave the various reports from Watling Youth Organisations to speak for themselves but will call your attention to the things we are hoping to do in the future.

Your attention is drawn to the entertainment we hope to give during Watling "Week" in St. Alphage Hall, Montrose Avenue. This is being organised through the Watling Youth Organisations Committee by the Rev. H. J. Blackmore.

I give preliminary notice also of a sports meeting for Watling Youth organisation to be organised by the Watling Boys Club, and also of a tennis tournament. Both of these events are to take place in July and full particulars can be obtained from the organisers and will be given in the July issue of the "Resident."

The next committee meeting of the Watling Youth Organisations Committee will be held in Watling "Centre" on June 5th at 8 p.m.

Finally, we would urge all club members and leaders to take an active part in the sports and athletic training schemes organised by the borough youth committee in the Burroughs playing field at 7.30 on Thursdays and in Montrose Park at 7.30 on Tuesdays.

Result of Table Tennis Competition in Wesley Hall, April 24th:

1. 1939 Club (29 points).
2. St. Alphage (27 points).
3. Watling Boys' Club (22 points).
4. Wesley Youth Club (15 points).
5. Y.H.A. (5 points).



### To Club Secretaries

A few club reports have been held over owing to the lateness of receiving copy. The latest date for receiving copy is the 13th of each month. Secretaries are asked to take notice of this.

The 1939 Club. Our Programme since the last issue of the Resident has been cycle rides to Common Wood Common and Marlow, also combined cycle ride and links to the Chess Valley, Runnymede and Batchworth.

On May 6 and 8th we presented our show "Experimental Three" at Wesley Hall and were able to share the proceeds of £6 13s. with the Wesley Hall Youth Club. We are very grateful to Rev. H. J. Blackmore for the help he so willingly gave us to put the show over.

We are hoping to participate in the Watling "Week" Concert at St. Alphage Hall. Our Wednesday Club night is as popular as ever, and we hope to start a Red Cross Unit very soon.

### Watling Youth Committee

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*Local Youth Clubs are co-operating in what we believe will be a unique entertainment.*

Proceeds to go to Watling "Week" in gratitude for the interest and practical encouragement the Watling Association have shown to the Watling Youth Committee in its work for the Youth on this Estate.

**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.**—The past month, in spite of the longer and warmer evenings has witnessed no diminution in the interest and enthusiasm of our members. Attendances at Club and Brigade gatherings have been up to standard and it is significant that once again the Club members have voted for the continuance of the Tuesday meetings throughout the summer. The several Youth Fellowships meeting on Sundays continue to serve a most useful purpose, particularly the Discussion Group which meets every week at 8 p.m.

The Inter-Club Table Tennis Tournament held on our premises on April 24th, was a great success and it was a joy for us to be "host" to about 60 members of the competing clubs. We warmly congratulate the "1939" on being worthy winners with St. Alphage a very close second.

We would also congratulate the "1939" Club on their excellent presentation of "Experimental Three." The very varied programme revealed commendable ambition on the part of the producer and the enthusiastic efforts of the performers were much appreciated by the two audiences. We are very grateful to the "1939" Club for their most generous gesture in giving us 50 per cent. of the proceeds. Such co-operation between clubs which might perhaps have some justification for regarding themselves as rivals is most welcome and should be constantly encouraged all over the Estate.

### THE WATLING RESIDENT

**Youth Hostels Association (Hendon Branch).**—The summer hostelling programme is now beginning to get into full swing, and the walking and cycling secretaries are adhering to the new ruling which keeps hostelling parties down to twelve people for large hostels, and eight for smaller ones.

On the 7th, 8th, and 9th of this month Hendon and Finchley groups have been running a stall at the Hampstead Youth Organisations' Exhibition, the profits of which are to be devoted to the "Wireless for the Blind" fund. A number of visitors were sufficiently interested to take membership forms, and we hope this will result in more new members.

There is a full programme for both walkers and cyclists in June. On the 6th and 7th the walkers are visiting Nazeing and the cyclists Ewhurst Green hostels. The cyclists are also visiting Boulton's Lock on the 13th, and the walkers are spending the same week-end at Epping Forest hostel. Both sections are hoping to go swimming and boating on this weekend. On the 21st the group celebrates its third birthday and the secretaries are trying to arrange for all members to go away for the weekend in small parties to visit as many hostels as possible. We are celebrating on Sunday night with an American party, and dancing to the group's new radiogram.

We invite anyone who is interested to communicate with our secretary, Miss Madeline Barrett, 104 Farm Road, Edgware.



**Watling Boys' Club.**—At the end of April the club entered, for the first time, the London Federation of Boys' Clubs cross country championship. Seventy-five boys representing fourteen clubs entered, and the Crown and Manor Boys' Club won the race.

W. B. C. finished seventh and the best individual effort was made by Smith who finished thirteenth. The boys are now training for the Federation Sports on the 20th of June.

The table tennis team in the Watling Youth tournament finished third, and in the knock-out tournament that followed, F. Evans, the captain, reached the final to be beaten by Knapp of the "1939" Club. The following week a match was played against Kingsbury Social Club and a very close game took place and the club lost by the odd game in twenty-five.

The cricket team has an attractive list of fixtures and the first game was played against West Hendon Boys' Club on May 17th.

The Youth Hostel week-end on May 2nd was a great success and another of these popular week-ends will be held on June 6th when a party will cycle to Speen.



**St. Alphage.**—We were glad to welcome Watling clubs and organisations to our Church on Sunday, May 10th, and to join in worship with them. We were sorry, however, that not more young men and women came for youth work without spiritual foundations seems to be like the house built on the sand.

The table-tennis competition was thoroughly enjoyed by our club members and we look forward to combined activities in the summer, of a similar type.

Our recent activities have included several badminton matches and a cricket match against Wesley Youth Club who beat us by 71 runs to 42 after an enjoyable and sunny afternoon's cricket.

On Whitsun Monday we shall go for a ramble together.

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## Women's Column

## Wrong Word Was Chosen

SINCE writing to you, we have had introduced in Parliament an "austerity" budget. Clothing is going to be "austerity" clothing, in fact everything we touch or hear of these days has the word austerity tacked on. Words and phrases get worked to death, until they mean very little to us, and I was curious to find out the dictionary definition of the word. Chamber's Twentieth Century Dictionary gives this meaning: Austere, harsh, severe, stern, grave, sober. Austerity, severity of manners or life, harshness.

I think you will agree with me that it is not a happy definition, and I hope that we shall drop the word very soon. Let us consider the many things which we are coupling to "austerity." Austerity meals, well I hope that whatever comes to pass we shall never have severity of manners at our meals, it sounds very early Victorian and would take away much of the pleasure of eating with the family, or friends.

My mind goes next to "austerity" clothing, fewer pockets, buttons and trimmings. This might be a good reform in some ways, but as a housewife, I would ask the powers that be whether they had a woman on the committee that decided to shorten the length of shirts and remove "turn-ups" from trousers? Every thrifty woman knows how to make a new front, collar or cuffs from the extra few inches of cloth, and trousers always wear first at the turn-up.

Next we come to the "austerity" budget, well here the word describes exactly the position of the old age pensioner. Harsh, severe, and stern is the measure that denies an old man some of his tobacco. I know that tobacco is not a necessity of life, but when you have worked hard, and are trying to enjoy the remaining time on this earth, it does seem very hard that some way could not be thought of to mitigate this hardship. No one could suggest that our old age pensioners live a life of ease and plenty on their few shillings per week.

On second thoughts, I think I shall retain the word "austerity" for the budget but I refuse to lead an austere life. —PRUDENCE PENNYWISE.

## Is Your House Fit for a Heroine?

Or is it true only heroines can cope with our houses?

The Ministry of Health has a sub-committee considering the planning of houses. This gives an opportunity for people who want to see post-war houses planned better than ours are to make suggestions. If you have ideas about houses and gardens send them in to the Watling Association so that all criticisms can go in together.

In particular, have you anything you would like to say on the following matters: Sizes and types of dwellings required; sizes and arrangements of rooms; sizes of gardens; places of houses in gardens; equipment; heating and hot water; windows; design and finish; sanitation, drainage and refuse disposal; storage and sheds; fences, paths; flats or houses.

It's no use saying "what a good opportunity" or "about time too" and doing nothing about it. Improvements only come through hard work, so sit down now and write down your ideas on these subjects. Your notes must be at Watling Centre by June 14th to be any use.

This is an opportunity for you to make *your* contribution towards a better England.



## Veterans' Club Anniversary

The Seventh Anniversary of the Veterans' Club was celebrated with a very happy Tea Party at the "Centre" on Saturday, May 23.

Unfortunately the President, Mrs. A. I. Jones, was unable to be present; she very generously through Mr. E. Cole presented every member with a sixpenny piece and her very best wishes for the future success of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole received as a token of appreciation from the members for the work that they both have given to the club a beautiful chromium perpetual calendar, this was presented by Mr. Sutton, one of the oldest members.

The tea was very much enjoyed by all. Father Davey of St. Alphage spoke very cheerfully to the members and afterwards everyone adjourned to the Hall for a concert given by the "Black-out Rebels." This concert proved very acceptable to all. The party consists chiefly of very talented juveniles who sing and dance their way to happiness. The proceeds from concerts given by this talented concert party are devoted to the Comforts Fund of men serving in the Forces within the radius of D.21 A.R.P. post.

The ladies assisting with the tea were Mesdames Nyberg, Guy, Luffman, Townsend, Panthorpe, Lodge, Judd and Miss I. Cole.

## Garden Notes

### Gardening in June

The amateur gardener will now be beginning to reap the reward of his labour during previous months and the long light evenings will give him more time to devote to a variety of horticultural work. Choice vegetables will be rapidly becoming available and the earliest of the hardy fruits should be well advanced towards maturity.

If all available space has not been taken up with vegetables and there is some room left for flowers, an important item in the month's programme of work will be the planting of the summer-bedding plants into their flowering quarters.

Winter greens may be planted now or early in July. Then they will get well rooted and have every chance to develop into strong plants before the autumn. If the space available is limited Brussels Sprouts should be planted out first. Do not put them amongst the potatoes. If you do they will become tall and weak and will only bear half a crop compared with those that are planted two and a half feet apart on a clear piece of ground. "If anything must be planted amongst the potatoes, then let it be the Kales, for these are the most accommodating of the greens that one relies upon in winter." It is a good plan to transplant the seedlings of winter greens on a day following rain if possible; if this cannot be managed, the plants should be well watered the day before it is intended to transplant them. It is also a good plan to water them well immediately after planting.

It is not necessary to be a Welshman to appreciate the value of leeks! They have gained in popularity during the scarcity of onions. They should be planted out late in June or early in July. The best way to cultivate them is to bore holes about six inches deep and two inches wide with a dibber. The leeks are then put in with their roots resting on the bottom of the holes. A little soil should be sprinkled into the hole so as to steady the plants. If kept moist they will soon establish themselves. Leeks need a rich soil, and it is worth while to take out a trench about a foot deep and place manure in the bottom, but this preparation should be done in the spring.

Now is the time to sow parsley for a winter supply.

• H. N. Thomas in "The Garden: How to Make it Pay."



## CHILDREN'S COLUMN

The editor has received from the Children's Class a number of short messages on the subject of last month's Editorial: the damage to the shrubs, etc., on this estate. He has chosen the one he considers best for publication, along with a poem submitted by another girl of the same group.

The editor thanks all those children who have sent essays but regrets that he is unable to print them all owing to space shortage.

Below see up-to-date list of Children's Meetings.



### YOUR LIBRARY

What shall we do?—That is what we all ask ourselves when we have a little spare time during the long summer evenings. If you want a few ideas, look down this list of books, they will help you.

Camp fire yarns and stunts	Barclay
Scouting out of doors	Gilcraft
Photography simplified	Salmon
Pastimes, hobbies and sports for boys and girls	Gibbard
Wonder book of things to do	Golding
Outdoor and community games	Hedges
Book of school sports	Jessop & Salmon
Boy scouts' book of outdoor hobbies	Mathiews
Cricket for boys	Mathiews
Boys' book of cricket	Henley
Tennis for girls	Round
Camping out for girls	Falcon
Complete cyclist	Moore
Boys' and girls' swim book	Hedges

## AN ELFIN IN DISGRACE

By JEAN McLEAN (Aged 11½ years).

One day I came face to face,  
With an elfin in disgrace;  
It was on the meadow path  
I heard a sigh, then a laugh  
Around him were some fairies grim  
They pointed and said "Look at him,"  
Down the lane I did race  
Now I know why he's in disgrace  
What a sight met my eyes,  
A fairy woman with a stall of pies  
This elfin had knocked them all over,  
Into a field of clover  
When I went back they had gone  
And when I go down that lane,  
I sometimes expect to see them again.



## HOW CHILDREN COULD KEEP THE ESTATE BEAUTIFUL

From IRIS TIMMS (Aged 12 years).

I think this estate is beautiful with all the pretty flowers in the gardens. The children spoil it by playing in the Council's gardens and picking the flowers and also climbing the rees. I expect some of you have seen the children doing this and told them to stop, but there are some people who just ignore them. Wherever you go you see pretty flowers and in some you see deserted spots where the children and dogs have trampled them down. Well, next time you see children doing that just try to stop them and try to keep the estate looking as beautiful as possible please.

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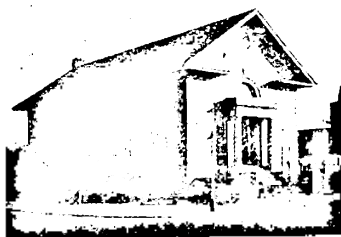
Will all those intending to send Copy for the July issue of the "Resident" kindly do so at their earliest and send this month to the Hon. Editor, addressed to the "Centre," Orange Hill Road.

## Children's Groups ("Moggies")

Subscription: 1d. per group per evening. p.m.

Monday	Singing, dancing and reciting .. ..	5.45—7
"	Choir .. ..	7—8
Tuesday	Games .. ..	5.30—7
"	P.T. for Girls .. ..	6—7
Wednesday	Needlework (Girls) ..	5.30—7
"	Woodwork (Boys) ..	6—7
Thursday	Folk-dancing (Girls) ..	5.45—7
"	P.T. (Boys) .. ..	6—7
Friday	Handicrafts and drawing (Girls) .. ..	5.45—7
"	Bootmending (Boys) ..	5.45—7

## Woodcroft Hall, Burnt Oak



You are cordially invited to hear the following Speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.15:—

- June 7.—Dr. W. HOWATT LINDSAY
- June 14.—Mr. J. M. SHAW  
Mr. J. B. WATSON} Dialogue
- June 21.—Mr. G. B. FYFE
- June 28.—Mr. ROLAND H. WEBB

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JUNE, 1942

## Watling Association Diary

All activities take place at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated.

### REGULAR EVENTS.

#### Sunday—

- Men's Adult School, 9.30.
- 7 The Practice of Mysticism, Mr. D. Meynen.
- 14 Great Friends, Mr. J. Williams.
- 21 George Lansbury, Mr. C. Catchpool.
- 28 Members' Meeting.
- Society of Friends Meeting for Worship and Children's Classes, 11.
- Members' Dance, 7.30.

#### Monday—

- Women's Adult School, 2.30.
- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.
- Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
- Folk Dancing, 7.30.
- Whist Drive, 7.45.
- W.A. Musical Society, 8.
- Edgware Model Aero Club, 8.

#### Tuesday—

- Birth Control Clinic, 10.
- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.
- Dressmaking Class, 2.30.
- Watling Association Youth Club Games Night, 7.30.
- Watling Guild of Players, 8.

#### Wednesday—

- Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.
- Women as Citizens, Miss Eastgate.
- 10 Kagawa, Miss Elizabeth Burn.
- 17 Teeth, Mr. W. L. Cooper-Jones.
- 24
- Dressmaking Class, 2.30.
- Veteran's Club, 4.15.
- Dance, 7.30.
- Whist Drive, 7.45.
- Discussion Group, 8.
- Young Communist League, 8.

#### Thursday—

- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.
- Whist Drive, 2.30.
- Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.
- W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.

#### Friday—

- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.
- H.S.A., 6.30.
- The Neighbours, 7.30.
- 14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

#### Saturday—

- Old-Time Social, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS.

- Tuesday 2 Rabbit Club, 8.
- Thursday 4 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
- Sunday 7 Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.
- Tuesday 9 Rabbit Club, 8.
- Thursday 11 W.V.S., 2.30.
- Kentish Town Poultry Club, 7.30.
- Saturday 13 Blind Club, 2.30.
- Sunday 14 Odd Fellows, 10.
- Free and Easy, 7.30.
- Thursday 18 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
- Thursday 18 Watling Week.
- Monday 29 W.V.S., 2.30.
- Thursday 25 Kentish Town Poultry Club, 7.30.
- Saturday 27 Blind Club, 2.30.
- Sunday 28 Odd Fellows, 10.

### A REMINDER TO GROUP SECRETARIES:

The latest date for receiving report copy is the 13th of each month—please do your best to see this is observed.—Ed.

### Watling Association and District Rabbit Club

The Club is still growing fast and new members continue to join, and with our membership now approaching the 70 mark, the Club show that we are going to hold on Saturday, June 27, in aid of Watling Association should be well worth seeing. The show will be opened at 3 p.m. and someone who buys a ticket to see the show may very likely be going out with a rabbit for dinner, for Mrs. Hodgson has kindly consented to give one as a prize. Our meeting on May 5th was the largest one we have ever had with over 50 members attending and which turned out to be of a highly interesting nature, it was a pleasure to look round and see new and enthusiastic members, also an old member in the person of Mr. Cole who is back with us again. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 2nd, and will everybody please let me have their entries for the Club show of June 27th by last post Saturday, June 20th.

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#### CLASSES FOR JUNIORS ONLY—FREE

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Don't forget to support "your Show!"

S. G. ABBOTT.



### Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

We are very grateful to Miss Elizabeth Fordham, L.R.A.M., for three lectures on music, from which we have learnt to understand something of the meaning underlying the wealth of lovely music at our disposal, enabling us in future to listen with greater understanding and enjoyment. The lectures were illustrated with several lovely pieces which Miss Fordham sang and played most beautifully.

### N.W. Federation Adult Schools

Excellent is the word to apply to the arrangement of and the breakfast itself supplied by the inter-school committee at Burnt Oak for the North-West Federation on May 3rd.

There must have been sacrifice somewhere to provide so much for nearly 80 people. The music rendered by the Watling Association choir was of a high standard and much appreciation fully meeting the expectation raised by last year's service of song; while the address by Mr. Owen Roberts on "Life's Compensations," with its periods of light and shade, humour and pathos, evoked much applause and sent the company away in thoughtful mood.

The President, Mr. A. T. Ford, contributed much to the success by his efforts previous to the breakfast and leading the subsequent meeting. In war time a notable event.

The President of the London Union spoke appreciatively of the Rose Garden outside the "Centre," commending the efforts of those responsible.

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## Letter to the Editor

### CHILDREN'S HOUR

Dear Editor,

Children are mischievous as demonstrated by destruction, breaking down trees, etc., chiefly because they are either ignored or scolded for much so-called naughtiness—most of which is really only healthy activity—and their bad behaviour is really an effort to attract attention.

They need to be made to feel that they are a very important part of the community, to be given responsibilities—by urging the older children to protect trees, shrubs, grass, etc., and discourage others from throwing stones and like mischief.

Children are reasonable beings and where dealt with as such, respond readily, but if treated as nuisances or toys—as the mood of the moment moves us—they will act accordingly.

These children are our responsibilities. We are responsible for the conditions which breed and encourage bad behaviour. They are *our* children and it is our duty, as adults and parents, to make a great effort to ensure that their leisure hours are sympathetically guided, to enter into their joy of life and to try and see things from their standpoint. The reward for such effort is incalculable. It is with this end in view that the Children's Groups are held in the evenings at the "Centre." May I appeal again through the "Resident" for help for these Groups.

Yours faithfully,

E. E. COLEMAN.

13th May, 1942.

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### VETERANS' CLUB REPORT

See page 5 for Report of Anniversary Tea Party

At the Annual business meeting of the Veterans' Club the secretary reported that the club was now entering its seventh year, and congratulated the club on maintaining its steady membership throughout the year despite the bad winter they had just passed through.

The Veterans numbered 70 on the register and kept up an average weekly attendance of 40 members. The Veterans had enjoyed two outings, an anniversary and New Year's party during the year, but had been unfortunate in regard to speakers, we had not had more than six. This was attributed to the difficult time that the Veterans meet and war conditions. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President: Mrs. A. I. Jones; Vice-President: Mrs. M. Grey Skinner; Treasurer: Mrs. E. Cole; Secretary: Mr. E. Cole; Representative to the Watling Association: Mr. Griffin; Librarian: Mr. Cook; Sick Visitor: Mr. Fleet; Committee for Distress Fund: Mrs. A. Fox, Messrs. Gordon and Cole; Canteen helpers: Mesdames Fox, Cox, Inskip, Seymour and Olliff. Mrs. Cox raised a further £1 for the Veterans funds by making gollywogs, making a total of £2 15s. Mrs. Cox also sent £5 to the Mayor of Hendon to be sent to the Prisoners of War Fund. A letter was read from the Mayor congratulating this old Veteran who is 82 years of age on her splendid effort.

#### Veterans' Loss

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Parrett who passed away on Monday, April 27th. Mrs. Parrett was a regular attender at the club up to 2 years ago when owing to illness she was confined to her home. She was much respected by the Club.



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# His Worship the Mayor of Hendon opens WATLING "WEEK" No. 14 - 1942

*We regret that at the time of going to press we are only able to report on the first part of our Watling "Week" activities. We hope to complete the report on the "Week's" programme in the August issue.*

## Thursday, June 18th

"Watling Week" received a splendid send-off when His Worship the Mayor of Hendon and the Mayoress attended a Grand Dance held at St. Alphege Hall. The Mayor was formally introduced by Councillor A. Durant, chairman of the Watling Association, and received a grand applause of welcome from the dancers present. The Mayor in declaring Watling Week open said he liked the spirit of Watling people. Watling was in itself a colony, it was also part of the Borough of Hendon, of which the Borough was rightly proud. He was pleased to see that this year a percentage of the money raised was to be given to the British Red Cross, and hoped we would beat last year's record and make it £150. The Mayoress was presented with a bouquet by Miss Betty Nyberg. In expressing her thanks for the most cordial welcome they had received the Mayoress congratulated the Watling Association on the splendid work they were doing and had done in the past.

The dance was very well attended and many spot prizes were awarded during the evening. Music was supplied by "Mayfair Trio" Dance Band. The M.C. was Mr. Chester. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Lodge, Harris and Cole, and the Watling Week Committee acted as stewards. Mrs. M. Grey-Skinner, who organised the dance, is to be congratulated for a very successful evening.

## Friday, June 19th

The main hall at the Watling Centre was packed on Friday evening for a Neighbours' Social, organised by the

Watling Neighbours with Mrs. D. King as M.C. Songs were given by Mr. J. Gibbons and Miss W. Walker, accompanied on the accordion by Mr. T. Dearman.

The company entered fully into the games and dances arranged for them by the M.C. The pianist was Mrs. Bradbury.

Stewards: Mesdames Griffy, Mitchell, Artiss, Lambert, Lake and Keen.

## Saturday, June 20th

### Afternoon

The Children's Entertainment produced by Mrs. De Lattin and organised by Mrs. E. Coleman proved a 100 per cent. success.

The Hall was packed with a youthful audience of enthusiasts, each one with one mind and two eyes centred on the stage. The dancing was very ably performed and praise must be given to all the "company" for their united effort.

One hesitates to ask how many hours' labour the many colourful costumes that were seen represented.

We are grateful to the "Moggies" and other talented artists for their performance and inform them that we believe on going to press that their effort realised somewhere in the neighbourhood of £4 towards the Watling "Week" proceeds.

### Evening

There was plenty of gaiety and fun at the "Old-Time" social at the Centre. A fancy dress competition brought a good number of entries. The adult winners were Mr. W. B. Boggis, Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield and Miss F. Crees. Children: Master John Mansfield and Miss Iris Powell. Songs were sung by Mr. Chester, and the Misses C. Heritage and Joyce Bouchard. A basket of flowers given by Mrs. Richardson

and sold by Miss Betty Nyberg realised 10/- for W.W. funds. A lemonade set given by Mrs. G. Stanley for a competition was won by Mrs. D. Harris. Mrs. L. Nyberg was M.C., Mrs. Bradbury, pianist. Stewards: Mesdames V. Judd and Torrence.

Report of Watling "Week" continued in next month's "Resident."

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## Were You There?

See page six.



## Hendon Borough Council

## British Restaurants

At the June meeting of the Council it was reported that further difficulties had arisen between the Ministry and the Hendon Council on the subject of British Restaurants. In accordance with previous decisions, sanction of the Ministry had been sought for the erection of brick buildings, and relative plans had been submitted. The Ministry of Food then turned another somersault, and in a further letter stated that as Nashcrete Huts are immediately available they would not now consider the erection of brick buildings. The time of erection of the huts was stated to be from six to eight weeks and, in these circumstances, the Ministry suggested the Council would be best served by taking Nashcrete Huts and abandoning the proposal to erect brick buildings. The Council's urgent desire is to secure the provision of the Restaurants as speedily as possible, and they accordingly decided to accept Nashcrete Huts for the Montrose Avenue, Cricklewood Lane, and Brent Street sites. The Borough Surveyor was instructed to immediately submit to the Ministry the necessary plans and estimates. By the time these observations appear in print, unless the Ministry continues to somersault or find further snags, the work of erecting the British Restaurants on the sites named should be in hand. Owing to special considerations, the Council are pressing the Ministry to sanction the erection of a brick building on the Cressingham Road site, and it is hoped that such sanction will be granted without undue delay.—OBSERVER.

## Watling Park - Bowling Green

The Hendon Council has referred back for further consideration a Committee recommendation that a request for the provision of a hut or shelter at the Watling Park Bowling Green should be rejected. The request had been forwarded by the Watling Association Bowling Club seeking reasonable accommodation and facilities for the users of the bowling green. Supporters of the reference back contended that pending the building of a permanent pavilion at the Green, which had been deferred owing to war conditions, the temporary accommodation requested to meet immediate needs should receive favourable consideration.

*Bowling Club Report, see page eight.*

## The Editor Writes:

Dear Reader,

Does it strike you I wonder what a tremendous bargain we have got for our monthly subscription of fourpence including as it does a copy of the "Resident." The bargain I feel is the privilege of being a member of an association such as ours, and when I ponder about it I am amazed at what is achieved by the Association.

Yet when I am engaged in this cogitation I am loath to admit that there are many details I would like to see altered. I remember a saying by some wise old prophet "Little things are little things, but little things make big things."

You and I are proud of our "Centre" it is a unique building, but somehow I feel it is entitled to more respect and kinder treatment—don't you? I know some community halls in the worst slums of London that somehow have a more appetising appearance inside than ours has.

Then again I very seldom hear the works, say, of such well-known composers as Beethoven, Handel, Strauss coming from the Hall; it is so tiring every night to hear jazz and more jazz. You will probably say the young people like it—well suppose they do, I think other members have a right to hear more of the music of their own liking.

We have an Educational Committee, but apart from arranging occasional lectures and planning the winter's syllabus, what does it do? I should like to see the whole committee merged into the Social Committee.

Our canteen is only an apology of one. Why don't we open a room so that tables and chairs are made available for everyone to have their refreshments in comfort? It would add to the social atmosphere I feel. (I know this depends on lettings.)

Don't think this is all I have to say about our "Centre" but I hope this is sufficient to provide food for thought and correspondence. I want to feel able to bring to our premises keen critics and potential members hoping that a good impression may be gathered.

### A Doughboy

One of the American soldiers now in Northern Ireland is reported to have written home: Dear Dad, Guess what I need most of all. That's right. Send it along. BeSt wiShes, your Son Tom. The father replied: Dear Tom, NOthing ever happens here. Write us aNOther letter aNOw, Jimmy was asking about you on Monday. NOW we have to say goodbye.

### WHY I AM A MEMBER No. 3

I am a member of the Watling Association and in taking part in its activities I have been enabled to meet many people who previously were just "somebody" on the Estate but are now my friends.

The "Centre" I have found enables all to mix on equal terms, it also aims to provide for educational social facilities which I believe are unobtainable on many large Estates.

In conclusion may I add the W.A. in war-time has in all directions tried to relieve the monotony which is the experience of those who stay at home.

W. G. BOGGIS.

(Another contribution next month.  
—EDITOR.)

### Watling Association and District Rabbit Club

Progress is reported again this month, for new members continue to enrol.

Our second open show is now past history, being held on June 9th, and although we were unfortunately robbed of many entries through the failure on the part of "Fur and Feather" to print our advert, I was very pleased with the results, and noticed particularly that Watling rabbits are beginning to hold their own against all comers, for there was a distinct increase in the winners from our club, and I forecast even better results at our next open show, which will be held at the "Centre" on Tuesday, July 14th, at 8 p.m. We must now go full steam ahead to make our membership reach the century mark, for our Club is a very cheap one; its subscription of 5s. per year not only includes expert advice and collective food buying schemes, but includes full membership to the Watling Association, and it must give everyone a keen sense of satisfaction and pride to realise that our stock is of vital importance to the national effort and is playing a great part in the feeding of our people in this country.

Next meeting July 7th.

S. G. ABBOTT.

### Another Printer's Error

Officer to waiter at the Officers' Mess: "There's a button in this soup!"  
"Very sorry Sir: printer's error. Should be mutton."





# THE WATLING RESIDENT

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## Stay At Home Holidays

THE Watling Association has agreed to give its full support to the Hendon Council's drive to provide entertainment and occupation for those who will be "staying at home" for their 1942 holidays.

With leaders and helpers engaged in their various jobs by day, it is difficult to provide a really comprehensive programme, but nevertheless we hope friends will avail themselves of the opportunities provided. See details on another page.

With the same object in view, the Association is actively supporting the Children's Talent Festival, which is to be at the "Centre" on Saturday, August 8th and 15th. We would advise all parents and children to study the programme published in the Children's Column and make a resolve to not only support but to submit entries.

### Victory Garden Show

May we also draw your attention to the "Victory Garden Show" that is being sponsored and organised by the Watling Horticultural and Allottees' Society for Saturday, August 29, at Barnfield Road Schools.

The show will include exhibits of flowers, fruit and vegetables, and those who have never before exhibited are encouraged to enter their produce for this show.

The Society's president, J. W. Laing, Esq., is to open the show at 3 p.m., and the Mayor of Hendon has kindly consented to present prizes.

The proceeds of this interesting show are to be given to the British Red Cross Society.

Particulars and schedule can be obtained at the trading hut, or from the Hon. Sec., W. Booty, 256 Deansbrook Drive, or the Organiser, E. W. Wagstaff, 92 Redhill Drive, Edgware.

The Neighbours invite you to an

### OPEN MEETING

on FRIDAY, July 3rd

at 8.0 p.m., to hear a

Lantern Lecture

"On The Rambech Trail"

(Cycling in Switzerland, Bavaria, and Italy)

by

Admiral E. O. Hefford

## Saturday, July 11th!

THE Committee responsible for the "Watling Resident" endeavours to keep ahead of the times, and to point the way towards new and more progressive ventures in the life of our association.

It was this spirit that encouraged the committee to introduce a new idea, endeavouring to give a lead to members and readers in neighbourliness.

Although our work largely concerns the Watling Estate, the boundary of our influence and reputation goes much further.

We have much pleasure in announcing an "At Home" to be held on Saturday, July 11th, from 3-6 p.m. at the "Centre."

Many of us recollect the Garden Parties of pre-war days held at John Groom's Crippleage, and the committee thought it would be a gesture of friendliness if we could extend a hand of friendship to those whose home is the Crippleage and invite our friends to our building to meet socially for a few hours.

War conditions prohibit the holding of Garden Parties at the Crippleage, hence we thought that by substituting the "At Home" at least we would be filling the gap until happier days return, when we hope we shall be able to attend the Garden Parties again.

A small charge of 3d. is being asked, the proceeds to be given to John Groom's Crippleage. We hope that you will come and extend a hand of friendship to our guests, and at the same time thoroughly enjoy yourself.

## CHURCH CO-OPERATION

The open-air meetings advertised in last month's "Resident" and arranged by the combined churches on the Estate is a splendid example of Church co-operation. We hope to see further examples in the future; this way leads to progressive unity.

The meetings were considered very successful.

### A REMINDER TO

### GROUP SECRETARIES:

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## Something New!

### Another Watling Youth Committee Production

The success of the Table Tennis Tournament encouraged us to go ahead with arrangements for an American Lawn Tennis Tournament, and we cordially invite entries from tennis enthusiasts from all Watling youth clubs for this "do." It is booked for Saturday, July 11th, at the Playing Fields, Whitechurch Lane, Edgware, and play will commence at 3.30 p.m. on three courts which will be available. A draw for partners (this is not an "inter-club" competition) will take place at 3.15, and it is essential that names of all intending players should be received by then; late-comers will only be included if they have notified Mr. A. W. Beaumont, 28 Homestall Avenue, Edgware, previous to the time of the draw. There is an entrance fee of three-pence for each player, and prizes for winners and runners-up will be awarded. Unfortunately, we cannot make arrangements for supplying teas, so players and spectators will please bring their own.

Details of games and handicaps will be given prior to commencement of play.

### A United-Club Ramble

So many of our Clubs indulge in all-day rambles on August Bank Holiday Monday that a united one is suggested by the Youth Organisation Committee, and we hope the idea will prove popular among the Clubs. These are some of the details already proposed: Rallying point will be the trolley bus terminus at Canons Park at 9.30 a.m., journey to Watford by bus, through Cassiobury Park, ramble to Chipperfield, there halt for lunch (bring packed lunch and tea!), afternoon ramble via Sarratt and Loudwater, along the Chess Valley to Rickmansworth for tea, after tea along the River Colne to Watford, then home by bus. You like the idea? Then come and join us, the more the merrier!

It was extremely encouraging to see the number of young people who came to the first of the open-air meetings of the Churches on the Watling Estate. It is encouraging because it shows that some young people at least are interested and keen on the spiritual issues of life.

I hope all Club leaders and members will take note of, and support, the joint activities planned for the future, and detailed above.

## YOUTH PAGE

**St. Alphage Youth.**—On Whit Monday a very energetic and successful ramble was enjoyed by 30 members over local territory. Noteworthy was the fact that in spite of it being a hike we did not use a 'bus or train!

Twenty-three of our Scouts had a happy week-end at Mote Mount on May 31 to June 1 and we are going there twice more before going to Sussex for our summer camp.

Most of our young men and boys are training for the sports meetings and we hope to put out a good team both in the Hendon and Watling Youth sports.

We have several cricket matches to play and our Scouts team had an enjoyable match against St. Mary's, Hendon, on June 7th although beaten by 112—61.

## Sports Meeting

arranged for

**WATLING YOUTH**

**JULY 10th, 7.30 p.m.**

at

**MONTROSE PARK**

Entrance Fee 2/6 per Club

Details and Entries from Mr. S. JONES,  
of Watling Boys' Club

### PRIZE FOR WINNING CLUB

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT

**July 11th, 3.30 p.m.**

See this page for particulars

**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.**—On May 18th the Hall was packed for the Annual Display and Entertainment by our various Youth Organisations. The Girls' and Boys' Brigades demonstrated with characteristic efficiency and enthusiasm, and Club members "brought the house down" with a clever presentation of their version of the popular wireless feature starring Tommy Handley. If an official of the B.B.C. had been present they would by now be famous!! A feature of the special services held the day previously was the excellent singing of our Young People's Choir. Another occasion was the evening service on May 31st, when 22 young people were received into Church Membership.

Our cricket team began the season with a victory over St. Alphage, since when they have played and lost three matches. Tennis is proving as popular as ever. We still have some free Saturdays for cricket. Will Clubs willing to challenge us please write to Tom Baker, 136 Blundell Road, as soon as possible.

For 14th Hendon Scouts Report  
see page eight.

## THE WATLING RESIDENT

**Youth Hostels Association (Hendon Branch).**—Following upon the committee's decision to suspend organized social evenings on Thursdays, group members were invited to express their opinions on the step taken and on the first club night of June a discussion was held at the Watling Centre. Although many members criticised the severity of the committee's action it was agreed that the local group of the Y.H.A. must not become a mere social club with little outdoor activity. Many members pointed out that when the group was in its infancy and the membership consequently small, every local youth hosteller was an ardent walker or cyclist, but that now with a membership of approximately 130 little more than 20 per cent. attended outdoor functions with any regularity. Despite the diversity of opinion a compromise was reached when Frank Barr, the social organiser, proposed that members themselves should take an active part in the organisation of all group functions. A vote was taken which decided that the group should be divided into sections which would in rotation be responsible for organising various functions.

The cyclists who are becoming more active than they were during the early months of the year plan to visit Chaldon hostel on the 4th and 5th of July where they will meet a party of walkers, the alternative hostel for walkers being Nazeing. On the 11th and 12th cyclists will spend a night at the new hostel at Whitwell in Hertfordshire while the walkers will divide into two parties for hostel week-ends at Chesham and Jordans. On the last week-end of the month walkers hope to reach Winchester and Whitwell, and the cyclists, Bucklebury.

Already several members have spent their summer holidays hostelling, and a party of six cyclists has arranged to tour the home counties during the last week in July.



**Watling Boys' Club.**—The cricket team won their first match on June 7th, beating a team of A.T.C. boys of the Mill Hill Squadron. The previous two matches having been lost to Hendon Youth Club by 54 runs and to a G.E.C. XI by 13 runs. The top-scorer in the match against the A.T.C. squadron was Philip Kirby who was playing his last match for the club before joining the Forces. All members of the club were sorry to lose him, and they would like to express their thanks to him for invaluable work he has done for the club.

The club entered for the Federation of Boys' Clubs annual sports, at Parliament Hill track, on June 20th, and the following week competed in the Y.O.C. sports. The boys train every Sunday morning at Parliament Hill track and coaching is given by D. G. Wilson, the well-known mile runner who beat Wooderson a few weeks ago.

The club held a gramophone evening recently and there was a heated discussion on Swing v. Classics, the swing merchants outnumbering the classical lovers by a big majority! Then on June 4th the table tennis team turned up to play the Watling Y.C. at the Centre. The Boys' Club however, could only muster three players, while the Youth Club could only get two, but fortunately the 1939 Club were paying a visit to the Youth Club's social and they helped the Boys' Youth Clubs out of a difficult situation by playing the Youth and Boys' Clubs combined, and after an exciting match beat them by the odd game in 25.



## STAY AT HOME HOLIDAYS! on the Watling Estate

Programme of day time activities arranged by the Watling Association for July and August, 1942

at Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware

Mondays, 2.30-5.30.—Darts and Table

Tennis, 1d. ¼ hr.

Tuesdays, 3.0-5.30.—Tea Dance, 6d.

Wednesdays.—Part day or all day rambles

or cycle rides; meet at 10.30 or 2.30.

Bring your own food.

Thursdays, 2.45.—Whist Drive

(20 hands), 6d.

Fridays, Darts and Table Tennis, 1d. ¼ hour. 3.0-5.30, Social, 6d.

On the Bowling Green, Watling Park — every morning and afternoon an Instructor will be present to help any who would like a game of Bowls

### Letter to the Editor

### BRITISH RED CROSS FUND Penny Per Week Collection

DEAR EDITOR,

Since October last regular weekly collections have been made in the Burnt Oak Ward on behalf of the British Red Cross Fund. The work has been directed by Mr. E. W. Brady, of 10 Silkstream Parade, and Mr. H. G. Ferdinande, of 21 Orange Hill Road. Together with Miss D. Kelly, who performs the Secretarial duties, and a splendid team of collectors which now numbers 25, they have achieved fine results. During the past eight months over £165 has been raised for the Fund by this Ward effort. At the outset the total collected monthly approximated £10, but with a steady increase in the number of collectors we are now averaging £35 monthly. However, 20 per cent. of the Ward area yet remains uncovered, and an additional number of collectors would enable Burnt Oak to proudly claim a 100 per cent. effort. If there are friends among the readers of the "Watling Resident" who would be willing to help in this good work, will they kindly get in touch with the people named above or myself. The areas that remain to be covered are in the vicinity of St. Alphage, Montrose, Silkstream, Stokesmead, Goldbeaters, Cressingham, Banstock and Benningholme. I feel sure that, in making this appeal for additional assistance, it is not necessary to stress the worthiness of the Red Cross cause, as its splendid humanitarian work, in both national and international spheres, is generally recognised and appreciated.

The street collections in the Ward are organised in a way that ensures that each collector can complete their weekly task in a period of one hour. If you can spare the Red Cross one hour each week, your kindly offer of assistance will be gladly welcomed.

COUNCILLOR A. DURANI.

(Burnt Oak Ward.)

9th June, 1942.

JULY, 1942

### Watling Association Diary

All activities take place, at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated.

#### REGULAR EVENTS.

Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.

5 Great Friends. Mr. J. Williams.

12 Wagner. Miss Vines.

19 London's Water Supply. Mr. H. S.

L. Harris.

26 Members' Meeting.

Society of Friends Meeting for Worship and Children's Classes, 11.

Members' Dance, 7.30.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.

Darts and Table Tennis, 2.30.

Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.

Whist Drive, 7.45.

Folk Dancing, 8.0.

Watling Association Musical Society, 8.

Edgware Model Aero Club, 8.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.

Dressmaking Class, 2.30.

Tea Dance, 3.

Watling Association Youth Club Games Night, 7.30.

Watling Guild or Players, 8.

Young Communist League, 8.

Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.

1 Our Future Programme.

8 Kagawa. Miss E. Burn.

15 Italy (lantern slides). Mrs. E.

Currie Martin.

22 Day Nurseries and Nursery Schools

(A Meeting of the Hendon

Federation of Townswomen's

Guilds).

29 To be arranged.

Dressmaking Class, 2.30.

Veteran's Club, 4.15.

Dance, 7.30.

Whist Drive, 7.45.

Discussion Group, 8.

Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.

Whist Drive, 2.30.

Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.

W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.

Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.

Darts and Table Tennis, 2.30.

Social, 3.

H.S.A., 6.30.

The Neighbours, 7.30.

14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.

#### OTHER EVENTS.

Thursday 2 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.

Friday 3 Open Meeting of The Neigh-

hours with Lantern Lecture, 8.

#### Sunday Rambles in July

Meet at Edgware Tube Station 9.0. a.m.

Bring your own food.

Look for leader wearing Y.H.A. badge.

Fares 1/6 to 2/6.

#### Sunday Cycle Rules.

Send to Watling Centre for particulars

before the previous Thursday evening.

Sunday	5	Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.
Tuesday	7	Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	9	W.V.S., 2.30.
		Kentish Town Poultry Club, 7.30.
Friday	10	Local Talent Concert, 8.
Saturday	11	Blind Club, 2.30.
		We Entertain John Groom's Crippleage.
Sunday	12	Odd Fellows, 10.
Tuesday	14	Rabbit Club Open Show.
Thursday	16	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
		Watling Association Council, 7.30.
Thursday	23	W.V.S., 2.30.
		Kentish Town Poultry Club, 7.30.
Saturday	25	Blind Club, 2.30.
Sunday	26	Odd Fellows, 10.
Thursday	30	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.

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By PRUDENCE PENNYWISE

# A Great Polish Woman

*"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance, and above all, confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained."*—Madame Curie.\*

I HAVE recently read the story of a woman, whose work touches many families to-day, although she is no longer with us. I refer to Marie Curie, the scientist who located the famous element Radium, which plays so large a part in the cure of that dreaded disease cancer.

As a child she was not particularly bright, the only thing she shone at was her ability to read at an early age, otherwise she was a natural girl leading an ordinary life. She lived in Warsaw with her brother and sisters, her parents were teachers, and they experienced all the joys and sorrows of family life. Marie's first taste of tragedy was the death of her mother and eldest sister, and this seemed to waken within her the secret stir of revolt.

At the age of 18 she took a teaching post in order to help her sister to go to Paris to study, and eventually, at the age of 24 Marie realised her own dream of studying Science at the Sorbonne.

As a student she lived very meanly, but her strong character carried her to her goal. During this period another scientist became interested in the serious young girl, his name was Pierre Curie, and she hesitated for more than a year before marrying him. This marriage was a shining example of the joy of married happiness. At no point in her life as a wife and mother are we conscious that she was a scientist with a career. She had two children, and their welfare, with that of her husband's, seemed to predominate her days. Yet, the scientist in Marie Curie had to forge ahead with the queer experiment which she and Pierre were conducting in a small cold shed, and after four years of trial and disappointment, success crowned their achievements. Radium, a new element

\* "Madame Curie," by her daughter, Eve Curie.

We are hoping to see you  
at the

## "At Home"

Saturday, July 11

Read all about it on page 3

had been located, and Marie was now caught in the limelight of her new discovery.

Tragedy again came to her life, her beloved husband was killed in a street accident, and although stunned by this sudden parting, she remembered Pierre's words to her. "Whatever happens, even if one has to go on like a body without a soul, one must work just the same." Marie went forward, perfecting her experiments, and the world gave her all the distinctions that it could shower on her humble being. She was incapable of being spoiled by fame. Whatever she undertook she made a success of, as a wife, mother, and scientist her happiness was complete.

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## WERE YOU THERE?

The Watling Association Musical Society presented Edward German's "Merrie England" on Thursday, June 4th, at Wesley Hall. It deserved an audience treble in number to the hundred or so that were present. In fact it was well worth the closing of the "Centre" for that one night to enable everyone to be present that was otherwise engaged in the work of the Association.

"Merrie England" is by far the largest work undertaken by the Musical Society and every member rose to the occasion in a splendid manner. Appreciation must also be paid to the work of the De Havilland Orchestra which supplied the orchestral accompaniment. Under the baton of Mr. A. I. Jones, the choir and orchestra worked in a splendid manner, special mention, I feel, should be made of the fine contribution of the cornet player; his playing was really excellent.

Concerning the choir, however, it would not be fair to single out individuals for particular praise. The solo items were exceedingly well sung, and the soloists and choir need not have any fears as to further performances of "Merrie England."

It is greatly hoped that this delightful piece will be repeated at the Choral Concert the Society is giving during Watling "Week." I understand that the performing fee is a drain on the financial resources. I hope the Watling "Week" Committee will see its way clear to remove this burden, so that we may witness again this splendid example of real cultural and educative work undertaken by members of the Watling Association. Such examples of co-operative effort of this kind are few and far between, and full use should be made of them when they are offered.

Carry on the good work; there is an appreciative audience in existence and we want more of the work which you have shown that you can do.—R. C.



### Addington House Day Nursery

The total number of children on the register at this Day Nursery is 42, and there are 37 on the waiting list. In order to provide for necessary increased accommodation, a prefabricated hut is to be supplied.



## Australia Sets an Example

In Australia, a definite attempt has been made to give men that sense of security without which they cannot enjoy liberty, nor free their minds from the petty cares of daily life. This young country with a population of less than six million souls, bearing a war debt from the last war of nearly 600 million pounds has managed to give its citizens a high standard of living with splendid social services.

The Labour Laws of Australia are well known. They provide for a guaranteed minimum wage and maximum hours of work and first-rate working conditions. The principle of the 40-hour week is maintained, although, as in any agricultural country, exceptions have to be made on practical grounds.

In 1925, by Federal enactment, Old Age Pensions were granted to both sexes alike at the age of 65 where the individual is no longer able to earn. The Pension is 20/- per week. A Maternity bonus of £5 for every child is granted to Commonwealth mothers. The Ex-Servicemen of the last war were given the most generous pensions for total disablement of any country in the world, an average of £2 3s. a week with extra money for a wife, and for children under the age of 16.

The health laws, and the laws protecting the purity of foods, drugs, etc., are among the most strict, and most strictly enforced in the world. The tremendous sense of independence and confidence engendered by life under such conditions, in a country where outdoor life is enjoyed to the full and the opportunities for sport are open to every class, is in strong contrast to those countries where men seek service with the State as their only assurance of security and are willing to barter their own and their children's well-being for the promise of employment under any conditions. Civilisation can be maintained without depriving children of the very butter on their bread.

### PLEASE NOTE

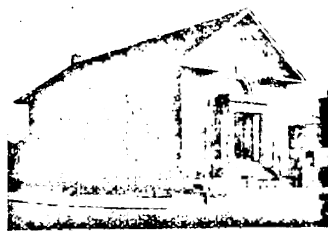
Will all those intending to send Copy for the August issue of the "Resident" kindly do so at their earliest and send this month to the Hon. Editor, addressed to the "Centre," Orange Hill Road.

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for  
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## PLAY CENTRES

Play Centres have now been established at the Childs Hill, Clitterhouse, Goldbeaters and the Meads Schools. Before final approval is secured and the scheme (as outlined in a previous issue of the "Resident") fully developed, the results obtained during the experimental period will be reviewed. During this six weeks' experimental period the Centres will open after school only on all school days. This may be extended at a later date to morning periods, including Saturdays. The results obtained to date are very encouraging, and there is every reason to believe that the experiment will prove successful. The attendances have come up to expectations, and all arrangements, including the provision of teas at a charge of 2d. per child, have worked smoothly and efficiently.

## WOODCROFT HALL BURNT OAK



You are cordially invited to  
hear the following speakers  
on Sunday Evenings at 6.15

July 5.—Flight-Lieutenant  
R. W. McADAM  
July 12.—Mr. J. GUYATT  
July 19.—Mr. H. F. WILDISH  
July 26.—Mr. J. B. WATSON

## Children's Column

### CHILDREN'S TALENT FESTIVAL

#### Arts and Crafts Exhibition

In connection with the Hendon Borough Council's scheme for providing entertainment at home during the summer holidays, a Children's Talent Festival is to be held at the Watling Centre on Saturday, 8th August, commencing at 4 p.m., and is open to all children under 15 years of age living on the Watling Estate or attending any of the Children's Groups at the "Centre." Entry forms may be obtained at the "Centre" or at your school.

The items are to be divided into two classes, for children under 11 and those under 15, and are as follows: Pianoforte; Singing; Melody Making; Instrumental Music (including mouth organ), other than piano; Elocution; Map and Freehand Drawing; Essay and Poetry Writing; Spelling Bee; Impromptu Reading; Prepared and Impromptu Speech-making.

On the following Saturday, 15th August, at 4 p.m., there is to be an Arts and Crafts Exhibition, which will include Needlework (including mending), Drawing, Painting, Handicrafts and Woodwork. Displays of Folk Dancing and Physical Training are also to be given; our Children's Choir, under the direction of Mr. A. I. Jones, will render songs and a little play will be performed.

There is plenty of talent and skill among our children and here is a splendid opportunity to show their many and varied capabilities and the benefits of education through play and handicrafts, and we hope as many children as possible will compete.

The fee is twopence per entry.



### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

You all know there is a paper shortage, and consequently, there are not so many books published as there used to be. You can see, therefore, that it is more important than ever that you take care of the books that you borrow from the library. Rough handling, torn pages, dirty fingermarks, wear out a book in a very short time, and perhaps it is one which cannot be replaced. So do be careful! and help to keep the books in circulation as long as possible.

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Jill on the land	Matthewman
Fattypuffs and Thinnifers	Maurois
Vackies	Medley
Jane Squirrel	Pitt
Peggy speeds the plough	Smith
Canada bound	Stembridge
Wrong foot foremost	Strong
Six tales of Brock the Badger	Utley
Bunt Brown's bargain	Wheeler



# Garden Notes

## Hot July !!

Though we may feel some regret at the passing of the longest day July is a great growing month and there is plenty to do in it.

The budding of roses and some of the choicer fruit trees is one of the chief occupations.

Judicious watering is another. Water should be supplied in the latter part of the day and it should be supplied thoroughly. A mere sprinkling is not enough. There is usually a short period of rainy weather about the middle of the month when, of course, watering need not be done as nature's watering is so much better.

Plant out winter greens, cabbages and lettuce and complete the planting of leeks and celery. Hoe frequently between the rows of vegetables: this is a great aid to growth. The hoe is one of the gardener's most useful tools.

Sprinkle the celery with soot once or twice a week, if possible during showery weather. This will prevent the attacks of the celery fly. Give the same treatment to the onions. Look out for fly on the carrots and when it is noticed spray them with a solution of soft soap and paraffin.

Kohl Rabi is a useful vegetable and may be sown this month in rows half an inch deep and 12 inches apart in soil that is fairly rich. It forms a turnip-like root on the surface of the ground and is quite a decorative vegetable. The plants grow rapidly and should be thinned in good time to six inches apart. The roots should be pulled when they are about the size of a small orange. If allowed to grow larger they become bitter.

Prickly-seeded spinach is a most useful winter vegetable. The seed should be sown towards the end of July in drills about 15 inches apart. Sow thinly and cover only slightly with soil. Thin the seedlings until they are six inches apart. If the weather has been dry for some time it is well to water the drills before sowing. This little attention hastens germination.

Find room if you can for some border carnations. The border of the vegetable plot would be a suitable place if you don't mind mixing flowers and food. Carnations are increased by layering. The best shoots on a plant are selected, the lower leaves are removed and the bare portion of the stem is slit. The split part is then made firm in the soil by means of a humble bar-pin. The soil round the plant should be well broken up with a hand-fork and it is a good plan to add a handful or two of a mixture of loam leaf-mould and sand. The layers form roots freely in this material. If kept moist and left undisturbed until early October they may then be lifted with a nice lot of roots, and replanted where wanted.

## Watling Congregational Church Eversfield Gardens

Mr. P. G. Filby, B.D., has accepted the pastorate and hopes to commence his ministry in July.

The ordination service will be held on July 18th at 4 p.m. at Union Church. There will be a picnic tea at Watling Church at 6 o'clock, followed by a meeting of welcome at 7 p.m. All are cordially invited to both meetings.

The Moderator of the Congregational Union; Dr. Cave, Principal of New College; Rev. Maurice Watts; local clergy and representatives from various Watling Societies have been invited.

It is hoped that a real welcome will be given to the minister, and that his coming may enrich the spiritual life of the neighbourhood.

## Neighbours' Group

The Group has spent a very interesting month. One of the most interesting evenings was the visit of Dr. Rosefield, well known on the Estate. This visit was very much appreciated, and the speaker promised to come again.

The best wishes of the Group are extended to Mrs. Mollinew, a member, who has been absent through illness, and it is the wish of all that she makes a speedy recovery.

## ADVERTISEMENT

### WATLING AND EDGWARE MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

God is as accessible to each one of us as the air we breathe. There is no special password which we must know to find him. If we turn to him he is with us at any time of the day or night.

Realizing that many in this neighbourhood are very occupied on Sunday mornings (when we meet at Watling Centre at 11.0) we have decided to hold an evening meeting on the 3rd Sunday in each month in the Brick Annexe at Watling Centre at 7.0.

We feel that every person who lives on the Watling Estate could help and be helped by contact with some section of the Christian Church. God has something to give us; something which the world badly needs. It is a spirit, an attitude to life which takes away the occasion for all bitterness and all strife, and which gives us the greatest joy there is.

Will you come on this third Sunday in the month when there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion after we have enjoyed a time of worship together, or on Sunday morning?

Please come on July 19th.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

SATURDAY, JULY 11th

For Information

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## Watling Association Bowls Club

The Club is now in full swing and the preliminary rounds of the championship are now being played. We have a Spoon Drive on the last Sunday of each month. The winners for May were Messrs. Simpkins, Lutkin, and Cpl. Jones (R.A.F.). We have played two matches with the Stanmore Bowls Club, the results being: At home: W.A.B.C., 53; Stanmore, 40; and at Stanmore: W.A.B.C., 58; Stanmore, 67. To those of you who are having a "Stay at home" holiday, we would be pleased to give you instructions on the game in Watling Park any afternoon or evening.

G. RICHARDSON,

Hon Secty., Bowls Club.



## Veteran's Club

We very much regret to report the death of Mr. Skemp, a very respected member of the Veteran's Club, who passed away in May.

To conform with war time travelling conditions the Veterans are confining their Annual Outing to the local area.

They have arranged an outing to St. Albans for Wednesday, July 1st. Tea will be provided at a tea garden near the Cathedral. E. E. COLE.



**14th Hendon Scouts in Camp.**—Anyone can camp in fine weather, but it takes a real scout to make a success of a wet camp. About 20 of us spent a very enjoyable and instructive Whitsun at a Farm at Bushey.

As there were many "Tenderfoots" making their first camp a good deal of time was spent in tests, so that a full scout programme was not possible. However the camp has whetted the appetite of the Tenderfoots and will no doubt inspire them to become First-class Scouts.

A Cub Leader is needed to be responsible for Boys up to 11 years of age. Boys wishing to become Cubs should give their names in at the Scouts' Room at the "Centre" on Friday evenings. Anyone with experience of Cubs and willing to take the pack over will be welcome.

**Rovers.**—A Rover Crew for boys of 17 is in process of formation, and Mr. A. I. Jones has consented to become Rover leader.—Kim.



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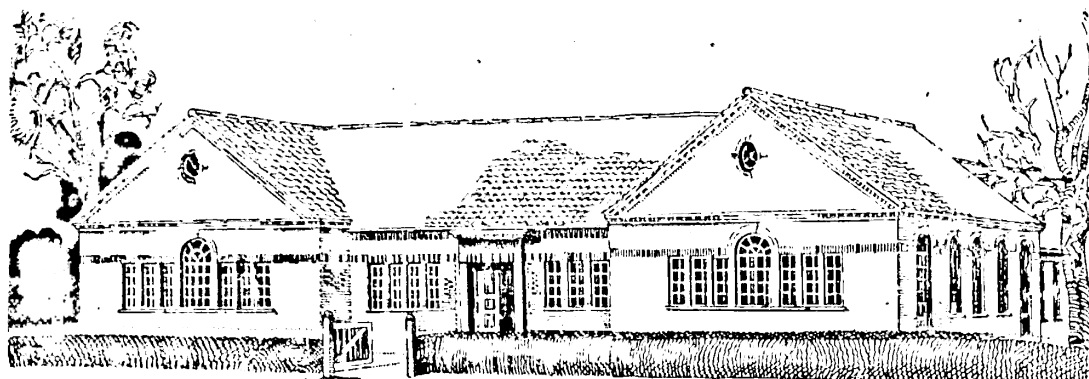
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## Watling "Week" 1942—A Record

Although the audited accounts for this year's Watling "Week" are not yet available for publication, we have reason to believe that record figures have been attained.

Next month we hope to publish the accounts along with particulars of the donation we are giving from the proceeds to the Red Cross organisations.



### They have said it with Flowers

Through the medium of this magazine, may we express to Mr. and Mrs. Price our appreciation and thanks for the labour they have given to the Association in the care of the Rose Garden in front of the "Centre." The results this year have been really wonderful. Many an eye has been gladdened by the sight of this beautiful garden. We are only sorry that the garden opposite is such a poor companion, perhaps some further volunteers will be forthcoming?

### Preliminary Notice

## PUBLIC MEETING

on

# INDIA

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THE "CENTRE"

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Speaker: Miss BATLIVALA

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## How Can We Improve the Association?

*is the title of this new series of short articles appearing in the "Resident." If any member has any ideas on the subject the Editor will be pleased to receive copy for publication.*

**ARE** we as conscientious over our subscription to the Watling Association as we might be? If not, is it because the subscription is so small that several months in arrears won't break us when called upon to settle up?

Instead of the absurdly small subscription of 4d. per month, what would the effect on the finances and total membership of the Association be if the subscription was raised to 1s. per month per member?

The writer of these notes observed with much sympathy the Editor's remarks last month on page two in reference to the bargain subscription of 4d. per month, out of which the Association pays 2d. per member for a copy of the "Resident," leaving 2d. for overhead expenses. This state of affairs is ridiculous: what can one expect for 2d. per month in service and equipment?

With increased finances the Executive could plan to give the member better value for his money. Expert lecturers could be engaged from time to time, office assistance could be provided so that our gifted secretary could himself undertake lecturing, etc. A doorkeeper could be engaged: this would enable someone to be always present to welcome visitors. The much-abused Billiard Room could be decently furnished and decorated and used as an Insti-

tute with books and writing material available. Also a really good piano (preferably a grand) could be purchased, whereby members could enjoy musical performances, a practical way of learning "music appreciation."

The writer of these notes also would suggest the rationing of "lettings" and if need be an increase in the charge to outside organisations for the use of our premises, so that more rooms are made available for use by the Association members.

All these reforms would add tone and dignity to the Association. It won't cripple the individual member to pay 1s. per month, with possibly an annual sub. or at least a sub. of say 2s. 6d. on joining the Association.

With the increased finances we would be able to abolish for all times the money-raising schemes known as raffles and draw tickets. The principle of such artificial "money-raisers" is something for nothing, which is contrary to our own ideals. The more we put into our Association in service, the greater will be our reward, for we will see in the results of our labours an association ready to take its rightful place in the "shape of things to come."

The nation is learning the meaning of propaganda and publicity. We should have a permanent propaganda or publicity committee functioning to keep alive and foster the true meaning and purpose of a community association.

We should be a lighthouse of knowledge and inspiration to the Estate. If we act courageously we may lose a few but would stand to gain many.—A Member.



## Hendon Borough Council

## ★ Addington House ★

The attendance at Addington House Nursery averages 150 per week, and the Nursery works to the limit of its capacity. The Nursery is meeting a very urgent and real demand and it is pleasing to report that arrangements are in hand for necessary expansion. The development of plans relating to the provision of Day Nurseries continue to receive close attention, and measures for the improvement of existing nurseries receive ready and unanimous support. Improvements at Addington include the replacement of cinder paths by concrete, and the enlargement of the perambulator shed. Additional Nursery accommodation for 10 babies, and 24 toddlers is to be provided, together with additional kitchen, wash-rooms, milk room, and larder facilities. These additions will be connected by a corridor leading from the rear of the present building, and the estimated cost of carrying out the work is £950.

## SALVAGE

Council reports regarding the work of the Salvage Department continue to be very satisfactory. A tremendous amount of work is involved in the weekly collection of salvage, and generally speaking the organised arrangements in the Hendon area are working smoothly and efficiently. Household holders who experience any real difficulty in regard to salvage collection should send a message to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department where ideas and suggestions will receive prompt attention.

Statistics covering the period April to June this year record the fact that over 2,000 tons of salvage was sold for £6,041 during the three months. This tonnage is detailed under various headings such as clean paper, metals, textiles, bones, kitchen waste, clinker, etc. The figures relate to tonnage sold and not to total salvage collected, but they give an indication of the work covered by the Department.

"OBSERVER."

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The folk dancing class held at the "Centre" has been discontinued during August.

## The Editor Writes:

Dear Reader,

If you read this column of mine last month you will remember I closed my remarks by saying that I had further comments to make concerning our Association.

Well, Watling "Week" for 1942 is over and a great success it was too, and full credit must be given to those who gave so much of their time in service to achieve the splendid result. No one doubts the wisdom of this yearly event, but apart from the financial gain to our Building Fund and this year to the Red Cross, what else has it achieved?

I attended a few of the functions, and there was a lamentable lack of propaganda to be seen or heard. These festivals, as I like to imagine them, should be public performances of the work the Association is doing regularly and produced with the intention of creating an interest in the aims and ideals of the Association.

The gain in membership should be very noticeable during the "Week" if we had an eye to propaganda. But then, if we are not sure ourselves, what the aims and ideals of our Association are, how can we hope to convert others.

I believe my notes of last month have caused some to talk, but let those folk sit down with pen and paper and carefully write what so far they have only said. One remark I overheard re music was that we hadn't a good piano on the premises—I agree, if we had we ought to keep it locked so that it could be of service to those who know how to respect one.

Look out for another letter next month. I'm getting warmed up on this subject of "our" Association.

[Now read "Nine Years Ago" on page three.]

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## Originality

Whoever was responsible for the wording on the front cover of the programme for the concert during Watling "Week" arranged by the Watling Youth Organisations Committee must be commended for originality. Here is an extract:—

Scenery by Imagination; Furniture by Borrowing; Piano by Hobson's Choice; Costumes by Remnants Incorporated; Wigs by Nature; Moustaches by Gum; Noises-off by Accident; The Whole production by Co-operation.

WHY I AM A MEMBER  
No. 4

(This is the last of the series)

I became a member of the Association because it offered an opportunity to join with others on the estate in social and cultural activities without any questions as to one's religion or politics.

There was also an absence of social distinction and one was made to feel that any contribution they could make to the common good was welcomed. It also seemed that whatever one wanted to do or take an interest in was encouraged to the uttermost.

I joined the Association 14 years ago. And last, but not least, I have found friendship in being a member.

MRS. NYBERG.

Watling Congregational Church  
Eversfield Gardens

By the time you read this the Rev. P. G. Filby, B.D., will have begun work. He and his colleagues at Union Church earnestly desire to be of service in this neighbourhood. This can be achieved if you will meet them half-way and give your friends help and service.

Mrs. Wharhirst is at the church Mondays to Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. to assist anyone in need and to tell of the Club's fellowship. Keep-fit classes, etc., for men, women and young people. They are already in action—only waiting your extra help.

There is a play-hour for children, and the point at which all these week-day activities can find a rallying place is at the Sunday evening service for worship.

Join this fellowship and forget your own loneliness by making someone else less lonely.

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## Appreciation

THE loss of good men from a district is more than ever severe when they go together instead of one at a time, so August is a specially black epoch for the Watling Estate in that both Rev. K. M. Davie and Rev. H. J. Blackmore are leaving us this month.

However, we must be thankful that they have been here and that they have both stayed longer than at one time seemed likely. They have both worked hard for us and have helped to make religion a more vital factor in the life of the neighbourhood. We are grateful for what they have done, and wish them God Speed at Myrfield and at Hull.



## Encore Please!

In spite of the possibility of a severe storm breaking during the evening, I decided to visit Watling Park and see for myself the open-air dancing organised by the Hendon Borough Council for the benefit of those who are forced by circumstances to spend a "Stay-at-home" holiday this year.

Why we only think of these innovations under war conditions puzzles me, the workers are with us whether we are at war or not.

There was, I felt, something of the real community spirit about this open-air dancing. After all, our summers of recent years have been so short, it seems only common sense that when the weather is favourable we should spend as much of our leisure in the fresh air that we possibly can.

I do hope that this form of catering for the workers will become an established practice and that we shall give our Council all the encouragement they need.

I am glad to hear that one of our members, Mr. E. E. Cole, is serving on the Borough's Entertainments Committee and one can visualise the keen work he is giving both on Committee and when acting as M.C. for the Open Air Dances.

## Nine Years Ago

The Watling Resident can only become in a real and living sense the organ of the Watling Association when the officers, councillors and members (other than the organising secretary) take a real interest in the paper. Certainly the Association's principal officers should be contributors (however infrequently) to its pages, for only so can the ideals and policy of the Association secure authoritative exposition.

You may be surprised that the above quotation was taken from the letter of resignation of the Hon. Editor, Mr. J. A. Veal, who served the Association so well in the Editorship of the "Resident" for three years, and it was written as long ago as November, 1933.

I feel deeply that what was true then is equally true to-day, and it is not something that we can't rectify, if we have the will and sufficient interest we can mend our ways now.

[Now read "The Editor Writes" on page two.]



## REAL CO-OPERATION

The "Resident" Committee wish to thank all those good friends and members of the Association who supported the "At Home" held at the "Centre" on Saturday, July 11, our guests being the young ladies from John Groom's Crippleage.

The gifts of delicacies for tea that were given by members, and the valuable help given in the preparation and serving of the tea, was a large contribution towards the success of the afternoon.

Also thanks are expressed to the many friends who helped entertain during the afternoon, both by solo and concerted items. We arranged this event in a spirit of neighbourliness in the faith that we have given the lead to other groups to follow similar lines.

We have much pleasure in making a donation of ten shillings to John Groom's, this being the proceeds of 3d. tickets sold at the door. The real co-operation evident between the various sections was very noticeable.

## POST-WAR PLANNING

At the last meeting of the Hendon Borough Council (June 29th) it was resolved: "That in order to minimise the time lag on the cessation of hostilities, the Council appoint a Post-War Development Committee for the purpose of considering the future provision of municipal houses and such reconstruction of existing town-planning schemes as may be deemed necessary for the future development of the Borough." The Committee consisting of a number of Aldermen, and one Councillor representing each Ward was then elected. The Council elected Councillor C. Pinkney as representative for the Burnt Oak Ward.

We will be interested in future reports of this Committee's work and findings.

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of the ASSOCIATION . .

### Veteran's Club Report

On July 1st a number of Veterans went on an outing to St. Albans. The weather was perfect and the old folk were able to have an enjoyable day. Visits were made to the cathedral, park, and cattle market, and teas were provided at the Abbey Rose Gardens. As a change from the usual form of club meeting a social whist drive was organised on July 15th, the Veterans proved themselves to be very keen players. Prizes were won by Mesdames Thornboro, Seymour, Cox, Hellier and Mr. Gordon. A special prize presented by Mrs. Long was won by Mrs. Brown.

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### Watling Association and District Rabbit Club

Watling "Week" is over and members are now feeling more proud of their stock after their performances on Saturday, June 27th. The Annual Stock Show was a great success for the Club, and judging from the number of new members who joined up after seeing the show proves that it was well worth while.

The men must look to their laurels in future for the 1st and 2nd in the Adult Fur Class were won by Mrs. Dobedoe and Mrs. Hodgson with rabbits that were in tip-top condition, and as there were many more prizes won in the various classes by the weaker sex we shall have to sit quiet for a while and hope for the best. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those workers who so willingly assisted me to make the Animal Stock Show the success it was, we must now try to get some really fine rabbits ready for the Red Cross Show at Barnfield Road School on Saturday, August 29th. The Club is visiting Bovington Fur Farm on Sunday, August 9th. Will members wishing to go let me have their names before August 1st, and finally, application for bran rations must be in my hands by July 30th latest or else backward members will find yourselves without bran for the next three months.

Next meeting August 4th, 8.0 p.m.  
S. G. ABBOTT.  
Secretary.



### The "Neighbours"

The Lantern Lecture entitled "On the Rambeoth Trail," given by Admiral E. O. Hefford on July 3rd, proved to be most interesting indeed.

The lecturer took us on an imaginary journey through Switzerland, Bavaria and Italy and one could not but appreciate the beauty of the scenery, how very peaceful it all seemed. One member suggested optimistically that when peace is restored the group should save for holidays abroad and so see for ourselves how our counterparts on the Continent live.

Any Friday evening you will find the "neighbours" at the "Centre." An open invitation is extended to lady members. MRS. HILL.

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### Bowling Club's Success

We are pleased to report that arising from further consideration by the Parks Committee of the Hendon Borough Council of the Watling Association Bowling Club's request for shelter accommodation near the bowling green in Watling Park, the Council has now sanctioned the erection of such accommodation at a cost not exceeding £250.

The Club has had a very busy month. The first round of the championship has been played with some very surprising results. We have visited H.M. Stationery Office Bowls Club at Kenton and lost by one point, the score being W.A. 43, H.M.S.O. 44.

At Watling we lost to Odhams Press, the result being W.A. 31, Odhams Press 37; and on Saturday, the 11th July, we visited Mill Hill Bowling Club at Mill Hill Park, where we were very successful, the result being W.A. 62, Mill Hill 46.

The winners of the monthly Spoon Drive were Mrs. Torrance and Messrs. Simpkins, Richardson and Brace. All members of the Association are welcomed on the Green in Watling Park on any afternoon and evening.

G. RICHARDSON,  
Hon. Sec. Bowls Club.



### Deansbrook Lodge M.U.O.O.F.

A "Grand Concert" will be held at St. Alphage Hall, Montrose Avenue, on Saturday, August 29th, at 7.30 p.m., when the 7th Edition "7.30 Revue" will be presented on behalf of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows' Orphan Gift Fund.

This society was founded over 130 years ago to administer benevolence and charity to its members and dependents.

The Orphan Fund was created in the last war for the children of members who gave their lives for their country.

The need having unfortunately arisen again, the Deansbrook Lodge, who hold their meetings at the "Watling Centre," Orange Hill Road, feel it their duty to do what they can to help swell the funds of this deserving cause.

Those desiring tickets for the above concert can obtain same from Mr. C. R. Deacon, 219 Watling Avenue, and Mr. G. W. Prior, 94 Orange Hill Road, price 1s. each.

R. H. EDMONDS,  
Secretary.



## Concluding Report of WATLING "WEEK" 1942

HERE is a brief summary of the remaining events of Watling "Week" 1942 that occurred too late for inclusion in last month's "Resident".

### Sunday, June 21.

The Watling Association Musical Society presented a really splendid Choral Concert, which was greatly enjoyed by the few that were present. It is a tragedy that a concert of this type is so poorly supported, the quality of the performance deserved a packed hall. This concert was given in the Common Room to the accompaniment of a dance band from the Hall, where there was a packed gathering, the two events really finishing the "Centre".

Mr. A. I. Jones was the conductor at the Choral Concert, whilst Mr. Chester made an excellent M.C. at the Dance.

### Monday, June 22.

The "Centre" was the retreat for Whist Drive enthusiasts, there being two Drives—a Miniature and Main Drive—the M.C. being Mr. T. Judd, assisted by Mr. C. Buntin.

The Townswomen's Guild had to seek the hospitality of St. Alphage Hall for their Social. Here they had a grand attendance, with Mrs. Sedden as M.C. Many novel items were introduced, and a sketch, entitled "Rejuvenation," was presented by All Saints' Mothers' Union, Queensbury. This and the remainder of the programme was thoroughly enjoyed, and we thank the Townswomen's Guild for their contribution. Next year we may be able to accommodate you at the "Centre".

### Tuesday, June 23.

The Baby Show in the afternoon was a great favourite again this year, with a record war-time entry of 76 babies. The best baby in the show was Yvonne Raven, of 23, Goldbeaters Grove. Space does not allow for the names of the other successful entries. Our thanks are extended to Dr. A. H. Morley and Dr. Moody, who had the difficult task of judging the competitors.

In the evening the "Gay Girties" performed to a packed house a programme which was thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

### Wednesday, June 24.

The chief event was the debate between the Deputy-Mayor, Alderman A. A. Naar, and Mr. W. J. Pratten (Mr. Stokes withdrew at the last minute). The few that attended contributed to the debate, and it was enjoyed, but a larger attendance would have been appreciated.

### Thursday, June 25.

The Guild of Players gave a brilliant performance of "The Two Mrs. Carralls," by Martin Vale.

This three-act mystery play was a great favourite with the audience. Record attendance was achieved. Every performer has reason to be proud of the results, particularly the producer, Miss G. Van Kimmeneade.

### Friday, June 26.

Was the day chosen for the Annual "Dinner." This year, for "austerity" reasons, it was called a Supper.

The Mayor and Mayoress were guests of honour, and the Mayor spoke very encouragingly of the Watling Association. Our Chairman, Councillor A. Durant, replied very suitably. The President, Mr. A. I. Jones, presided.

About 100 guests attended, and the Supper provided was excellent, thanks to the lady helpers, who prepared the meal and waited at table.

Whilst the "Dinner" was in progress a Youth Concert was being enthusiastically received at St. Alphage Hall by an audience of about 250 young people. Our thanks are offered to the Watling Youth Committee and in particular the Rev. H. Blackmore for the excellent concert they provided on our behalf.

### Saturday, June 27.

A novel show was the combined efforts of the W.A. Rabbit Club and the Kentish Town Poultry Club. The adjudicators were Mr. F. Maynard (Rabbits) and Mr. E. Howard (Poultry and Eggs). About 250 paid to see this most interesting show, and a long list of awards (too long for publication) was announced at the conclusion. Many thanks to both Clubs for a really grand co-operative effort.

In the evening an enjoyable social (old-timers) was held at the "Centre." The feature of the evening being the talent competition. Presentations were made to the oldest and youngest persons—78 years and eight months respectively.

### Sunday, June 28.

The two events at the "Centre" were the Dance in the Hall for the younger members and the Free and Easy Social in the Common Room for the older ones. Both events were well attended and appreciated. The respective M.C.s were Mr. Chester and Mr. Cole.

### Monday, June 29.

The final event of Watling "Week" was the Juvenile Dance Competition at John Kible Hall. Four teams from schools of dancing competed, and the adjudicator was Miss Janet Cram.

The winner of the silver cup was the Stella Maris School of Dancing.

The awards were presented by Councillor A. Durant (Chairman, Watling Association), who congratulated all on the high standard of the performance.

The draw for the Gold Watch in aid of the Ladies' Watling "Week" funds was won by Mr. J. Bilyard, of Cressingham Road.



### How "Revolutionary"?

"I am convinced," said the President of the Board of Education, Mr. Butler, in a speech recently made at York, "that the ordeal through which we are passing cannot possibly result in this nation flopping back, as it did after the last war, into a pre-war atmosphere. Those of my generation in politics are not going to have it flopping back. We are determined to see that something fresh, something rather revolutionary, emerges from this ordeal."

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## Association Diary

All activities take place at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated.

### REGULAR EVENTS.

**Sunday**—  
Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
2 No Meeting.  
9 "John Constable," Miss N. Scowby.  
16 The Education We Want, Mr. E. L. Cole.  
23 Spain, Sr. Domingo Ricard.  
30 Members' Meeting.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.

**Monday**—  
Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Darts and Table Tennis, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.45.  
Watling Association Musical Society, 8.  
Edgware Model Aero Club, 8.

**Tuesday**—  
Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Tea Dance, 3.  
W.A. Youth Club Games Night, 7.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Young Communist League, 8.

**Wednesday**—  
Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
5 Colour, Miss N. Scowby.  
12 Outing.  
19 Dig for Victory, Miss J. M. L. Stewart.  
26 Outing.  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.45.  
Discussion Group, 8.

**Thursday**—  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.  
W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.

**Friday**—  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Darts and Table Tennis, 2.30.  
Social, 3.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

**Saturday**—  
Old-Time Social, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS.

**Sunday** 2 Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.  
**Tuesday** 4 Rabbit Club, 8.  
**Thursday** 6 W.V.S., 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.  
**Saturday** 8 Blind Club, 2.30.  
Rabbit Show, 3.  
**Sunday** 9 Old Fellows, 10.  
**Thursday** 13 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.  
**Saturday** 15 Children's Display and Exhibition, 3.0.  
**Sunday** 16 Friends' Meeting for Worship, 7 p.m. (in Brick Annex).  
**Thursday** 20 W.V.S., 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.  
Watling Ass. Council, 7.30.  
**Saturday** 22 Blind Club, 2.30.  
Children's Talent Festival, 3.  
**Sunday** 23 Old Fellows, 10.  
**Thursday** 27 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.

## One Hundred People thought that Saturday was O.K.

A really happy afternoon was spent at the "Resident At Home" held at the "Centre" on Saturday, July 11th, to which the girls of John Groom's Crippleage were invited. Our guests numbered nearly forty and in his speech of thanks to the Association Mr. Target, representing Mr. Cooke, principal of the Crippleage, spoke of the co-operation in spirit and practice which was so evident.

He was quite right, and I think it is the finest possible tribute to all those who helped to make the afternoon such a success, to say that the friendliness and good feeling present made our visitors really feel at home. They were very grateful, and as the secretary of the "Resident" Committee, I should like to say "Thank you very much" to everybody assisting and attending.

Everything was done at very short notice, following close on "Watling Week" as it did, but the generosity of the members approached, together with their active help, enabled us to provide a tea for the girls.

Members of Mrs. de Lattin's class and the Moggies' group combined with adult members of the choir and "Centre" to provide some first-class entertainment.

When we arrange further events on these lines in the "Centre" everyone can be assured of a very happy and enjoyable time, at the same time knowing that their effort is going to cast its influence and power for good far outside the confines of the "Centre."

Thank you, everybody.

A. F. BOUCHARD,

Hon. Sec., "Resident" Committee.



We offer our thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen who provided the entertainment which was so much appreciated:—

Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Dimond, Mrs. Nyberg, Miss Ruby Clark, Messrs. Wakeling, Judd and Bouchard, Mrs. De Lattin (accompanist) and her troupe of juveniles, Marjorie Carlisle, Edwina Pitman, Winnie Ogbourne, Jean Marshall, Mabel Monk, Eileen Holness, Joyce Bouchard, Vera Wood, Eileen Wright, Rose Brooks, Sheila Delaney, Fred Shanks, Geoffrey Shanks, Billie Hobbs, Roland Yeat.

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## Rabbit Notes

By S. G. ABBOTT

Hon. Secretary of the Watling Rabbit Club

**WE** all have to learn when we take up a new hobby, and mistakes can be avoided if we benefit from the errors of fanciers who have gone before us and have left knowledge and experience behind for our benefit, so if this article (and others following) happens to put you wise against any pitfalls it will not have been written in vain.

### ACCOMMODATING YOUR ANIMALS

The three main points that a novice really needs advice on are housing, feeding, and breeding, and this month I will do my best to cover the first point. Some people keep their rabbits in a shed, others by reason of expense or inability to get the necessary materials, keep them in outdoor hutches; let me say right away that a shed for rabbits is to the owner a great relief, as the animal can feed and be cared for in all weathers without any personal discomfort, but it is an established fact that rabbits kept in open hutches do quite as well, in fact sometimes better than the indoor variety.

Outdoor hutches must be protected from the wind and rain, and besides good roofing should have a protection in the form of a shutter, well over most of the wire door or frame, this can be made from cardboard covered with a protecting coat of tar (if the reader cannot obtain any better material), but the most important point of all is that all hutches must be kept dry, for one of the most harmful hardship for a rabbit is a dampness.

### SIZE OF HUTCH

The size of hutch can vary according to the type of animal kept by the fancier, small varieties such as Dutch are all right in a cage 2ft. x 2ft. x 2ft. high, but for the fur classes I would suggest 3ft. x 2ft. x 2ft. high, these sizes should be the minimum, but of course larger ones could be built if the material is available; rabbits like plenty of room, and fanciers get great satisfaction seeing their animals moving freely around the cage, for it shows a contented and healthy rabbit. With the exception of the breeders, hutches need not have a sleeping compartment, but should be all floor space, allowing the rabbit the maximum amount of room to move about in, and if the hutch is placed in a sheltered spot in the garden with a coat of paint on the outside and a lime wash inside you can make your rabbitry something to set the garden off, instead of it being an unsightly mass of boxes which is an eyesore to everyone.

Finally, a good bed of sawdust over the hutch floor makes it quite comfortable for its occupant, and is the first stepping-stone to the building-up of a strong, healthy stud.



## Garden Notes

### August for Flowers

This is a gay month for flowers. There should be an abundance of tea-scented roses and annual asters, dahlias, annual and herbaceous phloxes, lilies, penstemons, and violas to mention only a few out of a host of beauties. But if we are to grow more and more food the flower space in the garden will get less and less as the vegetable space gets greater.

Second early potatoes should be ready for lifting from the middle of the month. Do not leave them in the ground when once the tops have died down. It is far more important to take them up and plant the ground they have occupied with kale. Before storing the potatoes they should be left on the ground for half a day to dry. They may be stored in boxes in a dark and frost-proof shed.

Outdoor tomatoes can usefully be grown in the South of England. The chief point in their cultivation is to remove all side shoots so as to restrict each plant to one or two stems; one is usually enough. If the leaves get large and overshadow the fruit shorten them by about half. Tomatoes benefit greatly from the use of fertilisers: sulphate of potash is an excellent one. It is expensive, but a little goes a long way. One ounce per plant is enough. Sprinkle it on the soil and hoe it beneath the surface. When the fruits are properly coloured they should be gathered. If left too long on the plants the fruit is liable to split.

A final sowing of winter spinach may be made during the last half of the month. The prickly-seeded variety is best on account of its hardiness.

The first earthing up of celery should be made towards the end of August. Two more may follow in September and October respectively. The modern method is to use bands of brown paper and wrap these round the stems. For convenience and cleanliness this method is preferable to the old-fashioned plan of using soil, but the object is the same, viz., to keep the stems dark and so to blanch them; and paper is scarce.

Now is a good time to make a strawberry bed. Assuming that runners were layered last month, they should by now have rooted well. Place the plants in rows about 18 inches apart and allow a little more space between the rows. After planting they should be well watered and the ground round the roots should be trodden down as firmly as possible. Remove all superfluous runners from the old plants.

## Young Austrians Visit the Y.H.A. at the "Centre"

During the last month we received a visit from members of the Maida Vale Young Austria League. One of their members spoke to the group on the activities of the League and what they have done in their community to help the war effort.

The Y.H.A. Hendon group have had several committee changes during the last month, the following are the chief changes:

The social secretary, Frank Barr, has resigned, and Jean Stevens has taken his place. Joyce Washbourn is assistant secretary in place of Helen Lennie, and Roy Burton is map librarian instead of his sister Betty Burton. Joan Wilson has been appointed assistant membership secretary, and Gus Collins is official M.C.

On Thursday evening we were visited by some members of the Maida Vale Young Austria League, one of whom gave an extremely interesting talk about life in Austria.

Hostel weekends during July have taken group members to Nazeing, Chesham, Henley, and Winchester for walkers, and the cyclists—who have decided to have only one group weekend each month—visited Speen, Chesham, Henley, and Boulter's Lock. The cyclists' day runs, which start every Sunday at 9 o'clock opposite the Ritz, Edgware, are very well attended.

Quite a large section of the group are going camping over August Bank Holiday, in order to go rock climbing. Others are going to Mountnessing and Speen, or the new hostel at Wheeler-end. The accommodation is for weekends only, in this hostel, as it is in a school, and individual hostellers are acting as wardens—the Hendon Group have volunteered to look after it until the end of the year.

In response to a request for more object in the day rambles the walking secretaries have picked out places of interest in the locality of the rambles which can be visited during the day. Some examples of this are a visit to the ruins of a church at Latimer, Ashridge Lodge, the Friends' Meeting House at Jordans and Milton's cottage, and the hospital at South Mimms to see Harold Dewdney, an old group member.

Weekends for August are Chaldon, Kensington, Ide Hill, Nazeing, Wheeler End, and Jordans, and the cyclists are organising another moonlight cycle run on the 22nd, to the Robinson Crusoe holiday camp.

## Children's Column

### CHILDREN'S TALENT FESTIVAL AND ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

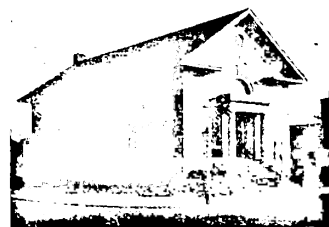
It has been found necessary to postpone the Talent Festival from the 8th to the 22nd August. The Exhibition will take place as advertised on the 15th August. Entry forms are now available at your Schools and at the Watling "Centre."

There are items to suit everybody and are as follows: Pianoforte; Singing; Melody Making; Instrumental Music, other than piano (including mouth organ); Elocution; Map and Freehand Drawing; Essay and Poetry Writing; Spelling Bee; Impromptu Reading; Prepared and Impromptu Speech Making. Essays and Melodies must be returned to the Watling Centre not later than 12th August.

The Exhibition will include Needlework; Drawing and Painting; Woodwork and other Handicrafts. There will be displays of Folk Dancing and Physical Training, Songs by the Children's Choir and a little Play.

The fee is twopence per entry and price of admission on each occasion will be twopence.

## WOODCROFT HALL BURNT OAK



You are cordially invited to hear the following speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.15

- Aug. 2.—Mr. O. C. HARTRIDGE
- Aug. 9.—Mr. MARK KAGAN
- Aug. 16.—Mr. P. O. RUOFF
- Aug. 23.—Mr. MARK KAGAN
- Aug. 30.—Mr. S. GARRETT



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### BANK HOLIDAY . . . .

## RAMBLE

All Clubs are invited to join this organised hike. Meet Canons Park Trolley Bus Terminus, at 9.30 a.m. on August 3rd.

BRING LUNCH AND TEA

September 25th—Youth Social  
St. Alphage Hall

**St. Alphage Youth Organisations.**—After being decisively beaten by Watling Boys' Club in a cricket match, we redeemed our reputation a little by gaining a narrow victory over St. Mary's, Hendon, on the following Saturday.

Our boys came third in Hendon Y.O.C. Sports, gaining 17 points and thus beating Watling Boys' Club into fourth place. We hope to continue our friendly rivalry with them at the Watling Sports.

The Scouts had another week-end camp at Mote Mount from July 11th to 12th, and are getting ready for their annual summer camp at Broadstone, Forest Row, Sussex, from August 11th to 18th.

We hope to join in the united ramble on August Bank Holiday Monday and the future activities of the Watling Youth Committee.

Two of our members helped considerably to the success of the outdoor evangelistic meetings in June by playing their accordions for the hymns and before the meetings. They achieved further success in company with another of our members, at the variety show in our hall on June 26th.

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## Youth Editorial

AT the time of writing the sports organised by the Watling Youth Committee have not taken place, owing to bad weather the event has been abandoned for the time being. Several Watling clubs were, however, to the fore at the Hendon Y.O.C. Meeting on June 27th, notably the Endeavour Club, the All-Round Girls' Club, St. Alphage and Watling Boys' Club whose teams took 1st, 3rd and 4th places in the boys' and 1st and 2nd in the girls' teams' total number of points scored.

### Youth Concert

We congratulate those responsible for organising and producing the variety show in St. Alphage Hall on June 26th. The net profits amounted to £6 10s. 0d. which will be given to the Watling Association as a thank-you for their help to the youth of Watling in general and to the Watling Youth Committee in particular.

### Bank Holiday Hike

We would draw your attention to the ramble for all Watling clubs on August Bank Holiday Monday.

The party leaves Canons Park cross-roads, i.e., the trolley-bus terminus, at 9.30. Please bring lunch and tea.

And will you book September 25th? For on that day we shall hold the first Watling Youth Committee social of the 1942-3 season in St. Alphage Hall.

**Watling Boys' Club.**—The Club has during the last few weeks been very active in the field of athletics. A. Seymour by his running in the London Federation of Boys' Clubs Junior half mile received a medal. The Junior Relay team also ran very well and finished third out of a large field. The two outstanding seniors, over 16, were E. Smith and L. Page, who did extremely well.

The Club also competed in the Hendon Y.O.C. Sports, and in the half-mile E. M. Smith gave Avis, of the "Endeavour" Club (Middlesex junior half-mile champion), a hard race only to lose by a few yards, finishing the course in 2 min. 20 sec. The Relay team, under 15, ran in the finals, and had they not dropped their baton twice they might have won instead of being third. Hazel, in the under 15 hurdles, gave good account of himself by being the winner.

The cricket team has been playing very well indeed, and have won their last five matches; thus out of the seven matches played, have won five and lost two (a proud achievement—Editor).

For boys who are interested in cricket, there are still many matches to be played; also football for the forthcoming season when the club is entering the Hendon Y.O.C. league; darts, billiards, cross-country running when if there are the same competitions as last year the Club will have a good

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number of races, dramatics, boxing and indoor games, and those who wish to join the Club are asked to attend Woodcroft School any Monday or Wednesday evening from 7 to 9.30, when they will be welcomed.



**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.**—Attendances at our Club meetings on Tuesday evenings keep up remarkably well, there being rarely less than 40 present. During the past month more of our members have left to serve in the Forces, but we have been glad to welcome new friends including some who have joined as a result of the National Registration Scheme.

Sixteen of our members took part in the Watling "Week" Youth Concert on June 26th, which was a great success. These united efforts are proving very popular and serving many useful purposes, and it is to be hoped that the Watling Youth Committee will carry on its good work.

At the moment some of our members are canvassing the Estate collecting for the National Children's Home and Orphanage. Last year the splendid sum of £37 was raised in this way and there are already signs that this year's total will be even greater.

The Sunday Night at 8 Discussion Group, which did not meet during June because of the United Open Air Meetings, resumed on the first Sunday in July with a most interesting debate on "Freedom."

The Annual Display of our Company of the Boys' Brigade (1st Hendon), held on July 9th, was honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon, and greatly enjoyed by a large audience. Officers and members are to be congratulated on a most excellent demonstration of the varied usefulness of B.B. training.



**Hendon "Young Communists' League"** have run two very successful camps in the last month, the later one proved even more enjoyable due mainly I think to the presence of Hendon's Social Organizer, and the discovery of, and visit to, the Local Dance Hall, where accompanied by a band comprised of members of the Forces they danced till mid-night, then walked home singing gaily, tired but in jolly good spirits.

These week-end camps can offer something for everyone, swimming, dancing, rambling, and if it's relaxation you desire there's plenty of that too. We invite you to join us, and any further information you require should be addressed to: The Secretary, Mr. J. Patchin, Hendon Young Communists' League, 44 Littlefields Road, Watling Estate, Burnt Oak.



**"1939 Club"**—This month's activities have been well attended, especially the American Supper and Evening Ramble.

We have heard that one of our members who is in Rhodesia, Mr. J. McKay, has passed his Wings Examination for the R.A.F. All Club members are very pleased at his success. Another member in the Navy, Mr. H. Willett, has returned to his ship, after spending many pleasant evenings and a week-end with the Club.

On August 3rd we are to have a Club Hike, and on the 5th an Evening at the Swimming Pool.

(I trust the Hike on the 3rd is the one organized for the combined Youth Clubs on the Estate, see particulars on this page. Editor.)



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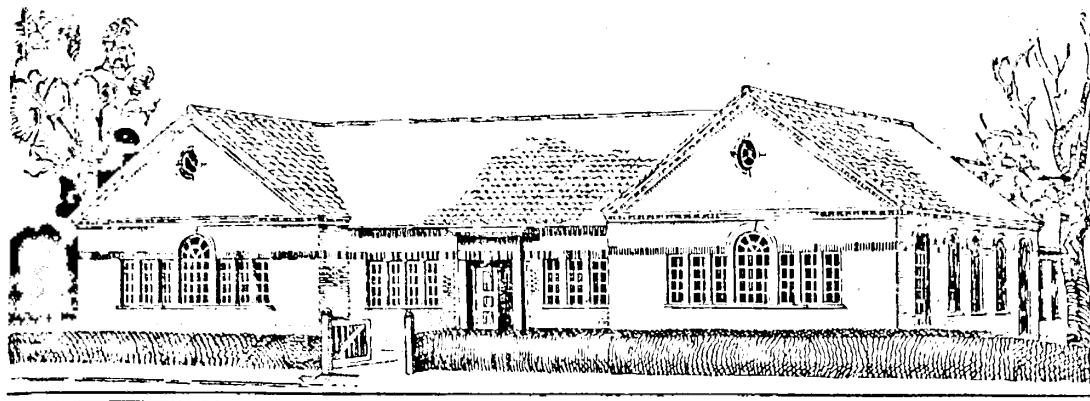
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## How Can We Improve The Association?

By E. SEWELL HARRIS, B.Sc. (Econ.), J.P.

ALMOST inevitably we have to have two policies, one for the war period, one for the post war period. The latter may be as important as the former, for unless we are more ready for that period than we were in 1918 we may reap the same bitter harvest that we did between the two wars.

What steps can we take now to prepare for a better community association when the war is over?

One of the outstanding facts of the war period is the number of people who are doing voluntary service because they feel they want to be doing something to help their country. Is war the only cause which can call forth this spirit of self-sacrifice? Is it only when we are fighting a human enemy that we want to help our country? Is there nothing worthy of our devotion except victory in battle? Or can we believe that the spirit of service, now that it has been roused in many breasts, can be kept alive after the war and turned to building the new Britain, where all men and women shall be free and equal and all children shall have the opportunities which they need?

Ask of yourself, ask of your friends, ask of your acquaintances, are you doing any voluntary service now, and if so why? Will you want to give the same on some other service after the war?

To improve the Association after the war means making it both a channel through which people may find the opportunity of giving the service they wish to give, and also an inspiration which shall call out the best service

people can give, help them to realise that only in such service can they find self-realisation, satisfaction.

Here the post war and the war periods connect, for it is of no use to think that we can suddenly, at the end

of the war, make people think of the Association as an organisation for community service. If, when air raid precautions, fire watching preparations for the homeless, evacuees and refugees, and so on are no longer needed, we want wardens and fire watchers, billeting officers and women volunteers to look to the Association as a channel for service we must show them now, at this present time, that the Association is serving the community, that the Association is the community organised for mutual service.

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### PUBLIC MEETING

to be held at the "Centre"

on

## INDIA

Sunday, September 13

at 7.30 p.m.

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The Prince of Wales opened the "Centre" in 1933. Can we put in the plural the motto on his crest, "I serve," take it for our Association which inhabits the "Centre" and say "We serve"?

The Association is strong, it has a building, it calls on a lot of voluntary workers, it is not in debt. Can any

individual on the Estate who needs help, any group which is working for a good cause, come to the Association and know that assistance will be forthcoming?

We should set before us the ideal of answering that with an invariable "yes." So shall we best improve the Association now, so shall we best make it fit for service after the war, so shall we mould it to a fit instrument for playing its part in building a land of equality, freedom and happiness.

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### HOW CAN WE IMPROVE THE ASSOCIATION?

Dear Editor,

With reference to the suggestion in last month's "Resident" that the membership fee should be raised from 4d. to 1/- per month, I for one am against any increase in membership fee for the following reasons:

Soon after joining the Association a person is attracted to other activities. If he joins the Choir that means another 2d. per week (besides music). He may be interested in the Guild of Players. That's another 2d. per week, or Adult School 3d. This, so far, including his membership fee is £1 14s. 4d. per year. This is without the money he spends in the Canteen on Socials and other functions. No, Sir, let the membership fee remain at the democratic figure of 4d. Good value, I agree. But that's what a community association should aim at.

F. H. LAKE.



## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS' CONFERENCE

By Councillor A. DURANT

The Chairman and Secretary of the Watling Association attended the above Conference held at Vaughan College, Leicester, on the 25th and 26th July. A report of the Conference was presented to members at the Council Meeting of the Watling Association on Friday, the 21st August, and aroused a very interesting and useful discussion. It was decided that the final drafts and plans as revised and endorsed at the Conference should be circulated to members when the printed report is issued. The full report merits the careful examination and consideration of all members of the Association, and should provide the basis of useful work and action in our local affairs.

Important reports have already been submitted to Government Departments, such as the Board of Education and the Post-War Reconstruction Committee, by the Standing Committee, and the Community Associations should do all that is possible to give publicity to their objectives and viewpoint on the important social issues involved in their various localities. The major papers dealt with at the Conference were those relating to the Post-War Educational System and the general principles allied to Post-War Housing and Town Planning. They were considered in the light of submissions and recommendations presented to the Conference by the Community Centres Planning Group of the National Council of Social Service. The papers produced by this group covered all aspects, implications, and complications, contained information and material of high quality, and provided a worthy basis of discussion.

A basic principle outlined in one paper will be of interest to all members as it expresses in clear language the main structure of Community Association organisation, it is as follows: "A Community Centre, however, is or should be much more than just another public building, to be rented room by room, to sections of the public ready to pay for its use. Even the activities carried on in it are not ends in themselves, but means directed to the enrichment of the life of all the individuals residing in the neighbourhood by welding them together in a unity reached through diversity of pursuits."

"The 'Centre' should be a powerhouse of community effort, but it can

hardly be this unless the power is supplied and the responsibility for its direction exercised by the people themselves, acting through a democratic body (the Community Association) organised on a representative basis. The Community Association tries to bring together all organisations in the neighbourhood—religious, political, industrial, cultural, educational, recreational, and so on, it thereby promotes co-operation and avoids overlapping of effort. It brings the individual resident into touch with the organisation which will meet his or her need in any of these diverse fields; it helps to form new organisations where they are required. It affords a channel through which matters of importance to the neighbourhood can be discussed and proposals thought out before being submitted to the appropriate authority.

"If the management of the affairs of the Association as a whole, and of the diverse groups composing it, be fully undertaken by the members themselves, they will receive a sound practical training in democracy, and a clear understanding of the fact that self-government involves duties and personal effort as well as rights and privileges. The value of this training in promoting stability and progress in wider spheres of the local and national life cannot be over-emphasised."

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the circulation of this  
Magazine is limited—  
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to a neighbour*

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### Avoid Misrepresentation!

Not everyone is familiar with all the initials that we come across these days and therefore it would be helpful if some of the organisations concerned would at least spell out their names. One instance in particular is the Y.C.L.

A dance advertised recently on a poster outside our "Centre" simply gave the responsible body as the Y.C.L. So as to avoid misrepresentation in future it is hoped the Young Communist League will publicise their name in full.

## The Editor Writes:

Dear Reader,

There has certainly been a holiday spirit abroad during the last month, and little wonder too, after nearly three years of war folk naturally feel like relaxing for pleasure for once in a while.

Nevertheless the magazine must come out as usual, one of the main tasks of an editor is to see "his paper" is published at the specified date. But without co-operation this is not always as easy as it may sound to the layman. The printers have their labour problems, and even printers need holidays, so taken all round August is not an easy month to publish a magazine.

This month also we have the programme of classes, etc., for the autumn and winter to study. I hope that during the week of enrolment for these groups the respective Hon. Secretaries will be in attendance at the "Centre" to welcome and introduce prospective new members to the "regulars."

I believe most emphatically that when planning for the future we have to make provision for the known and the unknown, and the most successful organiser is the man that pays attention to detail.

Also may I appeal to the various group secretaries that if they will submit reports of their respective groups they will appear. Of course, one way is to appoint "Resident" correspondents.

I trust this will be done as soon as your group or class commences its new session.

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### 250,000 Attend the "Proms"

Two hundred and fifty thousand people have attended this season's record-breaking Promenade Concerts.

Between 6,000 and 7,000 people have gone to the Royal Albert Hall each night—phenomenal figures for any series of concerts in this country.

There is no mistaking about the popularity of these concerts, when one listened to the deafening applause given to Sir Henry Wood and the Orchestras when broadcasting their final performance for this season on Saturday, August 22.

### Community Centres Survey

A book giving an interesting Survey of Community Centres by Flora and Gordon Stephenson published by the Community Centres Joint Research Committee, is well worth studying and any member wishing to do so may borrow the Association's copy on application to the office.





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## “Something Else . . . .”

ATTENTION is drawn to the programme of activities planned for the coming autumn and winter months. The covering title to this programme, “Freedom of Choice,” aptly describes the position in which we find ourselves, there is no compulsion brought to bear in the choice of class or group we join, the freedom is ours—do we appreciate that in a world turned “topsy-turvy” that we are privileged that in regard to our leisure time at least—we still have the freedom to do what we like, providing of course we observe the laws and regulations laid down.

When it comes to exercising this privilege of choice, what are our leanings? Are they purely social or can they be called educational? Is our choice prompted by motives of personal gain or is it with a desire to be of service to the community that we choose a particular group?

Some have one desire in life, that they might reach a state of “Personal Security.” It is a motive that has prompted the action of nations as well as individuals for many years and with the results of which, we are only too aware.

Professor E. H. Carr in a book entitled “Conditions of Peace” points out “that neither security or peace can properly be made the object of policy. Personal security is like happiness, in that it is likely to elude a direct search . . . stability and personal security are to be found only as a by-product of the search for something else.”

In our search for this “something else” we must not look back but only forward. We must be ready to meet the new world that we are moulding to-day with a mind that is alert and keen ready to receive new ideas.

Quoting again from Professor Carr’s book he says this, “The most encouraging feature of the present situation is the prevalence, especially among the younger generation, of a deep-seated conviction that the world of the past decade has been a bad and mad world, and that almost everything in it needs to be uprooted and replanted . . . a

revolutionary current is in the air . . . The younger generation will hardly achieve its goal if it continues to rely, as exclusively as it appears to rely at present, on the leadership of veterans. France and Great Britain suffered military disaster in 1940 largely because they had prepared to fight the last war over again. Will it be said hereafter that we failed in peace-making because we had prepared only for the last Peace?”

We must equip ourselves to take fair responsibilities and see that we are not left behind in “the shape of things to come.” Let our social life intermingle with our studies that we might be one great freedom-loving and freedom-giving community—the choice is yours.



## The Government and Community Centres

“What kind of a community are we planning,” was the opening phrase of the speech the Rt. Hon. Sir William Jowitt, K.C., M.P. (Paymaster-General and Minister in Charge of Reconstruction) made at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Social Service in July. He said we must approach the problem not of things, but of persons, of a conscious integrated community life. We have had handed down to us much which we should be thankful for, but there is another side to the picture, too. Look at a typical Lancashire industrial town, street after street of dullness and drabness and dreariness. Look at the work of the people living there. Feeding the machine. Look at their leisure. They are making the mistake of thinking you can re-create and enjoy yourself without yourself contributing something to your enjoyment. Education ought to be the most joyous part of the glorious adventure of life.

Difficult as the situation is to-day, no one can fail to realise how exceedingly difficult the immediate post war period will be. There will be no Hitler to blame. The Government will be blamed for the inevitable delay.

The Government must have a long term policy, and we, the Government,

shall make a profound mistake if we do not realize that the Community Centre idea ought to be a central point of our planning. It must have a definite cultural background, including recreation and education.

Do not let us imagine that when this war ends we are going to lie back in a perpetual sun bath, lazily opening our mouths for some luscious fruit to drift in. This is a struggle in which all must play their part.

### A REMINDER TO GROUP SECRETARIES:

The latest date for receiving report copy is the 13th of each month—please do your best to see this is observed. —Ed.

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## Section Reports

### The W. A. Musical Society

The Society has commenced a new session. An attractive programme for the forthcoming winter period has been arranged; it includes a good variety of part songs. Public performances are being planned. The Choir meets every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the "Centre," and our conductor, Mr. A. I. Jones, will be glad to welcome interested friends at rehearsals. There are vacancies for all voices. If you are a lover of music you will enjoy membership of this Society.

A Social is to be held at the "Centre" on Friday, October 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends to come along and spend a happy evening with us in dancing and singing.

The charge of admission will be 6d. and refreshments will be available at moderate prices.

HON. SECRETARY.

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Speech at English-speaking Union, Feb. 23,  
1919, quoted in R. Sencourt—  
Winston Churchill.

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#### Strong Lads Wanted

It has been suggested that the Weight-Lifting Club be restarted at the "Centre" with the addition of Physical Culture Training. If a few keen and really interested members are brought together to form this club it should prove to be a success.

It is said by those with experience in the art of weight-lifting that the pastime is well worth while. It is, according to these enthusiasts, fascinating to see how the condition of the body improves with the right kind of training.

Will those young lads who are interested hand in their names to the office at the "Centre" or to Mr. W. F. Kinsey, 22 Deansway, Edgware, Middlesex, when they will be informed as to the first meeting of the Weight-Lifting Club.

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### Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

Meetings have continued during August and have registered almost full attendances. Speakers during recent weeks have included Rev. H. J. Blackmore whose subject was "What are we heading for?", Mr. Robert Croker, who gave a delightful talk on "Friendship" and a visitor who spoke on "China." Members have also learnt much from studying the Handbook lessons.

We are very sorry that Mrs. Fairbairn has had to relinquish her position as President, her place being taken for the present by Mrs. Lacey.

## THE WATLING RESIDENT

### W. A. Bowls Club Report

The club on Friday, August 21, played a team from the Hendon Trolley Bus Depot winning with the score of 52-26.

However, on the following day, Saturday, the 22nd August, the club lost to the Mill Hill Bowls Club, the score being 54-77.

The winners for the July Spoon Drive held on Sunday, July 26, were Messrs. Hogan, Singleton and Taylor.

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### OF INTEREST TO WATLING MEN

By October many of you will have gathered in your crops from the allotment or garden and prepared the ground for the winter. Those of you who have enjoyed a game of cricket or bowls will have packed away the gear and woods until next year. What have you planned for the winter months? Do you feel at a loss? Or perhaps you are a member of a street fireguard, through which you have formed an association of comradeship with other men in your street. Why not enjoy that comradeship more fully. The Watling Association propose to form a club for men. This club will be social in character. You will be able to enjoy a game of darts, dominoes, crib, etc. Occasionally a short talk may be given on subjects of interest to men. Here is an opportunity for you to spend a pleasant evening once a fortnight in company with other men in our community. Why not ask your pals of the fireguard, or bowls or cricket club to come along and join with you, or at least come along yourself? A meeting will be held at the "Watling Centre" on Wednesday, October 14th, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of forming this club. It will be non-party-political, non-sectarian. The membership fee will be but very little. Make a special note of the date and time, and come along. E. E. COLE

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### Some Reasons why I SHOULD NOT join the Watling Association, by Mr. A. Pathy

1. I am not interested in other people's affairs. I prefer to keep myself to myself.
  2. I may be expected to attend meetings or do voluntary work. Not me.
  3. The Musical Society? What! Singing in war-time.
  4. Amateur Dramatics? A kid's game.
  5. Socials? A waste of time. What's the matter with my wireless? (Who's a hermit?)
  6. The Adult School? International affairs and topical subjects bore me.
  7. Social Welfare? This is a job for M.P.s.
  8. The Poor Man's Lawyer? I never look for trouble, so I won't need him.
  9. The Rabbit Club? Poultry Club? Y.H.A. Discussion Group, etc., etc.? I'm too tired.
- Am I satisfied with conditions as they are?
- What! Look at the slums. Look at the unemployment problem, disease and want, and why can't we have a British Restaurant on Watling Estate and a library and a swimming pool?
- What am I doing to help to make a better world? Don't I pay my income tax?
- E. H. L.



# £50 FOR RED CROSS FUNDS

The Watling Association has pleasure in announcing that as a result of the excellent support given to "Watling Week" 1942 activities the Association is able to present the Red Cross Organisation with a cheque for £50. Below will be seen the audited accounts. An interesting item to be noticed is the excellent sum of £41 17s. given as donations. May we thank these friends of the Association for their continued support, also everyone who helped to make "Watling Week" 1942 a record-breaking event.

## "WATLING WEEK," No. 14 — ACCOUNTS, 1942

Receipts			Expenditure		
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
June					
Thu 18	St. Alphage Dance ..	25 15 1	JDC	Draw Tickets ..	2 10 0
Fri 19	Neighbours' Social ..	8 4 0	JDC	Judges' Expenses ..	1 1 0
Sat 20	Children's Entertainment ..	3 6 6	JDC	Curry ..	0 15 6
Sat 20	Evening Old-time ..			Rent, St. Alphage ..	3 0 0
	Social ..	4 4 8		Ticket Printing ..	1 15 0
Sun 21	Choral Concert ..	0 13 0		Rent, John Keble ..	6 5 0
Sun 21	Grand Dance ..	3 18 5		Postage ..	0 15 0
Mon 22	Whist Drive ..	4 2 8		Raffle Tickets ..	0 7 0
Mon 22	Townswomen's Dn'tn. ..	6 0 0		Poster Paint ..	0 2 0
Tue 23	Baby Show ..	2 13 3		Wholes (Medals, etc.) ..	2 5 0
Tue 23	"Gay Gingles" Concert ..	5 12 7		Printers, Programmes ..	5 12 0
Wed 24	Afternoon Social—				
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Thu 25	Mrs. Crow's Whist ..				
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Thu 25	Drama ..	5 15 11			
Fri 26	Y.M.A. Grand Concert ..	6 10 0			
Sat 27	Egg and Rabbits Show ..	3 2 0			
Sat 27	Saturday Evening ..				
	Social ..	2 18 11 1			
Sat 27	Flowers sold at Social ..	0 8 2			
Sat 27	Extra Programmes ..	0 3 2			
Sat 27	Rummage Sale ..	2 17 5			
Sun 28	Members' Dance ..	2 13 9			
Sun 28	"Free and Easy" ..	2 11 6			
Mon 29	Juvenile Dance Capt. ..	26 7 6			
Mon 29	Donations ..	41 17 0			
Mon 29	Watch Draw ..	24 9 0			
Mon 29	Guessing Comp. ..	1 16 10			
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The foregoing accounts are in accordance with the records kept and items of income and expenditure have been checked and vouched.

G. RICHARDSON,

Hon. Auditor.

22/8/42.

The Winners of the Guessing Competition who forecast the nearest figure raised for Watling "Week" are Mrs. E. Coleman, and — Gunn of Edgware. Their estimate was £180. Will they kindly apply for their prize from Mr. A. R. Lodge (Hon. Organiser) at the Centre.

## RABBIT NOTES— Continued

among many fanciers of rabbits, and the most popular way of feeding seems to be hay and hard bread in the morning with green food at mid-day, followed in the evening by a bran mash. No doubt this will not appeal to some people and can be altered by giving green food immediately after one or the other feeds. The bran mash seems to consist of anything that is waste from the kitchen, such as potato peel-

ings, kipper skins, etc., all boiled down and then bran added.

Finally, I have written a list of flowers that can be given to rabbits with good results: Calendula, Daisies, Geranium, Geum, Golden Rod, Helenium, Hollyhock, Marigold, Marguerite, Michaelmas Daisy, Nasturtium, Roses, Stocks, Sunflower and Wallflower.

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## N.Z. Shows the Way

It is sometimes difficult to imagine that a "young" country like New Zealand has social problems as difficult as our own. The old country tends to think of New Zealand as a brave new world, and in some ways it is.

In 1938 the Government of that country passed the Social Security Act, which aims to give better Medical, Health and Pension services for the community. Unfortunately the present war has cut across the Act, and we shall not know all the details, or results until some time after the peace.

The Act came into force in April, 1939, and broadly speaking, aims to give the following benefits. After 10 years' residence in New Zealand (20 after the passing of the Act) both men and women at the age of 60 now receive 30/- a week each, and they are allowed an income of £1 a week which is not taken into account for pension purposes, also ownership of a house to the value of £500. Widows receive 25/- a week and 10/- a week for each child under 16 years, exempt income 30/- a week and no property restrictions.

Women now receive unemployment benefits for the first time, as long as they are usually employed, and the payment is graded. 10/- a week to young people, £1 a week for single persons, 35/- for married men plus 5/- a week for each child up to 11 children. (I wonder why they do not make it a round dozen?) Sickness benefits are the same as unemployment benefits. Every man, woman, and child in New Zealand is entitled to free family doctor service, and the doctor is paid from the Social Security Fund at 15/- per patient per year.

Who pays for all these benefits? The people themselves. There is a 5 per cent, social security tax on all wages, salary and other income, that is a shilling in the pound, and there is also a poll tax (registration fee) of £1 a year for men, and 5/- a year for young people and women. There is no class distinction because every member of the community pays, and is entitled to receive.

The Social Security Act is certainly pointing a new way, and is a brave experiment. It will be watched with interest, and I hope copied by other countries, where it cannot be improved.

## WOMEN'S COLUMN

Prudence Pennywise writes

on

### "Service"

I SHOULD think that there has never been a time in history when the word "Service" has been so much used. Posters, newspapers, wireless, and films force the word in front of us. It was brought to mind again recently when looking through a very old copy of Mrs. Beeton's Household Management, you know the type of book "take a dozen eggs and a pound of best butter!" There is a section dealing with Mistresses and Maids. I am not at the moment concerned with the ethics of the servant problem, but one thing stood out in the old-fashioned advice. "Service." The mistress was reminded in no uncertain fashion of her duty to the people who made her life comfortable. "Gold cannot buy the devotion of a good servant." How true. The servant in his or her turn was told of the satisfaction and consideration received for work well done. "A bad servant makes a bad mistress, and vice versa."

Put this advice into our own everyday lives, how does it work out? We are all servants and masters pooled into one these days. Do we make life as easy as we can for the folk we live and work with?

A Frenchman in 1392 wrote some words of advice to his very young wife, and the words are well worth repeating. They sound very modern really.

"I do not ask of you an overwhelming respect, or a service too humble or too hard for such is not due to me, to me belongeth none save common service."

I do hope that we shall develop the idea of common service, as individuals, groups, nationally and internationally. As housewives we are giving service to our families; are we giving any service to the world outside our homes?"

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### Cookery Demonstrations

It has been arranged that a series of three Cookery Demonstrations be held at the "Centre" on Thursday, October 8th, Monday, October 12th, and Wednesday, October 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

All women are very welcome, the demonstrator will be Miss Thomson, of the Gas Light and Coke Co.

## THE WATLING RESIDENT

### Rabbit Notes

By S. G. ABBOTT

Hon. Secretary of the Watling Rabbit Club

#### Proper Feeding

FOOD being rationed we have to look round for alternatives. We have certainly found plenty of food to fall back on; most of this food is green food and most rabbits brought up on this sort of food from an early age prosper, especially with an addition of hay. Hard crusts and surplus stale bread from the kitchen (this being crushed down and mixed with a little milk) is as good as anything to help a doe, with a litter, to feed them until weaning time and at the same time will go a long way towards helping us to tide over our bran ration until next quarter.

Another good point about home-bred rabbits is the fact that they are accommodating animals when it comes to feeding, for if you are on war work or have to spend many hours away from home, you can train them into the habit of being fed only once a day. This would mean that a larger supply of food would have to be left in the feeding pots, but I must impress upon the reader that no matter how many times you feed your stock each day the most important thing is to see that they are fed at regular hours, for this is of great benefit to them. One point also that a novice should not forget is never to feed freshly cut or wet green food rabbits after they have had a long period without food. They should be fed after the stomach has been lined with something less relaxing, i.e., bran mash or clover hay first.

Observation will always be a big factor in the success of rabbit breeding, for if you get to know the habits of your stock, their condition and health will become an open book to you. For instance, if you watch the droppings and they are of a normal nature you can rest assured that there is nothing much amiss with your stock, but if on the other hand it is of a loose nature, there is your warning, and you must control it by reducing the green foods and increasing the hay food. This condition can also be improved by feeding with Shepherd's Purse or Raspberry and Blackberry shoots, as these plants are of an astringent nature.

In conclusion and for the benefit of beginners I have made enquiries

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## Children's Column

CHILDREN'S EXHIBITION  
AND TALENT FESTIVAL

The Handicraft Exhibition was held on August 15th, and included samples of work done by the Moggies' Sewing Group as well as individual exhibits which won awards as follows:

Needlework—  
First, Josephine Coleman; Highly Commended, Margery Carline.

Knitting—  
First, Margaret Hoy; Highly Commended, Patricia Hempstead.

Embroidery—  
First, Patricia Hempstead; Second, Josephine Coleman; Highly Commended, Edwina Pitman.

Handicrafts—  
Highly Commended, Eleanor Tye.

Woodwork—  
First, James Coleman; Highly Commended, James Coleman.

During the afternoon the Moggies presented a short play, "Sneezing Powder," in which Edwina Pitman and Margery Carline took the parts of Pixies, Jose Coleman Dame Flap, Doreen Leach Sally Simple, Doreen Clarke Mr. Shuffle, and Margaret Pitman Mother Heyho.

Unfortunately, owing to the poor response in the number of entries received for the Children's Talent Contest which was to have been held on Saturday, August 22nd, it was decided at a late hour to postpone the event to a later date, probably sometime in the autumn. Look out for future announcement in the "Resident."

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Your Library

Your holidays are over and with the shorter days you will be reading more, I expect. Here are a few suggestions of books worth reading and obtainable at your Library:

You can make it  
My rainy day Book *Beskow* and *Warburg*  
Simple handicrafts for boys and girls

The wonder book of things to do  
Golding  
Busy fingers  
Hochs  
101 things for little folks to do  
Horch  
300 Games and pastimes  
Lucas  
The playtime omnibus  
Phillips  
Holiday book for boys  
Raven  
Leisure things for lively youngsters  
Rowland

By the way, I am very pleased to see so many clean hands at the library recently!—  
Children's Librarian.

gathered fruit should be stored away on trays or in a dark cellar in heaps, uncovered except during frost. They should be looked over once a fortnight so that any that are decaying may be removed.

## Garden Notes

## September For Harvesting

"September blow soft, till the fruits are in the loft."

This is the month for harvesting many of the garden products as well as field crops. But September does not always "blow soft" and the weather experienced is often characterised by its variability. The atmospheric conditions should therefore be carefully observed, especially in regard to tender plants in the open. A weather expert has said "it sometimes happens that there is a sharp frost about the 20th day of the month, and also that there are heavy rains with strong gales of wind towards the end of the month. Hence the necessity of watchfulness and the importance of housing such plants as are likely to be injured by frost or heavy rains in good time."

The most important work in the vegetable garden this month is lifting the main crop potatoes. Speaking generally it may be started during the third week of the month and should be finished early in October. It should be done in fine weather for then the potatoes come up clean and dry quickly and the soil can be rubbed off them easily. In wet weather the task is not an enviable one as the tubers do not dry properly and a good deal of soil clings to them. They are best lifted with a fork inserted deeply under the tubers which will then not be likely to be damaged. If not required for immediate consumption they may be left a little longer in the ground and in any case they should not be dug up until the tops are quite dead.

The tubers that are to be stored should be placed in a dry cellar or other dark and frost-proof place. Where no such building is available they may be piled up in a suitable place in the garden interspersed with layers of straw, on a raised site and covered with straw, and a thick layer of earth on top of the straw.

Another important piece of work at this time of year, second only to the harvesting of potatoes, is the harvesting of apples. Different varieties of apples ripen at different times and the ripe ones should of course be gathered first. The fruit-stalk parts easily from the twig on which it grows if the fruit is gently raised in a horizontal position. Fallen or bruised apples should never be mixed with those that are to be stored. Fruit which ripens in summer or autumn should be gathered just before it is ripe. Those which arrive at maturity in winter are best gathered at the moment when the leaves begin to fall. In the case of cooking apples only a few should be picked before they are actually ripe.

Gathering should take place in dry weather, and the late morning or early afternoon will usually be found to be the best time, as all the fruit should be dry. The

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## ADVERTISEMENT

## SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

(QUAKERS)

In a town not a great way from here at a joint meeting of the Churches, it was stated that one of the directions in which they, as Christians, might work together was in the stopping of Sunday games and cinemas.

In the light of such unfortunate pronouncements it is not surprising that few people think the church to-day has a vital message. But it has. A glimpse of one aspect of it may be had if we say that Christianity can help us to put first things first and enable us to see what are first things. That may sound "dry" but those who honestly and fully try to follow Christ and accept his ideas about life have a special joy, an enrichment of their whole lives, and nothing can take its place. You know what you mean when you say of anyone "He (or she) is a real Christian." What better tribute? And such a person is invariably happy. Do you feel with us that such a condition is one to be sought after? May we not seek together at the special evening Meeting for worship which we are now holding once a month? The next is on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, at 7.0 p.m. An opportunity for discussion will follow it. Please come if you can.

There is also a Quaker meeting for worship each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock which would be strengthened by your presence.

Both Meetings are at the Community Centre, Robert W. Errington, of 99 Crummock Gardens, N.W.9, our Clerk, would welcome your further enquiries.

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Dr. W. HOWAT LINDSAY  
Sept. 13.—Mr. R. A. LAIDLAW  
Sept. 20.—Mr. R. H. WEBB  
Sept. 27.—Mr. E. S. CURZON



## YOUTH PAGE

Watling Youth Committee

# YOUTH SOCIAL

Friday, October 2, 7.30 p.m.

ST. ALPHAGE HALL

The first of the series planned for this Autumn and Winter.

### A Personal Note

The Rev. H. J. Blackmore, Chairman of the Watling Youth Committee, is unfortunately leaving the district this month. The Editor has received the following personal note from him, which reads as follows:

"It has been a special privilege and pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Watling Youth Committee and so to have had some small share in the beginning of a movement which holds great promise for the future.

"It has meant for me a welcome experience of enriching fellowship with the clubs and members of many Youth Organisations which has strengthened my belief in the importance and manifold usefulness of youth work. My earnest hope is that the Watling Youth Committee will long continue the good work so well begun, and that it will receive the support it so richly deserves from the local Youth Organisations it desires to serve. A big 'thank you' to all who have helped to make my association with the committee so pleasant and profitable."—H.J.B.

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## Youth Editorial

### The Sports

**A**S reported last month the Watling Youth Committee's sports meeting was prevented from being held by a downpour of rain on two successive Fridays. It is disappointing because a keen meeting was expected, but it is hoped that we shall hold the sports meeting next year in ideal weather conditions.

### Bank Holiday Hike

Only two clubs turned up for what proved to be a most enjoyable day's hike. It is a great pity that the opportunity for fellowship was missed by many Watling clubs, and while we hope they had a happy day, we missed their company.

After a very adventurous journey from Watford to Chipperfield, blazing unknown paths through woods and fields, we enjoyed a picnic lunch on the green at Chipperfield in sunny weather. After we were all refreshed in accord with our tastes and needs we went on to Sarratt and back to Watford through Cassiobury Park. We arrived back at Burnt Oak at about 7 o'clock, tired, hungry and happy after walking about 15 miles.

### Youth Social

The first combined social of the winter season will be held in St. Alphage Hall on October 2nd at 7.30 p.m. We hope all clubs will come and that the evening will be as happy and lively as the previous socials have been. Further particulars will be given to club leaders after the next Watling Youth Committee meeting.

### Farewell to our First Chairman

We would like to bid farewell and God-speed to the Rev. H. J. Blackmore who is leaving Burnt Oak for Hull in September. He is the first chairman of Watling's Youth Committee and we shall be sorry to lose his energetic and cheerful help (read H. J. B.'s personal note on this page).

## STOP PRESS

We learn as we go to Press that Mr. A. J. Beaumont, of Wesley Hall, has been invited by the Watling Youth Organisations Committee to serve as chairman, the vacancy caused through the Rev. H. J. Blackmore having to resign owing to his removal from the district.

We wish Mr. Beaumont every success in his new office.

## THE WATLING RESIDENT

### A Challenge!

Reports are now coming in from the various local Education authorities concerning the country of the findings of the Youth Organisation Committees on the matter of Youth Registration. It seems reports can stir up the conscience of authorities then there are many districts which will have a startled awakening. How can youth leaders can substantiate it? "Some of the older juveniles gave the impression that they were quite content to drift along. A few had any desire to continue their education. . . . few really knew how to use such leisure as was available to them. . . . they appeared to have few ideas. . . . few resources in themselves." The details given above have been taken from the leader entitled "Neglected Youth," from the "Times Educational Supplement," August 8, 1942.

The editor invites opinions from members of Youth Clubs on the Watling Estate.



**St. Alphage Youth Organisations.**—The biggest event of the next few weeks is our Scouts' camp at Broadstone Warren, Sussex. The site is in the Ashdown Forest and given good weather we should have a marvellous time. And even if it rains we shall thoroughly enjoy ourselves, besides learning many things.

Thirteen of our members went on the Bank Holiday hike and had a very happy and energetic day.

Soon we shall be starting to play badminton again and hope to have a strong club, many happy evenings and some good matches.

During the winter we hope to have an interesting programme of varied activities, including regular discussions on Sunday evenings, socials, dances and whatever else we have the time and energy to do.

Our clubs are open to everyone who attends the Church, and new members are cordially welcome.



**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.**—Those of us who participated in the ramble on August Monday agreed that it was a great "do" and we particularly enjoyed the fellowship with our friends from St. Alphage. The venture was so successful that we could not help wishing that more than our two clubs had been represented. We certainly think that the experiment should be repeated.

During recent years we have broken many records at Wesley Hall, including some gramophone records, and it is good to report that our latest achievement has been to collect the record sum of £50 6s. 9d. for our Methodist Children's Home. This splendid sum represents an income of £13 over last year's total, and the little band of enthusiasts who devoted so much of their leisure time to the colossal task of canvassing the 4,000 houses on the Estate are to be congratulated.

Congratulations also to our Boys' Brigade upon winning the much coveted Battalion Cup for First Aid.

Attendances at Club on Tuesday evenings and at the Discussion Group on Sundays are being well maintained. We are eager to make new friends and cordially invite young people over 15 to pay us a visit.



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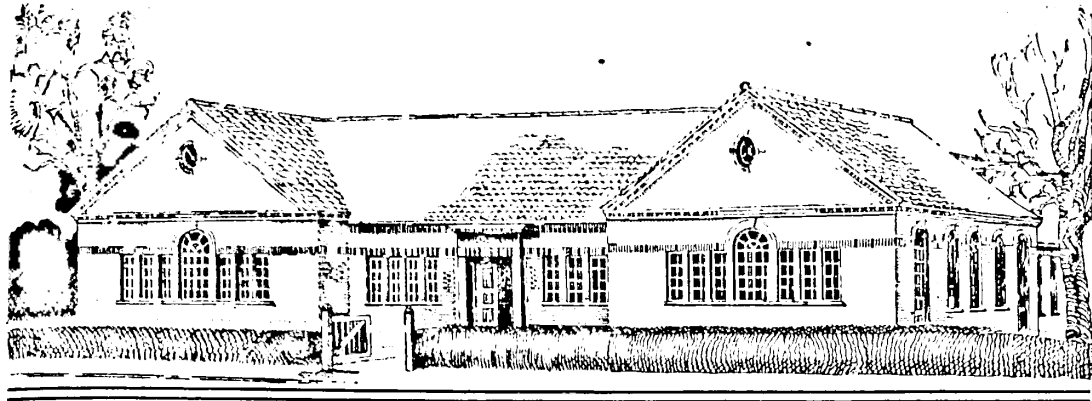
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## How Can We Improve The Association?

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**F**IRST blow up the Centre; no, not the people at the Centre, just blow up the building. But that is what the Association was working for for donkeys' years! Quite so, and having got it what did they do with it, and what happened to all the other ideals? It takes a lot of time and energy to to run the Centre, especially when some people are so careless of what happens there and what they destroy. If there was no building perhaps the Association would think more about the Estate as a whole, how life could be made better for people living here.

But we must have a building in which to meet and discuss things and learn *how* to make things better. Is that what the "Centre" is being used for? How many care? In any case is it in the right place?

Perhaps if we blew it up the Post-War Planning Committee of the Borough Council could find a better site, one more central, where more people could easily reach the Centre, fit it in with their shopping, or a visit to the park.

If the Association made a fresh start with its "Centre" perhaps it could do more to keep out the rowdy elements and attract the more respectable. Wouldn't that be a good thing? Perhaps so, perhaps not. Will rowdies get better or worse by being cut off from respectables?

If you, Mr. Respectable, are doing your bit won't you be coming in and helping Master Rowdy? Are you afraid he'll drag you down? Aren't you strong enough to push him up? But this will need a building won't it?

So it will. Let's not blow the Centre up, then, after all; not yet at any rate, when it might be difficult to build another straight away. Let's try lifting ourselves up, and giving each other a helping hand at the same time. You can't really do one without the other. Let's try to make the best use of what we have, even though it isn't all we want, our building, our time, our capacity, then we shall improve and our Association will improve.

VERB SAP.

### WATLING ASSOCIATION

### SPECIAL MEETING of MEMBERS

will be held at the "CENTRE"

Thursday, OCT. 15th, at 8 p.m.

To consider—

1. Amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Council.
2. How can we Improve the Association and the "Centre"?

### READERS' OPINIONS

Dear Editor,

The articles on improving the Association have been interesting—some suggest paying more, or giving instead of perhaps taking, but it seems to me that a Community Centre's main job of work is raising the level of understanding of the community. This is no doubt rather difficult as most folk try to escape from the realities of life in amusing trifles or pastimes, in the mistaken belief that such amusement

satisfies and makes up for a semi-starved mental existence. If members could only take the plunge into the fascinating study of, say, citizenship, local government and political studies or say the history of Trade Unions, or the history of the working class, they would never again be palmed off with poor substitutes and would be richer for their efforts.

It seems to be that our Community Centre life is far from being well balanced; many folk in the movement are not attempting to promote co-operation between all who serve, no matter how diverse their paths who form part of the community and if that true democratic community spirit is present would be welcomed as such.

If certain sections are turned aside then the structure is ill balanced and incomplete and members are deprived of an essential and enlightening section of themselves who have been serving all along the line.

ANOTHER MEMBER.



90, Deansbrook Road,

Edgware.

Sept. 12, 1942.

Dear Editor,

Allow me to correct the statement F. H. Lake made in his letter to the *Resident* last month referring to the charge of 3d. per week for attendance at the Adult School.

This is quite untrue as the membership is free; any money given is entirely voluntary.

Yours sincerely,

J. WASHBOURN.

Secretary Eversfield (Women's)

Adult School.



## ..... THIS OTHER ARMY!

*A short descriptive story of interest particularly to Poultry Keepers*

By E. H. HUGHES

**A**NOTHER army is on the move! It marches across the fields which outskirt towns and deep into the countryside where the harvest has been gathered.

It marches where the rumble of a few remaining tractors reaping a late harvest, replaces the thunderous reverberation which, carried with the wind, only a few weeks ago told the world that the battle of the fields was won.

It has invaded the fields—now stripped of their golden garment and clad barely with stubble—this other army. The army of gleaners.

This year, more than in the past, gleaning has been fully exploited, mostly by the backyard poultry-keepers seeking grain for their chickens and from sunrise to sunset they trek searchingly about the fields stooping to pick up each ear of corn which has escaped the reaper, in doing so resembling the chickens that peck at the grain they bring to them. I mingled with part of this army.

In the far corner of a freshly harvested field, a tree towered gracefully above a family that had chosen gleaning as a relaxing and profitable pastime.

As they gleaned their way slowly across the field, even the small dog with them shared their simple pleasure and danced gaily around in pursuit of an insect which scurried swiftly through the stubble.

The family moved on, and as the baskets they each carried filled, the army increased in numbers and the sun—which fell even closer to a golden hayrick standing illustriously at the top of a distant hill—cast weird shadows across its path.

An enthusiastic gleaner had discovered that where sheaths of wheat had been stacked, generous quantities of corn could be found and one word brought fellow-gleaners swarming to the spot.

I was told by one gleaner how he processed the ears of corn for his poultry and the method was: first to remove the grain from the stalks into a cloth and beat it against the wall to separate the chaff from the grain. The difficulty of winnowing the chaff—leaving only the grain—was overcome by placing the beaten contents of the cloth into a box. By playing the pipe of a vacuum cleaner—placed in the

reverse end of the cleaner so that it blows out—on to it, the chaff was blown away leaving the grain which was then ready for the chickens.

While evolving this valuable but simple process, the gleaner had paused frequently to gather the corn which was strewn across his path and by the



*Gleaning near Kingsbury.*

time he had finished telling me, the sun had vanished behind the hayrick which then stood silhouetted against the red dust of the setting sun causing the army, wearily but contentedly, to vacate the territory from which it had gathered its profitable supplies of grain.

I myself had gathered a share of it, but I first made certain that the farmer was aware of my presence in his field.

We are indebted to the author of "... This Other Army!" for the photographs appearing and to the London *Evening News* for the loan of the two blocks.—Ed.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

"When a stranger says:  
'What is the meaning  
of this city'?  
Do you huddle close  
together because you  
love each other?  
What will you answer?  
'We all dwell together  
to make money from  
each other'? or  
'This is a community'?"

J. S. ELIOT.

### THE CHOIR WILL DANCE!!

Although this magazine will only be in the hands of the readers a few days before the Watling Musical Society hold their Social on Friday, October 2nd, we hope that if you haven't decided whether to attend or not, that you will take a bold plunge and go and enjoy yourself with the members and friends of the Musical Society.

You will be welcome at 7.30 p.m. Admission 6d.



### Fuel Rationing

The Citizen's Advice Bureau advise readers to work out the amount of coal, gas and electricity you would be allowed under this scheme—do it now.

In some cases it might be found to be about half of what you used last year! You should plan the fuel so that you have sufficient for the coldest weather. The advice goes on to suggest that you should use a quarter or less of what you used in August and September last year!



### Aid To China

A grand concert in support of the Mayor of Hendon's Fund for United Aid to China is to be given at John Keble Church Hall on Friday, October 2nd.

The concert is being given by the "Broadfield Park Steppers," a troupe of juvenile performers trained by Mrs. W. G. Croudy. Tickets obtainable at the "Centre" from Mr. A. R. Lodge, reserved 2s., unreserved 1s. (children half price).





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## The House that Hendon Built

WE were pleased to notice the erection of the small building adjoining the Bowling Green for the use of Bowling enthusiasts in Watling Park—congratulations.

What puzzles us is that within a few weeks the building was sanctioned, designed and erected, and how with the Government control of building material was this achieved, when the erection of feeding centres essential for the people's welfare has been outstanding for so many months largely we are told because of the shortage of labour and material.

Is this a case of efficient local government versus top heavy Civil Service departmentalism?



## Community Centres and the W.E.A.

THE conference held on Saturday, September 12, at Canon's Park, under the auspices of the W.E.A. was well attended. The speaker in the afternoon session gave much attention to training colleges (residential) and emphasised the need for Community Centres on housing estates to house and foster the educational and cultural pursuits of the people.

In the discussion that followed Mrs. Dyson, tutor to the W.E.A. urged the need for a Community Centre for this district. May we humbly bring to her and her friends' notice the existence of such a "Centre," in the Watling Association.

This Community Centre has been doing pioneer work for the people on this vast Estate for over ten years, we cannot claim perfection but can point out that the ideals Mrs. Dyson so ably spoke of can only come about by diligent work.

The educational classes can be arranged, planned and started, but you cannot compel people to attend.

Separating forces for good in this direction can only weaken the cause we have really at heart. There is an urgent need to-day for continued action on the educational front and the only real way to encourage the establishment of such Community Centres as our friends envisage is to give full support to the already existing organisation.

We long for the day when our premises will be enlarged so that we need not exhibit "house full" notices—until that happy day however we invite all who have similar interests to pool their enthusiasm and experiences with the only Community Association in the district.

## "OUT AND ABOUT"

Congratulations to the Hendon Branch of the Y.H.A. on the appearance of the first number of their own magazine "Out and About."

The first issue shows how varied and gifted are the talents possessed by the members of this vigorous and healthy Youth group. We hope to see further issues of "Out and About" and wish the magazine a healthy and progressive existence.



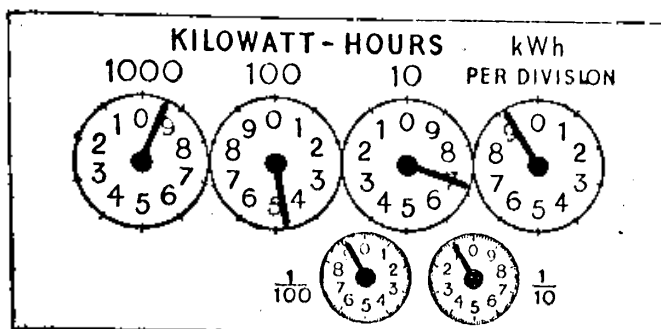
We trust that page four will be of assistance to readers in their fuel problems, and suggest keeping the page for reference.



The Gleaners of 1942.—Collecting grain for chickens in the stubble left by the reapers in fields near Kingsbury, and using the reverse end of a vacuum cleaner to winnow away the chaff. Read "This Other Army" on page 2 for explanation.



# WHAT DOES YOUR METER TELL YOU?



A typical Electricity Meter

## Reading The Electric Meter :

You can ignore any dials which have markings 10 or 100. Read the dials one at a time beginning at the right and write down the figures as you read them—that is from right to left. When the pointer is *between* two figures always put down the lesser figure, except when it is between 0 and 9, when always put down 9. When the pointer is *on* a figure (say 7) write down 6 (not 7) unless the pointer of the dial to the right is between 0 and 1.

In the illustration shown here the reading is 9,649 units. This number represents the total number of units which have passed through the meter. Deduct from this the last reading and you have the consumption of electricity for the period between the two readings.

All the above may sound a little complicated but it isn't really difficult when you have had a little practice. If you are not quite sure on any point you should call at your Electricity Showrooms where they will be glad to answer any questions.



**Here are a few useful hints showing how you can make some valuable savings in your current consumption.**

Use electric fires very sparingly, only one bar at a time, and *never* in the morning between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Never leave a fire switched on when a room is empty.

Plan your cooking to save waste. Use your oven only once a week and see that it is full to capacity. See that your utensils cover the hot plates.

Never boil more water than you actually need. Hot water tanks and pipes should be "lagged" (wrapped up with felt or cloth).

Never rinse under the hot tap, and don't soak dishes in hot water.

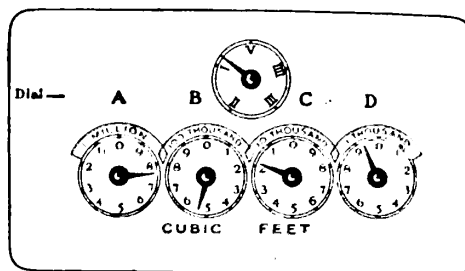
Use the bath sparingly and don't use more than 5 inches of water.

You will be given a lot more useful information on fuel economy if you will call in at the Electricity Showrooms.

The Government have given you a "Target Figure" for your fuel consumption and it is hoped that every householder will see that his individual Target is not exceeded. But in order to keep a check on fuel consumption you must know how to read your Gas and Electricity Meters.



Here is a page of information on how to read your Meters. Keep the page for reference, you will find it useful. The Meters should be read weekly and a record kept of the readings.



A typical Gas Meter

## Reading The Gas Meter :

On your meter you will see one test dial and below it a row of three or four recording dials. Like the illustration above.

**Ignore the top dial.** Take each dial from left to right (labelled in illustration A, B, C, D, to help you), and write down the **smaller** of the two figures between which the pointers stand (if the pointer is between 0 and 1 write down 0, but if between 9 and 0 write down 9). Add 00 after the figures, and you have the present meter reading in cubic feet.

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ABC D  
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## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

All our groups hope to be in full swing by the end of September, when we propose to start at 5 p.m.

Children are to produce magazines of their own, one for boys and one for girls. Girls are making dresses to wear for folk-dancing, and the Children's choir is to prepare a musical play for Christmas, and a concert is to be given on Friday, October 9th, at 7.30 p.m.

The postponed Talent Competition is to be held on November 21st. Our warmest thanks are due to the teachers of local schools for their kindness and help in arranging the programme, and we will be most grateful for their continued co-operation. Forms of entry may be obtained at the schools and from the Centre.

We are very grateful to the boys of University College School, Hampstead, who have so generously given their time to teach the boys woodwork and physical training, particularly for assistance in the woodwork section of the Arts and Crafts Examination recently held at the Centre; also to Miss Griffiths, a school teacher from Kenton, for valuable help with girls' P.T. group; to the Misses D. Cox and Joan Barkshire, who teach our girls folk-dancing and games and whose help with that of fellow students from Copthall County School, and of Mr. McKie, a school teacher from St. Pancras, contributed so much by giving so many children a very happy afternoon folk-dancing in the park on August 6th, and to Mr. Lodge to whom parents also are grateful for conducting the boot-mending groups for boys, and to Mrs. Green for help with needlework class.

The Moggies have promised to help in every way they can to enable their groups to function successfully and so help all these kind people who are giving up so much of their time to assist us.

## Meeting On India

A very interesting and informative lecture on the present situation in India was delivered at the Centre on Sunday the 13th of September by Mr. S. Harravo. He traced the course of the negotiations between Sir Stafford Cripps and Congress leaders, and expounded reasons for the failure to reach a settlement.

Emphasizing the serious and critical nature of the existing deadlock, he made a strong appeal that everything possible should be done by the British Government to win the solid support and confidence of the people of India in the world struggle against brutal Fascist aggression. His address provoked a number of searching questions, and the discussion which followed was exceptionally keen. The speaker had to leave after the question period in order to attend another meeting, and it was a pity he was not able to stay for the discussion in which many varied viewpoints were expressed. The meeting was well attended, and many present pressed that, if possible, a further meeting on the same subject should be arranged in the near future.

## Children's Library

I would like you to take note of the library hours for the coming winter:

From October 5th to 17th, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

From October 19th until further notice, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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## A REMINDER

A special meeting will be held at the Watling Centre on Wednesday, October 14th, at 8 o'clock. Business: The proposed formation of a Men's Club. Come along men, this is your opportunity to mix, and get to know the other fellow in a friendly social atmosphere.

E. C.

## DANCES AND SOCIALS

Mr. T. Judd, Hon. Social Secretary, draws attention to two recent decisions by the Socials Committee:

On and after Saturday, October 10, the Saturday Socials will be held exclusively for adults, children only admitted when accompanied by their parents.

Also owing to the overcrowding of the Wednesday and Sunday Evening Dances the Social Committee regret to announce that new members under 16 years of age will not be admitted.

It is the hope of the Committee to offer other facilities for these young folk during the coming months under the scheme for youth now under consideration.

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## Garden Notes

### October

This month is remarkable for variations in the weather which is often mild and wet with some fog in low-lying districts. Periods of calm alternate with heavy storms, the wind generally coming from the west.

Outdoor tomatoes should be gathered during the early days of the month, as they are not likely to ripen if left longer on the plants. The best way of dealing with green tomatoes is to put them in a box, shut down the lid and put the box in a moderately warm room in the house. If paper is available each tomato should be wrapped in it and thus kept in the dark. They ripen more quickly this way than when placed on a sunny shelf which is the usual custom.

Grease bands should be placed round the stems of apple trees to prevent the ravages of the grubs of the winter moth next spring. The band will stop the wingless female moth from climbing the tree for the purpose of laying her eggs. The band should consist of grease-proof paper about six inches in depth placed two feet or more from the level of the ground. Care should be taken to tie the bands at the top and bottom so that the moths cannot crawl beneath them. The bands may be smeared with cart-grease but the patent preparation called "Tangle-foot" is better and more convenient and can be applied direct to the tree stems without harm.

Before the frost blackens the dahlia plants look them over and make sure that each variety is correctly labelled. When the tops are frosted cut them off to within a foot of the ground and lift the tubers after carefully tying the label to the stem. Let the tubers dry a little and store them in a cool dry place where they are secure from frost. A little leaf soil or sand should be sprinkled between the tubers.

Roses may easily be raised from cuttings and now is the time to do it. But perhaps it is more important to raise currants and gooseberries which are done in much the same way. A small trench about ten inches deep should be made at the bottom of which a layer of very sandy compost should be placed. Each cutting should be taken from the main plant just beneath a bud to form a proper base and the cuttings are inserted in the trench at such a depth that two-thirds of it is beneath the soil. In the case of red and white currants and gooseberries all the buds except four or five at the top should be removed. In the case of black currants no buds should be taken out as it is essential to have fresh growths in the bushes every season.

### THE WATLING RESIDENT

#### Watling Association and District Rabbit Club

Members are certainly taking a real interest in club affairs. Our exhibition at the Watling Horticultural Society's Show in aid of the Red Cross was a great success, many people were surprised at what rabbit fanciers are doing to keep the country fed and clothed in war time, and apart from financially assisting the Red Cross effort we were repaid by the number of new members who joined our club.

The last Open Show, on August 8th, was our best to date. It was encouraging to see Watling members win some of the 1st Prizes, and although we have not been able to capture the Challenge Class yet, careful breeding next spring may even allow us to do that.

We have now fixed up with Messrs. Price, of Watling Avenue, as the club buyer, and members can take their rabbit carcasses there for sale to the public as soon as they have stock ready for killing.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. Maynard for the splendid lecture he gave on Monday, September 14th: his work is never wasted on our members and is greatly appreciated by us all.

Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 6th, 7.30 p.m. Next Open Show, Saturday, October 10th, at 3 p.m.

S. G. ABBOTT (Sec.).

#### Veteran's Club Report

The W.A. Veteran's Club are very proud in having as one of its members Mrs. J. M. Cox, who has raised to date over £14 10s. 0d. on behalf of very worthy charitable institutions by making and selling golliwogs made from odd bits of material. Mrs. Cox is 83 years of age, and when one thinks of the hundreds of golliwogs she must have made to raise such a big sum of money the effort is all the more wonderful.

St. Dunstons, British Red Cross, and the Prisoners of War Fund are among those who have received benefits.

The club still continues to grow. Three members who evacuated from the district some time ago are back with us again and three new members have been made during the past month. There is still room and a welcome for any residents on the Watling Estate who are 65 years of age or over. Membership is free. Advice given in regards to pensions. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 4 o'clock to 5.30.

E. E. COLE.



OCTOBER, 1942

## Association Diary

All activities take place at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated.

### REGULAR EVENTS.

- Sunday—**  
Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
4 No Meeting.  
17 The Group Idea. Mr. T. Ashcroft.  
18 An Indian Experiment in Group Life. Mr. C. W. Sabin.  
25 Group Activity by Members.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.
- Monday—**  
Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
"Westminster and Beyond" Wireless, 7.30.  
Weight Lifters, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 8.0.  
Folk Dancing, 8.0.
- Tuesday—**  
Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
W.A. Youth Club Games Night, 7.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Young Communist League, 8.
- Wednesday—**  
Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
7 Czechoslovakia, Miss Eastgate.  
14 George Lansbury, Mrs. Catchpool.  
21 Cookery Demonstration.  
23 To be arranged.  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.45.  
Discussion Group, 8 (see report).  
Clarion Cycling Club, 8.0.
- Thursday—**  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.  
W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.  
Weight Lifters, 7.30.
- Friday—**  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.
- Saturday—**  
Old-Time Social, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS.

- Thursday 1** W.V.S., 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
- Friday 2** Choir Social, 7.30.
- Saturday 3** Blind Club, 2.30.
- Sunday 4** Odd Fellows, 10.  
Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.
- Tuesday 6** Rabbit Club, 8.
- Thursday 8** Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
- Friday 9** "Moggies" Concert, 7.30.
- Saturday 10** Rabbit Show, 3.
- Sunday 11** Rabbit Show, 3.
- Wednesday 14** Men's Club, 7.30.
- Thursday 15** W.V.S., 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.  
W.A. Council, 7.30.
- Saturday 17** Blind, 2.30.
- Sunday 18** Odd Fellows, 10.
- Thursday 22** Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
- Friday 23** Drama Festival, 8.
- Saturday 24** Drama Festival, 7.30.
- Wednesday 28** Men's Club, 7.30.
- Thursday 29** W.V.S., 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
- Saturday 31** Blind Club, 2.30.

## The Discussion Group

The purpose of this group which meets every Wednesday is to afford an opportunity for the sharing of views and ideas. The attendance is at present encouraging, although more points of view would be welcome.

At the moment the higher ideals of life are liable to be discarded, and in this lies danger, for the more human elements of our existence and the priceless treasures of knowledge and culture are the only factors which will ultimately enable the human race to achieve a happy and stable state.

To adopt a thoughtful attitude to modern problems, and to allow reason and intelligence to mould our judgment should be one of our ruling maxims; and such a group as this offers that very opportunity, for discussion tends to draw men of opposite opinions together, to inculcate a sense of honesty and tolerance, and is one of the most powerful mediums of education.

It may be added that the youthful element is lacking, and this is a great pity, for many of the discussions deal with questions that have perplexed thoughtful young people for centuries.

The subjects dealt with have included: Money, Heredity, Poetry, God, Astronomy, The House, Diet, Steel, etc., and our future programme is as follows:

- Oct. 7.—"The Watling Resident," the Hon. Editor.  
Oct. 14.—The Treatment of Juvenile Crime, Mrs. Coleman.  
Oct. 21.—The Value of Books, Mr. J. A. Coleman.  
Oct. 28.—The Use of Leisure, Mr. White.  
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## Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

A splendid display of fruit and vegetables marked our Harvest Festival on 14th September, which when sold to members realised 9s. 4d., which is to be sent to the Waifs and Strays Society. On the same afternoon Mrs. Lacy, our President, gave an interesting account of the work of the children's department of the Orthopaedic Hospital.

Should gardeners wish to dispose of any vegetable surplus they may send it to our School at the Watling Centre, when it will be taken to one of the hospitals.

Mrs. Nyberg is to send another parcel of comforts, including a 7lb. tin of tinsles, to our adopted mine-sweeper within the next few days.

## Watling Guild of Players

The Guild has commenced rehearsals for the two short plays chosen for the autumn festival to be held on the 23rd and 24th of October.

The plays chosen are: "Country Cottage" by Margaret Cropper, and "The Grand Cham's Diamond" by Allan Monkhouse.



## Eversfield Congregational Church

The Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock has been slightly altered in character. It is now a service of worship for young people who form the "Junior Church." The numbers are increasing and a Primary Section for very young children has been formed at this service and at the afternoon Sunday School at 3 p.m.

A large audience gathered to see the Junior Church perform the pageant of the Seasons, "The Circling Year." The children, in their gay dresses, thoroughly enjoyed themselves and so did everyone privileged to watch them.

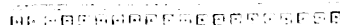
It was a fine piece of holiday work and thanks are due to them and to Mrs. Nesbitt, the author and producer.

## WOODCROFT HALL BURNT OAK



You are cordially invited to hear the following speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.15

- Oct. 4.—Mr. W. SMITH  
Oct. 11.—Mr. E. W. ROGERS  
Oct. 18.—  
Mr. A. GALE JOHNSON  
Oct. 25.—Mr. A. J. VEREKER





## Youth Editorial

### Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before

**B**Y the time this issue of the "Watling Resident" is published all Club leaders will have received tickets and particulars of the Youth Social in St. Alphage Hall on October 2nd.

It is proposed to run the evening on the same lines as the last social in St. Alphage Hall, last January. We hope every ticket will be sold and that we shall have a very jolly evening.

Other future events arranged by the Watling Youth Committee are displayed on this page.

It will be noticed that the programme is a very varied one, and we hope that the ventures we have arranged will be well supported by the youth of Watling.

★  
Congratulations to the 1939 Club on tying for first place in a swimming gala held at Mill Hill Pool. They will hold the girls' shield for six months.

★  
**St. Alphage Youth Organisations.**—The winter programme is in full swing, with all our organisations active and going ahead with their work and games.

The Scouts had a very happy and successful week's camp at Broadstone, Sussex. We were all sorry to come home, but look forward to next summer's camping.

The badminton and table-tennis club is getting into its stride again after a rest and we hope to play several matches and enter for the Watling table-tennis tournament.

We are holding a series of dances in the hall beginning on October 3rd, when we hope Mr. Bobbie Israel, a world's champion dancer, will visit us.

The discussion group has begun to meet again and is following out the scheme put out by the London Diocesan Youth Council called "Love in Action."

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## COMING EVENTS

### October and November

Sunday, October 11th, at 8 p.m.

#### DISCUSSION:

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WESLEY HALL

Sunday, October 25th, at 8 p.m.

RALLY at EVERSFIELD GARDENS  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Friday, November 6th, at 8 p.m.

TABLE-TENNIS TOURNAMENT at  
WESLEY HALL

Entrance fee 1/- per club

(Entries to Mr. Beaumont, 26 Holmstall Avenue, Edgware, by October 30th)

**Youth Hostels Association** (Hendon Branch).—September marked the issue of the first copy of the group's magazine "Out and About," edited by Jimmy Stevens, with contributions from group members. Arrangements are also being made for the A.G.M. in October.

Among the hostels visited in September were Bardon, in Leicestershire, an epic hitch-hike; Winchester both by walkers and cyclists, and Stratley, near the well-known Thames-side beauty spot of Goring. Walkers also visited Ewhurst Green hostel, on the North Downs, and Boulsters Lock, near Maidenhead. The latter hostel was visited in company with members of the Free Austrian movement in England. Despite the war we are still keeping up the international spirit of the Y.H.A., looking forward to the day when we shall once again be able to meet visitors from other lands in our hostels, and visit them in theirs.

On Thursday evenings at the Watling "Centre" we have had our usual varied programme. Swing records, a talk on rock climbing, games and dance evenings, and folk stories from other countries. Look out for a Y.H.A. publicity drive in the near future.

Our other activities are also doing well. Tennis has just come to a close, and the dramatic section are getting to work again, under the supervision of Mildred Rowe. Several members are taking part in the Workers' Music Association Choir, and many others are taking classes in Literature, Economics, Music appreciation, and Psychology, under the W.E.A., to which we are affiliated.

Altogether we have had a very successful month. The day walks were not very well patronised, but week-end outings and cycle runs have flourished. If members will take more active interest, both in the group and the Y.H.A. as a whole, we should do even better in the future.

★  
**Watling Boys' Club.**—Instead of the usual report I would like to state a few facts about the Watling Boys' Club.

We recognize that at the present moment, many boys after doing a day of mainly monotonous work, require some kind of recreation in the evenings and at week-ends. But the aims of the Club are not only to provide this, but: (1) To develop the boys' physical and spiritual powers to the best of his ability (2) Practice self-reliance, understanding, self-reliance, skills in and sportsmanship at all times (3) Responsibility for the organisation of activities and the good name of the Club (4) Leave the Club prepared and ready to carry out the duties of citizenship. We of course don't always succeed in these aims, but the leaders of the Club do everything possible to carry them out. We also do everything possible to get the boys to take on responsibilities. For instance, Leslie Pym, who is only just 15 years of age, has without any help from the Club leaders been responsible not only for the "Watling Resident" monthly report, but also for all press statements and notices.

We are very proud to think that we can leave such an important task to one of the club members.—H. LEE (Club Leader).

### CRICKET REPORT

The Club played 13 matches throughout the season, won nine and lost four.

The best batsmen: G. Nash, 116 (11.6 runs per innings); Pym, 122 (10.2 runs per innings); Stavey, 39 (9.75 runs per innings); Bishop, 97 (9 runs per innings); Origen, 63 (6 runs per innings).

The best bowlers: Phillips, 60 wickets for 302 runs (5 runs per wicket); Pym, 49 wickets for 263 runs (5.3 runs per wicket).

Best fielders: Pym, 10 catches; Nash (6), 9 catches; Origen, 6 catches.

L. Pym (Vice-Capt.)

### COURSES FOR YOUTH LEADERS

#### Central Council of Recreative Physical Training

A Junior Leaders' Course will be held by the C.C.R.P.T. at the Chelsea Polytechnic, Manrese Road, Chelsea, commencing Monday, 5th October, from 6.30 to 8 p.m. There will be ten sessions, including simple athletics, skipping, games and health education. The fee for the whole course is 2s. and those interested should apply to the C.C.R.P.T., 58 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. I would point out that this is a Junior Leaders' Course, and is intended for girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty years.

#### The Speech Fellowship—in co-operation with the British Drama League

A course in Speech Training, Choral Speaking, Acting and Production for Youth Workers will be held at the Headquarters of the British Drama League (9 Fitzroy Square, London, W.1) for one week-end in each of the following months: September, October, December, 1942; January, March, and April, 1943. Sessions will be on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The fee for the full course of six week-ends is £3 3s. 6d., and for single week-ends 12s. 6d. Further details may be obtained from the Y.O.C. Office, Town Hall, Hendon.

#### Modern Dance Course (Central European Dancing)

It is proposed to hold a course in Modern Dance at the Hendon Technical Institute on Mondays, commencing 28th instant, from 6 to 7 p.m. Leaders of organisations are invited to apply for enrolment for this course, the fee for which will be 2s. 6d. Early application is suggested, in view of the fact that the numbers will be strictly limited.



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**Watling Guild of Players**  
Amateur Dramatics—Rehearsals Tuesdays, at  
8 p.m.

**Men's Club**, an opportunity for recreation.  
Wednesdays, at 8 p.m.

**Discussion Group** (see diary for programme)  
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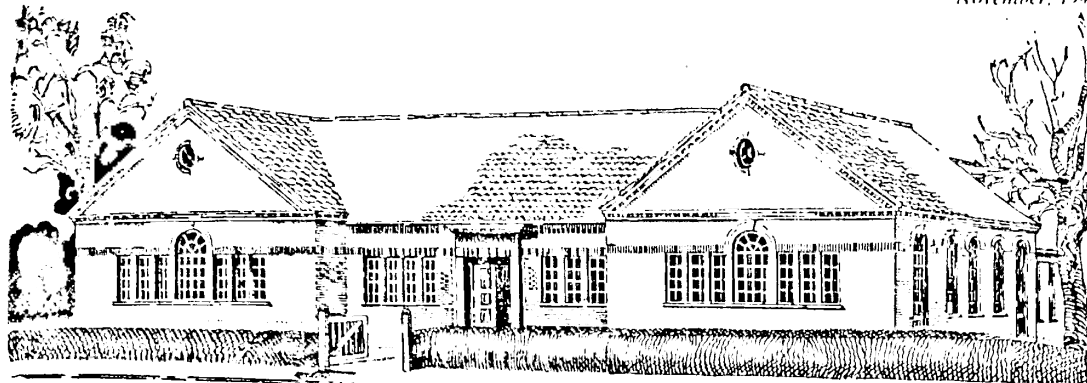
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## How Can We Improve The Association?

*This month's contributor to this series, Councillor A. Durant, is Chairman of the Watling Community Association. We invite members to read what he has to say on this all-important subject on how can we improve the Association? You will notice he lays special emphasis on the individual member's responsibility for the government and administration of the affairs of the Association.*

**G**OVERNMENT of the people, by the people, for the people, this is the basic and guiding principle of true democracy. The Watling Association is an organised unit, created by the people to meet specific and urgent requirements. The primary object of the Association is to provide for the educational, cultural, and recreational needs of its members who are of the people, and its membership is open to all people resident on the Watling Estate.

The control of the Association is entirely in the hands of the members, who are wholly responsible for its administration and all its operations. It is essential that all members should actively participate in the government of the Association, and not leave it to a few to carry the responsibilities and duties entailed in its everyday work and activities. This, I suggest, is the first and vital point of improvement, the acceptance by all members of their responsibilities and obligations to the Association.

The prestige, power, and progress of the Association depends upon the degree to which our people are prepared to accept responsibilities and duties. Having accepted such duties it should be the concern of all to train themselves and to be worthy workers within a team composed of tip-top triers and efficient comrades. In such teams (and effective team-work is essential) there is no place for silly likes, dislikes, and whims, or personal pride, pique and prejudice. It is the team that matters and not the individual.

If the members in rapidly increasing

**By A. DURANT**

numbers decide to play their part in the work of the Association, an immediate major improvement will accrue, and many necessary minor improvements will follow in a short span of time. The two main focus points of the Association are the "Watling Resident," our reflector and mouth-piece, and the Watling Centre, our home and power-house.

With regard to the "Resident" I am sure that the Editor would be delighted if members would overwhelm him with copy each month. Even though it might not be possible to find space for all such copy, the "Resident" would be materially improved as a reflector of the thoughts and ideas of the members.

### CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

An urgent improvement necessary at the Centre is to provide for expansion of the building which at the present time is too small to meet requirements. Such expansion is not possible during the war period, but we should be preparing our plans and ironing out the details. So far as immediate conditions are concerned, I submit a list of questions and answers which may be provocative and challenging, but certainly objective.

Is it conducive to good atmosphere and surroundings to make the ground surrounding the Centre a playground of destruction?

No, the fencing should be maintained in good order, the rose garden idea extended, and the grounds kept neat, tidy, and clean.

Do we keep the interior decoration and maintenance at a sufficiently high standard?

No, the interior appearances are dismal and maintenance could and should be vastly improved.

Are lettings and functions within the building well planned and arranged?

Enter the Centre on an evening when the radiogram or band is belching forth dance music for dancers in the Hall, a meeting is in progress in the Library, a wedding party is being entertained by piano and saxophone in C Room, a lecture being given in the Common Room, a noisy crowd of youngsters clamouring round the canteen table in the corridor, a committee meeting in the Office, and the answer to the question is decidedly—No.

Are the Canteen arrangements as good as they might be? No, I wholeheartedly agree with a previous contributor who suggested that better arrangements should be devised. "C" Room should be set apart for Canteen requirements, and the corridor at all times kept entirely free and clear.

Is it pleasing to see people sitting on chairs in the corridor for hours on end awaiting interview for advice purposes?

No, better arrangements could and should be made.

Space will not permit expansion of this list. I know that arguments relating to hard cash enters into the picture, but I also know that necessary cash can be raised. With wholehearted

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Hendon Borough Council

## Column on Food

By "OBSERVER"

THE Hyde British Restaurant at Colindale (the third opened under the Hendon Borough Council's scheme) was opened by Sir Reginald Blair, M.P., on the 24th October. The Ministry of Food has approved acceptance by the Council of tenders for the erection of the restaurants at Brent Street, Montrose Avenue, and Cricklewood Lane, the work is in the hands of the various contractors, and these restaurants should now be completed within the course of the next few months. Further plans and estimates in respect of the Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill, and the Cressingham Road sites are being forwarded to the Ministry, and it is hoped that the necessary sanctions will be granted as speedily as possible. Arrangements are in hand for covering Edgware, the Garden Suburb and other areas, and if all their plans reach fruition the Hendon Borough Council will have done a good job of work.

### Feeding School Children

Despite serious difficulties in securing essential heavy equipment for the Bell Lane centre the expansion of the school meals service is steadily progressing. It was recently reported that only one of the five gas boilers required for this centre had arrived, and that when arrangements are finally completed they will provide for an additional 1,000 meals per day. The present output at the Algernon Road School centre provides 1,500 dinners each day, and this figure will reach 2,000 in the near future. The following statistics of dinners served during the week ended 25th September, 1942, may be of interest to readers:—

School	Dinners Served
Algernon Road .. .. .	646
Bell Lane .. .. .	627
Childs Hill .. .. .	865
Deansbrook .. .. .	1,001
Edgware .. .. .	689
Goldbeaters .. .. .	721
Hyde .. .. .	917
St. Mary's C.E. .. .. .	614
Woodcroft .. .. .	705
Annunciation R.C. .. .. .	705
Orange Hill .. .. .	1,602
St. James R.C. .. .. .	450

Total 9,726

## GIVE YOUTH ITS CHANCE

*The author of this article is not a member of the Watling Community Association, but is a regular reader of the "Resident" and is attached to one of the Youth Organisations on the Estate. The acceptance for publication of this controversial matter does not mean that we share the opinions expressed therein, but we are glad to give the Under 20's their opportunity of self-expression.*

—Editor.

THIS is a simple plea that youth should be given its chance. Under 'twenties who have entered into the present-day Youth Movement with enthusiasm are beginning to be worried by the apparent desire of those mysterious "Powers-that-Be" (of whose identity we are not very clear) to bring the Movement very much under the control of those who are a long way over twenty—both in age and in mental outlook.

The persistent demands that under-'twenties' clubs and societies should "affiliate," and should conform to programmes laid down from some executive or advisory body, seem to us—and I speak for many besides myself—to have the flavour of the German Youth Movement, in which the young people are forcibly moulded to a set pattern in order that this may, now and later on, perform better the will of the Totalitarian State.

This is surely not democratic, and more important still, it is not in conformity with the English character. As far as I know, there has never been a successful popular "movement" of any kind in this country forced on to the people from above. The demand and urge in the really successful movements have always come from below, and if, with success, a measure of central organisation has become necessary, the central body has made its policy conform to that of the people who created it. The Co-operative Movement, the Labour Party, the Boy Scouts, the Repertory Theatre Movement, are all examples of this.

So I urge that the new Youth Movement should be given the chance to build itself in its own way. We do not want to be spoon-fed by benevolent Government Departments and Advisory Committees until our own outlook is middle-aged. If this happens we shall, as we take our full place in the structure of the nation, simply repeat the mistakes our fathers made.

I do not for a moment suggest that we are not likely to make mistakes if left to ourselves; but let them be our own mistakes, arising from the circumstances of our own time, not from the fixed ideas and prejudices of people

THE WATLING RESIDENT

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who formed their opinion in days when circumstances were entirely different. The Movement, in its present form, is experimental; an experimental handling of youth. Is it too much to ask that youth should do the experimenting, and not be merely the pawns with which our grave and reverend seniors play out their own pet games and try out their own pet moves?

It is nice to have some sort of official recognition from those in authority; but control from above is the arch-enemy of spontaneity, and as soon as the movement ceases to be spontaneous it will fail. If the authorities want to be really helpful, let them create regional advisory committees—very carefully selected—to whom we can go for advice when we want, but who will not attempt to interfere with the running of our own clubs and centres. This will be more helpful to the development, however benevolent its intentions.—CHARLES BASS



### Apologies

We regret that the author of the last month's special panel on page two was printed as J. S. Eliot. This should have been T. S. Eliot.

Apologies are also due to Mr. Lodge, organiser of the Concert in Aid of the Mayor's Fund for United Aid to China. The date of the concert was inadvertently given as October 2nd. This should have been, however, October 9th.

We learn the hall was packed with an enthusiastic audience and £136s. 9d. was raised for the Fund.





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## What's in a Name?

AT the special meeting of members of the Watling Association held on Thursday, October 15th, several alterations in the Constitution were agreed upon. Henceforth the association will be known as the Watling Community Association. Some may ask, naturally, what does the change in name mean?

We venture to suggest that by the introduction of the word "community" it should bring the work of the association to the fore as an association of the people and for the people in the "Community of Watling." It identifies itself with the Estate in a much closer sense and because of it the members should realise that they must set a very high standard of conduct and achievement as the goal towards which the association must travel.



A community comprises people of varying types with differences of outlook and experiences, and to be a member of an association with so cosmopolitan a make-up calls for the greatest care in maintaining a balanced policy. It cannot adopt any pronouncement of political or religious bias, but must seek, where possible, to form its own judgment—that of its members, democratically arrived at. There are some people who think that to be non-this and non-that means you have no opinion to express. This need not be the case—far from it. An Association of the Community can become a power in the locality with an independent voice in the wilderness of local affairs.

Therefore we again say to those who in the past have judged from the other side of the railings: "Come inside and help us to help ourselves in moulding a Community Association second to none. There is room for you and plenty of work for you to undertake."

## IMPORTANT

### If any reader has borrowed

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## A REVIVAL

To-night (the night of publication, Oct. 30th) the "Centre" is the home of a revival. Pre-war it was the custom on publishing day to hold a "Sellers' Social. This is being held again to-night and accompanied by the many "helpers" of the association the hall should be packed.

The editor regrets he is unable to be present but takes this opportunity of thanking all those friends of the association and the magazine who give of their time to the work entailed in producing a magazine of this type monthly. In particular he wishes to thank those gallant "sellers" who, month by month, ensure the circulation of the "Resident" by calling personally at the reader's home to see that the magazine is taken. Whatever the weather, these friends never fail in their self-appointed tasks. We thank you all.



## WARNING TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Some months ago we drew attention to the danger of children playing with scrap metal found on salvage dumps and similar places.

The recent tragedy when two local boys lost their lives through playing with a hand grenade, found on waste land, emphasises the need for continual warning to be given to parents and children alike.

## PRISONERS OF WAR

We learn with regret of the serious financial strain the War Organisation of the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John's is experiencing in forwarding the much welcomed parcels to our men who are prisoners of war. In a communication sent to the "Resident" we learn that Penny a Week Red Cross fund will be £50,000 in debt by the end of the year unless powerful efforts are made to avert this catastrophe.

In order to bring some relief a flag day has been arranged for Tuesday, December 1st. Street sellers are urgently needed and we gladly give space to draw attention to this need in the hope that as many as possible of our friends who are able will volunteer to do their "bit" and so help this very deserving cause. (See particulars on another page.)

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## Letter to the Editor

### OVER 25's ONLY?

Dear Editor,

I must congratulate the Socials Committee upon their decision to exclude children from the Saturday Socials unless accompanied by their parents, as announced in the "Resident" last month.

It may not generally be known that the Saturday Socials were originally started under those conditions—viz., for the adult members, which were well attended for some years. Unfortunately, the young people in great numbers were allowed in without their parents, with the result that the older members simply drifted away. The "Free and Easy" Socials were also intended only for those over 25 years of age.

I hope now that the original ruling will be carried in the future, and I feel confident that the older members will return and support the Saturday Socials as they did originally.—Yours truly,

H. H.

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## Women's Column

### DO YOU USE YOUR CHEESE?

**A**RE you finding the cheese ration too much? Some families I know are very tired of "Bread and cheese, and cheese and bread." So housewives, you must be clever with this precious extra goodness. Cheese is protein and fat, and we are not having too much of either of these; we cannot, therefore, afford to leave part of our ration in the shop.

Have you ever tried to make savoury pastry with flour and half fat and half cheese? This helps the fat ration, and makes a delicious pastry, golden brown and crispy. Fry some tomatoes and have on squares of cheese pastry; it makes a tasty supper or high tea dish.

Processed cheese makes good rarebit, and here again we can save butter or margarine. Spread the soft cheese on the sliced bread and put under the grill. Children will appreciate this hot dish on cold days, and maybe the jam will also last a little longer?

While we can still get salads, see that the family gets plenty of fresh greenery. Watercress, celery, beetroot, tomatoes and grated cabbage and apple will make a good mixed salad; chop all the ingredients small and pile high with grated cheese. I always think grated cheese looks far more interesting than chunks. Also, did you know how tasty raw beetroot was? Just grate it like an apple.

While you are out shopping, don't forget to look in the showrooms of the local gas and electricity offices; they have some very good recipes each week, using foods that are plentiful at the moment. By the way, if you have a good recipe, will you share it with us? We all want to share the good things, and perhaps you know of a tasty dish. Just write down the ingredients, method of making, your name and address on a card, and send it to the Watling "Centre," addressed to the Editor. It can then be published and enjoyed by the readers of the "Resident." You will write, won't you?

PRUDENCE PENNYWISE.

## Garden Notes

### What to do in November

Preparation of the soil is an important item in this month's work. Where the soil is heavy it should be thrown up in ridges so as to expose a greater portion to the fertilizing influence of the air and the pulverizing action of the frost; such soils should also be thoroughly drained. Where there is good soil on the surface and a subsoil of clay beneath it the poor soil should not be brought to the top, and in this case deep trenching is to be avoided.

November is a suitable time to apply manures and other substances for the improvement of the land.

Trees, bushes, and the larger herbaceous plants should be planted as early as possible in the month or a frost may stop the work at any time.

The first half of the month is a good time to get fruit trees planted, for if they become well rooted before growth begins they will probably thrive far better than if planting is delayed until the early spring. It often happens that until the middle of the month the soil remains fairly dry, and it may not again be in such a suitable condition for planting until February.

Many people plant their fruit trees too deeply. The roots should be kept near the surface, and provided the soil is manured when necessary they are not likely to descend into the uncultivated poor subsoil. If the soil is heavy mix some builders' rubble with it.

Established bushes of gooseberries, currants and raspberries should now be pruned. In pruning gooseberries reduce all weakly shoots to about an inch in length. The stronger ones should be just tipped. Those shoots which grow towards the centre of the bush should be cut out so that the fruit may have plenty of light and air. Red and white currants should receive much the same treatment. Black currants do not require pruning as the fruit is borne upon the whole length of the bough. Dead and unprofitable shoots should be removed.

A final earthing up may be given to the celery if needed.

## SUNDAY EVENINGS AT THE "CENTRE"

Why not attend the next "Free and Easy," to be held on Sunday, November 8th, and you will probably want to come again on Sunday, November 22nd. They were resumed recently at the request of many members as a pleasant way of spending a Sunday evening twice a month.



## Winter Rabbits

Watling Association and District  
Rabbit Club Report

WINTER is approaching, and it is now that our Club must do its utmost to ensure that the people of Watling get a supply of rabbit meat to assist in keeping them fit for work during the coming tedious months. Messrs. Price, of Watling Avenue, will receive as much meat as members like to sell to them, and I appeal to you all to do your best to make the Club fulfil its quota. The meeting of Tuesday, October 5th, was again well attended and proved to be very interesting, for we had our first nomination of officers for the Club for 1943. Further nominations can be made at the November meeting, for actual elections will not take place until December. November will be an important month to us, for on Tuesday, November 3rd, we will hold a members' evening show, for which there will be six classes—i.e., (1) Fur, A.V., Adult; (2) Fancy, A.V., Adult; (3) Utility, Adult; (4) Fur, A.V., under five months; (5) Fancy, A.V., under five months; (6) Utility, under five months. This show will take place after the Club business is over, and the entry fee will be 6d. per rabbit, with myself as judge. Then on the following Tuesday, November 10th, we will hold a special general meeting in order to draw up a set of rules to start the new year with, and a good attendance at this meeting will enable us to frame our constitution on true democratic lines. In conclusion, I would like to ask all members to be ready to take their bran ration away, as soon as it arrives, which should be early November, and thus save congestion in the hut.

Next meeting, November 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.

S. G. ABBOTT, Sec.

## Success of Drama Festival

Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild awarded the Challenge Cup

THE Drama Festival held at the "Centre" on Friday and Saturday evenings, October 23 and 24, was a great success from all points of view. The adjudicator, Mr. John Burrell, late of the London Theatre Studio, in his summing up spoke not only of the excellence of the performance but also of the very responsive audiences that had been present on the two evenings.

The award of the Challenge Cup went to the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild for their presentation of "Novelette," by Philip Johnson; the producer was May Murison. The adjudicator spoke of the really excellent casting for this play, and gave special praise to Winifred Spruce for her performance of Iris, the parlour maid, who, in his opinion, gave a really brilliant performance of a comedy actress. The remaining members of the cast—Norah Goodwin, Bunty Trim, Dalfrice Miller, and Margaret Rymill—also gave excellent character performances; it is not easy to single out any particular actress for special praise.

In the adjudicator's opinion the Watling Guild of Players in their presentation of "Country Cottage," by Margaret Ropper, on the Friday evening, and "The Grand Cham's Diamond" on Saturday, the individual performers failed to enter fully into the characters that they were representing. It was, he said, one thing to judge and another problem to fulfil these points adequately.

The two performances by the Watling Guild of Players were really well done, and again it is difficult to single out special people for particular praise, but we must mention that the adjudicator spoke very encouragingly of the performance of Georgette Van

Kimmenade as Mrs. Dockett in "Country Cottage," and also of Dorothy King's performance of Mrs. Perkins in "The Grand Cham's Diamond."

John Keble Church Dramatic Society presented "Members of the Jury," by Stuart Ready, on the Friday evening, and the adjudicator spoke very warmly of their performance. The order of merit and points given were awarded as follows:—

(1) "Novelette," Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild, 75 points.

(2) "The Grand Cham's Diamond," Watling Guild of Players, 53 points.

(3) "Members of the Jury," John Keble Church Dramatic Society, 49 points.

(4) "Country Cottage," Watling Guild of Players, 45 points.

Mr. A. T. Jones, the President of the Watling Community Association, introduced the adjudicator, and Mr. Dudley, father of the producer, to the winning team in the 1939 competition, presented the cup to May Murison, the producer for the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild Drama Section.

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In a widely quoted article Mr. Gandhi said recently that the Axis Combination had raised violence to the dignity of a religion.

What is *our* religion? What is the religion of the Watling Estate?

Through the ages man has stood or fallen by his religion, and in the long run we shall stand or fall by ours.

The world and our little island is very much in the melting pot just now, and the subject RELIGION FOR TO-DAY, on which Derk Meynon is to address us at our next Evening Meeting, is likely to cover ground which is vital to every one of us.

Derk Meynon, like the prophets of old, can be described as a man with a message, and it is a message for you. Will you come and receive it at 6 o'clock on Sunday evening, the 15th November, at the Community Centre?

An overflow meeting will be arranged if necessary.

We shall also be glad to see you at our Meeting for Worship, held at the Centre every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

R. W. Errington, Clerk, Watling and Edgware Meeting of the religious Society of Friends.

## OPENING OF A NEW CLUB FOR MEN

Report of meeting held at the Centre on Wednesday, October 14th, for the purpose of forming a Mens' Club. The chair was taken by Mr. A. Durrant, Mr. E. Cole addressed the meeting on the proposal. The motion was then put that a Mens' Club be formed and was agreed unanimously. The following were elected to serve as a Working Committee until the end of the year, and to draw up rules to be approved by the Club: Messrs. Calla-

gan, Abbott Hogan, Ryan, Molineaux, Dawkins, and Cole.

Agreed that the club shall meet every Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The rest of the evening, after the meeting was spent in playing games by those present. Equipment being kindly lent by the W.A. Youth club.

Now men, here is the opportunity to spend a jolly evening and get to know the other fellow. Why not drop in and see us next Wednesday? You will be made welcome. E. C.

## HOW CAN WE IMPROVE THE ASSOCIATION?

(Continued from page 1)

effort and co-operation the people can and do raise big sums by concentrating on the pennies.

I also know that there are many other aspects related to the whole of this issue. That the Government, and local governments, might with advantage to the people revolutionise conditions by directing their policy and action on such matters along progressive channels. Whilst such aspects do not enter into the ambit of this contribution, many people are always debating such issues everywhere and at all times. But most of the people are apparently still asleep.



### A Reader's Opinion

Dear Editor,

With reference to the suggestion in August and September issues of the "Resident" regarding subscriptions to the Association, my idea is that a monthly "sub." of 6d. for the first member and 3d. each for remaining members of the family would be sufficient.

Regarding Mr. Lake's suggestion that a subscription of 3d. per week is asked of members of adult schools, I would support Mrs. Washbourn's letter of last month, and add that members are only asked to give what they feel able to afford in the same way as one gives to the church offertory plate.

As President of the Burnt Oak Men's Adult School, may I extend a welcome to any of your men readers to visit the school and see for themselves (details of meetings, see Diary).

—Yours faithfully,

A. T. LORD.

October 12th.

## W.A. Bowls Club

The Bowling Season is now closed and although the weather this summer has not been ideal for bowling we have had a successful season. The winner of the championship was Mr. Jack beating Mr. Taylor 21—19 in a very keen game, also the winners of this year's Triples Competition are Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Faulks, and Mr. Dawkins, beating Messrs. Wilson, Richardson, and Knight 19—9. Also the winners of the final Spoons' Drive are Messrs. Needham, Robertson, J. Williams, and Brace. The Bowls Club members will be gathering together on Saturday, 7th November, for a Tea and Social, and I hope all members will be able to attend.

G. RICHARDSON,

Hon. Secretary.

139 Banstock Road.



## Discussion Group

During the past month our discussions have been of exceptional variety. Shakespeare provided an excellent subject for discussion, and the value of the meeting was much enhanced by the reading of a selection of short extracts from his works.

The following week we had a meeting on "Pictures." September 30th, Mr. Holder gave an extremely fascinating and enlightening talk on "China."

The talk concerning the prevention and cure of "child delinquency" proved most interesting. The speaker was able to instance much of the talk by many practical examples, and the emphasis was rightly placed on the exercise of greater love and sympathy towards young people, and the need of more widespread education of the parents in their duty to their children.

J. A. COLEMAN.



NOVEMBER, 1942

## Association Diary

All activities take place at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated

### REGULAR EVENTS.

#### Sunday—

- Men's Adult School, 9.30.
- 1 International Social Service, Mrs. Ware.
- 8 The British Commonwealth, Mr. W. Pratten
- 15 Summer School, Mr. Sawbridge.
- 22 History, Mr. A. G. Brown.
- 29 Annual Business Meeting.
- Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11
- Members' Dance, 7.30.

#### Monday—

- Women's Adult School, 2.30.
- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.
- Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.
- Weight Lifters, 7.30.
- Whist Drive, 7.30.
- W.A. Musical Society, 8.0.
- Folk Dancing, 8.0.

#### Tuesday—

- Birth Control Clinic, 10.
- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.
- Dress Making Class, 2.30.
- W.A. Youth Club Games Night, 7.30.
- Waiting Guild of Players, 8.
- Young Communist League, 8.

#### Wednesday—

- Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.
- 4 South Africa, Miss Eastgate.
- 11 Japan, Mrs. Braithwaite.
- 18 Mrs. Meynen.
- 25 To be arranged.
- Veterans' Club, 4.15.
- Dance, 7.30.
- Whist Drive, 7.45.
- Discussion Group, 8.
- 4 Co-operation.
- 11 Bernard Shaw, Mr. Ford.
- 18 Soho 30 Years Ago, Mr. Nyberg.
- 25 Prohibition, Mr. John Coleman.
- Men's Club, 8.
- Clarion Cycling Club, 8.0.

#### Thursday—

- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.
- Whist Drive, 2.30.
- Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.
- W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.
- Weight Lifters, 7.30.

#### Friday—

- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.
- H.S.A., 6.30.
- The Neighbours, 7.30.
- 14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

#### Saturday—

- Old-Time Social, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS.

- |          |    |                             |
|----------|----|-----------------------------|
| Sunday   | 1  | Odd Fellows, 10.            |
|          |    | Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.   |
| Tuesday  | 3  | Rabbit Club, 8.             |
| Thursday | 5  | Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.   |
| Saturday | 7  | Bowls Club Social.          |
| Friday   | 10 | Rabbit Club.                |
| Thursday | 12 | W.V.S., 2.30.               |
|          |    | K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.    |
| Saturday | 14 | Blind, 2.30.                |
| Sunday   | 15 | Old Fellows, 10.            |
| Thursday | 19 | Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.   |
|          |    | W.A. Council, 7.30.         |
| Saturday | 21 | Children's Talent Festival. |
| Thursday | 26 | W.V.S., 2.30.               |
|          |    | K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.    |
| Saturday | 28 | Blind Club, 2.30.           |
| Sunday   | 29 | Odd Fellows, 10.            |

## YOUTH CLUB REPORTS

**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.** We welcome as the new President of our Youth Club, the Rev. Guy F. Greenaway. We know he will ably fill this position, and we are sure that under his leadership our Youth Club will continue to flourish.

**Hiking and Biking!** Members thoroughly enjoyed an outing arranged by Mr. Greenaway. On October 10th a crowd of young folk took advantage of the fine weather to ramble.

Once again we have created a record. The usual band of enthusiasts went out on Children's Day, and collected a total of £36 3s 8d.

**St. Alphage Youth Organisations.**—We have played and won our first badminton match this season. Our table-tennis team played what might be termed a "practice" match on October 14th against Wesley Hall.

The discussion group on November 1st is to have a talk by Mr. Binbaum who works amongst lepers.

**Y.H.A.**—The most important event of the past month was the group's Annual General Meeting, held on October 8th, when Harold Lee was re-elected chairman, and Madeline Barrett re-elected secretary.

Members of the group spent over 900 nights at hostels. We have a membership of over 200. We have £18 cash in hand, as well as various material assets: a radio-gram, a duplicator, over £5 worth of maps, and some £7 in literature, hostel booking forms, etc. Altogether we have had a very successful year, and are looking forward to our fourth year with every confidence.

Any further particulars about the Y.H.A. can be obtained from Miss Barrett, 104 Farm Road, Edgware.

**Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church.**—The Youth Fellowship is for those aged 16 to 30 years, and meets each Tuesday at 8 p.m. The programme is varied, and in the hands of members themselves. They have included a brains trust, a photograph evening, group discussions, and informal talks on topical subjects.

We are co-operating gladly in the activities of the Waiting Youth Organisations Committee, notice of whose arrangements will be found in other columns.

## Children's Groups

The children are to be encouraged to organise their own functions and have formed a committee with Mr. Harris as President.

The boys have been given plots of ground to cultivate in the spaces adjoining the "Centre." Next year, having reaped the reward of their labours these gardeners hope to hold an exhibition of their produce.

Spelling bees are being held in preparation for the Talent Competition to take place on November 21st. Children are being encouraged to speak and write, and preparations are being made for the production of their own magazine for Christmas, and very soon they will write their own report for the "Resident."

## Children's Library

The long, dark evenings are upon us again, and you will have more time alterations in the library hours? Each for reading. Have you noticed the school day the library is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. That is not very long when you have to get home from school first. Why not come on Saturdays? The Library is open all day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There is just one other thing *do* take care of the books you borrow. It is becoming increasingly difficult to buy new ones, so we must preserve the present stock as long as we can.

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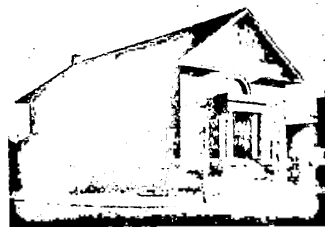
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- Nov. 8.—Mr. J. W. LAING
- Nov. 15.—Mr. T. RENDLE
- Nov. 22.—
- Mr. R. L. HATHAWAY
- Nov. 29.—Mr. E. S. CURZON



## For Club Leaders in particular

## MIDSUMMER MADNESS\*

*The writer of this article was a Club leader in Oxford. He is now a Signaller in the Royal Navy. He would entice Youth, not with comfortable words and cushions, but with opportunity of adventure. He is inclined to despair of the rest of us—perhaps with good cause, perhaps not.*

"A H!" he said, and it seemed to me he had expressed his whole store of knowledge on the subject. I was wrong because after a ponderous mental effort he delivered himself of the longest speech I have heard him make. "We ought to have more and bigger Boys' Clubs."

It would have been cruel to argue with him, for he was one of those men who prefer to conduct the affairs of democracy without hearing the other side. All the same, I longed to tell him that his statement contained, to my mind, two gross errors—then I thought he might be a N.A.B.C. organiser, and as the journey lasted only three more hours I felt the hopelessness of starting an argument.

In a world where, in times of peace, we preferred the "average man" to the "individual man" it seemed hopeless to suggest a Club designed to create men who would break away from safe mediocrity. More and bigger Boys' Clubs would have suited well the desire to churn out more and more boys according to Pattern A. Not that the pattern isn't excellent in its way—but think how dull the Derby would be if every horse was of equal ability and the standard was that of United Dairies rather than the "Book."

Now war has shown us that we need vitally, daring, individual men and women. The pace is set by the Prime Minister—did he ever do the average thing? And there are hundreds of men and women in lesser jobs finding their real worth for the first time when emergency frees them from the fetters of being average.

How grand it would be to find a body of men firmly taking their stand in the cause of encouraging the unusual! I would like to see a Club of say 20-25 boys guided by an "Elder Brother" type of leader. To enter the Club would be hard and to stay in it even harder. It would offer no jolly canteens, cosy libraries, healthy activities: it would have no walls adorned with exhortations to attend regularly, to pay subs, to get new members; its roll would not be "A hundred and ten of which 45 attend pretty constantly" No, these things are the marks of a decaying state—when Youth has to be enticed to take

advantage of the blessings showered upon it.

My little group would embark on a programme of attempted adventures and would always work as a group—which means demanding a high standard from every boy. The first adventure would be that of living (to so many it's not an adventure but a sentence). Have I got the right job?

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(Not am I making as much money as possible, but am I happy at my work, is it creative at all, where will it lead?) If I've got the right job what can I do to make myself more use at it? (Obviously, evening class work is indicated—especially P.T. as to be fit is the most necessary qualification.) But life is not all work, what am I doing with my leisure? I must divide my time into idle leisure and busy leisure

this latter will include "improving" myself as a citizen. The city has libraries, museums, theatres, lectures and so on, there are police courts, council chambers and council schemes. Alone a boy never really tackles these, but a little group can do so and many worth-while visits result.

What about my "idle leisure"? This is the time for pure enjoyment—we may swim or play games as a group though usually we prefer to join existing football clubs who have fixtures and facilities but not often players. But we plan all sorts of excursions as a group—seeing our own fifty miles radius in the winter but sallying all over the country and even abroad in the summer. Of course, we can't all get away together but we build up little parties and between us cover and share more of the world.

You see we are not content with a narrow little outlook and what we read in the papers—we want to see for ourselves, and if we find something that calls us we want to answer the call and not hang back for fear of what *might* happen. It can do us no

## Youth Editorial

WE hope club members will no mind their reports being so brief, it has been decided to introduce an article of interest to Youth organisations and members each month, and therefore the length of reports must necessarily be reduced. The editor regrets he is unable to devote more than the usual page to the Watling Youth movement.

To those who submit club reports please continue to do so, and send them by the 13th of each month to the Rev. L. W. Hibbs St. Alphege Vicarage, Montrose Avenue, Edgware.

The social for Watling clubs on October 2nd was very well attended. We had a happy, indeed rousing evening which everyone seemed to enjoy.

The discussion on "Christianity and/or Communism" was not so well attended. The four speakers did their job admirably with care and thought, but the discussion which followed was largely an older people's affair and just a little bit academic. Perhaps the atmosphere was rather too formal, or else we were all too polite!

Future activities include the Rally at Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church at 8, on October 25th, and the Table Tennis tournament on November 6th, at 7.30, at Wesley Hall (too late for reporting in this issue).

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harm to "go to sea" as a means of seeing the world. "Emigration" has a horrid sound until you answer the call of adventure. I talk as if this was really happening to me now. But it's not, thanks to "Safety First." "There's no place like Home." "More and more of less and less," and such like twentieth century guides to virtue, or guides to war.

What a wonderful job to tackle on a big scale—Clubs to make *men* instead of Clubs to turn out "good citizens." Our whole national life revolves around the dream of a good average man—but it was the brilliant exceptions, the *men*, who won the Battle of Britain Part One. And it will be *men* who will win or lose the Battle of Britain Part Two, which will start when peace is declared. Let the N.A.B.C. make sure that *men* and not old women in parts are ready to fight this much more deadly battle. Let the scarcity of your numbers be the criterion of your excellence.

What a hope!

JOHN WOOLLAN.

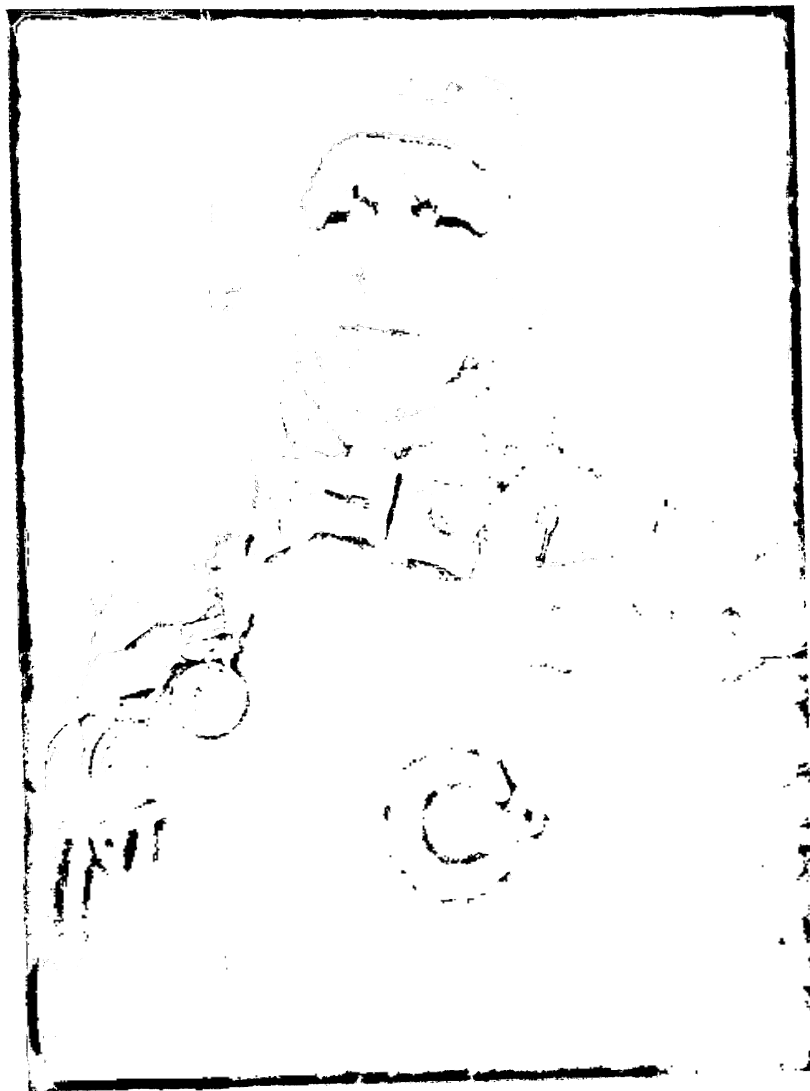
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## CHRISTMAS NUMBER

# The Watling Resident

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COXSWAIN HENRY G. BLOGG, G.C., B.E.M.

He is wearing his gold medal with a second-service clasp, both won by conspicuous gallantry, the silver medal with two clasps, the medal of the Order of the British Empire. He is the only man in the 118 years of the life-boat service to win three gold and four silver medals. He has been coxswain at Cromer for 32 years and since he joined the crew 48 years ago Cromer life-boats have rescued over 700 lives.

*This portrait was painted by Miss Margaret L. Hodgson for the Royal National Life-Boat Institution from a photograph by "Illustrated"*



*Here is a new approach to the series of "How Can We Improve the Association"? It is a thought provoking article and calls for serious attention. The question as to what part the Association is called to perform in the life of the Estate is summarised in the question—*

## What's It For?

I WRITE only because the Editor has asked me to, and under a pseudonym because it is my thought and not my name which is under scrutiny. My notions may be valueless, in which case they should be consigned to the mental salvage depot, or they may have a germ of value, in which case this article will not have been in vain.

Councillor Durant's article in last month's "Resident" on this subject dealt very challengingly with the practical details of improving the Association. As I read the article I assented to all his conclusions, especially to the one about the planning of activities. But it is not of practicalities that I wish you to think. Let us try and delve deeper into the why's and wherefore's of the Association. Now, whether you have heard all this before or not, it won't hurt you to be reminded of it.

Like a boy watching his father mend a fuse and asking "What's it for?" we should be continually asking of the Association, "What's it for?" Then having established what it is for, we should go all out to see that it does what it is for.

May I state simply what I believe a Community Association is for? It is this, I think, namely, to act towards a community as a brain does to the body. It is a Centre. It cannot do everything. In our bodies all the parts are related, but they all do different jobs, no one part attempts to do the job of another. All parts are related to and directed by the brain. But the brain does not do the work of the feet nor the stomach. It does however direct the feet and the stomach.

On the Watling Estate are 26,000 or 27,000 people. The Centre cannot attempt to provide cultural, recreational and educational facilities for all those thousands within its own four walls. But its job is to provide those facilities. How then? By being itself, by being what it is meant to be, a Centre.

That is, the Centre should be a power-house of initiative and directive drive. The place where the thinking and planning of a policy to embrace all the Estate is done.

To my mind the Association is fail-

ing between two stools. It seems to be attempting the impossible, namely, in trying to be a Centre and in trying to provide the above mentioned facilities within its four walls, with the consequent bedlam which often greets the casual visitor. Who can think and plan in such a state of confusion? Would it not be better to cut down the amount of activity within the Centre to workable dimensions and do the active work in other ways?

To enlarge on this idea a little. The Centre, I said, should be the brain of the community in which we live here on the Watling Estate. It should not do the work of the feet and hands of the body politic called Watling. No, instead of running the innumerable activities as it does at the moment, I feel it would better do what it is for if it quietly trained, enthused, and gave an ideal, to its members, who, directed by the brain, became hands and feet and went out into the various clubs and organisations of the Estate and helped. The Centre should not be one club amongst others but the link between all, ever ready to help, advise, and lead in all the functions and activities of the whole Estate.

It should in no sense compete with other clubs. It is not there for that. The only things which should take place within its four walls besides planning, and study for more efficient leadership, are activities for which no other possible home can be found.

To put it in another way the Community Centre is given to us to provide leaders, not merely to provide socials and entertainment, to equip men and women with ideals of service and vision which they will take out from the Centre, and not merely use up within the Centre. The practical work for the good of our community should thus be done by people inspired by the vision gained at the Centre, and who regard the Centre as a home from which they not only go out but to which they return for help, encouragement and renewed vision.

In these ways, it seems to me, the Watling Community Association will best fulfill the implications of its name and perform those things it was formed for.

"UNDER 30."

THE WATLING RESIDENT

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### URGENT NEED !!

Some parents seem to think that because it is not advisable to allow their young children to play in the street after black-out they can send them to the "Centre" and so relieve themselves of responsibility.

This may be alright in the mind of the parent, but although newcomers are always welcome it is becoming increasingly difficult to manage a very large number of children ranging in age from 3 to 14 years and of both sexes, largely because of an insufficient number of helpers. Mrs. Coleman and her *too few* colleagues are doing their best but that best will end in failure unless other helpers come to their support.



### 'Events In The Mediterranean'

The local branch of the W.E.A. is holding an interesting Public Lecture at St. Martin's School, Goodwyn Avenue, Mill Hill, Broadway, on Friday, December 4th, at 8 p.m., entitled "Events in the Mediterranean."

The lecturer is Dr. F. Borkenau, author of "The New German Empire," "The Spanish Cockpit," etc. Admission is free to this lecture.



### Next Issue Of The "Resident"

Owing to the Christmas holidays the January issue of the "Resident" will be published on Friday, January 1st, 1943.



### Anniversary Celebrations

The Anniversary Celebrations of the opening of the "Centre," to be held during January, will be announced in detail in next month's issue of the "Resident."





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## Is It Nothing To You?

It is usual at this time of the year to cast an eye back on the eleven months that have passed and ask ourselves what have we done or what have we accomplished? In so doing this year may we put the question not of the past but what of the future?

Are we aware that we are making history, that a volcanic eruption is gaining force in front of our eyes. The war has taken a new phase, a spirit of offensive has taken the place of defensive in the military and strategic sense. Bells have been rung again as a token of thanksgiving.

The Prime Minister has rightly warned us however against complacency, this is a necessary warning, one that should be foremost in our minds.

The whole nation is waiting for developments in the war and also in home affairs. We anxiously and hopefully await Sir William Beveridge's Report on Social Services. It is expected to be "startling" in its recommendations. Pensioners are hoping to benefit; medical services are expected to be substantially altered; in fact there appears to be every expectancy of a radical change in our Social and Economic mode of living recommended in this much awaited report. It rests on the receptive and imaginative mind of Parliament and the people as to whether these recommendations are accepted.

Where will we come into this changed mode of living or shall we call it this New Social Order? We must see that we are ready for the changes when they come, see that we are not so satisfied and smug or as Mr. Churchill calls it "complacent" that we are not prepared for fundamental changes.

Are we so self-centred and unimaginative that we cannot realise that the sacrifice of the lives and liberty of thousands of men and women to-day is shaping the world of the future, our future, our children's future before our very eyes?

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home affairs. We accept the joy of the wireless, the cinema, and cease to be marvelled at the powers of the aeroplane, the submarine and numerous other "miracles" of our age. Let us not be blind to the gigantic happenings that are evolving in our time and determine to make our contribution in bringing nearer the vision of the poet when he wrote:

These things *shall* be a  
loftier race  
Than e'er the world hath  
known shall rise.  
With flame of freedom in  
their souls  
And light of knowledge in  
their eyes.



### "Resident" Sellers

### And Communist Literature

It has come to our notice that some householders in one particular road on the Northern Boundary of the Estate on being offered each month their "Resident" have also been encouraged to buy literature published by the Communist Party. The committee responsible for the publication of this magazine wish it to be clearly understood that this is not with their approval and that they have taken steps to prevent it occurring again. We are grateful to the sellers for their services each month and know that this particular incident does not affect the loyalty of the majority.

### Children's Talent Contest

RESULTS: November 21, 1942.

Pianoforte: Joyce Bouchard.

Singing (Girls under 11):

1. M. Poulton; 2. G. Salmon; 3. D. Hines. (Boys) J. Clark; (Girls over 11) E. Pitman.

Elocution (11 and over):

1. J. Raines; 2. J. Coleman; (under 11) 1. M. Poulton; 2. G. Salmon; (under 8) 1. Poulton.

Impromptu Reading:

1. R. Wilson; 2. J. Coleman.

Impromptu Speech: J. Coleman.

Spelling Bee (under 11):

1. R. Churchill; 2. J. Iddenden. (11 years) 1. J. Coleman; 2. Josephine Coleman; 3. D. Green. (12 and over) 1. J. Raines; 2. N. Noad; 3. J. McLean.

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## FOLK DANCING GROUP

### Question 1.

Why do some people like Folk Dancing more than Ballroom Dancing?

### Answer.

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### Question 2.

Why do some people not like Folk Dancing?

### Answer.

Because they find it difficult to learn the movements, they think it's cissy and unusual and they don't like to do what others don't do.

The group at the "Centre" will be glad to help beginners over the difficulty of learning the movements, and it always does some simple dances such as "Bonnetts so Blue," "Lot is Dead," and "Swedish Masquerade."

People should make up their own minds what they like and not take their opinions from others. The group will help you to get over this.

New members will be welcome on Mondays at 8.15 p.m.



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## Women's Column

# Appreciation!

CHRISTMAS 1942 is nearly here, the year is dying, and we all turn hopeful faces to the future earnestly desiring that this will be the last wartime Christmas.

Have you found time flying too fast for you? Everyone I meet says the same thing, "I never knew time go so quickly as it does now." Why is this? I suppose it is really because we have more to do for the community, and I hope that this idea of service will carry us into the future when every willing hand will be needed, as it is now.

We housewives will find it difficult to make a spread this year, at least a Christmas spread, but we shall all be able to eat. I think we all should remember the efforts of the Minister of Food, who has done a great work. In the main he has done what was wanted of him, shared the food as equally as possible. There have been hardships, we all want a little more of this or that, I personally would like more butter! Lord Woolton has his finger on the needs of the country: did you know that there is a constant survey going on, folk with small incomes, manual workers, etc., are recording their food needs, and how they use their rationed foods. How they invest their points, if they are taking advantage of cheap milk, etc., all of these queries are carefully considered at the Ministry of Food, and guide Lord Woolton for future action.

There will be vacant places at the dinner table this year, but the ties of family have been made stronger by separation. I do not agree with the pessimists who say that family life is breaking down. We shall see a great homecoming when hostilities cease—until then make home a place of peace and friendliness, ready to welcome back those away on service.

I feel before putting away my pen I must draw your attention to the matter under the heading of "If Only—?" on page six. It deals with a method of safeguarding the health of your children, and this should be sufficient reason for you to read it!

PRUDENCE PENNYWISE.

## THE WATLING RESIDENT

# RABBIT CLUB NEWS

## Annual General Meeting December 1st

Once again I have to report steady progress by the club during the past month with new members still rolling in. On Tuesday, November 3rd, we had our first members' show which was of great interest and entertainment to those present. We had a "best-in-show" contest in which everyone present contributed a penny for the winner, and this was won by a comparatively new member in Mr. Sexton, and I know that he was very happy to have been able to win this honour at the expense of older and more experienced exhibitors.

New members, here is your example: do not be overawed by our big breeders, but keep on having a go like Mr. Sexton did.

On Tuesday, November 10th, we had an interesting meeting and made club history, for we finally framed the Constitution of the Club and unanimously agreed to all the rules made that night. It was really good to find that despite the miserable weather and the black-out, we have so many members who are so keen that nothing would keep them away.

Will everyone please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st, when the club will hold its election of officers for 1943, and I hope we will have a real bumper meeting and some very keen contests for office.

As this is the last time I can write to you in the "Resident" before the Annual General Meeting I would like to thank all officers of the club who have helped me so willingly during the past year and have been instrumental in building the club to its present size.

The Committee have decided to run a "Birthday Social" for the members in December, so if any club member can sing or do a turn will they please let me have their names as soon as possible, and let us see if we can't have a rattling good evening among ourselves.

S. G. ABBOTT, Hon. Sec.  
Watling Association & District Rabbit Club.

## SUNDAY EVENINGS AT THE "CENTRE"

Members are asked to note that as there were five Sundays in November the first "Free and Easy" this month will be Sunday, December 13th. The second will be on December 27th, when community carol singing will take the place of the normal speaker.



# Imagine 72,000 People!

## The Life-Boat Service And The War

THE Life-boat Service has never been so busy, since it was founded 118 years ago, as it has been since the outbreak of war. In these three years of war our life-boats have rescued 4,900 lives. They have rescued more lives in three years of war than in the last thirteen years of peace.

They have rescued nearly two lives for every life rescued in the last war. They have rescued four lives for every life rescued during the twenty years of peace between the two wars.

The war has increased their work fourfold. It has increased the dangers of their work much more than fourfold. Life-boatmen face the same perils at sea as the fighting services. They have been bombed. They have been shelled. They have been machine-gunned. They have carried on their work in waters full of mines. They not only continually risk, but they have given their lives.

The aeroplane has changed war for the Life-boat Service, as it has changed it for the fighting services and for the whole people. Nearly a quarter of all the launches of the war have been to aeroplanes, and many of the other three-quarters have been to ships attacked by aeroplanes. Again and again the Royal National Life-boat Institution and its stations have been thanked for their help to aeroplanes by the Director-General of Aircraft Safety.

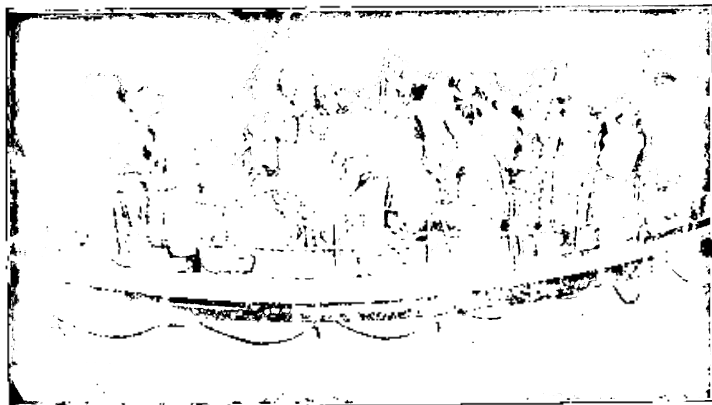
Our life-boats have been able to give splendid help not only to aeroplanes but to the Navy, and to the

Army, and at Dunkirk they helped to bring off thousands of men of the British Expeditionary Force. But it is to the Merchant Service that their chief help has been given during these months of war. They have rescued from merchant vessels in distress thousands of lives, and they have helped to save from destruction over 230 boats and vessels, with their cargoes.

Since the Institution was founded 118 years ago it has given rewards for the rescue of over 72,000 lives. Even in these days, when our figures run into millions, it is not easy to visualize 72,000 people. If those men and women, whose lives have been rescued from shipwreck round our coasts, were to march past you in column of fours, you would stand watching them for over six hours. That great column of the rescued would stretch along the road for nearly 22 miles.

There is one other figure to give. It costs the Royal National Life-boat Institution £300,000 a year to provide and maintain the Life-boat Service, build new boats and reward its crews. That sum of £300,000 is only a little more than a penny per head of the population of Great Britain and Ireland.

[This month being the usual time when we are thinking of giving presents—perhaps we could think of these brave life-savers and give towards the maintenance of their work.—Ed.]



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A RESCUE BY NIGHT

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The Cromer life-boat brings ashore the crew of the Norwegian tanker *Realf* on 1st December, 1939.

## FOR CHILDREN ONLY



### Puppet Theatre

The children's librarian sends this interesting note:—

During the Christmas holidays we are going to start a Puppet Theatre and will need:—

1. Boys good at woodwork to make the theatre.
2. Electricians for the lighting.
3. Boys and girls to make and work the puppets.
4. Girls to make the dresses, etc.
5. Artists to make the scenery.

Have you ever thought of writing plays? Why not try and write something for the Puppet Theatre. If you are interested hand in your names and addresses and let us know what you can do.

There are several books in the library about puppets—how to make and work them.

We would like to know what you can do by December 21st. Please talk to the librarian when next you visit your library.

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## Fun And Games By The Bowls Club

The Bowls Club held a tea and social at the "Centre" on Saturday, November 7th. A wonderful spread was prepared by the following ladies who also made all the cakes and pastries: Mesdames Nyberg, Lake, Taylor, Torrance, Green and Richardson. The tea was followed by dancing, games and novelty items. Mrs. Nyberg was M.C. and Mr. Cole provided the music for dancing. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Ethel Taylor (soprano) and Mr. Singleton (baritone); burlesque by Messrs. Lake, Nyberg and Bouchard; comic monologues by Mrs. Dimond, and Mrs. Bradbury gave two pianoforte solos—the Tchaikovsky Concerto No. 1 and the Warsaw Concerto.

To all the helpers, artists, etc., we say "Thank you."

G. RICHARDSON,  
*Hon. Sec. Bowls Club.*



## Citizens' Advice Bureau

(1) In these days when so many married women are working, a number of problems arise as to the apportioning of income tax between husband and wife.

This is one of the inquiries about which the C.A.B. would be glad to give assistance and advice.

(2) Mothers of Service men, who are not eligible for pensions on the death of their sons, should remember that if their financial circumstances alter for the worse they can then apply for a pension, and their case will be considered.

The C.A.B. has an office at the "Centre." Study the programme on another page for days on which the office is open.

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## Men's Club Report

Many readers will be pleased to know that the Men's Club of the Watling Community Association promises to become a real success. Mr. E. Cole is the hon. sec., Mr. Dawkins, chairman, and Mr. H. Callaghan, treasurer.

Darts, chess, billiards, cards, etc., are among the many amusements during the evening. It is intended that lectures on interesting subjects will be given on the second Wednesday of each month. The lecture will occupy approximately 20 minutes. Membership of the club will mean an opportunity for a little recreation among congenial company for the tired worker. Membership is open to all men over 21 years of age living on the Estate, also associate members of the Watling Association.

There is no entrance fee, no medical examination and no coupons required.

The club meets every Wednesday evening 8 to 10 p.m. at the "Centre."

The contribution is 1s. per month.

L. V. H.

## THE WATLING RESIDENT

### Burnt Oak Men's Adult School

Do you believe that many of the world's troubles are due to the fact that we speak different languages. Many students of World History, including the Burnt Oak Men's Adult School, think so.

It has been suggested that one of the paths to world peace would be a common language which we could all speak so that if we met a "foreigner" we could converse together and get to know each others point of view. Esperanto has many claims to first place as an international language; at all events, with the mixing of the different races during this war a common tongue will undoubtedly be advocated in any New Order.

*Living Together* is another subject which has more interest in it than we might think. Is it possible to live peacefully with all sorts and conditions of men?

Take the case of the flea and the tramp, they lived together, much to the discomfort of the tramp. The flea in this case gets the best of it.

We know that there are people we can't live with. The selfish, criminally minded people who rob and commit crime for their own ends. These people as we know are put in jail. Whether this is the best method of treating criminals is a debatable point. In Russia criminals live in a colony where they receive special training and treatment so that they are reclaimed back to decent standards of life.

Do you agree with these views? Do you find your neighbours intolerable?

Many and varied subjects are discussed at the Men's Adult School. Come to the "Centre" next Sunday morning, at 9.30, and join in.

F. H. LAKE, *Hon. Secretary.*



## The Discussion Group

The discussions this month were on the subjects of "The Watling Resident," "Leisure," and "Marxism." The first was ably opened by the hon. editor, Mr. Croker, who explained the compiling of the magazine.

The speaker on "Leisure" gave some interesting points, and the ensuing discussion was based mainly on the topic that leisure should or should not be organised in some form.

The subject of "Marxism" proved to be of great interest, and the opening speaker explained the elements of the economic and philosophical consequences of this materialistic conception of history. The scope of the discussion was much widened as it developed on metaphysical lines, and altogether the meeting proved extremely invigorating.

Unfortunately, owing partly to the vagaries of the weather, the proposed meeting on "Housing" was not held on Wednesday, November 11th.

J. A. COLEMAN.

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## Association Diary

All activities take place at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated.

### REGULAR EVENTS.

#### Sunday—

- Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
6 The Emergency and Permanent Gains. Mr. A. E. Wakeling.  
13 Looking at Our Countryside. Mr. H. Lee.  
20 The Forest.  
27 Members.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.

#### Monday—

- Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Weight Lifters, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 8.0.  
Folk Dancing, 8.0.

#### Tuesday—

- Both Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
W.A. Youth Club Games Night, 7.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Young Communist League, 8.

#### Wednesday—

- Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
2 The Romance of Photography.  
Lantern Lecture.  
9 Flowers. Miss F. Tayler.  
16 Social.  
23 No Meeting.  
30 A Holiday in Belgium and Holland.  
Miss N. Scowby.

#### Veterans' Club, 4.15.

- Dance, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.45.  
Discussion Group, 8.  
2 Bernard Shaw. Mr. Ford.  
9 Housing. Mr. Harris.  
16 Equal Pay for Equal Work.  
Councillor A. Durant.

#### 23 Hat Night.

- 30 Pictures. Miss N. Scowby.  
Men's Club, 8.  
Clifton Cycling Club, 8.0.

#### Thursday—

- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.  
W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.  
Weight Lifters, 7.30.

#### Friday—

- Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

#### Saturday—

- Old-Time Social, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS.

- Sunday 1 Odd Fellows, 10.  
Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.  
Tuesday 1 Rabbit Club, 8.  
Thursday 3 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.  
Sunday 6 Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.  
Thursday 10 W.V.S., 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.  
Saturday 12 Blind, 2.30.  
Sunday 13 Odd Fellows, 10.  
Free and Easy, 7.30.  
Tuesday 15 Rabbit Club, 8.  
Thursday 17 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.  
W.A. Council, 7.30.  
Friday 25 CENTRE CLOSED.  
Saturday 26 Blind Club, 2.30.  
Sunday 27 Odd Fellows, 10.  
Free and Easy, 7.30.

## Garden Notes

### Beware of Frost This Month

A period of severe frost is often experienced during the second half of this month. It is therefore well to have covering material available for the protection of young plants.

If there is any lawn left that has not been converted into a vegetable plot in these days when we are urged to grow more food, it should be well swept and rolled except during a frost when nothing should be allowed to remain on the grass. If a fall of snow should take place the snow should at once be removed from the trees and shrubs.

#### Christmas Roses.

One of the most beautiful December flowers is the Christmas Rose, which is pure white, notwithstanding that its botanical name is "Helleborus Niger"! It is a hardy perennial and thrives in well-dug, light and moist soil. A place should be found for it in a border, if possible facing east or west. Do not plant or move it whilst it is flowering but wait until the spring when it may be propagated by dividing up the root.

#### Chrysanthemums.

These have done well this year and several of the late flowering kinds are still a blaze of colour in many gardens and greenhouses. It is one of the hardiest flowering plants. Those grown out of doors continue to flower till injured by frost. The fact that they flower late makes them dependent on the weather. The late varieties bloom in November and December. The early ones bloom from July to October. Chrysanthemums may be classified according to their time of blooming: for besides the early and late kinds there are also the semi-early which bloom out of doors in September and October.

This is a plant that is easily propagated by cuttings. When the plants have finished blooming the stems and all weak shoots from the base should be cut down to within a few inches of the ground. The cuttings should be grown in pots in a mixture of well-rotted leaf mould, grit or silver sand and fibrous loam in about equal parts with a dusting of wood ashes. The cuttings should root in from three to five weeks. The pots should be stood near the glass in a frost-proof frame and given ample ventilation in fine weather. Plant out in March or in the case of less hardy kinds towards the end of May. A mulch of well-rotted, short stable manure in June is beneficial.

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Dec. 13.—Mr. J. M. SHAW

Dec. 20.—Mr. GEORGE GRAY

Dec. 27.—Mr. W. HARRISON

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## YOUTH PAGE

### Youth Editorial

#### Exhibition And Display

**C**OMING events sponsored by the Watling Youth Committee in which you are asked to co-operate, are detailed as follows:—

*December 6th.*—A discussion led by members of Watling Youth Organisations will be held in St. Alphege Hall, Playfield Road, at 8 p.m.

The subject under review will be "The Child, the Family and the State."

*January 22nd.*—The next joint Social will probably be held on this date.

*January 31st.*—It is proposed on this Sunday to have a Religious Brains Trust at Wesley Hall at 8 p.m. Please send your questions in beforehand to the Question-Master, Mr. Beaumont, 28, Holmstall Avenue. The Trust will consist of some clergy and some laymen and (or) women.

Finally, in March, we hope to hold a display and demonstration. Can you let your representative at the next committee meeting at the "Centre," on Friday, December 18th, at 8, come armed with answers to three questions:

- Can your club put on a demonstration or display?
- If so for how long and of what sort?
- Do you want a stall to display literature, photographs, handicrafts, or other exhibits?

The A.R.P. Ambulance section at John Groom's Crippleage would welcome Table-Tennis matches, at the Crippleage on the odd days of November or December, at your club on the even days. If you can give them a match write to Mr. Gay, B. Shift, c/o John Groom's Crippleage A.R.P. Ambulance Station, Edgware.

#### Woodcroft Hall Youth Organisation.

The activities for the Youth at Woodcroft Hall vary considerably. Each Monday evening a recreational club is held and on Wednesdays about 60 young people meet to study different subjects of the Bible. The chief attraction is the Fireside Fellowship on Sunday evenings. One evening the entire programme was run by a party of soldiers, another time questions and answers were exchanged. Quite recently a religious film entitled "Philemon and Onesimus" was a great attraction. All are welcome especially any of the Forces, men and girls who wish to spend a happy, jolly evening with 90 other Young People.



**Youth Hostels Association.**—The most important event of the past month was the dance held at St. Alphege Hall on Saturday, November 7th. This dance was organised jointly with the Watling Boys' Club, and was a great success. Several of our members who are in the Forces, etc., were present, including two group members from the R.A.F. and the A.I.S., who were recently married.

During October we have had another talk on "Pot-holing," and a discussion on the future of the Y.H.A., when a number of points of general interest were raised. The cyclists have had a meeting to discuss their winter programme.

In order to try to interest other youth organisations in Hendon in the Y.H.A. the Publicity Officer is proposing to visit various clubs to give them an evening's entertainment together with a short description of the object and organisation of the Y.H.A. If you think your club would be interested please communicate with Miss Dorothy Fuller, 39 Greencourt Avenue, Edgware.



**St. Alphege Youth Organisations.**—Outstanding events during the past month include victories for the Scouts at football, one loss and one win for the badminton team, and a defeat at table-tennis, in the world of sport. Discussions, and interesting lectures on the work of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association and on "Dunne's Theory of Time" have kept us active in the world of letters.

For the future we are holding a social on November 27th to be run by the Scouts in aid of the Baden-Powell Memorial Fund, and are hoping to produce a Nativity play at Epiphany tide and a concert or revue early in March.



#### Eversfield Congregational Church

The Service at 11 a.m. each Sunday is especially for young people. On December 6th the Enrolment Service of our newly-formed Girls' Life Brigade will take place. December 20th our worship will be led by the boys and girls in a nativity play, written and prepared by our Junior Church leader, Mrs. Nesbitt. The Christmas fête this year, on Saturday, December 12th, will also include an entertainment for children, followed by an evening concert to be given by members of D21 Wardens Post.

The Women's Fellowship on Thursday afternoons at 2.30 is steadily adding to its members.

### Two Suggestions

Why not stage joint functions with neighbouring clubs. The Watling Boys' Club and the Y.H.A. recently held a combined dance which proved very successful financially and socially speaking.

See whether your club can enter whole-heartedly into the proposed display and exhibition suggested for March. It will put your club on the map and give you great interest in the preparation beforehand. See Youth Editorial.



**Watling Boys' Club.**—Before starting this report, I would like to mention how the boys appreciate being allowed to use the Youth Page for their reports. Praise is unanimously given by the boys to their club leaders, who gave up their spare time to help run our club, which at the moment is developing surprisingly quickly.

The football team has shown its mettle, having won six out of ten matches, scoring 32 goals with 18 goals against. The matches that have been lost are mainly due to team difficulties, we generally have about five reserves playing for the team on Saturdays.

Indoor games, billiards, darts, table-tennis are great favourites with the lads, judging by the large number of entries received for the club championships. The table-tennis teams played in the Watling Youth tournament, and the first team were runners-up to the Watling Association after a close struggle.

We are playing them again at table-tennis on November 30th, and we hope to avenge our defeat.

The cross-country team are in training, and the club hopes to enter for the Middlesex Junior Championship this coming season.

The club hold, under the direction of Mr. Wakeling, fortnightly talks. These are proving a great success, and after each talk there is always a keen debate. The recent talks have been on: Films, Invasion of Hendon, Post-War Conditions and Religion.

The club and Y.H.A. dance, which was a pleasing success, was attended by about 200 people. A novelty prize was won by Mr. Stanley Jones, our late club leader.

C. PYME

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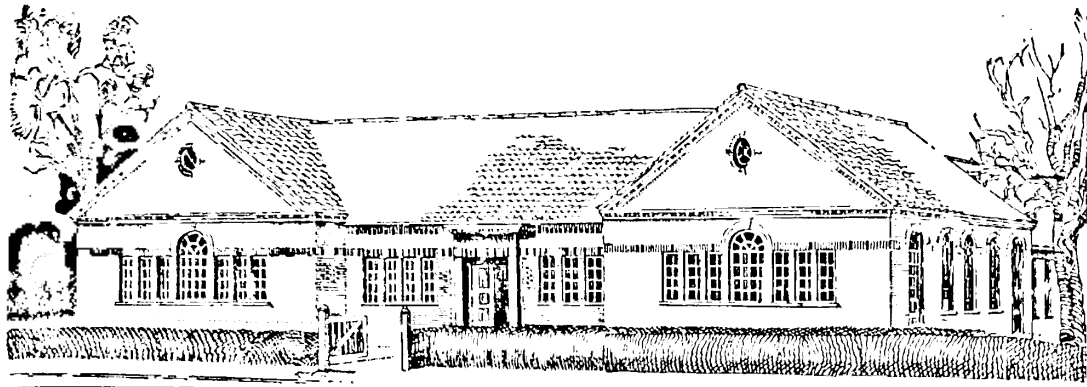
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## A New Year Resolution

*Continuing the series "How Can We Improve the Association," our contributor this month, Mr. E. E. Cole, lays particular emphasis on the need of a spirit of service to the community as a fundamental foundation to the aims and ideals of a Community Association.*

**M**AY I first of all congratulate our Editor for sponsoring through the medium of our journal under the above heading a series of articles that have been most interesting and instructive. It is very encouraging to see members freely expressing their views, and shows a very healthy state from within the Association.

I would like to expand a little on a very important point raised by our Secretary in a recent issue on *Service to the Community*. If one was asked to explain in a few words what is a Community Association the following statement would cover the fundamental ideal. A Community Association is an organisation of neighbours based on the idea that the personalities of men and women can develop to the best only as men and women *serve* a community which in turn *serves* them and their development. How does our Association fit in with this?

A glance at our diary of events for the month gives ample proof that the Association does endeavour to *serve* the community according to the capacity of its "Centre," also—and this is in answer to the writer in last month's issue—some of our members, through the Association, give their services in work away from the "Centre," but the number is very small. Perhaps it is on this side that the Association could improve. If we consider the size of our membership it is by far the greater number that are *served* than

it is of those who *serve*. Is the Association to any extent to blame for this? Do we encourage members to take an active part in giving service to the community away from the "Centre" as well as in it? To expect this we must first of all understand what we mean by service. I commend the following lines as a good definition. They give the measure of a man:—

*Not—How did he die? But—How did he live?*

*Not—What did he gain? But—What did he give?*

*Not—What was his Church? Nor—What was his creed?*

*But—Had he befriended those really in need?*

*Not—What did the sketch in the newspaper say?*

*But—How many were sorry when he passed away?*

*These are the units to measure the worth*

*Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

If we are prepared to accept service in its truest sense as our standard, I feel certain that instead of having a majority of members who just *belong*, we would have an organisation of men and women bound together by one common purpose—the common good. Let us make it a "New Year's Resolution."

E. E. COLE.

### Another Helpers' & Sellers' Social—January 29th

#### A Splendid Idea!

During a casual visit to the "Centre" the other evening one was pleasantly surprised to see members of the Youth Club actively engaged in repairing toys—wheelbarrows, cycles, engines, etc.

These toys are owned by the Day Nursery at Addington House and the children are no doubt pleased to have their "favourites" restored to them in good working order.



#### Life-Boat Collections

The Finance Committee at their meeting in November approved of the suggestion made that during a week in January two collecting boxes of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution be displayed at all functions held at the Centre.

The result of the collections will be announced in next month's issue.



#### Miss Stella Marris

It is with regret we announce the sudden death of Miss Marris (Mrs. Francis) the well-known dancing teacher. Her passing will be felt by many young people in this locality who have in the past few years been pupils at the Stella Marris Dancing School.

Miss Marris was responsible for the training of the team which for three successive years have been awarded the Challenge Cup at the Annual Dancing Competition held during Watling "Week."

We offer our sincere feelings of condolence with Mr. Francis in his sad bereavement.



## A Public Enquiry—

A Committee of Enquiry into the question "How to Improve the Watling Estate", will sit in public at the Centre at 8 p.m. on Sunday, January 24th.

The Chairman will have the assistance of notable ladies and gentlemen typifying many local interests and occupations. Each will have a few minutes in which to put his or her point of view on this important subject, and may then be questioned or criticised by other members of the Committee. In the later part of the evening members of the audience will have the opportunity of asking questions and putting their own points of view. The following have at the time of going to press promised to be members of the Committee:—A teacher, a shopkeeper, a club leader, a borough councillor, an estate superintendent, a minister of religion, an adult school member, a newspaper reporter, and a member of the Watling Association. Others are being asked. Be sure to come to hear and join in this stimulating and entertaining discussion.

## Beyond The Footlights

THIS is the season of Pantomime, and if we are fortunate enough this year to make a visit to the theatre we will no doubt thoroughly enjoy the performance and appreciate again the old, old story of Cinderella, babes in the Wood or Puss in Boots according to our choice.

The children delight in the fairies and the transformation scenes, the antics of the comedians, the charm of the Princess and principal Boy, the selfishness of the Ugly Sisters will bring a feeling of distrust in the heart of youthful audiences. These feelings are the result of a well staged production.

The pantomime begins its season on Boxing Day as it has done for many years, little do we think when we are comfortably seated in the theatre that the polished and finished production we are witnessing probably went into rehearsal six weeks beforehand, that the planning of the show, designing costumes, writing of the script and music probably was begun as long ago as August or September.

We have a very important lesson to learn from the experiences of the pantomime producer, by whom the performance we have so much enjoyed has been prepared. It has not been left to chance, trusting to luck that everything will turn out alright. Detail has been studied, even the theatre has been spring-cleaned in preparation for the opening night, the comfort of the audience has been thought of. The publicity has been carefully drawn up in advance too.

In presenting Exhibitions, Concerts, Talent Competitions, Watling "Weeks," and the numerous other attractions do we give any study to detail? We would gain consider-

ably if we did some real planning and study of detail, for if we really organised our work the result would be more satisfying both to the individual and to the Association.

Up to now we have not appreciated the fact that to get the best results a longer period of preparation is essential.

This theory applies also to committee work, how often do we hurry a business matter through committee stage without giving the subject sufficient thought and attention, wouldn't it be much wiser sometimes to postpone a decision at one meeting to enable further investigation of the matter to be made so that a more complete picture can be given to the committee at its next meeting?

## Letters to the Editor

See Page 4

### AIR RAID SHELTERS

The local A.R.P. authorities are much concerned as to the treatment of air raid shelters in this locality, and have requested that we draw attention to the matter.

It does not occur to some folk that although these shelters are erected for the safety of fellow-neighbours and at the moment are being used to a very small degree, that the day may come again when the shelters will be in demand, and if that position unfortunately does arise, the shelters will be expected to be habitable and not minus electric bulbs and other amenities for the comfort of fellow-sufferers.

Your responsibility is to see that you attempt to stop others (possibly children) from doing this damage if a clear case is brought before you.

### THE WATLING RESIDENT

## 10th Anniversary Celebrations

JANUARY, 1943.

- Sat., 16th.—Youth Club Party.** 7.30  
Admission by invitation only.  
\* Social. Whist .. 7.30  
Social .. 8.30  
Admission 4d.
- Sun., 17th.—Rabbit Show** .. 2.0  
Arranged by W.A. and District Rabbit Club.  
Entries must be in by 2.30.  
Admission 3d. Lucky prize.  
\* Special Members' Dance 7.30  
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- Mon., 18th.—\* Whist Drive** .. 7.30  
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Concert arranged by W. A.  
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- Tues., 19th.—Watling Guild of Players present a three-act comedy, "Passing Brompton Road"** .. 8.0  
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- Wed., 20th.—Veterans' Party** .. 2.30  
Admission by invitation only.  
\* Dance .. 7.30  
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Social organised by the Men's Club .. 8.0  
Admission 6d.
- Thurs., 21st.—\* Whist Drive** .. 2.45  
Admission 6d.  
Games Tournament, Youth Club v. Men's Club .. 7.30  
A Neighbourly Night .. 8.0  
Arranged by the Women's Neighbourhood Guild and The Neighbours  
Admission 6d.
- Fri., 22nd.—Supper and Dance** 8.0  
Tickets 3s. 6d. (Must be obtained before Jan. 16th.)
- Sat., 23rd.—Demonstration of Children's and Adults' Activities** .. 3.0  
Admission 3d.  
\* Special Social Whist .. 7.0  
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- Sun., 24th.—\* Members' Dance** 7.30  
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Public Committee of Enquiry on "How to Improve the Watling Estate." .. 8.0  
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## Ten Years Hard . . . .

It is ten years this month since the "Centre" was opened, and as will be seen elsewhere in this magazine a programme of events has been arranged in celebration.

Although ten years have passed since the completion of the building it is much longer since the idea was first thought of, that the people of Watling should have a home of their own in which to accommodate the numerous activities that accompany the healthy life of a community.

The work has grown to such an extent that the building is not now large enough to meet the varied demands made upon it, and it is a cherished hope of the Executive and members alike that we shall be able to enlarge the premises in the near future. We are only waiting for the end of the war and the permission to build.

However, in practical fact we can only at the moment think about the building as it now stands.

Hard though it may sound to many, there seems to be in the mind of some children a disregard for property and ownership. The estate in general has witnessed the almost wanton destruction of fences, trees, and many of the amenities of the district by these young idle hands. Unfortunately, the "Centre" has not escaped this treatment. The fence surrounding the building is constantly damaged. The interior, too, does not receive the respect due to it. Why is this so?

The classes run for children are held almost nightly, but unfortunately the number of adult helpers is terribly small, and the task of bringing some sense of responsibility to a large number of children of all ages when you have only too few helpers is almost an impossibility. This plea is not ours alone. Ask other club leaders, etc., and you will understand how important this problem of children and their occupation really is.

It has been found necessary to restrict the number of children being admitted to the children's groups and this must continue until more help is

forthcoming. The helpers we have at the present time are excellent, but more are urgently needed.

There is really a need for another "Community Centre" on the estate, and we hope to see this established eventually.

Finally, although the "Centre" has to a degree suffered in the hands of these young people, it must not be overlooked that it is a "Centre" for people of all ages and experiences, and we draw attention again to the programme for the "Celebration Week," and invite members, old and new, to come and see for themselves the work that is going on.

Make it your New Year resolution to come and join with us.



### To Contributors

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the various contributors to the columns of the "Resident" during the last 12 months. In particular, we would thank Mr. H. Harris, of Letchworth, who has supplied regularly for many years the Garden Notes.

His contribution never gives the Editor a headache, for it arrives punctually every month without ever a reminder. We thank you one and all.



### Important Announcement

We have the pleasure of announcing to our many readers that, commencing with the February issue, we are publishing monthly a column dealing with the absorbing and vital subject of Democratic Government. This new series is being contributed by an expert on the subject.

We hope this new feature will stimulate an interest amongst readers in the subject of Government in a Democracy. It is our regret, however, that owing to the shortage of paper, the Editor is unable, except on rare occasions, to devote more than a column to this all important subject.

### Children's Xmas Party

Children of Prisoners of War living in Mill Hill, Edgware, or Burnt Oak are to be invited to a Christmas Party by the St. John Nursing Division. If you know of any such children please send their names to "Watling Centre," so that they may receive invitations.

### Beveridge Report

The daily press having given such wide publicity to the Beveridge Report, we do not propose to comment on its recommendations at this stage. When, however, it comes up for consideration in Parliament we hope to follow its course through its various "readings."

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# Letters to the Editor

## Christmas Number

National Council of Social Service,  
26, Bedford Square, W.C.1,  
Dec. 12 '42.

Dear Editor,

May I send you a line to congratulate the "Resident" on its attractive cover this month—particularly gratifying in war time.

I was much struck by the thoughtful article by "Under 30." What he says cannot be too often repeated in every community association. I wonder whether it would be helpful to expound a point which may cause questioning and even misunderstanding. A not too careful reader might get the impression that "Under 30" is advocating direction or control of individual organisations by a "brain" which itself was independent of those organisations. I am sure he (or was it she?) did not mean that; but we cannot too often emphasise that a Community Association has no existence or entity apart from its components—the organisations and individuals that make it up—and that its governing body is, or ought to be, truly representative of the community, as the House of Commons is, or should be, of the nation.—Yours sincerely,

E. SANDFORD CARTER.



## Against Immunisation?

9, Maxwellton Close,  
Mill Hill, N.W.7,  
Dec. 4, '42.

Dear Editor,

I wish to express my appreciation of the general get-up of the current issue of the "Resident." A very excellent cover, and good reading matter. However, I must mention one item with which I am not in agreement—namely, the paragraph relating to immunisation against "Diphtheria." It reads as though it was an infallible preventive. A question was asked in Parliament quite recently if an inquiry could be held in view of the fact that doctors had admitted both serious and fatal cases after immunisation. The medical profession are not disinterested, and therefore ought not to pose as "unquestioned judges."—I am, yours faithfully,

EDMUND J. FORD.

## Annual Report

Dear Editor,

The Executive and Council will in two months' time be considering the annual report, and I am writing to put forward an idea which I consider will make a considerable difference in the nature of the report this year.

Instead of our worthy Secretary preparing the document in advance, I suggest that each one of the various sections of the Association be asked to prepare its own report, being given so many words to supply (the number divided equally between each section).

This procedure will, I think, produce an interesting document showing variety of treatment and a freshness that can only come from those actually engaged in the work.

The section concerning constituent bodies and any extraneous matter might well be left to the Secretary.—Yours faithfully,

A KEEN MEMBER.



## In Defence of the Communist Party

*[The correspondence columns of the "Resident" is an open forum. We publish this letter and offer no comments; we trust the reader will be sufficiently enlightened to draw his own conclusions.—Ed.]*

328, Deansbrook Road,  
Burnt Oak,  
Dec. 13th, 1942.

Dear Editor,

It is a pity that the "Resident" should from time to time find it necessary to point to one or other of the working class organisations that are recognised by the enemies of the working class as the most determined section of the people—in fact, the section to whose lot has fallen the task of leading the peoples of the world from the chaos and misery of the present capitalistic order to the socialist goal of peace and security.

To me it seemed so ironic that the notice protesting about the sale of Communist literature should follow the pious verse and editorial entitled: "Is it nothing to you?" Do we realise that we are in the midst of a struggle for freedom, and is it disloyal to help to enlighten our people? The Communist Party's literature is second to none, and we are proud of our members who endeavour to break down prejudice fostered by vested interests and reactionaries.

It is pleasing to know that our people are seeing through the misrepresentation of the past. Honest people will decide for themselves in all things.

Some people are astonished at such criticism at the present time, when Communists are dying every day in countries occupied by the Fascists, to say nothing of the past that our party has played for us all leading the fiercest battles known in the history of the world.

(MRS.) E. LEWINGTON.

## WOMEN'S COLUMN

## Have You Made RICE DUMPLINGS?

THERE seems little fresh in the food news: milk rationing has brought further headaches for the housewife. How are you managing your small ration? Half a pint a day for two people does not go very far; it hardly makes tea for two. I find many people are mixing a little of the powdered milk with the fresh, and so disguising the taste of the dry milk. Milk puddings are almost a thing of the past, but I heard of a bright idea the other day from a neighbour of mine. She puts 4 ozs. of rice in a cloth; ties it securely and boils it until it is soft. When the cloth is removed the rice pudding is round, like a dumpling, and can be cut. This is served with a teaspoon or so of condensed milk, and the children love it. I forgot to mention that salt is added to the water in which the rice is boiled. Do not throw away this water, as it is an excellent form of starch, and will put new life into limp linen.

If you are able to go to your local electricity showrooms for the cooking demonstrations, do attend these excellent classes. We all welcome new hints, and I find it particularly interesting to watch the demonstrator. Often you know she saves herself time and walking by having the ingredients and utensils carefully arranged on the table. Planning is very much in the air now, and we can start right now with our own kitchen.

It probably is not the ideal shape or size, but we can make our work easier by arranging our pots and pans and jars in a get-at-able position. Have a look round your kitchen; can you make any improvements?

PRUDENCE PENNYWISE.



## Another Helpers' Social

Another Helpers' Social, under the auspices of the "Resident" Committee, is to be held on Friday, January 29, at 8 p.m., at the "Centre."

This event is timed to coincide with the publishing day for the February issue of the "Resident." Helpers and sellers will receive their invitations as usual, but visitors and friends are welcome also on payment of a small entrance fee.

It is hoped to arrange an interesting programme for this evening.



## CHILDREN'S COLUMN

## Word Making Competition

**HOW** clever are you? Do you know the name of this magazine? I hope so, because the Editor wants you to use the words "Watling Resident" for a competition this month.

Look carefully at the letters, and see how many words you can make from them. The conditions for this competition are simple, but must be followed:—

1. Children must be under 14 years. There are two age groups, one under 10 years, and the other over 10 years. A prize will be offered for the best entrant in each group.

2. Words made must be in the Dictionary.

3. The latest date for receiving lists of words is the 13th February. These should be addressed to the Editor and left or sent to the Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road.

This is your Puzzle Corner. See what you can do.

## Puppet Theatre

Did you see the Librarian's Note in last month's "Resident?" I do hope that you helped with the Puppets. When I read the notice I thought—well, they will need a lot of children to do all this work, and girls as well as boys will be wanted. Of course, if the Puppet Theatre grows, I can see that an orchestra will be needed, and it really is great fun to work in a group. If you have not helped this time, but want to know more about the scheme, speak to the Children's Librarian, and I am sure that something will be arranged if you are really keen.

May we ———  
introduce  
you to

May " ——— "

on

April 30th ?

## Children's Library

Two years ago at the end of this month your libraries at Mill Hill Broadway and the "Watling Centre" were opened. Many of you have used them consistently since then, and have brought others along with you. That is good. But can we go one better? The libraries are for all of you to be regarded not only as the place in which to choose books, but one where you can read and study if you wish. Any non-fiction books can be brought from the adult library for you.

Here is a list of some of the new books that have come in recently:—

Challenge to adventure (the Locketts again)	Atkinson
The Happy story book	Blyton
Sue Barton—rural nurse	Boynton
Jenny Spring	Clark
Runaway boy	Dixon
Cherrystones (poems)	Farjeon
Poo-Poo and the dragons	Forester
Nothing at all	Gog
John and Mary and Miss Rose	Brown James
The Triumph of three	Marchant
Out with Romany again	"Romany"
The Golden hen (fairy tales)	Ross
Rick alive!	Severn
The Navy strikes	Smith
Coucou (a little black girl from French North Africa helps in the war)	Terre
Sam Pig and Sally	Utley
Sailor in the sun	White

## Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

During recent weeks we had talks by Mr. Horace Holder on China; Dr. Livingstone, for whom twelve questions on the Jewish problem have been prepared for a promised future visit; a Nurse from the Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, Brockley, who was very grateful for the generous offering of fruit and vegetables from the school. Mr. Gutheridge has spoken again on "Herbs," and a talk by one of our members on "Youth and Adolescence" preceded an interesting discussion.

Mrs. Preston very kindly paid the meeting-room rent one afternoon and Mrs. Connor has presented a pair of sea-boots to "our" minesweeper.



## BALLERINAS!

Man-power questions are creating strange situations in Australia. It is reported that the manager of a Sydney (New South Wales) theatre applied to the Labour Department for permission to employ 40 women as ballet dancers. Consent was given, provided the ballet "girls" were over 40 years of age.

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If God is crowded out of men's lives war and other evils crowd in. With God every single person counts. We are His instruments, and He will work through every one of us if we will let Him.

"Standing Still in the Light," which is the title of the talk we are to hear on Sunday evening, January 17th, at 6 p.m., may seem a little difficult to see behind, but if anyone feels because of that that it may be remote, or rather "in the air," or "intellectual," they are wrong.

The speaker is to be Edith Brittle. She is a well-known Friend, who is both practical and efficient. Those who know her have no doubt that her talk will be related to realities. That should reassure "Resident" readers.

Will you, as one of them, come along? If you are inclined to say "No," you might ask yourself if you spare enough time for God.

Watling and Edgware meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) invites you to seek with it a deeper understanding of God's purpose at this meeting, and also at meeting for worship every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Both meetings are held at the Community Centre. The evening meetings are held once a month every third Sunday.

Robert Errington, Clerk, 99 Crummock Gardens, N.W.9.

# Garden Notes

## Hedges

The choosing and planting of a hedge may do much to make or mar a garden. The importance of the subject has been somewhat overlooked. Until quite recently it was the custom to make a hedge of thorn, privet, or the suburban laurel, but these old-fashioned ideas are passing away, and it is now being realised that there are better subjects for the hedge.

Of deciduous plants, beech, hornbeam, cherry plum and briar are the most general, and amongst the evergreens may be mentioned box, cypress, evergreen oak, holly, thuya and yew.

The object of the hedge should be taken into consideration. Is it required as a shelter from the wind, as a screen, as a barrier or purely as an ornament? Evergreens, like holly, laurel or yew, and leafy, quick-growing deciduous shrubs, like elder or privet, are excellent for shelter from the cold winds. As a screen, cypress and escallonia, are amongst the best, also holly, laurel and again yew. Flowering shrubs, such as berberis, guelder rose, gorse, lilac, or shrubby honeysuckle, make an attractive ornamental hedge, whilst nothing is more suitable as a barrier than beech, hornbeam, thorn or myrobella plum. Under favourable conditions you may get a crop of fruit from the last.

The hedge need not necessarily be composed entirely of one species. A very ornamental hedge, sections of which will be in blossom almost throughout the year, can be made up of various species of flowering shrubs. Evergreens may be interspersed, and the hedge will be all the firmer if a thorn or a cherry plum is inserted at fairly frequent intervals as a stiffener. Sweet briar and Penzance briar make a splendid hedge.

The clipping of hedges is an important item in their growth and care. This should be done at least twice in the year, during May and in August or September. Few shrubs will make much growth after the autumn trimming and will remain tidy all the winter.

These notes are partly based on a chapter in Scouts' admirable book entitled "All About Gardening."



## COMEDY OF ERRORS

Reporting a local wedding a country paper said that "the bouquet of roses was punk." Correcting the error the following week, the editor apologised, saying that the statement should have read: "The noses were pink."

THE WATLING RESIDENT

JANUARY, 1943

# Association Diary

All activities take place at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated.

## REGULAR EVENTS.

### Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.

### Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 7.30.  
Folk Dancing, 8.0.

### Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
W.A. Youth Club Games Night, 7.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Young Communist League, 8.

### Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
6. The B.B.C.  
13. Lantern Lecture on U.S.A.  
20. Councillor A. Durant.  
27. Current Events, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sewell Harris.  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Discussion Group, 8.  
6. War as a Method of Protecting Democracy  
13. Housing.  
20. Censorship.  
27. The Aim of Education.  
Men's Club, 8.

### Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.  
W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

### Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

### Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.

## OTHER EVENTS.

Sunday	3	Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.
Tuesday	5	Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	7	W.V.S., 2.30.
Saturday	9	K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30. Blind Club, 2.30.
Sunday	10	Odd Fellows, 10.
Thursday	14	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Sunday	17	Society of Friends Evening Meeting, 6.
Saturday	16	Anniversary
Sunday	24	Celebrations
Sunday	24	Odd Fellows, 10.
Thursday	28	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Saturday	30	Blind Club, 2.30.



## YOUTH OF TO-DAY

This article is in answer to that which appeared in the November issue of the "Resident" under the heading of "Give Youth Its Chance," and is written by a helper in one of the Youth Clubs on this Estate.

THE thing I have realized most is that the youth of this generation has been born in a different world to what I knew at their age, and their outlook is fundamentally different and must be treated that way.

For them there seem no certainties, they do not know for what cause they may be sacrificed and this has tended to rob them of sentiment in most things. Unfortunately, for many of them their parents have put them at a disadvantage by giving them things too easily, thus making them lose the sense of value for things they should have got by their own endeavour. The excuse from the parents is usually "I do not intend my children to go without things like I had to."

I have the wonderful experience of assisting in a Youth Club and have observed that although youth of to-day is a great improvement on youth of the last generation, owing to the times they often tend to be inconsistent.

Although this Club which I have mentioned is entirely managed by its own committee their impetuosity and endeavour to express themselves often creates situations which would end in disaster to many carefully thought out ideas if an older person with previous experience was not there to clear up the snags or cope with them.

I have noticed that youth cannot exercise authority over youth without in many cases creating bad feeling or resentment among themselves. For example, how can a youth of 17 ask another youth of the same age to leave the Club for some cause or other without some degree of resentment. This is where the older person steps in, for there is in most cases a respect for older persons than yourself.

By all means always listen to what "Youth" has to say for they represent the world of to-day, but do not leave them to their own devices without giving them the chance of taking the opportunity of having the benefit of your previous experience which you have got by trial and error.

There often seems a tendency to unwittingly encourage youth to lose respect for their elders also in the truths of Christianity, such as love

thy neighbour and to forgive them that do trespass, for without these ideals their outlook is narrowed down to a minimum and their chances of becoming a good citizen very remote.

It seems that when "Youth" openly resents listening to any advice given in good faith by an older person; he is often very self-opinionated and will in his obstinacy not only break down something he has helped to build but hurt his own feelings as well. How can such Youth control other Youth until they have by experience learnt to control themselves.

There is a very adaptable saying that the Devil finds work for idle hands, so when possible let Youth have a suitable task to do so that they can express themselves and feel they are doing something worth while.

Taking all things into consideration Youth of to-day have proved as good, if not better, than the Youth of the last generation. The "Battle of Britain" has been a fine example of what Youth can do.



### Au Revoir

St. Alphege Church and the Watling Estate has lost another valuable friend (temporarily) in the Rev. W. R. Haw, who has enlisted as a Chaplain in H.M. Forces.

Apart from the many activities Father Haw has been connected with at his church, he will be missed in the Youth Circles on the estate. In particular, the Watling Boys' Club will feel his removal since he was to them a very efficient and helpful secretary to the Management Committee.—Au revoir.



### Watling Community Association Distress Fund

Result of Collection on December 20

The Association extends its cordial thanks to the donors and collectors who made the following contributions to the Christmas collection:—

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Blessbury Rd.	0	7	5½
Langham Gardens	0	6	5½
The Meads and Brookwalk	0	13	4
Walter and Foulrand Walks	0	6	11
	8	1	9

### Discussion Group

The last meeting of November was held in conjunction with the Men's Club. The subject was the "Beveridge Report," and the content and implications of this report was ably explained by Mr. E. S. Harris. It is hoped to continue this coalition of the two groups once a month.

An interesting talk on Soho was given the first week of December. Prohibition was the subject for the following week.

A stimulating talk on "Bernard Shaw" provided the remaining discussion this month. The speaker outlined the plots of several of the plays which were afterwards discussed.

J. A. COLEMAN.



### Veterans' Club Report

The old folks have raised £1 16s. for the "Aid to China Fund" in a month by giving and selling small parcels. A letter was received from his Worship the Mayor of Hendon, Alderman J. J. Copestake, congratulating the Club on its endeavours.

The Veterans will be holding a New Year party during "Anniversary Week." Admission will be by ticket only.

E. COLE.

## WOODCROFT HALL BURNT OAK



You are cordially invited to hear the following speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.15

- Jan. 3.—Mr. R. SCAMMELL
- Jan. 10.—Mr. J. FENWICK ADAMS
- Jan. 17.—Dr. E. WHITE
- Jan. 24.—Mr. H. C. HARLAND
- Jan. 31.—Mr. G. J. HAYNES



## Youth Editorial

TO all Youth Organisations on the Watling Estate we send our very best wishes for a happy and truly successful New Year.

To our friends away from home we send our continued remembrances and every wish for a speedy victory and lasting peace.

The last united discussion was fairly well attended, but chiefly by two organisations only. If you have any ideas for improving or for making more interesting and appealing the discussions we hold, please let me or any other member of the Committee have them. The socials we hold are very well attended, and all local clubs are usually represented—why not the discussions?

Future events are as follows:—

**January 22nd.**—The next joint Social will probably be held on this date. Get details from Club Leaders.

**January 31st.**—It is proposed on this Sunday to have a Religious Brains Trust at Wesley Hall at 8 p.m. Please send your questions in beforehand to the Question-Master, Mr. Baumont, 28 Holmstall Avenue.

Finally, in March, we hope to hold a display and demonstration. Can you let your representative at the next committee meeting at the "Centre," on Friday, January 1st, at 8, come armed with answers to three questions:—

(a) Can your club put on a demonstration or display?

(b) If so, for how long and of what sort?

(c) Do you want a stall to display literature, photographs, handicrafts, or other exhibits?

Try and send a representative of your club to the next Watling Youth Organisations Committee meeting at the "Centre" on January 1st, at 8 p.m.



**Youth Hostels Association.**—The Hendon Group has lost more of its members to H.M. Forces during the past month, including Roy Burton, one of our formation members, to the R.A.F.; Gus Collins, our social organiser, to the Army; Betty Wiggs

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## Open Club Competition

(see below)

## ARTISTS FORWARD

Here is an opportunity for the individual artist member of our Youth Club. The Managing Committee of this magazine invite designs for a heading for the youth page, the size of drawing must conform exactly to the panel at the top of this page.

Entries must be in black and white, and should be drawn on a white card or art paper. The competition is

and Ron King. We wish them the best of luck in their surroundings.

Attendances at week-end outings have not been so good, but there has been a notable increase in numbers for the day walks on Sundays. The cyclists' day runs have been very popular of late, and we have acquired several new members.

The second issue of our magazine "Out and About" is now in preparation. Thanks must be given to all those members who have given their time typing, printing and contributing to it, and to Alf Porter in particular, who is the editor. The group meets every Thursday evening at 7.30 at the "Watling Community Centre."



**St. Alphege Youth Organisations.**—A very happy evening was held in our hall on November 27th when the Scout Troop ran a social in aid of the Baden-Powell Memorial Fund. A large crowd of about 200 people seemed thoroughly to enjoy the games and various items presented by the troupe, and about £8 was realised as a result of the venture.

Several football matches have been played, and our young team has done quite well.

We are looking forward to Christmas and its various activities, and send our greetings and best wishes to all Watling clubs, their leaders and members.



**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.**—An outstanding feature during this month was our "Christmas Happidrome," which was held on December 5th. It was very well attended, and all enjoyed an evening of entertainment, games and dancing. All the proceeds are being devoted to our Christmas Charities' Fund.

Although a number of our Youth Club are now serving with the Forces our Tuesday evenings are still popular. We should like to extend a hearty welcome to young people over 15 years of age who are not connected with a youth organisation to join with us.

To all youth movements on the Watling Estate we send our Best Wishes for 1943.



**W.A. Youth Club.**—The Club has recently enjoyed a very successful spell in table tennis tournaments and matches. The Club secured highest points of the evening in the

open until the 13th of March, and entries should be sent to the "Centre," addressed to the Hon. Editor.

Only bona-fide members of clubs associated to the Watling Youth Organisation's Committee are eligible. Please state club when sending entry.

A small prize is offered to the successful artist.

inter-club tournament held at Wesley Hall on November 6th.

November 30th was the occasion when the Club won a "friendly" against the Watling Boys' Club, and again on December 15th when the W.B.C. were entertained at the "Centre."

We are meeting a team from the Men's Club at the "Centre" on January 21st, and hope for an enjoyable evening.

The Dramatic Section are rehearsing two plays for our Christmas Party on Jan. 16



**W.B.C.**—Cross-country team, consisting of C. Fanthorpe (capt.), L. Page, E. Smith and A. Leach, entered for the Junior Middlesex Cross-Country Championship on Dec. 19th. There were 40 entrants, and the placings of our lads were as follows:—L. Page, 3rd; E. Smith, 6th; C. Fanthorpe, 11th; and A. Leach 16th. L. Page received an individual medal for finishing 3rd. In team positions Thames Valley Harriers were 1st, Watling B.C. were 2nd, and Eton Manor were 3rd. Team medals were awarded to E. Smith, C. Fanthorpe, and A. Leach.

Two points of interest are that L. Pym is our representative on the London Federation of Boys' Clubs Senate, and that C. Fanthorpe is on the Polytechnic Harriers' Committee.

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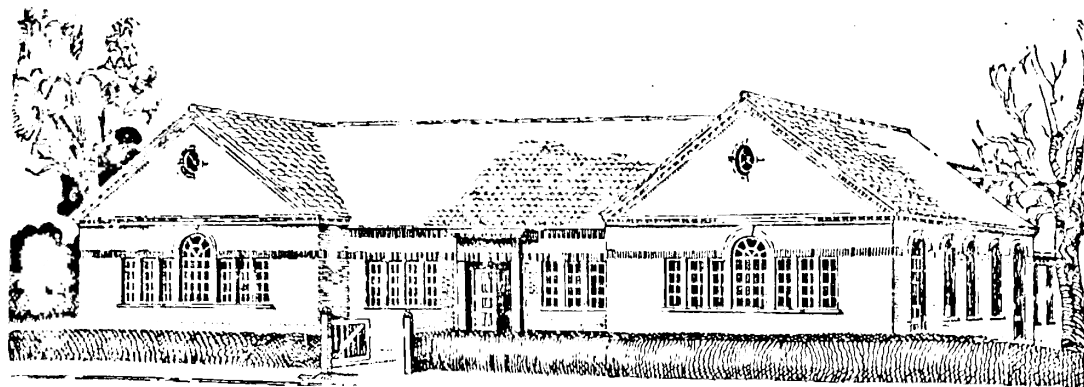
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## In Defence Of The Children

*Some have written and spoken critically of the behaviour of the modern child, and our contributor, Mrs. E. E. Coleman, writes suggesting that it is the adult that is largely to blame for the uncontrolled high spirits of these children.*

THE most successful efforts are those for whose effects we are content to wait very patiently. Most of the real, lasting, worthwhile things of life are gained under difficulties through suffering or discomfort of one kind or another.

This is especially true with regard to dealing with children. Each child is an individual. Even in the same family no two are exactly alike. All have different inclinations; reactions are different, also manner and powers of adjustment, so that each child has to be studied separately and treated differently.

A good leader emphasises not the faults of his charges but the good points, and every child, even the very worst, has good points, and it is the leader's job to bring these good points to the surface, buried deeply though they may be, the unearthing of which requires unlimited patience.

It is much wiser to ignore completely much of their bad behaviour. Where this rule is followed the mischievousness does eventually lessen and often finally disappears altogether, as we know that which is neglected usually withers and dies.

Much is heard and read these days of the bad behaviour of children. Those who are continually being reminded how "wicked" they are and whose faults are so often brought to their notice - and in many cases magnified - rather enjoy the sensation they are causing, even if it does bring punishment, and try and do even

"better" next time, and so cause greater excitement on the part of adults.

Are we grown-ups so perfect? Of course, we are not! Don't we shout and scream, quarrel, lose our tempers, smash things, and much more? When the children follow our example they must be punished, simply because they have caused inconvenience or pain to us, while we forget how often we cause pain and much lasting mental and moral damage to them. Don't you think it would be much more logical to start examining ourselves and put ourselves in order before we start preaching to the children?

Instead of scoldings and grumblings, much sympathy by adults, and an understanding of the many factors which cause mischievous children to act as they do is necessary in order to solve these problems.

A visit to the children's classes at the Centre in the evening with genuine love for children in the heart and a "seeing" eye, would be an enlightenment to many.

Here we have 30 to 50 children of between 2 and 14 years, of both sexes, with very often only two, sometimes one, adult to look after them. They would also see girls of 14 years, night after night, amusing very successfully eight or ten tiny ones unable to join in other activities as they would wish. These little mothers, in the writer's opinion, are real heroines of whom we never read in the press. Boys and girls are divided in other rooms and left on their honour to amuse them-

selves while at play, the choir, or some other activity is going on in another room, with an occasional visit from the adult in charge. It is truly amazing to an understanding grown-up how good these children are and how little damage they cause.

The real damage, broken windows, fences, etc., is caused by children outside, who really need our help most, but whom it is regrettably necessary to exclude from the Centre owing to lack of helpers. These are not bad children either, but only *appealing* for something to do, in need of someone to direct their boundless energies into some useful channels.

The children are not being fairly treated. The war has broken up and disorganised many homes, where control is now lacking, children being left too long on their own resources.

We at the Centre have many plans which, owing to insufficient help, are operating only with difficulty.

The only solution to these problems is the provision of many *trained* helpers, and is one of the most important and urgent needs of the present time.

In the meantime, will you spare one night a half hour one night a week from 5 to 6.30 o'clock? If so, please give your name to Mr. Harris at the Centre.

E. E. COLEMAN.



### How Can We Improve The Estate?

The report on this interesting meeting, held on Sunday, February 24th, will be published in the next issue of the "Resident," together with a summary of the series of articles recently published in this magazine on "How Can We Improve the Association?"



## Political Outlines—No. 1

## Why Politics?

By GWYNN LL. JONES

*For many years occupied a position of importance in the Civil Service, but resigned from this in order to be free to do political work. Journalist, lecturer and public speaker of wide experience. War Organising Secretary of the Fabian Society until December 1942. Now lecturer in Economics and Political Science under the auspices of the University of London.*

**T**HIS is the first of a series of short notes on the structure, organisation, and working of the political system of this country.

The object will be to educate—not to persuade readers to accept any particular point of view or programme. But having gone so far in the interests of impartiality, it must be said at once that the writer of these notes holds very strong views regarding the way in which our political life has been organised and run during the last 20 odd years. There is only one word which can be used to describe the quality of our politics in this period: Appalling!

Britain is a democracy—we will ask ourselves what this means in a further issue—and a democracy claims, or should claim, to provide the greatest possible security or happiness for the greatest possible number of its people. The politics of the last 20 years have failed to give us either security or happiness—to such an extent that people have begun to ask themselves if it is not completely beyond the power of democratic government to provide these things at all. After a smashing military victory in 1918 we failed to build a proper system of international security. In a world that cried out for goods and service we failed to provide work for millions of our people.

How did this failure in our politics arise? Because our politicians and the political system were bad? Not altogether. Politics and a political system are just as good and efficient as we make them. We get the politics we deserve, and during the last 20 years we have deserved the worst, because we have failed in the first, but essential, duty of a democratic people: to take an active and intelligent interest in political affairs. Without this, democracy perishes. Unless the people of a democracy are continually checking-up on their political representatives, the system will not deliver the goods we want—because the political representatives will have no clear idea of what

## Our Cause . . .

. . . Let our discipline be not penal and enforced, but self-imposed and welcome; our strength that of free men who know and approve their purpose, and in their strength show wisdom.

It will little profit a State to preserve its body, if its soul be lost. Let our cause then be one for which we can work with ardour, and if need be fight; for which we can live, and if need be, die. Patriotism will answer its challenge; but "patriotism is not enough." A cause worthy of Britain must be more than Britain's cause.

—Extract from "Security Can We Retrieve It?" by Sir Arthur Salter, M.P. (Macmillan).

the people want, and they will, therefore, become the willing or unconscious tools of the "vested interests," who always know what they want and always press it upon the politicians.

Therefore, the first commandment of a healthy political system is: "Wake up and say what you want." But this is impossible unless the majority of the people have a sound knowledge of the system and how it works, and these notes are designed to give an outline of the system and its working. We will cover such questions as the following: How are M.P.s chosen, and what power do they really possess? How does legislation pass through the House of Commons? Is the House of Lords a useful institution? What is the Cabinet? What power have the great Government Departments?

## THE WAITING RESIDENT

# "FREE and EASYS" Further Outlook—Unsettled?

**A**BOUT eight or nine years ago it was thought desirable to hold every fortnight or so a gathering for adults at the "Centre" of an informal nature, more on the lines of an "At Home," with a little good music, some refreshments and a talk by someone on a topical subject that might reasonably be hoped to please people of varied tastes. These "At Homes" proved very successful and so informal were they that they were named "Free and Easys."

The war came and for a time they were not held, but about 12 months ago they were recommenced, but somehow they have not yet regained the same place in the members' affections for a quiet Sunday evening and we would earnestly ask you who are reading this to consider whether or not you could join us one Sunday evening?

Helpful criticism can always be acceptable; maybe you don't come because of the Dance held at the same time in the hall, or because you don't appreciate the talks; whatever the reason we would be glad to hear of it—for until we know the cause of the very small support of today against that given in the past we cannot successfully remove the obstacle.

The next "Free and Easy" will be on February 14th and again on the 28th.

## Watling Men's Club

**T**HE first Annual General Meeting was held on January 6th which despite the very bad weather was well attended. The Hon. Secretary, in giving his report (which met with general approval), pointed out that the membership of the Club had been doubled during the last two months.

The following members were elected for the year:—Mr. E. Cole, *Hon. Sec.*; Mr. H. Callaghan, *Treasurer*. *Committee:* Messrs. H. Ryan, G. A. Molineaux, E. Pavely, E. Reed, and L. V. Hogan, the last named to act as the "Resident" Correspondent.

Last month's lecture was given by Mr. E. Sewell Harris on the "Beveridge Report;" this was greatly appre-

ciated and discussed. In future these monthly lectures will be held in the Library at the "Centre."

Arrangements have been made for various tournaments in Billiards, Darts, Table Tennis, Draughts, Dominoes and Shove Halpenny, etc., and keen competition is anticipated.

Our first Social will have already taken place before this report appears in print so full report will be given in next issue of the "Resident."

There is still room for new members so why not come along and have a pleasant evening every Wednesday and forget your worries for a few hours?  
L. V. H.





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## Is Democracy Worth Thinking About?

SO much is being written and discussed concerning the kind of peace that we hope will be established at the end of the war that we are apt to think that this "Millenium" or "Utopia" is brought about by wishing as Snowwhite did—down the wishing well.

This is of course sheer nonsense, in the past history of mankind all progress has been won by converting the majority to the cause that is at stake.

The war we are waging throughout the world is in defence of Liberty and Freedom, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, etc. These are precious possessions although we don't realize it enough.

It is to be expected that for a while the Allied Nations will be as keen as mustard to bring about "reforms" of various degrees. As a word of warning, one can recall the enthusiasm of the people after the last war, the cry for a "home fit for heroes," etc., then when the economic well-being was, we thought, established about 1922 or so—the cry was fainter—the stimulant was lacking.

Democracy is by its very nature a slow moving machine and mankind has, although alleging allegiance to it, lost faith in its cumbersome movement, and seeks to make adjustments.

We have unfortunately said goodbye to those great debates of the pre-1914 Parliaments, and now have the influence of the Party machine to sway the members. Unless the voice of the electorate is strong enough to be heard and make itself heard, revolutions can be accomplished in our ignorance or apathetic approach to the nation's affairs.

The government of the day has the task of legislating for the well-being of the people.

How many citizens can name the M.P. who represents *them* in the House of Commons? We venture to suggest very few, indeed.

How many too know the procedure of a Bill through the House before it reaches the Statute Book? We venture to suggest very few.

If Democracy is to survive and function in the manner that it should, every man and woman must take an intelligent interest in the affairs of the nation and world at large—for only so doing can we be sure of a *lasting* peace.

We must see to it that when the opportunity comes again to use our vote we must see that the privilege our forefathers won for us is not abused. We must revive the faith of our predecessors in this Parliament of ours and seek to *understand* its procedure and the function of the various offices and duties of responsible members in Cabinets and Ministries alike. Remember, that Parliament is the debating chamber for the people, acting as the safety valve of the electorate, checking constantly the validity and integrity of purpose of the Government of the day.

The peace which we are planning has to be won inch by inch to be a lasting peace and to achieve this we must attempt *now* to learn how the nation is governed and how the various Ministries and Departments closely linked with our national life are controlled.

To assist in this appreciation and understanding of Democracy we are fortunate to have the services of Mr. Gwynn Jones, late secretary to the Fabian Society to write on this subject each month beginning with this issue.—See page 2.

His series of articles will follow the course which he is giving to the London University Tutorial Classes on Democracy. We earnestly hope that this valuable contribution each month will be welcomed as it should be by all our readers, and that the series will create a new interest in this important and vital subject.

### A Reminder!

## Annual Meeting

of the Association

to be held

at the "CENTRE"

on

Friday, March 12th

at 8 p.m.

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Last year was a Record for attendance  
—see that it is broken this year.

## YOUTH LEADER APPOINTED

The Executive Committee have pleasure in announcing to members that they have appointed Miss Doris Moon as Youth Leader to the Association.

Miss Moon has had considerable experience with Youth Clubs at Leytonstone, Camberwell, and in the North of England. She was trained at Gilmore House, Clapham, and Homerton College, Cambridge.

The Executive Committee have given careful consideration to the matter of this appointment, and ask to be given the opportunity to say that they have full confidence in the ability of Miss Moon, who has taken on the important duty of organising and developing the work for youth at the "Centre," and hope that we will all extend to her a very warm welcome.

To those who wish to assist Miss Moon, or have helped in the work in the past, we emphasise the idea that the more the Leader develops the work the more helpers she will require.

Our new friend will have much to interest the Club members, for we know that just two items in her list of accomplishments are Dressmaking and First Aid Training.

The Editor of the "Resident" has invited Miss Moon to contribute an article for March issue.



## Letters to the Editor

*The Correspondence columns of the "Resident" is an open forum. We publish these letters on the understanding that they are representative of personal opinions only and in no way representative of any "official" view of the Watling Community Association --EDITOR.*

### Second-To-None Literature

9, Maxwellton Close, N.W.7.  
13/1/43.

Dear Sir,

I was greatly interested in the letter in your last issue of Mrs. E. Lewington in defence of the Communist Party's literature. There is one point with which I agree, as to terms but not from the writer's point of view. She says the Communist Party's literature is second to none. Quite true. I know of no Party's literature which can come anywhere near them for contradictions. Since the *Daily Worker* lines up with the *Daily Mail* and other such papers in advising the workers to vote for Tory candidates I really cannot see any but confusion in their leadership.

Communist Party literature is notorious for falsification of history to suit their point of view at a particular moment.

I am yours faithfully,

EDMUND J. FORD.

### Millinery Class

The Centre,  
Orange Hill Road.  
15/1/43.

Dear Editor,

May I bring to the attention of your readers a matter of particular interest to the ladies.

I have had several requests for the formation of a millinery class and would appreciate it if those desiring such a class would notify me of the most convenient day and time for the holding of such a group, and on the information supplied I will do my best in securing a teacher. We must have at least 15 members to commence with.

Yours sincerely,

E. SEWELL HARRIS, *Secretary.*

### Return Of Karl Marx

4, Wolsey Grove,  
Burnt Oak.  
11/1/43.

Dear Editor,

As a "Freethinker" I was greatly interested in Mrs. E. Lewington's letter of the January issue. Nobody I feel sure can question the sincerity of interest she shows in her party (which is as it should be with all members of all parties), but does she consider that full justice can be done to both "The Resident and Party" under the conditions stated.

Politics will at all times open up avenues for discussion and I am certain no exception to the rule prevails on these occasions, and a few moments at each door must throw the time-table out somewhere. I should like to add that I have just finished reading a very interesting book entitled "The Return of Karl Marx" in which the author portrays "Marx," after having returned to this earth to view the situation, is last seen slowly wending his way back to his grave, a very sad and weary man, his last experience was being expelled from the "Communist Party," and as Mrs. E. Lewington stated, honest people will decide for themselves in all things, so in all probability that is exactly what decided "Marx" to return to rest and leave the chaos behind.

Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH.

## From the Editor to the Member

Dear Member,

It is some time since I have written a letter to you. This time I want to speak very plainly to the member of the Association.

You may not know that by far the largest number of copies of this magazine go to non-members on the Estate, and I am often encouraged by the fact that they (the non-members) take so much interest in its regular publication, so much so that I am afraid the member is often put to shame in the very little response he or she shows towards their own journal.

We have just celebrated the tenth anniversary of the opening of the "Centre," and yet I have had tremendous difficulties in getting either in advance or after the events any idea of what has taken place at the various functions during this special "week."

It is impossible for me to be present on every occasion. I have to depend on group secretaries, etc., to furnish me with details. The task of transferring these notes to printed columns in the "Resident" is not a simple process; it entails much supervision and checking.

With the advent of another "Watling Week" in June, I am already wondering how best to "cover" it? May I suggest that six volunteers be asked to offer their services to see that the "Centre" is completely covered, so that the "Resident" may become truly a mirror of what is happening within the Association?

This appeal I feel would be unnecessary if the member placed any faith in his own magazine—others do outside the Association, why not within?

This condemnation is not meant for those regular contributors. In the main I think—if you will allow me to express a personal view—the chief reason why I think there is so little interest in this magazine by the individual member is that it is obtained too cheaply.

The membership fee of 4d.—including as it does a 2d. journal—reduces the membership fee to ridiculous proportions.

Those members (not nearly enough, however), who distribute monthly this magazine I personally want to thank for their labours of love, and say I have every confidence in you and want to see more join you in this valuable piece of work.

Yours sincerely,

THE HON. EDITOR.

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# 10th Anniversary Celebrations—Jan. 16-24

## Highly Successful Week of Festivities

Saturday, January 16th.

The Youth Club Party, admission to which was by invitation only, proved a very successful affair. The Club staged two one-act plays, much to the enjoyment of their audience. The tea, or should we call it a supper(?) was really one of the high lights of the evening.

The Saturday Evening Social, arranged by the Social Committee, was held as usual, and the same spirit of pleasurable enjoyment was apparent.

Sunday, January 17th.

To visit the "Centre" this afternoon was struck by the number of people within its walls who we don't as a rule see at our functions. The reason was the Show staged by the W.A. Rabbit Club. Many live animals were to be seen in their pens or cages.

### RABBIT CLUB SHOW RESULTS.

Class 1.—Beveren (Adult).—1, Johnson; 2, Mrs. Gulson; 3, C. Gregory; res., Mr. Murfit; v.h.c., Mrs. Murfit; h.c., Weatherley; c., G. Foster.

Class 2.—Beveren (Young).—1, Buish; 2, Mrs. Gulson; 3, Mrs. Hodgson; res., Mrs. Hodgson; v.h.c., Penn.

Class 3.—Chinchilla (Adult).—1, Cole; 2, Paintain; 3, Mrs. Abbott; res., Watkins; v.h.c., Arthurs; h.c., Watkins; c., Ward.

Class 4.—Chinchilla (Young).—1, E. Reeks; 2, G. Reeks; 3, Jewitt; res., Tunks; v.h.c., Tunks.

Class 5.—A.O.C. Rex (Adult).—1, Mrs. Dobedoe; 2, E. Barkwell; 3, Weatherley; res., Lynn; v.h.c., Blake; h.c., Belshier; c., Johnson.

Class 6.—A.O.C. Rex (Young).—1, Horn; 2, Horn; 3, Young; res., Young; v.h.c., Bray.

Class 7.—Dutch (Adult).—1, Atkins; 2, Lewin; 3, Way; res., Bennet and Ball; v.h.c., McDonald; h.c., Way.

Class 8.—Silver Fox.—1, Burgess; 2, E. Stone; 3, Behag.

Class 9.—A.O.V. Fur.—1, Bullock; 2, Miss Hartman; 3, Miss Hartman; res., Burgess.

Class 10.—A.O.V. (Fancy).—1, Wildman; 2, Bennet and Ball; 3, Belshier.

Class 11.—Dutch (Young).—1, Bennet and Ball; 2, Palmer; 3, Palmer.

Class 12.—Ermine Rex (Adult).—1, Madgwick; 2, Barkwell, W.; 3, West; res., Membry.

Class 13.—Ermine Rex (Young).—1, Pratt; 2, Membry; 3, Paintain; res., Hill.

Class 14.—Utility.—1, Penn; 2, Cole; 3, Wilson; res., Hensman; v.h.c., Burgess; h.c., Newson; c., Mrs. Jameson.

Class 15.—Breeder's (Challenge).—1, Madgwick; 2, Johnson; 3, Membry; res., Mrs. Dobedoe; v.h.c., Pratt; h.c., Wildman; c., Burgess.

Class 16.—Fur (Challenge) (Adult).—1, Madgwick; 2, Johnson; 3, Gregory; res., Barkwell, E.; v.h.c., Bullock; h.c., E. Stone; c., Mrs. Gulson.

Class 17.—Fur (Challenge) (Young).—1, Hill; 2, Bush; 3, Pratt; res., Membry; v.h.c., Young; h.c., Hartman (Miss); c., Reeks, E.

Class 18.—Fancy (Challenge).—1, Atkins; 2, Bennet and Ball; 3, Lewin; res., Wildman; v.h.c., Way; h.c., Barnfield Road School; c., Bennet and Ball.

Class 19.—Grand Challenge.—1, Atkins; 2, Bennet and Ball; 3, Johnson; res., Way; v.h.c., Gregory, G.; h.c., Cole; c., Wildman. The Secretary of the Club (Mr. S. G. Abbott) adds this note: Will you please thank on my behalf all the Stewards who co-operated so grandly with me to make the Show the success it was.

In the evening a Members' Dance was held, during which a quick step competition was held. The M.C. was Mr. Chester.

Monday, January 18th.

It was regrettable that not more members attended the Concert given by the Musical Society. One can only think that the sale and distribution of tickets must be more thoroughly undertaken in the future. There is no doubt that once a full audience has been gathered the quality of the items rendered at the Society's performances will ensure future packed halls.

On this occasion the concert given was of very excellent quality.

Tuesday, January 19th.

The three-act comedy, "Passing Brompton Road," performed by the Watling Guild of Players, was thoroughly appreciated by the large audience. Every seat was occupied in the hall.

The performance was very well carried out indeed. We do not propose to single-out anyone for particular praise. The actors and actresses in order of appearance were: E. Cole, Dorothy Judd, Edith Cole, F. H. Lake, Winifred Chapman, E. S. Harris, Iris Cole, G. V. Kimmenade, and G. Flanders. The play was produced by Georgette Van Kimmenade. As is customary with plays produced by this talented Guild, the hall was filled to capacity.

Wednesday, January 20th.

The Veterans' Party commenced with a concert given by "The Gay Girlies Concert Party," followed by a tea.

The Veterans were honoured by the presence of His Worship the Mayor of Hendon and the Mayoress. Mrs. A. I. Jones, President, presided. Others present were: County Councillor Mrs. M. Grey-Skinner, Mr. A. Durrant, Mr. Harris, Mr. D. Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole.

The first social to be organised by

the Men's Club was well supported by members and their wives and friends. The Club provided its own orchestra and entertainers. Those taking part were: Messrs. Lock, Bourchard (vocal); Messrs. Wheeler, Hogan, Lake, Bolt and Callaghan (instrumental); Mr. Bolden (conjurer); Mr. Jamison (entertainer). Mr. E. E. Cole was M.C. Messrs. Paverley and Molyneau acted as stewards.

Thursday, January 21st.

The Games Tournament arranged for the Men's Club and the Youth Section proved very interesting. Keen contests were held, and much went to show that "youth" does not possess all the ability where skill is concerned, for the Men's Club put up a very good performance.

You can always reckon on a fine neighbourly spirit being in evidence at a Social arranged by the Women's Neighbourhood Guild, and the social held in the evening proved no exception to the rule.

Friday, January 22nd

One member was heard to exclaim that the Supper and Dance held in the evening was the "Best we have ever held." True that it was a success: the supper should have been called a dinner, so good was the fare. We owe a great deal to the willing helpers who laboured so hard behind the scenes to prepare this feast.

The toasts were all of them well delivered, and it was particularly noticed that this year the honour of proposing a toast was not confined to the gentlemen.

Our guests covered a wide range of Hendon interests in local affairs. The Mayor and Mayoress were present, also we were particularly pleased to welcome many ex-members and workers of the Association. The M.C. was Mr. E. E. Cole.

Saturday, January 23rd.

The children's show of activities was somewhat shortened, and the inclusion of the "Broadfields Steppers," juvenile dancers, was a welcome addition to the programme.

The Special Social held in the evening was a reminder of old times. Here was apparent a spirit of great comradeship and neighbourliness.

The M.C. was Mrs. Nyberg, and the pianist Mrs. Bradbury.



## Children's Column

WORD MAKING  
COMPETITION

It is amazing the number of words that can be built from the two words "Watling Resident"—these were the words chosen for the competition in last month's issue, and the closing date for the entries to be received at the "Centre" is February 13th, don't forget to see what you can do.



## Children's Library

Here is a list of more new books that have been added to the Library during the past month:—

The Little grey men	"B.B."
I'll tell you a story	Blyton
Little lass	Bullivant
The Old lion, and other stories	
	De la Mare
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## OUR SECRETARY

How many demands are made on our secretary, Mr. Harris, only those who work closely with him fully realise. The other evening within a short space of half-an-hour he was called from the Discussion Group to attend a rehearsal of the Player's Guild, from there he was wanted to answer the phone, from the phone he was called to the Men's Club, and from there he was summoned to the canteen to check sales, from there he was recalled to the office to answer queries—all in a day's work. His success is that in spite of these hectic experiences, his work is undertaken with a smile.

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Burnt Oak Women's Adult  
School

Much valuable information has been learned from two talks given by Mr. E. Sewell Harris on the first two meetings of the year, the "Beveridge Report" which provoked a useful discussion, and "Our Anniversary Celebration"; Mr. Harris recalling, among many interesting observations, the early aspirations and struggles from which have grown the Watling Community Association. It was noted that most of our Members were among the first residents on the Estate, while we still have among us some of the pioneers of the Watling Community Association.

A parcel has been sent to the ninesweeper crew, from whom greetings have been received.

A "Christmas" Party is to be held for children of Members on 6th February.

Mrs. Ernest Brown's Visit  
To Watling

The Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church Women's Fellowship are to have the privilege of welcoming Mrs. Ernest Brown, wife of the Minister of Health, to lead their devotional meeting on February 4th at 2.30 p.m.

It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear the wife of a Cabinet Minister, well-known for her interest in Church affairs.



## Never Too Old For Pantomime

The Veteran's Club as their New Year outing visited the Golder's Green Hippodrome on Wednesday, January 27th, to see the pantomime Humpty Dumpty, this was a very welcome outing and thoroughly enjoyed by the party numbering over 50 members.

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## Change Of Meeting Night For Rabbit Club

AS this is the first chance I have had to write to members this year, I should like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year and may it bring you plenty of luck both in the stud and the Show pen.

When we look back on the past year we have good reason to be proud of ourselves, for we have grown from 12 members with 16 does into a club of powerful dimensions with a respectable cash balance behind us and happy in the thought that we are helping our nation in its war effort by assisting in supplying our district with meat.

Meetings should prove much more interesting in the future as we are going to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, and are going to have a lecture and discussion on one variety of pure bred rabbit one week followed by a members Table Show at the next meeting. As members who were present on January 5th know we had an interesting evening discussing the Blue Beveren and I am sure that none of our members could ever be taken in over that breed in the future. I think that these discussions on rabbits are vitally important to all members, for without a good working knowledge of the type of animal you have taken up you are breeding in the dark and if you do have the luck to breed a winner then it is just an accident whereas when a member knows what to actually breed for he can remedy the faults in his stud and will in time be rewarded for his knowledge by breeding some really good animals.

Finally, I would like to announce that the Committee have decided to run a Social Evening on Tuesday evening, February 16th, at 8 p.m., when it is hoped that all members and wives will get together and have a real good evening.

### FEBRUARY PROGRAMME

February 2nd, 8 p.m.: Lecture and Discussions on the Chinchilla.

February 16th: Social Evening.

S. G. ABBOTT, Sec.



### Life-Boat Collection

The result of the collection taken at the "Centre" during the first week of January in aid of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution amounted to the excellent sum of £1 13s. 1½d.

## In The Garden

### FEEDING THE SOIL

SOMEONE has said that what you get out of the ground depends upon what you put into it. The land needs feeding in order that the vegetables may be fed if they are to feed the cultivator to the best advantage. Many allotments cultivated from freshly acquired ground have had a severe strain put upon them, and in most cases nothing has been put back into the earth to make up for what has been taken away. The aim of every cultivator should be to produce more from his garden by increasing the fertility of the land. In spite of all the experienced advice and information so freely given it has been estimated that gardens and allotments generally produce only about half what they should.

Amongst the catalogues and price lists that have been received is one from Daniels Bros., of Norwich. This contains a half-page article on "Fertility in the Garden." Here are some valuable suggestions, based on experience, for increasing the fertility of the land.

The best soil food, it is stated, is natural manure, either farm or stable. But this is often very difficult to obtain. By all means, get it if possible. The cleanings of the hen roost and rabbit hutches, which may also be classified as "natural," are good either by themselves or mixed in with the farm and stable manure.

In the absence of natural manure we must fall back on artificial or chemical manures.

A compost heap should be one of the important items in every garden. It should be stacked with every bit of vegetable matter that will rot down. A quite respectable heap can be made in one season, and it can be covered with light layers of soil as the heap is being built up. This will prevent the nitrogen carrying ammonia from escaping. When the compost heap is about 6 in. deep sprinkle it with 2 ozs. each of sulphate of ammonia and superphosphate. Water well, and add the first thin layer of soil, and repeat the process until the heap is a yard high. If the heap heats too much turn it over, taking care that the ends go to the middle, and water again before re-covering. "Adco" compost maker is a superior type of decomposer. It "turns garden refuse into farmyard manure." The compost heap when complete will be of a close texture, and with no unpleasant smell. It should be worked into the soil when digging it over.

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## Association Diary

All activities take place at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated.

### REGULAR EVENTS.

#### Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.

#### Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Pool Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 7.30.  
Folk Dancing, 8.0.

#### Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
W.A. Youth Club Games Night, 7.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 8.

#### Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Discussion Group, 8  
A. Reunion.  
10. The Economic System.  
17. Materialism and Idealism.  
24. America's Peace Aims.  
Men's Club, 8.

#### Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 8.  
W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

#### Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

#### Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS.

Tuesday	2	Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	4	W.V.S., 2.30. K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Sunday	7	Odd Fellows, 10. Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.
Thursday	11	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Saturday	13	Blind Club, 2.30.
Sunday	14	"Free and Easy," 8.
Tuesday	16	Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	18	W.V.S., 2.30. K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30. W.A. Council, 7.30.
Friday	19	Concert, 8.
Sunday	21	Odd Fellows, 10. Society of Friends Evening Meeting, 6.
Thursday	22	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Sunday	28	Blind Club, 2.30. "Free and Easy," 8.

### To Club Members

We are anticipating a keen contest in the competition announced last month for a design for Youth Page heading. The closing date for entries is March 13th.

## Youth Columns

CHRISTMAS and the New Year are a turning-point in the history of most of us, and of our work. Not least is it so in this year of grace 1943, when so much is hanging in the balance. So I hope that we who work together for the young people of the Watling Estate are going to leave no stone unturned in our efforts to do our job this year. Both members and leaders of youth organisations have much to give to the nation, and we believe that through this page in the "Resident" and through the work of the Watling Youth Organisations Committee we can help each other to do a little bit better. I ask, therefore, for your co-operation in sending in reports of your club activities and in supporting the work of the W.Y.O. Committee.

L. V. H.



**Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church Youth Activities.**—At the Enrolment Service of our newly formed Company of the Boys' Brigade (7th Hendon) on January 17th, the Companies of the North Middlesex and South Herts Battalion paraded. Taking part were Mr. Edward Cooke, Hon. President of the new Company, Mr. R. H. Whittenbury, Battalion President and the Rev. P. Gwyn Filby, Chaplain and captain.

On Wednesday 27th the youth organisations held a united Social in our hall and we hope the guests from other youth groups on the Estate enjoyed it as much as did their hosts.

The Junior Church which meets each Sunday at 11 o'clock greatly helped the Christmas Festival. Their leader, Mrs. Nesbitt, wrote and directed the Nativity play "One Night in Bethlehem," and the production showed that the children had caught its real significance—that we should give what is "fit for a king" to the King who gave His best gift to us.

## THE FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP

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### The Youth of Watling

TO

### A HAPPY EVENING EVERY SUNDAY 7.30 p.m.

AT

### WOODCROFT HALL

**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.**—Year's Eve saw a fine gathering at the social given by the Guild. This was followed by the Watch-night Service at which a large number of our Club members were present, in spite of the lateness of the hour and black-out.

**Forthcoming Events.**—We would like to draw attention to the following dates. The February 13th is our Guild Festival weekend. A concert will be given on the Saturday, and on the Sunday the service will be conducted by members of the Guild.

**Club Anniversaries.**—Arrangements are in progress to make March 6th an outstanding event, as this date marks the founding of our Club.

Members hope to present two short plays, which will cater for all tastes. Several of our young people will take part in the Sunday evening service, at which we welcome a return visit of our former President, the Rev. H. J. Blackmore.

**Burnt Oak Young Communist League.**—We are continuing our series of popular meetings every Tuesday at Watling Centre at 8 p.m. Our future youth service activity will be in the form of a drive for books for the Forces, and in digging allotments. Information regarding these will be found in the local press.

**Y.H.A.**—Among the outdoor activities during the past month was a day walk around Chipperfield and Latimer to pick holly, which was given to the Orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore. The attendance at day walks has been good, and day cycle runs have also been well supported. Several group members spent all or part of Christmas at Hemel Hempstead Hostel.

We have to thank Lew Massil for another of the popular film shows at a Thursday evening group meeting during December.

On December 31st members of the North London group of the Y.H.A. visited our American party, when we saw the New Year in. A few group members recently went to Toynbee Hall to see three plays on a Saturday afternoon.

There have been several changes in the Committee. The cycling secretary, Edwina Jack, has resigned, and Dennis Flewitt has taken her place. The social secretary, Arthur Holmes, has taken over publicity, and Alf. Fuller, the walking secretary, is now in charge of the social programmes. Dorothy Fuller, the previous publicity officer, is now walking secretary.

**St. Alphage Youth Organisation.**—January has been the month for parties, particularly for the Badminton Club, who had a very joyous and merry party on the 14th, and for the Scouts and Guides. All of these are what might be termed family affairs, although guests are invited, and many of our friends.

We have much to look forward to. Particularly we hope to be worthy members of the Watling Table Tennis League and to send a number of our people to the Committee of Enquiry at the Centre on the 24th. This should be a very interesting evening.

The footballers have a couple of matches to play. There is a Scout and Club Show on February 5th; the big Christmas parish party at the beginning of February; and a dance run by the Badminton Club on February 27th. We hope to welcome any who read these notes to the last named if they would like to come.

Finally, our usual activities continue, not least the Discussion Group, which meets on alternate Sundays.



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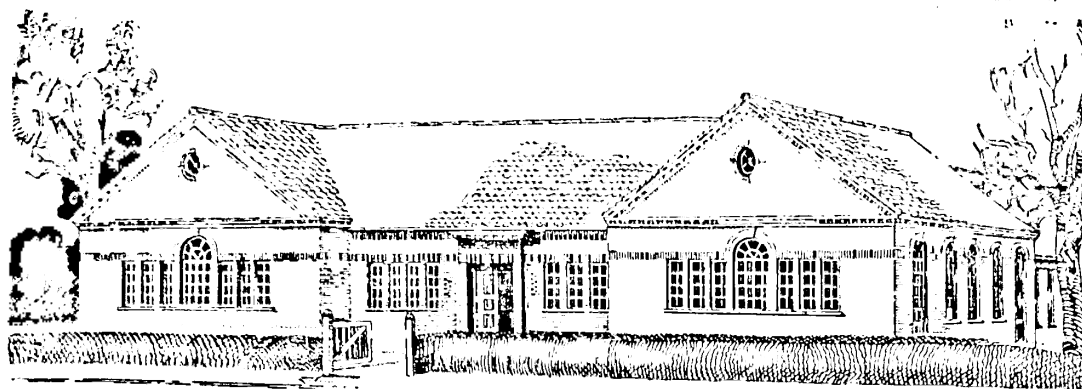


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## Youth Programme of the Association

WE talk so much about the needs of youth to-day that we are apt to forget what a glorious opportunity lies before the young people not only of this but of every nation. On every side we see devastation. This is sad and terrible, yet as so often happens in life, it has brought a great opportunity. A new world must rise from the ruins of the old! That new world will have to be built, and it is the youth of to-day to whom this great chance is given. It will be a difficult task if the new is to be a better world, with all that is undesirable in the world to-day swept away. Great zeal, great courage, and great faith will be needed for this adventure of rebuilding. Plans must be thought out; there must be unity of purpose amongst the builders of every land. A true international outlook will be needed.

Where better can plans be discussed and thought out, and young people get to know each other better than in Youth Clubs and Centres? Leisure time spent in the company of others, in social intercourse, discussion groups and special activities can open up a world hitherto undreamed of. There are many such clubs and groups on the estate, and I would recommend all young people between the ages of 14 and 20 to link up with one or other.

At the Watling Centre we are re-organising our Youth Club. In future it will be open every night of the week except Friday for some club activity. The club will be divided into two sections: Intermediates, 14-16 years, and Senior, over 16 years—some activities will be separate, some open to both

*Miss Doris Moon, recently appointed Youth Leader to the Watling Community Association, has written this article, outlining her ideas for the development and organisation of the various Youth Clubs held under the auspices of the W.C.A.*

sections. There will be drama, handcraft, woodwork, first-aid and discussion groups, with games nights (table tennis and billiards) and social evenings. The main Senior night will be on Tuesday, the main Intermediate night on Thursday. New members can only join on these nights. All new members whilst being able to take part in club activities during the first month will not become full members until after that time. Below is our provisional programme:—

**Sunday.**—Inter-Club. Evening, 7.30-10.

**Monday.**—Drama Group, 8-9.30.  
Inter. Boys. Evening, 7.30-10.

**Tuesday.**—Senior. Games. Evening and discussion, 7.30-10.30.  
Girls. Handcraft, 7.30-9.  
Boys. Woodwork, 7.30-9.

**Wednesday.**—General Club Evening, 7.30.

**Thursday.**—Intermediate Games Evening, 7.30-10.30.  
First Aid, 7.30.

**Friday.**—No Club.

**Saturday.**—General Games Evening, 7.30-10.  
(Socials and Films.)

Attention is drawn to the time of the Beveridge Report Meeting on March 21st. It is to start promptly at 7.30 p.m., and NOT at 8 p.m., as on cover.

## Random Jottings

The Youth Club at the "Centre" is in urgent need of a P.T. coconut mat. Should any reader know where one can be purchased will they kindly inform Miss Moon or Mr. Harris immediately.

The W.C.A. Bowls Club held its A.G.M. on Saturday last when a good number of members attended. In the evening a tea and social was held. We regret that we are unable to give a report this month, but will certainly do so for the April issue.

The "Watling Week" Committee have decided to hold this year's celebrations from Thursday, June 10th to Monday, the 21st. So far we have not heard of any name to cover this event in place of the customary "Week."

Miss Moon, the Youth Leader, gave an interesting report to the Council of the Association recently, outlining the plan devised by her and approved by the executive for the development of youth activities at the "Centre."

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## Political Outlines—No. 2

# The Duties of a Member of Parliament

By GWYNN LL. JONES

AS explained in the last issue the object of these Notes is to make our political institutions live so that a few of us may be encouraged to take a greater interest in them.

In this issue we are concerned with Members of Parliament. Now, it should always be remembered that Members of Parliament include Members of the House of Lords as well as those returned to the House of Commons. We shall consider the House of Lords at a later date, but now I merely wish to point out that there are more Members of Parliament sitting in the hereditary House of Lords than in the elected Commons.

What, then, does an M.P. do?—or, rather, what ought he to do? It is not too much to say that, in our democracy, the M.P. is the pivot of the system. It is absolutely vital for the public to realise to the full the absolutely vital part which the Members of Parliament occupy in our system.

Members of the House of Commons—and for the remainder of this article I shall refer only to Members returned to the Commons—"get there" as the result of an election. That means that he has issued an "address" to the electors in some particular "division," inviting them to return him as their Member on the basis of the policy or programme contained in the address. Sometimes he is returned in a General Election—that is when an election is being held at the same time throughout the country to determine a new House of Commons. Otherwise he is returned at a bye-election, which is held in one constituency to make good the vacancy which may have occurred owing to the death of the sitting Member, or because he has gone to the House of Lords, which is not quite the same thing. The candidate is returned to the House of Commons if he obtains a majority at the election—or, if there are no other candidates, he is returned "unopposed."

The Member, therefore, represents his constituency because a majority of the electors have chosen him. It is then his duty to look after his constituents, irrespective of their parties, to the best of his ability. Next month we shall consider some more technical features in the duties of an M.P., but I wish to conclude now with some notes as to what every M.P. ought to do for his constituents.

First, he must look after the social problems of his constituents. Secondly, he must act as an intermediary between the Government of the day and the people whom he represents. If we will accept these two indications, I think we can draw up a short list of four commandments for all M.Ps.

(1) An M.P. should live in his constituency. Unless abnormal circumstances apply, it is true that no M.P. can really get to know his people unless he lives amongst them.

(2) Every M.P. should have an office in easily accessible parts of his constituency at which he can attend regularly. In large constituencies two or three such "offices" are necessary. It is not desirable that this accommodation should be elaborate—a room borrowed for the purpose is enough—but it is essential that all his constituents should know when and where they can get their Member. Every Member should be "at home" in this way at least once a fortnight to interview constituents.

(3) Every M.P. should attend regularly at the House of Commons. It seems ridiculous that this point should be mentioned, but nothing has contributed so much to the increasing criticism of Parliamentary Government in this country as the failure of the Members of Parliament to take their duties seriously. If an M.P. is unable to attend for a division in the House of Commons he should write an apology to his constituents, giving reasons for his absence, and this should be published in the local press. It is futile to pay M.P.s £600 per annum (as we do) in order to enable them to attend a directors' meeting when an important debate and division is going on in the House of Commons.

(4) Every M.P. should hold regular meetings in his constituency after his election. Many Members believe that once they have secured their election they need not bother to hold another meeting before the next election. Having heard them speak at their election meetings we may think this is a mercy for which we should be grateful, but unless an M.P. holds regular meetings in his constituency how can he make known the attitude of the Government, or his Party in the House of Commons, to the issues of the day? Take the Beveridge Report, for example. Here is a social document

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which affects the lives of all constituents, and every M.P. should have mastered it thoroughly and held numerous meetings to explain it to his constituents. Particularly should it be the duty of an M.P. to come and explain to his constituents the meaning of an important debate like that which took place in the House last month on the Beveridge Report.

These are four good rules for every M.P. It is our job to see that they are obeyed.

GWYNN LL. JONES.

## RANDOM JOTTINGS

(continued from page 1)

At the same meeting the Secretary and the Hon. Editor of the "Resident" opened a discussion on whether the Association should assist in the work of establishing community centres in neighbouring districts. This subject proved very interesting, and no doubt we will be hearing more later on of a practical nature.

Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church is in need of a part-time pianist for the Sunday evening services. Will anyone willing to volunteer please communicate with Rev. P. G. Filby at the church?

Lord Southwold, speaking recently in the House of Lords, urged the Government to press forward with a social service programme that will include amongst its recommendations the erection of community centres all over the country.

To prevent any misunderstanding, the author of last month's article "In Defence of the Children," was Mrs. Coleman, our Hon. Juvenile Organiser, and not Miss Moon, the youth organiser.

For the next three months there will be no charge for admission to the Free and Easy. At the one held on the fourth Sunday in each month there will be community singing instead of a talk.

We acknowledge with gratitude the gift of prizes each month for the Children's Competition from our President, Mr. A. I. Jones. He is most helpful in his interest for the children of the Association, and we value his advice and assistance greatly.

The Guild of Players have commenced rehearsals for their next production.

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## Efficiency Counts in Community Service

THIS column is for the Editor the most important one in the magazine. It endeavours to act as a true barometer of the Association and its members; also it endeavours from time to time to point the way in matters of policy and act as a guide, philosopher and friend to those who seek to read in an understanding manner.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on the 12th of this month, when the member will have the opportunity of meeting those to whom at the last A.G.M. he or she delegated the responsibility of "running the Association."

These persons, whether Executives or Committee members, report on their year's work, and it is the task of the member again to appoint the various Committees and Officers of the Association.

There are several important factors to remember. The first and foremost is that **your** responsibility is to appoint the **most able** and **qualified** persons to represent you and **not** to let any sentiment, such as length of previous service, stand in the way.

The second factor is that **before** proposing a person as an officer his or her approval must be obtained, and should the person so nominated not be present at the A.G.M. their consent to **serve if appointed** must be obtained in writing.

One other **important** point to remember is that every member attending the A.G.M. and everyone appointed to serve the Association, whether on Committee or as an Officer, **Must** be a fully-paid-up member in his subscriptions.

Don't fail to remember that the A.G.M. is the member's opportunity to be heard and to voice opinions, whether in praise or in criticism.

New faces on Committees infuse new hope and fresh ideas—don't (this is to present Committee members and officers) consider that once appointed it is a job for life.

We appreciate the services of all, whether serving officers or not, and should anybody become unseated we know that in the true community spirit we will be sure of their loyal participation in the Association's activities and membership.



## The Association's Post-War Committee

AT the Council meeting of the Association held on the 18th inst. it was agreed in principle to adopt the suggestion to set up a committee to hold a watching brief on the Hendon Borough Council's Post-War Committee.

A memorandum to this effect is being circulated to all constituent bodies of the Association and to all sections with a view to ascertaining members' observations and to submit nominations to the proposed committee.

The proposed committee if established will examine reports and documents published by the Borough Council's Committee in relation to the particular needs of the Watling Estate and make recommendations and offer advice accordingly.

The task of post-war planning is one in which the most able and gifted knowledge and experience is called for, and we are confident that when the committee is established and settles down to the job before it that some interesting and stimulating evidence will be forthcoming.



## Beveridge Report

The nation has been much interested in the Beveridge Report debate recently held in the House of Commons.

One qualified observer made this comment to the "Resident" on the

## ? HAVE YOU RESERVED

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at 8 p.m.

TO ATTEND THE

## Association's Annual General Meeting

at the "Centre"

Business starts promptly at 8 p.m.

second day of the debate: "I didn't think the Government had the courage to come out with such clear cut opinion on a matter of such importance to the electorate."

We were, we confess, very surprised at the attitude of the Government and in particular to the refusal to establish a Ministry of Social Security and the treatment of old-age pensioners.

Much more will, no doubt, be heard before long of the policy to be adopted by the Opposition in the House of Commons and by the Government.

It is hoped to give a full account in the next issue of the "Resident" of the meeting to be held at the "Centre" on the Beveridge Report on Sunday, March 21st, at 7.30 p.m.



## Thank You!

There is a proverb which says: "He who gives quickly gives twice." He—or she—certainly gives twice who gives graciously.

A member writes:

Though rather late, I want to record the pleasure I received in doing my share of collecting for the Association's Distress Fund at Christmas.

There was such a general and immediate response, evidence of goodwill and wishfulness to help, that it was most encouraging.

(Balance Sheet Page 4)



## How Can We Improve The Estate ?

*This is a report of the Public Enquiry held at the "Centre" on Sunday, January 24th. We urge readers to study carefully what the report contains.*

**U**NDER the Chairmanship of Mr. A. I. Jones, the President of the Association, was assembled a committee of local men and women who lead in their respective walks of life. They were each invited to give their views in a short speech, and then to be questioned by the other members of the Committee or by the audience, who unfortunately hardly trebled the members of the Committee in number.

Mrs. Bond (Townswomen's Guild) pleaded for removal of the islands in the roads, the care of trees and shrubs, and the painting of obstructions and curbs.

Mrs. Cook (Head Mistress), amongst many reforms, asked for a child guidance clinic and for parents' and teachers' associations.

Mr. Lee (Watling Boys' Club) thought more accommodation for clubs was necessary and greater co-operation between club leaders and parents of the boys and girls. He was supported in this by Mr. Spreadbury (Scoutmaster).

Mr. Brace (Warden) eloquently expressed the need for the present degree of neighbourliness to be continued after the war.

The Rev. H. Filby (Congregational minister) asked for more halls and shops; and Mr. Cole (Watling Association) for flats for pensioners. Both thought that the sites left empty by bombing could be used in some way such as they suggested.

The Rev. L. W. Hibbs (St. Alphage) suggested that material reforms and improvements were of no permanent use unless equal attention was paid to spiritual issues. He thought good morals were quite as important as good drains.

Dr. Cookson, unavoidably absent, sent a letter in which she suggested the lowering of the high rents, better facilities for hot-water and a women's panel to help sick neighbours.

Mr. Bishop (Press) thought a community fund would be of value.

Other speakers were: Mr. Perkins (Estate Superintendent), Mr. Sewell Harris, and Mr. Durant (Borough Councillor).

After all the members of the Committee had spoken, a general discussion followed, which brought to light more views on how to improve the estate.

Those who attended felt that the experiment was well worth while, and very interesting in the results obtained. It is a pity, however, that not more people attended the meeting and gave their views. If I may end on a note of criticism I felt that there were far too many speakers and not enough opportunity given for the audience to cross-examine and discuss the various views put forward.—"UNDER 30."

### WATLING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DISTRESS FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FEB. 1, 1939—DEC. 31, 1942.

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I have examined the books and vouchers of the Watling Community Association Distress Fund for the period from February 1, 1939, to December 31, 1942, and certify that the above Income and Expenditure Account is in accordance therewith.  
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#### Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

Mrs. Harris was to have spoken to us on January 18th on American Thanksgiving Day, but was unable to do so on account of illness. We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her visit to us at a future date. A reading from the *Hanabi* was substituted on this afternoon followed by a discussion.

On January 25th Mr. Croker read to us of the splendid life of Rowntree Gillett. We were happy to have with us on this occasion an old member and friend—Mrs. Carter.

Both education and entertainment were provided for us on the first two meetings in February when Mrs. Nyberg prepared some intelligence questions.

Our Christmas Party was held on 6th February when members and their children spent a very jolly time.



#### Townswomen's Guild

The Guild continues to prosper. At a recent meeting it was decided that a donation from Mrs. Listy should be accepted for the Guild's funds. We express our very warm appreciation for this gift.

Mrs. Bond reported to the Guild on the public enquiry held at the "Centre" on "How to Improve the Estate."

Miss Henrique has visited the Guild and given readings from stories by Katherine Mansfield.

We meet once a fortnight at the "Centre," and we welcome new members.—L. C. FRANCIS, Hon. Sec.

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## Consider these Alterations and Improvements!

*The arresting title of "How Can We Improve the Association?" gently admits that there is room for improvement, the six contributors to the series have been unanimous in their agreement on this point, and below is set forth for the benefit of the member a summary of the points made.*

I HAVE read all of the contributions most carefully, and if one word had to describe these critical, helpful and idealistic writings, I would say "SERVICE." Each contributor has written from his or her own point of view, from the point of the committee member, the helper, the member, and the editor. They are a good cross-section of the Watling Community Association, and I think that their thoughts can be taken as a fair sample of the entire membership.

What is the driving force behind our work? Is it the desire to serve? Maybe, but I feel that the real power is faith. Faith in the Association and all that it might and should be. This faith demands our service, and with each piece of work completed to the best of our ability brings nearer the improved Association.

Many of you will have seen "Thunder Rock" recently. Do you remember the speech of Melanie to David Charlston before she leaves the lighthouse to return to the past? "I envy the living, their eyes to see the world that isn't perhaps very nice, their ability to roll up their sleeves and go out in the street and do things."

Will you roll up your sleeves and give a hand in the shaping of an even better Community Association than we now have? Many hands make light work.

Here are the chief points raised in the series. Let us consider the problems of a practical nature—i.e., layout of premises and equipment, etc.:—

1. Purchase of a really good piano for use only for musical festivals, song recitals and concert performances of the Watling Association Musical Society. There is a real need to develop musical appreciation into our activities.

2. Reorganisation of the Canteen to a more convenient position. As it is placed at the moment, it is an eyesore and only hinders free movement in the corridors. Effort to secure the use of a room for a lounge would add to the dignity of the Canteen administration.

3. The Common Room should be used more as a meeting-place for members to meet in a convivial atmosphere. The provision of easy chairs and books, etc., would help in this attempt. The success of this depends on regular stewardship.

### How Can We Improve the Association is to be discussed at the A.G.M.

4. More assistance obtained in the work of cleaning the "Centre." The appearance of the interior of a building goes a long way in influencing new and prospective members. The work of adequately dealing with this important matter of cleaning is too much for one pair of hands, as at present carried out.

5. The alteration of the office so as to leave the Secretary a retreat where he can work with a certain amount of privacy and quietness. You can't expect best workmanship without provision of the right tools to work with. The purchase of a new typewriter is long overdue.

6. The setting up of a publicity committee to be responsible for all publicity coming from the Association's office, to superintend and consent to public announcements appearing on the notice-board, etc.

7. The formation of a premises committee to supervise the cleaning of the "Centre" and to be responsible to the Executive Committee for all recommendations in the nature of repairs to building and decorations. This would save a great deal of time in discussions in the Executive Committee.

Now with the problem of dealing with particular difficulties in the smooth running of the Association:—

8. The suggestion has been made that the subscription of 4d. per month is too small—less than a packet of cigarettes! It's all a question of values.

9. One contributor asked this question: "Is it conducive to good atmosphere and surroundings to make the ground surrounding the "Centre" a playground of destruction?" There is only one answer to this question.

10. The next poser is worded in this manner: "Are lettings and functions within the building well planned and arranged?" Here is a tough problem: "A radiogram or band is belching forth dance music in the Hall, a meeting is in progress in the Library, a wedding party is being entertained by piano and saxophone in "C" Room, a lecture is being given in the Common Room, a noisy crowd of youngsters clamouring round the Canteen table in the corridor, a committee meeting in the office."

11. "Is it pleasing to see people sitting on chairs in the corridor awaiting interview for advice purposes—why not use a lounge with good facilities to study the Association's literature?"

12. One contributor thought we were attempting too much, and in consequence not doing efficiently the work we set ourselves. He also suggests that a community association should be the power-house of supply of trained personnel for other organisations on the Estate. In fact, a "Centre" of thought, progress, and supply.

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## Men's Club

The first social of the Men's Club was held on January 20th, and was an unqualified success, and everybody enjoyed themselves. The music for the dances was supplied by Messrs. H. Callaghan (piano), B. Bolt (violin), Wheeler (banjo), F. H. Lake and L. V. Hogan (flutes). Vocal selections were rendered by Messrs. A. F. Bourchard and Lock, the latter giving Schubert's Serenade. Mr. Wheeler gave a selection on the banjo, and a flute solo was given by L. V. Hogan. Mr. Bolden mystified the audience with his conjuring tricks, and Mr. Jamison gave an uncanny exhibition of his knowledge and skilful manipulation of cards. The performance of all the artistes were greatly appreciated by the audience. Mr. E. E. Cole was a very capable M.C., assisted by Messrs. Molyneux and Paverley as stewards.

On the following evening a games tournament was held between the Men and Youths Club, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Table tennis was undoubtedly the youths' strong point of attack. We elders were no match for them with their terrific drives. Result: Youths, 19 games; Men, 6 games. We hope to give them a better game in the near future in a return match. The darts match (8 a-side) resulted in the Youths winning 2 out of 3 in the 4 a-side the Men won 2 out of 3.

The billiards competition was very strongly supported. So many entered that the games were limited to 15 minutes each, the highest score to be the winner. Result was: Men, 5; Youths, 3. We must thank Messrs. Cole and Lodge for arranging the competition.

New members have come along as the result of the social, and a cordial invitation is extended to other men of the district to join up any Wednesday, 8 to 10.30 p.m. Contributions are 1s. per month. Come and see for yourselves how happy we are.—L. V. H.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

## Rabbit Club

### First Anniversary Social

WE have just finished an interesting month in the Club, starting on January 5th with a lecture by our President, Mr. F. Maynard, who as usual gave the members that we present a lesson on "rabbits," that will not easily be forgotten, the grand old man of Beverens is an asset to the Club that will never be equalled. Starting at 8.15 p.m. for 2 hours he covered a host of points from feeding to breeding and it was a pleasure to me to watch our members greedily drinking in every word that he uttered and I take this opportunity of publicly thanking him on behalf of our Club and to express the hope that he will be with us for many years to come.

On February 2nd we held a Members Table Show and once again the best in the Show went to one of our new members, Mrs. Newson, this victory I am sure will be very stimulating to her, for a win is always good recompense for the drab work we breeders have to put in during the winter months.

I would like to again urge our members to get as many carcasses to Messrs. Price and Co. (our butcher) as they can, for it is at this time of the year that extra nutriment is needed to keep our war workers fit and able to carry on their good work.

The Anniversary Social proved to be a wonderful success and I know that the Committee was well repaid for its efforts by the happy smiling faces that were all around us, our thanks go out to Miss J. Weatherby and Mr. Charles Wheeler, the former for her vocal efforts and the latter for his fine performance on the banjo; our last entertainer was our old member Reg Jameson who fairly kept everyone gasping with his magic, in fact I am sure that he is as good as any music-hall artist that is on the stage to-day. So with these three artists and a lovely dance band with a very fine vocalist it is not to be wondered at that everyone had a grand time, and it was with regret that everyone had to finish the Social owing to the lateness of the hour, and looking back on it I can see that many friendships were made where before there had only been a formal acquaintance which must react to the benefit of our Club.

Finally, may I thank the Committee who planned and made this grand event possible.

Meetings: March 2nd and 16th.  
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Children's Column

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Under 10.—Jean Hatch, 170 Littlefield Road.—268 words.

Over 10.—Roy Pavely, 2 Walter Walk.—225 words.

If the two prize-winners will call at the office after school, Friday, March 5th, they can collect their prize—a book token.

## Bring Out Your Paints!

THE Word Making Competition announced in the January issue has been very disappointing in regards to the number of entries received.

We offer our congratulations to the two prizewinners, and hope they, along with the other entrants, will "have a go" at our new competition this month.

We are ourselves puzzled why it is that when asking for painting entries we have such a different response.

This month we suggest that the picture of the "Centre" on page 1 is coloured to the competitor's idea of what they think the Headquarters of the Watling Community Association ought to look like to the casual observer.

The same rules apply this month as in previous competitions, viz., two prizes: one for each age group, under 10 and over 10 to 14 years.

Entries must be addressed to the Editor at the "Centre," and be received not later than the 13th of May, 1943.

The Editor's decision in all competitions is final.

### Your Library

Now the lighter evenings are here, the Libraries will keep open later.

At "Watling Centre," 4.30 p.m.—7 p.m.

At the "Orchard," 2.30 p.m.—7 p.m.

At both Libraries the hours for Saturdays and elementary school holidays are:—

10 a.m., 1 p.m., 2.15 p.m., 5 p.m.

Here is a list of some of the new books that have just come in.

We'll meet in England *Burne*  
Sue Barton, Superintendent Nurse *Boydston*  
Great Adventures in History

and Legend *Hoppin*

Vanishing Island *Kyle*

Little Skunk *Montroe*

Little Red Engine Gets a Name *Ross*

Lost Lagoon *Sperry*

## In The Garden

### What To Do In March

MANY books on gardening include a calendar of what should be done each month of the year. It need not be followed too closely, as weather conditions vary, but it is a useful guide.

The "Gardening Year-Book and Garden Oracle" contains such a calendar, and these notes are partly based on its "reminders" for the month of March.

Carrots and parsnips may be sown any time this month, also broad beans and shallots.

If any lawn is left give it a top dressing of charred earth and wood ashes, and renovate the bare patches with grass seed.

Graft fruit and other hardy trees. Pansies and violas should be planted if any flower beds are left.

Plant hardy perennials.

Plant ivy, periwinkle, and St. John's wort to cover the surface of bare ground under the shade of trees.

Plant Jerusalem artichokes.

Plant single and double pyrethrums in rich soil.

Plant second early potatoes, and also main crop potatoes.

Sow peas for succession.

Pinks may be planted out.

Remove weeds from gravel walks in showery weather.

Sow Early Milan turnips on a warm border.

Take advantage of fine days to get the onion and carrot bed in good tilth.

Rose pruning should be taken in hand.

Make a large sowing of peas of the marrowfat variety. Stretch lines of black cotton down the rows after sowing to keep off the birds.

Comply as far as possible with the recommendation passed on by the B.B.C.—to provide a good supply of green vegetables (which may be scarce this year), such as lettuces, cabbages, cauliflowers, and Brussels sprouts, and root vegetables such as parsnips, carrots, beet root, turnips and kohlrabi.

We are recommended not to plant potatoes, which take up a lot of room, but to leave that to the farmers, who can grow them in large quantities. But some of us can hardly resist the temptation to have a small crop of new potatoes.

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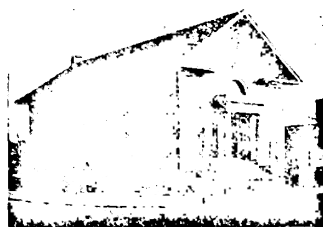
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- Mar. 28—Mr. F. N. MARTIN

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MARCH, 1943

## Association Diary

All activities take place at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated.

### REGULAR EVENTS.

#### Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.

#### Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 7.30.  
Folk Dancing, 8.15.

#### Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.

#### Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Discussion Group, 8.  
Men's Club, 8.

#### Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
W.A. Youth Club, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

#### Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

#### Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS.

Tuesday	2	Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	4	W.V.S., 2.30. K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Sunday	7	Odd Fellows, 10. Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.
Thursday	11	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Friday	12	W.A. Annual Meeting, 8.
Saturday	13	Blind Club, 2.30.
Sunday	14	"Free and Easy," 8.
Tuesday	16	Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	18	W.V.S., 2.30. K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30. W.A. Council, 7.30.
Friday	19	Concert, 8.
Sunday	21	Odd Fellows, 10. Society of Friends Evening Meeting, 6.
Public Meeting on the Beveridge Report, 7.30.		
Thursday	25	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Sunday	27	Blind Club, 2.30. "Free and Easy," 8.

The Eversfield Gardens Congregational Youth Club draw our attention to the fact that there is a special welcome for young people in H.M. Forces each Wednesday evening at the Free and Easy Club, where they will find warmth, music, games and the society of other young people.

## Youth Columns

LEADERS of clubs will have noticed the proposal to form a Youth Council for the Borough of Hendon. You are urged to be sure to see that two representatives from your organisation attend a meeting at the Town Hall on Friday, March 19th, at 7.15 p.m., which is concerned with the forming of a Youth Council.

It will be your Council for voicing your opinion, so give your co-operation.

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The Table Tennis League is in full swing and enjoyable games are being fought out.

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The next social for Watling Youth Organisations will be held in St. Alphage Hall on Friday, March 26th, at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets will soon be on sale to members of organisations, price 6d. Do come in all your glory and have a good time.

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A "Religious Brains Trust" is to be held at Wesley Hall, Sunday, March 28th, at 8 p.m. See that your club is well represented.

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The competition for a heading for this page closes on the 13th of this month. See January issue for particulars. The prize is to the value of 10s. given in saving stamps.

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The Watling Boys' Club is holding a tournament and demonstration at Woodcroft School on Monday, March 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.

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The first President of the Watling Y.O.C. is visiting Wesley Hall on Saturday and Sunday, March 6th and 7th. We look forward to the occasion of renewing old friendships.

(Continued at foot of 1st column)

**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.**—All our young people who were able to attend the United Youth Club Social, held at Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church on Wednesday, February 3rd, agreed that it was a very enjoyable evening. We welcome all opportunities of getting to know members of other clubs.

Although our table tennis team has not yet had any success in the League matches we are hoping that in future tournaments it will bring its hidden talent into the light.

A final reminder.—Your opportunity of meeting the Rev. H. J. Blackmore once again will be on our second club anniversary to be held on March 6th and 7th.

## THE WATLING RESIDENT

Come on the Saturday evening and see how you look we can enjoy ourselves. You can enjoy yourself as well. There will be available at the door, tea, 1s., and 1s., and 6d. A special anniversary service will be held on the Sunday.

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**Youth Hostels.**—Chief event of the month was the New Year party held at Boulton Lock Hostel on the week-end, 9th-10th. Almost the entire group was there, and thanks chiefly to Trudi Lichtensteiger and Jean Stevens, who attended to the catering, the occasion was a great success.

Thursday social evenings at the Watling Community Centre included a gramophone record programme, a mock auction sale, and a performance of the Group's own Public Concert, which is visiting local Youth Organisations.

Besides Boulton Lock, hostels visited included Whitwell, Speen, Nazeing and Bishops Stortford. Two schools, one at Wheelerend and another at Chalfont-St. Giles are now being used as week-end hostels, and Hendon Group members are taking a share in wardening them.

Further calling-up of both men and women has considerably depleted the numbers of the Group, and few of its pioneers remain.

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**Young Communist League.**—Among the many activities which took place at the Watling "Centre," the following were the main items: Talks by Alec Evans, Gladys Jones, and Stan Jacques, editor of the Y.C.L.'s weekly paper, "The Challenge."

Outdoor attractions consisted of rambles and also the formation of a cycling club for the coming season.

A successful Sports and Cultural Festival, in which the branch played an important part, was organised at the Orpheum Theatre, Golders Green, on February 7th.

This month we intend to carry on our usual events, such as the following: dancing, rambles, cycling and talks. Anybody who wishes to join the League are invited to come to the Watling "Centre" on Tuesday evenings at 8.30.

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**S. Alphage Youth Organisations.**—We held a very enjoyable parish party on Thursday, February 4th. The guests enjoyed both the games, dancing, the Christmas tree, and the short modern Nativity Play.

On the following evening the Cubs and Scouts gave a social evening, and short show to a large gathering of parents and friends. This was in aid of the costs of producing the S. Alphage Bulletin for the Forces, which is sent monthly to 50-60 of our lads and girls on active service.

Our table tennis team has played (and lost) its first match in the Watling Y.O.C. League, but the Badminton Club has won another match, this time against the Hyde Congregational Club.

Soon we hope to form the S. Alphage Club for all members of our congregation and their friends who are over 14. This will provide for all sorts of activities and provide a link between all our various organisations.

We hope to welcome many of our old friends in Watling clubs at the next joint social, which is to be held in our hall.



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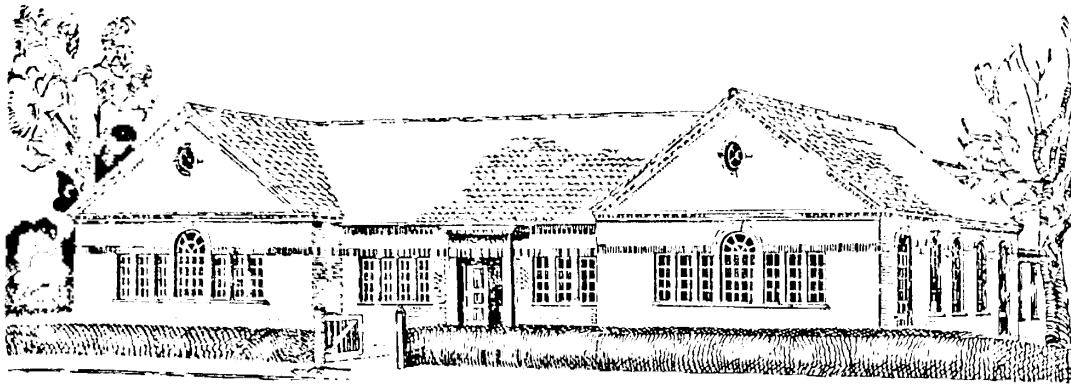
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## Educating Parents

An interview with Miss JESSIE CROSBIE, M.B.E.,  
by Judy Rimmer.\*

**MISS JESSIE RIED CROSBIE**, M.B.E., for 37 years headmistress of Salisbury Street Infants' School, Everton, Liverpool, who was awarded the honorary degree of M.A. by the University of Liverpool this year, is a pioneer in the work of education of parents.

Twenty years ago she started an educational scheme for the mothers, and later the fathers of her pupils. The school, be it known, is situated in one of the very poorest district of the city.

Realising that quite the greater part of the lives of the children were spent in the home, Miss Crosbie worked for a closer co-operation between the school and the home, to prevent much that was learned during school hours being negated in the home environment.

Education, she maintains, is not mere scholarship, but a preparation for life. So, having tried to inculcate into her young pupils the laws of cleanliness and decent table manners, she came to the conclusion that she must win over the mothers to her way of thinking.

She called a meeting of mothers. She inaugurated a system of baths in the school, to encourage mothers to come to the school, not only to bathe their children but also themselves.

She encouraged mothers to talk about difficulties in the home, and so won their confidence.

### THE MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

And so the Mothers' Fellowship was formed. Forty mothers came to the initial meeting. When they discovered

that Miss Crosbie had the welfare of their children at heart they worked with her and gave their utmost support. The phrase was coined in that locality "If the Little Missus says it, it must be right."

At Fellowship meetings all questions of troubles with children at home were discussed quite openly. In addition, believing that only the best was good enough for her mothers, Miss Crosbie brought to the meeting tip top musicians, and speakers of the highest standard. Medical men gave simple talks on health and hygiene. There were talks on food values, cookery and laundry work. Practical cookery was done on a kitchen range in the school, as none of the mothers owned electric, and few gas stoves. Annual outings were arranged, 250 mothers being taken to Edinburgh (they had paid for this at the rate of 6d. a week for 52 weeks); they were taken to London, to the Wye Valley, to Llangollen and such like.

### FATHERS TOO

Some of the mothers complained that when they corrected their children the fathers were inclined to take the view "Oh, leave them alone," and so Miss Crosbie decided to form a Fathers' Fellowship. Eighty fathers, some of whom were pushed reluctantly into the initial meeting by their wives, attended the first meeting.

After a little while that Fellowship had a membership of 208 men.

The fathers' meetings were carried on in the same way as that which was attended by the mothers. A first-class concert preceded a serious talk by some eminent man.

The results have been phenomenal. It is rare indeed that any child of the Salisbury Street school is to be seen before a Juvenile Court. Every scholar finds a job on school leaving age, employers know they have been well trained. School attendance never dropped because the parents believed that school was an important place which belonged to them, and where children should stay. The cleanliness of the children was undoubtedly of a high standard. An inspector once said he had never seen such healthy, clean, bright and alert children in the whole of his career. Although there were naughty children in the school, Miss Crosbie says she had no "nasty" ones.

In educational matters, the children in the top class were equal to those in any suburban school in Liverpool.

The atmosphere of the school can be judged from the fact that in 25 years, Miss Crosbie never lost a member of her staff. Owing to the co-operation of parents, the whole tone of the neighbourhood was raised. It is a significant fact too, that no police were ever required to keep clear the streets in the neighbourhood when the school was visited by the Lord Mayor or any other distinguished guest.

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### Montrose British Restaurant

At long last the Montrose British Restaurant has been completed, and at the time of writing these observations the opening ceremony has been announced for April 3rd. By the time this issue appears in print the Montrose Restaurant will, without a doubt, be smashing all records and working to capacity. Lord Latham in opening the restaurant will give it a good send off.



## Political Outlines—No. 3

# How are Candidates for Parliament Chosen?

By GWYNN LL. JONES

LAST month we had a look at some of the functions which a Member of Parliament should endeavour to fulfil. This month I want to ask another question concerning M.P.s—how are candidates nominated for election to Parliament?

Let us assume that there is to be a general election, in which case there will be a contest between two or more candidates in nearly every constituency. In a handful of constituencies there will be a "walk-over" for one candidate, but in the majority of cases there will be candidates representing at least two different parties, usually Conservative or Labour. In quite a few cases the contest will be "three-cornered"—that is, there will be a third candidate representing the Liberal or Communist Party, or else standing as an "Independent" candidate and representing no party.

Now, how do these persons get selected as candidates? How do they come to stand for their respective parties in that particular constituency? Or perhaps the question should be "Where do they come from?" as sometimes they have never been seen or heard of in the constituency before arriving as candidates. In these cases it is sometimes claimed that the candidates are brought by storks as special gifts to the constituency, but this is only true of a few seats where some ancient and aristocratic family has had one of its children elected for so long that the electors have come to accept and overlook the process—like a bad habit!

The answer to the question is to be found in the party system. Nearly every candidate is a member of some political party, and he is then chosen to fight the election as the nominee of his party. If he is elected he will owe an allegiance to his party as well as to his constituents—and many people believe that these two allegiances must frequently conflict.

In the majority of cases the candidate is chosen by the local association of his party. This is the organisation which represents the party in the constituency and theoretically it has complete freedom in the choice of a candidate. The usual procedure is for the local association to appoint a small sub-committee to look around for a suitable candidate. Sometimes a local person is selected along with others—or else if there is no suitable local sug-

gestion the National headquarters of the Party is asked to make suggestions. Frequently two or three names are considered, and the persons are asked to appear for selection before a meeting of the executive, like the short list for any vacant post.

Sometimes, however, the National Headquarters of the Party uses all its considerable influence to get the local association to nominate a candidate suggested by headquarters. This is often done when the National Headquarters particularly wish to have some outstanding person (or else some person who has rendered outstanding services to the party—which is not always the same thing!) in the House of Commons. Possibly the person would never get in through an ordinary election as he might not possess those qualities which are necessary for winning elections, so the Party Headquarters try to find him a "safe" seat—one where their majority is so large that they can be fairly sure that any nominee of theirs will get in safely.

When the local association has made its choice the person chosen has to be confirmed by the National Party Headquarters. In this way the Party is able to check up on all candidates fighting in its name and to secure that they are all "acceptable" to the party headquarters.

During the past year or two increasing criticism has been focussed upon the very undesirable habit of asking candidates to make financial contributions towards the expenses of the local party organisation. There is no doubt that this practice is fairly widespread, and cases have been mentioned where candidates have promised to hand over their salaries (£600) as M.P.s if elected. This money is used by the local party association to pay the salary of an agent or secretary, and for other expenses. The practice is wholly indefensible and has undermined the respect for parliamentary elections. It must be stopped.

## Special Welcome for Forces

At Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church there is a special welcome for young people in H.M. Forces each Wednesday evening at the Free and Easy Club, where they will find warmth, music, games and the society of other young people.

## THE WATLING RESIDENT

### The Mayor and Youth

The Mayor of Hendon, Alderman J. J. Corbridge, J.P., and the Mayoress, assisted by a demonstration given by the Watling Boys' Club on Monday, March 22nd, presented the awards. The President of the Club, Dr. P. Roschold, presided. The evening was highly successful and a large audience thoroughly appreciated the performances of the boys who arose to the occasion in a fine manner.

### 14th Hendon Scouts

Of the many youth organisations the Boy Scout Movement gives a unique outlet for boys with an adventurous spirit. Every boy who joins the Scouts is not always fit, but if he sticks it for a year or two and takes advantage of the opportunities which scouting offers, he will leave the Scout Movement 100 per cent. better.

Many have been the activities of the 14th Hendon Troop during the past seven months, and although some boys have left, others have joined, and so we are gaining fresh blood, and new boys are gaining fresh experience. Our meeting night is on Thursdays from 7.30 to 9.30 at the Centre, and we are now also meeting on Wednesdays at the same time and place for handicraft and other activities.

A Social is to be held on Friday, April 2, at the Club Headquarters at 7.30 p.m., to which parents are warmly invited. EKAL.

### Children's Library

Now that April is here, the trees and flowers are waking up and the birds are busy building their nests. You must go for long walks on sunny days and you will see wild flowers, birds and trees that perhaps you will not recognise. The books listed below will help you. Ask for them at the library.

The Blue Feather Club	Aldridge
Round the Year—Spring	Blyth
Botany for Fun	Browning
Out with Romany by Meadow	Evans
	and Stream
Romany in the Fields	Evans
The Pond	Ewald
Pocket Book of British Birds	Hall
Cuckoo	Lila
Flowers of the Field and Hedgerow	Moore

### Educating Parents

We strongly urge all to read the very interesting article appearing in this issue under the above heading.

Our thanks are due to the Management Board of "The Sceptic" for permission to reprint this interesting and stimulating article.





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## Improving the Watling Estate

ONE of the most interesting meetings held recently at the "Centre" was the public enquiry on "How to Improve the Estate," which was a feature of the Anniversary Celebrations. It was clear that a number of people present had ideas on this subject and it seems probable that many who were not able to attend also have ideas. Have you?

The Watling Association has set up a Post-War Development Committee, one of the objects of which will be to collect all such ideas and work out what are the most important changes which are needed to make the Estate what we would really like it to be, in the way of material surroundings, social life, and public services.

An effort of this kind can only be completely successful if it secures the co-operation of many individuals and organisations. The Association has invited a number of societies to nominate members for election to this committee and we want our readers to make sure that any organisations of which they are members contribute their wisdom to this enterprise. It is not only societies, however, which can help. Many individuals who do not belong to any particular group have quite clear ideas as to what they would like to see done.

If you are one of these, or even if you only have rather vague ideas, you are asked to accept your responsibility both for yourself and for the future, and to put your ideas before the Association's committee. If you find it convenient to put them in writing that will be a help, but if you prefer to have a chat with the Secretary he will see that your ideas are put before the Committee. This is a really important job affecting the lives of thousands of people and we appeal to all our readers to give the Association all the support it can in this enterprise.

## IMPORTANT

### THE MAY ISSUE

Commences the 16th Volume of the "RESIDENT."

*Make certain of your copy, for it will be of special interest this year*

News and articles of interest to all members and others on the Estate.  
Pictorial Cover.  
Children's Competitions.  
etc.

## A Census of Members Suggested

WHEN reading the annual report of the Association one or two questions came into my mind and I am using this space this month to deal with one of them.

In comparison with the amount of activities carried on at the "Centre" and smallness of the official number of members recorded in our books, I have an urgent desire to set on foot the necessary machinery to establish on a given week a census of the number of people that come within the building and engage in the activities carried on therein.

It does appear, at least on the surface, that by far the greater number of people who frequent the "Centre" must be non-members. Take the members of the different Sections of the Association, I know that in practice through their subscriptions they are in effect members of the Association—that in the way of satisfying the section is satisfactory; but how many interested in say, Rabbits or Chickens, Bowls or Singing, Boxing or Needlework, Whist Drives or Dances are only members because of one particular fancy or interest?

The reason may be perfectly easy to explain and quite understandable, but what puzzles me is why is it that we don't see these members at our

business meetings or normal activities of the only Community Association on this Estate of Watling?

Possibly we haven't yet developed our publicity and propaganda to any real effect. The purpose of the "Resident" Committee's resolution to establish such a committee was to fill such gaps in the machinery and organisations of the Association.

Of course, to be a member is not to have an assured dividend guaranteed to you—often quite the reverse, many hours of labour, often with little signs of achievement or results.

This publicity committee will I hope have representatives from all the sections of the Association, and in this way they will be sharing the responsibility of the organisation and running of the movement to which they have allied their interest.

More will no doubt be heard of this progressive move at a future meeting.



## Horticultural Show

Permission has been given to the Watling Horticultural and Allottees' Society to use, free of charge, the large assembly hall and six classrooms at Barnfield School on the 24th July, 1943, for the purpose of holding a Victory Garden Show in aid of the Red Cross Fund, and for a band to play in the playground during the show (weather permitting).



## Watling Park

The metal railings removed from the surrounds of Watling Park are to be replaced in Colchester Road nearby the Bowling Green by other fencing. The derailment has aggravated the problem caused by the serious vandalism which is unfortunately rampant in our parks and highways. All citizens should give full co-operation to the police, park-keepers, and other patrols that may be appointed in endeavours to solve the problem. When youngsters and youths are observed committing acts that cause damage and destruction of trees, plants, and structures, please do not pass them by without a word, but take action that will lead to the checking of their irresponsible action.



## The Men's Club

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Men's Club on February 27, the occasion being the visit of the Fire Guards of Fortescue Road, who came to pit their skill at darts and billiards against the Watling Men's Club, with the following result, that Watling won two legs at eight a side, and two legs at four a side, at darts.

The billiards tournament was also won by Watling the latter winning all three games.

On the following Wednesday at the return match our friends from Fortescue Road rather reversed the outcome of the play by winning four legs out of five.

The result of the billiards was in favour of Watling, who won three games out of four.

The following were the teams drawn:—  
For Fortescue Road were Messrs Blickett, Woods, Howard, Dawling, Bristow, Spencer, Parkins, Ullmer, Watling; Messrs Weatherby, Wheeler, Little, Bushill, Dawkins, Callaghan, Waverley, and Lock (eight a side).

For Fortescue Road: Messrs, Spencer, Parkins, Ullmer, Wood, Watling; Messrs, Ryan, Bolden, Lodge, Dawkins (four a side).

The teams for billiards was as follows:—  
Watling: Messrs Hogan, Birt, Salmon, Waverley.

Fortescue: Messrs Bristow, Blickett, Dawling, Howard.

LEO V. HOGAN.

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## A Country Community

(See picture on front cover)

**LYNWODE MANOR FARM TRAINING COLONY** was started in March, 1941, with the object of training boys and girls in horticulture and agriculture, and of stimulating their interest in country life.

In the main the students are boys from Spain and the Channel Islands; the governing body controlling the Colony is the International Commission for War Refugees in Great Britain.

Intensive training is given in market gardening and the Colony possesses a hundred fruit trees and a fair number of soft fruit bushes. The trainees are instructed in fruit cultivation, pruning, spraying, planting and transplanting. In 1941 the Colony were highly commended by the Lincolnshire County Agricultural Adviser for tomatoes cultivated in the open air.

The refugee boys and girls are accepted from the age of 13 and until reaching school leaving age attend the local school. The boys on leaving school work full time on the land; some of the girls, however, learn milking and the ordinary routine dairy work.

The trainees have a variety of animals to study including two cows, two calves, some pigs and piglets, two goats, a number of chickens and ducks, rabbits, and for those interested in bees—two hives.

In addition to the farm work, there is a well-equipped woodwork shop, which is used for repair work, etc.

Lynwode Manor is situated in the County of Lincolnshire, and a spirit of co-operation dominates the life of this community. It is a home for uprooted children, who are cared for by a staff of friendly and understanding workers.

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### Sad Loss to Veteran Club

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Standbridge who passed away on Monday, February 22nd. Mrs. Standbridge was one of the first of the old folk to join our club. She was also one of its oldest members.

A chaplet was sent by the veterans in deepest esteem. E. E. COLE.

## Points observed at the A.G.M.

Owing to the amount of business on the agenda little time was given to discussion on matters of policy raised in the articles on "How Can We Improve the Association?"

The Youth representative, Miss Mary Nyberg, came very high in the voting order for the newly elected Council.

It was in a sense very much better that our Annual Reports were not delivered from the printers in time for circulation as probably through our Chairman reading it in its entirety it was more carefully considered.

Members were truly disappointed that our much respected President, Mr. A. I. Jones, was unable to preside, we hope very much that next year we will be saved this disappointment.

Next year, whilst we are on the subject, a lot of time could be saved in business if nominations and voting could be done beforehand on a ballot paper, and results announced at the A.G.M.

Why did most of the youthful members congregate at the back of the hall? There were plenty of seats at the front.

Was it the reason that everyone was so satisfied with the services of the executive officers that the majority were re-elected for another year's work?

Mr. E. E. Cole was elected as trustee with Mr. F. H. Lake, we were glad to notice however that Mr. A. Lord, retiring Trustee, was elected to the Council.

Why is it that so few women occupy responsible positions in the Association? One year we may hope to see a woman elected to the position of Chairman?

It was noticeable that although the "Resident" contained in the last issue a summary of the articles "How Can We Improve the Association?" and that the matter was to be discussed at the A.G.M., not one resolution was tabled from any Section and not one copy of the "Resident" was seen amongst the members. The Chairman, of course, had his copy!



## CHALLENGE TO YOUTH

By Notsoyoung

*This article is written by a worker in one of the Youth Clubs on the Watling Estate. It speaks to youth in a challenging manner and is convincing in style.*

"GIVE Youth its chance" was the plea urged in a recent article—a plea echoed on all sides, at all times and seasons, in all generations. Yet surely never had Youth such a chance as greets it to-day.

With educational facilities unknown to its forbears, with Youth groups, clubs and associations—added to the time-old youthful attributes of ambition, charm and abounding vitality—Youth has, as I see it on the Estate, a golden opportunity.

But what use is being made of it?

Long hours of work, wearisome travelling, pre-service training, defence duties—all these claim so much time that the scant leisure is often frittered or idled away. A street corner fills an easy hour; the pictures have become a habit; dancing to canned music passes for exercise and makes no great demand on mind or body; and it is only the thoughtful minority which turns to steady pursuits and seizes even a fraction of what it is offered. This is perhaps not to be greatly wondered at for our Watling Youth has one serious handicap. It has as yet no roots, no ingrained habits or accepted traditions. No previous generation can hand down Watling laws and legends as either stimulus or warning to its Youth of to-day. No greybeards can wag sage heads over the progress or prowess of a community they have known from childhood. No, the Watling Youth is still setting standards, establishing precedents and forging loyalties which must prove its anchor for to-day and guide ropes for tomorrow.

For in ten or fifteen years' time this very Youth now pleading for its chance will have become the leaders, guardians and parents of the next generation. On *how* this time is spent depends the future of the community. This is a sobering thought, and worth pondering.

You have your chance, Youth—to dance, to idle, to amuse yourself, to be entertained; but you also have your chance to train your mind, become a responsible citizen and serve your community, to give as well as to get—"to put in more than you take out" for at

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## Letters to the Editor

### URGENT REQUEST

A letter has been received, signed "Newcomer." Will the author please write again to the Editor, for until the identity of the writer is known the letter cannot be published? The non-de-plume is acceptable for publication, but the Editor feels, in common with the usual assurances of confidence, that he at least is entitled to know the author of any article or letter appearing in the magazine.

"Newcomer" would help the Association in coming forward so that the various points in his letter can be more fully examined.



### Cottages for Pensioners

Dear Editor,

I notice that in the report of the Public Enquiry on "How Can We Improve the Estate," published in last month's "Resident," it was stated that I advocated flats for old age pensioners should be built on the sites left empty through bombing. May I correct this statement. What I did say was, that small cottages consisting of one bed-sitting room and scullery for single persons and one parlour, one bedroom and scullery for married people with small gardens at rear and green verge in front with garden seats where old people could sit and enjoy the air should be built.

I do not think flats are suitable in the first place it means climbing stairs and you cannot get that quietness most old people desire when you have people moving about over your head. Might I just add that rents for these small cottages should not be more than 5s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. respectively.

Yours sincerely,

E. E. COLE.

10 Crispin Road,  
Edgware.

(Continued from previous column)

least as much) to set a standard that in discerning right from wrong and living up to the highest it can know shall prove fit to maintain its birthright of freedom, and guide a future generation in a brave new world.

Take *all* your chances, then; grasp them with both hands and equip yourself worthily. And while you dig in your heels for your rights, don't forget to dig in your roots for the future.

### Prisoner of War

30, Wolsey Grove,  
Edgware.

Jan. 24th, 1943.

Dear Mr. Lodge,

I am very pleased to be able to inform you that we have received a letter from my brother, L/Cpl. Allen, A. F. Rille Brigade, in which he says that he has got the parcel which was sent in June, 1942.

He wishes us to extend his thanks to yourself and all others who contributed to the composition of the parcel.

For the benefit of others who may have connections, etc., with this P.O.W. camp, P.G. 65, P.M. 3450, Italy, I would just add that they are receiving Red Cross Food Parcels fairly regularly now and that things apparently seem fairly satisfactory all round.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. ALLEN.

Mr. Lodge received the above letter and passed it to the Editor for publication.



### Progress!

Dear Editor,

In the Trans-Atlantic Broadcast recently, in which scenes from the Lambeth Walk were described, Charlie Chaplin, who was once a resident in Lambeth, spoke of his early life there 35 years ago. He spoke of the squalor and poverty there. He also said that when he visited Lambeth a few years ago, the squalor and poverty were still there, and to the present day squalor and poverty is rife, not only in Lambeth but all over the country. There is no doubt we British are good stickers. We'll stand anything.

F. H. LAKE.



### Burnt Oak Men's Adult School

This school does not stick closely to the Handbook, thereby providing variations sometimes startling in tuition. One visitor spoke on "Philosophic Anarchy." An old member visiting the school spoke on "Changing Local Government," developing his theme from a well-stored mind. Another member is a member of the L.A.L.V. Group Movement and keeps the noses—or is it the eyes—of the school close to the educational aspects and vistas.



## Stay at Home Holidays

The Hendon Council has decided to carry on during the 1943 Holiday season with the entertainments in the parks and arrangements are in hand to provide bands, concert parties, facilities for dancing, during the months of June, July and August, and special arrangements for the children during the holiday period. At Watling Park there will be dancing on Thursdays, concert parties on Saturdays, and bands or concerts on Sundays during the months named. The dancing will be held between the hours 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and the concerts and bands from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., throughout the season.

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## HENDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

By "OBSERVER"

### Education Committee

A report relating to the care of children during the Christmas Holidays, 1942, recorded the fact that the number of children whose mothers were engaged in full or part-time war work was 2,745, of whom 842 promised to attend school during the holidays. In actual fact, however, the daily average attendance was 448 only, being 3.25 per cent. of the school enrolment. The daily attendance of teachers was 51, which gave an average of nine children per teacher. In view of the fact that so few children took advantage of the school facilities provided during the Christmas holidays the Committee decided that the schools be not kept open during the Easter holidays, 1943.

The school meals service is steadily expanding and school canteens are now operating at all Hendon schools with but five exceptions. These canteens are served by the Algernon Road School, and Bell Lane School Central Kitchens through the medium of a good motor service. Many difficulties and disappointments have been experienced in regard to delays in completing the installation of heavy equipment at Bell Lane the second kitchen to be completed. All such difficulties are now being rapidly overcome and the output at these Central Kitchens continues to increase. The number of mid-day meals provided for the children in the Hendon Schools now approximates 20,000 per week. The Director of Education who, since the inception of the scheme, has worked with tremendous enthusiasm and persistency in fostering its development hopes that the day is now within sight when all the schools in the Borough will possess a canteen capable of providing a mid-day meal for every child attending school.

## Persecution of Jews

The Mayor of Hendon recently presided over a meeting held in the Council Chamber for the purpose of stressing the serious and urgent need for action in regard to the terrible massacre of Jews by the Nazi forces in all countries in Europe under their domination. The meeting was well supported by aldermen, councillors, and leaders of various local organisations and parties, and ministers of all denominations. The speakers were Brig. General Sir Wyndham Deedes and Mr. Maurice Rosette, both of whom gave restrained and comprehensive outlines of the tragic events enacted under the Nazi heel of terror. Special appeals were made for immediate action by the governments of the United Nations to give necessary guarantees to neutral powers and take necessary steps to save where possible the tortured remnants of the persecuted race. Sir Wyndham Deedes particularly deplored the fact that although there was no Jew baiting in this country there was a latent treatment of Jews which was unworthy of British people, and that Anti-Semitism was rather on the increase and appealed to all to do everything in their power to counter the growth of this evil. The meeting unanimously carried a resolution urging the Government to assist the Jews to find refuge, and allow free and unrestricted immigration into Palestine.



### Adult Schools North West Federation

At the recent Annual Meeting reports were heard and adopted. The various officers having agreed to accept nomination were re-elected with an additional vice-president and a One and All correspondent. Light refreshments were handed round—it is wonderful how they materialise in ration time. The interesting feature of the meeting was the presence of Mr. Saville, an old member and former president of the Federation. He added to the success of the gathering by an address on the school of the future.

His remarks and ideas gave rise to a considerable discussion. The comparison of the past and the ideal future brought forth memories from some of the older members. It is hoped when or before we return to normal some good will result from this discussion and interchange of thought.

The number present were satisfactory for these troubled times.

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## W.C.A. Annual Meeting

Held at the Centre on Friday, March 12th. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. I. Jones the chair was taken by the chairman of the Council, Councillor A. Durant. Owing to printing difficulties copies of the Annual Report were not available for members and there were only a few copies of the audited accounts. The report was therefore read by the chairman and the accounts were presented by Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg. Both having been adopted the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President: Mr. A. I. Jones, Freeman of the City of London; Hon. Treas.: Mr. G. C. W. Nyberg; Hon. Editor, "Watling Resident": Mr. A. R. Croker; Hon. Sec. "Watling Resident": Mr. A. F. Bouchard; Hon. Membership Sec.: Mr. A. R. Lodge; Trustees: Messrs. E. E. Cole and F. H. Lake; Hon. Auditors: Mr. E. P. Southall and Mr. G. Richardson; Hon. Solicitor: Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones.

The records of attendances of members' representatives on the Council for the past year having been read the following were elected for the ensuing year, after a closely contested ballot which necessitated a second vote for the last two places: Mr. E. E. Cole, Mrs. King, Miss Nyberg, Mr. W. G. Aggis, Mr. A. T. Lord, Mr. T. Judd, Mr. F. H. Lake, Mrs. Torrance, Mrs. Coleman, and Mr. E. W. T. Preston.

This was the first annual meeting at which the Associate Members had been entitled to elect a representative to the Council. This position was entrusted to Miss G. van Kimmenade.

Mrs. King and Mr. Lake were elected representatives to the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Civil Liberties.

A recommendation from the "Resident" committee that a publicity organiser should be appointed was approved and passed to the Council.

Unfortunately only a short time was available for a consideration of "How to Improve the Association," but opinions were expressed on some of the subjects suggested in articles in the "Resident" and summarised in the March issue. It was quite evident that there were some differences of opinion on many matters and there was not sufficient time to reach serious decisions, but the continued ventilation of the subject in a number of directions was felt to be of value and it is expected that the Council will pursue some of the suggestions further.

## Bowls Club Successful Season

The Bowls Club held their Fourth Annual General Meeting at the Centre last month with Mr. F. Williams in the chair. In the Secretary's report he stated that the club had played several matches with other clubs during the last season and made many friends at Watling Park and on other club greens. The spirit of sportsmanship and comradeship was very high; the standard of play had greatly improved. Last season's new members had shown great keenness, and at the end of the season there was a membership of 51.

Mr. Jack won the Championship Cup presented to the club by Mrs. Torrance. There is also another cup and three shields which are competed for yearly. Last season there were five spoon drives held and eighteen members won spoons. During the coming season the club will compete for the "Gomm" Cup, one of the high lights in bowls trophies, and beside various matches with other clubs a match has been arranged with the Middlesex County Bowls Association.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. F. Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. Richardson; Captain, Mr. A. Taylor; Vice-Captain, Mr. Knight; Social Secretary, Cpl. Jones; Auditor, Mr. Jack; Committee, Messrs. Brace, Dawkins, Jones, Knight, Nyberg, Robertson and White; the Drake Fellowship representative, Mr. Brace, M.C.B.A. representative, Mr. Taylor.

The excellent tea arranged by the ladies and the social following the meeting was a great success. During the evening the following prizes were distributed: Championship Cup, Mr. Jack; Runner-up medal, Mr. Taylor; Triples Trophies, Mr. Dawkins, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Faulks; spoons, Messrs. Simpkins, Brace, Hogan, and Jones; two spoons each, Mrs. Torrance, Mrs. Taylor, Messrs. Richardson, Taylor, Singleton, Wakeling, Needham, Robertson, J. Williams, and Lufkin.

The next season opens early in May and membership is open to all Watling Association members. The subscription is 10/- for men and 5/- for ladies, so if you want to get rid of the Black-Out Blues or are spending your holidays at home, the bowling green in Watling Park is the place to do it. Full particulars from the Secretary or the Watling Centre.

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## Watling Youth Table-Tennis League

up to and including March 10th

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
1. Watling Assoc.	3	3	0	44	26	6
2. St. Alphage	5	3	2	63	62	6
3. Watling B.C.	4	2	2	53	47	4
4. 1939 Club	4	2	2	50	50	4
5. Wesley Hall	4	0	4	35	60	0

The result of the match played on Feb. 15th between Watling Assoc. and Wesley Hall has not been included. A replay will take place between these clubs.

L. PYM.

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APRIL, 1943

## Association Diary

## REGULAR EVENTS.

## Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

## Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 7.30.  
Folk Dancing, 8.15.  
Y.C. Boxing, 7.30.  
Drama, 8.

## Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Senior Games, 7.30.  
First Aid, 7.30.  
Boys' Woodwork, 7.30.

## Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

## Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Y.C. Intermediate Games, 7.30.  
Girls Handicrafts, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

## Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

## Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

## OTHER EVENTS.

Thursday	1	W.V.S.C., 2.30.
		K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Sunday	4	Odd Fellows, 10.
		Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.
Tuesday	6	Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	8	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Saturday	10	Blind Club, 7.30.
Sunday	11	"Free and Easy," 8.
Thursday	15	W.V.S., 2.30.
		K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Sunday	18	Oddfellows, 10.
		Society of Friends Evening Meeting, 6.
Tuesday	20	Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	22	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Friday	23	Centre closed.
Sunday	25	"Free and Easy," 8.
Thursday	29	W.V.S., 2.30.
		K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.

## Youth Columns

**Watling Boys' Club.**—Our football team have been playing well in recent matches, scoring 39 goals in six matches with 11 goals against.

The 1939 Club avenged a defeat inflicted on them by us in December. In a closely contested game they beat us by the odd goal in three. The captain of the senior team, V. Phillips, joined the forces recently. All club boys wish him the best of luck. The club lads are grateful to Mr. Hoy, who has so willingly refereed so many of our home matches.

The table-tennis team have not been consistent lately, and in the League have won half of their four games. The club was beaten by St. Alphage and Watling Association; these were very close games, we lost by the odd game in twenty-five on both occasions.

Now the summer weather is coming the boys have started rambling and hiking again. Recently they have visited Whitwell and Hemel Hempstead.

Our ex-leader, S. Jones, has taken over a club in Islington, and in January some of the lads paid a visit to the club. Then in February some of our boys helped the Youths of this central London club in cross-country training. The boys' club extend their best wishes to the Claremont Club, Islington.

The 22nd of March was a red-letter day in the annals of the club. A display was given by the boys, more details of which will be given in next month's report.

**Burnt Oak Methodist Mission.**—Budding actors and actresses gave a very fine performance of "The Leaning Shepherd" and "The Bathroom Door" at the second anniversary celebrations of our Club. The funds have been increased by nearly £20 and the mutual enjoyment of audience and players was most satisfactory. We are hoping to give a repeat performance for our Queensbury Church in the near future.

Celebrations were carried on until the Tuesday, when a very large gathering of young folk enjoyed an entertaining Social.

All who shared in the week-end activities agreed that our Club's second birthday was an outstanding event, and members will remember this occasion for a long time to come.

With the coming of the better weather we are hoping to arrange rambles and other out-door pleasures.

## Watling Community Association

## YOUTH CLUB

14-21 years

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## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

Handicraft	Woodwork	Games
First Aid	Drama	Socials

**Youth Hostels.**—At the Annual General Meeting of the Youth Hostels Association held in London in February, Lew Massie in his speech urged the greater cultivation of camping facilities, a branch of hostelling as yet very widely adopted, and one in which the Hendon Group has shown considerable interest. Mr. Massie was elected Camping Secretary at the Group's last A.G.M.

On two of their Thursday evenings at the Watling Community Centre the hostellers welcomed speakers each of whom spoke on engrossing subjects. Miss Loughman, of the Society of Education for World Citizenship, told of our great ally, Russia, and Mr. A. Hewlett, Society of Friends, reminded his audience of the great battle of mercy which will follow the armistice in war-torn Europe.

The call of the countryside is as strong as ever and Group members have explored Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire very thoroughly both afoot and on cycles. With lengthening hours of daylight they will shortly be able to travel farther afield during their week-ends.

**S. Alphage Youth Organisation.**—During the past few weeks we have been thinking out a proposal, which we are going to carry through, to form a club for all our people of whatever age and taste. We are going ahead with plans and will launch our new venture in September. It will not take the place of our existing organisations, but will help and supplement them.

We go on steadily learning more about, and practising to the best of our ability, our faith, but are not behind hand in the social pursuits as recent table-tennis, badminton and football matches testify.

A very successful, that is, enjoyable, evening was spent dancing on February 20th, and the badminton club funds were considerably added to.

As Lent approaches Holy Week and Good Friday so our social life breaks and finally stops. But after Easter we burst forth into new activity and are looking forward to a happy and energetic summer.

## Eversfield Gardens Congregational Church.

—Junior Church will hold its half-annual Church Meeting on Friday, April 16th. Junior Church is for young folk. They meet each Sunday morning for their service at 11 a.m. in which they take part, and through their Committee they organise their own services, finances and plans. They pass from here by stages into Junior Church membership and to full membership of the Church. Those over thirteen are to form a mixed "Group" to meet weekly for educational and social activities, projects of service and informal meetings. At the age of sixteen there's the Youth Fellowship, meeting each Tuesday at 8 p.m. for discussions, socials, dramatics, indoor sports and Bible study. There's a place for you in all this!

A preliminary note:—Parade and Youth Service on Easter Day, April 25th, at 11 a.m.

**Watling Association Youth Club.**—This month we have started on our new programme and Group activities are going well. The Social on the first Saturday in March was enjoyed by all who attended it. In future this will be a monthly even. The Table Tennis team is doing well in the League. On Wednesday, 17th March the Men's Club challenged us to darts, billiards and table tennis.



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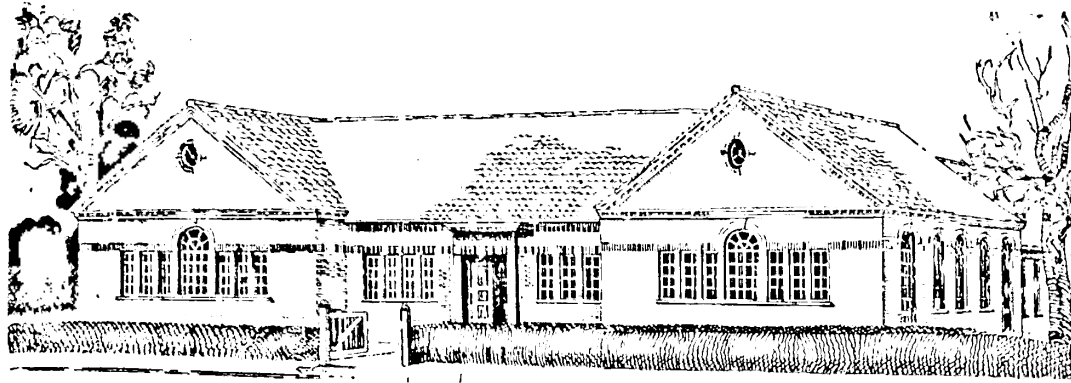
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What do most people want?

"First of all security, to be sure of a job. If it can be work they like with reasonable prospects and good pay, so much the better, but they must have work in the right place. Then they want a place to live in, with pleasant surroundings, not too far from work and plenty of room for sport and recreation in their spare time, and a reasonable chance for their children to enjoy life. They must have ample food of the right kind and an opportunity of seeing something of both town and country without too much strap-hanging or the discomforts of long daily travel. In short, people want: occupation, habitation, recreation and education for body and mind, together, of course, with proper nourishment and transportation.

"The needs of the community at large are the same as those of the individual, but they call for planning. The Government is pledged to the principle of National Planning and to the adoption of 'a positive policy for

such matters as Industry, Housing, Agriculture and Transport."

With reference to planning, "to disregard the British love for personal liberty, would be as stupid as ignoring the presence of a turbulent river if you were building a city on its banks. Any plan to be acceptable and therefore workable, made by men and women of our country for their fellow countrymen must be based on a profound observance of the needs of the British people in their life and work, their health and recreation. It should not inflict ideas, but should provide the maximum opportunity for personal liberty and individual expression within an ordered framework."

"One of our main objects must be the improvement of living conditions and the provision of better surroundings for everyone, whether in town or country.

*"The family is still the unit which must be considered as the basis for all social standards, and there is no reason why slums or overcrowded conditions should not everywhere be removed."*

"In rebuilding Britain the need is apparent even to the most casual observer, that to do the job efficiently we have to have a National Plan, but 'nobody wants all the planning to be done from the top, by central departments, and the more planning we get from the bottom the better. But general planning from the top is clearly necessary if all the detailed local planning is to add up to a satisfactory city, and all the cities and the spaces between them are to add up to a satisfactory Britain."

One of the most important tasks for

**To Rebuild Britain**  
we must consider  
matters other than  
**Bricks and Mortar**

the Government after the war will be the provision of houses for the people in sufficient quantity in the shortest possible time.

Building material will in all probability be "controlled" for some time to come, this will handicap matters considerably. The number of houses required after the last war was large enough, but it will be considerably greater this time. The Labour Party in a recently published survey of the whole problem of Housing in this country puts forward the suggestion that as many as four million houses will be needed.

One of the developments in the Building Trade during this war has been the erection of sectional buildings; camps, etc., have been erected in this way in record time and there is evidence to support the theory that houses erected in this way are perfectly normal and sound in construction and quite habitable for a considerable period. The erection of thousands of these Prefabrication Houses is a practical solution for the problem of rebuilding if only for the immediate needs while the flow of labour and materials return to normal. One thing to remember is that this method of construction does not imply uniformity of design to be adopted.

Next month we are publishing an interesting article from an expert on this "Prefabrication" method of building, when we will learn more of the potentialities and possibilities of the enormous task of re-housing the people. Make certain you receive your "Resident" each month.

**Two Sundays  
to Remember —**

**May 9 and 16**

(See pages 2 and 3)



## 4 Page of General Information

### Workers' Educational Association

#### Mill Hill and Edgware Branch

The annual meeting of the above group is to be held at Deansbrook School, Deans Lane, on Friday, May 14, at 8 p.m.

A review of the past session's work is to be made during the evening, and Mr. P. R. Higginson, Secretary to the University of London Tutorial Classes, is to be present to answer question and help members and prospective members plan the session 1943-44.

The last session saw an increase of almost 50 per cent. in membership of this go-ahead group, and it is the earnest wish of the Secretary, Miss D. Bailey, 24, Lawrence Avenue, N.W.7, and members to extend a hearty welcome to anyone desiring to become a member.

#### Does this Appeal to You?

To assist in the reporting of "Watling Week" for the "Resident," the Editor would be glad to hear of volunteers who could submit short reports of the various happenings during this annual event.

The reports need only be 150-200 words in length, but should be written very quickly after witnessing the concert or whatever it is you are present at to report.

Is there anyone interested sufficiently in the local Youth Clubs to pay each club a monthly visit and compile an interesting column each month on what he or she has seen? If there is such a person willing to undertake this task will they kindly send their name to the Editor.

Owing to the Easter holidays Mr. Gwynn Jones' monthly article under the general title "Political Outlines" failed to reach the Editor in time for inclusion. No. 4 will, however, appear next month.

### Important Notices

In future the Discussion Group will meet Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the "Centre," instead of the usual Wednesday.

The W.C.A. Council now meets on the third Friday of each month instead of the usual Thursday.

### National Council for Civil Liberties

Over 300 people attended the Annual General Meeting of the National Council for Civil Liberties. A review of the year's work was read and discussed, and plans for future policy were reviewed.

Regret at the death of the founder of the movement, Mr. Ronald Kidd, was expressed, and contributions to a memorial fund were made.

Mr. F. H. Lake and Mrs. D. King were the Watling Community Association's representatives, and they were greatly impressed by the valuable work done by the Council.

Some of the items under discussion were: Refugees; Discrimination of non-Europeans in South Africa; The lack of liberties and the repressive measures used in India; The colour bar in the U.S.A. and in this country; The tendency of the B.B.C. to confine itself to particular religious broadcasts; The right of assembly; Educating the public to its rights and duties, etc., etc.

F. H. L.

### Christianity Calling

Is a Union of Christians, who regardless of denominational and political differences seek to apply the principles

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of Christianity to all social and national problems.

A meeting is being held at the "Centre" on Sunday, May 9th, at 6.30. Speaker, Rev. A. D. Beale.

### In Aid of Prisoners of War

Once again "Watling Week" is drawing near, this year a donation is to be made from the proceeds to the Prisoners of War Fund of the Red Cross. We trust readers and members alike will give their best to make this year's "Week" a record, both in the numerical sense of supporters and the financial results achieved.

The programme will be printed in separate leaflet form as last year and readers of the "Resident" will find one inserted in next month's issue free of charge. We cannot however let this opportunity pass without again suggesting that the title of "Watling Week" is out of keeping with the programme which is this year, as last, running well into the second week! We like the title of "Watling Festival"—do you?

### Take a Course in First Aid!

Under the auspices of the Edgware and Mill Hill Branch of the St. John Ambulance Division an interesting course of lectures on First Aid is to be held every Wednesday evening commencing May 19th at the Conservative Hut, Barnfield Road.

The course is open for both men and women from 16 to 60 years of age. The enrolment can take place on the 19th of May and any subsequent Wednesday evening from 8 to 9.30 p.m. The lecturer is to be Dr. Matthews of Orange Hill Road.

### Cliff. Smith

The Association expresses its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. C. C. Smith in the loss of her husband, and mourns one of its oldest stalwarts. We can hardly recollect the time when he was not working for the Association, a memory seems to lay at his door the suggestion that "A.I." should be asked to serve as our President. For many years he served on the Council of the Association and right up to the end he was a regular seller of the "Resident" in spite of his difficulty in getting about. Perhaps one remembers best his cheery smile and joke even in times of affliction. A good scout, may his memory be evergreen.

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## Sixteen This Month

WITH this issue the "Watling Resident" commences its sixteenth year of publication, we of the Watling Community Association are very proud of this record of achievement and are grateful to those who were the pioneers of the early days of the magazine's existence. Since the first copy was printed much has happened, the first thing of importance was the building of the "Centre," an object for which the paper was pledged to support.

The style of magazine has changed as is natural with the change of editorship, for an editor largely creates a paper or magazine according to his own ideas and aspirations, keeping all the time of course the likes and dislikes of his readers in mind.

Of late, the "Resident" has endeavoured to take a lead in the affairs of the Watling Community Association, to point the way to new endeavours: to guide thought into channels giving opportunity for discussion and study.

It is said that the people only get the type of Government they really deserve—this being so we can logically draw the same conclusion to a Community Association—that it can only be in quality what the members put into it.

The "Resident" is proud of its war-time progress and this new volume promises to be as stimulating and interesting as the last. This month we print on another page an introduction to a new series of articles on "Rebuilding Britain" and we commend our readers to follow these articles. It is our intention to publish contributions by various experts on this absorbing subject: to rebuild Britain is not only a matter of bricks and mortar, it covers Education, Health, Industry, Finance, Recreation, and Leisure to name only a few of the subjects.

Another interest we hope to develop is for the children, idle hands are sometimes making mischief and so each month when space permits it is the intention of the editor to pre-

## A STATE MEDICAL SERVICE?

### Public Meeting

to be held at the "CENTRE"

THE BEVERIDGE REPORT  
AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Sunday, May 16th  
at 7.30 p.m.

Speaker:

Dr. A. STEPHEN HALL

(Tuberculosis Officer, M.C.C.)

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sent a competition for the children. A reader has kindly guaranteed the prizes for these contests.

In the interests of the Youth of Watling we hope to continue to be of service. It is a pity that the older generation of to-day cannot sum up sufficient energy to be of assistance to the Youth of to-day, for it is they who will carry the torch of freedom in the years to come and if we are honest with ourselves we should readily admit that the least we can do is to encourage them in their search for truth and knowledge.

Finally, the Association wishes to be of "service" to the community at large and in particular to that of Watling. Unfortunately we have to consider two things when publishing a magazine of this type these days, the first from the editor's point of view is that he has only a limited number of pages (greatly decreased, owing to paper restrictions), the second is the expense.

Last year we had a deficit, so if any reader feels he or she can pay more than the 2d. asked for each month for their copy of the "Resident" we would gratefully say thank you!

## IT COULD BE DONE

The "Centre" is in urgent need of repairs, chiefly in re-decorating; the difficulty however is that we are limited in our efforts to get this work done, because a maximum expenditure of £100 per calendar 12 months is all that is permitted at this time.

In talking about this to a well-concerned friend of the Association recently he questioned whether some of the re-decorating could not be done by voluntary labour? At least this would mean only spending a comparatively small amount on materials, and where paint could not be attempted at least a process of washing down could be carried out.

By doing one room at a time and choosing carefully what time that should be, say during August, much progress could be made by a well concerned team of workers. This plan of action would enable the "Centre" to commence its autumn programme in a greatly refreshed state.

Some folks are against this form of getting jobs done, but we would remind those keen Trade Unionists that there is a war on and that labour is practically unobtainable, and at the same time the "Centre" is deteriorating for want of a painters' brush.

If there are any who would like to form themselves into a team of voluntary workers to undertake this job sometime in the Summer will they give their name and address to the Secretary.

Nothing so far has been arranged but we thought the idea sufficiently good as to enquire as to what support the scheme would receive?

## Council Meeting

At the recent meeting of the Council of the Watling Community Association it was agreed to consider at its monthly meetings various aspects of the subject: "How to improve the Association" (except when the report of the Post-War Development Committee was due for consideration).

It was noticeable at this last meeting to see what a good attendance there was in comparison with recent meetings and the new members attending for the first time.



## The Men's Club

THE Committee of the Mens' Club arranged to run a Games Tournament commencing on Wednesday, April 21st, consisting of Darts, Billiards, and Table Tennis, on the "knock out" principle.

As the last Social was such a success another Social and Dance will be held on May 5th for members and friends, ladies especially invited. It is anticipated that all those who attended our last Social will again give us the pleasure of their company, and will also bring their friends. This will be one night when the ladies can see the company that their husbands associate with on Wednesdays.

Until further notice, it is intended that Lectures and Discussions held by the Mens' Club should be led by a speaker who is a member of the club. The first lecturer will be Mr. J. Abbott (Hon. Sec. Rabbit Club). New members for the Mens' Club can still be enrolled on any Wednesday evening from 8 to 10.30. Subscriptions are 1s. per month and no entrance fee.

Our Secretary, Mr. E. Sewell Harris, has accepted an invitation to speak at the Annual Meeting of the Birmingham Council of Community Associations on May 14th.

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## What Do You Think About Universities?

Two well-known personalities recently gave their opinions on the value of Universities and University trained men and women in the world of today and the place for such men and women in the world of to-morrow. This is what Sir Richard Livingstone, the famous educationalist, said:

"The Universities have given the world guidance in science, economics, and sociology, but not in the knowledge of good and evil. Hence they fail to help civilisation where it most needs help."

Sir Stafford Cripps, Minister of Aircraft Production, said: "If we want to survive in the modern world, we must produce a far larger volume of University-trained men and women."

These two experts have given their views, the editor of the "Resident" invites readers to submit their ideas on the subject, a most useful contribution is one amounting to about 250 words.

## Reconstruction In Europe

Victory and Peace may reign in a free Europe by 1944 and British Co-operators are planning now to give relief to the millions of Continental Co-operators when that time comes.

A 1944 Freedom Fund has been opened with an aim of £500,000. It will enable an immediate start in the vital task of rebuilding the Co-operative Movement in those lands where war has shaken the social fabric more deeply and seriously than has been the case in our now punished but invincible Isle.

The International Co-operative Alliance—which in happier days federated one hundred million Co-operators in 39 countries—is also appealing to all the free world Co-operative Movements.

In famished Europe the functioning of the Consumers Movement is almost the only safeguard against disastrous rise in the cost of living with all the attendant social evils. That is why a thousand British Co-operative Societies are being asked to help.

London Co-operative Society members' at their April business meetings are being asked by the Committee of Management to consent to payment of £5,000 towards the 1944 Freedom Fund.

Have you lunched at the British Restaurant opened on April 3rd by Lord Latham? It is situated at the corner of Montrose Avenue and Edgware Road.

## Hither and Thither

[A few paragraphs of general interest; things that have happened or are to take place].

If anyone has time to spare, a visit to the "Rebuilding Britain" Exhibition at the National Gallery is well worth while.

Different aspects of the subject will be presented each month. Admission is free on Saturday afternoons.

Talking about exhibitions the one recently held at the "Centre" by the Edgware Photographic Society was really excellent. One felt heartened to see an exhibition of this kind staged in such an excellent manner. It is hoped that we will see these neighbours again, and trust that they were satisfied with the results of their efforts.

The Association's Education Committee is busy planning a year's programme of Public Lectures and a new venture is to be made in periodical musical evenings, when singers and musicians of note are to be invited.

The meeting held on March 21st on the Beveridge Report was a success. The attendance probably would have been higher if it had not been that the Prime Minister was "on the air" the same evening.

The audience were asked to indicate from a list of titles supplied on a sheet of paper their preference for a subject for the next meeting, and the highest that tied were "Rebuilding Britain" and "State Medical Services." The Education Committee has arranged another such meeting to be held at the "Centre" on Sunday, May 16th, when the speaker will be Dr. A. Stephen Hall and his subject "The Beveridge Report and Medical Service."

One reader has written to correct the last paragraph in the column headed "Points Observed at the A.G.M.," printed last month. This reader claims to have been in possession of a copy of the "Resident" during the whole of the A.G.M.

The statement printed said that "Not one copy of the 'Resident' was seen." We apologise and say how glad we were to be corrected in this matter.



# I Dreamt of a "New Centre"

By F. H. LAKE

MANY things are splendidly run at the Centre and this article is not intended to criticize or belittle any effort by any member or section, but remember we are looking for the ideal. Let us aim for it even if we don't quite reach it. We know that the war has retarded our development and that some day the war will end. We must therefore have our plans ready now for our future Centre. We hear a lot about post-war planning and we have heard statements from prominent people about the importance of the Community Centre in our national life. The Watling Community Association is also doing some planning on its own account.

Having read one or two interesting articles in the "Resident" on "How to Improve the Centre" and having also taken part in a discussion on this subject is it any wonder that one night I went home and dreamed that we actually did improve the Centre? And this is how.

## THE LAY-OUT

The Centre really was in the centre of the Estate. There was a clock tower visible from all sides. (In the past many visitors had difficulty in finding the Centre.) The rose garden still flourished joyfully at the front of the Centre. There was a large hall in the building capable of holding 400 people, also a smaller common room, a couple of large committee rooms which were used alternately for small socials, whist drives, etc., some smaller committee rooms, a well equipped gymnasium, showers, a library and an adequate canteen service. The dance hall and canteen were far removed from the main committee rooms, so that the clamouring for cups of tea and the strains of the latest jazz hit did not interrupt our vital discussions on changing the constitution and such like problems.

There was ample space in the grounds for a swim pool, for sun bathing and for games for younger members, also there was sleeping accommodation in the building for visitors. So much for the building.

## YOUNG PEOPLES COMMITTEE

Younger members ran their own affairs, with sometimes a little guidance from older or more experienced members. There was a young members social committee arranging their own activities and providing their own stewards.

We cannot dispute the educational value of dramatics. It gives memory training, confidence and poise. The cast in plays was changed as often as possible and new members, if suitable, were encouraged to take leading parts.

## THE ADULT SCHOOL

This group is not a section of the Association. It is, as we know, an affiliated body. It is also a valuable training ground for social service. Many of the Watling Association's most active workers are, or have been,

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members of an Adult School from which they have received knowledge and impetus. Community Associations and Adult Schools have need of each other. Both are non-party political, both are non-sectarian, a keen Adult School member is bound to be a good citizen; therefore we encourage all members to join an Adult School.

## THE ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN

As this important post changes over every three years prospective chairmen were acquainted of their possible election and given every opportunity to train for the job by acting as chairman on small committees.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A new social secretary was appointed every two years. We realised that every member of the committee was a potential social secretary who should at any moment be prepared to take over the duties of social secretary. With this purpose in view members of the social committee took turns in M.C'ing whist drives, dances, socials, etc., besides taking turns on the door. This gave members of the social committee an all-round experience which was good for the members and good for the Association.

Variety is the spice of life and a constant flow of new people brought in new ideas, new members, and new interests to existing members. The whole scheme had the enthusiastic support and the co-operation of all. The team spirit prevailed. We were a community association working together. We wanted no fenced-in jobs or cliques. All jobs were open to all and every member was prepared for the benefit of the Association and for his own development, to take office. Some people we knew were more gifted than others but we all have latent abilities which come out when put to the test. On numerous occasions new members walked into the Centre, shyly looking round content to remain in the background, but a little job has revealed to them that they could do what they thought they could not do, and they have been greatly benefitted. They have done a service to others and to themselves.

As we saw it, one of the useful functions of a community association was to train leaders, not one or two leaders but as many as were alive to the needs of the community and who were eager to make their contribution.

We fully appreciated that whatever the outcome of this war, there would be widespread economic and social changes. It was therefore imperative that we fitted ourselves to play our part.



## Mr. Therm Not Required!

In the interest of fuel economy our Secretary courageously fulfilled his duties at the office throughout the winter without once resorting to the gas fire for warmth.

We trust that Mr. W. Boggis has not been put to any inconvenience through the incorrect spelling of his name in the report of the A.G.M. in last month's issue.

We have been informed that the Montrose British Restaurant, has since its opening to the public on April 5th been exceedingly well patronized and as far as we can learn at the present time the opinion of the customers is that the Restaurant, if it maintains its present standards, is assured of ample support.

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INCLUDE  
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PROGRAMME



## THE DISCUSSION GROUP

During the month of April the group has had before it a varied array of subjects for consideration; the list included such subjects as Agriculture, "The Transition to Socialism," "Reform and Revolution," and finally the consideration of the "Book of Job."

The last-named topic aroused considerable interest not only in the Book of Job, but also in the Bible itself, and many were the ideas expressed that evening on the belief of individuals in the writings and the theories expressed in the book upon which the Christian has clung so dearly for so many generations.

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## 145 Minutes of a "Shining Hour"

At the "Centre," on Friday, 9th April, the Watling Guild of Players presented "The Shining Hour," a drama in three acts by Keith Winter. The Hall was full and the audience appreciative. It was a fine performance and every character was well played. The story centres around the homecoming from India of Henry, the eldest brother who brings with him a new young wife, Mariella. Her advent into the family circle caused the crisis told in the play. The young wife was played by Elma Cox, Henry by E. Sewell Harris, Hannah the eldest spinster sister by Dorothy King, David a married brother in whose home the scene takes place, by Ernest Cole. Judy his wife by Winifred Chapman, Mickey the youngest brother by George Flanders. The play was produced by Miss G. Kimmenade to whom much credit is due. The stage manager, C. Bunton, also deserves mention for it was his contribution to the team work that made the smooth running of the performance possible. The Guild is to be congratulated also on its punctual start, a feat rarely achieved by amateurs. D. M.



## Real Co-operation

Several members of the Association are actively engaged in work in other organisations in the neighbourhood and surely that is one of the important sides of the Community spirit, that it helps to equip men and women to be of service in the various sides of community life.

Mr. E. E. Cole has been coaching boys lately in dramatics and the result was very satisfactory indeed for the Watling Boys' Club were highly commended recently in the performance of "The Poacher" given at the annual competition of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs.



## Children's Library

There are some new books for you; here is a list of some of them.

### FOR THE YOUNGER ONES

Mrs. Tickler's Caravan	Aldin
More Adventures on Willow Farm	Blyton
The Ferryman	Bishop and Wiese
Owl's Castle Farm	Cunning
Bert Sparrow	Englefield
Juan, Son of the Fisherman	Palencia

### FOR THE OLDER ONES

Phari, a Story of a Tibetan Pony	Buckingham
Wren Helen	Carter
Mystery Trail	Leyland
Riddleton Roundabout	McKay
Escape For Two	Harris
Schoolgirl Refugees	Miall
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The Flying Kangaroo	Sheed
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Seeds to be sown: Beetroot, broccoli, kale, French and runner beans, swedes, turnips, vegetable marrow."

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May 23—Mr. F. L. BILSON  
May 30—Mr. D. SAYER

French or Kidney Beans are the third class. They do not require so much space or attention as the Runners. The seed may be sown successively until mid-June. The rows should be a little under two feet apart and as soon as the plants are well up regular hoeing should be carried out between the rows.



MAY, 1943

## Association Diary

### REGULAR EVENTS.

#### Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

#### Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 7.30.  
Folk Dancing, 8.15.  
Y.C. Boxing, 7.30.  
Drama, 8.

#### Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Senior Games, 7.30.  
First Aid, 7.30.  
Boys' Woodwork, 7.30.

#### Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.

#### Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Y.C. Intermediate Games, 7.30.  
Girls' Handicrafts, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.  
Discussion Group, 8.  
6. Education.  
13. Free thought at the time of Galileo.  
20. Tom Hood, Mr. Ford.  
27. Are Reforms in the Interests of the Workers? Mr. Nyberg.

#### Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

#### Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS.

Sunday 2 Adult School Breakfast 8.45.  
Odd Fellows, 10.  
Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.  
Tuesday 4 Rabbit Club, 8.  
Thursday 6 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.  
Saturday 6 Blind Club, 2.30.  
Sunday 9 "Free and Easy," 8.  
Thursday 13 W.V.S., 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.  
Sunday 16 Oddfellows, 10.  
Society of Friends Evening Meeting, 6.  
Public Meeting on "The Beveridge Report and Medical Services," 7.30.  
Tuesday 18 Rabbit Club, 8.  
Thursday 20 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.  
Friday 21 W.A. Council, 7.30.  
Sunday 23 "Free and Easy," 8.  
Thursday 27 W.V.S., 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.  
Sunday 30 Oddfellows, 10.

## Youth Columns

### Watling Youth Table-Tennis League

(Up to and including April 12th.)

	P.	W.	L.	E.	A.	Pts.
Watling B.C.	7	5	2	105	70	10
Watling Assoc.	6	4	2	88	62	8
St. Alphage	6	3	3	72	78	6
1939 Club	7	3	4	83	92	6
Wesley Hall	6	1	5	52	98	2
						L. Pym.



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

It is planned to hold an inter-club sports on Montrose Playing Fields on July 9th, at 7.30 p.m. You are asked to inform Mr. Beaumont, 28 Holmstall Avenue, Edgware, details of the programme you propose to put on for the joint entertainment in Watling "Week," June 18th, as early as possible.

An inter-club tennis league is suggested. If you are interested please communicate with Mr. H. Lee, 13, Goldbeater's Grove, or Mr. W. Washbourne, 90, Deansbrook Road.

If you are interested in country rambles write to Miss Barrett, Y.H.A., 104, Farm Road, Edgware.

The next meeting of the Watling Y.O.C. is on July 15th at 8. Please send your representative.



**Youth Hostels.**—Foremost among the Thursday evening social events of the Hendon Group Y.H.A. during March was a concert of chorales and songs given by the Watling Choral Society at the Community Centre. Members of a number of other local organisations and members' friends were also present. A discussion on "Snobbery" was opened and closed by Jimmie Stevens, and two other evenings were devoted to games and dancing.

Hostels visited during the month by cyclists included Chalfont St. Giles, the popular school-hostel designed to relieve week-end pressure on Jordans, and also Wheelerend, Speen and Nazing.

Walkers, too, favoured the Bucks hostels, and also visited Hemel Hempstead and Boulter's Lock.



### WATLING BOYS' CLUB

The Club on March 22nd gave a Demonstration and annual Display, which the Mayor of Hendon attended. The display was a pleasing success. The evening started with an exhibition table tennis match between C. Leeds and B. Heng, the former is the youngest member of the Club table tennis team, which B. Heng won. The next event was the high jump final, which was won by E. Chatt. Then four of the lads fought in exhibition boxing matches, which were refereed by Mr. W. Lee. T. Graham out-pointed D. Gray, and W. Stivey beat G. Meredith on points. The next item on the programme was a table tennis match between L. Pym and E. Orrigan, which resulted in a win for L. Pym. Then came a

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P.T. display, in which about 20 of the Club took part. With Mr. All. Power as instructor, they gave an interesting and entertaining display of what the lads do at club.

Then came the important event of the evening: the presentation of medals to the individual champions of the Club by the Mayor of Hendon. The billiards champion was F. Orrigan (Club Captain); high jump winner, E. Chatt; and table tennis champions were B. Heng (senior) and L. Pym (junior). Then H. Lee, Club leader, spoke, and stated that there was to be one more medal awarded, and that was to be the best all-rounder in the Club. He continued by saying that medal was going to L. Pym, who was boys' secretary, publicity secretary, table tennis captain, and senator for the club on the London Federation of Boys' Club, Senate. Then our club leader said that the House Cup was to be shared by the two houses. H. Lee finished by giving a report on the club, which he said was growing steadily and making a splendid name for itself. Then L. Pym went to receive his medal, and two house captains, C. Fanthorpe and D. Phillips, received the House Cup.

The evening was rounded off by the Mayor, Dr. Rosfield (President of the Club) and Mr. D. Martin giving enthusiastic reports on the growth of boys' club, in the vicinity of Watling. Among those present were Councillor Durant, Mr. Jones (treasurer), and Mr. Croker.

The table tennis team have been playing extremely well recently, and have won their last four matches, avenging defeats by Watling Association and St. Alphage. The club has risen from third to first place in the League table.

The cross-country team have been training strenuously for the London Federation of Boys' Clubs cross-country race in May. This year the lads are endeavouring to capture the cup.

With summer almost here the boys are taking an interest in the future cricket season. The club is booking fixtures and a captain has been elected. If there are any clubs in Watling wishing to play us would they please contact Mr. Hoy, of 29 Briar Walk, Burnt Oak.

Two club members are entering the L.F.B.C. boxing championships. They are G. Leeds and D. Phillips. The latter was to have fought in the club display, but had to withdraw owing to a poisoned finger.

Then on April 10th and 11th the Boys' Club entered a team in the L.F.B.C. Drama Festival. The lads acted a play, produced by Mr. Cole, called "The Poacher," by J. O. Francais. The cast was: Thomas, a Welsh countryman, played by S. Hoy; Margaret, his wife, by J. Washbourne; Dicky Bach Dwyll, a half-witted poacher, by R. Cole; and David Hughes, a deacon, by L. Wynn. Although they were not among the winners, all the lads gave good performances, and J. Washbourne was congratulated for his very good portrayal of a woman. The Festival was won by Crown and Manor Boys' Club, who acted "Brother Wolf," and Aldenham B.C. were second, acting "X = O."

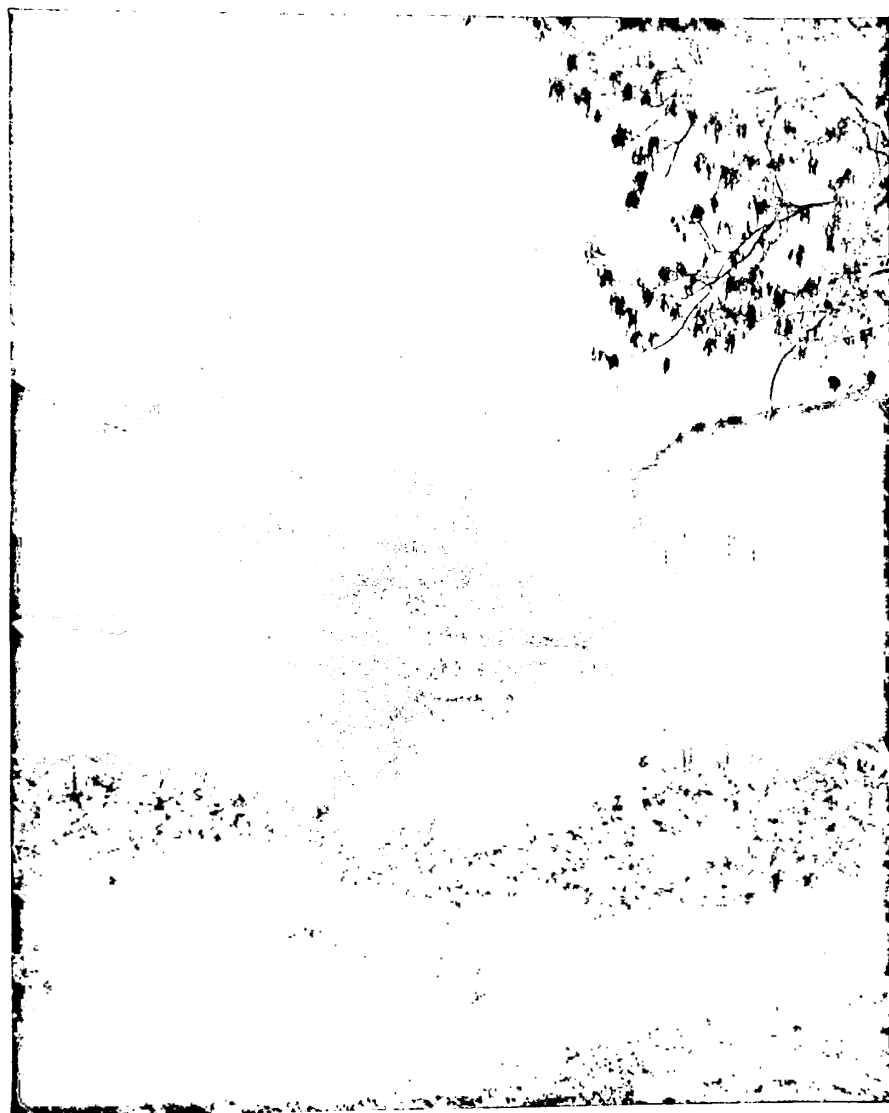


These days of meat rationing any restaurant can practically display a board saying "Vegetarians Catered For!"



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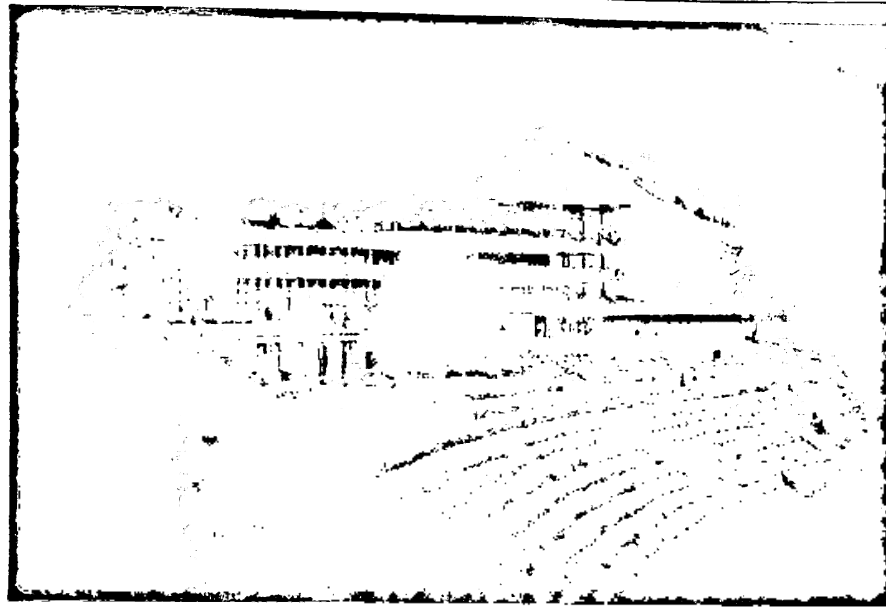
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## Stay-at-Home Holidays are in Vogue—

**A** HOLIDAY home for community associations? Why not? The complete community association sets out to cater for all the voluntary interests of the neighbourhood if required, if no one else is doing it, and here, very definitely, is a gap to be filled, so clearly the associations ought to be doing something about it. Holidays are essentially voluntary occasions, an enforced holiday sounds too much like prison, or sick leave, if it's enforced it may not be much of a holiday.

If everyone has a month's leave on pay many more people will want to go away for their holidays than can afford to do so at present. Where will they go? If it is just left to chance, to the care of people who are chiefly interested in making a profit out of holidaymakers one can picture the devastation that may take place. It is as necessary to plan our country and seaside to get the best out of holidays as it is the plan our towns and villages to get the best out of working days. In England, or shall we say the British Isles, we have some very lovely country, as good in its own way as anything else in the world. This picture of a holiday home happens to be of one in Czechoslovakia, but we could find just as de-

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E. SEWELL HARRIS, M.A., B.Sc.

(Econ.)

lightful surroundings in our own country as those which are shown here.

Unfortunately quite a bit of beautiful country has already been spoiled. We must see that it does not go further. Some people like solitary holidays when they can get away by themselves, others want to go with parties of like-minded people, or to join parties from other parts who have similar interests, but all have a common interest in seeing that if buildings have to be put up to accommodate holidaymakers they are done in such a way as to preserve the beauty and quiet of the countryside and this is only likely to be general if the provision is planned by the community with this in view.

If holiday homes are the job of the community associations why have they not done anything about it? To some extent they have, but not as much as they would like. Very few associations, if any, are strong enough to be able to run a holiday home on their own account, and indeed if they did their members would miss the contacts

with people from other places which is part of the refreshment of a holiday. Before the war quite a good deal of time was spent in trying to work out practicable plans for joint holiday camps or hostels, but even when associations combined the cost was still too great to make very much possible. The Birmingham Federation, however, did establish a centre in North Wales to which members of the Federation went for one or two years, until the war closed it down, and they also welcomed visitors from other associations as some of our readers remember with pleasure. This ought to be the forerunner of many other such ventures after the war. Perhaps not immediately, when there will be a great deal of building to do, but certainly planning should be started soon so that the first possible opportunity may be taken of securing or erecting suitable holiday homes.

The question of place is clearly an important one. Where would you like to go, to the mountains or the rivers, or the sea? Must it be absolutely on the coast, or set in beautiful countryside half a mile inland. Here is an opportunity for exercising our imaginations, to create something beautiful which will serve for the re-creation of the people in after war years.



## Electors and Elections

By GWYNN LL. JONES

WHO chooses the Members of the House of Commons? Who have the right to vote at elections and how are those elections carried out?

The answer to the first question is quite simple. In normal times all adults over 21 years of age, men and women alike, have the right to vote, provided that their names are on the register of electors. Note that I have said "in normal times," because during the war there has been an important departure from this principle. But in peacetime everyone over the age of 21 qualifies for the register of electors—Voters' List—and his or her name will be placed upon it provided conditions of residence are satisfactory. These residential conditions say that a person must have resided in the parliamentary division for three months ending on June 1 in any year. Also, if a man occupies business premises to the annual value of not less than £10 in his own or a contiguous division he gets a vote on this qualification as well; so the business owner may very well have two votes.

A vote is also given to men and women who have taken a degree at a University, but no person may vote more than twice. A business man who is a B.A. would appear to have three titles to a vote, but he can only exercise it twice. Both these extra qualifications—the business and the University—appear to be a denial of the rights of complete democracy, although there are only 12 members elected by the Universities. The Universities tend to elect members of great ability and parliamentary usefulness—for example, Sir Arthur Salter is one of the members for Oxford University—but in any true democracy this rule should be applied quite rigidly: one person, one vote.

The Voters' List has to be made up each year. Anyone whose name is omitted may appeal and have it put on—the list can be seen at the Council offices or at the Public Library. But if at the time of an election a person's name is wrongly on the Voter's List, that person cannot be prevented from voting.

During this war the annual Voters' Lists have not been kept up to date, so that a by-election to-day is conducted on the basis of the register for 1938. It will be seen that such a register is completely inadequate. To begin with,

many people who were under 21 in 1938 have now reached the age at which they should be entitled to vote but, because their names are not on the List, they have not been able to vote. Also, thousands of people have changed their places of residence since the outbreak of war. Thus the register to-day is quite inadequate, and it is this which has made Sir Richard Acland, one of the leaders of Common Wealth, take such a fine stand for the improvement of the position. This he has done by opposing, in the House of Commons, the proposal to issue a writ to hold a particular by-election, on the grounds that the register is so out of date that the by-election would be a farce. So far, Sir Richard Acland has not received much support in his protests but it is probable that we shall hear much more on this important matter in the near future.

One last word. The right to vote is the most sacred privilege in a democratic constitution. It is a right which has been won for us over the centuries by the sacrifice and struggles, sometimes by the deaths, of our forefathers. Any person who does not exercise his vote, either at a national or municipal election, is therefore failing to perform his most important political duty. In some countries, failure to vote is regarded as a crime and penalties are enforced. Whilst not believing in this course of action, I wish to say as strongly as possible that no democracy can live if the electorate are too lazy or indifferent to go and vote. Unfortunately there has been a marked falling off during recent years in the numbers of votes recorded in this country, particularly at municipal elections. To-day we may have the vote, but if we don't bother to use it we shall find that when to-morrow comes, we have lost the right. And that is political death for any people. Don't let us make the mistake of saying "it can't happen here."

Next month we shall discuss the House of Lords.

"Watling Week," 1943

PROGRAMME  
OF EVENTS

See pages Six and Seven

## \*My Choice

By an ordinary member

This year's "Watling Week" programme shows great diversity of interest. There has been a real endeavour to satisfy all "tastes."

We approached a member and asked him to star those items which he considered worthy of special attention. Here is his choice:—

Thursday, June 10, Cabaret and Dance,  
Saturday, June 12, Old-Time Social,  
Monday, June 14, Bowls Competition,  
Tuesday, June 15, Drama,  
Wednesday, June 16, Social—Men's Club.

Wednesday, June 16, Grand Dance (St Alphage).

Thursday, June 17, Youth Concert,  
Friday, June 18, Supper and Dance,  
Sunday, June 20, Grand Concert.

Attendances will prove the accuracy of this member's choice for popularity.

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## Congratulations to the W.B.C.

To win the London Federation of Boys' Clubs Cross-Country Championship for 1943 held on Wimbledon Common on May 1 was certainly a very fine achievement of the Watling Boys' Club, particularly when one remembers that the club is only three years old and was competing against 18 other clubs, many of whom have been established for a far greater number of years. Some clubs, such as Eton Manor and Aldenham have their own premises, full-time leaders and sports instructors, and bearing this in mind the performance of the six boys from Watling is all the more creditable.

The W.B.C. team was composed of the following boys: L. Page, E. Smith, C. Fanthorpe, L. Pym, D. Phillips, A. Leach.

The Watling Boys' Club has a growing membership and there is (in common with other clubs) a need for additional helpers, any reader desiring to assist, will they please write to the editor and he will do all he can to advise.

Several members of the Watling Community Association have from time to time given valuable assistance to this club. The leader, Mr. H. Lee, is the Chairman of the Association's Post-War Development Committee.

The club has a strong Management Committee with Dr. P. Rosfield as its Chairman.





## THE WATLING RESIDENT

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## A Question of Values

AFTER the last war, it was the "done" thing to study Economics, and the records of the Adult Education Movement show how deeply this desire went. Classes were in great demand, so great that a real difficulty was experienced in securing enough fully qualified tutors for these students of Economics.

One can put forward several theories to explain the thirst for this particular branch of knowledge, but in the mind of the people one thing was clear. War was the result of the un-economic state of society, the material aspect of life governed the lives of men and women, and was manifested in the power of politics. Thinking citizens therefore felt that it was their duty to become more knowledgeable in the science of Supply and Demand.

To-day we realise that this is only half the truth, life also includes the more flexible and creative forces, namely the cultural Arts. The study of Economics is important, but taken alone gives life a very grim appearance. "As though the peoples we were without a soul" one student recently wrote, but taken in partnership with the other equally important forces Economics slips into its right place.

Comparisons are odious, but it is certainly most encouraging to realise that to-day there is a real desire to study Music, Literature, Painting, etc., and our Government has backed this urge by giving financial assistance to the work of an organisation like C.E.M.A., which encourages the production of good music, drama, exhibitions, etc.

To those who have faith in the meaning of Freedom and Democracy, this desire for culture is proving that life is not governed so much by the power of Economics, but by the rich harvest of all creative thought whether material or spiritual. Education for life is valuing and appreciating true culture as a whole. This includes the study of the Social Sciences which should lead on to the appreciation of the "Graceful Arts."

Since the above was written a syllabus has been received of the

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Music Festival and Arts and Crafts Exhibition organised by the Birmingham Federation of Community Associations and Birmingham Council for Community Activities to be held this July at the Town Hall, Birmingham.

An excellent example of the working of the community spirit is the children of the festival who are taking part in a competition for the best model of a house. Speaking of this the Birmingham Arts and Crafts Festival Committee suggests that "Children, who are yet, realise the amount of pleasure and joy that can be obtained from personal participation in these arts in other words the delight of creation and the Community Movement exists through its centres and associations to make this possible for the many."

We hope that the day is not too far distant when we also can hold our festival of Arts and Crafts.

## Prisoners of War

THIS year the Watling Community Association has promised a donation to the Red Cross and St. John Prisoner of War Fund from the proceeds of the 15th annual "Watling Week."

Last year we were able to forward a cheque for £50 to the Red Cross funds and would like to double it this year, for the work for Prisoners of

War calls for the utmost financial help we can give.

The amount of the cheque we send depends largely on the support that is given to "Watling Week." The Committee that has arranged the programme has, we know, endeavoured to provide for all tastes. We are particularly glad to see the introduction of one or two new items; for instance, the Bowls Competition in Watling Park on Whit Monday afternoon and the musical treat promised us in the Grand Concert on Sunday, June 20th at 8 p.m. We know the Beverley Male Singers by reputation to be really excellent.

Of course we don't forget that the whole programme is worthy of support and we know the organiser and his colleagues are doing their utmost to make this 15th "Watling Week" a record success, the remainder is your responsibility.

## Bowls-Darts-Rabbits

WHETHER the Men's Club or the Watling Bowls Club is responsible for the suggestion that the two clubs should in turn visit each other and participate in the pastimes and recreation of the respective clubs we know not, but we do hasten to commend the practice to other sections. To us it has that flavour of a real community spirit.

Take these two clubs as an example, truly in the main it is an all-men's affair, but on examination of the membership one detects the kind of men that the Association depends upon, men of experience and judgment, men of ideas and opinions, to exchange friendship is the first beginning of a bond of fellowship and understanding that goes to make a true democracy.

Well done to both clubs! Now we would like to see the Rabbit Club meet the Men's Club along with the Bowls Club and you can imagine if sponsored in the right atmosphere what a nucleus of a very powerful Adult group this would make. After all, we want a change from Bowls, Rabbits or Darts sometimes. Think this over, it will, we think, on examination lend itself to great possibilities. The opportunity is yours—grasp it!





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In the nineteenth century mile upon mile of Britain was covered with monotonous and lifeless dwellings like these.

An interesting meeting under the auspices of the New Education Fellowship is to be held at the "Centre" on Thursday, June 3rd. The subject for discussion is "What results do parents expect from a secondary school education for their child?"

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## MEDICAL SERVICES

A VERY interesting meeting was held in the "Centre" on Sunday, May 16th, when Dr. A. Stephen Hall opened what proved to be a keen and critical discussion on the Beveridge Report and Medical Services. Councillor L. Hirshfield, Chairman of the Haddon Public Health Committee, presided, and skilfully guided the discussion which covered a highly controversial field. Dr. Hall covered a wide range of material dealing with the assumptions contained within the Report relating to the medical implications, social conditions and prevention of disease having special regard to the problem relating to overcrowding and bad conditions in slum areas, public health services and municipal hospitals, voluntary hospitals, the means test, and the new advances in medical knowledge relating to drugs and insulins. He strongly stressed the need for vast improvement in the medical services, and favoured expansion of municipal medical services under a national scheme, which could be directed to the advantage of the medical profession and the public. Further, he regarded the Beveridge Report as a progressive step in the right direction worthy of wholehearted support of the people and early application by the Government. A rapid series of questions followed, and during the ensuing discussion Dr. Matthews contributed a lively and provocative viewpoint.

THE WATLING RESIDENT.

## Letter to the Editor

### Post-War Development Committee

Dear Editor,

As Chairman of the recently formed Post-War Development Committee, I want to make an appeal to all the organizations on the Watling Estate to help us to formulate a real charter for after the war.

The way you can help us is to see that your representative attends regularly the WATLING COUNCIL, and so hears and discusses the findings of the Committee.

We should also welcome any suggestions from organizations or individuals on Post-War Planning. If you or your organizations care to send any concrete suggestions we should be very pleased to receive them. They should be sent to Post-War Development, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road.

We hope to eventually hold public meetings to enable the general public to hear what the Committee has discussed. If the Committee feel there is sufficient interest in the concern, we hope to print a general report of the Committee's findings.

Many of us feel there is need for intense planning now. It is I think important that while its shape is being planned we should be wise to estimate as carefully as possible the significance of what is being proposed. We should all be thinking about these things, and trying seriously to understand the issues involved.

So can I appeal for your interest in this work that is going forward? Please let us have your suggestions.

**HAROLD LEE,**

*Chairman,*

*Watling Post-War Development Committee*



## The Editor Presides

The Editor presided at the Annual Meeting of the Veterans' Club held recently. We learnt with regret the resignation of Mrs. A. I. Jones from the presidency of the club. Mrs. Grey Skinner has been invited to fill this office. The Club membership is maintained, and there has been an average attendance of 50 per week. A donation of £2 2s. 0d. was agreed upon by the members to be given to the Watling Week of 1943.

The Anniversary Tea and Entertainment given to the Veterans' Club was held on Wednesday, May 26, too late, unfortunately, for a report to be included in this issue.



*The following is an abridged account of the wonderful services carried on by the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation and the International Red Cross in Geneva in the interests of Prisoners of War. We are glad to give this report and also pleased that the Wailing Community Association is making a donation from "Wailing Week" No. 15 proceeds to help on this humane work.*

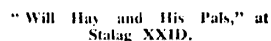
The Roman numerals following the type of camp indicate the German military area of Werhkreis in which the camp is situated (for example "Stalag VIII B"). Most of the larger camps have dependent work detachments often situated several miles from the base camp. These are known

*Italian camps* are known, and should be addressed by number only (for example "Campo P.G. 78, P.M. 3300"). The first pair of numbers is the camp number and the four numbers following the letters P.M. refer to the military area in which the camp is situated.

- 1 cup milk chocolate
- 1 tin condensed milk
- 1 tin marshmallows
- 1 tin jelly (unflavored)
- 1 tin fruit (any variety)
- 1 tin vegetable (any variety)
- 1 tin corn
- 1 tin cheese
- 1 tin hot sauce
- 1 tin cold milk
- 1 packet onion soup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 packet yeast
- 1 tin tomato soup
- 1 tin dried egg
- 1 tin cream

**Also keep**

Each prisoner has the right to be fed on a similar scale to the back-line troops of the captor country. Since, however, the food supplied to British



In addition to standard food parcels a considerable quantity of food in

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Sitting Down to Christmas Dinner at an Air Force Camp in Germany.

# "Watling Week" No. 15 and Holidays

JUNE 10th to 21st, 1951

## Red Cross and St. John Prisoners' of War

His Worship the Mayor of Hendon, Alderman J. C.

WILL OPEN THE "WEEK" AT

THE CROMWELL ROOMS, "WHITE LION HOTEL," EDGWARE ROAD

The "Watling Week" Committee take pleasure in submitting for your consideration the 15th and 16th of June in our "Watling Week" No. 15 and Holidays-at-Home Programme, and a substantial sum may again be forwarded to the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners' of War.

Thursday, June 10th. At 7.30 p.m.

### CABARET & DANCE

CROMWELL ROOMS, WHITE LION HOTEL

Ron Silverton's Dance Band

Organised by

Council: Councillor Mrs. M. Grey-Shering

Admission 2/-.

Friday, June 11th. At 7.30 p.m.

### A Neighbourly Night

M.C.: Mrs. D. King

Organised by the

Watling Neighbours Group

Admission 9d.

Saturday, June 12th. At 2.30 p.m.

### Children's Entertainment

Organised by Mrs. E. Coleman

Admission: Adults, 6d.; Children, 3d.

Also AT 7.30 p.m.

### OLD-TIME SOCIAL

ADULT TALENT COMPETITION

M.C.: Mrs. L. Nyberg

Admission: Adults, 9d.; Children, 3d.

Sunday, June 13th. At 7.30 p.m.

### Young Members' Dance

Cole's Rhythmic Band

M.C.: Mr. H. Chester

Admission: 9d.

Also At 7.30 p.m.

### WATLING CRAZY GANG

M.C.: Mr. E. E. Cole

WATLING CRAZY GANG WILL

BE IN ATTENDANCE

Admission: 6d.

Monday, June 14th. At 3 p.m.

THE GREEN, WATLING PARK

### BOWLS

### COMPETITION

(If wet weather, announcement will be made later as to when this event will take place.)

Organised by

THE WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLS CLUB

At the "CENTRE" At 7.45 p.m.

### Grand Whist Drive

£5 Top

Admission: 1/6.

MINIATURE DRIVE. At 7.15 p.m.

Admission: 6d.

M.C.'s: C. Buntin, A. Lord, T. Judd.

Tuesday, June 15th. At 2.30 p.m.

### Annual Baby Show

Entry Form on Page Seven

Organised by

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD GUILD

Also At 8 p.m.

### DRAMA

THE WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS PRESENTS

"TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH"

By Michael Egan

A Play in Three Acts

Admission:

2/- Reserved; 1/- Unreserved.

Wednesday, June 16th. At 2.30 p.m.

### Social Whist Drive

M.C.: Mrs. Crowe

Assisted by Mrs. Mayland

Admission: 6d.

Also At 7.30 p.m.

### GRAND DANCE

At ST. ALPHAGE HALL

Waltz Competition

Spot Prizes

Ron Silverton's Dance Band

M.C.: Mr. H. Chester

Admission: 1/-.

Also At 8 p.m.

### SOCIAL

ORGANISED BY THE MEN'S CLUB

M.C.: Mr. E. E. Cole

Admission: 9d.

ALL to be held at the WATLING GUILD HALL unless otherwise stated.

Watling Men's Club and a notice to come to your place where you are to hold a social. WATLING GUILD HALL. NOTICE.



# Home Festivities Prisoners' War Fund to Benefit

Mr. Alderman J. COPESTAKE, J.P.  
THURSDAY, JUNE 10th, at 7.30 p.m.

Programme, to be included  
Prisoners' of War Fund.



A Corner of the "Wounded, Missing and Relatives Department," at 7, Belgrave Square Office of Red Cross and St. John War Organisation.

At 2.30 p.m.

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Thursday, June 17th. At 2.30 p.m.

## Whist Drive

M.C.: Mrs. Crowe

Admission: 6d.

Also At 8 p.m.

The Watling Youth Club and the  
Watling Musical Society combine in  
presenting

AN EVENING OF

## Concert and Drama

Compered by Mr. A. Bouchard.

Admission: 1/-.

Friday, June 18th. At 7.30 p.m.

## ANNUAL SUPPER & DANCE

M.C.: Mr. Gwynne Jones

Tickets: 6/- each.

(Must be purchased not later than  
June 12th.)

Also At 7.45 p.m.

Watling Youth Organisations  
Committee Present a

## YOUTH CONCERT

At ST. ALPHAGE HALL

Members of several local Youth  
Organisations will co-operate to pre-  
sent a medley of mirth and music.

Admission by Programme: 1/-.

Saturday, June 19th. At 7.30 p.m.

## SPECIAL SOCIAL

AND

## FANCY DRESS PARADE

M.C.: Mrs. Nyberg.

Admission: 9d.; Children, 3d.

Sunday, June 20th. At 2.30 p.m.

## RABBITS

The Watling Association Rabbit Club  
will hold an

## OPEN TABLE SHOW

Judges: Mr. Collett, Mr. Ebbs.

Admission: 3d.

Also At 8 p.m.

## GRAND CONCERT

By Beverley Male Singers and  
Instrumental Trio.

Organised by the Education  
Committee

Admission: 1/-.

Monday, June 21st. At 7.30 p.m.

## JUVENILE DANCE COMPETITION

ST. ALPHAGE HALL

Teams from Local Schools of Dancing

Tickets: Reserved, 2/-; Unreserved, 1/-

Children half-price.

Organiser: Mr. A. R. Lodge.

## Entry Form for the Annual BABY SHOW

Class A.—Under 9 months.  
B.—Over 9 and under 18 months.  
C.—Over 18 months and under  
2½ years.

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

The following three classes are open  
to all:—

D.—Under 9 months.  
E.—Over 9 months and under 18  
months.

F.—Twins under 2 years.  
Ages as on day of Show.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15th.

Birth certificates to be produced.  
Entrance Fee: 6d. per baby.

No baby can enter more than one  
class.

ENTRANCE FORM to be filled in  
and returned with fee to Watling  
Centre, Orange Hill Road, before  
June 10th.

I wish to enter .....  
(Full name of baby or babies in  
BLOCK LETTERS.)  
for the Baby Show.

Date of birth .....

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ADDRESS IN  
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Entrance Fee enclosed .....



## Surgical Skill for Prisoners of War

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bulk has been sent at various times to Geneva for distribution to prisoners in lieu of parcels. Most of this bulk food has been sent from British Communities in South America.

### Food Parcels Not a Luxury

It cannot be over-emphasised that the food sent by the War Organisations to prisoners is not in any way a supplementary luxury to an ample plain diet. The basic ration issued by the Germans and Italians is dull, monotonous and barely adequate. Men on work parties engaged in heavy work get additional rations but they still need Red Cross food.

### Clothing

Under the 1929 Convention the Detaining Power is required to supply prisoners with clothing, underwear and footwear, also to assure the regular replacement and repair of such articles.

Except for a few issues of captured material in 1940 the Germans do not appear to carry out this part of the Convention and official British uni-

forms and underwear are, therefore, sent through the War Organisation.

In addition, the War Organisation sends at its own expense considerable quantities of "necessary luxuries" which are outside the official issue, such as towels, handkerchiefs, pull-overs, face-cloths, gloves, extra blankets and articles of personal toilet such as toothbrushes, hairbrushes, combs, etc.

There is no doubt that numbers of our men suffered through having insufficient clothing and blankets during the winter of 1940-41 but latest reports from Geneva indicate that every prisoner now has adequate clothing in Germany although the situation in Italian camps is not so satisfactory.

### Health and Invalid Comforts Parcels

Under the terms of the Convention enemy camps must have a properly equipped infirmary with a doctor, to which all prisoners must have access at any time.

Several thousands of men in Germany and Italy are in camp hospitals, suffering from illness or wounds, and among the latter are those who have suffered some major disability—blindness, deafness or the loss of a limb. These men receive adequate medical care, both from the British Army doctors who are prisoners and from their captors. There are, in fact, several instances of great surgical skill and care being given to our men by German doctors.

But no one could doubt for a moment the need of all these men for that practical sympathy which only the Red Cross can give. Their welfare is the special concern of the Invalid Comforts Section of the Prisoners of War Department. Here is kept a detailed case history of every sick or wounded prisoner. The Section works in close co-operation with the International Red Cross authorities at Geneva and with the British medical officers in the camps and hospitals.

Standard parcels are sent out regularly to the British medical officers in German and Italian camps. They consist of "food units" and "medical units," each specially designed in conjunction with the War Office medical authorities to meet the general needs of sick and wounded prisoners. A reserve of these parcels is kept at Geneva for use in emergency.

A "food unit" consists of two parcels: the first containing an assortment of milk foods, dried eggs, jelly and other constituents of a "light milk diet"; the second containing more solid foods, such as minced beef or collops, tinned fruits, tinned salmon, meat extract, honey, lemon curd and other suitable items.

The "medical unit" consists of four parcels and is designed to provide remedies and preventives for all ailments. The contents include disinfectants, soap, bandages, gauze, lint and so on, as well as many items found in a home medicine chest.

### Special Help for the Blind

A few months ago it was found possible to assemble all the blinded prisoners of war in Germany at one camp and they are now together in reasonably comfortable quarters at Klosterhaina. Working in co-operation with St. Dunstan's the Red Cross sends these men supplies of Braille material for learning reading, writing and typewriting.

Steps have also been taken to help deaf prisoners of war. A number of lip-reading manuals have been sent to these men by the Invalid Comforts Section.

### Those Who Have Lost Limbs

Men who have suffered amputation have in some cases had new limbs sent to them through the Red Cross. A commission of Swiss orthopaedic surgeons has recently visited all the camps and hospitals in which these cases are confined to measure the men for new limbs, which are being made in Switzerland.

### Games and Sports Equipment

During the last few months over 30,000 packs of playing cards have gone to swell the enormous total already sent. Some 16,000 sets of games, such as chess, draughts, table tennis, monopoly, halma, poker dice, dominoes, cribbage boards, ludo, shove-halfpenny boards, have been sent to Germany and Italy.

600 specially planned boxes of sports equipment have been sent to the camps and many more are being assembled. In addition, 60 cases of football boots and 40 cases of football clothing have been sent.

Each box is designed to give 100 men the maximum amount of recreation and exercise in confined surroundings.

Organised by W. Hendon Communist Party Branch, 20 Belfry Oct. Broadway, to whom all contributions for comforts should be made.

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Entire proceeds to Comforts Fund for local men serving in Forces.



## War-Time Nurseries

The Edgware Day Nursery (a prefabricated structure), opened on March 31st, is now working to capacity, and is the sixth Day Nursery to be operating under the local authority. It is hoped that the work relating to the extension of the Addington House Nursery will be put in hand in the near future and completed within the next few months. The provision of an additional Day Nursery in the Watling area is under consideration, and it plans mature it may be sited on the bombed out area in Watling Avenue. The provision of these Day Nurseries cannot fully meet all demands or requirements, and the scheme relating to Registered Daily Guardians devised in order to assist to meet the position is of importance. Under this scheme Registered Daily Guardians receive from the State 4s. a week for each child under five years of age cared for, if the child is cared for on four days or more, or 2s. a week if the child is cared for on less than four days. The Authority arranges for the Health Visitor to call from time to time to see

The educational system of the Universities is as old as the buildings themselves, monuments to that vicious epoch of history—Feudalism. Barriers for the blue-blooded aristocracy, it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle than for one of the great "unwashed," as our aristocrats term democracy, to enter the kingdom of so-called education.

our Readers, Mr. Editor, need not be despondent for there is a greater university than either of these self-confessed decadent ones. Its membership open to all, its teachers and professors have themselves studied at the same college. Its curriculum embraces every subject and its fees are infinitesimal.

To revert, there happens to be *one* good College at Oxford, which welcomes the seekers of learning despite their social position—Ruskin. The local branch of the W.E.A. or the Branch Organiser of any affiliated Trade Union will supply full details of its resident or correspondence courses.

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As we go to press, we learn that the children of the Association have entered the Hendon Children's Drama Festival, and are presenting a play written by one of their number.

that all is going well and to give any help that may be needed. Full participation of public home care is vital from the local to the state level. Exchange on the local level is between the Welfare Authority, a branch of the Labour and National Service, and the local public health service. At the state level, the Welfare Council on public health is the Secretary

The following decision of the Hendon Education Committee on the question of the effect of Double Summer Time on the health of school children, particularly as regards loss of sleep, will be of interest to readers:—

That the Director of Education, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, be instructed to draw up a circular setting out the dangers of insufficient sleep and the minimum number of hours required for good health, and that such a circular be printed and distributed to all parents.

That a letter be forwarded to the Board of Education suggesting that a national campaign should be launched through the Press and Radio to ensure that parents are made to realise the necessity of sufficient sleep for children, especially during the period of Double Summer Time.

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## Children's Column

# Is it Bambi or ?

## A Film Competition

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Prizes are offered to the two best essays sent in by a child under the age of 14 years on what is his or her favourite picture and why?

There is the additional offer, that providing the essay is not over 250 words in length, the Editor has agreed to publish the two prize-winning entries in the August issue of the "Resident."

Competitors must send their entries in an envelope marked—Children's Competition and addressed to: The Editor, "Watling Resident," The Centre, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak by the 13th of July. The competition is open to any child living on the Watling Estate.



## Children's Library

Here is a list of some more new books that have been put into circulation in the library.

Summer at Grassings	Arkeli
Summer Term at St. Clare's	Blyton
Toby at Tibbs Cross	Bruce
More Ponies for Jean	Cannan
A New Book of Days	Farjeon
Little Magic Painter	Fellows
Blue Willow	Gates
The Treasure of the Tortoise Islands	Hagen and Hawkins
Merrily Makes Things Move	Hann and Nash
Turned Adrift: A Story of a Dog	Hope
I Discover Columbus	Lawson
They Wanted Adventure	MacFarlane
Great Galleon	Methley
The Wuzzle of Where?	Poultney
The Schoolboy Refugee	Roberts

## Burnt Oak Adult Schools Inter-School Committee

Many people wonder how functions requiring food can be organised at the present time. The miracle was performed again at the Adult School May Morning Breakfast held at the "Centre" on Sunday, May 2nd.

Mr. A. Lord spent many weeks gathering some of the food and Mrs. Nyberg and a band of helpers from the Burnt Oak and Eversfield Gardens Women's Schools completed the job.

Over 80 members and their friends sat down at tastefully laid tables at the early hour of 8.45 a.m. and quite a number had travelled from Gospel Oak and Camden Town.

The meeting which followed was enriched by the singing of the Watling Association Choir who were excellent in their rendering of "The Holy City" and other items.

Mr. T. Fred Williams (President of the National Adult School Union), gave an inspiring talk on "A Wider Life," bringing in many of his experiences in travelling up and down the country.

J. W. P.



## Burnt Oak

## Women's Adult School

Realising the need of preparing and studying plans for post-war reconstruction now, if a repetition of the sad and misguided events of the past twenty-five years are to be avoided, members listened very attentively to a talk given on April 5th by Mr. Sewell Harris on this subject, when "House and Town Planning" was very clearly dealt with, and illustrated by diagrams of various plans designed by experts. Our speaker awakened in us the hope that more women will contribute to the designing of our homes.

This talk was followed the next two weeks by a discussion on the "Interior of the Houses of the Future," and a cookery demonstration by the Gas Light and Coke Company.

We have also had an interesting talk on "Common Sense in International Affairs" by Mr. Lionel Sproule.

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## Rabbit Club

WE opened our show season with an open Table Show on Sunday, May 2nd, and for the time of the year I must say it was quite a success, for one has to take into consideration the fact that nearly all does are now with young or in kindle, and the youngsters that have already been bred are too young to show, leaving only the bucks, etc., to fight for show honours. I would like to say now that our Stewards are becoming very capable and on looking back on the Shows the Committee must feel proud of their organising ability.

The Club Social, held on Tuesday, April 16th, proved quite a jolly affair, but I was disappointed that more of our members did not take advantage of having a night out with their club-mates, though I was pleased to note that those who did attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Band was good and supplied some good vocal entertainment through its leader. It was ably supported by Miss Joy Weatherley and Mr. Reg Jameson, who produced eggs from a handkerchief with mystifying speed.

The Club monthly competitions are now in full swing and by the time this Report reaches you some lucky person will be the proud holder of our Monthly Cup for the first time. In passing, I would like to ask all winners to take great care of this fine trophy whilst it is in their possession.

The Committee is still disappointed with the amount of carcasses being supplied to our butcher (Prices, Watling Avenue), and when one comes to consider the strength of our Club it is fairly obvious that a much better effort could be made, so come along club-mates and let us have those carcasses rolling merrily in on their war effort. In conclusion, on behalf of the Club, I would like to thank the E.C. of our Association for their grand gift of trophies which has made our competitions possible in this most difficult war period.

S. G. ABBOTT, *Secretary.*

Next Meetings: June 1st and 15th, at 8 p.m.

Next Shows: June 15th, Member's Cup Show, 8 p.m.; June 20th, Open Table Show, 3 p.m.

## Bowls

### Contests on the Green in Watling Park

The Watling Bowls Club is again in full swing this season. Many new members have joined.

The fixture list of matches to be played this season will appear each month in the "Resident."

June is a busy month for home matches

Saturday, June 5, Middlesex County Bowls Association.

Sunday, June 6, Stanmore.

Sunday, June 13, H.M.S.O.

Monday, June 14 (Whit Monday), "Watling Week" Bowls Competition at 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 20, Hayes Police (away).

Sunday, June 27, Spoon Drive.

Particular enthusiasm is evident for the match on June 5 against the M.C.B.A., when it is hoped as many friends as possible will attend and support (See Editorial page 3).



### The Discussion Group

The principal subjects for this month were "Spiritualism" and "Town-Planning after the War."

The former proved to be of great interest and much thought was provoked among a partly sceptical audience. The speaker was well qualified to give his talk and had obviously convinced himself of the genuineness of spiritualistic phenomena.

The second meeting was on town-planning. This proved a good subject for discussion, and although no definite plans were settled upon—how could one expect otherwise in a period of two hours!—the necessity of re-planning the large cities was brought into great prominence.

The group very much hopes that more young people will join, and that the future programme will include subjects of special interest to youth.

Another interesting meeting held at the "Centre" on May 12 was with the purpose of drawing together people interested in the Common Wealth Movement, and with a view to forming a local branch, it was decided to hold a further meeting on Wednesday, 9th June, at 8 p.m.

## The Men's Club

Owing to the large number of entries in the Games Tournament held by the Men's Club, it was deemed inadvisable to hold the Social on May 5th as announced in the May issue of the "Watling Resident," but a Grand Social will be held at the "Centre" on June 16th, during "Watling Week," and we hope to see all our friends there. Ladies specially invited. Admission, 9d.

This is one event in "Watling Week" which you should not miss.

A very pleasant exchange of friendly competitions is about to be inaugurated between the Men's Club and Bowls Club; the latter have been invited to participate in the various games as played by the Men's Club, who in turn have been invited to spend a day on the rinks of the Bowling Club.

The result, I anticipate, will be an increase in membership of both sections.

I understand that the invitation will be extended to other sections in the near future.

Read Editorial comment on page 3.

L. V. H.

### ADVERTISEMENT

### What about the Old Testament?

Has it any value for us to-day? Many Christians seem to think that the teaching of Jesus having replaced the Old Testament the latter is of no importance and can be ignored.

Is this not rather like taking a beautiful picture and saying "This picture is outstanding because of the remarkable figure in the foreground so we will make a mask to cover the rest and then we can concentrate on that figure." Admittedly the figure will then stand out serene and beautiful, but the picture will be much less valuable and we shall miss much of the significance of the figure because we shall not see what is behind it. The picture is a whole and the figure takes part of its meaning from the background against which it stands.

Jesus means more to all of us when we see him in his place, against the long and rich period of history which preceded him, so that quite apart from the many lessons which we can learn from the old Testament, it is a good thing that we should consider it at our coming Sunday evening meeting, to be held at Watling Centre on June 20th at 6 p.m.

The speaker will be Eric Savage, who has given his time in recent years to touring the country talking to people who are interested in the Quaker aspect of Christianity. We look forward to a helpful and interesting time together. Will you join us?

You would also be very welcome any Sunday morning at our public Meeting for Worship held at the "Centre" at 11 p.m. Any enquiries may be addressed to Robert W. Errington, 99 Crummock Gardens, N.W.9.

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## Association Diary

All activities take place at the "Centre" unless otherwise stated.

### REGULAR EVENTS.

#### Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

#### Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 7.30.  
Folk Dancing, 8.15.  
Y.C. Boxing, 7.30.  
Drama, 7.45.

#### Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Boys Woodwork, 7.30.  
Games, Senior, 7.30.  
Mixed, 9.0.

#### Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.

#### Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Y.C. Games, 7.30.  
Girls Handicrafts, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.  
Discussion Group, 8.  
3. Secondary Education.  
10. Isaiah, Mr. Schrever.  
17. No meeting.  
24. Experiences in a Revolutionary School, Mrs. Watts.

#### Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

#### Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS.

Tuesday	1	Rabbit Club, 8.
Wednesday	2	Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.
Thursday	3	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Saturday	5	Blind Club, 2.30.
Sunday	6	Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.
Thursday	10	K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Sunday	13	Odd Fellows, 10.
Thursday	17	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Sunday	20	Society of Friends Evening Meeting, 6.
Wednesday	23	Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.
Thursday	24	K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Friday	25	W.A. Council, 7.30.
Sunday	27	Odd Fellows, 10.

## Youth Columns

### Notes . . . .

You are going to support the Hendon Y.O.C. sports meeting on June 26th, and the Watling Y.O.C. sports meeting on July 9th, are you not? And make sure your entries are in before the closing time.

Congratulations to Watling B.C. on winning the cross-country team championship of the L.F.B.C. (see page 2).

Have you let Mr. Beaumont of 28, Holmstall Avenue, have the details of the programme you propose to put on for the joint entertainment in Watling Week? The date is June 18th and is the Youth Club's own night.

Has your secretary written yet to the Hendon Youth Committee urging it to ask the Board of Education to initiate legislation for the suppression of "Fun-fairs"? Ask him or her if he or she has, and if not—why not!

Will all readers of these lines, and all members of Youth Clubs affiliated to Watling Y.O.C. join in helping to stamp out all the forms of rowdiness and destruction of property which are a blot on the fair name of the Watling Estate? The trouble is by no means confined to youngsters under 14, as is obvious to anyone who walks from Burnt Oak Broadway via the station and through Watling Park on any evening.

### Congregational Church Eversfield Gardens

On June 23rd, Wednesday afternoon, at 3 p.m., there will be a garden whist drive and sale on behalf of Church funds, in the garden of 27 Lyndhurst Avenue. Tickets may be had from the Church, price one shilling.

Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th are the days of our Sunday School Weekend. On Saturday evening there will be a demonstration for parents and friends of all the activities in, and connected with, the Sunday School, with an acted weekly calendar of all our youth activities, presented by the young folk themselves. On Sunday special musical items will be given by the children's choir, and there will be a Speaker from the National Sunday School Union at the afternoon and evening services.

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**Youth Hostels.**—On several occasions during April the Hendon Group of Youth Hostels Association put on other local organisations in week-end outings. At Easter, for three days, were in the company of members of the Youth House, Cricklewood, at their camp at Sarratt, while others spent the holiday at Houghton Mill.

At the March meeting of the Group's Committee Joyce Washbourne tendered her resignation as assistant secretary, and the vacancy was thrown open to nomination.

The Committee also analysed the first batch of an "Efficiency Questionnaire," which had been circulated among members.

Social events were nicely varied, including a discussion on the Beveridge Report opened by that popular figure at the Centre, Mr. Sewell Harris, a play given by the Boys' Club, and a riotous "All Fools' evening" dance which upheld all the best traditions.

A new idea which proved most successful was a reading of a dialogue by Mildred Rowe and Jimmie Stevens.



**Wesley Central Hall Youth Club.**—Our Club is continuing its activities through the summer with tennis, swimming, cycling, and hikes.

We are helping in the various organisations and work of our church. In connection with the Sunday School anniversary the Boys' Brigade, the Girls' Life Brigade, the Young People's Fellowship, with the Youth Club are giving a display.

The cyclists in the Club are cycling to St. Albans to a rally of the Methodist Young People's Guild, where Wesley Hall are to be presented with a shield awarded to the Guild that has had the most progressive session in the North West London Division.



**St. Alphege Youth Organisations.**—The summer season for us began on Easter Monday when, after a service in church, thirty or more of us went out on a day's hike to Moor Park, Ruislip, and Harefield. On our return the rest of the evening was spent in the hall dancing, playing games, and otherwise expending the rest of our energy.

Our next hike will be on Whitsun Monday, but keen walkers are going out on Saturday afternoons for a ramble when they are able. Other activities we are hoping to enjoy during the summer are expeditions to Ruislip and Highgate, to swim, cricket, sports, and camping.

For those not so young or energetic, or for those whose tastes are different we hope to provide gramophone concerts, some acting and singing, and quiet visits to places of local interest, such as St. Albans Abbey, or joint trips to London to see outstanding plays.

Thus we should have a full three months ahead of us, especially as we are very busy too in helping in every way we can to further the other sides of our church life.



### Stay-at-Home Holidays

The programme for this year in Watling Park opens with a concert on Saturday, June 5th. We learn that an excellent programme of entertainment has been planned for the summer months, and we shall have more to say about it in next month's "Resident."



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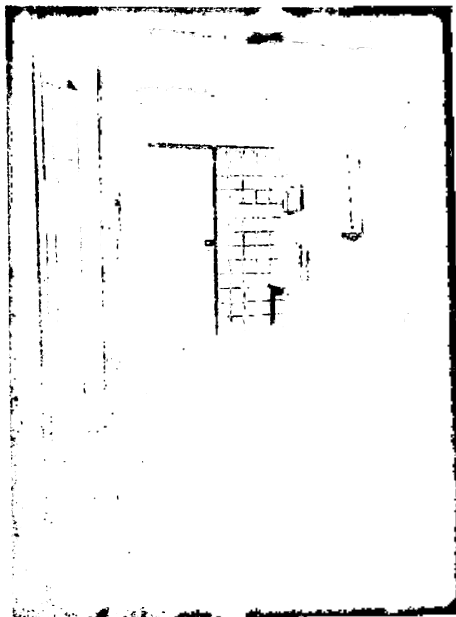
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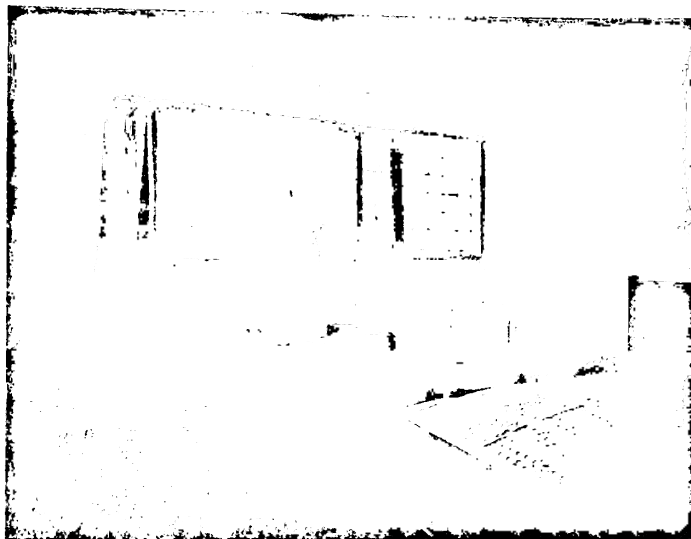
Our illustrations show in plan and photograph the result of their endeavours. They have provided a home in which the occupant may take pride and find both comfort and convenience. Each house includes a lounge, dining-room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. The largest room measures 16 feet by 12 feet 8 inches. The entrance hall is spacious and the inclusion of a glass-brick wing-light assures ample daylight. The dining-room includes a fireplace unit with wing cupboards of modern and pleasing design extending the length of one wall. The bedrooms, identical in size, measure 12 feet 10 inches by 12 feet 8 inches, with plain square walls. The window occupies nearly the entire length of one wall. The kitchen (9 feet 8 inches by 12 feet 8 inches) is essentially utilitarian, and is fitted with Savex stove and oven, deep and shallow sinks. A glass-brick wing-light which is placed near the sinks gives light where it is most required. The bathroom is small, a feature being the absence of piping.

The interior of the house rather belies the somewhat austere exterior, but the whole unit represents a very good attempt to erect a prefabricated dwelling containing good-sized rooms, with modern amenities and fittings.

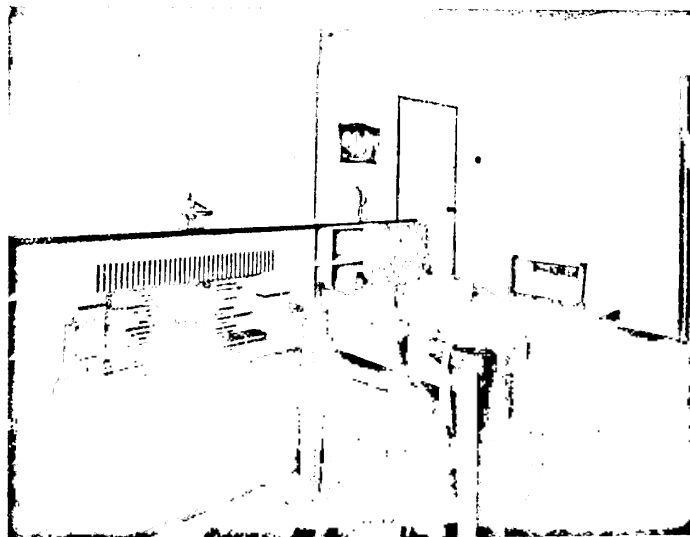
Gyproc Products do not claim that these houses represent the last word in unit construction, but as an interesting experiment. They say that much research is still necessary before perfection can be achieved both in the process of manufacture and the organisation of mechanical production. Factory produced houses necessitate the co-ordination of many industries and involve much planned co-operation. The preparation of walls, floors and roofs is comparatively simple, but this in itself is insufficient.

*An experiment in Unit Construction of dwelling houses.*

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Above: One of the two bedrooms which are identical in size.  
Below: View of the dining room showing the fireplace with built-in bookshelves.





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Such experiments as these are valuable. Next to the provision of food, rehousing is the most urgent and important of post-war problems for many European countries. It is almost impossible to exaggerate either urgency or need. While the bulk of the population is mobilised for war, living in hostels or camps or barracks or on active service overseas, the enormous deficiency in houses tends to be hidden. Only when demobilization begins will it become generally obvious how great and urgent is the need.

All effective methods of rehousing should be fully employed, and none need fear the competition of the other. Even if all are fully exploited at once it will be years before the shortage can be made up. The more experiments are made to-day, the greater will be the preparation for a return to peaceful living.

There can be no real reason why houses of which repetitive parts are factory produced, and which eliminate much of the individual handwork on the site, cannot be effective and pleasing. With all the new materials and processes advanced by the war there must be many that could be adapted to the provision of homes for the people, and at the same time improve their amenities, appearance, and usefulness far beyond what was common in the *bad* pre-war days.

Much prejudice exists against prefabrication, some well and some ill founded. Prefabrication in its experimental stages has produced both errors and successes, but this is equally true of every new thing and method that has ever been tried. The main criticisms are based on aesthetic grounds, and it is right that these should be given the fullest consideration. Critics must be careful, however, to discriminate between failure of the process and failure of the individual. Let them look at the modern war-plane, mass produced in factories, and ask themselves again whether prefabrication and mass production need necessarily be less in quality than the hand-produced article, in all vital respects, including use and beauty.

**Watling Rabbit Club**

The Club still continues to make healthy progress and development towards being a first-class Fanciers Club and I am happy to note from my travels round the local shows and from various Club secretaries that Watling rabbits are well up in the cards in these competitions. The monthly cup has just been won for June and I was pleased to see the increase in numbers and varieties of animals over the May contest, which I think speaks very well for the future, and expresses the development of our members towards being real fanciers. There is an improvement on the delivery of meat to our butcher (Prices, Watling Avenue), but the position is still unsatisfactory from the club point of view, and in order to try to improve this position the Committee is offering 10s., 6s., 4s. to the three members who sell the most weight of meat to the Butchers by the end of the year. Our open Show on June 20th was a great success and our visitors who spoke to me about it were greatly impressed by what they considered was our fine organising, and I pass the bouquet on to all our stewards, canteen workers, doorkeepers, etc., who were responsible for making the show the success that it was. In conclusion, I would like to appeal to all members to support our Red Cross effort at Barnfield Road Schools on Saturday, July 24th, for all you are worth, for no cause is more deserving than this.

S. G. ABBOTT, Secretary.

Next Meetings: July 6 and 20.

Next Member's Cup Show: July 20.

Judge: S. G. Abbott.

Next Open Show: July 24, Barnfield Road.

Judges: F. Maynard and T. Ebbs.

**The Men's Club**

The final of the billiards tournament was played on Wednesday, June 9th, between Mr. Bye v. Mr. Paveley, which resulted in a win for Mr. Bye. Thus Mr. Bye has won both the darts and billiards tournament.

On June 2nd we were visited by a team of dart players from the Crispin Road D20 Post of the A.R.P. Three matches were played. The Men's Club won two out of three.

It was most encouraging to see the enthusiasm and genuine hospitality shown by members of the Bowls Club to their "novice" opponents on Whit-Monday afternoon. The "opposition," too, thoroughly enjoyed the experience.





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## A Plan of Action

IT is quite common to hear from all types of people the phrase: "Wait until the war is over and things will be different." If it is said in earnest we are tempted to counter the remark with a question: "We hope you are right; but what are you prepared to do now to ensure this altered state of affairs?"

We may all have ideas on many subjects of reform, such as Housing, Education, Hours of Work, Unemployment, Social Service, etc., but can these ideas withstand the criticism of an opponent: will they bear examination in cold reason or answer the challenge of the economist?

How much are our *ideas* based on wishful thinking? And how much are we prepared to *give* for their establishment both in the material sense and in the world of learning? We all need on this Estate of Watling amenities not provided when the estate was first planned and erected, but do we realise what actually is *possible* now that the houses are up and inhabited? Hot-water system installed into every house is a necessity, but the problem changes when one is considering the installation into already built houses. What we need in all these considerations is a power of seeing the particular subject we have in mind in perspective.

We talk longingly about education. What do we mean? Is your boy to *miss* the errand boys' job and blind alley post, or should it be for someone else's son? Or will we in years to come introduce the blind alley jobs to the old and infirm? As a parent, what is your wish as against your child's? Are you waiting for him or her to leave school so as to increase the family income or are you hoping that the school leaving age will be raised to 16 or even 18? What your child wants quite often is to leave school as soon as possible. What does this point to in your mind? Surely it shows that at 14 a youth has not yet grasped the essentials of what education means. In fact, the most instructive period of a youth's life is 14 plus. We forget that

## Sold Out . . .

The June issue of the "Resident" proved to be exceedingly popular. Every copy was sold. We only regret that paper restrictions prevented us from meeting the full demand for copies.

### Acknowledgments

Much appreciation has been expressed concerning the illustrations appearing on the cover and pages 1 and 4. We regret we did not give in our acknowledgments full details of the publications from which we were privileged to reproduce. The photographs were taken from "Rebuilding Britain," published for the R.I.B.A. by Lund Humphries and Co., Ltd. Price 3/6.

education is not always a matter of blackboard and easel.

Concerning industry and employment, what causes trade booms and what is the reason of unemployment? Many may have the idea that State ownership is the end of all our difficulties, and that the question of international quotas and the fluctuation of export trade are nothing of any importance. But the fact is that few realise what a gigantic place these items play in the life of our nation and the world at large.

Unless we want a dictatorship of opinion we *have* to enlighten ourselves on these important problems and so *educate ourselves* to play our part in the task of shaping this new world.

Civics play an important part. Why not a class this coming autumn on this subject? We *must* equip ourselves to be legislators if we are to defend freedom and democracy.

We must link the work in school with the general social situation; we *must* be concerned with politics; we must ensure a new Education Bill which answers the demand of the people.

We must make sure that we do not

turn our backs on elements in our society which pave the way for fascism: its insidious beginnings are here in this country in authoritarianism, in perpetuation of inequalities and social injustice, and in the tolerance of conditions which prevent equality of opportunity and the full development of our children as citizens.

If we want conditions changed, they won't be until we learn to work for them, and to do that we must go in for research and study. The Watling Community Association wants to play its part, but can't unless you ask for the advice and help you need in your studies.

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## Councillor Durant

AT the last meeting of the Executive Committee members received a blow that was entirely unexpected and deeply regretted. Our very capable Chairman, Councillor A. Durant, intimated that he was obliged to hand in his resignation owing to business reasons necessitating his removal from Watling at least for the duration of the war.

Mr. Durant has served the Association well during his 15 months of holding office, and we will miss his wise counsel and practical assistance greatly. His work, too, for the Estate and in the Council Chamber has been much valued and appreciated. We trust the electorate of the Burnt Oak Ward and the members of the Watling Community Association will be equally well served by Mr. Durant's successors whoever they may be.

We take this opportunity of wishing our friend every success in his new surroundings, and trust that the "duration" will be very short-lived.

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## Rowdyism in Watling Park

On another page is an article in defence of the reputation of the residents of Watling Estate, and in answer to our critics who are so anxious to condemn the conduct of a few and allege that it is typical of the majority.



# Another Successful "Watling Week"

## A Summary of the "Week's" Happenings

THE fourth war-time "Watling Week" opened with a Cabaret and Dance at the Cromwell Rooms, Edgware, on Thursday, June 10th.

This was arranged by Mrs. Grey-Skinner and a large number of friends attended. The Mayor of Hendon, Alderman J. J. Copestake, with the Mayoress, Mrs. J. J. Copestake, attended and the Mayor spoke a few words of encouragement to the assembly.

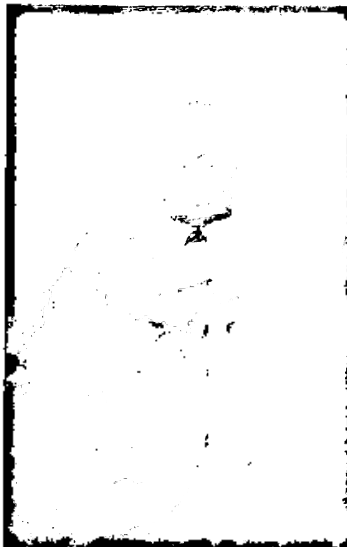
### Neighbours' Social, Friday 11th

The Social arranged by the Neighbours' Guild on Friday evening was very well attended and a lively, balanced programme of dancing and games provided entertainment for everybody.

We enjoyed songs from two talented young ladies, Miss Jean Brown and Miss Ann Hilton.

Mrs. King, as the bridegroom, and Mr. Bunten, as the bride, caused much amusement in a wedding scene—in reverse.

A cake, a marked chair, elimination waltzes and spot dances, were all included as prize events, and a mystery



A well-known member of the Association.  
Who can guess his identity?

parcel (found to contain razor blades) raised half a guinea for the funds at a penny a guess.

Unfortunately, Mrs. King had to leave early, but Mr. Bunten carried on as M.C.

### Social and Talent Competition

"Full House" was the order of the evening at the Social and Talent Competition on Saturday.

Mrs. Nyberg as M.C. was in good form, Mrs. Bradbury at the piano provided the music for dancing and accompaniment for the singers in the talent competition.

The adjudicator for this event, Mr. Lewis, divided the entrants into three classes and the winners were Mrs. Diamond (Recitation), Mrs. Bouchard (Lady Soloists), Mr. Nyberg (Gentlemen Soloists).

During the evening solos were given by Mrs. Taylor, a pianoforte solo by Miss Sylvia Brixey and a pianoforte duet by Mrs. Bradbury and Miss Joyce Bouchard.

A cake, made and presented by Mrs. Maynard, was raffled, the proceeds, £1 11s. 6d., added to the "Watling Week" funds.

The Editor wishes to thank Messrs. Bouchard, Bensie, Heald, Broommont and Harris for assisting in collecting items for this report, and Mr. Weatherley for the photo of the Bowling Competition.

### "Crazy Night"

A hilarious evening was provided by "The Crazy Gang" at the Centre on Sunday, June 13th. Mrs. Nyberg surpassed herself with her cage and linnet. Mr. Nyberg managed to make their flesh creep with his heavy villain act. Mr. Harris, representing Law and Order, certainly put his foot down, in fact, both feet, heavily. Mr. Tins posed as a ballet dancer to great effect, which was only equalled by Mr. Lodge. Mr. Judd produced thrills with his recitation. In fact, the whole gang acted so crazy that everybody was delighted with their performance.

The Sunshine Troupe, under the direction of Miss Judge, gave a clever display of tap dancing.

There were other artistes, but as they were not crazy, their names are not included in Crazy Night.

Mr. E. E. Cole made a capable M.C.

### Bowling on the Green

On Whit Monday the Mens' Club visited the bowling green in response to the invitation extended to us by the Watling Association Bowling Club. Although the rain came down very heavily at 3 o'clock, the time at which we were supposed to commence our match with them—nevertheless, it did not dampen our spirits, only the ground. After a delay of approx. half-an-hour, which we spent quite comfortably in the pavilion fraternizing with our hosts, the sun came out, and so did the teams.

The match consisted of three teams of four of each club, with the result that after a very enjoyable game, during which good sportsmanship was predominant, the Men's Club lost to the Bowling Club by two rinks out of three.

I must not forget to add that what also contributed to the pleasure of the afternoon were the refreshments supplied and served by Mrs. Nyberg, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Green.

### Lost Opportunities

It is a pity we don't use such times as "Watling Week" to do some propaganda work. There must be quite a fair number of people attending the various functions who know little or nothing about the aims and objects of the Watling Community Association.

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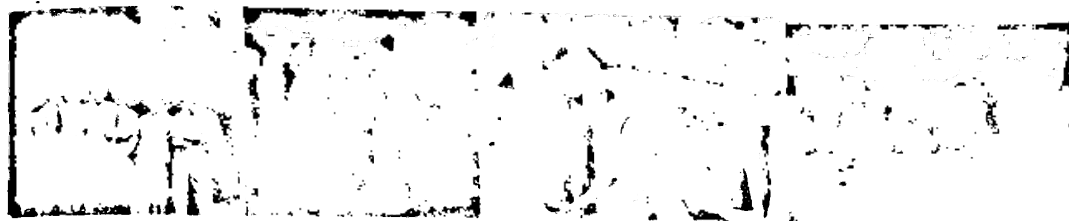
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### Baby Show

On the first day of Watling Week, the Mayoress of Hendon learnt that there was to be a baby show on Tuesday, the 15th, and said she would like to come. She did, saw more than 80 wonderful babies, addressed a few words to their mothers, and graciously distributed the prizes to the fortunate winners, who were:

Class A.—1, Elizabeth Weirch; 2, John Webster. Class B.—1, Patricia Ann Atkins; 2, John Kelly. Class C.—1, Kay Skinner; 2, Yvonne Raven. Class D.—1, Anita Marcia King; 2, John Winston Beales. Class E.—1, John Edward Worthy; 2, Gillian Pamela Ayres.

Little David Guy, son of the Advertisement Manager to the "Resident," was three weeks too old for the nine months and under class but reached the finals of the 9-18 month class. Better luck next year, David!

None of the doctors had judged last year, but the best Watling baby was judged to be Yvonne Raven, who was also last year's winner, and the best Watling first-born was Patricia Ann Atkins.

### Drama at the "Centre"

The Watling Guild of Players contributed to the success of Watling Week by presenting Michael Egan's drama, "To Love and to Cherish."

Despite the inclement weather, weather that has led to many a rapid postponement of a West End first night, this band of talented folk put over a performance that did credit to the author and the producer.

Space forbids a running commentary of the plot of the play, and with due regard to the modesty of the performers no single artiste can be given prominence for an all-round exceptional performance. The plot, which ran smoothly and was noticeable for the absence of "prompting" by the prompter, was received by a rapt audience with an intelligent interest. The "stars" performed well, yet such was the team spirit shown by the Guild that the "thunder" was nearly stolen by "Louise," who had the smallest part.

The dialect of this actress, and, in fact, of her colleagues was a revelation, but special word must be given to the "Maid," who put over a new

type of stage-maid with a country burr instead of the innuendual cockney that is so often portrayed by her professional sisters.

To the producer, E. Sewell Harris, we offer our warmest congratulations,

### Men's Club Social

Owing to counter-attractions taking place on the same evening, there were not so many present as at the last social, but those friends who did come gave every aspect of enjoying themselves.

An exhibition of tap dancing was given by the Broadfield Park Steppers. Music was provided by Miss Cole at the piano. Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Abbot in the elimination waltz, and Joan Crosby and Joan Abbot in the statue waltz.

The great hit of the evening was the excellent display that Mr. Jameson gave of his conjuring abilities.

### Youth Club and Musical Society

The combined programme presented by the Youth Club and the Musical Society on Thursday provided a fine evening for a large appreciative audience.

The Youth Club began the evening by presenting three short sketches, varied in subject but each interesting and amusing.

Each of the performers did so well that it would be difficult to pick out anyone for special mention. Miss Mary Coleman accompanied the players in one of the sketches, and Miss Joyce Bouchard filled in the intervals with some piano solos which were well received.

The choir in their turn opened with some fine singing in their signature tune, a part song and the opening chorus of "Merrie England." This was followed by solos and duets by Mrs. Hill and Mr. Singleton and a humorous rendering of "The Goslings," a mixed quartette by Mr. and Mrs. Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Nyberg. We had a special treat when listening to the guest artist of the evening Mrs. Setchells, who sang two songs in delightful manner.

A grand evening, for which our thanks are due to everybody concerned.

### Successful "Supper" and Dance

The common room was filled to capacity for this ever popular event. The principal guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon; Dr. and Mrs. P. Rosefield; Mr. Southall, Hon. Auditor to the Association, and the

Rev. F. Filby of Eversfield Congregational Church.

This year the meal was prepared by a firm of caterers, and excellent it was too. This arrangement enabled many to be seated with the main company who otherwise would be waiting and preparing.

The speeches were very good. Dr. P. Rosefield proposed the toast of the Association. The Secretary, E. Sewell Harris, replied. Mr. Southall proposed the toast of the visitors, which was jointly replied to by the Mayor and the Rev. Filby. The President, Mr. A. I. Jones, proposed the toast to absent friends.

The M.C. for the Dance which followed was Mr. Gwynne Jones, Hon. Solicitor to the Association.

Unfortunately space does not permit a report of the speeches.

### Fancy Dress Parade

The members social and fancy dress parade attracted a very large attendance, as a result of which the dancing space was considerably reduced. The fancy dresses were very good indeed and the committee had a hard job to place the winners, adults and children.

A cake, made and presented by Mrs. Heritage, raised two guineas towards the funds. Mrs. Nyberg acted as M.C.

### Grand Concert at Watling Community "Centre"

BEVERLEY SINGERS, fresh from a musical triumph at the Merchant Navy Club, Leicester Square, visited Watling Centre and without any exaggeration enhanced an already esteemed musical reputation.

1. Clifford Jenkins, the conductor, explained to a not over-crowded audience, that their principle tenor, Phil Ransome, was unable to appear owing to an emergency war-work call and that this would necessitate slight changes in the advertised programme.

Their opening number, "There's a Land," was vigorous in its conception, giving ample scope to the baritone and bass sections, whilst the rendering of "Passing by" gave the tenors the opportunity to prove the range and tone of good tenor voices.

To such an excellent start Joyce Davies, soprano, gave a delightful rendering of "The Holy City." Admitting that this anthem has been worked to death to long suffering audiences, it must be admitted that Joyce featured this number in a simple and direct way that was fully appreciated.

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In passing we congratulate her younger sister, Mary, in being not an ordinary pianist but an accomplished accompanist. With more stage experience this article should develop into a top-notch.

Harry Wainwright, with his cello, submitted "Dance Oriental" by Squires. Arranged in the modern style it gave the instrumentalist the chance to prove his dexterity by excellent "stopping" and bow-work. That music, one of the "fine arts," is cosmopolitan and not confined parochially to nations, was appreciated by the submission from the Beverley Singers of the German Folk song "Thuringian."

In passing, later we heard "Giannina Mia" sung by Sid Maidlow, baritone, which readers will recognise as the well-known Italian aria, Henry Davies, with "Mighty lak a rose," an American feature by the way, was forced to give an encore by the incessant demand.

Memories of the Kentucky Minstrels were aroused by "Love can I only tell thee" arranged by Doris Arnold.

The Beverley Singers did full justice to this theme and round after round of applause greeted the Singers from a musically cultured audience.

No concert is complete without an excerpt from Schubert's many piano concertos and Mary Davies gave a polished display in an "Impromptu in A flat."

The concert finally ended with their "Plantation Medley," a favourite with the B.B.C. chorus.

A. I. Jones, the President of the Association, thanked and congratulated the artistes and mentioned that further concerts of this type would follow if the demand justified it. It is understood that the demand has already been made and arrangements are in hand to put Watling on the musical map in the near future.

### Dance Competition

Monday evening, June 21, St. Alphege Hall was full for the Juvenile Dance Competition, many people having to stand. Three schools competed. The adjudicator (Miss Pauline Milefanti) said at the close that she had had a very hard job although a very enjoyable one.

The Young Hilyons were placed first and hold the cup for the year. Mrs. Croudy's "Broadway Steppers" second, and Miss Betty Judge's "Sunshine Troupe" third.

Doreen Genner was awarded the individual prize and Barbara Judge and Betty Vincent, second and third respectively.

Mrs. A. Hilton received the cup from Mr. Lodge, "Watling Week" organiser, for the winners.

### For Parents

## Lights Out!

In a syllabus of a local school I read recently, appears an appeal to parents to co-operate with the school management in matters of health of the children, and a suggested time for the child to be "put to bed" according to its age was included. Here is the suggested time-table:

Age	Lights out.	11	--8 p.m.
6	--6.30 p.m.	12	--8.15 p.m.
7	--7 p.m.	13	--8.30 p.m.
8	--7.15 p.m.	14	--8.45 p.m.
9-10	--7.30 p.m.	15	--9 p.m.
		16	--9.15 p.m.

Little do we realise the importance of adequate sleep for children for steady nerves and giving them the power of real concentration for the task of school to-morrow. We owe it to the coming generation to give them every encouragement and to consider their health.



### The Bowls Club

June has been a very busy month for the Bowls Club. We have had a Spoon Drive, played several matches, and are now playing off various rounds of our competitions. The Bowls Club have been honoured by having our Mr. Taylor selected to play for the District against the M.C.B.A.

Match results:—Watling 60, Schweppes 52 (away); at home, Watling 35, Middlesex County Bowls Association 79—more power to our elbow next time; next away, to Stanmore, Watling 58, Stanmore 44; then at home to Mill Hill we lost, Watling 54, Mill Hill 75. At home to H.M. Stationery Office we won, Watling 64, H.M.S.O. 48; and on Whit Monday, in conjunction with Watling Week, we met the Men's Club, the result being a win for the Bowls Club. The Men's Club were very well supported, and we would be very pleased to meet them again soon. What about a penny on the jack, Dick?

Sunday July 4th, Stanmore.  
Saturday, July 10th, Mill Hill.  
Sunday, July 11th, Hayes Police.  
Sunday, July 18th, H.M.S.O.  
Saturday, July 24th, Gomm Cup.  
Saturday, July 31st, Schweppes.

## Rabbit:

### The Perfect Utility Animal

It is not generally known that the humble bunny provides many uses.

Its flesh is edible, and the fur is used for cheap fur coats. The clippings from the pelt are used in the making of women's felt hats, hence the term "fur felt."

If the fur is of poor quality the skin has a use. Pre-war, certain chain stores sold children's and ladies' shoes for a few shillings, and these were made from the skin of rabbit.

At the moment, rabbit skins by the thousand are being made into snug coats for the children of Russia. They are made of double fur, with good deep pockets, and the British Red Cross are sponsoring this gesture of friendship.



### Please Copy

Our comments last month regarding the intermingling of membership of various sections seems to have taken effect, for we hear on very good authority that the Rabbit Club is proposing at a future date to extend an open invitation to all members through their various sections to attend an open Rabbit Show.

The plan is that each member of the Club will be responsible for the comfort of a guest, and that "ringside" seats will be put at the disposal of the visitors to enable the judge to explain his opinions on the merits or demerits of the particular rabbit under his eagle eye. In this way the show will be made of greater interest to the novice and may even encourage some to take up this already popular and profitable hobby.



### Children's Library

Those of you who use the library at the "Watling Centre" will notice that it is closed on Saturday afternoons now.

Several new books have been added during the past month; here is a list of some I think you will like.

Shadow, the Sheep Dog	Bylton
Seven o'clock Tales	Bylton
Famous English Books and their Story	Cruse
One Good Turn	De Selincourt
Burma Road Calling	Griffin
The Kangaroo Twins	Hogan
Against the Clock	Halath
English Fairy Tales	Jacobs
Sylvanus Goes to Sea	Lovell
To Sea, to Sea	Mordaunt
The Mavis Hut	Morrison
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## THE WATLING RESIDENT

## Rowdyism in Watling Park

**T**HE happenings in Watling Park recently when a few school children created a disturbance and spoilt the performance of a concert party doing its best to provide entertainment for the people of Watling, is to be deeply regretted.

The episode appears to have obtained considerable and unnecessary publicity, and as a result much criticism has been levied at the reputation and conduct of the inhabitants of the Estate as a whole and in particular the children.

Without having been present when this disgraceful conduct was displayed the writer of these notes feels unable to go into the pros and cons of the occurrence. But surely it does to any sensible person drive home the point that the root cause of so much misbehaviour is the lack of sufficient control and discipline in these young lives.

School teachers are not magicians. They, one must remember, have only the opportunity of using their influences for good a decimal point in time, o, the child's life—about 25 hours per week. The influence of home in so many cases is negligent. Father is in the Forces, and mother on war-work, and the child left to its own resources. This is the state of affairs all over the country, not peculiar to Watling, and yet one detects the finger of scorn pointed from some Residents of Hendon who have not accepted in heart the existence of the Estate in the "Rural Surroundings of Hendon," saying: What did we tell you? To accuse the residents of Watling or its

## Local Talent in the Park

Hendon Borough Council have asked the Association to assist them in organising local talent competitions in Watling Park under the "Holidays at Home" programme during the school holidays. There will be two preliminaries in Watling Park and two at Hendon. Three will be selected at each of these preliminaries for the finals to be held at Watling. Those wishing to compete must be over five years of age and under 17 years. Entries may be sent to the Watling "Centre" marked "Park Competition," or sent direct to the Hendon Town Hall, not later than Saturday, July 10th. The dates for the contests at Watling Park are July 24th, August 7th, and finals August 21st, from 3 to 4.30 p.m.

children in particular of "hooliganism," as a correspondent in our local Press referred to the particular incident in question, is a gross libel and needs to be challenged.

The case is that, like all the rest of the world, the unusual happenings or spectacular performances are the ones that are reported in the Press, and so often grossly exaggerated. Nevertheless, we are not by any stretch of imagination condoning the conduct of these children in question, but merely expressing an opinion that to assume that all the remaining Watling children are of the same disposition is a travesty of the truth.

The Mayor at the Hendon Y.O.C. Music Festival said that youths that are attached to clubs and institutions, etc., are immune from such behaviour.

This is probably true, but it lays the responsibility on the adults to see that (a) as parents they do their utmost to create in the child a spirit of tolerance and reason for other people's happiness, and that (b) the people of Watling in company and with the active practical support of the civic heads of our borough undertake more youth work to help engage these idle hands and brains and turn their energies (the children) into channels of creative expression.

## Veterans' Club Report

There were 62 veterans at the 8th anniversary party. Mrs. A. I. Jones presided, supported by Mrs. M. Grey-Skinner and Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole. Among the guests were the Rev. Greenaway and Mr. and Mrs. Hilton. Mrs. A. I. Jones in addressing the veterans said that although she was retiring as their President she would always retain an interest in their welfare, and hoped to visit the club whenever the opportunity afforded. Mrs. Grey-Skinner, as the new President, wished the club every success, and thanked Mrs. A. I. Jones for the kind interest she had always shown on behalf of the veterans during her eight years of presidency.

After tea an entertainment was given by the "Gay Guilders" Concert Party. This was greatly enjoyed.

The club is planning an outing to Aylesbury during July.

E. E. COLE.



## Watling Y.O.C. Sports

The Watling Y.O.C. Sports are to be held in Montrose Park on July 9th, at 7.30. Entrance forms have been sent to Club leaders, and should be returned before July 1st to Mr. C. Washbourne, 90 Deansbrook Road. We want this to be an outstanding event, so do your best to support it.

## First-Aid Classes for Young People

It is proposed to hold a series of eight lectures on First Aid or "Home Nursing," specially for young people, to be held at Woodcroft Hall, commencing in the autumn.

The night for these lectures is to be Thursdays at 7.30 o'clock, and the fee for the complete course is 2s., or 3d. per lecture.

The course is to be arranged by the local group of the British Red Cross.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade No. 115 (Edgware and Mill Hill) Division wish it to be known that boys between the ages of 11 years and 17 years are invited to join to form a Cadet Division to the above Division. Enrolment will take place on Wednesday, July 21st, at 7.30 p.m., The Hut, Barnfield Road, Burnt Oak.

JULY, 1943

## Association Diary

### Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

### Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Mans Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 7.30.  
Folk Dancing, 8.15.  
Y.C. Drama, 8.

### Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Boys Woodwork, 7.30.  
Games, Senior, 7.30.  
Mixed, 9.0.

### Wednesday—

Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.

### Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Y.C. Games, 7.30.  
Girls Handicrafts, 7.30.  
Discussion Group, 8.

### Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

### Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

## Youth Columns

### Our Own Concert

Whether it was the weather, or whether it was the Association's dinner—the fact is that the attendance at the Concert was small—much smaller than it should have been—or would have been had it been realised what talent was to be presented. Actually there were more performers than visitors and were it not that most of the performers paid for admission the financial result would have been decidedly poor. Those who did make the effort to attend were well rewarded by the variety of the programme presented by the Clubites, in which drama, music and humour were blended by representatives of the Watling Association Youth Club, the Youth Hostels Association, the Watling Boys Club, the St. Alphage Scouts and the Wesley Hall Youth Club.

During the evening the Braham Shield (given to the Y.O.C. by the Watling Association) was presented to Leslie Pym, the Captain of the Watling Boys Club Table Tennis team, which had obtained first place in the Table Tennis League run during the winter. The chairman of the Y.O.C. made the presentation and invited applications from other Clubs for next winter's competition—he also called attention to the Watling Y.O.C. sports in Montrose Park on Friday, July 9th, where various club representations will be competing.

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The "Watling Week" Committee have asked to be allowed to say "thank you" to those Youth Clubs on the estate who made themselves responsible for the excellent concert given on their behalf at St. Alphage Hall on Friday, June 18th.

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**S. Alphage Youth Organisations.**—During the summer months we are running a Tennis Club on Monday evenings. This takes the place of the Badminton Club, which has had an enjoyable season and has won six of its eight matches.

We shall begin our next Badminton season in September.

Several Cricket matches have been arranged, and we are entering teams in the Hendon Y.O.C. and Watling Y.O.C. Sports.

We have had two enjoyable rambles and we hope to go on other similar expeditions of various sorts.

Our Scouts are busy preparing for the Annual Camp, which will be held at Broadstone Warren, Sussex, from July 27th-August 3rd.

## THE WAILING RESIDENT

**Watling's Asso. Youth Club** has varied programme to meet the needs of the summer evenings. On alternate Thursdays, weather permitting, we now go out to Scratch Wood or Mole Mount. The Club have formed a cricket team, and this season they do not expect to do great things. They enjoy the play. We also go swimming together on Wednesdays. In May, the Club invited members of the Austrian Youth Club to its social. On Wednesday, 19th May, eight of our members visited their Club at Belsize Park. We spent a most enjoyable evening, singing, playing games, and listening to graphic accounts of Austria, its scenery, way of life and sport both before and since Hitler marched into Vienna. We feel that we have made many new friends and are looking forward to their next visit to our Club.

**Youth Hostels.**—Early in May, at the request of some members who complained of the "gap" between cyclists and walkers, the two sections of the Hendon Group Y.H.A. united in a Sunday jaunt which met at Essendon, Herts.

The event was a great success and proved the "gap" to be quite a fancy. Highlights of the day's fun were attempts after tea by the male complement to form pyramids and, later, bathing in the nearby River Lea.

Appropriately enough, May Day saw a large mixed working-party busily engaged at Hemel Hempstead hostel in cleaning and redecorating. Operations were directed by the warden, "Daddy" Crane, a figure well-known to and well-loved by all hostellers.

Daddy Crane afterwards pronounced the work, "Not bad"—praise indeed!

On the evening of the 27th at the Watling "Centre" the Group heard Mrs. Bigland on the "Society of the Men of the Trees," and on the 13th a talk by Murray Rana of the Islington Group on "Architecture in Britain," he brought with him a series of illustrative slides and a lantern.

Other evening events included outings to West End theatres, socials and American parties, and on Thursday 8th an "Irish Stew" of novelty items and quizzes.

**Watling B.C.**—Recently the Club finished at the top of the Table Tennis League. The boys in the team were very keen, and they triumphed after having a poor start. The team was L. Pym (captain), C. Leeds, G. Nash, B. Heng and F. Orrigan. While, thirdly, one of our members, D. Phillips, entered and fought in the L.F.B.C. Boxing Championships. He reached the semi-finals, but was beaten. His opponent eventually won the championship.

One of the lads, G. Nash, joined the Forces recently. He has been a good Club member, and represented the Club at football, running, cricket and table tennis, and was captain of the cricket team for the 1942 season.

The lads are in earnest preparation for the L.F.B.C. sports in July. This year they are endeavouring to capture a number of trophies.

[This report has had to be prepared before the week-end camp at Whitsun. It is, however, a certainty that, given camping weather, the week-end at Bourne End should be another red-letter event in the Club's history. Next month we hope to let readers have more details.]



# THE Watling Resident

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## In Praise of the Veterans

By Jack Hilton

HAVING just returned with my wife from the celebration of the Veterans' Eighth Anniversary at the "Centre," I feel I must try to express some of the emotions that arose in me. But I'm awfully nervous, as all my written contributions in the past have generally caused a mild controversy. This whilst, perhaps, causing a greater sale for the "Watling Resident," often caused me to hide myself until the storm died down. First I should like to say how greatly honoured my wife and I felt at being invited to what I think is the best function held at the "Centre." One always has to admire the way these Old People conduct themselves at a party: never lacking appreciation, and always expressing gratitude for anything that is done for them. I suppose really I should not compare them with the younger generation, but it certainly makes one think.

At the concert which followed, the tea the conduct of these veterans was impeccable. It is really a treat to organise a function that does not give rise to the inevitable query: the question of stewards. Don't think for a minute that veterans are incapable of making things awkward. They are just as capable of making the use of stewards necessary as any other gathering; but somehow their generation is different. Is it because we are not what the present generation might call—not so clever or so well educated?

There is a clamouring at present for youth to take over the reins. One sees it almost every month in the "Resident"—suggestions of more frequent

changes in management, younger officers, greater representation of youth, etc., to take over. Yes, but why? Surely it is not difficult for those who have such confidence in themselves to create, instead of waiting until someone else has got something going, and then want to take it over.

Education and science are really getting us somewhere. But where? Years ago we used to have wars, and meet our enemy on the battlefield, but now—and mind you we don't intend to stop here—we have all advanced in science to the extent that we don't need battlefields. Nations can go from their homes and wipe out their enemy, man, woman and child, even though they are defenceless, in such a scientific manner that I wonder if nations are cultivating the wrong baby.

Gone is the saying: "Spare the rod and spoil the child," and the substitute appears to be: "Children, be careful how you bring your parents up." Yes, readers, educate the coming and future generations right up to the hilt—if they will let you.



Harry Davis

We much regret to learn, as we go to press, of the passing of Harry Davis, who went to hospital for an operation on July 20th.

Harry Davis was a faithful friend of the Association's almost from the first day he came to live in Orange Hill Road: he served on its Council, and for several years as its Tenants' Welfare Officer, in which capacity he did good work for the Association and for individual residents. His "John Blunt" voice will be missed. The heartfelt sympathy of the Association is extended to Mrs. Davis and the family.

## Deputation at County Hall

AT the request of the Council of the Watling Community Association, the secretary, Mr. E. Sewell Harris, J.P., accompanied by Mrs. Nyberg and the Chairman of the Association, Mr. E. E. Cole, had an interesting interview with the L.C.C. Assistant Valuer at the County Hall last month.

The deputation went to lay before the Council's officials a concern for several matters of importance to the residents on the Estate.

A suggestion was made that it might be possible to erect a Community building, i.e., Youth Centre or another Community Hall at the site in Watling Avenue which was blitzed in the air raids of 1940.

The deputation was informed, however, that other negotiations were in progress for the use of the same site.

The representatives of the L.C.C. laid stress on the need of more houses as being a most pressing object.

Another matter the deputation raised was the need of small houses for old people. This created much interest on the part of the officials and we are hopeful that something tangible will come from the suggestion.

Some time was spent on the subject of steel houses, their merits and failures, also the deputation urged the need of hot-water systems to be installed in the present houses on the Estate as well as any the Council may later erect.

The deputation was well received, and although nothing in the way of definite promises resulted (or were expected), it was felt the visit was well worth while.



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## Editorial

### A White Paper

THE Government's "Educational Reconstruction" White Paper has been published. For the moment it is sufficient to say that after a very cursory consideration the report in the main seems to meet a great many of the demands of educationalists and those laymen who have for years been vitally concerned in the matter of education.

It speaks well for the future that a nation engaged in a "total war" can devote time and energy for a matter that in practice can only become practical politics after the war.

Had it not been for the outbreak of war we would by now be able to pass judgment on the raised school leaving age, for in the Act of 1936 the age of leaving school was to have been raised to 15 in 1939, but most readers will remember the Act was shelved as a national expediency. There is one vital difference, however, with the Act of 1936 and the present White Paper. The age of 15 years is recommended now **without exemptions**. This shows in one part alone how much greater is the reconstruction principle applied to the whole field of education by the present President of the Board.

Much more could be written, but readers next month are promised a full page giving an abridged report and comments on the recommendations of this Government White Paper that is to play such an important rôle in the "shape of things to come."



### One Month Only

This reduced "Resident" this month is not to become a regular feature. It was decided to save paper and labour for a usually light issue for holiday month.—Ed.



### Where Were They?

It is reported that no representatives of the Association's Youth Club were present or competed in the Watling Y.O.C. Sports held last month.

This is a great pity, particularly as our secretary (who also was absent) is hon. secretary to the committee

### September 26th

A Conference of members and representatives of constituent bodies to the Association has been arranged for Sunday afternoon, September 26th, at 3 p.m. to be held at the "Centre."

The conference is to consider "The Purpose of a Community Association" and it is to be divided into two sessions, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and then 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

The afternoon session is to be opened by E. Sewell Harris, J.P., secretary to the Association. Subject: "Its Ideals and Practice." The evening session will be opened by the Hon. Editor of the "Resident," A. Robert Croker, and the subject will be "The Association and the Individual."

It is some time since such a conference was held and we are hoping to have a good attendance and much useful discussion.

More details next month.



### Looking Ahead!

With the advent of the winter programme and from the trend of recent events, some of us feel the Association is gathering a new lease of life and enthusiasm, and that it is going to make a real contribution to help in the shaping of things to come. The Conference arranged for Sunday, September 26th will, we feel, give a pointer as to which way the wind is blowing and what real understanding we have of the purpose of a Community Association. We are hoping to have a record attendance, so make sure you are there.



### This Magazine

We feel members and readers alike should know of the very real difficulty that is experienced just now in publishing this magazine. In the first place the printers during the holiday season have great difficulty in keeping to a time-table—last month was particularly difficult. In the second place it is worth reminding our friends that we are not paying our way and expect a deficit this year at least double that of last year. It is only the careful work put in prior to the war that enables us to keep up publication.

We are the only Community Association now publishing a printed magazine each month and we are anxious to keep that record. If you can pay more than the 2d. we would say "thank you!"

### W.C.A. Council Chairman

At the Council Meeting held recently Mr. E. E. Cole was elected Chairman in succession to Councillor A. Durant, who through business reasons was obliged to resign last month.

This is the third time Mr. Cole has occupied the "Chair" for the Association, and we take this opportunity of wishing him every success in his third term of office.

At the same meeting Mr. A. Lord was appointed as our representative to the London Federation of Community Associations to fill the vacancy caused through Councillor A. Durant's resignation. The other two representatives are Messrs. E. Cole and the Editor of the "Resident."

Mr. Nyberg gave a very illuminating account of the Association's financial position for the first five months of this year and gave corresponding figures for the same period last year for comparison. It was pointed out that our commitments were decidedly heavier and our income had definitely fallen. This information was valuable and gave much food for thought as to what methods should be adopted to remedy the position.

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## A Platform for the Children

ON the Saturday afternoon of June 12th (Watling Week) I was privileged to see and thoroughly enjoy a delightful children's entertainment.

As a teacher used to working with children I knew how difficult was Mrs. Coleman's task of organising almost unaided, a two-hour entertainment given solely by children. My readers, too, will know how difficult children find it to concentrate on one interest for so long a time. Then I thought of the children—each one different—boys and girls, a few toddlers of three, the oldest children thirteen years old. Every child different in disposition, age, talents and home-background. Yet, by the end of that Saturday afternoon, I realised that all differences could be smoothed away in the pursuit of a common interest, on this occasion the giving of a happy and jolly show.

The "show" lasted the full two hours. We saw Spring awakening the flowers, and the fairies which live in the flowers creep out to dance. This was a pretty musical tableau. We saw delightfully natural acting in a short play called "Granny's Wonderful Arm-Chair." We enjoyed a ride in the Watling Train; we took part in an hilarious "Pussy-Cats Tea-Party." A high-light of the entertainment was a

talented rendering of Chopin's Warsaw Concerto by Joyce Bouchard. One of our oldest Moggies, thirteen-year-old Lily Draper, scored a tremendous ovation after her sensitive and sophisticated rendering of "So Deep is the Night." With equal feeling, too, she sang "The English Rose," from German's "Merrie England." Other good voices belonged to Edwina Pitman and Marjorie Carline. Edwina sang Brahms' "Lullaby."

Readers will understand that no one individual can deal successfully with upwards of fifty children ranging from two to fourteen as one group. If these children could be grouped according to age and interests under several helpers, then, judging from the afternoon's entertainment, I am convinced that the "Centre" could contribute a good deal to the happiness and welfare of the children and the children would give their best—and they have plenty of this to give—to the "Centre." So please, prospective helpers, do not be shy to offer your services—even if it be only one hour per week out of your time. With wartime conditions as they are, many of the children are in especial need of care in their out-of-school hours, so drop a line to Mrs. Coleman, c/o the Watling Community "Centre" or come along to see her there any evening from 5.30 to 7 p.m.



### The Discussion Group

Mrs. Bailey of the W.E.A. gave a superb outline of post-war problems. There has been an enormous profusion of talk and print about difficulties of the post-war world, but here we had a succinct and a well-considered account of the difficulties that will have to be faced, and which will become greater as the war is prolonged.

Our last speaker of the month was Miss Cameron who outlined her views on voluntary service, making especial reference to community centres. Her chief contention was that the motive force that keeps these voluntary associations going is the responsibility felt by certain people, who see that something is to be done, and who resolve to do it.



Very few members are aware that Mr. Nyberg has not been in good health for some time and that he is under the care of the Manor House Hospital. We hope "repairs necessary" will have been successfully carried out before the Autumn leaves fall.

## Garden Notes

August is the holiday month for some people will get no holiday this year. Others, because of the difficulty of transport, and for other reasons may be spending their holiday at home. This will give more time to gardening. "It is an ill wind that blows no good."



Here are a few notes of some of the things that may be done in the garden in August.

Turnips are one of the most valuable crops for autumn and winter and a good sowing of the seed may be made about the middle of the month. Turnips are much more acceptable towards the end of the year than in the summer. They are sweeter at the end of the year and of better flavour than during the hot weather. The seeds germinate quickly and in a week or so after the sowing the seedlings should be showing through. They should be carefully thinned before they become spoilt by overcrowding. Eventually the turnips should be six inches apart from each other.

The planting of winter greens should be completed before the middle of the month.

Early cauliflowers in May are much appreciated. Sow a little seed now.

Earth up the celery towards the end of the month. The soil should be broken up as finely as possible and be careful to mound up only as high as the centre of growth; otherwise soil will fall into the hearts of the plants and decay may follow. Further earthing up should be done as the plants grow up, the third and final being given towards the end of October or early in November.

A further and final sowing of winter spinach may be made during the first half of August. The prickly-seeded variety should be chosen on account of its hardiness. As the seedlings grow they should be thinned out to six inches from each other.

In growing outdoor tomatoes it is essential to remove all side shoots so as to restrict each plant to one or two stems. If the leaves become unduly large and shade the fruit it is advisable to shorten the leaves by about half.

Endive may be sown at frequent intervals so as to maintain a constant supply. Batavian endive is one of the best varieties. It must be transplanted when quite young.

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## Go—While You Have Time!

THE Exhibition of the County of London Plan closes on August 14th, so you should just have time to go to see it. It is a notable exhibition, both as an example of what town planners are thinking and as a vital contribution to the welfare of Londoners and London.

The Plan has not yet been officially adopted because the L.C.C. wants to get the opinions of all concerned before it decides on the final form for the re-planning of London. This is a good example of the way democracy works. The local authority instructs the experts to prepare a plan, this is then submitted for the suggestions and criticisms of all interested people and organisations, residents, landowners, businesses, community associations, etc., and finally, when these have been considered by the authors the elected representatives of the people decide what shall be done.

Even if you have no criticisms to make or no suggestions to put forward it is a good thing for you to know what is proposed, and if you are interested in London you should certainly see this exhibition; also read "The Book of the Plan" if you can get hold of a copy.

If you have already seen the Plan for the London Region put forward by the R.I.B.A. you will find this one doubly interesting. One of the greatest differences is that this one deals with the County of London only, whereas the R.I.B.A. one deals with the much larger area of the London Region; both accept the necessity, if London is to be a good place to live in, of bringing more open spaces within easy reach of all residents; both agree in the need to divide the town up into reasonably small neighbourhood units, each with its own school, community centre and other communal facilities. Both plan that no main road should go through a neighbourhood, that arterial roads should only be crossed on a different level, that railways in London should be underground and electrified.

The Exhibition is housed in the eleven bays of the Conference Hall in County Hall with additional items, including a large diagrammatic plan, in the main body of the Hall. Each bay contains a distinct section. The first illustrates the problem which the plan must set out to solve, and the others, in order, deal with Communities, Industry, Open Space, Roads, Railways, Re-development Schemes (two bays), Central Area, South Bank, and General

*The exhibition is at County Hall, entrance in York Road, and is open up to and including August 14th, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. except on Fridays when it stays open till 9 p.m. and on Sundays when it is closed. The easiest way from Burnt Oak is by tube to Waterloo, then go out into York Road and turn to the left.*

Studies. There are pictures, maps, plans, contour models and diagrams. A few of these require a little technical knowledge, but the greater part can be understood by all of us.

Space forbids a detailed description of the whole exhibition, but a quotation from the official leaflet will illustrate the thought behind the plan. Under "Reconstruction," sections 7 and 8, it says "These sections show detailed schemes for 'reconstruction areas' mainly in the East End and South Bank boroughs, and they are typical of the method considered suitable for areas where the combination of war damage and obsolescent housing makes comprehensive re-planning necessary. . . The aim has been to provide communities with civic and main shopping centres. The several neighbourhood units would be equipped with schools, local shops, community centre and houses and flats in pleasant surroundings. The scattered industries are collected together into compact areas, and new open spaces are provided."

The italics are mine, because these same ideas may be applicable elsewhere. Is it up to us, who have had some experience of a new housing estate, to consider whether we think them good? And what about flats?

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Many words of appreciation have been heard concerning the serving table erected by Mr. Lodge at the entrance to the canteen.

## Men's Club Report

There was a good attendance at the half-yearly General Meeting of the Men's Club on June 30th. Mr. H. Callaghan presided.

After a survey of the Club's social activities (which were very satisfactory) during the previous six months, a resolution was passed that instead of the subscription being 1s. per month as before that members should pay 4d. per month and 2d. per attendance; that a Discussion be held on the second Wednesday in each month.

The idea of forming a Minstrel Troupe was suggested and in all probability will be acted upon. (Excellent idea.—Ed.). It was agreed also that the Club should give their support to the holding of a Social in conjunction with the Bowls Club and Rabbit Club in aid of the Central Fund of the Community Association Movement. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Davis were co-opted for that purpose on the Committee.

The Barnet Group of Oddfellows have expressed a desire to spend a Social Evening with the Men's Club, which will most likely take place in September. Arrangements are being made to that effect.

It was also pointed out that the billiards table was not everything that could be desired and Messrs. Lodge and Weatherley offered to remedy those defects, which offer the meeting was very pleased to accept with thanks.

L. V. H.

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## The Fence Is Up

The boys of the Youth Club have done an excellent piece of work in fencing the garden that has been such an eyesore for so long. It is now possible to set about cultivating the garden and make it a worthy companion to the Rose Garden the other side of the path, and then the approach to the "Centre" will be "Roses all the way."

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## Coming Events

DRAMA FESTIVAL in December. Entries to be in by September 1st to Mr. Harris or Mr. Beaumont.

**DANCING CLASSES,** Goldbeater's School. Beginning Friday, September 24th. Names to leaders of clubs who will pass them on to the organiser.

WATLING Youth Organisations Committee will next meet on September 9th at 8

A meeting in connection with the formation of a Table Tennis League will be held soon. Leaders will be told when .

WELCOME to a newcomer. The Burnt Oak Rhythm Club has recently been formed and its first notes appear in this month's youth columns. We wish it every success and a long and prosperous career. May it be the centre for all lovers of jazz who live on the estate.



**Youth Hostels Association.**—Our foremost social event in June was an "American" party, held on Thursday, 24th, by the Hendon Group in celebration of its fourth birthday.

Members of the Islington, East Ham, North London and Hampstead Groups were present, and the main hall saw one of its biggest and most successful gatherings yet.

On the evening of the 10th a popular programme was presented by Mr. D. Frome, who undertook to tire the Group very thoroughly with some simple old English Folk dances.

That he succeeded went without saying, but members clamoured so persistently for more that Alf. Fuller has arranged another session for the evening of August 24th.

Outdoor activities, which included a two-night Whitsun holiday, were widespread and well attended.

Cyclists visited Streatley, Henley and Boulton Lock hostels, showing an understandable summer tendency towards the river, and also Swindon, Ewhurst, Wheeler-end and Chalfont St. Giles.

Walking records show that day-walks were somewhat more popular, and large parties re-visited Epping Forest and the Chess and Mischbourne Valleys.

**Wesley Hall Youth Club.**—Our young people have been very active in entering for competitions, and have been rewarded for their efforts. In addition to the Guild Shield our young people entered the Connectional Scripture examination, and were awarded the shield for gaining the highest marks in the district. The Boys' Brigade have again distinguished themselves by winning two cups, one, the Battalion Band Cup, and the other the Ambulance Cup for the second year. We also entered for the Watling Sports.

**Burnt Oak Rhythm Club.**—The Burnt Oak Rhythm Club, which started two months ago, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Anniston Hotel, Thirleyby Road, Burnt Oak. The club has record recitals, discussions on jazz, and has its own band. During the second month we will have Brian Rust to give a record recital on New Orleans jazz on July 20th. On August 3rd there will be a "record quiz," in which members will compete in teams, the winning team raffling a record amongst them. The band will play there both nights, and anyone interested in jazz will be welcomed. We would also like instrumentalists to come down and give the band a hand. The admission is 1s, and the time 8-10.30.

**Watling Association Youth Club** added its contribution to "Watling Week" in the form of two short sketches and a one-act play, "The Green Monkey," performed at a concert on June 27th. The Drama Group is now preparing for its own show in the autumn.

During the month 20 of us spent a day in the country, hiking from Uxbridge to Wooburn Green to have tea with the Youth Club there. It was a pleasant ending to a long but lovely walk. We are now looking forward to the return visit of the Wooburn Club. The whole party arrived back at Burnt Oak feeling very tired but agreeing that it was well worth while.

Then on Saturday, July 17th, the club entertained members of the Watling Boys' Club and Kingsley Hall Club to tea, and arranged a social evening to follow, to which we were also pleased to welcome members of the All-Round Girls' Club. We all spent a very jolly evening together.

**S. Alphase Youth Organisations**—June has been a crowded month. Our social activities have been many and varied. We began with an all-day ramble to Latimer, Flaunden, and Belsize on Whitson Monday. Since then we have played and won two cicket matches, and played and won two tennis matches in the Watling Y.O.C. Tennis League. What is probably more important than winning matches is the state of affairs on ordinary club evenings. So one is glad to record that our Tennis Club has begun its season well and happily, and besides introducing newcomers to the art of tennis we have an active and pleasant evening in the open air.

The boxing club evening has now ceased during the height of the summer, but our boys (and our girls) have been competing strenuously in local sports competitions. We entered teams in the Hendon and Watling Y.O.C. Sports, and if we did not win any during the height of the summer, but our utmost and had some good races. The best race we have had this year was the one at the Watling Y.O.C. Sports, when we beat Watling Boys' Club in the senior boys' relay after a neck and neck race. (W.B.C. look to your laurels...Editor.)

The biggest event on the immediate horizon is our Scout Camp, which begins on July 27th, and lasts for a week. About 30 of us are going to Broadstone, in Sussex, and are hoping for good weather and happy days.

Owing to the complete lack of entries for the last two competitions arranged in the "Resident" for the children it has been decided to discontinue for the present any more Children's Competitions.



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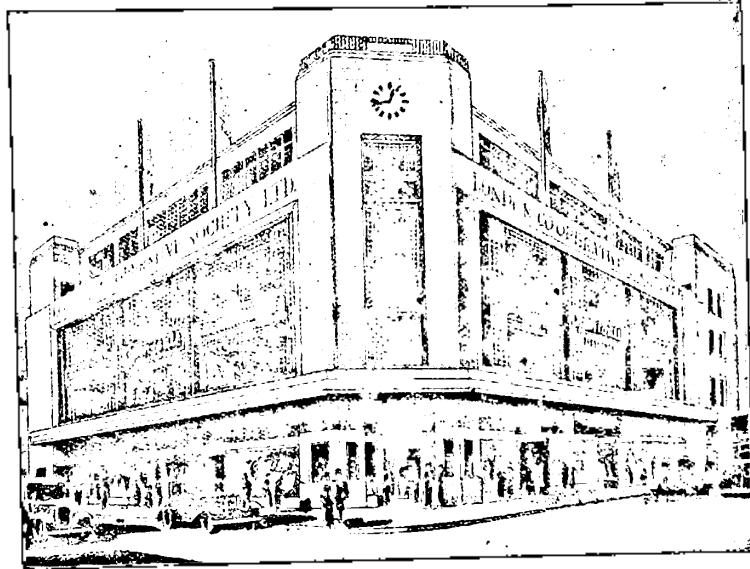
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**Sunday, September 26, 3 p.m.**

These are days when events of major importance are taking shape before our eyes, now is the time to put our own house in order, and set about the job of developing the spirit and influence of a Community Association. It is years since we have had the opportunity of such a Conference. We welcome constructive ideas, and hope to see our many friends and well-wishers with us. The afternoon will be divided into two sessions: 3-4.30, when the opener will be E. Sewell Harris, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.A., J.P. Following discussion, tea will be served when we can enjoy the comradeship of each others friendship. At 5 p.m. or thereabouts we settle down to the second session, when the opener will be the Hon. Editor of this magazine who will take as his subject: The Association and the Individual.

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# What Is A Community Association ?

By E. SEWELL HARRIS, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.A., J.P. Secretary To The W.C.A.

**A** COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION is a democratic fellowship of neighbours organised to serve the community in any way which is desirable.

It is a fellowship; it is inspired by the goodwill of members who come together for mutual co-operation, help and enjoyment.

It consists of neighbours; that is to say the area in which it primarily operates is that of a neighbourhood, an area of such an extent that it includes enough people to form groups for many common interests, such as a horticultural society, lectures, concerts, whist drives, dances, a veterans' club, and yet is sufficiently small for most people to be able to walk easily from one part to any other part and to be able to be acquainted with a good proportion of the people in the area.

It has a twofold membership, of individuals and of organisations. Any adult living in the neighbourhood can join as an individual member, and any organisation operating in the neighbourhood, concerned with some aspect of the welfare of the neighbourhood, and in agreement with the general ideas of the association, can join as a corporate member. As it is a democratic organisation both the individual members and the corporate members are represented on the governing body which therefore includes, if local groups are alive to their responsibilities, the expression of organised special interests as well as the general interests of the community.

It is an important function of the Association to bring together these diverse special organisations, e.g. Adult Schools, Townswomen's Guild, Churches, Sports Clubs, in order to promote co-operation between them, to represent their common needs to other bodies such as local authorities, to bring to light the gaps in social organisation which need to be filled, and to express the concerted opinion of the neighbourhood.

The purpose of the Association is to serve the community. It may be thought of as the neighbours organised for mutual service, to help each other in all ways in which their own local organisation can usefully work, and, of course, to serve their neighbours even if they have not joined the Association. It is not merely to serve its members. It is to assist all individuals

*Read this article by our Secretary in preparation for our Conference to be held on the 26th of this month—it covers a few points that will we expect be raised by Mr. Harris in his opening.*

in the neighbourhood and every purpose which is for the benefit of the whole.

This service may taken many forms; the organisation of group activities of various kinds is perhaps the most obvious, but equally necessary is the provision of facilities for individuals who may want some particular kind of help. Poor Man's Lawyer or Citizen's Advice Bureau for example. Sometimes the Association is itself responsible for an activity, sometimes it encourages some other society to undertake it, or initiates a service which is then handed over to a special organisation.

One of the most important services which every neighbourhood requires, and will require more emphatically as planning becomes more widespread, is the thinking out of the application of general plans to its own specific circumstances and the representation of its needs and desires to the planning authorities. If life is to be worth living it is increasingly important that neighbours should get together to see that national and local plans are really adapted to the needs of their own neighbourhood.

Besides voicing the ideas of the neighbourhood to larger bodies the Association may sometimes act as the agent for bodies which are outside the neighbourhood or which cover a larger field than the neighbourhood, e.g. helping in a national flag day, taking responsibility for Borough "Holidays at Home" activities.

Another service is the administration of the community centre, which provides not only for the activities of the association itself, but also for other organisations in the neighbourhood which require meeting places. The youth centre should be a building separate from, but adjacent to, the community centre, and for this, too, the Association has some responsibility.

The presence of the Association, organised for the benefit of the community, calls out the latent desire to

serve in the members of the community and affords one obvious channel through which this desire may find expression.

Service and responsibility are the essence of democratic citizenship and the Association, both in the work it carries out and in the methods which it employs, provides an invaluable opportunity for the practice of democracy and training in citizenship.

Our attempts to organise democratically on a large scale can only succeed if they are paralleled with small scale organisations in which democracy can be practised and more intimately realised.

In these days, moreover, when large scale organisation, both political and economic, becomes ever more inevitable, so that the ordinary individual loses the sense of his own significance, a counter balance is required. This sense of significance is an essential need of the human spirit, the frustration of which leads to unrest, dissatisfaction, apathy and inertia out of which dictatorship easily grows. Here the community association fulfils a service to the world as a whole, for in it each individual can see that he counts, that his opinion does matter, that his vote does make a difference, that his needs and wishes do receive attention, that he is, in fact, significant.

The true community association, therefore, fulfils many functions of service, of training, and of providing some of the conditions which will make possible a genuine and satisfying democratic civilisation.

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## A Member's Note Book

MUSSOLINI'S downfall caused some excitement in the Stock Exchanges. A newspaper reported that members of the Cairo Stock Exchange "instead of leaping into sleek limousines and driving to the club for pink gins, gathered in gloomy knots speculating anxiously on the losses of peace."

In London "Business fell off and here and there the tone of the markets became reactionary. This of course was also due to the customary second thoughts on the economic uncertainties which the hope of peace conjures up."

Information of this type should give us cause to wonder who really controls the destiny and lives of people, and it should create within us an urge to understand the causes and effects of this capitalistic system.

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ALTHOUGH it is in my opinion a retrograde step that boys of 16 to 18 are liable to be called to work in the mines, I was pleased to note that Mr. Bevin, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said that "opportunities for training" would be open to the boys

should they wish to change their occupation after the war, similar to the facilities granted to members of the Forces; and this would be so whether the boys were directed to coalmining or aircraft production. Anyone directed to the mines would have all the rights of appeal available to persons anywhere.

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I FELT profoundly thankful that the Military Commanders in Sicily had the foresight and imagination to act quickly on learning that some of the inhabitants of a captured town had been without bread for a fortnight; and immediately arranged for 50 tons of wheat to be given to the people so that bread was forthcoming, the information being given to the inhabitants by loudspeaker van. This quick supply of the people's material need is certainly a sure way of assuring a lasting peace.

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IN A recent issue of the *Times Educational Supplement*, Professor Livingstone, writing on the need of Adult Education and in his opinion the lack of provision for it in the Government's White Paper on Education says: "Without provision for adult education the national system must be incomplete." He goes on to say "that this is profoundly true. In the past, incompleteness has been a feature of our system. We have been like a man who starts to dress and goes out to work when he has only put on a shirt. Let us aim at a more complete toilet, and not continue to spoil our education by failing to treat it as a whole. Let provision be made for adult education from the first. Then the country will have even more reason to be grateful to Mr. Butler for a great design."

Those of us who have a concern for adult education (I wish we could sometimes substitute another word for education) heartily agree with the Professor—I imagine that much will be said on this matter when the Bill comes up for discussion in Parliament.

### AN OCCASION FOR THANKS

The following is taken with due acknowledgment from the *Manchester Guardian*.

Just before the war an Englishman stayed with an Italian family in Italy. Before meals grace was said solemnly by the 10 year old boy of the family. It went: "Thank Mussolini for this good meal; thank God for Mussolini."

## \*The People's Music

The Concert to be held on October 3rd and advertised on the front cover this month has been organised by C.E.M.A.; some may wonder what the C.E.M.A. is and what the initials stand for. This organisation exists for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts and is governed by a Council of Professional People who are experts in one or other of the branches which the organisation exists to promote public interest in. C.E.M.A. is supported from State Funds which is an indication of the high opinion of its work the Government has.

The work of the council covers a wide field: it provides hundreds of factory concerts; takes drama to mining villages and war hostels where many of the audiences see the living stage for the first time; assists holidays-at-home programmes and the providing of entertainment in parks and public places. Further, the Council is responsible for art exhibitions and displays throughout the country. Recently a ballet company performed to an appreciative audience of 3,000 workers inside a Midland factory.

So great is the demand for good music and art that there is an urgent need for concert halls and galleries well suited for exhibitions. Recently the Council was responsible for the re-opening of the Theatre Royal, Bristol, a theatre which has great historic associations with the past.

The leading orchestras and a large number of painters, are assisting the C.E.M.A. with a quality of work of the highest possible standard throughout the country.

Having written the above the writer hopes that we will support our Education Committee in their bold move of inviting C.E.M.A. to the "Centre" on Sunday, October 3rd, and come along and thoroughly enjoy a feast of good music.

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## Worth the Effort

It is not easy to arrange a function these days with any assurance that the day and time is convenient for most members to attend. The Executive Committee realised these difficulties when they were surveying the problem of choosing a day when it was hoped to gather a good number to the "Centre" for a Conference on "The Purpose of a Community Association."

This Conference is to be held on Sunday afternoon, September 26th. It is open to all members and any friend interested to attend. The fact that your group or section has been asked to send two representatives need not prevent you from attending.

Perhaps you are accustomed to a Sunday afternoon "40 winks"—well, a change is as good as a rest so it is said—therefore we do not feel we are asking too much in saying we hope to see you on this occasion.

A "Conference" is sometimes a little overpowering, but on this occasion we venture to suggest that you will be interested from beginning to end. Such a gathering has not been held since the commencement of the War and it is time we got together and carefully considered what is the Purpose of a Community Association? No doubt we will realise how far short of the ideal association ours is—but it is hoped that the Conference will act as a "refresher course" to all members and set the Association on a road of new discoveries and experiences.

The afternoon session is to be devoted to consideration of the "Ideals and Practice" of a Community Association; the opener will be our Secretary, E. Sewell Harris, from whom we can expect to hear many interesting points of view on a subject he is well qualified to speak about. It is intended to have a fair amount of time at each of the two sessions for discussion.

At the conclusion of this session tea is to be taken, and there is always something extremely friendly and social in teas held at the "Centre."

The session following is to be devoted to the consideration of "the Association and the individual." This is to be opened by the Hon. Editor of the *Resident*, A. Robert Croker.

★ *"A patriot is one who heartily wisheth the public prosperity and doth also study and endeavour to promote it."*

BERKELEY, PATRIOTISM.

From our editor we may expect a challenging contribution, and it is believed that he has several interesting suggestions to make. In considering the individual we must expect to ask ourselves: What are we contributing to the Association? and what do we expect to take from it?

Do try and see whether you can come to this "Conference" and bring a friend with you as well!

Talking about conferences the National Council of Social Services is holding one in London the week before ours on "The Place of Community Centres in Post-war Development." This is a national affair and delegates are attending from all over the country.

If you have a spare bedroom for the two nights, September 17 and 18, and would care to accommodate a delegate for one or both nights (he or she would bring their own rations), please let Mr. Harris know. A payment of 5s. is offered to those who can offer hospitality.

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## No Coupons Required!

The pamphlet accompanying this issue of the *Resident* gives a detailed programme of activities which the Watling Community Association is arranging for the coming Autumn and Winter.

A few of these activities are organised by outside bodies such as the W.E.A. and the Edgware Photographic Society; where the meeting is not held at the Centre, particulars are given.

## A Step in the Right Direction

ARRANGEMENTS have been made by the Association through the Education Committee to present a series of professional concerts during the winter months.

The first will take place at the "Centre" on Sunday evening, October 3rd, and will be provided by C.E.M.A. The artistes will be Mary Hamlin, soprano; Leonard Hirsch, violin, and Ivan Phillipowsky, piano, respectively.

The succeeding Concerts will follow on the first Sunday in November, December, January, February and March.

The idea behind the innovation is to fill a long felt desire of a number of our members and their friends, as well as to introduce others to what is acknowledged to be "Good Music."

This expression, "good music," must in no wise be taken as meaning "high-brow," but the performance of tuneful classical music which can be appreciated and understood by most people.

In addition to vocalists and instrumentalists of high repute appearing in our programme we are to have such interesting items as Folk Songs in costume, Character Studies, Scenes from Shakespeare, and the like.

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## Drama Festival

Next month brings again the Annual Drama Festival; as we go to press we are not informed as to what date this popular event will take place, however, we hope to publish full details in the next issue of the *Resident*.

Last year's Challenge Cup winners the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild will no doubt be competing, it is expected that there will be keen competition this year for the trophy.

The Watling Guild of Players are in earnest preparation although we are not as yet favoured with the information as to what they have chosen to present at the Festival.



"Upon the education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends."

## Progress worth another £50 million a Year

IN the White Paper entitled "Educational Reconstruction," published by H.M.S.O.\* we have a statement giving recommendations approved by the Government and which it is hoped are to be included in the forthcoming Education Bill.

For 70 years we have been struggling under a system that provided a "strictly elementary" education in the three "R's" designed to secure a minimum of literacy . . . "an education that terminated in the case of an intelligent child at the age of 10, to the education given in a school in which all pupils remain until the age of 14. It is now generally accepted that 14 is too early, in the conditions of modern life, for full-time schooling to cease, as it does at present for some 90 per cent. of the children."

"It is a common criticism of our present full-time education, which for most children ceases at the age of 14, that its effects are thin and liable to wear off quickly once the child has left school for work. The reason for this

is not difficult to see: to borrow the language of photography, the process of education for the vast majority of children offers at present an example of 'under-exposure, under-development and insufficient fixing.'"

The Government propose to have all children under the care of the education authorities until the age of 18, not only with matters of education but also medical supervision.

Nursery schools now come into the limelight officially. Whilst compulsion in school attendance does not operate until the child reaches the age of 5 the proposal is to make greater provision for the under 5 child by encouraging local authorities to erect and staff more nursery schools. Pre-war there were 166,000 children from 3 to 5 in nursery classes and less than 10,000 of the 2 to 5 years group attending nursery schools.

Commencing at 5 years the now-called elementary school child is to be regraded under the title of "Primary" school scholar until the child reaches the age of 11 when he or she will then be transferred to a senior school. According to the abilities of the child it will have the opportunity of one of three different classes of senior schools until he or she reaches the age of 15 (to be raised to 16 at a later date).

On reaching the age of 15 the child will be free to seek employment, with the proviso that for one day per week it will attend a Young People's College. This is clearly a minimum, and it is held by some that the first introduction to employment might well be on a half-time basis.

The hours of attendance at Young People's Colleges would be taken from the hours of employment as regulated by existing law or by any subsequent industrial legislation.

As things now stand, the great mass of pupils leaving the elementary schools do not pursue any formal education and much of the work of the schools inevitably runs to waste. When every allowance has been made for those—possibly one in six of young persons from 15 to 18—who of their own initiative attend evening institutes or technical schools, and for those who may be associated with one of the various voluntary organisations which provide a training for adolescents through their social and recreative

interests in their leisure hours, it remains true to say that, in the normal course, hundreds of thousands of boys and girls are left without supervision and help that they need during the most critical years in the formation of character and the training of mind and body.

We have not referred to many points raised in the White Paper, such as religious teaching, medical services, adult education, etc. It is realised however, that there is much to reform in the administrative side of the education world and it is proposed to set up new Local Education Authorities. Thousands of new teachers will be needed too and they will have to be trained: the field of training, too, is under review. School meals and milk service is to be greatly encouraged and the whole service of physical welfare enlarged to include adequate clothing service for necessitous cases.

Of course we need hardly mention that it is the serious intention of the Board of Education to (when teachers are more readily acquired) reduce the number of children in the classroom.

All these recommendations, if approved by Parliament when it considers the bill, will cost the nation ultimately (after a gradual rise of seven years) £190.4 million, an increased cost over pre-war years of £44 million—which in effect is less than the cost to this nation of four days' war! The above figures refer to the costs only to England and Wales, including Scotland the additional cost would be £50 millions.

Now read what Professor Livingstone has to say on the White Paper and Adult Education (see A Member's Note Book, page 2).

No reference has been made to the Norwood Report on Secondary Education, this we hope to deal with in a subsequent issue.

\* Educational Reconstruction, H.M.S.O. Kingsway, W.C.2. Price 6d.



An interesting letter appears elsewhere in this issue from one of the pioneer members of the Eton Manor Club. This club has been established over 30 years, and now has in membership youths and veterans totalling in all over 1,000. We hope to give in another issue more details as to the growth of this club.

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## Rabbit Club

Our Red Cross Show is now over and thanks to the work of our old brigade of workers turned out to be a financial success. The monthly Cup Competition is now getting into its stride with more varieties of rabbits contesting, and it is most pleasing to note that the Cup has been won by a different member each time. I am also happy to report that members have responded to my last appeal for more meat to the butcher and our last return ending July 31 was our best effort since the Club was formed, so keep up the good work. It has been decided to run an Open Table Show on Sunday, September 19th. Judging to commence at 2.30, when I hope that our Club will be able to hold its own against all comers.

In conclusion I would like to remind everyone that contributions for the year are now due and it will assist the Treasurer in his work if these are paid up quickly.

S. G. ABBOTT, *Secretary*.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 2, at 8 p.m.

Members Cup Show: Thursday, September 16, at 8 p.m. Judge, Mr. Stubbins.

Open Table Show: Sunday, September 19, at 2.30 p.m.



## Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

Within recent weeks we have been glad to welcome Mrs. Harris to our school to give us her postponed talk on American Thanksgiving Day, when a very happy and instructive afternoon was spent. The inclusion by Mrs. Harris of several delightful personal reminiscences contributed to a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

We are grateful also to Mr. Croker who has spoken on the drab lives led by most working class women, quoting some very disturbing and distressing facts concerning the living conditions of these women.

Simply lamenting these things is useless. We must waken up and equip ourselves with knowledge in order to help to combat these evil conditions. With this end in view, beginning in September, we hope to commence a series of W.E.A. lectures on Social Problems to be given fortnightly. Our school offers an invitation to new members to come and share our happy little meetings where instruction is combined with pleasure and jolly comradeship.

## Musical Society Annual Report

The 4th Annual General Meeting held recently disclosed several interesting items of news. In spite of the difficulties of maintaining a full membership the Society has been very active in the number of performances it has given both in support of Association activities and helping various good causes associated with local bodies.

The Society has assisted at All Saints Church with a concert of solo items and recently they repeated the performance of Edward German's "Merrie England" at the Edgware Congregational Church.

The members during the year made a presentation to Mrs. De Lattin in appreciation of her services to the Society as accompanist. A Social arranged by members resulted in a donation being given to the Watling Distress Fund.

The Annual Report speaks highly of the respect and appreciation that members have of their conductor, Mr. A. J. Jones, who although already much occupied with business, gives so much in time and energy to the work of the Choir.

It is hoped that with the new session commencing Monday, October 4th, new members will be forthcoming and that all members whether new or old will make every effort to attend the weekly Monday rehearsals as regularly as possible, in spite of black-out conditions.

The subscription to this Society is only 2d. per week.

## News In Brief

The members of the Association Youth Club are to be congratulated on the excellent programme they have planned for the coming winter, the Club is closed for the first fortnight of this month and reopens on September 16th with a General Meeting and Social for members.

Next month we hope to publish the audited accounts of "Watling Week" 1943. It is believed that the results were very satisfactory and that the Prisoner of War Fund will, we hope, benefit again this year with a cheque equal in amount to that £50 last year.

There is a possibility that we may have an exhibition at the Centre in conjunction with the public meeting to be held on Sunday, September 19th, on Housing.

## Men's Club

Although there have been many counter attractions in these light evenings, the attendance at the Men's Club has been regular, under the circumstances, and there is every prospect of a substantial increase in membership and social activities during the coming autumn and winter months.

The joint Social and Dance which is to be organised by the three clubs--Men's, Bowls and Rabbit Club--will take place on September 22nd at the Centre, and you can rest assured that it will be well worth attending: a good band and good company will be in attendance.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent on the Bowling Green on August Bank Holiday with a match between the Bowls Club and the Men's Club.

The Bowls Club were too good for us again, but they were also good to us in providing a good afternoon sport. "More power to their elbows."

L. V. H.



## Dances for the Young People

Commencing September 5th the Social Committee have arranged regular dances for Young People at the Centre on Wednesday and Sunday evenings (except the first Sunday in October, November and December). Admission 6d. when Radiogram is used, 1s for evenings when Dance Band has been engaged.

Have you noticed the new "Keep Left" signs at the junction of Deansbrook Road and Orange Hill Road? A decided improvement on the hurricane lamps that have done yeoman service for so long.

The cover provided for passengers queuing for buses in Watling Avenue is much appreciated. The system of expecting passengers for three different bus services to wait in the same queue is however in our opinion decidedly unsatisfactory. Why not three separate stopping places?

In the Finals of the Children's Talent Competition, held in Watling Park the 21st of August, the three prize winners came from: 1. Golders Green; 2. Mill Hill; 3. West Hendon. Congratulations.



## Letter to the Editor

### More Congratulations

Dear Editor,

May I add my congratulations to the Watling Boys' Club on their splendid victory in the Harriers' event of the Federation of Boys' Clubs? also their recent successes at Chiswick when competing at the Annual Sports Meeting of the L.F.B.C.

Reading your report in the "Resident" gave me pleasure, as I happen to be one of the original members of Eton Manor Clubs. It may be interesting to your members to know that we began with only 13 members, who had a shot at every kind of sport. It was through these activities that many good friends were attracted to our support.

In the Federation of Boys' Clubs you have found the right road, as we did many years ago. It is well to remember that the stronger the opposition the more enjoyment in the game.

We have nearly a thousand members now, with over 500 in the various Services, whose activities continue to make our Club proud of its small beginning.

So in wishing the Watling Boys' Club every success I trust the members of its victorious team will find good hunting in leading others towards that successful future as we of the Eton Manor now find ourselves.—

Yours sincerely,

A. REYNOLDS.

[Eton Manor Clubs has been established over 30 years.]

We are expecting the decorators any day, in fact they should have appeared before now, to refresh the interior of the Centre for the coming winter. It is hoped that everyone will be respectful to the appearance of the various rooms and so help to make it unnecessary to call in the decorators too often.

### Visitors from Bow

On Saturday July 17 the Association's Youth Club acted as hosts to a few members of the Kingsley Hall, Bow, Youth Club. Tea commenced proceedings on the Saturday (also in the company were a dozen or so boys from the Watling Boys Club) followed by games and billiards and dart competitions.

Sunday the guests went swimming in the morning and in the afternoon played a cricket match with the Watling Boys' Club.

Such opportunities of youth co-operation and exchange of friendships are valuable and it is hoped to arrange further week-ends.

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### Did You Guess Right?

How many members guessed the identity of the gentleman whose portrait appeared on Page 4 in our July issue?

In case you didn't, it was of our President, Mr. A. I. Jones, but in fairness to him it must be pointed out that the disguise of a beard was the result of a few days' illness recently, and feeling better, before removing the growth of whiskers, he allowed the photograph aided by unusual neckwear, hat and stick, to be taken!

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### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Some exciting new books have come out recently ready for the darker evenings when you will find more time for reading. Here are the titles of some of them:

Amelharanne and the Jumble Sale	Armstrong
The Mystery of Obadiah	Blyton
Four Go Adventuring Again	Bowen
Dave Dawson in Libya	Evans
The Secret River	Grimshaw
The Gadabout Train	Hodath
Happy-Go-Lucky	Harrison
Living Among Cannibals	Hoffman
Little Arab Ali	Horton
Wooden Toy-making	Johns
Biggles—Charter Pilot	Johns
Biggles in Borneo	Morley Adams
Puzzle Book	Ransome
The Piets and the Martyrs	Southwold
Yesterday and Forever	

### More "P.O.W." Notes

#### Plays and Music

Theatrical activity in the camps is surprising in its variety and high standard of achievement. Large numbers of plays are forwarded to the camps by the Section, working in conjunction with a famous firm of play publishers and agents who act as advisers.

Paint and fabrics for scenery have reached the camps and extraordinary ingenuity is shown by the men in adapting Red Cross materials for stage purposes.

Music of all kinds, but particularly song books, vocal scores of comic operas and orchestra parts of popular classics, is sent in large quantities to all camps in Germany and Italy. The latest dance band numbers are sent regularly to Germany, and more recently to Italy.

Nearly every camp in Germany has its own orchestra, as well as various dance bands, and during the last six months 22 complete orchestras have also been dispatched to Italy.

#### Prisoners in the Far East

Up to the present the story of the Red Cross service to prisoners of war in the Far East is one of great intricacy and many disappointments. Although a certain amount of "short term" relief has been possible so far it has not been practicable to establish a regular relief service in any way comparable with the constant flow of food and comforts to men in German and Italian hands.

There are still many large gaps in our knowledge of the number, location and names of the men captured by the Japanese as well as of the civilians they have interned. But the number of lists of names that have been received from various parts of the Far East is still growing and at the present time the Far Eastern Section of the Prisoners of War Department has about 14,000 names on its records of men in Hongkong, Shanghai, Korea, Malaya, Java, Borneo, Formosa, Thailand and Japan.

Up till now it has unfortunately not been possible for the International Red Cross to establish delegations in Malaya or Java and news of camp conditions in those areas can only be drawn from a few letters which have reached this country and from a number of broadcast reports which have been picked up in Australia and New Delhi from Japanese-controlled stations.

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## 'The Young Hilyons'

An Explanation

The Editor has received a letter from Mr. Jack Hilton, of Mill Hill, in which he asks readers to forgive the omission of the National Anthem at the conclusion of a performance given by 'The Young Hilyons' in Watling Park on August 12th.

This talented Juvenile Concert Party is composed of young people living on the Watling Estate and Mill Hill, and the whole performance is managed and produced by Mr. and Mrs. J. Hilton.

Mr. Hilton in his letter points out that the concert was already running late, when Councillor Curton asked to be allowed to make a few announcements, in conclusion Councillor Curton called for three cheers for the company and in the excitement of the moment, added to the fact that the show was already late, God Save the King was omitted unintentionally.

Mr. Hilton says he had in the space of five minutes many reminders of his omission and seeks the column of this magazine to be allowed to apologise for what he calls his "unpardonable offence."

We feel he is far too sensitive on this point and that the explanation given is adequate to remove the fear in his own mind.

In the term of the theatrical world the "Show must go on" and everyone fully enjoyed the "Young Hilyons" and their performance.

## Your Heritage

An exhibition of posters illustrating the development and possibilities of town and country planning will be on view at Watling Centre on September 19th in connection with the public meeting on "Homes and Cities."

## Garden Notes

### Weeds

A good gardener has many enemies to contend with: one of the chief of these is weeds. The dictionary says a weed is "the general name of any plant that is useless or troublesome; a plant such as grows where it is not wanted, and is either of no use to man or injurious to crops."

Mr. J. Coultis in "All About Gardening" says: "Apart from their unsightliness weeds do great damage in the garden, for they exclude the sun and air from the soil and deprive plants of much-needed nourishment and moisture. They also harbour and encourage insect pests and fungoid diseases."

As a rule, gardeners do not begin weeding sufficiently early in the year. They let the weeds get a good start over other plants, and then it becomes very difficult to overtake their luxurious growth. Weeding should be begun in the early spring, say in April, and continued all through the summer and autumn months until the end of October. Remember that all weeds grow apace in warm weather after rain.

The best implement with which to keep down the weeds is undoubtedly the hoe; and if this is used early in the season and is kept in constant use the weeds will get but little chance to multiply. With the aid of this most useful tool the annual weeds will be destroyed, and the biennial and perennial weeds, owing to the frequent cutting down, will be so weakened that in the course of two or three years they will die.

Weeds should on no account be allowed to flower or seed, but if this has happened the plants must be burned, as they will grow again if they come in contact with the soil. The weeds that have not flowered and seeded may be put on the rubbish heap and can later be used as manure.

In hot and dry weather if the weeding is done early in the day the big weeds may be left lying on the soil to wither and die; but in damp weather when the soil is wet they must be removed to the rubbish heap as there is danger of their taking root again.

The hands are a good substitute for the hoe. In hand-weeding the weeds should be gripped as near the soil as possible and twisted out with as many of their roots as can be extracted. After a good shower of rain is the best time to do this.

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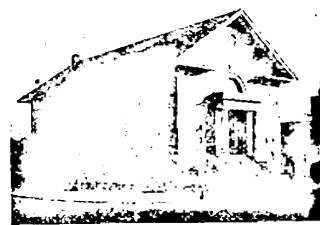
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## A Timely Reminder

Speaking in Edinburgh recently, Sir William Beveridge said there was abundant evidence that the British people really wanted the plan for social security in his report. The cost to the taxpayer to start the plan would be the equivalent of 1d. on beer and 6d. on income tax, not an addition to present taxes, taxes merely would to that extent be lowered less when war spending stops. There was no reason for delay. "But," said Sir William, "if you want it neat, not watered down, in full not expurgated, you must come and get it; you must not sit back and expect security to be served to you on a platter."



## The Adult Cold Shouldered

The Board of Education can take justifiable pride in its White Paper. Sir Richard Livingstone does, however, lay his fingers on one weakness in the report . . . that relating to Adult Education, the development of which is relegated to an unnamed date. Commenting on the matter in a letter to *The Times* Sir Richard makes these significant remarks:

1. Some 80 per cent of the population have left and are still leaving school at 14. That is no equipment for the citizens of a democracy. . . . Yet these men and women who have left school at 14 will be the majority of the electorate during the next 30 years . . . one of the most critical periods of our history. The only way of repairing the hopeless inadequacy of what we have done for them is through adult education. As it stands, the White Paper does nothing for them.

2. The White Paper stresses the importance of youth service. If youth service ends at 18, if no provision is made to carry it on by adult education more than half its value will be lost.

3. The remarkable work of Army education has created a new interest and appetite for adult education; are we to let this die away by failing to make full provision for it after the war?

The omission of financial provision for adult education is, one may add, all the more striking in as much as the Report acknowledges its great importance in the following words: "It is within the wider sphere of adult education that our ultimate training in democratic citizenship must be sought."

## Youth Columns

**Watling B.C.**—The Club has had a crowded time during the last two months. They were very successful in athletics winning the London Federation of Boys' Clubs Sports and the Watling Youth Sports.

In August the cricket secretary and an ardent helper of the Club, Mr. A. Hoy, invited from London a Boys' Brigade cricket team which is run by his brother. The lads enjoyed a cricket match at Montrose in the afternoon and after that the teams went to tea at Mr. Hoy's house. The day was rounded off with a sing-song. Two accordionists from the Boys' Brigade providing the music. This Boys' Brigade team is to visit the club again and a hearty welcome will be given by our boys to such a grand lot of fellows.

The Club cricket team has been playing well lately. In their last three matches, all of which have been won, they have scored 450 runs. Among their opponents recently were the local traders.

History has been made in the Club recently. The Club sent, for the first time, two boys to the training courses organised by the National Association of Boys' Clubs. These courses are designed for training leaders and instructors in boys' clubs. The two boys were L. Pym, who studied club management and then stayed for another week to take drama, and S. Hoy who took the drama course. These two boys have started, it is the Club's hope, a long trek of boys to these courses.



**Wesley Hall Youth Club.**—Some of our young people with our minister as chief have formed a labour squad to help renovate parts of our Church.

They have already painted the outside doors and also helped brighten the minister's vestry with distemper and paint.

After the holidays they hope to continue the good work and do some of the other rooms.

The Boys' Brigade have just gone to Eton for a week's camp.

We are having our Church Anniversary the first week-end in September when we are hoping for a good time. Our Harvest Festival is the 26th of September.

Our Cycling Party are looking forward to going out on the Saturday afternoon previous to gather decorations for our Hall.



**St. Alphege.**—During August we have had a quieter time than during the rest of the summer. Nevertheless, we held our annual Scout Camp at Broadstone Warren, Forest Row, Sussex. We were fortunate in having lovely weather, in spite of one very bad thunderstorm. Twenty-five Scouts were in camp, with officers to help. We had a happy time, swimming, hiking, cooking and eating, passing Scout tests and playing games, learning and teaching songs, new and old. Besides, we enjoyed many other activities, some official and others known only to the boys.

The tennis club has been meeting regularly, and having enjoyable evenings.

Our winter season will soon be in full swing, and we hope it will prove to be a happy and profitable time.

**"Inbetweens"** (Watling Congregational Church).—The "Inbetweens" is a group of people about 14 and over, who fall "between" the children's activities and the church. They meet on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock for a new kind of discussion and Bible study with the minister. Complete frankness and informality mark the discussions, and the group functions in co-operation with and alongside of other week-night activities and clubs.

The enrolment service for the 7th Hendon Lifeboys team took place on Thursday, August 12th, when the leader-in-charge, Miss Hilary Warren, was commissioned, and 18 boys enrolled. The Lifeboys' ages are from 9 to 12, and the team form a junior reserve for the 7th Hendon Company the Boys' Brigade.



**Youth Hostels.**—From the Committee of the Hendon Group of the Youth Hostels Association this month comes news of the resignation of Alf. Fuller, Social Secretary, and of Dennis Flewitt, Cycling Secretary, each after many months' most successful management of his office.

Dennis always endeavoured to cater for all types of cyclist, and advertised the week-ends as alternately "fast" and "easy." He also tried, as far as possible, to arrange for Sunday day-riders to meet week-enders, and many large and happy parties were the result.

Walking week-ends during July included visits to Jordans, Chalfont St. Giles, Wheelersend, Boulton Lock, and Ewhurst Green Hostels. On one of these expeditionary arrangements were made for a camp site for a large number of walkers and cyclists who proposed to spend the August Bank Holiday under canvas at Bourne End.

Preliminary reports indicate that this occasion was a very great success.



**Burnt Oak Rhythm Club.**—The B.O.R.C. are now meeting, for the time being at least, at the "Watling Centre." The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month commencing at 8 p.m. Nothing has yet been arranged for September, but visitors are welcome to our meetings, where they can hear good jazz records and join in discussions on music. Jam sessions follow our record recitals, and we especially welcome instrumentalists. All details can be obtained from W. Eyles, 79, Dale Avenue, Edgware.



**Watling Association Youth Club.**—The return visit of the Woodburn Green Youth Club has now taken place. The party cycled over, and what an enjoyable afternoon we spent together! We do hope that it will be possible to meet them again at some future date.

The club will be closed during the first two weeks in September, and will re-open with our annual meeting on September 16th. We have a very varied programme for every night of the week except Friday. One new feature which we hope to start is a listening group. The B.B.C. are arranging a very interesting series under the title of "To Start You Talking." The broadcast takes place on Thursdays from 8.10-8.30 p.m., and will be followed by a short discussion.

Our membership is steadily increasing, and we are always glad to welcome new members who are unattached elsewhere, especially school leavers.



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September 11, 1943.

Dear Mr. Sewell Harris,

*I am desired to acknowledge with grateful thanks your letter of the 1st instant, enclosing the further gift of £50 0 0 from the Watling Community Association to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, on Prisoners of War account, for which I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a formal receipt.*

*H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester would, I know, wish me to convey to you and to the members of your Committee his expression of sincere appreciation of this welcome addition to his Fund, to which I am desired also to add the warm thanks of the Appeal Committee, and to say how very helpful and encouraging are gifts such as this.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A. S. CAMPBELL.

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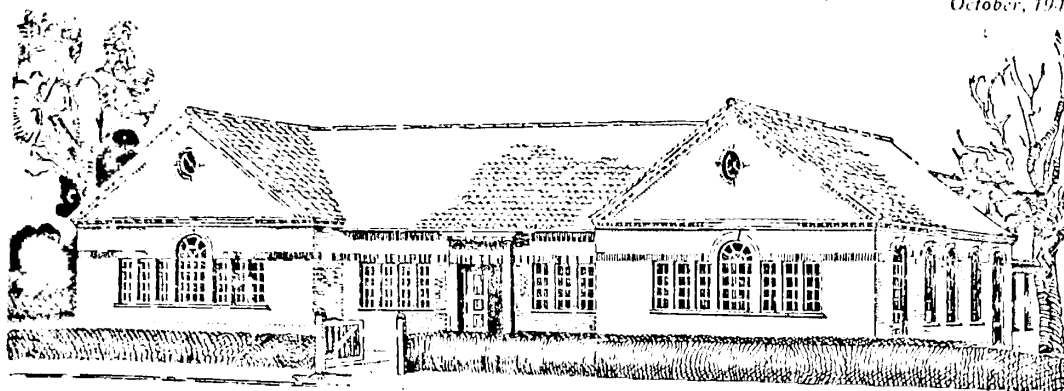
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MUCH has been said and written about the wonderful part women have played in this war; those in the services, on the land and in the factory. Not quite so much attention has been given to those who in some cases are doing a job of work in the factory as well as being mother and father when at home.

It is to those that are bringing up under difficult circumstances a *young family* that this article is particularly concerned: several instances have come to our notice recently of mothers who are in need of medical attention, possibly only a few days in hospital, having to postpone the treatment because of the almost impossible task of finding a suitable *home* for their children, where the mother can feel assured that they will receive every care and attention during her possibly brief absence. Neighbours no longer have the time themselves to take on additional responsibilities and, to be perfectly candid, some mothers don't like the idea of leaving their children with neighbours to be responsible for 24 hours at a stretch.

No longer is father available to fill the breach until mother's return.

So mother, in spite of the need of hospital attention, is forced to postpone the treatment; all the time endangering her own health, sapping her strength and vitality, and as so often happens when mother is unwell forcing the children to live in an atmosphere of high pitched nerves and nervous tension.

Sometimes the need is only rest for the mother, a complete change to ease her mind and give her a thorough overhaul of her nervous system. It may be that a minor operation is

necessary, but the problem of the children remains the same—what can she do?

Some members of the Watling Community Association have been giving serious attention lately to this problem. It appears that apart from establishing wartime Day Nurseries

another a rest home for adults. We will concentrate on the first for the time being.

So as to insure continuity of Education we feel the Home should be on the Estate and having arrived at this conclusion we put the ideas we have to you in the hope that you, the reader, will let the editor know of your opinion.

We considered a small beginning, of seeking two houses adjoining each other to provide accommodation for about eight children, and room for staff consisting of a motherly trained nurse and housekeeper with additional voluntary helpers as needed.

Such a plan of course would have to obtain the Ministry of Health's approval.

A dining room, play room and sick room, as well as bedrooms and washing and airing room would be necessary, hence the need of two houses.

Remember, when considering the problem, that the scheme is only at the present time in its early stages and has not been submitted to the Association's Council or any scheme of fund raising has been considered, but those of us that can visualise the plan and see the need of such a home hope to enlist your help, please write to the editor at the "Centre" and your ideas will be helpfully considered. It is not promised that individual letters will be answered, but it will I expect be formally acknowledged.

This, some may think, is a post-war plan, we think differently, the need is we believe urgent, let us accept the responsibility of service to the Community and help to uphold the tradition of a live Community Association.

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the local authority has no responsibility in the direction of opening and maintaining a home for children of sick mothers; we are conscious of the need of such a home on the Estate, and we feel that a Community Association is the organisation that should make itself responsible for such an experiment.

Should, at some later date when the need is proved, the local authority (with its much larger resources) wish to become the responsible body we shall not consider our task to have failed if they take it over—quite the contrary.

Out of this concern arises really two needs, one a home for children, and



## 'Liberation instead of Conquest'

*It has been said that the standard of journalism in this country is on the decline. Whether that is so or not we will not enter into a discussion in this column, but one glaring example of good journalism appeared in the "Observer" of Sunday, September 12th and we take the liberty of quoting from it.*

**T**HE unconditional surrender of Italy is of such importance, that although this magazine has not attempted to enter into the realm of War reporting we feel the events of the past month are of such importance that they cannot be ignored and the following extracts from *The Observer* Leader are worthy in our opinion of careful reading:—

"Italy is not out of the War. Early impressions of victory won, labour done, and battle over were misleading. The Battle of Italy is not over; it is just beginning. . . But in this battle we shall have a new ally, the Italian people.

"The Italian people now have their chance, not only to help in the liberation of their native soil from the foreign tyrant, but to regain their rightful place in the family of free nations whose name is Europe, and to establish themselves among the fighting United Nations. We welcome them."

"It is not our intention, at this moment, to pay trite compliments to the Italian genius, to recall Italy's great men from Dante (if not Virgil) to Toscanini, and the many glorious achievements of the Italian race. These things go without saying; and they were no less true or less abiding at the time when Italy, led into shame and ruin by Mussolini, was our enemy. But we think it well at this moment to remember that every European war is a tragic struggle between brothers. How futile to use it to foster enduring national hatred! How bitterly are rash insults against temporarily hostile nations regretted soon afterwards by those who uttered them in the heat of battle! Who would now, when the unarmed citizens of the Northern Italian cities risk their lives to delay the Panzer divisions, like to remember the days when every Italian was a 'wop'? Italy is the best example to underline the Prime Minister's noble words in his great Harvard speech on Tuesday: 'We do not war primarily with races as such. Tyranny is our foe!' The Trades Union Congress, to its credit, took the same line last week. It regarded the war as a struggle of ideas and loyalties, good and bad, not of races destined to ever-

## Education

Sunday, Oct. 17th

Speaker :

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lasting suspicion and undiminished hatred."

"... If this is a war against tyranny, then it cannot be decisively won by the mere conquest of one nation or group of nations by another. It can only be finally won by the people everywhere against the tyrants everywhere, and all we can do towards this end is to inspire the people by our example and to encourage them with our power.

"We are now rapidly pushing great armed strength into Italy, and we trust that this armed strength will play the decisive part in freeing Italy from German occupation, and will afterwards for a time constitute the greatest, if not the only, physical power on Italian territory. Nevertheless, our authority would be precarious; indeed if its only basis were this physical power, and if this power were regarded by the Italians as hostile instead of helpful. That mere armed might can never quench the living spirit of a nation has been demonstrated to the Germans in this war in a dozen cases. Happily, this problem will no longer arise in our relations with Italy. Future peace and friendship are anticipated in the joint message of the President and the Prime Minister to the people of Italy—a message which ranks with the greatest acts of statesmanship of all times. Provision is made that final victory will be the joint achievement of the Italian people and the Anglo-American armies. And these armies will from now on be strengthened—practically as well as morally—by the fact that their mission has become liberation instead of conquest."

## Conference News

Unfortunately this month's issue is published the Friday before our Conference on "The Purpose of a Community Association."

As we go to press however we are encouraged by the number of delegates and members who have given their names as hoping to attend.

The "Centre" has during the last month been redecorated and as a consequence is in a much happier condition to receive visitors.

It is hoped that next month we will be able to publish a full report of our Conference and also a few notes on the one held a week earlier by the N.C.S.S.

The Conference referred to last month, arranged by the National Council of Social Service on "The Place of Community Centres in Post-War Development," was an overwhelming success. It was attended by over 600 delegates of Local Authorities and Community Associations.

The Chairman of the Conference was Dr. Ernest Barker of Cambridge.

The subject for Saturday morning was "Planning for Community," and the openers were Mr. A. C. Richmond, Vice-Chairman of the Land Settlements Association; and Mr. H. Manzoni, C.B.E., Chief Engineer and Surveyor to the Birmingham Corporation.

Saturday afternoon's subject was "Education and Community Development." Sir Robert Wood, K.B.E., C.B., Deputy Secretary of the Board of Education, spoke on "The Education Bill and Community Development." Mr. E. J. Savage, C.B., M.A., Education Officer to the L.C.C., spoke on "Education in the Community Centre."

The Saturday evening subject was "The Nature and Purpose of Community Association Work," the openers were Mr. Richard Cottam, Regional Officer of the N.C.S.S., and our own Secretary, Mr. E. Sewell Harris M.A., B.Sc. (Econ.), J.P.

Sunday morning was devoted to "Design and Planning of Community Centres," "Financial Aspects of Community Centre Provision and Administration," "Community Centre Officers and their Training." The concluding address was given by the Chairman, Dr. Barker.

Two further sessions Sunday afternoon were given to members of Community Associations only.





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## Grand Concert

### Important Announcement

There is one alteration in the list of artists appearing at our C.E.M.A. Concert next Sunday, October 3rd. Ivan Philipowsky is indisposed and in his place we are to hear Anthony Hopkins (piano). His colleagues will be Mary Hamlin (soprano) and Leonard Hirsch (violin).

The concert is at 8 p.m. not 7.30 as advertised last month, and prices of admission are 2/- (1/6 to members) and 1/- to members of H.M. Forces.

The seating capacity of the Hall is limited, so we encourage you to secure your ticket immediately.



## Housewives Wanted for Radiography Tests

ONE of the great scourges of our race is Tuberculosis. The sooner any symptoms of this disease can be discovered the more certain is it that a complete recovery can be ensured. The Mass Radiography Investigation, which enables large numbers of people to be examined in a very short time and which makes it possible to discover slight symptoms which might not otherwise be noticed, is therefore a great step forward in the campaign against this evil.

We are fortunate in this neighbourhood in that one of the four X-ray machines in this country has been allocated to the county of Middlesex, and Middlesex is using Redhill Hospital as its headquarters. This does not mean that anyone can go there and have a test, but it does mean that when the machine arrives it will be possible for a short period for groups to make appointments to be examined. After a week or two the machine will be moved to various factories and the opportunity will be provided for people to be examined in their work places. It is therefore desired that the people who go during the first few weeks should be those who are not likely to have the chance of going at work. The best

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## "Free and Easys"

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thing would be for groups of housewives who are not in factory work to get together and make appointments. To simplify matters, if any twelve women, either belonging to a women's organisation or otherwise, who are not engaged in factory work, will communicate with Watling Centre and give some idea as to the kind of time which would suit them to go to the hospital, between 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m., the secretary will make an appointment for them as soon as news comes through that the machine is installed.

It should be emphasised that the whole process will be carried out in confidence, and information regarding abnormality will be privately communicated to the persons concerned, and it will be for them to decide whether they take any further advice. The taking of the X-ray is only a matter of seconds, there is no need to undress completely, and a clean wrap will be provided for each woman. The whole process takes only about ten minutes for each individual, and it need hardly be said that no danger whatever attaches to the examination. In a few cases, for technical reasons, such as faulty exposure, it may be necessary to ask volunteers to be photographed a second time. (See letters to the Editor.)

## Book these Dates!

The Watling Guild of Players are presenting three short plays on Friday, October 29th, at the "Centre" at 8 p.m. Admission 1/6 and 1/-.

The plays chosen for this occasion are "Cupid Rampant," by Percy Cory, a Caricature in one Act; "Tea for Three," by M. Vosper, a Drama; and "It's Autumn Now," by Philip Johnson.

The choice will be made of one of these three to be performed at the W.C.A. Drama Festival to be held November 12th and 13th. If sufficient entries are forthcoming, the Festival will be extended over three days. Full details of the Drama Festival will be published next month.

Be sure to purchase your ticket early as it is a regular feature of these performances to present the "House Full" notice outside.



## "Free and Easys"

The Council of the Association at its meeting on Friday, September 17th, agreed to the proposal that the "Free and Easys" should recommence this month. Fortunately, Mr. Jack Radley has agreed to perform the difficult rôle of host on each occasion, and will be heartily welcomed back after his illness.

It was thought advisable to hold this popular gathering on the last Sunday in each month, and the first is to be held on Sunday, October 31st, at 8 p.m.

We believe this gathering is capable of being just what is needed of a Sunday evening in the form of social refreshment and relaxation. What bothers us, however, is that we are not quite happy about the choice of title. What do you think about it? The present title does not convey very much about what happens. We invite readers to submit alternative titles and see if we can't hit upon something really good.



## Notes at Random

Our Secretary is a keen member of the Folk Dancing Class held on Monday evenings at 8 p.m. and on occasions acts as leader. We are wondering whether his recent visit to a performance of the Vic-Wells Ballet Company portends that he is considering forsaking Folk Dancing for Ballet—you never can tell!

Attention is drawn to the series of lectures held on a Wednesday evening on Gardening. During October we are to hear on the 13th Mrs. Perry and Mr. Swanley on "Root Crops" and on the 27th Miss Style and Mr. Hort on "Soil Treatment and Manuring."

The Youth Club had a special visitor on the 23rd September when Mr. Frederick Woodhouse, the well-known baritone of Queens Hall and B.B.C. fame, spoke to the club members on his travels in Europe and of his experiences.

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## CHILDREN'S COLUMN

### Homework

Do you find it difficult to find a quiet corner at home where you can settle down undisturbed to do the work which has been set you at school and which has to be prepared for the next morning? We think there may be a number of children on the Estate whose younger brothers or sisters naturally and rightly want to make a noise and who would like a place where they can do their homework in peace, or perhaps a grown up wants to listen to the news or some music.

If you will go to the Watling Centre and ask for Mrs. Coleman or Mr. Harris they will tell you what days you can come, and which room you can use, and you will be able to work there undisturbed between 5.0 and 7.0 or as much of that time as you want.

Reference was recently made in the local press to the very bad spelling of school children. It is a fault from which few are wholly free and, as the many spelling-bees on the wireless showed, even clever people are its victims. Consolation, however, may be had from the remarks made by the Archbishop of Canterbury a few years ago. Dr. Temple held that punctuation was more important than spelling. Bad spelling, his Grace contended, was untidy to look at but bad punctuation reflected "the muddled mind." "The clear mind automatically displayed itself in the easy and appropriate distribution of those mighty atoms."

### Common Room

The following is taken from a prospectus of a London Settlement, is it too much to hope that we may also print a similar notice in the near future?

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Regarding membership, it would be very useful if the Association could take a census of occupations followed by members of the W.C.A. and from evidence obtained new light might be thrown upon the line of future development.

## Letters to the Editor

### War on Tuberculosis

(See also page 3)

Dear Editor,

Perhaps some of our Resident readers either attended Dr. Hall's lectures at Redhill Hospital on "Tuberculosis, a Social Problem" or maybe heard him speak at the Watling Centre on "Beveridge and the Medical Services."

Those who have heard the doctor will know that he has the welfare of the people at heart. Mainly through his efforts we will have the opportunity of making use of the new X-ray apparatus. It will be at Redhill Hospital in October for six weeks. There are only four for the entire country, it is very necessary that as many people as possible avail themselves of this service.

The great thing is that the machine detects early stages of tuberculosis immediately; people are not always aware they are suffering from the complaint.

The scheme is a voluntary one and it is hoped that everybody in the near vicinity of Redhill, which includes our Estate, will come forward.

E. LEWINGTON.

P.S.—The Government now has a scheme of subsidising patients who have to take treatment.

### "Huntin' or Dartin' Blues"

Dear Editor,

In June you published a column by "Ben" entitled "What do you think about Universities?" I should like to ask "Ben" "what do you know about Universities?" Why the assumption that only Oxford and Cambridge are meant and what does he (or she—these nom-de-plume really are a nuisance) mean by "so called intellectuals and educationalists" (my italics)? Who calls them and if "Ben" doesn't agree why use the phrase?

Can "Ben" give the name of anyone who has ever got a blue for "huntin' or dartin' "? Of course he can't. He knows well enough they aren't given for these things, and that just shows the whole character of his article, a travesty of the truth. Come, come, Mr. Editor!

After which I must, of course, follow "Ben's" bad example.

Yours,  
"JAMIN."



## Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

The winter programme of the Watling Community Association as outlined by Mr. Sewell Harris during the past month, has been prepared with particular care and with a desire to bring refreshment, enjoyment and enlightenment into the lives of all the members of our estate and neighbourhood, also the opportunity to contribute to the fostering of that community spirit which seeks and finds happiness chiefly in service for and with each other.

Mrs. Wharhurst has given us a delightfully instructive account of a pre-war holiday she spent in North Africa, illustrated with photographs.

The first of the W.E.A. lectures on Social Problems was enthusiastically attended when our speaker gave some interesting facts about the problem of "Population."

These lectures are held fortnightly: the next one is to be at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, September 20th. It will be found well worth while making an extra effort to attend these talks and discussions which affect parents and all residents so vitally.

Our School meets every Monday afternoon, and new members will find a very warm welcome.



## Discussion Group

The discussions for the last month have been of a particularly practical type. A talk on the subject of "Dickens" provided a suitable variation, the speaker showing an unusual familiarity with the works of the writer. Mr. Sewell Harris opened the discussion on "Planning the Neighbourhood." The main point of the discussion was to ascertain the most favourable position of the "Centre" if it is ever reconstructed. No settled plan was evolved, but our thought was awakened on an important topic.

The "Nature of Matter" was interesting, if only for the reason that it provided a reminder of our ignorance of the true structure of material substance, and of our greater ignorance of the relation between matter and mind. No matter! The last discussion was centred on the "Machine Age." The speaker ably outlined the importance of the machine in our lives and the possible results of the greater mechanisation of the world in the future.

J. C.

## Three Plays in One Evening!

### The Guild of Players

are performing at the

"CENTRE"

on

Friday, Oct. 29th

See details on page 3

## In the Clouds

WE had sweated up the mountain, yes literally, though it wasn't a hot day and it was nearly five in the afternoon, climbing up a steep slope of broken rock and then over a yet steeper bit of crag where the hands were nearly as much help as the feet. Many of the other mountains round about had clouds over their summits and soon after we got up the clouds blew over us, also, but on the way up we had seen the sun shining on the distant sea, so we waited patiently for the clouds to blow away again. After a while they did blow away and for a few minutes we had just one picture before us, a narrow valley with the steep hills on either side capped by cloud, in the further part of the valley a long lake, with a ceiling of cloud over the whole; beyond the lake a few miles of green fields in sunlight, then blue sky and the open sea mottled with cloud shadow and sunshine.

On the way home we passed an aeroplane which had crashed on the mountain side the night before.



## Our Best Wishes

Members will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Lord, one time the Association's Juvenile Organiser, at present a member of the Socials Committee and leader of the All Round Girls' Club, is seriously ill.

Also that Mr. T. Judd's daughter, Miss Daisy Judd is a patient at Redhill Hospital. She is a valued seller for the "Resident" and an active member of the Guild of Players.

We hope that both patients make a speedy yet sound recovery and we look forward to seeing them with us again in the near future.

## Veterans' Club Report

Amersham was the place selected by the Veterans for their Annual Outing in July. There were 42 in the party, and the journey was made by bus via Watford Junction. Although it was raining when we started the old folks were in fine spirits and determined not to let the weather upset their enjoyment. However it cleared up when we got to Amersham and was fine for the rest of the day.

Tea was held at the "Mill Stream" Restaurant, a well known spot in Amersham for its quaint setting.

Our President kindly provided cigarettes and light refreshments.

## The Club's Sad Loss

It is with great regret we announce the death of Mr. Fleet, who passed away in Redhill Hospital after a short illness. Mr. Fleet, always cheerful and willing to help in the running of the club, was its sick visitor for over a year.

He was affectionately known as "The Admiral" and loved by us all. A chaplet was sent on behalf of the veterans. A few of the members formed a guard of honour at the house on the day of interment. E. E. C.

## Make a note of the dates!

# Annual Drama Festival

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## Another £50 for P.o.W. Fund

The Executive Committee and the Council of the Association have pleasure in announcing that for the second year in succession the Association is able to forward a cheque for £50 to the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation Prisoner of War Fund.

This contribution is made possible through the excellent support given to Watling "Week" held in June, and we wish to record our thanks to the Committee and to Mr. R. Lodge, Hon. Organiser, for the labours they put into the work of providing the programme; and of course to the many folk that supported the "Week's" effort. Balance Sheet below:

### WATLING "WEEK" No. 15, 1943

Income			Expenses		
PROFIT ON ACTIVITIES:	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Opening Dance .. ..	22	17 6	Postage .. ..	15	1
A Neighbourly Night ..	5	7 7	"Resident" for Programme ..	6	0 0
Children's Entertainment ..	1	12 3			
Old Time Social (12th) ..	3	16 1			
Dance, June 13th .. ..		3			
Crazy Night .. ..	4	5 10			
Bowls Competition .. ..	1	2 8½			
Grand Whist Drive .. ..	4	10 0			
Baby Show .. ..	2	16 6			
To Love and to Cherish ..	4	12 5			
Wednesday Whist .. ..	3	17 6½			
St. Alphege Dance .. ..		9 8			
Men's Club Social .. ..	1	17 0			
Thursday Whist .. ..		10 4			
Youth Club and Choir ..	4	2 6½			
Youth Committee Concert ..	1	11 6			
Special Social (19th) ..	5	16 4			
Rabbit Club .. ..	1	10 3			
Sunday Concert .. ..	3	15 5			
Juvenile Dance Competition	17	7 0			
Donations .. ..	47	2 6			
Draw .. ..	28	16 6			
Raffles, etc. .. ..	9	3 4			
Townswomen's Guild ..	2	15 6			
	£179	16 4½	Net Profit .. ..	173	1 3½
				£179	16 4½

The foregoing accounts are in accordance with the records kept and all items of income and expenditure have been checked and the balance is as stated in the accounts.  
24.8.43 J. RICHARDSON, Hon. Auditor.

Children of their Prisoner-of-War colleagues have been adopted by London Co-operative Society branches for the duration. The staff collectively accepts responsibility for sending occasional letters of cheer to these youngsters, together with small gifts at birthday, Easter and Christmas time.

The Committee of Management has also decided to send a Penny Bank Card with 10s. credit as a birthday present for each of the children concerned.

There are over 7,000 L.C.S. employees with the Forces and 106 are now prisoners in Italy, Germany and Japan.

(continued from next column)

Tuesday	19	Rabbit Club, 8.
Wednesday	20	Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.
Thursday	21	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Wednesday	27	Gardening Lecture, "Soil Treatment and Manuring," 8.
Thursday	28	K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Friday	29	"A Triple Bill," by Watling Guild of Players.
Sunday	31	Oddfellows, 10. Youth Club (Girls), 3.

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OCTOBER, 1943

## Association Diary

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30 (not on 3rd).  
Youth Club, 7.30.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
The World We Want, 7.35.  
W.A. Musical Society, 8.  
Folk Dancing, 8.  
Y.C. Boxing, 7.30.  
Drama, 7.45.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Girls Keep Fit, 7.30.  
Boys P.T., 7.30.  
Talk, Games, etc., 9.

Wednesday—

Veteran's Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, Stone Carving, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.  
Discussion Group, 8.  
6. Does the Stage Matter. Mrs. Watts.  
13. The Meaning of Socialism.  
Mr. C. Groves.  
20. Russia. Mr. Shears.  
27. Dialectical Materialism.  
Mr. John Coleman.

Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Y.C. Woodwork and Handicrafts, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.  
The Four Freedoms, 8.

Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

OTHER EVENTS.

Sunday	3	Oddfellows, 10. Youth Club (Girls), 3. Fellowship Meeting, 3.30. C.E.M.A. Concert, 8.
Tuesday	5	Rabbit Club, 8.
Wednesday	6	Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.
Thursday	7	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Sunday	10	Open Rabbit Show, 1.
Wednesday	13	Gardening Lecture, "Root Crops," 8.
Thursday	14	K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Friday	15	W.A. Council.
Sunday	17	Oddfellows, 10. Youth Club (Girls), 3. Society of Friends Evening Meeting, 6. Public Meeting on "Education," Speaker Mr. G. C. T. Giles, 7.30.

(concluded in previous column)

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## Gardening Lectures at the "CENTRE"

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" 27 - Soil Treatment and  
Manuring

## Release from Apathy

(Reprinted from "Times Educational  
Supplement")

There has been shown privately in London recently a set of paintings, done by a voluntary class of adults, which suggests interesting and perhaps important psychological implications. The class was got together by a sergeant in the Army who is in private life a surrealist painter and who had become deeply impressed by the extent to which, in men of every rank—no matter what their education—the senses were left unused because of lack of sense training. He set out to try to startle a group of rather bored adults into using their latent powers of observation, selection, and expression, and to see what would be the results of the release of these powers not merely in terms of interest in painting but in breaking down a generally apathetic attitude to life. His success in his first objective is strikingly evident in the pictures his hitherto untutored pupils produced in a remarkably short space of time, but those interested in the development of adult education will attach more importance to the remarkable ancillary results of the experiment. Members of the class began to demand instruction in other subjects, to take part in discussion groups, and, perhaps most significant of all, to evince a much greater sociability. There was no doubt that these men and women found, through the medium of expression in colour and design, a psychological release from inhibitions and frustrations. Such release, it is well known, can be obtained through appropriate opportunity for creative expression in a wide variety of media. In view of the fact that the greatest obstacle to the widespread development of adult education (which is so urgently needed) is the apathy of large sections of the public, could it not be made possible for such experiments as this to take place on a large scale?

## Garden Notes

Harvesting root crops is one of the important jobs for this month.

This applies particularly to potatoes. The tubers should be taken up in dry weather and the tops or "haulms" should be burnt. The ashes so obtained are valuable and the disease spores are destroyed. It is a great mistake to leave the haulm lying about on the soil and it is not advisable to dig it in. If this is done there is the possibility of infecting the soil with the common potato disease or late blight. If the crop is large, those potatoes that are not wanted for immediate consumption may be stored in a "Potato Clamp" by means of which they can be preserved for winter use.

Beetroot and carrots can be lifted and placed under a covering of sand, fine soil, or sifted ashes, and kept in a box in a frost-proof place.

But beetroot and carrots and parsnips may be left in the ground till the end of the year.

Celery should have its final earthing up this month. Care should be taken not to allow any soil to fall into the heart or centre of the plants.

If severe weather is experienced the celery may be protected by scattering a little bracken or rough litter over the plants to keep them safe from damage.

In gathering hardy fruits, such as apples and pears, care should be taken on the one hand not to gather them too soon and on the other hand not leave them too long on the trees. If picked too soon they shrivel prematurely and their full flavour does not develop. If left too long on the trees they are in danger of being blown down by autumn gales and damaged. Damaged fruit should of course not be stored.

Seeds from home grown plants may be collected and stored for use next spring. They should be stored in a cool dark place and kept dry in an even temperature. They are best placed in tins with tightly fitting lids or in thoroughly clean glass jam jars. They may also be wrapped up in glazed paper impermeable to moisture. Soft absorbent paper is bad as the seed will either dry and shrivel up or if kept in too moist a place will get damp and rot. Do not leave seeds in their pods, as is often advised, since after a time the pods will dry up and draw both moisture and vitality from the seeds.

Use has again been made of J. Coult's "All About Gardening" in writing some of these notes.

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- Oct. 17—Mr. H. BENNETT
- Oct. 24—Mr. E. BARKER
- Oct. 31—Mr. C. O. BOWEN



**Y.H.A.**—There have been several changes this month in the Committee of the Youth Hostels Association, meetings of which are held at the Watling Community Centre every Thursday evening.

Arthur Holmes has relinquished the position of publicity agent to Ivan Piercy, and has become social organiser in the place of Alf. Fuller.

The hostels most favoured by the cyclists during the month have been Henley-on-Thames (for slow cyclists), Chesham and Shalfont St. Giles. Tea was had at the much-famed "Stacey's." The more ambitious cyclists had a fast week-end to Oxford, and from reports had an extremely good time on the river.

A party of members visited the Haymarket Theatre and saw "Love for Love," an extremely good play that all enjoyed.

Derek Froome made a return visit to one of our Thursday evenings this month, and most of the members could be seen participating in the art of country dancing.

The walkers, led by Ted Harris, have been to St. Albans, Egypt (near Burnham Beeches), and Berkhamstead.



**St. Alphege Club.**—Some of our members are joining in the dancing classes to be held in Goldbeater's School; others will represent the club in the matches to be played in the table tennis league.

Badminton, Scouts, Guides and Guilds are all busy. Preparing for and taking part in the afternoon sale and display in aid of missions to the heathen, and for our dedication festival, takes up our time and energy.

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## Youth Columns

*These notes have been written by someone actively interested in the problem of Youth long before the war and are not written as an expression of opinion of the Association, although it is hoped that the members are vitally concerned, if only for the welfare of their own Club.—EDITOR.*

## Youth Charter

IT seems by reports issuing from the Hendon Town Hall as though some are not clear as to what are the terms of reference of the Council's Post-War Development Committee. It appears as though there is an impression abroad that its only task is to investigate the housing situation in the Borough.

If this is so, it is we feel, a terrible mistake for we can suggest several matters of importance that the Committee could usefully employ its time in considering.

One such matter is the provision of Youth Centres. Yes! I can hear you saying that is an Education Committee concern. Quite right, it should be, but as they are not showing any apparent foresight on this matter why not give it to the Post-War Development Committee to make recommendations.

Not all Youth Clubs are attached to Churches: quite a number are meet-

## THE WATLING RESIDENT

ing in our School Halls. This is the best that can be arranged for the present emergency, but it is not a lasting solution to the problem of accommodation.

Is it too much for a Borough the size of Hendon to build and equip a "Centre" in a district where the need is greatest. In Watling, for instance, there is a really urgent need for adequate accommodation; there are several clubs and probably they would be pleased to share a building; at least for the time being.

What have we to offer for physical training facilities? It was proposed, I believe, some years ago to build a cinder running track round Montrose Park. Cannot that be again pressed for. Although it sounds perhaps to the casual reader fantastic, I believe a Stadium and Sports Ground somewhere in this district would be welcomed and would not be a "White Elephant."

I know of one Club that is fighting great odds and is anxious to develop. What encouragement is there? The Pre-Service Units have superb attractions, thereby making it extremely difficult for the pre-war voluntary organisations catering for youth to meet the challenge, largely because of lack of adequate premises and equipment.

Perhaps the Hendon Youth Committee has something to say on this problem. We would be glad to hear of a really progressive policy outlined by one or other of the Hendon Committees.



The dancing classes to be held in Goldbeater's School have had good support from clubs and should be enjoyable and successful.

Soon the table tennis league will begin. Six clubs have entered, namely, 1939 Club, Watling Boys' Club, Wesley Guild, Watling Association Youth Club, the Young Communist League, and St. Alphege Club. Mr. H. Lee is the secretary.

The next youth social will be run by a committee of representatives from the different clubs, and will be held on a Thursday in November. See next month's youth page for details.

The next meeting of the Watling Youth Organisations Committee will be held on November 4th at 8.15 p.m. in the Watling Community Centre.



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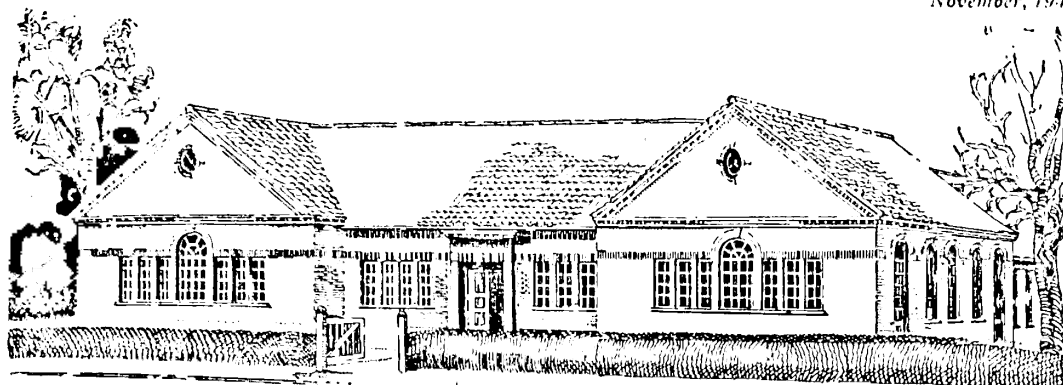
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## The Babies Who Need Not Die

**WHY** do babies die? Mr. Richard Titmuss in his latest study on population, "Birth, Poverty, and Wealth"\* gives us the answer, which is sensational in its implications about the Society in which we live.

From a wealth of statistics, and statements from Registrar-Generals, he shows that if the children of the poor had the same advantages during the first 24 months of life as the children of the wealthier, 24,000 children's lives could be saved every year. This statement makes me reel, when I think of the potential citizens who are denied the right to live. For every 11 babies from comfortable homes who die from preventable causes, 90 babies of the poor die.

In the first month of life, the death rate is the same, whether the baby is born in wealth or poverty, but after four weeks, the rate leaps higher and higher each week for the poorer. The peak rate is reached at 12 months.

Mr. Titmuss considers the chances of two babies, one born in a well-to-do home, and the other of poor parents. During the first month, there is little to choose, but gradually the gulf widens. He believes that the reason for the widening gulf is that the rich are in the economic position to make use of the opportunities for child health which are in theory at the disposal of all. Our maternity and child welfare services are apparently only a drop in the ocean.

The chances of children of the poor are gradually weakened by bad housing, bad feeding, lack of air, warmth, and light, defective clothing, ignorance, inadequate medical care, and by

\* "Birth, Poverty and Wealth." R. M. Titmuss. (Publisher: Hamish Hamilton. 7s. 6d.).

*An article giving facts and figures of interest to those with an enquiring mind into the problem of infant mortality.*

**By Margaret W. Croker**

the general inability to protect their defencelessness.

Mr. Titmuss believes that infant mortality has far reaching social implications, and is an indication of human health and progress. Where it is high, adult mortality is high, and where it is low, adult mortality is low. This book suggests that environment is much more important than heredity in determining health, and the author believes we may learn during the next few years that our health, physique and intelligence depend to a greater extent than is now thought possible on nutrition in its wide sense.

Facts such as these make it perfectly clear that we must press for better housing, better medical care, adequate income for raising families, and we must use every power we have to dispel our greatest enemy, IGNORANCE. When people know, they

will demand and get the basic necessities of life, to which they are entitled as members of a community. To quote Mr. Titmuss, "These inequalities are not isolated phenomena but an integral part of an unequal society, pervading and invading the activities of men from the cradle to the grave. If the beginning be sordid, can life be full, abundant and generous?"

### NEIGHBOURLINESS

The article in last month's *Resident* about a home for children whose mothers are ill and ought to go to hospital, or for a rest, has reminded a pioneer of the Association of what they used to do in the early days, fifteen or sixteen years ago, and the following is written as a suggestion as to whether the experiences of the past could be revived to meet the immediate need. The Association had only recently been started, many of the roads were still not made up, there were few shops in the Avenue or the Broadway, but children needed attention. A knock on her door; the doctor's voice, "Mrs. — has to go to hospital. Fix up her three children, please," and before the day is out various members of the committee have taken those children into their homes. That's good neighbourliness. Even in these days there are people who are able to give a helping hand in this way in case of emergency. We know the names of some who can be depended on if need be, but it would be a great help to know a few more. A volunteer may, of course, never be called on. The requests for help vary very greatly in number from time to time. If you are willing to be called on to take a child should the matter be urgent please leave your name and address at the "Centre."

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**Have you your  
TICKET  
for the  
CONCERT  
on Sunday, Nov. 7  
at 8 p.m.**



## Words and Music

THOSE who went on Saturday, September 18th, to the North London Collegiate School, Edgware, at the invitation of the Mill Hill and Edgware Branch of the Workers' Educational Association to take part in their annual Saturday School enjoyed a programme which set a high standard indeed for future similar events.

"Music and Drama in Wartime" was the chosen subject, and at the afternoon sessions the Rev. L. H. Yorke, Vicar of St. Michael's, Mill Hill, took the chair for the well-known actress, Miss Eileen Thorndike, whose work as Director of the School of Dramatic Art at the Embassy Theatre in pre-war days was only one expression of the devotion of her talented family to the English stage. Miss Thorndike gave her audience a masterly—and as was to be expected—intimate survey of the fortunes of the theatre during the war. She spoke of the extraordinary way in which the drama had once more asserted its hold upon the nation despite the entire suspension of all theatrical activities before and during the "blitz," and went on to refer to the work of "Ensa" among the Forces, and of the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts for the civilian population. Her talk ended with a reference to the repertory theatre; a word of appreciation and encouragement for the amateur stage, and a powerful plea that the interest in the art so successfully aroused by all these agencies in wartime should not again be starved in peacetime for lack of State support and subsidy.

No greater contrast in the treatment of the subject could have been possible than that so pleasingly achieved by Dr. Arnold Smith of the Royal College of Music at the evening session, with Mr. M. Mirsky, the Hon. Director of the Mill Hill Music Club, in the chair. Using the historical approach Dr. Smith showed how, throughout the ages men have turned to music to cheer and fortify them in times of strife and national peril. The effect of his words was heightened by some delightful vocal interludes, in which Dr. Smith's fine baritone voice was heard to perfection in such items as "The Agincourt Song," "Lilliburlero," Elgar's "Pipes of Pan" and a setting of Rupert Brooke's "The Soldier." He concluded with a recent composition of his own—a song written to the moving prayer of an American mother with a son on a war front to-day—and the gathering came to a fitting end with the spontaneous singing by the audience of Parry's "Jerusalem."

## Free and Easy

Sunday  
NOVEMBER 28  
at 8 p.m.

### Our First Sunday Concert

ON Sunday October the 3rd, the "Centre" made history. The first of a series of concerts was given to an appreciative audience, and C.E.M.A. presented three charming artists: Mary Hamlin, soprano, Anthony Hopkins, pianoforte, and Irny Gitlis, violin.

Mary Hamlin introduced the artists, explaining how C.E.M.A. worked, and her delightful personality helped to make an intimate relationship between the artists and audience. She opened the programme with three songs, "Art thou troubled," "Come unto Him," and "Alleluia." Then came the young violinist, who played a clever sonata, "The Devil's Trill," which was written after the composer had a very bad nightmare, and dreamed that the Devil was sitting at the foot of his bed playing the violin. Anthony Hopkins brought the first half of the concert to a finish with some Brahms waltzes, and a Polonaise by Chopin.

After the interval, Mary Hamlin sang again—"Still as the Night," "Lullaby" by Brahms, and "Serenade" by Schubert. These were followed by some Spanish Airs played by Gitlis.

and then the entire ensemble joined together for the final presentation which included "Slumber Song" by Schumann.

The audience were well satisfied with the feast of music, and the clapping and encores made the artists feel that they were appreciated. The Hall was looking very gay. Many folk mentioned how nice it was to see a clean bright room, decorated with autumn flowers, and it was indeed a pleasure to see what a difference appearance makes to enjoyment.

We are looking forward to the next concert on November 7th, and advise readers of the "Resident" to make sure of their tickets. Good things are hard to come by!



## W.C.A. YOUTH CLUB

When the Association's Youth Club opened its winter programme, after having closed its doors for a fortnight, it rightly commenced with its Annual Meeting for club members.

With Mr. Lodge presiding, and Miss Moon, the organiser assisting at the table, the meeting soon fell into full swing.

Election of officers and committee—carefully balanced between the sexes both junior and senior members; the gathering of about 40 young men and women were in their element. Particular praise is due to Miss Peggy — (we regret we have forgotten her surname) for her careful report of the meetings of the Hendon Youth Council. Her confidence and clear speech was a lesson to her friends in the club.

Several members of the club's Management Committee were present.

Much time was spent in discussing the winter programme, and many original ideas were forthcoming from the members.

One feels that Miss Moon in her eight months' service with us has given much labour in the task of organising and leading this club, and she is to be congratulated on the progress she has made in so short a period.

### British Legion

The Edgware Branch of the British Legion (Hon. Sec. J. Teague, 92 Littlefield Road, Burnt Oak) is meeting at the "Centre" Saturday afternoons, 3 to 4 p.m.

This branch of the United Services Fund Local Benevolent Committee meets to help all Ex-Service men and women of the last and present war. Advice on Pensions and Legal Aid.

Attention is drawn again this month to the Radiography equipment for examining people for any sign of tuberculosis. The apparatus is at present at Redhill Hospital. Volunteers, particularly women are asked for, and any who are desirous of being examined are asked to communicate with Mr. Harris at the "Centre," who will make the appointment.





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## Bold Words

"EVERYTHING had been done wrong that could be done wrong" is a scathing criticism, particularly when uttered by such a dignitary as the Lord Chief Justice.

His Lordship, in making these comments about the now notorious Hereford Juvenile Court case, gave one an immense sense of satisfaction in our Judicial System, a system that can rebuke where necessary and comment—please or offend.

The service that His Lordship and his colleagues have rendered to the juveniles called before the courts is one that will rebound into every Juvenile Court in the country. Whilst not attempting to affix the blame on anyone, we venture to suggest that the evidence that was offered showed a lamentable lack of knowledge by those to whom we look to observe the practical working of the laws of the country.

The plea of younger magistrates is one that is echoed from all interests who have contact with young people; but age is not the guarantee of a new approach in the treatment of Juvenile Delinquents. Surely it is apparent that the primary need of the magistrates is to have an approach to each child that is human and understanding of the child's make-up—an attitude that sees the need for correction rather than punishment.

Many prisoners in the Criminal Courts to-day are those who have been "toughened" through the wrong treatment in the juvenile courts years ago.

## Celluloid

THE influence of the Cinema is terrific. To some the influence is considered bad; to others it seems all desirable; but it is acclaimed by all that when used as a medium of education the power of the celluloid is tremendous.

As a new activity added to the Association's already full list, we are to have talkie films introduced to the "Centre."

The members chosen by the Educa-

## AT THE CENTRE

## FILMS

(WITH TALKIE APPARATUS)

Friday, November 26

Friday, December 10

at 8 p.m.

ADMISSION 6d

tion Committee to be responsible for the selection of films have a difficult task. Whilst keeping in mind that their primary function is to choose educational pictures it is their express desire to select subjects of interest to the majority, and we are assured that the pictures we shall see will be topical as well as educational, with occasionally a comic strip thrown in.

The first public performance is to take place on Friday, November 26th, at 8 p.m.; admission 6d., children only admitted if accompanied by an adult and no reduced price.

The second performance is on Friday, December 10th.



## Are Men more selfish than Women?

This is the provocative subject that those attending the "Free and Easy" on October 31st will be asked to consider in a debate.

We hesitate to take sides at this juncture, but if it is left to the powers of speech to win the argument then perhaps we can assume the fair sex have succeeded in proving the case in their favour?

Mr. Jack Radley, the host for the evening, is anxious to develop these happy Sunday evening gatherings into a real comradeship and we ask all who can to give him their support.

Don't forget, the last Sunday in each month at 8 p.m.

## Carry On

A REPORT of the C.E.M.A. Concert held on Sunday, October 3rd, appears on page two, but we feel justified in writing of it again here.

In the first place the appearance of the stage and the hall was really splendid. The flowers that bedecked the front of the stage were indeed a happy idea. So often in the past we have failed to realise the significance of these details, they matter very much and help largely to create an "atmosphere."

The friendly and informal relationship between artistes and audience too was very noticeable and a relationship to be encouraged.

Although there were a few vacant seats we venture to suggest that the attendance was decidedly encouraging and that the next concert on November 7th (details below) promises to be even more successful. We feel confident that the majority of those present will come again and will in all probability bring a friend with them.

We are confident that there is in this locality an enthusiastic following for good Concerts, and that by the time we have held our next one, the publicity that brings an audience will have been successfully accomplished. The best publicity after all is personal recommendation.



## For Music Lovers

The second in the series of concerts arranged for music lovers by the Association is to be held at the "Centre" on Sunday, November 7th at 8 p.m.

This concert promises to be well supported and early application for tickets is advisable. The high standard set by our first concert last month will we think be well maintained. The following artistes are to appear: John Turner (tenor), Mary Lawson (elocutionist), Catherine O'Brien (piano).

Make certain you come yourself and bring a friend with you. The prices of admission are as last month: 2/- (1/6 for members, and when a family of 3 and over, 1/- each; also 1/6 for readers of the "Resident") and 1/- for members of H.M. Forces.



## REFLECTIONS ON THE CONFERENCE

By a member of H.M. Forces on leave

THE Conference on "The Purpose of a Community Association" fell conveniently on September 26th whilst I was on leave—the brief period when one becomes a (temporary) member of the community once more. The decision to hold the Conference was a wise one, justified by the results. The attendance was less than might have been expected, but the discussion showed a distinct liveliness throughout.

At the afternoon session Sewell Harris summarised the functions of a Community Association and effectively laid the foundation for the afternoon's discussion. By contrast Robert Croker spoke at the evening session with altogether commendable vehemence on "The Association and the Individual."

He declared himself openly provocative but I rather thought that the audience, whilst appreciating his paradox, were often too wily to fall for his provocations. A number, too, were concerned to pursue lines of thought opened up in the afternoon, which had been interrupted by the tea interval. Which is not in any way to minimise Mr. Croker's valuable contribution to the Conference.

Discussion naturally made special reference to Watling, and Mr. Cole raised a miniature storm by stressing the unsuitable location of the "Centre" and calling for a "Centre" in Watling Park. For my part I agreed with him, without underrating the practical problem of getting another brick, let alone another "Centre." The present "Centre" had come into existence as the fruit of so long a struggle, that there is a tendency to attach personal considerations to it. The "Centre" is inadequate (we are all acutely aware of that) and frankly the degree to which the Association has failed to become the embodiment of the people of Watling can more completely be attributed to the inconvenient position of the "Centre" than to any other physical cause. And it is worth remembering that should another, more central, headquarters come to us, there would still be plenty of use for the present building.

Inevitably came up the "perennial" (to use Mr. Griffin's term), question of accommodation and finance, and this in turn threw up the wider problem of the relationship between a Community Association and the Local Authorities. It is on this point that the Movement so easily loses its realism and becomes obscurantist. The cost involved in providing the social and cultural amenities which a community needs must clearly come from one of three sources; from the members' subscriptions, from private loan or donation, or from public funds. The first is obviously inadequate for all but "minor works," the second acceptable but by no means certain. We must be concerned to secure the financial assistance which only the Local Authority can give. It is to be hoped that the War will at least have disposed of the bogey conjured up at the mention of the word "Socialism." There will, of course, be the problem of the local authority's degree of control over the Community Association, but the prospect of a publicly provided Community Centre need not necessarily be a gloomy one. The Community Association must show itself capable of managing its own affairs and determined to do so within reasonable limits. One feels that the local authority may regard the Watling Association at present as "toy government," something of a "Mock Parliament." This is an impression we have got to remove.

If this notion of a Community Association in relation to the authority brands me a heretic I am reminded the orthodox that the alternative is to retain full power to the resolutions which will hardly diminish the imperturbability of the local government officer, and launch appeal for assistance to expand, on the capricious tide of post-war National social demands, where they will be hardly heeded.

Towards the end of the Conference another "war horse" made his appearance in the arena—the need for leaders. Mr. Bird put his finger on an important truth when he reminded the conference that leaders are born, not made; important because the obverse is equally true, that since born leaders are a gift, there is the added need for members to train themselves to a sense of responsibility. They will then be "guides" (as Mr. Cole called them) if not leaders. Training for leadership need not be decried. Because you aren't a Kreisler or a Heifetz, that is no reason for giving up the violin; you do not abandon your game of billiards because you haven't the eye of a Lindrum.

When the Conference was over I was reminded that Watling had after all been described in the comprehensive Survey of Community Centres, 1942, as "an outstanding example of its kind" being the result of the persistent efforts of its residents. Ours has not been a mean achievement and I went back to Camp feeling that the Conference had been worth while if it did nothing more than sustain those persistent efforts towards a more satisfying community life.

LEONARD J. CLARK.

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## IMPRESSIONS OF A VISITOR TO A RECENT MEETING HELD ON Education

THE public meeting at the "Centre" on Sunday, October 17, when Mr. G. C. T. Giles, Vice-President of the National Union of Teachers, spoke on Education, was very well attended.

"Upon the Education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends." Those words, said Mr. Giles, prefaced the White Paper which the Board of Education had recently issued. The White Paper was unquestionably a great advance on the present system, but Mr. Giles reminded his audience that it was still only a Paper; it had as yet to become a Bill and then an Act. Unless the public, realising its merits, fights for it and insists on the reforms it advocates, it might be lost. There were reactionary people who would like to see it pigeon-holed and what was still more distressing was the fact that certain well intentioned minorities—he mentioned in particular the Roman Catholics—were opposed to it, not because they were not in agreement with the reforms, but because it did not meet the religious problem.

The discussion which followed the speaker's talk revolved almost wholly round the religious issue. Several Roman Catholics stoutly defended the stand seemingly taken by that denomination. Some of them argued that the treatment meted out to them in the White Paper was a denial of democracy. One, stating that education was for life, emphasised with all sincerity the importance of religion, to Roman Catholicism he owed everything. Quoting Ireland as an example, it had, he said, produced the finest scholars, writers, poets, all who were noble and great. Another member of the audience pointed out that Italy, at any rate, certainly did not support this contention.

The impression left on the writer was that the Catholics welcomed the much needed reforms. Their objections to the White Paper were mainly on financial grounds: they felt aggrieved that in order to retain their existing privileges they would have to bear half the cost of reconstructing their present schools, and what was worse, was that they were offered nothing for the building of new schools.

Mr. Giles, in replying, could not concede the validity of the Catholics' objections. They had hitherto financed themselves and presumably were the Bill not passed, would go on financing

themselves. They were, therefore, being offered something they had never had before.

To grant the demands of the Catholics would result in demands for similar treatment by a host of other minorities, and possibly even parties, which apart from being impossible, would certainly not be desirable.

One felt that the Catholics by their intransigence were cutting off their noses, or rather the noses of their children, to spite their faces. It certainly seemed a thousand pities that with so much agreement both on the blots of the present system and on the proposed reforms, that the religious problems should be allowed to jeopardise the whole White Paper. This much must be said: the nation will not easily forgive any group or party which deprives the rising generation of the brighter future promised by the measure outlined by the President of the Board of Education.

It is certainly to be hoped that parents will obtain the White Paper and study it carefully, for, to quote once again the words at the head of that document, "Upon the Education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends."

By the "fate of this country" one must understand that it is the fate of our sons and daughters and their sons and daughters.

K. A. S.



## Notes at Random

Members and friends will wish to offer their congratulations to Second Lieutenant Gwynn Jones on obtaining his Commission. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Jones, the much respected President of the Association and his wife.

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Readers are advised to look out for the December issue of the *Resident*. Our Christmas issue for the last few years has been in much demand.

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It was nice to see many new faces at the C.E.M.A. Concert on Sunday, October 3rd, and judging by the appreciation shown that evening we expect to see them again at our next Concert, Sunday, November 7th, at 8 p.m.

## Six of the Best

### Enter for the Silver Cup

WE have a record list of entries for the Annual Drama Festival to be held at the "Centre," Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 11, 12 and 13.

This annual Festival always means a packed hall and as a result you are advised to purchase your tickets as early as possible. At the time of writing it is not known on what evening any particular group is performing, as the places are drawn for nearer the Festival.

The following amateur companies have entered for the Festival and we wish them all the best of luck and hope that they are all successful in winning the Silver Cup (we wish this were possible). We don't envy the task of the adjudicator, Mr. Neil Porter. Here are the names:

The Good Companions (John Keble Church).

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# Letters to the Editor

## Over Twenty-fives

Dear Editor,

I notice with interest that the Free and Easy Socials are to be resumed this month. I would suggest that if they are to be a success this winter—and they should be with Jack Radley conducting them—that the original idea of these socials should be carried out viz., that only those members aged 25 and over should be allowed in unless accompanied by their parents.

I quite realise that it is necessary for some parents to bring their younger children with them, but those over school age should certainly attend the dances which are run for the younger people in the Main Hall on Sunday evenings. It is more than probable that the presence of the younger element deterred the elder people from attending last season.

I do know that for that same reason the elder people stayed away from the Saturday night social for a considerable period until the old ruling was enforced again, viz., that no children, unless accompanied by their parents, would be allowed to enter—I regret to say that to all appearances this is not being kept. From my own observation there certainly seems to be a large number of young people attending without their parents. If this practice is continued it will only mean that it will deter the elder people from coming, and we should not lose sight of the fact that the Saturday Socials were originated for the parents and older people on the estate.

After all, I think that the younger people are well catered for re dances, etc., by the Community Centre, apart from public dances.

By the way, in your quest for a new name for the Free and Easy Social, might I suggest that you call them the "Over Twenty-five Socials." The name would be a reminder that they are not juvenile socials,

LEO.

## A Cultural Event

Dear Editor,

On October 3rd music—permanent, enjoyable music—came to Watling when we had our first C.E.M.A. concert. The audience may have been disappointing but was certainly not disappointed, for it was a very unusual treat to have good music performed by such really accomplished artistes.

Watling has thus shared (a little belatedly) in the upsurge of musical interest in this country which has been the most striking cultural event during this War.

On the same evening at Brent the Hendon String Players Orchestra gave an excellent programme. Could they not be invited to perform at the "Centre"? And even if the engaging of artistes should sometimes prove difficult, could we not at any rate have a Sunday Radiogram concert of good, popular music.

It is to be hoped that this Concert will mark the beginning of an active musical interest in the Association.

Yours, etc.,

L. CLARK.



The Editor wishes to apologise to those members of the Women's Adult School who expected him to address them on Monday, September 27th. He wishes it to be known that he alone is responsible for not having checked the date in his diary. It is hoped that he will be allowed to visit the school in the near future.

Friday, October 8th, Banstock Road Firewatchers (correctly called Fire Guards by the latest M.O.S. instructions) enjoyed a Social Evening at the "Centre," and it is reported that the hall was packed for the occasion. It must have been, judging by the Canteen receipts for the evening.

## Children's Library

The Library hours until next March:  
Weekdays, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.;  
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;  
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2.15 to 5 p.m.

### NEW BOOKS

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Disney  
Perry  
Thornhill

For Others

The complete home entertainer  
U.S.S.R.: her life and her people Dobh  
Only an ocean between (relations between America and Great Britain) Florence  
The story of Louisa Alcott (the famous author of Little Women) Meigs  
A cabin for Crusoe Severn  
Lost worlds (exciting story of excavations in the old world) White



## Watling Rabbit Club

### Two years old in December

We are now approaching the end of our second year and looking back I think we can say that we have made steady progress, for this year has seen the commencement of two Cup Competitions between the members, one yearly and one monthly, and the comparison of meat sales between this year and last denotes the improvement in all types of effort put out by the members.

The Cup Competition is growing steadily and rivalry between members is very keen, but the weeding out process of our membership has caused a reduction, still it is better to have a smaller club of enthusiastic members than a large one with a majority of passengers in it. The most important point to note is the fact that in spite of a smaller membership, the quality of our stock has improved.

In order to commemorate our second anniversary we are holding a Supper and Social at the "Centre" on Friday, December 3rd, when it is hoped all members will come along and have a real good evening. It will assist, however, if members and wives who want to come will let me have their names by November 10th; it will allow time to arrange catering, etc.

Final nominations for officers for 1944 will be made at the November meetings, and the Annual General Meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in December, when it is important that every member should attend in order to ensure that our officers are elected in a truly democratic manner.

Next meeting, Nov. 2nd, 8.30 p.m.  
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## Men's Club

### Successful Triple Social

The Joint Social and Dance which was organised by the Men's Club, Rabbit Club and Bowls Club was a great success.

The members and friends of the Men's and Rabbit Clubs gave it their full support, and I am confident in saying that they all enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Sam Davies, acting as M.C., made things go with his usual swing with games, modern and old-fashioned dances.

The Redwood High Steppers, consisting of Iris Davies, Joyce Bouchard and Pamela Redwood, gave a clever exhibition of tap dancing; Mr. Jamieson, of the Men's Club, completely mystified the audience with his clever conjuring tricks.

A 16 lb. marrow, presented by Mrs. Paul, was won by Miss Stella Newson. Mrs. Weatherley made and presented a large cake which was won by Mr. S. R. Timms. New laid eggs were won by the following ladies: Messdames Green, Williams, Abbott and Nye. The winners of the elimination dance were the Misses Iris Davies and Stella Newson.

For the successful evening we must thank the organising Committee: Messrs. E. Cole, C. Wheeler, Sam Davies, S. G. Abbott, G. Richardson, G. W. Nyberg, and last, but not least, the numerous friends and supporters of the Men's Club and Rabbit Club by their presence, without which it would not have been either a financial or social success.

The amount handed over as the result of the Social was £3 18s. 11d. for the Community Association Movement.

L. V. H.

## Gardening

### Notes for November

The increase in vegetarianism, whether from choice or the force of circumstances, results in an increase in the cultivation of nuts. They are not cultivated anything like as much as they might be in this country.

One reason why nut growing is not popular is that the bushes take a long time to mature. But gardeners are patient persons, and it is well worth while to take a long view on the subject of nuts. Some years may be saved by using more matured plants than by starting from the nut itself.

November is the month for beginning the cultivation whether by planting nuts or matured plants.

The walnut is the principal nut cultivated for its fruit in England. It is easily grown in almost any sandy loam or in limy soils, but it does not thrive in damp peaty soil. It takes many years from the time of planting to the time of fruiting. But once it has begun fruiting a healthy tree will go on bearing nuts for fifty or even a hundred years! It has been said that when a walnut has begun to bear fruit the quantity of nuts will multiply by two each succeeding year. Thus, if there are two precious nuts the first year there should be four the next year, eight the third year and so on, until there are 1024 in the tenth year, 2048 in the eleventh, and 4096 in the twelfth! Space does not allow room to say what the score should be in after years.

Another good nut is the filbert which is easily grown in well-drained, deeply dug, soil. The ground chosen should be sheltered from East and North-East winds. A shrubbery or hedge of evergreens will do this satisfactorily. "The Kentish White and Prolific" are amongst the best filberts.

Cobnuts are good. They are larger than filberts but the latter have much the better flavour. *Kentish Cob*, *Emperor Cob* and *Cosford Cob* are amongst the best varieties.

The sweet (or Spanish) chestnut is grown primarily as an ornamental tree, its fruit-bearing in this country being irregular and unreliable. The fruit, when it is borne in a suitable climate, is excellent.

Nuts should not be gathered until they are perfectly ripe and brown. If they are to be stored they had better be left hanging on the trees until they fall naturally.

## ADVERTISEMENT

### Who Was

#### WILLIAM DEWSBURY?

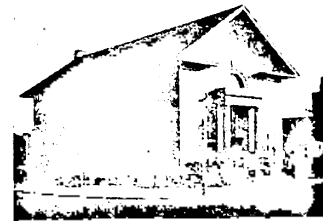
Like many others in the 17th century William Dewsbury cared deeply about religion and its expression in daily life. His early years were a time of heart-searching, when he faced problems not far removed from those we are facing to-day. Eventually he became associated with the Early Quakers and found his place as one of their leaders. He travelled all over England preaching the good news of God's presence in the hearts of all men, and urging men and women to yield themselves to the influence of His Spirit. Religious toleration had still to be won and William Dewsbury soon became involved in the struggle.

On Sunday, November 21 at 6 p.m. at Watling Centre, Basil Burton will talk about William Dewsbury and his contribution to our present day at the Friends' meeting. You are cordially invited to come to hear him; also to the meeting for worship held at Watling Centre every Sunday morning at 11.

Enquiries about other Quaker activities or Quakerism are always welcomed by:

ROBERT W. ERRINGTON,  
99 Crammock G.Lns., Colindale N.W.9.

## WOODCROFT HALL BURNT OAK



You are cordially invited to  
hear the following speakers  
on Sunday Evenings at 6.30

- Nov. 7—Mr. E. F. CURZON
- Nov. 14—  
Mr. A. GALE JOHNSON
- Nov. 21—Mr. M. C. TAYLOR  
(London Embankment Mission)
- Nov. 28—  
Mr. SYDNEY CALCRAFT  
(Of the West Indies)



## Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

The W.E.A., as explained to us by Mr. S. Harris during September, is organised for the promotion of adult education; and in co-operation with Universities and Local Education Authorities, arranges courses in subjects of general social and cultural interest. Our speaker showed us how so many are seeking a means of escape from a mechanical age and from the stress of life caused by war, and these classes are intended to invigorate, and by increasing our knowledge make us feel better able to grapple with our problems and to help in their solution.

"Unemployment" was the subject dealt with on September 20th, when we learnt more of the causes of the distressing fact that owing chiefly to the failure of distribution to keep pace with production, unemployment seems to be inevitable during peace-time, while there is an almost complete absence of this scourge during war-time.

On October 4th our lecturer, Mr. Rogers, explained some of the intricacies of the Beveridge Report.

These classes are held fortnightly on Monday at 2.15 p.m. and, judging by the lively and intelligent entry of all into the discussions, are proving of much value. New members are invited to join us.

## THE FOLLOWING TRADERS SUPPORT THE WATLING RESIDENT

- Alfreds, Ladies' Outfitter**  
15 and 16 Silkstream Parade,  
Watling Avenue
- Bald Faced Stag**  
Burnt Oak
- Bartletts, Drapers and Outfitters**  
23 Watling Avenue
- Brady, Tobacconist and Confectioner**  
3 Watling Avenue
- Sydney Hurry Ltd., Funeral Directors**  
115 Burnt Oak Broadway, Burnt Oak
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70-72 Watling Avenue
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Newsagent and Stationer  
7a Silkstream Parade, Burnt Oak
- Vowden, Fruiterer and Greengrocer**  
205 Deansbrook Road
- Watsons Wood Stores (Edgware) Ltd.**  
195 Burnt Oak Broadway

## WATLING Y.O.C.

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## ST. ALPHAGE HALL

Thursday, Nov. 11

7—11 p.m.

Tickets now on Sale and obtainable  
from Club Leaders

**Watling Community Association Youth Club** commenced the autumn session with its annual meeting on September 16th. There was a good attendance, and the new officers and committee were elected.

The various groups are now in full swing. Keep Fit, for the girls, appears to be a very enjoyable hour, and the B.B.C. Listening and Discussion Group on Thursday evenings is proving very stimulating. We were honoured by the presence of Mr. G. W. Gibson, B.B.C. Senior Education Assistant, at our first listening. On Tuesday evenings we have had some interesting talks and social functions. Mr. F. Woodhouse gave a talk on Relief Work in Europe on the first Tuesday in September. Another week two members of the club discussed Jazz v. Classical Music, and illustrated their talk on gramophone records.

We have had several visits from members who are now serving in the Forces. It gives us great pleasure to see them when they are on leave.

**Burnt Oak Rhythm Club.**—The first meeting in this month will be held on Tuesday, 9th, at 8 p.m., at the Watling Centre. Meetings will then be held every other Tuesday unless announced otherwise in either this publication or the local Press.

Come along and bring your friends. Everybody is welcome.

**St. Alphage Youth Organisations.**—During September our organisations began their winter activities. The Scouts have been busy making the hut tidy and decorating the patrol corners. Badminton players are getting into their stride, and many beginners at the game are learning its art. The table tennis enthusiasts are practising with a view to playing in the Watling Y.O.C. League.

Early in October, 17 of us went together to see the play "Flare Path," and had a very enjoyable evening.

For the future many of us are busy preparing to play in a Nativity play. The Scouts are preparing for an evening of plays and games in aid of their camp fund, and later for an exhibition of boxing and scouting activities.

For the more active of our members, football and badminton matches have been arranged.

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## Association Diary

REGULAR EVENTS.

### Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30 (not on 7th).  
Youth Club, 7.30.

### Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 8.  
Folk Dancing, 8.  
Y.C. Boxing, 7.30.  
Drama, 7.45.

### Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Girls Keep Fit, 7.30.  
Boys P.T., 7.30.  
Talk, Games, etc., 9.

### Wednesday—

Veteran's Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, Stone Carving, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.  
Discussion Group, 8.  
3 Child Delinquency. E. Sewell Harris.  
10 Religion. Mr. A. H. George.  
17 Robert Burns. Mr. Ford.  
24 Is Capitalism Necessary? Mr. G. P. Deane.

### Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Y.C. Woodwork and Handicrafts, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

### Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

### Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

## OTHER EVENTS

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| Tuesday   | 2  | Rabbit Club, 8.30.  |
| Wednesday | 3  | Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.   |
| Thursday  | 4  | Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.<br>K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.                             |
| Friday    | 5  | Gay Girls Concert, 8.   |
| Sunday    | 7  | Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.<br>Concert, 8.  |
| Tuesday   | 9  | Rhythm Club, 8.   |
| Thursday  | 11 | 8.  |
| Friday    | 12 | Drama Festival, 8.  |
| Saturday  | 13 | 7.30.   |
| Sunday    | 14 | Odd Fellows, 10.<br>Youth Club (Girls), 3.  |
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| Friday    | 19 | W.A. Council.   |
| Sunday    | 21 | Society of Friends Evening Meeting, 6.<br>Public Meeting on "Work for All," 7.30. |
| Wednesday | 24 | Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.45.  |
| Friday    | 26 | "News Theatre" Films, 8.  |
| Sunday    | 28 | Odd Fellows, 10.<br>Youth Club (Girls), 3.  |



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## England's Mountains Green



THE LANGDALE PIKES  
LAKE DISTRICT

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?

—Blake.





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## Christmas 1943

WE take this opportunity of wishing all our readers and friends a Christmas of friendship and happiness. It is our sincere hope that this will be the last War-time Christmas that mankind will have to endure and that next year we will be able to join in many happy reunions.

THE WATLING RESIDENT COMMITTEE

## The Spirit of Christmas

By A. IVOR JONES

President Watling Community Association

DURING this month falls the most universally looked-forward-to, and probably the most thoroughly enjoyed, period of the whole year.—I mean, of course, Christmas. And rightly so, as it is the Anniversary of the happiest event recorded in the annals of Christendom.

It is the "Season of Good Will," when we mostly go to some trouble to convey our good wishes to our friends and relatives—by post. At any rate, we allow the printing trade to concoct for us something which looks pretty, and sounds good—and is not too expensive.

I am not being cynical in saying this. After all, it is not given to many of us to produce Christmas Cards, and we must admit that the efforts of the artists and poets, as well as the actual printers deserve every praise and encouragement for the splendid results of their co-operation. I am not criticising a habit of which I too am a willing victim.

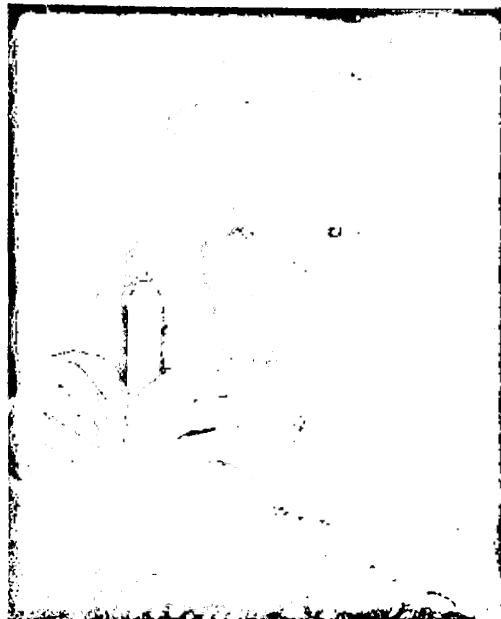
But I often wonder if this method of extending good will is not too casual to be true; too easy to last; too "dutiful" to be sincere! Use may make us forget the origin and reason for this beautiful gesture—for there is nothing finer in human action than the expression of good wishes to our fellows.

If we could keep that kindly feeling for longer than Boxing Day; if we could only extend it into the New Year; if we could just make it last until next Christmas! how much nearer would our Brave New World be.

You who are members of the Watling Community Association—you who attend functions at the Centre—you brave few who are endeavouring to cope with the activities of the Association—you cannot believe the happier days in store for us, nor can you estimate the enduring good on others, if the Spirit of Christmas were kept alive in our own lives all the year round. This is, after all, the first principle of Christianity, and there is nothing—literally nothing—a person of good will cannot achieve, for it includes faith in ourselves, in our fellows, and in the One Who has given His Name to our code of living. And Faith is the stuff that performs miracles!

In sending you this Annual Message of good wishes, let me suggest that our good resolutions be made on Christmas Day, which should be our First Day of the Christian Year. Bear in mind that there are "Millions like us" sending out good wishes to the ends of the earth, and they, like us, may be striving to keep that good feeling all the year round, too.

Here, then, is my wish, which is shared by my household that, as the first Christmas Day brought a New Hope into a bewildered world, so may this and each Christmas Day renew that Hope which brings sound happiness to all. May those absent dear ones have a speedy return to their loved ones, and so share with us in that Brave New World.



## Looking Forward . . .

The little girl in this picture is helping to decorate her Christmas tree and considers a lighted candle will add to the brilliance of and decorations. The party and all that goes with such festivities she hopes will follow.

With hope in the future and courage to plan for it we are sure of brighter Christmases to come. In this one, however, the fifth war-time Christmas, there will be in many homes some sorrow, caused through various reasons attributed to war, and it is our wish to help where we can to bring happiness and good cheer.

Sunday, December 19th, some of our members and friends will be calling on you with a collecting box for our annual appeal for the Watling Distress Fund.

This Fund, which has assisted many needy people in the past, is administered in complete confidence by the President of the Watling Community Association and two colleagues.

We earnestly hope you will give as generously as you can to this appeal. In anticipation, we thank you.



## Successful "Free and Easy"

The "Free and Easy" season commenced on Sunday, October 31st, with a novel debate to liven up the proceedings. The motion, "That women are more selfish than men," was moved and seconded by Mr. F. H. Lake and Miss Meyer, and opposed by Mr. F. Sawbridge and Mrs. Preston. In the chair, Mr. Jack Radley.

Although the subject was perhaps a serious one, and Fred Lake was warned that he was on dangerous ground, and that he and debaters would be responsible for any riot that might occur, the debaters managed to steer the subject on to a humorous plane. A vigorous attack on women as the selfish sex was opened by Fred, who accused women generally as being vain, deceitful, catty, unreasonable. He even quoted incidents from the Bible to prove his case, such as the story of Potiphar's wife, Samson and Delilah, Jezebel, and he said, the greatest deceiver of them all—"Eve." Miss Meyer followed up the attack by quoting some of her experiences of the selfishness of women, in her capacity as a shop assistant. Then up jumped Frank Sawbridge. He wasn't standing for this, and he stoutly defended the women, conjuring up all kinds of incidents, historical and otherwise, to prove that men were selfish brutes. He even quoted the latest court case of the housewife's savings being the property of her husband. He was ably supported by Mrs. Preston, who put over a good case.

A lively discussion followed, punctuated with much laughter, and on

a vote being taken the women won the day—or night—by a small margin.

During the social which ensued, the company were entertained by Mr. Jamison, humorous song; Miss Heritage, song and dance; Mrs. Nyberg and Mrs. Lake, duet.

There will be a Free and Easy on the last Sunday in every month. There will be an entertaining talk or debate. All members over 25 are cordially invited. The whole presided over by our old friend Jack Radley. At the piano, Mrs. Bradbury.

### A Reader Writes :

I would like to congratulate Jack Radley and the promoters for the very pleasant evening which I believe that everybody spent who attended the Free and Easy in October. It was a great success.

The discussion, "Are women more selfish than men?" produced good-humoured badinage, great amusement, and also brought to light many instances of unselfishness on the part of both sexes.

The Chairman, Jack Radley, in his concluding remarks gave me the impression that he considered that both men and women of the working classes were unselfish and certainly not much difference between them.

After the discussion, dancing was indulged in, also a charming duet was rendered by Mrs. Nyberg and Mrs. Lake, which was greatly appreciated.

I was pleased to see that the children (who were accompanied by their parents) enjoyed themselves as well as the parents, and I anticipate that if the same procedure is carried on in the future that the monthly socials will be a great success.



### WHIST DRIVES

The Social Committee announce that a regular whist drive is held at the Centre every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. Top prize, £1. Admission, 1s.



### Ladies! Do you keep fit?

A request has been made for a Keep Fit Class for women to be held on a weekday afternoon. About six more names are wanted to make it possible to arrange the class. Will you make one? If so, leave your name and address with Mr. Harris at the Centre.

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Have you your  
TICKET  
for the  
CONCERT  
on Sunday, Dec. 5  
at 8 p.m.

### S.O.S.

The Watling Boys' Club held its A.G.M. on Friday, October 22nd, and in spite of an "Alert" being on at the time the meeting was due to commence a fair number of members and friends attended.

The Chairman, Dr. Rosefield, presided, and the Treasurer, Secretary, and Club Leader submitted reports which were formally adopted.

Most readers need not be reminded of the phenomenal success of this club during its short history, the cups and trophies secured during the year were on the table for the meeting.

The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the club members and friends to the Leader, Mr. Harold Lee, and his colleagues Messrs. W. Lee, Washbourne, and A. Hoy, for their services and devotion to the club. The strain on these voluntary workers is great, a club of 80 boys of ages 14-18 calls for all the assistance that can be obtained and the Chairman appealed for more volunteers to come forward and help in this valuable work for the youth of this district.

Should this notice catch the eye of anyone who has a concern for youth work, who feels able to give two hours of a Monday or Wednesday evening, or both, and would like to know more about the club, a note sent to the Hon. Editor of this magazine, would be much appreciated and the Secretary of the Club would be only too pleased to supply the information desired.

The need of assistance is really urgent. The Club meets at Woodcroft School, Goldbeater's Grove, Burnt Oak.

Saturday October 30th the club held a successful Social at its headquarters at which a large number of members and friends attended.

The Social was run entirely by the Boys and their efforts resulted in a benefit to the Club's funds of about £5.

### Health and Happiness in the New Year

Send your Children to  
**NATASHA GODFREY'S**  
**Dancing Classes**

at the  
**WATLING CENTRE**

**Saturday Mornings**  
**11.30 a.m.**

(other times might be arranged)

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## Hope and Courage

WITHOUT hope we should perish. Yes, but is hope reasonable? Not unless you have courage. Even then is it reasonable; are there rational grounds, when you look at the facts, for having hope? Rather a foolish question to ask until you know for what you hope. Hope for individual comfort, for individual wealth, hope for a better world where all may have a chance of health and happiness?

Let us narrow the question a bit. Is it reasonable to hope that after the war is over we may, within the next ten years, make substantial progress towards a life of equal opportunity for all to make the most they can of their lives, to get the most they can out of life?

A number of things have happened in the last few years which encourage one to hope. Ideas have grown in people's minds that it is possible to abolish want. That it is possible to secure certain freedoms, that there is enough of the material necessities to go round if we plan rightly, that we can afford to educate everyone properly, and so on. We, at any rate, are amongst those who believe that ideas are potent. "Let me write the songs of a people and it matters not who makes the laws."

One of the most important of ideas is that we do, in fact, each need the other. A book like "Our Towns," which helps to reveal to all what poverty has meant to some, the Citizens' Advice Bureaux, which try to cut through the welter of regulations, boards, assistance bodies, forms, etc.—and bring to the individual a friendly hand of understanding help, the comradeship of the fire watching party, or the platoon, or the bomber crew, all help to make this idea a reality.

Then we can all sit back when the war is over and heaven will fall into our laps! "You're telling me" is, we think, the correct comment on that. If blind hope leads the blind they may fall into worse than the ditch. More than a year ago it was said that the powers of reaction were laying their plans for preventing any real educa-

## Important Announcement!

*In common with other Magazines the price of this Xmas Number is increased by ONE PENNY to help defray the additional cost of production for this issue.*

*Note: Your penny has purchased 4 extra pages.*

tional progress. We don't even yet control the land. The pigeon-holes of Whitehall... We shall be tired after the war, and those who have least will be most tired. We shall need strength,

"And courage, too, but what does courage mean

Some strength to help you face a pain foreseen.

Love, strength and courage, courage, strength and love.

The heroes of all time are built thereof."

In 1914-18 they talked of homes fit for heroes. This time we had better think in terms of a world which needs heroes to make it fit, and we shan't get far by leaving the other chap to be the hero. We can all be heroes, except the ladies, who will be heroines.

Hope without courage will be a vain hope. May we encourage each other to have both.



## Anniversary

Once again the anniversary of the opening of the Centre is approaching, and a week of celebrations is being planned by the Social Committee, the details of which will be published in this magazine next month. The week commences Monday, Jan. 17th, 1944.

## Musical Evening

The next Concert to be held on Sunday, December 5th, at 8 p.m. promises to be an evening that will be welcomed by all.

The artistes appearing are Priscilla Stoner, piano; Francesca Woodhouse, violin; John Swan, cello, and Sheila Dominy, soprano.

Make sure you obtain your tickets early as we are anticipating quite a demand on this occasion. The prices are the same as the previous concert.



## First Rate Concert

The second of the series of Concerts arranged for the first Sunday in each month was fairly well attended. The popularity of these concerts will, we are sure, grow when they are better known and the regular supporters are able to introduce others.

The concert on Sunday, November 7th, was much appreciated, the difference between this and the first C.E.M.A. concert was however very noticeable in technique, but from opinions gathered this second concert was thought to be the most popular.

The artistes gave of their best, and we appreciated the compère, Mr. John Turner, the celebrated tenor, whose solos were a joy to listen to.



## W.C.A. Distress Fund

The Christmas collection for this fund will take place on Sunday, December 19th. Offers of help as collectors will be cordially welcomed, and readers are asked to give with their usual generosity when the collector calls. There are not at present very many calls on the fund, but we are trying to build up a reserve in case it should be needed after the war.



## 1944 Calendar

We are pleased to print on our back cover of this issue a Calendar for our readers and hope it may serve a useful purpose in many homes on the Watling Estate.

The two advertisers who usually occupy this space have kindly agreed to the new placing of their advertisement for this issue.



## Why your Son or Daughter should Join a Youth Organisation

By HAROLD LEE, Leader Watling Boys' Club

**T**HERE are quite a number of parents on the Watling Estate who cannot realise why there should be this continuous urge on the part of responsible citizens, and the various educational bodies, for their children to join one of the organisations that deal with young people.

There is obviously a very good reason for this sudden interest in youth, and I want to try and show what advantages are to be gained, not only by the boys and girls themselves but also by their parents.

If a girl or boy joins a club the very first thing required is that they will become what we term "A good club member." This is very important, not only for the members but for the ultimate success of the club.

They meet new friends, and many reserved young people have been made very happy through this contact. Their club means something to them. They have something vital in their lives.

Naturally, young people have an enormous amount of energy that must be utilised somewhere. This is where the club plays a very important part. Need I say that if the abundant energy stored up is not spent in a decent healthy way, it will in some cases be used in an unhealthy way.

The club organises this energy through its football, cricket, cycling, and P.T., etc. Not only this, but the young people themselves are learning through these organised games the importance of working together (the team spirit). They find that skill plays a very important part if they wish to succeed.

No doubt many of you have heard young people in the homes or at the street corner discussing all kinds of questions. The club can organise this natural healthy interest in problems of the day by well-organised discussion classes, where the boy or girl can put forward their point of view in the clearest way without continuous interruption.

Some of the boys from my particular club have recently attended Senior Boys' Training Courses on club management, drama, and music. We hope that many more will be going this year. Their experience and knowledge will be utilised by the club, and these members should gradually be potential club helpers and leaders.

The cinema is a very great attraction for young people. The club can not only help to improve the choice of films they see, but can perhaps interest them in acting themselves through their drama section.

I would appeal to parents to give some thought to this matter, by encouraging not only their own children into joining these various youth organisations, but by asking the boys and girls all about their clubs, and offering constructive suggestions to the leaders. No leader would object to a parents' committee being formed and offering sound advice.

The need for a Youth Centre on the estate is great, and we have to agitate and show that the need is there. All the club leaders on the estate work and co-operate together. They show a fine spirit of comradeship, their only interest being in the welfare of the young people.

THE WATLING RESIDENT

## A Useful Manual

"IN THE SERVICE OF YOUTH"

By Dr. Josephine McAlister Drew, M.A., LL.D. (Faber and Faber)

**F**OR those who realise that, socially speaking, youth is our chief—and in a sense our only—hope for the future, this will prove a remarkably useful book. But it deserves a wider public, for it gives a most fascinating survey of the activities of young people to-day.

The book is based on a series of talks at refresher courses and annual meetings, and is aptly sub-titled "A Practical Manual of Work Amongst Adolescents."

"Youth Service is an attempt to prepare young Jack and Jill for living useful lives; to prepare them for marriage if that is what they want; for citizenship in its widest sense, whether they want it or not." This, briefly, is the author's text. She favours mixed clubs rather than those catering separately for boys and girls, as she believes that the problems of adolescence will be resolved far more healthily in the atmosphere of a well-organised mixed club than under the makeshift conditions which will otherwise be improvised, for these are problems which will not be ignored.

Dr. Drew is throughout concerned with young people as they are and not as they might be moulded by State legislation. She shows small enthusiasm for the mere raising of the school-leaving age.

This study is based on an exceptionally wide experience and examination of Youth work in Russia, Germany, Scandinavia, Japan, Spain, etc., and is heavily documented with anecdotes and examples to illustrate the author's point. There is evidence of the method of Mass Observation, too, and Dr. Drew spent a hundred nights in a hundred different pubs, to find out the reasons why young people go there and what they talk about inside. Juvenile Delinquency and a Ministry of Youth are discussed with more reason and realism than is common.

It is impossible in a short review to do justice to this comprehensive little book. One feels that Dr. Drew is, indeed, in love with her subject—she succeeds, too, in passing on something of the sense of inspiration which she so clearly derives from her work.

I. E. CLARK.

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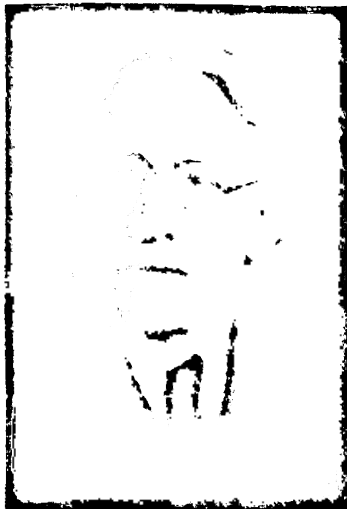
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DR. ERNEST BARKER

*Formerly Fellow and Tutor of New College, Oxford, Principal of King's College, London, Professor of Political Science, Cambridge, and late Chairman of the Community Centres and Associations Committee.*



I DO not remember exactly when it was (but it was early in the 1930's) that Sir Wyndham Deedes enlisted my sympathy in the Community Association Movement, of which I have always regarded him as the prophet. It was he who handed on to me a torch which I have tried to the best of my power, during the days of my holding the office of chairman, to keep trimmed and bright and burning.

The cause of the movement was simple. Experience of life on the many new housing estates soon showed the need for some sort of centre, and for some sort of association round that centre, which would encourage the growth of social life among the thousands of new residents who found themselves thrown together, in a kind of mass loneliness, among strange surroundings. The need had already become apparent by 1929; and conferences were held, in the summer of that year, between representatives of the British Association of Residential Settlements and the Educational Settlements Association (pioneers who should always be remembered with gratitude) and representatives of the National Council of Social Service. The conferences were followed by the establishment—under the auspices of the National Council—of the New Estates Community Committee; and it was with that Committee that, about

## Notes on the History of the Community Association Movement

By

Dr. Ernest Barker

1931, I had the honour of becoming connected. It was the object of the Committee to gather the lessons of the social developments on the new housing estates and, in the light of these lessons, to aid and encourage—partly by advice, and partly with the help of grants from such funds as it could collect—the growth of fresh developments. It was aided in its efforts by the Carnegie Trustees and the Pilgrim Trust; and their aid is another thing which should also be remembered with gratitude.

Development proceeded on a number of different lines, which the social historian of some future age will seek to record. The Manor Community centre, on a Sheffield estate, was built by the city corporation; and a happy arrangement, made in the course of 1933, provided a scheme for the joint management of the centre, in which the corporation shared with the association of residents. On the St. Helier Estate, near London, a start was made with a paid worker—a man still vivid in my memory—who founded the association on the estate. On the Watling Estate, at Edgware, an original residents' association became the community association; and, first collecting funds of its own, and then aided by a grant and a loan, it acquired a community centre which still stands out very clearly in my early recollections. This, at the time, seemed likely to become a model; but there was also another and different model at Slough, where a fine and notable centre was provided by the different bodies concerned in the running of a trading estate. Indeed there was a variety of models and a number of different developments. I remember paying visits not only to the Manor and Watling centres, but also to Wilbraham (in Manchester), to Norris Green (at Liverpool), to Perrystanding (in Birmingham), and to Shirehampton (near Bristol). In the early years we used to think that a voluntary line would be followed, and that community associations would acquire their own centres by their own efforts with the aid of grants from voluntary bodies. As time went on it began to be clear that in the future erection of centres the model of Sheffield was likely to become the general type, and that we must depend on municipal bodies for

the provision of a centre, in which (we hoped) there would still be room for a democratic day-to-day management on some scheme of arrangement parallel to that at Sheffield. This was the line of our thoughts and our policy when the war came in 1939.

The New Estates Community Committee changed its name and its composition—once at any rate, and perhaps oftener—in the course of the 1930's. It became (I think in 1937) the Community Centres and Associations Committee; and though it retained its connection with the National Council of Social Service, it became more broadly based on the local community associations. Plans were mooted, from time to time, for a national association, or federation, of all the various local associations; and such a development must ultimately come. Meanwhile, and during the period covered in these notes, there has been a varied and tentative growth of different experiments and different experiences in different localities. That is surely a healthy thing; and it is a thing on which the main emphasis ought to be laid. We have been mainly concerned with new municipal housing estates; but we have also been concerned—along different and yet similar lines—with private housing estates, as for instance at Frecheville, near Sheffield. Again we have been mainly concerned with social questions and the proper provision of social life for residents on new estates; but we have not forgotten tenant questions, nor have we neglected (on the contrary, we discussed at some length with the L.C.C. in 1933) the issue of whether our associations should not join in negotiations with cities and towns in their capacity of landlords.

Indeed, we have been an all-purposes sort of body, growing in all sorts of way. But that is the nature of any association, or group of associations which is based on the principle of community of neighbourhood. For community of neighbourhood embraces all questions and issues which affect and unite an association of neighbours.



## A Repatriated Prisoner of War describes Life in Stalag VIII B Camp

**T**HE keynote to a great deal of the life in German Prisoner-of-War Camps is struck by two words that appear in every radio announcement that is blared forth, several times daily through the many loudspeakers in Stalag VIII B. These two words are: "Ich wiederhole"—in English: "I repeat."

I repeat. Repetition. Grey tones. No whites or blacks. No ultramarines or crimson lakes. Roll call morning and evening, every day at exactly the same time. Even Sunday is like any other day except that the school and library are closed.

You will say, well, if that is all you have to put up with what is there to worry about? and to some extent you will be quite right. There is, of course, discomfort and a great deal of monotony, but most people can live that down. To some people it is perhaps a slice out of their lives, but to others it is a very valuable experience, and to some the opportunity occurs possibly for the first time in their lives to study in the Stalag school, or pursue their pet hobby.

Those prisoners-of-war who live and work outside the main camp, on some working party, are usually, though not always, the better off. There are several hundred Arbeitskommandos, as we call them, attached to Stalag VIII B and they contain by far the largest proportion of prisoners.

The main camp is a large one. Very roughly it is a rectangle in plan measuring about half-a-mile in length by a quarter-of-a-mile in width. It is very open and situated in pine covered country with a view in the very far distance of the Sudeten Mountains. Surrounding the camp there is a double fence of barbed wire about ten feet high with concertina wire in the centre.

*The author of this article written exclusively for the "Waiting Resident" is Martin Lidbetter, a member of an Ambulance Unit. He was made prisoner in Greece and has taken an active part in the life of the camp which he describes so ably in the columns below.*

At the corners and at some intermediate points there are sheltered platforms on stilts, some thirty feet above the ground, where sentries stand, day and night, summer and winter, with a rifle, a machine-gun and a searchlight. There are electric light standards at intervals round the wire and also inside the camp. Armed guards patrol day and night outside and at night there is also a patrol inside with dogs. Thus the precautions against escape.

### INSIDE THE CAMP

The inside of the camp is divided by barbed wire fences into three major divisions. By the entrance to the camp are the German administrative offices. Through these one passes to the respective food, clothing and coal stores, the sick rooms, the de-louser, and the main kitchen. All of these are in separate one-storey buildings. The final division, which is by far the largest, consists of the living quarters.

This part of the camp consists of twelve compounds, each divided from the other by a barbed wire fence and with two parallel roads running right through. Each compound has four rectangular single storey brick buildings arranged parallel to each other, and it is in these buildings that the prisoners-of-war eat, sleep and in most cases live for a greater part of their time.

In the centre of each building there

is a washroom with doors connecting it on each side to the barrack-room at each end. The floors are cement and the beds are in three tiers covering about two-thirds of the floor space. The rest is occupied by tables and benches. There are some quite large open spaces about the camp, there are for instance two very nearly full size football pitches, but the barracks are rather crowded.

One compound is used entirely for the Carpenters' Shop, the Bootmakers' Shop and a Store. These are worked by prisoners-of-war, but with German supervision.

Another compound is used almost entirely for the Church, the School, the Theatre and the Red Cross Food Store. Each of these functions occupies one end of what was once a normal barrack building.

The Church is run entirely by British and Colonial Army Padres. Services are held daily for various denominations. It possesses, amongst other valuable belongings, a harmonium.

The Theatre has by now been quite well fitted out by our men with a sizeable stage built up out of Red Cross crates, parcel packing and some things bought from the Germans and really has quite a professional appearance. Plays, musical and others, are constantly being produced and the various camp bands and orchestras frequently perform here. Tickets for popular plays and concerts are given to each compound in rotation, price free, so that everyone gets a chance to see each production at least once. The Theatre is an excellent institution.

### CAMP SCHOOL

An even more excellent institution is the camp school. The number of those who attend, or who have attended during the past two and a half years since its foundation runs into four figures. The difficulties under which the school is run are immense. Accommodation is very limited, there is always a shortage of writing paper, and at first there was a big shortage of text books. The text book difficulty has lately been overcome, to some extent, chiefly by supplies sent by the Red Cross, but there is no lack of teachers or of willing and eager pupils.

There are three classrooms and three quarter hour classes are continuous in each from 8.45 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. daily. Saturday afternoons and Sun-

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days excepted. A short calculation will reveal how many classes are held each week. Subjects taught range from calculus to snack bar management, including all the more popular subjects such as languages, maths, history and engineering. Even Examinations are held, the most popular being the London University Matriculation. There are two libraries attached to the school, one the school reference library consisting chiefly of technical and text books for reference only, and the other, the lending library from which books can be taken away for three days. These libraries are now assuming considerable proportions and are fed by supplies from the Red Cross and individuals in the camp. It does not need very much imagination to see that the School is filling a large gap in many prisoner-of-war minds by giving them some outlet for their mental activities.

It is with regret that I have to say that the School had to close down for some weeks before I left the camp owing to the fact that men had to be billeted in the classrooms, but I have every confidence that it will soon be able to open again, if it has not already done so. The Libraries did not close.

The final point I wish to deal with is parcels. Red Cross and personal.

### RED CROSS PARCELS

Food parcels weighing ten pounds each are sent to Germany from Britain and the Colonies by their respective Red Cross organisations so that each man receives one every week. The value of each parcel is said to be ten shillings. The German rations alone are definitely insufficient, but the Red

Cross parcels enable every man to enjoy a wholesome, sufficient and well balanced diet. Here are some of the items contained in the parcels, though there is a considerable variation:

Half-a-pound of margarine (English parcels), one pound butter (Canadian parcels), two to four ounces tea or coffee, a quarter to half-a-pound of chocolate, a large tin of condensed milk, meat and vegetables, jam, meat roll, dried fruit, cocoa and so on. All British and Colonial prisoners-of-war have a debt to the Red Cross organisation that they will never be able to pay and that is how they feel. In the early days parcels did not come through as it takes a long time and then times were difficult, but for many months now, in most if not all camps in Germany regular supplies have been obtainable. In addition the Red Cross send sufficient cigarettes for a weekly issue of fifty per man. They also provide all necessary clothing and medical supplies, battledress, heavy underwear, boots, boot leather and many other things.

Personal parcels may be sent to individuals and are divided into four categories:

Clothing (four only per annum), cigarettes, books and games. As many as desired of the latter three may be sent. These parcels, as with everything else, are slow in coming, but in nearly every case eventually arrive intact. The Germans seem to be very meticulous about this.

One more thing. Write as many letters as the censor will allow. They are food, meat and drink.



### Burnt Oak Men's Adult School

The hour and a half spent on Sunday mornings by the men who attend the Adult School has made possible some interesting and useful discussions on "Why do we want Education," "Our ability to think—do we use it," and "The Adult School of the Future."

Some of the talks are prepared by the members who find in the need for preparation a stimulus to read and set down their thoughts.

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## Rabbit Club 1944 Programme

**B**Y the time these notes are published our 2nd Birthday Anniversary Social will be past history, and just another happy evening to look back on.

I am glad to be able to report that the Committee are staging a very ambitious programme for 1944, which will commence on Tuesday, January 4th, with a lecture on the Blue Beveren, when exhibits will be brought to the meeting and properly analysed for their good and bad points in front of the whole club, in fact, we will become a Brains Trust each month on every type of rabbit.

I must add that the above item will take place on the first Tuesday of every month, i.e., our business meeting night; the third Tuesday of each month will still be kept for our Monthly Cup, and all business matters will be dealt with expediency in order to give us more time for the lectures. Further to this arrangements are being made for an L.C.C. instructor to give us a course on the making of garments, etc., from rabbit skins. This will be done in 12 lessons at a cost of 2s. 6d. per member, so I can only say if you attend your meetings regularly

in the new year you should derive great benefit in the way of learning and pleasure from such an attractive programme.

I would like to thank all retiring officers of the club for the grand assistance they have given me during the year and to congratulate Mr. Bray for being the first member to win the Monthly Cup three times during the year, thus gaining a Replica, and to express a hope that our membership will get together to see that such a thing does not happen again, for the keener we make our Cup Competition the more difficult will it become for such a feat to be accomplished.

In conclusion may I wish every member a very happy Christmas under the present circumstances, and to hope that the New Year will see the end of hostilities and a return to better days.

S. G. ABBOTT.



**NEXT MEETINGS.**—A.G.M., Tuesday, December 7th, 8 p.m.; Monthly Cup, Tuesday, December 21st, 8.30 p.m. (Judge, F. Maynard); Tuesday, January 4th, 1944, 8 p.m. (Lecture on Blue Beveren); Monthly Cup, Tuesday, January 18th, 8.30 p.m. (Judge, Mr. Bennett).

## THE WAITING RESIDENT

### Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

The W.E.A. classes, under the direction of Mr. Rogers, are continuing very successfully and are much enjoyed by members who benefit greatly from the lectures, all present contributing to the discussions which follow lessons.

The Public Health Services have been well discussed. Housing brought forth much criticism, members compiling a list of complaints about the construction of their own houses and stressing a hope that more women should take part in the forming and carrying out of plans for future housing.

Members are very sorry to learn that Mrs. Lord, a much valued past member has been ill, but are glad to know that she is now well again.



### January Issue

The January issue of the "Resident" will be published Friday, December 31st, 1943. Will the sellers please take note of this date.

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# Grand Old People

By E. E. COLE  
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ALTHOUGH we have not reported on the Veterans' Club in this magazine for several months, it does not in any way mean that the old folks have ceased to meet or are less active. They still keep an average attendance of about 75 per cent. This is good going considering their age and the approach of wintry weather. If you were to enquire into their private lives outside the club you would meet with some surprises. Mrs. Cox, for instance, and her splendid efforts on behalf of the British Red Cross. She has just completed making 700 "Golly Wog" dolls from pieces of rag. Mrs. Hillier, following in her footsteps, has been busy making "Wilfred" Bunny Rabbit toys which are being disposed of for good charitable causes. I know of one old lady who, not content with managing the whole of her house, has taken in two war workers, while another, besides keeping her own home going, has taken on the task of looking after another sick veteran and keeping her home tidy. Some of our men have been stewarding the grounds around the Centre during the early part of the evening. This has added greatly to the comfort of those using the library. One old chap volunteered as steward in the Watling Park during the Borough's "Holidays at Home" season. He received a letter from the Town Clerk thanking him for his services. Several veterans have gone back to full time employment.

Yes, they are grand old people.

E. E. COLE.



## A Political Discussion Group at the "Centre"

The first meeting of a new discussion group at the Watling Centre will be held on November 25th at 8 p.m., and thereafter on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at same time. Each discussion will be opened by a member of the Socialist Party of Great Britain (one of the oldest "Left Wing" Parties in this country), and a cordial invitation is given to all interested in the political aspects of modern problems to state their points of view.

This new group should be a useful addition to the Wednesday evening discussions at the Centre, which cover a more general range of subjects. For further information write to the Secretary, S.P.G.B., Discussion Group, Watling Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware. See advertisement page 10.



Mrs. COX AND HER GOLLIWOGS

Aged 83, Mrs. Cox, until recently a member of the Association's Veterans' Club, spends much of her time making golliwogs, several of which she is holding in the picture. So far 700 of these golliwogs have been made by Mrs. Cox, and have been sold for the Red Cross Prisoner-of-War Fund and St. Dunstan's. Our late member is now living with her daughter at Streatham. We acknowledge with thanks "The Streatham News" for the loan of the above block.

## Watling Community Assn. Bowls Club

The Bowls Club closed a very successful season with the finals of the Pairs and Triples Competition and a Spoon Drive. During the season we had 5 Spoon Drives, played 16 matches with other clubs, winning 9 of them; also a party of 50 members and friends spent a very pleasant day when we visited Hayes, Kent. Quite a big programme.

The winners of the various club competitions are:—

Ladies' Championship: Mrs. Torrance; runner-up, Mrs. Stevens.

Club Championship: A. Snow; runner-up, G. Richardson.

Pairs Competition: Messrs. Pleasant and Salmon, and the

Triples Competition: Messrs. Jack, White and Nyberg.

There were also 20 winners in the various Spoon Drives.

The prizes for these competitions will be distributed during the Social following the Annual General Meeting and Tea which will be held at the Watling Centre on Saturday, December 11th. The A.G.M. at 4 p.m. and the tea at 6 p.m.

G. RICHARDSON,  
Hon. Sec. Bowls Club.

## Drama Festival

The eighth competition Drama Festival for the Ben Littler Cup was held at Watling Centre on November 11th, 12th and 13th, and was judged by Mrs. Gladys Burchell. Six societies entered teams. Mrs. Burchell expressed her great pleasure at the high standard of performance of team work shown.

The most outstanding individual performance was probably that of Elsie Chapman as Queen Elizabeth in "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets," by Bernard Shaw, but as this play is chiefly a dialogue it was placed third to other plays which involved more team work. "Cupid Rampant," by Percy Long, produced by the Watling Guild of Players, secured the cup, and the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild came second. The Watling Guild of Players have entered for each of the Festivals that has been held, but this is the first time they have secured first place.

The actors much appreciated the presence of interested and sympathetic audiences on each of the three nights, and the audiences enjoyed the adjudicator's criticisms as well as the plays.



## Practical Relief for Mothers

**M**OST men are singularly devoid of understanding regarding many of the problems confronting housewives in their efforts to run the home and care for the children efficiently. Even good trade unionists, who are continually agitating for better conditions for the worker in factory and workshop are blind to the difficulties under which their wives have to work at home; to her lack of proper equipment and space for storage, even in new council houses; her long hours of *hard* work—perhaps unduly long owing to lack of proper training and method, for which, instead of condemnation, she is in need of a little sympathy and help.

The source of most of the misbehaviour among children and young people can be traced to lack of parental control, and mother is naturally the parent who exercises most influence on the child as father is normally away from home most of the time earning the living. To fulfil this most important task properly, plenty of energy and a sense of humour are absolutely necessary, and these qualities are dependent upon the possession of *good health*.

Mother is often too tired or has not enough vitality to rebel or even complain against really intolerable conditions, feeling it easier to continue in the old rut, slaving away, than to exert herself to break away from custom and join with others in an effort to make things easier for herself, to educate herself and so sweeten her temper—so that she ceases either to see in the healthy activities of her children always cause for complaint, or to act with complete indifference to the

children's behaviour and eventually be only too willing to shift her responsibility on to others.

These mothers are not all lazy and neglectful. Many of them are ill, and in need, not of adverse criticism, but of medical attention and complete rest. They will not admit this even to themselves, but continue trying to do their duty at home under insupportable difficulties until they become seriously ill, because they say they cannot leave the children. There are also many mothers whose health has progressed quite satisfactorily after a confinement, but is impaired—being followed in some cases by grave and all too often fatal illness, by having the worries of home and children thrust upon them too soon. A little rest and freedom from anxiety at this time would mean a tremendous saving in the lives and health of mothers with the subsequent benefit to the health, happiness and behaviour of their children.

In last month's issue of this magazine, a request was made for volunteers offering to take into their homes the children of mothers in need of rest. In the first place, most women are now out at work all or part of the day, and also the houses on this estate have barely enough room and equipment for the children already living there, and neighbours, who are most kind and eager to help anyone in trouble are already overburdened themselves, and mothers have to be dangerously ill before being willing to take advantage of their kindness.

If a Home were available—two houses for a start as suggested in the October issue of the "Resident"—with a staff consisting of a matron who would be a trained nurse, and paid helpers who would have a real love and understanding of all kinds of children, also a rota of voluntary helpers if necessary, with charges according to means, and nothing at all in necessitous cases—mothers would then be more likely to avail themselves of this service and take a rest at the proper time, building up their strength in peace knowing that the children were being well cared for.

The Watling Community Association is eager to commence this work as soon as possible, but the Government should be urged to take up the work, and Homes such as these should be set up all over the country for the sake of the future citizens whose health and happiness and general well-being so much depend on mother.

### AT THE CENTRE

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### The Discussion Group

Since the last report there have been eight meetings of the group.

"Does the Stage Matter?" was the subject of an informal talk by one who has had a great deal of experience in the theatre.

"What Does Success in Life Mean?" and "Man Makes Himself" both provided a change, and the content of the two discussions was directed on similar lines.

A discussion on the "Meaning of Socialism" was well attended, and the opening speaker gave a very good exposition of Marxian thought. This was followed by a meeting on "Dialectical Materialism" in which a critical analysis of the basis of "scientific socialism" was attempted. A discussion on "Russia" was introduced with a very fair and unbiassed account of the state of Russia in and after the revolutionary period.

Mr. Harris gave a very illuminating talk on Child Delinquency. He has had much practical experience of juvenile court procedure and he accompanied his remarks with many actual examples.

"Religion" was the subject of our last meeting. J. A. C.



### Advertising

Many readers will have noticed the new and distinctive poster advertising the Association's activities. It was designed by one member associated with this magazine, and the block was cut by Mr. F. Sawbridge, the Chairman of the B.O. Men's Adult School and instructor of Stone Carving to the Youth Club.

The posters will appear in three different background tints, denoting separate subjects. It is hoped the public will learn to associate the design with the Centre and the Watling Community Association.

## Socialist Party of Great Britain

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Dec. 9th. G. DEAN—

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Are Trade Unions Reactionary?



## Garden Notes

For December

**R**ICHARD SUDELL writes a weekly article on Gardening in the "Daily Herald." These articles are well worth reading, both on account of the interesting information he gives and on account of the valuable notes he supplies on what to do in the garden. A recent article was entitled "Something new in berries."

In this he tells, amongst other things, about the loganberry and other hybrid berries related to it. The loganberry is a cross between the blackberry and the raspberry, and first came to this country in 1897.

Richard Sudell says: "Under good cultivation it is the best of all fruits for the small garden. It is a sure cropper, being self-fertile. The fruit is useful either for bottling or stewing, and when perfectly ripe can be eaten raw." It is easily propagated by layering the top of the long growths into the soil. It needs a deep rich soil for the best results. It, fortunately, has few enemies. Perhaps the worst is the maggot, which eats the fruit. This can be prevented by dusting the blossoms and young green fruit in the spring with a little derris powder.

To quote Richard Sudell again: "Established loganberries . . . can now be pruned. Cut out the old canes and tie up the new, using tarred twine. Thin out weak growths. Cut back the immature tops of the new shoots. Fork over the soil, and give a dressing of rich organic manure."

The blackberry is well worth cultivating; it improves in quality. When cultivated it fruits earlier than the wild berry of the hedgerow. It is useful for hiding a shed or growing against an old tree stump. The wall of a house or bare fences are also suitable places for growing these and other berried fruits. Blackberries will grow successfully where there is but little sunshine.

A close relative to the loganberry is the veitchberry, a cross between a blackberry and the "November Abundance" raspberry. It is sweet, earlier than the loganberry and comes in season between it and the raspberry.

Miss Moon, the Association's Youth Organiser, reports that the Youth Club is nearing its full complement of male members and now she is anxious to enrol more girls into the club.

## Letters to the Editor

### Nom-de-plumes

*One of the most important features of a healthy magazine is its Letters to the Editor column. We welcome correspondence on matters relating to the Association, or a subject closely sympathetic to its work. Letters are a useful barometer as to the way the ordinary member is thinking, and a letter of healthy criticism is one that usually calls for a reply.*

*There has been a tendency of recent years to write to the Editor, and for publication purposes a nom-de-plume has been adopted. No letter is accepted without the Editor being assured of the author's identity. There are legitimate reasons why sometimes a reader wishes to adopt a nom-de-plume, but we wish to encourage prospective contributors to this column to write and to sign their own name to their letters.*

EDITOR.

### Over Twenty-fives

Dear Editor,

As a fairly regular member of the Saturday Night Socials I should be obliged to you if you would publish the following observations on the subject of "Leo's" letter of November's issue. Whilst agreeing with him that an audience of "over 25's" was desired at the Saturday Night Socials, I would submit that this is one of those rules which cannot be too strictly enforced. Bearing in mind the very depicted gatherings we had for some time, due entirely to the "blitz" period, and the present flourishing attendance, I think it can be justifiably claimed that the Social Committee are interpreting the rule as far as possible in the best interests of their clientele—the members of the Association.

After all, a function of this kind must be successful if a "family" atmosphere can be obtained and retained, and this is not possible if you exclude everybody under 25. It also happens that parents who are usually regular in their attendance are unavoidably kept away on an occasion. Are we in this case to turn their children out? I don't think so. By so doing we should certainly spoil the atmosphere of the next and future socials.

I hope that this does not sound too combative in tone, but that "Leo" will accept it as my view of the purpose and spirit of the Saturday Night Social.

A. J. BOUCHARD.

Dear Editor,

The Social Committee have asked me to answer "Leo's" letter of last month with regard to his criticism of our Saturday Night Socials.

We feel that the present time is not one in which we can be too particular regarding rules and regulations. It is agreed that the Saturday Night Social is primarily for the older members, and their children are allowed to accompany them. We have always abided by this ruling, but now the situation is somewhat accentuated by the fact that with many men serving in the Forces the children (even allowing for the fact that some of the children are over school age), are attending with their mother. It is not our intention to stop this practice, at least for the present period.

Remember, too, that the family now is taking its entertainment out of father's Army pay. As one member has said: "Before the men left for the Army the wife probably said: 'I will look after the children.'" So why not let us help her to keep her word.

A. LORD.

Social Secretary.

### Free and Easys

Dear Editor,

My husband and I attended the Free and Easy Social on October 31st.

The debate, "Are Men More Selfish than Women?" caused considerable amusement, everyone entering in the spirit it was intended. The social was a real tonic, and was enjoyed by both of us.—Yours truly,

(Mrs.) G. JAMISON.

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**Association Diary**

**REGULAR EVENTS.**

- Sunday—**  
Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30 (not on 5th).  
Youth Club, 7.30.
- Monday—**  
Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 8.  
Folk Dancing, 8.  
Y.C. Boxing, 7.30.  
Drama, 7.45.
- Tuesday—**  
Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Girls Keep Fit, 7.30.  
Boys P.T., 7.30.  
Talk, Games, etc., 9.
- Wednesday—**  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, Stone Carving, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.  
Discussion Group, 8.
- Thursday—**  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Y.C. Woodwork and Handicrafts, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

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- Friday—**  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

- Saturday—**  
Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

**OTHER EVENTS**

- Wednesday** 1 Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.  
W.A.C. Youth Club Plays, 8.
- Thursday** 2 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
- Friday** 3 Rabbit Club Social, 7.30.
- Sunday** 5 Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.  
Concert, 8.
- Tuesday** 7 Rabbit Club.
- Friday** 10 Youth Drama Festival, 8.  
"News Theatre" Films, 8.
- Sunday** 12 Odd Fellows, 10.  
Youth Club (Girls), 3.
- Wednesday** 15 Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.
- Thursday** 16 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.  
K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
- Friday** 17 W.A. Council.
- Sunday** 19 Society of Friends Evening Meeting, 6.  
Public Meeting on "Leisure for All," 7.30.
- Tuesday** 21 Burnt Oak Rhythm Club, 8.  
Rabbit Club, 8.30.
- Wednesday** 22 Women's Neighbourhood Guild, 2.45.

**CHRISTMAS DAY—  
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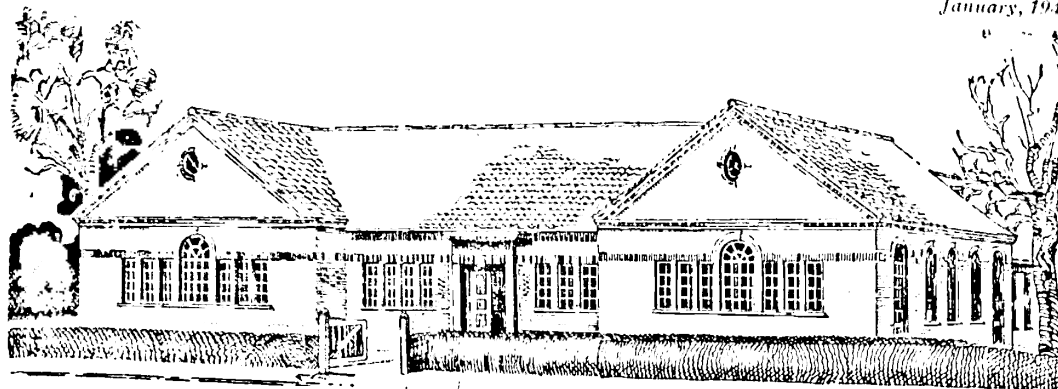
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at the first meeting of the Industrial Health Advisory Committee.

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### Men's Club

A very pleasant evening with the Rabbit Club as our guests was spent on December 1st.

Games and matches were indulged in with the following results:—Darts (3 games), Men's Club 2; Rabbit Club 1; Billiards (4 games), Men's Club 3, Rabbit Club 1; Table Tennis (4 games), Rabbit Club 2, Men's Club 2;

Dominoes, Rabbit Club 1, Men's Club 0.

Everybody appeared to enjoy themselves, and we are now looking forward to having the Bowls Club spending an evening with us.

A return match will be held with the Rabbit Club on the last Wednesday in January.

The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club will be held on the first Wednesday in February, 1944, at which it is hoped that all members will attend. L. V. H.



### A Loss to the Association

As we go to press we learn of the passing of Mrs. Saunders of Fortesque Road. She had for years been one of our most helpful members and a valuable and enthusiastic seller of the *Resident*.

Our thoughts are with her family in their bereavement.

### PUBLIC MEETING

BEVERIDGE

and the

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Lecturer: Dr. R. W. COCKSHUT  
(Member of the British Medical Association)

QUESTIONS INVITED

Sunday, January 16th  
at 7.30

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## Is Letter Writing your Hobby?

By Frank Sawbridge

The I.C.B.—short for International Correspondence Bureau—is a voluntary organisation working within the framework of the National Adult School Union. Its purpose is to bring together through the exchange of letters the different peoples of the world, and so make for co-operation and understanding. Since 1930 over 18,000 pairs of correspondents have been arranged, representing most of the countries of the world.

The writer himself had two valuable contacts, first with a Dane and later an Italian, both of whom wrote excellent English, much to my humility.

The war has temporarily broken off these associations, as contact with friends in enemy controlled territory is almost impossible; even so, a letter from my Italian correspondent was squeezed through via Switzerland. The receipt of that letter was a thrill indeed, though it was not without its tragic side, for my Italian friend had not disclosed where he had written from, and I could do nothing to contact him and acknowledge his message.

However, to-day, correspondence is possible with many folk in distant lands, and of differing race and colour, and they will be eager to write to a pen friend in Britain, whilst after the war an opportunity may come to visit each other. You need not know a foreign language to do this (though this is an advantage), for many so-called "foreigners" write excellent English.

I particularly hope that Youth Club members will take up this suggestion, and I shall be happy to let you have application forms if you will apply to me at the Watling Centre. No expense other than postage is entailed.

Will you take up this opportunity to make a practical contribution to the creation of a new order, based on enlightenment and understanding?



### Welcome Return

His friends at the Centre will be glad to welcome back Frank McCarthy, who was one of the prisoners exchanged through Sweden in October. Since then he has been in Redhill having shrapnel removed. He has some amazing stories to tell of life in a German prison camp, and like most of the men he can't say too much about what they owe to the Red Cross.

## Free and Easy

Sunday  
JANUARY 30  
at 8 p.m.

## Amateur Dramatics by our Youth Club

WEDNESDAY, December 1st, was a red-letter day for the Association's Youth Club when they staged their first dramatic performance and entertainment.

Full allowance must be made for the fact that this was the first occasion when the Club had taken the Centre by storm for such a performance, and it is well to remember that with amateur dramatics the perfection and confidence of the artistes comes with repeated performances. Word perfection, too, comes when the skill and art of acting is so absorbing as to become the very life the actor or actress is portraying.

It was a happy innovation to introduce community singing at the end of the evening. Only one rehearsal was held for the singers prior to their performance.

Those who were responsible for the training of the actors and actresses were Mrs. D. King, of the Watling Guild of Players, and Miss D. Moon, the Association's Youth Organiser (who unfortunately was unable to be present).

Special mention of individual artistes would be discouraging to a few. The team spirit was excellent. A word of warning is due to fellow-members of the Club. It is most disconcerting to the performer to hear comments or laughter from the audience when you get a surprise and notice your particular friend in a dress or suit that you are not accustomed to. They have the heavy responsibility of portraying someone different from themselves, as well as to remember their words, and when to come in with their contribution.



### Youth Drama

The first Watling Youth Festival of Drama was held at the "Centre" on Friday, December 10, when three one act plays were judged by Mrs. Collingwood Selby of the British Drama League. The festival was not competitive, but it was agreed to place each play in one of three grades, A.,

B. and C., and it so happened that one play fell in each grade.

The W.C.A. Youth Club were the first on, and repeated "The Black Horseman," which they had produced on December 1st at their own show. As on December 1st an air raid warning went a few minutes before the curtain was due to rise, but fortunately nothing materialised in this direction. "The Black Horseman" was judged in the third grade.

This was followed by "Birds of a Feather," staged by the Watling Boys' Club, which was graded A. The third play was "The Football Man," put on by John Keble Youth Club, which was judged to be in Grade B.

Mrs. Selby's comments were much appreciated by actors and audience, and many of the former had the advantage of being able to stay behind to discuss special points with her. It is hoped that there will be further opportunities for this kind of expert criticism with a consequent improvement in the standard of club productions.



### Youth Clubs on the Watling Estate

An interesting Conference has been arranged for January 8th and 9th in the interest of Youth Clubs on the Estate.

The conference is open to members of Management Committees and Club leaders.

Mrs. Tait, the well-known authoress of books on Youth Club organisation, is the principal speaker on the Saturday, her subject being "The Purpose of Youth Work." The Rev. L. W. Hibbs, of St. Alphage, is to follow on the absorbing subject of "The Needs of Youth Organisations on the Watling Estate."

Sunday, January 9th, at 8 p.m., Mr. Harold Lee, leader of the Watling Boys' Club, is to speak on the "Need for and Development of Activities such as Drama, Hobbies and Discussions."

The Conference is to be held at Wesley Hall, Thirleby Road, on both the Saturday and Sunday.





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## Policy

IT is a defeatist attitude to continually focus the attention of members on the query of "What is wrong with the Association?" Even our local press authorises "Rover" to give advice under the heading of "Watling Gleanings" on what is needed to put the Association on the right path.

The difficulty of the Association is common to other voluntarily run organisations: there are too few people trying to do too much for so many. We, in keeping with the period are experimenting and growing in experience. "Rover," in the *Hendon Times*, speaks of the Common Room as the sanctuary of peace and quietness that we have abandoned.

It is the one contribution in his paragraphs with which we fell in great sympathy. The great blunder is that we have sacrificed this peaceful surrounding for the sake of accommodation and rentings.

The need of the Association is to define a policy for the post-war period and to stick steadfastly to it.

Neighbourliness between members has been a subject that has been thrust upon us. We see little to support the theory that we lack such a spirit. What we do lack is a spirit of welding the too many petty and insignificant differences of purpose of the Association into one complete whole.

To overcome this we seriously put forward the suggestion of a comprehensive subscription to cover all sections and so give the member a feeling of belonging to the whole Association. As an economic proposition it should stabilise our finances and enable a sound budget to be prepared. To those members who never visit the "Centre" we can offer associate membership rates.

This suggestion would overcome any shyness of the individual in trespassing into any other part of the Association's activities. Of course special functions would still be considered separately.

## Greetings

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*On behalf of the W.C.A.  
Council I wish all members and  
friends a "Happy New Year."  
May 1944 bring peace and  
prosperity to your homes.*

E. E. COLE, Chairman.

The reply to "Rover" sent by the Council's Chairman, Mr. E. E. Cole, is published with "Rover's" contribution on page 5.

Whilst it is not our responsibility to take part in this correspondence we would like to suggest that the root cause of all our difficulties is really summed up in one word—organisation.

For what are we aiming; and how are we organising for it? We on our side are doing what we are able to spread the principle of Community Service by the printed word.

What are you doing?

The Centre is already too small to accommodate the many groups desiring a meeting place—but in our desire to accommodate these homeless societies and groups are we not sacrificing the intimate co-operation of our own members?

We should be anxious to develop the membership into one "whole" Community which is so organised that its aims and objects are known and understood by each and every member, whether new or old.

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## Monthly Concert

The Education Committee have decided *not* to present a Concert for the first Sunday in January owing to the fact that it is thought probable that many patrons would be otherwise engaged on January 2nd.

However, we are going ahead with February's Concert on Sunday, February 6th.

## Children

IT is apparent to those in daily touch with children of this district that there is an urgent need for the establishment in this district of a home where tiny mites can be sent for care and attention when their mother is too ill to do what is necessary for them.

The Post-War Development Committee of the Association has thoroughly considered the matter at several of its recent meetings and the Association has decided to convene a conference on the subject, open to all that are interested in Child Welfare.

It is hoped to hold the conference this month, but at the time of going to press it is not known definitely. Apply at W.C.A. Office for details.

Several suggestions are being made, and it is hoped the conference will see its way clear to take definite action and make strong representations on the matter.

Ask your school attendance officer or your child's head teacher what *they* know of the circumstances prevailing and you will undoubtedly be surprised.

As legislation exists at the moment it appears that there is no provision to accommodate children other than day nurseries. The only remedy seems that when extreme cases of hardship are known to exist the Public Assistance Authorities have power to act.

The problem of the care of children is accentuated just now because of the absence of so many men from home and also that so many women neighbours are engaged in work of national importance.

If you are interested we shall be pleased to see you at Wesley Hall.

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## Neighbourliness at the Centre

AT the November Council meeting in the Centre, members of sections and committees who had been specially invited discussed ways and means of fostering a better "get together" spirit in the Association.

Mr. Cole, Chairman of the Association, opened the discussion with a brief history of the organisation.

Mr. A. I. Jones, our popular President, mentioned a method he has tried with some success in getting people together. We remember, of course, his "cup of tea and talk" parties which we know have brought many people together. Another point he made was that everybody should belong to a community Association, as the work done was as important as any Church work.

The community spirit was like a religion and we should put our religion into practice.

He reminded us that the Association was in debt and this handicap, he said, should be a spur to us for greater efforts. The Association had experienced its growing pains, but it had grown up and we should now step out.

Mr. Jones suggested that we should invite different streets to "get together" socials.

A proposal by Mr. Fred Lake that next year's "Watling Week" should be run by a Committee representing all sections of the Association was passed. The various sections will be asked to appoint their representative, and the committee, when formed, will then elect an organiser.

Mr. Abbot said that all members should feel and be free to visit other sections. No activities run at the Centre should be exclusive. Residents should be invited to some of the Centre's activities, free of charge, to see what we can do.

Mr. Croker suggested that there should be one membership fee to cover all activities at the Centre. This proposal received some support as it seems a sensible way of breaking down any barriers which may be thought to exist between sections.

Mrs. Coleman gave us a sidelight on children's activities at the Centre and appealed for assistance in looking after the young ones.

Frank Sawbridge gave a report on the first wartime meeting of the British Institute of Adult Education.

The appeal for reinstatement of the traffic lights at the junction of Orange Hill Road and Watling Avenue, and the Borough Council's reply were brought up, and we were informed that the Borough Council is giving further attention to the matter.

The Editor of the "Watling Resident" appealed for helpers to circulate the journal each month.

F. H. LAKE.



### Did you use last month's "Resident" ?

Much appreciation has been expressed about our Christmas Number. We wonder how many readers have made use of the Calendar on page 4 and how many have followed the example of one reader in framing the really excellent picture on the front cover.



We would express our sympathy with Mrs. Barker of 134, Blundell Road, whose son, Flying Officer Ronald O. Barker has been missing since July 4th. After he joined up he was at Dieppe, was awarded the D.F.C. in North Africa and was in the first Spitfire Squadron which went to Sicily.

## Garden Notes

January is a quiet month in the garden though there are plenty of odd jobs that may be done, especially in the greenhouse, if you have one.

The present seems to be a good opportunity for some brief notes about

### GARDEN TOOLS

These notes are largely based on a booklet by Michael Graham entitled "Grow a Few Vegetables." He says "The first essential is, of course, a spade . . . a certain amount of weight is desirable in a spade, as one of its functions is to cut through the solid earth."

A spade of good quality may be relied upon to last for years, but care must be taken always to clean it after use and never to let it go rusty. It should not be left out in the open overnight and the edge should always be kept sharp.

Next in importance to the spade is the fork. Generally speaking, a large one is best with four fairly well curved prongs. On no account should one made of poorly tempered steel be chosen, as the prongs are liable to break or bend after very little use; and a fork with a broken or bent prong is worse than no fork at all!

The hoe is one of the most useful garden tools and serves many purposes. There are at least three varieties, each of which has its special function. The Dutch hoe ranks high in this trinity and should be used extensively, especially in keeping down the weeds during the summer months and preventing the loss of moisture from the soil in hot weather. It is well to have two sizes, one about five inches wide and a smaller one about three inches wide, the latter for hoeing between narrow rows.

The Canterbury hoe, with three prongs, is useful for earthing up potatoes, celery and cabbages.

The short-necked hoe is also used for earthing up and supplementing the work of the Canterbury.

Earthing up "induces the growth of rootlets from the stem in some cases, and affords greater shelter for the roots."

The use of the rake promotes neatness. It is a mistake to get one which is not sufficiently wide to be of real service or of which the prongs are too wide apart. One of the main functions of the rake is to break up the small lumps of soil into small particles and only by constant raking can the surface of the soil be made into the friable state which is essential to the sowing of seeds.

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## Reminder

**Next Meeting of Watling  
Community Association's  
Council . . .**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28**

### Men's Adult School

November brings the anniversary of our beginning. We are now nine years old. Our last Annual Meeting suggested that we should make a change of President yearly, so at our Annual Meeting last month we appointed Mr. F. H. Lake to that position, with Mr. Pratten, Senr., as Vice-President. Mr. Frank Sawbridge is shouldering the responsibilities of Secretary. Mr. W. T. Pratten is Programme Secretary, whilst Mr. Lord remains Registrar and Treasurer (what else could be done when he reported a balance of cash in hand?) Finally, a small ginger "Committee" was appointed (official title "Executive") So now we feel "set" for a year's active work.

J. A. B.



### Prisoners of War

A party for families of Prisoners of War is being arranged for Saturday, January 8th, at the Cornwall Assembly Rooms, Edgware.

The local group of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade and Red Cross are organising this affair and if you know any families that would like an invitation will you kindly give their names and addresses to Mr. Harris at the office of the Watling Community Association *immediately*—so that the information may be quickly passed on to the right quarters.

### Juvenile Talent Competition

Saturday, January 22nd.

Preliminaries may be held on  
January 15th.

### ENTRANCE FORM

To be returned to Watling Centre by Wednesday, January 12th, with entrance fee, 6d. Open to children of 8 years and under 15 living on the Watling Estate.

I wish to enter for the above competition and understand that the decision of the judges is final. I enclose 6d. entrance fee.

Name .....

Address .....

Date of Birth .....

## Our Chairman Replies

Recently in the "Hendon Times" the following paragraph penned by "Rover" appeared and below we print the statement in full with the reply sent by our Chairman, Mr. E. E. Cole.

### AT THE CENTRE.

In spite of its glorious record of service and the good work still being carried on to-day, there is a feeling that all is not well with the Watling Community Centre. War conditions and abnormal difficulties, of course, have their bearing on the situation, but there is more in it than this, and several meetings and conferences have already been held with the object of finding the improvement that is wanted.

### LOST CHARM?

All the well-meaning people who are trying to serve the community through the Centre and the organisations connected with it deserve high congratulation, but their efforts are bound to suffer some handicap under existing conditions. When the Centre was opened in 1933 there was justifiable pride among the Watling folk who had striven for this fulfilment of a dream. Do you remember the "common room" designed as a club meeting place for leisure time and social converse, its fine hearth surrounded by settees and armchairs, small tables and a library of choice books? The charm of those days is not matched by the scramble of events and overcrowding to-day. I very much doubt whether the solace, comfort and inspiring influences of those early days are found in full measure to-day. But it's not too late to put the Watling house in order—if there is a little less of talking and a little more of resolute action, born of serious consideration. The whole secret, of course, is that the Centre is no longer large enough for its purpose, but I believe the handicap could be overcome to some extent, and I hope those who are out to do this will succeed.

Mr. Ernest E. Cole, Chairman of Watling Association, writes:—

I think the suggestions of "The Rover" in "Watling Gleanings" in your issue of November 26 go rather beyond the facts. If by "all is not well" with our Centre he means that it might be improved, of course he is right. The room for improvement is said to be the largest in the world and it includes every organisation I know. We have been exploring the next steps in our improvement.

It would be untrue, however, to suggest that "all is not well" in the sense that there has been a falling away from our original ideas, that we have lost the power of self-criticism, or that we have taken an entirely wrong path.

To take the point in his second paragraph, it is obviously a matter of personal opinion whether it is better to maintain "the charm" of the early days for a select few, or whether, in these days of difficulty and lack of accommodation, it is better to provide homes for as many live groups as possible, and particularly for groups of young people whose alternative seems to be the street.

To say that the Centre is no longer large enough is also rather extraordinary. It never has been large enough. We knew it was not large enough when we built it, but we did not get much help from anybody to make it any bigger. A small number of good friends and one charitable trust helped us to build the present Centre; for the rest we worked for it ourselves and then had to go heavily into debt to get as much as we did.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Congratulations

Dear Editor,

As late Editor of the "Waiting Resident" may I congratulate you and your staff in producing such an excellent magazine for the Christmas issue. The photograph on the front cover was a delightful landscape and a joy to see. The Calendar on the back cover was a valuable free gift, as we all know the cost of calendars these days.

Our journal does the Association credit.

May your enthusiasm never wane.

F. H. LAKE.

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Dear Editor,

May I congratulate you on the December Resident. To my mind it is the best yet over many years of publication, and well worth the extra penny.

Yours sincerely,

E. E. COLE.

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To our two friends we of the Waiting Resident Committee tender our sincerest thanks. There is, however, much that we would like to add to our magazine and in particular we are urgently requiring more assistance in the monthly distribution. If anybody feels able to offer an hour every month in this work, Mr. Bouchard or Mr. Harris would be happy to hear from them.—EDITOR.

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### Saturday Night Socials

Dear Editor,

With your permission I would like to refer to Messrs. Bouchard's and Lord's letters in regard to Leo's letter of last month.

I am afraid that Mr. Bouchard misinterprets my letter in intimating that I wish to exclude children or everyone under 25 years. He also mentions the

depleted gatherings (due entirely to the Blitz period). I would rather say that it was owing to the fact that the elder people had been driven away owing to the great number of the youth of both sexes attending, who, at that period, were being drafted into the various Services. Consequently it was deemed expedient to get the elder people back by enforcing the old rule re young people.

I think I am correct in stating that the announcement was published in the Resident—also Mr. Judd, our late Social Secretary, broadcast it among the elder people, so I and others came back under those conditions and have remained.

Re Mr. Lord's letter, it is not quite clear to me. He, representing the Social Committee, has always adhered to the rules and has no intention of stopping the practice, and he quotes the soldier's wife saying "I will look after the children." Well, that is exactly what I am advocating, but she cannot do so if she is not there to look after the children.

I might mention that I have never used the phrase under 25 in connection with the Saturday night Socials, but only in connection with the Monthly Free and Easy. I would also suggest that our ever popular M.C. of the Saturday Socials made the position quite clear in her announcement re same at the Saturday Social a few weeks ago, which was quite in agreement with the policy which I advocated in my letter in last month's Resident.

I appreciate both their letters and I know they mean well. LEO.

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Little purpose is gained by continuing this subject of correspondence. The points raised have been answered and all concerned have justified their action.—EDITOR.

### Spring Cleaning?

"What is wrong with the Association?" This question is being asked in some quarters. There is really nothing wrong with the Association. The fact that the Association is being criticised by members is really a healthy sign. It means that we are taking stock of ourselves and that usually means that we are preparing to do better things. A "spring-clean" or an "examination of conscience" is a refreshing and invigorating process, and the beginning of a new year is an ideal time for such an event.

The most important part of a community is its children. They are its very foundation—the youth and the citizens of the future. In a very few years they will be men and women, and what kind of people they will then be depends on what we make of them now; on the example we give them, the kind of influence we exercise over them, and the amount of effort we are prepared to make for them now.

The children and young people are the chief sufferers during war-time through no fault of theirs. We adults are, everyone of us, responsible for the conditions which are causing so much havoc and tragedy in the lives of children. Are they to be punished for our misdeeds; for our failure to shoulder our responsibilities?

It would be a miserable admission of failure if the Association could not cater for its children. We are making great efforts to cope with between 40 and 60 boys and girls of all ages. I, as Juvenile Organiser, love this work, and feel it is the most worthwhile job in the world, and even under tremendous difficulties have met with some little success—to onlookers, perhaps, insignificant, but to me wonderfully encouraging. I have children who hitherto have been leaders in mischief, now giving splendid help in the absence of adult helpers and promising to become grand men and women. These children are eager to help, but it must be remembered that they are still children, full of life and joy, their happy faces making one's heart feel glad.

Mr. Harris, as a magistrate, through his work in the Juvenile Courts comes into contact with the tragedies of some unfortunate children's lives, and his chief concern is to prevent these tragedies, which should and need never happen.

In my article in last month's Resident, "Practical Relief for Mothers," I stressed the need for a little rest for mothers. At the Centre we try to

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## What is this Highbrow Music?

By Leonard Clark

THE series of concerts recently commenced at the Centre will have prompted this question in the minds of many members. It is a question that is also conjured up by the growing number of concert advertisements which decorate the London hoardings nowadays. The fact is that one of the most remarkable developments during the war has been the springing up of a popular interest in what is variously called "highbrow," "classical," "serious" or "good" music—none of them very satisfactory terms.

A few years ago it was barely possible for half-a-dozen first rate orchestras to keep their heads financially above water. To-day their problems are not yet solved but public halls all over the country are housing them for Symphony Concerts. Why this enthusiasm for music which had been thought of by large sections of the public as being the province of the cranks? Before dealing with the music itself, may we consider how far this "highbrow" music is the concern of the ordinary working folk, for it is they who form the bulk of the population and who will be responsible for this enthusiasm should it last.

Music is the least easily explained of the arts, yet it is the most widely appreciated. It is fairly easy to give some sort of description, in words, of a masterpiece in painting, say a portrait by Rembrandt or a landscape of Constable. It is far more difficult to express, in everyday speech, what a great work in music conveys to the listener. The reason is that the majority of painting is precise and descriptive, or, as it is called "representational." By contrast, in music, the majority is abstract. What is called "Programme Music," that is, music based on a definite story or programme (e.g., Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture") is on the whole unusual with both the classical and modern composers.

Yet, though it is not easily expressed, the meaning of music is none the less real, and it is only in our generation, through the developments of radio and modern transport, that opportunities have presented themselves for great music to be appreciated by the masses. Until recently it was out of the question for the working man to hear serious music at all.

For since the 18th Century, and even before, a composer was dependent for his livelihood on the patronage of the wealthy and titled. Bach, Haydn and Mozart were all musicians in the employ of the titled families of Central Europe, and even Beethoven, who was not past insulting his patrons, was none the less dependent on them for recognition and repayment. In a word, music was confined to the rich, a pastime like falconry or poetry. And then suddenly, in the 1920's a million loudspeakers began to blast forth the strains of symphonies, cheek by jowl with the Fat Stock Prices and the popular comedians. The result was natural: most people rejected this music as something foreign and unintelligible, and preferred the much more primitive and shallow jazz and dance music. Slowly the public taste has receded from this extreme: dance music remains enormously popular, but an increasing number of people are looking for a more lasting, satisfying form of music.

Though music had been for so long in the keeping of the rich it had always had important roots in the lives and experiences of the common people. Folk music was a source of inspiration for all the great composers, and its importance is recognised to-day in the works of many modern composers, from Vaughan Williams to Bela Bartok and the Soviet composers. The latter have realised most of all that music belongs to the people, and is not the fanciful hobby of the leisured classes. As a result Soviet music is vigorous and full of interest.

For various reasons musical development in England had been particularly slow. "You are an unmusical race" is the usual jibe of the Continental. It is an accusation which is at last being disproved.

In this introduction I am arguing that so-called "highbrow" music may be enjoyed by ordinary people with no special knowledge or training. A stumbling block is often provided by the technical terms used in describing classical works—concertos, symphonies, sonatas. But it is no more necessary to understand what is meant by "sonata form" before you can get pleasure from hearing Paderewski play the "Moonlight Sonata," than it is to understand the principle of refraction before being struck by the beauty of a rainbow, or to know the

workings of the photo-electric cell before enjoying a good film. The technical knowledge may help, but is not essential.

In the next article I want to deal with "classical" music in the more strict sense of the term, that is to say, broadly speaking, the music written up to the period of Beethoven.

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### The Discussion Group

The first meeting this month was allotted to the study of Robert Burns. It is amazing how much wisdom is contained in the works of the great poets, and the opening speaker was indeed very successful in interpreting the thoughts of this poet-thinker.

"Is capitalism necessary?" proved another interesting subject for discussion. Mrs. Evans, a member of the "New Education Fellowship," and a secondary school teacher, gave an instructive talk on the White Paper to the group. The speaker gave a resumé of the contents of the document and the main points were afterwards discussed. The last meeting was devoted to "Juvenile Delinquency."

J. A. C.

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**14th Hendon Scouts.**—The Troop is still going strong, and the boys are at present in the preliminary stages of rehearsing for a display social.

Keeness for badges and general Scout work is maintained, and the boys are looking forward to more camping next year.

Next summer we hope to camp at a bungalow right on the edge of the river Thames in beautiful country.

As the year draws to a close we look back to an enjoyable year of camping and scouting, in our hut and in the woods and fields, where we have seen much, learned much, and enjoyed much.

"Skipper" and "Kim," the two Scouters, wish all parents of Scouts a Prosperous New Year. We hope you will continue to send your boys along, as the benefits of Scout craft are lifelong, both to the boys and to the community. "KIM."

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### Spring Cleaning

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provide a place where children may spend a little of their out-of-school time away from the streets. In addition to this, in the black-out, many of the children have to be taken home. At the present time, I alone do this in addition to caring for the children for about 1½ to 2 hours. This means that I am not at home many nights when my husband comes home to his tea. He is mostly willing that this should be so—but is this fair, dear reader? I am sure many readers have only to know of this in order to remedy it.

We have many plans for the children, but the setting of these plans to work successfully is very slow and uphill work by one or two people. I have visions of a place just for the children—a post-war vision, I am afraid—which the children can decorate for themselves—boys making the furniture and fittings—hammering and painting to their hearts' content, with I hope, fathers helping—and girls sewing, polishing and arranging and taking a pride in their own little den, then inviting mothers who would take part in the children's activities.

These things could be done on a small scale now, if only we had help. Will you who read this, help in this work? Remember, little hands, feet and brains long to be busy, and if we won't give them something to do, the children will make their own activities often with disastrous results.

Can you offer one hour per week between 4.30 and 6 p.m. as a New Year gift to your Association and to your children, for "inasmuch as you do it to the least of these My little ones you do it unto Me."

E. E. COLEMAN.

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### Association Diary

REGULAR EVENTS.

Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 8.

Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 8.  
Folk Dancing, 8.  
Y.C. Boxing, 7.30.  
Drama, 7.45.

Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Girls Keep Fit, 7.30.  
Boys P.T., 7.30.  
Talk, Games, etc., 9.

Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, Stone Carving, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.  
Discussion Group, 8.  
5 The Future of Germany, Mrs. Buckner.  
12 The Plan of the County of London, Mr. Doran.  
19 Publishing, Mr. Tearle.  
26 Oliver Goldsmith, Mr. Ford.

Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Y.C. Woodwork and Handicrafts, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

OTHER EVENTS.

Sunday	2 Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.
Tuesday	4 Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	6 K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Sunday	9 Odd Fellows, 10.
Wednesday	12 Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.
Thursday	13 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30. Meeting, 6.
Sunday	16 Society of Friends' Evening Meeting, 6. Public Meeting, "Food For All," 7.30.
Monday to Sunday	17 Anniversary Week.
Sunday	23 Odd Fellows, 10.
Wednesday	26 Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.
Thursday	27 Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Friday	28 W.C.A. Council, 7.30.
Sunday	30 Free and Easy, 7.30.

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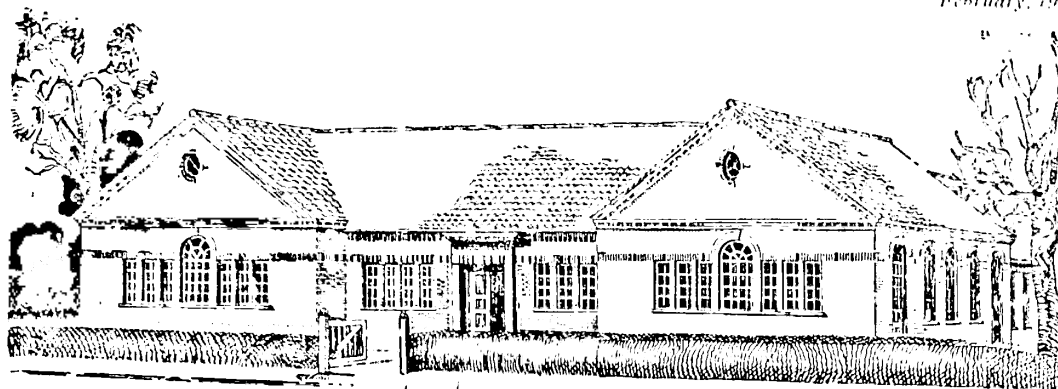
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## SATISFYING YOUTH'S NEEDS

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The Conference opened with a stimulating address on the "Purpose of Youth Work" by Mrs. M. Tait, author of "The Mixed Club," and one who has done much practical work amongst, and has a real understanding of, young people. The purpose, she said, must be to find out what young people need, and meet that need; also what society needs and meet that need. Both must be done simultaneously. The needs of youth were mainly human ones: of food, warmth, and shelter. They need, firstly, growing space, for it must be borne in mind that adolescence is a growing time; secondly, they need impulse towards growth; thirdly, someone to love and someone to love them; and, fourthly, something to do, something to make, and something to be. How can the club satisfy these needs? Space and an understanding of the awkwardness of adolescence are essential. It is a period of rapid growth and uncertainty; the young person cannot rely on himself or his body; he is self-conscious and therefore "difficult" to adults. He needs to be helped through this period of life: on the physical

side, carefully thought out exercises can give poise and assist towards recovery of confidence. But the club must help towards full development of its young members. It is essential to stimulate and develop any latent tastes and talents. One's knowledge and one's skill are one's own; nobody

knowledge and to put it over. Club administration is all important. Through small committees to the club committee, members are prepared for the responsibilities of citizenship. Responsibility in the club should be spread as much as possible.

Mrs. Tait then closed with a few words on Mixed Clubs. She said a club was probably the only place where young people can meet together, learn to talk together, share interests, and do things together before they are married. This sharing is an essential prelude to happy married life—too many unhappy homes are the result of man and wife being unable to talk and discuss together.

The second session took the form of a discussion on the "Needs of Youth Organisations on the Estate." The Chairman of the Conference, the Rev. L. W. Hibbs, opened by stressing the need for buildings and helpers. The latter, he said, had great need of perseverance and enthusiasm. A good discussion followed, centering round present and future needs. The desire for more co-operation between clubs in sharing classes and equipment was apparent. Did the Estate need one, two, or three Youth Centres; whether it was advisable to apply for a prefabricated building now or wait until after the war in order to get a brick one; the recruitment of helpers; whether voluntary clubs would eventually be taken over by the Government, were other points raised. The following resolutions were agreed to: (1) That there should be more combined activities. (2) That the Watling Youth Committee should explore the possi-

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can rob you of them, hence the importance of craft work. Social efficiency must be cultivated—training in punctuality and clear speech helps. The right kinds of demands must be made; this is essential to growth. Members should be expected to pay a fair amount for the privilege of belonging to a club.

She then dealt with the needs of society. What does society expect of young people? Most of us believe in democracy, and democracy in order to work needs people who are sufficiently informed, who have been trained to think clearly, and who are able to communicate their thoughts to others. The club can help young people to get



## What is this Highbrow Music?

### II. Classical Music

The term "classical" in music is popularly used in a loose and incorrect sense to include all except the current popular tunes, from the earliest forms of the art to the "Lost Chord" and the ballads of the Victorian era. In fact, the music written up to the end of the nineteenth century falls historically into two main branches—the Classical and the Romantic. Broadly speaking classical music belongs to the 18th century—to Bach, Haydn and Mozart—when *pattern or shape* in music was the principal feature. Romantic music found its principal exponents in the nineteenth century, in the works of Mendelssohn, Chopin and Schumann. In romantic music the *emotional aspect* is all important and liberties are accordingly often taken with the rigid forms of the classical style.

#### The Musical Formula

A great deal of difficulty is experienced by the newcomer to classical music because of the technical terms used, most of them in Italian. This is a pity as it frightens many people from pursuing their listening. Great music has never had regard for national boundaries, and the terms of the 17th century Italian musicians have been retained ever since almost universally, just as we have kept the use of terms such as "ampère," "ohm" and "watt" in electricity, simply for general convenience.

In classical music "symphony" (music for the whole orchestra), "concerto" (for a solo or group of solo instruments, with the orchestra), "quartet" (for two fiddles, viola and cello), and "sonata" (for one or two instruments alone)—all these forms of music making are based on a common pattern, known as the *sonata form*. Now instead of being confused by technical explanations, think of this as simply a musical formula to enable the composer to build up his piece. On this basic skeleton thousands of works have been built up to and including the present day—music which can be enjoyed before the listener has learnt to study and understand the anatomy of it.

#### "Dryasdust?"

We have seen that much of the earliest music came from Italy, written by a host of composers now largely forgotten; yet they provided a founda-

tion and the great Johann Sebastian Bach borrowed from Antonio Vivaldi material for a number of his violin concertos. Bach is one of the greatest figures in all music and deserves special mention in this brief survey if only because of his undeserved reputation of being "dryasdust." Music in this period was often inspired by the Church, so it is not surprising to find that much of it is cast in the mould of Masses, cantatas and organ music. This period reached its climax in J. S. Bach and it has been said of him that "music, to Bach, was the apparatus of worship." His was a normal, rather uneventful life, managing his domestic affairs, including two wives

man origin but spent most of his active musical career in the England of George I., and is popularly supposed to have special connection with this district as organist at Canons. His style often closely follows that of Bach and his special contributions were to the opera and oratorio. His great work "Messiah," written and assembled in a few weeks, has had an enormous public drawn from all classes ever since.

Joseph Haydn in a long musical life (1732-1809) and Mozart, in his all too short 35 years (1756-1791), brought the classical type of symphony to perfection, besides writing innumerable compositions for every conceivable combination of instruments in use in their day. In addition Mozart gave us five of the greatest of all operas: two of them "The Magic Flute" and the "Marriage of Figaro" are regularly performed in every capital of Europe.

These are a few of the greatest musicians who paved the way for a unique figure in the history of music, who demands a separate article—Ludwig Van Beethoven.

## FELLOWSHIP MEETING

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FRED BICKNELL

and twenty children, as a model of sobriety and Protestant piety, while he was giving the world a vast amount of unsurpassed music which was completely forgotten for the next hundred years until revived by Mendelssohn. Not all his music had a serious bent; especially during the years 1717-1723, whilst court musician at Cöthen, he wrote much cheerful and tuneful music. Listen to the orchestral suites, based on popular dance tunes of the day, and the Brandenburg Concertos, and see whether they are "dryasdust."

#### The Court Musicians

Music was still the special preserve of the rich and Haydn, Handel and Mozart were all court musicians. George Frederick Handel was of Ger-

#### Recommended

Because the argument of these articles can be brought out so much more forcibly by the music itself than by mere words, I suggest choosing a few gramophone recordings or wireless concerts to which to listen. The following are recommended:

*Bach*: Suite No. 3 in D; Choral preludes: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"; "Sleepers Awake."

*Handel*: "Water Music"; Music for the Royal Fireworks; any of the music from "Messiah."

*Haydn*: The "Clock" Symphony.

*Mozart*: Serenade—"A Little Evening Music." Turkish March from the Piano Sonata in D; Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra.



Going round with my January "Residents" I was asked by one of my regular purchasers if I could get another copy of the December issue. He had cut out the calendar from the back page, got a piece of glass to put in front of it, and put a passe-partout frame round it. It had been much admired, and he wanted to make another.



# Is Your Group Reported Here?

## Veterans' Club

We regret to record the death of Mr. Garrard, an old member of the club, who passed away on January 4th. Mr. Garrard has suffered for some years but always put up a gallant fight. He was greatly respected in the club.

At the time of going to Press the Veterans are looking forward to a New Year's Party which is to be held at the Centre on Wednesday, January 19th. A report on this will be given in next month's Resident. The old folks, always willing to do things for themselves, have set about increasing their funds in no small way during the past month.

A competition organised by Mrs. Fox raised 9s.; others, by Mrs. Flack and Mrs. Hellier raised 8s. 6d. and 5s. 10d. respectively. A donation of £1 was given by Mrs. Hellier from the sale of "Wilfred dolls" made from pieces of rag, and a further 5s. from Mrs. Cox from "Golly Wogs." Other donations were: Mrs. Binnie, 2s.; Mrs. Thornton, 2s.; Mrs. Flack, 1s.

When we remember that all they have is their small State pension, we can truly say, "Well done!"

E. E. COLE.

## Men's Club

In my report of the Games Tournament in last month's Resident, when the Rabbit Club paid us a welcome visit, I stated inadvertently that the result of the Dart Tournament was Men's Club 2 won, Rabbit Club 1, for which I must apologise to the Rabbit Club. The result was: Rabbit Club won 2 games, Men's Club 1.

—However, the chief result of the tournament was a very enjoyable evening for both victors and vanquished. Just a reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club is due to take place on February 2nd. We hope all members will attend at 8 p.m.

L. V. H.

## Men's Adult School

The first Sunday since our last report we had the Presidential Address of Mr. Lake. This might be best described as a plain man's outline of religion, in which its real value in life

became evident. On New Year's Sunday E. Sewell Harris gave a helpful review of the Lessons in the A.S. Handbook for the coming year. Next Sunday was a specially good morning when Mr. Tom Ashcroft, by his excellent synopsis of the Play "The Inheritors," and the reading of moving extracts from it, took us into deep places of sympathy and understanding with its human characters. "Made the folks live"—Tom Ashcroft did.

J. A. B.

## Fellowship Meeting

The February meeting will *not* be held on the first Sunday in the month, but will be held on February 13th at 3.30 p.m. at the Centre, when Mr. Fred Bicknell will speak on "The Walk to Emmaus." All are welcome.

## Watling Assn. Bowls Club

At the fifth annual general meeting of the Bowls Club the Secretary, Mr. Richardson, stated that the membership had so greatly increased that no further names were accepted for 1943, but as more rinks are anticipated we hope to open the list for 1944. Mr. Shearer, an old patron of the Watling Association, agreed to a silver cup, which he presented, being diverted for the use of the club. This makes three cups and three shields held for inter-club competitions. The club has also been very fortunate in having Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones as its first President. The Treasurer reported that the club was still in a sound financial position. Owing to a new rule, introduced at the meeting, the Chairman cannot hold his position for more than three years, and Mr. F. Williams, who has held this position since the club was formed, vacated the chair, and Mr. Brace was elected to fill the vacancy. Also at the meeting the members passed a resolution that the annual subscription be raised to 15s. per year, and ladies 7s. 6d. per year, and 2d. per hour, and members of H.M. Forces 3s. per month.

The election of other officers resulted as follows: Secretary, Mr. Roberts; Treasurer, Mr. F. Williams; Captain, Mr. H. Knight; Vice-Captain, Mr. E. R. Jack; Social Secretary, Mr. Robertson; Auditor, Mr. Salmon; Drake Fellowship, Mr. Brace; Benevo-

lent Secretary, Mr. Richardson. Committee: Mrs. Stevens, Messrs. Bye, Dawkins, Vaz, Nyberg, Jack, Evans and Salmon.

The meeting was followed by a tea and social, which was M.C'd by Mrs. Nyberg, and during the social Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones presented the prizes to the following: Ladies' Championship for the "Toucher Shield" and medal, Mrs. Torrance; ladies' runner-up medal, Mrs. Stevens; Club Championship for the "Torrance Cup" and medal, Mr. A. Snow; runner-up medal, Mr. G. Richardson; Pairs Competition (1942), small cups to Messrs. White and Dawkins; Pairs Competition (1943), for the "Torrance Memorial Trophy" and medals to Messrs. Salmon and Pleasants; Triples Competition for the "Shearer Cup," and medals to Messrs. Nyberg, White and Jack. Spoon winners: Two spoons each to Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Vaz, and Mr. Brace; one spoon each to Mrs. Robertson, Messrs. Lufkin, White, Taylor, Shatford, Manley, Roberts, Stevens, Salmon, Johnson, Bye and Clarke.

Will members of the Association who wish to join the Bowls Club hand their names to Mr. Harris as soon as possible as membership is limited.

G. RICHARDSON, *Bowls Club*.

## Women's Adult School

As we approach the end of our course of W.E.A. lectures, and realise the tremendous advantage it has been to us we hope to continue the series.

Local Government has been closely studied during recent weeks, under the guidance of Mr. Rogers, as a result of which we now see more clearly our duties as citizens and are determined to take a more intelligent interest in the affairs of our own locality.

A talk on the proposed new Education Bill from the teachers' point of view by a member of the New Education Fellowship has brought further enlightenment on this important subject.

An account of a Conference on the procedure of Juvenile Courts attended by one of our members brought forth much interesting discussion.

New members are invited to join us in our studies of everyday problems and to share our happy fellowship, on Monday afternoons at 2.30 p.m.



## The Centre's Anniversary No. 11

Anniversaries are either opportunities for pondering a loss, perhaps for seeking what lessons can be drawn from a pain, or opportunities for rejoicing over some happy memory, and perhaps then, also, some thought of lessons which might be learnt may not be amiss.

The celebrations which the Watling Community Association holds every January are mostly of a festive nature, but even so they may bring reflection as to whether the eighteenth of January fulfils its purpose.

This year the celebrations have been in the able hands of the Social Committee, and started on the 17th (Monday), with an augmentation of the usual Whist Drive, which was enjoyed by the usual attenders and many others to the tune of 32 tables, the top prize being shared by three people.

On the 18th itself the Youth Club, Musical Society and Guild of Players joined together to produce a very enjoyable evening of drama and music. The Youth Club Drama Section acquitted itself well with a re-production of "Food for Thought" by Maud Cassidy and Peter Coke.

The Musical Society presented a dozen items including solos, duets and a number of pieces by the full choir, all of which were much enjoyed.

The Guild of Players attempted something fresh for them, a one act poetic drama, "King Lear's Wife," by Gordon Bottomley. The stage lighting was given more attention than has been usual with the Guild, to the great benefit of the play, and the production as a whole fully justified the attempt. We hope the Guild will again try serious work of this kind.

Wednesday afternoon, after a great concert from the "Gay Girlies," forty-five veterans sat down to tea for their New Year's Party. Their president, County Councillor Mrs. Grey Skinner,

ex-president Mrs. A. I. Jones, Councillor and Mrs. Perkins and their friends being with them.

In the evening Mr. G. Abbott was M.C. for a Joint Sections Social which was well supported by representatives of all the sections. Spot dances, raffles and games provided opportunities for luck or skill in winning prizes.

Two afternoon whist drives were held during the week; the Wednesday one, arranged at short notice by Mrs. Crowe, realised 24s., thanks to generous gifts of goods and cakes; and the usual Thursday one was also a success.

Thursday evening the Old-Time Music Hall presented stars, new and old, with the traditional compere and his friend at the table in front of the stage.

Costumes and disguises, by persons known and unknown, helped the stars in their courses.

Friday evening there was once again a supper. (Marvellous that this can still be held, even if trifle was unobtainable.) The President had pleasure in adding to the speeches by calling on Mr. Tyrrell, British Vice-Consul at Boston, Mass., to address the company. Mr. Tyrrell has been out of England seven years, and is making contacts with the social developments which have taken place during that time. He commented on the impression he had obtained that English people are now less reserved and more easy with each other than they used to be.

They actually talk to each other in the tram now instead of each man or woman sheltering behind his or her newspaper.

Saturday afternoon saw the children's talent competition, when a number of delightful items were put on by Watling children. In the evening the usual family social was more

crowded than ever, and was much enjoyed.

On Sunday afternoon there was a Rabbit Show, with some 60 entries, including notable rabbits which had won prizes far afield. One had recently been to Bradford and came in first in its class.

In the evening the usual dance was paralleled by a social along "Free and Easy" lines for older people and their children. Everyone was sorry that indisposition made it impossible for Mr. Radley to come and be his old self, but Mrs. Nyberg as M.C. gave people a good time.

The thanks of the Association are most cordially extended to the Social Committee, its hard-working Secretary and its helpers for the so successful carrying through of the eleventh anniversary celebrations.

## ★ Sayings worth Repeating

Dealing with the argument that security meant the end of adventure, Sir William Beveridge mentioned recently that an American had written that if the scheme had been enforced in Elizabethan England, there would have been no Raleigh, Hawkins or Drake.

"I have looked up their histories," went on Sir William, "and the fact is that each of these men had social security from birth. All this talk about want being necessary for adventure is nonsense.

"Adventure comes not through the half-starved, but from those who are full of beans.

"Do you think Drake would have been more adventurous if, like many of our young men who lived between the wars, he had stood idle outside a coal pit waiting to be taken on?

"Poverty is a crime. The criminal is not the poor man, but society. That means you and me.

"Security from want, idleness and war is not the end of adventure but the greatest adventure in human history."—"News Chronicle."

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**Beveridge and B.M.A.**

On Sunday, January 16th, we had about the best fog we have seen so far this winter, so the speaker was missing at the meeting which was to have discussed the official policy of the British Medical Association. A dozen heroes and heroines braved the weather conditions, and although the discussion did not keep all the time to B.M.A. policy it was varied and interesting, covering medical services in the air force, prevention or cure, school dental and medical services, nature cure, choice of one's own doctor and allied topics.

There seems to be considerable interest in the questions of our future medical services and the best way of organising them, so it is hoped to arrange another meeting in March, when the point of view of the B.M.A. will be properly explained by a member of its council.

**Children's Library**

We are starting a Helpers' Club at the children's libraries and we hope that you will all join in helping to put the books away in their correct places and to keep the room tidy.

We have decided to stop all reserves on the following very popular books: those by Blyton, Crompton, Johns, the Westerman Brothers, and all school stories. Everyone will now have the same chance to find them on the shelves.

We start the New Year with a list of good new books. Here are some of them:—

**FOR YOUNGER READERS.**

The Chinese children next door	Buck
Shintail's triplets	Chell
Sam does his stuff	Lovell
Bunkle butts in	Pardoe
Fifteen rabbits	Salten
Sam Pig at the circus	Untley

**FOR OLDER READERS**

The Monster of Widgeon Weir	Atkinson
Dangerous mission	Gilson
Treasure in Devon	Levland
Home experiments	Low
Long ears; the story of a little grey donkey	Lynch
Atlantic adventure	O'Brien
Half-term holiday	Pye
General Smuts	Kiernan
They were great Americans	

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tments and in these ratios, but many loams may not be far from this ideal. A little judicious improvement will in many cases furnish a compost in which most plants will thrive beyond expectation.

## Garden Notes

### Soil

THE soil is an important feature of gardeners, even in a small garden, as it is in the larger field of farming.

The nature of the soil can be told by visible signs, whether good or bad, and what is seen on the surface is an indication of what there is beneath it. For example, heather, bracken, larches, and fir trees grow on poor, barren soils; oak trees and cowslips prefer clay soils; whilst birch, alders and cotton grass grow on wet and marshy land. What is true of the trees is also true of the smaller plants. They are all very careful in their choice of sites.

Soils are composed of two great groups of compounds, viz., inorganic matter and organic matter. The former is material derived from the decay of rocks; the latter is material derived from the decay of vegetable and animal matter, and is called humus.

Nearly all soils contain sand, clay, limestone and humus, but in very differing proportions. The preponderating ingredient determines the nature of the soil. Clay soils contain 50 per cent. of stiff unctuous clay. They are composed chiefly of clay with a little sand and are lacking in lime and humus.

There are various indications of good and poor soils. "A poor soil is indicated by the prevalence of birch and fir trees, stunted hedges and trees, sedges plentiful; thin soil, wet and spongy, and the presence of various weeds, such as quaking grass, Yorkshire fog, broom, heath, and moss."

On the other hand, "a good soil is indicated by gentle slopes, strong woodlands, but no birch or fir, good strong hedges, rich green pasturage with an abundance of white clover, deep soil of a good brown or reddish colour, and strong healthy weeds."

The best and almost perfect soil for general garden use, as advocated by Mr. J. Coult, should be composed of the various elements in the following proportions: one-twelfth of lime, one-sixth of humus, one-quarter of clay, and one-half of sand.

It may be almost impossible to mix or find soil containing these consti-

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\* Quoted from a chapter on "Soils and Their Treatment" in "All About Gardening" by J. Coult, which is to some extent the basis of these Notes.

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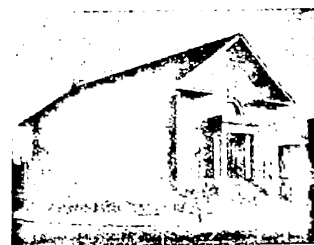
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and other London Christian Policemen

Feb. 27—Mr. R. A. LAIDLAW



## MUSIC

### ALSO APPEALS TO YOUTH

For February 6th  
See Front Cover

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We shall gladly welcome all who read these lines to come and see the play for themselves. It is hoped to let club secretaries have some tickets, but they can also be obtained on application at the Vicarage.



**14th Hendon Scouts.**—A social held in the Scouts Hut at the Centre on Thursday was greatly enjoyed. Scout games, sketches, and singing occupied the evening, and when the social was over the boys did their good turn by earning a useful sum of money at carol singing round the estate—the proceeds going to the Prisoners-of-War Fund.

We have great hopes for 1944. All boys between 11 and 18 are cordially invited to join us. "KIM."



**Watling Boys' Club.**—The Club held its New Year's Party at John Kebles on the 14th of January, and an enjoyable evening was spent by the boys and other Youth Organisations that were invited along. The music was provided by Ted and Davy Edwards Band, the M.C. being Bernard Burgess. The evening started off with dancing and games, followed by a sing-song, led by Mr. Wheeler with his banjo. Tea then followed, and thanks are truly due to the people who arranged the tea. During the evening L. Pym (Club Captain) on behalf of the boys, presented the Club Leader, Mr. H. Lee, with a fountain-pen and a £1 note, in appreciation of the fine work he has done for the Club in the past year. Following the presentation and tea, the Drama Section put on their play, "Birds of a Feather," a one-act comedy, by J. O. C. Francis. Those taking part were: A. Leach (Poacher), S. Hoy (His Half-witted Friend), L. Pym (Bishop), and B. Burgess (Gamekeeper). The evening finished off with more games and dancing.

We, the Boys' Club, take this opportunity of thanking the Management Committee for providing this free entertainment, and also to show their gratitude to Mr. Jones and Miss Clark for all the trouble they took to make the evening a success.

The Drama Section pulled off their first success when they took first place in the "Watling Drama Festival." All the production was done by Mr. J. Stevens.

## Youth Columns

**Youth Hostels Association.**—Recently the Hendon Group of the Youth Hostels Association was highly honoured by the presence of Captain Gray, of the U.S. Army, at one of their weekly meetings at the Watling Centre. This visit was arranged by the English Speaking Union. He spoke for some considerable time on America and Americans. Another Thursday evening high light was the return visit of the Watling Community Association Musical Society. This fine choir, under the able direction of Mr. A. I. Jones, gave a delightful performance of choral and light classical music. Socials, discussions and play reading have formed other evenings' entertainment.

On New Year's Eve most of the Group, in company with the Watling Boys' Club, attended a social and dance held at the St. Alphage Church Hall.

During the past weeks the Group's cyclists led by Peggy West, have visited many hostels and beauty spots in the surrounding counties, including Jordans, Hemel Hempstead, Whitwell, Nazeing, and Ewhurst Green. The day and week-end walks have been very well attended of late, Arthur Holmes and Ted Harris being the organisers and leaders. The most favoured spots have been the Chess Valley, Chesham, Chalfont St. Giles and Hemel Hempstead.

The Publicity Committee, having secured the services of V. Jeffries, a most knowledgeable young man as regards publicity, shortly hope to launch a "boroughwide" publicity campaign in an endeavour to interest all, but especially young people, in the great advantages of joining this national, and, we hope shortly, international youth organisation.



**St. Alphage Youth Organisations.**—The Christmas season is always a busy one, but never more so than this year. Everyone seems to have tried their hardest to have made this a season of happy and memorable festivities. All of our organisations have had parties, and the Badminton Club organised an enjoyable dance on New Year's Eve.

Some of our members attended with interest, and enjoyed the Conference on Youth Work, held in Wesley Hall at the beginning of January.

Other of our activities have taken forms as widely diverse as a Scout Display to carol singing parties. Now nearly all of us are fully engaged in preparing for the Nativity Play, which is to be held in the Hall, Playfield Road, on Saturday, 29th January, at 3.30; Wednesday, February 2nd, at 8; Friday, February 4th, at 8; and Saturday, February 5th, at 3.30.

The play has entailed rather more work than usual because it has a large cast, and besides the painting and stage-work necessary, we have built a proscenium from the relics of our damaged church.

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## Association Diary

### REGULAR EVENTS.

#### Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 8.

#### Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 8.  
Folk Dancing, 8.  
Y.C. Boxing, 7.30.  
Drama, 7.45.

#### Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Girls Keep Fit, 7.30.  
Boys P.T., 7.30.  
Talk, Games, etc., 9.

#### Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, Stone Carving, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.  
Discussion Group, 8.

#### Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Y.C. Woodwork and Handicrafts, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

#### Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

#### Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS

Tuesday	1	Rabbit Club, 8.
Thursday	3	K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Friday	4	Rabbit Club Social, 7.30.
Sunday	6	Odd Fellows, 10. Concert, 8.
Wednesday	9	Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.
Thursday	10	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Friday	11	Film Evening, 8.
Sunday	13	Fellowship Meeting. The Walk to Emmaus. Mr. Fred Bicknell, 3.30.
Tuesday	15	Rabbit Club, 8.30.
Thursday	17	K.T. Poultry Club, 7.30.
Friday	18	W.C.A. Council Meeting, 7.30.
Sunday	20	Odd Fellows, 10. Society of Friends' Evening Meeting, 6. Public Meeting, "Food For All," Miss Elizabeth Hess, 7.30.
Wednesday	23	Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.
Thursday	24	Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.
Sunday	27	Free and Easy, 7.30.



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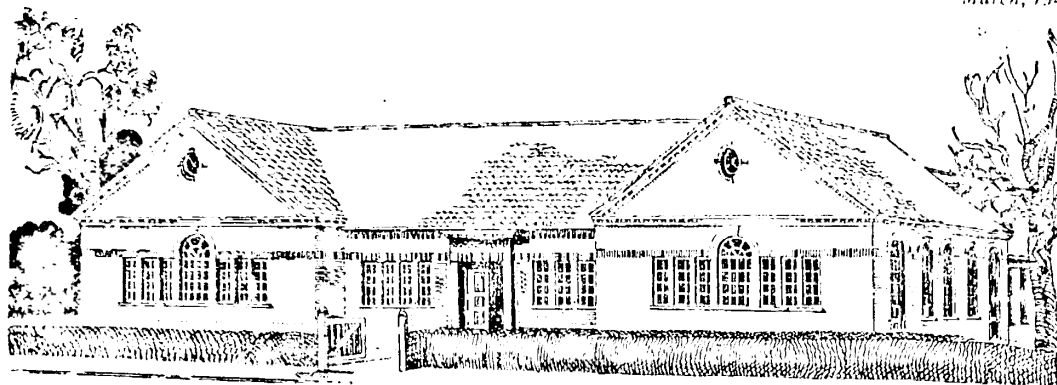
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## The Care of Children in Family Emergencies

A CONFERENCE on this vital subject was held at Wesley Hall under the auspices of the Watling Community Association on February 9th, there being present Mr. E. E. Cole, in the chair, and representatives from or members of Woodcroft Townswomen's Guild, Watling Community Association, Burnt Oak Ward Labour Party, Wesley Sisterhood, De Havilland Aircraft Co. Welfare Staff, the Borough War-Time Day Nurseries' Committee, Watling and Edgware Meeting of the Society of Friends, Eversfield Adult School, Hendon C.O.S. Committee, the staff of the Medical Officer of Health and Wesley Central Hall. Apologies were received from the Mayor, the Ministry of Labour Welfare Officer and the Public Welfare Officer.

Mr. Sewell Harris outlined the reasons which had led to the calling of the conference, the chief problem being the need to provide temporary whole-time care for children whose mothers were, for one reason or another, unable to give them adequate attention, whether through going to hospital, being ill at home, or other reasons. He also outlined the present powers of local authorities to deal with the situation.

The questions for discussion were summarised as being:—

1. What do we want the local authorities to do:
  - (a) That they can do now.
  - (b) In the future if they have greater powers.
2. As regards 1(b), while we wait for legislation, and agitate for it, do we want to, see anything done voluntarily and if so—what?
3. While securing a building is difficult can we do anything immediate

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diately in the way of getting a panel of people who will take children into their homes.

4. What should be the future of Day Nurseries and how do they fit in to general plans for the care of children.

A number of important points were made in the discussions. It was said that residents on the eastern side of the Estate need a community centre where the War-Time Day Nursery is being erected; that some of the War-Time Day Nurseries should be kept on after the war for mothers to use as they needed to. Nursery Schools and Day Nurseries should be combined in one building; that babies and toddlers hated a residential nursery and it would be better to have an adequate supply of help to look after children in their own homes if their mothers had to go away temporarily; that families should be split up as little as possible, but will a woman let a stranger come into her house to do the catering; that we should appeal to the Borough Council to release some bigger houses for foster mothers and

so increase the number of children they can take; home helps should be given more encouragement; in future homes for temporary accommodation should be kept in the district. Day Nurseries should only take children up to 2½ or 3 at most, after that they should go to Nursery Schools; Day Nurseries and Residential Nurseries should be combined.

At the end of the conference it was agreed: (1) to urge upon the Borough Council that it should establish a nursery home for children of mothers who are ill in this locality, and if necessary release a large house for the purpose; (2) to urge that legislation should be passed empowering local authorities to set up such homes for children over 5 years of age as well as those under 5; (3) in the meantime representatives should ask their organisations if any members could volunteer to put their names on a panel of people willing to take children into their homes in cases of emergency, such names to be sent to Mr. Harris at Watling Centre.



## Annual Meeting

Members are reminded of the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Centre on Wednesday, March 15th at 7.30 p.m.

The Association offers opportunity for service and the strength of the movement can only be as strong as the enthusiasm and determination of its members.

Much useful information is gathered at Annual Meetings and we look forward to a record attendance this year.



## Local Boy Broadcasts

Leslie Pym, a member of the Watling Boys' Club, was one of several youths who took part recently in one of the "To Start You Talking" series of broadcasts specially arranged for Youth Club discussion groups.

The Watling Boys' Club consider it an honour that one of their number should be given this unique opportunity and there were many eager questions when Leslie Pym returned to the club at the first meeting after the broadcast, which was on Thursday, February 17th.

Those taking part in the broadcast were fortunate in making the acquaintance of Mr. John Watson, J.P., the well-known authority on Juvenile Delinquency and chairman of the Southwark Juvenile Court.

Watling Boys' Club (for boys 14-18) is under the leadership of Mr. H. Lee and meets at Woodcroft School, Goldbeaters Grove every Monday and Wednesday.

The editor of the "Watling Resident" will be pleased to furnish any particulars about the club and send a copy of the club's Annual Report on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.



## Men's Adult School

Adult school fare is very varied. Our President in his talk on "Ships" took us back to boyhood and Romance in his telling of their beginnings, and forward into Science and Invention as exhibited in their modern developments.

In "What I am thinking now" Ernest Cole plunged us into the depths of "Modern Business and Finance," depths, however, in which our members showed they had made some investigations as each had contributions to make to the discussion.

"Man the Maker" was taken by Stanley Jones. From his own experience he spoke of conditions which prevent men becoming what they might be, and stressed the need of Pioneers who have had a glimpse of the Promised Land.

Then Walter Robinson came to deal with "Music" and discoursed to us ably and interestingly on many aspects of its constitution, presentation and comprehension.

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## Our Celebrity Concerts

WE must again congratulate ourselves on being able to enjoy an hour and three-quarters of good music at our Centre.

We could, of course, turn the knob of our wireless sets and obtain similar fare, but not the atmosphere and the presence, a few feet away, of the artists, whose personality has always contributed to the pleasures of the evening.

There has always been variety of music in the several programmes provided so far, and it has not been beyond the appreciation of the "man in the street."

The artists who came to us on February 6th were Paul Hamburger, the brilliant pianist, Marianne Mislapp-Kapper, a Viennese soprano, and Susan Rozsa, the talented violinist.

Items from the works of the following composers were selected: Schubert, Handel, Mozart, Brahms, Wieniawski, and Beethoven.

These were well received, and the applause was a good sign that the efforts of our visiting friends were more than appreciated, and they, from behind the footlights, were apparently satisfied that we in front were enjoying every minute of the evening.

There were a few vacant chairs, but as these concerts become better known, we expect a "full house" every time.

The concerts are held on the first Sunday in the month at 8 p.m.

Incidentally, the articles appearing in the Resident on "What is Highbrow Music?" written by Leonard Clark are well worth reading, particularly for those learning music appreciation.

## Youth Leader

### Miss D. Moon's New Post

WE are quite sure that it will come as a great surprise to members of the Association and to the members of the Youth Club in particular, to learn that Miss Moon, the Youth Organizer and Leader, is leaving us and is shortly taking an appointment nearer her home in the West of England.

We have been fortunate in having known Miss Moon during the past twelve months and grateful to her for the excellent work she put into her difficult task.

The standard she set was a high one and it is hoped that we will be as fortunate in her successor in the zeal and enthusiasm that she gave to the Youth Work of the Association.

We wish her every success in her new post and hope that when she comes any time "up-to-London" she will come and see us again.



## Beveridge and the B.M.A.

The meeting arranged on this subject for January was, owing to the very foggy weather, postponed.

We are, however, fortunate in being able to arrange for the lecture to be given on Sunday, March 19th and the lecturer is Dr. R. W. Cockshut.

To show how keen some readers are on the subject of Beveridge a fair number got through the fog in January and formed themselves into a discussion group and had an interesting impromptu discussion on the subject of medical services.

It is hoped the weather will be kind to us on March 19th and that we shall have a large attendance.

## SPECIAL VISIT OF

## Wendon String Orchestra

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd, at 8 p.m.





## THE WATLING RESIDENT

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## A Community Centre of Social Service

RECENTLY I have been reading a report on Social Service and the thought occurred to me (not for the first time) that the "Centre" is or should be a "Centre of Social Service" and not merely a rendezvous for Whist Drives, Dances, Concerts and entertainments generally.

Of course I am not suggesting that there is not a place for such pastimes as Dances etc., naturally that would be foolish to suggest, but should not the physical social activities, fit into the general scheme of things, and in common with real social service make a complete picture?

I seem to recollect having read somewhere that such bodies as Community Associations are "useful experiments in Social Service." By now we should be leaving the elementary experimental stage and arriving at some definite conclusion as to what is our contribution to the life of the district in which we are geographically placed.

Great reforms have in the main sprung from the experiments and activities of a few people who have bound themselves into a body with a definite object of improving the lot of their fellow beings.

Before the Poor Law of 1601, it was assumed that the "impotent and aged" would obtain sufficient relief from voluntary alms. In the middle of the nineteenth century, the parishes were joined into "Unions" and "Guardians of the Poor" were appointed. 1929 saw the abolition of the Poor Law Guardians and their functions were transferred to County Councils.

The Old Age Pensions were granted in 1908 at 5s. per week. In 1919 it was raised to 10s.

One could go on at length citing examples where the State has stage by stage granted Social Services to the people at the behest of the people, but not before great sacrifice and service had been given by those who believed and worked for what they wanted.

During a short period the State has changed from being a negative restraining influence into an active agency for Social Service.

WHAT we want is not complicated. We have enough technical knowledge and organising ability to respond to this awakening of social conscience. We have enough courage. We must put it to use. When war is done, the drive for tanks must become a drive for houses. The drive for food to satisfy the needs of all people in all countries. The drive for physical fitness in the forces must become a drive for bringing death and sickness rates in the whole population down to the lowest possible level. The drive for man-power in war must become a drive for employment to make freedom from want a living reality. The drive for an all-out war effort by the United Nations must become a drive for an all-out peace effort based on the same co-operation and willingness to sacrifice.

—AMBASSADOR WINANT.

The drawing of money from the State at the age of retirement or in the event of unemployment or sickness has moved from being the distasteful necessity of the "pauper" into the privilege of the large majority of the people.

The Beveridge Report puts it this way: "Restoration of a sick person to health is a duty of the State and the sick person, prior to any other consideration."

All this is a move in the right direction, a movement towards the time when the State and Community will be synonymous terms. In times of health and strength, each citizen should contribute to the Community, and in times of sickness and old age, as well as in infancy and childhood, the community should place its greater resources at the service of the individual who stands in need of them.

We are not of course to suppose that the great increase in the State provision of these things has come anywhere near to full provision. Far from it—there is still need and will be for a very long time, for mutual helpfulness, still need for the supplementing by voluntary agencies (such as ours) of the more formal provision by the State.

Side by side with the undertaking of these pioneer services is the duty of conducting research towards that social order in which poverty shall be abolished, education available to all and production be designed to fit the needs of the community as a whole and not for the profit of the few.

Now where do we of the Watling Community Association stand in this record, what have we to recommend?

The conference at Wesley Hall last month points in one direction—that there is need for further legislation to enable local authorities to assist in cases like those described in the report. The answer is that volunteers must come forward and show the way by personal service and possible sacrifice and hard work.

In considering the old people, have we anything to suggest? The Secretary of the Veteran's Club has repeatedly drawn attention to the need for suitable houses for the aged. And, of course, the Old Age Pension is far from sufficient in these times. What have we to say?

Repeatedly attention is drawn to the problem of Juvenile delinquency. What is our contribution here? To avoid cases coming to the court, can we assist in the work at the Centre for the very children who may one day, if left to their own resources, be brought before the magistrate?

With regard to education, are we co-operating with the education authorities as parents in the education of our children, and are we informed regarding the Education Bill?

With regard to Youth Clubs are we satisfied with the almost complete absence of suitable meeting places on the Estate for Clubs, etc.? The service for the future calls for infinite patience and care, but it is well worth while and can quite well dovetail into our Dances, Socials, etc., etc.

When we are conscious of our responsibilities we will be proud of the community spirit—coming from the "Centre."



# Children's Activities

The Report of the Juvenile Organiser to Council, 28th January, 1944

The following Groups have been held during 1943:-

First Aid: Under the guidance of Miss Moon a small group of girls has been very enthusiastic.

Boxing (boys): Very popular, the teacher was a pupil from U.C.S.

P.T. (girls): They have much enjoyed their work under Miss Griffiths, who has also been training a number of small children for a play.

Make Do and Mend: This class, led by Mrs. Bourne, is proving most useful. Parents are especially pleased with it.

Embroidery: Is liked very much. Children make little articles for Christmas presents and are also making rope soled slippers.

Gym (boys): This Group has just commenced, led by two pupils of U.C.S.

Folk Dancing: Functioned nicely until the departure, in September, of Miss Cox, to whom we are very grateful. The teacher now is Miss Harrison, who comes from the P.T. Organiser from Hendon; she also takes bigger girls for ball-room dancing.

Woodwork: This class, with the help of two pupils of U.C.S., is very popular, although handicapped by shortage of wood. Small groups of boys have been making dolls' furniture for sale, the proceeds going towards the cost of a children's party.

Painting and Drawing: Small groups of boys enjoy these very much and under the care of two pupils of U.C.S. are making good progress.

Discussion Group: A small number of boys is interested. A difficult Group, but with perseverance is making some headway.

Bootmaking. Mr. Lord is willing to teach a number of boys to mend their own boots when leather is available.

A musical play is in course of preparation with the able assistance of Mr. A. I. Jones.

At the beginning of the year children performed a musical play and received toys, which they had themselves helped to make, also books kindly presented by Mr. A. I. Jones.

A team entered the Hendon Music and Drama Festival at John Keble Church in June, putting on a play written by one of their number. A certificate was awarded. The dresses were made with the co-operation of mothers and helpers. We are very grateful to Miss Griffiths and Miss Moon for their help on this occasion.

A group took part in Watling Week celebrations and also gave a "Holidays at Home" entertainment in the park.

The Groups were closed for a month during the summer holidays, but children were taken for picnics and blackberrying to Boreham Wood. There was also a picnic at Mote Mount during Easter week.

A useful parents' meeting was held in July, when Mr. A. I. Jones showed some films and children gave an entertainment. This gathering was much appreciated and the parents want another, which is to be arranged shortly.

The Council of the Association has recently set up a special committee to deal with the children's work, consisting of Miss Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Lord, Mr. A. I. Jones and Mr. Harris. It has co-opted Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Evans and Miss Griffiths.

Mrs. Evans, a secondary school science mistress, has kindly offered to give the older girls a series of lectures with films.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Bourne, who made a big doll which, when raffled, realised 7s. 9d., which Mrs. Bourne has given towards the funds for a children's party.

In the shortage of adult helpers a group of older children has been formed to help with small numbers of the younger ones. Progress of this section will require much patience and perseverance on the part of all concerned, but even only partial success of

## THE WAITING RESIDENTS

the scheme will well repay the effort voted to it.

We very reluctantly have to see a number of children, especially those named to the Centre until more space is available. We are specially grateful to U.C.S. Sixth Form Society for the gift of very varied and useful books to Mrs. Moon for her work with the boys.



## Children's Library

Please note the new opening times for the Watling Library:-

From Monday, February 14, 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on weekdays; Saturdays as usual.

From Monday, February 28, 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays as usual.

We are pleased to announce that the following children have passed their helpers' test:-

At Orchard Library, Philip Baycock, Heather Gammage and Keith Wiles.

At Watling Library, Sheila Gander.

## New Books

The Wind's Adopted Daughter

North With the Pintail  
The Chattertooth Eleven  
The Flying Village  
The Fire Bird  
Inventor's Cavalcade  
Tea and Hot Bombs  
The Ninth Legion  
Men Against Peril  
Hare Joins the Home Guard  
Bunt of the Flying Squad

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Philip Briggs  
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Clare Colles  
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Egon Larsen  
Lorna Lewis  
Allen Seab  
Stanley Smith  
Alison Under  
B. Wilson



## Letters to the Editor

## S.P.G.B. Edgware Discussion Group

Dear Editor,

On January 13th Mr. C. Groves should have opened up discussion at the Centre on "Are the Trade Unions reactionary"; owing to a misunderstanding he had prepared for "The Fallacies of Leadership."

Therefore I would like to sincerely apologise on behalf of the Socialist Party of Great Britain to those residents who came along to hear the first-mentioned subject, and hope that they will forgive us for this mistake.

However, Mr. C. Groves has promised to come along in the near future and make amends by giving the original lecture.

Further, I would like to point out that our discussion group meets every second and fourth Thursdays in the month and not alternate Thursdays.

Yours sincerely,

G. E. East, Secretary.



## MARCH

Sun	...	5	12	19	26
Mon	...	6	13	20	27
Tue	...	7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	...



Sunday, March 5

at 8 p.m.

Artistes:

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Sunday, March 19

at 7.30 p.m.

**BEVERIDGE and the B.M.A.**

Speaker: Dr. R. W. COCKSHUT  
(Member of the B.M.A. Council)

Admission - 3d





## What is this Classical Music III.

# Ludwig van Beethoven

## "The Shakespeare of Music"

By Leonard J. Clark

**B**EETHOVEN is a figure unique in history. When all the arguments of the critics on the various styles of music have died away, Beethoven remains of all the great composers an easy favourite. None of his tunes achieved the popularity of Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" or Handel's "Largo"; but though the butchers' boys do not whistle Beethoven, by the sheer force of his music—which was the direct expression of his character—he has gathered so great a following amongst both musicians and listeners that he has been dubbed "The Shakespeare of Music."

## CHILDHOOD

Born at Bonn, on the Rhine, in 1770, the son of a drunken court musician, Beethoven's childhood was but the first chapter of a life marked by many sorrows. Throughout he was rarely happy and never content, for his was a restless nature. As a boy he was described as "shy, obstinate, unkempt and no scholar." He had no qualities to commend him to the world except his music, in which his superb imagination raised him to the position of greatness that has been recognised ever since.

## DEAFNESS

At 16 he went to Vienna and made a good impression on Mozart by his piano; a few years later he was enjoying more popularity than was his lot ever after, not as a composer but as a pianist, the darling of the Vienna public. And then, when only 30, appeared the beginnings of the most terrible affliction that could befall a musician—deafness. It grew progressively worse and soon his hearing had completely gone. When his most massive Symphony, the Ninth, was first performed in 1824, he had to be shown the applauding audience for he could not hear them.

Because of his deafness his independent spirit led him into complete, if splendid, isolation from society. He still attended concerts and public performances but he lived only in the music which he went on composing. His later years were shrouded in dis-

appointments; a long and fruitless lawsuit over the custody of an unfashionable nephew was followed by illness. Finally, when only 56, he died painfully from dropsy.

## THE DEMAND FOR FREEDOM

Until his day, not only the musician but the music itself was bound by convention. Now ideas such as those which led to the French Revolution were beginning to appear in society and Beethoven represents, in music, the expression of this demand for the freedom of the individual. He could never bind himself down to conventions, and the formalities of his profession. It was as though he felt himself impelled to explore Man's experience in sound. One writer says: "Beethoven, by force of character and passionate integrity, stood face to face with the world, a free man." Goethe called him "an utterly untamed creature."

## HIS STYLE

Beethoven could be cheerful and boisterous in his music. His love of the Austrian countryside is reflected in his "Pastoral Symphony." Yet these moods seem to be only a temporary relaxing of the more familiar tense brow that is so clearly shown in the well known 5th Symphony, with its opening four notes comprising the "Fate" theme. On this simple basis he builds up a drama in sound which has rarely been equalled and never surpassed. In all Beethoven's greatest works there is a tense, often a fierce quality—the "knitted brow."

When Beethoven died the Romantic period was already in its stride and Emotion had its heyday. Schubert contributed an unequalled inspiration of melody; Mendelssohn's comfortable life—the very opposite of Beethoven's—is reflected in his work; Schumann, Chopin and Liszt all added greatly to the literature of music. Yet it seems that Beethoven spoke the universal musical language—one that can call forth a response from the common experience of all men at all times. That is why he has been given so much space in this very brief survey.

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## Men's Club

**T**HE Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club took place on Wednesday, February 2nd, and was well attended, Mr. S. G. Abbott being in the chair. A summary of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. E. Cole) report showed that the club had been progressing during the past year, and that Games Tournaments had been played with other sections of the W.C.A., Fire-guard Organisation and D 20 A.R.P. Post. It had also co-operated in two joint socials of the W.C.A.

The Treasurer's report of the financial position was satisfactory and showed a balance of £2 13s. 7d. at the end of the year.

The following officers were elected for 1944: Chairman, Mr. R. Lodge; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. E. Cole; Treasurer, Mr. Birdmore.

After it had been emphasised that care should be taken to elect a good sound working committee, the following members were elected as the Committee: Messrs. Abbott, Hogan, Weatherley, Little, Hodgson and Bushell.

Representative to W.C.A. Council: Mr. Leach.

Representative to Watling Week Committee: Mr. S. Davies.

It was decided that a General Meeting should be held every three months.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring committee for their services during the past year.

The Concert Party proposed last year has not yet materialised, but it is expected to get this going in the near future.

At the return match between the Men's Club v. Rabbit Club the result was as follows:—

Darts: 8 a side, Men's C. 2, Rabbits C. 1; 4 a side, Men's C. 1, Rabbits C. 1.  
Billiards: Men's C. 1, Rabbits C. 1.  
Dominoes: Men's C. 1, Rabbits C. 1.

These tournaments are very popular, producing a very friendly spirit among the contestants and should be encouraged.

L. V. H.

## LOST and FOUND

at Watling Centre

A number of scarves, gloves, hats, etc.

If not claimed shortly they will be put in the next

Rummage Sale.

## Discussion Group

The meeting on "Publishing" for this month was not held owing to the unavoidable absence of the speaker. The two other meetings were concerned each with the life and work of one famous person. The two people thus separately dealt with, namely, Goldsmith and Newton, were dissimilar and yet had similarities, and the two meetings were useful as an object lesson in biographical comparison. We have on one hand the reclusive Newton, practically indifferent to worldly affairs, at any rate till late in life, living to over eighty years of age, and the widely travelled short-lived Goldsmith. However, both these men were much alike in their fine political integrity and high genius. Of course, on the count of genius we must remember that Newton has been competently acclaimed the greatest genius of all time.



## The Editor Thanks

Those many friends of the Association who have enquired after his health during the past few weeks. He is pleased to report that he is now back in harness and still able to use his blue pencil as well as ever.

## Garden Notes

What to do in March

This is one of the busiest months of the year, when preparation should be made for the harvest of good things that will follow.

Here is a brief list of what may be done, taken from a calendar in a gardening year book.

Carrots and parsnips may be sown any time.

Repot cacti, too, and greenhouse plants generally.

Top-dress the lawn, if there is any left, with charred earth and wood ashes.

Graft fruit and other hardy trees.

Graft roses in gentle heat.

New beds may be formed out of what is left of the lawn.

Plant pansies, violas and other hardy perennials.

Plant ivy, periwinkle and St. John's Wort to cover the surface of bare ground under the shade of trees.

Plant hardy border flowers of all kinds.

Jerusalem artichokes may be planted.

Plant single and double pyrethrums in rich soil.

Plant second early potatoes, also main crop potatoes.

Pinks may be planted out.

Prune and train figs against walls outside.

Prune hydrangea, paniculata grandiflora growing in the open.

Remove weeds from gravel walks in showery weather.

Renovate old lawns where not dug up for vegetables by sowing grass seed on the bare patches.

Sow half-hardy annuals in heated greenhouse to yield plants for garden decoration.

Sow celery seeds in a heated greenhouse or on a hotbed for early planting out.

Take advantage of fine days to get the onion and carrot beds in good tilth.

This is a good time to make a large sowing of peas of the marrow-fat variety. There is no fear of the seed rotting now as there would be earlier in the year from the cold state of the soil. Protect from the birds by wire-guards or black cotton. Stick the peas when three inches high and insert between the main sticks small twiggy sticks to give the peas a start. After sticking they should be well mulched. In hot dry weather peas require a copious supply of water.

Go on sowing lettuce for succession.

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## Rabbit Club Report

The year 1944 has started well for our club and the coming year seems full of promise, and I think it will be a momentous one for us. We started in January with a Brains Trust on the Beveren which was enjoyed by all. That was followed on January 26 with a Games Tournament against the Men's Club, and our thanks go out to our hosts for their hospitality and the fine entertainment they gave us. Our Open Show on Sunday, January 23 was a success, and although we did not win major honors we did well to win some of the classes for some of the finest rabbits this side of the Thames competed. The resulting profits were handed to Watling Association.

The star event of the year up to date was our Social on February 4 when we entertained our friends at the Centre. In between the dancing our old clubmate, Reg Jameson, sang some old popular songs, being followed later in the evening by Nancy Briant, who was an outstanding success as an impersonator. Our

thanks must also go out to Mrs. Weatherley for the terrific work she put in to feed refreshments to 120 people, but the committee and its helpers were well rewarded to see all those people enjoying themselves and to know that in this depressing war period we were able to give a lovely evening's enjoyment to so many people.

The 1st Prize in our Meat Sales Competition was won by Mrs. Paul; 2nd and 3rd Prizes going to Mrs. King and Mr. Weatherley. Congratulations to all winners.

Our Fur class will be starting shortly when the opportunity to learn how to make slippers, etc., will be open to all members who should take this chance of taking the course of 12 lessons for 2s. 6d., so please let me have your names as quickly as possible as we can only run the class for a limited number of people.

S. G. ABBOTT, Sec.

NEXT MEETINGS:—March 6, 8 p.m. Lecture on Rex, Mr. Maynard. March 20, 8.30 p.m. Members Cup, Mr. Stubbings.

## Please Keep and Read Carefully

Below are the officers and members' representatives on the Council of the Watling Community Association for 1943-4. Keep for reference at the Annual Meeting and then fill in the blanks with the names of those elected for the ensuing twelve months.

President: Mr. A. I. Jones.  
Hon. Membership Secretary: Mr. A. R. Lodge.  
Hon. Editor "Watling Resident": Mr. A. R. Croker.  
Hon. Sec. "Watling Resident": Mr. F. Bouchard.  
Trustees: Messrs. E. Cole and F. Lake.  
Hon. Auditors: Messrs. E. P. Southall and G. Richardson.  
Hon. Solicitor: Mr. I. Gwynne-Jones.  
Representatives of Members on the Council:

Mr. W. Boggis,

Mrs. Coleman,

Mr. T. Judd,

Mrs. King,

Mr. F. H. Lake,

Mrs. Lambert,

Mr. A. T. Lord,

Mr. E. W. T. Preston,

Mrs. Torrance.

Representative of Associate Members on the Council:

Miss G. Van Kimmenade.

## Veterans' Club

The old folks had a very enjoyable time at a New Year's party at the Centre on Wednesday, January 19th. The party commenced with a Concert by the "Gay Githies" followed by a tea. Their President, County Councillor Mrs. Grey-Skinner presided, supported by Mrs. A. I. Jones, Councillor and Mrs. Perkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Cole. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Harris and Mr. D. Lodge. The tables were piled high with cakes, cigarettes and tobacco were in liberal supply and to round off a wonderful party each veteran was given a silver piece on leaving.

It is with regret we report the death of Mr. Torrance who passed away in Redhill Hospital on January 27th. He had been a member of the Veterans' Club since its inception and was greatly respected and loved by all. Members of the club formed a guard of honour from the house to St. Alphage Church, where a service was held. A floral tribute was given by the club.



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## Association Diary

### REGULAR EVENTS.

#### Sunday—

Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 8.

#### Monday—

Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 8.  
Folk Dancing, 8.  
Y.C. Drama, 7.45.

#### Tuesday—

Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Girls Keep Fit, 7.30.  
Boys P.F., 7.30.  
Talk, Games, etc., 9.

#### Wednesday—

Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, Stone Carving, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.  
Discussion Group, 8.

#### Thursday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Y.C. Handicrafts, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

#### Friday—

Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30

#### Saturday—

Old-Time Social, 7.30  
Youth Club, 7.30.

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## Mock Parliament for Youth

**A**N interesting and amusing debate was staged by the Watling Youth Committee in St. Alphage Hall on February 13th. Mr. Sewell Harris acted as Speaker in a Mock Parliament, the primary purpose of which was to discuss the second reading of a Bill to compel all males between 17 and 18, and all females of the same age to spend six months in the mines and in domestic service respectively.

Prior to the major debate a number of questions were asked of ministers. For example, the member for Bradford asked the Minister of Food whether he would arrange for a more satisfactory distribution of oranges, and when he would make lemons available. The member for York asked the Secretary for Air whether he would start negotiations for the international control of aviation after the war so as to prevent any one nation building up an air fleet which could be used for aggressive purposes.

The second reading of the Bill was moved in an able speech by the Minister of Labour (Mr. H. Lee), and the debate was wound up for the Government by the Secretary for Air (Rev. L. W. Hibbs). Most of the speaking in between came from the opposition, who put forward various reasons, connected with economics, the undesirability of more people than necessary being sent down the mines, interference with careers, etc.; why the proposed law was undesirable. But they mostly seemed to miss the point that the idea was rather symbolic, to ensure that everyone knew something of the less pleasant, but quite essential, work which had to be done.

When the vote came at the end the opposition were not prepared to shout,

**St. Alphage Youth Organisations.**—February was a busy month for all of use because many of us were in the Nativity play and others helped with the painting, scenery, lighting and other jobs.

All those who are sportingly inclined have had opportunities to play badminton, football and table-tennis matches. Our mixed badminton team goes on winning matches, but the Men's VI have lost two matches, namely to a War Office Department VI, and a team from the Imperial Science College. The Scouts have been active both at work and play. Very many proficiency badges have been gained especially for work at P.F. and boxing and for entertaining in displays and plays. They have also been playing football and doing quite well. They have beaten Edgware Parish Church Juniors 4—0, the Church of the Annunciation Scouts 2—0, and drawn with John Keble Juniors 0—0.

We are looking forward very much to the Mock Parliament and to the Social to be held in our hall in the near future under the auspices of the Watling Y.O.C.

### To Club Secretaries

## NEXT MEETING WATLING Y.O.C.

Thursday, March 2nd, 8.30  
at WATLING CENTRE

Please send your representative

with the result that the aye, ha, it, though there were only four on the Government bench, and no one demanded a division.

After the adjournment tea was indulged in and there was some discussion as to future meetings, resulting in a decision that the Y.H.A. would form a government, probably for a sitting of the House on February 27th at a place to be notified to group leaders.



**Y.H.A. Activities.**—The Hendon Group of the Youth Hostels Association recently had one of its most successful outdoor "rales," about twenty hostellers, both walkers and cyclists, met at Sier Green on a Sunday for a game of rounders after spending the Saturday night at either Wheeler End or Jordan's Hostel.

Other hostels favoured by the Group have been: Ewhurst Green, Whitwell, Nazeing and Leatherhead.

The London Region of the Y.H.A. recently held their Annual General Meeting at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square. Members from Hedon were present in strength.

Highlight of the month's indoor entertainment was the first performance of the Group's pantomime, "Babes in the Wood." Original music and lyrics were composed and written by Jimmie Stevens. Much of the credit was due to Arthur Holmes and his unfailing efforts in seeing that all the cast perfected their parts. The characterisation of "Daddy" Crane of "Hemel" by Bernard Burgess, was particularly commendable.

The "Babes" were appropriately represented as two lost hostellers. There was a large audience present, consisting of group members with friends and relatives.

Other Thursday evening events have been: discussions, talks, socials, dances and play-reading.



**Watling Boys' Club.**—The Club has commenced earnest training for forthcoming athletic events. We are anxious to retain the trophies we now proudly hold.

The Club has been fortunate in securing another billiard table and we are very pleased with this excellent new acquisition to our equipment.

The Dramatic Section is working hard just now and as many rehearsals as possible are being squeezed into an already full programme.

The Football teams continue to prosper and we are already thinking ahead for the coming Cricket season.



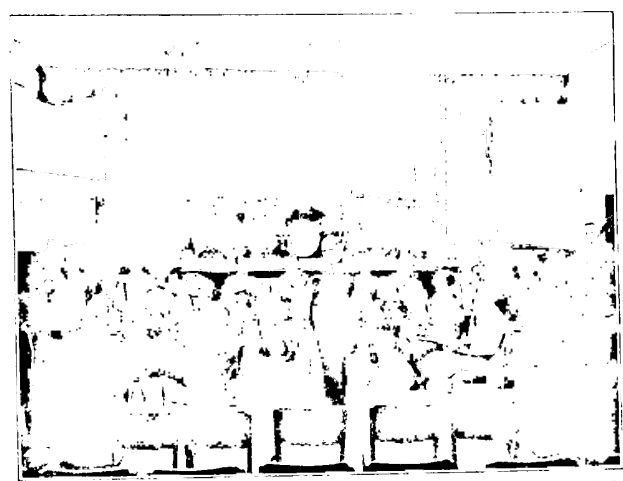
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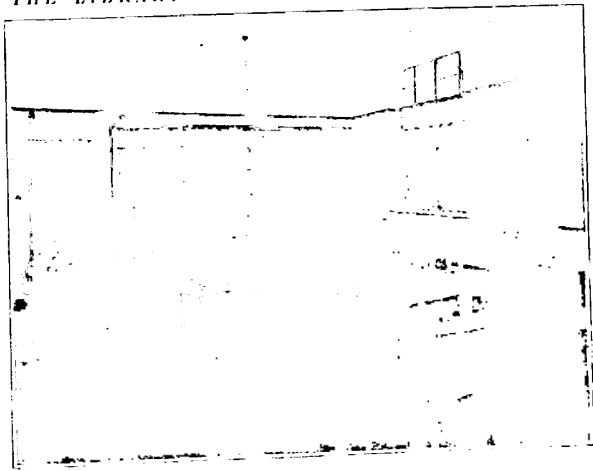
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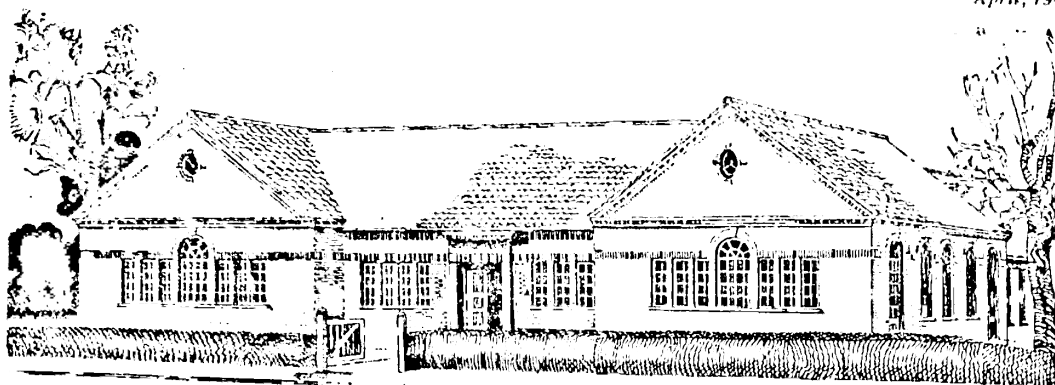
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## I Visited Slough Social Centre and was Amazed!

**B**EING near Slough recently I thought I would like to visit the "Social Centre," of which I had heard so much. I decided to 'phone the Warden, and enquire if it was convenient. The warmth of his welcome invitation over the telephone made me feel keen to go right away.

Some two miles or more from the "Centre," the man in the street from whom I enquired the way knew it well. Point no. 1 in its favour—it was well known.

What a building! Our Centre was a dwarf judging from what I was able to see of the outside—inside I imagined would put our "Centre" off the map altogether.

"May I see Mr. Carr, the warden," I asked meekly at the enquiry office. "Up the stairs and second office on the left," was the reply.

After a long talk with Mr. Carr, in which I am afraid I took a lot of time asking questions, chiefly concerning the organisation and management of such a huge concern, we started our "tour" of the building. I should say buildings, because it comprises four buildings, each the size of a standard factory.

I was shown so much that I am afraid I should take too much space of this magazine if I were to attempt to describe it all. However, the points of interest that most forcibly impressed themselves on my mind were these:

Abundance of space; no sense of overcrowding. The main hall accommodated 1,500 people, and the stage had recently housed an orchestra of 75 performers—this should give you some idea of what I felt.

One should remember throughout that Slough Social Centre has a total membership of 8,000 people.

I had a peep at the Nursery School.

**By a Committee Member who feels that we have much to learn from the experiences of such a Centre as that at Slough.**

We couldn't make a noise there, for the tiny tots were having their afternoon nap. This side of the "Centre's" work much impressed me.

The Youth Section, classrooms, handicraft rooms for boys and girls, a lounge for the boys and one for the girls, plus their very own canteen, run by the members. It was interesting here to note that although the "Centre" is not attached to any religious denomination the Youth, both girls and boys, had themselves asked for a chapel of their own in the building. This had been provided and was much respected by all—young and old.

Again to give you some idea of the sense of space the Youth section had over 1,000 members and employed six full-time leaders.

I must not forget to mention that these young people had their own shower baths in addition to the swimming bath that was open to all, young and old, and was freely used by the local Education Authorities for which the "Centre" received a financial grant.

Now to come back to the adults: The restaurant was run on lines similar to our British Restaurants. I had a very good lunch there and we were able to have our own "table."

An excellent Blood Transfusion department has been opened and run by a local lady doctor. Blood donors arrived to give of their blood and facilities of rest were provided.

A hall for dancing and Socials was well used. At one time it was used exclusively for badminton. Another hall had about six full-sized billiard

tables. There was also the lounge or common room, beautifully furnished and a real restful atmosphere prevailing. The library, too, was well furnished and cared for.

It is not my intention to write about the history of the Slough Social Centre, but I do think it worth while to mention one important point: viz., that it is governed precisely the same way as the Watling Community Association is governed—that is through its democratically elected Council.

The fact that it is on such a colossal scale need not frighten us. Just to give you another instance on how huge the "Centre" is, the Warden informed me that they had a full-time paid staff of 59 persons.

One point that I felt was worth our while considering was this: Slough had got where it has largely because of the Business Houses on the Trading Estate realising the need for such a "Centre," and helping to finance it. Have we explored this avenue sufficiently?

With so vast a membership it was, I felt, almost impossible for the Warden to know personally individual members, but the interesting admission the Warden made was this: "If I don't know the member's name I usually remember where he works."

Although my visit was during the day, the whole building was alive with people going hither and thither. It was proving a great blessing to transferred war workers in the district, as well as to many others temporarily housed in the vicinity of Slough.

Here's a suggestion to our Executive Committee: Why not invite Mr. Carr, the Warden, to come to our "Centre" and give us some more information on how to organise a really large "Centre"? I am sure he would find us interested.



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**Social Credit Examined by  
the Discussion Group**

At a recent meeting the policy of "Social Credit" was presented for discussion by Mr. L. N. Dodridge, the local Branch Leader of the Social Credit Party. In his opening talk he detailed the technique by the creation of a National Credit Office, the issue to all of a National Dividend, and the granting of a National Discount. By this means, credit will be issued debt free (free of interest) for all Capital investment, a dividend to all (the wages of the machine) will equate consumption with production and retail prices will be reduced in proportion, consequently no question of inflation arises.

It was stressed that the increase in purchasing power at home would absorb production and make the scramble for export markets (the main cause of war) unnecessary.

The Discussion Group meets at the Centre every Wednesday (see Diary).

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As the letter on page three informs you, the "Resident" is to appear in a new overcoat next month; this has been brought about through changing circumstances and also to keep in line with our contemporaries who have resorted to a smaller page.

The "Resident" came in for a great deal of discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Association and we appreciate the many expressions of appreciation of the magazine's standard that were voiced.

Of course it is realised that we have not the resources of the professional publisher, but we will endeavour to incorporate some of the suggestions made. The editor does not possess a team of reporters to visit every section so the responsibility of getting a report of your particular section's event is the responsibility of the member or secretary. Always remember too that we have to work to a time-table and as a result cannot accept "copy" that is late, the recognised date for receiving "copy" for the next month's issue is the 13th of the month.

Suggestions were made for a "personal" column, this we will endeavour to publish, but naturally it is you, the reader, who must furnish the particulars.

The May issue will be 16 pages with nearly 9,000 words to be written, and carefully edited and sub-edited before it reaches the printer, this gives you some idea of the work that is entailed in keeping the "Resident" going. Members, I feel, can assist by collecting information as to the activities of the "Centre" and passing the written reports on to the Editor regularly (written on one side of the paper only).

These reports need not be lengthy, in some ways if we could collect a report from each section the shorter they were the better.

Here's hoping you will enjoy the May issue.



Members will be pleased to hear that Mr. Anthony Harris, son of our Secretary, has returned home from his first period at sea with the Merchant Navy. He has been away for some months and therefore has many personal recollections to relate.

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**Burnt Oak Women's Adult  
School**

Mr. Sewell Harris recently outlined the content of a series of lectures proposed to commence in the Autumn on the subject of Town Planning and Housing. Mr. Harris reminded us that the Housing question will present a serious problem after the war, especially for young people returning to civil life and wishing to set up homes of their own, and we, as their parents, should be studying possible solutions now.

The services rendered by the Staff of the Cressingham Road Welfare Centre has been explained to us by Nurse Atkinson, a friend of very many mothers and children on this Estate. Nurse emphasised the fact that the special function of the Welfare Services was the prevention rather than the cure of disease and deformity.

The lessons in our Handbook are of much educational and cultural value, and we have decided to study them more closely when speakers are available.

As our knowledge of Social Problems has increased under Mr. Rogers' tuition, so has our interest developed. We have therefore decided to take another course of six lessons, the first having been held on March 6th, to be continued on alternate Mondays at 2 p.m. when we especially welcome new members.



**Children's Library**

We are glad to welcome the following girls as helpers at the Watling library:—Doreen Clarke, Audrey Jenkins, Peggy Pitman, Edwina Pitman, and Elsie Smith. All these have passed a shelving test and are now helping other children to find books. We should like to see some of the boys helping too.

Your catalogue is now ready. You will find the stories arranged alphabetically by the author's surname, while the non-fiction is arranged by subject. Ask to see the catalogue when you next visit the library.

**NEW BOOKS FOR MARCH**

Look up your Atlas	T. C. Bridges
Our Food from Farm to Table	L. Edwards
Sara Squirrel's Ready-made House	C. Englefield
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Consider the Birds	L. Sargent
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## Strong Words—with good intent

A new contributor to the columns of the "Resident" makes his bow with a pungent criticism of the Watling Guild of Players' performances at John Keble Church Hall in aid of the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street.

THE plays performed on the 21st March, were, on the whole, extremely successful, although there were quite a number of weak points.

In "The Stoker" the two main parts were excellently played, but (with the exception of Mrs. King as Mrs. Leighton) the supporting actors were noticeably weak, both in registering emotion and in their actual words. There was also a certain lack of attention to detail, e.g., in handling the revolver and the speed of the final curtain, but thanks to the excellent work of the Captain and Stoker respectively, the play was definitely a success.

Though it is a good thing—as a principle—to have a comedy between two serious plays, it is a pity to do so when it is the weakest production of the evening.

"The Prize Pigeon" was amusing, but it could and should have been more so. The primary fault was insufficient knowledge of words by part of the cast, which slowed down the dialogue. This, in a play of this type, should go at maximum speed. In this play, as well as in the first, the lack of a snappy curtain spoilt the maximum effect of the finish. When, as in these two plays, there is need of a quick curtain, and owing to mechanical defects this cannot be obtained, the same effect may be had by blacking out the stage lights as the curtains start to be drawn, and allowing a few seconds to elapse before putting up the house lights.

There is less to say about "King Lear's Wife" than about the other plays as it was indubitably the best performance of the evening. The only noticeable fault was a tendency (especially by the Physician) to speak their

lines in prose instead of poetry. King Lear and Goneril were both acted very ably, and Mrs. Coles's acting of Hygd the Queen was an excellent performance of a very difficult part.

Altogether the Guild of Players put on a good selection of plays and gave their audience a most enjoyable evening. A.H.



## At Random

British Legion Benevolent Committee meets at the Centre every Thursday from 7-8 p.m. All cases of ex-service and men and women attended to. No business dealt with after 8 p.m.—D. W. SMITH, *Chairman*.



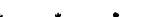
The Dressmaking Class Summer Course of 12 lessons commences Tuesday, April 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Special attention will be given to making new garments out of old ones—and so saving coupons.



The recently appointed members forming the Council of the W.C.A. for 1944 are: Messrs. Cole, Lord, Lake, Bouchard; Mesdames Lake, Nyberg, Lord, Lewington, Brixie and Boulton. Apart from the change in "Resident" Secretaryship, referred to elsewhere, the remaining appointments are the same as last year.



We are glad to report that Mr. A. I. Jones, our President, is now restored in health and enthusiasm.



"The World we Want" is the subject of a Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 7.45 p.m. at St. Martin's School, Goodwyn Avenue, Mill Hill. The speaker is John Middleton Murry.



## Be Your Own Reporter!

We cannot undertake to guess accurately forthcoming marriages or items for a personal column, so if readers would like them inserted, please forward such happy news as you may have to the Editor, Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware.

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## Garden Notes for April

Here is Mr. H. H. Thomas again to tell us, in "The Garden: how to make it pay," some of the things to be done in April.

### POTATOES.

He says: "Generally April is the best month for planting the second early and late varieties of potatoes. The soil at that time of the year is friable and fairly dry, and the work of planting is more convenient and more expeditiously carried out than earlier. Providing the tubers are in boxes in a light frost-proof place, and the sprouts are developing sturdily, it is far better to defer planting them for a week or two until the soil is moderately dry than to plant them in wet ground." Mr. Thomas does not consider planting with a dibber is the best way. "I always plant my potatoes with a trowel, or in a trench taken out with the spade and about four inches deep. I rub off all except two of the sprouts on tubers of second early and late sorts, because I find that this results in larger tubers than when most of the sprouts are allowed to grow. It is true that the potatoes are not so numerous, but it is more profitable to have fewer tubers of good size than a larger number of small ones. There is no advantage in crowding the rows. I allow two feet six inches between the rows of second early potatoes, and three feet between the rows of late varieties."

### CABBAGE.

To quote Mr. Thomas again: "I find the best way to grow cabbage is to sow a little seed at intervals in March, April, and early May. This method ensures a supply of heads throughout late summer and autumn. A variety that I have found very serviceable is 'Best of All' dwarf; it is not very large, but is an excellent sort."

### WINTER GREENS.

"It is at this time that I make my chief sowings of winter greens—Kale, Brussels sprouts, sprouting broccoli

and large-headed broccoli. Savoy for autumn may also be sown, but for a winter supply I find it is better to defer sowing until May. The seeds of all those named are sown thinly in shallow drills upon a well-prepared bed, the surface of which has been broken up finely. They are covered with about half an inch of soil. The seedlings usually appear within a week or so, and before they become crowded and spoilt the best of them must be transplanted at six inches apart, there to remain until they are put out finally in June or July as vacant ground becomes available."

### PEAS.

April is the best month in which to make the chief sowings of peas. "There is no more delicious summer vegetable." With a little planning it should be possible to secure a good crop of peas extending over a long period.



### Prisoner of War

It is now known that Sergeant Reg. Harvey of the R.A.F., whose home is at 155, Littlefield Road, and who previously had been reported missing, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Sergt. Reg. Harvey is a member of the Watling Community Association, and was a pupil at Orange Hill School.



### Fellowship Meeting

Our Meeting, held as usual on the first Sunday in the month, was addressed by Mr. W. Pratten on the timely topic "A Christian Looks at the Future." His outlook was a helpful and hopeful one because of the influences that can be exercised by a few earnest people devoted to a good cause following it persistently. It was felt to be a very good Meeting. Next Meeting the speaker is to be Mr. John Hargreaves.

## TO SECTION LEADERS!

*Please see that the new edition of this Magazine carries a Report of your section monthly.*

*Last date for receiving "Copy" is the 15th of each month.*

*A good Report need not be too long -- about 200 words.*

### Men's Adult School

On the next Sunday after our last report Mr. Pickering came to talk to us about the "Making of a Poem" and showed us that a great poem does not "drop out of the blue," but is the result of devoted skill and care, thought and training of the mind, which waits for, and on, some experience that stirs the soul and demands expression. The study of the values of words was emphasised.

Next Sunday Mr. Barber's subject was "A Maker at Work." Three qualities are necessary for the maker—"Vision," "Work" and "Fulfilment." A "genius" is the man who has all these in the best proportion.

In "A Cornfield," Mr. Will Pratten was not satisfied in just setting us down in it and leaving us there to moralise and rusticate, but moved us about all over the world and probed us with facts and figures to make us realise how serious are the conditions affecting the world's supply of "daily bread."

Lastly, we have had the first of six talks on "China," this from Frank Sawbridge, the title being "The Land and the People" (China being as large as Europe and with as many inhabitants, he had naturally to put on "forty-league" boots for the occasion). He also did something to "stimulate our philosophy" and to teach us to look out upon the world at large.



The Local Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade has now a Cadet Division for boys from the age of 9 to 16 years.

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# WHAT IS THIS Highbrow Music?—IV.

## This Modern Stuff

By Leonard J. Clark

**F**INALLY, let us consider briefly the most thorny of all issues in music—the works of the contemporary composers. Many folk who have come to enjoy some of the music we have already discussed—say Mozart and Schubert—are genuinely and completely baffled by "this modern stuff." The reason, I think, is twofold: the diversity of modern music and the difficulty of visualising it in its proper perspective.

### NATIONALISM IN MUSIC

In the nineteenth century there began to appear a new element in music, a national sentiment. It was earliest most marked in Russia, and became prominent in different ways in the works of Chopin and Dvorak. Great music has no merely national appeal but it often has indisputably national characteristics. In our generation the State has often replaced the feudal aristocrat as the patron and social director of the composer and musician. We know only too well the result in the countries which adopted Fascism in one or other of its forms: Paul Hindemith, one of the most distinguished of modern composers, had to leave Germany and find a home, first in Turkey and then in America; Toscanini, acknowledged doyen of conductors, left Italy in disgust, also for America.

By contrast, the music of Soviet Russia, officially inspired and aided, is finding increasing interest throughout the world. Dmitri Shostakovich is perhaps the best known representative of the post-Revolution composers. At 19 he produced a brilliant Symphony, and since then at least six others and much else, from film music to ballet. A good deal of this is probably of only passing interest, a fact which makes it all the more difficult to assess properly the value of a modern work.

In Czecho-Slovakia and Hungary Bela Bartok and Kodaly have exploited the national idiom as Dvorak did, while in Spain too there has been a strong national tendency.

### MUSIC IN ENGLAND

As for contemporary England we have reached a position of importance in the world's judgment for the first time since the Elizabethan period. Elgar was the first since Purcell to "put

Britain on the map," and though his Edwardian imperialism is now a discredited mode some of his works will long be played. He was followed by many others—Vaughan Williams, Delius and Bax (Master of the King's Music) to mention only three of the most prominent. Vaughan Williams is essentially English in his treatment of musical material, as is also the case with the most important of the younger composers—William Walton, Benjamin Britten and Michael Tippett. Since the outbreak of the war there has also been a remarkable increase in the musical public and Britain's position in the world of music is no longer an apologetic one.

### THE DIVERSITY OF THE MODERNS

In the first quarter of the twentieth century there were many other developments, and even experiments with the fundamental musical scales. This "music" is an enigma to the average ear. Stravinsky investigated all sorts of novelty effects and strange combinations of instruments. In the world of "Swing" there have been serious attempts at producing something more than a sweet and passing dance tune. All this time a lone figure in the far North, Jean Sibelius was writing in Finland the finest symphonies since those of Beethoven and Brahms, and has assured himself a place amongst the great masters.

### PERSPECTIVE

All this diversity of activity—ballet, symphony, film music, oratorio, dance music, chamber music, opera—is baffling. This "Modern Stuff" seems to have grown too rapidly out of the stem of Bach, Mozart and Beethoven. Then, too, we are actually witnessing the new works being produced, so that appreciation is as difficult as enjoying a play from the orchestral pit, or appreciating a painting at a range of two feet, would be. The scientific research worker is given a laboratory, privacy, and perhaps a State grant, with which to pursue his enquiry. The outer world need know nothing until M. and B. 693 is finally perfected. But the composer has constantly to present the interim results of his investigation into new technique and style before the public for approval. Your opinion may, in small measure, affect his development. Remember that Bach was thought a dangerous innovator by

his contemporaries, that Beethoven was called "crazy" for writing his Grosse Fuge, and that when Wagner's Tannhauser, now an established favourite, was first performed, it was considered an insult to the ears of all decent minded people! So "don't shoot the modern composer, he's doing his best."

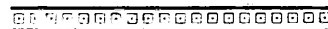


### Spontaneous Appreciation

It is not frequent that members of the public offer praise voluntarily of public services rendered, therefore we are glad to place on record the appreciation and thanks that so many have expressed for the efficient way in which a recent incident was dealt with by the authorities.



The Parents' Meeting, arranged by the Association's Youth Club—see report on page 8—was indeed a thoughtful innovation, and to invite two of them to serve on the Management Committee of the Youth Club was decidedly a step in the right direction. The co-operation and influence of the home helps in creating the right atmosphere in the Club itself.

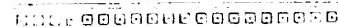


## WOODCROFT HALL BURNT OAK



You are cordially invited to hear the following speakers on Sunday Evenings at 6.30

- April 2—Mr. P. O. RUOFF
- April 9—  
Capl. A. L. PERRY, M.C.
- April 16—Mr. T. RENDLE
- April 23—Dr. ERNEST WHITE
- April 30—Mr. E. W. ROGERS





## IMPORTANT!

*To make sure that you get your Club Report inserted in the new edition of this Magazine please send it early and keep it short and to the point.*

### "Desert Island"

**Y.H.A.**—Foremost amongst recent Thursday evening social events of the Hendon group of the Youth Hostels Association was a "Desert Island Discs" programme arranged by Bernard Burgess. This consisted of various members playing gramophone records to their choice.

The outdoor activities, as always, have been very well attended. The Hendon group were responsible for making habitable the hostel at Ewhurst Green; the walking section visited this spot a short while ago.

During several previous Sunday evenings the Y.H.A. local group have attended a "Mock Parliament" organised by the Watling Youth Committee. At one of these "Sittings" the Y.H.A. formed the Government, Prime Minister, War Minister, etc.

### THE FOLLOWING TRADERS SUPPORT THE WATLING RESIDENT

- Alfreds, Ladies' Outfitter**  
15 and 16 Silkstream Parade,  
Watling Avenue
- Bald Faced Stag**  
Burnt Oak
- Bartletts, Drapers and Outfitters**  
23 Watling Avenue
- Brady, Tobacconist and Confectioner**  
3 Watling Avenue
- Sydney Hurry Ltd., Funeral Directors**  
115 Burnt Oak Broadway, Burnt Oak
- Jackmans Ltd., Footwear and Hosiery**  
123 Burnt Oak Broadway
- A. I. Jones, Optician and Chemist.**  
132 Burnt Oak Broadway M.P.S.
- The London Co-operative Society**  
Burnt Oak Broadway
- Geo. Nosworthy & Son**  
The Green Man, Mill Hill
- Pegleys, Cycles and Sports Outfitters**  
70-72 Watling Avenue
- W. A. & S. Thomson,**  
Newsagent and Stationer  
7a Silkstream Parade, Burnt Oak
- Vowden, Fruiterer and Greengrocer**  
205 Deansbrook Road
- Watsons Wood Stores (Edgware) Ltd.**  
195 Burnt Oak Broadway

## Youth Columns

### Hiking at Easter

**S. Alphage Youth Organisations.**  
—Our programme of activities has been a full one during the winter and there are no signs of it becoming less full. We shall be busy up till the break in Holy Week when all our organisations close down for a week while we concentrate on the events and meanings of that week and prepare for Easter.

During Holy Week we hope to produce a Passion Play in which some of our young people are taking part.

On Easter Monday a party of us will go on an all-day ramble. This has become an institution and is looked forward to and enjoyed very much.

Several football games have been played recently, none of which have been lost. The tale is different, however, when told about badminton and table-tennis, for we have lost a number of matches lately. But we have enjoyed them all the same.

Some of us have been to the Mock Parliaments held recently, and we look forward to the prospect which summer will bring of renewed co-operation and friendly rivalry between the various local clubs.



### A Parents' Affair

The W.C.A. Youth Club held a very successful Dance at the Centre on Friday 25th February. Members and friends spent a very enjoyable evening together. Reg. Penfold was M.C. Tom Rogers presented three eggs to be raffled. We hope to hold another Dance in April. Look out for the notice of it!

Then, on Tuesday, March 14th, a Parents' Evening was held. A good number of mothers and fathers managed to attend in spite of the difficulty of extra wartime duties. They watched members at their usual Tuesday evening activities—girls at Keep Fit, boys at P.T. and Boxing, heard a short account of the Club from the Leader, elected two of their number to serve on the Club Management Committee, and then spent the rest of the evening at games and dancing. It was a splendid opportunity for parents, helpers and Leader to get to know each other.

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APRIL, 1944

## Association Diary

### REGULAR EVENTS.

**Sunday**—  
Men's Adult School, 9.30.  
Friends' Meeting for Worship, 11.  
Members' Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 8.

**Monday**—  
Women's Adult School, 2.30.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7.30.  
Whist Drive, 7.30.  
W.A. Musical Society, 8.  
Folk Dancing, 8.  
Y.C. Drama, 7.45.

**Tuesday**—  
Birth Control Clinic, 10.  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Dress Making Class, 2.30.  
Watling Guild of Players, 8.  
Y.C. Girls Keep Fit, 7.30.  
Boys P.T., 7.30.  
Talk, Games, etc., 9.

**Wednesday**—  
Veterans' Club, 4.15.  
Dance, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.  
Men's Club, 8.  
Discussion Group, 8.

**Thursday**—  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 10.30.  
Whist Drive, 2.30.  
Youth Hostels Assoc., 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.  
14th Hendon Scouts, 7.30.

**Friday**—  
Citizens' Advice Bureau, 2.30.  
H.S.A., 6.30.  
The Neighbours, 7.30.

**Saturday**—  
Old-Time Social, 7.30.  
Youth Club, 7.30.

### OTHER EVENTS

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| Sunday    | 2  | Odd Fellows, 10.0.<br>Fellowship Meeting, 3.30.<br>Concert, 8.0. |
| Tuesday   | 4  | Rabbit Club, 8.0.  |
| Wednesday | 5  | Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.                              |
| Thursday  | 6  | Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.<br>Poultry Club, 8.0.                  |
| Friday    | 7  | CENTRE CLOSED.   |
| Monday    | 10 | CENTRE CLOSED.   |
| Saturday  | 15 | Edgware P.S. Annual Exhibition.                                  |
| Sunday    | 16 | Odd Fellows, 10.0.<br>Public Meeting, 7.30.                      |
| Tuesday   | 18 | Rabbit Club, 8.30.   |
| Wednesday | 19 | Edgware Photographic Society, 7.30.                              |
| Thursday  | 20 | Townswomen's Guild, 2.30.<br>Poultry Club, 8.0.                  |
| Sunday    | 30 | Odd Fellows, 10.0.<br>Free and Easy, 7.30.                       |



Watling Boys' Club invite Cricket Matches for coming season from Youth Clubs, etc.—Write Leader: H LEE, 13 Goldbeaters' Grove, Burnt Oak, Edgware.