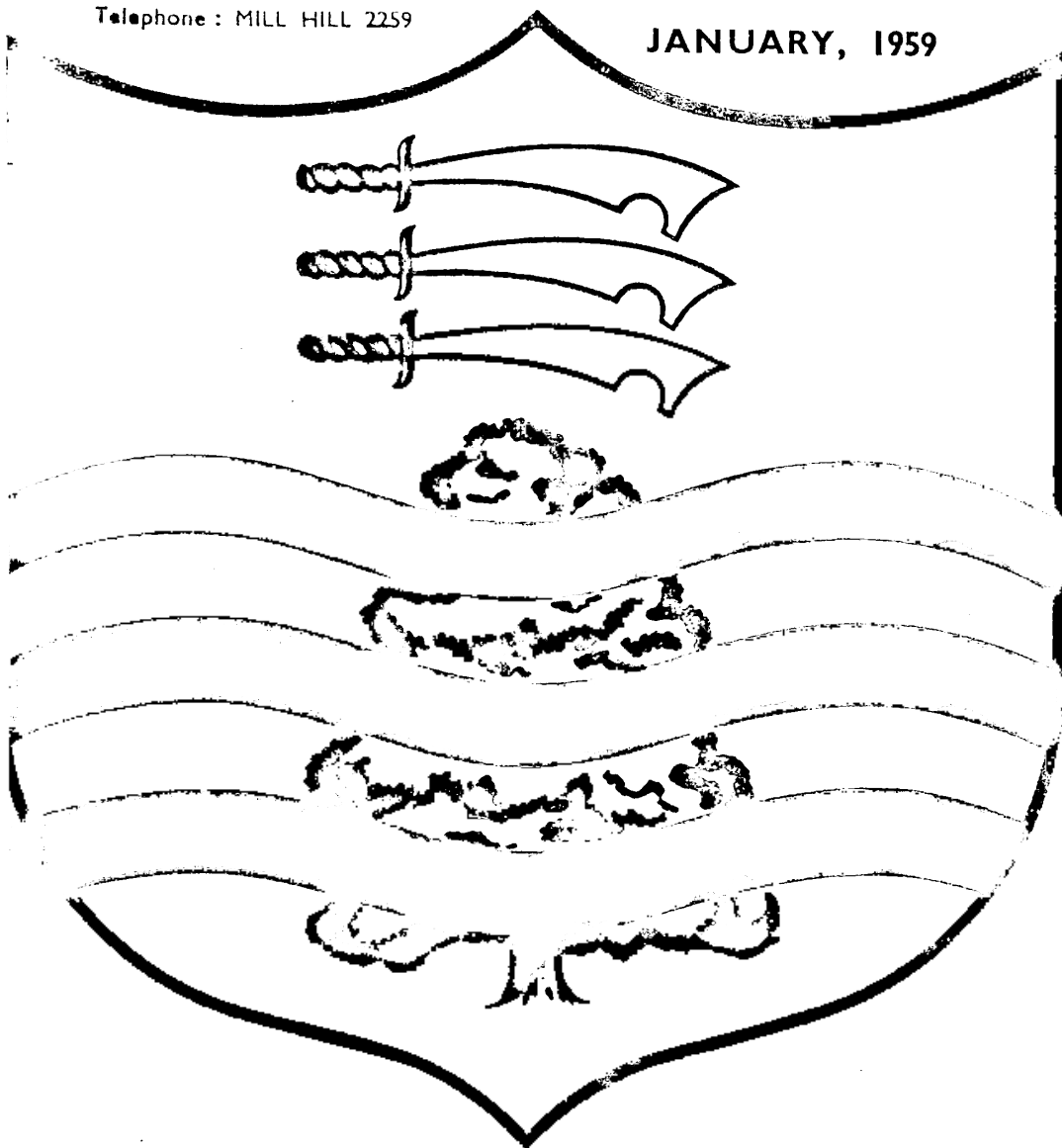


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## VIEWPOINT.

*To all our friends and neighbours*  
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

*To all those who have helped the Association*  
OUR SINCERE THANKS

*To all residents*  
AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE WATLING COMMUNITY ASSN.

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our A.G.M. was held on 3rd November, when Mrs Lake our Secretary thanked Mrs Nyberg for her fine work and care during her period as our Chairman. She expressed regret at her decision not to ask for re-election, having now the care of her little grandson, Stephen, who coming with Grandma to School, has been a joy to us—though a little pickle sometimes as a healthy little boy should be. We are glad that Mrs Nyberg has agreed to remain with us as Social Secretary.

Mrs Artis who has served us as well as Vice-Chairman is now Chairman, with Mrs Richardson as Vice-Chairman. Mrs Lake who gave a fine report on our good progress during the past year and thanked all members for willing help and co-operation continues as Secretary and was warmly thanked in turn for her good work for us. Mrs Welsh has been re-elected, having proved a good friend and most capable Treasurer.

Mrs Woolhead our Social Secretary for so long has now left our district. A brooch was presented to her as a token of our loving

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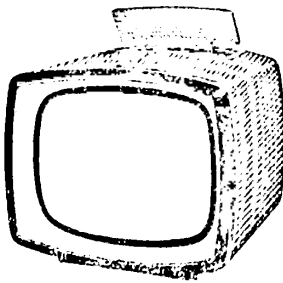
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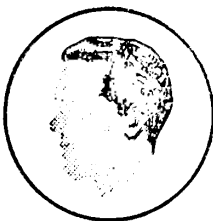
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thoughts and warmest thanks for the pleasure she has so unselfishly provided for us. We will miss her friendly smile and her kindness to us all and hope she and her husband will be very happy in their new home.

### YOUTH CLUB

The winter programme is now under way. By far the most popular feature is the Thursday night Jive Session.

Other activities include:—

**Darts.** The knock-out tournament has progressed to the third round. It is pleasing to see that three girls, Barbara Humphreys, Valerie Norman and Dot Thompson are still in the race.

**Judo.** Nine boys from the Club attend the course at Kingsbury. Out of the total number of pupils in this class, more than half the boys are from the Centre.

**Table Tennis.** The Division 1 League team is not having a very successful season so far. Tony Fordham is being kept busy trying to form a winning side.

**Physical Training.** The Tuesday P.T. class is maintaining an average attendance of eight boys per evening, who, under the guidance of Instructor Bob Evans, are making full use of the equipment at their disposal.

**Referee's Course.** Fifteen boys are taking the especially arranged football referee's course, which, as far as is known, is the first of its kind in the country. The training programme has been carefully adapted to teach the younger players the laws of the game. J.S.

### A PEEP BEHIND THE CURTAIN (2)

by FRED LAKE

Ljubljana is the capital of Slovenia. Centuries of Austrian occupation have left their mark on Slovenia which is more cultural and more Western than other parts of Yugoslavia. Many of the people in this State speak German. In Ljubljana there is an art gallery, opera house, plenty of shops, some good hotels and a statue of Preseren — one of Slovenia's greatest poets. The sculpture and statues we saw were alive and dramatic.

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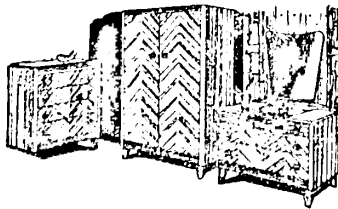
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Hence prices are high and goods in many cases of a low quality. Also, the shop window display is not over attractive. The goods are put in the window and that's that. Perhaps they have no expert window dressers. Or is it because there is no private enterprise. Everything is State controlled.

The hotels seemed to be divided into categories A, B and C. Many of the people stay in the B and C hotels on workers holidays, but the A's are generally reserved for tourists to attract foreign currency

We had meals in twelve hotels. The cutlery was the same in each establishment, 2/2 per article in Woolworths, but in Zagreb, 10/6. There was a similarity in the menus in the different hotels: macaroni soup, always veal in various form, salad and sweet, such as pastry, etc. Sometimes there was raw fruit — a couple of apples or pears. Grapes are plentiful as they grow all over the mountainside. At one meal — for desert I was given two whole bunches of grapes — one white and one black and a couple of peaches.

Breakfast would consist of rolls, butter and jam; sometimes an egg, shelled and coddled in a glass, or perhaps boiled and served on a plate. They didn't bother much about egg-cups out there, but there was always a supply of toothpicks on the table. You would get coffee, or tea with lemon. Not a cup of tea as we know it.

You would be dying for a cup of tea and the waiter will bring you one, but it will be luke warm and straw coloured. The milk would be in a separate jug boiled and lumpy. For this concoction you will pay 1/7, but only once! Still, tea is at a premium. I was informed that the inferior brand of china tea was £3 a pound.

Wine at a meal is of course extra. There is a variety of local brands which you are induced to drink because, although there are always glasses on the table, the water isn't, but you can ask for it. In any case water in some places was a suspect, so I stuck to Pivo — beer to you

Our hotel at the Plitvicka Lakes was an 'A' hotel. Built in the rocks specially to attract tourists; its furnishings and fittings in ultra modern styles, marble halls and floors. In each bedroom a bath, toilet, telephone, writing table, settee and adjustable lights over the bed.

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Plans for 1959, include:—

(1) A men's week-end at Fircroft and Kingsmead Colleges, Birmingham. For this, the subject will be 'The individual and the Welfare State'.

(2) A Summer School at Canterbury. The theme of this will be based on the idea of making use of a beautiful city for illustrations of our cultural development.

(3) The Anglo-German Summer School at Bewdley. There will be about 15 young Germans visiting the School and a similar number of young Adult School people. A number of senior people will also be invited.

After this School it is hoped to provide a week's hospitality for the German visitors in the homes of our members.

(4) On the 20th and 23rd of October, there will be a Women's Retreat at Launde Abbey.

(5) A Young People's Week-end in the Autumn.

At the National week-end Conference held at Swanwick, Derby at which representatives of Adult Schools from all over the Country attended an examination of the many ways in which our Schools could be improved and more valuable work done.

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C.A.N.U.S.P.A., 8 p.m.  
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Veterans, 2 p.m.  
Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.  
Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.  
Guild of Players, 8 p.m.  
Band Practice, 7.30 p.m.  
British Legion Service, 7.30 p.m.  
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks), 7.30  
Plumbing T.U., 7.30 p.m. (alt wks.)  
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T.G.W. (alternate weeks), 7 p.m.  
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Poultry Club (1st, 3rd Thur.), 8 p.m.  
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Council Meeting (1st Friday), 8 p.m.  
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Motor Cycle Club, 7.30 p.m.  
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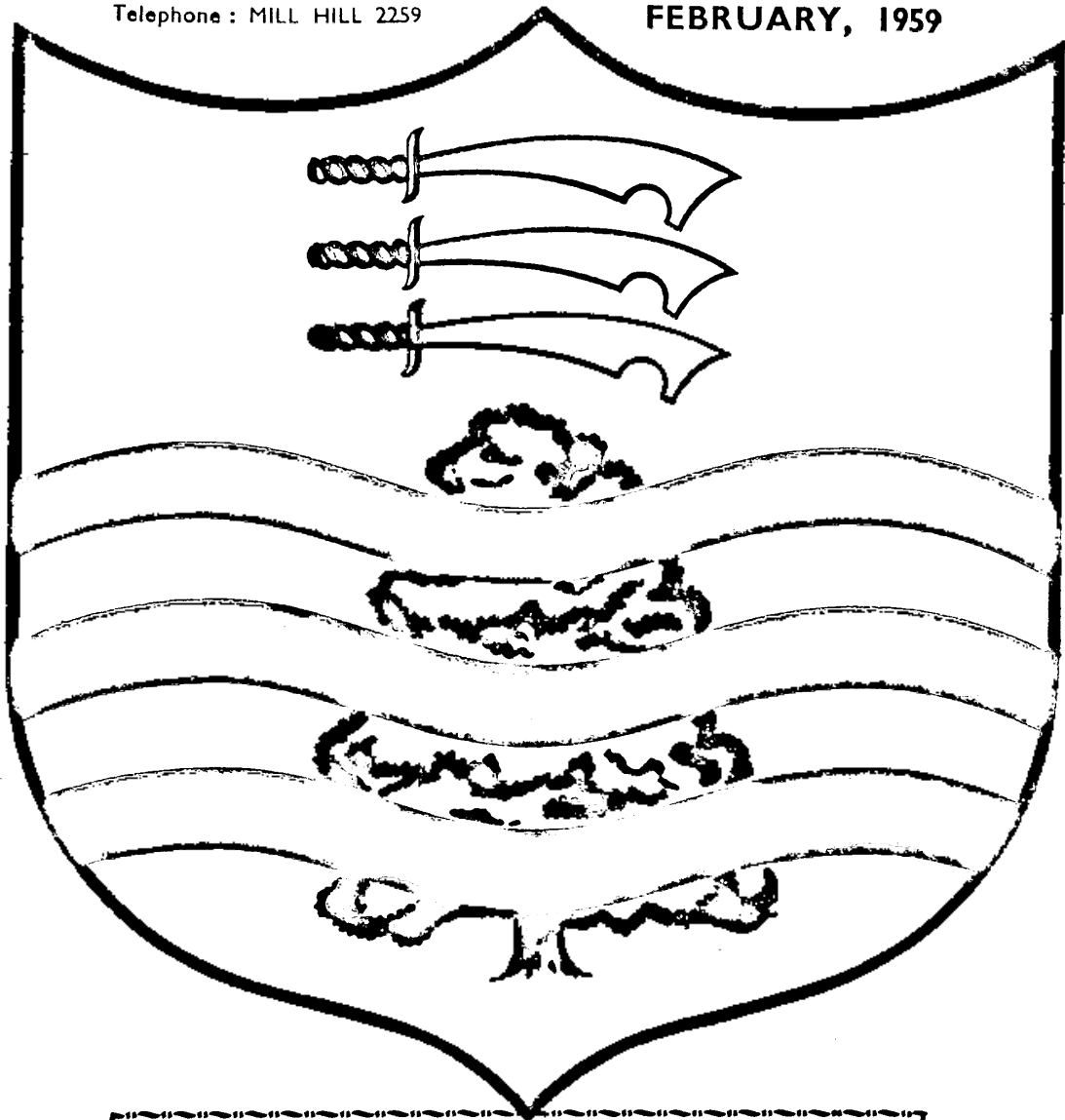
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## VIEWPOINT

For some weeks the opening gambit for conversation has been, 'Have you seen the paper this week?' We hope the reading of the newspaper has been of benefit to our Association.

The most recent cause for the question was a letter concerned with the limitation of Youth membership. Much could be said about this letter and, perhaps, the cause for it being written, but we should confine ourselves to the immediate issue of Youth Membership.

The Watling Community Centre is not a youth club, but a building in which the many varied activities and interests of the neighbourhood may take place for all ages. Owing to its limited size it does become necessary to limit membership — especially membership of the Youth Club — to reasonable proportions. Many of our groups and sections are being held back through space difficulties, and the Community Association is always coming face to face with a problem which is not confined to Youth only.

The Youth Club at the Watling Centre has never been intended to be 'only a place slightly better than the street' but it has a real purpose in trying to develop the growth of a balanced personality.

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This may only be achieved through certain guidance and self-discipline and through the preparedness of members to think in terms of others more often than they think of themselves. It is also obvious that any club is limited to its accommodation and, that a Youth leader or committee who think mainly in numbers rather than in maximum value are not adequately fitted for the work they are undertaking.

Too often we meet with barbed criticism from the touchline player. Youth clubs, in fact any clubs, are surely not intended merely to blow up the personal ego of those who 'run' them. Let's get away from sentiment and childishness and all come together and work together to the benefit of us all.

If you have an opinion — let us have it, but please give your name and address.

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank the members of the Association who gave their time to cutting and delivering wood to some of us pensioners. It was a great joy to me to receive the wood just before Christmas.

Yours sincerely, PENSIONER.

*Editor's Note:* It must be remembered that few people help in the sawing and chopping of the wood mentioned above. We have been fortunate in receiving the assistance of Mill Hill T.C.H. for transport of the wood and we are sincerely thankful for the help so freely given. May many more offers of help be forthcoming.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Our Square Dance Club organised a New Year's Eve Dance at the Centre, to which some of our older members went. It was a very good evening and there was some difficulty in getting members away after 12 o'clock. Jon Vear was suffering from a throat cold so was unable to call as he would have wished.

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### GUILD OF PLAYERS

The Guild is still struggling along and hopes to present a three-act play in the near future. There is a need for more players — especially men. All those interested, please contact the Secretary or come along on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m.

### YOUTH

Once again we are without a Youth Leader and the Youth Club enters another new phase in its fight for existence. We are confident there are members of the Club who would act in a responsible way as Committee members and we hope these will be given the opportunity to show their worth. At the same time some effort should be made to develop a closer link and a greater understanding between the committees of the Association and the Youth Club. Members of the Club should see to it that their representatives attend Youth Management Committees and that they report back as fully as possible. Too many one-sided reports have been received by the Club members and by Association Committee members.

### WELFARE COMMITTEE

Members of our Old People's Clubs have many privileges and, in the main, these are respected and enjoyed. But, when the Welfare Committee plans a visit to the pantomime or circus, we find some members who cannot understand the purpose of this outing and the reason why they do not receive an invitation. We do make efforts—often without success—to point out the why and wherefor and we would appreciate the opportunity provided by the RESIDENT to make clear the position.

The Welfare Committee is concerned with the aged, sick and lonely on the Watling Estate. Quite a number of these belong to clubs and enjoy friendship, outing, etc., through these clubs. Others



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may be too ill to be regular members of a club, or may have to look after a partner who is too ill to be left. We also find those who may be too shy to join clubs. The New Year pantomime is mainly concerned with those outside the clubs, and a great deal of thought is given to the selection of those invited. It may happen that some members of the many clubs may be invited, but they are not invited through favouritism but because there are special reasons. The Committee regrets some of the ill-feeling it meets through the refusal of some to understand and it is hoped that future outings will not be effected.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of members will be held in the Community Centre on Tuesday March 24th 1959 at 8 p.m. All fully-paid-up members will be welcomed to this meeting. Nominations for officers may be submitted in writing to the Secretary before the meeting.

London Co-op Womens Guild (Burnt Oak Branch) meets at the Labour Hall every Tuesday at 2.45 p.m., and will be pleased to welcome new members. Secretary, Mrs Trickey, 101 Orange Hill Road, Burnt Oak.

### OVER THE MOUNTAINS *by* FRED LAKE

If you were to ask me 'What is the difference between England and Yugoslavia?' I would say 'Mountains'. Most of the country in Yugoslavia is mountainous. We went up mountains, down mountains, round mountains, over mountains and through mountains! At the start of a coach journey you are nicely on the level, but before you know where you are, you are up a mountain!

I used to think that mountains were lonely places — some of them are in Yugoslavia — but on others we met cows, sheep, pigs, donkeys, men, women and children. Once, we met a steam roller. Now steam rollers to me are always funny. I smile whenever I see one. But a steam roller up a mountain is not only funny; it is peculiar — that is, until your coach tries to pass it. If a donkey is in your



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path and refuses to budge, well, if the worst comes to the worst, you can threaten to run over it, but a steam roller on a narrow road, high up on the mountainside, has to be treated with proper respect. It's a long drop over the side! How did the steam roller get there? Your guess is as good as mine. At first, I had a fleeting hope that it was trying to flatten out the mountain, but, on second thoughts, it must have been repairing the roads, and some of those roads need repairing, as some of our party at the back of the coach would readily agree. Our coach driver was a hero. He took us up and up, round and round, twisting, turning, negotiating jutting corners and hairpin bends with the greatest of skill, all the while nursing the coach over the rough parts. Often, we were right up, clinging to a narrow shelf on the mountainside, when we would meet another coach coming in the opposite direction. How we got round it was a masterpiece, but we did, and then, in our relief and gratitude we would applaud the driver. Some enthusiast at the front of the coach might pat him on the back, and he would then speed round the next few turns in a remarkable way to justify our confidence in him, whilst many of us took in a sharp breath and fervently hoped that he would not consider doing a pas-de-deux as a sort of an encore — at least, not too near the edge. But the driver was a splendid fellow in all ways, and if, as I suspect, inwardly the butterflies often fluttered, outwardly our Adult School spirit kept us calm.

#### C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

Every Monday evening finds one room at the Centre full, for the Canuspa folk are there. Recently the sounds of merriment drowned even the practising of the band, for it was Annual Supper Night and all had come along to enjoy themselves. By the free gifts of the members enough provender for 70 was laid out on plates



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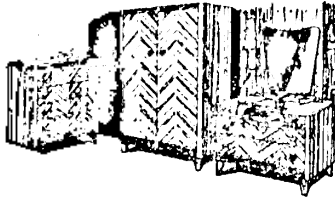
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along three long tables and the top table, which was itself graced by the presence of Mr Vear and his charming wife, who are always very welcome guests at all our functions. After the food was disposed of the tables were removed and the floor cleared for dancing as well as fun and games, under the direction of our very able M.C., Mrs Nyberg. In the pauses between dances, our own, our very own, inimitable Betty Mumford (*nee* Nyberg) entertained us with sweetly sung songs as only she can. A highly successful raffle rounded off the evening. At our last meeting we had the very great pleasure of welcoming Miss Doris Artis, who had made the long journey from Korea to spend Christmas with her parents and she was kind enough to say what a thrill it was to meet all those good folk who meet every Monday to keep in touch with their girls. Blest be the tie that binds.

A. BROMIGE.

## TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The first meeting of the New Year was held by the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild with Mrs C. Booth as Chairman. There was a very interesting and valuable talk by Miss E. Thomas a representative of Formica Ltd. Mrs Lumbie proposed a vote of thanks. Mrs Hedges was elected President, which she graciously accepted, and the competitions were won by Mrs Feake and Mrs Akers. The meeting was closed with *Auld lang syne*.

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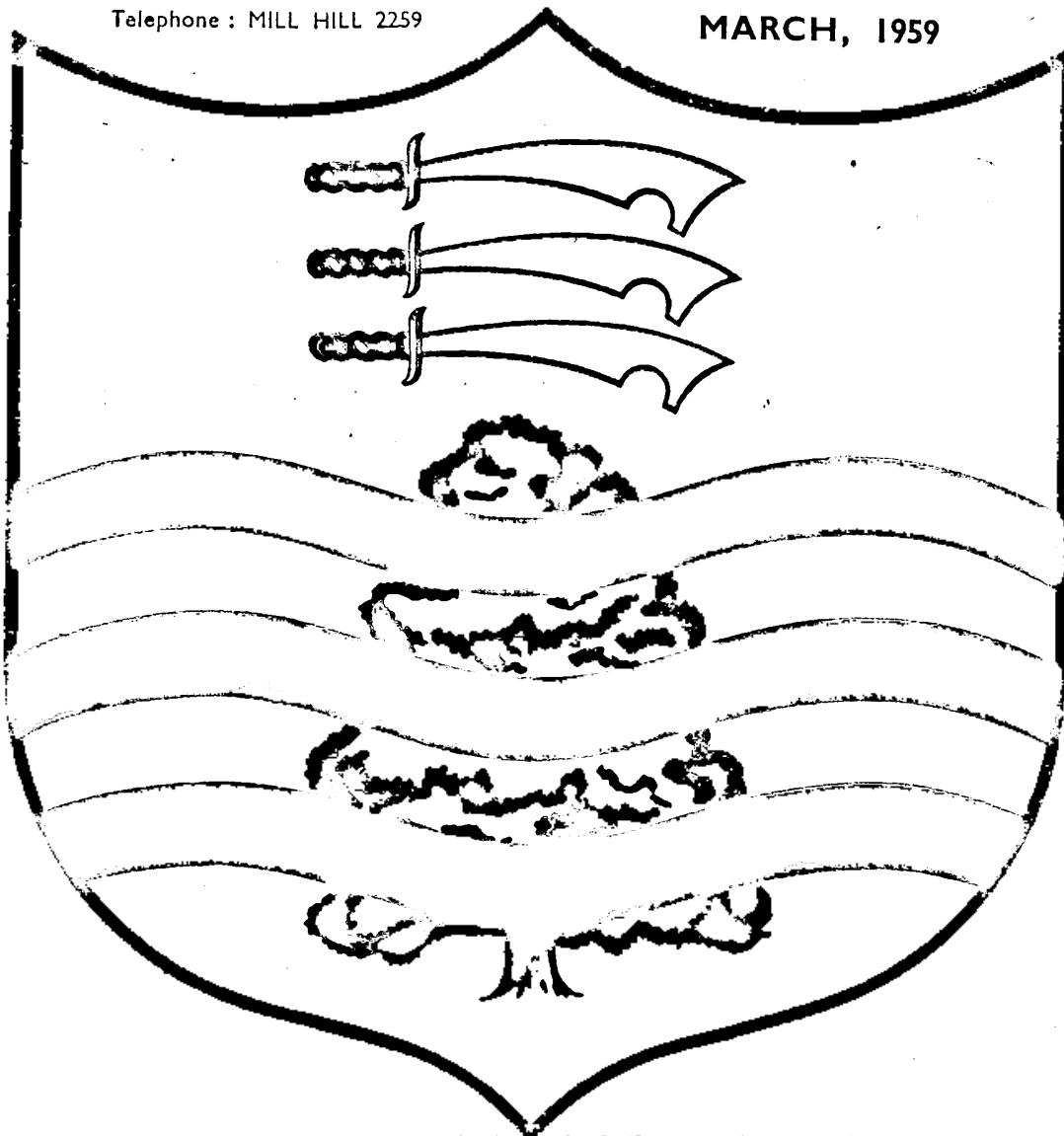
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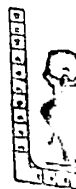
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## VIEWPOINT

The officers of the Association recently came face to face with the statement, 'I did not know the Community Association undertook tenant's welfare work', and this created some discussion.

We are not now concerned with the discussion but we are concerned that, after over thirty years, such a statement can be seriously made.

It has often been said that our memories are extremely poor in certain directions, but it is distressing to find memory can be so poor in this particular case.

There is no need, or there should be no need, to remind our residents of long standing of the work undertaken by the Association in the early and developing years of the Estate. The 'Distress Fund'; deputations to County Hall on behalf of the tenants during the depression of the 30's; fight for schools, street lighting, buses, good roads, etc.; the 1947 Tenant's Welfare Conference organised by the Association and held in the Community Centre; and the Post War Development Committee.

In later years the Association fought the question of Half-yearly Payment of Rents successfully and has continued to protect the interest of tenants in many ways as may well have been seen through a study of the press and the *Watling Resident*.

We may well ask, 'Where is your memory; is it so short-lived or conditioned that you cannot remember the good you have enjoyed through the work of the Community Association?'

May we remind you the objects of the Association include:—

"To promote the well-being of the Community resident on the Watling Estate by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and the residents in a common effort to further health, to advance education, to *protect the interests of the tenants*; and to foster a community spirit, etc."

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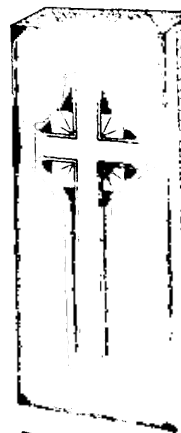
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### RENT INCREASES

With the recent increase in rents there may be greater difficulty for some tenants to budget for an increased fortnightly payment of rent. This matter has been taken up with the London Council and it is possible that, in certain cases, rents may be paid at the office (L.C.C., Deansbrook Road) weekly.

If any tenant wishes to make these weekly payments the Community Association will do all it can to make this possible.

### BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Townswomen's Guild was held at Watling Centre with Mrs C. Booth in the Chair. A very interesting talk on the importance of the Commonwealth was given by Mrs T. H. Skeit, who is a member of the staff of the Empire Industries Association; and a vote of thanks was given by Mrs Greenslade. The competition was won by Mrs Dunn and Mrs Knife. The Guild Federation has a stall at the Ideal Home Exhibition and Mrs Francis agreed to make some home-made wine for it.

We held our Christmas Party on January 17th and it was a great success. There was plenty of games and dancing, also a splendid performance indeed was given by the 'Gay Forties' and some fine singing of duets by Mr and Mrs Lake. A good time was had by all.

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## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our warmest thanks to Mr Doughty, Librarian of Orange Hill Road Branch Library, who so kindly spared another afternoon to relate and explain to us Ernest Hemingways wonderfully written story *The Old Man of the Sea*, emphasising the excitement and anticipation therein, after first most helpfully obtaining the book for us to read.

Mrs Freedman gave a beautiful talk on 'The Living God: He who is.' Our speaker, a Jewish lady, truly showed how very much Jews and Christians have in common and impressed us especially by her appeal for forgiveness for transgressors and her belief that worship is independent of place and time. The Rev Mr Moorish followed the week after with a thoughtful and reverent talk on 'The Living God: Eternally knowing and loving,' stressing the fact that God is Love and that we are called to love God for ever and each other for God's sake, a belief held both by Christians and Jews.

Mrs Thomas one afternoon told us of the delightful holiday she spent last summer in Austria, illustrated with some lovely photographs. We are glad our friend had this opportunity as she has not been very well and it is obvious this holiday has been the tonic she needed and deserved.

With the death of Mrs Luffman our School has lost a very dear member. She was a most helpful though unobtrusive friend with a smile and words and acts of kindness for all. She is very much missed by us all and expressions of sympathy and flowers have been sent to her husband and family with prayers that they will be comforted.

### 25th ANNIVERSARY

The Burnt Oak Women Adult School celebrated its 25th anniversary on Saturday 31st January when some 60 people enjoyed a Supper and Social at the Watling Centre.



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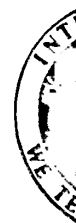
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The supper was prepared by the committee and a birthday cake made, iced and decorated by Mrs Lake who has made a cake for all the previous birthdays.

The retiring Chairman, Mrs Nyberg, in a short speech thanked members of the School for their support in the previous year and welcomed the visitors including those members of the Neasdon School who are always well represented at these functions. The Griffin family also have a long tradition in the Adult School movement; the elderly Mrs Griffin unfortunately was unable to be present. John Stevens, from the Hampstead School, was another visitor — he has been an Adult School member for over 50 years. It was nice to see Alice and George Richardson who recently returned from a visit to their daughter Joyce in the USA.

The new Chairman, Mrs Mabel Artis, then took office. The President of the London Union, Fred Lake, was then asked to say a few words. He praised the work done by the Burnt Oak Women's School which for many years had kept alive the Adult School spirit in this area, and for their support 'at all Adult School functions. Also for their ability to provide a good feed when necessary. The May-morning Breakfast was always their special achievement.

The cake was then cut and pronounced 'Yum Yum' by all present. The social then followed, ably M.C'd by Mrs Nyberg. Dances and fun and games. Further entertainment was provided by Betty Nyberg who sang some well-loved songs, finishing up with 'Men! I Hates 'em'. Frank Mitchel and Fred Lake then did some cross-talk and later on a burlesque duet 'Oh No John.' The hands of the clock sped round and all too soon brought the evening to a close. Thanks were expressed to Sid Knight, piano, and to Harry Benn, Drums.



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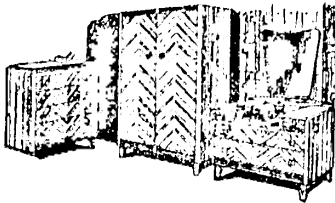
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The A.G.M. of the N.W. Federation Adult Schools took place at the Friends Meeting House, Hampstead on Saturday 7th February.

Representatives from the Hampstead, Burnt Oak, Kentish Town and Edgware Schools were present.

A revue of the past year's work was made which included attendance at Summer Schools, a Women's and a Spring Rally, an Outing to Saffron Walden, to the Wood Green Drama Group, the Swanwick Conference and to many other Adult School activities.

The Treasurer revealed that the Federation is in a good financial position. The Comradeship Fund had provided flowers, tokens and Christmas cards to old and to new members who were absent, sick or infirm.

New membership however was not too rosy — we must draw in more young and new blood into the Schools.

Officers elected for 1959 were: *President* Fred Lake, *Vice-Presidents* Florrie Knowles and Alma Hunt, *Treasurer* Mrs Delf Smith, *Secretary* May Lake, *Minute Secretary* John Stevens, *Statistical Secretary and Comradeship Fund Representative* Alma Hunt.

Thanks were expressed to the retiring President, David Alexander. F.H.L.



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Everything comes to him who lets the other do the waiting.

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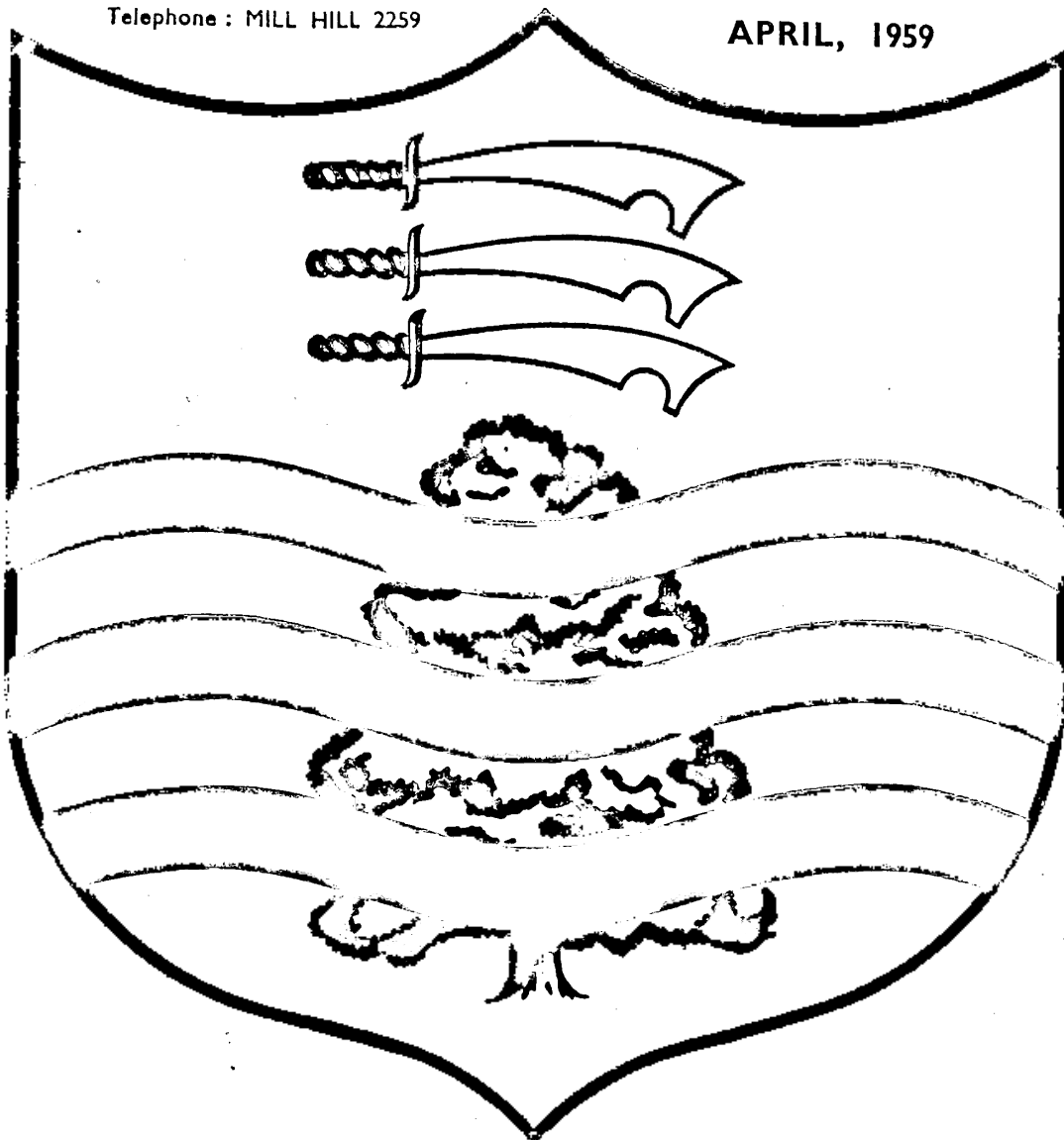
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## VIEWPOINT

In our day-to-day work we are constantly faced with, and reminded of, the problems of youth and the aged—little appears to be done for the middle-aged and those of our residents who are about to set up homes of their own for the first time. Consideration might well be given to the latter and some united and positive action taken in order to make their new venture more possible of success. Most of our children are faced with a frightening problem when they decide upon marriage. Despite the many claims for the large number of houses built since the war it remains almost impossible to obtain a house or flat when marriage is about to take place. Children have to live with parents or in-laws with consequent difficulties which sometimes wreck their marriage. Others take a risk on joint earnings and accept flats at very high rates and, should a baby arrive within the first few years, they are quickly faced with a very limited income and an increase in outgoings. This is also true of those who have saved sufficient to put down a deposit on a house under the impression they will be sure to furnish it adequately before they start a family.

What has been done and what is going to be done for these less fortunate friends of ours? Are we to expect a big step up in our

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building programme in order to provide suitable homes for the aged, who may wish to move into smaller homes at a low rent and so make large houses available to those with growing families, and also adequate houses at a reasonable rent for newly-married couples?

If not, what are you going to do about it?

## ARE YOU A TWENTY POUNDER

by FRED LAKE

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When things are going wrong it is a human weakness to look around for some one to blame. Hitler blamed the Jews, Croydon are blaming their Council house tenants. We are all aware of the appalling housing shortage in this country—thousands of young married couples are either living with in-laws or in furnished rooms with little hope of betterment. No wonder some of these marriages go on the rocks. Some Council house tenants could afford to pay more rent if necessary but, because the wife goes to work and thereby increases the combined income to over £20 per week, where's the sense in giving them notice to quit. Where are they to go? To buy a house it is necessary to have an assured income at a certain level and capital to lay down. Supposing our twenty pounders do have to quit. They may find rooms in some distant place; the wife loses her job and they've both lost their friends, their background and — they are now eligible once more for a Council house. Meanwhile the desperate couple who took their Council house have moved up into the £20 class because that wife too has found a job. So where are we? A famous politician once said that housing should be treated as a military operation but that is as far as it got.

If there were more easy-to-purchase houses available, then the better-off Council tenants would move out without any stigma and, what is more important, their children when they got married would find a home of their own instead of living with mother or having to move miles away thereby discontinuing family life.

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## SUBSIDIES by FRED LAKE

The question of being subsidised is continually being raked up and it sticks in the gills of everybody. It is mainly directed at Council house tenants. But today in this country every one is subsidised more or less: some foods, the farmer. The smokers and drinkers pay more tax than the non-smokers and non-drinkers.

The man who buys his own house is subsidised to the extent of a reduction in his Income Tax. There are people living rent free in 'Grace and Favour' residences. There are some in Hampton Court Palace. Many working class people have bought their own houses. Some were forced to owing to high rents and the scarcity of accommodation. Yet these people are often the first to criticise and condemn the Council tenant. For themselves they are making a virtue out of necessity. You can always trust one half of the working class to betray the other half.

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mr Len Sanders gave a most helpful résumé of our 1959 handbook *Free People*, showing that true freedom sometimes means control, first of all over ourselves, and the ensuring that freedom for ourselves does not mean our domination over others, thereby denying them their freedom. Our friend Mrs Mantupp has once again provided a delightful musical feast for us with her talented Townswomen's Guild Choir, which she herself conducts. These are indeed feast days for us and we are most grateful to these very busy people who spare their time to give us so much pleasure.

Mr Vear, with his deep understanding of our community, gave a fine talk on 'The Deprived Child,' questioning whether children deprived of parents are always unhappy. In a lively discussion afterwards we agreed that those who suffer most acutely are older children who have known and understood the love and care of



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parents. Even some unkindness and neglect cannot quite take away a child's love and desire for its own parents, but very young children can love anyone who is kind and really caring.

We are very glad indeed to have our dear friends Mr and Mrs Richardson with us again after the lovely holiday they have had with their family in America. We look forward to hearing Mr Richardson's account of their stay there, at one of our meetings.

### BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held, with Mrs C. Booth in the chair. A most interesting and lively talk was given, with large scale paintings, on the History and Romance of Inn Signs, by Mrs M. Crapnell. Our speaker, who has studied the subjects for 20 years, and has appeared on BBC radio and television, stated that signs originated because in those days very few people could read, and so a simple device was used to attract customers. Later on they became more elaborate and humorous. She ended by saying that we have to thank the brewing industry for keeping these signs adopted by inns and taverns alive. Mrs Dimmon gave a warm vote of thanks. The stall at the Ideal Home Exhibition has accepted the wine made by Mrs Frances, representing the Burnt Oak Guild. The meeting was closed with the singing of *Auld lang syne*.  
J. B. DOUCH.

### WATLING FAIR

Watling Fair will be held on Saturday June 13th, so book the date now and offer your services to help prepare the ground, sell programmes, help with the stalls and offer items for the stalls and side-shows. We depend upon the Fair and Bazaar to raise money to keep the Association going, so please play your part and help in any way you are able.



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### WATLING COUNCIL MEETING

At its last meeting the Council of the Watling Community Association discussed questions of car parks and garages, the payment of rents weekly instead of fortnightly, better trolley bus services along the Edgware Road, the difficulties met by our sons and daughters when seeking homes of their own, and certain problems faced by residents in the Burnt Oak Broadway flats.

All these matters are being followed up with those concerned and it is hoped this will result in some improvements.

### BLUNDELL ROAD CAR PARKING SITE

It is possible that the Blundell Road site may soon be available for the parking of a limited number of cars. There will be a charge for this and, no doubt, certain rules will have to be accepted. Will those interested in this site please contact the Secretary of the Association.

### YOUTH CLUB

Efforts are being made to provide swimming and athletic instruction to members of the Youth Club. It is also hoped to arrange a cookery class and first aid instruction. Will those interested please contact members of the Youth Club Committee as soon as possible.

### DRESSMAKING CLASS

A Dressmaking Class is held in the Community Centre on Tuesday afternoons, and a few more members can be accepted. If you are interested in this class—or any other type of instructional class—please write, or contact, the Secretary at the Centre.



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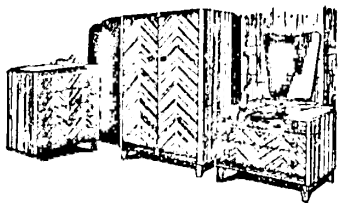
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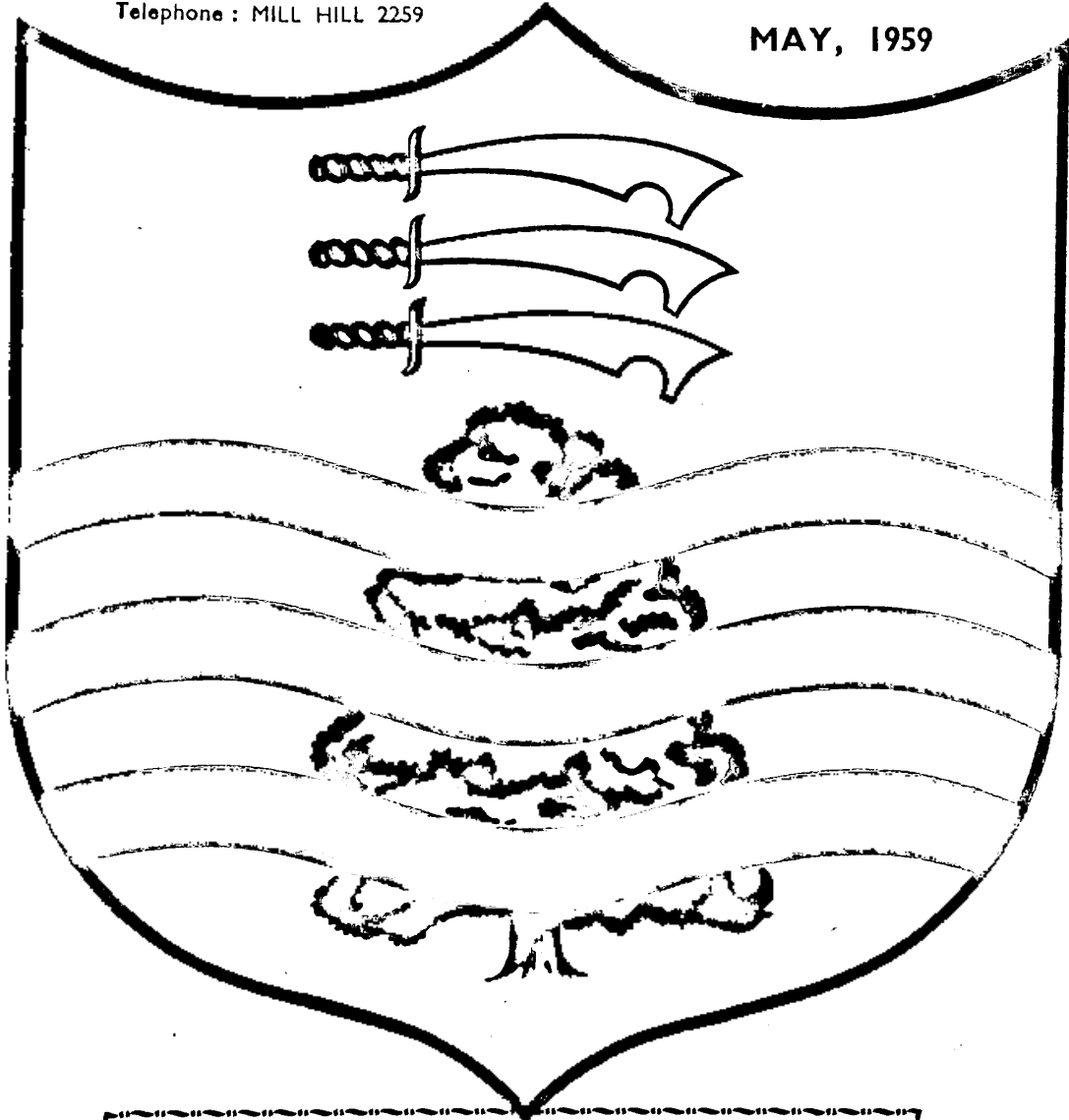
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## VIEWPOINT

The value of our Association is dependent on the interest we receive from our residents and in the service provided by those who have the inclination and the time for such service.

Some improvement in our membership has been achieved during the past year; and now, in our effort to add to the membership, we find a need for more membership collectors. Members may help in the following way:

Encourage friends and neighbours to join and collect membership fees.

Interest members of sections and groups and act as a collector in the group.

Volunteer to cover roads already covered and so free hard-pressed workers for work in other directions.

Don't just think about these suggestions, please act, and contact the Membership Secretary, Mr Knight, or the Association's Secretary.

## BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

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monthly meeting of the Townswomen's Guild was held with Mrs C. Booth in the chair. He gave a most interesting talk on the matter concerning strange, precocious and backward children and a vote of thanks was given. The Chairman read part of the constitution, and arrangements were made for a visit by members of the Guild to 'Ovaltine' on June 1st. We were very pleased to welcome back our President, Mrs Hedges, after a long illness, and we were also pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs Pratt. The meeting was closed with *Auld lang syne*.  
Mrs DOUCH.

#### C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

Now that winter has passed and most of our flu victims have recovered we still have a few on the sick list; we hope they will soon be well and be at our Monday meetings—we miss them. With the coming of the warmer weather things are becoming very active; just before Easter several members attended the Annual Conference at Eastbourne; also members are still making the trip to Canada and the U.S.A. This season's first arrival from the other side is Mrs Molds' 15-year-old grand-daughter, who made the trip alone from Azora, Illinois. She travelled on the *Queen Mary* and seemed to have had a very enjoyable trip. A farewell social this month sees Mrs Adams going to Detroit and Mrs Buzzy to Washington state; also we are expecting some of our daughters and their families in the early summer. In fact, it looks like Burnt Oak may become Little America. New members are also joining up with us and taking advantage of our chartered air travel to the States to visit their daughters. We are looking forward to a pleasant day's outing in June when we take a coach ride down to Folkestone. We are very sorry to hear that our Mrs Davis had lost her father who was 98. C.A.N.U.S.P.A. stands for Canadian and United States Brides' Parents Association and Monday night at the Centre is Canuspa night.  
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**NEW CHILDREN'S DANCING CLASSES TO BE RUN ON  
MONDAYS AT THE WATLING CENTRE, BETWEEN  
5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.**

Does your child want to dance? If so, you may be interested to know that the Margaret Morris Movement's special method of creative dance for children is coming to the Watling Centre. These classes are being started by Irene Harris, graduate of the London Margaret Morris Movement Training School. Many residents of this area who already know of the work of the Margaret Morris Movement, through the successful classes which have been running at the Deansbrook Institute for many years, will be delighted that now their children too will have the opportunity of learning this fascinating and health-giving form of movement and dance education.

The pre-school and kindergarten age groups begin their dance training through 'Health Play'. Health play gives more than the ordinary dancing class, as the children work in bare feet, laying the foundation of correct posture and good walking, breathing and natural graceful movement. All this is taught through the medium of stories, which incorporate the special health play exercises alternated with spontaneous dance improvisation. These exercises are very often combined with traditional nursery rhymes or songs. By being interested in the story behind the exercise, the child is keen to strive for better results, whereas he or she might easily become bored with a more formal type of dancing class.

For the under-fives, these classes may be taken as a good preparation for school, giving a good reason for the child to leave mother for a happy half-hour, also helping him or her to learn to mix easily with other children.

For the next age group, the classes offer physical activity, mental stimulation and an emotional outlet. Concentration is required to perform each exercise and it is often found that attendance at the classes helps the child's school work, because its powers of observation and memory improve.



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Times of classes will be arranged according to ages of children enrolled. Miss Harris will be at the Watling Centre on Mondays, commencing May 4th, and will be pleased to talk to parents and receive enrolments, either before the classes commence at 5.00 or after they finish at 6.30 p.m.

Whenever a suggestion which has its origins from an adult source is put to the Youth Club, we are greeted with the cry of 'Interfering old has-been', etc. Yet it is possible within those hallowed walls of the Centre for an individual to book thirteen games out of a possible total of thirty-nine. I agree there is the very remote possibility that this individual is attempting to set up a marathon record for indoor recreation, but judging from personal knowledge of this party, this is very remote indeed. If, as they contend, they are capable of dealing with their internal problems, how is it that they tolerate this state of affairs? Could it be that they're too frightened to say anything? Or is it that they're too lazy to organize their own games list?

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We take pleasure in presenting the first of these lyrics entitled:

"APRIL IN WATLING"

The Council did meet on one April night,  
All gathered together with judicial might,  
Electing their Chairman was rather a feat,  
'Cos the voting did finish a blooming dead-heat.

At last it was done, and with mighty accord,  
Did duly elect our pal Mr Ford,  
To rule all their meetings in the ensuing year,  
And to bang with his gavel for 'Order in here'.

They elected committees, and people galore,  
The tellers worked hard to keep up with the score,  
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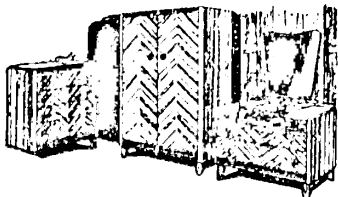
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At last it was done, and they went along home,  
Some in a crowd, and some all alone,  
But they did all agree to a particular view,  
At the next Council, they would like to see you.

You get an agenda on which you can Dote,  
But what you CAN'T do is get up and vote,  
But You CAN certainly have a damned good old say,  
So why not come on the FIRST OF MAY.

(Secretary's Note regarding last verse: Constitutionally all members may attend a Council Meeting, but they cannot vote and may only speak with the approval of the Chairman.)

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### WHAT'S YOUR LINE?

Do you fancy your chances as a Barker, Buy-Buy Boy, Pusher, Speiler, Bouncer, or any line connected with a Carny? If so, see the Front man at the Centre.

To the uninitiated . . . Can you help us with our Fair on 13th June? Even if only for half-an-hour. If so, please contact Mr Vear.

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Can you make a good cup of tea? Why not try your hand at it in our Canteen one night?

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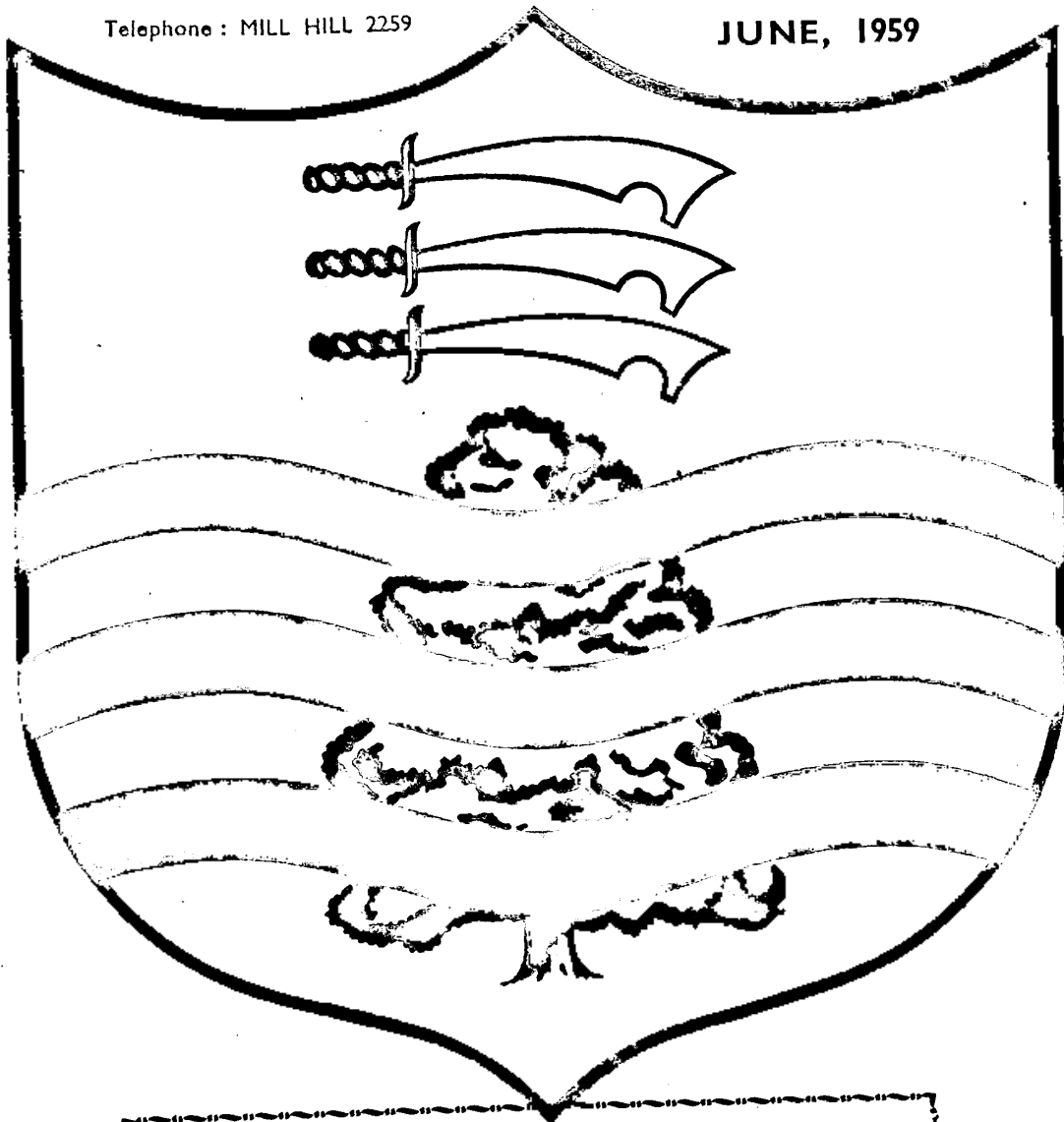
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## VIEWPOINT

From time to time we meet problems outside our little community and we ponder on life within local and national groupings of people.

Too often do we pay lip service to the ideals we aim at and too rarely are we able to adequately play our full part within the society in which we live.

One of the major problems facing us is that of right relationships and a proper understanding of our place within the community.

If relationships are to be sound it is essential for us all to recognise the need for our dependence on one another and that our responsibilities must be clearly faced.

If our many activities are to continue we have the need for many voluntary helpers to help us through. The work of these helpers has to be appreciated and they must have a rightful place in our community. In giving service we also have to give something more if our contribution is to be more fruitful and acceptable. We have to give our support to those other members of our community who may have more difficult jobs to do than we have; we have to accept the decisions which are made by the various committees of the Association (at times this may be most difficult); we must not

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spend time on unwise and unnecessary criticism of others; we can not run with the hare and the hounds; we must not expect privileges or rights which are not allowed others; we must be honestly tolerant and friendly.

Our relationship with the Centre must not be one of all take and no give. Let us have all that the community can rightly offer us, but don't let us presume freedom to be license or that anti-social conduct can always be condoned.

We all have a place in the community so long as we respect and work for it. If we destroy its harmony then we must be prepared to lose the friendship of those with whom we associate. Let us all pull together and see what happens.

(The above Viewpoint was written after meeting members of another community group and hearing the problems they have to face. Some of it may apply to the Watling Association but there is no intention of pointing a finger at any one person.)

#### C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

Here we have another month of comings and goings, daughters visiting their parents over here, and parents making the trip to Canada and the U.S. Mrs Doyle had a good send-off at one of our usual *Bon Voyage* socials which we all enjoy so much, and thank you Betty for entertaining us with your singing. We give a hearty welcome to Mrs Ellis's daughter and family who are making the trip from Washington, others are also expected from down South and the Middle West during the summer. We are very pleased to have Mrs Sharpe again with us after her long illness and we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs Washbourne who has been in hospital for some time. New members are joining and as our numbers are increasing we now meet in the big hall at the Centre. Mrs Nyberg our Social Secretary is organising an outing to Folkestone in June and we are keeping our fingers crossed for fine weather. We are one of 40 branches of parents scattered over the country, who

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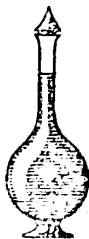
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Tuesdays there's Youth Club, but they're really alright,  
They've got no alternative or they'll upset Mrs White !!  
There are Trade Union Meetings which sounds very nice,  
And the old British Legion can offer advice.

Wednesday evenings there comes the great call,  
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If to this type of music you cannot quite take,  
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Thursdays we get our dear Youth Club again,  
Some of the records they play give me a pain,  
And in the Common Room they go rather gay,  
At the regular meeting of the Y.H.A.

Fridays there's a Whist Drive where they knock up high scores,  
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The North West Federation Adult Schools held its annual May Morning Breakfast on Sunday 3rd May at the Watling Community Centre. This event has been held continuously right through the war to the present time, although in recent years the attendance has somewhat declined. This year nearly 40 people sat down at 8.45 to a sumptuous repast prepared by ladies of the Burnt Oak Womens' School.

The Griffin family — three generations were there in force and it was pleasing to welcome Mrs Griffin senior, back after her illness. Will Pratten and daughter were with us, and Will read the lesson at the Adult School meeting which followed the breakfast.

Our Speaker was Leonard Sanders from the Shepherds Bush School and he gave us an interesting insight into the Adult School now being run in Wandsworth Prison. He also referred to Schools being held at Strangeways Prison, Holloway, Wakefield, and the possibility of a new School at Exeter Prison.

Fred Lake, who presided, welcomed the several visitors and also the Schools representatives from Kentish Town, Hampstead, Edgware, Burnt Oak and Neasden

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Lambretta Club, 7.30 p.m.  
C.A.N.U.S.P.A., 8 p.m.  
H.S.A. (4th Monday), 7--8 p.m.  
Edgware Road Club, 7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.  
Veterans, 2 p.m.  
Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.  
Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.  
Guild of Players, 8 p.m.  
Band Practice, 7.30 p.m.  
British Legion Service, 7.30 p.m.  
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks), 7.30  
Plumbing T.U., 7.30 p.m. (alt wks.)  
Jazz Band, 7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

Veterans Club, 2.30 p.m.  
T.G.W. (alternate weeks), 7 p.m.  
Members Club, 7.30 p.m.  
Square Dance Club, 7.30 p.m.  
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THE COUNCIL MEETS ON FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.  
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### Thursdays.

Veterans, 2 p.m.  
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.  
Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.  
(alternate weeks).  
Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.  
N.C.U., 7.30 p.m.  
Y.H.A., 8 p.m.  
Poultry Club (1st, 3rd Thur.), 8 p.m.  
N.A.O.P. (4th Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.  
Communist Party (2nd Thur.), 7.30  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7 p.m.\*  
School of Dancing, 5 p.m.

### Fridays.

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Juvenile Painting Class, 6 p.m.  
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Council Meeting (1st Friday), 8 p.m.  
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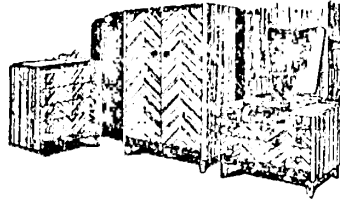
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I hope this will enable you to reply to your constituents. I am grateful to you for having brought this matter to my notice.

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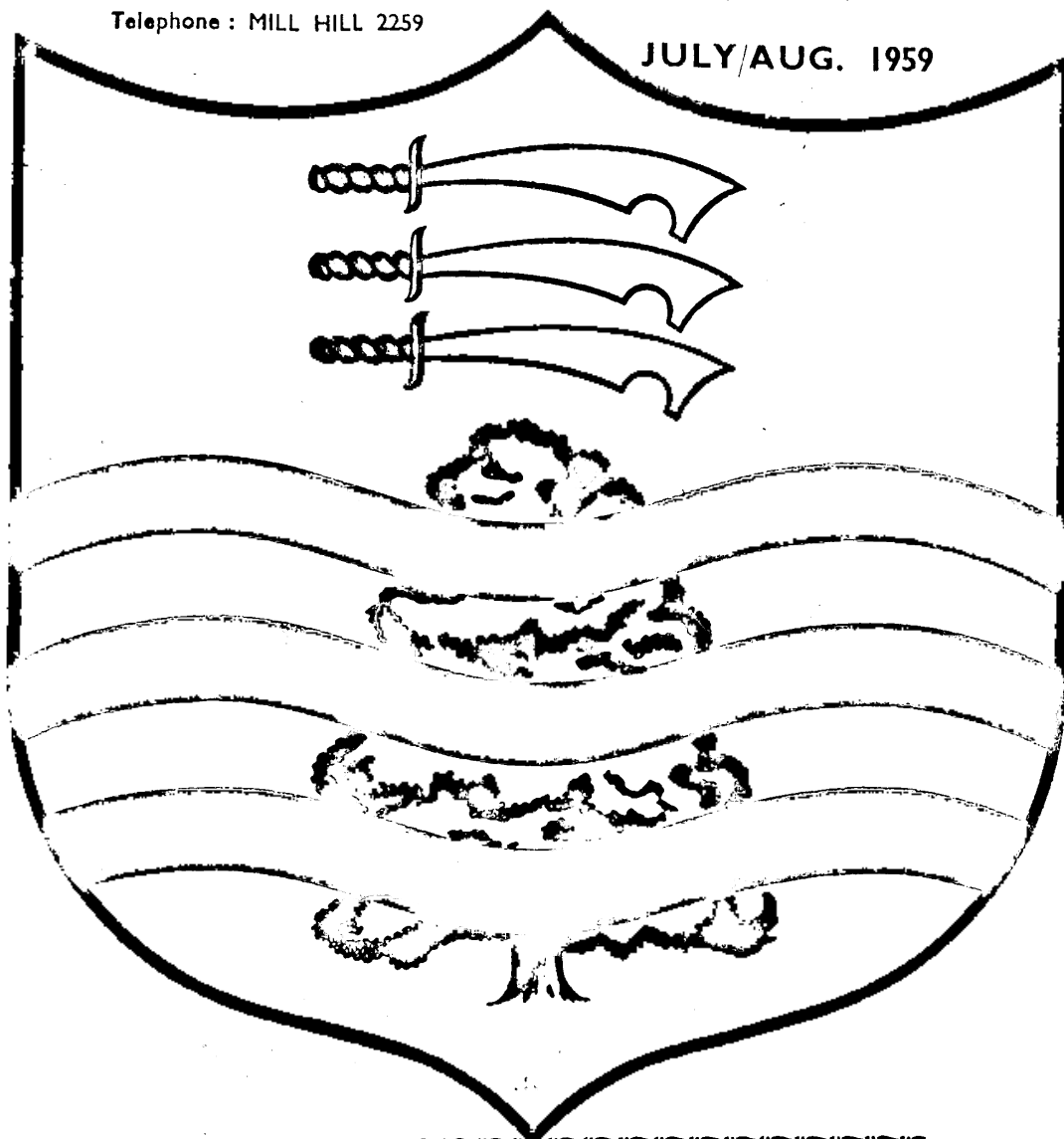
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## VIEWPOINT

At long last the National Federation of Community Associations is to discuss, at its Annual Meeting, a resolution on radio-activity and the need to promote positive action for world peace.

The Watling Community Association has on a number of occasions expressed the same views and it is well for us to again give thought to a matter which may well affect the life and future of the whole world.

Various soulless and destructive 'peaceful' deterrents have been produced in the past in order to maintain peace in the world — yet all have been used to foster the 'peaceful' intentions of one or a group of nations when necessity has demanded it.

Some day, unless you and I take positive action, this new and more terrifying deterrent will be used to such an extent that life as we know it will come to an end. We cannot shut our eyes, or bury our heads in the sand, but must face up to a logical development.

Despite our many fears, life today holds a great deal which must be preserved and protected — the most important of which is the right of the ordinary (and often incoherent) member of society to live a rich and fuller life. If we deny this right we are opening the doors for inhumanity and intolerance; to a return to the Dark Ages.

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Positive peace should hold all the virtues which are often associated with war years — a greater friendliness, a preparedness to come together and to work together, courage, sympathy and love. All these can be released in our drive for peace and it is up to every one of us to accept a challenge and forget our little selfish ways in order to come together in our search for a 'world fit to live in'.

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Let us cast aside our fears and think tolerantly and rationally of the problems we have to face today; let us fully consider our responsibilities to those yet unborn and decide, as Joshua decided, whether we will 'serve the Lord'.

### SERVICE

At times we pride ourselves upon the Service we give to our Association and to our neighbours, yet few of us are fully aware of the full needs of the Association or our neighbours.

In an aging community such as Watling, in which our sons and daughters have to leave the neighbourhood on their marriage, we find the problem of the aged is beginning to reach a state which calls for greater action and greater preparedness to give of our time and energy.

We see the old residents carrying their heavy shopping bags (if they are fortunate enough to have sufficient to fill the bags), but how often do we attempt to carry the load? We know of house-bound residents who need visiting and who are distressed at the state of their gardens. Do we do anything about this? The infirm would like to go out. Are we prepared to take a wheel chair from the Community Centre and take them out for a short airing or to visit friends in a similar plight? Mothers with large families are unable to get time off because they cannot find someone to sit-in or to take the children off their hands for a few hours. Do we move in?

There are a thousand and one ways in which we may serve one another and through which the life of the neighbourhood may be enriched. Are you a part of the neighbourhood or are you merely a 'sleeper' in it?

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### WATLING FAIR

The Watling Fair was held in glorious weather on Saturday 13th June, after a few members of the Association had spent hours in clearing the ground, making new side-shows, erecting scaffolding, preparing stalls, etc. The Fair was opened by Alderman S. E. Arridge, who has been such a good friend to the Association in the past. Following the opening a large crowd spent money freely and this went a long way towards the success of the afternoon.

Our thanks are due to the many individuals who assisted with the stalls and side-shows; to those who sold programmes; who assisted in the canteen; to the Square Dance Club and to the Edgware Co-operative Orchestra. It is too early to report on the outcome of the Fair but it looks as though we shall clear £120.

Please begin to think now of next year. Rents charged by the Association in no way cover the costs of heat, light and cleaning. When we add to this the money needed to carry out a great deal of our work (postage and telephones, etc., cost us over £80 a year), it must be realised that there is a very real need for all members and groups to fully support the Association.

Why not think now and bring up your odd bottles, pounds, toys, oddments, etc. for next year or make a resolution to do more for the Association in the future.

### KEEP THE CENTRE TIDY

On visiting the Centre, visitors are often struck by the amount of paper and cigarette packets on the floor, and on the sometimes sorry state of the ground around the Centre. We do not have sufficient money to pay someone to pick up paper and to cut the grass and keep the rose-garden clean, so this work falls on those who are often already hard pressed with other matters.

The look of the Community Centre, inside and out, is important and we would welcome offers of help to cut the grass, clean the rose-garden or renovate the Centre. Don't be afraid to offer your services. Do it now.

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## WHAT CAN WE DO?

All too frequently do we hear the cry, 'What can we do?' or 'There is nothing provided for us', but much less frequently do we find people organising themselves to enjoy a joint activity or organise an activity for others. Having asked ourselves the questions as to what we can do, we must answer it in a positive manner and arrange for something to be done.

Carpentry, dancing, craft work, painting, home decoration, games, discussion, rambling, swimming, camping, visits to places of interests, choir, orchestra, band, cycling, cookery, housecraft, make-do-and-mend, dancing of all sorts, etc., are some of the things we can do if we have the will and inclination to do them. Provision is not necessarily a one way traffic but depends upon the interest and real support of those in need and their preparedness to assume certain responsibilities. Once these matters are clear there can be no doubt but that something may be provided.

If you have an interest, then make it your business to interest others and bring them together to enjoy your companionship and friendship.

## HENDON OLD PEOPLES' WELFARE COMMITTEE A.G.M.

The Borough of Hendon's Old People's Welfare Committee held its A.G.M. at the end of April and Fred Lake—Watling's representative -- was in attendance. The business of the meeting was mainly to do with the reading of the Annual Report and the election of officers and these were all re-elected including Alderman Freedman as Chairman.

We were reminded that there is a coach for the use of old people in the Borough.

It was emphasised that more concentration should be paid to old lonely people who were house-bound; and to find out who these were, it was thought the tradesmen i.e. baker, milkman, postman, or even the doctor, might give useful information.

Thanks were expressed to public transport drivers for their services on outings, etc.

There was a scheme for the relief of people who are tied to the home because of an ailing and old relative. A sum of money is being set aside to provide alternative accommodation and relief so that the old person could be looked after whilst the younger relatives could have a break in the way of a holiday.

There is in preparation a pamphlet giving a list of services available to old people in the Borough.

FRED LAKE.

## BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A most interesting talk was given at the May monthly meeting by the matron of the Edgware General Hospital on the work that goes on there, and she stressed the fact that not enough mothers

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are taking advantage of immunization. Mrs C. Booth was in the chair, and welcomed another new member, Mrs Pankington. A report was read by Mrs Hubert, and Mrs Chapman was elected Vice-Chairman of the Federation. The competition was won by Mrs Akers and Mrs Lathrape, and altogether it was a most interesting afternoon. The meeting was closed with *Auld lang syne*.

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For further information write to Fred Lake, c/o the Editor, Watling Centre.

### GUILD OF PLAYERS

The Watling Guild of Players recently entered two plays in the Hendon Drama Festival and, although coming away without much success, the Guild members enjoyed their entry.

Yet the Guild would be stronger were we able to obtain a few more members to add to its strength. For some years the male side has not been strong and we would have expected that Watling and neighbourhood had many possible male actors within its boundary.



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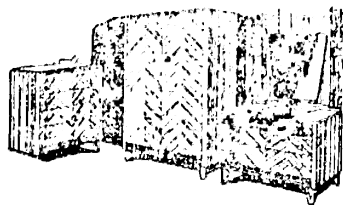
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#### OUTINGS

The outing to Weymouth was most successful and plans are now going ahead for the mystery tours on the fourth Thursday evening of each month.

Plans are also being made for a flight to Jersey next year and, should sufficient numbers be obtained, this should be an outstanding day for the Social Committee. If you are interested in mystery tours, flight to Jersey, or other outings, please contact Mr Needham, Mr Dunwell, Mrs Myland or Mr Vear at the Community Centre.

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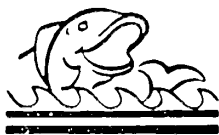
The new dressmaking class will commence during September and new members will be welcomed. The classes are held on Tuesday afternoons under the instruction of a capable teacher. If you are interested please enquire at the Centre.

#### WELCOME HOME

Rather belatedly, but with real sincerity, we offer our wishes of a welcome return to Watling to the daughter and grandchildren of Mr and Mrs Richardson, of Banstock Road. We hope their stay will be enjoyable and that they meet many old friends.

#### CAR PARKING

Following many years of correspondence the L.C.C. recently agreed to the use of land in Blundell Road for open car-parking subject to certain conditions. Despite a flow of letters to possible users we have only received three firm enquiries for this site. Unless many more residents offer to accept the chance within the near future it will be impossible for the Association to proceed with this matter and it is likely other arrangements will have to be made.



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### BABY SHOW

Plans for the 1959 Baby Show have now been completed and it will be held in the Centre on Monday 7th September at 2.30 p.m.

It is a great pleasure to be able to report that we have already received prizes, or offers of prizes, from Lilian Read, Burnt Oak, Broadway, N. Lewis, Burnt Oak Broadway, and Stanley J. Lee of Station Road, Edgware. We hope other local traders will also help with prizes.

Entry forms are now available and may be obtained from the Community Centre.

### FOOTBALL

The Youth Club has entered a team in the Sunday Football League for next season and a ground for games has been applied for and we wish the team every success.

It would be well to remember that football — as with most other sports — is an expensive matter and that sometime or the other someone has to pay the costs for the game. Let us hope the footballers will do everything possible to keep their finances sound.

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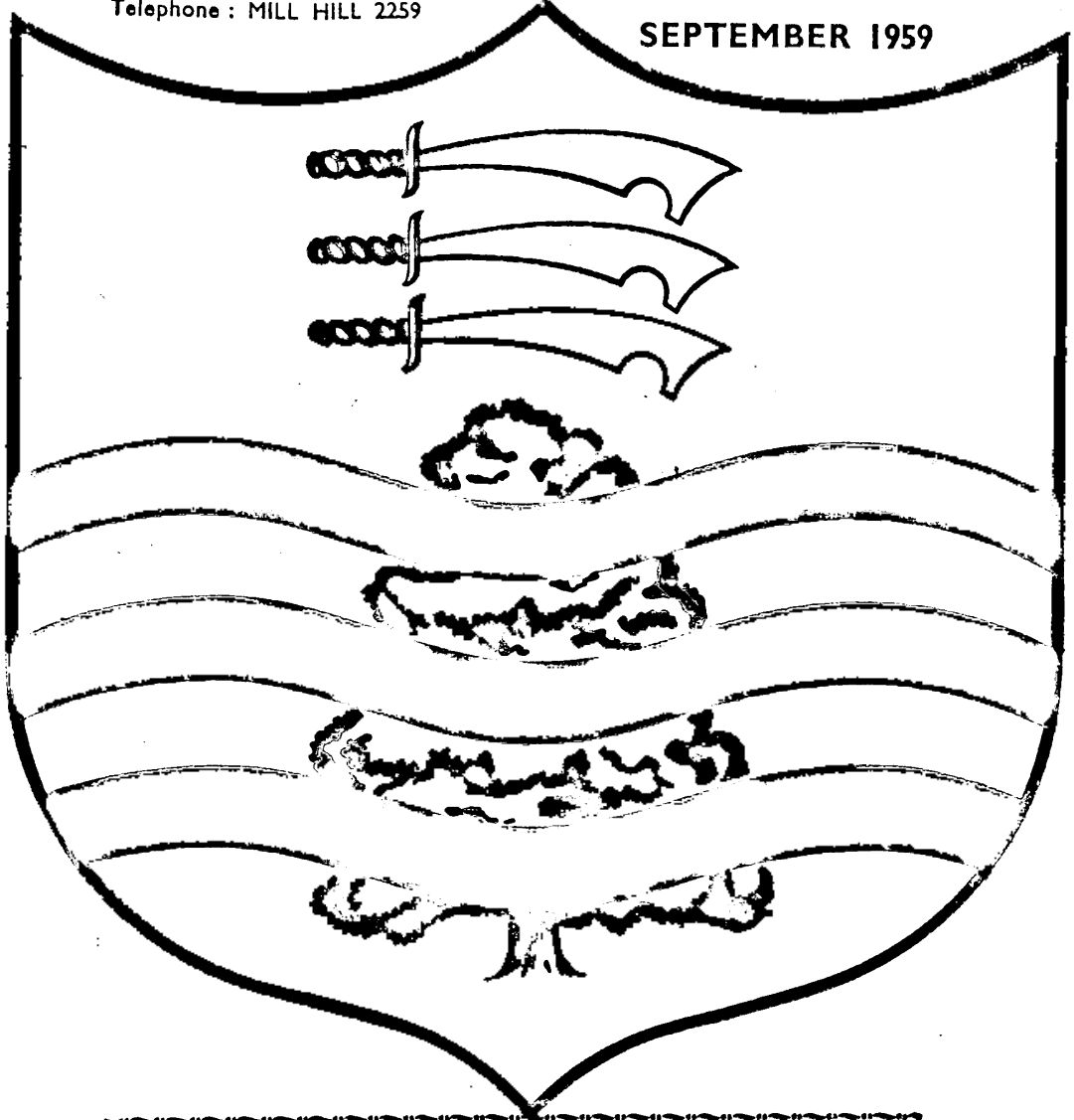
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## VIEWPOINT

On our return from holiday we find the first morning newspaper reporting that there is a noticeable improvement in the litter problem. We wonder where the reporter gained his information? For three weeks our holiday was almost spoilt by the large number of empty tins, the strewn newspaper and food bags and milk and other liquid refreshment containers. Many of our beauty spots are being completely spoilt through the selfishness of the few and one can sympathise with farmers and landowners when they decide they will not allow holiday makers and trippers to stop on their land. Next time you go out, see to it that you do not leave litter and also help to clear some of the litter you may find.

## BABY SHOW

The Annual Baby Show is to be held on Monday 7th September and we are now able to report that prizes have been offered by some of our friends in Burnt Oak. The judges will be Doctors Waxman and Cohen.

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### VETERANS

Age often brings sudden and serious illness — often with fatal results — and we do not like to hear of the pain so many of our veterans suffer. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs Wadham, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Cowan and Grannie Lee and hope they will soon be back in the Club.

Following the departure of Mrs Rogers, who has gone to live at Harlow near the Association of Sewell Harris, the Club has been fortunate in obtaining the help of Mrs E. Knight and the members have enjoyed the friendship she has brought. We hope Mrs Knight will be able to find the time to be a regular member of our team of helpers. On September 10th, two coach loads of Veterans will be going to Southend and they are hoping the good weather will last until they have been on this outing.

### DRAMATICS

Despite the belief of some people that acting is a 'sissy' activity some members obtain, and give, great enjoyment through our Guild of Players. New members are always welcome and the Guild would like to see prospective members on Tuesday evenings at the Community Centre.

### DRAMA FESTIVAL

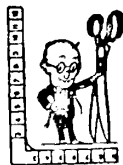
Unfortunately, owing to the busy year we have experienced, arrangements for the Drama Festival have been held up. The Festival is due to be held during the week commencing 7th December and this may mean some changes in accommodation during that week.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Over £1,000 a year has to be found to maintain the Community Centre and a further sum has to be found to carry out the service and welfare work of the Association. This is a heavy burden for the

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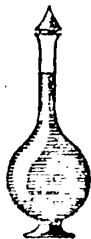
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Association — especially when we consider the low rents charged — and the burden may only be overcome through the wide co-operation of all members and groups of the Association. On Saturday 28th November, we are holding a Bazaar to help towards raising money and we do hope to receive the full support of you all during this Bazaar. Items are needed for the stalls and stewards are required to run activities, etc. Please do all you can to help?

### YOUTH CLUB

(Report by the Youth Leader on Hendon Youth Clubs' Sports)

On Saturday 20th July, the athletic members of the Youth Club gained some distinction in collecting 31 points the first time they entered the Hendon Youth Club's Sports. The Club came second to St Mary's Church Youth Club, which had 54 points, in the final results for the Shield presented to the best Mixed Club, and the girls were second (with 13 points) to the Edgware Congregational Youth Club (14 points) for the girls' organisations.

Our successes began with Lynda Wells' discus throwing. Charlie Jay got through his heat to the final of the 100 yards. Before this was run off he ran and won a 220 yard heat. He was just beaten for a place in the 100 yards final but looked all set for a place in the 220 yards final when he tripped in avoiding a marker flag and he hit the ground with an awful thud. For a time we thought he would be carried off but he revived and, not daunted, ran later in the mixed clubs' relay. Carol Butterfield's knee was bad and she was unable to run in the 100 yards, but Pam Roberts nobly did so, despite a bad cold and was placed fourth. Sheila Huskinson had a walk over in the girls' 150 yards and Eric Nott came third in the quarter mile — a gruelling race in the hot sun. Dave Huggett and Dave Staples represented the club in the 100 yards. They both went off like bombs but there was a bit of crowding at the finish and, although we thought they had 3rd and 2nd place it turned out to be 4th and 3rd. The most successful of our athletics, Ray Coleman then took the field. He ran a fine tactical race to win the 880 yards after the field had been extended by the cracking pace set by Mick Flynn (Spider to you) — Ray then went on to win the shot but, understandably in view of the heat, would not run the 440 yards immediately after this. Daves Staple stood in for him and did well to come in 3rd. Our success ended with a javelin throw by Linda Wells and a mixed relay in which our team (Pam Roberts, Eric Nott, Shiela Huskinson and Charlie Jay) were just pipped at the post for first place. In fact we had bad luck because some of our athletes were unwell and unable to turn up, but if we can put out a full team next year we stand a good chance of winning the mixed shield.

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## DRESSMAKING

The Dressmaking Class will commence on Tuesday 22nd September at 2.30 p.m. Fees are 10/- per term and we welcome those who wish to take part in the Class to come to the Centre on the above date.

## APOLOGIES

The Community Association offers its apologies for the delay in producing this issue. Unfortunately, the Editor has not been able to carry out his duties and the Secretary of the Association has been away on holiday.

## BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

There was a very good attendance at the meeting when it opened with Mrs C. Booth in the Chair. As the Secretary was on holiday the Minutes were read and signed by the Chairman. A most interesting talk was given by Mrs Haseman called 'Come with me to London?' and she gave the reason of how the various landmarks got their names; we found it amazing to think that though we were born and bred in London, how little we really know of it, and so it has made us realize that we want to know more. Owing to the fact that so many ladies are on holiday we have decided to close until September 3rd when all new members will be warmly welcomed. The competition was won by Mrs Adams and Mrs Lauri. The meeting was closed with *Auld lang syne*. Mrs J. B. DOUCH.

(The Editor regrets it was not possible to include an earlier article owing to the printing dispute.)



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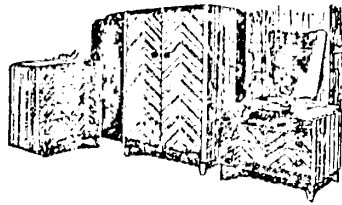
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Whist Drives continue to be held at the Centre on Thursday afternoons, the first Thursday evening in each month, Friday evenings and Saturday evenings and we would welcome all whist players at these drives. Information may be obtained at the office or from Mr Townsend, Mr Needham, or Mesdames Myland, Crowe, Buckingham and Kenny.

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H.S.A. (4th Monday), 7—8 p.m.  
Edgware Road Club, 7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.  
Veterans, 2 p.m.  
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Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.  
Guild of Players, 8 p.m.  
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### Wednesdays.

Veterans Club, 2.30 p.m.  
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### Thursdays.

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Motor Cycle Club, 7.30 p.m.  
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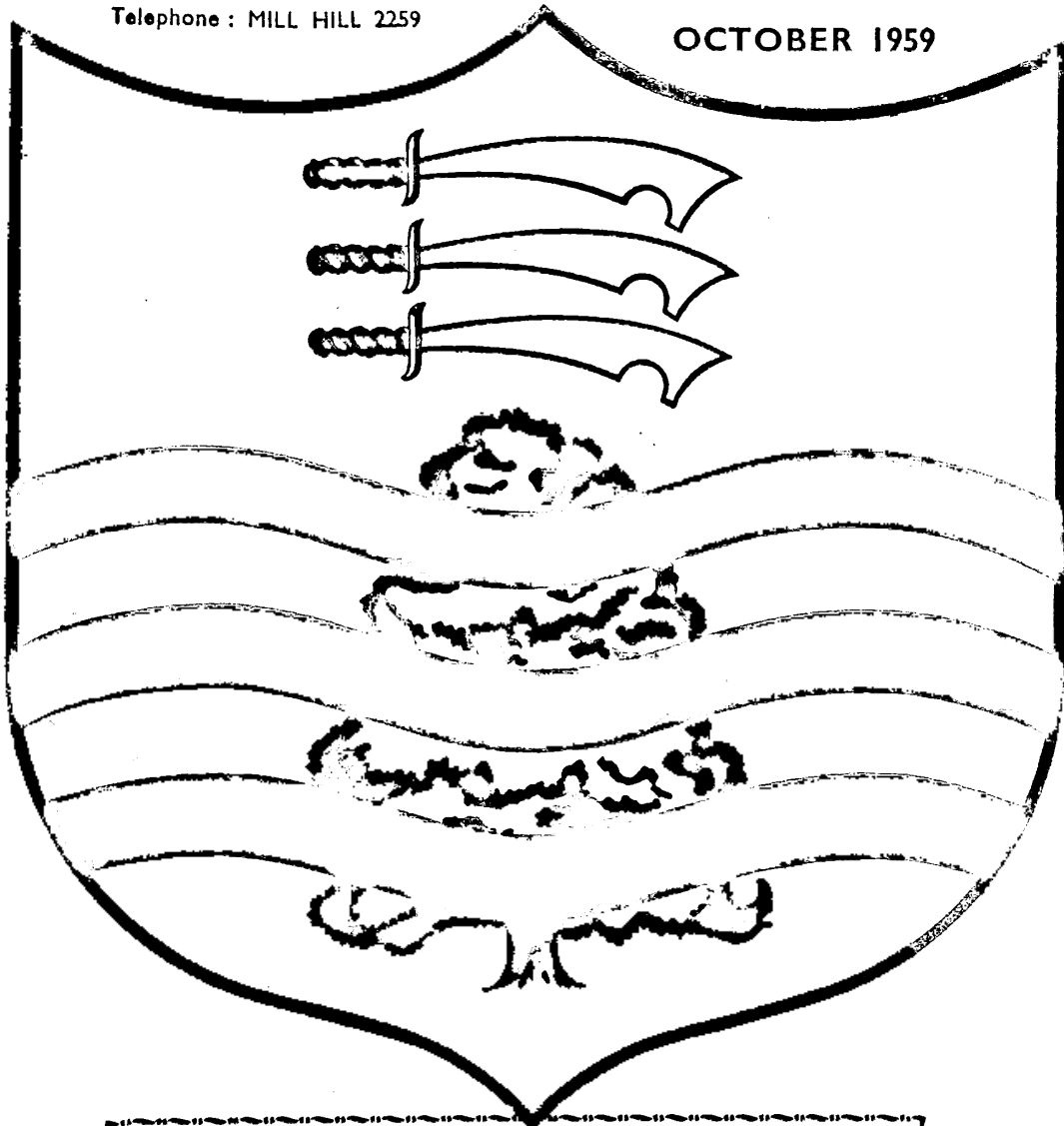
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From time to time the people of this country are able to exercise their right to vote for a member who will 'look after their interests' in Parliament.

During the election campaign a great deal is said and some promises made and we finally find one person receiving the highest number of individual votes (even though the votes cast against may be greater in total).

It is important for all of us to recognise the many urgent and pressing problems which must be resolved if we are, at last, to live in a world of peace and prosperity.

Large sums of money are being spent in preparing for the possible destruction of man. Yet only a proportionately small sum is being spent on the necessary research to cure and prevent disease or to improve the urgently needed increase in world food.

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The aged are, it is said, better off than they used to be. Yet we find many who cannot live the life they may well expect. Mere existence is not enough and we urge you to remove the need for so many to seek National Assistance.

You may argue that the aged should have been more provident or that they should cut their coats according to their cloth. But please remember that most of the aged of today were not privileged to live through the period of high wages (?) of which we hear so much. A little luxury is as sweet to the aged as to the young.

Many of us require suitable houses of our own. We do not wish to live in inadequate rooms, with our in-laws, or even live without marriage owing to a lack of suitable accommodation. We do not want to live in houses where the rents and conditions of tenancy are such that we are forever blessed with a mill stone around our neck. We need a change in the present arrangement governing the 'out county' estates. Our young people are forced to go out and so leave the neighbourhood, with the problem in increasing average age and decreasing active residents to help to overcome problems which arise from this.

A great deal of talk takes place on the need for young people. The young people are criticised for their conduct, yet little is done to adequately meet their needs.

School premises, inadequate buildings, street corners, and poorly paid Youth Leaders only produce frustration which in turn may well produce a great deal of anti-social conduct. Criticism of the young is not enough — we need a more positive and inspired approach. Are you prepared to help us?

Children are being brought into a world of fear, hatred and intolerance. Man no longer believes.

Atomic tests and research are introducing new and terrifying possibilities. A Canadian scientist has recently warned us that over 1,000,000 people will die as a result of past atomic tests. We continue to talk glibly of the need for deterrents. Is it not time we thought of our people and of generations yet to come?

It is our belief that the ordinary man has a love for his neighbour and that this love may well be brought to light if the right lead is given.

We need a fresh approach which is directed not by material ends but by spiritual and ethical needs. Are you the person to help us?

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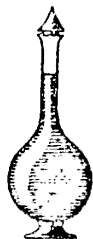
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He served the Community Association in many capacities and never sought to do more than a good job of work.

We are sure his many friends will join with us in wishing him God-speed on his final journey and offering his family our sympathy at this trying time.

### VETERANS

Unfortunately in the last RESIDENT we failed to mention some members of the Veterans Club who have been ill. We do offer our apologies to those we forgot to mention, but did not forget in the Club.

The outing to Southend was a great success and thanks are due to the helpers who gave their time to make the outing possible.

New members are coming into the Club each week and we may find it necessary to once again 'close our doors' for a period to avoid overcrowding.

### Mr OLU OGUNTOKUN

Recently we were privileged to have Olu with us at the Centre, and his visit has left us with an impression of understanding and friendship we often fail to find.

A foreign, and sometimes unfriendly country has many terrors and may well bring out other than the best we have. Olu gave to those of us who met him his sincerity and his affection for his brother.

We hope that this may be of benefit to us all and bring about a wider friendship and understanding we are all anxious to find.

### ST ALPHAGE CHURCH

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#### C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

We are very sad to hear that Mrs Wadham, who has been in hospital for over five months is still very ill and all our thoughts and best wishes go out to her and her family.

During the summer we have had quite a number of socials to welcome daughters and grand-children and bidding *bon-voyage* to parents going overseas. A big thank-you to Betty and Mrs Nyberg for their good work at the socials, and to Mr Cole at the piano, for giving us so many happy evenings.

One of our overseas visitors, an in-law, was very impressed with our ways of life, the general smartness of dress, our paved streets ('where do all the paving stones come from'), the flowers in the gardens (and being able to have windows open and sitting out in the open without being troubled by insects), and our kippers, sausages and fish and chips. This visitor hopes to return to us before long.

We are still making many new members and friends and are wondering how many are going to make the charter flights and sea trips to New York and Canada next spring.

We are having our Associations' Annual Social at Chiswick Town Hall on October 17th, and our Social Secretary has booked a coach for this event. Here's looking forward for a happy evening.

See you on the coach.

G.R.

#### AUTUMN AGAIN

The freshness of each morning,  
A slight frost on the ground  
Reminds us that a season  
Has once more come round.

The flocks of birds that gather  
Their journeys have begun  
To cross the mighty oceans  
And winter with the sun.

The leaves begin to golden  
Then flutter from the trees  
The disappearance of flowers  
Ants, wasps and the bees.

The smell of bonfires burning  
Slight mist upon the pane  
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One great factor affecting our society is the religious basis of our family-structure. There are Moslems and Christians almost in equal number. The Moslems (mostly in the Northern Region of the Country) are allowed, by religious sanctions, to take up to four wives if they want. The Christian ends up with seven years imprisonment for bigamy if he dare take more than one. Our custom does not support religious interference; Moslems, Christians and pagans all exist side by side.

All this sounds rather conflicting to the foreigner. However, the harmony that exists in the home is incredible. The man is pleased to be the 'central power-structure'. He suggests the way the house and the children are to be controlled. The woman is very proud to be feminine. There is no argument about 'equality of sex'. Women are regarded as complements, not as equals. Children are expected to obey their parents implicitly. The younger members of the family are required to have an unquestionable respect for the older ones.



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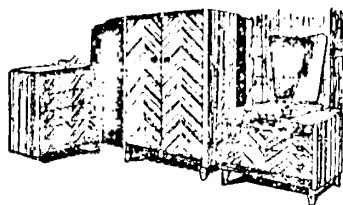
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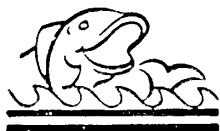
#### VEGETABLE GARDEN:

Cauliflower for wintering in frames. Lettuce May King and Cheshunt Early Giant under cloches.

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#### FLOWER GARDEN:

Clear beds, manure and fork over for reception of wallflowers, polyanthus, forget-me-nots, pansies, to associate with tulips and daffodils in spring. Take up dahlia and begonia tubers as well as gladioli corms and cannas, dry and store. Move chrysanthemums in pots to greenhouse. Strike rose cuttings. Plant shrubs, roses and trees as soon as weather is favourable. Sometimes summer lingers through several weeks of this month, so that some of the directions must not be followed too early. Plant spring-flowering bulbs.



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2nd Karen Ann Tye, 62 Banstock Road, Edgware  
3rd Ian Lee Donald, 135 Dryfield Road, Edgware
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2nd Susan Skingle, 31 Benningholme Road, Edgware  
3rd Steven Chaney, 29 Horsecroft Road, Edgware
- Class C.** 1st Carol Purvis, 245 Watling Avenue, Edgware  
2nd Sharon Loader, 29 Dryfield Road, Edgware  
3rd Anthony Mifsud, 34 Fortescue Road, Edgware
- Class D.** 1st Valerie Baker, 52 Annesley Avenue, N.W.9  
2nd Mark Wilkinson, 212a Burnt Oak Broadway,  
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3rd Barry Hayward, 45 Orchard Crescent, Edgware
- Class E.** 1st Barbara Nuttall, 86 Fairmead Crescent, Edgware  
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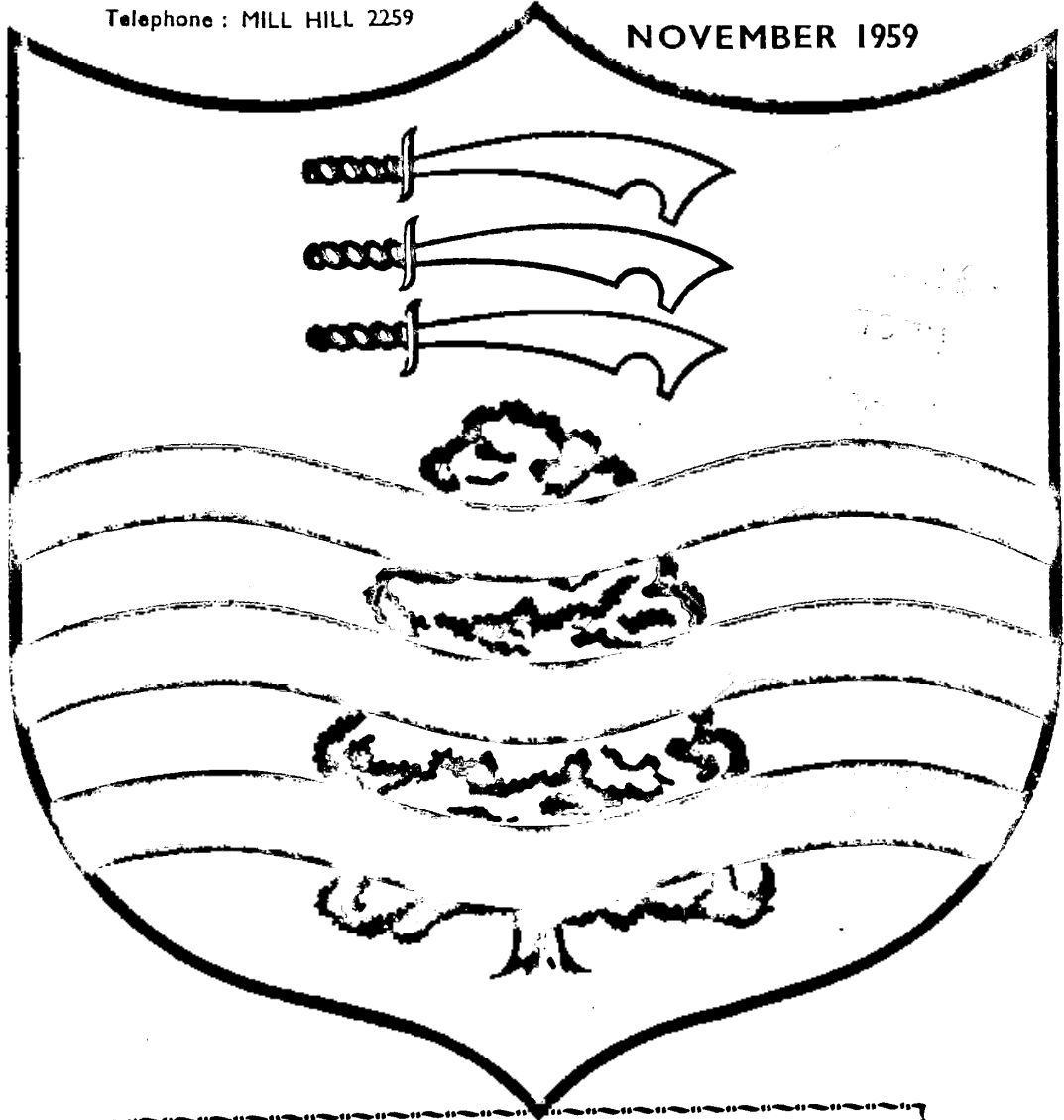
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## VIEWPOINT

Responsibility is a virtue often shed with the development of the 'couldn't care less' frame of mind. We often find that, with increasing material comfort and security, our thoughts and our ideals become fixed and limited. We do not look outwards enough to see the needs of others less fortunate than ourselves — neither do we offer the helping hand as we would during times of crisis or adversity.

It may be that we are becoming too conscious of the implied responsibility of the state and of the duties of magistrates, policemen, teachers, youth leaders and the like. At one time parents and citizens assumed they had a duty in guiding and correcting those who were acting in an anti-social manner — they assumed they owed a debt to others who needed their help and care. They went beyond this assumption and accepted their obligation, to the betterment of their community and life in general.

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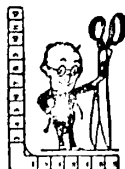
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### RENT REDUCTIONS FOR ELDERLY L.C.C. TENANTS

Subject to certain conditions the London County Council is prepared to consider possible rent conditions for elderly tenants.

It appears that this scheme is intended to release larger cottages for many other Council tenants who have to live in over-crowded conditions and who would enjoy a more free and happy life in better accommodation. It is obviously up to all of us to make such a thing possible. It is equally obvious that it will not be easy for many elderly tenants to take part in the scheme.

It is regrettable that tenants who are in receipt of National Assistance are not eligible for the scheme and we do hope the London County Council will have second thoughts on this point.

Some Watling tenants may wish to move to smaller accommodation and yet may wish to remain in Watling amongst friends of many years, and we suggest they seek advice from the Community Association or the 'Tenants' Association before completing forms.

### BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We are sorry to learn the sorrow that has befallen our good friend, Mr Will Pratten, in the death of his wife, who was a very valued member of our school many years ago. May the love and courage with which our friend has passed the long period of his wife's illness be with him and his family now.

Mr and Mrs Richardson have now returned to us after having spent a lovely holiday with their daughter in America. Mr Richardson has given a wonderful account of their stay, showing photographs of the many places visited. Mr Stevens has spoken on 'The Automatic Factory', 'India—Two Nations' and 'Political Institutions'. Mrs Mary Holden followed with a study on 'Religious and Cultural Problems in India'. Mr Lake has spoken about 'Charles Darwin' and 'Radio Astronomy'. The North Thames Gas Board kindly provided another useful cookery demonstration and an interesting talk on 'The History of the Hearth' connected with the effort being made for clean air.

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We have very much enjoyed interesting discussions on 'Are the Commandments still Relevant', on 'The Consequences of Automation' and on 'Fences between People'.

Mrs Artis, our Chairman, has been unavoidably absent from our meetings for some while and her place has been taken most ably by Mrs Richardson. Mrs Nyberg was also unable to attend for a few weeks. Mrs Dunwell is acting Social Secretary in the meantime. We look forward to the return of our friends very soon.

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#### C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs Buzzey who has just returned from visiting her daughter in Washington. Our association is now preparing to charter aircrafts so that our members can visit the U.S.A. and Canada next summer at a cheap rate; and this is of course only available to our own members. We very much miss our Secretary, Mrs Bromige, who is now out of hospital and we hope to see her soon in our circle. We also wish a speedy return to good health to Mrs Bates and Mrs King who are in hospital.

It was good news to hear that our Margaret has been awarded for her work, a prize given by the Red Cross. We all say 'Thank you' to Mrs Keats for making the lovely children's dresses and donating the proceeds to our funds. Christmas is now getting nearer and we are arranging to send our daughters overseas the usual Christmas Gift and we are also getting underway for our Annual Dinner in December. We hope to see you all at our stall at the Christmas Bazaar on 28th November — Mrs Nyberg will be in charge. G.R.

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#### BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Townswomen's Guild was held after the summer recess, with Mrs C. Booth in the Chair. There was a very good attendance and we were delighted to welcome three new members — Mrs Atkin, Mrs Hanes and Mrs Rogers. I must say that members were pleased to be back again; and the business was conducted, and minutes read by our Secretary, Mrs Eagle. Our speaker was Mr Young, a public relations officer for Selfridges and it was a most enjoyable talk. He explained the various ways of how a big store is conducted and was given a warm vote of thanks by Mrs Brown on behalf of the Guild.

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On September 3rd last, our members described some of their holiday adventures, which ranged from a Med. cruise to a visit to Oxford, and at times got quite hilarious. The competition was won by Mrs Temple and Mrs Chapman, and the meeting was closed with *Auld lang sync.*

MRS J. B. DOUCH.

## POSTBAG

Dear Editor,

The Watling Association All Party Meeting was packed but I thought it was packed by a majority of 'saved' members from off the Watling Estate and us residents did not have a chance to air our views.

Years ago the meeting at Orange Hill School was full of life — we used to have the Union Jack waver -- and there was a lot of full blooded heckling. Now the heckling is done by the supporters of Mr Orr-Ewing, but we did have the support of our big friend in the middle of the Hall.

Let us have more meetings but make sure local people can get in. Yours truly, VOTER.

### Secretary's Note:

There is always a continual change in the pattern of life, and election meetings are no exception.

Our original purpose in holding these meetings was to enable residents in the Watling area to listen and question and we have always hoped all parties would appreciate this and not flood the meeting with 'visitors'. To be fair to Mr. Orr-Ewing we have to recognise that Burnt Oak is fairly solid in its Labour vote and some of his supporters may have come to the meeting in support of their candidate. As there were few people, if any, standing in the passageway I can only presume that our local residents did not support the meeting as they may have done.

Heckling is an important part of meetings since this should test the speakers and bring out their values. Yet heckling is no excuse for undue noise — neither should it be used at the expense of particular candidates.

I certainly hope we shall have more meetings and that they will be well supported by local residents.

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### FLOWER GARDEN:

Manure and cultivate and replenish borders. This is the best time to plant roses, trees and shrubs. Plant bulbs in beds and borders. *Lilium candidum* should be planted in the first week of the month. See to drains and levelling. Take up dahlias when cut down by frost. Plant crowns of lily-of-the-valley. Divide herbaceous plants and re-arrange borders. Remove herbaceous plant tops that are withering. Dry off begonias and gloxinias. Repair walls and cut back wall-trained plants. Form new beds. Sweep up fallen leaves and store for leaf-soil.



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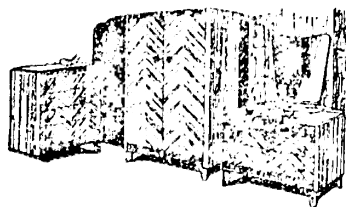
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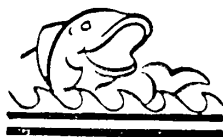
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Some months ago the Association wrote to a large number of car owners concerning the open parking site in Blundell Road. Only three replies were received from people who wished to park cars in the open.

In view of this the Association decided not to proceed with the matter. We recently heard that the Tenants' Association had also been asked to take responsibility for the site and that they also turned the matter down.

The Association has again been asked to reconsider its decision and it has now been agreed to call a meeting of car owners and put before them the need for cars to be taken off the roads and the advantages of a parking site. The Association is not prepared to organise this but it is hoped a car club will be formed to do this.

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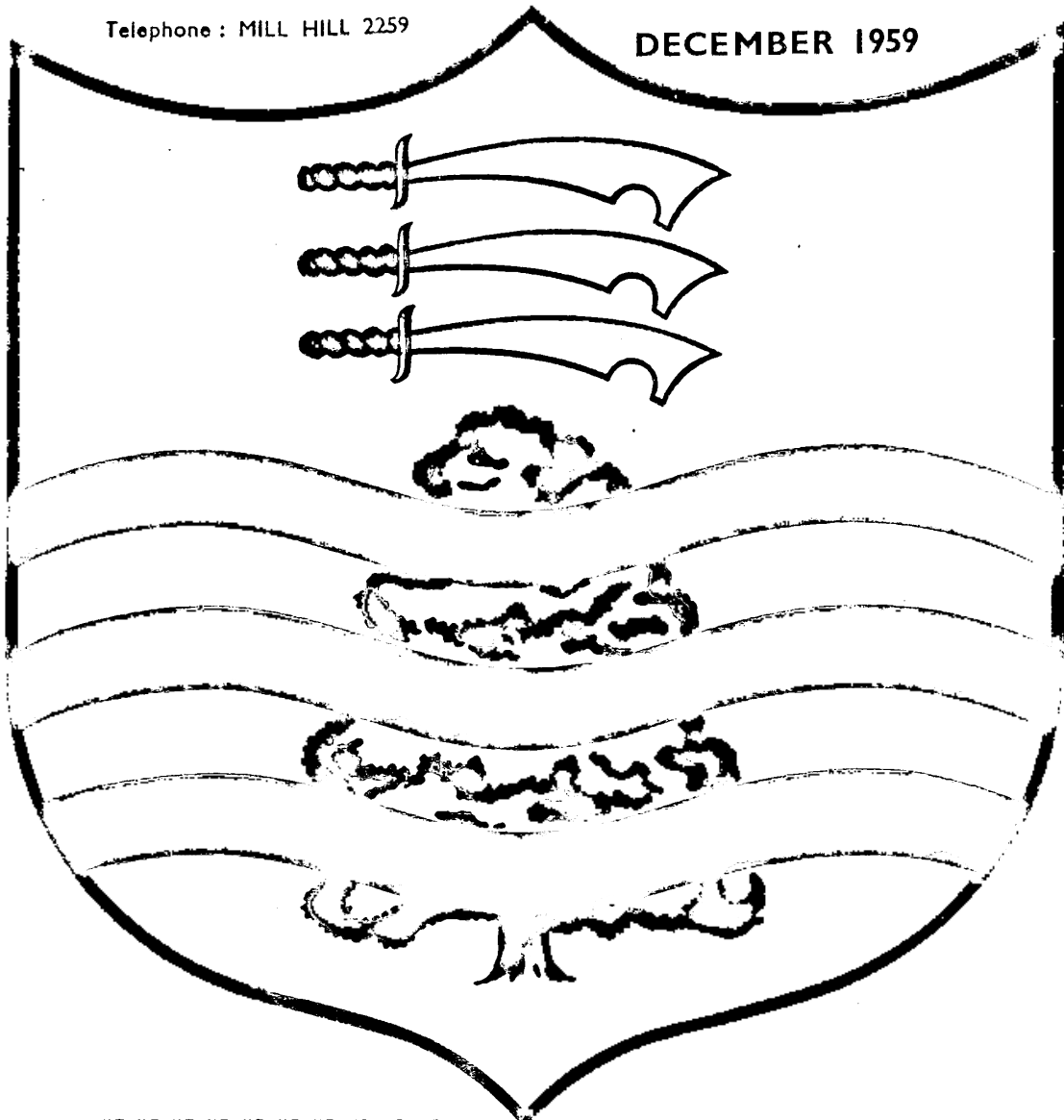
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## VIEWPOINT

The past year has produced a number of problems for the Community Association. Some have been easy to overcome, others have been most difficult and sometimes impossible.

One of the major problems facing the Association at the moment is the need for all members — whether they belong to groups or are individual members — to support the Association to the best of their ability and to give some time to activities, stewarding, bazaars, fair, etc.

We are proud of the number of people who are actively engaged in making the Association more successful, yet we must not ignore the need for added workers in order to carry out present and future developments successfully. The aged, sick and lonely need your friendship and your help. You may not be able to saw, chop or deliver wood, but you should be able to deliver *Residents*, collect membership fees, help in the canteen, cut the lawn and help keep the grounds clear, repair chairs and other broken equipment, be a steward at activities, help with the dramatic group or Youth Club.

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At a time when we see a decline in other Associations — through a probable failure of voluntary workers — we consider an Association such as ours should be favourably considered for assistance.

For over thirty years we have maintained advice and welfare services of all types; provided free accommodation for the aged, blind, education groups, children's activities; etc. and are even now adding to these services and so adding strain on the many voluntary workers who are also doing their utmost to raise money for additional essential extensions.

During the past three years the Association has also been increasingly used for the training of foreign students who are training in social work.

We are justly proud of our work and our tradition and are gravely concerned for our future in view of the probable results of constant failure to provide even a minimum extension to the Community Centre. New interests cannot be adequately catered for and, once a group has been throttled through a lack of accommodation, it is almost impossible to revive it.

Within two years we have raised £800 to meet increasing building costs for the proposed building and the additional cost which followed a change in our plans as proposed by the Hendon Borough Engineer. We are as far away from success as ever and find the strain is beginning to tell on the essential services we provide.

Time does not permit us to list the work we have done, and are doing, but we would be pleased to arrange for members of the Association to meet members of your Council to discuss our problems more fully, if so desire.

Yours faithfully,

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## MILL HILL MOTOR WAY

Local Councillors and County Councillors have recently issued a statement on their attitude towards the proposed new Mill Hill Motorway and we must commend them on the line they have taken.

All too often do we find the coherent and better organised body of the public getting away with 'murder' at the expense of the less fortunate and less capable members of the Community.

The proposed Motorway will remove a great deal of the heavy through traffic from Edgware, Watling, Mill Hill and West Hendon, and will make roads safer for the aged and the young. It will remove a great deal of fear from our lives and will make it possible for us to sleep at nights without being rudely awakened during the early hours of the morning by thundering great lorries.

We realise that some homes will be affected by the proposal, but let us remember the gain in safety.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

A large proportion of mothers now go out to work and return home some time after their children in a tired state.

For some time the Association has attempted to obtain the help of local residents in order to put on activities during the early evening for children and so make it possible to give them something to do and give mothers a well earned rest.

Readers are asked to let us know of persons who may be prepared to help with this.

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We are very sorry to learn of the sorrow that has come upon Mr Will Pratten, a good friend of us all, in the death of his wife who was a most valued member of our School many years ago. May the love and courage with which he has faced the long period of his wife's illness be with him and his family now.

Mrs Curtis, our fellow member gave a talk on 'Music', when she told us of the life of Chopin, illustrating very beautifully with some of his most lovely music. We have ourselves taken 'Fences between People', Mrs Marches, who helps us so often, introduced 'Barriers between People' while Mr Olu Oguntokun, a friend from Nigeria held our attention with 'Doors for People'. These three lessons have been taken as part of our recent study of Barriers of Class and Culture.

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While Mrs Artis, our Chairman, has been on holiday, her place has been taken by Mrs Richardson. Mrs Nyberg has been unavoidably absent for a few weeks and in her absence Mrs Dunhill has been acting Social Secretary.

Mrs Adams, our Pianist and Mrs Moutel have both been ill. We are sorry, but very glad that they have both recovered and are with us again.

We are very grateful to Mr Lake, who gave us a thrilling account of a holiday he and his wife spent in Denmark this year.

### BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The Townswomen's Guild held their Annual General Meeting with Mrs C. Booth in the Chair. The Minutes were read by Mrs Eagle, and she was warmly thanked by Mrs Greenslade on her presentation of the work done by the Guild during the year; she stays on the Committee as Secretary, with Mrs J. Dauch as Assistant Secretary. Mrs Herbert was also warmly thanked by Mrs Filby for her accounts of the Treasury report, and she also stays on as Treasurer. The work done by these two ladies is very great, and the Guild is very appreciative. A new Committee was duly elected, and the Chairman welcomed the new members, Mrs Lathrope, Mrs Durham and Mrs Parkington and duly thanked the outgoing members for their services. The Competition was won by Mrs Brussiling and Mrs Bunning and the meeting closed.,

MRS JANET B. DOUCH.

### POSITIVE BELIEF

Almost all of us believe in something — few of us go beyond the acceptance of our beliefs.

Yet, if we are to improve our local community and ourselves we have to do something more than merely accept.

We must be more positive — think constructively of the things we believe and aim to help our belief forward through positive action.

If we believe that there is something good in our fellow men, in right and wrong and the right of all to be considered, don't let us sit down and do nothing about it. Look around and find out how you can help your fellow man raise moral standards and defend freedoms. Join with others and so add to your potential positiveness.

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If your group reports are not printed, don't blame the Editor. See to it that these reports are received in time for the printer.

**COMMUNITY WEEK**

The Federation and many Community Associations are now settling down to serious preparation for National Community Week which will be held from May 7th to 15th 1960. A circular issued by the Federation offers some suggestions on publicity and activities and details of the stickers and posters that are available have been circulated.



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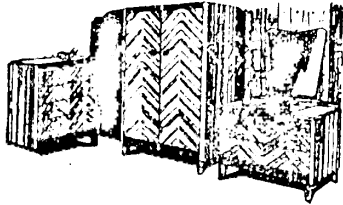
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### CLUB FOR THE LONELY

A successful club for lonely middle-aged people has been established by the Southville branch of Toc H at the Ashton Vale Community Centre, Bristol. It is known as the 30/60s Club but those age limits are not rigorously enforced. Membership stands at 62, with an average attendance of about 40. Meetings are kept as informal as possible and the temptation to over-organise carefully resisted. A wide variety of social and recreational activities make up the programme and a deliberate attempt has been made to cater for as many tastes as possible. A not unimportant factor in the success of the club has been its happy relationship with the Ashton Vale Community Association.



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Veterans, 2 p.m.  
Lambretta Club, 7.30 p.m.  
C.A.N.U.S.P.A., 8 p.m.  
H.S.A. (4th Monday), 7-8 p.m.  
Edgware Road Club, 7.30 p.m.  
Dance Band, 7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.  
Veterans, 2 p.m.  
Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.  
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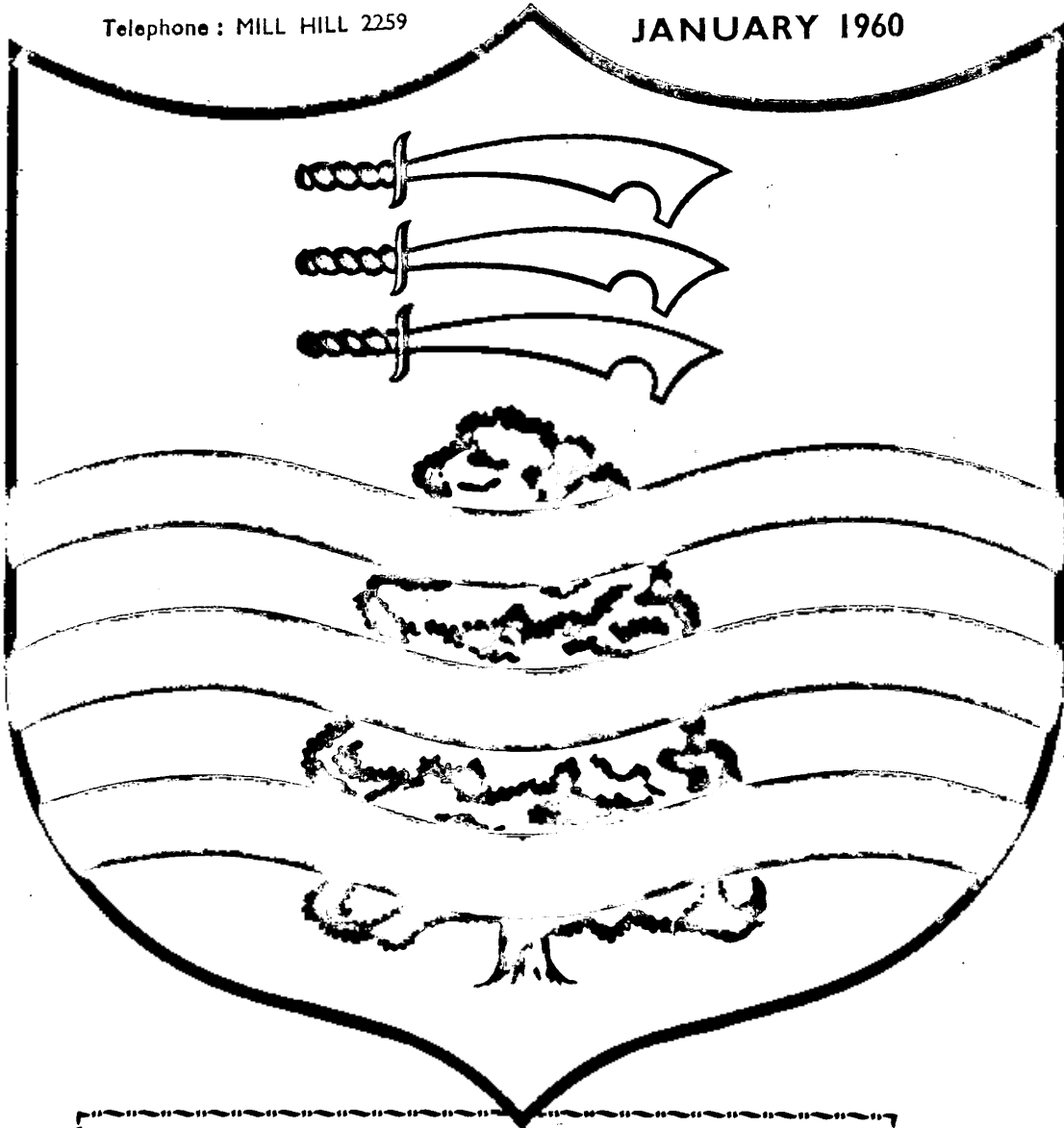
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## VIEWPOINT

A few weeks ago I received a buff paper, headed THE W.A.—  
AND YOU.

This was an old issue of the Watling Association bearing the names of W. R. Hilton, C. C. Smith, C. J. Roblou and E. Sewell Harris and it must surely bring back memories to many of our old members.

It states — "The Watling Association is a Community Association. It is democratic in principle, non-party political and non-sectarian and endeavours to promote the well being of the community generally".

Mention is made of the Public Services rendered by the Association, how the Association works, how it caters for members and WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE ASSOCIATION.

It is on this latter theme that our attention should be directed at this present time and I can do no better than quote from the buff paper.

"Because in public matters the Association is YOUR voice. Many of the things listed in paragraph 2 of this leaflet are improvements. They are not complete. If the Watling (Community) Association speaks with your voice they will become complete

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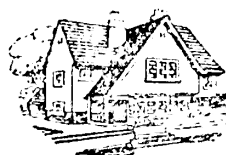
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achievements. Your support is therefore necessary. As a resident you are part of the community and are affected as is also your neighbour. Do not ignore the other fellow. His problem today may be yours tomorrow."

Few of our present residents are aware of the debt they owe to the Community Association. Few are aware of the fact that the Association started as a Residents' Association and has, throughout the years, consistently acted on behalf of residents in many directions.

The struggle to obtain amenities and necessities such as Bus Services, Postal Facilities, Playing Fields, Rent Reductions, Day Nursery, Traffic Control and the Provision of Magistrates laid the foundations of a tradition which has always been preserved and developed. We again ask residents, 'Why not join the Community Association' and so make our voice the stronger and our work more beneficial.

### MEMBERSHIP

As Membership Secretary for 1959 I wish to express my gratitude to those who have acted as collectors throughout the year

Anticipating an early start to the Building Extension for which we have waited so long, I feel that a really big effort is called for to stimulate the interest of residents both new and old in the Association. The big need is for street collectors to deliver the RESIDENT and collect subscriptions. If a person would volunteer to act for his or her own street, or section of a street, it should not be a big job and would greatly benefit the estate and the Association.

#### Just an Idea?

We have in our Veterans' Club, which incidentally celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year, quite a number of active but maybe lonely members. Just imagine the friends they could make by calling on a few of their close neighbours once a month.

What about it Veterans? Help us to help you.

Every good wish for the coming Year.

C. KNIGHT.

### "THE WATLING RESIDENT"

This January RESIDENT is the last of the present series. The February issue will be in the form of a small duplicated 'News-Sheet' and we ask all those interested to let us have names and addresses so that this sheet can be circulated.

In March we hope to again circulate a RESIDENT in its new form. Join the Association and be sure of a copy.

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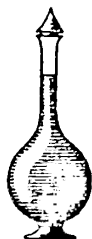
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## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our A.G.M. was held on 9th November. Our Secretary, Mrs Lake presented a very pleasing report in which Mrs Arti. was warmly thanked for her years work as Chairman. During this time she has directed our School in the friendliest manner. We are sorry that she is not able to serve again for domestic reasons but, happily, she will help in any other way she can. Mrs Richardson, who is always so very helpful with advice and in numerous practical ways is now our Chairman with Mrs Green as Vice-Chairman. Mrs Lake is re-elected Secretary, after being thanked and highly commended for her untiring work of past years. Mrs Welch is again our Treasurer having so well cared for our finances.

We are most grateful to Mrs Nyberg and Mrs Dunwell to both of whom we owe so much of our happy social life. As Mrs Nyberg is occupied now with domestic ties and will be absent from School for some time, Mrs Dunhill is now our Social Secretary.

Mrs Lake thanked all members who have so loyally helped to make our School a success and we now look forward to another very happy year.

## C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

We of Canuspa wish all at the Watling Centre, friends and relatives in Canada and the United States and those in other countries, good health, happiness and prosperity for the New Year.

Early in December we celebrated our 12th Anniversary with a dinner, followed by a social and dance, over 70 members sat down to dinner which was prepared by our amiable Social Secretary, Mrs Nyberg and her Social Committee who after all their hard work gave us some sketches which caused much laughter, also our Betty entertained us with her songs which everyone always enjoys so much. We are very pleased to report that our Bazaar effort made over £8, all of which was donated to the Centre. 'Well done Ladies'.

Our Travel Agent gave a very interesting and instructive talk recently advising us of our charter flights to New York for £85 return. This of course is available to our members only. He also advised us how fares could be had on the instalment plan and insurances that could be taken up to cover sickness, delays, etc.

Several of our members have been on the sick list and in hospital and I am pleased to report that all are on the mend. Two ladies from Finchley attended one of our meetings last month with the result that we hope to open another branch in North Finchley.

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Don't forget that we hold our A.G.M. this month and hope all members will be able to attend. G.R.

### BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly meeting was held recently, with Mrs C. Booth in the Chair, and there was a very good attendance, after the business was conducted we had a very enjoyable Talk, given by Mrs F. H. Lake, who is an active member of the Watling Community Centre, on his holiday this year in Denmark, and he certainly made a miserable day seem wonderful and a warm vote of thanks was given by Mrs Booth and seconded by Mrs Knight. I am also pleased to report that the Guild won the cup for the neatest and best dressed stall at the Watling Bazaar, also on acquiring 19 new members, to whom we extend a warm welcome. The competition was won by Mrs Hepkis and Mrs Holland, and the meeting closed with *Auld lang syne*. MRS. J. B. DOUCH.

### HARP ROAD CLUB 9th ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZE PRESENTATION

On Saturday 5th December, the Harp Road Club moved from its usual haunt at the Watling Community Centre to the 'Sparrowhawk' for its 9th Annual Dinner and Presentation.

The Dinner was noticeable for its friendliness and its fare and the Club is to be commended on a most successful evening. At the last moment, Mr L. Kipps was 'press ganged' into the Chair, owing to the illness of Mr Charles Harper, and Mr Kipps rose nobly to the occasion.

In proposing the toast of 'The Club', Mrs Grace Harper spoke of the past history and growth of Harp Road Club and of the new pursuits of some of the older members — three having taken up walking and one fishing. Mrs Harper also mentioned the good work undertaken with the Harrow Road Safety Proficiency Test for children and suggested more Cycling Clubs might be drawn into such work by other Councils.

Mr 'Paddy' McKee proposed the toast to 'Visitors, Ladies and the Press' and Mr Leonard Vear of the Watling Community Association responded.

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One of the younger members of the Club, Mr Eric Ayres, spoke of the illness of Mr Charles Harper and on the last minute request to Mr Leslie Kipps to take the Chair. Mr Kipps had been an active member of the Club for many years and, for the past four, he had organised with great success the Dinner and Dance. He had also been a member of the Harrow Road Safety organisation for several years and was now the chief examiner of a Cycle Proficiency Centre—he was the sort of person who is few and far between.

In introducing Mr Charles Orr-Ewing, M.P., Mr Kipps disclosed a great deal of Mr Orr-Ewing's past at School and the University, and also the 'other' interests of Mr Orr-Ewing in the House of Commons.

Mr. Orr-Ewing congratulated the Club on the results they were achieving. 'Sports Clubs created', he said, 'a sense of companionship, fellowship and wellbeing which is wholly desirable.'

As the pressure of everyday life increased the mental strain became greater and he believed that exercise by way of sport provided for many the perfect antidote. Mental breakdowns would be fewer if there were more active sportsmen.

Mrs Ian Orr-Ewing presented the many prizes to the members of the Club, and to the Clubs which had won trophies during Club Competitions. At the end of the Prize Presentation Miss Sally Gray presented Mrs Orr-Ewing with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for her interest in the Club.

Dancing followed and it was noticeable the support which had been received from other organisations — a large following from the Hendon Lambretta Club (which meets at the Watling Centre) was present.



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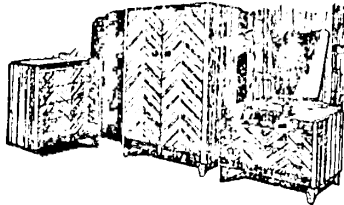
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**FRUIT.**—Spray trees and bushes with D.N.C. or Winter Wash I.T.P. Renew grease bands. Complete pruning, weather permitting. Cut out weak growth on Gooseberries. Dress Plums, Cherries and Damsons with Basic Slag, 2oz per square yard. Hand pollinate any early flowering fruit. Dress Strawberries with **Fullers Special Fertiliser**. Apply **Fullers Fruit Fertiliser** to Standard Apples and Pears. Protect buds of Gooseberries and Red Currants with inch netting or strands of black cotton. Mulch Strawberry Beds with decayed manure.

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H.S.A. (4th Monday), 7-8 p.m.  
Edgware Road Club, 7.30 p.m.  
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### Tuesdays.

Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.  
Veterans, 2 p.m.  
Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.  
Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.  
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Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.  
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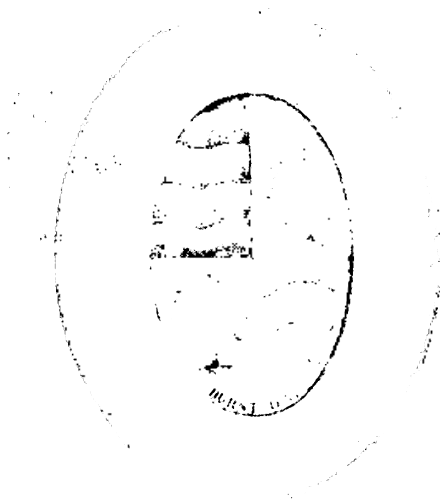
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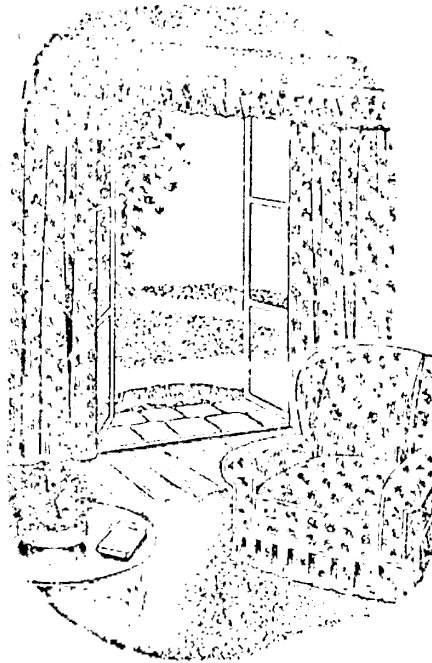
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# Watling Community Association

Watling Centre, 145 Orange Hill Road, Edgware, Middlesex.  
Telephone : Mill Hill 2259. Organising Secretary : Leonard Vear.

## VIEWPOINT

In October, 1929, the Watling Resident Editorial included, "do not let us get a disjointed tangle of societies and clubs on the estate . . . Unity is strength."

Following recent reports in one local newspaper may we once again stress the need for unity in our work for the Watling estate. Every organisation has its special interest and, so long as there is honesty of purpose, there is no reason why these interests should not be fostered for the benefit of the neighbourhood. At the same time, if the wider interests of the neighbourhood are to be fully protected, it is essential for all organisations to come together from time to time in order to reach understanding of one another's purpose and in order to speak with a greater force on behalf of those we are here to serve.

Let us forget our petty differences—let us grow in stature and dignity.

## OUTINGS

**Wye Valley Motor Coach Outing.** This outing has been arranged for Sunday, June 26th. The cost will be 17/6. If you wish to go, please hand in your name to a member of the Social Committee or to the Secretary at the Community Association. Please pay a deposit to book your seats.

Outings may also be arranged to theatres and other Community Associations near London. If you are interested please let us know.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is to be held in the Community Centre on Thursday, March 31st, at 8 p.m.

Nominations for officers may be sent to the secretary prior to the meeting. All persons nominated must have agreed to accept nomination.

## AGENDA

**Minutes of A.G.M. held on 24th March, 1959.**

**Matters arising.**

**Annual Report.**

**Financial Report.**

**Membership Report.**

**Resident Report.**

**Election of Officers—**

President: Mr. A. I. Jones nominated by the Executive Committee.

Vice-Presidents:

Sir John Haygarth,

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Ald. A. Paul,

Mr. J. B. Warden,

Dr. D. Cookson,

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### ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

An Orchestral Concert has been arranged for Saturday, April 9th. Tickets may be obtained from the Community Centre. In the past these Concerts have proved to be most enjoyable. Don't leave things too late, if you wish to attend.

### MEMBERSHIP

For 6d. a month you can insure for the future. If you think the Community Association must continue in its work to protect your interests then make sure you pay your membership and so help us to carry on.

### OLD TYME DANCE

An Old Tyme Dance is being held in the Seymour Hall on Saturday, April 9th. Tickets are limited and cost 5/6 each. Orders must be sent in at once—so let us have your money immediately.

### BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Townswomen's Guild was held at the Watling Centre with a very good attendance. In the chair was Mrs. C. Booth. The minutes were read by our secretary, Mrs. Eagle, and the treasurer, Mrs. Herbert, read her report. After some more business and tea we had a talk by Mrs. Thubrun, our Federation Chairman on the National Council. So the new members know what the Guild stands for and they are proud I am sure to belong to a movement which has the welfare of the community at heart, and indeed to think there is much we can help to do, and of course Burnt Oak being one of the founder members, have a right to be proud. Mrs. Thubrun was warmly thanked by Mrs. Greenslade, and the competition was won by Mrs. Thubrun and Mrs. Holland.

The meeting was closed with Auld Lang Syne.

J. B. Douch.

### WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL PARTY

The Burnt Oak Women's Adult School held their 26th birthday party at the Watling Centre on Saturday, January 30th.

78 people, representing members and friends, sat down to an appetising meal prepared by the School Committee.

Amongst the special guests were Grace Sanders, President of the London Adult School Union, and her husband Leonard; also Mr. and Mrs. Vear.

It was a pleasure to see guests from Neasden School and from the various schools in the N.W. Federation.

Mrs. Lake was specially praised for making the birthday cake, which she has done over the previous years.

The social and dance which rounded off the evening was enlivened by a cabaret given by the "Merry and Brights" concert party, including Harry and Flos. Brown, Nellie Cooper, Dick Robinson, Ethel Taylor, Vera Hornby, Frank Mitchell and Fred Lake, accompanied on the piano by Sid. Knight. Pianist for the evening: Fred Cole. M.C.: Mr. F. Lake.

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Sunday Members' Dance, 8 p.m.

### Mondays

Women's Adult School, 2.30 p.m.  
Veterans, 2 p.m.  
Lambretta Club, 7.30 p.m.  
C.A.N.U.S.P.A., 8 p.m.  
H.S.A. (4th Monday), 7-8 p.m.  
Edgware Road Club, 7.30 p.m.  
Dance Band, 7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays

Dressmaking Class, 2.30 p.m.  
Veterans, 2 p.m.  
Blind Club, 2.30 p.m.  
Townswomen's Guild Drama, 2.30.  
Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.  
Guild of Players, 8 p.m.  
Band Practice, 7.30 p.m.  
British Legion Service, 7.30 p.m.  
A.U.B.T.W. (alt. weeks), 7.30 p.m.  
Plumbing T.U. (alt. wks.), 7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays

Veterans Club, 2.30 p.m.  
T.G.W. (alternate weeks), 7 p.m.  
Members' Club, 7.30 p.m.  
Square Dance Club, 7.30 p.m.  
Orchestra, 7.30 p.m.  
Band Practice, 7.30 p.m.  
Hearts of Oak F.C., 8 p.m.

### Thursdays

Veterans, 2 p.m.  
Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.  
Townswomen's Guild ) 2.30 p.m.  
Handicraft ) alt. weeks  
Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.  
N.C.U., 7.30 p.m.  
Y.H.A., 8 p.m.  
Poultry Club (1st & 3rd Thur.) 8 p.m.  
Communist Party (2nd Thur.), 7.30.  
Poor Man's Lawyer, 7 p.m. \*  
Blind Club Choir (alternate weeks)

### Fridays

W.V.S. Darby & Joan Club, 2 p.m.  
Juvenile Painting Class, 6 p.m.  
M.P's Service (3rd Friday), 6.30 p.m.  
Neighbours, 8 p.m.  
Council Meeting (1st Friday), 8 p.m.  
Executive Com. (2nd Friday), 8 p.m.  
Motor Cycle Club, 7.30 p.m.  
Whist Drive, 8 p.m.  
Blind Club Handicrafts, 2 p.m.  
Watling Allottees (4th Friday).  
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### Saturdays

Healing Service (alternate wks.), 3.  
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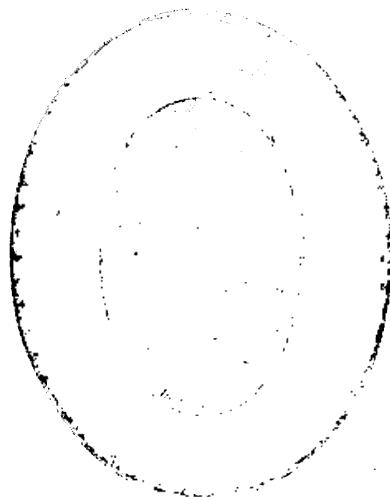


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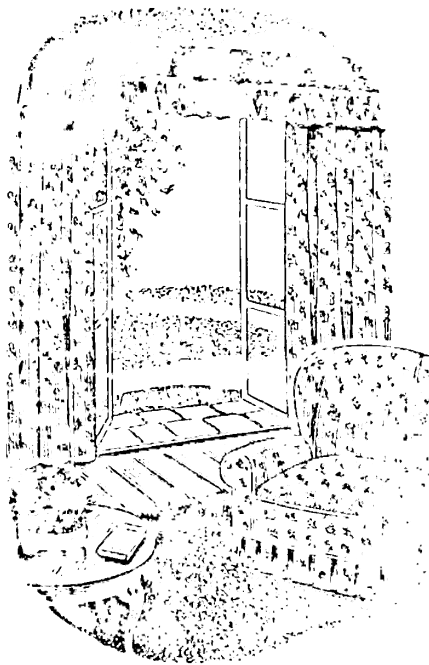
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# Watling Community Association

Watling Centre, 145 Orange Hill Road, Edgware, Middlesex.

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## VIEWPOINT

How often do we seriously consider the real problems facing the Youth of the neighbourhood and what steps do we take to overcome prejudices which may have been avoided.

Recently two statements appeared in the local press. The first mentioned the "unenviable job of the Police in Burnt Oak at the best of times" and the other arose from a meeting of a local organisation. This latter referred to "thugs on the estate" and "remember what happened to the rent collector." We would not wish you to believe our young people are any better, or worse, than the young people of other areas, but we do expect you to realise that the young people of our neighbourhood are our responsibility and our care. We cannot get to know them, or to gain their confidence, so long as we only criticise the whole for the actions of a few.

Let us ask ourselves the question, "Why is it that the young people have to roam the streets and why have they this apparent lack of responsibility?"

During recent years it has become the fashion to segregate certain age groups from the community as a whole and stress has been placed on 'the problems' of the youth and the problems of 'the aged.' Provision has been made in certain ways yet we fail to understand why this provision has not been directed more towards the proper integration of the Problem Age Groups into the wider neighbourhood. What steps have been taken to educate the un-classified groups in the problems being faced by the young and old and to educate the classified in the problems being met by the un-classified?

We consider a society which is free of the conflicts and strains of war, and the threat of war, has more chance in developing a state of a high social order. We consider proper provision of suitable accommodation, and the acceptance of a wider responsibility for the upkeep of this accommodation, would be more suitable than the use of makeshift buildings or the shared use of buildings which were never adequately planned for present day living. We consider a greater security and a greater sense of belonging may be achieved through a more satisfactory solution to the housing needs of those who wish to marry.

In the meantime it is essential for us all to develop a greater sense of understanding and tolerance towards one another. Let us face up to our local community needs in a more positive and practical manner by going out with a hand of friendship and not with a tongue of unwise criticism.

## 'GRANNIE' LEE

It is with a great sense of loss we report the death of 'Grannie' Lee.

Perhaps, many residents no longer remember her untiring work during the early formative days of the estate and also during the years of depression and it would be well to remind ourselves of an example which is becoming all too rare today.

She was a strong supporter of, and ardent worker for, the old Watling District Nursing Association. Many hours and days were spent in collecting the necessary contributions to keep the Nursing Association alive and so bring help to the would-be mothers of the estate. We all know our treasured Nurse Perkins, but we should all know that Nurse Perkins would not have been possible without the type of work which was done by our departed friend.

During the depression years, Grannie Lee again gave up time and energy in the fight to save the homes of many who were facing eviction and she was a constant stimulant to the Community Association in its work for the neighbourhood.

The Veterans' Club enjoyed her friendship and help from the early days.

Let us salute this grand old lady of Watling—let us be determined her example will encourage us all.

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### CORRECTION — WYE VALLEY OUTING

In our last Resident the date of the Wye Valley Outing was given as June 26th. Unfortunately, this was not correct as the Outing is arranged for Sunday, June 19th.

A few more seats are available for this outing—at 17/6. If anyone is interested please contact members of the Social Committee or Mr. Vear at the Community Centre.

### DRESSMAKING

A new term will start after Easter. The class is held on Tuesday afternoons at 2.45 p.m. in the Community Centre under the instruction of a qualified teacher. Fees are 10/- a term.

If you are interested please contact the secretary at the Community Centre. The class is not limited to members of the Association.

### MRS. O'HARA

The Community Association heard with sincere regret the loss recently suffered by Mrs. O'Hara and her family. Mrs. O'Hara has been a great helper over the years and we offer our deep sympathy and thoughts to her during this time of trial.

### ANNUAL MEETING

By the time you receive this Resident the Annual Meeting will have been held and a new year will face us all. One immediately outstanding problem the Association has to face is to raise the additional money to pay for the extension we have now put in hand and which we hope will be completed before the winter sets in. In addition to this we have to raise £200 each year for 5 years to repay the loan from the Middlesex County Council.

A number of activities are planned for the year and it is hoped we will receive a greater support from all members and residents during the year. If you are able to offer your services or make a contribution to the funds of the Association please do something about it at once. If you have any suggestions to make let us have them.

### FIREWOOD FOR THE AGED

Some years ago the Welfare Committee planned to provide firewood for the aged infirm of the estate and in the early years about twelve boxes of wood were sawn, chopped and delivered each month. Today over 68 boxes of wood are sawn and chopped by a few members of the Association and distributed each month by the Mill Hill Toc H. Our task is increasing and more helpers are needed to meet the increasing demands being made upon this service. If you can chop or even box wood make your way to the Community Centre and get on with the job.

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## BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Dear Editor,

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held with a very good attendance, with Mrs. C. Booth in the chair. The minutes were read by our Secretary, Mrs. Eagle, and after some business and tea there followed a most interesting talk by Mrs. Trim, on gardening, and at this time of year, when we are all busy in the garden, the questions and answers were really most helpful and useful. Mrs. Trim is of course an authority on gardening, so the hints she gave us I am sure we will benefit by. A warm vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Francis, and the competition was won by Mrs. Courier and Mrs. Lyons. The meeting was closed with Auld Lang Syne.

J. B. Douch.

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We were very glad to have Mr. George Vear with us again when he came in January to give us a jolly and exhilarating message for the New Year.

Mr. Luke very kindly helped us with an introductory study of our 1960 handbook entitled Growing in Charity. In connection with this subject our warmest thanks are due to friends of ours who have helped with our studies. Mrs. Mayon spoke on Fifty Years of the Adult Schools; Mr. Churchley on the fine work being done for children by the N.S.P.C.C.; and Miss V. Hornby on the Life of Margery Fry.

Mrs. Nyberg and Betty, who in other years have contributed so much to our enjoyment, were greatly missed at our Birthday Party this year. Having moved from our district, Mrs. Nyberg will not now be with us so often. We are most grateful for the happiness she has given us over many years. May she and her family be very happy in their new home and may we see her at school again whenever she is free.

Our speakers and subjects for the future include:—

April 4—Mrs. Allen, J.P.:—Juvenile Courts.

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25—Mrs. Ashman, J.P.:—What Schools are doing for children in trouble.

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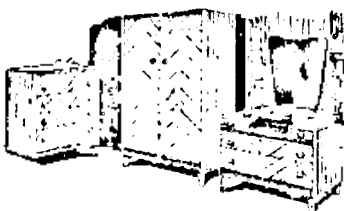
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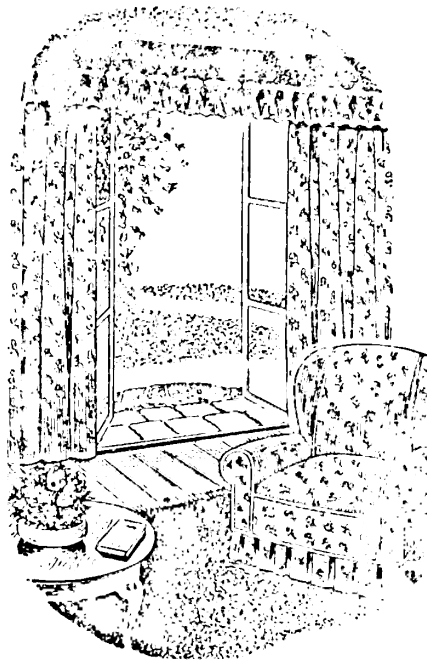
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# Watling Community Association

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## VIEWPOINT

For some years the Watling Community Association has been protesting over the amount of heavy traffic which is filtering through the Watling Estate and we have been given to understand there is little which may be done about this.

Recently, during a visit to the West of England, the writer of this Viewpoint visited an estate on the edge of Bristol and was soon faced with a large and definite notice which stated heavy transport, locomotives, etc., were prohibited unless having cause to call at a house on the estate.

In view of this we may well consider there are powers which may be used to prohibit the use of our unsuited roads for much of the transport as present found. This matter should be brought home to the authorities concerned and efforts made to bring about a more positive action.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATLING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

held in the Community Centre on Thursday, 31st March, 1960.

The Chairman, Alderman A. Paul, in opening the meeting expressed his pleasure and privilege in being able to preside at the meeting and also as being a Vice-President of an Association which had made such a wide and continuing contribution to the life of the neighbourhood.

He also spoke of the recent death of "Grannie" Lee, one of the pioneers of the Association, whose example of unselfish service should be an encouragement to all.

Following the adoption of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, some discussion took place on a number of items.

The housing needs of the aged residents remained quite a problem. Through the lack of suitable small maisonettes it was impossible to transfer pensioners and so help to ease the pressure on other types of buildings. This matter was to be taken up with the L.C.C., with the recommendation that the waste allotment land might well be used for additional modern maisonettes.

Despite the steady support of Mill Hill Toc H and a number of voluntary workers of the Association, it was found that the sawing and chopping of wood for the aged infirm had now reached an almost impossible high level to maintain under present circumstances. Over 70 boxes of wood were being distributed every four weeks and this entailed a great deal of voluntary labour. With further increases in request for wood from residents who well qualify, it now became necessary for additional help to be found.

### Appointments—

**President:** Mr. A. I. Jones.

**Vice-Presidents:** Sir Joseph Haygarth, Alderman A. A. Naar,  
Mr. J. B. H. Warden, Alderman A. Paul,  
Dr. D. Cookson, Cty. Cllr. Mrs. Thornycroft.

**Treasurer:** Mrs. M. Lake. **Membership Secretary:** Mr. C. Knight.

**Trustees:** Mr. A. W. Kay and Mrs. E. B. Knight.

**Auditors:** Mr. S. Poynter and Mr. A. Bouchard.

**Resident Secretary:** Mrs. A. Filby. **Social Secretary:** Mr. V. Needham.

A vote of thanks to Mr. S. Poynter and Mr. A. Bouchard for the work undertaken in the audit was approved.

Discussion also took place on proposed fund raising schemes to assist towards the added money needed to make the new extension more secure. The order for the work to proceed had already been given to the builders and it was hoped work would be completed by the end of September.

It was also reported that the L.C.C. had asked the Tenants' Association to submit the names of elderly tenants who were incapable of cultivating

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A number of complaints were received concerning the parking of heavy lorries and vans on the estate. Some of these were left parked on the pavements and on some of the greens and the Association was asked to look into the matter.

In relation to welfare work, the Secretary was asked whether the churches arranged for visits to those who would appreciate such visits and who may need advice and help.

The general feeling of the meeting was that the churches, through the vicar and church workers, would be pleased to visit those who required the type of help the church was well able to offer.

A vote of thanks to the Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary was unanimously approved.

### CANUSPA

Here we are in the Merry Month of May; the coming and going across the Atlantic has started off with a big bang.

Socials have been held to welcome home Mrs. Capaldi, Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Winn's daughter, who is home for a visit from Washington; also Bon Voyage to Mrs. Crick and Mrs. Mold's granddaughter Gloria, who has been on a visit for a year.

In April twenty members went by coach for a week-end Conference at Bournemouth. We had an enjoyable time and were guests of the Mayor at a dance in the evening in the Town Hall with about 400 other Canuspa members. We were pleased to have Mr. Fuller with us after his operation and trust he will soon be fit and well again.

Look out, Eastbourne; we are making a trip to you in June, and don't forget to lay on the sun.

We are running Charter Flights to New York this summer; all seats are booked and a waiting list is accumulating.

Our meetings every Monday evening at the Centre are fully attended. Any parents who have children in Canada or U.S.A. are welcome to our meetings where they can be advised on our social and travel activities.

G.R.

### CALLING ALL SCOUTS

The saying 'Once a Scout, Always a Scout,' seems to have some meaning in it as far as I'm concerned.

During the war years I was Scoutmaster of the 14th Hendon Scout Group, and we had some happy times meeting at the Watling Centre and going camping.

When the war was over and the younger men came back I left the Scouts and thought—well, that's that!

Then at a Watling Council Meeting I was invited to a Scouts reunion dinner at Marble Arch by an ex-member of the 8th St. Marylebone Scouts.

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These old boys look after their old Troop, which is thriving. They also do other charitable works.

One or two of them recognised me as a King Scout in the old 1st St. Marylebone Scouts, which I left in 1914 to go overseas with the B.E.F.

Scouting is still a valuable and worthwhile pastime for boys and young men which will stand a man in good stead throughout his life.

If we could cultivate this combination of adults and youth all over the country there would be no so-called Youth problem. Fred Lake.

## BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held with Mrs. C. Booth in the chair, and there was a very good attendance. We were very pleased to welcome Mr. G. Vear, who gave an interesting talk on Old People's Welfare. Seventeen years ago he and his wife took in an old lady to live with them who was discarded by her own family, and from that, he now has 32 old people, and he told us some marvellous stories about them.. It is is dreadful when one thinks how unwanted old folks are, and it is people like Mr. and Mrs. Vear who dedicate their lives in making old folk happy that we are eternally grateful, and I sincerely hope that they continue in this wonderful work for many years, and I feel sure that at their home at Weybridge in Surrey there are 32 very happy and contented old people. Mrs. O'Hara gave a most warm vote of thanks and was seconded by Mrs. Chapman. Mrs. Herbert gave a very good Federation report, and we were pleased to welcome back Mrs. Wilson after a long illness, and a new member, Mrs. Longley.

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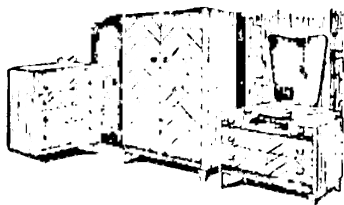
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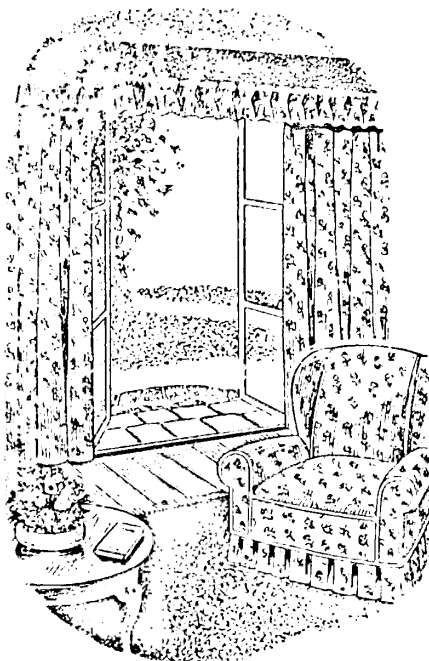
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## VIEWPOINT

Recently the Veterans' Club celebrated its 25th birthday and the occasion should not be allowed to pass without some comment.

Although the Club has always been a very intimate part of the Community Association and a great deal of help has been received from the members during Bazaar and other Special Activities, it has remained dependent upon its limited income to keep alive. Contributions are small since the emphasis has always been on the need to bring old people into the Club whatever their means and also to develop a spirit of true friendship and companionship.

We all of us owe a great debt of gratitude to the many people who have made the continued life of the Club possible and, in particular, reference should be made to the late Ernest Cole and Richard Lodge. Both of these played an unselfish yet important part in this work and it is hoped their example of service to others will act as an example and inspiration to us all.

As already mentioned, the Club has very limited funds and it is found the cost of the Party was heavy. The money was well spent in providing such an enjoyable time for our older friends and we can be sure the Club will be pleased to accept donations towards this cost so that the other activities planned for the year will not unduly suffer.

Our President and the Business Club of Burnt Oak have assisted—why not you?

Donations may be sent to the Chairman, Veterans' Club, Watling Centre, Burnt Oak.

## A DAY IN JERSEY (Sunday, April 24th, 1960).

By far the most ambitious outing ever organised by the Social Committee was a memorable experience.

Not many years ago a coach outing to Southend was the thing, but now in the days of space travel visions of far horizons are an accomplished fact.

A merry party of 36 left the Centre by coach at the early hour of 6.30 a.m. and boarded the Viscount plane at 8 a.m. at London Airport.

The charming air hostess put us at our ease and served us with light refreshments, and there we were drinking coffee as we were looking down on Cherbourg and the coastline of France.

In glorious sunshine we landed in Jersey after a wonderful flight of 1½ hours, a waiting coach took us into St. Helier, where the party split up into their own particular groups and set off to enjoy ten hours of Jersey sunshine and scenery.

A coach trip was arranged during the afternoon for those who wanted to see some of the countryside in the full glory of its spring attire, the picturesque coves, majestic cliffs, and the lovely bays with golden sand, lapped by a Mediterranean-blue sea.

At 8 p.m. we flew out of Jersey into the setting sun, at 8,000 feet and at 185 miles an hour, we were soon over the English Channel, with the dying rays of the sun shining on the billows of cloud below, an unforgettable sight. Passing over Bournemouth, again we were served light refreshments, the sky was dark and we were flying through cloud banks, till at last we sighted London Airport, the lights below twinkling like jewels against the velvet black of the night.

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### ADULT SCHOOL BREAKFAST

The five Adult Schools: Kentish Town, Belsize Park, Edgware, Hampstead and Burnt Oak, representing the North West Federation Adult School Union, sat down to their annual May Morning Breakfast at the Watling Centre on Sunday, May 1st.

Over fifty members and friends tucked in to an appetising meal prepared by the Burnt Oak Women's School. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Vear and visiting friends from Adult Schools in Harrow and Neasden.

This traditional breakfast, we were informed by Will Pratton, a local social worker, has been going on continually at Watling since 1935.

The meal itself is more like a high tea, with ham, salad, sausage rolls, home-made bread, marmalade and tea. The white bread was made by Mrs. Coleman and the brown bread by Mrs. Lake. It was noted that the home-made bread "disappeared" long before the shop bread.

A meeting followed and a fine address was given by Mr. Read, a Youth worker and personality from the Lyndhurst Hall, Kentish Town. His subject: "Responsibility and Citizenship."

"The Holy City" was sung by Ethel Taylor, a popular local soprano. Members of her family present represented three generations with Adult School membership going back a long time.

The President of the Federation, Fred Lake, thanked the speaker and those workers who made such an enjoyable occasion possible.

The meeting closed with the hymn "Blessed be the tie that binds."

### C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

which means "Canadian and United States Parents' Association."

On Tuesday, 10th May, a party boarded a coach and went down Hackney way to spend a social evening with our friends of the Hackney Branch. There was plenty to eat and a good time was had by all.

During the month of May five of our members, Mesdames Freveshausen, Spivack, Chadd, Crick and Bubbles Keats, crossed the Atlantic, some by our Charter Flight and others via the sea route. We had a very jolly "send off" social, organised by our social secretary, Mrs. Nyberg, when we wished all our travellers Bon Voyage and a happy landing.

New members are still being enrolled each month and we hope they will all be very happy with us. We wish our invalids a speedy return to good health and we hope to see you all at our Monday meeting at the Watling Centre.

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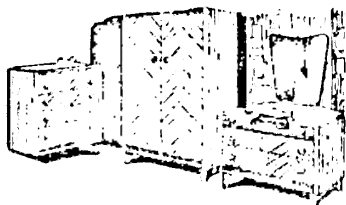
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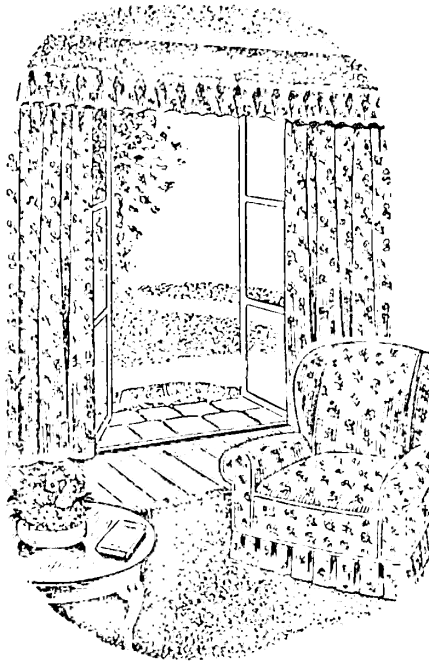
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## VIEWPOINT

The Manchester Guardian recently reported on the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Cheapeake and Ohio Railway and some of the remarks made by the Chairman, Cyrus S. Eaton, make interesting reading at a time the United States President is touring disturbed "American influence" countries.

We offer one section of Cyrus S. Eaton's remarks without comment.

"We have neglected George Washington's example and advice. The Father of our Country warned us against entangling alliances. He reiterated again and again that we should never let our foreign policies be influenced by prejudices against any other nation. We have flagrantly disregarded these two pieces of sound advice. We are now inextricably entangled with one third of the nations of the world. We are angling for alliances with another one third through a lavish foreign aid program. Finally, we are permitting prejudice to lead us into bitter wrangling with the remaining third. . . . These policies that flout the advice of George Washington are burying us under a crushing burden of taxation. If they are allowed to go to the length of flaring into open war, our people will be annihilated and everything that science and industry have created will be utterly destroyed."

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12. Holidays.

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## WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

### "FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS" by Austin Steele.

The Watling Guild of Players desire to bring this fast moving 3-Act Comedy to life for your entertainment this coming autumn, in the new extension.

We are also preparing "The 3 Marys," a Religious One-Act Play, for the next Drama Festival.

Those members who went to this year's Drama Festival, perhaps, noticed that the Watling Guild of Players was the oldest participating member. But surely this is not a big enough boast—we should also like to say the best. It could be, but we need your support and enthusiasm. We meet every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the Community Centre. Perhaps we shall see you.

Why not come along and see for yourself? If you so desire you need not act. Your help will be appreciated in whatever form it may come.

Ann Mayers Back.

## C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

Two of our Charter Flights have now taken off and we are pleased to report that five of our members have now arrived safely in Canada and the U.S. We are now going forward preparing charter flights for next year at very advantageous cost; the return fare to New York may be a little more than a single steamship fare. Of course this facility is only available to our members who have been with us for a year or more. We meet every Monday evening at the Watling Centre, where we hold our business and social evenings, and those interested will be very welcome. G.R.

## TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

In the absence of our Chairman, Mrs. C. Booth—who attended a meeting with the Treasurer, Mrs. Herbert—the monthly meeting of the Guild was held with Mrs. Lake in the chair. There was a very good attendance, and after the minutes were read and tea was served, we had a most fascinating talk on London by Mrs. Haseman, to whom we owe a great deal for giving us so much information. She told us the actual story of Eros and of the Sir John Cass Foundation School. We received a charming letter from Mrs. Thubrun, thanking members for their part in the 25th anniversary of the Guild, which was held last week at Mill Hill and was a great success. The competition was won by Mrs. Springall, and the meeting closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne. J. B. Douch.

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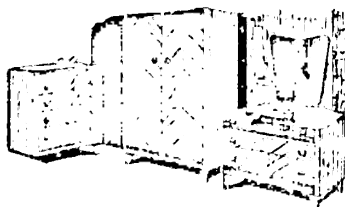
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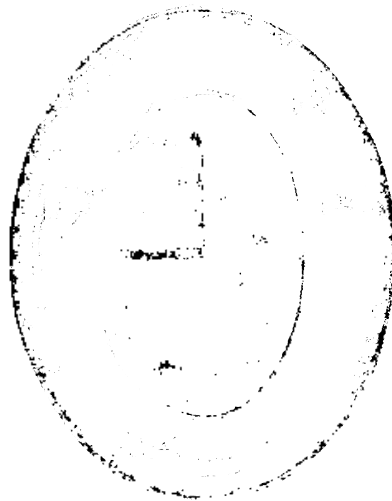
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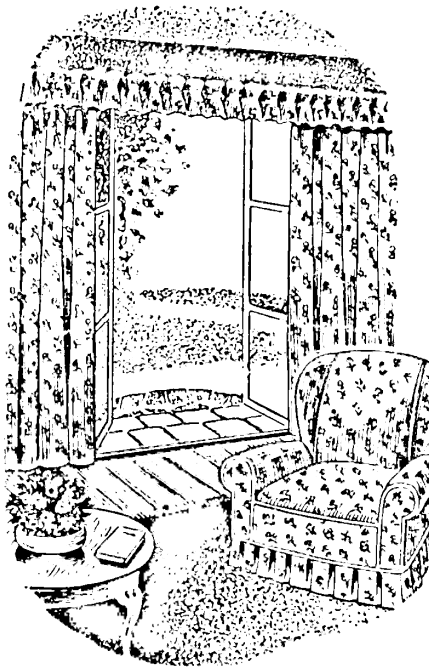
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## VIEWPOINT

After yet another Summit failure and increasing tensions throughout the world, one wonders whether it would not be wise to call a truce to wordy threats and unreasonable actions and revert to Lewis Carol's "The time has come, the Walrus said, to talk of many things. Of shoes, and ships and ceiling wax; Of cabbages and kings."

Tension has now reached such a pitch that man appears incapable of adjusting himself to think, or reflect, in a relaxed manner. We condemn the individual who does not conform to established standards and who may show little or no consideration for others—yet we are continuing to subject ourselves to the whims and oddities of worldwide leaderships which flout the rights of everyman.

We are not now concerned with the vagaries of party politics or with the preservation of any system which favours the few at the expense of the many, but we are concerned with a return to sanity and the desire to live at peace with one another.

Past mistakes must be recognised, but they should not be allowed to stand in the way of an honest desire to improve international relationships. We cannot live in the past for ever, but must go forward courageously into the future.

Each and every one of us has some contribution to make at the present time—the ordinary people of the world must impress their leaders with their desire for a world fit to live in. At the same time those of us who have a high standard of living must be prepared to accept a lowering of this standard so that others less fortunate may benefit immediately.

See to it that your voice is heard. Don't pull the ladder up because you are all right, Jack.

## C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

During July,—and what a lovely month, for ducks—we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Simes' daughter and her children, who are over here on holiday from the States. We wish them a happy time while they are in our country and a safe journey home.

We were also very pleased to see our Asc. Secretary Bubbles back again after her flying visit to her sister and family in the States.

Our Charter Flights for this summer are now in full swing and the Cosmopolitan Association which our daughters belong to in Canada and America are sending four charter flights this month.

Somehow a rumour has got around that when you join Canuspa your fares are paid to Canada and the States out of the funds. I am sorry to say this is only a rumour; we pay our own fares.

Even during the holiday season when things are quiet we are getting good attendance at our meetings and new members are still rolling up. To our members who are thinking of going on next year's charter flight, get your name on the list which is now open.

"See you on the plane."

G.R.

## NATIONAL FEDERATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS A.G.M. and Conference.

At the 15th annual general meeting and conference of the National Federation of Community Associations held at St. Katherine's College, Liverpool, for the period 8th to 10th July, the main theme was Voluntary Effort and Public Help: An Essay in Partnership.

Some 170 representatives were at the meeting; in the main Wardens and Delegates from Community Associations all over the country as well as visitors, including some from Nigeria and Kenya.

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Various resolutions were put up for discussion—one stressing the need for the interchange of hospitality between ordinary people of all countries as the best way of improving International relations.

It was proposed that in collaboration with other similar organisations all possible steps be taken to bring this about.

Another proposal put forward was that "Owing to the failure of the Summit Conference, efforts be made abroad, particularly in the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., to strengthen the bonds of friendship."

The results of the National Community Week were summed up and found encouraging enough to run a similar week next year.

Spread over the weekend Conference were three excellent addresses given by

- 1.—The Director of Education, Liverpool, on "Local Authorities and Voluntary Organisations."
- 2.—The Director, National Council of Social Service, on "Voluntary and Public Effort in the service of the Community," and
- 3.—The Assistant Secretary Adult Education and Youth Service Branch Ministry of Education, Subject: "The Albermarle Report and Us."

As may be imagined, these enlightening talks provoked much interesting discussion.

Some of the points brought out in the talks were that in spite of the Welfare State there are in this country more voluntary organisations than ever before and there is an extraordinary amount of voluntary effort, also an increasing complexity in absorbing the vast amount of technical knowledge now available.

Schools are not used nearly enough. More Community Association activities could be held there, but Headmasters had a pride in their schools and any damage done has to be accounted for. Caretakers also are said to be sometimes difficult.

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Three delegates from Watling were: Mr. Var, Mr. Kay and Mr. F. Lake.

## FOOTBALL COMPETITION

A Football Competition is being run by the Association during the next football season.

Tickets cost 5/- (averaging 2d. per Saturday for 30 Saturday games) and the prize money will be £5 per week. Tickets may be obtained from the Community Centre. Don't delay obtaining a ticket and so help the Association raise funds it desperately needs.

## MEMBERSHIP

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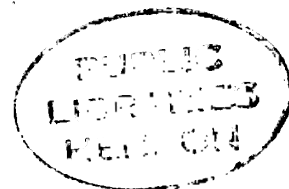
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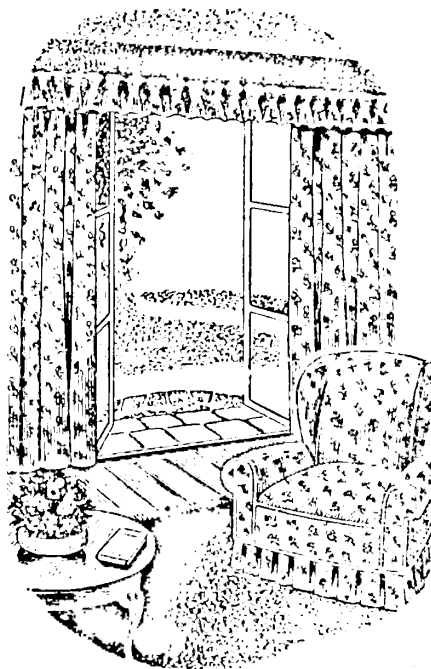
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## VIEWPOINT

Throughout the years the Watling Community Association has consistently taken up matters which have affected the residents of Watling—indeed the residents of a much wider area—yet there is much which may be done if only the information was available.

We hope all residents will help us in our work and let us know of any matters which may need consideration and action.

## BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Guild was opened with Mrs. C. Booth in the chair. There was a very good attendance. After the business, a very good talk was given by Mrs. M. Hull, who is a Member of the British Empire. She went on to say how badly bombed Canterbury Cathedral had been during the war, and, going back over the years, gave us the history of King Ethelberg, the meeting of the monks, and of the trials and persecutions of Pope Gregory. The talk was greatly appreciated by the Guild. Before she closed her speech Mrs. Hull congratulated Burnt Oak on their opening song at their meetings. She was given a warm vote of thanks by Mrs. M. Neil.

The competition was won by Mrs. Lumbar and Mrs. Locke and the meeting was closed with Auld Lang Syne. Mrs. J. B. Douch.

## HOLIDAYS

One plans one's holiday with great confidence and rarely do we think of the possible breakdowns of our plans.

It may be that you plan to travel by rail at a peak holiday period—if you do, make sure you reserve your seats well in advance and get to the railway station early. Don't leave the railway tickets at home or forget to turn off the gas and electricity. Above all, don't leave the key in the front door.

If you go by car be prepared to recognise the many foolish errors you are likely to make and be prepared for the many d... foolish errors of other drivers. It is often quicker to go through main towns and not use the wonderful by-passes which tend to become blocked by the concentrated traffic. Make sure you know the geography of the area in which you intend to enjoy(?) yourself. It may be safer to park your car away from the town and travel by bus.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY AT LAND'S END

A simple soul recently visited Land's End with a camera and relatives and friend. The rain was falling. Notwithstanding, visitors were being photographed at the sign post and the friend, anxious to prove she had been to Land's End., asked for her photograph to be taken beneath the sign-post.

As the shutter clicked a quiet and confidential voice murmured "Why not be taken with the lady?" "No, thanks," was the reply. The voice continued (as the camera was being put away), "You know the post is a gimmick?" "Yes." The voice continued insinuatingly, "It's private property." The answer to this was "Is it?" "Yes," came the reply in a strangled voice, "and it's on private land."

By this time the simple soul was beginning to grasp there was something wrong, and he asked "But there's no sign it is private property and many people have been taking photographs." "But you can't take photographs with our gimmick."

And so the conversation would have continued, but the rain and increasing temper brought the matter to an end. With an apology for already having taken the photograph and the possible silliness of the situation the simple soul fled from the business interests of Land's End—only to fall into the hands of the many other business interests in Cornwall.

## BINGO

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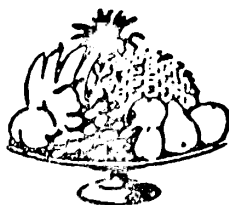
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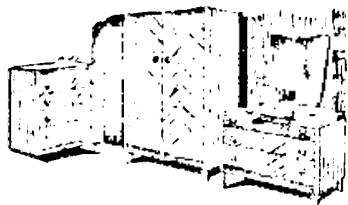
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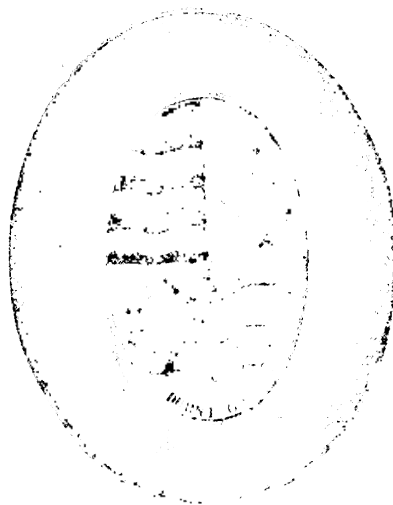
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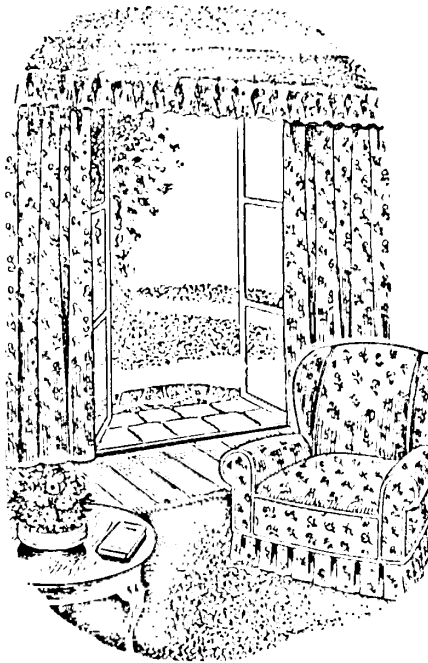
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## VIEWPOINT

The early residents of the Watling Estate became quickly aware of the need to unite in order to improve the conditions under which they lived. Having united, they soon discovered other advantages which arose through working together and the Watling Community Association was formed in 1928.

At that time there was a strong feeling for the needs of others and the determination to follow in ideal of friendship and service.

Although times have changed and many of the original needs have been resolved, the Community Association continues to follow the original purpose of the pioneers—"to protect the well being of those residents on the Watling Estate."

It is possible we have not given sufficient consideration to changing needs and to bringing our method of working up to date. It is equally possible that a great deal of consideration should be given to the question of our purpose in present day society.

What does the neighbourhood need? In what way can we plan for the future? These are questions which should be answered.

Don't leave the thinking to a few overburdened workers. Send in your views on this to the Secretary. Or, better still, come to the Centre to air them.

## FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Winning Cards to date (14/9/60):

Saturday, August 20th: 173, 179, 309, 855, 905, 915.

August 27th: 253.

September 3rd: 139.

September 10th: 80, 90, 103, 108, 145, 158, 163, 203,  
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## BOYS' CLUB

On Tuesday, October 4th, a new Boys Club will open at the Community Centre for boys between 14 years and 16 years. Any boy between these ages who wishes to join the Club should contact the secretary of the Association, who will supply full particulars.

Membership will be 6d. a week for two evenings (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7.00 - 10.00 p.m.) and it is expected that members will pay membership monthly in advance.

## FRIENDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Gooden, of Deansbrook Road, have always been good friends of the Association and the Veterans' Club. Following the recent fund raising for the Fair and the Veterans' Club the Gooden family made a collection among themselves and donated £7 to the Association.

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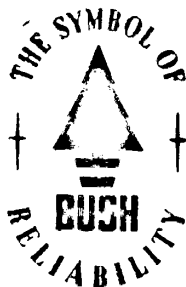
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As the Community Centre is desperately in need of money to cover the cost of the extensions and repay loan charges it is hoped all members will come to our aid.

Let us have presents for the stall — or run a stall. Help as stall-holders and ticket sellers.

Remember the date and be positive in your help.

### YOUR RESIDENT

The limited space available for editorial matters makes it difficult to prepare the Watling Resident. If you have any views on the editorship, please let us have them.

### VETERANS' CLUB

On Wednesday, September 14th, the Veterans' Club received a visit from members of a Club in Harlow. Our old friend, Mrs. Rogers arrived with the party and helped to make the afternoon most enjoyable.

Splendid entertainment was provided by the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild Drama Group (producer, Mrs. E. Knight) and The Merry and Brights (producer, Mr. F. Lake).

The visitors were welcomed to the Club by Mr. Vear, who spoke of the need of very real friendship in the Club.

### CANUSPA

On Sunday, 11th Sept ("the day summer arrived this year") two coach loads of us spent a very enjoyable day at Eastbourne and finished up with a high tea at Wannock Gardens. Many thanks, Social Secretary, Mrs. Nyburg.

This is a busy month for our travellers. Those who went overseas in June have now returned and a farewell social is being given for six of our members who are flying to Canada and the U.S. on our charter flight later in September. We wish you all a good journey and a happy landing. Our membership is increasing and we now have over a hundred members.

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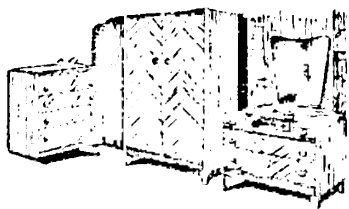
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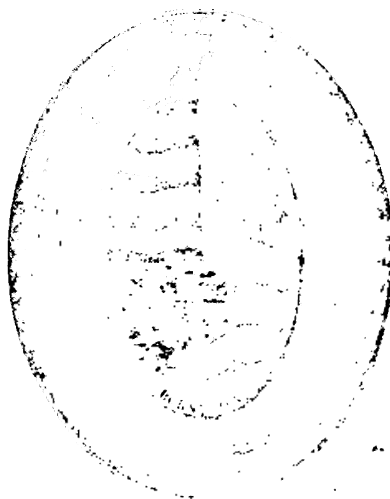
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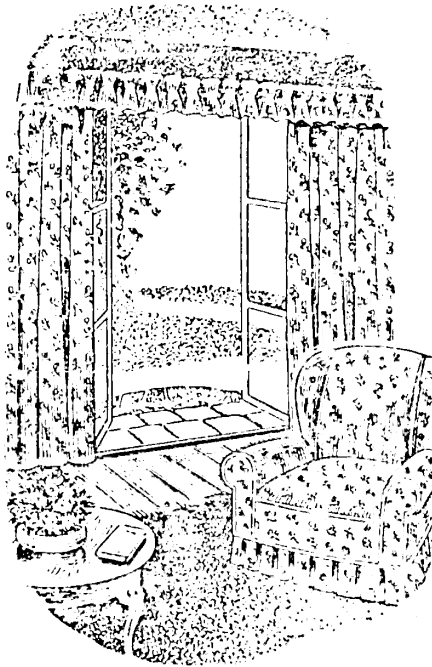
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# Watling Community Association

Watling Centre, 145 Orange Hill Road, Edgware, Middlesex.

Telephone : Mill Hill 2259.

Organising Secretary : Leonard Vear.

## VIEWPOINT

Few of the Watling residents appear to know the full amount of welfare work undertaken by the Community Association. In general it appears the Association is known and that in times of difficulty the Community Association (or the Centre) IS THE FIRST APPROACH FOR HELP.

We have always been proud of the work we have done on behalf of our neighbours and now feel some emphasis should be given to recent developments and to the time given by members to this work.

Every day in the week—with the exception of some Sundays—members are breaking up boxes, sawing the wood, chopping and boxing this wood for the aged infirm of the estate. At the moment over 78 boxes are delivered each month and a large number of old persons collect wood from the Centre. If this wood had had to be bought in the shops it would cost at least £40 each month. At a conservative estimate over £300 worth of firewood is delivered each year for the Association by Mill Hill Toc H.

Other members give a great deal of time to the Veterans' Club and to the visiting of lonely people.

If these workers put so much time into the money raising side of the Association most of our troubles would be over. You may not have time to cut wood or do visiting—are you in a position to help increase our funds.

## C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

Here we are back in Winter Time and although the fireside must be a big attraction in the evening, our attendances have increased and new members are still being enrolled.

By the time this issue is published our members who took the Autumn Charter Flight will have returned. We hope they had a very happy visit with their families overseas and a comfortable flight home.

Our winter programme is now being arranged. Early in October we have invited our friends from the Hackney Branch to spend a social evening with us. Preparation is now going forward for our stall at the Watling Centre Bazaar and in December the members are being invited to our Annual Dinner and Social; the date has not been fixed.

I think Mrs. Myberg, her Social Committee and Concert Party are in for a very busy time.

Thank you and your helpers for all the good work you are doing. G.R.

## HENDON OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the main committee held recently the following interesting subjects were raised.

**Check that fall campaign.** Literature and posters in respect of this project have been circulated to old people's clubs in Hendon.

**Boarding out Scheme.** This scheme has developed in various areas. Its object is to find homes in private houses for elderly people.

**Chiropody.** This scheme is continuing and the number of patients treated, particularly in surgeries, is increasing.

**"Polly" the motor coach** has not been sold. It was hoped to raise funds by the sale of this vehicle. Any offers?

**Fund raising activities** are being discussed. Amongst the suggestions are: a house to house collection, Bazaars, Jumble Sales.

Youth organisations are being asked to help.

**Handicraft Exhibition 1961.** Plans for this event, which will be held at the Guildhall, are being discussed.

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### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

A conference of representatives of Community Associations in Middlesex was held at the Southall Community Centre on Sunday, September 25th, opened by His Worship the Mayor of Southall.

Various aspects in the life of the Community Association were reviewed and discussed, including: Purpose, Development, Education, Youth, the Voluntary Worker, the Individual. Some of the points emphasised were: the problem of C.A.'s without premises; preoccupation with maintenance; our dependence on 'Bingo'; school premises; week-end courses for voluntary workers; the encouragement of more coloured members; Youth should be accepted as full members of the Association, regardless of age; there should be a cosy Common Room; more activities provided for Children out of school hours; also something to attract young married women.

There are 41 Community Centres in Middlesex and over 1,000 Associations in England. Fred Lake.

### CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY

For many years we have been developing our activities for the youth, middle aged and the aged, but have rather neglected the needs of young children.

It is felt that, whilst present day standards are high, there still remains a number of children who may well be termed "needy." In this respect we are thinking of children of improvident parents and children who may not be needy in a material sense yet need to be brought into the local group as an accepted member.

The Association plans to arrange a Christmas Party for a limited number of such children of the Watling Estate and we would appreciate any recommendations you may be able to make. The Party is not intended to be confined to children of members of the Association.

We would appreciate any help you may be able to offer.

Yours sincerely,

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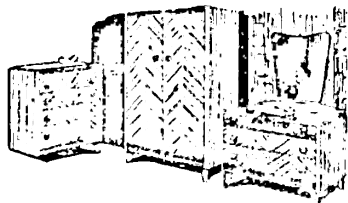
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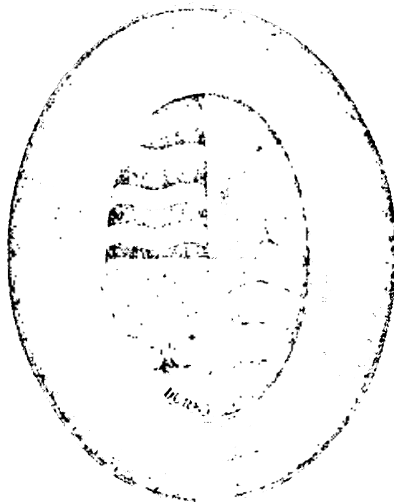


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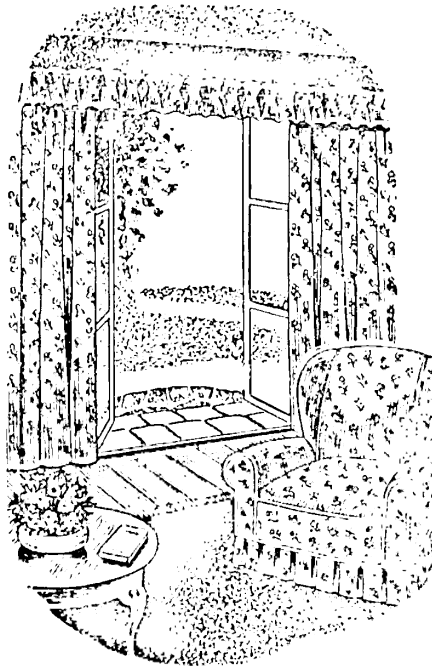
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Because of its size some members tend to ignore the contents of the editorial side of the Resident and so lose something of the needs and aspirations of the Community Association.

We cannot stress too strongly, or too often, the need for local civic pride and the feeling of 'belonging' to a community. Local pride cannot be gained without the acceptance of understanding and responsibility. It demands an active interest in all aspects of community life from the preservation of the trees and shrubs to the protection of the children, from the support of those less fortunate than ourselves to a more positive and living outlook on life.

The Watling Community Association is concerned with better living. It needs your support. What are you going to do about it?

## THE YOUTH OF TODAY

Recently the Community Association opened the Centre on Tuesdays and Fridays for boys between 14 and 16. There has been a steady growth in numbers and the general response of the new members has been good. Although we are managing without a leader it is interesting to note the way in which members have already helped, or planned to help, the Association.

A Trump Indicator Board has been made and wired and two stalls or side shows are being run for the Bazaar. It has even been rumoured that some members will cut wood for the aged of the estate.

Some short while ago the late members of the Youth Club were upset by the rumour (quite unfounded) that the secretary of the Association was going to insist on some form of local neighbourhood service as a condition of membership. Whilst the secretary has a dream of a wide and full co-operation in the service for others it would be unwise to force anyone to undertake such work. Service cannot be bought or forced; it has to be given. We hope our young members—and old members—will become more aware of this need.

## C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

It is now December and we are all thinking of Christmas and how our children and grandchildren will be celebrating their Christmas overseas. I hope all parcels and cards will have been posted. November has been a busy month. A coach load of us had a night out at the Argyle Hall when we attended our Annual Dance. Our main feature was a visit by the Hackney Branch. Two coaches arrived and up went the "House Full" sign, and although it was rather crowded some managed to dance. Later our concert party, "The Canuspa Capers," under the leadership of Mrs. Nyberg, put up a very good show. We were also pleased to see our members who had just returned from seeing their daughters overseas.

More work for our Social Secretary and her committee, as early in December we are having our Annual Dinner and Dance.

We are very sorry to hear that one of our loyal members, Mr. Ellis, is in hospital, and we sincerely hope he will soon recover and be with us again.

We wish all our members here and overseas a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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" Hospital Savings Ascn.  
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### Tuesdays

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2.45 p.m. Dressmaking Class.  
" Townswomen's Guild  
7.0 p.m. Boys' Club. [Drama Gr'p.  
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" A.U.B.T.W. (alt. weeks)  
" Plumbers' Union (alt.wks.)  
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2.0 p.m. Veterans' Club afternoon.  
7.0 p.m. Transport & Gen. Workers' Union (alt. weeks)  
7.30 p.m. Square Dance Club.  
" Members' Club.  
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### Thursdays

2.0 p.m. Townswomen's Guild, alt.wks.  
" " Guild Crafts, "  
2.30 p.m. Whist Drive.  
" Blind Club Choir.  
7.0 p.m. Boys' Club.  
7.30 p.m. Youth Hostel Ascn.  
" Harp Road Cycling Club.  
" Poultry Club (1st & 3rd Thursdays in month)  
" Communist Party  
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### Fridays

2.0 p.m. Veterans, Club Room.  
" Blind Club Handicrafts (alternate weeks).  
7.0 p.m. Motor Cycle Club.  
" Neighbours.  
" Watling Allottees (4th Friday each month).  
8.0 p.m. Whist Drive.  
" Council Meeting (1st Friday in month).  
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### Saturdays

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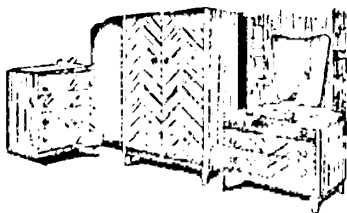
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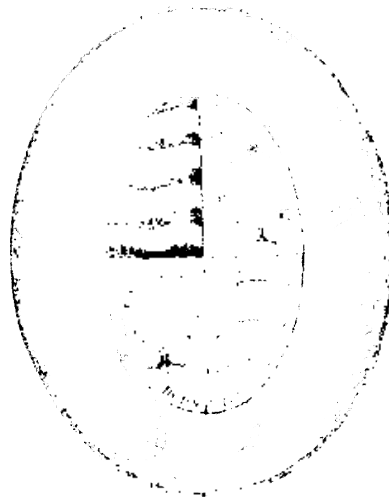


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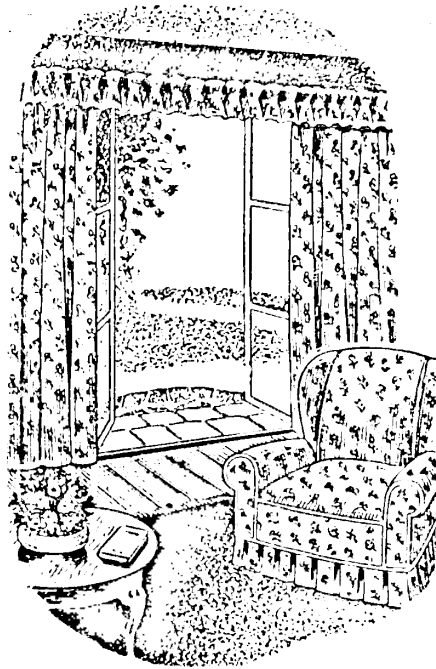
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## VIEWPOINT

It is customary to wish our readers and friends a Happy New Year in the January Resident and we do so once again in all sincerity.

One would wish to have some comments on the past year at this stage, but there has been little opportunity for careful assessment of this work.

Some reflection, and the experience gained during the years, does, however, bring to our minds the continuing need for an active interest in the Community Association and for the goal towards which some of us strive.

We have yet to reach the stage when life is a "piece of cake." Voluntary service is a hard taskmaster unless there are sufficient helpers to ease the many burdens we have to meet. It is not always easy to continually respond to calls upon our time and energy, tranquility of mind and good sense. Increasing pressures tend to produce overcare; loss of temper; and loss of values. We need more helpers for the varied work we attempt to carry out.

Workers in the canteen; stewards in the Centre; helpers in the Youth Club; Membership Collectors; Resident distributors; visitors to the aged and infirm, etc.; are still needed, and we hope the new year will bring about a flood of offers of help.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thanks to the efforts of the Social Committee of the Watling Community Association enough money was raised to provide a Party for 60 local children between 5 and 12 years.

With only one child missing the Party got away with a swing on Saturday, December 17th, with a tea. Cakes, jelly, ice-cream, Christmas crackers, mince pies and lemonade became thoroughly mixed up with the children and the Chairman of the Association (Mr. Fred Lake) must have found it difficult to maintain some semblance of order.

After tea the children were entertained with games and music and, just prior to their departure, the sleigh bells of Santa Claus were heard. With some difficulty Santa Clause squeezed his way through the door and each child was presented with a toy, a bag of fruit and nuts, and a two-shilling-piece.

Mrs. Flo Read played the piano for the party and, just before she left, she was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Shirley Newell, aged 11.

A tape recording was made of the carol singing and this was later played back to the children.

As the party broke up Shirley Newell, who is blind, recorded some piano music.

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

At our A.G.M. held on 7th November, Mrs. Richardson (our Chairman) and Mrs. Lake (Secretary) presented very pleasing reports and thanked all members for their loyalty and willing help during the past year. Both ladies were most sincerely thanked for their tireless work on our behalf and re-elected unanimously. Mrs. Green (Vice-Chairman), who so ably takes the chair once a month, and whenever required; Mrs. Welch, who diligently cares for our finances; and Mrs. Dunhill, who so well provides for our social life; were all heartily thanked and re-elected.

Warmest thanks were expressed to the kind friends who have come to introduce and help with our studies, contributing so much to our better understanding of the various subjects dealt with. Among these, our visitors, are our staunch friends Mr. and Mrs. Vear, Mrs. Mantripp, who so ably conducts her Townswomen's choir of lovely voices, and three magistrates from Hendon Juvenile Court, who have so generously helped with our studies of Children in Trouble, relating their own actual experiences. We feel

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that we are very fortunate in having three ladies of such sympathy and understanding in Mrs. Ashman, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Hinton to deal with and advise upon our children, and we are most grateful to them!

Our thanks are due also to Mr. Richardson, a friend of us all, who for so many years has audited our books and advised and helped us in very many ways.

### FOOTBALL COMPETITION

**Saturday, November 19**—Card Nos. 31 and 548.

**Saturday, November 26**—Card Nos. 202, 1021, 1024 and 1038.

**Saturday, December 3**—Card No. 772.

**Saturday, December 10**—Card No. 155.

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

#### Sundays

a.m. Woodcutting for aged infirm.  
3.0 p.m. Woodcroft Sunday School.

#### Mondays

2.0 p.m. Veterans, Club Room.  
2.30 p.m. Women's Adult School.  
7.30 p.m. Lambretta Club.  
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" Edware Road Club.  
" Dance Band Practice.  
" Hospital Savings Ascn.  
(7-8 p.m. the 4th Monday of each month.

#### Tuesdays

2.0 p.m. Veterans, Club Room.  
2.30 p.m. Blind Club.  
2.45 p.m. Dressmaking Class.  
" Townswomen's Guild  
7.0 p.m. Boys' Club. [Drama Gr'p.  
7.30 p.m. Band Practice.  
" Br. Leg'n Services Com'te.  
" A.U.B.T.W. (alt. weeks)  
" Plumbers' Union (alt.wks.)  
" Watling Guild of Players  
(dramatic group)

#### Wednesdays

2.0 p.m. Veterans' Club afternoon.  
7.0 p.m. Transport & Gen. Workers' Union (alt. weeks)  
7.30 p.m. Square Dance Club.  
" Members' Club.  
" Orchestra.  
" Band Practice.  
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#### Thursdays

2.0 p.m. Townswomen's Guild, alt.wks.  
" " Guild Crafts, "  
2.30 p.m. Whist Drive.  
" Blind Club Choir.  
7.0 p.m. Boys' Club.  
7.30 p.m. Youth Hostel Ascn.  
" Harp Road Cycling Club.  
" Poultry Club (1st & 3rd Thursdays in month)  
" Communist Party  
(2nd Thurs. in month)

#### Fridays

2.0 p.m. Veterans, Club Room.  
" Blind Club Handicrafts  
(alternate weeks).  
7.0 p.m. Motor Cycle Club.  
" Neighbours.  
" Watling Allottees (4th Friday each month).  
8.0 p.m. Whist Drive.  
" Council Meeting (1st Friday in month).  
" Executive Committee (2nd Friday in month).

#### Saturdays

10 a.m. Crest School of Dance.  
3.0 p.m. Healing Service (alt. weeks)  
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Dr. Horwich	Barnsfield Road ...	COL 6306
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