

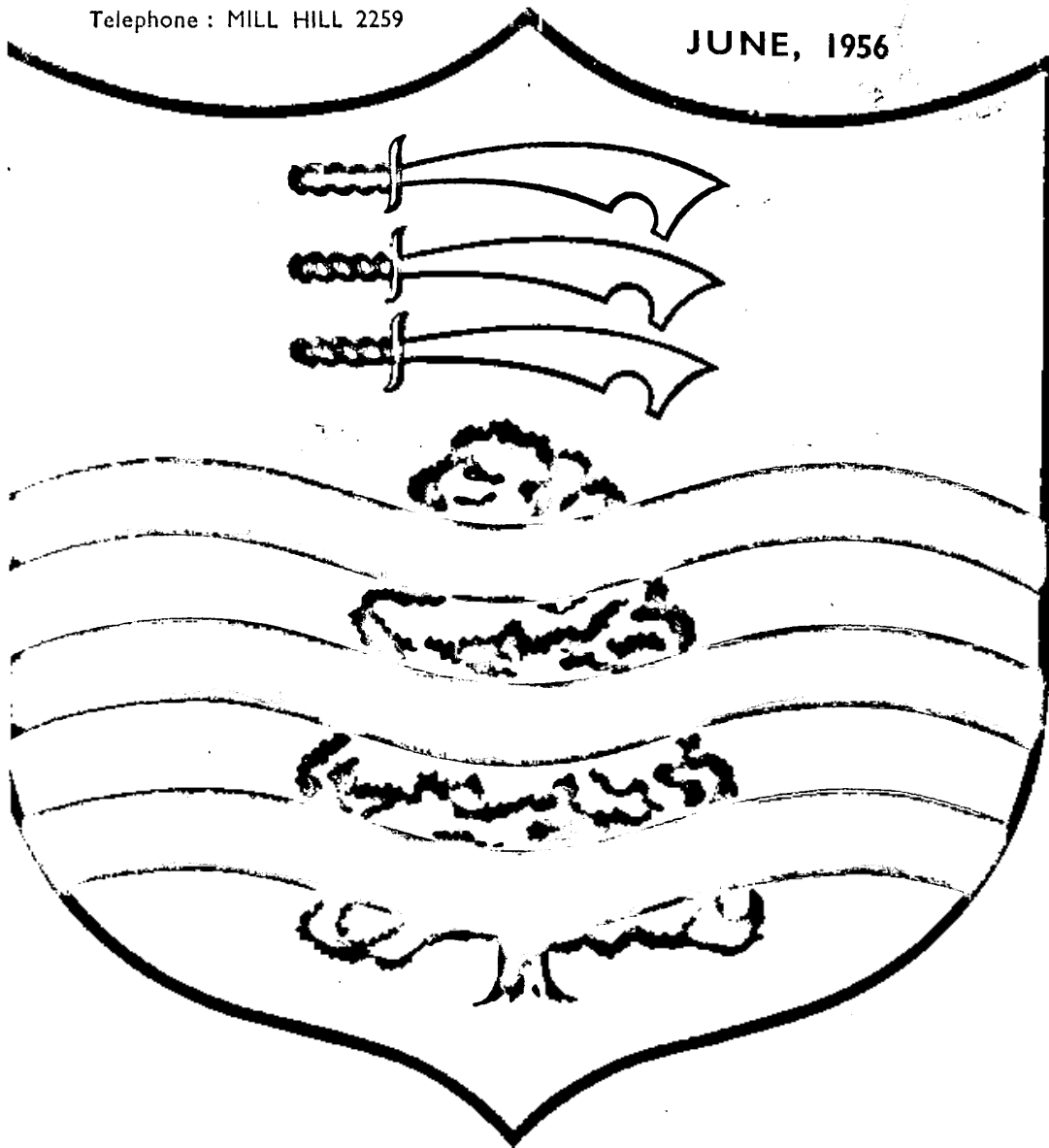
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At the last meeting of the Council of the Association some discussion took place on the 'Any Questions' evening which was held in Wesley Hall. It was felt that many of the questions could have been more clearly answered by the L.C.C. representatives.

As we are only likely to see these representatives at approximately six-monthly periods it was considered some thought should be given to the possible formation of a Tenants' Association. It was thought such an association might be able to deal more directly with the L.C.C. at any definite time.

If any resident or member of the Association is interested in the formation of such an association, please contact the Secretary of the Watling Community Association at the Centre.

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Wednesday, May 2nd marked the 21st anniversary of the Club. The committee went all out to make the day a memorable one, and judging by the smiling faces they seem to have met with success. The only disappointment was the absence, through illness, of Mr. Dick Lodge. The sincere good wishes of all members go out to him for a speedy and complete recovery.

Among those present were Alderman and Mrs. S. Sharpe, Mr. A. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. L. Vear, Mrs. E. Cole (a former organiser of the club), Mrs. A. Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. Waters, and Mr. F. Cole.

The really beautiful cake, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, was cut by the only two remaining founder members of the club—Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Thornborough.

After tea and the speeches which followed, the company entertained one another with songs, accompanied at the piano by Mr. F. Cole. They then settled down to an hour's entertainment by the very versatile Motley Crew.

Our thanks go out to all those people who made this party possible by their hard work and very generous gifts of cakes.

CANTEEN NEWS

Tea. During the heavy increases in tea prices during the past year our charge for tea did not increase. With the increase in milk, sugar and equipment charges it has become necessary for the Council to announce an increase to 3d. per cup as from June 1st.

Opening. Subject to the necessary voluntary workers the Canteen will normally be open between 8 and 10 p.m.

Sweets. In the near future sweets and chocolates will be on sale in the Centre and we are sure this will please all our members.

Helpers. Voluntary helpers urgently needed. Those prepared to receive rebuffs as well as praise please contact the Secretary

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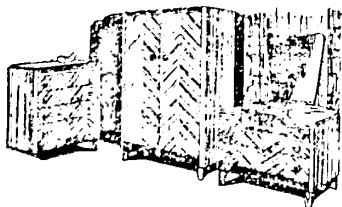
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BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We are very grateful to Mr. Arnold Hall for having come at great inconvenience to himself to give a most helpful introduction to our new handbook and to offer encouragement and help in forming a proposed new Mixed Adult School. Our friend Mr. John Stevens has come to talk on 'Rooted and Grounded in Tradition.' Four Leadership Classes have been very helpfully conducted by Mrs. Jean Anderson, and, as one result of her most impressive talks, some Members are to attend a meeting of our Hendon Borough Council. The Reverend Robson very kindly came again and spoke about 'New Light on Abraham,' and a cookery demonstration has been given by The North Thames Gas Board.

We are grateful to Mrs. Woolhead, our social secretary, who has continued to serve us so faithfully in spite of a broken arm, which we are happy to know is healing nicely.

Our prayers and sympathy go out for Mr. and Mrs. Lodge; Mr. Lodge has been ill for some time. Our friends are greatly missed at the Centre and we look forward to having them with us again soon.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at the Watling Centre; Mrs. E. Knight presided. Mrs. N. Chapman had the honour of being elected Vice-President of Hendon Federation.

Mrs. A. Tricky gave a very interesting talk on her visit to South Africa, illustrating the subject with photographs and with many articles made by the natives. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mrs. E. Knight. Novelty awards were won by Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Stabler.

A Whist Drive was held on May 3rd, a Social afternoon, the proceeds to help towards the delegates' expenses at the Annual Council Meeting. A recent outing to a Biscuit Factory was enjoyed by members. An outing to Felixstowe has been arranged for June. L. C. FRANCIS.

WATLING DRAMA FESTIVAL

This year's Drama Festival will be held in the Community Centre during the week commencing November 5th. All interested Societies are asked to contact the Secretary, Watling Community Association, Orange Hill Road, Edgware.

WATLING WEEK ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 2nd.	SOCIAL WHIST DRIVE, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 3rd.	CHURCH SERVICE, John Keble Church, 6.30 p.m.
Monday, June 4th.	OLD TIME DANCE, 7.30 p.m. 2/-.
Tuesday, June 5th.	SUPRISE ITEM, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6th.	SQUARE DANCE, 7.45 p.m. 1/6.
Thursday, June 7th.	COMBINED SOCIAL, 7.45 p.m. 1/6.
Friday, June 8th.	£5 TOP WHIST DRIVE, 8 p.m. 2/6.
Saturday, June 9th.	SUPPER AND DANCE, 7 p.m. 4/6.

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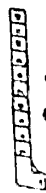
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SPORTING NEWS—No. 1

L.C.C. WATLING ANGLING SOCIETY

Last season we enjoyed a very successful season, having our fortnightly outings to the riverside; some very good catches of various species of fish were had at the venues, and after a very exciting season of competition, Mr. E. Berry emerged champion of the club. Next year the members have vowed to lower his flag so some very keen contests are expected. At the time of writing it is the Fisherman's close season and time to give any necessary first aid to his gear, and of course get the garden spick-and-span.

We open our new season on the 17th June with a trip to Appleford on the River Thames, a very nice spot and good fishing. Onwards from that date we are out at different venues every fortnight, the coach leaving the Centre at 7 o'clock. Wishing you tight lines, brother anglers. M. CHEVALIS.

WHIST DRIVE

Our Friday night Whist Drive is now firmly established and we are enjoying an attendance averaging 15-18 tables. We have still room to expand and are hopeful that before long we will reach our target of 20 tables. Prizes are increased according to the number of tables and I think we can state, without being boastful, that the prizes given at our drives far exceed those given at any other local drive.

Admission costs 2s. 1d. only and this includes three raffle tickets, the odd penny being for a snowball. Make a note that our drive to be held Friday, 8th June, 1956 (Watling Week), will have a guaranteed first prize of £5, but for this drive the entrance fee will be 2/6. W. J. E. TOWNSEND

CHILDREN'S PAINTING CLASS

We wonder how many parents in Watling know about the children's painting class on Friday evenings at 6—7. This class is for children between the ages of 5 to 14. Would your child like to come? If so bring them along, they can paint seriously or just for the enjoyment of it. There's an adult there to look after them. The class is 15 strong now. Why not make it more; only a penny fee and all are welcome.

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WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

Dear Friends,

I am sorry that in this issue no details of the Hendon Drama Festival are available, but this article was submitted in time for this issue and had to be in some two weeks before the above event occurred. The Guild would like to extend their welcome to another new member, Miss Susan Williams, and should any of you have been in attendance on the Friday night of Festival week, you will have seen her for yourselves. Well, curtain down and lights out till the next issue, and I sincerely hope that you will give us your well-known support for our coming ordeal(?).

C. BRUNSDEN.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Social Committee is having difficulty in getting members to support socials, dances, etc. Since we had to stop Bingo we have been passing through a lean period, but steady progress with our Thursday afternoon and Friday evening Whist Drives has now produced more successful drives. We would like to thank Mr. Townsend and his helpers on Fridays and Mesdames Myland and Crowe and their helpers on Thursdays for their efforts. We are pleased to note the popularity of the Annual Outing, which is being organised this year for Bath, Cheddar and Wells. Three 41-seater coaches have been fully booked for this outing. Mystery Trips are also commencing on the last Thursday in each month, the first being on May 31st. For further details concerning these drives please contact Mrs. Myland or Mr. Needham at the Centre. We do hope that all will endeavour to support us in our efforts to raise funds for the Association, and above all to meet people and make friends in the best community spirit.

V. NEEDHAM, *Social Secretary.*

SPORTING NEWS—No. 2

YOUTH CLUB'S NETBALL TEAM

We are very pleased to report on the very successful start of our girl's Netball team. They started the season well by beating John Keeble 17--14 in their first match, and followed up with a 15--10 win over St. Mary's. The third match we have time to report before going to press was a victory over Edgware Youth Club by 16--5. It seems as though they are off to a flying start, and we wish them all the best in their future games.

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WATLING PERSONALITIES No. 1

A. I. JONES

Twenty-five years is a long time to be a President. It is certainly a long time to be President of a body like the Watling Association, which is wide in activity and ever-changing in its place in local affairs.

Yet it does not seem that Mr. A. I. Jones has held the post so long. He still preserves the interest, the breadth of outlook, and the wise counsel, that made him the man for the job back in 1931.

What is it then, which makes his personality one of the most memorable in Watling history? What is it that makes him so universally respected and liked in the district?

It is his genuine love for people and for the things that they do. It is the ordinary members of the Watling community who know Mr. Jones best of all, not only those who sit on the top committees. The motive which still makes him a familiar figure at the counter of his own local shop also prevails in his work for Watling Association.

When he visits the Centre—and that, you may be sure, is as often as he can—he brings with him a friendliness and a greeting for people which bubbles over and which can't be contained.

You can find him taking the chair at the Motor-Cycle Club Dinner, or popping in to see his old friends the Veterans, or keeping the party going at the Watling Week Supper; and some of his unobtrusive work for the Association you may never hear of at all.

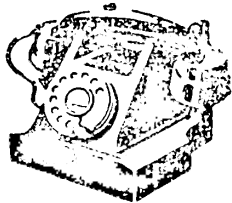
His activity, though not his enthusiasm, for the Association has suffered enforced decline of late through ill-health; and it was a typical gesture of his that he offered his resignation at the last A.G.M. because of his fear of not doing a job properly.

There was never much doubt that his offer would not be accepted, however; Watling is still much too glad to have such a popular and distinguished President.

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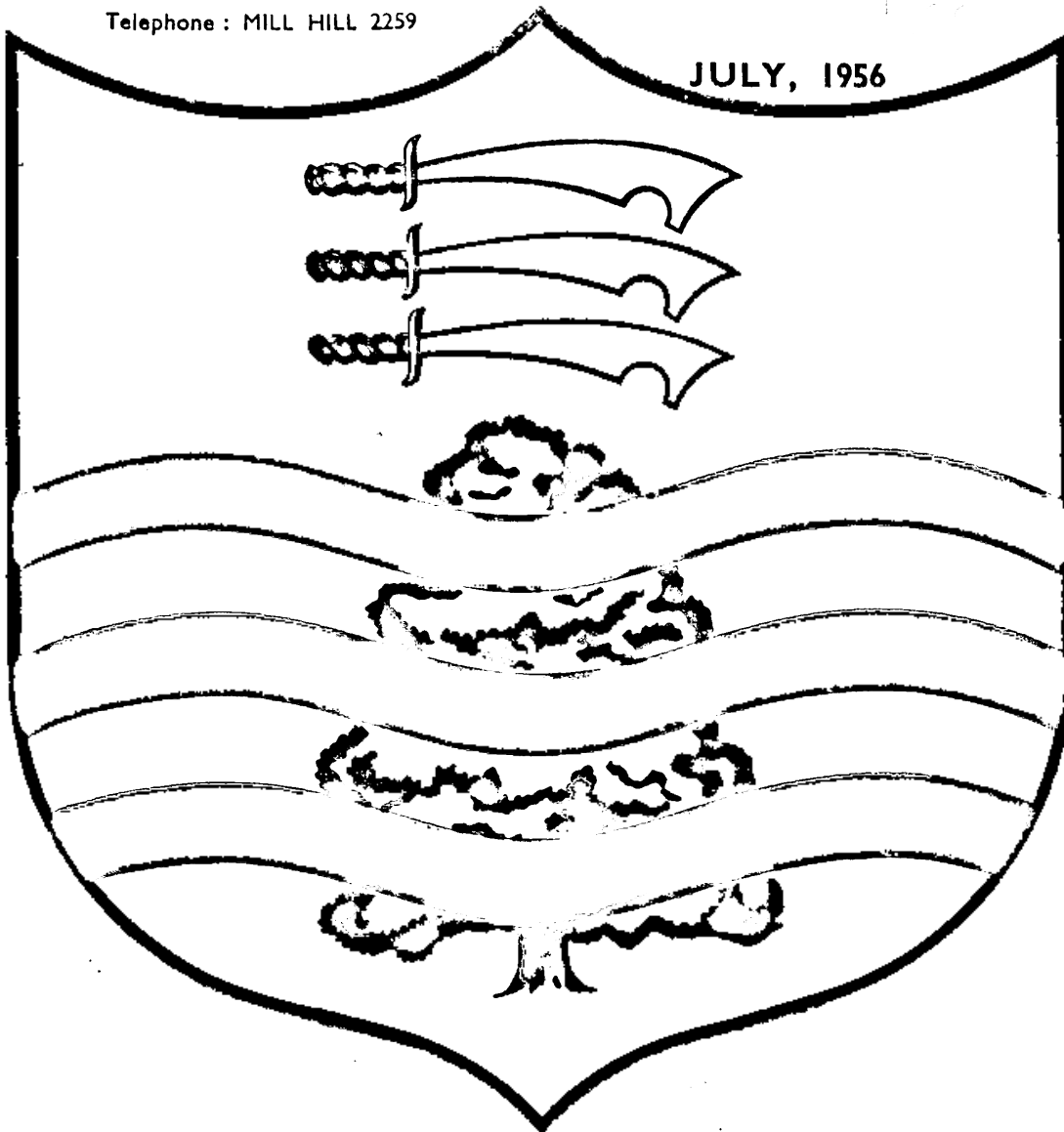
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EDITORIAL

Watling Week has not yet been properly assessed, but it does appear as if it was not quite so successful as past Weeks. Yet the Supper was, in our opinion, one of the most friendly and enjoyable Suppers we have had for some years and we were pleased to listen to the Mayor of Hendon's comments on the need for service to the Community.

As we have said, the Supper was most friendly and did show how much more pleasant life can be when we are working and playing together as a team and not as a group of un-organised individuals. It is pleasant to report that new members and new helpers were obtained at the Supper and we do thank Councillor Chainey, Mayor of Hendon, for the lead he has given us for the future.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

MEMBERSHIP

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

re article entitled 'Membership' in the May *Resident* issue.

As a member of the so-called Ginger Group I have no recollection of any great thing having been promised at the formation of the said group. My opinion being that we can only hope for results.

The success or failure of our efforts must depend primarily on how well the new broom referred to is constructed; and the length of time it lasts, on the quality of the bristles. The contacts I have made to date are for the most part pleased to renew their association with the Centre, so this augurs well.

Yours sincerely, A. W. KNIGHT.

(The Editor entirely agrees with the views of Mr. Knight and can only add that the success of the work being done by Mr. Knight and others depends upon the support given by other members.)

CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Since writing you last our club has been awarded the Cook Cup, which is presented to the branch receiving the most favourable publicity throughout the year; it now has a prominent position on the table at our weekly meetings. We have held three farewell socials to wish bon voyage to three groups—numbering ten in all—who are visiting their dear ones overseas. At one social we presented an electric kettle to our Betty as a wedding present from all our members. One evening we were honoured by a visit from a U.S. citizen who gave us an interesting talk on education in the States. Another evening we had a G.I. with us. All the members extend to Mrs. Foster and family our deepest sympathy in the loss of her husband.

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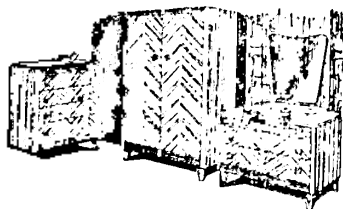
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HARROW WEALD ROAD CLUB

April was a very successful month for the club. On Sunday, 15th April in cold, wintry conditions, D. Lowton won the club's second 25 mile time-trial of the season, returning a time of 1 hr. 5 min. 28 sec. as against 1.8.32 by T. Adams and 1.9.15 by B. Pottle. At Finsbury Park racing circuit on Saturday 21st, P. Vyse sprinted into 3rd place in the 21 mile event. At Finsbury Park on the following Saturday, T. Smith broke away from the main bunch in the 21 mile senior event to finish with an impressive win some 10 yards up on his nearest rival. His team mate D. Lowton came 9th. In the junior event, P. Vyse was placed 4th. His team mates T. Adams and L. Garcia came 7th and 28th respectively. Of the club members who rode the Myriad 25 mile time-trial on Sunday, April 29th, P. Vyse came second returning a time of 1 hr. 6 min. 46 sec.

T. Smith won the club's first May time-trial, returning a time of 1 hr. 3 min. 30 sec. This time was only 23 sec. slower than T. Smith's club record, set up last year. A. LUCAS.

WATLING AND DISTRICT POULTRY CLUB

The above Club held their monthly meeting on Thursday, 17th May, and made final arrangements for their outing to Southsea on the 10th June; it was also decided that the next outing, arranged for 2nd September, should be to Eastbourne.

The monthly Egg Competition was well contested, and Mr. Forbes in judging the exhibits commented on quality; the main winner were:—1st, Mrs. Myland; 2nd, Mr. Day; 3rd, Mr. May.

All Domestic poultry keepers are cordially invited to join the Club and share its benefits. F. H. POTTER, *Hon. Secretary*

WATLING ALLOTTEES' SOCIETY

At the monthly committee meeting of Watling Allottees' Society, held at the Watling Centre, the Chairman, Mr. Bauchard, informed the meeting that the programme was now ready for the printers in regard to the Annual Show on the 25th August at the Watling Centre.

Dealing with vacant plots the question has been asked—what is the Council doing with regard to the neglected sites, rubbish dumped, and damage? With regard to this matter the committee point out that with plots in bad cultivation, new tenants are, by arrangement with the Hendon Council and local secretaries, given ample consideration for clearing the plot before being charged rent on these plots.

The question of rubbish being dumped and damage by children, etc., must surely be approached from a different angle.

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Monthly Report—May

On 1st May two teams competed in the radio parlour game of 'Twenty Questions,' the question master being Mr. E. L. Gofton. A wide variety of objects were used, some causing much amusement. During the afternoon we had a visit from Mr. Johnstone and Miss Seymour of the M.C.C.

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On 8th May we held our Domino Drive which was well attended. Mrs. Tennet was our M.C. and the prizewinners were:—1st, Miss Robertson; 2nd, Mr. Shipman; 3rd, Mr. Alloway.

On the 14th May, by kind invitation of the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild, a number of our members attended the dress rehearsal of the *Little Dutch Girl* and thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Unfortunately Mrs. Spruce was unable to be with us on the 15th but her team of ladies under the direction of Mrs. Harper provided our members with a delightful programme of orchestral music, pianoforte and vocal solos which was much appreciated and enjoyed.

Another successful function was the outing to Windsor on May 22nd. Two coach-loads of members and guides made the trip and amused themselves in cruising down the river, visiting the Castle or relaxing on the promenade. We were fortunate in having a warm and sunny day for our first outing of the season.

Our last meeting of the month was in the form of a Gramophone Quiz with Miss Tolman in the chair. The Gramophone sub-committee organised the programme and provided a good selection of questions from Club and members' records.

THE GUILD OF PLAYERS

Hello to you once again, Stage struck Steven reporting from the wings. As most of you have either read or heard about our Festival performance, we won't dwell too long on the matter. Three-quarters of the way down the list isn't anything to boast about but at least we tried. What most of you have not realised is that Susan Williams was taken ill on the Tuesday prior to our appearance on the Friday night and her place was gallantly filled by Jean Marshall. Our condolences to Susan and our hats raised to Jean. We assure you again, you will see our Susan shortly. Thanks for your support.

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Canteen News.

We welcome the new members to the Canteen rota and hope their voluntary services will be a further help to the Association. The sale of sweets has now commenced and we would remind members that the sale of sweets and cigarettes *does* help the finances of the Association.

Baby Show.

Owing to accommodation difficulties this year's Baby Show has been arranged for Tuesday, September 4th, at 2.30 p.m. Members are asked to make this known. Entry forms can be obtained from the Centre in August.

Watling Shopping Week.

A meeting between members of the Association and a few local traders has resulted in the suggestion that a Shopping Week be held in this area. This suggestion has not yet been fully pursued but we do hope all Watling and Burnt Oak residents will support this week if it is held. The proposed date is early October and it is hoped to organise a Parade on October 6th. If you have any suggestions, please let us have them.

Council News.

The Association is still concerned over matters affecting Watling Residents and among recent problems discussed were the rehousing of the sons and daughters of L.C.C. tenants; check of the electric wiring of the houses; the continued use of some roads by heavy traffic; Deansbrook Road maisonettes. Efforts are being made to make the moving-in of the new tenants of the new maisonettes a happy and smooth one.

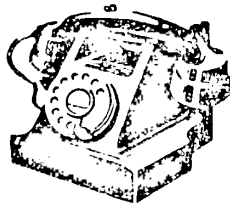
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A company of seventy, including our members with Mr. and Mrs. Vear and friends from other schools, attended our May Morning Breakfast.

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by Mr. Millington and the presence of our old friends contributed to a delightful and happy morning.

Many thanks are due to the ladies of our Social Committee and to all who made this event possible. We are also grateful to Mr. Arnold Hall for having come at great inconvenience to himself to introduce our new handbook and help in forming the proposed mixed Adult School.

Four Leadership Classes, very helpfully conducted by Mrs. Jean Anderson, have been held and as a result some members attended a meeting of our Hendon Borough Council.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Mrs. and Mrs. Lodge. Mr. Lodge has been very ill for some time and has been greatly missed at the Centre and we look forward to having him with us again soon.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at the Watling Centre. Mrs. E. Knight presided. To a large audience, a talk was given by Mrs. Howard Cusworth. The speaker is a member of the speakers staff of the Empire Industries Association: she is a writer, lecturer and traveller; has travelled widely in Canada, South Africa and U.S.A. The talk mainly concerned Canada, and its great provinces, each a little country of its own. Canada took her share of displaced persons after the war; it would welcome more British Stock. It has much unemployment during its seven to eight months of winter weather. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Greenslade, seconded by Mrs. Stabler. Two new members were introduced, and given a warm welcome by the Chairman and members:—Mrs. Haines and Mrs. Temple.

■ Social Afternoon—May 31st. A Fashion Show was presented by Miss Stella Housman, representing British Celanese Ltd.

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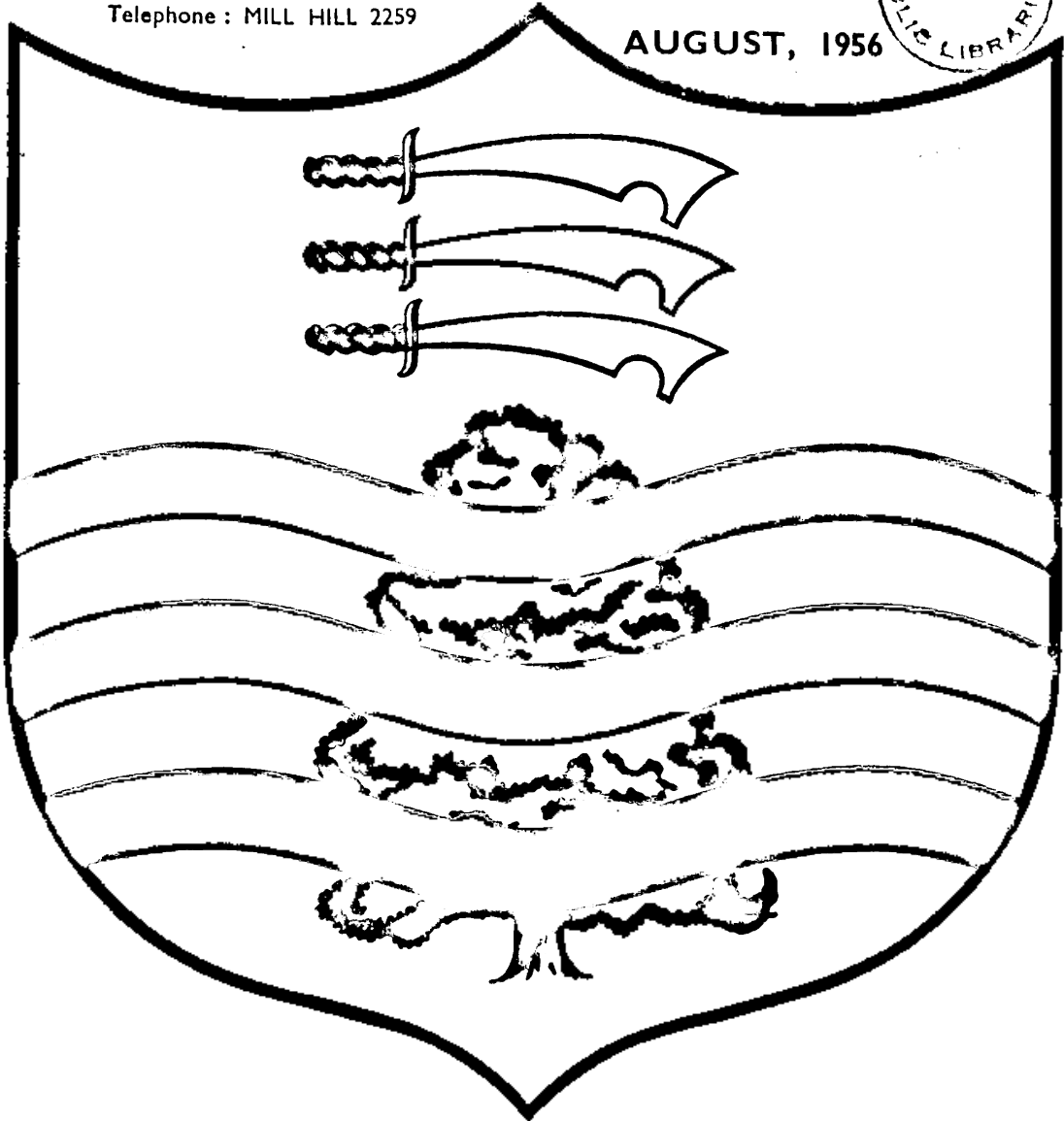
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HOLIDAYS

To those who have been away, we hope they enjoyed their holiday; to those about to go we wish you good weather, jolly companions and a very happy time.

But, whilst you are away please remember those who are at home; remember the Centre and the Association and try to bring back something which can be used at the Christmas Bazaar.

To those who are at home we hope you enjoy the month of August and would remind you that the following activities will not be held until September: Youth Club, Dressmaking, Embroidery, Briscoe School of Dance, Blind Club.

MAY WE REMIND YOU?

The Baby Show is to be held on Tuesday, September 4th in the Community Centre. Application forms have been printed in the *Resident* or forms may be obtained from the Community Centre. Closing date for entry is September 1st.



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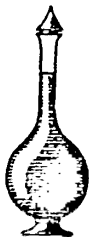
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The Watling Allottees Show will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday, August 25th. There are open classes for non-members of the Society and all are welcomed to enter. Of particular interest to children and parents is the Homecrafts groups. Make enquiries from the Allottees and see that entries are made for the Adult and Children Craft Competitions.

WATLING AND DISTRICT POULTRY CLUB

A very interesting and instructive lecture was given by Mr. D. A. Forbes on the 21st June, the subject of which was the culling of young stock that were not likely to prove good layers and would therefore not be worth keeping.

Owing to the holidays of many of the members the monthly meeting for July did not take place, and the next one will be held on August the 16th.

The monthly Egg Competition did not attract so many entries as usual, due possibly to so many of the usual competitors being away; it was, however, fairly good in quality and quantity considering that most birds are getting near the end of their laying season. Mr. D. A. Forbes was once again the Judge, and awarded the main prizes as under:—1st and 2nd, Mr. Potter; 3rd and Reserve, Mr. May; VHC and HC, Mrs. Myland.

THE EDGWARE & DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

We held our Annual Summer Outing on Tuesday, 19th June, when about 100 members and guides travelled to Brighton in three coaches, organised by the Chairman, Mr. E. L. Gofton.

The coaches started from the *Hendon Times* office at 8.30 a.m. and, picking up members en route, proceeded to the Watling Centre where we met the main party and started on our way to the sea at 9 a.m.

We had a very pleasant run and about 11 a.m. we were able to take refreshments at a country inn. We then proceeded on our way in gay mood having left the cares and bustle of London far behind.



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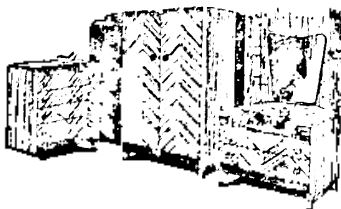
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The Drama Group presented the one-act comedy play *The Mortimer Scandal* by John Knowles. Mrs. E. Knight was producer and the cast was as follows:—Mesdames Gaffney, McKay, Booth, Francis, Chapman, Seddon, and Beare, with Mrs. Burton as prompter. Refreshments were organised by the committee. Games winners were Mrs. Smith and Mr. C. Knight. Novelty awards went to Mr. Titmus, Mrs. Hedges and Mr. Brown. Proceeds in aid of Guild Funds.

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P.S. We have a surplus of very nice young lady members at the moment, how about giving us a handout boys?

CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Something of a change this month to report a homecoming of one of our members, Mrs. Bridgeman, who sailed on the *Queen Elizabeth* to the U.S. on 26th April to visit her daughter and son-in-law and to see her granddaughter for the first time. She had a very pleasant journey to New York in company with a group of G.I. parents; her one and only grumble was the hours kept waiting to

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pass through customs and immigration. She suggests that other members travelling should contact 'Travellers Aid'—a group of people who meet the ship when she docks and will help anyone (particularly if travelling alone) through all the landing formalities without payment. Her daughter's home is in Detroit and here she spent a wonderful holiday, and returned on the *Queen Mary* arriving home on June 26th. A social was arranged as a welcome home to her for July 16th. Our meetings during the holiday season are smaller than usual and we still have eleven members overseas. May I take this opportunity of wishing all friends a happy holiday with perfect weather and saying that a warm welcome is waiting for any new members who come along and join our Branch.

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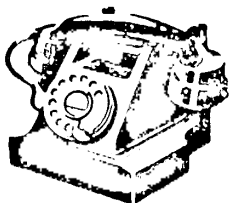
BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We, and all the many friends of Mr. A. I. Jones, are very sorry to know of his son's continued illness. We pray that he will soon be well again and that Mr. Jones himself, the true friend of so many of us here in Watling, will also soon be restored to health. A very happy event in the life of our School was the marriage of Betty Nyberg. Her mother brought wedding photographs and a piece of cake for each of us. Both Betty and Mrs. Nyberg have given us so much pleasure over a good many years and we hope Betty will have all the happiness she so well deserves.

The last of our Leadership classes has been held under the helpful guidance of Mrs. Jean Anderson, and Mrs. Delf Smith has spoken on Diet and Hygiene. The Rev. Patrick Tiggis spoke on the World Food Situation and most of us agreed that if a sufficient number of us were prepared to face the consequences of total disarmament, the human and material resources so released could ensure that large numbers now facing complete or partial starvation could be fed. Two new friends, Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Elliott, gave us two delightful talks, on 'Old Hendon' and the work of the W.V.S. respectively.

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On Saturday, July 7th, representatives of the Watling Community Association attended a Conference at the Abbey Community Association. The Conference had been arranged so that estates such as ours could voice opinions on matters of housing policy and on landlord/tenant matters.

From the discussion which followed the session on policy—at which representatives of Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, and the L.C.C. spoke—it became apparent there was no common policy on housing or on the provision of Community Associations. Added to this the needs of the Out County estates were further jeopardised through the lengthy negotiations which always appeared to take place between the L.C.C. and the County Councils. In matters affecting the welfare of tenants of new estates it is essential for greater speed in negotiations. Delay produces frustrations, which often create many difficulties which would not otherwise have arisen.

The session given to landlord/tenant problems was helpful, although it may not have produced the things we had hoped. We stressed the need for residents to have relatively easy access to the local Superintendents if they wished.

The re-housing of the married sons and daughters was pressed and we learnt: The L.C.C. has approximately 160,000 persons on its Housing List and, owing to the present trend in building, it will only be possible to re-house approximately 800 of this number. Priority has had to be given to those in condemned property and much as we need accommodation we did feel this should have some priority. The housing question has now reached the point where a more reasoned approach at national level should be made. Not only must the new towns and expanded towns be built at a high rate but those in need of homes must be prepared to move out into these areas.

Finally we were assured that the County Council is anxious to do all in their power to help us. Each Out County estate will be the responsibility of a member of the Housing Committee and each estate should see to it that their opinion reaches the L.C.C.

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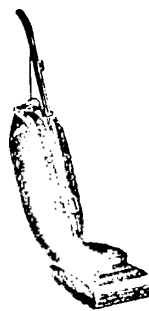
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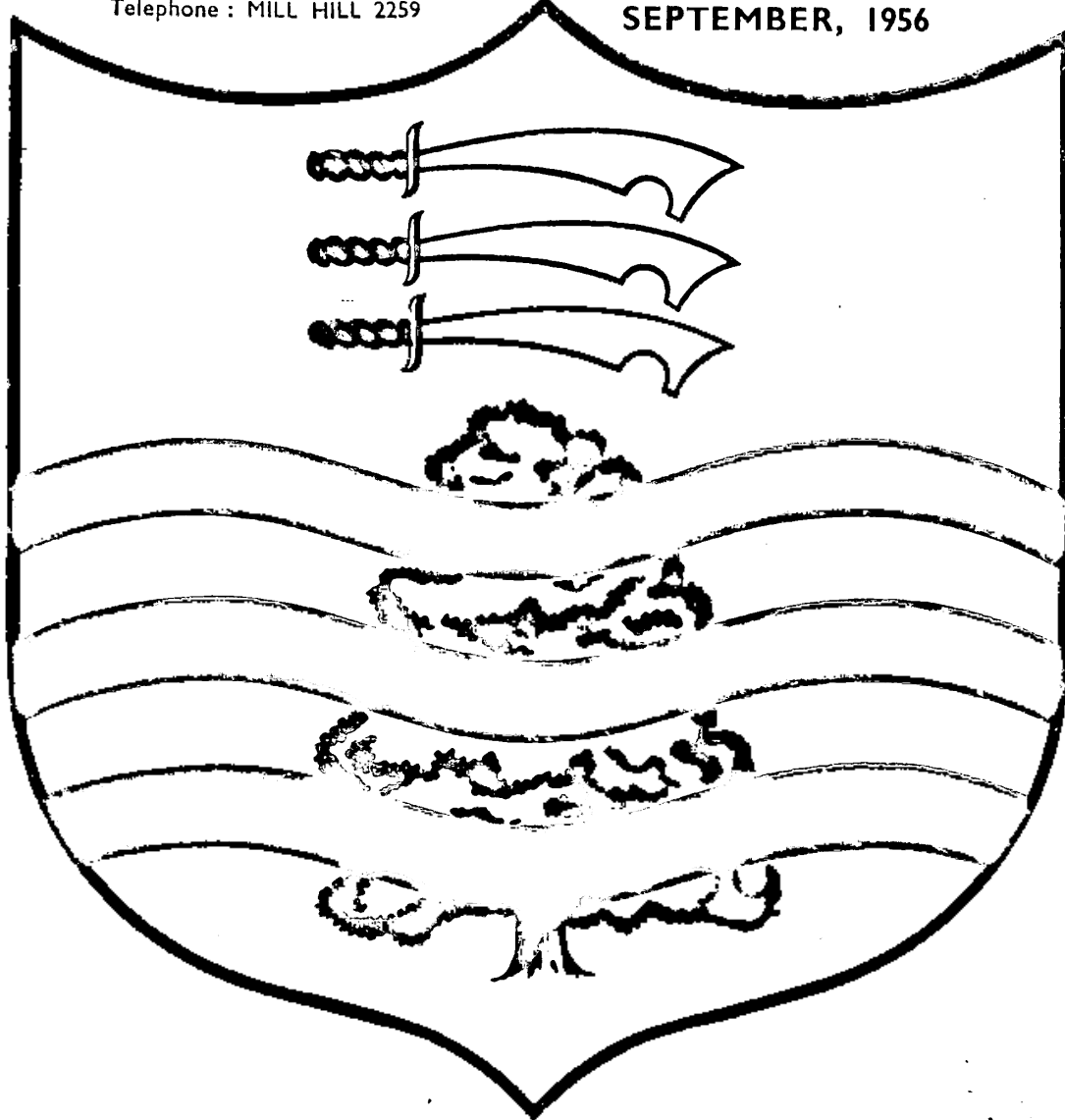
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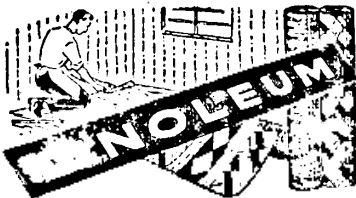
TO A GREAT FRIEND

Dick Lodge, after a long illness, passed away on the 30th July. He was in his 25th year of service to the Watling Community Association.

There is not much more that we can add to what the local newspapers have already written in a wonderful tribute to him. The help and advice he willingly gave us will be sadly missed.

In his 25 years at the Centre he made countless friends, and he became the moving spirit behind many activities. With the help of his good wife he helped to found the Veterans Club, which to this day has been one of the most successful of our Groups. The Mens Club, Boxing Club, Welfare Committee, were just a few of the many activities in which his advice was most welcome and helpful.

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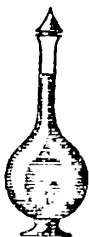
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To The Editor.
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Dear Sir,

I would like to express my appreciation, through the *Resident*, for the wonderful tribute paid to my dear husband.

I am very grateful to you all, who held him in high esteem throughout his long period of service to the Watling Community Association.

I should also like to thank those good people for the wonderful floral tributes and telegrams of sympathy. I cannot thank you all individually, but I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you one and all through the medium of this magazine.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. LODGE.

FROM THE VETERANS CLUB

The passing of Mr. Lodge, lovingly known as Dick by all the members of the Veterans Club leaves a big gap in their activities which it will be very hard to fill, for with Mrs. Lodge he was always ready to put himself out on their behalf and the Club's success depended largely on him. To Mrs. Lodge and her family all the Veterans extend their deepest sympathy and hope they will get some small comfort when they say 'thank you Dick for all you did for us.'



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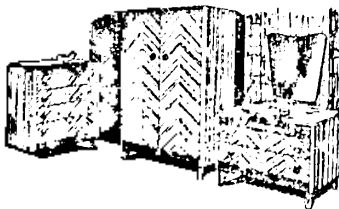
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CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

July 16th was Festival Night for us for we had a double celebration. One reason was to welcome back Mrs. Bridgeman from America, where she had been visiting her daughter, and the second to celebrate the birthday of Miss H. Jones. This honorary member has worked so hard for us for so long that the Club made her a presentation of two pairs of nylon stockings, but what pleased her and us most, was the serenade she received from the group of German boys who were our guests for the evening. They also sang a charming song of welcome to Mrs. Bridgeman. Joining in all the fun, they danced the Hokey Cokey with great zest and we were all sorry when it was 'Time to say Goodnight.' The great surprise of the evening though, was the revelation of the latent talent among our members when our Chairman, Mr. Davies, reciprocated by singing to our German guests in their own tongue.

Although many of our members are in Canada and the U.S.A. and at various holiday resorts, the 'old faithfuls' turn up regularly and make Monday evenings well worth while.

ADA BROMIGE, *Hon. Secretary.*

EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

On 3rd July we started this month with our very popular Domino Drive which was well attended, with Mrs. Tennet as our M.C. The prizes were distributed in two halves, the winners being 1, Mr. Ramsey; 2, Mrs. Ellison; 3, Mrs. Williams; and 4, Miss Wellington; 5, Mr. Alloway; 6, Mrs. Saunders.

On the 10th we were delightfully entertained by the Edgware Townswomen's Guild who gave us a very amusing play of country life followed by the Choir with songs of the country. In fact the whole entertainment was based on the country and took members on a magic carpet far from city life. This was much appreciated and enjoyed by us all and will be remembered for some time to come.

On the 17th we held a Party in the Community Centre by the generosity of Mrs Rowley. This was a great success. The afternoon started with community singing followed by games organised by Miss White. Then we sat down to a sumptuous tea which was followed by dancing with Mr. Gofton as M.C. Ice-cream, chocolates and cigarettes were handed round during the dancing. The party ended about 6 p.m. with the singing of 'Auld lang syne.'

On the 24th we had a very interesting and amusing talk by Mr. Newberry of the *Hendon and Finchley Times*. He told us some very good stories and his own experiences from a reporter's point of view. He answered many questions which were much enjoyed and appreciated.

We ended the month on the 31st with a Domino Drive which was not so well attended owing to holidays; however, it was quite a success. Mrs. Tennet again was the M.C., the prize winners being 1, Miss Robertson; 2, Mr. Damen; 3, Mrs. Dilley; 4, Mrs. Griffin; and 5, Mrs. Shipman. During the afternoon we held a competition which was won by Mrs. Hickman; 2, Mrs. Gilbert.

We regret to report the death this month of Mrs. Mallick and Mrs. Schofield.

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Having been chosen as your delegate to the Joint Conference of the National Council of Social Service and the National Federation of Community Associations held at Nottingham University I duly arrived at 8.30 p.m. at this beautiful place of learning on the Friday evening where we were welcomed by Mabel Tylecote, B.A., PH.D., Chairman N.F.C.A.

The 11th A.G.M. of the National Federation of Community Associations opened next morning at 9.30 and went on till lunch time.

Matters arising included: Publicity and publications, Visits from students from European countries who come to study community problems on new housing estates, Rating problems in community associations, Phonographic performances, Our charitable status, Recruitment and training of wardens.

Amongst the business discussed, was the election of Lady C. R. Morris, O.B.E. as President of the Federation.

Various amendments to the Constitution were made and other resolutions passed. One resolution urging the Government to spend money on a comprehensive advertising scheme in order to inform the public of the potential educational value of the Community Centre Movement was lost.

Another resolution, protesting against the proposal by the Ministry of Education to raise class fees in Community Centres, was carried.

After lunch, there was a Council Meeting and some of us had an hour or two off, so we were able to have a look round the Town.

At 5 o'clock there was a Civic Welcome to the Conference by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham and this was followed by a talk on 'The Growth of Communities' by Professor Banks, Head of Department of Human Ecology, University of Cambridge.

We finished the evening visiting various Community Associations in the neighbourhood.

On Sunday morning after an Interdenominational Church Service, there was a session of talks, by (1) the Director of the Nuffield Foundation on 'A Service of Advice for the Citizen,' (2) the Organising Secretary, Yorkshire Association for the Care of Cripples on 'The Community and the Physically Handicapped,' and (3) the Director, Community Service Council for Durham County on 'The Abiding Task of the Good Neighbour.'

Then there was a general free-for-all discussion which brought out many interesting and thought-provoking points of view.

Besides our own Secretary from Watling there were also present Mr. Molloy and Mr. Sewell Harsh, two past Secretaries of the Watling Association.

A most interesting week-end, meeting all kinds of people from Community Associations and Social Services from all over the Country.

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BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at the Watling Centre and there was a good attendance. Mrs. N. Chapman (*Vice-Chairman*) presided in the absence of Mrs. E. Knight, and an interesting talk was given by Miss Elsie V. Taylor entitled 'These foolish things.' The speaker lost her sight in 1945 and in the process of reconstructing her life she learnt that people are so busy looking for the big things, that they lose the lovely little things in life. She recounted many amusing--and some sad--anecdotes, and was warmly thanked by Mrs. L. Smith seconded by Mrs. A. Filby. A competition was won by Mrs. Haigh and Mrs. Snell. The recent outing to Felixstowe was enjoyed by members though the weather was not as good as usual. A visit to Brighton was arranged for August 28th. Members were very interested at a recent visit to the 'Ovaltine' Farm at Abbots Langley.

Social afternoon 28th June, Mrs. Greenslade entertained with 'The Music Man' a humorous monologue was given by Mrs. M. Dimon. Pianist for dancing, Mrs. Adams and members joined in a 'Sing, Say or Pay,' interlude.

July 26th was a social afternoon when a demonstration was given by the courtesy of Singers Sewing Machine, Co., under the direction of Mrs. Vise, and his two lady assistants, Miss Hewers and Miss Francis who demonstrated the many and varied attachments for binding, buttonholes, darning linen, fancy stitching, etc. Many samples were on view, and at the conclusion of this interesting demonstration, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. E. Knight and Mrs. Greenslade. A raffle was won by Mesdames Stabler, Eagle, and Rowley.

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We are very sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Lodge. Both he and his Wife have been our friends for a very long time and we will miss Mr. Lodge and the loving service he has rendered to us all. We pray that Mrs. Lodge and their children will be comforted and encouraged by the care and sympathy of the many friends they have made during the long years they have been with us.

Three most interesting lectures have been given to our School by Miss Henriques. The first two were on G. B. Shaw and his play *Androcles and the Lion*. Miss Henriques made G. B. Shaw live for us and we feel we know him as never before and wish now to read and hear more of his works. Likewise with the play; the characters were brought to life before us, so that we have enjoyed every minute of these lectures. Those of us who missed all or part have missed a treat. The third lecture was on *Red Roses for Me*, a play by Shaw O'Casey. Difficult to understand wholly at first presentation, but so beautifully delivered that many of us will now read the book and others of the author. We are most grateful to Miss Henriques.

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HARROW WEALD ROAD CLUB

In winning the Club's 25 mile time-trial on Sunday, June 10th, T. Smith set up a new club record of 1 hr. 2 min. 5 sec. T. Adams was second, returning 1.3.25; and his brother, J. Adams, who is in the R.A.F. was third 1.3.45; G. Eyles was fourth returning 1.4.5.

On July 1st the Club won the interclub 25 mile team time-trial organized by the Edgware R.C. The trial, held on a course north of Hunton Bridge, was between the Edgware R.C., the Harrow Weald R.C., the Hendon R.C. and the Willesden R.C. Harrow Weald's winning team was T. Smith 1st, 1.1.7; P. Vyse 3rd, 1.2.28; T. Adams 7th, 1.2.51. This gave a total time of 3.6.26, 1 min. 7 sec. faster than the Edgware R.C. team. For this performance the club will hold the Basing Trophy for one year. With a handicap of 9½ min., R. Wilding won the first handicap, returning a time of 1.4.18, giving a handicap time of 55 min. 3 sec.

The club's 50 mile time-trial record was broken on Sunday, July 8th, when T. Smith returned 2.8.32. This was 6 min. 55 sec. too fast for T. Adams 2.15.27. B. Pottle was third returning 2.21.13. A. LUCAS, *Hon. Secretary*.

WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

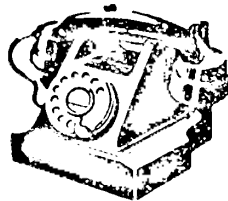
The Annual Meeting of the Watling Guild of Players was held on June 18th. Chairman was Louis Jones; Secretary, Gordon Heaphy; representative to the Watling Council, Bill Firth; delegates to the Hendon Drama Federation, Wilf Watters and Gordon Heaphy. At the moment the Guild members are reading one-act plays in preparation for the Autumn Drama Festival. All new members are welcome so please come along on Tuesday evenings. The Guild extends its best wishes to Cliff Brundsen who has temporarily left the Guild for his new home and life. G. HEAPHY.

Photography. We hear vaguely of people who may be interested in a photography group, but nothing concrete has emerged. If you want to join or form a group, please make this known to the Secretary or Mr. Firth.

Hendon Old Peoples Welfare Committee. A Flag Day—sponsored by the Mayor of Hendon—is being held on Saturday, September 8th. Sellers are urgently needed. Volunteers please report to the Secretary, Watling Association, at the Centre, or to the Organiser for the Burnt Oak Area, Alderman S. E. Sharpe, 8 Maxwellton Close, N.W.7. Telephone MIL 1376.

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Through the medium of this magazine I hope to bring to your notice the various activities which the Social Committee intend to sponsor in the near future.

Firstly, I would like to remind you of the Social to be held at the Centre on Saturday, 8th September at 8 o'clock. This is going to be a bumper night with an assortment of Modern and Old-Tyme Dancing and also a variety of games, and for this occasion your M.C. will be Mrs. Nyberg.

As a lot of our members were probably already aware, we did plan to organize a trip to Blackpool for the lights; unfortunately the response for this was not as heavy as we thought and so instead of the venue being Blackpool, it will now be Southend. The list for seats is now open, so let us have your names as quickly as possible please.

Finally, here is a news item for those of you who cannot dance. Commencing on Saturday, 6th October at 6.30 p.m., we are holding a weekly Ballroom Dancing Class under the instruction of Mr. and Mrs. Mumford, and the cost of this will be 2/-.

Well friends, that is all the news I have for you this month so until our October issue, AL.
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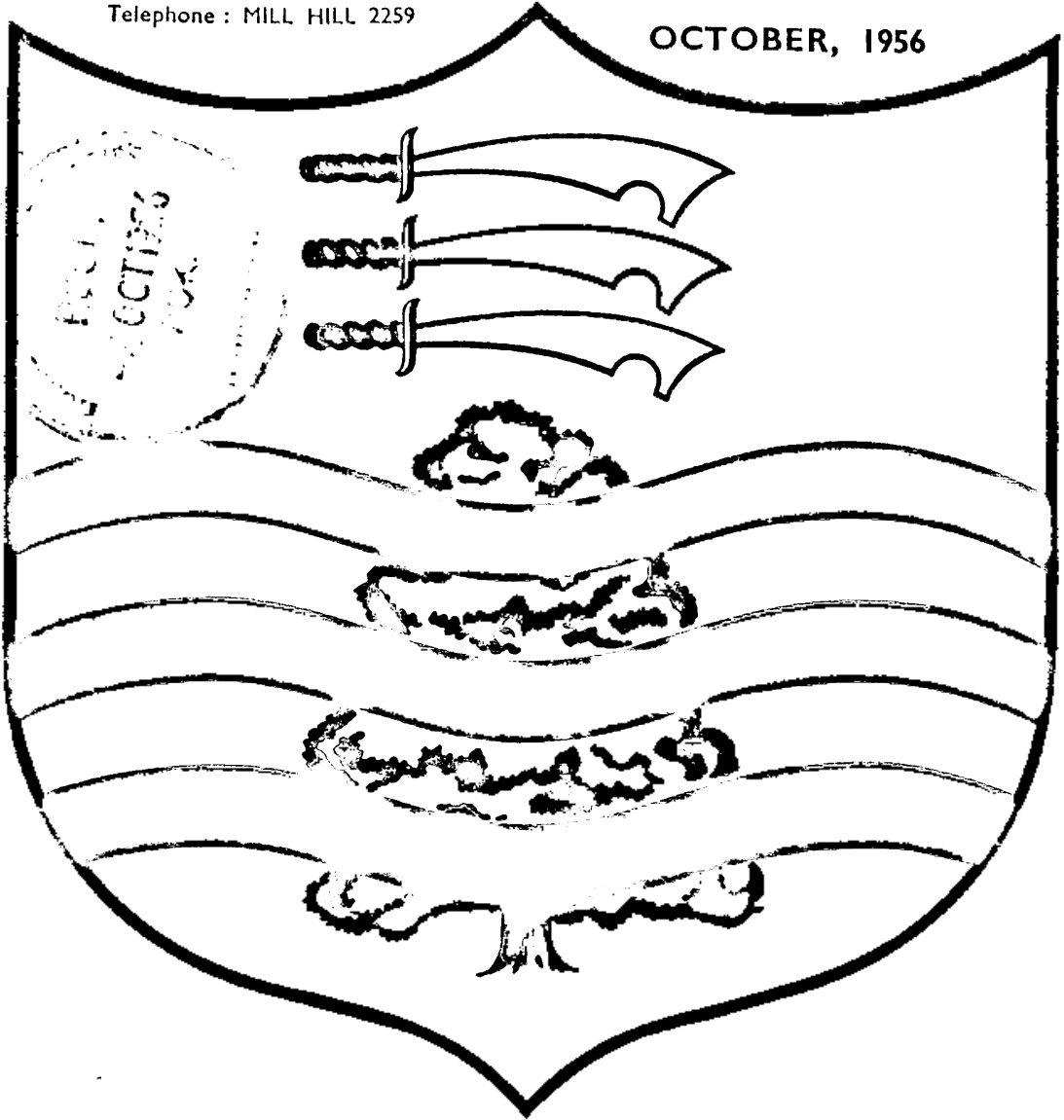
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For example, day in and day out we are approached for Poor Man's Lawyer Service (over 800 in the past year); personal distress and advice; we provide free accommodation to the Blind Club, Veterans Club, Welfare Committee, British Legion Services Committee and the Faith Healing Service.

Unfortunately, most of those coming to us are under the impression—as are so many others—that these services are paid for by the Borough Council, but they are not. They are provided through the unselfish service of those helping in our work and through constant dis-regard to the finances and needs of the Association. In our determination to carry out and extend the real work of the Association we have drawn upon our reserves to such a extent that our building has suffered and the necessary extension of our work has been hampered through a serious lack of accommodation.



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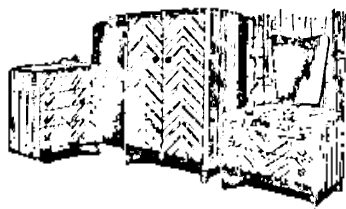
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The annual outing for local old folk is now being planned. It is hoped to arrange a visit to a pantomime and that those given first opportunity to go will be those who do not belong to clubs. We feel that those already in clubs do enjoy certain arranged activities together and that those who, through no fault of their own, are not in clubs need an outing just as much. Please let us have the names of local persons over 65 who do not belong to clubs.

Membership. Have you paid a membership fee to the Association? Have you ever thought how the Association manages to carry on? We invite you to take an interest in your Association and to pay a yearly or monthly membership fee. (6/- a year or 6d. per month.)

To Help Others. Recently we have been encouraged with the help given by some of our young members of the Square Dance Club in clearing an Old Age Pensioner's garden. We would welcome more help of this sort.

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Yes, they were the 'Good old days' alright, when we would have a few dances, a few games, and perhaps a little bit of a cabaret, and then depart home contented with the thought that we had met a few new faces, and made a few more friends.

Well, after this recession that has taken place we're going to 'have a go' and see if we can't recapture those happy times, and on Saturday, 15th September, we're starting off with a Whist Drive and a Social.

So really there is no excuse, if you can't play whist come along and dance, and if you can't dance come along and play whist, and if you can't do either, well, we will always be willing to teach you. I'll be seeing you, AL.

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In response to a request from the Association for us to run an activity to raise money for The Extension Fund, our committee decided to run what is hoped to be the biggest square dance yet to be held in North London. Besides our own club caller Harry Edney, we shall also be entertaining the great American caller Cal Golden 'The Kid from Arkansas'. We shall be dancing throughout the evening to the music of the Woodberry Down Square Dance Band.

The club meets every Wednesday in the Community Centre to the calling of Harry Edney and several promising amateur callers among the club members. The evening begins at 7.54 p.m. and goes on until roughly 10.30 p.m.

Anyone who has never done American square dancing and would like to try it will be welcomed in the club any Wednesday they wish to come along. If you have never done square dancing before be sure to come up early so that we can teach you a few basic steps before the evening begins, and thus enable you to enjoy the evening a lot more.

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During the months September, October and November, several of our absent members are returning from holidays spent with their own folk in Canada and the U.S. and all others will have finished their holidays; so once again our meetings will be fully attended and the friendly gatherings we so much enjoy there will be evenings when our members will be telling us of their experiences overseas; a big homecoming social is being planned—this we hope will be an evening to be remembered, especially by our new members; and if dear readers, on passing the Centre one of these Monday evenings you should hear much frivolity, remember that the G.I. parents are together again. We meet every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Centre and are waiting to welcome new members no matter where in the world our daughters are living, just so long as they are overseas. You are eligible to become a member. Membership is open to both Mums and Dads.

A. TRICKEY.

Photography. Some members have expressed the desire to form a Photographic Club and they are anxious to meet others who would be interested. Enquire at the Community Centre for further information.

Old Time Dance. On Monday evenings our Old Time Dance group meets in the Hall. New dances are taught almost each week and we would invite all past, present and new friends to come along on Mondays at 7.45 p.m.

BABY SHOW

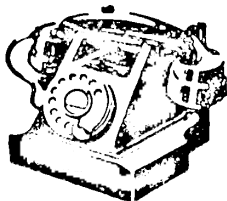
This year's Show was again a great success. The winners of the three classes for Watling Estate Babies were:—

A.—Gwendoline Phippin. B.—Christopher Lee. C.—Susan Palmer.

Our thanks are due to the doctors (Drs. Waxman and Cohen) who judged the Show; British Red Cross Nurses; Mrs. Lilian Read who donated a wonderful prize and also presented the prizes to the winners. Other prize donors, to whom we express our sincere thanks, were:—Mr. and Mrs. N. Lewis; Stanley J. Lee; Messrs. Deansbrook Cleaners & Drapers; London Co-operative Society; Angus Keen; Messrs. Woolworths; Messrs. Boots; Johnson & Johnson; Cow and Gate Ltd.; Bengers; A. Wander Ltd.; Thomas Hedley Ltd.; Farley's Rusks; Libby, McNeill and Libby; Keen, Robinson.

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Guild of Players, 8 p.m.

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Harrow Weald Road Club, 7.30 p.m.

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Wednesdays.

Veterans Club, 2.30 p.m.

T.G.W. (alternate weeks), 7 p.m.

Men's Club, 7.30 p.m.

Weightlifters, 8 p.m.

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Thursdays.

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Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.

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N.C.U., 7.30 p.m.

Y.H.A., 8 p.m.

Poultry Club (1st, 3rd Thurs.), 8 p.m.

N.A.O.P. (4th Thursdays), 7.30 p.m.

Communist Party (2nd Thurs.), 7.30.

Poor Man's Lawyer, 7 p.m.*

Fridays.

Veterans, 2 p.m.

Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.

Juvenile Painting Class, 6 p.m.

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Council Meeting (1st Friday), 8 p.m.

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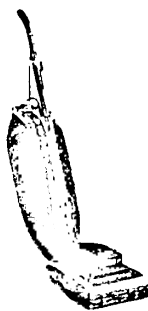
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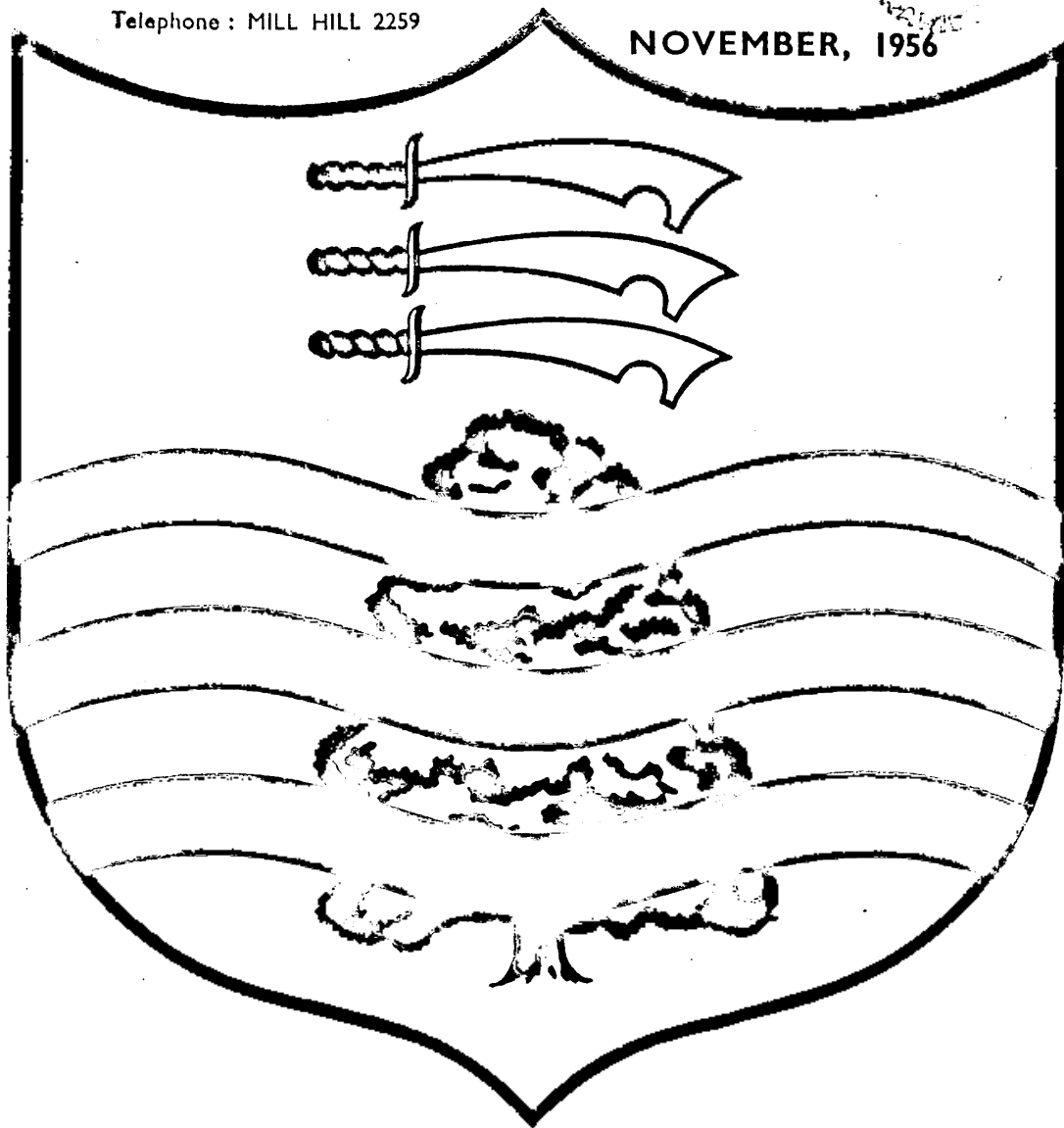
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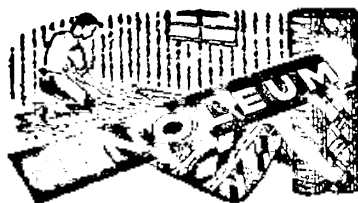
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VIEWPOINT

During November we welcome to the Community Centre those Drama Societies who are supporting our own Drama Festival. From the early days of Ben Littler's Festival, when the Beethoven Street Players (where are they now?) won the Cup, to the present time our Festival has been one of the worthwhile activities within the Community Centre. It provides the opportunity for a few of us to see a wide variety of plays and also helps us introduce 'living theatre'. All too frequently are we satisfied to sit at home to watch and listen. We might well follow the lead of these 'too few' players and come out more and take part in our own activities. Let us use the Festival as a starting point. Let us develop and enjoy friendly activities within the Centre and may they be as friendly and as enjoyable as our Festivals.



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by FRED LAKE

The area Conference was held at Cambridge House, Camberwell Road and the representatives from Watling were Mr. A. Wills (Vice-Chairman), Mr. and Mrs. Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Filby. There was a formal welcome to the Conference by Mr. Reed, Chairman of Cambridge House, and then the roll call which revealed that there were over 100 present. The first speaker was Miss I. Booker, who gave an excellent and pleasing outline of Community Centre development in Ontario, Canada, illustrating her talk with signs and symbols on a blackboard in a novel and interesting way. We then adjourned for an appetising lunch prepared by Cambridge House kitchen staff. The afternoon session commenced with a talk introduced by Mr. P. H. K. Kuenstler, Research Fellow of University of Bristol, 'Surveying the Needs of the Neighbourhood'. This was such an informative talk that it was felt that it was worth producing for circulation amongst Community Associations, which will be done in due course. Then followed an Open Forum in which some of the things suggested and discussed were a Proposal that the B.B.C. be asked to debate the threat to leisure, Rates and Rents of Community Associations, and Various Problems with which we are all concerned including a suggestion that in each district there should be a central source for obtaining information on Social Services.

An election to fill vacancies on the N.F.C.A. Council was then held. Some information gleaned from the meeting which may be of interest is the fact that anyone from Watling may obtain a bursary at Fircroft College to study Community Association work. Names required. There will also be a Community Association night at the Circus during the Christmas season, to which all are invited at reduced prices. There was a record attendance at the Conference and visitors included social workers from Canada, India, Ceylon, China, S. Africa, and Persia.



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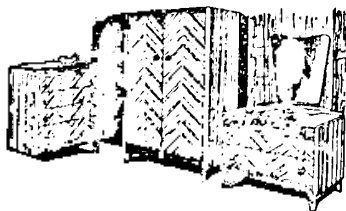
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The next Area Conference will be held at Harlow in the spring when we shall be the guests of Mr. Sewell Harris.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Recent activities of the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild have included an Open Meeting in August and the presentation of the *Mortimer Story* by the Drama Group, producer, Mrs. E. Knight; also, on 28th August, a party of members went by coach for a day's outing to Brighton—the weather was glorious.

September 5th members visited a well-known food manufacturing firm and saw a demonstration in experimental kitchens.

October 4th an interesting talk was given by the courtesy of Mr. Watts, representing the Leather Publicity Council, on 'Shoes Ancient and Modern,' illustrated by a film. The film showed various types of cattle and reptiles whose skins were used in the manufacture of shoes; the processes of tanning leather, oiling and drying at controlled temperatures, and the constant research which is carried out for flexibility and wearability. After some discussion, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. O'Hara, seconded by Mrs. Greenslade. Shoes were on view for inspection.

Federation report, given by Mrs. Hunt, included date of Arts and Crafts Exhibition in 1957.

Handicraft. Mrs. Venn, reported on her visit to Handicraft School held at St. Pancras Town Hall.

Blackpool Conference. Mrs. N. Chapman reported on resolutions that were passed and the appreciation accorded Mrs. Morgan on her decision to resign as Vice-Chairman of the National Union. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Chapman was proposed by Mrs. Dunn. The Raffle was won by Mrs. Riseborough and Mrs. Davis.

L. C. FRANCIS.

WATLING AND DISTRICT POULTRY CLUB

The above Club held their usual monthly meeting on the 20th September and had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. D. A. Clarke, of 305 Deansbrook Road, as a new member, a pleasure that is much too rare these days, and the Club would be pleased to hear of any poultry-keepers who are interested.

Mr. R. J. Williams gave a very interesting talk on the Egg Marketing Scheme, and Ailments of Poultry, and answered numerous questions raised by members before he judged the Monthly Egg Competition which resulted as follows: 1st Mr. May, 2nd Mr. Myland, 3rd W. Potter, Reserve Mrs. Myland, V.H.C. Mr. Potter.

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Since writing in last month's issue of the *Resident* our club has had the pleasure of welcoming home three of our members who have returned after visiting overseas, four more are due back within the next week and we look forward to spending many happy evenings listening to the reports of their experiences. Now that the holiday season is ended and the dark evenings are with us again we are reverting to our social evenings every third Monday of the month; these are most enjoyable functions. Just now our Secretary, Mrs. Bromige, is busy organising the packing and sending off the presents we have chosen for our daughters; this year it is a brass door-knocker with a replica of the Mayflower depicted on it. We are all certain these will bring much pleasure to our girls. There are also the Christmas cards to choose and to send; and our stall at the Bazaar to provide for and organise. Why not come along dear readers of daughters overseas to swell our numbers—you will be so welcome.

A. TRICKEY.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mrs. Vear has spoken to us on Voluntary Service. Both she and Mr. Vear devote almost the whole of their time to the welfare of their fellows so that Mrs. Vear spoke with authority and had much to say that was most helpful to us all, encouraging us to discuss with her as she proceeded. Mr. Vear on another occasion followed with a description of the National Council of Community Associations Conference. We are much indebted to both of them who so often come to speak to us.

Mrs. Moutel, our Secretary, gave an excellent talk on Free Time, which we afterwards discussed together.

Mrs. Elliott, W.V.S. Organiser, brought her concert party, giving us a splendid entertainment and her ladies on another afternoon performed a comedy she had written.

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Mr. John Stevens, who has recently returned from a visit to America, told us of his experiences, illustrating his talk with many interesting photographs. We are indeed grateful to him as he came at a time when he was just recovering from illness and we hope he will be very soon quite well again.

Our outing on 27th August was a jolly affair in spite of much rain. Congratulations to our Social Secretary, Mrs. Woolhead, on her successful organising of this, and other outings, theatre visits and happy social events during the year.

EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

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Our first meeting after the summer recess was held on September 4th in the form of a day's coach outing organised by the Chairman, Mr. E. L. Gofton, assisted by Miss White the Hon. Secretary. Two coaches with 64 blind folk and guides proceeded to Clacton-on-Sea at 9.00 a.m. arriving at about 12.30 p.m. where the sunshine greeted us and our members basked in the sun until tea-time. We left Clacton at 6.30 p.m. and after a wet ride arrived home safely having spent a most enjoyable day.

On September 11th, we held our Domino Drive with Mrs. Tennet as M.C. This was well attended and the prize winners were: 1st Mr. Ward, 2nd Mr. Jones, 3rd Mrs. Webb, and 4th Mr. Ellis.

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On September 19th we had a Gramophone Records Session at which several members brought their favourite records; a good variety from classics to jazz was played and the afternoon ended with the members joining in community singing.

The month's activities ended with a Domino Drive with Miss Tolman as M.C. The prize winners were: 1st Mr. Ramsey, 2nd Mr. Bryant, 3rd Miss Wellington, 4th Mrs. Dyer and 5th Mr. Saunders. During the afternoon a competition was held, the prizes being given by Sister Mitchell; these were won by: Mr. Fountain, Miss Janet Price and Mrs. Hamilton

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It is scripted by Anthony Pellissier from the best selling novel by Margery Allingham, and builds up suspense to a thrilling climax on the rugged cliff tops.

Due for release in November, the film was directed by Roy Baker on location in France and at Pinewood Studios. It is produced by Leslie Parkyn, and stars Donald Sinden, Muriel Pavlow and an interesting newcomer Tony Wright, as the killer.

Among the large supporting cast are such names as Bernard Miles, Alex Clunes, Laurence Naismith, Christopher Rhodes, Charles Victor, Tommy Heathcote and Sam Kydd.

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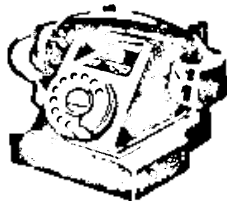
It was George Robey who first 'held up a finger and said tut-tut'. Norman Wisdom found in one exciting moment that this is the last thing you must do to an alsatian dog. For one finger held in the 'tut-tut' position is the signal for an alsatian to attack.

He discovered his mistake when Miss Margaret Griffin the expert dog trainer who specialises in alsatians took four of her dogs to Pinewood studios for a brief appearance in the new film comedy *Up In The World*, in which these animals are the security guards on the ancestral estate of the Bandervilles.

Fortunately Miss Griffin was standing by when Norman signalled the dogs to attack him and was able to deal swiftly with the situation before the alsatians had tasted Wisdom.

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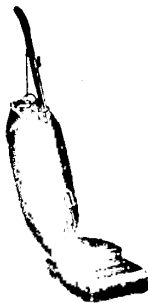
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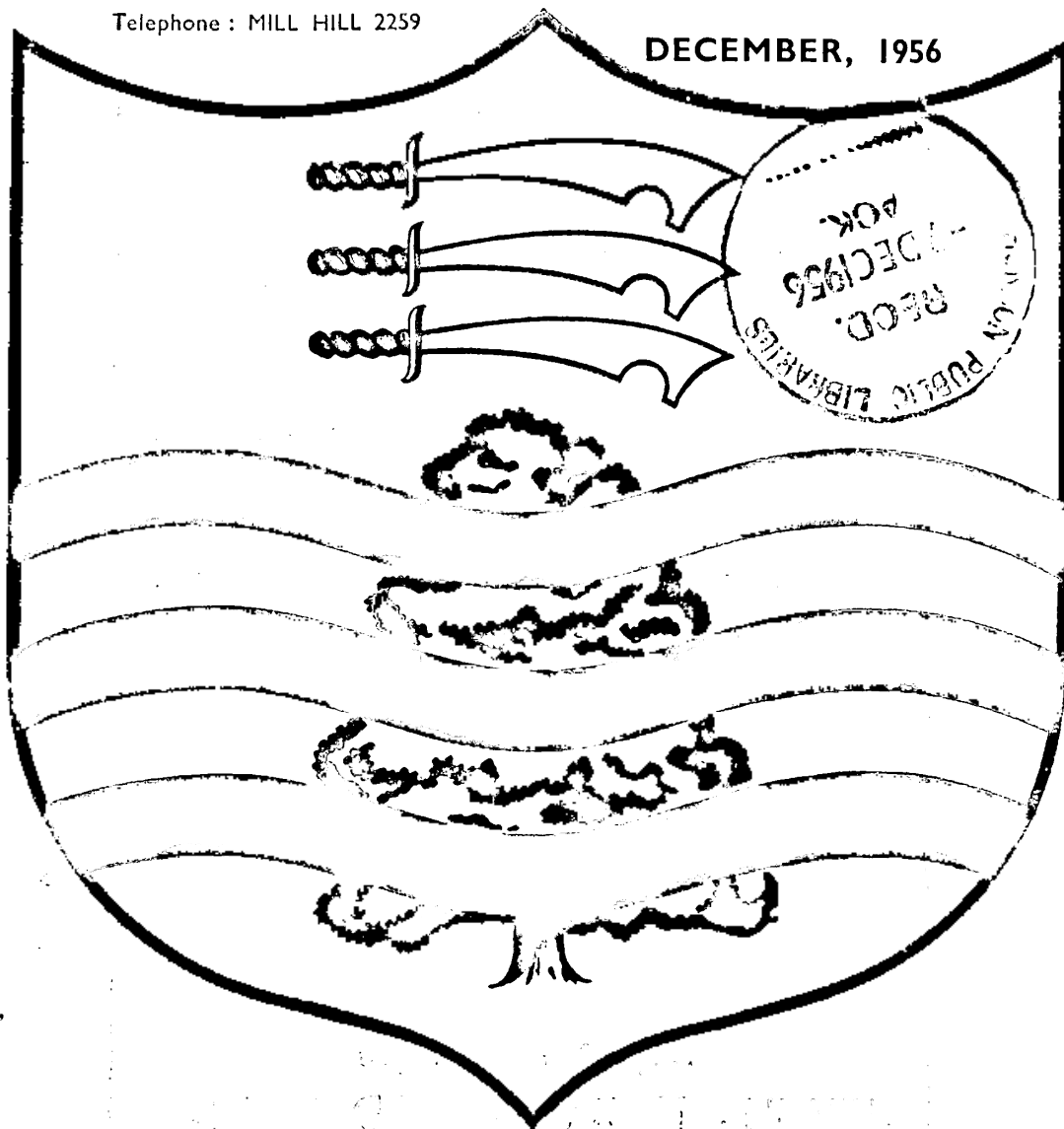
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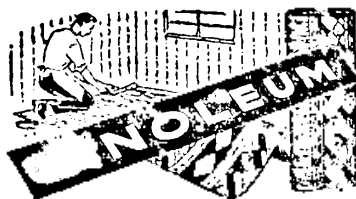
To, RT. HON. H. McMILLAN.

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At our A.G.M., held on 12th November, Mrs. Moutel, our retiring Secretary, gave an excellent report on the successful year just ended and thanked all members for having contributed to the School's well-being. Mrs. Moutel, in turn, was warmly thanked for having set up for us a high standard of efficiency in the performance of her Secretarial duties, and we wish her equal success in her new role as a member of our social committee. Mrs. Curtis, on her retirement, was also thanked and congratulated on her outstanding first year as our Chairman, during which time she has



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endeared herself to us all by her splendid service, not only as Chairman, but as an accomplished pianist in which capacity she is quite indispensable to our newly formed choir.

Mr. Richardson has again audited our accounts and we have sent our warmest thanks to him for this invaluable act of kindness repeatedly rendered to our School through the years.

Officers elected for this year include Mrs. Nyberg, *Chairman*; Mrs. Artis, *Vice-Chairman*; Mrs. Lake, *Secretary*; Mrs. Welch, *Treasurer*—with Mrs. Richardson who every year so kindly gives her generous help—and Mrs. Woolhead, *Social Secretary*. We wish them all success and look forward to another happy and successful year.

Our good wishes and thanks were given to Mrs. Artis for delicious chocolate biscuits which she brought for us on this her Birthday.

WATLING DRAMA FESTIVAL

This year's Festival was outstanding from a number of points of view. The friendly spirit of past years was more than maintained; the Adjudicator appeared to be a gem and helped producers and actors alike in his criticism; the Watling Guild of Players once again pulled out of a Festival with a newly presented trophy.

The Guild won the Ernest Cole Trophy when it was first presented; the Endeavour Cup at the Hendon Festival of some three years ago; and now the Rose Cattermole Cup at our own Festival. We offer our congratulations to the Guild and hope new members—especially male ones—will soon join with them.

Peter Coe, the Adjudicator, proved to be an able and sympathetic critic. He missed very little and made his points in a most disharming manner.

The Trophy Winners were:

Edgware Townswomen's Guild	<i>Ben Littler Cup</i> (86 marks).
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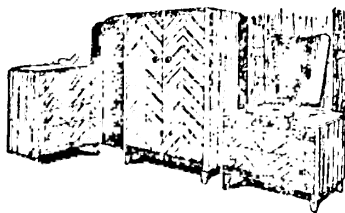
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As most members probably are already aware, Mr. (Charlie) Knight has elected to undertake the office of Membership Secretary until the end of the year.

In order to cope with the colossal task of contacting past and present members, he would be greatly indebted for any volunteers to help with this task. The conditions are. You tell him (or myself) what road, or part of a road you could do, and name your own time for doing it—and we'll give you the names of the people to contact. So if you have a spare half-hour anytime—come along to the Centre and just say you're willing.

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We started on the 2nd October with a Social, community singing and some amusing games arranged by Miss White which caused great fun, and after tea dancing took place. Mr. E. L. Gofton was the M.C. throughout.

On Monday evening, the 8th October, some 24 members attended a Council Meeting at the invitation of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Davis, and afterwards partook of refreshments with Councillor Davis and Mrs. Davis. A very instructive and pleasant evening was greatly enjoyed and our thanks to our host and hostess.

On the 9th October, our Annual General Meeting took place when our President, Mr. Horace Wright, presided. The Chairman, Mr. E. L. Gofton, welcomed members and gave a full report of our policy which is to provide fellowship and understanding for our local blind and to find suitable entertainment. The Hon. Secretary, Miss White, gave her report of our past year's activities which included coach outings and parties and entertainments to suit most tastes. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Stevenson-Jones, then read his report on the finances of the Club which although we rely entirely

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on voluntary donations, proved satisfactory. We then came to the voting for officers and committee which was as follows:—

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Joint Hon. Treasurers—Mr. Stevenson-Jones and Mr. H. English;
Committee—Mr. Bryant, Mrs. Damen, Mrs. English, Mrs. Friend, Mr. Hastie, Mr. Mead, Mrs. Tennet.

On 16th October, we held our very popular Domino Drive with Mrs. Tennet as M.C. This was very well attended and the prize-winners were: 1st Miss J. Price; 2nd Mrs. Webb; 3rd Mr. Shipman; 4th Mrs. Sutton.

On the 23rd, we held an afternoon of 'Twenty Questions' with Mr. E. L. Gofton as M.C., and two teams competed. A wide variety of objects was chosen some causing a great deal of hilarity. This was well attended and proved a successful afternoon.

We ended our month's activities with a very successful choir and solos by the Mill Hill T.G. The Choir was under the baton of Mrs. W. Spruce. The songs chosen were in a wide variety of moods. The singing and arrangements were really wonderful and Mrs. Spruce and the choir are to be congratulated. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks for a most enjoyable time. After tea, a competition was held, prizewinners being: 1st Sister Mitchell; 2nd Mrs. Gillmot; 3rd Mrs. W. Spruce.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at Watling Centre, Mrs. E. Knight, Chairman presided, there was a good attendance.

A round table conference was held, with Mrs. Lambert, Vice-Chairman of Hendon Federation acting as Leader, a well balanced and interesting programme for 1957 was built up. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Lambert was proposed by Mrs. McKay, seconded by Mrs. Adams. A raffle was won by Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Gurr.

At a recent afternoon social, a Homecraft and Handicraft Exhibition was held, the standard of exhibits was high. A cake competition was well supported, prizes were awarded to Mesdames Gurr, Fitzgerald and Davies.

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Members attended the Social Studies luncheon at Hodford Hall, when a Talk on 'Organisation in the Home' was given by Mrs. M. D. Spikes of the National Institute of Houseworker who told how her organisation trained students to become skilled in the running of homes. Later members heard the 'Story of the Borough Arms'.

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

As I write these few lines the last of our absent members is on her way home, after visiting her daughter overseas, and several others are planning a trip next year. We have had some wonderfully interesting evenings, hearing all about their holidays and the references to the grandchildren, many of whom they had not previously seen, have been heart-warming. In every case our daughters have made happy marriages and all our members have nothing but praise for their sons-in-law and their peoples, stressing how they have accepted our girls amongst them with open arms and how kind they are to their folk! We have been particularly glad to welcome home Mrs. Bennett who was overseas for more than a year. Our Secretary, Mrs. Bromige has a busy time on her hands packing and posting off the presents and cards to the girls, and within the next few weeks we shall be hearing what they thought of our choice of a brass door-knocker, a replica of the *Mayflower* patterned on it. Our Welcome Home Social in October was a great success, the next one arranged for November 26th will complete our Homecoming Socials. We hope that the 13 members who have been overseas will be there with all our other members. Each week for some time we have made at least one new member which is most encouraging. There is still much room for many more. So how about You. May I take this opportunity to wish you all dear readers a very happy Christmas. May Peace Prevail.

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The club has been very busy for the past few weeks, as always, going to dances arranged by other clubs. The Saturday before our dance we attended the British Association's dance at Albany Street along with 450 other dancers, and the Saturday following our dance we attended the same hall with another capacity crowd for the Woodbery Down Square Dance Club's 5th Birthday Jamboree. It has been estimated that on an average a keen square dancer travels 3,500 miles a year going to square dances.

On the Sunday after our dance some club members visited a spastic friend of the club who used to come and watch us dancing on Wednesday evenings until she went to the home she is now in. While we were down at the home we pushed several of the spastics around the lovely country side in which the home is situated.

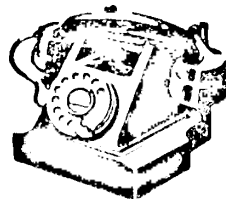
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Guild of Players, 8 p.m.

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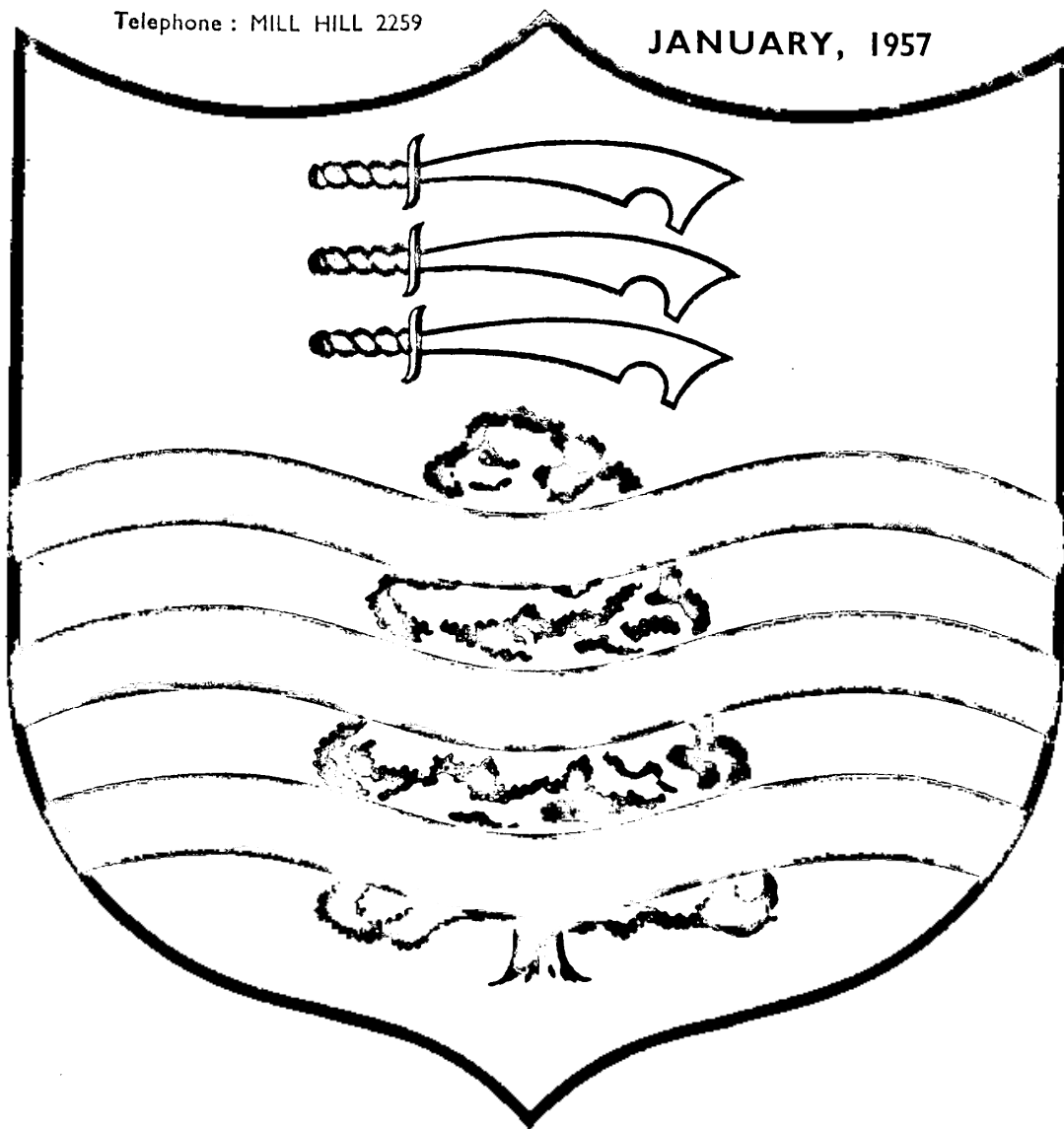
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VIEWPOINT

The New Year always brings to our mind the thought of a new life and new endeavour. It also brings new resolutions.

In wishing you all a very Happy New Year we would remind you of the purpose of *The Watling Resident*.

In it, and through it, the Association and the many groups within the Association may publicise themselves. ALL groups should use *The Resident* as often as possible—we feel that only in this way may we ever hope to greatly improve our membership. It is quite simple for one member to jot down a few notes each month and drop them in the Editor's box. What about it?

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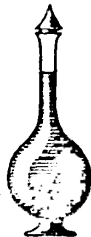
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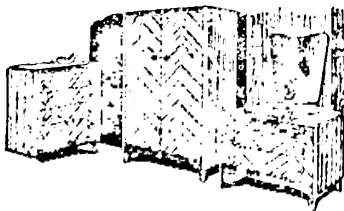
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Heaven on Earth has now gone into production and in this play—believe it or not—are the younger members of the Guild.

As with other Drama groups we are going through a difficult time through a lack of male members. The Guild will always welcome male—and female—members.

Come along to the Community Centre on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m.

We are pleased to welcome the following old and new members: Mrs. Marshall (*nee* Knight), and the Misses Hearn, Hubbard, Kirby, Riddle and Van Kimmenade.

W. FIRTH.

VISIT BY L.C.C. HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mrs. McIntosh, L.C.C. Housing Committee, visited the Centre on Friday, December 7th, and met the Council. A number of questions had been put to Mrs. McIntosh and she gave the following answers:

General. The present supply of new houses is so small that the needs of the vast majority cannot be met. All 'out County' estates have been completed, or are very near completion, and it is not now permissible for the County Council to proceed with schemes of a like nature. The available building sites within the County Council boundary are coming to an end and it is estimated that there will be housing for only a few thousand within the next three years.

Lining of Roofs. Expenditure for the lining of 86 roofs has been approved and it was hoped these would be completed by the end of the financial year. A further instalment was to be made next year and this problem was to be progressively tackled.

Lagging of pipes. 500 houses were now being tackled—more were to be done next year.

Tenancy of Children. The L.C.C. would not accept responsibility for the housing of children of parents on the estate. Should parents die the L.C.C. would, no doubt, give sympathetic consideration to children, but it had to be understood that any accommodation offered would be based on the needs of the children.

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We commenced on November 6th with our ever popular Domino Drive with Mrs. Tenner as M.C. This was very well attended and the prize-winners were : 1st Mr. Ellis, 2nd Mr. Alloway, 3rd Miss Pilcher, 4th Mrs. Utton. The following week, November 13th, we had a most interesting talk on Central Africa given by Mrs. Ennals who has spent the last 22 years in that district as a teacher and helping her missionary husband. Mrs. Ennals described the country, habits, and impact of the 'whites' on the 'black' population which gave us all something to think about. Questions were asked and answered at the end, and a very enjoyable and instructive afternoon passed all too quickly. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman.

On the 20th November, we had a visit from about 25 pupils and teachers of St. Mary's Abbey School, Mill Hill, who gave us excerpts from *The Gondoliers* by Gilbert and Sullivan. Although the performance was shorter than usual, it was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed.

On the 27th, we held our Domino Drive. Miss Tolman acted as M.C. and a good company were present. The prize-winners were 1st Mr. Damen, 2nd Mr. Bryant, 3rd Mrs. Shipman. At the tea interval a competition was held, this being won by 1st Mrs. Dillery 2nd Mrs. English, 3rd Mr. Damen. We wish to thank the donors of the prizes.

Although, like most other people, we shall be restricted in the attendance owing to our voluntary drivers being short of petrol, we hope that members will make an extra effort to attend our meetings.

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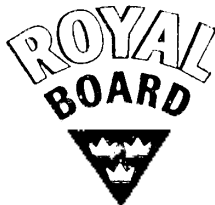
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The annual meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at Watling Centre, with a large attendance. Mrs. E. Knight presided. Reports, presented by the Secretary and Treasurer, were very satisfactory. Membership has been maintained, meetings well attended, the Homecrafts and Handicraft Exhibition was a great tribute to members, and the Drama Group have been busy. The year has proved to be very successful. The Chairman thanked the committee and all members for their support.

The following officers and committee were elected for the coming year:—*President*, Mrs. A. Filby; *Vice-President*, Mrs. N. Eagle; *Chairman*, Mrs. N. Chapman; *Vice-Chairman*, Mrs. E. Knight; *Hon. Secretary*, Mrs. C. Booth; *Hon. Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert; *Committee*: Mesdames Brusselen, Dimes, Francis, Hunt, Haigh, Hedges, Ratcliffe and Venn.

Novelty awards were won by Mrs. Curryer and Mrs. Hedges.

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

The members of C.A.N.U.S.P.A. wish all friends here and overseas a Very Happy New Year.

Several of our members are planning to visit their daughters during 1957 and all are getting excited as the time draws near. We have received many letters of appreciation and thanks from our girls for the Christmas presents and cards sent to each of them, they all say how nice it is to know they are remembered. We look forward to the year ahead and hope to make it a record one for new members. Soon we shall be having our annual supper and social, and following on from that, our A.G.M. and later still the Annual Conference at Eastbourne. We are looking forward to welcoming any new members. Now who will be the first in 1957?

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A Night to Remember, Walter Lord's book about the sinking of the *Titanic*. William McQuitty will produce this authentic film and is travelling to Ireland to search for suitable locations.

These are the first two pictures of an ambitious New Year programme which is beginning to take shape—a programme which will maintain Pinewood's 1956 name of being the busiest film studios in the world.

Between now and the end of the year, four new films made at Pinewood will be screened—*Up In The World*, the Norman Wisdom comedy; *The Spanish Gardener*, for which Dirk Bogarde, Maureen Swanson and Michael Hordern travelled to Spain; *Checkpoint*, made in Italy with Anthony Steel, Odile Versois, Stanley Baker and James Robertson Justice; and *Tiger in The Smoke*, which is confidently expected to launch Tony Wright into top-rank stardom.

These will be followed early in the New Year by *True As a Turtle*, a yachting comedy; *The Secret Place*, which gives Belinda Lee new status as a dramatic actress; *Ill Met by Moonlight*, the Powell and Pressburger wartime adventure starring Dirk Bogarde; and the latest 'Doctor' comedy *Doctor At Large*.

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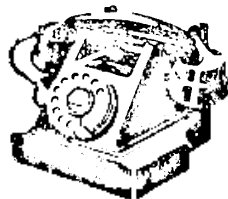
Technicians at Pinewood moved off the giant Canadian quayside set of Julian Wintle's *High Tide At Noon*—gratefully.

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Weightlifters, 8 p.m.

H.S.A. (4th Monday) 6.30-7.30 p.m.

Edgware Road Club, 7.30 p.m.

Old Time Dance Instr'n Class, 7.30.

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.

School of Dancing, 5 p.m.

British Legion Service, 7.30 p.m.

A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks), 7.30.

Harrow Weald Road Club, 7.30 p.m.

Plumbing T.U., 7.30 p.m. (alt. wks).

Wednesdays.

Veterans Club, 2.30 p.m.

T.G.W. (alternate weeks), 7 p.m.

Men's Club, 7.30 p.m.

Weightlifters, 8 p.m.

Basketry Class, 2.30 p.m.

Square Dance Club, 7.30 p.m.

Watling Allottees (last Wednesday)

Band Practice, 7.30 p.m.

Thursdays.

Veterans, 2 p.m.

Whist Drive, 2.30 p.m.

Townswomen's Guild, 2.30 p.m.
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Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.

N.C.U., 7.30 p.m.

Y.H.A., 8 p.m.

Poultry Club (1st, 3rd Thurs.), 8 p.m.

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Communist Party (2nd Thurs.), 7.30.

Poor Man's Lawyer, 7 p.m.*

Fridays.

Veterans, 2 p.m.

Youth Club (Mixed), 7 p.m.

Juvenile Painting Class, 6 p.m.

M.Ps. Service (3rd Friday), 6.30 p.m.

Neighbours, 8 p.m.

Council Meeting (1st Friday), 8 p.m.

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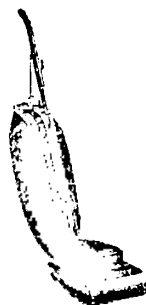
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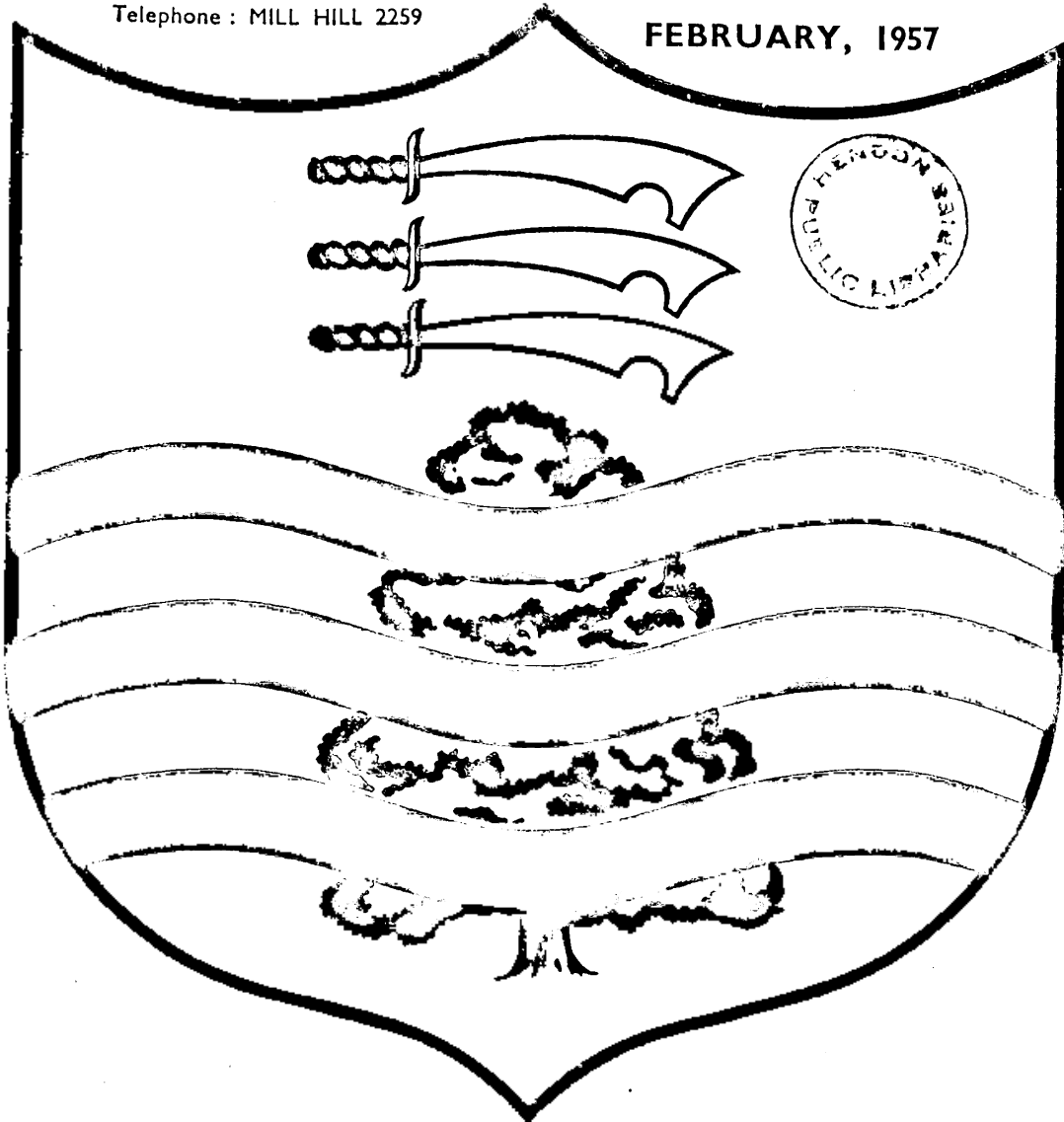
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VIEWPOINT

Membership is important and we are pleased with the vigour and enthusiasm Mr. Knight has shown since becoming Membership Secretary.

Not only has he done a great deal himself but he has brought to many of us a new spirit of endeavour which we badly needed.

Membership is vital to our existence and we do appeal to anyone who may be able to make new members and collect their membership fees to do this—AT ONCE—don't let it slide.

With Mr. Knight we would couple all the old membership collectors and the new ones.

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I can remember the day in 1943, when I was informed by a Miss Moon, that although, in principle, she was opposed to the idea, she was prepared to accept me as a probationary member of the Youth Club. Little did she know what she was about to suffer. For the past six months I had been pestering her to accept me for membership, and at last I had won the battle of wits, and I could enter into the Centre, in the company of my friends with absolute impunity.

For the first two weeks I managed to escape any form of reprimand, and then I was summoned to appear before the Club Committee to state why I insisted on singing some-what ribald ditties in the Club room. The result—One week's suspension.

From that moment on my war-cry was 'Prove it.' Until the day when Mr. Sewell-Harris told me that it was impossible to run the Centre with the two of us in the building at the same moment, and that one of us would have to go, and that he considered that he had first claim.

That idea worked very well for about four weeks, until Mr. Harris was tired of seeing me standing about outside, and so I was re-admitted on the condition that we both kept well out of each others way. Funnily enough, this arrangement worked very well right until the day when Mr. Harris left to take up another appointment.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at Watling Centre, with a good attendance. Mrs. N. Chapman presided. After the business was attended to, the Chairman introduced the Speaker, Mrs. Plevin, Manager of Hendon Housing, whose interesting talk was outlined by existing conditions of housing, the introduction in 1936 Act, emphasised, working class only, then the Government introduced subsidy, and building costs were high then. There is a long waiting list, with ground only for four hundred. Some old property in Hendon had been modernised, and fifty-one bed-sitters with communal kitchen, with own cooker, and caretaker in charge.

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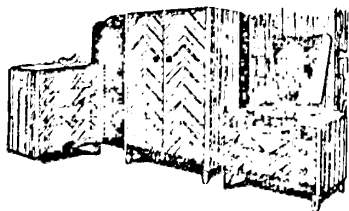


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There was some discussion, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Greenslade. Novelty awards were won by Mrs. Ratcliff and Mrs. Venn.

A 'White Elephant' stall will be held at the next social afternoon
24th January. L. C. FRANCIS.

THE "UP TO THE CENTRE" S.D.C.

Dear Friends,

Assuming that you like to hear about our square dance club from time to time we are going to endeavour to have a write-up in this magazine more often. Please put plenty of articles in about your respective clubs, as we do like to hear how things are going with you all.

Now that Christmas is over we are really getting down to work on our demonstration set. Our progress is very slow, but sure, so perhaps you'll be able to see us one day soon. I sincerely hope you will all be able to say that you approve. Eventually we hope to run a callers' class. We do have a few girls among those who are interested, so directly the demonstration set is ready, we'll start calling.

All the club hope you enjoyed the Christmas holiday. We had a social on December 19th, and we all enjoyed it very much. Ron Thompson was our M.C. and we all think he made a very good job of it.

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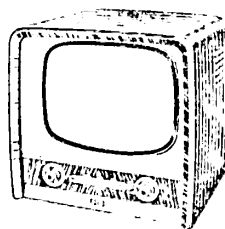
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We also had another social early in the New Year. You see, 'Jenny' our spastic friend wasn't able to make the first one and she did so very much want to come. She really did enjoy herself and we were all more than pleased to see it.

Soon we are going to arrange another big dance. I hope some of you will come along. We are hoping that Jenny will be able to come, so those of you who haven't yet met her may be able to do so at the dance.

Joyce and John, two of our Committee Members, plan to be married on March 2nd and we wish them every happiness for the future. I hope we will not lose them too soon after the wedding as I don't think any of us committee members fancy Joyce's job. She really has done a grand job as Treasurer, with the help of course, of John, her fiance. Thank you, Joyce and John!

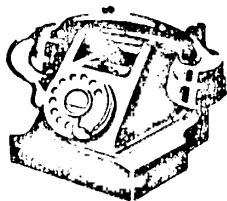
Well, that's all for this month. I hope we'll have more news for you, and from you, next time. L. ELLIS.

EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

We started the month of December with a visit from about fifty children from the Deansbrook Junior School who entertained us with some superb singing of carols. They were accompanied on the piano by the Headmaster, Mr. A. Downing, and assisted by Miss Hughes. The singing and recorders were greatly appreciated; the Chairman, Mr. Gofton, thanked Mr. Downing and the children for a fine performance.

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On the 11th, we had a Christmas Domino afternoon with Mrs. Tennet as our M.C. and hostess. This was well attended and the prizes consisted of Christmas fare. The winners were Mr. W. Sanders, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Holmes.

The highlight of the month was our Christmas Party held on the 18th, when we were pleased to welcome our President, Mr. Horace Wright and Councillor Mrs. Howard Wright, and Mrs. Richardson, President of Edgware Inner Wheel, and her daughter. The hall was suitably decorated with balloons, etc., and we had the loan of a Christmas tree from Messrs. Boltons which added atmosphere to the Party. Mr. Gofton, the Chairman, welcomed members and guests and we then had community singing and solos by Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Bonner after which some very amusing games organised by Miss White (Hon. Secretary) which were much appreciated by all. A sumptuous tea was provided by our many friends and helpers with a two-tier Christmas cake made by Mrs. Friend. Cigarettes and chocolates were handed round. A competition was then held, the prizewinners being Mr. Fountain, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Jones. Dancing then followed with spot prizes. The evening ended with the Chairman's thanks to all who helped to make this the success it was, and the singing of the carol 'Silent Night' and 'Auld lang syne.'

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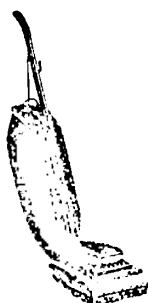
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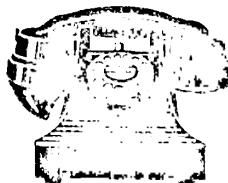
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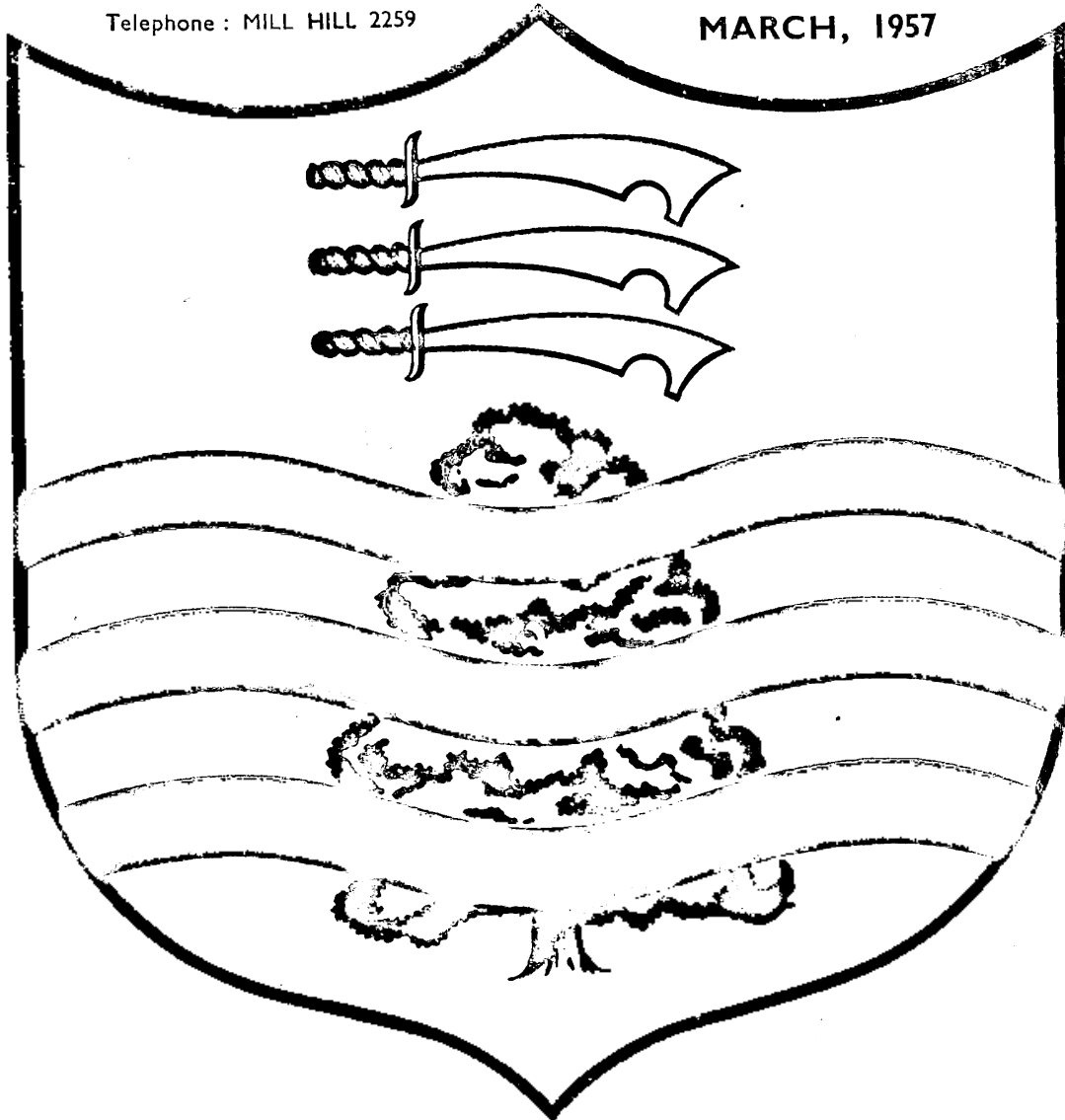
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Community Centre on Monday, March 25th, at 8 p.m. All members are asked to attend this meeting.

AGENDA

Apologies.

Minutes.

Matters arising.

Correspondence.

Annual Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Resident Report.

Membership Report.

Appointments:—President.

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The above club held their usual monthly meeting on the 18th January, Mr. A. H. Martin kindly took the chair in the absence of the Chairman, and we again had the pleasure of welcoming new members, Mr. Ellis of Gold Hill and Mr. Grinniver of the Ridgeway, Mill Hill. We would however, very much like to have more of the Domestic Poultry Keepers in the district join us.

Mr. F. E. May won the 1956 cup having obtained the highest number of points in the monthly Egg Competition over the year; he also retained the Quarterly cup for the three months ending December, 1956.

Mr. H. A. Catlin the County Organiser for the N.D.P.K.C. came along to explain the object and uses of the National Domestic Poultry Keepers Council, and answer questions on general poultry and their welfare, and was kept busy for over an hour, after which he judged the monthly Egg Competition, the chief winners of which were:—

1st—Mr. J. Beale of Lyndhurst Avenue.

2nd—Mr. F. E. May of Dryfield Road.

3rd—Mrs. Myland of Edrick Walk.

Res.—Mr. Baggott of Dryfield Road.

WATLING ALLOTTEES' SOCIETY

At the monthly meeting of the Watling Allottees' Society, the Secretary and Trading Committee reported they were getting prepared for the annual Spring planting rush.

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C. R. FULLER, *Hon. Secretary.*

HENDON HISTORY

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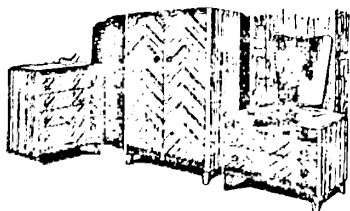
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On January 7th, our club held the tenth Annual Supper and Social, this was a huge success. Sixty members sat down to an excellent meal, provided by the members. Many thanks go to our Social Committee for the hard work they put in on this and all other occasions. On January 14th we held our A.G.M., all officers and members of Committees were re-elected. We hope this year to double our membership, and are waiting to welcome all parents of daughters overseas.

A. TRICKEY.

GRANNIE LEE

'Grannie' Lee was 85 on the 3rd of February. Old residents will not need to be told of the work done by Mrs. Lee but we feel her example would, if followed, lead to a much better estate and a more positive community living. One of the founder members of the Association she placed herself at the disposal of all those in need. From pleading at County Hall to the early work of the District Nurses Association; from helping in the homes to taking care of children; from laying the foundation stone to the every day unassuming work in the Association. She has served us well. Let us not forget 'Grannie' Lee and others like her who have done so well for others and not for themselves.

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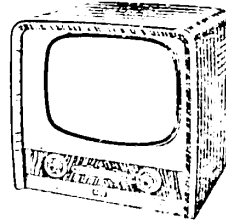
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Watling Association Bowling Club held their Annual General Meeting at the Watling Centre on November 27th, 1956.

The President, Mr. Tim Coleman, in opening the meeting said he was pleased to see such a large attendance of members, since it shewed the interest they took in the running of the Club. He thanked all officers and the committee who were responsible for seeing the Club was carried on in accordance with the rules.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Fred Orchard, in his Annual Report spoke about the necessity for members having their woods properly stamped—they should be tested and stamped once every ten years. He said he had attended a meeting at the Middlesex County Executive and there it was stated that in the National finals at Paddington a competitor had attempted to play in the final round with improperly stamped woods. This was strictly against the England Bowling Association Rules, and had the officers of his Club inspected his woods at County level this would not have occurred, and it was a reflection on the officers of his Club. In future all woods were to be inspected in Middlesex County Competitions.

The Secretary thanked the President for the very generous gift of six score boards. These had proved to be a great asset to the Club and had encouraged a more competitive spirit in friendly games. They had also improved the scoring arrangements in club matches.

The new officers of the Club were appointed with committee members. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Richardson for having audited the books for the past season and also for agreeing to act again this year.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Watling Community Association for the use of the Hall, also for the help which they were always willing to give to the Club when required.

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The Speaker, Miss Barbara M. Naush, Representative of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, was introduced. She spoke of the high rate of accidents in the home, and at work. In the home, children of five years and under, also old people, were very liable to accidents, caused through burns and scalds, highly polished floors, gas poisoning, and slipping in the bath in the case of elderly people. The Speaker gave a demonstration of inflammable materials. There was a pressing need for materials resistant to flame. A vote thanks to the Speaker was proposed by Mrs. A. M. Seddon.

Drama. A report was given by Mrs. E. Knight.

Handicraft. Mrs. Venn reported Handicraft classes would be held alternate Thursdays, more members would be welcome.

New Members welcomed by the Chairman were:—Mesdames Gurr, Akers, Cooper and Graham.

Novelty Awards were won by Mrs. Couttes and Mrs. Elkington.

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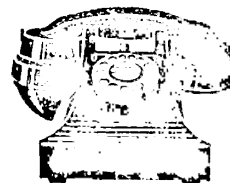
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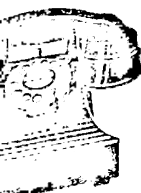
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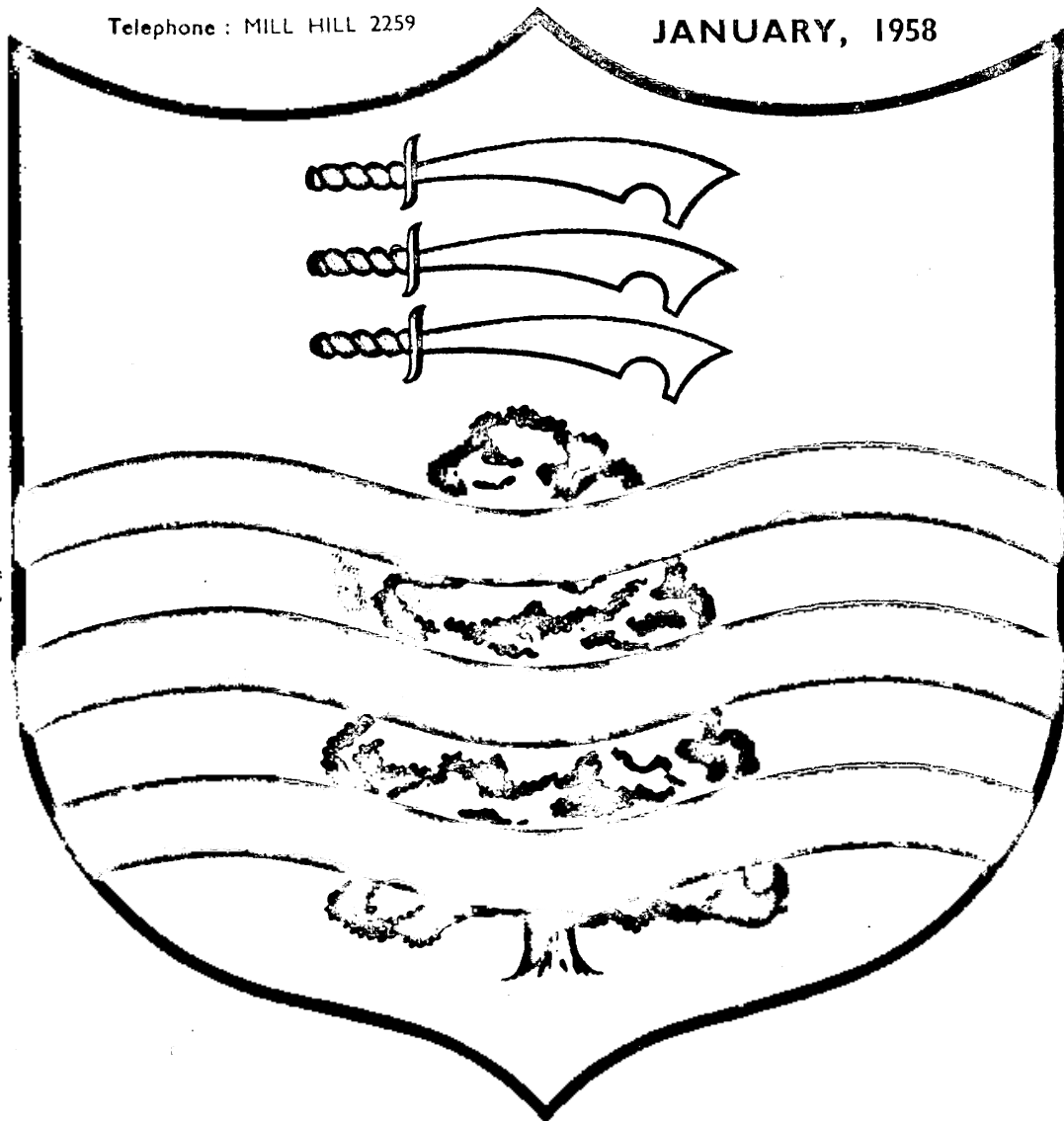
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VIEWPOINT

We would like to begin the first of the Viewpoints for 1958 by wishing all our members and friends a Happy New Year. A year when all our very hard work for an extension will at last we hope bear fruit.

We have said, many times before, the success of this *Resident* relies on all Groups of the Association to keep it interesting. We cannot thank by name the Groups who are always contributing articles to print, for it is the policy of Viewpoint not to mention names. If you can write stories or poems, send them to us. We welcome all Groups to send us their news of their activities. Start the New Year write (we mean right).

And so to Anniversary Week: here are the list of events—Please Support Them.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK

Saturday, 11th January—Bingo, 8 p.m. 2/6.

Monday, 13th January—'Stardust Revue', 7.45 p.m. 1/6.

Monday, Combined Social', 7.45 p.m. 1/6.

20th January (Arranged by C.A.N.U.S.P.A.)

Tuesday, 21st January—three one-act Plays, 7.45 p.m. 2/6,
2/-, 1/6.

Wednesday, 22nd January—Square Dance, 7.45 p.m. 1/6.

Friday, 23rd January—£5 Top Whist Drive, 8 p.m. 2/6.

Saturday, 24th January—Bingo, 8 p.m. 2/6.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

The Annual General Meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at Watling Centre, with a large attendance; Mrs. Chapman presided.

Sub-Sections—all reports satisfactory. Mrs. A. M. Seddon, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Officers and Committee for their work during the past year, said work was carried on all through the year, not only at meetings and socials, but behind the scenes.

Annual Report. The Secretary's annual report showed that the Guild had been very active—new members enrolled, the handicraft

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class had been busy, the drama group had put on an evening performance. Our financial position was sound, and attendances at meetings and socials were maintained. Speakers at meetings were varied and interesting. The Secretary's report was adopted by Mrs. A. Filby, seconded by Mrs. Dunn.

The Raffle was won by Mrs. Hepki and Mrs. Burton. **One Minute Talk** was given by Members, on various articles laid on the table.

Officers and Committee for 1957-1958:—

President, Mrs. C. Booth; *Chairman*, Mrs. N. Chapman; *Vice-Chairman*, Mrs. M. Venn; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Herbert; *Secretary*, Mrs. N. Eagle; *Drama*, Mrs. E. Knight; *Press*, Mrs. L. C. Francis; *Handicraft*, Mrs. M. Venn; *Committee*: Mesdames Booth, Dines, Francis, Hedges, Springall, Venn, Knight, Ratcliff, L. C. Francis.

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

With the advent of winter our members show no signs of 'fireside-sickness,' but come out and brave the elements every Monday evening. They never weary of well-doing and fully support every effort asked of them to help the Centre and its Building Fund.

We have much pleasure in offering to Mr. Thorpe, an invaluable member of ours, sincere congratulations upon his being honoured with the Imperial Service Medal.

We wish all other Sections a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

HAROLD BROMIGE.

PEOPLE I MEET

by GLENN

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This is the first in a series of News and Views from the Watling Centre, about people I meet and you meet. Missing our Vice-Chairman's wife, Mrs. Kelly, in the Canteen one Tuesday night, I was very sorry to hear that she had fallen down stairs. In doing so, she hurt her back and ankle badly. I went round to visit her; Mrs. Kelly said it would be about seven days before we would be seeing her again at the Centre. Her back felt painful, but she was feeling bored just sitting around doing nothing.

At the Christmas Bazaar which was graciously opened by Alderman and Mrs. Freedman, I saw some very good bargains going; the stalls were brightly decorated with bunting and flags; next door in the Committee Room a film show was on, it ran continuous throughout the afternoon. I looked in to see it, and operating the projector I found Wilf Watters. Amusing to see was the film of the Watling Fair in glorious colour; people around me kept on remarking 'Look! that's my brother,' or 'I see my dad.' I would like to congratulate Wilf Watters on a fine show.

Saturday evening I arrived for the Bingo. I was puzzled on hearing a woman's voice calling out the numbers, for I was so used (as we all are) to hearing our Social Secretary's voice. In the tea interval I spoke to Mrs. Needham (whom I had heard); I was sorry to be

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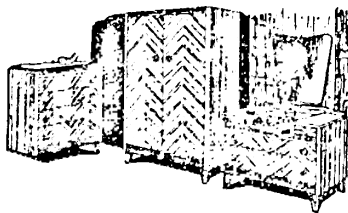
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told that Mr. Needham had a suspect hernia and was due to go in hospital for an examination later in the month. I feel sure you would like to join me in giving Mr. Needham our hopes of a speedy recovery.

Going along to our Guild of Players I found that one of the members, Margaret Riddle, had flown home to Australia for about a month to see her mother. We wish her well on her journey and hope to see her back again. Incidentally the Guild are hoping to put their successful play *Bonaventure* on again sometime in February. Bumping into Mrs. Woolhead I spoke to her about the success of her Stardust Revue, and I am glad to say we will be seeing it ourselves soon—look out for it.

Mrs. and Mrs. Venn, two of our great stalwarts, celebrated their 21st Wedding Anniversary; I would like to add my congratulations. I mentioned to Jon Vear about the appearance of the Square Dance Club on I.T.V.; I did see a part of the show, leaving the Bazaar for few moments, but as Jon himself is writing an article in this month's issue about their experience I'll leave it there.

The G.I. Brides are getting very excited about the return soon from the U.S.A. of Mrs. Lil Nyberg who has been there visiting her daughter; I shall also be glad to see her.

That's all for now, join me next month again

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THE UP TO THE CENTRE SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Howdy Folks,

The 'Squares' of the Association are still gadding about the country to square dance jamborees and round-ups, as always.

Last month several club members went to a square dance winter festival in Chigwell in Essex, part of which was televised. We arrived at the festival at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 7th December, started dancing almost immediately and didn't stop (except for about two hours sleep) until 8.30 p.m. on Sunday night. Even then we did not stop completely as as we had to wait for about an hour

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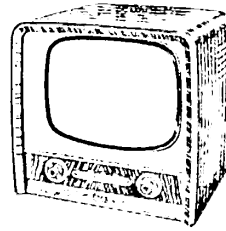
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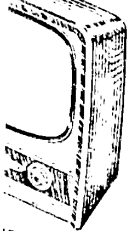
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for a bus to take us to Chigwell Station, while we waited we danced in the road. We also danced on the platform at Chigwell and Woodfield stations. We worked it out that we had danced for something like 25 hours over the weekend, and although it was hard getting up on Monday morning for work it was well worth it.

We hope to go down to Bath later on this year for an open air dance with the Old Mill Square Dance Club.

I don't know about the Navy, but join a square dance club and you'll see almost as much of the world as you would from a ship. So why not come along one Wednesday evening at 7.45 p.m. and join the 'Squares', we are only too glad to teach beginners.

Harry Edney resigned as caller for the club last October and I have taken over; I only hope that I shall do as well as Harry did. The club presented him with an engraved musical box, surmounted by two dancers, in appreciation of the hard work he had put into making the club a success. Well that's all until Bill Firth twists my arm hard enough to persuade me to write another article.

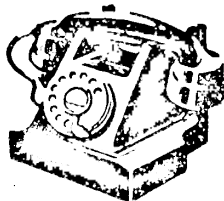
Yours Squarely, JON VEAR.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 11th November, when Mrs. Lake, our Secretary, gave a fine report on the year's progress and thanked members who had each contributed towards a fruitful and happy year. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Artis, who has been acting Chairman in an excellent manner during the absence of Mrs. Nyberg; to Mrs. Lake, our tireless Secretary; to Mrs. Woolhead, to whose enterprise and energy we owe our happy social life; and to Mrs. Welch, who so ably cares for our finance. We are sorry that Mrs. Richardson is not able to accept office and are very grateful for the invaluable help she renders in so many ways. Those elected for this year include: Mrs. Nyberg, *Chairman*—with Mrs. Artis (re-elected *Vice-Chairman*) deputising in her absence; Mrs. Lake, *Secretary*; Mrs. Welch, *Treasurer*—with Mrs. Dunhill to help; and Mrs. Woolhead, *Social Secretary*. Our warmest thanks go to Mrs. Richardson, who each year audits our books and is ever ready to help and advise us in countless ways.

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With changes in membership we often find new members and old groups (with many new members) do not know many of our established habits — habits of working together on a wider basis for the Community Association and all it stands for.

From members we hope to receive the willingness to help in the preparation of such things as—bazaars, fairs, etc. We hope to receive help in running these activities.

From members and groups we expect to receive help during our Watling Week and Anniversary Week activities.

During these weeks we like to raise money and also to do some window-dressing in order to attract new individual and group members. Some groups are asked to combine in organising a special 'Social'; others are asked to put on a special evening such as square dancing, dramatics, whist drives, concerts, etc.

We ask groups to bear in mind the two main dates in the year:—
Anniversary Week—in January as near the 18th as possible.
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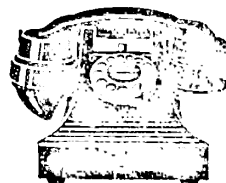
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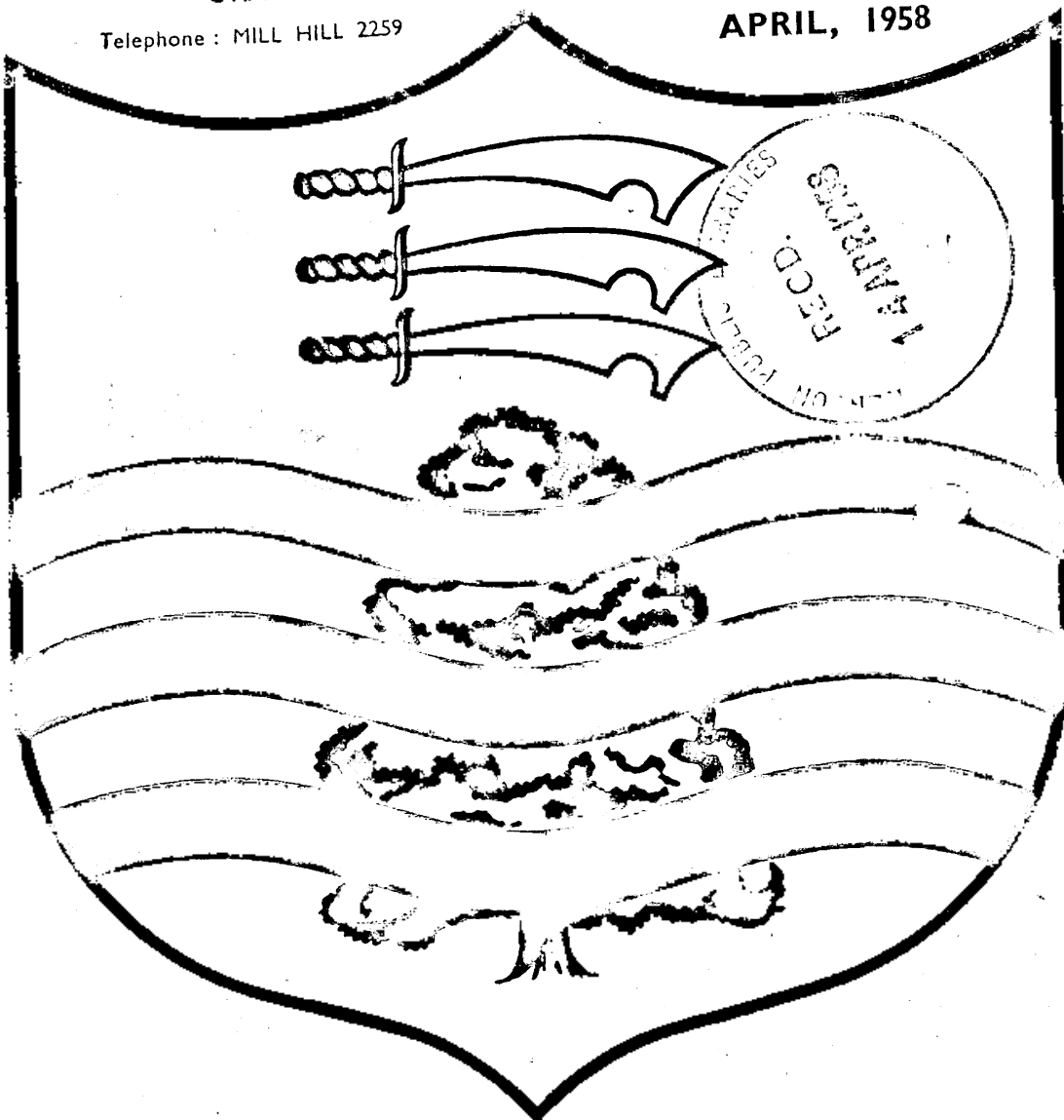
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VIEWPOINT

So many times have we read in our local papers of damage to property and of fights involving the youth of the district. Now we would like to report on our own Youth Club.

It must be the first time in years we have praised our Youth in 'Viewpoint', but we feel they deserve it. In the past few months the Club has built up a spirit that has long been lacking—this they have achieved mainly by their own efforts. Dances have been successfully organised; outings have been arranged and are being arranged; and plans for the wider development of the Club are in hand. Added to this the Club has come to the rescue of some of the infirm of Watling. A promise has been made to cover the cost of an afternoon's coach outing and tea for a group of people who are unable to leave their homes through infirmity.

We do thank the members responsible for this gesture and hope it will act as a spur to all of us in our own service to others.

PEOPLE I MEET, No. 4

by GLENN

Our Bingo is going from strength to strength. I looked in one Saturday night to see how our Social Secretary was getting along after his illness. I found him in the best of spirits—he's already getting down to the business of coach outings for the summer season (further particulars to be printed soon).

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At our Council meeting we received a most interesting talk from Dr. Patton on the work done by his department. I spoke to Mr. Vear during the tea interval and he said he would have liked to have seen many more members along to listen to the Hendon Medical Officer of Health. Members of the Association are free to attend Council meetings as observers and, although not allowed to vote or take part in debates, much could be gained through attendance (it might keep our Council on its toes). I must mention the sad end of 'Nobby' (Mrs. Lodge's dog). He had to be put to sleep since he was getting old. We will miss him and we do offer our sympathy to Mrs. Lodge on the loss of a very good friend.

At the Council meeting we heard of the forthcoming football match between Wingate and Edgware Town for the Building Fund. Dates have now been confirmed and we thank all those concerned for their help and interest.

Football match on Tuesday May 6th during the evening, at Edgware Town's ground (look out for posters giving full particulars).

By the way a few more tickets for the Television Set are available at the office. They are in great demand so don't leave things too late. The set has been given to the Association by Councillor S. E. Arridge, Mayor of Hendon, and we thank him for this generous offer.

The Watling Guild of Players is well on its way with the Hendon Festival Play at Hartley Hall. The play demands a large cast. Anyone with an interest in dramatics is always welcome to the Guild.

I was speaking to Mrs. Knight at our last Committee meeting *re* the Fair and she tells me that a few groups have appointed representatives for the Fair Committee, but that more are needed. The Committee should be getting down to business soon, and offers of help will be welcome. See you next month.

COUNCILLOR A. PAUL

During May, Councillor A. Paul will become Mayor of Hendon, and we would wish him every success during his year of office. He has rendered the Burnt Oak Ward 'sterling service in the past and well merits the office now given. It would be interesting to see whether the car park and market will materialise during his term of office as the library did during the office of Alderman S. E. Sharpe.

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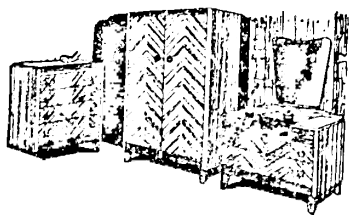
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SOMETHING OF INTEREST TO US ALL

by the EDITOR

The Council meeting for March proved to be a very interesting one for those present. This was by way of having in our midst the Medical Officer of Health for Hendon, Dr. Patton. Our eyes were opened to the organisation of the Health Department and on the work of Dr. Patton and his assistants: from rodent officers and the work they have in keeping down vermin; normal health services (including work with the aged); to the development of smokeless zones—the range of the work of our Medical Officer is indeed wide. In concluding his talk Dr. Patton stressed the need for all citizens to play their part in making our country healthy and clean. 'Do not be afraid of reporting matters to my department' he said.

Dr. Patton was warmly applauded for his talk and was thanked by the Chairman, Mr. Wills.

THE EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND commenced their February meetings with a domino drive held on the 4th of the month. There were nine tables in play and, with Mrs. Tennet as M.C., the drive went very smoothly and eleven games were played. Prize winners were:—Mr. Hastie, Miss Veronica Young and Mr. Payne. Booby prize—Miss Groom.

On the 11th February a competition and games afternoon was organized by Miss White. In addition to the familiar game of dominoes, there was beetle, bagatelle and competitions which involved feeling, listening, smelling, and finding the highest number of farthings hidden in sawdust. At each table members were awarded points and at the end Mrs. Pomeroy gained first prize with the highest score. Mrs. Benfell and Mr. Payne won prizes as runners-up. A small charge was made to enter the competition for guessing the weight of the fruit cake and a grocery parcel, and these were won by Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Wintle.

Mrs. Murison and her lady helpers kept up their high reputation when they visited the club on the 18th February and entertained with play readings. Two plays were presented and the readers



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portrayed the characters extremely well and provided both mystery and humour. Miss Robertson expressed thanks on behalf of members.

Unfortunately, due to the very bad weather, the domino drive arranged for the 25th February had to be cancelled.

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

At a recent meeting one of our members who had been sick wrote thanking all the 'Mums' for a gift of flowers we had sent. There was such an immediate re-action from the 'Dads' that an apology was demanded on their behalf. At the very next meeting the following letter was received:

"Dear Dads,

I thought I was quite well again when I wrote my letter of thanks last week, but I could not have been, otherwise I would never have left out the 'Dads'. I ask you—where would we be without them—no G.I. Brides and no Canuspa! Just think what you are responsible for—!! So Dads, please forgive me and take it that at the time I was still delirious."

Who says we are all fuddy duddies?

HAROLD BROMIGE.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

29th Birthday Party—20th February.

The 29th Birthday Party of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at the Watling Centre, with a large attendance; Mrs. N. Chapman presided, saying it gave her great pleasure to see so many members. A warm welcome was given to visitors from neighbouring Guilds, including Mrs. Thurburn (Chairman of the Hendon Federation), Mrs. Murison and Mrs. Morgan. Mrs. N. Eagle, Secretary, read Birthday greetings letters. During the tea interval the President, Mrs. C. Booth, wished the Guild many happy Birthdays and expressed the need for new members in the younger age group. A Birthday cake made and iced by a member, Mrs. Gurr, was cut by Mrs. Booth, and Vice-President, Mrs. Hunter, who were presented with a Guild souvenir spoon and a buttonhole of carnations. Mrs. Gurr was also presented with a buttonhole of carnations. The oldest member of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, Mrs. Weeks, was 84 years on February 20th and 'Happy birthday to you' was sung in her honour. After the tea interval the programme included songs



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FALLACY AND FACT

by FRED LAKE

It is amazing the superstitions and old wives tales we still believe: for instance it is not true that a clean tooth never decays. Many teeth that are brushed decay, and many teeth which never see a toothbrush never decay. Science does not know the cause of dental decay. A little precipitated chalk, sodium bicarbonate, and common salt, with a drop of peppermint, will do as much good as the most expensive toothpaste.

Baldness is not caused through the wearing of hats. Baldness is inherited and in this respect nature has been kind to women because this hereditary trait is dominant in men but recessive in women. That's why you rarely see a baldheaded woman.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BINGO—Saturdays 5th and 19th April (alternate weeks).

FOOTBALL MATCH—Edgware Town versus Wingate. Tuesday May 6th (evening game).

FAIR—Saturday June 7th at 2.30 p.m. (offers of help required).

JUVENILE DANCE COMPETITION—Saturday June 28th.

VETERANS' CLUB ANNIVERSARY PARTY—Saturday May 10th. Offers of cakes, sweets, cigarettes, to make a happy day will not be refused.

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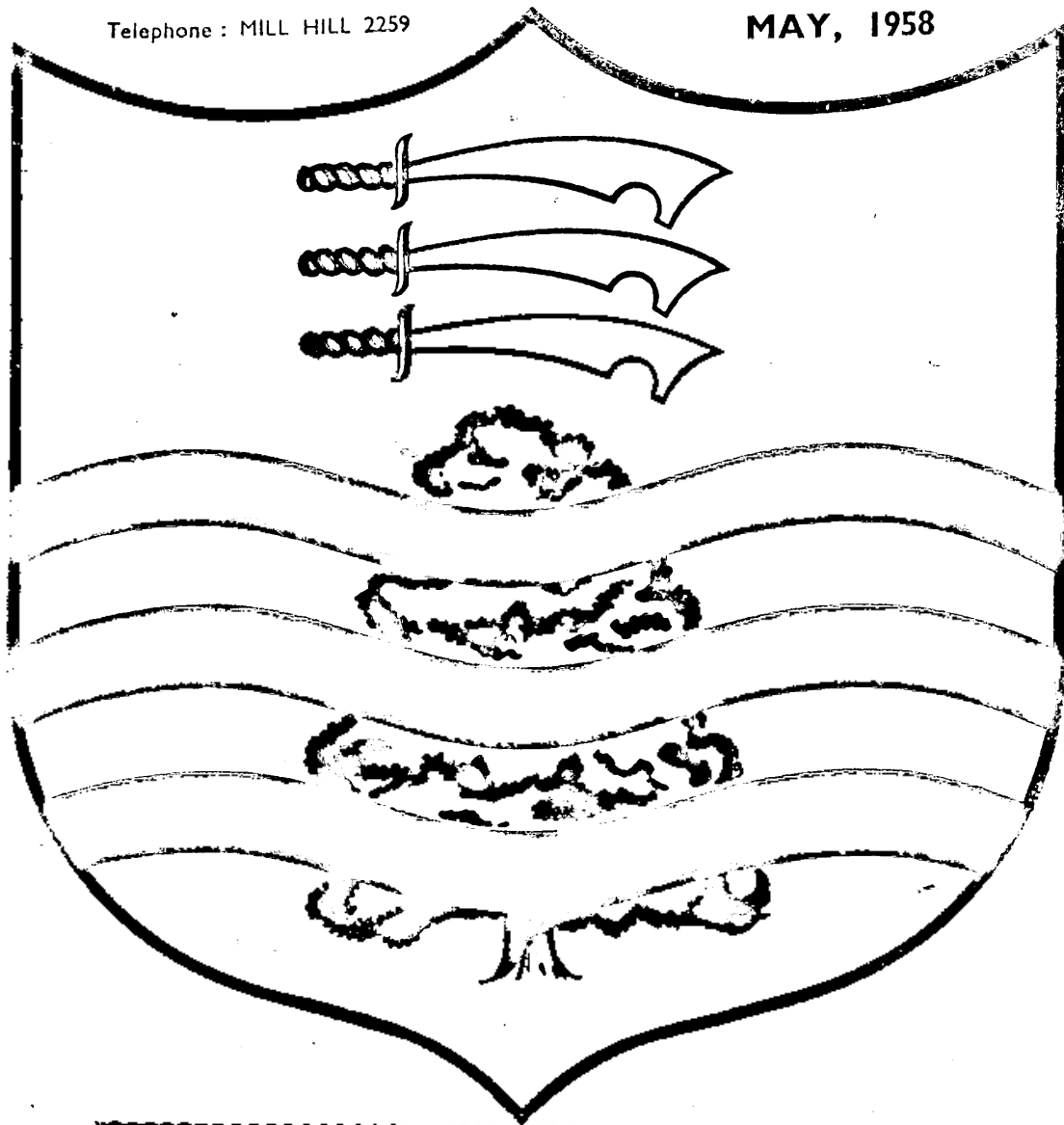
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'Wonder of being Alive'; Mrs. Kennard of the 'Hymn of Creation', referring to the lovely Psalm 104; Mrs. Stevens spoke on 'Work and Possessions' and 'Personal Relationship'.

Our deepest sympathy has gone out to our dear friend and member, Mrs. Morcher whose husband died just after his retirement; to Mrs. Brixey a member for many years until she temporarily left us for domestic reasons, whose presence is very much missed, and who lost her husband after a very short illness; and to the family of Mrs. Hoy, a friend of all of us, whose death came as a shock to us. We hope that these our friends will be comforted by our prayers and the deep regard of our School.

PEOPLE I MEET, No. 5 by GLENN

One thing that has taken priority over everything else has been the organising of the charity football match between Edgware Town T.C. and Wingate F.C., to take place on the 6th of May, 7.30 p.m. Speaking to Mr. Vear on this subject it has been increasingly plain that the Centre will need all the help they can receive. The Youth Club, so I am told, will be supplying girls as programme sellers; but we still need adults as stewards, so if you are free please come forward. Remember this match has been arranged for the Centre Funds. At the last Council meeting the plans of the proposed new extension were on show; I must say I liked it very much. I must congratulate Mr. Kelly on becoming our new Chairman; in the few years they have been here Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have done some excellent work for the Association. The Sunday night skiffle dances have proved very popular, so much so that they open at 8 p.m. and are full by 8.30—this information from the Youth Club Secretary, Bill Crosby. The Editor told me in the week how sorry he was not to have mentioned the Dommino Skiffle Group in the last *Resident*; as you may know this splendid group gave their services free. I looked in on the Guild of Players in-between rehearsals for the Hendon Festival—the play has a large and colourful cast; a new member to join the group is Carol Masters, daughter of the well known Elsie Masters, and I became greatly impressed by young Carol's performance—not bad for a 10 year old. I did hear that Mr. Bill Townsend is hoping to start a second whist drive at the Centre; as you might know the Friday night whist drive has proved very

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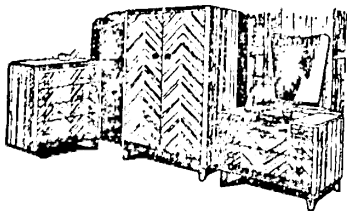
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popular—more news later of this. Talking of whist drives, Mrs. Mylands' Saturday evening whist drive is still going strong; this good lady was telling me she has at least eight tables now. In the big hall, also of a Saturday, bingo under the still excellent guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Needham is still going full blast to packed houses. Mrs. Knight told me she would like to contact all members who are willing to help at the June fair—all ideas and help welcomed.

Cheerio till next month.

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

Our members were particularly favoured on the last weekend in March, for that was the time of our National Conference at Eastbourne. When the coach picked us up at the 'Stag' rain was falling heavily and the whole prospect was gloomy indeed. We stopped at Shepherds Bush to pick up our friends from Uxbridge Branch and then in merry mood, despite the atrocious weather, continued on our way. Across the North Downs the rain came down like stair-rops, so you may imagine our delight when we ran into glorious sunshine which persisted till lunch-time on the Sunday. It was glorious to walk along the seafront in the warmth of the golden rays to the Winter Garden where the Conference was held and a lively one it proved to be. However, nothing spoiled our fun and it was with much regret that we had to turn our aces homeward and back to work.

A. BROMIGE.

FALLACY AND FACT, No. 2 by FRED LAKE

Many of us have beliefs and superstitions which have no foundation in fact, for instance: lockjaw is not caused by a wound or cut in the web between the thumb and forefinger.

It is not more dangerous to prick yourself with a pin than a needle. The important thing is what contaminating germs are introduced into the wound and not what causes it.

It is not possible to strengthen the eyes by opening them in cold water.

There is no sense in the old saying 'feed a cold and starve a fever.'



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Fish, although an excellent food, does not give you brains.

Beef tea is nothing more than coloured water flavoured with beef extractive. The idea that you get an ox in a tea cup is just bull.

A high forehead does not always denote a sign of intelligence.

A receding chin is not necessarily a sign of a weak character.

It is often said that the other senses of blind people are more acute to compensate for their loss of sight. This is a fallacious notion.

Eye teeth are in no way connected with eyes.

Hair is not a sign of strength, hairy men are no more strong than hairless men.

The children of cousins who have married are not necessarily defective. If the stock is good the children will be likewise.

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We would like to express our thanks to the Domino Skiffle Group for their services during the recent Charity Dance for the Home Bound Old Folk. It is pleasant to receive such ready and willing voluntary help.



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Y.H.A., 8 p.m.
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Neighbours, 8 p.m.
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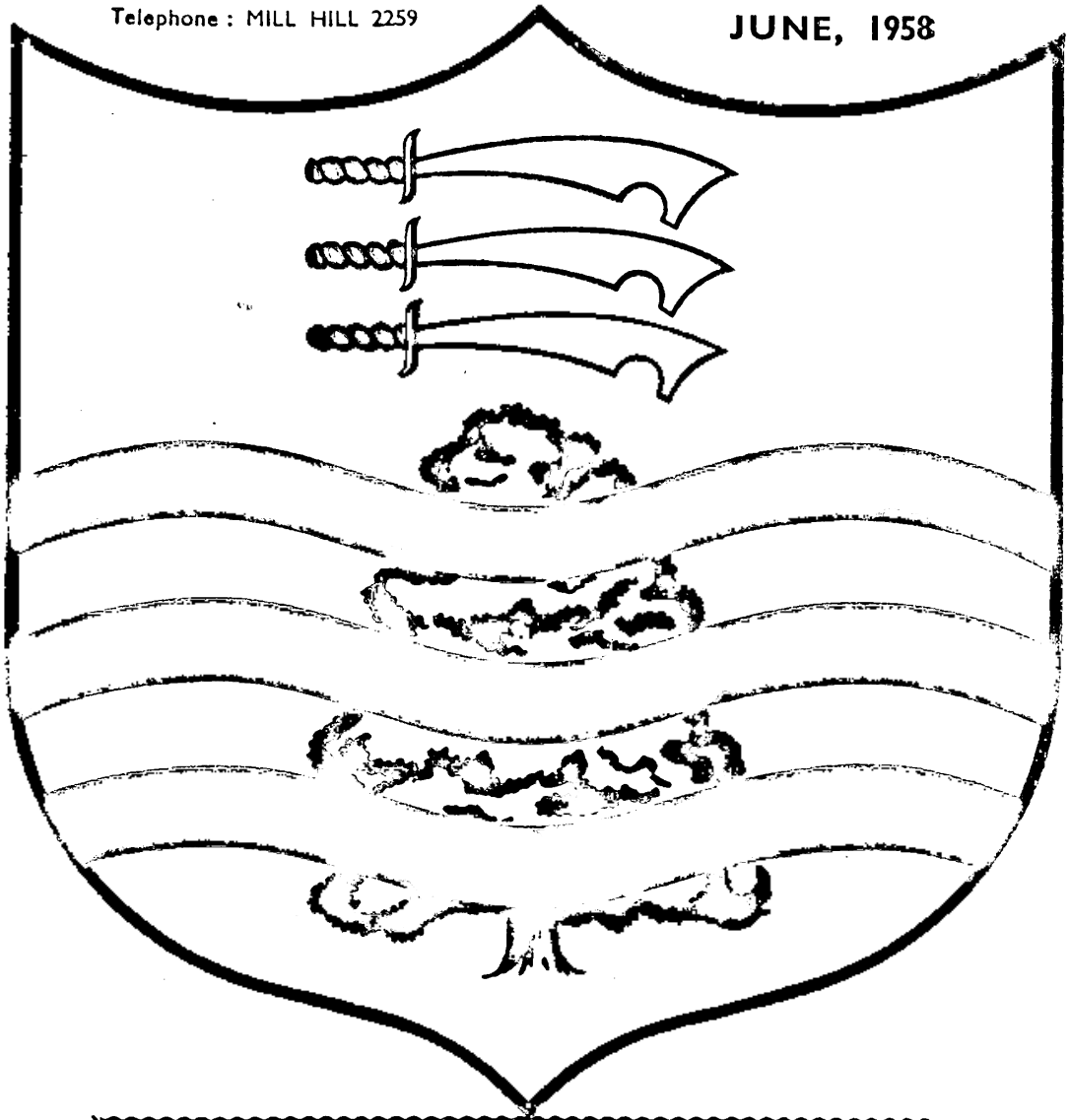
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VIEWPOINT

Once again we welcome our June Fair (June 7th) round, and are hoping for good weather. We shall need all the help we can get—if you are free on the Saturday morning we would like to see you. There are all sorts of jobs for us all. If this year's fair is as successful as last year's, then we shall be happy. This year we are hoping for the opening of the new extension, but as all of us who use the Centre know, we can see that the old building is badly in need of repair. This should be one of our aims in this year's fair. Of course 'Viewpoint' can only suggest this reason for the fair; in actual fact it's up to the Council to decide—but it's an idea. In books it tell us that if one person told another person and so on about our fair with 24 hours all the people in the world would know. So let's get talking.

BURNT OAK WOMENS' ADULT SCHOOL

We gave a very warm welcome to the Reverend Mr. Robson when he came to bring us his lovely Lenten and Easter Message of Hope and Life when he inspired us with his own appreciation of all the beautiful things springing up around us at this time of the year and the wonderful things of nature always with us for all to share who will. We are sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Robson are to leave us in September. Their generous giving of themselves to our welfare and betterment will not be forgotten. We wish them well-earned happiness in their new life.

Mrs. Vear has again helped us with our Handbook lessons, dealing with her subject in her own specially delightful way, drawing us all into discussion as she went along.

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We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Vear, the brother of our Secretary of the W.C.A., who with his wife conducts an old People's Home in Weybridge, and has been an Adult School Member for many years. He discussed with us our 1958 Handbook in a delightfully entertaining way and we look forward to another visit from Mr. Vear.

Our May breakfast was held on the first Sunday in May and was shared by many friends from other Schools and Mr. and Mrs. Vear. We are grateful to Mrs. Woolhead and her ladies who organise this lovely event each year, to Mrs. Taylor for her beautiful singing, to Mr. Stevens who presided at the most interesting talk given by Mr. Lake on Summer and the Adult Schools followed by a most helpful discussion.

BURNT OAK TOWNWOMENS' GUILD

The May meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomens' Guild was held at the Watling Centre; Mrs. N. Chapman presided. All sub-sections presented reports, which were satisfactory. Mrs. M. Booth read the items and amendments in the final agenda to be presented at the A.G.M. in May at the Royal Albert Hall—Mrs. Booth is our delegate.

A very interesting talk was given by Mrs. Smalley Patton, a National Union Organiser, who has a wide experience of the Guild Movement from both ends, herself a Guild member for many years, and most interested in Federation work. Mrs. Smalley Patton described the meetings as 'a proof of real democracy' and education in its widest sense. Some discussion followed, and a vote of thanks to the Speaker was proposed by Mrs. M. Booth.

Social afternoon. A Bring and Buy sale was held recently, the proceeds to go to Guild funds, we were pleased to welcome Colindale drama group, who entertained with a sketch and monologue; this was appreciated. Burnt Oak drama group visited Colindale Guild and presented a sketch; there was much applause.

Raffle. The raffle was won by Mrs. Uwins and Mrs. Akers.

VETERANS' CLUB

Saturday, May 10th marked the 23rd Anniversary of the Veterans' Club. It was celebrated in traditional style by a party. Among the guests were Mr. Kelly, Chairman of the Association, and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Gooden and Mrs.

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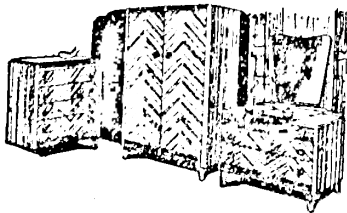
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Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe were unfortunately unable to be present owing to transport difficulties. The familiar face of Mr. A. I. Jones was also absent. We hope that he will soon be fully restored to health and able to join us at the next celebration. The beautiful anniversary cake, made by Mrs. Rollins, was cut by Mrs. Goodhew who celebrates her 90th birthday on May 20th. The evening's entertainment was provided by the very talented 'Stardust Revue', under the direction of Mrs. Woolhead. Liquid refreshment was provided by that very generous friend of the veterans, Mr. George Nosworthy. Everyone agreed that they had had a wonderful time. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those kind friends who made it all possible by giving their time, cakes, sweets, etc.

A. ROGERS.

PEOPLE I MEET, No. 5 by GLENN

It surprises me very much to go into the Members Club Night of a Wednesday and find so few people there—I should have thought that on a night when any member of the Association can go along for a game of table tennis and snooker, that it would be full. Of course there are some of you who may think that it is a Club on its own; I am told by the few members that they would welcome all of you. You may have noticed that the trees by the car park are slowly disappearing. This is largely due to several Youth Club members—they have been very busy of a Sunday morning with axes. I must say that it is long time due. Looking at some of the wood that came down, it's a wonder that they haven't fallen down on their own. The Youth Members, I also notice, have been tidying up the front garden too. Talking to the Editor about the Football match we agreed on one thing—that the game was played at a very good level. In fact, some of the Edgware Town spectators who are regulars said it was better than the average league game. I must say I was very sorry at the attendance; still, with the weather and bus strike, we must consider ourselves lucky for those who did turn up. One Saturday evening last month found the Veterans at the Centre; when I looked in they were being entertained by the 'Stardust Revue'. The hall was filled with old folk who were having a good time. They enjoyed a good tea and praise must go to Mrs. Rollins who made them a magnificent cake. I think by putting another

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Cheerio till next month.

HOBBIES

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Being cox to a boat race crew.

My wife's uncle so it seems
Keeps chasing girls friends in his dreams
Another group of every age
Find pleasure acting on the stage

Rock and Roll that they play
Is for the youth of today—
Other youngsters who get the chance
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C.A.N.U.S.P.A., 8 p.m.
Weightlifters, 8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Monday), 6.30-7.30 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.
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Square Dance Club, 7.30 p.m.
Lambretta Club, 7.30 p.m.
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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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Youth Club (Mixed), 7 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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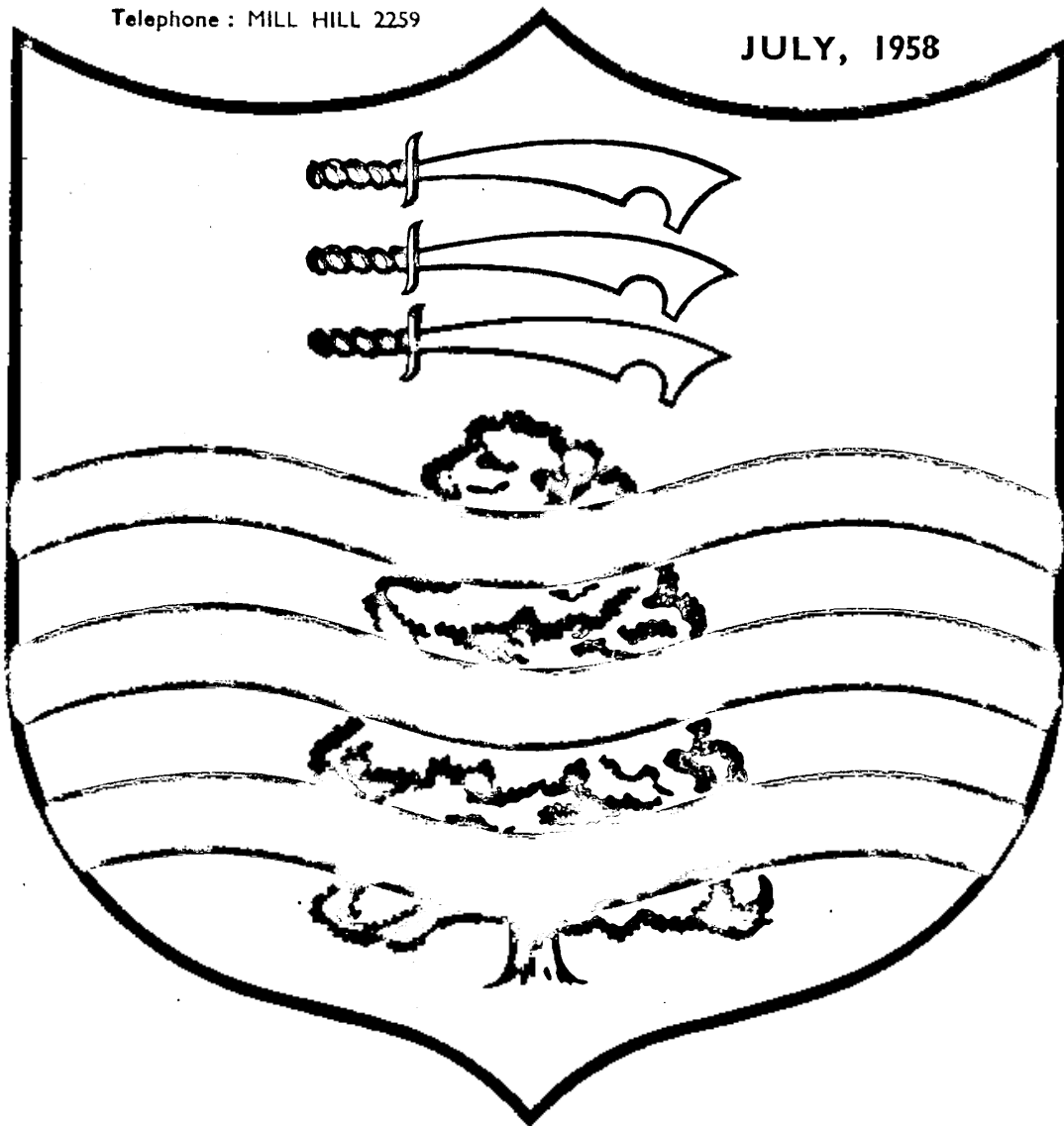
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VIEW POINT

There is one subject that has become increasingly alarming in this district—the amount of damage being done by air pistols and rifles. Alarming not only from our own experiences — in the last few months no less than nine of our windows at the Centre have been shattered by them — but other reports from the district tell of the same story. Whereas the blame in the long run must fall on the people who fire these guns, surely there should be a law forbidding the use of these guns without a licence. The puzzle becomes more involved when the police forbid the carrying of flick-knives, etc., but do nothing about a weapon that is as equally damaging and dangerous as an air gun.

This matter was discussed in great detail at the last council meeting of the Association, and it was proposed that a letter should be sent to our local M.P.; we think this a sound idea and feel that he should go into this matter with urgency.

Whilst hoping for that full co-operation which we feel sure he will give us, it is up to us all in the meantime to report to the police any person who is causing damage with these guns.

READERS' CORNER

Have you any ideas, or any queries you want answering? The idea of starting readers' corner is for the people who say 'I have a better way of doing that.' If this be true let us know. Any worries? Well, let us know them too. If they are genuine we will set about helping you to overcome them. Remember, this magazine is your own journal. Your ideas could prove to be invaluable to us, and

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PEOPLE I MEET, No. 5 by GLENN

A very worried Mrs. Needham arrived at the Guild of Players. Apparently a Good Samaritan had given her a lift from Apex Corner and unfortunately Mrs. Needham had left her handbag in the Good Samaritan's car. Feeling very frustrated and with the awful thought of the car-owner driving merrily along unaware of the passenger's handbag on the rear seat. After two hours or more (cheers) the driver delivered the handbag to Mrs. Needham and so ended the little episode with a great feeling of relief and smiles of gratitude all round. This column would like to offer its sincere thanks to this unknown Samaritan for the great service he performed—truly a real knight of the road. Thank you sir!

One of our younger groups, the Lambretta Club, have grown to remarkable proportions; the Editor remarked on this to me when he arrived back at the Centre and found the car park teeming with Lambrettas. Yes, readers, the Lambretta Club is certainly going places and is flushed with success. There are, too, as many girls as there are men with these fine Lambrettas and there is still room for more members in this fine club—all are welcome. Arriving to listen for a while to the Co-op Orchestra it gave me great pleasure to see how this excellent and very versatile group of players have grown in strength, the original number of members just over a year ago was five—now at the present time, its membership is eighteen. The memorial room now seems a little too small for this fine set of players, but the conductor, Fred Alder, assures me that all new members wishing to join are very welcome and he is very delighted with the performance and growth of the Co-op Orchestra.

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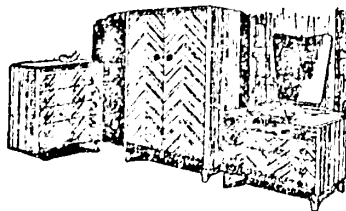


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he had seen young children deliberately dismantling loose bricks, leaving large gaps in the wall. All this destruction is to be deplored. Mr. Vear also called my attention to pillars at the entrance of the car park; we agreed that these brick pillars are decidedly dangerous and should in the immediate future be demolished for safety's sake. I hope the Council will give this matter urgent consideration and act accordingly.

Meeting Mr. Bill Townsend one Friday evening I broached the subject of the possibility of arranging whist for the near future. I mentioned this in my issue of 'People I Meet' some time ago. Mr. Townsend said it would give him the greatest pleasure to arrange a whist drive, but the difficulty arises in having the hall when it is free from its other numerous activities. Of course, this will have to be arranged, so expect an announcement shortly. Thank you, Mr. Bill Townsend.

I met Mr. Bill York the other day; you will remember Bill for his jovial wit and, of course, his painting of the Centre. He now resides at Hendon Central with his family. Bill misses the good times he spent at the Centre and we all miss him too; he sends his regards to all his old friends.

The Editor has written an article about the fair for this month's issue; he wishes to be known that if he has omitted to mention anyone by name he is very sorry; and as you are all aware space in the *Resident* is very limited. See you all next month.

THE WATLING FAIR *by* THE EDITOR

At this year's Watling Fair we were honoured by the presence of Their Worships the Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. A. Paul. I arrived at 2 o'clock for the opening ceremony performed by his Worship. Pleasing to hear was the heart-warming reception received from the large crowd waiting for admission. There were at least ten children to every adult. The crowd was so vast at the barrier that the Mayor's party had great difficulty in getting through. In his speech to declare the fair open the Mayor spoke of his close associations with the Watling Community Centre. Acknowledging the need for the continuance of the Centre, his Worship drew attention to all the hard work that had been put in by its members, so



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assuring the fair's success. The Mayor ended his address by wishing the fair a deserved appreciation by the public — I am glad to say this proved to be the case. At one time the rain seem to have taken command but the sun eventually won the battle of the skies. The stalls were gaily decorated with coloured bunting and were doing brisk business all afternoon. First I went along to the horse-rides (the queue stretched for ten yards or more); these became a big attraction for the youngsters. I thought also an excellent idea came from the Lambretta Club, who offered rides on their pillions for a small charge. This idea could prove very popular in the future. Going along to the common room for tea and cakes (well served by some charming ladies) at the cash box I saw Mrs. Knight. It was very pleasant to sit down and be entertained by the Edgware Co-op Orchestra, playing musical selections, directed by their conductor, Mr. Fred Alder. I would like to give a word of praise, too, to the three young girls from the Youth Club, who spent the whole afternoon collecting dirty cups. On the Centre's front lawn the Square-Dance Club under caller Jon Vear were forming fours for the pleasure of the passing public. I then tried my hand at the coco-nut shies being run by that grand group the Toc H. I came away empty-handed, yet a small boy flushed with success carried two prized coco-nuts — I must improve my shieing. Moving along to the white-elephant stall I found it as usual in the capable hands of Mr. and Mrs. Gooden. Some of the objects being sold were good bargains; a battery-driven cake mixer bought by a friend of mine was in perfect working order—a real snip.

Mrs. Kelly with daughter Norma also had plenty of customers round their spinning arrow. I later saw Mrs. Mylands carrying the cake she had won in the raffle. This large iced cake was made by Mrs. Rollins. Another stall I visited that was doing a brisk trade was manned by Mrs. Lake and Mrs. Filby and was for sweets and cigarettes. The sound of crashing china reminded me of the smash-the-happy-home stall. I became amazed when a ball hit a brown tea-pot, then bounced off, until I realised that the tea-pot was metal. Oh well, all in the game! I cannot possibly mention all the names of the good people who helped in one way or another—my space, I am afraid, is very limited.



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Edgware Road Club, 7.30 p.m.

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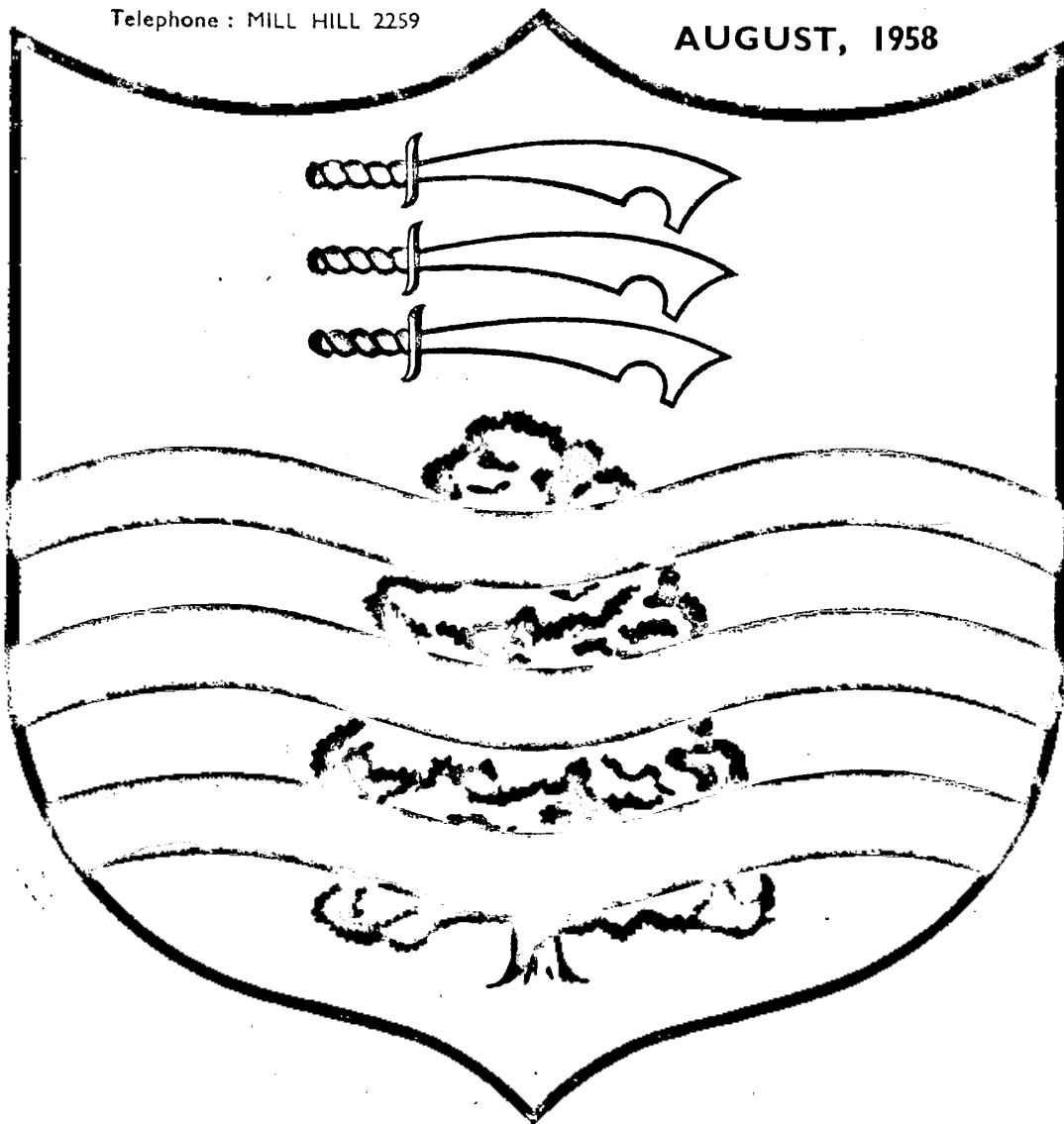
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If you are already a member, look around and seek out others who would be prepared to join us, and see that their membership is paid. If you are not a member try to help us in our efforts to make Watling a friendly and happy place to live in.

WELFARE. In such a limited magazine as *The Resident* it is not always possible to write fully about our groups and the many needs of our neighbourhood. For some years our small Welfare Committee has been building up service work for the neighbourhood, but always at the expense of a few workers. If this necessary work is to continue we need volunteers to visit, and to deliver firewood to, the aged infirm. Offers of help should be made to the office.

YOUTH. The Council of the Association recently stressed the conditions under which we were prepared to continue with our

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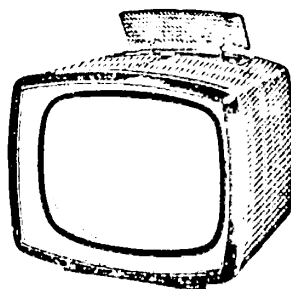
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No longer will it be possible for non-members to visit the club for a 'free evening' and all membership fees must be paid regularly.

LATE FAIR REFLECTIONS

On looking through the Fair accounts it was discovered that justice had not been done to all those who assisted with the refreshment side of the afternoon. Mrs Knight and her helpers and those who donated cakes must have been concerned over this error and we do apologise. The refreshment side raised over £11 and also provided free refreshments for the many helpers. Congratulations to them all.

Coconut Shies. Glenn met many people at the Fair, but we are sure he did not meet that grand body of men—Toc H—running the Coconut Shy. Toc H loaned us the equipment and erected the stall but it was manned by our own Motor Cycle Club. We apologise to Toc H and the Motor Cycle Club for this error—as we thank them for all that was done.

Thanks. It is always difficult to remember the many who have assisted us, but we do thank all those who aided us in any way. In particular we would thank the two men who so nobly assisted us during the rain when the stalls were being dismantled.

Further Thanks. We would like to express our thanks to the young boy who helped with the dismantling of the bunting and who promptly walked off with a prize piece. No doubt that material will make a useful piece of clothing or covering, but we would prefer it to be returned for its proper use next year.

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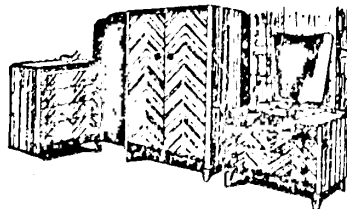
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One resident cleaned the odd dirt and grass from the front of a house and put the clearings in his dust bin. Another resident also cleared the front, but left the clearings in the gutter. A good intention not quite completed. ★ Mr Firth has another son. Born on Saturday July 5th. ★ Skiffle is proving to be a great attraction at the Centre. ★ Mrs Roberts, one of the Veterans, will soon be back at the Club after her recent illness. ★ Plans for the proposed £1,000,000 Civic Centre are receiving the attention of the newly-formed Hendon Society. (At present rating this would mean an extra 7/3 on the rates if the cost was met in the same financial year. If the money is spread over it may mean a slight increase to the ratepayer.) ★ Alderman Paul, Mayor of Hendon, was seen walking around the Estate viewing the general conditions. Is this to be a regular activity of the present mayor and mayoress—viewing the borough from an angle not customary to the civic head of Hendon? ★ Mr and Mrs Marsden have been welcomed as new members of the Association's Council. ★ Gordon Maidment, of the Square Dance Club and Hendon Photographic Society, has been putting 'the spotlight' on the groups of the Association. ★ The Up-to-the-Centre Square Dance Club are running a Harvest Hoedown Dance at John Keble Hall, on Saturday September 20th.

RUBY WEDDING

Mr George and Mrs Mabel Artis of Colchester Road, Watling celebrated their ruby wedding on Sunday July 6th at the Watling Community Centre. Some 80 guests sat down to tea, many of them well-known members of the Watling Association to which Mabel and George have been attached for a number of years. After tea there was a social evening of dancing and song M.C.d. by Mrs. Nyberg. Special items were songs by that popular singer Betty Nyberg, Francois and Alphonse in *The Performing Flea*, and Lily Nyberg in *The Fairy*. At the piano Fred Cole, and his boys.

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at the rear where the Fair was held was made use of; as it is, we all seem to get in each others' way when we leave at different times.

My idea is that the cars could drive straight in past the old air-raid shelter then turn round facing the way out; it may be said why cannot the motor-cycles do the same? the reason is, that modern motor-cycle centre-stands are not suitable if the ground is soft, as they often fall over and cause damage. That is why the solos need to park in the front open space.

The sidecar drivers could of course park at the rear even now if thoughtless persons did not park right in the drive-way to the rear space.

By using the rear space to park there would be no need for any vehicle to park outside in the roadway or on the grass.

It only needs some co-operation between all those members of the Centre who arrive on four wheels or two to make the idea work.

I do not know if the Council of the Association has given this matter any thought but in my view they should—new members will not join if they have trouble in parking.

Though I am the captain of the Motor Cycle Club these views are entirely my own but I am sure my fellow members agree with all I have said. Yours faithfully,

T. W. MORRIS,

19 Kinloch Drive, N.W.9.

Note by Secretary: The land which has been levelled and cleared by a relatively few members of the Association was always intended to be a lawn for Fair and netball purposes—and not a car or motor-cycle park. The original cost was guaranteed by a member on these conditions and at least £20 of the final cost was met by an interested friend on the same condition. We regret the difficulty in parking motor-cycles and can only suggest that the motor-cycle club appoint a parking officer to see that cars, motor-cycles, etc. are parked to the best advantage. We would also welcome volunteers to help clear more of the recognised parking site to make more room for parking.

A few members are still slowly trying to level and grass the lawn—motor cars and cycles, especially on a wet day, will churn up the earth and destroy the value of the voluntary labour which has been put into it.



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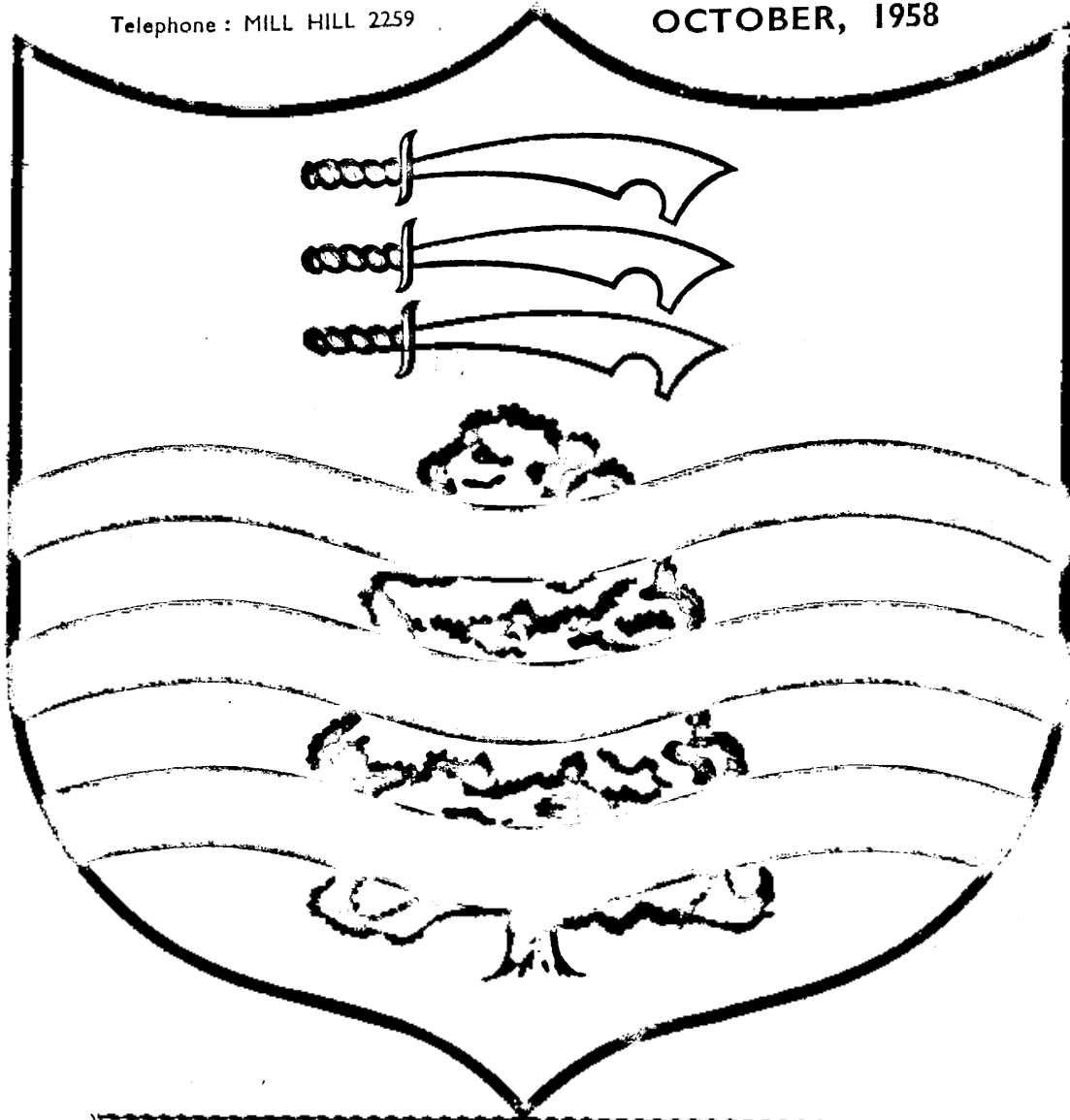
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Monday October 6th 1952. Despite the tolerance of many landlords and tenants there remains a feeling of deep despondency and acute fear in many quarters. Those tenants who have not been able to reach a satisfactory agreement with their landlords — at least those tenants who are now no longer protected are facing a future of uncertainty.

Citizens of all ages await the dreaded summons to appear and show cause why they should not be evicted from their homes. Some are bound to be served with notices to quit — where are they to go? The London County Council cannot possibly house the many already on the housing list; is there any hope that other towns or counties will be able to house — adequately — the dispossessed?

It should not be the policy of local authorities to herd our less fortunate neighbours into large barracks or into 'hut' towns, but immediate steps should be taken to rapidly increase the number of small flats, or maisonettes, for the aged and so bring into use more under occupied property. Magistrates must consider all cases of 'evictions' in relation to fair agreement, hardship and mercy. Citizens must be prepared to take in their less-fortunate neighbours.

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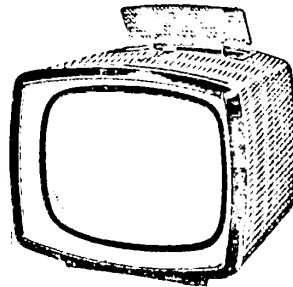
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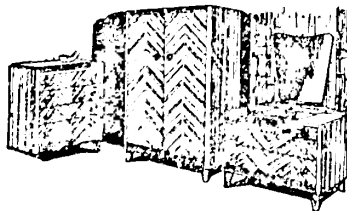
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We are very sorry that the Reverend Mr Robson and Mrs Robson have left our district. Their influence for good in our neighbourhood has been very great and we miss them very much. Mr Robson has spoken to our School many times and has been most welcomed both for his friendliness and the large store of knowledge which he has generously shared with us, while Mrs Robson has charmed us with her lovely singing. Our thoughts and prayers for their welfare go with them and we hope to see them again.

Mrs Leonard Sanders showed the film of the Wegscheid Camp, taken at the time of their visit there, and we are proud of these our friends who do so much, in our name, to help their fellows.

Our thanks are due to Mr Hill for the talk on 'Living in a Scientific Age', to Mrs Delf-Smith for 'Science and Human Happiness' and to Mrs Morcher for her clear and interesting report on the Summer School she attended at Farnecombe in June.

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

Of all the keen and willing members of our flourishing Club, few work harder than Mrs Nyberg, our Social Secretary, who is always busily occupied organising some function or other. She has been active this year, for with so many of our members going overseas, and daughters of others arriving from the U.S.A. and Canada, she has had a large number of 'Welcome Home' and 'Farewell'



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BEHIND THE CURTAIN?

When I read in the Adult School magazine that a party of folk were paying a visit to Yugoslavia I thought 'Well there's a place which is not crowded with tourists, I'd like to go there.' I got my chance, because two people dropped out and on being asked if I was interested I accepted the offer to go, my wife taking the other place.

This visit, being organised by the National Adult School Union, is naturally part educational. It is not wholly sight seeing—we shall meet the people; indeed, arrangements have been made to visit a teachers' training college, a collective farm, a co-operative guild, and to have a meal with some of the ordinary people. We should know a little more about the country when we leave and I hope they will learn a little more about us. It is a good way to foster international brotherhood.

More news next month. If you would like to join an Adult School this winter, you will find a welcome and I am sure widen your experience.

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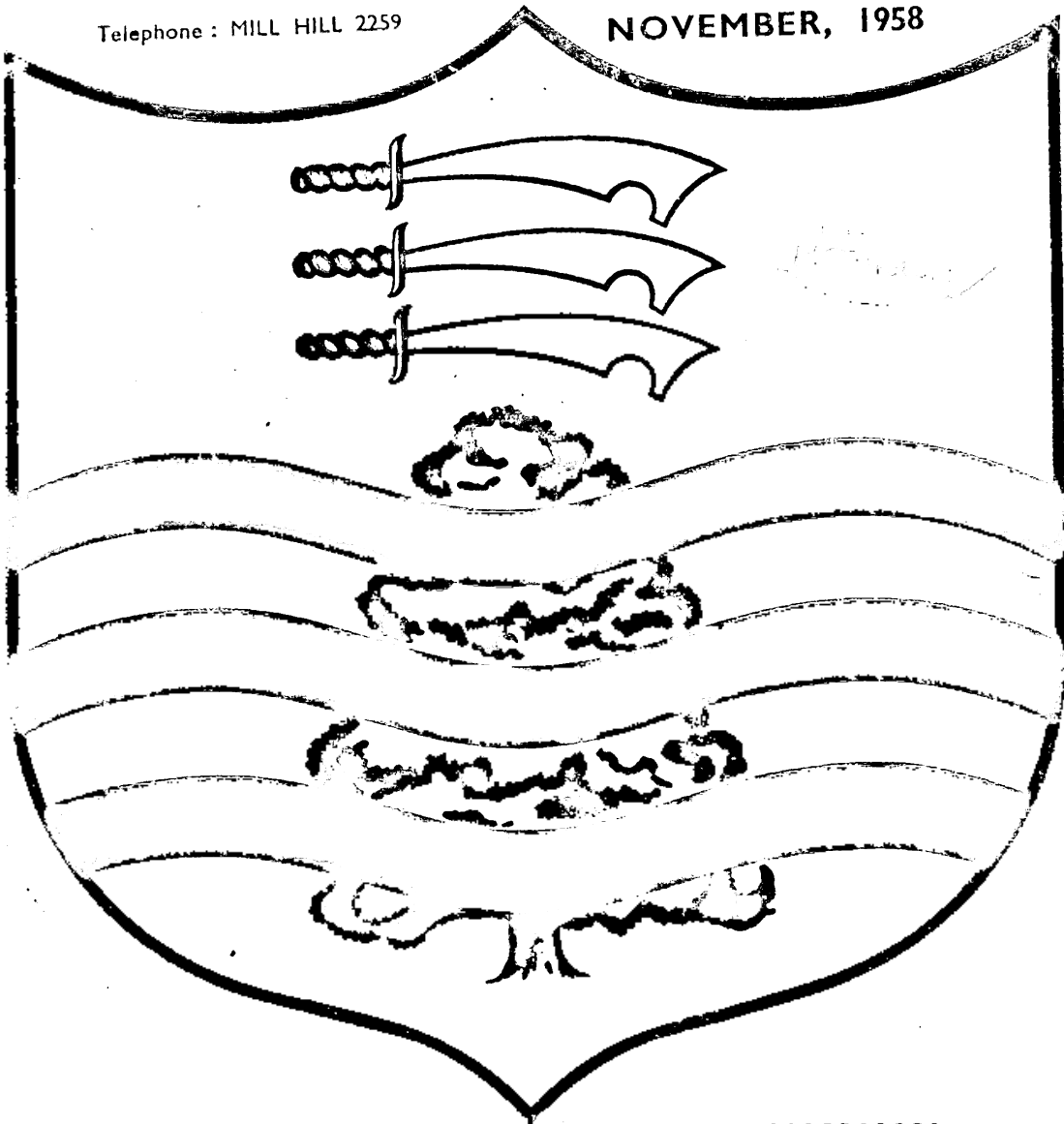
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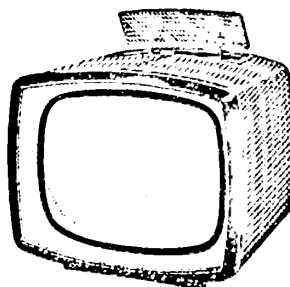
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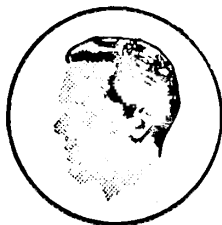
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We have taken 'Values in a Scientific Age' ourselves, all contributing as we went along. It was agreed that in a scientific age we must adapt ourselves to the advance in scientific knowledge while not losing our human values.

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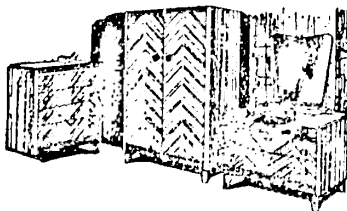


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Among exhibitions at present available for touring in the van are 'Do-It-Yourself,' 'Food and Cookery,' 'Opera,' 'Autobiography,' 'Background to a Holiday in Europe,' 'Embroidery,' and a selection of 'Gardening' and 'Children's Books.' The speaker would also take with her a selection of books of general interest, and take any queries on books from the audience to be answered by the League's Book Information Bureau — a service normally only available to members of the League. It is emphasised that these exhibitions are not merely displays — it is hoped that people will handle and browse through the books.



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LOCAL HISTORY

In the hope of stimulating the establishment of Local History groups in Community Associations the National Federation has just issued an information sheet on the subject. One of the Associations which already has a well established Local History Society is that at Gerrards Cross, Bucks. This group is at present engaged in a search for pictures, postcards, paintings, prints, etc., of Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter as they used to be or of old houses in the neighbourhood, local people and notable events. The Society intends to make photographic records of these before they are lost and will place some of their pictorial records on display at the Centre.

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PREMIUM BONDS

There may be Community Associations who have been considering investing their funds in Premium Bonds and the trustees of such Associations may be in doubt as to the propriety of so doing. It may help them to know therefore that the N.F.C.A. has been informed that Premium Bonds are not a trustee investment and that it is not proper for trustees to invest in them. Apart from the fact that they are not a trustee investment, no interest is obtained unless a prize is received. It is the duty of trustees to invest funds in the most productive way possible. If therefore they invest trust funds in Premium Bonds they may be charged with a breach of trust.

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STUDY TOUR

The N.F.C.A. is hoping to arrange a study tour of Germany in 1959. Members of the party would be able to visit German neighbourhood centres and new housing areas and it is thought that June might be the best month in which to arrange the tour. The Federation would welcome comments upon these suggestions and would like to hear from readers interested in joining a study tour of this kind.



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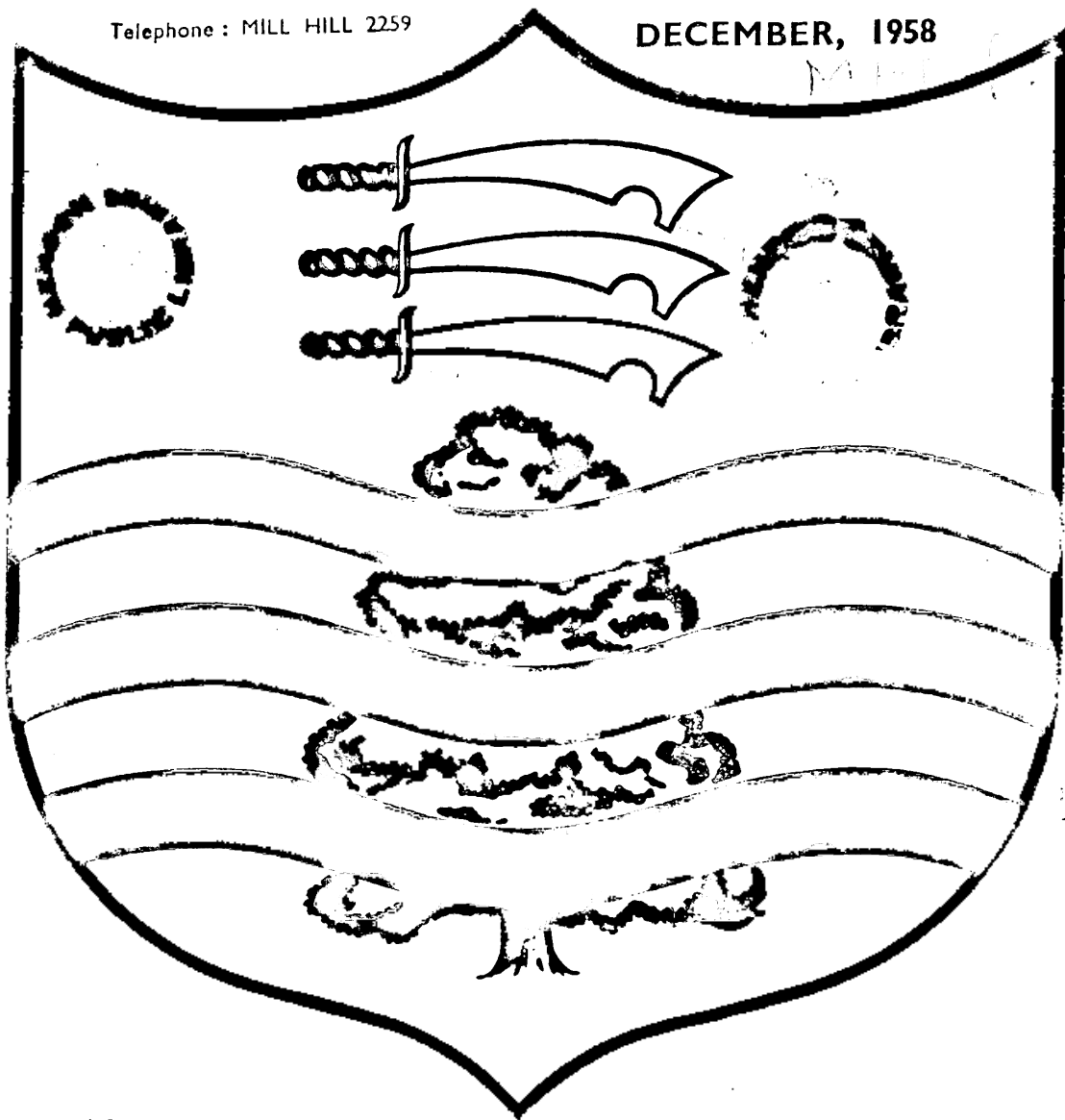
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VIEWPOINT

The residents of Watling have been brought face to face with another increase in their rents and a meeting will have discussed this matter before this RESIDENT is in your hands.

Any increase in rents is distasteful and calls for strong disapproval, and brings with it many conflicting rumours and statements — it also calls for a serious study of all the things which may have brought about this increase.

We are all aware of the general tendency for an increase in wages with corresponding increases in the cost of goods, services, food, etc. (We are not now immediately concerned with whether these increases are fair or reasonable, since they are matters of consideration and concern in other ways.)

With an increase in wages, without a corresponding increase in production to stabilise prices, it is obvious that the cost of products will increase as will the wage bill of our landlords. We should therefore expect that rents would increase.

Increases can, however, be offset to some extent by greater efficiency in the management, repair and decoration of houses. The L.C.C. might well be asked to look at the overheads on the Housing side. Is it essential to have the type of centralization now in force or could something less costly be devised?

Again increases can be avoided if we were to exercise our full responsibilities as tenants. So much money per house is set aside each year for running costs. If we all acted strongly in cases of vandalism and wilful damage of property; if we all respected the property we live in and treated it fairly; if we thought a bit ourselves about the danger of frost — something might be saved.

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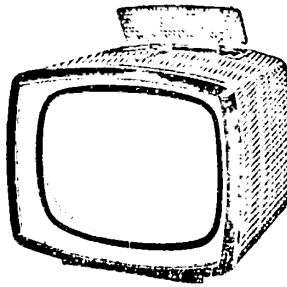
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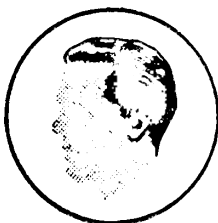
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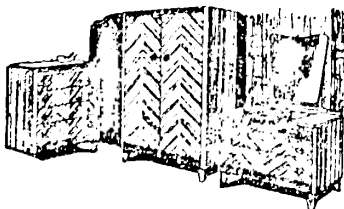


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N.F.C.A. AREA CONFERENCE

The National Federation of Community Associations held their area conference at the Roman Manor Community Centre, East Ham on Saturday 18th October.

Representatives from Community Associations in London, the Home Counties and South East areas filled the meeting hall.

Chairman of the conference for the forenoon session was Mr C. T. Francis, Warden of the Canons Park Community Association.

The main item on the agenda for discussion and consideration were proposals for a special fund-raising campaign to take place next year during a week to be fixed by the National Council.

The general feeling of the meeting was favourable for such a campaign and most representatives pledged support.

During this special week, it is hoped that publicity will be given to the Community Association movement as a whole and each Community Association should enhance their own position locally.

A percentage of all monies raised will be allocated to the National movement.

During the afternoon session there was a talk on 'The use of schools for community purposes' given by Mr John Driscoll, B.A., headmaster of Lake House Secondary School, Forest Gate. This was followed by a lively discussion.

We were specially favoured by the presence of the Mayor of West Ham who stayed through the whole of the conference.

It was decided to hold the spring area conference at Oxford in March 1959.

FRED LAKE.

WE WENT TO YUGOSLAVIA

by FRED LAKE

We met at Victoria Station — a party of 30, representing Adult Schools from various parts of the country. In our party was a couple of Quakers from Bournemouth and, although he tried to keep it quiet, a young doctor and his wife from Reading. In a way this was a source of comfort to us as with a doctor in the background



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We arrived at Ljubljana at 8 o'clock next night and we alighted on the side of the train where there was no platform. We were met and welcomed by Professor Kopac who was to be our guide during our tour, and a very nice, helpful friend he turned out to be — nothing was too much trouble for him. In a strange country anything can go wrong with your train or luggage or hotel, but the professor smoothed things out for us.

Yugoslavia is a little larger than the United Kingdom, its population some 17 million: Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Macedonians and Montentgrins.

The form of Government is a Federative Socialist Republic consisting of six autonomous States: Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, and Montenegro.

Each Republic differs from the others in geography, history, economic life, and culture, each giving a different picture of the life and mentality of the peoples of Yugoslavia.

The three main religions are Catholic, Orthodox and Moslem.

There are four main languages and two alphabets: Cyrillic (like Russian) in the south and east, and Latin in the north and west.

You can imagine the task Tito has of binding these different peoples into one nation (*to be continued*).

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Further details from Central Council of Physical Recreation, 6 Bedford Square, London W.C.1. (*from Community News Bulletin*)

VOLUNTARY LEADERS

The aims of the N.F.C.A. to provide suitable courses for the training of voluntary leaders has been immensely furthered by a grant provided by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. The effect was particularly noticeable in the residential course held at Lambton Castle where 41 students attended. The course was based on working groups which dealt with publicity, committee work, relationships between neighbourhood associations and 'entertaining ourselves.' The course was considerably enriched by the exceptional quality of the general lecturers, who admirably related the day-to-day work of the Community Association to wider issues of the modern world.

A similar course with the same programme was held at Cirencester for Associations in the South. This course has been so well established over many years that its continued success is taken for granted.

Two week-end courses have been planned, but not yet held, for the South East and the East Midlands and it is hoped that in 1956 more widespread, co-ordinated but flexible provision will be designed to encourage the steady flow of those competent voluntary leaders on whom the quality of Community Association work must always depend.

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