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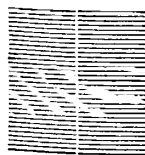
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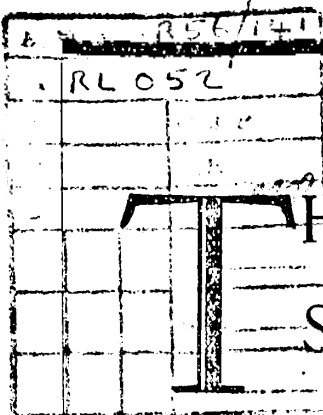
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## WELCOME TO OUR KING AND QUEEN

**W**ATLING Royalists will turn out in strength on Friday, May 5th, when the King and Queen visit Hendon for the first time in nearly ten years.

### The Rates: Association receives Bouquets

Many tenants have expressed their great appreciation of the Watling Community Association's efforts which resulted in a rates showdown in the Hendon Council Chamber and the reversal of a previous Council decision to collect six months' rates in advance from Watling folk. This followed a brilliant ten-day campaign with Community Association enthusiasm, excitement, and activity at a peak.

Watling's thanks must go to Member of Parliament Ian Orr Ewing, who showed once again that his election pledges meant what they said. His personal intervention in the dispute ensured that Watling received a square deal.

Secretary Vear has thanked all those who helped to distribute the 4,000 letters to Estate tenants. Of these, 3,000 were returned endorsed with the tenants' personal protest, and frequently adorned with choice remarks on the proposed new rates plan.

Hundreds more would have been received at the Centre had it not been for the speedy about-turn of Hendon Council. (See Viewpoint, page 5.)

### MEET YOUR M.P.

**I**AN ORR-EWING, North Hendon Member of Parliament, will once again visit Watling Centre on Friday, May 19th, in order to meet local residents with a problem. He is leaving the third Friday in every month free for constituents in the Burnt Oak area.

They will drive from Buckingham Palace via Golders Green to formally open the National Institute of Medical Research, one-time billet for hundreds of Wrens on Bittacy Hill. Their presence will indicate that here is one of the most important centres in the country.

Here experiments will be carried out to determine how best the human body can stand up to all that modern science can think up. One department will deal exclusively with mankind's new toy, atomic energy.

One of the greatest achievements of the Institute's scientists was revealed recently. They tracked down the mysterious poison we have been eating in our bread for the last 25 years, a poison that might be responsible for stomach ulcers, asthma, split minds, etc. The poison is created when agene is used to whiten bread. The Medical Research Council have persuaded the Government to ban agene as soon as new equipment comes from the U.S.A.

Bittacy Hill is only a short distance from Mill Hill Broadway. Take a 240 bus.

Be sure to get next month's special "Watling Resident" giving full details of the June Celebrations.

## Watling Community Association

### THE 1950/51 OFFICERS

**A**T the annual meeting and the first meeting of the '50/'51 Council, the following were chosen to serve for the coming year:—

President: Mr. A. I. Jones.

Chairman: Mr. J. Nightingale.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. G. Richardson.

Treasurer: Mr. A. W. Leach.

Membership Secretary: Mr C. Fanthorpe.

Social Secretary: Mr. V. Needham.

Editors, "Watling Resident," Messrs. D. Morrell and W. A. Wood.

Secretary, "Watling Resident," Mr. S. Lambert.

Hon. Auditors: Mr. S. P. Poynter, Mr. A. F. Bouchard.

Hon. Solicitor: Mr. J. Christian-Edwards.

Individual Members' Representatives: Mrs. V. Judd, Mrs. L. Nyberg, Mr. F. H. Lake, Mr. C. Nyberg, Mr. S. Jamieson.

Associate Members' Representative: Mr. J. Nightingale.

Executive Committee: Mrs. Coleman, Miss Kominsky, Mr. S. Lambert, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. F. H. Lake, Mr. G. Stokes, Mr. A. R. Lodge, Mr. A. W. Kaye.

Social Committee: Mrs. M. Lake, Mrs. R. Lambert, Mrs. V. Judd, Mrs. L. Nyberg, Mrs. Fanthorpe, Mr. Bachell, Mr. Derrick, Mr. S. Lambert.

Education Committee: Mrs. Coleman, Mr. F. H. Lake, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. W. A. Wood, Mr. G. Richardson.

Memorial Committee: Mrs. V. Judd, Mrs. L. Nyberg, Mr. A. R. Lodge, Mr. A. W. Kaye.

Personal Service and Distress Fund Committee: Mr. A. I. Jones, Mr. L. Vear, Mr. A. R. Lodge.

British Legion Service Committee: Mr. A. R. Lodge.

Residents and Tenants Welfare Officer: Mr. L. Vear.

Mill Hill Social Service Committee: Mr. G. Richardson, Mr. A. W. Kaye.

Edgware Social Service Committee: Mr. L. Vear, Mr. G. Richardson.

Youth Club Management Committee: Mr. A. R. Lodge, Mr. S. Lambert.

## JOHN HURST & JAMES TAYLOR

**H**ELLO! Here's a fairly simple competition for you. Below you will find three statements. Two are correct, one is wrong. Can you spot the error? Just write the letter opposite the incorrect statement on a card, add your name and address, and let me have it at the Watling Centre by May 20th. Plenty of prizes.

(a) Prince Olav of Norway is in the order of succession to the British Throne.

(b) There are eleven Provinces in Canada.

(c) The "Queen Mary" was built in 1932.

March winners:—Miss J. Law, H. Lecker, G. A. Ellwood, Pat Cullum, T. Bucklam, Janet Stevens, Mrs. Starns, Mrs. Kelly, Hilda Stanway, B. Freckson.

**H**AVE you tried these new books from Hendon Library yet? They're good:—

LET LOVE COME LAST (*Taylor Caldwell*) is about a man who develops a passion for spoiling children, as he had a rough time as a child. But the spoilt children become monsters. Tremendously vigorous.

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THE DARK BUREAU (*Ernest Dudley*). International crooks led by a man addicted to the "Madame Butterfly" aria "One Fine Day." Original characters make this very exciting reading as the Yard throws a cordon round the gang H.Q.

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## VIEWPOINT

The Community Association was brought into being by the early residents of Watling and it may only continue so long as the residents are fully aware of its organisation and its needs. Firstly, it is non-party political and non-sectarian and, through its representation, is in a position to speak authoritatively and objectively on all matters affecting the Watling residents, as has been so recently proved.

Secondly, by or through the Community Association many welfare services are provided in the Community Centre and the Council is always seeking to be aware of the changing needs of the estate and does—often without the knowledge of the residents—take action on such needs.

Thirdly, so far as the very limited accommodation available will allow, the expressed recreational and educational needs are met through organised activities.

If the Association is to remain a continuing live and worth-while part of Watling it is necessary for us all to accept some responsibility through membership, through voluntary personal service and through neighbourliness. As has been proved, the residents need the Association and the Association needs the residents—are the residents prepared to support the Association and its work to the best of their ability as the Association needs must serve the residents?

In a changing world we may expect to meet many difficulties and these may be successfully solved only through a real co-operation and through our own efforts.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE CENTRE

*You'll be welcome at these activities*

Sundays.		
Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.	
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.	
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.	
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.	

Mondays.		
Born Oak Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.	
Children's Library .. ..	4.00 p.m.	
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.	
Ball Room Dancing Class ..	7.30 p.m.	
G.I. Brides' Parents' Association	8.00 p.m.	
Mutual Union of Oddfellows ..	8.00 p.m.	
Painting Group .. ..	8.00 p.m.	
Weightlifters .. ..	8.00 p.m.	

Tuesdays.		
Family Clinic .. ..	10.00 a.m.	
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.	
Women's Arts and Crafts ..	2.30 p.m.	
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7.00 p.m.	
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.	
Youth Club Drama .. ..	7.30 p.m.	
Guild of Players (Amateur Dramatics) .. ..	8.00 p.m.	

Wednesdays.		
W.V.S. Clothing Exchange ..	2.30 p.m.	
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.	
Children's Art Club .. ..	6.00 p.m.	
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.	
Men's Club .. ..	8.00 p.m.	
Ramblers .. ..	8.00 p.m.	
Weightlifters .. ..	8.00 p.m.	
Crest F.C. (first three Wednesdays of month)	8.00 p.m.	

Thursdays.		
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.	
British Legion .. ..	7.30 p.m.	
Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7.00 p.m.	
National Cyclists' Union ..	8.00 p.m.	
Youth Hostels Association ..	8.00 p.m.	

Fridays.		
Girl Guides .. ..	6 p.m.	
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.	
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.	

Saturdays.		
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.	

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
NEXT MEETING:—MAY 5th. Visitors always welcome.

**FIRST AID IN THE HOME—No. 5****BURNS AND SCALDS**

By W. A. WOOD, F.I.C.A.P.

**C**ONTINUING his series on First Aid, expert Wood discusses the treatment of burns and scalds. He is always ready to answer your miscellaneous queries. See his invitation below.

**A** BURN is caused by dry heat, such as contact with hot objects, etc., electric current, lightning, or corrosive chemicals. A scald is caused by moist heat, such as steam or hot liquids.

The greatest dangers arising from these injuries are *shock* and *sepsis*. Pain is acute, and is rendered worse by the burned part being exposed to the air.

The first aid treatment for both burns and scalds is the same, and can be summarised briefly—treat for shock and exclude air from the affected part.

The treatment of shock is of paramount importance. Shock, as a result of burns, is responsible for a very high percentage of fatal cases.

**GENERAL RULES OF TREATMENT.**

1. If the burn is severe or extensive wrap the patient in blankets and keep him warm.
2. Send for a doctor, or transport to hospital by ambulance.
3. Treat for shock. (See previous articles in this series.)
4. Lay patient down.
5. Give drinks of hot sweetened tea.
6. Handle patient as gently as possible.
7. Never remove clothing except if soaked in inflammable or corrosive fluids.
8. Never open a burn blister.
9. Exclude air and germs by applying sterile dressings, either dry or soaked in a solution of bicarbonate of soda, one teaspoonful to a pint of warm water.

10. If the face is burned make a mask from clean linen or *plain white lint*, cutting out apertures for the eyes and mouth, and apply as above and hold in position with a lightly applied bandage.

**11. DON'T APPLY GREASE OR OIL OF ANY DESCRIPTION.**

N.B.—Please let me have your first aid queries. I shall be pleased to answer them in a question and answer column each month. Address them to me c/o Watling Centre.

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## Burnt Oak Mixed Adult School

A delightful talk on "Happiness" was given by Mr. Roberts, of Southgate, who showed us how we may find satisfaction and contentment in the most ordinary circumstances.

Mr. Bayes helped us in discussion on Personal Relationships when we agreed that learning to understand the points of view and difficulties of our neighbours will enable us to be more charitable in our opinions and help us to live more happily with each other.

Mrs. Lord followed with a consideration of "What parents desire for their children." Though most parents' first desire for their children is Happiness, they have difficulty in helping them to reach it, and we realised that only as we ourselves become better can we help the children in their task of living a full life.

In discussion on "Adolescence and the choice of careers" we thought that children might be encouraged to use their talents to the full for the good of the community. Even the lowliest work well done can bring deep satisfaction.

## Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

Mrs. Kennard has given us a sympathetic account of the life of Helen Keller who was born in Alabama and lost her senses of sight, hearing and smell by an attack of scarlet fever when only nineteen months old. These tremendous difficulties were overcome with the help of her friend Anna Sullivan, who taught her the deaf and dumb language by touch, writing and typewriting, and also how to speak. She has written the story of her life with the most beautiful descriptions of the countryside, putting some of us to shame who have eyes to see.

A visitor from the Nature Cure and Anti-vivisection Clinic in London spoke of the spiritual, mental and physical advantages of a vegetarian diet. Most of us agreed that living more in harmony with natural laws would see the disappearance of most diseases and ill-health and deplored the infliction of pain on animals for experimental purposes.

Mrs. Thomas gave a report on our Guest House at Ramsgate, and Mrs. Durant and Mrs. Fairbairn an account of the Women's Committee and L.A.S.U. meetings.

## THE LETTERS POUR IN

**A**PRIL was a fine month for the Editors and they had a good time opening and reading a record number of letters. Apologies to those who wrote in vain. There just wasn't enough space for all.

### Chaos at the Gateway to Watling

By FREDERICK ASHLEY

The chaotic condition of Watling Avenue, especially at week-ends, is to be deplored and reflects discredit on the powers that be.

Firstly, we have the traffic muddle, of which I wrote in your magazine some few months ago.

Secondly, the street traders which add to the melee.

Thirdly, the disgusting conditions of the roads at the rear of the shops on both sides of Watling Avenue.

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Why are three bus services allowed to stop adjacent to a pedestrian crossing and traffic lights at the busy junction of Watling Avenue and the Edgware Road? This stop, at my suggestion, was reviewed by the London Transport Executive, and their reply was "that any alteration would cause inconvenience to intended passengers." The fact that this stop causes such congestion as to endanger life did not enter into their consideration. Again, quite recently the Hendon Borough Council suggested that the 251 bus service could avoid Barnfield Road by travelling the whole length of Deansbrook Rd. crossing the Edgware Rd. and proceed through Camrose Avenue to Queensbury.

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This I consider to be a brilliant idea which would serve a dual purpose: (1) relieve congestion at Barnfield Road; and (2) give the long-suffering residents of Camrose Avenue a bus service. This suggestion was turned down by the London Transport Executive, a decision which is both stupid and dogmatic. However, I am pleased to note that Hendon Council are taking the matter up with the Traffic Advisory Committee.

With regard to the street traders I consider they fulfil a necessary service to Watling. Will the proposed market solve their problem? This is a question which only the street traders and Watling residents should answer. Remember, we have had this market once before.

The state of the service roads at the rear of the shops is a matter that must be dealt with at once. Why did a Hendon Councillor have to emphasise this deplorable state that exists, through the medium of the Press? If, as the Council Sanitary Inspector states, "a lower portion of the road is a private road and it rests with the occupiers to sweep same," surely pressure can be brought to bear on the said occupiers to carry the job out. However, what has the Sanitary Inspector got to say about the Hendon Councillor's complaint which refers to Back Lane, which is a public thoroughfare?

One final observation. The police should be instructed to eradicate the menace of car parking both in Watling Avenue and the adjacent side roads, the most important ones being Gaskarth Rd. and Barnfield Rd.

### Anything will do for Watling

**B**RIAN HANDLEY writes:—Thank you for your excellent April VIEWPOINT. It's about time that someone pointed out that Watling is no longer treated with any seriousness at the Town Hall. We're just scutfls. Anything will do for us. The reason is, of course, that we don't shout loudly enough, and I imagine that they are rather deaf down there. After all, it's a 2½d. ride away. Please keep shouting for us. Your voice is louder than ours.

### Watling's Dog Tracks

RICHARD MADISON writes:

Why is it that good sound gates are being replaced by new ones when so many tenants have no gates at all? I myself have had no gate for five years. When one gets notices to enter front garden competitions it makes one feel that it would be a waste of effort. My garden is like a dog track. Will those responsible for this state of affairs plan with a little more thought?

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## Keep off Politics

HENRY BLANDELL writes:

I read your April VIEWPOINT, and am thoroughly disgusted with the interest that the Editors are taking in politics. There are plenty of other subjects you and the Community Association can play with. Take my advice and steer clear.

## Safety First?

'Observer' writes:

ON passing the junction of Montrose Avenue and Edgware Road recently I noticed that a concrete post had been firmly secured in the ground in the centre of the entrance of the private road at the rear of the block of L.C.C. flats.

I immediately made inquiries from a few of the tenants of the flats as to the reason for the post. Apparently I gleaned that a certain class of road users are in the habit of using this road as a sort of "by pass" to the main road and that the tenants, being naturally concerned for the safety of their children, who play in this thoroughfare, had rightly complained, hence the post.

Whilst in entire agreement on this point I cannot but feel that in view of access to these flats of vital public services, fire appliances, ambulances, etc., that a better idea would have been to have had some form of gate that could, in an emergency, be opened by the resident caretaker, thus making for "complete safety first."

## A Breath of Fresh Air

Councillor A. J. Chown writes:—It is wrong to assume that Watling's Labour Councillors do not make much impression at Hendon Town Hall. We do, in fact, bring a breath of fresh air into the various committees. . . .

WILL ALL OLD-AGE PENSIONERS wishing to take advantage of the Burnt Oak Business Men's Club's cinema scheme please ensure that their names are on the list at Watling Centre?

## HOUSE EXCHANGE

Three-bedroomed house wanted in exchange for same, Bellingham, Catford L.C.C. Estate (side gate, hot water). Rent, 22s. 10d. Reason for exchange—husband working near Watling Estate. Write: Mrs. Wellbrook, 54 Moremead Road, Bellingham, Catford, S.E. 6

## A Tonic for Old England

Fred Lake writes:

ON the 23rd of last month St. George's Day passed quietly away.

The Welsh people enthusiastically commemorate their patron Saint David with festivals and hojadays.

The Scots also proudly celebrate on their National Day, and we all join with them to celebrate the New Year.

On St. Patrick's Day we all become Irish and endeavour to wear our little bit of shamrock. St. Patrick's Night Dances are a feature throughout England.

But what happens on St. George's Day? Hush! let it pass. Apart from a few formal ceremonies we are either too shy or too ashamed to make a fuss!

For one thing St. Georges Day comes in April, an awkward time of the year for us to do it justice. Our national emblem, the rose, doesn't bloom that month. Few functions are organised, and whoever heard of a St. George's Night Dance?

We English are far too modest. I am not a Nationalist by any means. I believe with Abraham Lincoln that all men are brothers.

England is a beautiful country. Her achievements are acknowledged the world over. Let us then at least once a year proclaim the fact.

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Foreigners say that we English take our pleasures sadly. It's time we snapped out of it. We are a great people. Let us cast down our wall of reserve and let the world see that we really can enjoy ourselves.

St. George's Day could be celebrated in June, on a Saturday, when roses are in bloom and most people are on half-day holiday. We can wear a rose and go to the fair, country dance, choir festival or what have you.

And what's more Old England will get a sorely needed tonic.

## IF HITLER COULD SEE ME NOW

**FIVE** years ago this month we celebrated. Germany was defeated and the war in Europe finished. Now, five years later, our contributor at present in the industrial Rhineland, gives this picture of life in this part of Germany.

By KENNETH CHOWN

**G**OERING must be turning miserably in his grave at this moment. Hitler cannot be feeling too easy.

I am writing this in one of the luxury barracks which Goering persuaded Hitler to build in the years before the war. Now British soldiers are enjoying these quarters while on their occupational duties in the ex-enemy country.

On the nearby aerodrome which Goering probably used to bomb the surrounding countries, British European Airways' liners taxi down bringing with them officials of the Control Commission back from leave in the United Kingdom, or near relatives of a Serviceman's family.

The tables have turned since Hitler built those barracks back in 1936. How must the German ex-serviceman feel? And what must he think when he sees the young British Serviceman board a tram and travel free of charge anywhere on the extensive tramway system in the area?

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**SOME** of the finer buildings have been taken over by the Church Army or Naafi to provide clubs where the Serviceman can spend his spare time. Other beauty spots are now leave centres where the Serviceman's family—resident in the B.A.O.R.—can spend their holidays.

But the German in the heavily bombed industrial area lives in poor conditions. Many damaged houses have been repaired, but only in a very crude way. Many have tarpaulin stretched across the rafters to keep the rain out.

The visiting tourist or serving soldier

might have been touched when he saw the beautifully laid out gardens in front of the underground shelters. Perhaps they didn't realise, as I didn't, that people were living in them and that those gardens were just some effort to brighten their dark "homes." Other people live in cellars.

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Yet to walk round the shopping centres of the big cities everything looks normal. The builders and decorators have been at work, and it is true to say that these cities look brighter than those in Britain.

The shop windows are filled with the luxurious goods which in England are earmarked for the export market as soon as they come off the assembly lines.

All these goods came into the shops overnight. In June, 1948, there was currency reform and money was revalued. Savings over a certain amount became frozen and other money was worth only one-tenth of its face value.

To-day the wages are low and the price of food high. Any money that was left after the reform was spent in the difficult months which followed it.

There is also one other person who cannot buy in German shops—the British Serviceman. He is not paid in German money but in vouchers for British money—so he, too, can't buy these luxuries.

## Hospital Men are Filmed

The Road Safety film recently exhibited in local cinemas was enacted in Hendon. The ambulance used belonged to the Middlesex Fire and Ambulance Service, and came from the station at Edgware General Hospital. The crew were two local men, Driver Attendant James Kerry and Attendant John Rees-Jones.

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# ASSOCIATION ROUND-UP

**THE U.S.A. AND CANADIAN BRIDES ASSOCIATION** are beginning to send a steady stream of Watling folk across the Atlantic to say hello to their daughters and their grandchildren. Meantime the Monday Centre meetings are lively affairs under the directorship of Social Secretary Mrs. Nyberg and her radiogram.

Watling Weightlifters Shell and Gomersall have been honoured by being chosen to officiate at the British Amateur Weightlifting Championships on Saturday, 6th May, at the Scala Theatre, London.

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**THE WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS** had a setback last month. "Blithe Spirit" had to be cancelled when Jane Innes became sick not 24 hours before the show was to go on, and after a strenuous dress rehearsal. But Watling will be able to see the play during the June Celebrations at the Centre. Meanwhile their attention is turned to the Hendon Drama Festival, which commences at Hartley Hall, Mill Hill, on May 15th. The one-act play that they're entering is called "Playgoers."

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**THE HOSPITAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION GROUP**, now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Centre (7 p.m.), has a new hon. secretary. He is Mr. J. Francis, and he will be pleased to tell newcomers of the varied and vast benefits one can get for one's family for 4d. weekly.

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**ANN TEMPLE**, beautiful beauty expert of *Woman*, attracted many members of Watling's women groups to the Centre on April 14th when she demonstrated the art of glamour. The "guinea-pigs" had a wonderful time, even though their husbands refused to own them when the demonstration was over. They just couldn't believe they had such sensational wives!

## CARNIVAL QUEEN

**WHO** is to be Watling's Carnival Queen in June? The Watling Week Committee are conducting a microscopic search during May for the lovely, lucky girl. At the Wednesday dances at the Centre on the 10th, 17th and 24th May six girls will be selected from the dancers. It is hoped to have the co-operation of local cinema managers to find other lovelies and on a date to be announced (watch the Centre notice board) the Queen and her attendants will be selected. These three will form the focal point in the June Celebrations.

## CARNIVAL QUEEN

**FINE** weather is bringing more veterans to the weekly club meetings. They were entertained on April 12th by members of Broadway Townswomen's Guild. Happy birthday wishes to Mrs. G. Hogan, who will be 72 on May 11th. We would like to thank the very kind ladies who have made cakes to accompany the veterans' cup of tea. **H.R.**

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# THE JUNIOR RESIDENT

DEAR CHILDREN,

May is the month of merry-making. I think nowhere is May more lovely than in England. The fruit trees are in bloom and hedges and gardens clothed in fresh green leaves and the milk white and sweet-scented hawthorn.

Not very long ago people used to get up before sunrise on the first day of the month—May Day—and go into the woods and meadows to bathe their faces in the dew. They believed the dew made them beautiful, so long as it was not taken from the fairy rings for that would make the fairies angry.

They would then gather all the flowers and branches they could find and carry them home—dancing and singing—to decorate their houses. Afterwards there were games, feasting and dancing round the maypole on the village green.

This month is the beginning of the summer fun. Many open-air festivals are being prepared, and holiday plans being made. The bands will play, the sun shine, and the sea sparkle; the birds are singing, and the open road and fields invite us to adventure and explore.

May you all enjoy many very happy summer days.—Your friend,

BROWN OWL.

## Nesting Time

**H**AVE you ever wondered why birds' nests are built in certain places and of so many different colours?

Nests are built to protect the eggs and then the babies—which are very fragile. Some birds only make a hollow in the ground and you will find that these babies are warmly covered and able to run about and hide themselves about an hour or so after being hatched.

Here's another Competition

**M**ARION GREEN, of 167 Deansbrook Road, and Brian Banks, of 25 Orange Hill Road, were the lucky winners of the March Flower Competition. Now see if you can sort out these jumbled trees:

- (1) AKO
- (2) LEAPM.
- (3) ALENP.
- (4) RIF.
- (5) ECBEH.

Send your answers to me c/o Watling Centre, by May 20th, adding your name, address, age and birthday. There will be at least one prize and maybe more.

HELEN CATFORD.

Some nests are built so that they are difficult to see. The nest of the chaffinch is prepared with grasses, wool and moss, and the outside covered with small pieces of bark and lichens, and is so carefully built into the fork of a tree that it looks exactly like part of the tree.

Some other birds build nests that are difficult to reach. The rooks build nests high up in the tallest trees. They don't try to hide them, for they seem to know how unlikely it is that anyone would want to climb up to their nurseries.

Birds like the peewit do not build a nest at all, but make a hollow in the ground putting in a few grasses. You will find that the eggs in this nest are greeny-brown with chocolate markings, and are so like the ground on which it is built that you could walk quite close without finding it.

If you happen to see a nest while in the country, I am sure you will not touch it, but just peep quietly so as not to disturb the little family.

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## HIS CULTURE WAS SAVAGERY

A Short History of Jazz — by ALAN WILLS

NEW ORLEANS, the southern gate-  
way to America, is recognised as  
being the birthplace of the type of  
jazz which to-day is being revived in  
this country and the United States.  
But jazz didn't just spring up like that,  
for its roots can be traced back to West  
Africa, and was practised in the form  
of ceremonial and tribal dances.

Then in the early nineteenth cen-  
tury the West Africans were shipped  
to America by unscrupulous traders to  
be sold as slaves to plantation owners,  
merchants and well-to-do people of  
the Southern States.

Naturally, the West Africans  
brought their music with them. But  
after a while this music endured  
changes. Ceremonial dancing had to  
be abandoned: for he was a slave,  
whose culture was savagery.

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During his long working day in the  
fields and plantations he developed his  
work song. In his small Christian  
church he changed the hymns that we  
know so well into spirituals, and in his  
small cabin he sang the blues.

He took the simple structure of  
European melodies and translated it  
into a variety of quivering sliding  
tones. Between E and F and B and C  
he put in quarter tones which were  
slurred so much that they seemed like  
a cry in the night: thus they became  
blue notes, and around these he im-  
provised the story of his exile, his lone-  
liness and his sorrow.

Then came the emancipation, and  
for the negro with it came city life and  
instruments, which gave a violent  
surge and change to the music. There-  
fore he told his story not by his voice  
but through the medium of instru-  
ments.

So somewhere around the '70's jazz  
hit town. The earliest street bands  
were made up of cornet, clarinet, trom-  
bone and drums. Not until the for-  
mation of dance bands (around 1890-  
95) were the piano, banjo and tuba in-  
troduced to jazz. They improvised on  
all styles of music, work songs, hymns,  
blues, minstrel tunes, folk songs,  
marches, ballads. Some were of negro  
origin; others were French, Spanish,  
Irish and Italian. But when these  
"spasm" bands played their improvisa-  
tion of it was pure jazz.

These bands played for street par-  
ades, picnics and funerals. A negro in  
New Orleans was considered a pauper  
if he did not go to his grave with  
music. They would play appropriate  
music on the journey to the cemetery,  
but when the interment was over any-  
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The cornet player was the leader of  
these outfits, he played the lead  
and he played it loud and strong.

(To be continued)

## Use your Vote on Thursday, May 11th

DURING the lull between General  
Elections we all have a chance to  
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elections on Thursday, May 11th. On  
that date three men will seek permis-  
sion from Burnt Oak voters to join  
the councillors at Hendon Town Hall  
for the next three years. Stanley  
Sharpe (Labour), who has been there  
for the last three, will stand again.  
Leonard Henley (Conservative) and  
Fred Stokes (Communist) are the  
other two. All are keen, lively, intelli-  
gent and hardworking. Stanley Sharpe  
is perhaps the best known of the three  
but Leonard and Fred will, no doubt,  
remedy that before the 11th.

## Maureen Sanders' Picture Parade

### SAVOY, BURNT OAK.

May 1st and week—**HOUNDED** (George Raft, Nina Foch). Ex-gangster George helps the U.S. Government to quell an attempt to flood America with dud money. Features a bow-and-arrow killer. Unusual thriller. Plus **WALKING HILLS** (Randolph Scott).

May 8th and week—**DEEP WATERS** (Dana Andrews, Jean Peters). A brand new release. Social worker Jean takes a lot of convincing that Dana is right to stay lobster fishing. 12-year-old Dean Stockwell has a big part in this exciting sea film. Plus **SUEZ** (Tyrone Power builds the Suez Canal).

May 15th and week—The solution to the Savoy Quiz. European Premiere! **STROMBOLI** (Ingrid Bergman). The Bergman-Roberto Rossellini team have produced a stormy film every bit as hectic as their real life adventures. There will be few who will want to miss this dramatic presentation. Plus **MAKE MINE LAUGHS** (Leon Errol).

May 23rd and week—**BELLE STARR'S DAUGHTER** (Ruth Roman, George Montgomery). Another brand new release. Belle was a famous woman outlaw and her daughter Rose carried on the family trade with two guns and a desire to get Marshal George for killing her mother. Plus **THE BLACK SWAN** (Tyrone Power). A vigorous buccaneer film in colour of the Spanish Main.

May 31st and week—**THE GREAT MANHUNT** (Randolph Scott, Louise Allbrighton). An outdoor drama set in the Oklahoma of 1839. The revolt of the cowboys led by Wild Bill Doolan. Plus **SONG OF INDIA** (Sabu and tigers, panthers, crocodiles and monkeys).

### CAPITOL, MILL HILL.

May 1st and week—**THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE** (Alastair Sim, Margaret Rutherford). It's the first time these two have been together and the result is intensely funny. The Ministry of Education billet a girls' school in a boys' school and chaos occurs. Another terrific British hit. Plus **THE INSIDE STORY** (Marsha Hunt).

May 8th and week—**MORNING DEPARTURE** (John Mills, Richard Attenborough). Acclaimed by every film critic in the land, this story of the men of the submarine fleet in life and death will finish in the top ten films of 1950. Plus **SOCIETY SMUGGLERS** (Preston Foster).

May 15th for 3 days—**WHEN WILLIE COMES MARCHING HOME** (Dan Dailey, Corinne Calvet), and **LAURA** (Clifton Webb, Gene Tierney). Two fine films, giving a judicious blending of drama and light relief. Corinne stands out.

May 18th for 3 days—**THE ASTONISHED HEART** (Noel Coward, Celia Johnson). A psychiatrist finds he has a problem and there's only one (tragic) end.

May 22nd and week—**THE BLUE LAMP** (Jack Warner, Jimmy Hanley, Dirk Bogarde, Peggy Dow). Lost your ration book? Been coxed? The boys in blue will help you. Scotland Yard helped to make this thrilling police film, now back at the Capitol by special request. Plus **FREE FOR ALL** (Robert Cummings).

May 29th for 3 days—**BOB, SON OF BATTLE** (Lon McAllister, Peggy Ann Garner). One of those spacious colour films, designed to make every dog-lover coo for joy. Plus **THE SKY DRAGON** (Roland Winters).

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## CARNIVAL PARADE RETURNS AFTER ELEVEN YEARS

### Queen to be chosen on June 9th

**A**LL pageant-lovers will hail the return on Saturday, June 17th of Watling's most outstanding and popular outdoor pre-war event, the Carnival Parade. Organised by the Watling Community Association, this immensely popular feature will form one of the main attractions during 12 days of Celebrations. For the Association is proud to celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of its foundation.

The Carnival Queen and her two attendants will be chosen from a dozen finalists on the stage of the Ritz Cinema, Edgware, on Friday evening, June 9th. It is hoped that a very strong Watling contingent will be there to pay homage to their new Queen of Carnival.

The Mayor of Hendon, will open the Celebrations at the Grand Opening Dance to be held at Palm Court, White Lion, Edgware on Thursday, June 15th, and from that moment there will be a succession of fine events as the enthusiastic groups of local people demonstrate their talents. During the twelve days of festivities prizes will be showered on those possessing the best babies, or the best vehicle in the Parade, or on those who produce the best cakes, and who wear the most colourful costumes.

Full details of the Celebrations will be found on pages 9 to 12. The entry forms are on page 14.

### STAN SHARP SWEEPS BACK

Sixty-nine out of every 100 Burnt Oak voters gave their X to Stanley Sharp (Labour) on May 11th and ensured that he would go back to Hendon Town Hall for a further 3 years. 27 from each hundred wanted Leonard Henley (Conservative) and 4 of each 100 supported George Stokes (Communist).

The Hendon elections produced no change and Hendon Council continues to consist of 29 Conservatives and 6 Socialists. Burnt Oak is represented by 3 Labour councillors, Stan Sharpe, Arthur Paul and Alfred Chown. These Councillors meet Watling people at Watling Centre on the first Friday of every month, in order to discuss outstanding problems. Next appearance: —June 2nd.

# THE GUARDS WILL BE THERE

*A Hendon Show preview by Chris Fletcher*

**T**HERE'S a treat in store for Watling's stay-at-homes during August Bank Holiday weekend. Hendon Council's plans are well advanced to provide a huge Holiday Show on nearby Mill Hill Park.

For three days, on the site where thousands used to watch those lovely Hendon Air Displays, colourful events will be staged to delight everyone.

The Hendon Show itself will have Horticulture as a basis and local allotmenters will be able to compete with the world. But in addition, there'll be a Flower Show, a Dog Show, a Horse Show and maybe even a Fish Show. Celebrities will abound, and pageantry will arrive with the Band of the Irish Guards, who will include in their performance a demonstration of the famous Guards Ceremonial March, in full dress uniforms with bearskins.

## Women's Display

The ladies will not be forgotten apart from being able to enter their homegrown tomatoes, etc., in special classes in the Horticultural Show, they will combine within women's organisations to give a display designed to emphasise the importance of their sex.

There will be a special Show by the Good Housekeeping Institute of Red Star articles for use in the home, and a model of a modern kitchen.

This 1950 Show, which had a small 1942 beginning in the heart of the war, promises to be the greatest outdoor event which Middlesex and Hertfordshire has ever seen.

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## CLEAN FOOD FILM AT CENTRE?

Patricia Short of Millfield Road, writes:

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## VIEWPOINT

believe that Community Associations encourage and sustain the spirit of voluntary service. As we wend our way through life we encounter numerous examples of this type of service. It occurs in many forms from organised bodies or groups to individual effort. Many thousands of people devote a great part of their leisure to some form of voluntary service to mankind.

Yet how often do we hear the remark: "They must be getting something out of it" or: "They're doing themselves a bit of good out of it!" Our answer is a decided "Yes." These volunteers are certainly getting a lot out of it—but not in pounds, shillings and pence, as the cynics think. Why do people sum up everything in monetary value? What sort of a world would it be if there were no voluntary service? We know the benefits that such service can bring. The reward is a feeling of mental well-being, satisfaction, and achievement which cannot be purchased with cash.

These volunteers, these grand people, are the builders of the Nation, citizens in the real sense of the term. They bring happiness, alleviation of suffering and hundreds of other blessings to the community. They create every day the sincerity, peace and goodwill that so many think of only once a year.

To those who doubt the truth of our words we suggest that they take a chance and join their local Community Association. They will soon find, as we have, that it "pays dividends."

## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4.00 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Ball Room Dancing Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides' Parents' Association	8.00 p.m.
Mutual Union of Oddfellows ..	8.00 p.m.
Painting Group .. ..	8.00 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8.00 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic .. ..	10.00 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Women's Arts and Crafts ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7.00 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guild of Players (Amateur Dramatics) .. ..	8.00 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

W.V.S. Clothing Exchange ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Art Club .. ..	6.00 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	8.00 p.m.
Ramblers .. ..	8.00 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8.00 p.m.
Crest F.C. (first three Wednesdays of month)	8.00 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
British Legion .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7.00 p.m.
National Cyclists' Union ..	8.00 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association ..	8.00 p.m.

### Fridays.

Girl Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Youth Club Drama .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.

### Saturdays.

Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.
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# RECAP ON FIRST AID

**WE** asked First Aider Wood to supply a summary of the hints he has been giving readers in recent months. We print his contribution below.

by W. A. Wood, F.I.C.A.P.

**EVERY** home should possess a First Aid cupboard which should contain the following items: a pair of scissors, a card of assorted safety pins, small medicine glass, clean hand towel, a supply of 1, 2, and 3-inch bandages, 4 triangular bandages, 6 assorted size sterile dressings, 4 oz. packet of sterile gauze, 4 oz. packet of cotton wool, small tin of assorted Elastoplast dressings, tin of bicarbonate of soda, bottle of smelling salts, small bottle of castor oil, bottle of antiseptic preferably Dettol.

## General Rules to be observed by First Aider.

1. Use your common sense.
2. Don't get excited, the patient will lose confidence in you if you do.
3. If the patient can talk enquire what happened and where he feels pain.
4. Use your powers of observation.
5. The patient may complain that he feels sick and dizzy. He may be pale with beads of cold perspiration on his forehead, or bleeding from a wound, or perhaps he cannot move a limb because it is broken. All these signs and symptoms will help you to come to a conclusion and decide on what treatment you will give.
6. If the patient is not breathing you must try and restore same by the performance of artificial respiration.
7. If patient is bleeding badly from a wound the bleeding must be arrested. Make patient as comfortable as possible and keep him warm.
8. Remember in cases of sudden illness, send for a Doctor, and in cases of accident for an Ambulance.

**SHOCK** is a condition defined as a **STATE OF PROSTRATION** and is present in various degrees in the patient after accidents or emotional disturbance, such as the receipt of bad news. The First Aid treatment of shock is of utmost importance, since the progress of this condition can be the chief cause of death.

Signs and symptoms are:—Pale face, cold clammy skin, general weakness, nausea and giddiness; in severe cases total collapse and unconsciousness.

## TREATMENT.

Arrest severe bleeding if present. Lay patient down with head to one side. Stimulate the patient, if conscious, and no severe bleeding present, with hot, sweet tea or coffee. **Don't give alcohol in any form** except on the advice of a Doctor. Smelling salts may be given but test strength of same before placing under patient's nose. One exception, **no smelling salts if patient has a head injury.** Loosen tight clothing at neck, chest and waist.

Keep patient warm by covering with rugs or blankets and maintain careful watch over patient until arrival of Ambulance or Doctor.

## BLEEDING as a result of a wound.

Render the part as clean as possible by swabbing the wound and surrounding skin with an antiseptic, such as Dettol, making sure to wipe away from the wound, and not to brush dirt into the wound. Apply a sterile dressing over the wound and bandage in position firmly but not tightly.

## BURNS AND SCALDS.

General rules of treatment.

1. If the burn is severe or extensive treat thoroughly for shock.
2. Send for a Doctor or Ambulance.
3. Lay patient down.
4. Handle patient as gently as possible.
5. Don't remove clothing, except, if soaked in corrosive or inflammable fluids.
6. Never open a burn blister.
7. Exclude air from the part by application of sterile dressings, either dry or soak in a solution of bicarbonate of soda, one teaspoonful to a pint of warm water.
8. **Don't apply grease or oil dressings.**

**SEND** me your First Aid queries c/o The Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware. I shall be pleased to answer them in our question and answer column.

S. J. Deans Lane.

**Q.** Why should oily dressings not be applied to burns?

**A.** Greasy or oily dressing make further treatment by Doctor more difficult, also grease, ointments, or oils, are liable to be impregnated with germs unless kept and applied under aseptic conditions.

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## Who is HE?

(see page 15)



## SHE REPRESENTS ENGLAND

Joan Meredith used to live at No. 79, The Meads. But came the war and the G.I.s and now she's living in Modesto, California, U.S.A. She wrote us the other day... "they have started up a new Radio Station here K.M.O.D. and they have a club with a woman from every state in the U.S. and one from every country, anyway I am in it representing England, and soon I have to go up and speak over the radio, I am told that it is broadcast all over the world, and best of all they will send my nearest relatives flowers by air mail; isn't it wonderful? I called the radio announcer (Bill Delmas) on the phone and talked to him and he played me two songs by Gracie Fields over the radio and said the day I go up there he will send you some flowers, I will try to let you know exactly when I will be talking but I don't know when

## JOIN THE SELLERS LEAGUE OF HONOUR

Two new "Resident" Sellers have joined our staff, Mrs. Fanthorpe the wife of our Catering manager and a very keen worker in many spheres of our Community life, and Michael Buckle of 12, Crokesley House, Burnt Oak Broadway.

Please send your name and address to the Editors and help spread the interest that we know our magazine brings to the 3,000 who read it every month.

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it would be heard in England, it's probably recorded, but anyway I'm looking forward to it, I've always wanted to speak over a mike."

We're all mighty proud of you, Joan. Write and tell us all about it, won't you?

## JOHN HURST

**W**HAT features do you most like to read when your "Watling Resident" arrives? This month's competition is designed to find out what Watling wants so that we can make the magazine more attractive in the future. Even if (as a general rule) you cannot be bothered with competitions we are hoping that you will pay special attention to this one, because Resident policy for the future will be based on the desires shown in the entries. The regular features are:—

- (a) Viewpoint.
- (b) James Taylor's Book Reviews.
- (c) Maureen Sanders' Film Reviews.
- (d) Letters.
- (e) Association Round Up.
- (f) W. A. Wood's "First Aid" Articles.
- (g) John Hurst's Competitions.

Place these features in the order that you prefer them, e.g. (d) (c) (b) (g) (f) (a) (e), and let me have your choice by June 25th (c/o Watling Centre). If you leave out some letters we'll take the hint and assume you don't like those features. On the 25th, I'll take out a handful of entries and send 10 prizes to those lucky winners.

**N**OW here is a competition that need not worry you at all, if you turn to the foot of page 13. That's where you'll find the answers. What is the name of the money you would need if you decided to cash all your National Savings Certificates, sell all your property, and take your 1950 holiday in any of the following seven countries? Pakistan, Paraguay, Persia, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Panama.

April winners:—Mr. A. Constable, Miss T. Bowen, E. Phillips, Mr. G. Haig, Miss E. Duke, Mrs. H. Hood, M. Buxton, Mr. E. Blower, S. Byrne, Miss J. Hood.

The Watling Community Association sends birthday greetings to Veteran Mrs. M. Pyman, who will be 75 on June 2nd.

## JAMES TAYLOR

**J**OHNS Galsworthy, famed novelist and playwright, was born 83 years ago in 1867 and died 17 years ago at the age of 66. His *Man of Property*, recently filmed by Hollywood was written when he was 29 and made him famous after a very disappointing start to what he thought was a career to be ashamed of. The book, now remembered because of Irene Forsythe's romances, was designed to ridicule modern capitalists. For Galsworthy was very conscious of the social and economic problems of his day.

### ANIMAL-LOVER

At Harrow School he excelled at football, and was head of the house, but his main interest was in horse-racing—he showed a passion for dogs and horses, which he kept all his life. As an adult he campaigned in all kinds of humanitarian causes, and managed to put a stop to solitary confinement in prisons. Brumas would have held his attention for he was against zoos.

He travelled widely but kept on writing. *Loyalties* was begun in Santa Barbara, California, *The Foundations* in New York and *Strife* in Lyme Regis. The Order of Merit was awarded to him in 1929 (was this because he refused to be made Sir John Galsworthy?) and the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1932, the year before he died.

Amongst his numerous novels, *The Island Pharisees*, *Fraternity* and *The Dark Flower* stand out. But his finest book was, without a doubt, *The Patrician*. Read them all and see if you agree.

### WATLING CELEBRATIONS

#### *Juvenile Dance Competition*

(Local Schools of Dancing)

Everfield Church Hall.

Wednesday June 14th.

7.00 p.m. Admission 2/- & 1/-

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Thursday—June 15th  
at the

## GRAND OPENING DANCE

at

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7.30—11.00

White Ensign Dance Band  
(M.C.: Mr. W. A. Wood)

Supported by the Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce and the Business Club of Burnt Oak  
Admission 2/6

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FRIDAY, JUNE 16th

At 7.30

## TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD SOCIAL

at Community Centre  
(M.C.: Mrs C. Knight)  
Admission 1/-

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SATURDAY, JUNE 17th

At 2.30

## CARNIVAL PARADE

(Judging by Col. and Mrs. Haygarth at 2 p.m.)

Route:—Community Centre, Deansbrook Road, Burnt Oak Broadway, Montrose Avenue,  
Blundell Road, Goldbeaters Grove, Deansbrook Road, Community Centre.  
(Further particulars in entry form on page 14)

—All the following events are at the Watling Centre—

SATURDAY, JUNE 17th

At 7.30

A Play in 3 Acts

## "THE TWO MRS. CARROLLS"

presented by  
THE ABBEY PLAYERS  
Admission 2/6 and 1/6

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SUNDAY, JUNE 18th

At 7.30

## MEMBERS DANCE

(M.C.: Mr. Bachell)  
Admission 1/6

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# 22nd ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS

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MONDAY, JUNE 19th

At 7.30

## G. I. BRIDES PARENTS' SOCIAL

(M.C.: Mrs. L. Nyberg)

Admission 1/-

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th

At 2.30

## WHIST DRIVE

(M.C.: Mrs. L. Crowe)

Admission 6d.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th

At 7.30

## VARIETY CONCERT

presented by

DEANSBROOK SOCIAL CLUB

(producer Mr. Dalby)

Admission 1/-

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st

At 2.30

## BABY SHOW

(Judge: Dr. Waxman)

see entry forms for further particulars

Prize to the Best Baby in Show a Sun car supplied by W. J. Harris, Ltd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st

At 7.30

## "NEIGHBOURLY NIGHT"

by Neighbours, Adult School, and Men's Club

(M.C.: Mr. and Mrs. Rollins)

Admission 2/-

THURSDAY, JUNE 22nd

At 2.30

## WHIST DRIVE

(M.C.: Mrs. V. Myland)

Admission 6d.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22nd

At 7.30

A Comedy in 3 Acts

Noel Coward's

## "BLITHE SPIRIT"

presented by

WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS

Production by Winifred Flanders. Stage Settings by Arthur Masters.

Admission 2/6 and 1/6

Continued overleaf

FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd

WATLING WEEK  
**SUPPER AND DANCE**

(Catering by Canteen Workers)

Tickets 4/6  
(Obtainable at Watling Centre)

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th

At 7.30

**SOCIAL DANCE**

(M.C.: Mrs. L. Nyberg)

Admission 1/6

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th

At 7.30

BIG DOUBLE EVENT  
**MEMBERS DANCE**

(M.C.: Mr. Bachell)

Admission 1/6

and

FREE AND EASY—OLD TYME STYLE

At 7.30

**SOCIAL**

(M.C.: Mr. F. Lake)

Admission:—Bring a Pound  
Buy a Pound

Cake Making Competition  
Details from Watling Centre  
(see entry form on page 14)

MONDAY, JUNE 26th

At 7.45

"The Old Geyser"

"The Fancy Dress Ball"

**VARIETY**

By

GAY FORTIES

Admission 1/-

**A word from the Organising Committee:**

Friends,

We hope that you have now studied the programme and have found many interesting events which you would like to attend. The Carnival Parade is being tried out again this year, the first time since the War. What about entering? You will find the entry form on page 14.

Mr. Sewell Harris and the Abbey Players are coming from the Abbey Community Centre to do an evening of drama for us, and we hope you will support them.

Tickets may be obtained at the Centre for all the activities. Unfortunately this year we are again unable to have a fair at Montrose playing fields, but we offer you a wide variety of entertainment at the Centre.

Draw tickets for the Royal Hunt Cup are available for Members. Have you got yours?

The following members of the Celebrations Committee accord you a hearty welcome: Mesdames. M. Fanthorpe, M. Lake, L. Nyberg Paveley, Messrs. F. Lake, V. Needham, J. Taylor, W. Wood, and the Officers of the Community Association.

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## Pamela has the most Paintable Face

**ARTIST** John Burger, Adviser to the Watling Community Association Painting Group, and regular attender on Monday evenings, had an important assignment last month.

He helped renowned Royal Academy artists Ruskin Spear, James Fitton and John Minton (who visited Watling Centre last year) to select Pamela Dukes of Ilford, Essex from 8,000 applicants as possessing the most paintable face. The competition was

organised by the "Daily Express" and 15 year old Pamela won £25 for appearing unsophisticated and disinterested in her fine features. Her face was described by the artists as warm and human—completely natural, and one "you feel you know."

## THE JUNIOR RESIDENT

Dear Children,

Summer begins this month and we now have the longest days. Birds do not sleep much in June. When the moon is high it doesn't seem to get quite dark at all and birds are twittering and flying about long after you are in bed. The cocks crow very often during these summer nights, for it is so light they must surely think it is morning.

The warm air and the sunshine are making all the baby birds grow strong. There are lots of insects and in the hayfields are seeds of weeds and young green shoots in plenty. The parent birds are kept busy feeding the babies, for they seem to be always hungry.

There will be plenty of opportunities during the long evenings and at the week-ends to ramble and explore the countryside. All sorts of lovely flies and insects are to be seen hovering over the ponds and streams. If you watch patiently you will see that there is tremendous activity going on beneath the quiet waters.

May you enjoy many happy hours and make many new furred and feathered friends.

Your friend,  
BROWN OWL

## JUMBLED TOWNS COMPETITION

We were able to find prizes for 5 boys and 4 girls in the April competitions. Congratulations, Stella, Jill, Elizabeth, Jean David, Alan and the three Johns.

Now unjumble these 5 towns and let me have the answers with your name, address, age and birthday by June 20th.

- (1) NOLDNO.
- (2) LRTIBSO.
- (3) RYBU.
- (4) BYDER.
- (5) VDROE.

Love  
Helen Catford

**The Money Problem**—see John Hurst page 8—Pakistan—Rupee, Paraguay—Peso, Persia—Rial, Peru—Sol, Philippines—Peso, Poland—Zloty, Panama—Dollar.

How would you like to help us? Volunteers are still required to sell "Residents." Please send your name and address to the Editors. We guarantee that you will not be asked to sell more than 25 a month. If you enjoyed reading this issue, why not make 25 others happy? It's such a sad world!

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# **"CELEBRATIONS"** **ENTRANCE FORMS**

## **CAKE-MAKING COMPETITION** for ladies only

Three prizes and certificates of merit offered for the

### **BEST HOME MADE CAKES.**

Entry forms must be handed in by June 24th.

Judging will take place during the social on June 25th.

Full details and recipe obtainable from Watling Centre.

### **ENTRANCE FORM.**

I wish to enter the Cake Making Competition.

Name .....

Address .....

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### **Baby Show**

Class A.—Under 9 months.

Class B.—Over 9 and under 18 months.

Class C.—Over 18 months and under 2½ years.

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

The following three classes are open to all:—

Class D.—Under 9 months.

Class E.—Over 9 and under 18 months.

Class F.—Twins under 2 years.  
*Ages as on day of Show.*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st**

Birth Certificates to be produced.

Entrance fee: 6d. per baby.

No baby can enter more than one class.

## **The Carnival Parade**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17th 1950.**

Prizes are offered for each Class. Judging will take place at 2 p.m. Competitors **MUST** be in position by that time to qualify.

Class 1 Decorated Vehicle.

2 Adult—Individual Costume.

3 Child—Individual Costume.

4 Adult—Decorated pedal cycle

5 Child—Decorated pedal cycle.

I wish to enter the Carnival Parade Competition.

Name(s) .....

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Date .....

To be returned to Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, by Wednesday, June 14th.

**ENTRANCE FORM** to be filled in and returned with fee to Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, before Monday, June 19th.

I wish to enter.....

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(Full name of baby or babies in Block Capitals)

for the Baby Show.

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# ASSOCIATION ROUND-UP

**A**LL groups are devoting a great deal of time to celebrations plans. The Social Committee arranged for the selection of Carnival Queen finalists at the Wednesday dances during May. The Boxing Season is now over until September.

All those interested in the club should contact Stanley Lambert (144, Deansbrook Rd.) or Secretary Trigg (1, Abbots Road).

## THE VETERANS' ANNIVERSARY

The 15th Anniversary party was held at the Centre last month. The veterans and their guests sat down to an excellent tea which included a really lovely anniversary cake, made and presented by Mrs. N. Rollings.

Among the visitors was Mrs. E. Cole, who now is Warden of the Oxhey veterans. Also present was Mr. A. I. Jones, Rev. P. Thorburn, Mr. J. Nightingale and Mrs. L. Robbou who received a warm welcome after her recent illness. The club president Mr. J. Nelson unfortunately had to leave early owing to a previous engagement. Seven of the original club members are still with us. Mr. and Mrs. Pyman, Mrs. Thornborough, Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Lewis.

The evening started with community singing and individual efforts by the veterans. Mrs. Nyberg and Mrs. Robbou obliged with solos and the Deansbrook Social Club put on a really talented show. Liquid refreshment during the evening was generously provided by Mr. G. Nosworthy.

Great credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lodge for their excellent organisation and to the gallant band of ladies who so kindly gave their help.

**HILDA ROGERS**

**HE is James Stewart**

### HOUSE EXCHANGE

Three-bedroomed house wanted in exchange for same, Bellingham, Catford L.C.C. Estate (side gate, hot water). Rent, 22s. 10d. Reason for exchange —husband working near Watling Estate. Write: Mrs. Wellbrook, 54 Moremead Road, Bellingham, Catford, S.E. 6

## RATEPAYERS' OPPOSITION TO HENDON ARTS COUNCIL IDEA

The Council of the Watling Community Association is to discuss this month what should be Association policy regarding the setting-up of an Arts Council for Hendon. The Arts Council would bring together all Hendon groups interested in drama, painting, music, etc., and encourage a greater appreciation in the Borough of such arts. But many people believe that admirable though the idea may be, Hendon can't afford to carry it out yet.

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## THE PIANO TAKES UP JAZZ

IN last month's "Resident," Alan described how jazz was born in New Orleans when West African slaves, freed from the plantations, began to tell their history through the medium of musical instruments.

*By Alan Wills*

WHEN jazzman Freddie Keppard appeared on vaudeville with the Creole Band no one could sit in the front rows! Meanwhile the clarinet raced around the melody and the trombone was slurring and marking time. The drums and bass marked the beat.

The piano started on its jazz career in 1897, for that year Alderman Sidney Storey succeeded in confining prostitution to an area of 12 blocks which became known as Storeyville

and also gained the infamy of being the most famous red-light district in the world.

It was fabulous right from the start. There were Honky-Tonks and five-dollar houses with interiors like Hapsburg Palaces.

There were two hundred or so of these places, where on a sliding scale love was improvised.

First of all the street bands played the cabarets, but they were too noisy! The owners preferred string orchestras and piano players, particularly Jelly Roll Marton, Clarence Williams and Tony Jackson.

Later at these cabarets pianos were included with the jazz bands and the 25 Club, the 101 Ranch, the 28 Club, and the Tuxedo Dance Hall were playing such men as Joe Oliver, Kid Ory, Jimmy Noone, The Dodds, Sidney Becket, Louis Armstrong, etc.

Therefore, the oldest profession mothered one of the newest arts! Until a Navy Order to cease all open prostitution was put into force in 1917.

(To be continued)

### U.S. & CANADIAN BRIDES ASSOCIATION

Oregon State, U.S.A., has put down the red carpet for Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, who are visiting their G.I. daughter Mollie, and Mr. W. Ellis is in Seattle, capital and part of Washington State, checking up on daughter Irene and granddaughter Susan. Seattle has a large number of Japanese and Mr. Ellis should have an interesting report for Resident readers on his return next month.

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### SAVOY, BURNT OAK.

June 5th and week.—**LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN** (Jeanne Crain, Richard Greene). Jeanne plays the lady and Madeleine Carroll the adventuress. Based on Oscar Wilde's most famed play. Plus **LAURA** (Gene Tierney). An excellent psychological drama, which gave us that haunting tune.

June 12th and week.—**THE FIGHTING O'FLYNN** (Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Patricia Medina). O'Flynn takes action when he discovers Richard Greene planning to betray Ireland to Napoleon's fleet. Douglas produced. Plus the original "Jane" with Stanelli in **THE ADVENTURES OF JANE**.

June 19th and week.—An all U programme.

**FOR THE LOVE OF MARY** (Deanna Durbin, Jeffrey Lynn). A gay comedy. Deanna controls the telephone switchboard for the U.S. President. She sings, amongst other songs, "I'll take you home again, Kathleen." Plus **MA AND PA KETTLE** (Marjorie Main). The "Min and Bill" of 1950, plus 15 kids.

June 26th and week.—**GUNGA DIN** (Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine). Reissue of a great success. Based on the Kipling poem. Three sergeants quell an uprising in North India. Guaranteed to remove those Burnt Oak Blues.

Plus **RETURN OF THE BAD MEN** (Randolph Scott). Featuring the ten bad men of American history (sic Billy the Kid) Jacqueline White is sweet.

### CAPITOL, MILL HILL.

June 1st.—**JOLSON SINGS AGAIN** (Larry Parks, Barbara Hale). In colour. A great film about a great singer who swept back to the top after a generation had forgotten him.

June 5th.—**MADELEINE** (Ann Todd, Norman Wooland). Did Ann give her lover those 82 grains of arsenic? The murder trial scene gives this film full marks.

June 8th.—**THE GOLDEN SALAMANDER** (Trevor Howard, Anouk). Trevor uncovers gun-running in Morocco. A tale of crime and conscience told against a beautiful background.

June 12th.—**WOMAN IN HIDING** (Ida Lupino, Howard Duff). Exciting. Ida discovers on her wedding day that her husband is her father's murderer.

June 15th.—**THREE CAME HOME** (Claudette Colbert, Patric Knowles). Based on Agnes Keith's story of her troubles as a prisoner of the Japs in North Borneo.

June 19th.—**DANCING IN THE DARK** (William Powell, Betsy Drake). William is very, very good. Delightful Betsy is married (in real life) to Cary Grant.

June 22nd.—**HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE** (Alastair Sim, Margaret Rutherford). Last month's queues have brought back this comedy hit of the year. Alastair and Margaret have never been better.

June 26th.—**THE RED PONY** (Myrna Loy, Robert Mitchum). In colour. A charming boy named Peter Miles is in this warm delightful film of a youngster's first pony.

June 29th.—**THEY WERE NOT DIVIDED** (Edward Underdown). In this exciting tribute to the Guards Armoured Division. An Englishman and a Yank share the experiences of the invasion of Europe.

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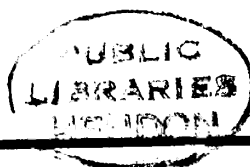
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## Thousands Salute Carnival Parade Queen Pamela causes Traffic Jam

**W**ATLING was splashed with gay colours on the sombre afternoon of Saturday, 17th June, when the Community Association Carnival Parade triumphantly returned for the first time since June, 1939.

A new Watling generation who had never seen this great event gazed with wonder and appreciation at the glorious sight. For an hour and a half, gaily decorated cars and lorries, preceded by the Band of the Edgware Boy Scouts and the persuasive accents of W. A. Wood at the microphone, moved slowly along the roads and avenues of the Estate carrying a warm message of comradeship and happiness to the tenants.

### NO FAIR FOR WATLING

By Chris Fletcher

**T**HE Watling Community Association tried hard to get permission to have the traditional fair on Montrose Playing Fields during the Celebrations, but Hendon Council were adamant in their refusal to have public open spaces used for such an event, even though Sec. Vear pointed out that it would help the Association's finances and preserve the ratepayer's money. But apart from the financial aspect, it does seem that Hendon Council are refusing to allow an event that Watling really wants. If the people of Watling want this fair, make no mistake, they will get it. Please send your views to Secretary Vear at the Watling Centre.

Brooding skies and gusty winds had had little effect on the enthusiastic members as they had worked on the vehicles throughout the morning. By 2 p.m. the mass of colour had flowed into Deansbrook Road and it was then that Colonel Haygarth selected the winners of the fancy dress and decorated vehicle competitions, a procedure witnessed by hundreds of excited on-lookers. At 2.20 p.m. the procession began to move to the lusty strains of the Scout Band and thousands congregated along Deansbrook Road, Burnt Oak Broadway, Montrose Ave., Blundell Road and Goldbeaters Grove to show their interest and gratitude.

The focal point in the Parade was the car bearing Queen Pamela of Watling and her two attendants, Diana Morris and Valerie Archer. The Carnival Queen gave great dignity, charm, personality and loveliness to the occasion.

As the procession neared journey's end, the sun finally emerged from the dark clouds and bestowed a genial blessing on the gay panorama.

It was a memorable afternoon for Watling and the Community Association.

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# BRITISH TRAVEL IS BETTER

**D**ESPITE the battle now being raged over fare increases, this is the comment of our contributor, after travelling a thousand miles by road and rail in the British Zone of Germany.

*By Kenneth Chown*

**T**O travel in the most crowded tube train or along the most congested street (Watling Avenue, perhaps) would be a real pleasure to me now, after my recent experiences of continental travel.

British Railways' main line third class is certainly far more comfortable than the nationalised German Railways' second class. I had to travel second class several hundred miles, to within firing range of the Russian Zone, and did not enjoy the journey.

Seats were upholstered but they had no springs. There was a heating system but it couldn't be turned off or on and everywhere was oily and grimy.

The carriage seemed dirty, although it was cleaner than the carriages on the local line. The compartments on these (third class especially) were narrow. The seats were wooden and slatted.

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All bad conditions are understood, however, when you travel alongside the large sidings and see large numbers of once powerful looking locomotives, and now rusty wrecks of their former selves, queueing up to be scrapped. At one siding I counted 13 of these and there were similar sights on other parts of the line.

Hitler had built the German Railways, in his six years of power before the World War, into an efficient system which would, in time of war, be able to carry large armies across the country quickly.

But at Hamm, the largest marshalling yards in Europe, there is one example of how this system was smashed.

Even today a vast amount of bomb damage has yet to be repaired. Twisted, rusting railway track, isolated burnt-out trucks and carriages, and bomb craters, are still there.

Hitler also planned a roadway system to carry his Army. He built the Autobahns—a network of broad dual roadways by-passing the cities and towns.

No crossroads or level crossings were to hinder the traffic. "Fly-over crossings" were constructed. Bridges carried the Autobahn over all the roads, railways and rivers.

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You can travel down an Autobahn, as I had to a few days ago, and not see a single pedestrian. For miles all you can see is a great length of roadway and an unchanging countryside.

The monotony is broken when suddenly your car swerves on to a Bailey bridge, put up by the British after the occupation. Broken bridges appear at many points along the Autobahn and single bridges now carry the traffic where two bridges used to be.

Hitler made one other boast: that he was first to manufacture the "people's car." That car, the Volkswagon, is the most popular car on the roads today although whether it is still a "people's car," is doubted.

It is, instead, a small (very small) luxury car and it costs the people a mere £300—there is no purchase tax. But owing to the money reform of 1948, very few of the people for whom it was intended have been able to save a fraction of that amount.

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## VIEWPOINT

**P**ASSENGERS on the services of the London Transport Executive are facing a possible increase in fares of approximately 50% on October 1st.

The Watling Community Association has protested against this to the Tribunal and has held a Conference of twenty-two local organisations to discuss the matter. Arising out of the Conference the Town Clerk of Hendon was petitioned to hold a Towns Meeting and a deputation met the local M.P.—Mr. Orr-Ewing.

As a result of our action certain information has become available which does cause some disquiet and we consider the local residents should be given this information.

The Transport Tribunal is not, apparently, concerned with any hardship which may arise through such an increase in fares; neither is it concerned with the possible trend towards an increase in the cost of living. The Spokesman for the Transport Executive has reported on a clear profit of 2½ million pounds last year and of the Executive's intention to increase that profit by a further 3.9 million pounds per year through increased fares. Coupled with these is the news that the printing of tickets for the proposed fares has already commenced and this *before* the finding of the Tribunal is known.

Section 76 of the 1947 Transport Act lays it down that the Transport Tribunal shall confirm "charges schemes" and it does appear as if any action in Parliament may be consequently limited. The Association has taken some action on this matter and we feel there is need for a full expression of disapproval from all concerned in as many ways as may be possible.

Since we shall all be directly affected by an increase in fares—also indirectly through the limiting of our ability to purchase goods produced by ourselves—we must continue, through joint action, to press for (1) the calling of a Towns Meeting; (2) support of the Petition against the Increase in Fares; (3) a full inquiry into the efficient running of the National Railways; and (4) the matter to be discussed and decided upon by our representatives in Parliament.

The Watling Community Association stresses that this is not a matter for passive acceptance. What do you intend to do about it?

## WHAT A BUSINESS

**A** MILLION members have now enrolled in the 30 year old London Co-operative Society which covers 400 square miles of Southern England.

In 1939 there were 794,000 members with £19 million trade. Now the trade is £33 million and the wage-bill for 18,000 employees is £5 million.

Tea sold last year totalled 1,700 tons. Eggs? 36 million. Milk? 31 million gallons. Loaves? 70 million. Sugar? 12,000 tons. Fats? 10,000 tons.

## NO LUCK THIS TIME

**T**HE amateur dramatic society attached to Watling Centre, the Watling Guild of Players, faced with brilliant competition at Hartley Hall, Mill Hill during the Hendon Drama Festival, could not repeat the successes of former years and the Motley Crew and Mill Hill Sports Club Dramatic Society carried off all four awards.

The Ernest Cole Cup (2nd place award), presented in memory of Watling's great man, was won by Mill Hill Sports Club Dramatic Society.

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**FIRST AID IN THE HOME—No. 7****The Sun's Rays and their Effect on the Body**

**SUNBURNT?** W.A. Wood has some good advice for you in this, the sixth of his amazingly popular articles which have all Watling talking.

by W. A. Wood, F.I.C.A.P.

**M**Y subject this month is a seasonal one and as I pen this article the sun's rays are streaming mercilessly down and my outside thermometer reads 86.

By sun bathing is meant the exposure of the body with or without a minimum of dress to the fresh air and the rays of the sun.

The value of sunbathing is due not to the heat rays but to what are called the Ultra-Violet rays. These Ultra-Violet rays, when the exposure has been properly timed, produce a general "tonic" effect on the body—appetite is increased, the muscles are "toned up" and respiration is deepened. Children under properly timed "doses" of the sun's rays show a definite rise in weight and general health. Over exposure to the sun gives rise to fatigue and exhaustion, burning and blistering of the skin and sunstroke, a condition which can be very serious, especially in children.

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No hard and fast rule can be laid down as to the length of exposure to the sun and the bather must use his or her own common sense. There should be a feeling of buoyancy and exhilaration after a sun bathe. Lassitude, irritability and fatigue are positive signs of over-exposure. Reddening of the skin is the first stage of sunburn and appears some hours after exposure. Once the skin becomes accustomed to the rays longer exposures can be enjoyed.

For those of my readers who are about to go on holiday, take precau-

tions when in the sun's rays and cover the head, neck and spine.

Before going on to the Signs, Symptoms and First Aid Treatment of Sunstroke, I want to appeal to mothers. Please do not leave your baby out in the sun without cover. Place the perambulator in the shade or fit a canopy. Remember your child may be too young to tell you that he or she is uncomfortable or distressed by the sun and the consequences may be sunstroke.

**Sunstroke Signs and Symptoms**

Headache, high temperature, vomiting and, in severe cases delirium and collapse.

**First Aid Treatment**

Strip the patient and sponge the body with cold water, especially the head and spine, fan vigorously, keep the patient in a cool, darkened room.

If conscious give copious draughts of cold water to which has been added common salt, half a teaspoonful to a tumbler of water.

On recovery keep patient at rest in a cool atmosphere and warn patient not to expose himself to the sun for several days.

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## Who is HE?

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## BURNT OAK MIXED ADULT SCHOOL

WE were very happy to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Vear, the wife of the Organising Secretary of our Community Centre, at her home recently. Our Hostess shared with us some of her thoughts on a play by Moliere, the French dramatist—"The Misanthrope." After an interesting discussion we agreed that it is possible to be truthful to our friends without hurting them if we have learnt to love them and think a little less of ourselves. We enjoyed our evening very much and hope Mrs. Vear will visit our School again soon.

Mr. W. A. Wood, who is attached to Edgware General Hospital visited us recently to talk to us about the tremendous improvements which have been made in the Ambulance Service since the introduction of the New Health Act; of the centralization of men and equipment and the provision of better facilities for the removal of patients to and from hospital, thus increasing the speed of recovery and greatly relieving the anxiety of relatives.

We have attended the Hampstead Rally and very much enjoyed the special breakfast which we shared at the Centre with other Schools.

Mrs. COLEMAN

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

WE recently had the pleasure of having with us again Mr. Sewell Harris, Secretary of the Abbey Community Association, who told us how the City Council became aware of the need for the facilities and benefits which a Community Centre can provide for the people of Westminster and of the many difficulties—similar to those Mr. Harris had already so courageously tackled with us here—which are being and are still to be, overcome.

Mr. Boffin, Pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, who is soon to leave the district, gave a lovely farewell talk on the spirit of the 23rd Psalm. Mr. Boffin will be missed very much by the people of Watling and we assured him of our prayers and good wishes.

Our trip to Clacton was a grand treat. A perfect day, plenty of fun and high spirits and a good tea, together with the care of a good driver of the coach in which we journeyed contributed to the enjoyment of a very happy day we will not soon forget.

**JUNE**  
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# WATLING'S 22nd ANNUAL C

## TWELVE CROWDED DAYS

### *Queen Pamela had Sunny Reign*

**D**ICK Lodge, Secretary of the Watling Celebrations Organising Committee and Association Secretary Leonard Vear heaved contented sighs of relief as Monday, June 26th, drew to a close. It had been a hectic 12 days during which most of the Centre groups had seized the opportunity to join in the festivities consequent upon the Watling Community Association reaching its 22nd birthday. We print below a miscellany of reports on the festivities from the enterprising reporters of the "Resident" Editorial Board.

#### JUVENILE DANCE COMPETITION

Eversfield Church Hall.

Wednesday, June 15th.

The Watling Community Association Perpetual Silver Cup was won by the Bradley Sisters School of Dancing, Colindale. The Adjudicator was Doreen Austin. Silvia Dinham won the medal of merit for the best individual performance.

#### THE OPENING DANCE

at Palm Court, White Lion, Edgware.

Thursday, June 15

M.C. W. A. Wood.

Music by White Ensigns Band directed by Percy White.

There was a very good attendance and a great welcome was accorded the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon and the Carnival Queen and her two attendants.

The Mayor, in his speech, said how pleased he and the Mayoress were to come along and pay tribute to the grand community spirit that the Watling Association fostered.

Just before the interval Joe Nightingale presented boxing trophies to members of the Watling Boxing Club as follows:

The Gwynne Jones Cup for Juniors Stanley Richards.

The Bunford Cup for Seniors presented jointly to Frank Trigg, Ron. McMurdie.

The George Fabian Shield for best all round performance presented jointly to Frank Trigg, Senior Section. Stanley Richards Junior Section.

Numerous spot and novelty dance prizes were won by the dancers.

A feature on Miss Pamela Read, 1950 Carnival Queen by Edward Grant has had to be held over for a month.

The traditional Raffle was drawn by Queen Pamela and her attendants and consisted of a basket of fruit with 3 mystery prizes, a bottle of port, and a bottle of sherry.

All the prizes were kindly donated by the Burnt Oak and District Chamber of Commerce and the Business Club of Burnt Oak.

A splendid evening concluded at 11 p.m.

#### TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD SOCIAL

Friday, June 16th

M.C. Mrs. C. Knight

This was notable because during it Queen Pamela and her attendants received special gifts from anonymous friends in the U.S.A., whilst the Queen Mother, Florence Read looked proudly on from her piano stool. A very pleasant evening for all concerned.

#### THE CARNIVAL PARADE

Saturday, June 17th

Vehicles taking part:—

A loud speaker van; a decorated lorry representing the "Watling Resident"; a cart drawn by two ponies representing the Co-operative Society; a decorated lorry representing the Veterans' Club of the Association; the Carnival Queen and her two attendants in an open car; J.M.S. Radio Dealers exhibiting a van; several individual entries: a decorated lorry representing the North Thames Gas Board; a decorated lorry representing the Watling Neighbours' Club; a decorated lorry representing the G.I. and Canadian Brides Parents' Association; a decorated lorry representing the Townswomen's Guild; a decorated lorry representing the Gay Forties Concert Party.

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# A REMARKABLE WOMAN

**A**FTER reading Margaret Bondfield's high-quality autobiography\* you will be aware of some of the background to the Labour Movement and know more about the early, rather unhappy, Labour Governments.

*By James Taylor*

**M**MARGARET, who was the first woman ever to be in the Cabinet (she was Minister of Labour from 1929 to 1931) has just had published the story of her 50 crowded years. The book would cost you £1 from a bookshop but you can get it from any of the Hendon Libraries.

She was the eleventh and last child born to a lace worker at Chard in Somerset, 77 years ago. The family were very poor and some weeks they had only 11/- to keep them going. It was a hard life. When she left school Margaret did some teaching and eventually found herself an assistant in a Brighton shop. She saved carefully for five long years and then travelled to London to make her fortune with a capital of £5. Three months passed and she managed to get another shop job at £15 per year. She joined the National Union of Shop Assistants, became a fiery Socialist and developed a quality of persistence which was to carry her to the top. Some friends told her to develop the power of concentration. This she did. For years she concentrated on nothing else but Trade Unionism. She sacrificed every other interest, but she developed rapidly in the Trade Union World and, like Ernest Bevin for example, she reached the heights.

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All working women today owe everything to Margaret Bondfield for by her efforts she had the old industrial slavery replaced by more humane organisations.

Miss Bondfield's most interesting passages are those in which she discusses the rift that was built up

between the brainier theoretical Socialists and the practical trade unionist type of Socialist. She says that this rift led to the crisis that split the Labour Party in two in 1931. All this has a great deal of topicality in this 1950 of ours.

Margaret's great moment was in 1920, when the entire Albert Hall audience was swept off its feet by her tremendous powers of speech.

Some of this book is a bit stodgy but the steady reader will really begin to understand the Labour movement and find himself gripped by the story of the rise of this remarkable woman.

\* *A life's Work.*

## THE HENDON SHOW AND THE 1952 OLYMPIC GAMES

**W**ATLING folk watching the horse jumping at the Hendon Show, to be held in Mill Hill Park next month, will be seeing riders who will be representing Great Britain in the 1952 (Finland) Olympic Games.

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**R**ECORDS are urgently required by the Social Committee at Watling Centre. Can anyone help please? The Boxing Club too, would be extremely grateful for donations of equipment. Please ring MIL 2259 as soon as possible.

**HE is Jeremy Spenser**

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**From the L.C.C.**

**T**HE criticism on gate replacement published in your May issue, which was sent to Mr. Packer, arises from a decision to erect some iron front gates in place of irreparable oak gates, the replacements for which are governed by the supply of suitable oak, which is still scarce. Where sound wooden gates are found in a group of dilapidated ones, they are also removed in order to maintain uniformity of appearance, but these sound gates are used elsewhere where timber gates are to be retained.

Yours faithfully,

**CYRIL H. WALKER**

Director of Housing and Valuer  
London County Council

(Richard Madison wanted to know why good sound gates in Watling were being replaced by new ones when so many tenants had no gate at all.)

**From Cyril Banks :**

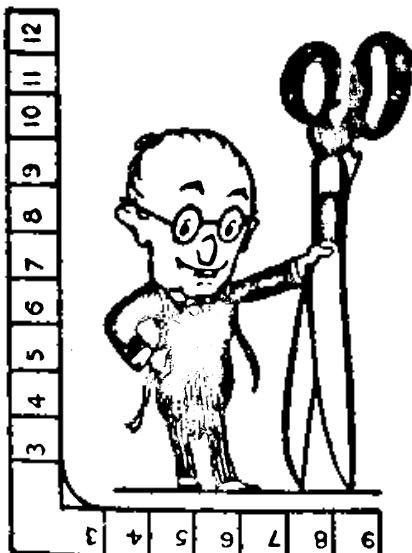
**I** FEEL I must congratulate all those designers and workers responsible for the wonderful flower display we have seen in Watling Park this Spring. And Hendon Council must be praised for having the courage to allocate funds for what would seem to some a sheer waste of money. Watling workers in particular have been spiritually refreshed as they have passed through the park on their way to and from their work.

One word of criticism, however. Those silkstream banks badly need reinforcement.

**From H. Liversage :**

**H**ASN'T it been wonderful in Mill Hill Lido these last few weeks? But what terrible catering! Where, too, were the deck chairs? People tell me they have dozens there all locked up. Is this a fact? Why was the diving board taken away just before the season began?

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**Jeremy Spenser**

# THE JUNIOR RESIDENT

**D**EAR Children,

All of you love water, I know, and now that the summer holidays are approaching many will be full of happy excitement preparing to go to the seaside, hoping to return home "as brown as berries."

For those who cannot go away, a trip on the Thames Water Buses is great fun and much more interesting than travelling in a train or on a bus with things just flashing by.

A lovely experience is a trip on the River to the sea past Essex and Kent. You can have a whole day on board if you go to Ramsgate without landing; or you may spend an hour and a half at Margate. If you take the trip to Southend you can stay for about five and a half hours, and you can have lots of fun by the sea in that time.

I do hope some of you who have not already done so will venture on one of these excursions. They are most exciting and will be remembered a long time afterwards.

Book early and take food with you because the eating places are usually crowded and may be rather expensive.

I know you will be very careful crossing roads and will leave every place you visit as you found it, wherever you go, burying or taking away with you all paper bags and other wrappings.

Whether you are holidaying at the sea-side, or roaming through the fields: camping or hiking or whatever you intend to do, I hope you will all enjoy many jolly hours in the fresh air and sunshine.

Your friend,  
BROWN OWL

## FUTURE HUTTONS & COMPTONS PLEASE NOTE

**T**HE Mill Hill Cricket Club at Bunn's Lane are offering coaching to Watling boys in their last year at School. Net practice is on Fridays, at 6.30 p.m. Secretary Vear has been asked to recommend a few keen lads and all those interested should get in touch with him at Watling Centre without delay.

## CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

**U**NJUMBLE these 5 rivers and win a prize. Let me have your solutions by July 20th, together with your name, address, age and birthday.

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### MORE TRIPS TO U.S.A.

WHEN the "Nieuw Amsterdam" and the Cunard-White-Star liner "Georgic" sail from England this month they will have on board several excited parents and sisters of Watling G.I. Brides.

Mrs. Foster of 134 Goldbeaters Grove will be blissfully on her way to Bliss, in the State of New York to see daughter Joyce and Mrs. Meredith of 79 The Meads will be off to Modesto, California, to see how Joan opened that radio station KMOD. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe will be heading south to Louisiana to see their Joan and Mrs. Fuller and family will be going to Valley View, Pennsylvania to greet Maureen. Lucky people, these!

### VETERANS VISIT BEXHILL

THE "Clerk of the Weather" was kind and provided a beautiful sunny day for the veterans' outing to Bexhill, on Thursday June 8th. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed them-

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selves and they are now looking forward to a further outing in September. Lively meetings are held every Wednesday at 2.30 and there is still room for new members.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Rose who will be 72 on July 12th. Mrs. Thornborough (81 on July 7th) and Mr. Edmunds 68 on July 6th.

### TO BE OR NOT TO BE

HENDON Council have called another meeting at which delegates from various organisations will decide once and for all whether there should be set up a Hendon Arts Council to co-ordinate and encourage all actors, dramatists, artists, sculptors, musicians, writers etc., in this Borough. Does culture need a helping hand? It is safe to predict that at the meeting which is scheduled for July 3rd the ratepayers will again carry the day and veto the project on the grounds that even an increase of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the rate would be too much to pay to encourage the folk of Hendon to fight a way out of the eternal rut.

### Watling Celebrations, from p. 9

#### BLITHE SPIRIT

by Noel Coward

Three Act Comedy. Thursday, June 22nd

This was the first presentation of the play by the Watling Guild of Players. It had been scheduled for last April but illness had caused a postponement. The Guild did a fine job in a play that most amateur companies fight shy of. All did well but Jane Innes as Elvira and Doris Keen as the doctor's wife perhaps deserve special mention. There have already been a large number of requests for a repeat performance.

### WATLING WEEK SUPPER AND DANCE

Friday, June 23rd

What someone described as a sumptuous repast was laid before the people who had contributed most towards the success of the Association in the past year. The Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman J. L. Freedman) were special guests and the Mayor gave a grand speech in which he again praised the unity and brotherhood of the members.

Chairman Joe Nightingale dropped a broad hint about a forthcoming loan flotation to make the Centre bigger and better.

President Ivor Jones and Mrs. Jones were able to attend and were warmly welcomed. Dancing followed the supper and it was past midnight before the merry crowd disbanded.

Other special events included:—

TWO MEMBERS DANCES (M.C. Mr. Bachell).

TWO WHIST DRIVES (M.C.s Mrs. L. Crowe and Mrs. V. Myland).

A NEIGHBOURLY NIGHT (Neighbours, Adult School and Men's Club—M.C.s Mr. and Mrs. Rollins).

A SOCIAL DANCE (M.C. Mrs. L. Nyberg).

A FREE & EASY—OLD TIME STYLE SOCIAL (M.C. Fred Lake).

And A GAY FORTIES VARIETY SHOW.

## Maureen Sanders' Picture Parade

### SAVOY, BURNT OAK.

July 3rd and week.—**THE SECRET GARDEN**. (Margaret O'Brien Herbert Marshall). A very charming picture with Margaret giving a superb performance as the girl who found and opened up the secret garden. Plus Those Marx Bros. **AT THE CIRCUS**.

July 10th and week.—**BACK TO BATAAN** (John Wayne, Laurence Tierney). The Filipinos form a mighty resistance force against the Japs as they prepare the way for American liberation. Unique entertainment. Plus **BACHELOR KNIGHT** (Cary Grant, Shirley Temple, Myrna Loy). Myrna's a judge. Shirley gets a crush on Cary. Very, very funny.

July 17th and week.—**LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN** (Jeanne Crain, Madeleine Carroll, George Sanders, Richard Greene). The brilliant Oscar Wilde play brought vividly to the screen. Plus **LAURA** (Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews). Reissue of a gripping murder mystery. Why did Laura die?

July 24th and week.—**A STRANGER WALKED IN** (John Hodiak, Sylvia Sydney). Remember Agatha Christie's "Love from a Stranger"? Remember Frank Vosper's play? Here's a suspenseful re-make. Plus **THE RATS OF TOBRUK** (Chips Rafferty). The first screen version of that heroic 7 month siege.

July 31st and week.—**CHALLENGE TO LASSIE** (Edmund Gwenn, Geraldine Brooks). In colour. Starring the wonder-collie, Lassie, in the fourth Lassie film, based on a real life incident in the Edinburgh of 1859. Plus **MY HERO** (Red Skelton, Brian Donlevy). Comedy. Red's a spy on both sides in the American Civil War.

### CAPITOL, MILL HILL.

July 3rd.—**BAGDAD** (Maureen O'Hara, Vincent Price). In colour. The tribal-leader's daughter returns to the East to find father slain by the "Black Robes." Good.

July 6th.—**PRELUDE TO FAME** (Kathleen Byron, Jeremy Spenser). Little Jeremy steals the picture in this grand story of a boy conductor and an unscrupulous woman.

July 10th.—**THE BIG LIFT** (Montgomery Clift, Paul Douglas). The American story of the Berlin Air Lift. For the air-minded.

July 13th.—**SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON** (John Wayne, Joanne Dru). In Colour. Newcomer Joanne has irresistible fascination in this excellent film.

July 17th.—**BRIDE FOR SALE** (Claudette Colbert, Robert Young). And **THE BIG STEAL** (Robert Mitchum).

July 20th.—**RIDING HIGH** (Bing Crosby, Coleen Gray). The "You can't take it with you" theme. Bing and Coleen combine well, and there's a thrilling horse race at the end.

July 24th.—**NO MAN OF HER OWN** (Barbara Stanwyck, John Lund). Barbara goes through a lot including murder and maternity. Fine Acting makes a trip worthwhile. High-powered entertainment.

July 27th.—**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN** (Clifton Webb, Myrna Loy). Clifton decides its fun having 12 children. Myrna disagrees. In Colour.

July 30th.—**THE EAGLE AND THE HAWK** (John Payne, Rhonda Fleming). In Colour. And **THE DIVIDING LINE** (Gail Russell).

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## BIG SHOW ON WATLING'S DOORSTEP

**CROWD OF 35,000 EXPECTED AT HENDON SHOW**

**L**ONG weeks of intensive planning at Hendon Town Hall have resulted in a first class programme for the great Hendon Show to be staged at Mill Hill Park on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 5th, 6th and 7th.

### A CHANGE IN EDITORS

**T**HIS is the last issue resulting from the association of Editors W. A. Wood and Denis Morrell. Denis has had to resign as he has left Watling, and Stanley Lambert will now join W. A. Wood in the Editorial office. Stanley has been Resident Secretary for some time and hopes to be able to cope with both jobs. But both Editors hope that budding journalists will rally round them to keep up the fine reputation the magazine holds at present. Denis Morrell will contribute regularly to future issues and as he will be unhindered by official position, his views are likely to be interesting, to say the least.

**T**HE editors invite Secretaries of affiliated groups of the Watling Community Association to support this magazine, and themselves, by submitting activity reports etc. for publication. These must reach us c/o The Watling Centre by the 10th of each month.

Remember 3,000 people read the "Resident" and your article may mean benefit to your group in many forms, such as new members, etc.

Watling residents are invited to apply at once to the Town Hall for the schedules of the five shows which form the basis of this huge and colourful event. As announced in our June issue there will be a Horticultural Show, a really exciting Fish Show, an important Horse Show, a Rabbit Show and a light-hearted Dog Show. In addition other fine attractions which include the Band of the Irish Guards and a special Women's Display will give pleasure to an anticipated audience of 35,000 during the three days of the August holiday.

The Show has attracted attention and competitors from all over Britain, and certain phases may be televised, broadcast and filmed.

This is the first time that such an event has been held within the boundaries of Hendon and a successful outcome will mean that a new era has opened in Hendon history for the provision of public spectacle and entertainment.

For further details see Pages 8 & 9.

### CANTEEN MAKES £123

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to the hard-working Watling Centre Canteen Committee, led by Mr. C. Fanthorpe, who reports a profit of £122 17s. during the first six months of this year.

# TELEVISION—Boon or Menace?

by EDWARD GRANT

**WE'VE** just bought our first television set. After serving 3 months apprenticeship looking in someone else's set, we decided that war or no war, slump or no slump, we must gild our lives with such a delightful gift.

So we found a firm that needed only £4 deposit and 30/- for an aerial, and placed our order. We had wondered whether we should invest in a super-model, 12 inch screen maybe, a console perhaps. For a time the HMV £60 console (10 inch) was our favourite. But in the end we had one of the new Pye black screen table models (9 inch tube) which cost only 39 guineas.

## DEANSBROOK EVENING INSTITUTE

**A**LL through last Winter and Spring, under the guidance of Mrs. Bailey, many Watling people spent happy evenings learning dressmaking, basketry, leatherwork, lampshade making, millinery and old-time dancing at Deansbrook School. Demonstrations of the work done, including a display by the keep-fit class, were given recently at an open evening attended by the Hendon Education Officer and the Head of the Department of Adult Education at Hendon Technical College. The Deansbrook Evening Institute will be opening for its second session next month and it is expected that the variety of classes will be greatly extended. The Institute is likely to provide a challenge to the Educational Committee of the Watling Community Association which will probably announce its Autumn and Winter plans very shortly.

## "20 QUESTIONS"

at Watling  
Centre

See next month's  
announcement

And now we have to steel ourselves against the tremendous temptation to look at everything the B.B.C. offer. At first we said "Plays and cricket only." But young Leslie (aged 6) wants her children's features (Muffin the Mule and now Andy Pandy). And the children's newsreel. We've discovered that Alfred Marks is a really first rate visual comedian. The newsreels are fine, and half the films the B.B.C. show are worth seeing, particularly the documentaries. Most of the outdoor events televised entice us to switch on. Gardening experts give hints. Political experts come along and discuss vital subjects. Orchestras give concerts. And so on. We are going to find it increasingly difficult to keep away from the Pye as time goes on. And we're already wondering what is going to happen to our reading, letter writing and social activities.

Yes, it's a menace. Don't get one.

## Footwear—Pocketwear

**I**T costs Middlesex parents £14 7s. a year to keep a 17-year-old well-shod in these sad days of expense, expense and more expense. Dr. James Mayers, County Council Medical Officer has just conducted an extensive survey and reached this conclusion. The cost for a 2-year-old is £3 17s., for an 8-year-old, £6 19s., and for a 14-year-old £10 17s. It was interesting to learn that girls wear out their shoes just as fast as boys and that poorer folk did not save by buying cheaper shoes because they had to buy many more pairs a year.

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## VIEWPOINT

It is always essential for us to be aware of our faults and failings and we do appreciate this attempt to discover such faults, yet it is not enough to approach members who have left us, but rather must we always be alive to any criticism within the Association and make some attempt to resolve this criticism before it is too late. Further to this is the necessity to always have a clear picture of the two-fold nature of the Association.

On the one hand, we have the Community Centre and the organised activities which are run within the Centre. These activities have grown up over the years—sometimes at the expense of other activities, or following other activities—and they are at the Centre for all those who may be interested in them. (Here it would be well to note that a number of these activities are provided as a service to the neighbourhood in that help may be obtained through the Poor man's Lawyer, The local M.P. and Councillors, the British Legion Service Committee, Women's Clinic, etc., etc.)

On the other hand is the equally—if not more—important aspect of our work for the residents, whether they are members of the Association or not. Frequently large and small difficulties arise which may affect all, or part, of the estate and these difficulties have to be met. They may be met by the individual in a personal manner, but they are best met through organised action such as may be arranged by the Community Association. The problems and difficulties of the residents—who are after all our neighbours—are our problems and we must always accept a responsibility for Service to the Community.

This does not mean we are to become a centre of agitation, but that we should become the Centre for expression and discussion and, should the facts warrant it, we take united action for the benefit of all.

Finally, in all our work we must strive towards our "spirit of community," through which we may find neighbourliness, tolerance and understanding.

## THRILL FOR HASTINGS

WHEN 19-year-old Derek Baker of Burnt Oak visited Hastings recently he challenged his friend Eric to a race up a 300 ft. cliff. He managed to get two thirds of the way up before he decided to go back and look for a lift. But Eric scrambled happily on until he found, 30 feet from the top, that he was stuck. Half Hastings turned out to see the coastguards effect a great rescue.

## WESLEY HALL VENUE

THE Burnt Oak mixed Adult School, which has been closed during the summer months is re-opening on Tuesday, September 5th at 7.45 p.m. at the Wesley Hall.

We have been fortunate in securing a letting of a very suitable room complete with piano and this will be very cosy and conducive to free discussion.

New members are invited and old members will receive a cordial welcome.

Come along, bring your friends and start the winter with a new interest.

**FIRST AID IN THE HOME—No.8****Two Common Types of Fits**

by W. A. Wood, F.I.C.A.P.

**C**ONVULSIVE fits in the infant are generally the result of minor ailments, such as, teething, over-feeding etc. The usual signs are twitching of the muscles of the limbs; the face is at first pallid and later blue, the eyes squint, the breathing is held, and frothing occurs at the mouth.

The First Aid treatment consist of stripping the child and supporting it in a bath of hot water so that the water covers the whole of the body up to the neck. Soak a sponge frequently in cold water and apply to the head as long as the child is in the water. Keep the child in the bath until the convulsions cease, or until the arrival of the doctor.

Remember to ensure that the bath water is not too hot: this can be tested by the First Aider's elbow.

On removal from the bath wrap the child in a warm blanket but still keep the head cool. If the convulsions recur repeat the treatment.

**Epileptic Fits**

Epilepsy is a sudden and complete loss of consciousness which occurs usually in young adults. The patient falls to the ground usually with a scream and passes into a state of convulsions, which affect the whole of the body and limbs. The face is at first flushed but rapidly becomes livid, frothing at the mouth and biting of the tongue may occur.

The First Aid treatment consists of removing the patient from any sources of danger, such as, fires, moving machinery, etc. DO NOT forcibly restrain patient. Support the patients' head and after wrapping a pencil or similar object in a handkerchief, insert same between the back teeth to prevent the tongue being bitten. If the fit occurs out of door it is advisable to send for an ambulance and have the patient removed to hospital as soon as

possible. Usually the patient is under medical treatment for this malady and when he comes round he will be able to tell you what treatment suits him best. Sleep and rest should be encouraged.

In conclusion, the patient may have sustained an injury in falling. Any such injury, of course, should receive the appropriate First Aid Treatment.

**Question and Answer**

A. M. St. Alphage Walk.

Q. Why in fainting are we told to lie the patient down with head to one side.

A. In fainting the pumping action of the heart is diminished with the result that insufficient blood supply reaches the brain, this causes unconsciousness. The recumbent position assists the blood to gravitate to the brain, thus promoting recovery.

Placing the patient's head to one side is to prevent the patients' tongue from dropping back over the windpipe in which event his breathing would be obstructed.

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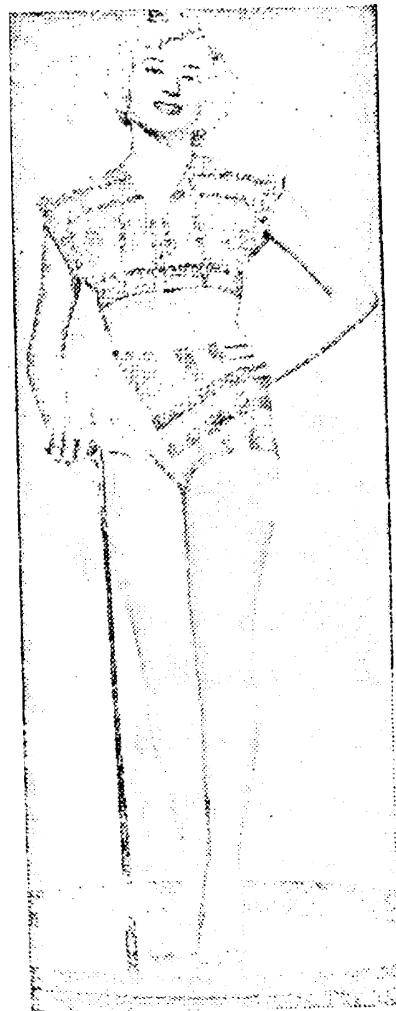
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## WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GROUPS

ON Tuesday, September 5th, at 2.30 p.m. two classes will commence in the Watling Community Centre for those who may be interested in Handicrafts or Dressmaking. The fee for a twelve weeks course will be 2/6, and all interested will be welcome to take part.

Should there be a need for other groups or classes on other afternoons, arrangements will be made for them as soon as requirements are known.

# More about Hendon Show

**THE** Hendon Show will open at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday August 5th, and for a few hours the real experts will have a chance to pay 3s. 6d., the initial entrance fee and see the attractions.

Five large marquees will house the Fish, Horticultural, Rabbit, Dog and Women's Shows.

At 2 p.m. the Horse jumping will begin and the attendance fee will drop to 2/6. At 5 p.m. you will be able to get in for 2/- and you will be just in time to see the final hour of horse jumping which is scheduled to end at 6 p.m.

The Band of the Irish Guards will give concerts from 3 to 5 and from 6 to 7. At 7 the huge audience will be able to witness the demonstration of the famous Guards ceremonial March with the Band in full dress uniforms with bearskins, a demonstration which excited the audiences during the New York World's Fair way back in 1939.

On Sunday, attendance on the Park will be free but it will cost 6d. to visit each marquee. The main event will, however, be the Harvest Thanksgiving Service which will be organised by the Mill Hill Council of Churches.

On the final day, Monday, the price of admission will be 2/-, dropping to 1/6 at 5.30. The Irish Guards will again play from 3 to 5 and from 6 to 7, and will again follow these performances with their renowned demonstration (7 to 8). There will also be the Dog Show.

## Details of the Shows.

### THE HORSE SHOW

There will be 4 classes.

**Class I.** South of England Open Juvenile Championship for the South of England Juvenile Challenge Cup.

**Class II.** Area International Trial. This is the event in which will appear certain riders who are destined to ride for Great Britain in the 1952 Olympic Games.

**Class III.** Open Jumping. First prize £40.

**Class IV.** Open, timed, touch and out competition.

### THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW

281 classes. One of the prizes will be the new Borough of Hendon Challenge Cup for Beginners. There will also be awarded the Kirby Johnson Trophy to the allotment holder with the most number of points in the Closed Allotment Holders Classes. A NALGO Challenge Shield will be presented to the Allotments Society which gains first prize in the vegetable show.

**THE FISH SHOW** is being run by the Hendon and District Aquatic Society and as the expense of providing the facilities to house 400 tanks has been great there will have to be an admission charge of 6d. This feature of Hendon Show is likely to be the most attractive and popular.

**THE RABBIT SHOW.** Organised by the Hendon and District Rabbit Club. There will be 80 classes covering all rabbit breeds and entries will come in from all over Britain.

**THE WOMEN'S MARQUEE.** There will be an exhibition entitled **WOMEN IN THE HOME.** Incorporating a special display of Women's Crafts. The organisations in charge include the Hendon Federation of Townswomen's Guilds, the W.V.S., the Central Hendon Co-operative Women's Guild, the Hendon Catholic Women's Guild and the British Legion Women's Guild.

**THE DOG SHOW.** Organised by the Tailwaggers Club. 12 Classes. There will be 3 judges and it is expected that they will be the Lady Mayoress

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## THEY MADE WATLING BEAUTIFUL

**THIRTY-FOUR** awards were presented last month to Watling tenants having the best front gardens on the Estate during Spring.

### A WONDERFUL BOOK SHOW

By James Taylor

**B** RITISH books and literature are to be given a prominent place in the Festival of Britain. The National Book League is arranging a major exhibition in the Victoria and Albert Museum at an estimated cost of £30,000.

Two other exhibitions of books will be held in Edinburgh and Glasgow, costing approximately £7,000 each. The League is collaborating with local authorities in arranging similar shows in the provinces.

The exhibition would be planned in 15 "Aisles of History." They would be entitled The Child, The Venturer, The Family, The Scientist and Inventor, The Thinker, The Countryman, The Townsman, The Sportsman, The Poet, The Playwright, The Storyteller, The Historian, The Spectator, Characters and Eccentrics, and The Free Citizen.

Preliminary judging was undertaken by the Watling Horticultural and Allottees Society and final judging by the London Gardens Society. Among the winners were:—

1, B.C. Hunt, 61 Deansbrook Road; 2, M. N. Ekkell, 47 Montrose Avenue; 3, C. F. Turner, 9 Milling Road; 4, H. C. Pateman, 238 Deansbrook Road; 5, C. F. Stapleton, 1 Deans Walk; 6, W. M. Dyer, 69 Littlefield Road; 7, P. F. Moore, 230 Deansbrook Road; 8, H. A. Silvey, 22 Kirton Walk; 9, W. A. Robbins, 25 Deans Lane; 10, Mrs. H. W. Callaghan, 31 Deans Lane; 11, E. Cousins, 9 Gloucester Grove; 12, A. R. Sutton, 15 Homefield Road; 13, H. H. Barkshire, 37 Gervase Road; 14, G. Lovesay, 31 Abbots Road; 15, F. R. Oram, 7 Gold Hill; 16, H. G. Birkins, 155 Blundell Road; 17, A. C. R. Duquesne, 196 Blundell Road; 18, H. A. Venn, 35 Deans Lane; 19, H. Males, 198 Blundell Road; 20, G. T. Pitman, 3 Edrick Walk; 21, T. W. Lee, 19 Edrick Walk; 22, F. E. Beckett, 13 Silkstream Road; 23, Mrs. P. V. Larsen, 316 Deansbrook Road; 24, G. Hosslen, 47 Gervase Road; 25, J. Beadle, 349 Watling Avenue; 26, R. J. Phillips, 77 Littlefield Road; 27, E. French, 8 Millfield Road; 28, J. Rose, 55 Thirleby Road; 29, A. J. Wyatt, 167 Montrose Avenue.

(Mrs. Freedman), Mr. J. M. Alton, M.R.C.V.S. and none other than Ted Cavanagh who will be determined to keep the laughs flying.

Mr. Alton is also the Hon. Veterinary Surgeon for the whole Hendon Show.

#### Flashes:

The organisers soon found that there was tremendous interest in the Show and Messrs. Murray, Pemberton and Co. Ltd., had to be asked to take over all the news arrangements from Hendon Council.

In addition, publicity agents have been very active and Watling folk will have seen some of the 800 posters

which have been put up all over London's Underground system as part of the campaign.

The Hon. Sara Long, daughter of the Countess of Dudley will be competing in the Open Junior Championship (Horse Jumping).

A season ticket can be bought for 5/- which will allow anyone to see everything at any time.

4s. family tickets are also available for registered allotment holders, their wives and 2 children. The tickets can be obtained from Allotment Society Secretaries.

# THE GOLDEN MONTH

By BROWN OWL

**B**ECAUSE so many people are now on holiday, it is thought that August is the time of high summer. If you notice the flowers and birds you will see that the peak of summer has already passed. Most of the flowers are turning to seed; autumn flowers are in bud and will soon be flowering. The days are becoming shorter and nights may be cooler.

But for all that, this is a beautiful time of the year and is rightly called the Golden Month. The fields are golden brown where the sun's rays have ripened the corn and polished up the scarlet coats of the poppies. The little field mice are golden too with the ripe corn they have eaten. They are fat and comfortable in the neat little houses they have built like hammocks between the tall stalks.

The butterflies and wasps are busily feeding upon the fruit which has fallen from the trees. When we picnic in the fields the wasps join us to take a share of our jam.

There is the merry humming, buzzing and chirruping of the insects and in the evening, when the lights are turned on, moths and daddy-longlegs fly in through the open window.

Very few birds sing this month. Some are preparing to leave. The swallows seem to hold a pow-wow on the telegraph wires before they leave. Mother and father cuckoo started to leave in July; the babies follow later.

In the fields, after the corn is cut, you will find scarlet pimpernels, wild pansies and speedwells. Many seeds have settled in their

new homes, having been scattered over the countryside ready for next year's harvest of bloom.

## ANOTHER VETERANS TREAT

**T**HE veterans were entertained on Thursday, June 29th, by Burnt Oak Business Men's Club. The party was conveyed in eleven cars through the beautiful countryside of Buckinghamshire to Chalfont St. Giles, where a stop was made for tea. During the meal Mr. W. Gordon expressed the veterans' gratitude for a most enjoyable half-day. The organisation was wonderful, and nothing was too much trouble. After tea the long line of cars resumed their journey in the evening sunshine via a different route back to the Centre.

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## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Burnt Oak Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4.00 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Ball Room Dancing Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides' Parents' Association	8.00 p.m.
Mutual Union of Oddfellows ..	8.00 p.m.
Painting Group .. ..	8.00 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8.00 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic .. ..	10.00 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Women's Arts and Crafts ..	2.30 p.m.
Bling Club (every other week)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7.00 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guild of Players (Amateur ..	8.00 p.m.
Dramatics) .. ..	8.00 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

W.V.S. Clothing Exchange ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Art Club .. ..	6.00 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	8.00 p.m.
Ramblers .. ..	8.00 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8.00 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
British Legion .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7.00 p.m.
National Cyclists' Union ..	8.00 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association ..	8.00 p.m.

### Fridays.

Girl Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Youth Club Drama .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.

### Saturdays.

Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.
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# ASSOCIATION ROUND-UP

**O**WING to lack of space the part played by the Gay Forties Concert Party was not mentioned in last month's Resident.

At the Carnival the gang turned out in costumes representing scenes from their repertoire.

On board the lorry was the Sultan of Jerryco with his dancing girls and attendants, a gypsy mandolier, a magician, and the Headmistress of Watling Village School with her backward scholars.

The concert given by the Gay Forties later in the week realised a useful sum towards the Association funds.

By the time this is in print the Gay Forties will be holiday-making at Westward Ho! in Glorious Devon.

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

**M**RS. FAIRBAIRN and Mrs. Durant were of the party who went to Lullingstone Silk Farm recently. We were taken on an imaginary tour of the farm one afternoon when each of our two friends gave a clear description of the happy and instructive time they had spent, making many of us wish that we had been there, too.

Mrs. Thomas represented our Group at Surrey Crest for a mid-week study in "Self-Expression," and we have been given a delightful account of this lovely experiment. Mrs Thomas, who had benefited much from the course, expressed admiration for the leadership of Jean Anderson, and urged more of our members to attend when next the opportunity arose.

Although some members will be on holiday, we will continue to hold our meetings during August for periods of fellowship and refreshment of mind and body. Do come and spend a happy afternoon with us any Monday at 2.30.

E. E. COLEMAN.

## Another Veteran's Treat

(continued from page 10.)

Birthday greetings go this month to our oldest veteran, Mr. Pyman, who will be 88 on August 21st, also to Mr. D. Will, one of our newer members, who will be 86 on August 4th.

HILDA ROGERS.

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# THE JUNIOR RESIDENT

Uncle Bill writes:—

**BY** the time you read this your summer holiday from school will have commenced. I hope you will enjoy yourselves but whilst playing away from home remember what I am going to tell you here and you will make your holiday enjoyable also for your Mum and Dad.

Whilst you are at school your Mum and Dad know that you are being well cared for and they don't worry, but when you are on holiday and you go out to play they always get anxious about you, and wonder what you are doing. Are you getting into trouble, or doing what you should not do? Now this is not good for Mum especially as it worries her and wears her down and eventually she welcomes the day when you return to school. Now children give Mum and Dad a nice peaceful holiday by remembering, and acting on the following points.

First and most important remember and practice the kerb drill you have been taught. Do not run or walk off the pavement without looking. If you

are nervous of crossing the road ask some one to see you safely across.

If you ride a bicycle get Dad to ensure that all is in order, especially the brakes. Please don't play in the road; there are plenty of parks and open spaces in Watling and they are so much nicer.

You certainly would not throw stones at your mothers' front window, or swing on the front gate, or pull the flowers out of the garden. So don't do it to anyone else's house or garden.

Be a good pal to your little brother or sister: take care of them if they are playing with you. I could go on and on but, to be short and sweet, remember to "Do unto others as you would wish them to do to you."

Well, cheerio, children, after your holidays write me a letter, c/o The Watling Centre, Orange Hill Rd., and tell me what you enjoyed most in your holiday and I will give a prize for the best letter.

Yours affectionately,

UNCLE BILL

## Brown Owl writes:—

Dear Children,

I am sure you will all agree with me that there are few more exciting sounds than that of the postman's knock on the door. We run and pick up the letters and read. When we wish to send a letter to someone, we just pop it in a letter-box, which is never very far away.

This is quite simple for us, but have you wondered how the collection and delivery of the post is done in isolated places such as Light-houses?

A motor-boat is usually used to take the mail from the mainland. As it nears the rock on which the Lighthouse is built, the heavy swell of the sea causes the boat to bob up and down quite a lot and of course it is not able to land. The keepers throw out a rope line

with a ring-shaped cork float attached, on which has been tied letters and parcels which they wish to be posted on the mainland. The "postman" in the boat picks this up with a boat hook, hauling plenty of rope in. The parcel of letters for the Lighthouse is tied on to it and then it is hauled back by the keepers without touching the sea.

While this is going on someone remains at the tiller so that the boat does not get too near the rock.

Often this is a very dangerous business, especially in bad weather when the sea is rough. I am sure you will think of these men who serve the gallant Lighthouse keepers when you post or receive your next letter, also during your holidays if you are at the seaside where you may see a Lighthouse blinking its warning light after dark.

My best wishes to you all.

Your friend,

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## Jazz finds a new home—Chicago

THIS month, Alan concludes his short history of jazz. You will remember how he has described the birth of jazz in New Orleans and the arrival of the piano.

by ALAN WILLS

### LONDON BUSES TOUR EUROPE

FOUR London red double-decker buses of the latest type left the United Kingdom on July 28th on a 4,000-mile tour of Western Europe to publicise the Festival of Britain 1951. The tour will last until October and will cross eight countries. The buses have been placed at the disposal of the Festival Organisation by the London Transport Executive. Three of them have been converted into exhibition galleries. The fourth will carry the staff, baggage and spares.

The buses will carry their usual London Transport markings in addition to the Festival Symbol. The national flag of the country visited will fly alongside the Union Jack at each showing. The public will be able to walk through the Exhibition and to obtain information about the 1951 programme.

### ARTS COUNCIL? YES

MONDAY 3rd July, saw a very lively debate at the Town Hall, Hendon, with the result that it was decided to set up an Arts Council for Hendon.

This was the second meeting of this nature, the first, held in May of this year, ended in deadlock.

Twenty-six organisations voted in favour of the motion, and fifteen against.

The decision means assistance for the cultural organisations who need help.

JANE INNES

AFTER that unforgettable era the musicians scattered. Some of the remaining river boats converted by now into excursion steamers, took the bands up the Mississippi and its tributaries, and up in far away Iowa a boy named Benderbecke sat listening enthralled by the music.

Gradually the musicians drifted into Chicago by way of the Mississippi. Already Joe Oliver was playing in various cafes on the South Side.

But previous to that Tom Brown was playing the new "jazz" music at Lamb's Cafe in 1915, and in Chicago the word "jazz" was known to represent something only very remotely attached to music, but nevertheless Lamb's Cafe became crowded every night with anxious people who wished to hear the "jazz" music.

Then came prohibition, and jazz suddenly found a new home, the "speakeasy," and while Al Capone was organising his mob to take control of the booze traffic youngsters from Chicago High Schools were listening to and learning to imitate the masters of "jazz." At last jazz had found a new home, Chicago.

### A CHANGE IN POLICY

SHOULD the Watling Community Association concentrate on outdoor events during the celebrations every June and save the indoor events until cool September? The Council have decided that this is a good idea. What do you think about it? Send your views to Secretary Vear at Watling Centre.

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BROWN OWL

## Maureen Sanders' Picture Parade

### SAVOY, BURNT OAK.

August 7th and week.—BACHELOR BAIT (Robert Young and Shirley Temple). This presentation tells the gay story of a girl with a scandalous reputation plus the dynamic new tarzan (Lex Barker) in TARZAN'S MAGIC FOUNTAIN.

August 14th and week.—MARK OF THE GORILLA (Johnny Weissmuller as Jungle Jim with Trudy Marshall) Jungle Jim snatches a jungle beauty from the gold looting gorilla men. No guns for Randolph Scott in THE ASSASSIN but plenty of firing action.

August 21st and week.—SKIMPY IN THE NAVY (Hal Monte and Avril Angers) Skimp Carter a goofy gent, joins the Navy to help Sheila, a pretty girl seek buried treasure. Victor Mature and Coleen Gray in FURY AT FURNACE CREEK. Victor and Coleen at their best.

August 28th and week.—THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE, Alastair Sim and Margaret Rutherford join together to make this Britain's greatest comedy. Bela Lugosi. THE EAST SIDE KIDS and Ava Gardner find GHOSTS IN THE NIGHT.

### CAPITOL, MILL HILL.

August 3rd 3 days.—COME TO THE STABLE (U) (Loretta Young, Celeste Holm); plus SAND (Technicolor) (U) Mark Stevens.

August 7th 3 days.—JUNGLE JIM (U) with Johnny Weissmuller and Virginia Grey and PRINCE OF THIEVES (U) starring Jon Hall.

August 10th 3 days.—THE SEA HAWK (U) Errol Flynn and Flora Robson, with BOY TROUBLE (U) Charlie Ruggles.

August 14th 3 days.—PRIDE OF KENTUCKY (Technicolor) (U). (Shirley Temple, Barry Fitzgerald). GIRL FROM JONES BEACH (U) (Virginia Mayo).

August 17th 3 days.—JOHNNY BELINDA(A) with Jane Wyman and Lew Ayres. THE INVISIBLE WALL (A) (Don Castle).

August 21st 3 days.—UNDER CAPRICORN (Technicolor) (A) (Ingrid Bergman and Michael Wilding) THE DARK TOWER (A) (Anne Crawford).

August 24th 3 days.—THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER (U) (Bette Davis and Monty Woolley) and THE COUNTERPUNCH with Leon Errol.

August 28th 3 days.—CLOAK AND DAGGER (A) (Gary Cooper and Lili Palmer). ANGELS IN DISGUISE (A). The Bowery Boys.

August 31st 3 days.—TOP HAT with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers (U). THE BOY WITH GREEN HAIR (U) Robert Ryan, Barbara Hale.

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## VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES

*No September "Resident" owing to Printing Trades Dispute*

**F**OR the first time in over twenty years the WATLING RESIDENT failed to be published during the first week of September. This was due to a dispute that had been brewing for many weeks past between the London Master Printers Association and the London Society of Compositors. Our two local papers "The Hendon and Finchley Times" and "The Edgware Post," very gallantly came to our rescue and gave splendid co-operation in publicising the high spots of our activities for the month, and to them we say: thank you. Consequent to this interruption of our publication we present this issue as a joint September-October one.

## FROM WATLING TO BUFFALO, U.S.A.

**A** GRAND send-off party social was accorded Mrs. Lily Nyberg on Friday, Sept. 2nd. Organised by Dick Lodge, and magnificently supported, everything went with a swing. Mr. J. Thompson was an able MC., and music was provided by Fred Cole at the piano and Jack Carter on the drums. Miss Doreen Chase, Principal of the Beverley Dancing School, and her pupils rendered items of entertainment. Mrs. A. Durant was accompanist for songs rendered by several vocalists. The happy evening came to a close all too soon with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Mrs. Nyberg sailed on Saturday, Sept. 9th, to pay a four months' visit to her daughter Mary and grandchild in U.S.A. We wish her Bon Voyage. We shall certainly miss her untiring efforts at the Centre.

During a chat with Dick Lodge he informed me that as a result of the social he was able to hand Mrs. Nyberg the sum of £18 8s. to assist towards her enjoyment.

Mrs. Nyberg in a letter expressed her heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the grand gesture.

W. A. W.

## JUNIOR TALENT COMPETITION

The Social Committee feel that there is a great deal of talent on the Estate, so they have decided to run a Talent Competition. It is open to juniors, age 10 to 15 years. Only juniors living on the Estate may enter. Entry form will be found on page 5.

# ASSOCIATION ROUND-UP

## Amateur Boxing Club

**T**HE annual general meeting held on Sept. 4th was well supported by juniors with Joe Nightingale in the chair. Secretary G. Trigg reported the club strength as 35 juniors and 10 seniors. Four tournaments were held during the year, and the club vindicated itself commendably. The club now possessed their own ring, a considerable asset. The financial position was reported as "just solvent."

The election of officers made up the constitution as follows: President, Mr. J. Gough, of the "White Lion," Edgware; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Cook, G. Fabion, A. Fowle, L. Garrett, R. Henley, W. Johnson, G. Nosworthy, C. Hardy; chairman, A. R. Lodge; secretary, G. Trigg; treasurer, S. Lambert; trainers, J. Church and T. Curzon; committee, Messrs. Graham, Bangs, Johnson, Wills.

The club has done magnificently in the past, and with the present enthusiasm has a great future. A good programme for the ensuing year has been planned. To ensure success funds, equipment and more members are needed. We should like to appeal here to sportsmen in Burnt Oak and surrounding district to give their practical support. The immediate needs are for 6- and 8-oz. gloves. Please note: the club meets for training on Mondays and Thursdays at Orange Hill School, 8 p.m., and secretary Trigg lives at 1 Abbots Rd., Edgware.

## Youth Club

Welcome to two new committee members, Miss G. Wood and Mr. J. Osbourne. The club are holding a dance on Friday, Oct. 13th, and they plan to send invitations to neighbouring clubs. Music will be played by the Edgmill Youth Club band.

## "Free and Easy" Revival

The Watling "Free and Easy" used to be a special feature of the Watling Estate. We invite you to come along on Sunday, Oct. 15th, at 7.45 at the Centre. These socials will be given over to Old Time Variety, Dancing, etc.

## Watling Association Bowling Club

The bowling season is nearly over for 1950, but this year has proved a very successful season for the club.

After many keen games in the Finchley League the club won the League Championship by beating Abbeville on the Bishopswood green by 45 shots to 25. This will entitle the club to hold the Broadbridge Cup for one year and will be presented to the club at the Finchley & District annual dinner later in the year.

Individual honours go to E. Evans and H. Pope for winning the B.W.S.A. pairs competition.

Alec Steele, four times consecutive Club Championship winner, was unlucky in the London Parks Champion of Champions competition by losing in the final at Wimbledon Park. This was a great performance by Alec, especially when it is realised that this competition is between all the club champions in the Greater London area.

Three players had the honour to play for the county, and four represented the London Parks Bowling Association.

Two outings by coach were made during the season, one to Hurst in Berkshire, and one to Southsea. Both days proved highly successful and were enjoyed both by the bowlers and their wives.

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course are in agreement. Our roads are nicely blended and cornered with plots of shrubs and green verges etc., which tends to make the estate pleasing to the eye, up to a point.

To those of us who penetrate into the estate daily to and from our work we notice that the council have erected from time to time, wire fences and similar methods of protection around these plots. We do not have to ask why this protection because the condition of destruction that some of the fences present makes it obvious what would have happened to the shrubs, and what has already taken place on some of these corner shrubberies. We can make excuses for children doing wanton destruction in a small way, but when we observe stout angle iron posts bent and twisted it is obviously done by persons of some physical strength. The fact that this destruction shows little or no decline is serious, in so far that it may sooner or later have repercussions one may say "this destruction is not only prevalent in Watling but everywhere," to which we agree, but are we content to console ourselves that our standards are on a par with others when we have something bad that has a possible chance of eradication. We think not.

Despite what surrounding critics may say Watling has built up prestige and a good reputation which is in our interest not only to maintain but to add to. We in Watling in all our aims of neighbourliness owe a duty to one another to endeavour in our small way to suppress this "germ of canker" in our midst with perhaps a few well chosen words in the ears of the culprits that would stir their sense of shame.

## JUVENILE TALENT COMPETITION

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Complete entry form and return to the Centre with 6d. fee not later than October 10th.

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**FIRST AID IN THE HOME—No. 9**

# Miscellaneous Injuries

by W. A. Wood, F.I.C.A.P.

**I**N response to a number of letters our First Aid Specialist's article this month is of a miscellaneous nature.

## Bruise

This is bleeding from small blood vessels under the skin due to a blow. It shows a purplish patch, later turning black and greenish as the blood is absorbed.

Make a thick pad two inches bigger all round than the bruise and soak it in cold water, wring it out until it does not drip. Place pad on the bruise and secure with a bandage. Change frequently when dryish. This is what is known as a cold compress.

## Dog Bites

A dog bite causes small punctured wounds and the first aid treatment consists of covering the wounds with a dry dressing and taking patient to hospital or doctor, at once.

## Insect Stings

Bee and wasp stings are the commonest. They cause immediate pain and swelling around the sting.

First aid treatment, remove sting if possible with tweezers or by pressing the hollow end of a key over the sting.

If a bee sting apply methylated spirit followed by diluted ammonia (1 part ammonia to 4 parts water).

For wasp sting apply vinegar. Treat for shock by laying patient down, keep warm, and give hot sweet tea. If the sting is in the mouth get a doctor quickly or get patient to hospital.

## Foreign body in the eye

Warn the patient not to rub the eye. Fill an eye bath with cold water and tell the patient to hold it over the eye and blink the eye for a couple of minutes. If an eye bath is not available a cup will do.

This procedure may wash the object out of the eye, if not, sit the patient in a good light and the object may be seen, if so, make a quill from the corner of a clean handkerchief and endeavour to remove by a sideways motion. Do not jab at the eye.

If the object is on the eye ball do not attempt to remove but proceed as follows. Put a drop of castor oil in the corner of the lower eyelid tell patient to close his eye. Cover the eye with a soft pad or dressing and secure with a light bandage and take patient at once to doctor or hospital.

If ammonia has been splashed in the eye bathe the eye with a solution of vinegar (1 teaspoonful of vinegar to 4 of water). Close

eye, apply pad and bandage take patient at once to doctor or hospital.

If oil of Vitriol or Acid is splashed in the eye, bathe the eye with a solution of Bicarbonate of Soda (1 teaspoonful to a tumbler of water). Then flush the eye with cold water and place a drop of Castor oil in the eye, apply pad and bandage, take patient at once to doctor or hospital.

## Budding Local Club for Speedway Fans

**D**URING a chat with Mr. J. W. Redhead, Chairman of the Burnt Oak Branch of Wembley Speedway Supporters Club. I learnt that although the club had only met on three occasions the membership to date was over seventy. The objects of the club were to promote convivial transport facilities to speedway events up and down the country, and social events. During this season at Wembley a coach has transported members from Burnt Oak every Thursday evening.

The club meetings are held monthly at the Conservative Hall, Barnfield Road, but during the off season of Speedway meetings will be weekly. Persons of all ages both male and female are welcomed and catered for and membership fee boils down to a fraction of a penny per week.

Stan Eccles, the Social Secretary, informs me that he is preparing an ambitious Social programme for the future and my impressions are that this club should, and will, have a great appeal to local inhabitants.

Mr. Redhead's address is 60, Redhill Drive, Burnt Oak. Telephone number COL 4039.

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# WAS IT THE ASPIRIN AGE?

By JAMES TAYLOR

**DO** you like essays? I prefer them to most forms of reading, possibly because the writer is encouraged to cut out the padding. The subject matter is detailed, compressed and, mostly, analytical.

The 22 essays in *THE ASPIRIN AGE* which present varying aspects of American life in the years between the wars (1919—1941) are of a very high standard and this book, now on the Hendon Library bookshelves will thrill every reader. The writing is typically American, full of sentiment and toughness and reflects vividly the American temperament, especially if you believe, as I do, that literary works of this kind can be directly linked up with the broad masses of a nation.

Perhaps the best essay of the 22 is Aimée Semple McPherson's *SUN-LIGHT IN MY SOUL* (what a lovely title this is). But many of the others are superb. There's *THE FIRST HUNDRED DAYS OF THE NEW DEAL* by Arthur Schlesinger, Jun. and Morris Markey's *THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF STARR FAITHFULL*. Plumpish Starr committed suicide in 1931 but had one consolation. She was able to have a good meal before the end without having to worry about gaining.

In *THE MAN ON THE LEDGE*,

Joel Sayre gives an account of the young man who jumped to his death off a window ledge of the Hotel Gotham, New York, one hot summer night in 1938. A policeman did his best to coax him in but the young man could only say "I wish you could convince me that life's worth living" before he jumped.

The collection includes the story of the Duke and Duches of Windsor, entitled *THE KING AND THE GIRL FROM BALTIMORE*. Gene Tunney writes on *MY FIGHTS WITH JACK DEMPSEY*, John Lardner contributes an essay on *THE LINDBERGH LEGENDS*, and Hodding Carter talks about America's dictator, the late Huey Long.

The high politics, hot gossiping, slumps, prize fights and panics are all paraded before us by the editor, Isabel Leighton, who reflects that life between 1919 and 1941 was one long series of headaches with no cure, just a long series of aspirin tablets. Come to think of it, life didn't get any better after 1941, Isabel. You'll like this book.

## MARRIAGE GUIDANCE

**FOR** some time the Watling Association has been making efforts to set up a local Marriage Guidance Council.

We have found that many of those interviewing the Poor Man's Solicitor would be best first served by such a Marriage Guidance Council, since through it marriage difficulties, which would probably lead to separation and the break up of the home, may be overcome.

Through the kind offices of the North Kensington Women's Welfare Clinic, Dr. Landman now visits the Community Centre on Tuesday mornings, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon to advise those who are experiencing marriage difficulties.

At the same time this service is available to all those young people who are preparing for marriage.

# FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN, 1951

**T**HE contributions of heavy engineering to the story of British achievement will be demonstrated at the Exhibition of Industrial Power at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, during the Festival of Britain 1951.

The Exhibition, details of which were announced by Mr. Tom Johnston, Chairman of the Festival of Britain Scottish Committee, on July 10th, will be one of the main exhibitions sponsored by the Festival Office.

## How the Story will be Told

**Organiser:** Alastair Borthwick (Science Directorate, Festival Office).

**Chief Architect and Designer:** Basil Spence, O.B.E., F.R.I.B.A.

**Designers:** Arthur Braven, A.R.I.B.A., Albert Smith, F.S.I.A., F.R.D., Hulme Chadwick, A.R.C.A., A.R.Ae.S., Jack Coia, B.A., F.R.I.B.A., Douglas C. Stephen.

The exhibition is designed to display outstanding British achievements in heavy engineering and its associated technologies. Although located in Scotland, it is no less a part of the national displays than the South Bank or Science Exhibitions in London. Like them, it will have a narrative form, the exhibits being arranged round the central story of British contributions to the harnessing of power.

In common with the other exhibitions sponsored by the Festival Office, this will not be a trade fair; the best of Britain's heavy engineering products will be shown, but they will be displayed as appropriate to the story. No space will be rented by private firms or made available to any engineering organisation as such.

The story will show how, by British enterprise, the power hidden in our mines and rivers has been harnessed to our daily needs. The exhibition develops, therefore, through two main sequences—one starting from coal, the other from water.

In the Power of Coal sequence the objects covered will be mining, iron and steel, machine tools, power units from Watt to the present day, the generation and transmission of electric power, railways and shipbuilding. In the Power of Water sequence will be hydro-electricity, civil engineering and irrigation. The final section will deal with the source of power of the future—nuclear energy.

The exhibition will not only show machinery and the techniques which have gone to making it but also the effect heavy engineering has had on our daily lives. Implicit in the story, indeed, is Britain's rise as an industrial country. The time setting, however, is the present and topical subjects, including the part now played by the research scientist, will have pride of place. The North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Scheme, for instance, will form an important display. From abroad, topical subject matter will be provided by the Nile Valley irrigation scheme by which British engineers are helping to improve the standards of living of millions of people.

## The Display

New and exciting methods of display will be employed, fully supported by the best that can be shown of current British industrial production, for the provision of which the Council of Industrial Design will be responsible. The exhibition will cover 100,000 square feet—more than three times the size of "Enterprise Scotland" and bigger than "Britain Can Make It."

Mr. Basil Spence, the co-ordinating architect, has designed a spectacular entrance to the exhibition—the Hall of Power—which will be dominated by a cliff of coal bearing huge sculptured figures. The second great source of industrial power will be represented by a surging mass of water on the glazed roof of a stairway.

Pit cages will take visitors to a coal face where Scots miners will be operating the most up-to-date coal cutting machinery. For contrast, there will be a reconstruction of a coal mine of 200 years ago. Realism will be given to the descent of the mine shaft by devices which will give an illusion of a 1,000 feet descent although the drop is only one of 12 feet.

The main exhibition will have sections devoted to coal, iron, steel, machine tools, engines, electric power, hydro-electricity, civil engineering, irrigation, railways and shipbuilding. Finally, the Hall of the Future, which will be devoted to atomic energy, will show the work which is going forward in atomic energy application and research; this will be housed in a great dome inside which the night sky will be shimmering. From the floor will project a metal cone from the point of which lightning flashes will crackle up to the "sky" to symbolise the power released from the atom.

The use of the sources of energy for heavy engineering—coal and water—will be presented in two alternative routes through the exhibition. Each sequence will end in a central section where British enterprise in shipbuilding and railways will be demonstrated.

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## OUR POST BAG

**L. S. Burnt Oak writes.**

Cannot something be done through your Journal to suppress the dog menace on the estate. Numerous dogs are let out by their owners and are left to roam about until nightfall. These uncontrolled and undisciplined creatures do untold damage and are a danger to the community. Footways are fouled, cyclists are chased, and gardens are over-run. Quite recently a neighbour of mine had prize blooms ruined by a stampede of stray dogs jumping over fences from garden to garden. I wonder how many of the owners are animal lovers and have they the necessary licence?

(This is one of numerous letters we are constantly receiving on this matter—Editors.)

### **EFFICIENCY and Confidence at Mill Hill Swimming Pool.**

As a regular reader of your magazine I would be pleased if you could spare space to record the following incident which I feel cannot pass without notice.

On Saturday Aug. 5th I was taking a restful spell out of the water at Mill Hill Pool when suddenly I saw an attendant spring to the side and dive in the water, at the same time another attendant on the opposite side of the pool did likewise. Apparently they had seen a man in difficulty and their prompt action resulted in them reaching the bather before he went down. I am a regular user of the pool and such efficiency certainly inspired confidence to myself and the few persons who witnessed the incident.

L. F. Burnt Oak

### **CREDIT WHERE DUE**

I SHOULD like to tender my appreciation and admiration to the Middlesex Ambulance Service at Edgware General Hospital. Having occasion to phone the hospital for an ambulance, it arrived, to my astonishment within a few minutes.

I say thank you to all those concerned.

A. RICHARDSON  
Burnt Oak, Edgware

### **DEAR Editor.**

Why have the London Transport suddenly decided to start using the push buttons on the doors of the Tube trains once again? For many years now passengers have had to wait for the guards to open the doors but now sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't. How are we to know when to push and when not to push?

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### **WHAT NEXT!**

WHAT does your barber talk about? Mine talks about money, boxing, horse and dog racing. Sometimes hair! I'm convinced he would have made a far better book-maker than a barber.

T. P.

#### **For Your Next Party**

##### **Ice Cream Surprise**

Soak a slice of sponge cake in sweetened lemon squash. Spread it with raspberry jam. Put an ice cream on top and for a birthday party, heat a little rum, flame it, and pour on each serving.



## JEAN KENT

as she is seen in her latest film,

Anthony Asquith's

"The Woman in Question"



## DAY NURSERIES

**T**HE government Day Nurseries scheme is admirable, on paper. But what does it cost, and who is going to pay?

A decision of Parliament allows mothers to contribute only towards cost of food and personal articles. Up to April of this year figures show that Birmingham mothers pay 8d. per day, Kent 1s. 2d., Surrey 1s. 4d., Middlesex, Herts and L.C.C. 1s. All but the last has now gone up to 2s. A child in a day nursery five days a week costs approximately £130 per year. The mother's contribution may be anything between £9 and £26. A balance of some £110 has still to be found and with the Day Nurseries of England and Wales opening their doors to 44,000 children we reach a total of £4,800,000 for the lot.

Day Nurseries are in danger because of expense but it would be a tragedy if they were closed.

W. A. W.

## Photography

If you are interested in forming a club get in touch with Secretary L. Vear at the Centre.

## These Young Fellows

**I** REMEMBER a time when the Young used to go to pubs—and that was awful. Then the Young stopped going to pubs and went to cinemas instead—and that was awful. If the Young go "hiking" in the daylight that seems to be awful. And if the Young go for walks in country lanes after dark—that's worse. If the Young sit in motor cars they have the police after them. If the Young sit in the parlour and listen to the wireless—they have no Sense of Adventure. And if the Young sit on pillions and motor bikes—they're Dangers to the Public. If the Young sit in their studies—they have No Spirit. If the Young go to the dog races, the old boys talk about it. But if the Young go into Parliament the old boys still go on talking. Oh, dear! will anyone tell me where the Young ought to go?

## Painting

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# Jack Catchpole and the Y.H.A.

by JOHN HURST

**N**ORTHUMBERLAND, Border county in the North, has the honour of being the county in which a brand new idea started in 1929. Someone had the good sense not only to ask why it was not possible to provide cheap accommodation to ramblers in English country areas, as had been done for so long on the Continent, but to do something about it.

And 6 "shelters" were opened for Border walkers in that county. Less than a year later the National Youth Hostels Association was formed and its growth in the last 21 years has been phenomenal.

Last month the Y.H.A. held "Coming of Age" celebrations in various parts of the country and the great climax came on 26th August at the Royal Albert Hall when a super-rally took place. Members from 24 countries congregated and supper in Hyde Park, illuminated boats on the Serpentine, a torchlight procession, dancing and singing added to the fun. The great underground shelters at Clapham usually reserved for troops when the dockers strike, were thrown open again to form a gigantic Youth Hostel for 2,000 members of the Y.H.A.

The dominant character of the Association throughout its 21 years of life has undoubtedly been stocky Jack Catchpole, unpaid Secretary now in his fifties, whose main job has been to take the world's goodwill for granted and then pull every wire to make the most of it. He can claim to have had the greatest part in the spreading of the Y.H.A. to its present size (300 hostels—250,000 members).

One of the great surprises a newcomer gets when he encounters the Association is that the young ones do not have it all to themselves. Very many grayheads, some long since retired, are allowed to, and do, take advantage of the "no age limit" clause,

and happily (if slowly) tramp and cycle through the countryside at low cost.

Main problem of the Y.H.A. is to persuade its quarter of a million members that August is NOT the only month of the year to see the hills, valleys, rivers and lakes and forests of Britain and that the Lake District is NOT the only lovely area in this country (not many have heard of East Anglia, for example).

The full absorbing story of the Youth Hostels Association can be read in a newly published book (7/6) by Oliver Coburn, called **YOUTH HOSTEL STORY**.

And for those who wish to join the Association you can't do better than coming along to Watling Centre some Thursday evening and meeting the members of the Hendon Branch, probably the most vigorous and enterprising of the Centre groups.

## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS AT THE CENTRE

- Sunday, Oct. 1st.—Twenty Questions and Musical Evening.
- Friday, Oct. 20th.—Photography.
- Sunday, Nov. 5th.—United Nations and Peace. Talk and Discussion.
- Friday, Nov. 17th.—Modern Home Making. Film and Talk.
- Sunday, Dec. 3rd.—Implications of Korea. Talk and Discussion.
- Friday, Dec. 15th.—Brains Trust.

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## Brown Owl writes:—

Dear Children,

Though English people have a reputation for kindness to animals, there is still much cruelty and unnecessary suffering being caused to our dumb friends, the domestic animals, and to wild creatures.

There have been concerned people whose hard work and protests have resulted in the formation of such organisations as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

In 1928, October 4th was chosen by the World League for the Protection of Animals as World Day for Animals. This day is dedicated to St. Francis, who was born at Assisi in Italy in the year 1182, and loved all animals and birds so much that they regarded him as their friend.

If you are kind and thoughtful to all dumb creatures, you will surely love human beings as well. St. Francis of Assisi so loved people that he left a life of pleasure so that he might work among and serve the poor and the sick.

Most children have a pet of some kind, and I am sure you will see that they have a cosy place to sleep in, plenty of fresh air and room for exercise and fresh water every day to drink.

Remember that their comfort, health and even their life depends on you. If you do your best to see that they are treated kindly and justly they will show their gratitude and affection for you in so many lovely little ways. —Your friend.

BROWN OWL.

## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.		Wednesdays.	
Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.	W.V.S. Clothing Exchange ..	2.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.	Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.	Children's Art Club .. ..	6.00 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.	Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
		Men's Club .. ..	8.00 p.m.
		Ramblers .. ..	8.00 p.m.
		Weightlifters .. ..	8.00 p.m.
Mondays.		Thursdays.	
Burnt Oak Women's Adult School	2.30 p.m.	Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4.00 p.m.	British Legion .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.	Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7.00 p.m.
Ball Room Dancing Class ..	7.30 p.m.	National Cyclists' Union ..	8.00 p.m.
G.I. Brides' Parents' Association	8.00 p.m.	Youth Hostels Association ..	8.00 p.m.
Mutual Union of Oddfellows ..	8.00 p.m.		
Painting Group .. ..	8.00 p.m.		
Weightlifters .. ..	8.00 p.m.		
Tuesdays.		Fridays.	
Family Clinic .. ..	10.00 a.m.	Girl Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.	Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Women's Arts and Crafts ..	2.30 p.m.	Youth Club Drama .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Blind Club (every other week)	2.30 p.m.	Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7.00 p.m.		
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.		
Guild of Players (Amateur Dramatics) .. ..	8.00 p.m.		
Saturdays.			
		Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Visitors always welcome.

ARE YOU TALENTED? if so turn back to p. 5

## HENDON GROUP of the Y.H.A.

**T**HE Hendon Group of the Youth Hostels' Association who meet at the Watling Centre on Thursday evening will next month be holding their annual general meeting when new committee members will be elected. The past year has been a good one for hostel week-ends and Sunday runs as well as Thursday evening social activities, and many thanks are due to the members of the General and Social Committees.

Apart from the varied Thursday evenings, the group have run a dance, a very enjoyable coach outing to Southend, and various camping week-ends. Also many members attended the Youth Hostel Association's rally, which was held at Ashbridge Park, near Tring, and the 21st birthday celebrations held at the Albert Hall and in Hyde Park recently. Both these events were great successes and thoroughly enjoyed by group members.

The Watling section of the group has also been flourishing, and anyone interested in walking or cycling is invited to come along on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock, or particulars can be had from the Group Secretary, Miss Barbara Clayden, 16 Princes Avenue, Kingsbury, London, N.W.9.

## Burnt Oak Women's Adult School

From the novel "A Woman of the Pharisees," by Francois Mauriac, delightfully read to us by Miss Farmer, we have learnt that our mission here on earth is to make other people happy—not good. The only conduct over which we have complete control and for which we are wholly responsible is our own. Other people must be allowed to arrange their own lives

and to find out by trial and error and by the exercise of their moral sense of right and wrong what are the right things for them to do.

Mrs. Currie Martin has given a summary of the Handbook and later related some lovely experiences of her travels in Scotland and abroad. Her descriptions of Italy were most interesting, for that lovely country holds some sad and very beautiful memories for her, which must surely be giving her the courage and friendliness with which she carries out her duties.

We very much enjoyed an afternoon of fine poetry read most gracefully by Mrs. Carron Rock.

Mrs. Nyberg has gone to America to see her daughter and grandchild. We were very glad to have our friend with us again before her departure, when she presided at our meeting on August 21st. Our good wishes go with her for a happy journey and a safe arrival in America and we look forward to her return.

E. E. COLEMAN.

## VETERANS

**T**WO of the people that helped to form our Veterans Club many years ago were Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of 32 Wolsey Grove. On the 13th of this month they will have been married 52 years, Mr. Bennett will be 82 years old on the 29th.

Another couple of veterans Mr. and Mrs. Hogan of 48 Gloucester Grove, celebrated their golden wedding last month. Mr. Hogan is one of our "Resident" sellers.

Congratulations, and many more years of happiness and health.

## Dances

The Sunday and Wednesday dances at the Centre have been well supported throughout the summer months, and during the winter "house full" notices are anticipated.

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## THE JONES' IN NEVER NEVER LAND

THE constantly recurring news of rising prices, fanned daily by certain sections of the Press into white-hot flashes, is slowly and surely sending all the population into Never-Never land, once the exclusive province of Peter Pan, Tinker Bell and the fairies. This is the land where Hire Purchase agreements grow on every tree and radios, television sets, refrigerators and furniture can be had in unlimited quantities for a small deposit. It is a land pitted with swamps of frustration as people battle to divert their incomes from the daily bread channels into the direction of Limited Companies and Finance Trusts in their desire to pay off instalments on some item that has long since been confined to the scrap-heap or the rag-bag.

Since 1948, the amount of goods bought on the Never-Never has doubled as more and more sections of the population have decided it is the only way in which to obtain any article over about £5. The Banks have been discouraged by the Treasury from lending money to purchasers. The Treasury regards this way of life as very bad for National Prosperity. But wealthy Furnishing Companies and Finance Trusts are only too pleased to lend their money and even though the

interest rates are comparatively low their rake-off per annum amounts to billions. For a £20 radio the interest is generally £2 if the full amount is paid off in 12 months, or £4 if the instalments are spread over 2 years. Television sets rates are higher. It costs over £9 to borrow £50 for 18 months. Furniture rates are probably the best. You can get £75 worth of furniture if you promise to pay back £87 inside 2 years.

At one time the Finance Trusts and Furniture Companies used to have a glorious time fleecing the needy and inexperienced. It was quite a sommon occurrence for Mrs. Jones to buy a £10 radio on H.P., pay back £16 and still see her set taken away because her repayments were overdue.

But the 1938 Act put a stop to many of their games and even though the baser companies still try to manoeuvre the customer into a very unhappy position by vaguely-worded nasty letters, their claws have been trimmed.

The Jones, in 1950, have learned their lesson and now make quite sure that their weekly instalment figure is only one tenth of their total income. They still believe that excursions to Never-Never Land are necessary to get the more expensive things that modern life provides

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but they do not intend to make a fresh trip until the last one is paid for.

They are worried by rising prices, but know that the answer is NOT to saddle themselves with the crippling burden of paying weekly over 2 years for the things they have been urged to buy before the increases operate. They are fully aware that it is crazy to buy non-durable goods because of the bitter future they are booking for themselves as they have to pay for something that is no more—clothing, for example; especially the shoddy clothing that is so much around these days. Television sets, too, crammed with temperamental equipment, can so often be fickle companions and offer only blank screens or costly repair bills long before the final H.P. instalment goes over the counter.

Yes, the Jones's intend to watch their step and treat with wry humour those enticing invitations (Yours immediately for 5/- weekly) in the shop windows. Never-Never Land looks wonderful from a distance, but underneath the tinsel the observant can see worrying ogres with grasping hands. One mad month spraying deposits all over Edgware and Burnt Oak could lead to a houseful of shiny goods and a houseful of trouble. No wonder some people call H.P. the "Glad and Sorry".

## JUMBLE

During Anniversary Week the Association are to hold a Jumble Sale.

Have you any jumble to spare? If so, please bring it along to the Centre, any time. Thank you.

## BECAUSE I LIVED

by  
Stephen Welles

I READ recently of a child who asked her mother, Mother, why do we live? Could you have answered that? Maybe this short article would have been my answer to this question. We live to put down something to posterity, just some small thing. Let us suppose that a new baby is imminent in your home and to commemorate this event you may plant a tree in your garden which would grow up with the child. Fame or Fortune may take you far away from your tree, but what a happy thought is created in the knowledge that someone is tendering your tree that is growing and flourishing as your baby does, "Because you lived a tree grows".

"Because you lived" a cat may have been stroked and has answered your gentle caress with a purr of contentment, or perhaps a bird fallen from its nest has been rescued from certain death—"Because you lived".

A few days ago as I walked home through the estate a child held me up with his toy pistol. I dodged and weaved to avoid his "shots". Life and joy gleamed in his eyes, he had found an "enemy". "Because I lived" a child's heart was for a short while, filled with playful joy.

"Because I lived" children have been safely escorted across busy main roads.

## BECAUSE YOU AND I LIVE,

let us make the world a happier and better place than WE may have found it. It costs so little.

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contribution towards its solution.

If it is true that the spirit of  
friendliness, of co-operation, of service  
and of interest in our fellow man or  
woman is asleep at a time it is so  
badly needed, then we needs must  
look around and take stock. From  
the highest and the lowest sugges-  
tions and comments must pour in  
to the Community Centre so that a  
comprehensive view of our failings  
and our virtues may be obtained.

Members and residents of Watling  
CAN serve their neighbours even if  
it is only through some small thing;  
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more reward than the satisfaction  
of helping one another over a stile,  
as we can serve by using the Com-  
munity Association to the full and  
recommending our neighbour to do  
likewise.

The Association may only go  
forward so long as there is the  
necessary replacement of new life  
and new thought for such losses  
as the Association may suffer. A  
challenge faces us all what have we  
to offer and what are we prepared  
to give.

### GIRL YOUTH

Congratulations to the girls' section  
for at least entering the Willesden  
Table Tennis League. They lost their  
first game but at least we know it  
was not for the lack of trying. We  
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girls team in the league so GOOD  
LUCK GIRLS.

## Juvenile Talent Competition

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS, AGE 10-15 YEARS.  
LIVING ON THE ESTATE

Complete entry form and return to the Centre with 6d. fee.

ENTRY FORM. Mark with an X the subject you wish to enter.

CONJURING	SINGING	COMEDY
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Name..... Age.....

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Entrants will bring their own music

## FIRST AID IN THE HOME—No. 10

By W. A. WOOD, F.I.C.A.P.

In response to many queries our Specialist contributor, in this, his tenth instalment of this amazingly popular series, deals with four injuries which are common on Winter Sports fields.

### Dislocations

A dislocation is a displacement of one or more bones at a joint. Joints most frequently dislocated are those of the shoulder, elbow, thumb and fingers, and lower jaw.

The signs and symptoms are:

1. Pain and swelling at the joint.
2. Loss of power in the limb.
3. Fixity and obvious deformity of the limb.

### Treatment

Do not try to put the bone back in position. Support the limb in the most comfortable position to the patient. Apply a cold compress (a pad soaked in cold water and wrung out) to the joint and take patient at once to the doctor or hospital which-ever is speediest.

### Sprains

Occur at a muscle. It is generally caused by a wrench or sudden effort, such as lifting of heavy weights. The injury may vary from a slight overstretching of a muscle fibre to a tearing of same. This injury is common to the back and leg muscles and occurs frequently in sports, such as football.

Signs and symptoms are, a sudden sharp pain at seat of injury. Swelling and cramp of the affected part and further exertion is either difficult or impossible. If in the back muscles the patient will be unable to stand upright.

### Treatment

Place the patient in the most

comfortable position and support the injured limb. If injury occurs out of doors get patient to hospital, if indoors, send for doctor.

### Rupture or Hernia

This condition is due to the protrusion under the skin of a portion of intestine or bowel through a weak spot in the abdominal wall. Rupture occurs mostly in the groin although it sometimes occurs at the navel. The commonest cause is straining in the lifting of heavy weights. The swelling caused may vary in size from a plum to an orange. The sudden appearance of this swelling is dangerous, particularly if further straining is caused by coughing or vomiting.

### Treatment

Send for a doctor at once. Lay the patient down and raise the knees. Apply a cold compress to the swelling.

Do not on any account handle or probe the swelling.

### Concussion of the Brain

This condition is the result of a blow on the head or a fall in which the head is struck. The brain is shaken or stunned and the patient may become partial or totally unconscious, which may last for a few seconds or for several hours. The face is pale, pulse feeble, and the breathing shallow. Vomiting may occur as patient regains consciousness.

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The general treatment is as follows,  
Send for a doctor at once.

Lay patient flat with head to one  
side.

If the face is flushed raise the  
head and shoulders slightly. If the  
face is pale keep the head low.

Loosen all clothing at neck, chest  
and waist.

Keep patient warm and ensure a  
supply of fresh air.

Do not give anything by the  
mouth.

Cover any wound that may be  
present with a dry sterile dressing.

### DELAY IN VITAL REPAIRS ON THE ESTATE

Considerable disquiet is felt by  
tenants on the estate at consider-  
able delay in the vital maintenance  
repairs. The Watling Community  
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Centre to whom representation  
can be made if prolonged difficulty  
is experienced by tenants.

### Anniversary Week, January 13th to January 21st

The Anniversary Committee hope  
that this will be their programme.

Sat. Jan. 13th.	Jumble Sale at 2.0 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 13th	Social at 7.30 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 14th	Members Dance at 7.30 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 15th	Social by the G.I. Brides at 7.30 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 16th	Guild of Players at 7.30 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 17th	Whist at 2.30 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 17th	Deansbrook Social Club at 7.30 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 18th	Whist at 2.30 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 18th	Combined Social at 7.30 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 19th	Members Supper & Dance at 8 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 20th	Townswomen's Guild at 7.30 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 20th	Childrens' Panto- mime at 2.30 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 21st	Members Dance & Free & Easy at 7.30 p.m.

There will be more news of  
Anniversary Week next month.

### Boxing.

The group is running very well  
under its two new trainers, Messrs.  
Graham and Williams.

We hope to give you news soon  
of a show that is to be staged  
early in the New Year. The Club  
still needs more seniors. Where are  
they all? Come on lads, don't be  
frightened.

## ASSOCIATION ROUND UP

### DRAMA FESTIVAL

THE Annual Drama Festival, to be held again this year, and organized by the Guild of Players, commences on Monday the 13th November to Thursday the 16th November, 1950, inclusive.

Each evening's performance starts prompt at 7.30 p.m. and in fairness to the adjudicator, entrants and audiences alike, there will be no admittance during the performance of any one play.

The Adjudicator for the Festival this year is Mr. Frank Harwood, of the Guild of Adjudicators.

Seats (numbered and reserved) 2/6, 2/- and 1/6. Seasons at 8/- and 6/-.

### FREE AND EASY

The next Free and Easy will be held at the Centre on Sunday, November 19th.

October Free and Easy was one well worth attending and was well supported by old and new members.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Christmas Bazaar, Saturday December 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. to be opened by His Worship the Mayor of Hendon accompanied by the Mayoress.

- 5.0 p.m. Childrens' Fancy Dress Parade.
- 6.0 p.m. Childrens' Hour, Admission 3d.
- 7.30 p.m. Carnival Social. Admission 1/-.

### WEIGHTLIFTING SECTION

RON FOSTER, of the Watling Centre Weight Lifters won the 1950 Ten Stone Home Counties Amateur Championships; that were held at the Bethnal Green Mens' Institute on Saturday, 14th October.

Ted Booth tied for second place in the Eleven Stone class at the same meeting.

Poundages they put up were:  
R. Foster, 9st. 50 lbs. body weight  
165 Two Hands Press  
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The Club attended in force and it was grand to see many young friends from other Clubs.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

**A** COURSE of twelve weekly meetings, arranged by the W.E.A.

Time: Fridays, commencing October 20th, 7.30 p.m.

Place: The Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware.

Tutor: JI Leveson, B.Sc. AEcon.=

This course will develop around important current events in social, economic and political fields, to enable the student to follow these events with a factual background and a measure of understanding.

Half of each meeting will be spent in discussion, for each opinion matters.

Everyone will be welcome, and first meetings may be attended without obligation.

## U.S. & Canadians Brides & Parents Association.

The Social side of the club so far has been a tremendous success. There has been a grand farewell party for Mrs. Nyberg before she left for America and also a celebration to mark the return of Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe.

Mrs. Davies who plays the piano and Mr. Thompson a favourite M.C. have deservedly received the thanks of members for their great efforts in making these and other evenings a great success. The Club would also like to thank all members and friends that bring along pastries and prizes each week. The Club will show a great welcome to any new members that wish to join.

The Christmas party is to be on December 17th.

## Edgware & District Blind Social Club

*Meeting at the Watling Community Centre on Tuesday, 2.30.*

**T**HE Club opened its Winter programme with a most enjoyable Social on Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd. The gathering was quite well attended with everyone joining in the games and community singing and listening with much pleasure to the songs rendered by Miss Violet Kemp.

As this was a special occasion, the tea and prizes for the games were provided by members of the Committee. Mr. Sterling gave a short speech during which he gave a vote of thanks to the following" Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Jones, Miss Kemp, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Smithin, Mr. Sugden and Mrs. Wood for their assistance which did much to add to the enjoyment of the afternoon. Mrs. Holt, representing the Middlesex Association for the Blind, said that the Association was willing to give the Club financial assistance.

May we wish the club every success in its new venture.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**D**URING last month seventy-two young and old members went to Southend to see the lights. Mr. Needham was the organizer and he plans some future trips to the Theatre. If you are interested in a trip call and see him at the Centre.

**S**ECRETARIES of groups please note that many of our readers would be pleased to hear something of your groups. Please let the Editors have some news. Thank you.

## THE LADIES PAGE

**T**HIS month we have a Ladies' page and we hope to make it a regular feature. We should be glad to receive any suggestions you may have for us. If there is anything you would like included please let us know.

Here are some little-known facts about wedding traditions which should be of interest to all brides—past, present and future—

Bridal Veils date back to ancient times when a bridegroom was forbidden to view his bride's face until after the ceremony.

The Bride's Bouquet is tossed as a substitute for a Fourteenth-Century custom of scuffling for the bride's garters.

The best-man role originated when a faithful friend was needed as a look-out while the suitor was kidnapping his bride-to-be.

Wedding Cakes: At Anglo-Saxon weddings, each guest brought a richly spiced bun. The buns were heaped in a mound on a table.

Bridegrooms are so named because they once were expected to wait on the brides at wedding feasts; hence the term "groom".

Bridesmaids originated with the Romans, who customarily had ten friends of the bride as witnesses at wedding ceremonies.

The honeymoon custom carries over from the days when marriage was by capture, and couples had to remain in hiding for a time.

### Making the Most of Make-up

Like a great many other commodities these days, good cosmetics are expensive. One of the most costly things about make-up is not the amount which is used, but the quantities which are wasted. So many people are persuaded by advertising or pretty packaging to buy unsuitable preparations so they accumulate a store of partly-used creams which dry out and then have to be thrown away.

When first choosing cosmetics visit the beauty counter of one of the big stores. Here all the best brands are on sale and the assistants are trained to advise on the most suitable kind for your type of skin and personality. Another advantage is that these large stores have samples available for you to try before purchase. Try out your choice in the smallest sizes. Only when you are perfectly satisfied invest in the large and more economical sizes.

Make-up is too precious to be wasted on cotton wool, so apply cleansing creams and skin food with clean fingers. The only exception to the rule is with skin tonic. Wring out a small piece of cotton wool in cold water, sprinkle on a few drops of the tonic and slap it vigorously all over the face and neck.

Junior Painting Friday Evenings 6—7 p.m.

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## Natasha Parry

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## OUR POST BAG

by JOHN HURST

By R. A. B. TEARE, M.B.E.

Chairman, Borough of Hendon  
Savings Committee

NATIONAL SAVINGS are always important—always useful. In times of emergency they are essential. This is a time of emergency. War clouds darken half the face of the globe. Money, much more money, is now needed for defence purposes. Whether we like it or not, large sums must be set aside and expended on armaments. This money can be found in several ways. By lowering our standard of living; by reducing food subsidies; by cutting the social services; by heavier taxation; by savings.

No one wants either of the first four alternatives—they are equally objectionable. The fifth choice—savings—has no such objection to it. It can provide money for the Nation's use enough to prevent any of the other alternatives being necessary. If the money has to be found by more taxation in one form or another—as it MUST if savings fail—we can say good-bye to it, it is gone. But if it is lent to the Country in the form of savings it remains ours to use as we will and when we like. Not only so, we are paid for the use of it. Our savings can be used as a holiday fund, for some special purpose, for the expected "little stranger"—for anything we choose. We can take our savings out when we like and none will question our right. Can there be any doubt as to the right course? Quite apart from the help we give to the Country, to defend the free-

doms we so highly cherish, it is obviously an advantage to ourselves.

That is why we would like to start a Watling Community Savings Group.

### WHAT IS AN ADULT SCHOOL?

By Fred Lake

PLEASE do not be misled by the word "School". In effect the world is a School, life is a School, your home is a school. Any place where we learn anything is a School.

The aims of the Adult School Movement are.

1. To cultivate the art of living development of the mind by Meetings and discussions.
2. To provide opportunities for the development of Self Expression.
3. To Study religion freely, frankly, and without prejudice.
4. To promote friendship by providing Social activities.
5. To learn the responsibilities of citizenship.
6. To encourage International Brotherhood.

In the face of these motley aims surely any member would gain much benefit.

There are at the moment 3 Schools in the Watling Estate.

A woman's School which meets at the Watling Centre on Monday afternoons, another Woman's School which meets at Eversfield Hall on Tuesday afternoons and a Mixed Adult School which meets at Wesley Hall on Tuesday evenings.

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Any man or woman can become a member of the Mixed School.

The movement is democratic, non-Sectarian and non-Party Political.

Any person regardless of colour or creed is welcome.

At every Meeting there is free discussion and usually there is a Speaker to open the talk which is taken from a wide range of subjects.

If you are lonely come along and join us.

If you want a purpose in life come along and join us.

You may find useful work to do, or the other hand if you want to relax you will find the right atmosphere in an Adult School.

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on your View-point in September-October issue.

It is about time some residents became "estate conscious".

(Name and address supplied).

Dear Editor,

Can you please tell me why the No.1 L.C.C. Office in Watling Avenue was closed for the reception of rents. If I don't happen to be in when the collector calls it means that I must go a distance of about three miles to Deansbrook Road Office at certain other times to pay the rent. Failure to do this brings a snorty letter from a gentleman, one Cyril Walker. The housewife puts up with quite enough without having further inconveniences thrust on her. This trip to Deansbrook Road is particularly rough on the old people, especially in inclement weather.

Mrs. M. W., Millfield Rd.

## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.	
Society of Friends ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance ..	7.30 p.m.

Mondays.	
Burnt Oak Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4.00 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer ..	7.30 p.m.
Ball Room Dancing Club ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides' Parents' Asscn. ..	8.00 p.m.
Mutual Union of Oddfellows ..	8.00 p.m.
Painting Group ..	8.00 p.m.
Weightlifters ..	8.00 p.m.

Tuesdays.	
Family Clinic ..	10.00 a.m.
Dressmaking Class ..	2.30 p.m.
Women's Arts and Crafts ..	2.30 p.m.
Blind Club (every other week) ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) ..	7.00 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer ..	7.30 p.m.
Guild of Players (Amateur Dramatics) ..	8.00 p.m.

Wednesdays.	
W.V.S. Clothing Exchange ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans' Club ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Art Club ..	6.00 p.m.
Dance ..	7.30 p.m.
Men's Club ..	8.00 p.m.
Ramblers ..	8.00 p.m.
Weightlifters ..	8.00 p.m.

Thursdays.	
Whist Drive ..	2.30 p.m.
British Legion ..	7.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Girls) ..	7.00 p.m.
National Cyclists' Union ..	8.00 p.m.
Youth Hostels Association ..	8.00 p.m.

Fridays.	
Girl Guides ..	6 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) ..	7 p.m.
Youth Club Drama ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours ..	8 p.m.

Saturdays.	
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THE COUNCIL MEETS ON FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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### BALLROOM DANCING CLASS

**T**HE class, which is held on Monday evenings at the Centre, has vacancies for about ten to twenty adults who would wish to learn to dance. The only qualifications you need are that you are over 18 years of age and are at present unable to dance.

It will be appreciated if regular attendance is maintained as far as possible to that essential basic lessons are not missed.

The cost to each member will be one shilling a lesson, payable to the Secretary at the end of the evening.

The beginner's class will start promptly at 7.30 p.m. each Monday evening, and continue for about three quarters of an hour. This will be followed by instruction for the advanced class until 9 p.m., when general dancing for everybody will follow for the rest of the evening.

If less than ten applications are received, the beginner's class will have to be cancelled.

All applications should be made to the Secretary, Miss M. Bye, on a Monday evening at the Centre, or at 13, Norwich Walk. The register will be closed on November 27th, and the class will commence on Monday, December 4th.

### Crest Football & Social Club.

The Club wishes to announce the coming into the Club of two new Vice-Presidents, namely J. H. B. Warden, Esq., and Mr. L. Tuck.

The Club has moved into its new headquarters at the Con. Hut, Barnfield Road, and has met every Thursday and is open to members and non-members. The Club is going to France at Easter for 3 days and will play the Etables Football Club.

Owing to injuries the Club is open for new players, if anyone is interested please contact Mr. E. Allen, Phone Mil 4259.

### Christmas is Coming

Now that Christmas is very near you must be thinking of what to get him. Dad, brother, boy friend or whoever it may be this year try to get them something a little out of the ordinary.

Get him something you have thought of and don't rely too much on those tickets we see in shop windows that say, "This is just what he wants", or "This will suit him".

You may find something for all the family at the Association's Christmas Bazaar.

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## WATLING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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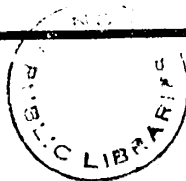
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## New Hendon Savings H.Q.

**T**HE closure of the old Savings Centre in Hendon Way has provided the opportunity of establishing new Headquarters for the Hendon Savings Movement at "Fenella," The Burroughs, N.W.4, and the Committee are fortunate to have the full time assistance of Mr. F. M. Gilmore, who will gladly provide full information and assistance to anyone interested in the growth of National Savings.

Our most pressing need is for more Secretaries to establish Street Groups among their friends and neighbours. A proper coverage is one Group per 1,000 of the population, but at the present time we only have one Group per 3,000. Therefore, the urgent need is for 100 public spirited citizens to start a Savings Group in their own locality.

A special Sub-Committee is in the process of formation and then it is hoped this most important division of Savings, which did such noble work during the War, will once again play its proper part in the work of the Hendon Savings Committee.

The Schools Groups already have an excellent record and will continue

to expand as a result of the work of the Sub-Committee in charge of this aspect of the Movement. The habits of thrift learnt and practised at school, remain through adult life to the benefit of both the individual and the Nation.

More savings will prevent inflation, which means your money will buy more goods.

**Keep on Saving!**

A Group has been formed at the Centre. Stamps at the value of 2/6, 6d. and 1d., may be obtained at any time.

## VETERANS

**S**O many new members have joined the club that the veterans have now been promoted to a larger room. A dominoes contest for the men was arranged by the president Mr. J. Nelson which ran over several weeks. the winner, Mr. E. Huxtable received a pipe. An American tea was arranged on November 2nd and members were afterwards entertained by Mill Hill Broadway Townswomen's Guild.

# ASSOCIATION ROUND-UP

## MEN'S CLUB

DEAR Members,

At the Men's Club A.G.M. the officers for 1950-51 were elected as follows: Chairman Mr. A. R. Lodge, Vice-Chairman Mr. R. Hathaway, Secretary, Mr. J. Lous, Treasurer Mr. E. Allen, Assistant-Treasurer Mr. Hayell. Committee were elected as following: Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. P. Hathaway, Mr. Robinson, Mr. L. Miller, Mr. R. Hathaway, Mr. E. Churchill.

The members of the Club said that they would like to visit other Clubs.

At a working Committee meeting the discussion of visits was the topic for the evening and it was agreed that Mr. Lodge contact the L.C.C. Social Club.

Mr. J. Taylor was to get a snooker/billiards team together.

Mr. Robinson to get a table tennis team and Mr. Allen to get a team of dart players.

I am sorry to see the members stop away from the Club now it is getting on its feet, so I hope that if any of the old members read this news would they return to the Club and swell our little family.

THE SCRIBE

## Edgware and District Blind S.C.

ON Tuesday, October 31st a most interesting programme was arranged in the Form of any Questions at the Watling Centre, Burnt Oak and it was conducted on strictly B.B.C. lines. The team comprised Mrs. Holt of the Middlesex Association for the Blind: Miss Tolman, late Headmistress (who has recently lost

her sight), Mr. Dyer, a local resident and Mr. Vear, Secretary of the Watling Centre. The Question Master was Mr. Sterling, the Home Teacher for this district.

The questions asked by the members led to interesting answers from the team, and the afternoon was much enjoyed.

## Handicrafts for the Blind

HANDICRAFT classes for blind people living in Edgware and district have recently been started at the Watling Centre, Burnt Oak. They are very well attended. So far the handicrafts taught are: cane basket work, rug making, raffia work and string bag making. It is hoped to extend these activities in the future.

## Crest Football and Social Club

THE Crest Football Club was first formed in 1938 by lads living on the Watling Estate—the name Crest being an abbreviation of Cressingham Road. As Edgware Town represents Edgware so does the Crest Football Team represent the senior football of Watling. The tragic death of Barbara Ayrton Gould, who has been a Vice-President since the formation of the Club, was a loss the Club deeply regrets.

Mr. R. C. Cope's successor as President is Mr. T. M. Coleman who has over the past four years worked for and advised the Club without stint.

Recent injuries to Roy Cross and Fred Capron have resulted in the promotion of reserve players and the Club Chairman welcomes new players to the Hut in Barnfield Road, on any Thursday evening, when a qualified P.T. Instructor is available and talks on football tactics take place.

During the Easter holidays the Club has accepted an invitation to France to play the Etaples Football Club and the Club Chairman, Mr. E. Allen, sends the Club all best wishes for this game and for the present season.

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## VIEWPOINT

During those twenty three years Watling has experienced many changes and the underlying purpose of the Association may have been forgotten, in the day to day attempts to develop certain activities within the Community Centre. However much we may provide for dances, social evenings, games, etc. we are not fully accepting our responsibility to provide for "the well being of the community resident on the Watling Estate" unless we continue to carry on an increasing amount of tenants' welfare work. We do not want the Community Centre to be looked upon solely as a social club—we want it to stand as the home of the Community Association, which is intimately concerned with the whole of the life within Watling and which is prepared to do its utmost to help ALL who may need help.

Many of you know of the work done through and by the Association, but do you realise that this work may only continue so long as we are all prepared to play our part, however small such a part may be. Many little services are required if the Community Centre is to be a home to us all. We need friendliness and we need some of your time. Let your New Year resolution be that you will give something to your Association and to your fellow residents—  
**HELP US TO KEEP THE TORCH BURNING.**

## OUR POST BAG

**A**N occupation to be followed with greater delight in this country than anywhere else in the world is, I think, that of looking out of train windows. Something of magic touches the flying pictures—the children playing in the brook, the lovers at the stile, the flowers in the wood, the church towers and village roofs. "Window-looking-out-of," indeed, is one of the pleasures by which we should be luring tourists from countries less engaging than ours to the eye and the imagination, and it has long been most comfortably enjoyed in our large-windowed restaurant cars. But the newest British Railway "diner" has windows so high that the passing

landscape is not to be seen by the seated passengers! Why?

**LADY TRAVELLER,**  
Name and address supplied

**D**ESPITE the protests voiced in the local press some months ago re the chaotic conditions at Watling Avenue on Saturdays especially, nothing has been done by the powers that be to solve, or even, ease the problem, in fact the parking of vehicles in Watling Avenue and Barnfield Road has increased. Are we to wait for a major catastrophe to happen before the authorities take some action?

**OBSERVER**

## FIRST AID IN THE HOME—No. 11

# Sudden Illness and Accidents

by W. A. Wood, F.I.C.A.P.

**T**HIS is the last article in this series which have been published since January of this year. We trust that readers have carefully preserved their copies which make a splendid text on this subject.

My article this month deals with how to act in cases of sudden illness or accident, and is very important whether my readers are versed in First Aid or not. In both these emergencies it is important not to lose one's head and panic. Keep cool and calm think clearly, use your common sense with any knowledge you may have, and the result will be in the best interests of the patient.

## Sudden Illness if occurring indoors.

Send for the patients' own doctor if possible stating what has happened and whilst waiting for him make the patient comfortable and prepare for anything the doctor may need. If the illness occurs in the street away from the patients' home then act as you would in case of accident.

## Accident in or out of doors.

If the patient is obviously going to need medical attention go to the nearest telephone and dial 999. State briefly and clearly what has happened and ask for the Ambulance. It is very important to state where the accident has occurred, giving either the exact address or landmark, such as, for example, "Two cars have collided at the junction of so and so and so and so Roads, both drivers are injured, will you please send police and ambulance." Whilst waiting for ambulance, render what first aid you can, making sure to move the patient as little as possible until skilled assistance arrives, which is usually a matter of a few minutes, these days.

In conclusion, as in all my talks and writings on this subject, I always give the following tip. In the immediate vicinity of your home there may live men or women who are members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade or the British Red Cross Society or even a professional ambulance man of your local Ambulance Service. If so, get to know these people as they are invaluable persons in these sudden emergencies, or better still if you are interested that far, join one of the first two organisations yourself, they combine a very humanitarian purpose with a fascinating hobby.

I shall always be pleased to put you in touch with them or advise on receipt of your letter to 63 Millfield Road, Burnt Oak or telephone Colindale 8646.

**Correction.** In our contributor's article of November issue the sub title of the third paragraph should have read, **Strains**. We apologise for this error and trust you will amend your copy for further reference.

## Talks and Demonstrations in First Aid

**O**UR First Aid specialist contributor Mr. W. A. Wood, has very kindly agreed, if necessary, to give a series of weekly talks and demonstrations on First Aid at the Watling Centre. Space at the Centre is very precious and in demand at the moment but if the demand for this is forthcoming we shall be pleased to accommodate. Send your request to the organising Secretary Leonard Year.

## RSPA Annual Congress

**D**URING November Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, addressing delegates from all parts of Great Britain who attended the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents annual congress said, "In my study of the problem the greatest single factor that will contribute to this" (the prevention of accidents) "is first of all, a greater and more severe enforcement of existing laws and the enlargement of the number of police on road traffic duty . . . the problem is not mine, not the Royal Society's, it is yours, the British public, and if public opinion can be shocked at 5,000 deaths and a quarter of a million injuries each year as it was over the recent colliery disaster and, indeed, the aeroplane accident in London . . . then the public will solve it—and it will be the only thing that will."

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# How your Newsreel is made

**THREE** o'clock in the morning is the time when Robert Robinson, from Liverpool, gets home on two mornings of the week. While the nation sleeps, he records the commentary for Gaumont-British News.

He describes every kind of event—happy, grim, exciting and sometimes horrific—so that history as it happens can reach the screen.

For instance, Princess Anne was christened at 3.30 p.m. By 5.30 p.m. the precious newsreel negative of the ceremony was at the laboratories. It was developed and copies made for all the other newsreels by 7.45 p.m. At 8.30 film editor Roy Drew saw the film and started his work. It was at midnight that Robert Robinson stood in front of the microphone to begin his commentary.

Every week Roy Drew receives 40,000 feet of film from all corners of the world. His job is to whittle it down to the compact and punchy twice-weekly issues of 700 feet you see in the cinema.

Viewing takes up much of Mr. Drew's time. With his commentary writers and background musical expert, he may see as much as 10,000 feet of film at a sitting. After seeing the film once as a negative, this outwardly easy-going and shy man knows exactly which shots he wants.

This knack is gained only by long experience, but Roy Drew has been editing Gaumont-British News since the first sound issue twenty years ago. He used to work with David Lean when that famous director was with the newsreel.

But it is the team that counts. Apart from Roy Drew and his assistants, much depends on the music and effects. The recordings of Muir Mathieson and Louis Levy are kept on file, together with a host of routine

recordings of mood music. Each week new recordings are made and placed on file. Mr. Morris, the head of this department, prides himself on the fact that any noise, from a pin-drop to an atomic bomb explosion, can be ready for use in seconds.

Perhaps that individual stamp which gives a newsreel its personality is the commentary. The facts for this are carefully gathered by experts. Mr. T. Cowper examines and reports on political and general stories, while Mr. G. Page does the sports items. Then Robert Robinson takes over.

Twice a week, when release prints are prepared, he goes to the laboratories and starts work at about six o'clock in the evening. He is lucky if he is able to leave by midnight. Frequently he goes home with the milkman. The evening is spent in recording commentary, music and sound effects simultaneously for each separate story. Often much time is spent in waiting for a late story to come in.

As soon as the final recordings have been made, they are developed. Picture and sound are printed together on the same film strip. By morning copies of the newsreel are on their way to cinemas all over the world.

**I**f you have any articles to dispose of please give them to us for our Jumble Sale.

We will collect if you let us know at the Centre.

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**13th-21st**

# WATLING COMMUNITY

## 18th ANNIVERSARY

**Saturday 13th**

**2.0 p.m.**

**(Afternoon)**

**JUMBLE SALE**

**Admission 2d.**

**S O C I A L**

**7.30 p.m.**

**(Evening)**

**Admission 1/-**

**Sunday 14th**

**7.30 p.m.**

*Members Dance*

**M.C.: TREVOR BLAKE**

**Admission 1/6**

**Monday 15th**

**7.30 p.m.**

**Grand Social**

*Organised by*

*U.S. and CANADIAN BRIDES' PARENTS ASSOCIATION*

**M.C.: GEORGE THOMPSON**

**Admission 1/-**

**Tuesday 16th**

**7.30 p.m.**

**COMEDY & DRAMA**

**By the Guild of Players**

**Admission 2/-, 1/6 and 1/-**

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# COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## ANNIVERSARY WEEK

JANUARY 13th-21st

2.0 p.m.  
Admission 2d.  
7.30 p.m.  
Admission 1/-

Wednesday 17th 2.30 p.m.  
**SPECIAL WHIST DRIVE**  
(Afternoon) M.C.: Mrs. CROWE Admission 1/  
**VARIETY** 7.30 p.m.  
*Organised by The Deansbrook Social Club*  
(Evening) Admission 1/-

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Thursday 18th 2.30 p.m.  
**WHIST DRIVE**  
(Afternoon) Admission 1/-  
(Evening) 7.30 p.m.  
**Combined Social**  
(Organised by the Sections) Admission 1/-

Saturday 20th 2.30 p.m.  
**CHILDREN'S PANTOMIME**  
*By the Gay Forties*  
Admission: Adults 1/6 Children 1/-

Special ! 7.30 p.m.  
**CABARET SOCIAL**  
*Organised by The Townswomen Guild and Gay Forties (Combined)*  
Admission 1/-

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Sunday 21st 7.30 p.m.  
**MEMBERS DANCE**  
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## PREMIERE OF "HARVEY" IN LONDON

**L**ONDON will see a splendid facsimile of the spectacular Hollywood premiere held last month of Universal-International's film of "Harvey" when this Academy Award contender starring James Stewart has its European Gala Premiere at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester Square on Wednesday evening, December 20th.

Seventy top-ranking stars attended the Hollywood presentation and it is anticipated that a like number—a probable record for Britain—will be at the European Premiere. Universal-International, who have not had an invitational premiere here since the Ronald Colman Academy Award film "A Double Life," are planning a film-going event which will bear few comparisons in size and importance.

### HOLLYWOOD TAKES ITS YOUNGEST STARS TO HEART

Hollywood's hard heart softened up considerably in the case of two nervous youngsters embarking upon what might be termed a million-dollar gamble.

Since Universal-International announced its intention to bring new stars to the screen and proved it by assigning the two relative newcomers, Anthony Curtis and Piper Laurie, to full starring roles in the Technicolor Production "The Prince Who Was A Thief," Hollywood has gone all out to give an applauding, as well as a helping hand, to the boy and girl who have suddenly found themselves on the hazardous brink of stardom.

Curtis's opportunity came with the studio's discovery that his fan mail was bigger than that of any other male actor under contract. Piper Laurie received her stardom as the result of public applause for her performances in "The Milkman" and "Louisa." They are both good-looking, talented youngsters, ready for the gamble they have been asked to take, but they do not deny that they are very, very apprehensive about the whole thing—which is understandable.

### CYD CHARISSE AND RICARDO MONTALBAN IN "DON RENEGADE"

Cyd Charisse has been borrowed from MGM to co-star with Ricardo Montalban in Universal-International's Technicolor production, "Don Renegade." This will be her first picture since the birth of her baby recently. An original story by Johnston McCully, author of "The Mark of Zorro," "Don Renegade" is set in California in the

late eighteenth century when the territory was under Mexican rule.

## *That cup of tea!*

**T**HE nice cup of tea is so widely appreciated that the promise of nice cups next Spring, when the Government control of the tea trade ends, is cheering indeed. Tea is one of the things almost any of us would miss most if we could be set back into medieval conditions. Now and then a crank rises up to denounce tea drinking, but there are few good arguments against a beverage which the ancient and wise civilisation of China perfected and used for thousands of years and which is now demanded by the world in general. Tea provides just the right stimulus, giving a pleasant sense of indulgence, for modern life. Few of us have had really good tea in recent years and the newly grown-up know nothing of the old blendings which our grandmothers used to order so precisely from their tea merchants. In the trade itself there is dismay because no tea tasters have been in training now for over a decade.

The private connoisseur in some districts is still doubtful of ever getting just the right tea again because of the doctoring of public water supplies. Water is an important ingredient in tea making. That is why in the old days tea was always better in London than in Paris, though London water did not make as good coffee as that the Parisians had.

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# Burnt Oak mixed adult school

**THIS** School, after being closed for some weeks during the summer, has been reorganised and since September has been held on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 in the Wesley Hall, under the guidance of Mr. Will Pratten, our President.

Since our reopening we have discussed some interesting topics. Speaking on "Past and Present" John Stevens led us to the conclusion that the present was conditioned by the behaviour of the past; the future being prepared by US now.

Ernest Flint spoke on "Christianity" and caused some of us to ask "Do I as a Christian, truly express my religion in my life, or only talk and argue about it while acting in direct contradiction to the teachings of Christ?"

Mr. Hurrell Hale helped us to realise that "The Conditions Necessary for a True and Lasting Peace" were an understanding of those whose ways of life are different from our own and an acknowledgment of the people of all nations as children of God and the solving of all social and economic problems by the Christian way of love rather than by armed force.

Mr. Kay, in speaking on "The Lord's Prayer," pointed out that Jesus in this prayer showed us our real needs for an abundant life.

Mr. Locke talked about "Our Changing World" when he traced the history of Mankind from pre-historic times. Man has so often misused the treasures of material and the human brain—as we are doing in our blindness today—so that the way is being paved for our own extinction, when these things were provided for us by God for our happiness and well-being.

A further interesting programme has been planned with care by Mrs. Durant and though our membership is small just now we are a keen and happy group who invite others to share our fellowship. E. E. COLEMAN

**R**EADING a report on Hendon Library Service during 1949-50 I was interested to see that 19,533 books were issued to children at the Centre Library with a daily average of 129 books.

14,535 were story books, 203 biography, 904 history and topography, 365 literature, 31 music and musical literature, 713 fine and recreative art, 596 useful art, 1,108 science, 57 languages, 775 Sociology, 79 Religion, 177 General Works and nil on Philosophy.

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# CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

**WE** have made our plans for Christmas. Those who will not be able to spend it with us have made their arrangements. In this article, air mailed from Dusseldorf in Germany, our contributor describes the preparation there for one of the most enjoyable celebrations in the Christian world.

**T**HERE are twelve of us in our section. One will spend Christmas in Married Quarters. Another will be lucky enough to go on leave perhaps. Ten will have to spend it in barracks. Eight will be on duty for one day out of the four days break.

Yet as I write this six weeks before the holiday, we have started to plan Christmas and are determined to make the best of it. The Welfare Officer of our Royal Artillery Regiment called a meeting of his committee here last week to discuss Christmas arrangements.

They settled the menu for Christmas dinner, organised comic football matches, dances, sing songs, community carol singing and smokers.

But in our section, as in the other sections, we have also made our own preparations. Every week one of us goes round to each member of the section collecting money for the Christmas Club.

This will go towards buying extra food from the NAAFI shop and other little luxuries without which Christmas would be incomplete.

The W.O.s and Sergeants know what is expected of them. On Xmas day the Regimental Sergeant Major will parade them at the dining hall to serve up the fare. At reveille instead of "Wakey wakey, out of bed now," it will be something like this: "Come lad, have a sip of rum and tea."

We have arranged to spend afternoon and evening in our own room. It will be decorated and the wireless will be put up on top of one of the

wardrobes out of the way of the more boisterous ones.

Arrangements have been made to try and make jellies, heat mince pies on radiators and serve meals from an upturned wardrobe with all the precision of a buffet at an Officers Mess Ball.

Food parcels from home will be pooled together. Cigarettes will be plentiful at the pre-war price of 100 for five shillings but they are on ration—140 per week per man (including the non-smokers). There is also the suggestion of buying a turkey which a German family will cook for us, to eat with bread rolls in the evening.

There is still the problem: "Who is to be on duty?"

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**S**OME of the German families and members of the British Control Commission for Germany have invited soldiers to their homes to share their Christmas dinner. We are grateful for the offers but most of us prefer to spend Christmas with our friends.

The Germans will be having a gay holiday; in fact their gayest for years if it wasn't for the high cost of living.

The shops are full and the window displays are as lavish as the West End. Christmas, commercially, doesn't alter much from Country to Country. Santa Claus is as good a selling line here as in a British departmental store.

In their food shops the hams and the sides of bacon, etc. are hung along the window so that one might almost believe that the defeated enemy is living

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in ultra luxury. But the shops are the same all the year round. If only Fritz had a little more money in his pocket. With the extra pound he may get he will perhaps spend on an extra pound of good coffee—just like we buy from Lyons for five shillings.

Even so the full shops give plenty of choice and there is a chance that Fritz might win a record dividend on the "Toto" (football pool), or on the lottery ticket bought from a seller outside the store. And he sells his lottery tickets just as the newspapermen in Watling sell copies of the evening paper.

We haven't forgotten that Christmas

is a religious celebration above all else. The Padre here is one of the most respected and popular officers in the Regiment.

He is sure to have a very large congregation during Christmas and there will not be any need for a Church Parade.

This year, as every year, we will all join together to make this a happy Christmas. We will not forget our friends at home and fellow servicemen who are not so fortunate as us.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a very happy new year. We will be back in Watling soon.

KENNETH CHOWN

## London and District Weightlifting League Division Four Championship

**H**ELD at Bethnal Green Men's Institute on Saturday, November 26th.  
Watling Association Weightlifters v. Barking

	Two Hands		Two Hands		Total
	Press	Snatch	Clean and Jerk		
<b>Watling</b>					
E. Booth	160 lbs.	190 lbs.	230 lbs.		580 lbs.
R. Calrow	160 lbs.	160 lbs.	200 lbs.		520 lbs.
R. Foster	155 lbs.	165 lbs.	210 lbs.		530 lbs.
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				Plus bodyweight allowance	1,77½ lbs.
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				<b>Total</b>	<b>1,807½ lbs.</b>
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<b>Barking</b>					
C. Cosser	155 lbs.	160 lbs.	215 lbs.		530 lbs.
Sewel	170 lbs.	200 lbs.	260 lbs.		650 lbs.
Willoughby	200 lbs.	205 lbs.	270 lbs.		675 lbs.
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				<b>Total</b>	<b>1,855 lbs.</b>

Barking won the match by 47½ lbs.

Watling Association Weightlifters will, it is hoped, enter more than one team in the League next year.

**T**HE Weightlifting Section held its first Club Competition since the reforming of the Section after the war on Wednesday evening. The handicapped was fixed at 2.5 lbs. per bodyweight.

Competitors had to make three different lifts with the bar bell. Two

hands push; two hands snatch; and two hands continental jerk.

Ron Foster with a body weight of 9 stone 8 lbs. and a total lift of 580 lbs. won the Cup, with E. Booth, whose body weight was 10 stone 8 lbs. and total lift of 595 lbs., runner up.

## *Burnt Oak Women's adult school*

**I**N these days of uncertainty about material things and the moral backsliding resulting from the consequent lack of confidence in the future, it was very comforting to hear Mr. Lee speak on "The Bases of Confidence."

We were shown how confidence may be restored by a simpler way of life and faith in God and our fellow man, and the danger of over-confidence be prevented by the cultivation of humility and sincerity.

We have been given a lovely afternoon of music on the piano by Mrs. Mantrip who told us something of the lives of the great composers and their works, some of which our friend played very beautifully and Mrs. Target delighted us with songs accompanied by Mrs. Mantrip.

Mrs. Brown has reported on her attendance at the broadcasting of one of the B.B.C. programmes of "Discoveries" and Mrs. Durant read some "Travellers' Tales" and has provided music at the piano for our social afternoon.

Mrs. Fanthorpe and her social committee arranged another visit to Southend and a group joined a party from the Centre one evening on a coach trip to see the lights—which they thought very beautiful.

Several Members attended the Autumn Council meeting of the N.W. Federation and the Women's Gathering at Friends House.

A successful Bring and Buy sale and a Harvest Festival have been held and we are to run a home-made cake stall during the Christmas Bazaar in co-operation with the Community Association as in past years.

E. K. COLEMAN

*Mr. Needham, the  
Social Secretary, and  
his Committee wish all  
Compliments of the  
Season and hope to  
see you all during the  
New Year*

## *BROWN OWL writes*

*Dear Children,*

Christmas, soon to be here again, is the time when people in all lands are reminded that love and kindness are the laws of life. You remember the words of the Carol "Love came down at Christmas"? This message has cheered the hearts of grown-ups as well as children everywhere for nearly two thousand years and is still the loveliest story ever told.

At this season we take extra special thought for pleasing people. We give parties and spend a lot of time and effort in making and preparing gifts to give to our friends and sending loving greetings to them.

Some children have lists of names already written out so that no one is forgotten. Being kind and giving joy to others gives oneself the happiest feeling. Don't you wish the magic of Christmas lasted the whole year through? We would then always try to please and never say an unkind word. What a happy world this would be.

I know you will be kind and thoughtful at Christmas time; but will you try, when this Festival is over, to still be as kind to everyone you meet, whether they are personal friends or not? This will be the very Gift the little Baby who "came down at Christmas" would like from you.

A very merry Christmas to you all with plenty of fun and happiness.

## *Visitors from Overseas*

Visits have been paid to us at the Centre by Bonnie Warren, of Wisconsin, U.S.A., and B. Chatterji, Executive Secretary, Indian Conference of Social Work, Bombay.

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## ANNIVERSARY WEEK JANUARY 13th — 21st

**SUPPER & DANCE**  
Friday, 19th

**GRAND BOXING SHOW**  
January, 22nd

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## Wishing You Astonishing Good Luck In The New Year

WHY NOT JOIN THE ASSOCIATION  
START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

### Regular Activities at Watling Centre

**Sundays.**  
Society of Friends .. 11 a.m.  
Weightlifters .. 11 a.m.  
Woodcroft Sunday School .. 3 p.m.  
Members' Dance .. 7.30 p.m.

**Mondays.**  
Burnt Oak Women's Adult School .. 2.30 p.m.  
Children's Library .. 4.00 p.m.  
Poor Man's Lawyer .. 7.30 p.m.  
Ball Room Dancing Club .. 7.30 p.m.  
G.I. Brides' Parents' Asscn. .. 8.00 p.m.  
Mutual Union of Oddfellows .. 8.00 p.m.  
Painting Group .. 8.00 p.m.  
Weightlifters .. 8.00 p.m.

**Tuesdays.**  
Family Clinic .. 10.00 a.m.  
Dressmaking Class .. 2.30 p.m.  
Women's Arts and Crafts .. 2.30 p.m.  
Blind Club (every other week) .. 2.30 p.m.  
Youth Club (Boys) .. 7.00 p.m.  
Poor Man's Lawyer .. 7.30 p.m.  
Guild of Players (Amateur Dramatics) .. 8.00 p.m.

**Wednesdays.**  
W.V.S. Clothing Exchange .. 2.30 p.m.  
Veterans' Club .. 2.30 p.m.  
Children's Art Club .. 6.00 p.m.  
Dance .. 7.30 p.m.  
Men's Club .. 8.00 p.m.  
Rambles .. 8.00 p.m.  
Weightlifters .. 8.00 p.m.

**Thursdays.**  
Whist Drive .. 2.30 p.m.  
British Legion .. 7.30 p.m.  
Youth Club (Girls) .. 7.00 p.m.  
National Cyclists' Union .. 8.00 p.m.  
Youth Hostels Association .. 8.00 p.m.

**Fridays.**  
Girl Guides .. 6 p.m.  
Youth Club (Mixed) .. 7 p.m.  
Youth Club Drama .. 7.30 p.m.  
Neighbours .. 8 p.m.

**Saturdays.**  
Whist Drive and Social .. 7.30 p.m.

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
Visitors always welcome.

## HOLIDAYS

**N**OW we have passed Christmas we shall start to think of our holidays, so here is a little something to help you.

Why not try Loch Lomond, a favourite beauty spot for many visitors to south-west Scotland. The scenery is benny, just as the song says. You can reach the loch in one hour and forty minutes from Glasgow, which is a pretty good jumping off place for a lot of towns in Scotland.

You might try Tenby, a typical seaside resort town in Wales. One will find it ideal for swimming and sunbathing there. The magnificent Snowden Mountains in Wales are full of lakes, passes and streams, all easily accessible from the towns of Caernarvon, Conway and Bangor. Buses run to Llanberis near the foot of Snowden and hiking trails are plentiful and you will find occasional Inns.

You could take a rest at Bournemouth facing the English Channel on the south coast. The bathing and amusements are top notch.

Torquay is another fine resort on the south coast. Torquay is built on cliffs and is ideal for the camera fans.

If you wish it quiet you can go to Broadway in the Cotsoolds, a long range of rolling wooded hills in Southern England. The village is replete with tea and antique shops.

Windemere should suit many people, one of the loveliest spots in England's famous Lake District. The facilities for boating, fishing and hiking are ideal.

If you like to walk the promenade before retiring at night go to Blackpool, you can walk seven miles along their front.

I know there are many places to spend a holiday, but it would take far too much space to comment on them all. If you know of somewhere or can recommend accommodation in one of the above places let me know about it and I can pass it on to our readers.

EDITOR.

## MOVIELAND NEWS

Dane Clarke, whose first British film was "Highly Dangerous", had his screen name chosen for him by Humphrey Bogart. When Dane arrived in Hollywood his name was Bernard Sanville, but that was not good enough for them so he told Humphrey and he suggested Dane Clarke, which has proved to be a highly successful name.

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello are considering buying what is claimed to be the world's largest single collection of Jokes and Gags, funny sayings and humorous situations.

The collection was offered by a retired tram driver.

For the past 58 years he had filed every joke he has heard and seen printed. It exceeds 456 extra thick scrapbooks, neatly bound and catalogued and cross indexed so that the gags or humorous situation can be found in seconds.

Negotiations now completed David Farrar is scheduled to arrive in Hollywood on January 2nd to prepare for the starring role in Universal-International's Technicolor production, "The Golden Horde".

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## VIEWPOINT

OF the many problems confronting us today the most important in the minds of many of us is Housing. Those married and those about to be married are faced with a shortage of accommodation which is, almost certainly, the worst the nation has known.

This problem of housing, however much it may be unavoidable, is regrettable since it does so clearly affect the general well being of the state. Daily we meet the results of frustration, of over crowding, of living with in-laws and of parted families, and we are bound to feel strongly that "something must be done".

Something can be done if we all recognize the changing pattern of the state and of the importance of our frustrated friends and neighbours. A new outlook is asked for; an outlook which is not too much governed by past industrial difficulties or possible future lack of building employment, but which is one of interest in the well being of all and which is dominated by our desire to bring about a "New England".

In this direction mention should be made to the quiet way in which the local branch of Building Trades Union has been holding weekly meetings in order to speed up the building of homes. We wish them every success in their endeavour and hope that their example will be copied by many other branches and building development corporations.

## Childrens Painting Competition

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## ASSOCIATION ROUND UP

### EDGWARE & DISTRICT BLIND SOCIAL CLUB

AT the Edgware & District Blind Social Club a very enjoyable afternoon was held on November 28th, when "Have a Go" was arranged by the Home Teacher, Mr. Sterling, who acted as "Wilfred Stickles" and Mr. Stephenson Jones (one of the Club's most valuable helpers) as "Barney". The team was taken from members of the Club, and much amusement was caused by many of the questions.

The Club hopes to hold its annual Christmas Party on January 23rd, so everyone trusts that the weather will be kind so that all the members will be able to attend and enjoy this event.

### YOUTH CLUB (Girls Section)

ALTHOUGH still losing at Table Tennis the girls keep up a very good spirit.

One thing they do well in is Net-ball, winning their last match against St. Matthew's Club. ....

Miss Turner, the girls' leader, arranged a Film Show which Mr. A. I. Jones gave, and all enjoyed. The boys were invited to this show. Another show has been planned for January 4th, given by the North Thames Gas Board. During January the Local Youth Clubs are putting on a Pantomime, one of own girls will appear in this.

During United Nations Week a speaker came along to the Club and gave an interesting talk.

The next visitor to the Club is expected to be a Beauty Expert who will give instruction on the use of cosmetics.

The Watling and District Poultry Club held their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, November were elected as follows:—

*Chairman:* Mr. Gibbs.

*Vice-Chairman:* Mr. Potter.

*Secretary:* Mr. Martin.

*Assistant Secretary:* Mr. Baggott.

*Social Secretary:* Mrs. Ville.

*Treasurer:* Mr. Keep.

Other members on the Committee: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Nyland, Mr. Coppard, Mr. Forbes, Mr. May and Mr. Williams.

*Auditors:* Mr. Martindale and Mr. Walls.

Mr. Gibbs, the Chairman, opened the meeting by asking the Treasurer to read the statement of Accounts, after which Auditors Mr. Walls and Mr. Johnson gave their report. Mr. Walls for the club members thanked Mr. Martin and Mr. Keep on the precise and careful way the books were kept. All the past year's Committee Members were thanked for their services rendered.

For the benefit of all who are interested, the Club holds a Whist Drive on the 1st Thursday in each month for which excellent prizes are given and a General Meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month.

**Secretaries**—You can obtain cheap travel on the railway when you go to see your shows, etc. Parties over eight can travel at the single fare plus one half, making a good reduction for you.

For full details write to the Commercial Manager, 55, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1.

**Good Wishes** to Mr. A. R. Lodge who celebrates his birthday on January 3rd.

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## TENANTS WELFARE

**DURING** the latter months of 1950 letters were sent to the Director of Housing and Valuer with regard to complaints received from tenants. The reply received was on December 4th and read as follows:—

Dear Sir,

*Watling Estate.*

With reference to your letters of 2nd October, and 16th November, my observations are as below:—

107-113, *Orange Hill Road*.—The common tarmac pathway to the above addresses has now been repaired.

*Front Entrance Gates*.—The provision of front entrance gates is proceeding as quickly as supplies permit and every effort is being made to reduce the arrears.

83, *Banstock Road*.—The scullery at the above address was last decorated on the 15th November, 1947, and remaining decorations will shortly be carried out.

*General*.—Owing to the large arrears of outstanding redecorations due to the war, decorations are being dealt with in a strict date order in relation to the date when each house was last decorated. This, in my opinion, is the fairest way to deal with the problem.

My staff at the Area Office are quite conversant with the above method and have no need to advise tenants to apply to the District Office at St. Luke's Road.

In view of the above, I do not think any purpose would be served by arranging for one of my officers to attend a Watling Community Association meeting on housing matters.

C. H. WALKER.

Director of Housing and Valuer.

Why are certain shopkeepers in Watling Avenue allowed to use the best part of a supposedly public pavement for their Trading?

I know they can display their goods on part of their front, but they cause a great obstruction by selling in the front, and stocking in the back is disgusting.

Surely the police can see what a great danger that can be caused by hordes of people blocking the footway.

They know all about it so why not stop it.

Mrs. J. L. B. (Shopper),  
Orange Hill.

May I say how much I have appreciated W. A. Woods articles on First Aid in the Home. I have carefully kept my copies for future reference. Not only were his articles instructional but easy and interesting to read.

REGULAR READER.

## BOXING

**THE** Club have a good section of sporting youngsters and a hard hitting band of seniors.

Four of the juniors were entered in the Schoolboy Championships and three out of that four are now Hendon Schoolboy Champions and one a very close runner up.

As you see the Club have a good selection of boys who are very keen on their sport. They have two very fine trainers and a good committee, but what they need is equipment and money. The latter they hope at a Junior Show to be held on January 22nd. Remember they are Watling's own Boxers, so let them have Watling's support.

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### BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

OUR Annual General Meeting was held on November 13th last. Mrs. Artis, our President; Mrs. Lake, Secretary; Mrs. Richardson, Treasurer; and Mrs. Fanthorpe, Social Secretary, each gave a very good report of another successful year and were re-elected after receiving the warm thanks of Members for their duties. Mrs. Lake paid a tribute to all members who had helped so loyally in the good ordering of our School. We are very sorry that Mrs. Durant has had to give up her Vice-Presidency owing to the pressure of other work. We will miss her very much and have sent a letter expressing our appreciation of the great help she has given to us. We look forward to her return as soon as she is able.

From a cookery demonstration given by the North Thames Gas Board we have learnt some new ways of making our rations more interesting and an afternoon of poetry in praise of animals and birds has been very much enjoyed.

We have again visited the Houses of Parliament and were glad to see the rebuilt House of Commons. We lunched at the Corner House afterwards, and fortunately were just in time to see our Royal Visitor Queen Juliana and a glimpse also of Prince Charles.

Mrs. Moutel has planned an interesting programme for the coming months and a warm welcome awaits you on Monday afternoon at 3.30.

E. E. COLEMAN.

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## Children

Dear Children,

Here we are, at the beginning of a New Year. This first month is sometimes referred to as "Black January", though I am sure you hope for a January with the snow and ice.

All the excitement of Christmas is over and there will now be time to get out-of-doors. A brisk walk or a frolic in the park or in the fields is very exhilarating on a bright clear winter's day.

Most of the insects are now asleep under the ground, or under stones, or in dark corners of sheds, or in the dark corners of sheds, or in the bark of trees and the field folk are very sleepy at this time of the year, so that it is not easy to find them.

The birds flock together during the winter months, and all kinds of birds sleep together huddled closely for warmth, at night. You will be able to watch them feeding at the bird table or on the windowsill. It is a good idea to peg sprigs of berries on to the clothes line, for birds like to perch here rather than on a bird-table.

Water is more important than food and you will attract many more birds if you put out a bird bath for them.

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Your friend,

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## LADIES' PAGE

**JANET QUIGLEY**—who runs "Woman's Hour"—now claims an average listening audience of about 4,000,000.

Janet says "Every item we put on is chosen to interest, inform, or entertain the woman at home. We go on the air at 2 p.m. every weekday when, with the midday meal over and children back at school, women can arrange to relax for an hour.

It is clear from the letters we get that such "shut-in" women are eager for outside stimulus.

That leads us straight to another reason—

The encouraging letters from listeners. Women who write to us seem to feel that this is very much

their own programme, and to realize that, by their appreciation or criticism, they can help to *make* it.

Needless to say, some letters often cancel each other out. An innovation that will bring delighted comments from one listener will also gather infuriated protests.

On the whole, however, we receive guidance of great value from our more thoughtful correspondents.

It sometimes happens, too, that letter-writing listeners become in turn, broadcasters. Does that make you think?

### BLACK IS ALWAYS SMART AND NEW

Traditionally elegant, the sole constant in a fashion-world of changing colours, black stands aloof from passing whims, remains not only "safe" but supremely smart. Black jersey, crepe, wool, black velvet wedded to black taffeta, black in subtle harmony with tobacco or cafe-au-lait or sophisticated by sharp, clear turquoise . . . we choose these from among the newest ideas-in-black for your winter chic and confidence. And to show them with this season's proper emphasis be sure to wear the new late-1950 make-up, for in Paris now beauty is dark, white-skinned, lips are deep

glowing ruby. A romantic, most feminine beauty, stressed and flattered by well-cut, well-chosen black.

### SHOPPING HINT

Anny Blatt, of Paris, who designs and makes the most exquisite hand-knitted clothes, is now sending over some of her one-ply wool, which can be knitted up into cob-web fine evening or day-time jerseys. It costs 3s. 6d. a hank, and two hanks will make a jersey, or three, two jerseys; you can get special Anny Blatt knitting patterns at the same time, from D. H. Evans Wool Department, who are the exclusive London stockists for this wool.

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M.C. : GEORGE THOMPSON

Admission 1/-

## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Extracts from a Circular Letter sent out by the National Association of Girls' and Mixed Clubs.

For those members who have not known shelter life, it would be advisable to explain that this accommodation is neither luxurious, nor quiet, but can be great fun.

- (i) The shelter will hold 1,800 females; 2 300 males. There will be separate entrances and separate lifts for both sexes.
- (ii) The beds will be in three tiers only two of which will be used. The rest can be used for hand-luggage, etc.
- (iii) There will be Elsans and enamel bowls with taps, available on the same level as the bunks.

### OPENING TIMES FOR PAVILION OF YOUTH

It has been agreed that the Pavilion of Youth will be open from May to September between 12 noon and 10.15 p.m. There is no decisive ruling yet about Sunday opening of the Pavilion. Our Club House, within the Pavilion, should be open from June 25th to July 16th, but it must be borne in mind that the room only becomes our own on June 25th, and therefore it may be that the completed exhibition will not be finished and open to the public for two or three days after that date. There will be no charge for admission to the Pavilion of Youth.

### BOOKINGS FOR SOUTH BANK EXHIBITION AND FESTIVAL PLEASURE GARDENS

*(Quotation from the official Festival of Britain literature.*

#### South Bank Exhibition.

The price of admission at the turnstiles will be 4/-. Advance tickets, which will provide guaranteed admission, will cost 5/-.

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MR. SID GOODE has spoken to us about "Changing Britain". The coming of the railway and machines, the changing from agriculture to industry, prison reform, child care and education, the granting of pensions, the formation of the trade unions and more recently the new education and health acts have all contributed to a gradual change in our way of life, our interests and sense of values and have brought also many difficulties. A right and just solution of these problems—keeping in mind the interests also of the peoples of other lands—can lead our country to a worthier kind of greatness than in the past.

Mr. Durant recalled the various degrees of the education of our people from the beginning of the nineteenth century. Our speaker explained how education can be continued all through life if we mix with all kinds of people and listen, think and allow all kinds of experience to teach us. In this way we may live a full and rich life whatever our social or economic position.

Mr. Lake spoke to us about "The Colour Problem" which can be solved by our respecting the people of all lands as our fellow beings and ceasing to exploit them for our own ends.

E. E. COLEMAN.

TALENT COMPETITION

The next show will be on Friday evening, January 26th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets and entry forms can be had at the Centre now.

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### ISLE OF WIGHT RALLY

**A**N Easter rally in the Isle of Wight is being planned by the N.C.U. Southampton Centre for next year. In consultations with the local authorities at Southdown, the centre officials have drawn up a programme which should prove attractive to Southern clubs. A track meeting will start the proceedings on Saturday afternoon. Club competitions, club girl contests and a four-lap race over a tricky massed-start circuit will be run; other attractions planned are a bicycle polo match, dinner and dance, concert on the pier and a church service. Full details are obtainable from the N.C.U. Southampton secretary, G. Waterloo, 104, Newcome Road, Fratton, Portsmouth.

Anthony S. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Harris, who has been studying at King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been successful in taking his B.Sc. degree with distinction in Mining Engineering.

Members of our Association and all who knew Mr. and Mrs. Harris when they lived and worked amongst us at Watling will wish to share in the well-deserved happiness which their son's achievement must have given them, and to wish Anthony further success.

Mr. Harris is a Justice of the Peace and we are very fortunate in having him back on the Bench at Hendon where he is Chairman of the Juvenile Court.

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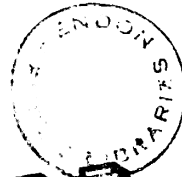
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## VIEWPOINT

FOR many years the Watling Centre has not been large enough to adequately house the many existing groups who need a meeting place any many possible activities, which would have benefited many, have had to be put off.

This state of affairs is unsatisfactory to say the least since a work we consider to be vital is seriously curtailed and those who would otherwise have some interesting activity for their spare time are denied the necessary opportunity.

The Council of the Association has, for years, been pressing for greater accommodation. On two occasions two major breakdowns have occurred at the last moment, but we are again pressing for the needed accommodation and if the support of Hendon Borough Council is obtained through its Education Committee we may yet see some small progress made this year.

Yet this is not enough. Until a much more complete Centre is built the Community Association cannot carry out the work it should do as well as it might and we must seek ways and means of bringing the completion of the Centre nearer.

We can do this through paying our membership and by encouraging others to become members; we can support the existing activities more and so bring in a greater income; we can decide to donate or guarantee a certain sum every year towards the Building Fund; we can think of many ways to raise money; in doing these things we shall not only be working for ourselves but for others who will follow us.

Watling was one of the first to face this challenge of local 'community' and we are sure Watling is still able to take a lead in this direction if it will.

Let 1951 be the beginning of a greater material development as well as a continuance of a worth while Ideal. If we all take our coats off the task will not be impossible—can we depend on you!

The winner of the Children's Painting Competition was Bryan Cavan Doyle, age 10, of 101 Fortescue Road, Edgware. He named our two little animals, "Gorgeous Gus" and Wilber.

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## ASSOCIATION ROUND UP

### BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT BOXING SCHOOL

AT the beginning of each New Year, for many years prior to 1946, Mr. Sewell Harris greatly helped us with suggestions for the most effective ways in which to study the year's new Handbook. We have missed this help during the past few years and were very happy to welcome Mr. Harris, our first Speaker of this New Year, who, as in the past, briefly explained the meaning of the various subjects and offered valuable suggestions as to our choice of a method of study and advised us to apply to N.A.S.U. for Speakers with a knowledge of the subjects dealt with, and this we have agreed to do. We are very grateful to Mr. Harris for having spared this time out of his busy life to help us to read our Handbook now more intelligently.

We have had the pleasure of another visit from Miss Farmer who came with Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Foster to conduct our Meeting for an afternoon. Miss Farmer emphasized the need for encouraging each Member to take a little responsibility and commended us on our method of doing so, with a special word of praise for our "Smiler In", Mrs. Goodhue, who greets each one of us with her lovely smile every Monday afternoon. We very much enjoyed our afternoon and hope Miss Farmer and her friends will come again soon.

The Speakers arranged to visit us during February include Dr. Catlin, prospective Labour Party Parliamentary candidate for Hendon, and his constituency agent, Mr. Hill; also The Reverend Mr. Briggs, Methodist Minister from Hampstead.

Two members of the Watling Amateur Boxing Club have started 1951 well for their Club.

On Saturday, the 6th January, R. Strange became Kent Youth Champion, a fine honour for him.

Trevor Blake on the same day went along to Finchley to fight R. Dawson of Acton Boxing Club. Dawson had won his last two contests by knock-outs in the first round. Trevor soon put a stop to this record. In the first round he knocked Dawson down four times before he finally stayed down to make Trevor an easy winner by a first round knock-out.

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### VETERANS.

During January the Veterans were handsomely entertained by the Gay Forties who put on their pantomime "Dick Whittington", for them. Actually this was the climax to a jolly afternoon and tea was provided by the Business Mens Club.

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### GUILD OF PLAYERS

The Guild are getting ready to present to us "Night Must Fall", a three-act play, written by Emyln Williams. Watch out for the date of presentation!

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Annual General Meeting—Friday, March 16th. Community Centre at 8 p.m.

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**JACK WARNER TOPS THE POLL.**

Best money-making British film  
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of exhibitors, this film comes second  
only to "Annie Get your Gun", as  
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Britain last year.

Most co-operative star of 1950 was  
Coleen Gray, whom they voted  
"sweetheart of the set" during  
filming of "Apache Drums".

Least co-operative was Francis,  
the talking mule, who knocked a  
camera over and kicked a wall out  
of his stall-cum-dressing-room during  
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General Meeting--Friday,  
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## WATLING ALLOTTEES SOCIETY

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## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

The Festival will put the whole of the British Isles on show—to our own Kinsmen and to the world. Never before has a nation conceived anything quite like this—a summer of festivity, in which, in the words of His Majesty the King, "every family in all parts of the Country will share".

Britain means to look her best next summer. Although primarily a national occasion, the Festival of Britain already promises to be a world event. Wherever you go in Britain next summer you will find something to see, to enjoy and to remember.

Things to see—the centrepiece is the vast Dome of Discovery, 365 ft. span, is the biggest in the world, supported by entirely new engineering methods. Gradual movement of the earth over millions of years will be illustrated for the first time by moving models. Visitors will be able to see what the bottom of the old limestone seas were like, will meet the redoubtable dinosaurs as they lived 130 million years ago.

If you have no fowls in your backyard you can see a battery of about 70 hens, a brood of chicks, four cockerels and eight hens in a breeding pen, a pen of ducks, some goats, pigs, sheep, horses and dairy cattle. You will be able to buy what is claimed to be some of the freshest milk in the world.

Visitors can even see an Octopus that has been taught to think.

## WINTER SPORTS

You can go to see them at Hampstead again this year. A better 'Jump' is to be built for the second of Britain's Ski-jumping competition. More than 60 tons of snow is coming from Norwegian Mountains. Last year there were only 35 tons.

The first Competition will be on March 30th at 6 p.m. and will be floodlit.

## BOXING TOURNAMENT

Watling Community Association Amateur Boxing Club staged its first tournament of the season at the Centre on Monday with a creditable show by enthusiastic members. Twelve bouts were competed for the inter-club events, and resulted in four wins for St. Pancras, three each for Watling and Old Hendon, and the remaining two for Wealdstone, who put in seven contestants.

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## OUR POST BAG

TO all ex-service men and women of Edgware and district the Edgware and District British Legion welcomes you. The Legion Services Committee meets at the Watling Centre at Orange Hill every Tuesday evening at 7-30 p.m. and to all ex-service men and women in need you will find a helping hand there.

I would, at this stage, let everybody know that our Monthly meetings are at the above address and are held on the first Sunday in every month. New members are welcome.

If you want to see fair play for the ex-service men and women why not become a Legicnairre and back us up. At our meetings you might find an old chum whom you have lost touch with. Watch this space every month and see what we are doing and what we are going to do.

To you, the ex-service men and women we wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

E. ALLEN.

I read with interest the letter by "Shopper" in the January "Resident". It was good to see a letter of this kind.

I do agree that some shopkeepers cause obstruction but I blame moreso the people who stand outside for ages with no intention of buying.

How many of these people would go inside the shops if they had a shop front and door fitted to them and also a respectable salesman inside?

MR. S. G., Dryfield Road.

People have written to me about the decoration of 83 Banstock Road, mentioned in the reply from C. H. Walker published in our last issue. Please understand that No. 83 is not being re-decorated since being decorated in 1947. No. 83 was not decorated in 1947 but started then and is now being completed in 1951. The letter did explain itself if read properly.

In fairness to the L.C.C. I should like to point out to the people who wrote saying their houses were last decorated in 1941 and 1943 and even 1944 that the L.C.C. are at the moment decorating houses that were last decorated in 1938. I believe that in some sections of the Estate houses up to 1940 have been completed.

Ed.

Readers Letters are always welcome.

Reader.

### FUEL WISE

The "easiest and cleanest" way of using up the coal-dust is to fill a damped sugar bag with the stuff, along with a few potato peelings or tea leaves to bind it. For Briquettes or fuel blocks, the coal-dust is bound with pitch or tar. The blocks are made either by heating the pitch and the coal-dust together, or by mixing the dust and the tar without heat. Satisfactory briquettes have been made with clay as binder, and even with cement.

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## CHILDREN'S PIECE

Dear Children,

You will have heard people who live in the country say at this time of the year, "February fills the ditches"—and very true this usually is. But though the rain does come tumbling down quite often, it is generally quite warm during this month. It reaches down to the tiny seeds and bulbs so that they swell and prepare to send up their shoots through the earth.

If you look at the hedges and trees you will see that they are covered with buds. They look like tiny hands lifted up in prayer. Join your hands as when you say your prayers and you will see that they are just the shape of the buds on the trees.

It seems as if, just as Spring is awakening, there are thousands of prayers going up to God from Nature to thank Him for all the lovely things around us, in spite of some ugly things there are in the world.

We make ourselves ugly sometimes, don't we. We so often say and do unkind things to each other, though we *DID* promise to be better only a few weeks ago.

Shall we try again. Now, when Nature is getting ready to make the earth beautiful, we, too, can help to make out own little corners bright and beautiful, and ourselves and other people happy too.

Keep on trying and my best wishes to you all.

Your friend,  
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## CYCLING

### THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PRE-VENTION OF ROAD ACCIDENTS

Their campaign being the accent on Courtesy—they urge that during the year all should have one common resolution: "I will be courteous at all times on the road". We know the cyclists have a lot to say about the motorists and they are justified at times, but we can also help to prevent road accidents by cutting down the "show off antics" and the "speeding" in busy thoroughfares.

Road casualty figures, during one month of 1950 were assessed at a total of 17,843, compared with 14,783 for the corresponding month of 1949.

You will agree it is a truly shocking figure. You can help to keep this total down.

The Cyclists' Touring Club hope this year to exceed a membership of 30,000. It now ranks as the Number One Cycle Touring Organization in the world.

Japanese bicycle-makers are boasting that they can take advantage of world war fears to drive British bicycles out of South-East Asia, Indonesia and South America.

Pre-war Japan was one of the Big Three bicycle-exporting countries of the world. Recently the Japanese, after close study of English designs and accessories, have concentrated on quality and claim that they are now living down their pre-war reputation for shoddiness.

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## CYCLING

THE first six-day cycle race in this country since 1939 is to be staged at Wembley. The confirmed date is May 27th to June 2nd.

A special track is being constructed by Wembley Stadium Limited. The National Cyclist Union have given Wembley exclusive promoting rights in London.

## LADIES' PAGE

### FOR GOOD LOOKS.

**T**HREE basic steps in beauty care are Cleanse, Stimulate and Nourish. First, take some good cleansing cream on the fingers of both hands and work it well into the skin with upwards circular movements. This penetrating cream lifts the dirt out of the pores, leaving the skin supple and clean. When you have removed the cream with cleansing tissues, soak a pad of cotton wool in a Skin Refreshener and pat gently all over the face and neck. This stimulates the circulation, which is so important if you are to show a clear, healthy skin. After these two steps, at night finish your beauty care by massaging skin food into your neck and face in the same way as you use the cleansing cream, only take a little longer in working it into the skin. Leave the cream on while in your bath as the warmth and steam opens the pores and helps to draw it into the skin.

The general impression of smartness and good grooming which a well-dressed woman conveys in the result of great attention to detail. Good carriage, absolute cleanliness, nice hands and nails, neat shoes and stockings . . . attention to all these details adds up to attractiveness and charm. But it is useless to put on a burst of activity now and again when you happen to think of it. You must include all these items in your regular routine if they are to be effective. We are creatures of habit—so start off the New Year with a list of resolutions, and if you can keep to them for the first weeks, they will gradually take their place in your routine.

### TEA.

For eleven years now tea has been bulk bought. On April 2nd the buying of tea will return to Mincing Lane. In London, Calcutta and Colombo, roughly 400 buyers, blenders and tea tasters are getting out their bowls and spoons to celebrate.

They are preparing to get to work with leaves of their own choosing.

They think that maybe the British Housewife, who for all this time, has become used to the less exacting palate of the Ministry of Food, may have forgotten or be able to recognize a really good tea when she tastes it.

The look of women's feet, as seen on shopping streets or in buses, has been causing concern; while they have seemed bigger and clumsier, in many cases posture and walk has deteriorated. And doctors attribute this to the wearing of shoes of the wrong type or fit, producing a distortion of balance and sometimes throwing the spine out of correct alignment.

Feet have become clumsier in cases where women have not bothered unduly about picking the right fit of shoes and because they have chosen too loose and soft a type. The combination of a size that is larger than the foot requires, and in soft leather, which neither supports the side of the foot nor the arch on which the whole body depends, leads to a sag of the whole figure, above all of the hips.

In large part this has been due to an inability to get good leather; calf and all the best leathers have gone for export, to support and keep shapely the feet (and therefore the figures) of other nations.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

At the last meeting of the Council, held at the Centre, Mr. Fanthorpe reported on the Canteen Committee. It was a very favourable report and he spoke of the hard work undertaken by the Canteen helpers. One or two more helpers are needed for serving in the Canteen so if you are interested please let Mr. Fanthorpe know now.

Mr. Needham reported on the Social Committee. Through 1950 the Social Section had shown excellent profit on most of their functions, the Sunday night members dance and the Wednesday Gramophone Dances being well attended. It was noted that the Saturday Night Social had considerably fallen in attendance, but carries on with a faithful few.

Mr. Needham wished to thank those of his Committee who had put in so many hours of work, door-keeping, etc.

## BURNT OAK MIXED ADULT SCHOOL

Mr. Lee, from Southgate, has spoken to us on "The Need for Confidence", and we concluded, after keen discussion, that the chief causes of our lack of confidence are our own repeated personal failures. Humility, courage and faith in the final triumph of Good, in which each one of us has a part to play, will restore confidence in ourselves and in our world.

An interesting programme has been prepared for February. Do come and spend an evening with us on Tuesday at the Wesley Hall at 7.45.

## YOUTH HOLIDAYS

The Railway Caravan Scheme on the Southern Section of British Railways is to start again this year. Camping coaches are situated in the south and south-west of England. The coaches are of two types—"A" and "B". Both are adequately furnished. Weekly hire charges, which will include the use of all bed and table linen, cutlery and crockery and the provision of oil for cooking, heat and lighting will be from £4 10s. 0d. Each coach will hold six people.

## FIFTY GIRLS

During the next few months in Britain's Youth Clubs a search for fifty girls will be going on. They will have to be girls with good deportment, adaptable and with a sense of responsibility.

The lucky "discoveries" will have a free holiday in Canada during August, with passage paid, wardrobe supplied and 34s. 6d. a week pocket money.

Mr. Garfield Weston, Canadian-born British Industrialist will pay the bill. He has, in previous years, taken fifty boys to Canada. I wonder whether he will notice any difference between the girls and the boys!

Remember This  
Date  
Friday March 16th  
Annual General  
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Community Centre  
8 p.m.

## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans' .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays)	7 p.m.
Boxing Club (Orange Hill School)	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players .. ..	8 p.m.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.45 p.m.
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T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild (alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. .. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
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Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd Friday in month)	8 p.m.

### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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## THE CREST FOOTBALL AND EXHIBITION. SOCIAL CLUB

Well folks, here we are again with some more news from your Local Club.

We had a very pleasant social evening and everyone chipped in to make the evening a success.

Our cheery chappie of a Secretary, Fred Capron supplied a wire recorder and music for the evening.

The Social section had a few surprises up their sleeves, and came out with some games, then out of the blue came our popular President, Mr. T. Coleman and his wife accompanied by friends who joined in the fun. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman presented Mrs. Jeffcote our Committee Lady with a handbag in recognition of her services for the Club.

Mr. Callow, father of our second team Captain, entertained us with his jokes and songs.

Mr. George Hicks, our Vice-President who is well liked, joined in and enjoyed himself.

I am very pleased to announce that Roy Cross who broke his collar bone is now on the mend and we hope to see him back in his position soon.

Please watch this space because we shall be telling you more news soon. We are slack this month because of the holidays.

Cheerio all and good games,

SCRIBE.

### Secretaries—

News from your group is always welcome. Let others know how you are getting on, and all about your future activities.

AN exhibition worth seeing is one of Playing Cards at the Victoria and Albert Museum and continues until early March.

So standardized now is our playing card that it is difficult, without seeing this exhibition to realize how widely cards have varied, how recent an innovation the double ended card is, and to what an variety of extra uses the playing card idea has been applied. Tarot cards are there, of course, in great abundance and sinister design; round cards of ivory, with painted scenes, from India; Russian, Austrian and other foreign cards, for "card" games; but there are also sets of cards giving information about the Armada or for geographical tours games and it would be difficult to think of anyone who would not be fascinated by some aspect of this exhibition.

### "LET'S MAKE AN OPERA"

by

Benjamin Britten and Eric Crozier

Saturday, 3rd March

This is regarded in many circles as an ambitious undertaking, especially as the cast is drawn from Youth Club members without experience in such work. Great credit must be given to Miss L. Sidney and Miss A. R. Turner who are producers. Dr. Donald J. Hughes, the County Music Adviser, has kindly consented to act as conductor.

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### INTELLIGENCE TEST FOR CHIMPS.

Assigned to direct the comedy "Bedtime for Bonzo" for Universal-International, Michel Kraike, an ardent biology enthusiast, prepared a stiff intelligence test to give chimpanzee candidates for the title role of the film. This concerns a married couple who bring up a chimp as a baby before having a real one.

In a three-week tour of American circuses and zoos, Kraike tested twelve chimps, but they all failed miserably to reach the minimum acceptable score of 110 points.

It was a Hollywood chimp, a veteran of 37 pictures, that eventually ran off with the honours by scoring a total of 112 points. This according to Kraike's calculations, makes Bonzo's intelligence equivalent to that of an eight-year-old child.



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## PARTY FOR THE BLIND

THE Edgware and District Blind Social Club recently held its Annual Party at the Watling Centre, Burnt Oak, and a thoroughly happy afternoon was enjoyed by all those present.

For the first time in the history of the Club the tea was provided by the members from their own funds. Some of the members contributed by making cakes, etc., and some outside friends very kindly assisted in this way as well.

Special thanks were offered to Messrs. Spurrier & Sons for making a beautifully decorated iced cake (which was much admired): Messrs. Blackie Cook most generously presented the Club with a delightfully decorated basket of fruit, which was raffled: and Mr. Leo Brady was kind enough to allow a discount on the sale of the ice cream to the Club.

During the afternoon many games were played, and one of the members kindly entertained after tea with her violin.

The Chairman of the Committee gave a short speech during tea outlining the programme of the Club, and Mrs. Holt (of the Middlesex Association for the Blind) allowed

this with a vote of thanks. Much regret was expressed at the non appearance of Miss Moody Stuart (Secretary of the Middlesex Association for the Blind) who was prevented from attending by official duties.

At the end of the afternoon a letter was handed to the Chairman containing a cheque from the members of the Women's Branch of the British Legion. This generous donation was sent to help the funds of the Club, and it was gratefully accepted.

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### **FILM NEWS**

**Paul Soskin's New Production  
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**"SECRET PLAN X 23"**

*A Film with no Stars directed by  
ROY BOULTON*

**THE** story is the star of Paul Soskin's new thriller entitled "SECRET PLAN X 23" which has already commenced shooting exteriors in London. As soon as the locations are completed the film, a Conqueror Production, will start at Pinewood Studios, for release by G.F.D. Roy Boulton is directing this modern, topical story. The subject is one which provides daily headlines in the newspapers at home and abroad.

The story, an original screenplay, was written by Frank Harvey and Roy Boulting.

The cast of some seventy speaking parts has been carefully selected to fit the characters in the story. The selection of artistes has been made, not for box-office popularity but for their suitability. Many well-known actors will appear in the film headed by Liam Redmond, Andre Morell, Anthony Bushell, Colin Gordon, Anthony Nicholls, Geoffrey Keen, Kenneth Griffith, etc.

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## VIEWPOINT

THE loss of "Old Bill" Gordon will be a serious blow to the Veterans' Club and to the Association. After many years of service and interest in the Association "Old Bill" was known for his complete lack of pride or animosity and his continual preparedness to help and guide others.

He was, perhaps the epitome of much we would hold dear and we would conclude this short and unworthy epitaph with a remark made during his last appearance at the Community Centre "If I couldn't do any good, at least I didn't do any harm."

"SLEEP WELL, 'OLD BILL',  
WE WILL REMEMBER YOU."

It is good to see the enclosed recreation space in Watling Park looking so neat and well laid out again after so many years of badly-kept allotments. The cricket pitch looks like a new carpet.

Although suffering from the weather as are our own gardens the part flower beds still look neat and tidy.

London County Council.—To brighten up things for us the L.C.C. gardeners have planted 160,300 tulips, 5,700 daffodils and there are about 76,000 bulbs composed of crocus, iris, grape hyacinth, blue-bells and small daffodils. More than 1,200 lilies and 14,500 gladioli are also included. Truly a Gardener's delight!

## ASSOCIATION ROUND UP

### VETERANS

One of our oldest members of the Club, Mr. W. J. Gordon of Gervase Road, passed away in February. He was one of the oldest members in the Club and represented the Veterans on the Council. Mr. Gordon was a very active member.

### BOXING

#### Watling Association Amateur Boxing Club

Mr. Gough, proprietor of the White Lion Hotel and President of the Club, has kindly offered his Assembly Rooms for a senior Boxing Show in April. The Club Committee is busy making plans for a first class show.

Much praise has been given for the Junior Show which was held at the Centre.

### TALENT COMPETITION

The Amateur Talent Competition, held each month at the Watling Centre, is now getting to the final stages of the elementary heats. The final heat will be held at the Centre on March 30th.

Thanks to Mr. L. Vear and Mr. A. Lodge for their co-operation in putting up the ring beforehand and thanks to all who helped during the evening.

## EDGWARE & DISTRICT BRANCH BRITISH LEGION

TO all Legionaires and Ex-service men and women I would like to say that the above Branch was responsible for Mr. Langley's case coming forward to the housing committee, and not the New Edgware Branch. Our President, Lt. D. J. C. Smith, R.N., when he was in Australia, visited branches of the Returned Soldiers League, and from those visits our Branch is still receiving parcels of food which are distributed to the needy.

I am sorry to say our President who is still serving in the Navy will not be with us for the coming 18 months as his duty calls him overseas.

Our Branch Standard Bearer with the standard last month attended the parades and kept our standard flying.

Keep an eye on this column as we have some social events coming off and all are welcome.

Our Pension Officer has been successful in two cases and has managed to get an Ex-service man a pension from the Prince of Wales Fund. The Pension Officer sits at The Watling Centre every Tuesday from 7.30 onwards.

We are holders of the District Silver Cup for darts and new members for our team are welcome.

We regret to announce the death of our Treasurer, Mr. Jack Vale, who was a good Legionaire.

Good Luck to all.

E. ALLEN.

Facilities have been allowed to Mrs. Faulkner of the King George Fund for Sailors in order to obtain the support of Collectors for Sailors Day. We are badly in need of Collectors. Would anyone willing to act as Collector on Sailors Day in May kindly give their name to the Organizing Secretary to the Watling Centre, Mr. L. Vear.

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## GENERAL

Early in 1950 an appeal was made, at a Quarterly General Meeting, for the recapture of that vital spirit of Service which is so essential to us in our work. We cannot claim to have achieved an outstanding success in this direction yet the Council does feel the progress throughout the year—particularly in the growth of a very real friendliness—has provided stepping stones for future development.

If we are to make the most of our Association we must always make the most of our members and provide for them a clear image of the goal towards which we strive. In our search for a neighbourhood of friendship and goodwill we must remember this may only be attained through the practice of understanding, tolerance and a strong desire to help one another.

Our President, who for so many years has been a source of inspiration, was not able to give as much time to the Association as he would have wished, owing to his continuing ill health, yet he has quietly continued to help the Association and the new secretary through his counsel. The Chairman of the Council fulfilled his duties with vigour and enthusiasm and, despite his illness, he has made a marked contribution to the general life of the Association.

Throughout the year contact has been maintained with the National Council of Social Service, the National Federation of Community Associations, National Association of Boys' Clubs, National Association of Girls' Clubs, Mill Hill and Edgware Social Service Committees, Hendon Drama Federation and the Hendon Youth and Old People's Committees.

## PUBLIC MATTERS

As in previous years the Council of the Association continued to take up matters of local importance—even without these matters becoming generally known. There were, however, a number of matters which did bring home one valuable aspect of the Association we all too frequently forget—that is the Tenants' Welfare.

Early in the year the Council discovered the Borough intended to institute a change in the method of **Rate Collection** on the estate and, after considering the matter, it was felt this change would not be in the best interests of the tenants. The estate was circularised and the matter was raised with the Borough Council, and we are pleased to report that the Borough Council did recognise the value of our case and agreed to continue with the old method of collection.

**The Increase in Passenger Transport Fares** was another matter which would obviously affect the pockets of those living in such outlying areas as Watling and a public meeting was called to discuss the matter. At this meeting a deputation was appointed to meet the local M.P. but, despite every effort being made to ease the position, the findings of the Transport Tribunal did not materially affect the proposals of the Railway Executive.

Various local residents problems were taken up with the L.C.C. with some success; members participated in certain Collections and Flag Days; and, towards the end of the year, a National Savings Centre was formed following an address to the Council by Mr. Gillmore.

### VISITORS

The development of Community Associations throughout the country has resulted in many established Associations being visited by newly formed committees. Watling had visits from Ilford, Willesden, Elstree, Loughton and Bromley. Other visitors to the Centre came through, or from, the British Council, National Federation of Community Associations, W.R.A.C., Germany, Denmark, Chile, Holland, Sweden, U.S.A., India and Nyassaland.

Alderman and Mrs. Freedman, the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon, paid a number of welcome visits to the Association and the Mayor and Mayoress of Wokingham were our visitors on the occasion of the Hendon-Workingham Youth interchange visit.

### MEMBERSHIP AND USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

With a growing membership and a developing interest in the Association the Council has naturally been faced with the many problems which arise through the lack of accommodation. The intensive re-organisation which followed the loss by fire of the Youth Building, some two years ago, added to the burden of management to such an extent that much of the time of the Council and Executive Committee was given to the question of accommodation, often at the expense of matters which affected local residents. Even with the consideration given it was found necessary to refuse many requests for accommodation; to hold up the development of required new groups; and to use the Common Room as a Waiting Room, Committee Room and Meeting Room.

The Memorial Room has remained open at all times to those wishing to visit the Memorial and sections and individuals continued to maintain the Memorial.

### BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

As can be seen from the report on Membership and the Use of the Centre, the Centre tends to become an increasing liability to the Association owing to its inadequacy to meet the many expressed needs of the neighbourhood. The value of the great amount of effort which is being put into the Association is, very often, offset by dis-appointments and frustrations which so often arise through overcrowding. The Council has been constantly aware of our difficulties and had the extension of the Centre under review. Consideration was given to the plans submitted to the County Council in 1949 and towards the end of the year a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee felt the opportune moment had arrived to again press for the necessary Grant Aid. Even should the Borough Council and the County Council provide the necessary funds for building it must be born in mind that, beyond satisfying the Licensing Authority and providing Dressing Rooms and a larger Hall, little extra accommodation will in fact become available. It remains with the Association to make continuing efforts to build up a fund sufficient to add the essential accommodation as early as possible.

## FINANCE

The Balance Sheet of the Association shows a deficit over the year's working. This deficit can be explained by the transfer from Reserve to the Watling Resident; the settlement of an account for cigarettes (£54 2.10), which has been outstanding since 1948; the cost of certain Tenants' Welfare work; and the excess of expenditure over income of certain of our groups. The Association did not receive Grant Aid from the County beyond the County's share of the secretary's salary. The Finance Committee had the Income and Expenditure of the Association under constant review and feels that little saving can be made on our present expenditure, although our income might well be increased.

## ADULT EDUCATION

The Education Committee met throughout the year and planned a series of fortnightly activities for the Winter months. The first two of these activities were most successful, but the lack of support received for later informal educational meetings forced the Committee to cancel part of its programme. The Committee would, we feel sure, be able to plan a more successful programme if greater support was given by local residents and groups.

The Painting Group continued to meet successfully until John Berger left the district. For some time after his departure the group carried on without specialist assistance but, when attendance had fallen to a very low point, the class was closed.

Guild of Players Dramatics, within the Association has been catered for by the Guild, not without occasional difficulties. The first play planned for the the year had to be cancelled at the very last moment owing to illness and our entries for the Watling Festival were affected through one member being sent out of the area by his employers.

Nevertheless, the Guild was able to produce a most successful Drama Festival in November and also a number of shows throughout the year.

**Ballroom Dance Instruction.** County provided classes were organised until September, when the class fees were raised from 2/6 to 20/- per member per session. This very large increase in fees did seriously affect the class and, at one time, it was thought the class would have to close. We were fortunate in being able to arrange for the members to take over the responsibility of the Instructor's fees and by the end of the year the class was attracting more members than before.

**Handicrafts and Dressmaking** Despite the many difficulties the housewife has to face throughout the day two classes met with some success until September, when members were faced with a doubled class fee. After some difficulty it was possible to arrange for the continuation of these classes until the end of the year.

The Handicrafts Class arranged through the Everfield Women's Adult School proved to be the most instructive and enjoyable.

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**Juveniles.** In planning activities for the juveniles we are always faced with the need to hold these classes between five and seven in the evening. At such times it is practically impossible to obtain leaders who are free and consequently little can be planned. The **Juvenile Painting Group** has continued throughout the year most successfully. It is true there are times when more paint is put on the floors and tables than on paper, but the children have benefited through the class. Early in the year the leader found it impossible to carry on and it looked as if the class would have to close. Fortunately, the services of Tom and Heather Fairs were obtained and we owe a great deal to these voluntary workers, who have persisted with such a difficult age group.

The **Girl Guides** continue to meet in the Centre and the **Hendon Children's Library** remains a most attractive part of the Centre's activities.

Failure to obtain a Scoutmaster resulted in our inability to bring back into existence the Watling Scout Troop. Much may be done for the juveniles of Watling if the problem of leadership is overcome. At the moment the Centre tends to remain a playground and we feel sure, once we can introduce children into the Centre for organised activities we shall be increasing our service to the community.

## YOUTH

Following the need to disband the Youth Club in February it was agreed to form a new Club and applications for membership were sought. With a greater direction in the Club a sound spirit was obtained and the general conduct of the Club has been most gratifying. With the introduction of Mr. Kennedy as Youth Leader and Miss Turner as Girl Youth Leader, the Club began to move ahead and there has been an obvious increase in interest and activity. During the Summer months some of the Youth Club members undertook the washing down of walls, oiling of floors and certain clearances in the Centre.

## Boxing

The early part of the year was not encouraging to the Boxing Committee. Difficulties which arose out of Tournament held in the Drill Hall led to dis-appointing results, and a fall off in Senior membership made it necessary for the Hendon Youth Committee to stop the Instructors' payments. Efforts were made to build up the Senior membership but the calls of National Service constantly broke down any headway made. In September, we were unfortunate in losing the services of Messrs. Curzon and Church, but the Committee almost immediately obtained the voluntary services of Messrs. Williams and Graham. A new lease of life was experienced by the Club and there is no doubt a very healthy life existed at the end of the year. Two welcome donations to the club's funds were received from John Gough and L. Garrett.

### **U.S. and Canadian Brides Parents' Association**

1950 saw a large number of the members visiting North America to see their children. All those who managed the visit received a great welcome and had a most enjoyable time. Activities at home continued throughout the year with weekly meetings, visits, socials, etc., and the Club, with other groups, has been a great help during our various celebrations.

### **Weightlifters**

The Weightlifters report on a maintained and steady progress throughout the year. New equipment has been obtained and the annexe, although slowly falling into 'decay' has been a most useful home to the Club. It was possible to have a further evening for training which may, perhaps, account for the successful season enjoyed. The 4th. Division (North) of the London League was won; R. Foster became the Home Counties 10 stone Champion; E. Booth was 3rd. in the 11 stone championship; and A. Hillman was 3rd. in the Body Building Championship. The Club Competition for the 'Jones Cup' was won by R. Foster. The Council has much pleasure in reporting the friendly relationship which now exists between the Club and the Assn.

### **Men's Club**

Illness and the inability of some committee members to attend the Club tended to cause a falling off in membership during the early part of the year. In the Autumn the Club Committee was strengthened and a number of visits to other Clubs arranged. This resulted in an increased interest in the Club and the increased membership which followed has more than regained any lost ground.

### **Bowls Club**

Without a doubt 1950 was the Clubs most successful year. The Finchley and District League was won; Messrs. H. J. Pope and E. Evans won the British Workers' Sports Assn. Pairs Competition; and A. Steele was runner up in the London Parks Champion of Champions Competition.

Two outings were arranged during the season—one to Hurst, near Reading, and the other to Southsea. Although both matches were lost on these occasions there is no doubt the social side of the outings was most successful. The Club's six perpetual trophies and fourteen Cups were competed for by the Club members. A very full fixture list has been arranged for the coming season and Mr. A. V. Stevens, the Club secretary, would be pleased to meet any member of the Association who is anxious to take up the happy game of 'Bowling'.

The Council is pleased to report on the continuing happy relationship which exists between the Club and the Assn. and that the Centre is frequently placed at the Clubs disposal for Committee and Annual Meetings.

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### Neighbours

The value of the Neighbours cannot be easily assessed since they continue to work in a very quiet way. Regular meetings have been held and the Association has benefited through the various services of the Neighbours. The Council does feel that this group, which is essentially a neighbourhood service one, is of value and it is hoped it will continue to grow and be of service to the community.

### Veterans

The Council feels that in the evening of their lives when, almost daily there is a loss of old old faces, old landmarks and old friends, our Veterans have a greater need for companionship, friendship and understanding and that the Veterans Club can go a great way towards satisfying these needs. We have been particularly pleased with the progress of the Club and recognise that this progress has only been possible through the energies of the helpers who have given their service and friendship so freely.

Two outings to the seaside and the Anniversary Tea and Entertainment enlivened the year and had most satisfying results. The Centre is open every afternoon in the week for those veterans who wish to take advantage of it.

### Social Committee

The past year has not been as successful as one would wish. The Sunday Members' Dances, Wednesday Dances, Thursday Whist Drives and Saturday Socials have remained the responsibility of the Social Committee with varying success. Whilst the Sunday Dances have continued to attract members the Saturday Social slowly faded away. The Social Committee has been concerned over this and we feel steps should be taken immediately to encourage a better attendance. When one considers the small size of the Hall it can be realised that the Social Committee has been handicapped in carrying out its programme through the natural reactions of those attending activities within a confined space.

Two excursions were organised by the Committee—one evening Mystery Coach Trip and a visit to Southend Lights. Both of these excursions were successful and we feel the Social Committee should develop this type of activity, which encourages members to go out and seek enjoyment together. The Committee co-operated in the organisation of the **Juvenile Talent Competition** of which the first two heats were held in 1950.

### Canteen

The Canteen continued to be staffed by voluntary helpers and proved to be a source of income to the Association. It is always worth remembering that a 'cup of tea' may be an important part of our life and we would commend the 'nippies' for their friendly service.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Five other main activities were organised by the Association during the year.

**1.—Anniversary Week** 1950 opened with the celebrations which are normally held during the anniversary of the opening of the Community Centre. All the activities were well supported and proved to be most enjoyable.

**2.—Helpers' Social** It is not often we recognise in public our gratitude to the many helpers within the Association, but during the year a special Social was organised for the helpers and the eighty odd members present had a most enjoyable evening.

**3.—Watling Week** The Watling Week Committee was fully taxed in carrying out its programme. With the return of the Carnival Parade, after so many years, the Week began to take on its pre-war appearance. The Parade and the Baby Show were, perhaps, the highlights of the Week. The Council were particularly heartened by the donation forwarded, during the week, by John Laing, O.B.E.

**4.—Bazaar** The Bazaar was not, perhaps, as financially successful as we expected, but the co-operation shown in preparing for it proved its value.

**5.—Free and Easy** 1950 saw the welcome return of the Free and Easy, which used to be a major attraction in the Centre. Much hard work has been put into the Free and Easy organisation and the Council does feel that, as yet, the response has not been all we could have wished. Nevertheless, the venture has provided for the older members of the Association.

## BLIND CLUB

It is always a pleasure to report on the favourable development and growth of activities within the Centre. Mr. Sterling, the leader of the Blind Club, has persevered and has achieved very gratifying results. Membership has grown and a full range of activities planned for every week instead of every fortnight. One interesting feature has been the Craft Instruction which is now being given.

## RELIGIOUS GROUPS

The Society of Friends and Woodcroft Sunday School continued to make full use of the Centre throughout the year. In November the Council granted permission to the board of Orthodox Jewish Education for the use of the Centre on week-day mornings for Jewish pupils of Orange Hill County Grammar School.

## SERVICES

The Poor Man's Lawyer Service has been maintained and help has been given by the solicitors to many. The growing requests for appointments does show the need for this service.

The British Legion Service Committee met regularly throughout the year and proved to be of immense value.

With the election of a new M.P. for North Hendon the old M.Ps. Service was continued, whilst the local councillors undertook the provision of a monthly advice service also.

## NATIONAL AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Three new organisations—The Gay Forties, North Hendon League of Youth and the Watling Allottees—have affiliated to the Association during the year. The Poultry Club, Oddfellows, Townswomen's Guild, H.S.A., Women's Adult School, Y.H.A., N.C.U., Deansbrook Social Club, Y.C.L., Liberal Party, S.P.G.B., Edgware Ramblers, various Trade Union branches, Briscoe Theatrical School of Dancing, The Redwood Steppers, and—occasionally Hendon Cricket Club and Hendon Peace Committee have continued to meet in the Centre.

## MAGAZINE AND PUBLICITY

Changes in Resident personnel did not adversely affect the layout or sales throughout the year. Dennis Morrell moved from the estate and Mr. Wood was appointed Editor in his stead. In November pressure of business made it necessary for Mr. Wood to resign from editorship and the Council appointed Stanley Lambert to that office. The Resident sales have increased through the help of new sellers and the continuing enthusiasm of those who so often have to face all kinds of weather whilst selling the Association magazine. The value of the Resident to the Association cannot be measured with any degree of accuracy, since its advertising value to the Association is difficult to assess, but we do feel that with the present trend continuing it should be possible for the Resident to become more financially sound.

## THANKS

The Council recognises the immeasurable help which has been given the Association. It is not possible to name all those whose service has helped to break down the "I or THEY" outlook and replaced it with the more community minded "WE", but special attention must be drawn, and thanks given, to those who have been such a source of inspiration and encouragement to the Council.

Thanks are due to the Middlesex County Council for its support; to the National Federation of Community Associations not, perhaps, for direct assistance but for the work it has done for the Community Association Movement; to the Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce and the Business Club of Burnt Oak for their increasing interest and help; to the Deansbrook Social Club for its friendly help from time to time, and to the Hendon and Finchley Times and the Edgware Post for their weekly reports on the Association and its work.

# The Watling Community Association

## OFFICERS AND COUNCIL, 1950

President: MR. A. I. JONES (Freeman of the City of London)  
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STANLEY LAMBERT  
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Resident Secretary: STANLEY LAMBERT

## COUNCIL

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MR. F. LAKE	MRS. V. JUDD
MRS. L. NYBERG	MR. S. JAMISON
MR. C. NYBERG	

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Bowls Club: MR. G. RICHARDSON  
Men's Club: MR. W. TAYLOR  
Social Committee: MR. V. NEEDHAM  
VETERANS: MR. W. GORDON  
Guild of Players: MISS J. INNES  
Neighbours: MRS. C. FANTHORPE  
Weightlifters: MR. E. BOOTH  
G.I. Brides Association: MRS. G. RICHARDSON

### (c) Representatives of Constituent Bodies

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British Legion: MR. A. R. LODGE  
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Townswomen's Guild: MRS. M. LAKE  
Women's Adult School: MRS. C. FANTHORPE  
Mixed Adult School: MRS. COLEMAN  
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Crest F.C.: MR. E. ALLEN  
D. 20 Social Club: MR. TITMUS  
Edgware Ramblers: MR. T. HARRIS  
Eversfield Women's Adult School: MRS. TATHAM  
Y.H.A.: MISS LAING

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St. Alphage Parochial Council: MRS. STEPHENSON  
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Middlesex Education Committee: COL. J. HAYGARTH  
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M.U. Oddfellows: MR. RADMELL  
N.B.L.C.W.S.: MR. IDDENDEN  
St. John's Ambulance Brigade: MR. KAY  
Society of Friends: MRS. BEVINGTON and MRS. STEVENSON  
JONES  
GIRL GUIDES: MRS. PURKINGTON  
Poultry Club: MRS. VILLE  
Y.C.L.: MISS KOSMINSKY  
Communist Party: MR. G. STOKES  
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Hendon Council: MR. SHARPE  
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Gay Forties: MR. FILBEY

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Organising Secretary:

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Community Centre and Secretary's Office:

ORANGE HILL ROAD, EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX

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# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wages and National Insurance .. ..	337	0	6			
Light, Heat, Cleaning .. ..	345	14	4			
Rates and Ground Rent .. ..	110	18	6			
Printing, Postage, Telephone, Stationery, Insurances .. ..	125	10	1			
Miscellaneous .. ..	53	12	6			
				972	16	9
Architects' Fees .. ..				30	12	6
Repairs, Renewals, Equipment .. ..				28	11	0
Affiliation Fees, Delegates Expenses .. ..				11	12	3
Bank Charges .. ..				10	7	4
Contribution towards Secretary's salary .. ..				69	0	0
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. ..				29	7	11
				<u>£1152</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>

## INCOME

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Membership subscriptions .. ..						
Affiliation Fees .. ..						
Hire of Rooms and Equipment .. ..	620	13	8			
Less £150 credited to committees in 1949 error .. ..	150	0	0			
				<u>470</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>
Groups and Sections .. ..				174	7	10
Profit on Canteen .. ..				229	3	3
Profit on Cigarette Sales .. ..				10	3	0
Profit on Bazaar .. ..				13	2	3
Profit on Anniversary and Watling Weeks .. ..				83	12	6
Interest on Post Office Deposit .. ..				45	14	0
Donations and Sundry Receipts .. ..				70	18	9
				<u>£1152</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>

## WATLING RESIDENT

### EXPENDITURE

To Printing .. ..	225	18	8
Stationery .. ..	1	6	0
Resident Secretary's expenses .. ..	2	0	0
Prizes .. ..	13	0	0
	<u>£229</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>

## TRADING ACCOUNT

### INCOME

By Cash Sales .. ..	80	17	10
Donations .. ..	1	0	0
Advertisements .. ..	81	6	11
Nett loss on Trading .. ..	66	12	11
	<u>£229</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>

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By Cash Sales ..	80	17	10
Donations ..	1	0	0
Advertisements ..	81	6	11
Nett loss on Trading	66	12	11
	4229	17	8

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER, 1950

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>WATLING RESIDENT EXPENDITURE</b>						
To Printing ..	225	18	8			
Stationery ..	1	6	0			
Resident Secretary's expenses ..	2	0	0			
Prizes ..	13	0	0			
	229	17	8			
<b>BUILDINGS AT COST.—</b>						
Community Centre, As at 31st December, 1934 ..	4020	12	4			
Expenditure on reconditioning Stables As at 31st December, 1934 ..	49	11	9			
Hut ..	13	8	1			
	4083	12	2			
<b>FURNITURE, FITTINGS, EQUIPMENT AS COST.—</b>						
As at 31st December, 1949 ..	690	10	11			
Additions during 1950 ..	36	12	5			
	727	3	4			
<b>AMOUNTS DUE FROM DEBTORS.—</b>						
Sundry Debtors ..	84	10	1			
Watling Resident ..	125	0	0			
	209	10	4			
<b>STOCK OF CIGARETTES, As at 31st December, 1950 ..</b>						
	12	19	1			
<b>BALANCES.—</b>						
Post Office Savings Account, (Less transfer to Resident Account)	1821	19	11			
Cash Float of Secretary ..	10	18	0			
At Bankers ..	89	16	9			
	1922	14	8			
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.—</b>						
Deficit as at 31st December, 1949 ..	219	2	6			
Excess of Income over expenditure, 31st December, 1950 ..	29	7	11			
	189	14	7			
	7145	14	2			

BALANCE SHEET

Debtors ..	11	14	2
Cash at Bank ..	24	10	5
Deficit brought forward	157	13	6
Deficit for 1950 ..	66	12	11
	224	6	5
	260	11	0

WATLING RESIDENT

EXPENDITURE

To Printing ..	225	18	8
Stationery ..	1	6	0
Resident Secretary's expenses ..	2	0	0
Prizes ..	13	0	0
	229	17	8

A. W. LEACH Hon. Treasurer.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year 1950, with the books and records of the Watling Community Association and certify same to be in accordance therewith.

S. POYNTER, F.B.A.A.

A. Bouchard

Hon. Auditors

WATLING RESIDENT

Creditors.—			
Due to Printer ..	20	5	0
Watling Community Centre ..	240	6	0
	260	11	0

## SECTION AND GROUP ACCOUNTS

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1950

	<i>Income</i>			<i>Expenditure</i>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Social Committee . . . . .	227	15	4	95	3	1½
Boxing Club . . . . .	63	7	1	52	14	7
Weightlifters . . . . .	24	0	0	28	13	9
Men's Club . . . . .	10	0	4	9	4	0½
Youth Club . . . . .	20	10	3	39	9	1
Guild of Players . . . . .	48	8	1	58	8	6½
Educating Groups . . . . .	14	12	0	13	7	0
Veterans' Club . . . . .	80	14	4	70	8	10
Neighbours . . . . .	8	5	8½	4	12	6
American and Canadian Brides						
Parents . . . . .	17	9	7	57	5	0
Juveniles . . . . .	9	0		3	12	4

Expenditure includes the annual deduction for rent.

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## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays)	7 p.m.
Boxing Club (Orange Hill School)	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players ..	8 p.m.
School of Dancing ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.T.G.B. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers ..	6 p.m.
Dance ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild (alternate weeks)	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Girls) ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guides ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
S.P.G.B. (2nd & 4th Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club ..	7.30 p.m.

### Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd Friday in month)	8 p.m.

### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON  
FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
Visitors always welcome.

## WATLING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED FOR RESIDENT  
SELLING, COLLECTING MEMBERSHIP FEES,  
STEWARDING, CANTEEN AND GROUP  
ACTIVITIES.

Why Not Help Your Friends ?

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

March 16th, 1951  
8 p.m.

at the  
CENTRE

PLEASE COME EARLY



**St. Patrick's  
Social**

17th March

7.30—11.0

Admission 1/-

Sunday, March 18th

**FREE  
and  
EASY**

Members and  
Friends Welcome

**WHITE LION HOTEL**



FRIDAY, 13th APRIL



**Boxing  
Tournament**



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FROM THE CENTRE

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# Patrick's Social

7th March

Admission 1/-

THE LION HOTEL

DAY, 13th APRIL

# Boxing Ornament

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## CHILDREN'S PIECE

Dear Children,

In connection with this Festival of Britain year, our Hendon Music Festival Committee is presenting, during May and the beginning of June, a grand feast of music in which we can all share.

Many of you sing in your school choirs and will be competing. Others are entering in the solo sections, but I am sure there are many more children on our Estate who sing and play, either the piano or the violin, really well, and have not yet done so in public. Do try this year. The adjudicators are very kind. You will enjoy yourself and will be helping to make our Hendon Music Festival a success and will also be making a contribution to our Festival of Britain.

Apply at once to the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. R. Turner, 8 Delamere Gardens, Mill Hill for an entry form which must be completed and sent to the Entry Secretary, Mrs. D. Blount, 192 Broadfields Avenue, Edgware, by 9th April.

There is a splendid concert at the Hendon Technical College on 2nd June at 7.45 p.m. when some of the competitors will perform and there will be also a lovely orchestral concert.

For those who do not take part it will be very interesting to go and here your friends compete and listen to the criticism, with advantage to yourselves.

My best wishes to you all.

Your friend,

BROWN OWL.

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our Eighteenth Birthday Party was held on 27th January. Many old friends shared a delightful evening with us and we thought of those unavoidably absent whom we missed very much. The lovely birthday cake was made, as in the past, by Mrs. Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Vear were warmly welcomed. They have both promised to speak to our group on subjects from our Handbook and we look forward to their visit with much pleasure.

We are glad to have Mrs. Nyberg with us again. We enjoyed a delightful afternoon when our friend shared her experiences in America (where she recently spent a holiday) with us.

## BURNT OAK MIXED ADULT SCHOOL

With her usual sympathy and understanding, Mrs. Currie Martin has spoken to us of the life and works of George Elliot, whose books so truly portray the rural and industrial life of the rapidly changing nineteenth century also of her many friendships with famous people of that period. Mrs. Currie Martin helped us to realise that although we may not condone actions of which we may not approve, we must try to understand why people do them.

## LADIES' PAGE

**D**ECIDE on colour before you look for fabric. Here is a chance to wear a shade which exactly suits you, for you already know the background against which you wear your housewrap, whereas your outdoor clothes must be worn against any and every background.

Forget the dull tones. If you want grey, let it be a pinky grey with warm ruby facings, if brown then not nigger, but, instead, a cigar shade. Above all else, avoid the dismal pastels, those colourless pinks and blues, and, if pale and pretty tones are required, look for parma-pink, a clear periwinkle, lilac-lavender. Much depends on your skin colouring and more women look better in clear than in pastel tones. Think of canary yellow and decide if you can wear it, of sharp violet, sophisticated bamboo, or adventurous warm shades like sugar brown.

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When hanging up a pleated skirt (especially a sun-ray pleated skirt) this hint is well worth knowing.

Fold the skirt in half at the waistband and at the waist secure with a bulldog clip—it can then be hung over the hock of the coathanger under a coat.

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At a school in England girls are learning woodwork and the boys cooking—the old tabu on domestic work for boys has been lifted and boys who, even in the higher classes, often have to help their fathers to make beds and to wash dishes will certainly feel no embarrassment in learning to make a steak pie or a rice pudding at school.

No woman can be beautiful until she has learnt the elementary rules of deportment. Laziness in deportment results in rounded shoulders and sagging muscles.

The correct way to walk is with shoulders back and down, chin up and in, and to move from the waist, very few women seem to have realised that this is the correct way to walk. Whether you are tall or short, willowy or plump, if you have a perfect posture you will “walk in beauty” and be claimed a lovely.

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There is a very natural tendency for those who must economise, to make-do on clothes worn inside the home, spending mainly on what is worn outside. Many a woman who is reckoned well-dressed by her neighbours bores her husband by wearing the same old house-coat, its colour now dingy, its fabric rubbed and its originally crisp lines limp. Yet husbands remember their wives chiefly as they see them at home, and it is by the ubiquitous housecoat that a woman is chiefly judged.

Warmth is at present the chief requirement for comfort in home life. Electric cuts and the coal shortage are, say the authorities, likely to ease by April, but April is a long way off. Meanwhile, for the sake of health, good-looks and spirits, it is well to plan a real campaign of warmth, of cosy and practical clothes for chilly people to wear around the house.

## WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

### SEASON 1950 REPORT

THE year 1950 was without doubt the Club's most successful season.

The Club won the Finchley and District Bowling Association League Championship with a convincing win over the Abbeville Club at Bishopswood.

H. J. Pope and E. Evans won the British Workers Sports Association Pairs Competition and A. Steele was Runner-up in the London Parks Bowling Association Champion of Champions Competition.

The Club played 43 matches, won 28 and lost 15.

In the Middlesex Double Rink Competition the Club beat Mill Hill in the 4th round, but lost to Paddington in the next round, who eventually went on to win the Competition.

Two outings were arranged during the season, one to Hurst, near Reading, and one to Southsea. Both games were lost by the Club, but as social events they were very successful.

On Wednesday, January 31st, the Club held its Annual Dinner and Presentation of Prizes at "The Flying Eagle", Mollison Way, President Coleman was in the Chair, ably supported by Chairman Frank Williams. The Club's 6 perpetual trophies and 14 cups were presented to the prizewinners by Mrs. Coleman

The prizewinners were as follows:

#### *Torrance Cup*

Singles Championship—Mr. M. J. Brayley.

#### *The Banham Cup*

Singles Handicap—Mr. S. Mercer.

#### *Torrance Memorial Cup*

##### *Centurian Cup*

Pairs Competition—Mr. W. G. Parkes and Mr. E. Brace.

#### *The Gair Trophy*

Pairs Handicap—Mr. C. Coleman and Mr. A. Steele.

#### *Frank Euscher Cup*

Under 55 v. Over 55—Messrs. S. Mercer, C. Beart, M. J. Brayley, J. N. Vaz.

A very full fixture list has been arranged for season 1951 including a visit to Peacehaven on Sunday, June 17th, and another to Hurst on Sunday, July 29th.

The Club is very grateful to the Association for the accommodation afforded us at the Centre for Committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

The Club is looking forward to the 1951 season with great confidence and Hon. Sec. A. V. Stevens would be pleased to hear from any member of the Association who would like to join us in this happy game of bowling.

### THANKS

We would like to express our thanks to Stanley Lee, Station Road, Edgware, for the gift of pattern books, which have been such a help to the Dressmaking Class.

## OUR POST BAG

Congratulations on a very fine Viewpoint in your February Resident. I sincerely hope that soon you will realise your ambition of a larger building.

REGULAR READER.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Viewpoint was written by Leonard Vear, Organising Secretary to the Association.

Remember the "2d. all off"? It looks as though that has gone forever. 2s. is now the charge for hair cutting in most of our local Hairdressers. Maybe a haircut is worth 2s. if a little time and care is taken but the Assistant that chants "Trim, Sir", and takes as little time as possible isn't worth a penny.

B. M. (WATLING)

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased indeed from what I read in your issue No. 23 November-December, 1950, about the progress at Watling.

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I have surely enjoyed all your issues of the year 1950 and I really sent a great contratulations to all who have helped in doing such a great job at the Centre.

Three friends of mine have also been reading a lot from your issues and the wonderful good work done at Watling has attracted them to submit to you their fee for membership shortly.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all the residents at Watling.

Yours very sincerely,

J. I. OTHIENO,  
General Manager's Office,  
Welfare Section,  
East African Railways &  
Harbours, Nairobi.

Hendon Borough Council have asked Uncle Archie the well-known childrens' entertainer to give forty entertainments in local parks during the summer holidays. Will he be in Watling park, a place where entertainment for the children is much needed?

RICHARD H.

We often hear throughout the year remarks such as "the same old crowd", referring to our committees and helpers.

The Annual General Meeting is March 16th at 8 p.m. and every member of the Association is welcome to attend and offer his or her services on one of our many committees.

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## RESIDENT SECRETARY

At last we have found someone to take the job of Resident Secretary.

Ray Hathaway is the man who will be filling a very necessary post. Ray is an active younger member of the Association being a member of the Men's Club, The "51" Club and the Boxing Club.

## CAN WE HAVE NEWS OF YOUR GROUP ?

Please don't keep it to your-selves as many readers are interested by Group News.

# NEWS

## for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

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## VIEWPOINT

Our request for Grant Aid to carry out necessary extensions to the Community Centre has been deferred by the Borough Council and the Education Officer has been asked to prepare a report on "The relationship of the request to the needs of the Borough as a whole".

We would point out to the Borough Council, and to the education Officer, that the needs of over 30,000 Hendon residents has a very real relationship to the Borough 'as a whole'—as a study of "The First 21 Years", which was recently published by the Association, will show.

In 1927 a need was recognized by the new residents of Hendon and coats were taken off in order to meet that need. Through the unstinted

labour of many the necessary money was raised to build the Community Centre as it now stands. The Centre is the result of local initiative, and the ability to local residents to show that they do not expect everything given them on a plate. We would further point out that the Community Association has always recognized its responsibilities to the area, and, through the development of its free services and its welfare work, it has met these responsibilities, even though this has resulted in holding up the development of many needed new activities. We feel the time has come when the worth of Watling should be recognized and the necessary financial support given to it to encourage and stimulate future development.

### SUGGESTIONS

The Secretary of the Association is always ready to receive suggestions for the betterment of the Association. Many of our residents and members do, from time to time, think of something they consider may be of interest or benefit to others. We would ask these people to put their thoughts into writing and send them or bring them to the Community Centre.

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### FREE AND EASY

The Free and Easy programme on the third Sunday in each month is planned for the older members and friends of the Association. The evening is varied in its entertainment and we look forward to seeing many more of our members on Sunday, April 15th, at 7.30 p.m.

May I remind all who are interested in the War Memorial that they are warmly invited to attend to it whenever they can spare the time.

I am sure that all members of groups would spare a few coppers for flowers in memory of those dear ones who gave their lives.

There are many people who do not know of the Memorial at the Centre and that they are welcome to visit and bring flowers whenever possible.

D. MAKAY.

### DID YOU NOTICE?

In the January Viewpoint we said "a new outlook is asked for; an outlook which is not too much governed by past industrial difficulties or possible future lack of building employment, but which is one of interest in the well-being of all and which is dominated by our desire to bring about a 'New England'."

This quotation was from a Viewpoint which was directed on housing, but there is no doubt it could, and should, relate to the whole sphere of England's productivity. It is interesting to read, on March 16th, the joint plea of the Railway Executive and the three Rail Unions: "Now is the time for a new start and a new spirit of enterprise, comradeship and hard work. With good will and unselfishness it can be done. . . . Let us go forward together to better times."

### BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Following a very interesting talk by Dr. George Catlin on "Britain and International Affairs" we decided that only by a change of heart in each one of us can there be lasting peace between nations.

Mr. Hill, Dr. Catlin's constituency agent, has also spoken about his work, giving us much valuable information.

Miss Dorothy Behenna, a Member of the Society of Friends, has spoken about her work in connection with Child Adoption. We are glad to learn how careful those in authority are to make sure that the unfortunate children in their care are placed in the right kind of homes, and it is part of Miss Behenna's work to see that this is happily done. We are sure that our speaker, with her tact and love of people, is a true friend to these children and a comfort to many parents and foster parents. Many questions were ably answered and another visit to us promised.

Mrs. Guy and Mrs. Bennet, two old friends, have returned to our school. We have missed them very much and are very glad to have them with us again.

A delightful social has been held arranged by Mrs. Welsh, a new, and very energetic member of our social committee.

Miss Henriques is to give a series of lectures during April and we look forward also to a visit from Mrs. Currie Martin.

Mrs. Thomas attended the Young People's Lecture School on the Colonies and has given us a very full and interesting report.

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## LADIES' PIECE

Solidified eau-de-Cologne is very soothing if rubbed on your feet and round your ankles when your feet are "killing" you.

After washing the curtains slip a thimble over the rod—the curtains slip on in a jiffy.

## MOCK CREAM WITH TINNED MILK

- 1 pint Ideal Milk (Evaporated).
- 2 ozs. sieved Icing Sugar.
- 3 teaspoonsful Lemon Juice.

Put the milk into a fairly large basin, add the icing sugar and whisk it well until it thickens and increase in bulk. Then add the strained lemon juice, and continue to whisk until the cream will hold its shape. Very little whisking should be required after the addition of the lemon juice.

## CUSTARD CREAM

Make a custard with cornflour or custard powder. For a pouring cream use 1 teaspoon cornflour to  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint milk. Then leave to cool while you cream well together 2 oz. margarine and 2 desertspoons sugar.

When the cornflour mixture is almost cold add it, a little at a time, to the creamed sugar and margarine, beating it in well all the time until the cream is quite smooth and soft.

Flavoured with vanilla, this thin cream is delicious with fruit and summer sweets. Make a thicker cream (using 2 tablespoons of cornflour) to serve with baked and steamed puddings.

## GARDEN GUIDE

Work for April.

When cherry, plum and other stone fruit etc., are in flower, trees can be sprayed lightly with clear clean water to assist setting of fruit (this is done about midday). Newly planted apple trees should be pruned early. Leading shoots shorten by one half or more in order to form a good foundation for the main branches of the trees. Compost or dung newly planted fruit trees to conserve moisture.

Make showings of kale, broccolu, savoys, and cabbages. Plant early potatoes allowing at least 12 inches between the plants and 18 inches between rows. Cos lettuce, turnips, round beetroot should be sown for summer use.

Flowers, etc.

You can now plant montbretias and gladiolus corms. Put them about 4 inches below ground level. Whilst your lawn is short it should be rolled in preparation for mowing.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Disappointing attendance.

Although an average membership of between 360 and 400 members was reported only 32 attended.

When the names of the newly elected members are read someone is going to say "The same old lot".

Yes, most certainly it is to be the "same old lot" and that same few will continue to serve because they are the ones who attend their Association Annual General Meeting and are willing to help run the Centre by doing one of the many essential jobs.

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# A SHORT STORY

"I'M glad it's a girl," Uncle David said. Behind the white breath, his weathered face glowed. "A girl is what your Aunt Kate wanted," he called across the ice.

Aunt Kate is not my aunt, any more than he is my uncle. They are my wife's people.

"Well, I said, "Grace and I are satisfied."

The baby being ours, I considered that point important.

Uncle David grinned and drove down the steel spud so the chipped ice flew onto the coats of the waiting cattle. Pretty soon the water welled up, and Uncle David made through the cattle crowding to drink, slapping the bony rumps as he came.

His cattle were nothing to brag on, as you might expect when a man would rather break a hole in the frozen pond than pump water. It is twenty years since Grace's father was lost from the trawler, and her Aunt Kate took Uncle David from the Gloucester trade to go farming. All her nagging has not made him a farmer yet.

"Yes, Robbie," he said, "but I am thinking of your Aunt Kate." Then he smiled. "Come along, Robbie, and I'll show you a surprise."

He wiped the spud and started away through the snow across the barn lot. Farming needs a patient green thumb, and Uncle David's is the quick, black thumb of a carpenter and smith. He has a tool shop that was warm from the coals in its forge this morning. It was into the shop we went. Uncle David squeezed around behind a boat he was building to unlock a cupboard and take down a brown jug.

"That's a grand surprise on a cold morning," I said. He raised his cup in a toast.

"I'm glad it's a girl," Uncle David said again. "It was a great loss to your Aunt Kate when Grace married. I never told you Robbie, how I found her crying."

Grace was like a daughter of his own, and if he had said a pleasant voice gone from the house was a loss to him, it would have made sense in my head. It was not as if I had taken her to live in the next county. She had not gone any farther than the next farm.

"Don't women always cry at weddings?" I said. "I mean after the wedding."

Uncle David said, "It was last summer."

Grace and I had been married a year now, and while I could understand Aunt Kate crying at the wedding, last summer was another matter. A man doesn't like to hear a thing like that. "Why," I said, "she never let on to me. I thought she liked me well enough."

"Oh, it wasn't you. It was the chest."

Uncle David smoothed his hand along the boat's gunwale. "She was forever moving the furniture in that room. She was doing that, and all at once I saw she was crying."

His hand stopped. "I asked her why, and do you know what she said? It was that empty place where the chest always stood."

(Continued at back of book.)

**THE ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING HELD  
16th March 1951**

Mr. Nightingale conveyed his thanks for the help members of the Council gave him during the past year. It was also moved, seconded and agreed that a vote of thanks be given for the help the various Committees had given. Mr. Henley wished to express appreciation of the work the Association does for the Veterans. It was also agreed that a vote of thanks be given to the Business Men's Club for their unfailing help.

**Election of Officers.**

<i>President</i>	Mr. A. I. Jones
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr. Leach
<i>Trustees</i>	Messrs. Lake and Richardson.
<i>Hon. Solicitor</i>	Mr. Christian Edwards
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<i>Assistant Sec.</i>	Mr. T. Rogers.
<i>Social Sec.</i>	Mr. Needham
<i>I. M. Council</i>	Mesdames: Lambert, Judd, Leach, Nyberg, Myland, Messrs.: Jamison, Fan- thorpe, Taylor and Price
<i>Assoc. member to Council</i>	Mr. Nightingale
<i>Sports Sec.</i>	Mr. Jack Taylor

**Date of Quarterly General Meeting:**  
18th May.

**Date of next Council Meeting—**  
6th April.

# TALENT COMPETITION FINALS

**WESLEY HALL  
WATLING AVENUE  
Friday, April 27th at 7.30p.m.**

## L.C.C. ANGLING CLUB

The L.C.C. have a fishing section who enjoy regular trips to well known fishing waters. It is hoped that in time they will have their own waters.

The club season will start again in June and will welcome members of the association as associate members to the angling club

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## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

Sundays.	
Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.

Mondays.	
Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays)	7 p.m.
Boxing Club (Orange Hill School)	7.30 p.m.

Tuesdays.	
Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players .. ..	8 p.m.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.

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Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

Thursdays.	
Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	
(alternate weeks) .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. .. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
S.P.G.B. (2nd & 4th Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

Fridays.	
Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday in month)	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd Friday in month)	8 p.m.

Saturdays.	
School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service( alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

THE COUNCIL MEETS ON  
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**BOXING**

FRIDAY, 13th APRIL  
7.30 p.m.



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**YOUTH**

The Youth Club have a membership of over forty boys and twenty-five girls. The Council recommended that a maximum limit of forty of both sections should be maintained, and owing to the pressure of additional accommodation that the use of the Annexe be allowed on Fridays for activities.

**BOXING**

The Boxing Club Committee continue with their hard work of planning for the Senior Open Boxing Tournament to be held at The White Lion on Friday, April 13th. Tickets are selling well and the Committee strongly advise you to obtain your tickets in advance.

March proved to be another good month for the juniors, winning four out of their five bouts at The Old Hendon Boxing Show. Two other boys failed to secure opponents.

BURNT OAK MIXED ADULT  
SCHOOL

With Mr. Will Sanders we have studied "The Mill on the Floss", one of George Eliot's novels. In this, as in all her stories, the author portrays real people, in all of whom she found something lovable, and real events which she saw and experienced during her life.

We congratulate Mrs. Durant on her appointment as Secretary of the N. W. Federation. She will be a great asset to the Movement and we wish her every success.

Mr. and Mrs. Lord and Mr. Brixey have been very ill. We have missed their cheery company very much and hope they will soon be well again and look forward to their return.

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE - - - Music and Animals

Probably the simplest example is the ability of cows to identify and remember the musical tone of a particular bell. The Swiss have made special use of this characteristic in keeping their herds together in the mountain pastures. In the spring an official "bell judge" assigns to each herd a differently pitched bell which is worn by the lead cow or carried in the hands of the herdsman. When a cow has strayed away, all that is necessary is to sound that particular bell, and the wayward animal, recognizing the tone, returns to her herd. She will rarely be deceived by the sound of another bell.

Another well-known example is that of the cavalry horses which, in their training, learn the meaning of the bugle sounds almost as well as their riders.

Circus and rodeo horses have an excellent musical memory, too. Long after they have left show business they will remember the music they have heard in their act, and often will respond to it by going through their routine of their own accord.

That the seal is a musical animal has been known for years. It is said that when seal hunters want an easy capture, all they have to do is start a song or set a radio to playing music loudly, and any seals in the vicinity will be sure to come near the ship. Seals are even more susceptible to the sound of bells, as was established by the English naturalist Thomas Bell. Admiral Byrd, on his return from his former South Pole Expedition, mentioned that seals also respond to the music of a violin. The tone of the violin apparently attracts many animals. Young chimpanzees, for instance, on hearing the sound for the first time,

exhibit unmistakable signs of joy. The chimpanzee responds to music in terms of the individual rather than of the species. That is, he definitely has a personal taste for music.

At the zoo a chimpanzee jumped to the top of a table and began to tap out the beat of a violin melody he was listening to, and at every high note he sounded the shrill "Hu!" which is his expression of joy. Suddenly he jumped from the table and began to whirl in a circle. When the music ended he became very angry and made a dash for the instrument, obviously demanding that the music begin again. When he saw the violin being put away in its case he screamed and carried on very much like a child whose toys have been taken away.

Some investigators believe that animals are more responsive to sounds that are near their own range of "speech" than to others. This has been partially proved by experiments in which zoologists and psychologists have tested the responses of various animals to strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments. Wild pigs which emit a high squeak are attracted by the high-pitched sounds of the flute, and would come out of their shelter to listen.

The behaviour of a Masai donkey from Eastern Equatorial Africa was quite comical. On hearing the sound of a flute, he began to give forth with joyful cries of his own, jumping and blowing his nostrils, and whirling around in a merry dance. When the music stopped he went to the other end of the enclosure in search of food but when the flute was played again he forgot his hunger and came back for some more fun.

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## CHILDREN

Dear Children,

As the time of the celebration of the Festival of Britain draws near, thoughts of long warm days and holidays with all sorts of merry-making come to mind. We think of old legends, traditional celebrations and folk songs and dances which show us events of long ago as they really happened at the time. They help us to understand the past much more clearly and pleasantly than history books.

Long ago, at a time when many in the Christian Church believed that all material things were wrong, St. Francis of Assisi, in order to show the people that this was not so, arranged the scene of the birth of Jesus in the Manger in one of the village churches in Italy. This pleased the people very much and they sang and danced for joy in celebration of the Story which the tableau portrayed, and out of this scene grew the carols.

Carols, as most of you know, are songs of joy, and were not only sung at Christmastime, but also at Easter, in May, at Harvest-time and on all occasions of joy and thankfulness to God, and were often accompanied by dancing.

In this way, also folk songs were first sung. In joy, in sorrow and at their work people sang little tunes and other people repeated them. They were not written down, but passed on from singer to hearer for generations. Then some of the great composers heard them and put some of them into their famous works. Later, they were gathered together and written down so that we now can enjoy these simple and beautiful melodies.

May these spring and the coming summer days be full of joy for you all.

Your friend, BROWN OWL.

## SPORT

In the past years sport has played a part in the activities of the Association. During the latter years we have not been as active in our sports side. To bring our sport up to a higher level again Mr. J. W. Taylor was appointed Sports Secretary with Mr. E. Allen as his assistant at the last Council meeting. Mr. Taylor's first step as Sports Secretary was to take a party of twelve to see a demonstration of basket-ball and padder tennis at the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea, at the invitation of the London Federation of Community Associations. The twelve people attending this demonstration were much impressed by the basket-ball. If a hall large enough can be found, coaching in basket-ball may start in the near future.

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Send also your corrections by  
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## THE 51 CLUB

THE 51 Club (Over 20's), after their preliminary meeting, which was called to discuss the formation of the Club, decided that Sunday nights, being the only night available to them, would hold their meetings on this night from 7.30 p.m. until 10.30 p.m. in the Games Room.

The latter half of their first Sunday evening was taken up mainly by General Meeting at which the following was discussed: The name of the Club, the age of the members, subscription and the election of the temporary Committee.

The name of the Club was decided on as "The 51 Club". We would point out that the "51" does not mean the age but the year 1951.

It was thought that the best age for the members would be between the ages of 20 and 35.

At this meeting a temporary committee of six was appointed to serve for three months, this being the trial period of the Club. If the Club proved successful during these three months an Annual General Meeting would be held and a Committee would be formed to serve for the year commencing from that date.

New members will be welcome to the Club any Sunday night. It is hoped that during the summer months some of the activities will include hiking, cycling, boating and outings.

## "UNDER 14s"

The Annual Report of the Watling Association expresses some concern over our inability to adequately provide for the 'under 14s' on the estate. As will be seen from the report our difficulty is in the finding of the necessary interested and able persons to carry on some particular activity during the early part of the evening.

The children of the estate need provision as much as any other age group and we would appeal to anyone interested to come forward and help us develop a worth while side of Watling.

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## SHORT STORY Continued—

Well, it was Grace's chest, Uncle David had made it and carved her name into the cherry-wood lid. The chest had never belonged to Aunt Kate, I thought of all the sewing and crocheting of towels and pillow cases Aunt Kate had done. It had been done for Grace's marriage, surely. We were as good as engaged for three years. It was not as if I had come from nowhere suddenly.

"I don't know what she expected," I said.

"Why," said Uncle David, "it isn't what a person expects. It's the way things turn out. Your aunt was never one to lie close-hauled to a wind. Many's the time she complained—her eyes hurt, her head ached, she was wearing her fingers to the bone. She'd sit up half the night, pushing herself to get that chest filled and over and done with. A chest as big as that one took about all the ambition she had." He smiled a little. "It was a great loss when that chest went out of the house finally."

Then it came to me. There was less of the crying and nagging in those days, and a man could smoke a quite pipe while the work went on. But still I didn't see why the smile

should be growing as big as a laugh on his face. I couldn't unmarry Grace to please her Aunt Kate.

"God, bless her," he said, "she can never be any other way. Do you know what she told me the other day? 'If it's a girl', she said, 'you can make me another chest like Grace's. I may not live to see the day', your Aunt Kate said, 'but the child will be a young lady and needing it some time'."

A hope chest! For a little girl, seven pounds and three ounces!

Uncle David knelt down under his shop bench. "I've been seasoning some black walnut, and here's a bit of mahogany I was going to use for a binnacle. Walnut with the name inlaid in mahogany would be nice, eh, Robbie?" He looked up, and his smile failed so there was hardly any left of it. "There's no hurry about the boat you see," he said, "I can work on that next winter just as well."

I could see there was no hurry about the boat. Uncle David doesn't need a boat with a sail and a compass in its binnacle on the pond, because the pond isn't a hundred yards across anywhere. The boat can wait a few winters, since the first one is a girl.

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## BADMINTON

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## VIEWPOINT

**E** ADDINGTON HOUSE should be in the news again—not because it has been closed as a Day Nursery, but because it is now the centre of wanton and wilful destruction. Your money and mine is being thrown away through the ripping up of floors, the pulling out of fireplaces, stoves and lavatories; the firing of the stairs; the dismantling and

removal of wooden cupboards—through a lack of our own interest and the interest of the local authority. From day to day those of us who try to keep the invading army out are met with abuse and much discomfort and the question as to whether we have any civic interest or pride does arise. Have we?

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## NEWS

### for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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You will remember the Rest Centre which was built, but never used, during the war years. You will remember that this Rest Centre was almost completely demolished by un-authorised demolition squads—but do you know that this Rest Centre and the Aiddington House was made possible only through your contribution to the National and Local Rates!

We experienced the Rest Centre; the local authority experienced the Rest Centre; and yet we have apparently failed to gain by this experience. We remain content to 'look on' and wag our heads and say, one to another, "Another window gone" or "They are walking off with the stove now".

On a number of occasions we have taken up this matter with the police and, on at least one occasion, the matter has been raised with the

local authority. This appears to have had little result and we do now feel that it 'all depends on us'.

What can we do; in what way can we be more effective than the police or more authoritative than the local authority?

The answer depends entirely upon us. We may now realize that much as we have a personal interest in our own home we also have a personal interest in our neighbourhood and in the protection of all that is the result of our own contribution.

If we will not allow our children to break our own windows, or pull to pieces our own furniture, why do we allow children—yours and mine—to break up something which is equally yours—and mine?

Through our combined interest we can, and must, protect the assets which are ours—is it too much to ask?

### FREE AND EASY

The next Free and Easy will be on May 20th.

Come along to this one and be sure you will have a happy time.

### SOCIAL

A Social organized by the Gay Forties will be held on Saturday evening, May 26th, at 7.30 p.m.

### YOUTH CLUB

An outing to Southend is being planned on June 3rd.

Eric Roe, who has served as treasurer and chairman of the Youth Club Committee, has now left to join the R.A.F. Good luck!

W. Thorne was the winner of the Boys Darts Tournament.

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## BOXING

The open Boxing Tournament organized by The Watling Association Boxing Club and held on Friday the 13th April proved to be a great success.

Although the Hall at the White Lion held a great many people, a hall twice the size could have been filled as there were so many requests for tickets at the last moment.

To all those many people who helped in so many different ways the Club Committee would like to extend their thanks.

The Boxing Season is near its end now but it is hoped to start the season off well next year with an even greater show.

Five Guineas has been donated to the Association Building Fund by the Boxing Club.

## WANTED

House to house or street collectors for Sailors Day, Tuesday 29th May. Please help. You can collect a few days before the 29th if you wish.

**On 29th May the Neighbours are having a coach trip to Margate.**

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Class E.—Over 9 and under 18 months.

Class F.—Twins under 2 years.

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 19th**

Birth Certificates to be produced.

Entrance fee: 6d. per baby.

No baby can enter more than one class.

ENTRANCE FORM to be filled in and returned with fee to Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, before Saturday, June 16th.

I wish to enter.....

(Full name of baby or babies in  
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for the Baby Show.

Date of birth.....

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## CARNIVAL DAY JUNE 16th

There has been a definite increase in entries for this year's Carnival procession of the national advertisers. Possible entries so far received:

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The route will be extended this year to include parts of Mill Hill and Edgware.

### "Carnival Queen"

Why not enter ?

You could be our Queen.

The Hendon and Finchley Times are going to run the heats of the Carnival Queen through photographs in the paper and the final will be announced later. Full details will be printed in the Edgware and Mill Hill Times.

Our Festival "CARNIVAL PARADE" this year is sponsored by the Edgware and Mill Hill Times.

## The Carnival Parade

Saturday, June 16th, 1951

Prizes are offered for each Class. Judging will take place at 2 p.m. Competitors MUST be in position by that time to qualify.

- Class 1 Decorated Vehicle.
- 2 Adult—Individual Costume.
- 3 Child—Individual Costume.
- 4 Adult—Decorated pedal cycle.
- 5 Child—Decorated pedal cycle.

I wish to enter the Carnival Parade Competition.

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# LUCKY

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WILLIAM A. JOHNSON

It all happened within a few minutes—life and death, and it was all my fault—at least I thought so afterwards— But judge for yourself.

I was walking briskly along the main street, minding my own business, and although it had begun to snow, to me it was a fine day, and I had every reason to be pleased with myself, for this was my lucky day.

The Boss had, that morning, informed us all that the fuel shortage would necessitate us all going home for at least a week, and he promised us full pay.

I was pondering, that Monday morning, on my luck. The chaps at the office call me Lucky. They say I have a way with the opposite sex, and that I am a good mixer. Well, I do know that I mix good luck with bad, and that evens luck out a bit.

Without being smug, I consider I am a smart-looking chap—I ought to be, I was a Commando. The office chaps say the Army lifted my stomach up a foot or two, and made my chest swell. One or two of the office staff consider the swelling went to my head—funny sense of humour some people have.

It's funny how things happen to me. Why only last week I made a miscalculation at my place of employment. It was only a fraction of a penny, but fortunately one of my colleagues discovered and corrected the error. Now a fraction of a penny at a big wholesaler, could have lost the firm a pretty penny, but there again was bad luck in making the mistake, and good luck in discovering and correcting the error, so that evened luck out again.

I know how I came to slip up on that. I was deep in thought about a lovely girl I had met at a dance the previous Saturday—I am meeting her again next Saturday. So there again I was lucky in meeting her. I noticed she wore a wedding ring on the third finger of her left hand. But why should I worry? If I do happen to be unlucky enough to meet her husband, I must use my plausible tongue to extricate myself, and that will straighten my luck out again.

They say I am lucky because I win the office football sweepstake more than anyone else, but they forget the weeks I pay my shilling and lose, which of course is bad luck.

Well, as I was saying, I was walking along the main street, minding my own business, when I saw her coming towards me. She was blonde, she wore a perky hat on the side of her head, and she was extremely pretty.

I was getting quite close to her now. I stared at her hard. She was very beautiful, and as I passed her by, she gazed at me, met my eyes—and, she winked. Yes, she deliberately winked. There was no doubt about it. I stopped in my tracks to get a back view of this beautiful creature. There she stood gazing into a shop window. Luck was with me again.

I went a few steps towards her, with the intention of working on that old one of having met somewhere before. She then looked towards me again, and there was no doubting it, she winked again.

I was a little shocked to say the least. Surely this beautiful girl who looked so sophisticated, so prim and proper, who looked and dressed so superior, couldn't be so cheap. But she did wink. Yes, she winked twice—and, at me.

Well, there was only one thing to do—follow her. This I did, and after proceeding twenty or thirty yards, she looked round at me, yes, there was no mistaking her, she looked at me, and although I was not absolutely certain, mark you, but I think she winked again.

She now stood by the kerb awaiting an opportunity to cross the road. I stopped by the kerb and did likewise. She crossed the road and hurried along the main street. I followed, and by increasing my speed the distance between us began to shorten. Once again she looked round and quickened her pace, and not to be outdone I put on a bigger spurt. I was getting excited now and enjoying the chase, and couldn't she cover the ground!

She came to the traffic lights. Once more she looked round. Hurriedly she crossed the road . . . she seemed to be panicking . . . headlong across the road she went—straight in front of an oncoming omnibus.

There was a screeching of brakes—a woman's scream . . . the usual confusion . . . a large crowd.

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**QUARTERLY  
GENERAL  
MEETING  
of Members  
May 18th at 8 p.m.**

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**COUNCIL MEETING**

**ELECTIONS.**

Before Mr. Nightingale vacated the chair he conveyed his thanks to all people who had helped him during the past year and also the various Committees.

Mr. Nightingale only vacated the "chair" for a few moments as the Council unanimously voted him as Chairman for the coming year.

*Co-option for Council:* Mr. Henly.

*Executive Committee:* Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. R. Lambert, Mr. G. Feakes, Mr. R. Hathaway, Mr. T. Rogers, Mrs. E. Coleman, Mrs. Ville and Mr. V. Needham.

*Education Committee:* Mr. Leach, Mrs. E. Coleman, Mr. G. Feakes, Mrs. Ville, Mr. S. Lambert.

*Social Committee:* Mrs. R. Lambert, Mr. T. Rogers, Mrs. V. Judd, Mr. T. Allen, Mrs. Myland and Mr. C. Fanthorpe.

*Memorial Committee:* Mr. Kay, Mr. A. R. Lodge, Mrs. V. Judd and Mrs. L. Nyberg.

*Representatives for Mill Hill Social Services Committee:* Messrs. A. R. Lodge and J. Taylor.

*Representatives for Edgware and District Social Services Committee:* Messrs. A. R. Lodge and J. Taylor.

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*Representatives for Personal Service and Distress Fund Committee:* Messrs. A. I. Jones, A. R. Lodge and L. Vear.

*Resident and Tenants' Welfare Officer:* Mr. L. Vear.

**SUGGESTIONS**

The Secretary of the Association is always ready to receive suggestions for the betterment of the Association. Many of our residents and members do, from time to time, think of something they consider may be of interest or benefit to others. We would ask these people to put their thoughts into writing and send them or bring them to the Community Centre.

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**Veterans**—On the 9th of this month the Veterans will be having their Anniversary Party.

Their first party was held 16 years ago, on May 8th, 1935. A membership of over 60 is reported now, but there is still room for more. If you know of anyone over the age of 60 who would like the cheerful atmosphere of the Veterans Club bring them along. The Club meets at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m. Wednesdays, 2 p.m. Thursdays, and 2 p.m. Fridays.



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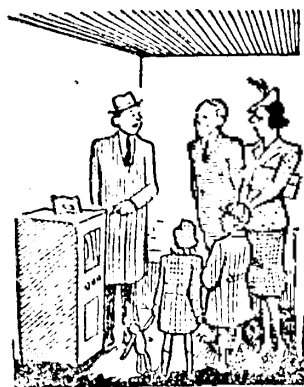
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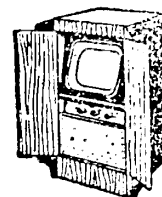
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### "51" CLUB

The membership of the "51" Club is steadily increasing. We have now something like forty-odd members.

The members are showing great interest in their Club. It is hoped that a party will go to the Festival of Britain on Saturday, May 19th.

The tournaments in snooker, table tennis and darts which have been running over the past weeks, are now nearing their end. It is interesting to note that all members of the Club entered for these tournaments.

It was agreed at the last Committee Meeting to lift the age limit of 35.

**Black Year**—Road accidents are steadily increasing. In Great Britain last year the number killed mounted from 4,773 to 5,012 and the injured from 172,006 to 196,313. Child fatalities fell to 868 but the injured increased to 38,912 of whom 8,469 were seriously injured. Please do not let your children play in the roads. We have parks on the Estate. Why not make use of them? Do not let one of your children become one of these unfortunates who are crippled, maimed or even killed in such alarming numbers each year.

## Politics and the Association

THE acceptance of local party political groups as affiliated members of the Association sometimes gives rise to some mis-understanding as to the real purpose of the Association. As most of us are aware the Association was formed through the coming together of the individual residents and local organisations in order to protect and foster the well being of those resident in the Watling area. Regardless of party—or sect—all, who were genuinely interested in their neighbour were encouraged to come together in order to reach a common understanding and agreement on the needs of our area.

Throughout the years the Association has stood firm on two major points and it would be as well for us to remember these.

Firstly, the Association was of the opinion that all individuals and groups had the right to become members of the Association regardless of their particular party politics or religious creed. That these individuals and groups could add to the worth of the Association.

Secondly, there has always been a sincere regard for the non-party nature of the Association. It has been proved on a number of occasions that there is, and can be, no room for any party political twist to our work.

Today we affirm our intention to resist to the full any attempt to use the Association for party political purposes as we also must affirm our intention to continue to embrace all those who have "the common good" at heart.



*Nadia Gray*

Passes on her Ideas.

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## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

The Exhibition of 1851 was confined to London. *The Festival of Britain 1951 will be spread over the whole of the United Kingdom, and every locality will be encouraged to participate and add its own spontaneous and individual activity to the national events.* The keynote of the 1851 Exhibition was industrial and the contribution of material was international. The Festival of Britain will be a British event, telling the story of British contributions to civilisation, partly by a number of nationally planned displays, in each of which the Arts, Science, Architecture and Industrial Design are represented, and partly by locally sponsored activities taking place all over the country, with as many of our men, women and children as possible contributing to them.

It is intended to be something more than this—to be seized upon as an occasion to initiate or complete projects of lasting value to the community, so that the nation as a whole, and each locality within it, may be left a little better off at the close of the year than it was when the year began. In fact, in all the plans now going forward, the emphasis lies in the future and on the creation of amenities and improvements that will remain as witness of the Festival. 1951 should be the starting point from which should spring many new and good things produced by British skill and imagination in the years that lie ahead.

Although the Festival has this serious purpose it will also carry with it an air of gaiety with carnivals on land and water, pageants, dances, fireworks, bonfires and sporting

events throughout the country.

His Majesty the King has assented to the issue of two special British postage stamps to commemorate the Festival. These stamps, 2½d. and 3d., will be placed on sale at all British post offices on the opening day of the Festival and remain on sale until stocks are exhausted.

### GARDEN GUIDE

Now is the time to make your first sowings of dwarf beans and successional sowings of spinach, beet and carrots for summer supply. Plant out early summer cabbages. Pinch tops off broad beans when in full flower. Plant main crop brussel sprouts and cauliflowers.

Seed sowing for wallflower, sweet-william, forget-me-not, fox-gloves and honesty should all be made now. They may be raised quite easily if seed is sown out of doors on a piece of spare ground that has been well broken down to a fine tilth. Make your drills half an inch deep and ten inches apart.

Half hardy annuals (raised under glass in March) which are obtainable at your local nursery should be planted out of doors. Among them are French and African marigolds, cosmos, antirrhinums, petunias, asters and stock.

Weeds are numerous in May and must be destroyed, otherwise they will flower and produce seed. Hoe the ground as much as possible as this will help to keep them down.

Most Gardening Guides, publications, etc., say that during May the lawn should be given a dressing of fertilizer and well watered if in a dry condition. I do not think the latter will be necessary.

Do not forget to sprinkle sulphate of ammonia on your compost heap to assist the rotting process.

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## LADIES' PAGE

### Nadia Gray Passes on her Ideas

FILM star Nadia Gray has just arrived back from Norway where she has been filming location scenes for the new Independent Sovereign picture, "*Valley of the Eagles*". For her role as a Lapp girl the studio hairdresser provided her with plaits—two long switches of hair matched to her own beautiful shade of red and these added pieces of hair gave Nadia ideas for new styles. When the day's shooting was finished she combed out the plaits, re-dressed them in smooth coils and pinned them securely into the nape of the neck.

Stylists in Paris, New York and London are now agreed that longer hair is definitely "in". But the hairdressers are determined we shall not go back to the shaggy shoulder-length styles of former years. The new styles are neat, sculptured close to the head in deep waves, arranged in coils and braids at the nape of the neck. It is, of course, impossible for hair to grow to the required length for many months, and the answer to the problem is added pieces of either real hair or nylon.

This will give men their chance to make the usual remarks about the stupidity of women—cutting their hair short for a season and then having to buy false pieces! But it is a very practical idea. This way you can keep your smart short cut for convenience and comfort, to wear all day at the office—adding a

switch for variety and extra glamour for evenings. And, of course, it is much easier to dress in those lovely and gracious swathes when it is in your hand and not on your head!

Unfortunately, these additional switches of hair—or chignons, as they are called—are still quite expensive. You can, however, achieve the effect by other means. The new forward tilted line in hats calls for back trimming of ribbon loops, or poppy chiffon roses. For evenings, smooth your short ends under bouquets of mixed flowers—a chignon made of camellias stitched all over a piece of net or pom-poms of nylon, looking for all the world like pink candy-floss.

Nadia finds her chignon a perfect base for decoration. She likes to spark it with jewelled ornaments. This month's photograph (see page 10) shows one of her favourite evening styles—hair piled loosely at the back with two wing-shaped diamond clips pinned above and below the ear.

She had several other ideas for evening wear; a string of tiny artificial daisies threaded one through the other in a chain and wound in and out of the chignon. A long row of pearls outlining the chignon and looped up over one ear; haloed round the head in double braids and studded here and there with a single jewel; twin pins with large jewelled heads stabbed through the chignon.

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## QUIZ

1. In London during the Festival of Britain, what are the hours the South Bank Exhibition will be open?
2. And from what age will children be admitted half-price?
3. A new London landmark; when you see the Skylon will you know how high it is?
4. X—which was the first film classified like that?
5. As I was saying to you, this penny is bigger than a shilling—how many coins in the sentence?
6. How old was Brumas on November 27th last?
7. Is the obverse of a coin or medal the back or front?
8. Which fruit is merry, which vegetable obviously ready for a race, and which flower most likely to go hiking?
9. Johann Rudolph Wyss wrote a book everyone has heard of—title?
10. For what purpose is a quad useful to printers?

Answers on page 14.

## TALENT FINALS

April 27th saw the Wesley Hall absolutely full. The Judges had a difficult task to select the First, Second and Third. Their selection was very fair one and met with approval.

Shelia Dixon was the Winner and received a leather writing case from Mrs. Warden who presented the prizes. Raymond Hicks and Sylvia Woolridge who were second and third respectively received a Conway Stewart writing set each. Every contestant of the Final received a gift.

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The Canadian and United States Brides' Parents Association Branch at The Centre has been active during the Winter. In spite of the very indifferent weather, which seems to be at its worst Monday evenings our meetings have been loyally attended by a large attendance each week. Their efforts receive the sincere thanks of the officers.

The social evenings which we have every month are very much enjoyed by all and to our surprise Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Nyberg and daughter Betty gave us an excellent performance of The Three Char-Ladies in costume and character. Mrs. Nyberg's efforts arranging these evenings are appreciated by all.

During April we said "Au Revoir" to Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Mauld who are off to the U.S.A. to meet their daughters and families once again. We will miss them but they have the very sincere good wishes from us all on their forthcoming re-unions. A safe and happy journey to them till we meet again.

To our good friends who attend to, and bring the refreshments, also to our pianists we offer our sincere thanks.

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I stood like a gaping schoolboy. I lowered my head, and on the ground all I could see were dozens of pairs of shuffling boots and shoes, and then the ambulance . . . the commanding voice of the policeman.

The policeman's notebook was thrust under my nose. Did I see the lady cross the road? Did I see the accident?

Yes, I saw the lady cross the road, and I saw the accident, and in due course I was summoned to attend the inquest. The next-of-kin gave evidence of identification.

The Coroner asked a few routine questions. Was the deceased healthy? Did she have fits of giddiness? Was her hearing good? Did she have good eye-sight?

Her father, terribly distressed, answered the questions. His daughter had good ears and eyes, and she didn't have fits of giddiness.

There was a pause—the Coroner rustled his papers—his scratching pen recorded his questions and answers, and once again I pondered, and suddenly I realized that there was a snag in my philosophy of good luck straightening out bad luck—for the dead girl, anyway.

For when the Coroner looked up from his papers to further question the dead girl's father, I realized that I had, indirectly, been the cause of her death. I had misinterpreted her thoughts and meaning entirely. She was hurrying because she was confused and embarrassed—she was hurrying because she was scared of me—scared stiff. Her father's next words explained it all. He simply added that his daughter had one slight affliction—she had a permanent wink.

THE END

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**HAVE YOU NOTICED**

That some of the Estates old trees are being felled? Many of these trees certainly look dangerous and are well out of the way.

That many new type metal gates have been provided and that new oak posts are being put in where the old ones have rotted away?

That there is a new mechanical sweeper going round the roadways now. This sweeper gets rid of all those stones, broken glass etc., that are often found in little piles beside the gutter, by spreading them evenly all over the road thus giving cyclists great sport by trying to dodge the broken glass.

That the number of Rag & Bone merchants on the Estate are increasing. As we all know rags and woollens are in great demand now, so much so two rival merchants were seen fighting in Abbots Road.

That the Public Conveniences in Watling Park are in a disgusting state inside, owing to the fact that the children now use them as a playground.

That the front of the Centre has been well dug over by an old gentleman. All that is needed now is a few cuttings from some of your plants.

**HAVE YOU ANY?**

Answers to Quiz on page 13.

- (1) 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.
- (2) From 5 to 15 years. (3) 300 feet.
- (4) Life Begins Tomorrow. (5) Three—the "as" is a Roman one. (6) One year old. (7) The front. (8) Black cherry, called merry; runner bean and a Rambler. (9) Swiss Family Robinson. (10) For spacing.

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## VIEWPOINT

The Watling Community Association is concerned with the needs of the Watling district and must press to the utmost the claims of many thousands of Hendon residents for a more adequate Community Centre.

The early endeavours of the residents resulted in the present portion of the Centre being built and we feel that a more material recognition

of our worth is long overdue.

For too long have we been frustrated through our inadequate buildings; for too long has the membership of the Association suffered through our inability to provide more fully for Watling; for too long has our large volume of uneconomic, but essential welfare work continued without its due recognition. Cont. next page.

## NEWS

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Whilst recognising the needs of other Hendon neighbourhood units, we must also recognize our own needs and make further efforts to satisfy them.

Yet the Borough Council, itself, has a responsibility which it must not be allowed to forget—it is responsible for the many thousands of Watling residents who are an important part of the Borough and we now ask, "Is the Hendon Borough Council prepared to take some immediate decision on the necessary Grant Aid to the Watling Com-

munity Association and so give a welcome lead to Watling?"

When one considers the unlimited and unselfish service which has been so freely given by residents in the past—and now—is it too much to ask for £4,000.

We have received assurances in the past that something would be done and we are sure the time has come when the Borough Education Officer and Mr. Edwards, Middlesex Area Officer for Community Associations, must finally press for something other than assurances.

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Throughout the years, the Resident has maintained its contact with the residents and the Watling Association. Many increased in printing costs have been experienced by the Resident Committee and all these increases have resulted in economies being made rather than in an increase in the price. Today, however, we are faced with increased costs which cannot be met by economies—particularly since economies may seriously affect the value of the Resident—and we are reluctantly forced to raise the price of the Resident to 3d. per month, from July of this year.

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We have been very fortunate in having had visits from two local councillors who told us about the work being done for our borough.

From Councillor Sharpe we learnt of the far-reaching improvements which have been effected in the hospital services since the introduction of the New Health Act and of the better conditions which are inducing more girls to train for nursing.

Councillor Chown told us something of the work of a borough councillor. The very efficient sewerage system serving Hendon was explained to us. We learned how the power for the whole of Mogden, where the sewage is utilized and disposed of, is provided by the methane gas chemically produced from the sewage. Nothing is wasted. The water is drained away, purified and put to useful purposes and the sludge turned into the finest fertilizer, famous all over the world.

We were very glad to hear about the work of one of our members, Mr. Brixey, who is a foreman at Kemp's Biscuit Factory. Samples were brought, which, after being

eaten, were voted very good.

The courage and fortitude of the Blind was brought home to us by a talk by Mrs. Burville. These brave people, of whom her husband is one, instead of complaining, do all they can to help others, thereby making themselves happy also. We were very conscious of our own lack of courage on far too many occasions after our Speaker's visit and are determined to mend our ways.

### BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

New members are being enrolled and attendance is very good.

During April a talk was given by a grandson of Crosse of Crosse and Blackwell. Everyone enjoyed this most interesting talk.

An outing to Guinness's Brewery proved to be a great success. The Social on the 14th of April was very well attended.

Handicraft classes are held at the Centre. The Handicraft advisor is Mrs. Makay.

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## BUILDING FUND

We have to move with our Building Fund and one positive way in which we can raise money is through the collection and sale of paper, rags, wool, etc.

All residents are asked to collect waste materials for the Community Centre Building Fund.

**PLEASE HELP US.**

If you have something for us let us know now. We will collect from you.

*Mystery Trip by  
Coach - June 29th*

For Details call to see the  
Social Secretary at the  
Centre.

## VEGETABLE GARDEN

Make a sowing of main crop Carrots for storing. Plant our Ridge Cucumbers, Marrows, and Tomatoes early in the month. Continue to plant Cabbages for late summer supplies. Celery should be planted out in prepared trenches towards middle of the month. Keep them well watered and dust with weathered soot at weekly intervals, against Celery Fly. Give dressing of Nitrate of Soda to autumn sown Onions and water in if soil is dry, repeat in three weeks' time and make it final. Life Shallots as soon as leaves turn yellow, leave them to dry and store.

Earth up main crop Potatoes. If you fork between the rows first, this operation is made easier.

## WISE SPENDING

A leaflet shortly to be issued by the Hendon Savings Committee commences with "More and more people are finding it necessary to save, not only for the future but to help them to spend wisely for their present requirements".

The leaflet then goes on to appeal for assistance in running Street Savings Groups.

The need for Saving is greater, perhaps, than ever before and anyone who is prepared to act as a Street Collector is asked to contact the Secretary of the Watling Community Association.

Look out for the National Savings entry in our Grand Carnival Parade on June 16th.

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## A BIGGER WATLING CENTRE

IN 1939 a completed Watling Centre was almost a "fait accompli", the Middlesex County Council having practically agreed, to make the Watling Association a capital grant of £10,000, the sum necessary to build the remaining buildings, i.e., large hall, gymnasium, etc. Alas the war came and as the Scotsman would say "bang went saxeence".

At the end of the war, owing to the Nation's poor financial position, no capital grants were made for the building of community centres, but in 1948 things became a little easier. The Association then considered the question of enlarging its building and plans were prepared for a small extension to the present hall, additional dressing and toilet rooms and a couple of extra committee rooms. The nature of these planned alterations was guided by the requirements which were necessary to bring the hall up to full licensing standard. An application for a grant of £3,960 was, therefore, made to the Middlesex County Council but again the Association was unfortunate. Four days before the application was due for discussion Circular 209 was issued by the Ministry of Education banning further capital grants towards the building of community centres.

This ban, however, was lifted to a degree during the latter part of 1950 and all applications for grants, in so far as Hendon is concerned, have to be made to the Hendon Borough Council who will recommend, as considered fit, to the Middlesex County Council. The Association, therefore, made application for a grant of £3,960 on the 26th January this year on similar lines as its previous application to the Middlesex County Council. In reply to this application a letter has been received from the Hendon Borough

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Council to the effect that the Association's application is being referred to the appropriate sub-committee for consideration and the matter was, therefore, discussed at some length, at the Watling Association Council Meeting held on 4th May, last.

The Chairman of the Council intimated that, whilst it was always dangerous to pre-judge a matter which was sub-judice, he was of the opinion that preferential treatment was likely to be given to community associations who do not possess a building of their own and are, therefore, compelled to function in school buildings. He felt that there was a lot to be said for this but, in view of the fact that the Watling Association had been in existence for more than twenty-one years and was one of the first community associations to be formed it was entitled to a large measure of consideration. He, therefore, urged the Council to pass a resolution instructing its Executive Committee to submit immediately to the Hendon Borough Council, a specially prepared memorandum which might include the following points:

(1) The Watling Association has proved itself to be a real community association and has never been found wanting during the whole of its 22 years' existence. Many activities have had to be held in other premises away from the Centre and other proposed activities have had to be turned down owing to lack of accommodation.

(2) Normally some 1,500 people use the Watling Centre each week and this figure has been known to reach over 2,000.

(3) During the whole of its existence the Watling Association has only had one capital grant for building purposes, a small sum of

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Bigger Watling centre *continued.*

£400. Excluding the Organizing Secretary's salary the Watling Centre costs some £1,200 a year to run and this sum is raised by voluntary effort.

(4) Many of the Association's activities bring in no income as no rents are charged, e.g., Veterans' Club, Blind Club, Dressmaking and Handicrafts classes, Poor-man's Lawyer, M.P. and Councillors' Enquiry Service, etc. These activities are all part and parcel of the Association's effort to foster the well-being of the people of Watling and district.

(5) The Association's voluntary helpers for all purposes number approximately 100.

(6) The Watling Centre is considered to be the model community centre and visitors from all over the world are advised to see the Centre in action and to seek the Association's advice on matters of community centre organization. During the past year the Association has had visits from the committees of newly formed community associations from Ilford, Willesden, Elstree, Loughton and Bromley. Other visitors came through or from the British Council National Federation of Community Associations, W.R.A.C., Germany, Denmark, Chile, Holland, Sweden, U.S.A., India and Nyassaland.

(7) Owing to the war the Association lost a capital grant of £10,000—surely it is not asking for the moon in their request for a small extension to the Centre.

(8) The planned alterations will enable the Centre to meet all the entertainment licensing requirements.

Preparation of a memorandum for submission to the Hendon Borough Council is now in hand, and you can rest assured that the Association will continue to press until Watling gets its bigger Centre.

## **CARNIVAL SOCIAL**

in COMMUNITY CENTRE

June 16th at 7.30 p.m.

### **BLIND CLUB**

The Edgware & District Blind Social Club arranged an enjoyable evening Social at the Watling Community Centre, Burnt Oak, on Friday, 27th April, in order to form an Evening Club for those blind people living in the area who are working during the day.

All blind people in the district were invited, and despite the inclement weather the attendance was quite good.

Mr. Sterling, the Home Visitor, opened the proceedings by explaining the reason for this gathering. He then introduced Miss Moody Stuart, who represented the Middlesex Association for the Blind, she wished all success to this new venture. After the refreshments had been handed round those present were then entertained by the members of the Deansbrook Social Club to a very bright and jolly show.

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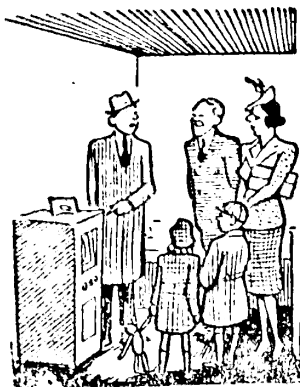
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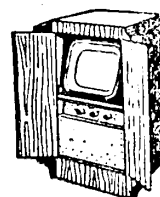


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## OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE

Mrs. M. Poynter, Organizing Secretary of the Borough of Hendon Old People's Welfare, has asked if any members of the Youth Council could be interested in performing small acts of kindness for the many old people in the Borough who are confined to their homes through illness, or old age, and who in many cases are left entirely alone.

Members would be helping in a field where there is still a tremendous amount to be done, and perhaps enabling some person who has lost all interest in life to regain a measure of enjoyment through many of the facilities which are available for the aged. Help with regard to shopping, collecting the Pension, changing library books, or explaining some

small difficulty which may have arisen in the daily round and which may have assumed enormous proportions to the old person because there has been no one to talk it over with. As time goes on, and a young person has been visiting regularly, Mrs. Poynter is quite sure that they will find that a genuine friendship will develop in a lot of cases, and if they can go a step further and perhaps offer an occasional visit to have tea, members will find that they have been responsible for entirely changing the old person for the better and giving once again an incentive to live. Offers of help should be made direct to Mrs. Pointer, 130 Station Road, N.W.4.

## POST BAG

### Malicious Damage to Street Lamps.

At the meeting of the Borough Council held on the 23rd ultimo, the Chairman of the Highways Committee made a statement with regard to malicious damage to street lamps which has occurred in the Borough in recent months. He informed the Council that between 25th February and 11th March, 1951—a period of only two weeks—16 sodium lamps and 11 metal filament lamps were damaged and the total cost of replacement was approximately £16. In the period from 11th March to 18th April, 14 sodium lamps and 32 metal filament lamps were seriously damaged and put out of commission. One lamp near Burnt Oak Broadway was broken four times in a few weeks. The Eastern Electricity Board have in the past carried out replacements of damaged lamps and equipment without cost to the Council but have not stated that they can no longer carry this burden and that the cost of repairing any further damage must be borne by the Council. This expenditure will, of course, be reflected in the rates.

During the particular periods referred to, the damage took place mainly in Cool Oak Lane, Colindeep Lane and Sturgess Avenue, along the public footpath from Endersleigh Gardens to Colin Crescent, on the Broadfields Estate, at Mill Hill East and in various parts of Edgware, but a certain amount of damage is continuously taking place in various parts of the Borough. Much of the damage appears to be done with air guns and catapults, but there are many cases of damage to lamp columns by the prising open of the control boxes and wrecking of the mechanism inside.

The Council are most concerned at the extent of the wilful damage, the inconvenience and possible danger caused to residents and the expense involved in keeping the street lamps in commission, and they seek the co-operation of the public in an effort to reduce the amount of damage of this kind. As part of this effort they have instructed me to approach all Residents' and Ratepayers' Associations in the Borough, and I accordingly write to ask that you will be good enough to bring this matter to the notice of your members in the hope that they will do everything in their power to prevent the wilful damage to public property.

Yours faithfully,  
TOWN CLERK.

I have no doubt that we the "Housewives" could bring the prices of many things down. If a few hundred or even a thousand of us refused to buy things we know to be too dear then the prices would come down I am sure. I have stopped buying bundles of firewood which are sold at threepence a bundle.

Why not write or tell the Editor the things you think are too dear; he could put a list of them, and then we could all stop buying until they are sold at reasonable prices.

"HOUSEWIFE.."

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What encouragement does the L.C.C. give their tenants to do decorations themselves in between the times that they think necessary to do them?

When we moved in, 9 years ago, none were done, so that for the first 7 years we did our kitchen with good quality paint, then a decorator was sent to do the whole house and whatever paint he was given to use, has, in the course of 18 months, just peeled and split the other layers of paint back to the original one when the house was built.

When I applied to have it put right, I was told, the place was nice and clean and they would consider whether it could be done later when all the other repairs have been got through.

I am now wondering:

1. When will that be, in 20 years time?
2. Would I have got it done, if I had been dirty and the place deplorable?
3. How many tenants possess a blow-lamp to strip such rubbish off, for that's what it will need before any more can be put on?

Just Puzzled.

Name and Address Supplied.

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JUNE 17th at 7.30 p.m.

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## CHILDREN

Dear Children,

The dull, cold days of Spring have not prevented Nature from beautifying the earth. All over the countryside, in our gardens and parks the trees, hedges and grass are clothed in their new green dresses and everywhere, the wild flowers have added their lovely colours to the green.

Now that June is here we may hope for some sunny days and will rejoice the more for their having been delayed. Holiday-time will soon be here, when there will be opportunities for enjoying all the good things Nature provides for us—free; fresh air; sunshine; the trees; the flowers and the companionship of our friends.

Sun is very necessary for all young creatures and children so make good use of all the time you can of your week-ends and evenings out in the warm sunshine.

Many of you, I hope, will be able to visit the Festival of Britain. Do see the lights also, and a trip on the River Thames in the water bus would be a delight to be long remembered.

Many sunny days to you all—filled to the brim with happiness.

Your friend,

BROWN OWL.

## "SITUATIONS VACANT"

"Resident" sellers, Canteen helpers, volunteers for helping do one of the many jobs that are always wanting to be done here in the Association.

Wages—Nil, rising regularly to double. Reward—the satisfaction of doing a very useful job of work for yourself and the Community.

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our May Breakfast was held on 6th May, when old friendships with Members of other Schools were renewed. Among our visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Vear, also Mrs. Durant, to whom we extend our congratulations and good wishes on her appointment as Secretary of the N.W.F., with many thanks for the great help given to us during the years she was with us. We are glad that Mr. and Mrs. Lord are better and were able to be with us on this happy morning.

The splendid breakfast was provided by our friends of the social committee to whom we are most grateful.

Mr. Sangree, a Congregational Minister from Buffalo, U.S.A., now serving Eversfield Church—spoke on "Christianity" which he likened to the Boulder Dam on the Colorado River, which redirects energies, which would otherwise be wasted, into good and useful channels.

Mrs. Simms, an Adult School Member for many years, was warmly welcomes as one of the ladies, who, fifty years ago, embroidered the Banner held by our School for having enrolled most new Members during the past year.

Mrs. Currie Martin has told us of the life of T. H. Huxley, the British scientist whose chief work was as

the exponent of the doctrine of evolution and whose essays and lectures greatly influenced scientific progress and freedom of thought. He was president of the Royal Society in 1881 and died in June, 1895.

Miss Henriques is giving us a series of three lectures, the first of which was about the British writer, H. G. Wells, who dealt equally well with educational, scientific, political and social problems. His scientific mind could see Man's possibilities and the heights to which he could rise—but would not—and suffered great disappointment thereby which affected his later novels.

We are very grateful to the Women's Committee who shared with us a useful discussion on "Change in Parental Control". We hope they will come again soon.

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We look forward, during June, to a talk to be given by Mr. Vear and to our outing to Clacton.

## WHAT DO YOU NEED?

From time to time we have discussions on the needs of the Watling residents and on almost every occasion reference is made to Discussion Groups, Worker's Educational Classes, Debates, evening Dressmaking Groups, etc.

Before any of these groups can be started it is necessary to know of those residents who might be interested and we do appeal to all those who wish to take part in something of this nature to make their wishes known to the secretary of the Association.

ADULT

## FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN Film Show at Exhibition of Science S. Kensington Exhibition

A SERIES of programmes of scientific films from British and Commonwealth sources has been arranged in the South Kensington Science Exhibition cinema at hourly intervals from 1 p.m. each day. This cinema seats 100. The programmes will continue for five months.

The planners of the Science Exhibition of the Festival of Britain realized that many aspects of science could be illustrated by films, especially as the application of cinematography to scientific projects is a field in which Britain holds a leading position.

The Festival's Science Directorate asked a number of leading people associated with scientific cinematography to assist in selecting the films. The first programmes are listed below.

These programmes contain films varying widely in style and content.

"Challenge — Science Fights Against Cancer", the National Film Board of Canada's film, dramatizes a world problem in medical research, and is also of great interest as an example of film making.

"Atomic Physics" has been seen publicly in London before; but this classic of scientific films is always in demand. (It is appropriate that Lord Rutherford and Sir J. J. Thomson should speak again through the medium of the film to visitors to the Exhibition of Science.)

Other programmes will include a film on the research work of Dr. R. G. Canty, the pioneer in cinematography, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; short films on the work of Professor Blackett on cosmic rays; and of Sir Edward Appleton on the radio-waves emitted by sunspots.

"Introduction to the Frog", made by the Gaumont British Instructional Co., will also be shown in a later programme.

Copies of the films have been provided for the Exhibition by the industrial firms which sponsored them.

Admission to the Exhibition is 2s.

There is no extra charge for admission to the cinema.

## Festival Parade

### Route

Deansbrook Road  
Lyndhurst Avenue  
Bunns Lane  
Hale Lane  
Green Man  
Deans Lane  
Orange Hill Road  
Watling Avenue  
Blundell Road  
Montrose Avenue  
Burnt Oak Broadway  
Deansbrook Road  
Community Centre

### ANGLING

If you are interested in angling call to see Mr. Robinson, Tuesday evenings in the "Hut" at the rear of the L.C.C. office in Deansbrook Road entrance is in Deans Lane.

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Our Festival "CARNIVAL PARADE" this year is sponsored by the Edgware and Mill Hill Times.

## The Carnival Parade

Saturday, June 16th, 1951

Prizes are offered for each Class. Judging will take place at 2 p.m. Competitors MUST be in position by that time to qualify.

- Class 1 Decorated Vehicle.  
2 Adult—Individual Costume.  
3 Child—Individual Costume.  
4 Adult—Decorated pedal cycle.  
5 Child—Decorated pedal cycle.

I wish to enter the Carnival Parade Competition.

Name(s) .....

Address .....

Society .....

Class(es) .....

Date .....

To be returned to Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware.

## Watling Community Association

### B A B Y S H O W *Sponsored by Edgware & District Post*

Class A.—Under 9 months.

Class B.—Over 9 and under 18 months.

Class C.—Over 18 months and under 2½ years.

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

The following three classes are open to all:—

Class D.—Under 9 months.

Class E.—Over 9 and under 18 months.

Class F.—Twins under 2 years.  
*Ages as on day of Show.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 19th

Birth Certificates to be produced.

Entrance fee: 6d. per baby.

No baby can enter more than one class.

ENTRANCE FORM to be filled in and returned with fee to Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, before Saturday, June 16th.

I wish to enter. ....

(Full name of baby or babies in Block Capitals)

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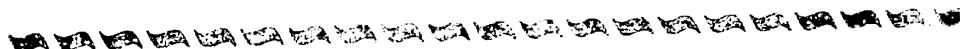
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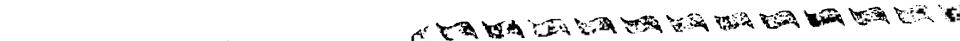
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TWENTY-FOUR YEARS IN WATLING

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## VIEWPOINT

THE financial burden of the service and welfare work of the Association, although such work has been for the whole of the Watling Estate, has always fallen upon the shoulders of the members of the Community Association and we feel the time as come when local residents face up to this burden.

The past has proved the need and value of an Association which is prepared and able to support the many needs of the residents and we can be sure the future will still hold such a need and value.

Approximately 400 residents are paying the Community Association 6/- a year—not because they are able to obtain a very, very limited use of the Community Centre, but because they feel they have some responsibility one to another and they are prepared to share that responsibility.

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## NEWS

### for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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We ask you, if you are not a member, to consider your own needs. Had you been alone, in March of last year, would you have been able to successfully deal with the proposed change in the method of rate collection. Would you have been able to pay your rates half yearly in advance ?

This is one of the instances which does so clearly show the need for the Community Association, as it is an

instance of an expenditure for correspondence, circulars, etc. which had to be born by the 400—and not born by the thousands of non-members of the Association who benefited.

There are many other instances of the need and worth of the Association. Why don't you come and help us carry the load? You can, if you will.—Will you?

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## B A B Y S H O W

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The 22nd. Annual Baby Show of the Commnity Association was held with some success in June.

135 entries for the Show were received and, even though it was a wet day, almost the entire number of entrants were judged by Drs. Waxman, Cohen and Esterman.

Winners :-

Best Baby in the Show.	Pamela Galey, 113 Booth Road, Colindale,
Class A.	Rosalyn Doyle, 27 Silkstream Road, Edgware.
Class B.	Carol Warburton, 139 Banstock Rd., Edgware.
Class C.	Doreen Carnell, 212 Dansbrook Rd., Edgware.
Class D.	Phillip Wright, Golders Manor Drive, N.W.11.
Class E.	Pamela Galey.
Twins.	Michael and Terence Baker, 287 Watling Ave.

The Association wishes to express its thanks to Messrs. N. Lewis, Angus Keen, A. E. Steele, Woolworths, Tanare, Edgware Post, etc. for prizes and also the many helpers who freely gave their services.

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Come along and bring  
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Wednesday, 4th July

## Record Dance

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Beginners Welcome

## VETERANS GO GAY

On Tuesday, 22nd May, 55 Gay Young old folks from the Veterans Club met at the Centre for an outing to Herne Bay. The weather was damp but not their spirits, which is typical of these grand old folks at all functions run for their benefit.

Two coaches were booked and with four lady helpers making the total of 59, a start was made at about 9 a.m.. For their benefit, the route taken was via Southwark to enable them to get a glimpse of the Festival of Britain. From there on the weather improved and after the usual halt at Rainham, Herne Bay was reached at about 1 p.m. where the party had a really pleasant time.

At 5.30 p.m. the return journey commenced but letting you into a little secret not straight home for with the kindly co-operation of the two Coach Drivers the party made their way to the pretty little Kentish village of Shorne where mine host and his wife were waiting to greet them, here again, a very happy time was spent by all, including liquid refreshment and Ham and Egg rolls, whilst music was provided on the piano by a local resident and the Veterans certainly gave a very good account of themselves vocally. I gather that the time went all too quickly and the Centre was finally reached at 9.45 p.m., where one and all expressed their appreciation for a lovely day's outing with special thanks to the Organiser, Mr. Lodge and Mesdames Lodge, Roblou, Rogers and Minn who accompanied them on the journey.

Thanks also were expressed to the Coach Drivers for their kindness and a very comfortable journey. I hear that a similar outing at a later date in the year has been voted for. All connected with the arrangements agree that their efforts are well worth while when they see what pleasure the old folks get from such an outing.

C.J.R.

## Piano Tuning and Repairs

TERMS MODERATE

**T. A. BESWICK**

83 OAKLANDS GROVE  
LONDON, W.12

Have you seen a Soviet Film? If not, then here is your opportunity on July 21st. The British Soviet Friendship Society is presenting a film, with English sub-titles, at the "Watling Centre" and we are sure that you will be surprised and delighted by the romantic and musical "The Distant Bride," the story of which is centred in far-off Turkmania, North of Persia.

Here you see the National Dances, hear the singing, and watch the new life of the two soldiers returned from the front unfold itself, with rivalry and jealousy mingled, with the enthusiasm for the honour to win the great horse-race of the season, which would surpass any Ascot meeting, for thrills and excitement."

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### Vegetable Garden—July

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Herbs, such as Thyme, Sage and Parsley, that are required for winter use, should be cut just before they come into flower. Tie them into small, loose bunches and suspend in a warm, airy place and dry thoroughly before storing. Continue to remove side shoots from Tomatoes and remove top of main stem from plants growing out of doors, when four trusses of fruit are set. Give plenty of water at this stage and a dressing of artificial manure every 14 days.

### BURNT OAK PEACE COMMITTEE

Present at the

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### Flower Garden

During this month the Flower Garden reaches its full beauty. Most of the flowering shrubs are over, but flower beds and borders are ablaze with colour. The Tulips will have died down by now and should be lifted, cleaned and stored, for replanting in the Autumn. Daffodils, Crocus and Snowdrops need not be moved unless they become overcrowded. Seeds to sow out of doors are Canterbury Bell, all Hardy Herbaceous plants, such as Michaelmas Daisy, Golden Rod, etc., cuttings of Pansy and Viola, Catmint, Candytuft (Iberis), Sun Rose, Phlox, Rose, Fuchsia and many others if taken now and inserted in pots or boxes of sandy soil, will form roots and grow. Keep them in partial shade and avoid strong sunlight until rooted. Disbud early flowering Chrysanthemums.

### General

Watering must be done in times of drought. Soak the soil thoroughly once a week in the evening and hoe the following day, it will thus remain moist a few days. Make a search on all garden plants for caterpillars and destroy them by pinching finger and thumb.

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## LADIES' PAGE

### STAR IDEAS

Many film stars have their own special ideas on beauty, a pet hint on clothes care or economy, or a favourite recipe. Here are a few of them from stars who are at present working in British studios.

#### Beauty

Audrey Hepburn is a new young discovery; she likes fresh natural-looking make-up. Her method is to apply powder liberally over a light foundation, patting it firmly in until it disappears. She then whisks over it with a soft complexion brush to remove an excess. To complete the matt but un-powdered appearance she damps a pad of cotton wool with cold water and pats it lightly over her skin. Then she wrings out the cotton wool and gently mops up any dampness. The result is a matt but natural and glowing complexion.

A new way with mascara used by Barbara Murray makes lashes look much longer. Barbara applies mascara sparingly and as dry as possible, before powdering. When she has powdered her face a light dusting has settled on her lashes and she then goes over them again with mascara. This method has to be used very carefully indeed in order to avoid over-doing it and getting an unpleasant cakes or "beady" look. Make sure there is only a light dusting of powder before applying the second coat, and if necessary finish off the process with a dry brush to separate the lashes.

Joan Rice, the young artiste who won a film contract on the

strength of her performance in "Blackmailed," has a special trick with lipstick. She suggests that if you alter your mouth shape slightly, use an extra layer of lipstick on the part which goes beyond the natural outline. This gives it extra density and definition.

#### COOKING

While tinned fruits are scarce, fresh fruit salad is a top favourite, especially now the warmer weather is coming. Many different flavours can be achieved with different fruits as they are in season. Try different combinations of grapes (stoned), oranges (all inner skin and pith removed), pineapples and so on, but remember to add fresh sliced pears, soft apples and sliced banana immediately before serving as they quickly go brown.

For special occasions try Googie Wither's favourite idea. When your fruit salad is prepared mix in a liqueur (Googie likes Orange Curacao) and sprinkle with chopped walnuts. The miniature bottles of liqueurs which you can now buy, are very useful for this purpose.

Glynis Johns, who is now filming in "Appointment With Venus," prepares fresh pineapple for the table by peeling and coring, slicing into rings and then cutting each slice into about six pieces. She then adds castor sugar and leaves overnight in the syrup. The next day she serves it chilled in individual glasses, topped with whipped evaporated milk, or fresh cream when it is available.

Continued next page.

### CLOTHES

There is a new process which gives indestructible pleating to skirts and dresses. Unfortunately the process is not yet used universally, and some accordion pleated skirts do lose their crispness after wear. Susan Shaw has found a way to get her skirts back into shape overnight. She simply draws the skirt through an old stocking (minus the foot) and hangs it up. The next morning the skirt has fallen back into sharp pleats.

Stocking economy is an important point with Petula Clark, the young television, radio and variety artiste. Pet buys three pairs of stockings of the same shade whenever she can. This is a marvellous saving and there is no need to discard the odd sound stocking until you have teamed the six down to the last pair.

Jane Hylton wore a very attractive side-swept hair-style the other day, and with it she was wearing one earring. Jane confessed that she had lost the other, and the hair-style was thought up to save discarding a favourite piece of jewellery.

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### THE GAY FORTIES

This affiliated group, after last year's enjoyable holidaying at Westward Ho! are looking forward to a holiday at Bembridge, Isle of Wight when seventeen members and friends will be holiday camping for two weeks.

During the course of the year the Gay Forties have put on several shows for the old people, the blind club and for other groups in the district.

In accordance with arrangements with the Social Committee the Gay Forties are taking their turn in building up the Saturday Socials and those friends who were at the last successful show will no doubt be looking forward to the next Cabaret Social in September.

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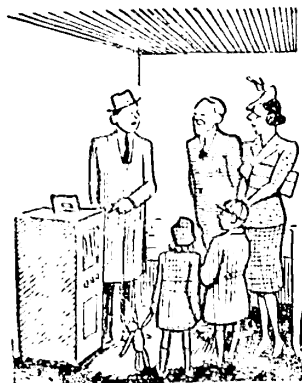
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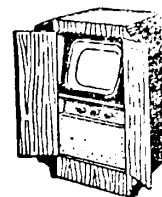


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## Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild

On the 24th May members enjoyed a Cookery Lesson by Miss Leeming on Egg cookery. Some useful recipes were given. Competition Lemon Curd.

5th June—Annual outing to Eastbourne. Two coaches left "The Bald Face Stag" in lovely sunshine. Everyone was very happy and members enjoyed bathing, sea trips and also a bus trip to Beachy Head. A welcome tea at the Co-op, arranged by Mrs. M. Lake, was much appreciated.

7th June—Social afternoon—a "Beetle Drive" and Bring and Buy Stall was held in aid of the Red Cross.

L. C. FRANCIS.

## FREE and EASY

After many attempts to revive the Sunday Free and Easy Socials we have now really got these happy evenings under way. Attendances have increased at each social and by the time this magazine is published the June Free and Easy, which promises to be a bumper one, will be a happy memory.

These functions are taking place on the third Sunday in every month and if you want a good time to put you right for the rest of the week come to the next Free and Easy, and don't forget to bring a friend.

Fred Lake.

## POST BAG

Most of us have wireless sets and it gives us great pleasure to listen to them at times but the thing I am sure we all object to is being forced to listen to other peoples.

Why must they have them so loud? Why must they be so selfish and spoil other people's enjoyment and relaxation?

Thoughtful.  
Deans Lane.

I was most interested in Housewife letter in June Resident and I agree that we could bring down the prices, but will we ever bother? It would take all of us united together, but will we ever be united? Our husbands have Unions and we need them also. A "Housewife's Union" would be a great thing and could do a lot for us.

I am going to refuse to buy fruit that is half ripened and forced, fruit that is far above a reasonable price.

Another Housewife.  
Burnt Oak.

## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class .. ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays) ..	7 p.m.
Boxing Club (Grange Hill School) .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players .. ..	8 p.m.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild (alternate weeks) ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. .. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
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### Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class .. ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday in month) .. ..	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.

### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social .. ..	7.30 p.m.

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## Carnival Winners . . .

### Childrens Costumes—

1. Paul Noad
2. Jean Mason
3. Iris Horn and Joan Tryer

### Decorated Vehicles

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 The Watling Resident

News of the Festival Carnival  
 Parade will appear in next  
 months issue.

## BLIND CLUB MEETING

The first meeting of the Even-  
 ing Section of the Edgware and  
 District Club for the Blind was  
 held on Friday, 1st June, at the  
 Watling Community Centre and  
 took the form of a Social Even-  
 ing.

Musical entertainment was  
 provided by Messrs. Winslow  
 and Hunt on the accordion and  
 at the piano, Mrs. Dyer and Mr.  
 Annison sang a duet and Mr.  
 Annison also led community  
 singing. Games were played and  
 dancing included a statue dance  
 and spot waltz, the winners re-  
 ceiving prizes. Mr. Starling was  
 M.C., with Mr. Benfell and Mr.  
 Dyer acting as assistants.

There were 35 people present,  
 made up of 23 blind and 12  
 guides.

Refreshments were prepared  
 by the Canteen Staff of the Wat-  
 ling Community Centre.

The evening was very success-  
 ful and an enjoyable time was  
 had by all.

## HELPERS' SOCIAL

A happy occasion was the  
 social evening for all helpers as  
 guests of the Watling Commu-  
 nity Association. There were  
 games, novelty items and danc-  
 ing. The fine programme was  
 supervised by Mr. Alf. F. Bou-  
 chard as M.C., with music by  
 Mrs. Violet Walford at the piano,  
 assisted by Mr. Christopher  
 Nolan and Mr. Ken Pratt.

A delightful entertainment  
 was provided by the Embassy  
 Concert Party, produced by Mr.  
 George Cotton, with songs and  
 dancing, conjuring, and an amus-  
 ing hospital sketch.

Awards for a novel selection  
 competition were won by Mr. A.  
 R. Lodge, Mrs. Gray, Mr. M.  
 Artis, Mr. C. Nolan, the Misses  
 Jocelyn Batchelor, Elizabeth  
 Batchelor and Jennifer Nials.  
 Spot dance prizes went to Mrs.  
 C. M. Myland and Mrs. R. F.  
 Griffin, and novelty awards ob-  
 tained by Mesdames Hicks, Pratt  
 and Whiteland.

The event was organised by  
 the social committee.

## WATLING ALLOTTEES

## GRAND WHIST DRIVE

on Saturday, 7th July at 7.30p.m.

2/- with Refreshments

## BUILDING FUND

The Ballroom Dancing Class one  
 of the Educational Groups of the  
 Association, have kindly given a  
 Donation of £2 to the Associations  
 Building Fund.

## DOUBLE TROUBLE

*by*  
W. A. JOHNSON

PETER DOUBLEDAY was haunted from the day of his birth to the day of his death by two's and doubles. He even had a "double" in his name.

It all started, I think, when he was born. He was one of twins, being born at 2 a.m. on the second day of the second month.

It was his mother's second marriage, and he was the second of the twins to be born.

As a boy at school, if he got into a scrap, he got two black eyes. If he had toothache, it was a troublesome double tooth.

He once played right back for the local football team. That meant having a figure two on his jersey. He gave two penalties away, kicked the referee twice, and scored two goals for the opposing side. The spectators called him a double-crossover.

The only time he boxed, they matched him up with a double-fisted fighter, he gave Peter a double punch in the second round, knocked him out for two minutes, and when Peter woke up he had two black eyes, and had lost two double teeth.

On another occasion he was in the local, playing darts. He threw for double two, the dart ricocheted off the dart-board, pierced two of the barmaid's fingers, and she dropped two double whiskies.

As a young man Peter and his brother courted two sisters. That resulted in a 2 o'clock double wedding. He then rented a double-fronted house, bought a double bed, and grew double dahlias.

At the local theatre he applied for a job as a double-bass player. The manager called him a double twirp and threw him out through

the double doors. Peter then collided with a man carrying a double-barrelled gun, the gun exploded, and a passing double-decker bus got a double puncture. There was a fight, Peter got his double-breasted jacket torn off, and finished up in a double-fronted shop window.

Only once did Peter's Boss offer him double pay to work on Sunday—a multiple duplicating machine had to be moved. The foreman called it a double lift—all Peter got out of it was a double rupture.

Then he fancied himself as a cricketer. The first ball Peter hit broke two windows. The second ball hit Peter and broke two fingers.

In a mischievous mood, he entered a restaurant, consumed two dinners, then asked the manager what procedure he adopted in the event of a customer being unable to pay. The Manager replied that he would darn well kick such a person in the pants. Peter promptly bent over and invited the Manager to "take for two".

The manager called him a two-faced monkey—the waitress called him a twicer. The two policemen who arrested him called him a two-timer.

The magistrate who gave him a double sentence—two months—one for each dinner—called him a double-dyed villain.

Nearing the end of his life Peter put £2 on a horse called Double Two in the 2 o'clock race. The horse won at two to one.

Peter celebrated with his best friend by drinking double whiskies, and after the celebration they were crossing a dual carriage way, when they were knocked down by a number two double-decker bus. Peter's friend was killed. Peter sustained a double fracture in both legs. He then developed double pneumonia. Two doctors and two nurses fought for

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days later.

Out of sentiment, Peter's widow  
arranged with his best friend's people  
to have a double funeral. The wreaths  
for Peter were of double chrysanthemums.

That seemed to be the last of  
Peter—but it wasn't. Two days after  
the funeral someone discovered he  
was buried in the wrong grave. Two  
days later he was exhumed, and he,  
therefore, had a double burial.

### CALLING ALL WATLING POULTRY KEEPERS

The Watling and District Poultry  
Keepers held their monthly meet-  
ing at the Community Centre on  
Thursday, June 21st.

An Outing to Folkstone on Sept.  
9th was discussed.

Anothe interesting item was an  
egg show

Exterior	1st Mrs. Myland
	2nd Mr. Forbes
	3rd Mr. Forbes
Interior	1st Mrs. Myland
	2nd Mrs. Adams
	3rd Mr. Forbes

All Poultry Keepers who are inter-  
ested are invited to these interest-  
ing meetings where many useful  
ideas of poultry keeping are  
passed on.

The club has a social evening on  
the 1st Thursday in each month,  
and a General meeting on the 3rd  
Thursday in the month.

**The Watling Guild of Players**  
would welcome all interested in  
dramatics to join them on Tuesday  
evenings at 8.0 p.m.

### YOUTH CLUB (GIRLS' SECTION)

#### Holiday at Woodrow

A most enjoyable Whitsun  
weekend was spent at Woodrow  
High House, Amersham, Bucks,  
by some members of the Girls'  
Youth Club.

The house itself was an 18th  
century mansion, said to be  
haunted by "The Green Lady,"  
but unfortunately she failed to  
appear.

Two courses were run, namely  
Music and Drama, spare time  
was taken up with tennis, croc-  
quet and table tennis tourna-  
ments; these tournaments were  
led to being pulled out from bed  
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In Music two percussion bands  
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tennis and other activities at the  
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## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The Club is going strong and new members are coming in each week. We would like to see more of our old members. The Club is hoping to get a Coach trip organised to the coast.

The visits to the R.A.F. and Boosey and Hawkes were very interesting and it proves that we could do with more visits.

One of our members, Tommy Rogers, is now the Social Secretary for the Watling Association.

Would members interested in cricket get in touch with Mr. J. Taylor. I know he is looking for more people.

Mr. Marks, who had an accident some time ago, is now back at work and I hope he will keep well.

All of our equipment which is in use is going to be repaired. The billiard table is the main object.

This is all the news for this month and if any member has anything to be put in our news if he will give it to me I will see that it goes into the next month's news.

E. Allen.

## WATLING ASSOCIATION BOWLING CLUB

On Sunday, 3rd June, the Club held their annual 2 Wood Competition for the Gerrard Plaque. S. Mercer and J. N. Vaz, last year's finalists, again met in the final and after a very fine exhibition of bowling by both men, S. Mercer of Blundell Rd. reversed last year's result by beating J. N. Vaz by 1 shot.

An interested spectator all the afternoon was Lt.-Col. Santos Casani who provided the medals for the winner and runner-up.

In presenting the Plaque and medals to the winners, Lt.-Col. Santos Casani congratulated both players on their performance.

The Club is doing very well in the London Parks Bowling Association's Jackson Shield Competition, having played two matches and won both.

In the Finchley League the Club is again doing well, having played five games and won four and are hopeful of repeating last year's success by winning the League Championship.

A. V. Stevens.

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Many people have helped us make our Carnival Parade better than ever this year, so many that it would be impossible to name them all.

To all, I should like to say many thanks.

A. R. Lodge,

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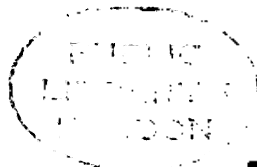
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## VIEWPOINT

TO-DAY we are faced with the demand for a further increase in passenger fares to the extent of £17,000,000; of which the London area passenger will have to find £11,000,000. It is proposed to find this money in the following ways.

- (a) Raise the minimum fare to 2d.
- (b) Increase early morning fares by 20%.

- (c) Increase season tickets by 20%.

- (d) Abolish the shift workers' tickets.

It is obvious that there are many conflicting opinions on this matter, particularly in relation to the ways and means of overcoming the problem. It has been proposed the shareholders of old railway stock, who now receive a guaranteed £34,000,000 a year

## NEWS

### for WATLING RESIDENTS

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interest, might well be expected to receive this interest in a similar manner as post-war credits. This is not the only answer and we do suggest the time has come when the full facts of Transport economy is placed before the citizens of the Country.

Do we know whether the estimated increase of last year was realised; if it was not, can we expect the public to find a sum which is approximately six times other steps have been proposed, as great? Do we know what or taken, by the Transport Commission to bring about some easement of an added burden to the finances of the family? How much money is raised by the

Commission and how much of this is spent—and on what is it spent? You and I don't know—and we should, if we are to look at this problem in a rational manner.

The Watling Community Association has asked the Borough Council to call a TOWNS MEETING at which these and other questions might be asked and correctly answered and at which the citizens of the Borough—as individuals—will be able to agree on matters which materially affect themselves. If you feel this meeting is necessary, write to the Town Clerk yourself and press for such a meeting.

## WE WENT TO LEEDS

By Fred Lake

WHEN Stan Lambert and I were elected as delegates to the 6th Annual Conference of the National Federation of Community Associations to be held at Leeds, we arranged to catch the 5.25 p.m. from Kings Cross Station. When I arrived at the station, my colleague was not there.

Seats had been reserved for us on the train, so I got aboard, hoping to find him. But no. A lady and a girl were in the compartment, but not Stan.

As the train was due to start I fell to wondering whether he had got lost or had backed out at the last minute, when I caught sight of his moustache just passing the window. I tapped and he came aboard.

Our journey, as the airman said when he broke the Atlantic record, was uneventful. The lady on my right had a brother to meet her at Leeds and this

gentleman kindly drove us to Oxley Hall—our venue for the conference.

Oxley Hall, situated in beautiful grounds, is a wing of Leeds University usually occupied by lady students. (They were on vacation). The girl who normally slept in my bed must have been a fat one, for when I got in, the mattress sagged to the floor, whilst as for poor Stan, when he stretched out, his bed folded up like a hammock.

Our meals were excellent. Well cooked and daintily served by the regular kitchen staff. We dined off polished oak tables in an oblong oak-beamed dining hall with a large kitchen hall one reads about in novels. With holly and ivy round the walls it would have provided the ideal atmosphere for a Xmas dinner.

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pavement and all with a box-like  
backyard. In these parts there  
are no gardens and a tree has  
to be seen to be believed. Yet  
Leeds is surrounded by some  
very beautiful country.

The shops were well stocked,  
plenty of food and clothing and  
a variety of goods which were,  
on the whole, cheaper than in  
London.

In the town on Saturday night  
we saw several drunks. We saw  
two middle-aged ladies and a  
gentleman, all respectably dres-  
sed, staggering down the road,  
trying to hold each other up. One  
fell down and they all fell down.  
For a moment or two there was  
a struggling heap of waving  
arms and legs, laddered nylons  
and fancy bloomers. One of the  
ladies struggled free, holding her  
mouth. She didn't know which  
to do first; hang on to her teeth  
or cover her knees. We hastened  
by, making no attempt to help.  
We had no wish to get involved  
in such a melee.

We met many old friends at  
the conference. Sevell Harris,  
Pat Malloy, Dennis Moriarty,  
Mr. Milligan, some ladies who  
were present at the last confer-  
ence and several delegates from  
various counties whom we had  
seen before.

#### N.F.C.A.

The 6th Annual Conference of  
the National Federation of Com-  
munity Associations was plan-  
ned for the week-end 13th-15th  
July at Oxley Hall, Far Head-  
ingley, Leeds.

The main theme of the confer-  
ence: "Our Part in Social Plan-

ning", will deal with the ways  
in which people can individually  
or through local organisations,  
influence the social conditions in  
which they live.

This year the two represent-  
atives sent from the Watling  
Association are Fred Lake and  
Stan Lambert.

The objects of the Federation  
are:

(1) to promote for the benefit  
of its constituent members means  
for central consultations and for  
democratic expression;

(2) to assist Community As-  
sociations in the development  
of social, recreational and educa-  
tional facilities in their neigh-  
bourhood, and

(3) to assist in the promotion  
of development of Community  
Associations.

F.H.L.

#### EDGWARE AND DISTRICT BLIND SOCIAL CLUB Annual Summer Outing

On Tuesday, June 19th, the  
members of the Edgware and  
District Blind Social Club went  
to Clacton-on-Sea for their  
Annual Day's Outing. The heavy  
rain clouds gave place to bright  
sunshine when the two coaches  
left the Watling Centre, Burnt  
Oak. The weather, remaining  
warm and sunny, added greatly  
to the enjoyment of the outing.

When the coaches arrived at  
Clacton the members of the Club  
went their various ways to spend  
the day how they pleased. It was  
arranged that everyone should  
meet for tea at a local cafe.  
After being out in the air all day,  
this meal was much appreciated.

All the members arrived home  
feeling that they had had a jolly  
and happy day by the sea.

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

Part of the Report from the Council to the Annual General Meeting for the year ending March 31st, 1951, held at Oxley Hall, Leeds, during July.

### Activities.

Social and recreation activities are expected as a normal provision of Community Associations, but educational activities, too, form a substantial part of the programmes of most associations, and the contribution which the Community Association can make towards filling the gaps in adult education is more generally recognised by associations themselves and by educationists. Special attention has been given to the needs of women (particularly housewives), old people and young adults. Housewives and old and young people take part, of course, in the normal leisure-time activities of their association, but, in addition, an examination of programmes which give fuller details reveals that:

120 associations have special sections for young people;

95 have women's clubs or sections;

81 have clubs or special services for old people.

As well as interesting their members in local affairs and co-operating with the local authority in matters of well-being in their neighbourhoods, community associations undertake a great variety of forms of community service, for example:

37 provide library services;

26 have Citizens' Advice Bureaux;

46 have Clinics;

75 provide 40 other forms of community service.

The fully developed Community Associations include in their membership local organisations as well as individuals, and it is of interest to note that out of 376 whose records we have recently reviewed, 98 include affiliations from local religious bodies, while a further 41 have other links with the churches, and 110 associations have political parties affiliated to them.

### Joint Activities

The standard of activities is notably affected by the coming together of Associations in drama and music festivals and in other joint activities arranged by local Federations, and in one-day, week-end, and longer courses. A number of local education authorities, too, have sponsored one-day and week-end courses or have provided a series of weekly lectures on Community Association problems and purposes.

Successful summer courses for officers and members of Community Associations were held at Cirencester for the south-west and in Oxford for the country as a whole.

## SPECIAL MATTERS

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ly, to discuss the present use of  
school premises and the charges  
made. It was the general con-  
tention of our representatives  
that Community Association  
activities should be recognised  
as a whole, that is, there should  
be no difference in treatment as  
between educational, social and  
recreational activities. There  
was, however, a sharp difference  
of opinion with the A.E.C. repre-  
sentatives on the question of  
charges for social functions to  
which the general public were  
invited and charged for admis-  
sion. After a long discussion it  
became clear that it might be a  
mistake at this stage to press for  
the adoption of any general re-  
commendations. It was thought  
on both sides that it might be  
worth while, with a view to fur-  
ther discussion, to work out a  
block rental for a Community  
Association, using a school for a  
given number of nights, exclud-  
ing public social functions. The  
advantage of such a rental would  
be that both the Community  
Association and the Authority  
would know its financial commit-  
ments for the year, and it might  
be possible for the Authority to  
regulate its grant-aid in order  
to make the position easier for  
the Community Association.

On the question of caretaking  
and hours of permitted use of  
school premises, the representa-  
tives of the A.E.C. said that  
they would welcome any action  
Community Associations could  
take to secure better services  
than were at present obtainable.

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### (b) Phonographic Performances

Many Community Associations  
are understandably impatient at  
what seems undue delay in im-  
proving the conditions under  
which licences for the playing of  
gramophone records are granted.  
The delay has been inevitable,  
since a number of national or-  
ganisations are concerned with  
this matter, and nothing less  
than a review of the present  
Copyright Law will provide what  
is wanted.

### National Council of Social Services.

The close association of the  
Federation with the N.C.S.S. not  
only provides valuable services  
through Regional and other  
officers and associated bodies of  
the N.C.S.S., but enables the  
Federation to be represented on  
a number of inter-departmental  
committees which are helpful in  
disseminating more widely a  
knowledge of Community Assoc-  
iations and in promoting their  
purposes. Important discussions  
have recently been initiated with  
regard to the development of  
community work in county  
areas. Already the Federation  
is helped by several Community  
Councils whose work covers not  
only rural areas but the minor  
urban areas with the County,  
and whether or not County  
Federations of Community As-  
sociations emerge in the future,  
the formation of new County  
Community Councils cannot but  
affect Community Association  
work.

## LADIES' PAGE

### JANE HYLTON TELLS YOU HOW TO KEEP COOL

**Y**OUNG actress, Jane Hylton, star of "Dance Hall" and the recent documentary film, "Out of True," and favourite of television, will shortly be filming again, after a holiday tour of France and Spain.

Jane made the trip by car, taking with her only the minimum of luggage. Keeping cool was a problem, but here are some hints which you may find useful during the hot weather, or on a journey. Jane says:

"Loose - fitting clothes are much cooler for the really hot weather than brief but tighter clothing. Most of the time I wore shirt blouses and full cotton skirts, or light-weight linen slacks. Comfortable, airy shoes are a great help—choose cotton-lined raffia casuals, linen or canvas shoes, rather than narrowly-strapped sandals, which become uncomfortable on hot feet.

Keep your hair well away from the neck and face in a neat and simple style. Short hair can be brushed back and up. With longer hair it is the new fashion to sweep it back in a cluster of curls. If you don't wish to be bothered with pinning up your hair each night, try drawing all the hair to the back of the head—quite high up—tying it round with a small chiffon or ribbon. Fold the ends of the hair under smoothly and secure with grips.

"Heavy or tinted make-up

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soon streaks on a warm skin, so I wore as little make-up as possible, just a light protective foundation and lipstick, and this I renewed several times a day. Keep some quick-cleansing pads handy, or a bottle of cleansing milk, and you can have a fresh make-up in a few minutes.

"Perfumed toilet water and talc used after your bath are refreshing, and I carried with me a small phial of the same perfume to keep renewing the fragrance. Frozen cologne or lavender water is also useful to keep in your handbag. In stick form, you can stroke it over palms and wrists to prevent them becoming hot and sticky."

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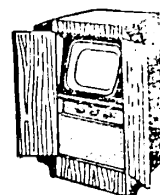
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### **GARDENING FOR AUGUST**

#### **Vegetable Garden**

Sow a suitable variety of Cabbage for spring cuttings. Spray Celery with a copper compound and repeat every three weeks, until the end of September, as a preventative against Celery Leaf Rust. Bend over the tops of autumn-sown Onions to check growth and assist the bulbs in ripening. Make a sowing of Spinach stand winter. Towards end of the month remove suckers from the base of early celery, thoroughly soak trench, avoiding too much water over foliage and commence earthing to blanch stems.

#### **Flower Garden**

Continue to cut off dead flowers as they pass over; this prevents seed pods forming and induces more flower buds. Seeds sown out of doors to provide a display of flowers in early summer are Cornflower, Shirley Poppy, Eschscholtzia, Love-in-the-Mist, Larkspur and Scabious. Prune Rambler Roses as soon as flowers are over, by cutting out those old stems and branches which can be replaced by young ones. Take cuttings of Geraniums and insert in boxes of sandy soil and place in partial shade.

#### **General**

Cut off all dead flowers from Herbaceous plants and put them on the compost heap to rot. Keep the hoe going to conserve moisture in the soil.

## POST BAG

I hope you won't think that I am cynical, but I could hardly suppress a smile at hearing one of the songs for "The Great Caruso", an old German tune being sung over the radio the other evening. That item in itself is not important, most of the numbers rendered over the air are, I suppose, from the films.

No, this one is merely typical of some of their tunes coming across the Atlantic. It happens to be years old, in fact it is donkey years old. Somebody has

just happened to put words to it, the dance bands play it and we have to pay dollars for it—dollars earned by going without something so that we can export it. A dance band can play any tune that is as old as the one referred to above, play it in a modern style and not have to pay dollars for it, and if they won't, perhaps, someone will explain. When I hear that amusing chap, Arthur English, talking about flogging something. I am wondering if one day we are going to be flogged "God Save the King" with some new words.

J. HARE.

## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class .. ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays) ..	7 p.m.
Boxing Club (Orange Hill School) .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players .. ..	8 p.m.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild .. ..	2.30 p.m.
(alternate weeks) .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. .. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
S.P.G.B. (2nd & 4th Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

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Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
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Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.

### Saturdays.

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Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
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For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

All who knew Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Harris, and most of all we who live on the Watling Estate where our friends served so tirelessly for so many years, will wish to rejoice with them on the occasion of the marriage of their son, Anthony, which takes place at the end of July, and to wish the young people many years of happiness. The good wishes of our School go out to these friends of ours and a letter of congratulation has been sent on our behalf to them.

Miss Henriques has given the two remaining lectures of her of H. G. Wells to marriage and seires, the first on the attitude religion, and the second on the Life and Work of Robert Browning. Miss Henriques delighted us with her readings of some of the stories and poems of these two notable writers. They were deeply religious men, though neither had much faith in orthodox religion. They each believed in beauty and goodness and an intense love of their fellow men. But while H. G. Wells became depressed in his later years as he saw his high hopes of mankind diminishing, Robert Browning remained always splendidly alive in every aspect of his life and retained his buoyancy and energy, and these qualities shine through all his works. In his own beautiful words he "Never doubted clouds would break, Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph", and to the end of his life held his optimism and belief that "God's in His Heaven—All's right with the world!"

This optimism was reflected the following week when Mr. Vear opened an interesting discussion on the "Progress of the Watling Community Association". Mr. Vear, as organising secretary, has the Association very much at heart and is seeking help which he knows will be offered willingly. Most of our members are active workers for the Centre, while some are among the pioneers who helped to form the Association in 1928 and all have received a hundred-fold return for services gladly given. Along with other similar organisations, we are passing through a difficult time, but are convinced that we can pull through with the help of the same spirit with which the pioneers overcame the obstacles of the earlier days. As a group we must work together, in order to sincerely help other people, and we can only do that if we are at peace with each other. Our Association is made up of people big enough to be able to sink personal differences for the good of our neighbourhood.

We spent a lovely day at Hastings on 11th June. The journey, the tea and the happy companionship were all we could desire and we are deeply grateful to Mrs. Fanthorpe, who with her social committee, did so much to ensure a very enjoyable day.

We look forward with pleasure to promised visits from Mrs. Sewell Harris and Mrs. L. Vear; to another outing to Southend, and to a useful discussion on the Handbook Lesson recommended us by the Women's Committee—"Houses and Homes".

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Children,

Those of you who are spending holidays in the country, will be able to watch the harvesters at work. There are few more interesting places to visit than the harvest field.

Very few farmers now use horses for gathering in the corn, and some old farmers do not really like the new tractors, which they think are smelly things.

Beginning at the edge of the field the tractor roars round and round, while the sea of golden grain becomes smaller and smaller as the tractor closes in towards the centre.

You will see how the harvester machine cuts and binds the bundles of wheat and throws them out as it moves along. The helpers follow and gather up the bundles, standing them up in stooks to dry.

As the harvesters wind round the field, the little field-mice, the rabbits, the foxes, the partridges and pheasants feeding in the corn, move further and further in towards the centre, trying to get away from the noise: It is very exciting to watch these little creatures run out of the last small patch of standing corn. Most farmers, who are really kind people, shoo these timid creatures out as the patch becomes smaller, in case they are caught and cut by the knives.

After the harvest, comes the threshing, when the separate grain is beaten out of the corn. This is a very dusty process and you will be wise to wear some old clothes and go straight home for a wash afterwards.

Before binders were used, the men had to cut the corn with scythes and the women followed behind to tie up the corn by hand. So you can understand how much longer the harvesting took to do in those days.

Wherever you spend your holiday, I am sure you will remember to be thoughtful for other people and cheerful and helpful, then you will be sure to have a really good holiday.

My best wishes to you all.

BROWN OWL.

## POST

A farmer's wife up for a visit to London, sightseeing, etc., noticing the Big "D" in many of the big shop windows which indicates that the shopkeepers want the dustbins emptied, enquired of a young man what the "D" meant. He replied, "Decidedly, dear, that displayed 'D' denotes that the despairing domestics of that domicile desire that the distinguished dustman in his daily diversions will deem it his delightful duty to deliberately dislodge the dirty dust deposited in their disgusting dustbins."

She replied, "Dear dearie me."

## FIRE

Seeing smoke coming from a house in Orange Hill Road, a good neighbour at once called for the Mill Hill Fire Service. The firemen arrived in their usual good time, only to find a great deal of smoke but no flame. They were, however, able to put out a joint that had become rather over-heated, which a housewife had gone out and left to cook in the gas oven.

The alarm was booked in as "False Alarm, but with good intent".

## WATLING ASSOCIATION MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

The inaugural meeting of the Watling Association Motor Cycle Club was held on Friday, 6th July when the following officers were elected Captain and Treasurer-J. Eccles, Chairman and Social Secretary-C. Renshaw, Honorary Secretary-D. G. Nightingale (61 Tewkesbury Gardens, Kingsbury, N.W.9. Col. 5268). The Club night is held weekly at the Centre on Friday 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. for table tennis, darts and a social Evening. The Club's first Sunday run was a river run in the Oxford Area and an enjoyable time was had by all the members. The runs arranged so far are as follows:—

Sat. 4th Aug.	Week-end run — Porlock,	Meet 8.00 a.m.
Sun. 5th "	Somerset.	Sat. 4th
Mon. 6th "		
Sun. 5th Aug.	Impromptu run for members not on holiday.	10.00 a.m.
Sun. 12th "	Coast Run — Bognor Regis.	9.00 a.m.
Sun. 19th "	Berks Grand National Scramble, Aldworth, Nr. Streatley.	9.45 a.m.
Sun. 26th "	River run — Hurdlefoot Woodlands, Nr. Bedford.	9.45 a.m.

For all the above runs please meet at "The Queen of Hearts" Honeypot Lane.

Telephone No. of box at meeting place WORDsworth 3958.

New members will be made welcome.

## THE 51 CLUB

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## BOXING CLUB

Old and new members intending  
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## WATLING RESIDENT

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### **BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

There was a large attendance on the 21st June. The Speaker was Mr. Breddon of the Ministry of Information, with an "Economic Commentary" in which he said that America and Britain were trying their utmost to avoid a third world war. The discussion which followed included the merits of wages and taxation in relation to needs of the country.

A report of her holiday to Ramsgate as guest of the Hendon Old People's Welfare Committee, was given by Mrs. Owencroft, who with Mrs. Roe, represented the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild.

Mesdames Chapman, Beare, and Mills were flag sellers for Hendon Old People's Welfare.

An outing to Shredded Wheat Factory was held on July 9th.

Competition—Posy in an Egg Cup was won by Mrs. Elkington.

On the 21st June a social was held in the afternoon. We'd like to thank Mrs. Read for playing the piano for dancing.

### **LIBERAL PARTY BURNT OAK WARD**

On Monday, 9th July, the Young Liberals of Burnt Oak had their first meeting at the Watling Centre, and the following officers were elected for the year: Chairman, Bob Bellenger; Secretary, Les Rees; Treasurer, John Keen; Sports Secretary, Len Keen; Terry Cogland.

A sports club is to be estab-

lished and darts and table tennis teams are to be formed. Any young Liberals interested should get in touch with Les Rees, 29 Benningholm Road, Burnt Oak.

The group's headquarters were formerly opened the previous Monday by John Glyn-Barton, the Liberal Candidate for the North Hendon Division. In his speech Mr. Glyn-Barton thanked the young Liberals for asking him to be President of the Sports Club, and told them that they represented the future and he felt honoured to accept the position of President, for it gave him the opportunity to be closely associated with a movement that would profoundly affect the elections in the North Hendon Division in the coming years. Robert Bellenger, the chairman, thanked Mr. Glyn-Barton.

Refreshments followed, with games to wind up the evening.  
J. HARE, Secretary.

### **WATLING GUILD OF PLAYERS**

Miss Jane Innes has resigned as secretary to the Guild and her place has been filled by Mr. George Flanders, who has been a member for many years now. The Association's Drama Festival, organised every year by the Guild, is to be on three evenings from December 3rd.

New members will be welcome any time, so if you wish to try yourself as an amateur actor, come along some Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and see George Flanders.

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## VIEWPOINT

IT is not our normal custom to discuss the individual sections of the Association in our Viewpoint, but we feel it necessary this month to bring before you the needs and problems of our Dramatic Section—The Watling Guild of Players.

Since the death of Ernest Cole there has been continuing difficulty in building up our Guild. Internal problems have tended

to hold up development and, following a very recent difficulty arising through our shortage of male actors, we now find the Guild to be at a very low ebb. Some members have stressed the need to break from the Watling Association, since it is felt "Watling" carries with it an unattractive odour. We resent this inference, since we feel Watling has a record and

## NEWS

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tradition of which we should be justly proud and we do wish to bring to your notice the value of THE WATLING Guild of Players.

Founded in the very early years of the Association the Guild became a very live part of the Association and quickly organised The Watling Drama Festival—the first Festival to be organised in this area. Not only were plays produced for the members of the Association and local residents, but they were also produced for local hospitals and old people's homes and groups. This latter aspect of the Guild is worth noting and worth protecting—our purpose is to benefit and enrich the lives of those around us and nothing could be more fitting than the enrichment of the lives of the sick and aged.

Throughout the years, we

claim the Guild has maintained a fairly high standard and has proved itself to be one of the worth while aspects of the Community Association. The Watling Drama Festival has continued to be organised from year to year and has continued to bring local residents a very high standard of dramatics.

The Watling Guild of Players is our Guild of Players and it is up to every one of us to introduce any likely talent to it. Even if you cannot act, you may be able to make scenery, paint scenery or do some other necessary back stage job.

The new secretary of the Guild, Mr. George Flanders, has taken office at a very difficult time and he needs the fullest support possible. Why not remember: The Watling Guild of Players, Watling Centre, Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m.

### THE 51 CLUB

The Club is running better than we ever expected. The Committee have held a meeting to arrange a winter programme and a very attractive one is being arranged.

Friendship is the key word in the club, the atmosphere is a very pleasant one.

Cross words are never heard although rude remarks are often heard around the snooker table, but there is no doubt about it Tom Rogers and Alex Donald fiddle when it comes to spinning for partners, and Ray Hathaway definitely has remarkable luck. "Jam" is the word for it and he certainly has a good pot full.

New members are most welcome to the Club any Sunday

in the Games Room which is open to all over twenty years of age.

### THE RABBIT SHOW

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## Flower Garden

The time of the year is getting along to prepare for a spring display of flowering bulbs. A handful here and there in the front garden or such bulbs as Crocus, Winter Aconite, Snow-drop, Chionodoxa (Glory of the Snow), Fritillaria (Snake's head), Grape Hyacinths and Anemones, provide a more satisfactory display the first year when planted this month, than if put in the ground later. Some of the Hardy Annuals thrive particularly well when raised from seed sown out of doors this month. Seeds should be sown where plants are to flower. Suitable types are Clarkia, Cornflower, Godetia and Sweet Sultan. As the seedlings will develop into fair size plants, greater distances should be used, making plants 6-10 inches apart. Sweet Peas make fine plants if sown now; they will stand the winter outside and bloom earlier than those sown next spring. Continue to pick off dead flowers; this is important now, as you want the last bit of colour from your plants. Lift and replant Flag Iris now if they have become overgrown, taking care not to plant rootsticks more than an inch below the soil. Narcissus, Tulips and Hyacinths should be potted now into sandy soil ready for spring display inside. After potting, place them outside and cover with sifted ashes to a depth of 4-6 inches. It is very important not to use ashes fresh from the grate or garden, or the bulbs may be ruined.

## WEIGHTLIFTERS

On Sunday, 12th August the Weightlifting Section represented the Association at the South Bank Exhibition.

This was their second visit and to date they have given six demonstrations in the Sports Arena.

Those taking part in the weight-training exercises were A. Caton, R. Mitchell, A. Hillman, W. Warner, S. Walker, V. Rodrique. Demonstrating the International set of lifts and taking part in matches were A. Booth, E. Booth, R. Foster, D. Foster, and D. Shell.

These were no doubt the biggest audiences we have seen watching our sport, well over 3,000 people in and around the arena at each session.

Again we carry the Association forward.

Our section will be giving a Display at the Centre during the month of October and will include our South Bank demonstrations as part of our show. More of this show will appear later.

## FESTIVAL QUEEN

If you missed seeing our Festival Queen, Betty Nyberg, at the Carnival Parade, come along to see her at one of the many functions that will take place during Watling Week. Betty has expressed her wish to attend all the functions arranged.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Children,

You will be returning to school this month, and will have much to talk about to each other—not during lesson time, I hope—of the interesting places you have seen and the new friends you have made during your holidays.

In the country and at the seaside you will have seen some splendid sunsets. I saw the sun rise over the North Road near Welwyn in a beautiful sky in which the clouds seemed to be all on fire. We had left home just after five o'clock on a lovely morning in July on a journey to Scotland. You know that the sun rises in the north-east during the summer and sets in the north-west. As the year advances the arc of the sun gradually becomes lower in the sky until at mid-winter it rises low in the south-east and sets down in the south-west.

We saw the cottage in which Robert Burns was born in Ayr and were about to enter when everybody was quickly ordered out as the thatched roof had caught alight. Fortunately the fire brigade soon arrived and with the help of visitors, amidst much excitement, the blaze was soon put out.

After a busy but happy and interesting time on a Scotch farm, we passed through the beautiful Lake District to North Wales. There we attended the Eisteddfod at Llanrwst, were present at the colourful ceremony of the Crowning of the Bard and heard the lovely, not easily forgotten, singing—in Welsh—of the choirs.

Will you write to the Editor tell him about YOUR holiday. Many of you must have some really exciting things to tell. Write very clearly and there will be a prize for the most interesting and most neatly written letter.

My very good wishes to you all.

Your friend,  
BROWN OWL.

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## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

The Reverend C. S. Sangree, an American Minister who has been in this district for some months, was warmly welcomed when he came to see us again before his return to America. He will take with him our good wishes and many thanks for the help he has given to the Congregational Churches here.

We have heard of the joys of cycling, with many happy personal reminiscences from Mrs. Alabaster, an old friend of ours from the Women's Committee. Mrs. Alabaster has enjoyed cycling for many years and appreciates this, the cheapest form of transport, particularly in these days of ever rising fares. In addition to the time saved going to and from one's work, by this means the countryside is at any time within easy reach. The cyclist, hampered by as little clothing as possible, enjoys to the full the sun, the invigorating rush of the wind and even the rain. With the strengthening of muscles normally used very little he is able to store up boundless energy.

Our friend certainly brought a breath of the countryside, of hills and dales and sea, into our school which exhilarated us all and gave many of us a foretaste of our own holidays. We are very grateful to Mrs. Alabaster for a lovely afternoon.

Mrs. Goodhue, our Smiler-in, has been unable to be with us for some time as she is tending

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an invalid sister. We miss her and her happy greetings to each one of us as we enter the school each Monday afternoon. A bunch of flowers was sent to her with our love and some Members have been glad to visit her. We will be very glad when our friend is able to return to us.

Our future programme includes talks by Councillor Sharpe and Mr. Alex Bryan from the Friends Temperance Union, and another visit to a London Theatre.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A grand time was had by all on Saturday, 28th July, when Des Williams and His Trio were at the Centre. This was the second dance held on a Saturday and we hope they will become a regular feature of once a month at least.

The Wednesday night dances have had to be cancelled for the time being, owing to lack of support, but we hope this will be remedied when we start the new series in September.

Also starting in September we are going to have the Melody Three and Des Williams and His Trio playing on alternate Sundays starting with the Melody Three on September 2nd, Des Williams' Trio September 9th and continuing in this manner.

T. ROGERS,  
Social Secretary.

# WATLING WEEK CLUB

Saturday, 22nd September

## Variety Concert

(THE REVUETTES)

7.30 p.m.

Admission 1/6

Sunday, 23rd September

M.C. Mr. Needham

## Grand Dance

7.30 p.m.

(MAIN HALL)

Admission 1/6

## A BUMPER FREE & EASY

7.30 p.m.

(GAMES ROOM)

Admission 6d

Monday, 24th September

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7.30--10.30 p.m.

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Tuesday, 25th September

## THREE ONE ACT PLAYS

7.30 p.m.

Admission 2/6, 1/6, 1/-

Wednesday, 26th September

## WHIST DRIVE

Afternoon 2.45

## Combined Social

Evening 7.30

Admission 1/3

FRIDAY, 21st SEPT

## DANCE

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Mr. A. Bouchard

Admission 1/6

7.30-11 p.m.

Thursday, 27th September

## WHIST DRIVE

Afternoon 2.45

## Old Time Music Hall

M.C. Mr. G. Thompson

Evening 7.30

Admission 1/6

Friday, 28th September

## SUPPER & DANCE

7.45 p.m.

Tickets 4/6

Sunday, 30th September

## DANCE

Admission 1/6

An Entertaining Evening will be held in the Games Room  
including—20 QUESTIONS & ANY QUESTIONS  
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Monday, 1st October

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Admission 1/3

Wednesday, 3rd October

## JUVENILE DANCE COMPETITION

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The Club's annual visit to Hurst, near Reading on Sunday, July 29th, was very successful

and most enjoyable. The journey was made by coach through Virginia Water and Ascot. Lunch was served at the Castle Inn, which is situated right opposite the village church. The bowling green, which has records dating back to 1747, is at the back of the Castle Inn in the lovely Berkshire countryside.

In this lovely setting on a perfect summer afternoon a very enjoyable game of bowls was played by the ladies and gents of both sides.

## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays)	7 p.m.
Boxing Club (Orange Hill School)	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players .. ..	8 p.m.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
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T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

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Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday in month)	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd Friday in month)	8 p.m.

### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

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## SILVER WEDDING

The 25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Needham was celebrated at Bembridge, Isle of Wight, whilst they were enjoying their summer holiday.

It was perhaps a happy coincidence that the "Gay Forcies" were also on holiday in the vicinity and so it followed that a party was soon arranged.

The rendezvous chosen for the festivities was the "Crab and Lobster" an ancient hostel with a strong nautical flavour situate on the edge of a cliff with a fine view overlooking the sea.

Soon the strains of music wafted over the soft summer air and passengers on passing ships may have caught the strains of song rendered by all and sundry in the bar parlour of the "Pig and Whistle" — sorry — "Crab and Lobster". Some thoughtful souls may have marvelled at the extensive repertoire of the singers which took in such contrasting songs as the Brahms "Lullaby" and "Roll me over in the Clover".

A good time was had by all and a moonlight walk home along the cliffs concluded a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham are old residents on the Watling Estate and have done quite a lot of social work at the "Watling Centre." Mr. Needham was for some time Social Secretary at the Centre and has also served on many committees.

Mrs. Needham has always been a willing worker and, together with her husband, has made quite a useful contribution towards making other people happy.

F.H.L.

## BUILDING FUND

We have to move with our Building Fund and one positive way in which we can raise money is through the collection and sale of paper, rags, wool, etc.

All residents are asked to collect waste materials for the Community Centre Building Fund.

**PLEASE HELP US.**

If you have something for us let us know now. We will collect from you.

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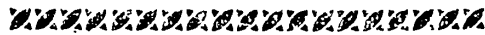
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The winter programme of the Association is expected to be a very bright one. Join the Watling Association now. Membership is sixpence a month, which includes a copy of the "Watling Resident Monthly."



### DANGEROUS PLAY

Please see that your children do not play dangerous games during the school holidays. We are always hearing of children getting hurts, some very badly. So many parents care so little of what their children do during the day. I have seen boys as young as six with fully powered air pistols and rifles. The parents of these boys must know they have them. There is no need to say what damage can be done with airguns. Catapults are another menace. I could never understand why some shopkeepers should wish to sell such dangerous things. Bows and Arrows are so easy for children to make. All they have to do is to get some string and buy a couple of canes from any garden shop and they have a highly dangerous weapon. A reader writes: "On Sunday, July 29th, a lad was playing in the park with a bow and arrow. Another lad was also playing with one, the arrow caught him in the eye, which he has now had to have out, so now this lad will be handicapped through life."

No one of us would like to see our children maimed or even injured in the slightest way. So let's watch what they do a little more.

### Fruit Garden

GATHER fruits of Apple and Pears of early maturing varieties (Worcester, Pearmain, Beauty of Bath, etc.) just before they become ripe. Late varieties must remain on the trees until fully developed.

After fruit is gathered, cut old fruiting canes of Blackberries and Loganberries and support canes. Remove tips of shoots of Gooseberries that are attacked by the American Gooseberry Mildew and burn immediately.

### Vegetable Garden

Make a sowing of Turnip "Green Top Stone" to provide supplies of Turnip tops in winter. Vacant ground recently cleared of Onions or Potatoes should be planted up with Cabbages for spring cutting. No preparation is necessary beyond hoeing the weeds off. Tomatoes still on the plants at the end of the month, providing they are fully developed, should be wrapped in paper and placed in a cupboard or drawer to ripen. Continue to earth Celery, taking care not to fill hearts with soil.

### "IT SMELLS"

That dustbin of yours used to have disinfectant in it but not any more. They are left to smell! I have been told that some people get disinfectant in a tin (sometimes a few coppers are handed over) which shows that the dustmen are still issued with it. Much depends on you. Some people have their dustbins sprinkled with it because they ask for it. Why shouldn't you, you are entitled to it? Never be frightened to ask for what you are entitled to, after all a sanitary dustbin is necessary.

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This is the year in which the Development Plans prescribed by the Town and Country Planning Act 1947 are due to be submitted to the Minister of Local Government and Planning. In the dry-as-dust language of Section 5 of the Act, "as soon as may be after the appointed day, (July 1st, 1948), every local planning authority shall carry out a survey of their area, and shall, not later than three years after the appointed day, or within such extended period as the Minister may in any particular case allow, submit to the Minister a report of the survey together with a plan (hereinafter called a 'development plan') indicating the manner in which they propose that land in that area should be used (whether by the carrying out thereon of development or otherwise) and the stages by which any such development should be carried out."

Despite the official jargon these plans which will deal with the future development, or reservation from development, of every district in the country, are of great importance to ordinary men and women throughout Britain. Each Plan's proposals will have quite a lot to do with the way in which they and their children will live for a generation or more. These plans will determine whether or not your children have adequate playing space and young people proper facilities for outdoor recreation; whether or not schools for your community's children are well-sited, or simply a death-trap for the young. In one way or another, your Development Plan will affect the physical, social and financial well-being of almost every member of the community.

Naturally, those people who have an immediate financial interest in town planning—property owners and shopkeepers for example—will see to it, if they are prudent, that their interests are well protected. But, besides this legitimate "special pleading" it is important that the interest of the mass of citizens in their home surroundings and their facilities for social life and recreation, should also be put forward. Whilst we can be reasonably sure that the will of those financially interested will be heard, it is by no means certain that someone will speak up for the people as a whole. Yet it is principally for the benefit of ordinary people that planning exists.

What is needed, obviously, is an active group of people in each community prepared to make it their business to examine the proposals made by their local plan, and to insist that due consideration be given to the needs and desires of ordinary householders in drawing up the plan.

These Development Plans are not doctors' prescriptions to be swallowed trustingly. They are proposals for citizens to consider. Any person or group may support, oppose or seek to amend them by democratic means. A Community Association which draws its membership from all sections of the community is obviously well fitted for this kind of work. Your Community Association should take a lead in this matter and should form, if it has not already done so, a Town Planning Group. For maximum effect there is no time like the present!

To make the Group's criticism effective, two things will clearly be necessary: first, knowledge of what is proposed in the plan; secondly, knowledge of what to look out for when your Group gets down to examining the detailed proposals, particularly if it comes from a body of citizens with no special "axe to grind." Obviously one of the first things your Planning Group should do is to ask the help of the County Planning Officer in getting the proposals for your area explained. If he is unable to address your Group personally, he will usually be more than willing to send a competent deputy. On the second point, it must be remembered that many people have, from personal experience some special knowledge of a particular aspect of planning (e.g. transport drivers would know about roads) and should be encouraged to take an active part in the Group's deliberations.

The preparation of these Development Plans offers an almost unique opportunity for the democratic participation of a large number of citizens in the workings of government. If this opportunity is grasped, not only will the result be a better Plan, but the Plan itself will reflect the fact that there has been proper consultation between the planner and the public. From a democratic point of view, the great danger is that these plans will be imposed from above without much regard for the human beings for whose benefit they are being prepared.

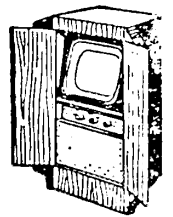


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## **SPOT THE PRIZE**

The Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce have given us an added attraction for Watling Week this year. As you will see on the front of our cover there is a number which we hope will prove lucky to you.

To find out whether you have got a lucky number look for the shops displaying posters to say that they are members of the Chamber of Commerce. In these shops you will see a prize marked with a number. If you should have a number corresponding with that displayed you will receive your prize at a Special Dance which it is hoped will be held at the White Lion Hotel during October. The date will be announced in our next issue and in the local press.

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## VIEWPOINT

MUCH of the real work of the Community Association is done without the blowing of trumpets or the beating of cymbals. Week by week, month by month, and year by year many small and large personal problems are brought to the Community Association and we always do our best to resolve these problems. This worth while side of the Association tends to be forgotten whilst a very severe judgment is made owing

to the conduct of certain young people who gather together outside the Community Centre.

We have to recognise the apparent need for these young people to collect together—they may do it in a café, under railway arches, beneath a lamp post, or in some other usual or unusual place and—so long as they conduct themselves reasonably—there is little that can be said, even though we may feel there is

## NEWS

### *for WATLING RESIDENTS*

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much more they may be able to do with their leisure time. But—we have also to recognise the value and worth of the Association and if this gathering together reflects on the good name of the Association it becomes necessary for all members of the Association to take some action.

As has been frequently pointed out to those concerned, the rule of the Association most emphatically states that membership depends upon the undertaking not to congregate in the gateway, in the pathway, or in the corridor of the Centre. This rule has to be used with a certain

friendliness, but the time has now arrived when the Executive Committee has decided the rule must be—and will be—rigidly enforced.

This is done because we want the Centre to be a place where anyone may come without feeling they are entering a lion's den or that they have to push their way through a collection of boys, girls, cycles and motor cycles—to say nothing of the language one so frequently hears.

Members you have a responsibility—see that your Centre is fit to be used by your children and your friends.

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### WEIGHT-LIFTERS' CLUB

Watling Association Weight-lifting Club will give a demonstration in the Centre on Saturday, October 20, at 7 p.m. It will include the demonstrations which the club gave at the South Bank Exhibition.

The Club has two teams in the London and District Weight-lifting League and both are in the running for league honours.

The Weight-lifting Section of Watling Association have completed six demonstrations in the sports arena of the South Bank Exhibition. The weight-training exercises were performed by Messrs. A. Caton, A. Hillman, R. Mitchell, V. Rodrique, S. Walker and W. Warner. The International set of lifts were demonstrated by Messrs. A. Booth, E. Booth, R. Foster, D. Foster, and D. Shell, who also took part in various matches. Well over three thousand people were in the arena at each session.

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### BOWLS CLUB

Watling Association Bowling Club have gained the Broadbridge Cup as winners of the Finchley League for the second year in succession. They competed against 13 clubs in the Finchley area and gained a four points lead over their nearest rivals at the close.

### YOUTH CLUB Leaders Wanted

The Watling Association Youth Club has given rise to some concern at Council and Executive meetings and it has now been suggested we appeal for a leader—or leaders—who will help in developing a more stable and worthwhile club. If you have a flair for youth leadership why not come along to the Centre and help?

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## THE LIFE STORY OF OUR CHAIRMAN BY HIMSELF

### PART I. BEFORE MY WATLING DAYS

IT has been suggested that my life story would be interesting to our readers; personally I cannot imagine anything more likely to bore you. However, I have written the following narrative, and in compiling it I have endeavoured to place special emphasis on happenings in my life which would seem to have dictated my present desire to give voluntary service for the common good.

I was born in Deptford on 12th May, 1898, but spent all my boyhood and adolescence in the Copenhagen Street area of Islington in North London. Casting my mind back I think the most vivid recollection I have was my amazement on being told at school, when I was ten years old, that Great Britain with its colonies and Dominions was the wealthiest Empire in the World. This reality mystified me, all I could think of was the extreme poverty and suffering that existed among the people of Islington. Many of my pals had no boots or shoes and roamed around in bare feet; many of them didn't get a mid-day meal and most of them had to be up before five-thirty in the morning to help deliver the milk, etc., so that the family income could be supplemented by a few coppers.

It was at this time in my life that I first realised that there were actually some "Good Samaritans" about. In Copenhagen Street there lived a baker named Mrs. Gruhn and a Mrs. Pearce who ran a coffee-shop. These women gave free bread and free pudding respectively to the kids, and it was indeed a marvellous sight to see the happy faces of these poor kids with their hunks of bread or with the jam from the roly-poly still stuck on their lips.

At the age of twelve years my pals and I joined the 39th London Boys' Brigade and again, even at that early age, my attention was drawn to the enormous amount of good that could be achieved by both individual and collective effort. I would like to raise my hat to the memory of the late Captain H. B. Cunningham and his officers who provided facilities for healthy recreation, gymnastics, boxing, cricket, football, indoor sports, etc., together with week-ends in the country, visits to officers' homes for evening meals and the annual week's holiday at camp. The Boys' Brigade most certainly taught me that voluntary service to mankind was absolutely essential and that without it the majority of people would not get much out of life.

Unlike most children I liked school very much but must admit that I was a very poor scholar although I improved a bit after I had reached fourteen years of age. The examination for scholarship proved me to be an "also ran" and my one ambition was to be a plumber. Consultations, however, took place between my headmaster and my father who quite rightly, after having had experience of the in and out periods of employment in the building trade, realised that nothing less than security of tenure with pension at the end was good enough for me. As a result of these talks my father decided to sacrifice his very meagre savings and send me, when I was fourteen, to Clark's College to be coached for a Civil Service examination. With luck on my side I managed to scrape through the examination and entered the Civil Service as a boy-clerk in January, 1914, at a commencing wage of fifteen shillings a week. Evening study followed and I managed to get through another Civil Service examination in June, 1915, at the age of seventeen, but was unable to take up this new appointment, at that time, as I was then in the Army.

This brings me to the War years 1914-1918. I served in the Royal Artillery as a signaller from June 1915 to February 1919, and active service in France and Belgium taught me at least two things. Firstly, that we must, for our children's sakes, do our utmost to maintain peace between the peoples of the world, and secondly, the marvellous comradeship that can be fostered among men when grouped together and living in danger all the time. Military service ended for me in February, 1919, for as a result of an overdose of mustard gas I was invalided out.

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The years following the 1914-18 War are something that everybody wants to forget, except that we must all make up our minds that the distress and suffering then experienced by millions of our people shall never occur again. On being discharged from the Army I returned to the Civil Service as an assistant-clerk. Then followed a hunt for accommodation, marriage, and an active interest in the political arena in the East Fulham constituency. By 1926 when I moved to Welwyn Garden City in Hertfordshire I had come to the conclusion that any individual effort on my part would bear fruit much sooner by concentrating on the activities of the local Residents' Association and the Boys' Club.

Life at Welwyn Garden City was indeed a unique experience, for one rubbed shoulders with people of all walks of life, e.g., Members of Parliament, barristers, solicitors, doctors, bank clerks, civil servants, railway clerks, steel workers, factory workers, in fact all kinds of people that go to make up a normal community. The astonishing thing was that all these people seemed to have one purpose in life—the banding together to do something for the common good. In fact the desire to give voluntary service was infectious. My stay of twelve months at Welwyn Garden City was much too short, but owing to domestic circumstances I was reluctantly compelled to return to London, and there I had my first taste of living in rooms where the landlord wanted my money but didn't want my company. Fortunately this sad state of affairs only lasted for ten months, as the L.C.C. kindly offered me a house on the Watling Estate, then called Little Moscow.

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### MOTORCYCLE SECTION

The motor-cycle section has been in existence now for two months during which time various types of Sunday runs have been enjoyed by the members. These include river and coast runs, scrambles, and a week-end run to Porlock, Somerset.

The last coast run of the year was held on the 2nd of September when members visited Littlehampton. A new route to this resort was discovered due to taking a right instead of a left turn, but this was not unfortunate as the resulting country scenery was well worth the extra few miles. At our arrival at Littlehampton the previously dry weather turned to rain and the residents and holiday-makers were somewhat surprised to see people playing football and looking like Polar explorers.

The behaviour of members on club runs has been excellent although one member, namely CH - - - IE was seen to take his eyes off the road when passing a shapely female on a pedal cycle.

The club's social evening on Fridays is also going with a swing with keen competition on the dart board and table tennis table.

Any motor cyclist interested in the club are invited to come along and can be sure of a warm welcome.

DOUG. NIGHTINGALE,  
Hon. Secretary.

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## ANIMAL ACTORS ARE IN GREAT DEMAND IN HOLLYWOOD

Spare a thought for the many animal actors in Hollywood who, for your entertainment, appear briefly in hundreds of pictures, yet receive no screen credit billing.

Besides the few like Francis the mule, Flame the dog, Bonzo the chimp, who are established stars, there are scores of talented animals whose services are constantly required by the studios, where casting officials keep up-to-date lists of their names and accomplishments.



The list at Universal-International came into the limelight when scores of animals were sought to appear in an "animal paradise" sequence for "One Never Knows." A new comedy starring Dick Powell and Peggy Dow, it concerns a German shepherd dog that returns to earth in human form to track down its killer.

Among the remarkable animals offered on the list were: a frog that can croak in three-quarter time; a tap-dancing racoon; a mouse that can do a strip-tease; a goat that will butt anybody at the command of its trainer; a violin-playing cat; a cigar-smoking King snake; a prolific hen which lays eggs at practically any time of night or day, and a gopher which can appear to thumb its nose at irate gardeners.



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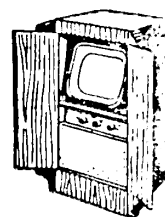


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Letter from  
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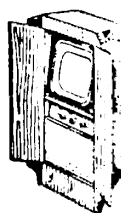
With reference to your letter of 11th September, the Council has decided that preference in the allocation of housing accommodation must be given to London residents, and the question of whether the concession whereby the married sons and daughters of tenants on the out-county estates who were forced to reside with their parents after marriage could be registered on the waiting list, is under con-

sideration. It is not possible for me to give any further information at this stage, but no person who qualified for consideration by this concession has been removed from the waiting list, and their applications are being held pending a decision by the Council.

Yours faithfully,  
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## U.S. and Canadian Brides' Parents Association

I FEEL I must first apologise to my many friends of the Edgware Branch of the U.S. and C.B.P.A. for the absence recently of my monthly notes from this Journal.

I am sure you will agree that our Monday evening meetings have been full of interest, and congratulations are due to you all for the grand attendances we get each week. Of course holidays have caused the absence of some of our friends, but the remarkable thing is that, at the first opportunity, they are back with us to keep the "family" circle united. In fact it seems to me they would like to take the meeting with them on their holidays.

I trust you will forgive my referring to this subject again, but I am sure everyone will wish to congratulate "Our" Betty Nyberg on being elected Carnival Queen. She richly deserves the honour, not only for her very good looks, but also for her talents which she is always happy to place at our disposal. I must mention that Mrs. Nyberg junior was also runner-up to Betty for the honour of being Queen: a remarkable performance in one family. We are most fortunate to have Mrs. Nyberg senior in our ranks as Social Secretary, and she really does see that we do have happy evenings.

A few weeks ago we had an interesting visitor, Mrs. Vosberg from America who is on the staff of a New York paper. She brought with her a few friends, one of whom is Hostess on the Trans-Atlantic service. Having heard of our Association, Mrs. Vosberg wished to see for herself what our evenings were like. One of her party is a press photographer from the States, and as a result our Chairman, Mr.

Davies, and our Secretary, Mr. Fuller, are now in the limelight for having their photographs published in the New York papers. It is not to be wondered at that Mr. Fuller's daughter in America was amazed when she saw her father's photograph in the paper. She sent the paper over to England and we have now had the pleasure of seeing the photograph of the group complete with our Branch Banner.

A social evening, which was a great success, was arranged in honour of our visitors, and they left for America greatly impressed and expressed the hope of being able to start a similar movement on the other side.

We have been delighted to welcome two other visitors from overseas, this time more intimate. Mrs. Trickey's daughter, Mrs. Sharp, with her little son, arrived safely from South Africa for a six months' visit to her parents. Unfortunately her little son was under doctor's orders during the six weeks' journey, but I am happy to report that he has now recovered, and is enjoying himself with his grandparents. Our other overseas visitor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Bonine and her little daughter Susan, who arrived safely on the *Georgic* from America on a four months' visit. They had travelled 6,000 miles without incident. Mrs. Bonine has been able to give Mrs. Wyn first-hand information regarding her daughter who lives about 40 miles away in the same State, and they often visit each other. I am sure the news has improved Mrs. Wyn's health which has been poorly of late. Thanks are due to Mr. Bradman for his valuable service in arranging all the travel

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facilities at very short notice. He is a great asset to our Association, and we are fortunate that he is one of our members.

A social evening was arranged to welcome our two daughters (Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Bonine), and in the absence of Mr. Nyberg who was on holiday, our grand colleague, Mr. Thompson was M.C. Our ladies who made the "cookies" really excelled themselves, and everyone was thoroughly happy. Both Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Bonine received a very hearty welcome from Mr. Davies which was enthusiastically supported by all present, and I am sure the reception made a very deep impression on the two visitors. We do hope these ladies will be able to visit us many times before they return home. As fortunate parents of one, both Mrs. Ellis and myself wish to thank everyone for the grand welcome given to our daughter.

Our thoughts are with our absent friends, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Mould, who are visiting their daughters in America. We thank them for their letters to the Club, also for those they have sent to individual members which have been read out at our meetings. We wish them every happiness while they are absent from us, and a safe journey on their return home.

We are arranging to go to Clacton on September 16th. Two coaches have been engaged which suggests that our earlier trip to Eastbourne was a first-class success. I trust our "choir" will render good service.

Space does not permit of mentioning all individual names, but our thanks go to all officers and our good friends for the various services

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## BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

An open meeting was held on 16th August by the Burnt Oak Townswomen Guild at the Watling Centre with a good attendance of members and friends. Mrs. C. Knight, Chairman of the Guild, was President for the formal Business. Then Mrs. Lumbar took over as Chairman for the entertainment provided by members. Mrs. Read was at the piano. The programme included dancing, songs and ballads by Mesdames Venn, Brown and Simmons, and character songs by Mrs. Lumbar.

Tea was served by Mrs. Dunn, Roberts, Laurie and Sparrow. A game was won by Miss Couttes, and novelty awards were obtained by Mesdames Knife, Chapman, Hammond, Fitzgerald and Gandhi. A prize was given by Mrs. Eagle.

The outing to Clacton on the 28th August was a great success. Two coaches started about 8 a.m.—all members and friends in high spirits. A halt was made for refreshments, the party arriving at Clacton at 11.15 a.m. Lunch was served at the "Geisha Restaurant" at 12.30 p.m.—this was instead of tea at 4.30 p.m., it giving members a longer stay at the seaside.

After an enjoyable day the return journey was made at 6 p.m., reaching Burnt Oak round about 9.30 p.m.

Flashlight photographs were taken while at lunch.

L.C.F.

*Anonymous Letter Writer.*

Will the anonymous letter writer first read September issue carefully and then forward their name and address so that I may reply.

Editor.

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## THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We would remind all members and residents that the Community Centre is not a playground for a few. Of late there has been a tendency to use it as a loitering ground and we consider this does reflect on the Community Association. As far as is possible within a very limited building, a varied range of activities are organised in the Community Centre. At times there may be no activity for particular interests and we do remind members—and non-members—that a certain standard of conduct is expected.

Youth Club rules definitely state: "The standard of conduct required of Club members is such as will promote the well being of the Club. In this respect members shall not loiter in the corridors or outside the Centre premises at any time."

Association membership rules state: "Members must undertake not to congregate in groups in the gateway, in the pathway, or in the corridor of the Centre."

If the Centre is to be a worthwhile meeting place it does need your co-operation and you are asked to do your utmost to avoid future difficulties.

## GRAND WEIGHTLIFTING SHOW

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## PART II. MY WATLING DAYS

SO on a Saturday in June, 1928, we moved to Watling. For the first eighteen months on Watling I took no active interest in local affairs as I was attending evening classes, but I always looked forward to each month's issue of the "*Watling Resident*" which could then be obtained from most of the local newsagents. The doings of such stalwarts as Messrs. Rowley, Repath, Ville, Sharpe, Cope, Hayward, Dr. Briggs, Grannie Lee, the late Harry Connell and the late Cyril Nyberg, etc., were indeed an inspiration to all and in 1930, just about the time when the Residents' Association was reorganised as the Watling Association I became a member. At that time we had several new faces in the Association—Sewell Harris, Veal, Ames, Tommy May, Bert Littler, Alec Adams, Jack Radley, Freddie Welch, Hazeldene, Frank Williams, etc., and they all worked unsparingly for the Association. In due course I was elected to the Executive Committee and took over as Business Manager of the "*Watling Resident*" and at the same time I was Job-Master in Toc H.

Some time late in 1931 we opened the first Watling Centre at 35, Abbotts Road. The opening day was a red letter day for some of us active members who had been continually advocating the renting of a Council house for use as a Centre. Then came the opening of the present Centre in 1933 and at this stage I must record my personal thanks to the Pilgrims Trust and to the National Council of Social Services who made the erection of the building possible. After the opening of the new Centre I did the secretarial duties for the small social committee which organised tennis, table tennis, common room activities, canteen, dances, socials and whist drives, etc. Our social committee was indeed small, about five of us, but each activity was run by an organiser, not necessarily a member of the social committee, and all these organisers and their helpers worked like trojans.

Early in 1934 there was a general opinion prevailing on Watling and other L.C.C. housing estates to the effect that better-off tenants might buy their own houses and thus make accommodation available for those who were less fortunate. Of course, one could get a house for £500-£700—deposit £15-50—in those days, and being in favour of the suggestion I moved into a Laing house off Stag Lane. From that date until comparatively recent years I was unable to spare the time for active work in the Association, but I did manage to turn up occasionally for dinners and Watling week festivities.

Then came the war years of 1939-45. Like everybody else I was working long hours and doing my turn of fire-watching both locally and at the office in Central London, but the active workers of the Association did more than this, for in spite of all the war-time difficulties the Watling Centre remained open all through the war—sometimes all day and all night. This is certainly a tribute to Messrs. Sewell-Harris, Molloy, Leach, Dick Lodge, the late Ernie Cole, the late Tom Judd, Charlie Fanthorpe, Jack Hylton, Vincent Needham, Fred Lake, etc., Mesdames Lily Nyberg, Judd, Cole, Richardson, Lake, Leach, and a host of others—they did a wonderful job.

With the end of the war I joined the Men's Club at the Centre and after a couple of years found myself gradually getting back into harness, first by being elected on to the Council and Executive, and later as Chairman of the Association. In the latter capacity I have been backed by some wonderful workers but there is still room for more voluntary workers. I would like to thank all those who have helped to make my job so easy, not forgetting the various sections, affiliated organisations and members of the Burnt Oak Business Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

JOE NIGHTINGALE

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**GENERAL ELECTION - October 25th**  
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## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class .. ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays) ..	7 p.m.
Young Liberals .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players .. ..	8 p.m.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild .. ..	2.30 p.m.
(alternate weeks) .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guldes .. ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. .. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class .. ..	6 p.m.
M.Ps. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
in month) .. ..	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
in month) .. ..	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.

### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social .. ..	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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Under the heading "Dangerous Play" in last month's issue, we printed the following: "On July 29th a lad was playing in the park with a bow and arrow. Another lad was also playing with one, the arrow caught him in the eye which he has had to have out, so now this lad will be handicapped through life." We have been asked to point out that the unfortunate youngster who received the injury was not playing

with a bow, he was just walking through Watling Park with his brother.

Our apologies for our mistake and we would like to extend our sympathy to the parents and to the lad whom we now know as John. Let us hope other parents who allow children to play with Dangerous weapons will take heed from this sorry business.

## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Knowing of the many families who have not a house of their own, we were interested in the lesson in our Handbook: "Houses and Homes" which we read ourselves. As chapter by chapter was read most Members had some comment to make.

The home is the centre of our lives and the kind of home it will be depends most of all upon US as wives and mothers. Though we agreed that it is desirable that there should be a quiet place to which we can retire sometimes, the happiest people are those who spend a good deal of their time with others beside their own family. It is this often unconscious desire which really causes women to take such pains to make their homes nice so that they might invite others in. This is good as long as it does not unduly restrict the normal, healthy activities of the children and as long as the love of material things in the house does not crowd out our love and consideration for the real comfort and well-being of the family.

There was criticism of the days when women were tied to the house. The proper use of the nursery schools gives mother a well-earned rest so that she might meet others without anxiety, knowing that the children are in capable hands and that both she and they will return to each other refreshed. This attitude makes home a happier place where the members are always pleased to see each other and where each can bring fresh experiences to talk about.

There was so much to say about this subject that we could not fit everything into one afternoon so we hope to continue another day.

The following week Mr. Alex Bryan, Secretary of the Friends Temperance Union gave a most instructive talk on Drink and Gambling, which wrecks so many homes.

We learnt that alcohol is a narcotic drug with a poison action and has a lowering and not a stimulating effect on the body as is commonly believed and as is wrongly stated by advertisers. It attacks the higher centres of the brain, lessening the powers of self-control and judgment.

With regard to moderate drinking we were reminded of the responsibility of our example which may be harmful to young people, some of whom may be thus embarked upon a life of heavy drinking with disastrous results.

Magistrates and social workers know of the connection between drink and gambling and crime, that these vices are a constant source of domestic troubles and the chief causes of juvenile delinquency and that cruelty to children, murder and the worst kind of crimes are committed in drunkenness, by some, who when sober, are the kindest and best of people.

In discussion we agreed upon the need for securing more houses and the freeing of sports and games from the evil associations of drink and gambling. We desired also the removal of the threat of war and subsequent re-armament which lowers moral standards and diverts brains, labour and materials which should be used for housing, education and the provision of wholesome recreational facilities.

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## VIEWPOINT

A recent letter received from the Director of Housing of the London County Council arrived too late for us to comment on it in our last issue, although a copy of it was printed in *The Resident*.

In the Hendon Borough Minutes, dated 9th July, 1951, it is reported that the Chairman of the London County Council Housing Committee had stated "They (the L.C.C.) had arrived at a position which made it

absolutely impossible for them to re-house sons and daughters of their tenants and they requested Hendon, in common with other out-country authorities, to include the sons and daughters on their housing lists with a view to re-housing."

In view of the above we feel the London County Council *HAS* made a decision and that the reply received is leading us "up the garden path".

*Continued over.*

## NEWS

### for WATLING RESIDENTS

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

Whilst recognising the immense problem which faces the L.C.C. in its efforts to re-house the many needy persons within its boundary we feel that common practice does demand a more reasonable consideration for all those who are already on their Housing List.

It must be noted that the children of tenants on the L.C.C. estates are on these estates as a direct result of the action of the L.C.C. in re-housing families outside its boundary. In point of fact these children do come within the orbit of the L.C.C. to a very great extent and we consider there is an urgent need for the L.C.C. and Hendon Borough Council to meet and discuss this problem fully.

The L.C.C. may rightly say it is

unfair to have your name on two housing lists and that Hendon receives a very fair rateable income from the Watling Tenants and should, therefore, accept some responsibility for the children of the Borough.

Hendon can, and must, reply that—since the L.C.C. has built this large estate within a Borough which has little building space free for satisfying its own needs—the L.C.C. must be prepared to take some measure of responsibility for the results of its own building development.

We say to the L.C.C. and Hendon Borough Council, "This is your joint responsibility, get on with the job. If there are any difficulties bring them into the open for tenants to consider."

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### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

December the 1st is the day chosen for this year's Bazaar. Watch for our posters announcing the time and opening ceremony arrangements.

The Bazaar is early this year, so you can come along and get a good selection of gifts well before Christmas.

**Christmas Crackers.**—We have an excellent stock of Crackers at the Centre which you can purchase at any time.

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## *Social Events*

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### **SOCIAL DRIVE**

NOVEMBER 9th 7.30 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 18th

### ON OUR ESTATE

I am given to understand that some Dustmen are still charging for disinfectant and that tenants are being silly enough to pay for it. At the time of writing it is well over nine days since I saw a lot of broken glass lying in the gutter outside a house in Deansbrook Road and that glass is still there. Why? Could it be a lack of sweepers? Does your milkman collect your empty bottles? From the looks of some pathways the milkman must only call once a month.

In one road on our estate on almost any day you can find a little brown dog chasing after cars, motorcycles and cycles. It is obvious that some day either the dog or the person who is being attacked will be hurt or even killed.

The owner knows all this and yet allows the dog out. It has even been said by the owner "Oh that is all right, let him be run over." What a strange world we live in, that people can be so callous.

The exterior decoration of our houses I notice is now completed. A great improvement to the eye, but what of the inside woodwork. When will that be completed? It is good to see so many of the broken fences now repaired. Many of our paths are in urgent need of attention.

Rag and Bone merchants seem to increase in number every week on this estate and what a noise they like to make.

### TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

On the 13th September there was a large attendance of the B.O.T.G. at the Centre. Mrs. C. Knight was in the Chair and welcomed Miss Farmer, a representative of a well-known Bond Street beauty specialist firm who gave a demonstration on beauty culture and care of the skin, Mrs. Titmus acting as model.

On the 27th September a party of members attended a "Rally" of North Middlesex Federation of Townswomen's Guilds at Wembley Town Hall. October 1st—The Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild and the Gay Forties Concert Party combined in organising a Cabaret Evening Social. Mrs. C. Knight and Mr. H. Lake were joint M.C.'s. Mr. S. W. Knight acted as pianist. This Social was part to commemorate the 23rd year of the Watling Association to which our Townswomen's Guild is affiliated.

L. C. FRANCIS.

### BOXING CLUB

Senior members are wanted from 15 years upwards. Training nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The trainers of the Club are G. Henly and B. Williams and they are ready to give you the best instruction obtainable. Subscriptions are only sixpence per week for Seniors and twopence for Juniors.

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### BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

A very sincere welcome was given to Miss Finch, a school teacher from Purley, who has spent some years in India, when she came to speak to us about that country. We heard of its tremendous size and of the lovely snow-clad Himalaya Mountains where, in cool caves and retreats away from the world and the heat of the plains, are holy men dedicated to a life of contemplation.

The caste system, we learnt, is a legacy from the past—about 2,000 B.C.—when the first inhabitants were driven into the hills by the Dravideans who were afterwards overrun by the Aryans. These invaders were divided into castes. In time these facts were forgotten and gradually the belief that the system of caste as of Divine origin was fostered by the priests.

We heard about the Indian village where life is very primitive. There is much poverty and disease and the work of alleviation is very slow due to superstition and distrust of new methods. We compared this poverty with the abundance which Nature provides but is, by Man's stupidity, so unfairly divided and misused and we sincerely hope that these inequalities will soon cease to be.

On 25th September some members visited Lansbury, one of the three neighbourhoods making up the community of Poplar, where so much damage was done by bombing in 1940. As a preparation for this visit, Mr. Allen from the L.C.C. explained to us by means of maps at the Westminster Friends Meeting House, the congested towns, the dirt, smoke and squalor resulting

from the haphazard building of the past, and, in contrast, the ordered planning of the new towns.

Lansbury is so called in memory of George Lansbury who served the district so unselfishly for so many years and whose whole life was devoted to helping to build a better world.

In "Gremlin Grange" we saw the bad old ways of building and from there we visited the houses and flats now being built where most of the old mistakes have been corrected.

We are very grateful to the kind young lady who was our guide during our tour of the Exhibition, who so patiently answered all our questions and explained everything so clearly.

We left after tea in the "Rosie Lee" cafeteria hoping that nothing will happen to prevent these schemes and many other similar ones from being completed.

Councillor Sharpe has again been to see us and told of the work of a borough councillor. We are very grateful to him and to his fellow councillors who spend so much time and effort on our behalf.

Mrs. Moutel played some gramophone records for us one afternoon and shared with Mrs. Fairbairn a description of the School at Brighton which both had enjoyed so much.

During a lovely day at Southend in September we had a trip on the water to Gravesend. Through the kindness of the skipper of our boat one of our Members, Mrs. Pavely, was able to see her son, Roy, who is stationed on H.M.S. Woolwich, and spoke to us through the megaphone.

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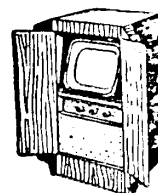


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### GOLDBEATERS SCHOOL

Mr. C. Loabes after leaving Edgware Secondary School will become the Headmaster of Goldbeaters Secondary School.

### DANCING CLASS

Four members of the Ballroom Dancing Class are entering for their medals during December at The Institute of Ballroom Dancing. The class has been coached throughout the season by A. D. Stout, an expert young teacher. It is interesting to note that "Jive" is recognised in Ballroom Dancing and that the class will receive instruction in "Jive".

### BUILDING FUND

We have to move with our Building Fund and one positive way in which we can raise money is through the collection and sale of paper, rags, wool, etc.

All residents are asked to collect waste materials for the Community Centre Building Fund.

**PLEASE HELP US.**

If you have something for us let us know now. We will collect from you.

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Children,

On these dark winter evenings most of us like to sit cosily at the fire with our family and friends. We talk of many things—of Christmas, now so near. We take out our snaps, taken on our summer holidays and our diaries. Happy times are being remembered and talked about again and again.

I would like to tell you about one little incident which happened during the summer. My daughter and I had been feeding some sparrows in Regents Park one lovely sunny day when suddenly every one, altogether, disappeared, as if a great wind had blown them away, into the trees. There was not a dog or cat about so we looked up into the sky, and there—a little in front of us up above—was a sparrow-hawk hovering round.

After a minute or so he moved away, then back came all the sparrows from the trees for another feed. In about ten minutes time, a blackbird, apparently searching for worms near by, suddenly rushed towards the birds, running swiftly on his two little legs with wings outstretched and croaking urgently, he drove the sparrows very quickly into the trees again. We looked up, and there saw the sparrow-hawk hovering directly overhead, but the birds were safely hidden away and remained in the trees until their enemy had slowly glided away—disappointedly, I imagine.

When all was clear again the sparrows returned, with their sentinel friend, the blackbird, remaining on watch on the outskirts of the little group of birds.

This was a lovely example of the way in which the blackbird guards the smaller birds. It is he who gives the warning with an insistent croaking sound to the other birds immediately danger in any form approaches. If you hear this sound during the summer you will know there is a stoat, a weasel or a cat or some bird of prey on the prowl near-by.

You will know the blackbird, in summer, by his lovely song and his bright yellow beak and smooth black feathers. He doesn't sing during the winter months, but still guards the other birds and you will still often hear his warning note.

There are many interesting things going on about the countryside all the year round for those with eyes and ears alert. I am sure some of you can remember having witnessed some little incident of which your friends would like to hear. Will you write to let the Editor know also? He may have a prize for you.

Good luck to you all.

Your friend,

BROWN OWL.

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### LIBRARY SERVICE

Here are some figures and facts given in the Hendon Library Service Report for 1950/1951. Classification and number of items issued at the Children's Library held at the rear of the Watling Community Centre were : General Works, 292; Philosophy, 2; Religion, 91; Sociology, 725; Languages, 40; Science, 868; Useful Arts, 692; Fine and Recreative Arts, 760; Music and Musical Literature, 18; Literature, 298; History and Topography, 706; Biography, 262; Fiction in English, nil; Story Books, 1,158; Total, 16,312, a daily average of 109 books. The following is an extract from the Chapter, "Work with Children," by Miss H. Colwell : "Work with children in the Borough, as always, has been interesting and on the whole encouraging."

Work at Dawes Lane and the Watling Libraries have, however, been much handicapped by the makeshift arrangements made necessary by the repair of Mill Hill. The Watling Centre Library has now been fitted with more suitable shelves and is now marred only by its rather secluded position at the back of the building.

Nearly one thousand books have been reserved at the Central Library alone and books asked for at all these three libraries show that the most popular authors, apart from best sellers, are W. E. Jones, Enid Blyton, Malcolm Saville, Helen Boylston, Noel Streatfield and Conan Doyle.

### EDGWARE AND DISTRICT BLIND SOCIAL CLUB

The Evening Section of the above Club held its Winter Opening Social on Friday, 12th October, 1951, at the Watling Centre.

About 50 members, guides and friends were present and for the first fifteen minutes Mr. Annison led community singing. Musical entertainment was provided by Messrs. Winslow and Hunt on the accordion and at the piano, and dancing included novelty and statue dances and a spot waltz, the winners receiving prizes.

Mr. Pearce, a blind member, entertained with a song, accompanied on the accordion by Mr. Hayes.

A "Free Raffle" was held, the winner being Miss Pilcher, also a blind member, and she received a bowl of fruit.

Mr. Benfell acted as M.C. for the evening.

The Social was a great success and was drawn to a close at approximately 10.15 p.m. by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

D.R.F.

### Saturday Night

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**WATLING WEEK**

The Community Association expresses its very sincere appreciation to the officers and members of the Burnt Oak Business Club and the Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce for the co-operation and help given during our recent Watling Week. Unfortunately it has not been possible to obtain, as yet, a complete list of the individual traders who so generously presented prizes for the Watling Resident Lucky Number. We hope this list will be available in time for our next issue.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd  
8 p.m.

**'Lets Get Talking'****OPEN DISCUSSION**

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Regular Activities at Watling Centre****Sundays.**

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

**Mondays.**

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class .. ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays) ..	7 p.m.
Young Liberals .. ..	7.30 p.m.

**Tuesdays.**

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Blind Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Boys) .. ..	7 p.m.
Guild of Players .. ..	8 p.m.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

**Wednesdays.**

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

**Thursdays.**

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild .. ..	2.30 p.m.
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Youth Club (Girls) .. ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. .. ..	7.30 p.m.
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Juvenile Painting Class .. ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
in month) .. ..	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
in month) .. ..	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.

**Saturdays.**

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social .. ..	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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**THE COUNTRYSIDE IN**  
**NOVEMBER**

The days are very short and nights long and chilly now that blustery old November is here again.

Most of the trees have shed their leaves, but if you look closely at the branches you will see that they are covered with little buds in the places from which the old leaves have fallen. In these cosy little beds next year's leaves are safely tucked away where they will remain fast asleep until the spring sunshine calls them to unfold.

The country is never a lonely place even in winter for the lover of Nature. The martins, swallows and blackcaps have all gone to warm lands but there are many that remain with us all the year, and others like the redwing, fieldfare and wild geese that come here for the winter from lands where the winters are colder. Our own friendly little robin-redbreast sings his merry song on the coldest day, often perched up on the topmost branch of a tree.

If you take a walk along a stream you might see a water vole swimming backwards and forwards across the water. He is gathering floating twigs and gnawing down tall reeds. With these he will build a little raft. He will then dive to the bottom of the water and bring up some green juicy roots. After climbing on to his raft he will wash his face, carefully smooth his whiskers and his stumpy little tail and brush out his lovely white vest. He will then sit up and enjoy his juicy meal. When he is satisfied he will tidy himself up again—for he is a very particular little chap—and dive off his floating raft and you will see him swim deep down in the water until he disappears in at the underwater doorway to his house in the bank.

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In the fields the ploughs are very busy while the rooks search for grubs in the freshly-turned earth. Flocks of chaffinches look for seeds of wild flowers along the field borders and in the furrows.

Birds like company on winter days and have now formed into large flocks and will stay together until mating time comes again.

There is often much dry weather during the winter and we are all hoping for more sunshine. A good walk in the keen fresh air is very invigorating and will make faces rosy and eyes bright and will help to keep away coughs and colds, and there is so much to see even in the darkest weather.

**VETERANS' CLUB**

Mrs. K. Taylor,  
Stanmore, Middx.  
20/9/51.

To Mr. Lodge,  
Watling Centre.  
Dear Mr. Lodge,

I should like just to say "Thank you" for the very enjoyable day spent at Southsea on September 13th on the occasion of the birthday of my Mother and I. It was an honour for me to be allowed to join your happy Party, and a pleasure to see my Parents enjoying themselves so much.

This, I am sure, was only made possible by much kind thought and organisation on your part.

Therefore, may I take this opportunity of saying "Thank you" and wishing you and all at the Centre, Good Health, Good Luck and Good Hunting.

Mrs. K. TAYLOR.

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Remembrance Day, Sunday, November 11th. — The Memorial Room at the Centre will be open at 11 o'clock if anyone wishes to come along for the 2 Minutes Silence and service.

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### NATIONAL SAVINGS

I see that Burnt Oak has rallied round to meet the request for National Savings Stamps Collectors and I think the collectors we have in Burnt Oak is in the region of 60.

At a recent meeting of collectors in the Town Hall a sub-committee was formed and eleven members of Burnt Oak were elected. At the first meeting of the sub-committee a number of officers were appointed.

We held our first Social and Dance, at the Hendon Way Hotel, and the Mayor and Mayoress were present at this most enjoyable evening.

E. ALLEN.

Editor's Note—The Hendon Savings Committee has promised to forward a complete list of street collectors in the Watling area and we hope this list will shortly be printed in *The Resident*.

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### YOUTH CLUB

New members intending to join should come along to see us now as numbers are limited. Boys—Tuesdays and Fridays, Girls—Thursdays and Fridays.

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## SOCIAL

Sunday dances for members continue to enjoy good attendance. We have two bands coming along to play for us on alternate Sundays. The Melody Three and The Des Williams Trio. Admission is 1/6.

The Free and Easy have started again and it is hoped you will come along one evening. Watch for special notices in this journal.

Dances with records have started again on Wednesdays. If you wish to improve your dancing come along for a good evening. Please also watch for notices of activities we are holding on Saturdays.

T. ROGERS.

*Social Secretary.*

## CREST FOOTBALL AND SOCIAL CLUB

Once again the football season has started and it has been pleasant to see so many of the old boys and new faces at the Barnfield Road Hut. Among the new faces are Derek Bastin, Johnny Whitmarsh and Mr. Morrell—all well-known in the Centre. Our trainer, Jim Lawson, is willing to give his advice to those who attend at the Hut on Tuesday evenings. Claremont F.C. were defeated by 3—1 (Gwen Dancy scoring the hat trick) and we beat Lodge Social by 5—1 in the first round of our Cup Match.

Our first dance of the season was held at the Victoria Hall, Kingsbury, when Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Gair were among those present.

I would like to thank the Community Association for helping us out for training quarters during the three weeks when the Hut was closed for election purposes.

E. ALLEN.

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# WHIST DRIVE (SOCIAL)

NOVEMBER 23rd - 7.30 p.m.

Admission 1/6

## CANDIDATES' MEETING

We would like to explain that the collection taken at the door of the three Candidates' Meeting held at Orange Hill School on Wednesday, 10th October was to help the Watling Community Association to pay for the hire of the Hall and cover the cost of printing posters and handbills.

Many thanks to those who gave so generously.

## ROBINSON CRUSOE

The "51 Club" are booking seats to see "Robinson Crusoe on Ice" at the Empire Pool, Wembley—Boxing Day at 8 p.m. We shall be booking 6/- seats at the reduced rate of 4/6d. We would welcome any members of the Association to come along with us, so if you wish, book now and make sure of a seat.

# DRAMA FESTIVAL 1951

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### NEWS FOR GROUP SECRETARIES—PRESS TOURS

*Evening Standard*—Write to J. R. Robertson, 47 Shoe Lane, E.C.4.  
Time of tours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Tour takes 1½ hours. Parties taken up to 15 persons.

*News of the World*—Write to the Manager, 30 Bouverie Street, E.C.4  
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*Daily Mail*—Write to the Mechanical Department, New Carmelite House. Time 9.30 p.m. any day except Saturday. Parties up to 12.

*News Chronicle*—Write to Mr. T. W. Parsons, 12-22 Bouverie St., E.C.4. Parties up to 20. Must be over 12 years of age.

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### ORANGE HILL OLD BOY ASSOCIATION

Members enjoyed a re-union dance on Saturday 3rd November. Music was by Harry Conell and his Connoisseurs. Harry was an "Old Boy" of Orange Hill.

Former Scholars requiring information of the Association should contact Ronald G. Foote, 220 Deansbrook Road, Edgware.

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## VIEWPOINT

One of the services to receive high tribute during, and after, the last world war was the National Fire Service and we view with some regret the present difficulty facing the men of this service.

Assurances were given to the

Police and the Firemen that their pay would not greatly differ. Yet we hear the police have received a sound increase in wage, whilst the fireman is expected to sit back and wait for his well-earned and needed increase.

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## NEWS

### *for WATLING RESIDENTS*

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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Secretaries of local organisations are invited to forward reports on their activities for inclusion in the next issue.

Tribute and assurances are so much "eye wash" unless something definite is done to keep faith with these men who carry on a dangerous and essential service. We, the citizens of this country, depend upon the keenness, training and skill of the Fire Service; it is our protection against very possible severe damage and loss of life; it is a service we must be prepared to pay for in other ways than well chosen words of thanks which, after all, cost us nothing.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? Are we going to wait until there are not enough men to man the tenders and the pumps? Are we going to wait until possible recruits are afraid to join because we do not honour the pledges we have given in the past? We feel the fireman has a just case in view of his service and our promises, and we should press our local council and our M.P. to "get cracking." You and I have a responsibility we cannot shirk—let us contact our representatives at once.

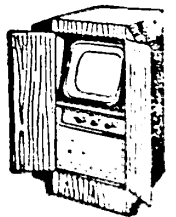


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## A YOUTH LEADERS' COURSE

Stan, Ruth, Ray and I arrived, very wet, at Battle of Britain House about 8 p.m. on Saturday, 10th November.

We were welcomed by Mr. Stanyon, the warden, and introduced to the other leaders, who had arrived in the afternoon.

The evening's programme consisted of a talk, "The Social and its Place in the Club Programme," by Mr. Burton, the Finchley Youth Officer, followed by a demonstration of useful games. Then, after supper we had a strenuous session of country dancing and American square dancing, which lasted until midnight.

Breakfast next morning was at 8.30 followed by Prayers at 9.45. The rest of the morning was spent in the handicraft room where there was a display of tools, books, and materials needed to start a craft group. The instructor was interesting and gave many useful hints.

We observed the two minutes silence during this session.

Films and records were the subject of the afternoon talk and then after a general summing up by Mr. Stanyon and Mr. Burton we had tea and the course was over.

We had enjoyed ourselves, and we had got to know more Youth Leaders who were facing the same problems as ourselves. We were pleased to note that our Club was not the only one of its kind, by talking to the other Leaders we realised that we have nearly all got the same problems—lots of noisy boys and girls, who will continue to be noisy and lacking in interest until we find them something of general interest.

We shall certainly try to give them something here at Watling, especially now, after such an inspir-

ing course.

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JEAN CORK,  
Secretary Y.M.C.

## UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN BRIDES' PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Hi Friends,

So sorry I missed having a chat with you in *The Resident* last month. "Time Flies," and the older we get we seem to get less of it. Do you agree?

I would like to pay a compliment to the Chairman of the Watling Association, Mr. Nightingale, for the very interesting life story article he contributed to the October issue. It was most interesting and I recommend it to be read by all. It was, more or less, our own life story being told to us by him. Yes Sir, we remember only too well those bad old days! They made a very deep impression which I am afraid will remain with us until we are unable to think any more. One consoling fact we derived from that depressed period I think, is the grand folk of our age that we have around us today. The U.S. & C.B.P. Edgware Branch, have near forty members of that Breed on their roll and without raising their blushes too high, every one deserves high honour for services rendered in the many varied ways in which they perform their kindness.

Our Monday evening meetings have maintained their high standard under the efficient guidance of our Chairman, Mrs. Davies. Our Social Secretary, Mrs. Nyberg, I usually mention later. On the business side, also, there have been some interesting discussions. I would like to give a reminder to our members who intend travelling to the U.S. or Canada during 1952, to advise the

Secretary, Mrs. Fuller, or Assistant Secretary, Mr. Bennett, as soon as possible, so that full advantage can be taken of the concession granted by the Shipping Companies of the 21-20 party tickets. It will be gratifying to learn that our own Edgware members have been able to benefit from the efforts of the Association.

In my last write-up, I referred to our absent members, Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Mould, who were then in America. All members had expressed their sincere wishes for a safe journey home for them. I am now very pleased to report that both these ladies have now returned safely to their homes and loved ones in this country, having negotiated many thousands of miles of travel without a hitch. I know you will join with me in giving these two ladies a Hearty Welcome Home. I am sure Mrs. Nyberg will see to it that they will get the real Edgware "Welcome Home" in the near future.

You will be delighted to learn the news, that the daughter of our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, arrives in this country from U.S.A. on November 12th for a six months holiday with them.

In the near future, unfortunately, we have to turn to the other side of the picture when we say 'Au revoir' to two of our daughters and their children. Mrs. Trickey's daughter, Mrs. Sharp and her little son Gordon also Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are saying 'Au revoir' to their daughter, Mrs. Bonine and little daughter Susan. They are returning home, happy to know their parents belong to this Parents' Association whose common object is to have a little friendly chat about their daughters and grandchildren who are away over-

seas. A Farewell Social was arranged for them Monday, November 28th.

Our Saturday night social, which was held at the Centre on November 10th, had a rather poor attendance as compared with previous efforts. The cause of this I am sure, was due to the weather which was really in its worst mood with the rain tipping down. Our Club turn out was the lowest ever and if it had not been for the outside support it would have been like the weather—a wash out. Mrs. Nyberg as usual did a good job of work as M.C. Two beautiful bouquets of Chrysanthemum blooms were presented to Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Bonine by Mr. Davies who expressed the good wishes of this branch. He also introduced Mrs. Meredith, who looked very fit after her recent visit to America.

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Before concluding these notes, I would like to thank on behalf of our members, the officers and social workers for their good work. A special word of praise must be given to our "Back Room" ladies who so kindly produce the cakes and pastries from their own meagre larders. Also those who brought the goods along for the Bring and Buy auction and those who bring the prizes for the weekly raffle. Space does not permit me to write all of their names. I doubt whether I will get any more notes in before Christmas, so I will take this early opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Cheerio,  
W. ELLIS.

## IMPRESSIONS AT THE BERLIN YOUTH FESTIVAL

The World Federation of Democratic Youth which was formed in 1945 holds a youth festival every two years. The idea is to create better understanding between youth of the whole world, to promote friendship and to show youth that there is no need to fight one another in war. I had heard glowing reports about the two previous festivals and was determined to go to Berlin for the third.

The festival spirit of friendship started for us at Gdynia, in Poland, on our way to Berlin. We had been travelling for three days on the Polish luxury liner "Batory", and as we drew into the quayside, we saw the Polish Youth singing songs, cheering us and calling friendship. While the formalities were being seen to, many of them came aboard, and we talked to them by means of the ship's officers, most of whom could speak English. We exchanged badges and autographs and told of conditions in our two countries.

At most major stations during the long ride to Berlin a reception was held for us on the platform with perhaps a band playing. The train would come to a halt, an observant person would shout "Reception Committee" and we would all pile out of the train to meet those on the platform. At some stations part of the Scottish delegation would march up the platform playing their bagpipes, giving the people a thrill no doubt.

Over 1,600 people went from England and were accommodated in schools with hospital beds to sleep in. We were all quite comfortable. The food was good, meat twice a day. We were issued with festival cards which enabled us to travel free on the public transport. There were over 25,000 youth from over 100 countries taking part in the festival, with over a million German youth taking part at different times.

We could do dozens of things at the same time. Watch sport, go shopping, visit factories, flats, pioneer camps, or go to concerts given by one of the delegations. The British delegation gave quite a good concert. When we went on visits we were accompanied by interpreters. We met foreign delegations mostly at the theatre, but visits were organized to their hostels. Part of the British delegation met the Russian delegation, and the whole of the British delegation met part of the Korean delegation.

It is amazing how often the peace question was raised. Everybody urged us to go back to England and work to secure peace. Walking in the street we were stopped by Germans who greeted us with "Freundschaft" (Friendship). We signed their autograph books and often ex-P.O.W's. who could speak broken English would translate for us. The Germans urged "All we want is peace so that we can build up our terrible ruins." We explained that we canvassed with the petition calling for a five power peace pact, and unfortunately also had to explain the distortion and suppression of news in our papers. For example, on the Berlin Festival, a daily newspaper stated "The delegations are not being allowed to mix freely with the youth from East Germany, which is a pity because they would learn a thing or two from them." We learned plenty from them as the article has no foundation. In the same issue its headlines were "Starving reds swarm into West Berlin." If these reds were starving surely they would have raided the food shops which had plenty of food for all. Also, you did not read much about that part of our delegation which was stopped at Innsbruck by American soldiers and had to sleep in an open railway station. They were refused food and sanitary arrangements. And how Colin Sweet was hit by a rifle butt by an American officer when he told the officer that they had no right to stop them. Colin had to have eight stitches put in his forehead.

My main memory of Berlin, however, is the spirit of the youth for Peace and Friendship. Ask me questions about the Festival when I come round asking for your signature to the five power peace pact.

A. HIRSCH.

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### CHRISTMAS TIME

The sun may shine or snow may fall,

Why, it might even rain;

But nothing worries us at all,

It's Christmas time again!

Dear Children,

As the loveliest Festival of the year draws near we will be wondering if we are going to have a white Christmas.

Usually snow does not fall at this time and very often the weather is quite warm. Snow is more likely earlier in December and later in January and it is during the early months of the year that we really are able to enjoy tobogganing, sliding and skating.

The days before Christmas are very happy ones. Everyone is busy. The last touches are being put to preparations for parties and we find there is almost the same amount of fun to be had from planning and getting a party ready and sending out invitations as from the party itself.

Little surprise gifts are being finished for our family and it is such fun hiding them away until the Great Day.

Everywhere is that lovely feeling of expectancy—just as at this time 2,000 years ago around the village of Bethlehem when the time was approaching when Jesus would be born. This is why people are happy and kind, and the gifts we make to each other are in commemoration of the gifts brought by the shepherds to the little Baby born in the Manger.

You won't forget the animals during this time, will you? The birds will be glad of crumbs and scraps of fat and some nuts. Put them well away from the reach of cats, but do not hang your bird-table in a tree, for pussy can easily climb up there and may creep along the branches and pounce upon the birds while they are busily feeding. Do leave out some water also for them, especially if there is a frost, because birds get very thirsty and they do love a bath.

Wishing you all a very happy and exciting Christmas,

Your friend,

BROWN OWL.

### NATURE NOTES FOR DECEMBER

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Birds are not frightened of the cold and if you put out crumbs and a dish of water you will find that many feathered visitors will come to feed and for a bath. When the sun is out, if you are quiet and patient you will be able to take many interesting snaps of the different birds. In this way you can study them all and come to know each kind.

During the summer different sorts of birds do not mix. Anyway, they are then too busy housekeeping and looking after the babies. But in the winter, when berries are scarce and the ground is frozen so that worms and grubs are safely hidden away, birds of all kinds will come into our gardens. They seem to know that

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human beings will feed them. When it is dark you may sometimes see all sorts of birds asleep, all huddled together for warmth.

The missel thrush likes to eat the white berries of the mistletoe which may be growing on an oak tree. After his feast his beak will be covered with the sticky juice of the mistletoe and some of the seeds. He will fly on to an apple tree or into a hawthorn bush and will clean his beak by rubbing it on a branch. He will then fly away leaving the seeds to root themselves deep into the bark. There they will thrive on the sap of the tree and will in due time become bunches of mistletoe ready for next Christmas.

Did you know that Mr. Fox has fowl for his Christmas dinner? He raids poultry runs and carries off as many chickens as he can. When he has eaten all he wants he hides the rest for another time and on Christmas Day he goes to his larder and enjoys a nice tender chicken for his dinner.

The squirrel, of course, always has nuts for Christmas. He gathers them in the autumn and stores them up with plenty of berries and acorns to last him all the winter. He has many larders. Indeed, he hides his stores in so many places that it is not surprising that he forgets some of them.

The little field mice also store up food for the winter, and you may sometimes find an old blackbird's nest which the mice have filled with berries for the long dark days.

Rabbits do not seem to feel the cold and play about in the field, having lots of fun. If people approach, one of them will warn the others by hitting the ground with his hind feet. The sound travels a long

way and all the rabbits hear and immediately hurry back to their holes. If you are very lucky you may see a rabbit washing his face. He wets his paws and passes them over each side of his face and over his head then well behind each ear, similar to the way in which you have seen pussy wash herself. Wouldn't this make a jolly picture for your camera?

## WHO'S IN THE DICTIONARY?

The names of a host of well-known people are written in the history books and other records of human affairs. But did it ever occur to you that many other people, who otherwise would be comparatively obscure have immortalised their names by giving them in one way or another for use as common nouns in the dictionary? Captain BOYCOTT is an example. Twelve such nouns have been defined below and your task is to see how many of these dictionary-people you can name.

1. A popular article of food composed basically of bread.
2. A cloth which covers a soldier's cap and protects his neck from the sun.
3. A form of road surface made of crushed stone.
4. A large upholstered sofa.
5. A strict military disciplinarian.
6. A loose overcoat with sleeves that extend up to the neckline.
7. A knitted worsted jacket.
8. A half-length, laced boot.
9. A high-rolled hairdress.
10. A straight, single-edged hunting knife.
11. A common form of grass, used for hay.
12. A small scale, used to compute subdivisions of a larger scale.

Answers on Page 12

### QUIZ

1. The first statue of a woman erected in London was of whom and where was it erected?

2. The first omnibus was called a "Shillibeer." When did the "Shillibeer" first run in London and what was the fare?

*Answers on Page 12*

### YOUTH CLUB NOTES

The Watling Centre has always had its Youth Section whose fortunes have fluctuated with the winds of leadership. The most satisfying fact, however, that emerges is that young people always respond to good leadership. At present the Youth Club is rising out of one of the many troughs of despair in the field of Club work. It has been stimulated by four persons coming forward, three of whom have been members of the Club in perhaps good and palmier days and are now offering to give a hand. (They are Mr. Ray Hathaway, Ruth and Stan Lambert with Jean Cork.)

This is a grand opportunity for all concerned and former Club members should seize it with both hands and give offers of practical help. Young people, like adults, are not static nor indeed can programmes be. Modern Society is moving at a fast rate and this modern trend is reflected in whatever activity is undertaken. Not that old-fashioned ideas should be jettisoned without due regard but rather dressed in modern clothes.

The programme that has been prepared for the next few weeks has been carefully thought out and now awaits your full support. In the place of the separate evenings for boys and girls, it has been decided to have mixed club on three evenings

per week (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays), and an outstanding event once a month (watch the noticeboard for details). A "Club Rendezvous" evening will be held; on a Friday in December (Dec. 21st) a Christmas Party; whilst the January event will be a Club outing to either Harringay or Bertram Mills. (Payment may be made weekly.) Upon support given will largely depend future programmes.

Nor should one have regard to what is being done in the Centre alone but realise that life in all its phases is happening around us. Good Club members should be out and about adding their contribution.

Inter-Club visits are most stimulating both to the visitor and the host. Many new ideas are gained and friends made. Already the girls have their own Table Tennis team playing in the Youth League and hope to form a netball section in the near future. If *each* member plays his or her part new activities can be undertaken. If you are interested in football, athletics, crafts, music and drama, see what you can do to get the section on its way by seeing what support there is for the particular activity you are interested in. After all, it's your Club, you pull it down or build it up.

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per week (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays), and an outstanding event once a month (watch the noticeboard for details). A "Club Rendezvous" evening will be held; on a Friday in December (Dec. 21st) a Christmas Party; whilst the January event will be a Club outing to either Harringay or Bertram Mills. (Payment may be made weekly.) Upon support given will largely depend future programmes.

Nor should one have regard to what is being done in the Centre alone but realise that life in all its phases is happening around us. Good Club members should be out and about adding their contribution.

Inter-Club visits are most stimulating both to the visitor and the host. Many new ideas are gained and friends made. Already the girls have their own Table Tennis team playing in the Youth League and hope to form a netball section in the near future. If *each* member plays his or her part new activities can be undertaken. If you are interested in football, athletics, crafts, music and drama, see what you can do to get the section on its way by seeing what support there is for the particular activity you are interested in. After all, it's your Club, you pull it down or build it up.

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### BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A meeting was held on October 11th and Mrs. C. Knight was in the Chair. Nominations were accepted for the annual meeting. Mrs. N. Chapman, President for 1951, presented the Guild with a beautiful table cloth for the Chairman's table. It was designed by Mrs. Chapman, the work being the co-operative effort of members of the Handicraft class.

Competition—Bottled Fruit, was won by Mrs. Burton.

Social—The Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild held an evening social for members and friends, proceeds went to help Guild funds.

The "Constitution" was read by Mrs. Filby, the Secretary.

Drama—Mrs. Lake and Mrs. Venn represented the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild in "Trial by Jury" which took place at Hartley Hall, Mill Hill, N.W.7, on November 9th.  
L. C. FRANCIS.

### BOXING DAY CREAMS

- 2 oranges
- 2 tangerines
- 4oz. chopped almonds
- $\frac{3}{4}$  pint thick coffee custard

Remove the flesh from the halved oranges and cut it into convenient sized pieces. Remove any pith from the halved orange skins and serrate the edges with kitchen scissors. Remove the flesh from the tangerines and mix it with the orange and the coarsely chopped almonds, reserving a few to toast to decorate. Mix the fruit and nuts with thick coffee-flavoured custard and put into the orange cases. Sprinkle with toasted chopped almonds.

### EDGWARE AND DISTRICT BLIND SOCIAL CLUB

At the Watling Community Centre on Friday, 9th November, 1951, the Evening Section of the above Club held a "Yes and No Quiz."

Twenty-six members and their guides attended and the competitors consisted of volunteers from the body of the hall. Mr. Sterling, Chairman and Home Teacher, was Questionmaster assisted by Mrs. Annison and Miss Fox.

The competitors caused a great deal of amusement, especially when carrying out their forfeits.

The winners of raffle prizes were Mr. Howes and Miss Dyer.

The meeting closed at approximately 10 p.m. everyone present having thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

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#### *Answers*

1. The Earl of SANDWICH.
2. Sir Henry HAVELOCK.
3. John L. McADAM.
3. D A V E N P O R T, a cabinet-maker.
5. MARTINET, a French Army Officer.
6. Lord RAGLAN.
7. The Earl of CARDIGAN.
8. General von BLUCHER.
9. Marquise de POMPADOUR.
10. Col. James BOWIE.
11. TIMOTHY Hanson.
12. Pierre VERNIER.

#### *Answers to Quiz on Page 10*

1. The first statue of a woman erected in London was of SARAH SIDDONS and shows her as Lady MacBeth, her most popular character. It was unveiled in 1897 by Sir Henry Irving. The statue stands on Paddinton Green.

2. The first Omnibus ran in London on July 4th, 1829. The bus ran from "The Yorkshire Stingo" to the Bank for a fare of one shilling which included the loan of a newspaper.

### DECEMBER GARDENING

If you have a lawn on clayey soil that becomes sodden in winter, give it a dressing of sand from half to one inch in thickness. Coarse sand, free from pebbles or large stones, is suitable.

Ground which is to be prepared for planting, ought to be dug and manured; if it is at all clayey, it will greatly benefit if thrown up into ridges so that as large a surface as possible is exposed to rain, wind, frost and snow. If it is treated in this way it will crumble when forked over in the spring. If dung is not

available, Leaf Mould, Sand Sweepings from garden paths or sifted ashes scattered over the ground when they become available will benefit.

A few stray flowers might be found this month on wither Jasmine or the Red Japonica might have a few flowers to offer, but in general the month is dull. Continue to plant hardy herbaceous plants, rose trees and all leaf-losing shrubs when soil is dry enough. Any major alterations to the flower garden layout should be done now. Cover the crowns of Chrysanthemums and Delphiniums with ashes to protect them against severe frost; do not use fresh ashes or plants might suffer.

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### BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We were very glad indeed to see Mrs. Sewell Harris again when she came, on 22nd October, to talk to us about Franklin D. Roosevelt; of his resolute character and the courage with which he faced the infantile paralysis which attacked him and the tremendous amount of work he did for his country.

Mrs. Harris showed us photographs taken after Anthony's wedding and read part of a letter he had written to his parents in which he described some important work he was doing for the National Coal Board by whom he is employed. We were grateful for the privilege of being allowed to share in the well-deserved joys which have come to our friends through their son's marriage, and we hope these will increase as the years go by.

Mr. Churchley of the N.S.P.C.C. has told us of the work of this organisation whose chief concern is the *prevention* of cruelty to children in any form and the creation of conditions under which they may develop naturally and grow up to be sane, healthy, useful and happy people.

We heard of many terrible and sad experiences of the sufferings caused to children, chiefly through ignorance. It was good to learn that the officers of this Society are continually stressing the importance of the teaching of Parenthood in the schools and indeed that their inspectors—men and women—spend much of their time helping to rebuild homes and re-educate parents so that their children can grow up happily. Most of this good work is not generally known as only the few

cases in which there are prosecutions are made public.

Our Members have promised to help to collect funds in the spring for this splendid work.

Our School took part in our "Watling Week" festivities. Betty, daughter of Mrs. Nyberg, was elected Beauty Queen, an honour which she rightly deserves. Betty honoured all our Week's activities very graciously with her presence and helped us to enjoy a very happy time.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 12th November when reports of a most successful year were read. All Officers and Members were thanked for their co-operation and hard work which had contributed to the good progress of our School.

Mrs. Nyberg was elected Chairman; Mrs. Hatch, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Moutel, Secretary; Mrs. Fanthorpe, Treasurer; Mrs. Welsh, Social Secretary. We are sorry that Mrs. Fairbairn who is such a valuable Member is prevented by her domestic responsibilities from taking on any special duties but we are glad that she has agreed to help whenever she can.

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## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft 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.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	
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Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.Ps. Service (3rd Friday	
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday	
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Executive Committee (2nd	
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Motor Cycle Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

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## VIEWPOINT

In wishing you a Happy New Year, we would remind you that, for some residents on the estate, this may not have been a Happy New Year but for the welfare service side of The Watling Community Association. For others, without the Poor Man's Lawyer, Tenants' Welfare Officer and other services provided by the Association, the New Year may not be a happy one.

These services of the Association are essential to the people of Watling and they may only be provided through *your* support and interest. Were we to carry on our service work with screaming headlines in the press and a beating of drums, your interest and support may, no doubt, be more readily obtained. Since we prefer to carry out this work in a more quiet manner—

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## NEWS

### for WATLING RESIDENTS

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except when a matter of larger local interest needs a first-class "song and dance"—you tend to forget a very important side of the Association and your interest wains.

We still wish you a Happy New Year and we invite you to join the Watling Community Association.

In inviting you to join with us we must make it quite clear that the Community Association is open to all those who are prepared to co-operate one with another in order to benefit Watling as a whole. Whilst being non-party political and non-sectarian we do welcome all shades of thought and we do recognise the right of every man and every woman to have freedom of choice in politics or religion. We have to recognise that we are not made alike and that we do not all think alike; yet may we all come together with a common purpose. We can attempt to understand one another, to tolerate one another, and work with one another.

It is not enough to pay lip service to any ideal or belief; we have to prove by our actions that we are imbued with a sincere desire to help others first, and ourselves last. Let us do a little more "giving" and a little less "taking"—let us honestly wish one another A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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### NATURE NOTES

During this cold and frosty month the wind is so uncomfortable that we like to be near the fireside. But out in the woods and fields, which seem to be quite deserted, there are lots of wild birds and animals. They have thick furry and feathery coats which keep them nice and warm. Underneath the soil where it is quite warm are many insects for the birds to eat and some berries and other wild fruits are still on the trees for them.

On mild days bats like to flutter round and the warm sunshine may awaken the hedgehog and the tortoiseshell butterfly from their winter sleep.

The meadows and lanes seem to be full of flocks of birds. There are peewits, rooks and starlings. Along the hedges and in our gardens you will see flocks of bluetits, greenfinches and chaffinches.

Under the hedges you may see the redwing, a little thrush which has come from Northern Europe for the winter, searching through the leaves for food.

Walking in the country you may see a shepherd carrying a little lamb in his arms, with its mother, the ewe, running alongside, bleating anxiously. The shepherd, seeing the evening sun fiery red, knows that there may be snow coming and sends his dog to collect the sheep wandering in the fields.

The little dipper loves the stream and spends the whole of his life within sound of splashing, gurgling water. He is a joyous little fellow with a black body and a snow white vest and is a wonderful flyer. Even in the coldest weather he is full of good spirits. Sometimes his

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bathing pool is frozen so hard that he cannot break it, but he does not worry about that. He trills his merry song and dances up and down bending at the knees with the dipping movement which gives him his name. When the ice has thawed he will dive into the stream, splashing the water all over himself. He disappears below the surface, then up he comes again and floats about delightedly like a tiny duck.

BROWN OWL.

### WATLING ASSOCIATION DRAMA FESTIVAL, 1951

This year's Festival was very successful and we do thank the many competing societies for their friendly help towards this success.

Throughout the Festival a high standard of acting was achieved and it is, perhaps, true to say that the final awards went to those societies which were able to set the stage well and whose choice of play was sound.

The Motley Crew, with "The End of Adderley", won the Ben Littler Cup for the best performance and The Edgware Ramblers, as runners-up with an excerpt from "The Duke in Darkness", carried off the Ernest Cole Trophy.

The Association would like to extend its thanks to members of the Guild for their work during the Festival; also our hope that the Guild will be able to enter for our next Festival.

(The Watling Guild of Players is open to anyone interested in Dramatics. The Guild meets on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Community Centre.)

## ANNUAL BOXING TOURNAMENT

Hendon Schools' Amateur Boxing Association, on the 15th December, presented us with the finals of Hendon Inter-Schools Boxing Championships.

In my opinion the judges should be given full marks for an evening of mistakes and bad decisions. I should like to know what qualifications the teachers have who judged the bouts. Why not fully experienced A.B.A. Officials?

I sat at the side of a judge who asked a colleague what the other three judges had given for a verdict as he had made a mistake in colours and given the verdict to the wrong boy! I was not the only person in the Hall that evening who saw that some of the decisions were very bad. People who have trained and watched boxers all their lives were in complete agreement with me.

Two contests were allowed to continue much longer than they should have done. In amateur boxing it is usual to stop a boy from receiving too much injury. During one bout a boy received injury to his mouth and nose and

blood was streaming from both and nearly choking him, yet the judge stopped the contest to speak and caution him over some petty infringement of the rules. Obviously the boy did not have any care for rules in such a condition and only after much shouting from the body of the hall and advice from a second did the bout come to an end.

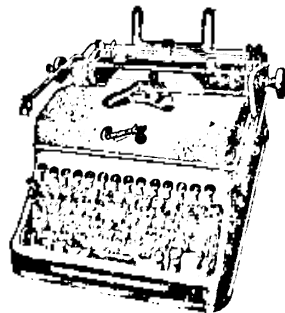
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Surveying the past year, I would say it had been a good one for the Social Committee. Although the Wednesday evening dances were cut out for some time *they are on again* with regained popularity.

Saturday nights were at one time Social Committee nights but, as attendance was poor, we decided that it would be beneficial to let groups and affiliated sections of the Association run different functions. This on the whole has proved successful.

The Committee have once again started Whist Drives. The Drives already held have proved to be a success and despite the fact that we have many times been advised against Whist Drives we are going to carry on again.

There was a time when our Whist Drives at the Centre claimed a full house every time and it took a good deal to equal it, and we sincerely hope to see those times back again in the New Year.

Sundays—well you have only to come along one Sunday to see that our dances are enjoying record attendance. We have had two first-class bands playing on alternate Sundays, the Melody Three and the Des Williams Trio.

The Committee and myself would like to wish you all a jolly and happy New Year and thank all who have supported us during last year. I myself would like to thank all workers who have helped me during the past year.

T. ROGERS,  
Social Secretary.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th

## **CABARET SOCIAL**

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MONDAY, JANUARY 21st

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**WILSON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNIVERSARY WEEK**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22nd

### **To Be Announced**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd

#### **Redwood Steppers**

7.30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th

#### **WHIST DRIVE**

7.30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th

#### **Old Time Music Hall**

7.30 p.m.

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## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft 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.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

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T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	
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Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. .. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
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### Fridays.

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Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday	
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Executive Committee (2nd	
Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Year at the Centre.

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Dear Children,

We are now at the beginning of another year, and we'll have 366 days through which to work and play, for as most of you know, 1952 is a leap year.

I once read of someone who regarded each life as a story book, with every day a new page, every year a new chapter. It is rather nice to think that we are writing our own story and are now beginning a new chapter. So your story will depend on you. If you are kind and thoughtful and helpful to others—as you can be—then yours will be a lovely story.

The bells have sung "Ring out the old, ring in the new", to wish us all a happy New Year. In older days some people believed that the bells prayed for us and drove away tempests and evil spirits. In very early days the bells rung each passing hour so that England became known as "the ringing island".

This is the season of pantomime. All the lovely old fairy tales come to life on the stage. There is the principle boy—played always by a girl—and a comical old dame—who is really a man. There are always new tunes, easily remembered; there are fairies and enchanted forests and lots of brightly coloured lights and plenty of fun. I do hope that most of you will be able to see a pantomime this season.

A very happy New Year to all children everywhere.

Your friend,

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For ice and snow and slide,  
For cheeks aglow, and windy blow,  
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This year the Bazaar Committee, through the active support of a number of groups and members of the Association, staged a most successful Bazaar.

In opening the Bazaar, Mr. C. Ian Orr-Ewing, M.P. for Hendon North, commented on the growing strength of the Association and on the work put in by the Veteran's Club and it was, perhaps, a happy introduction to the Bazaar, since the Veterans' Stall produced a greater cash return than any other stall and the Bazaar as a whole was one of the best in recent years.

The total income to the Association from the Bazaar came to £54 10s. 11d. and the Association wishes to record its appreciation for the work of the Veterans' Club, Social Committee, Youth Club, 51 Club, Edgware Ramblers, G.I. Brides' Parents' Assn., Townswomen's Guild, Neighbours, Adult School and the many helpers who spent so much time in preparing for and running the Bazaar.

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## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

The past year has been very fruitful for our school. Much has been learnt as we have followed the handbook lessons more closely than for some years. New members have joined us in fellowship and we have retained the banner, awarded to the school enrolling the largest number of new members in the year, and we continue to be a very happy group.

We are glad to have Mrs. Artis back with us after her unavoidable absence for some weeks.

Mrs. Richardson, who has been our very efficient treasurer for many years until November last, has paid out nice little sums for Christmas spending. This money has been deposited by members weekly in small amounts during the year to be withdrawn when required. We are sincerely grateful, also, to Mr. Richardson and Mr. Lake for having so kindly audited our books for many years.

Our Chairman has read a very interesting article to us on "Health and Cleanliness".

Mr. Dimond has spoken on "The Need for Re-armament", and explained the tremendous cost in money, home-life, comfort and leisure which would be required. There was keen discussion afterwards. We are wondering when love and understanding between nations will replace the hatred and suspicion now prevailing. We agreed that this will come about only by a change of heart in all men. The responsibility for this lies with each individual and we can start now where we are—in our own relationships at home, in our Centre, at

work and with all our neighbours, in keeping with our Adult School and Community Association training.

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## YOUTH CLUB

A special evening was held on 30th November. A welcome was given by Mr. Joe Nightingale, Chairman of the Association, to Councillor D. F. Simons, Chairman of Hendon Youth Sub-Committee, Mr. Frank E. Griffiths (Hendon Youth Officer), Miss Darrie (his assistant) and other visitors.

A talk was given by Mr. R. N. Clarkson, Secretary of Middlesex County Youth Football Association, supported by experiences by Mr. Johnny Paton and Mr. Jimmy Hill, Brentford Football Club players.

Another excellent address was provided by Mr. Brian Nicholls, Secretary of the London Jazz Association, with illustrations of this music on gramophone records. "Holiday Fellowship" was the theme of a talk by Mr. C. Johnson, of Mill Hill Youth Club, with special reference to camping.

## WATLING AND DISTRICT POULTRY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Watling Poultry Club was held on Thursday, 15th November.

The election of officers for the coming year was as follows:—Chairman, Mr. May; Secretary, Mr. Martin; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Gunderson; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Baggott; Auditors, Messrs. Wall and Martindale; Treasurer, Mr. Keep; Other Committee Members, Mrs. Ville (Social Sec.), Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Myland, Mr. Coppard, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Williams and Mr. Potter.

A vote of thanks for the retiring Chairman, Mr. Gibbs, and also for Mr. Potter, who provides the refreshments at the Whist Drive.

## WEIGHTLIFTING

The Association Weightlifting Club had a double success in the London and District League.

Both teams won their respective divisions championships. Congratulations to both teams.

## PREMIERE IN PRISON

The strangest film premiere ever held in Canada has been the screening of Ealing Studios comedy about one of the most audacious bank robberies in history—"The Lavender Hill Mob," starring Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway—to inmates of Kingston Penitentiary in Ontario.

More than 400 prisoners—serving sentences of anything from two years to life—thoroughly enjoyed the picture and greeted with loud applause all scenes when the police were outwitted by the two partners in crime and their confederates.

Writes Bruce West of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*: "At one point some phony police radio orders caused the coppers' car to pile up one on top of another in mad confusion. This went over so well that if one more car had been wrecked, they'd probably have had to stop the show to pick the boys out of the aisles.

"During some sequences, however, the audience seemed extremely critical. In one scene, for instance, a crook casually opened the locked door of a Bank of England bullion truck with one gentle pass of a pry-bar. This brought a loud and derisive laugh from the assembly. It appeared that this particular scene didn't hold up under the close surveillance of the experts in the gathering."

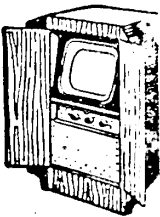


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## VIEWPOINT

In this age of the television and wireless set we tend to keep more to our own homes and we look around less to see in what way we may be of service to others.

There are many aged, sick and lonely folk who suffer in a number of ways and it is the intention of the Community Association to seek out these people and to find friends and helpers for them.

Many old people are unable to undertake the strenuous work of fetching and carrying, especially since so few shops now deliver goods; others are unable to even leave their houses and are unable to adequately look after themselves; others are lonely—they have lost their old friends and they are in a new world.

Infirm and sick people also need consideration. To-day it is in-

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## NEWS

### *for WATLING RESIDENTS*

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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creasingly necessary for members of the family to go out to earn money for the necessities of life and when a member of the family falls sick some stress is placed upon the home. Old and infirm people are confined within the home and they need companionship and friendship—they need to meet new friends and hear new opinions.

These problems give rise to a greater need for the true expression of neighbourliness and we do ask all those who are able, to seek out—either through the Community Association or some other such body—those who would welcome their interest. Look firstly in your own roads. Does your next door neighbour need you to a greater extent; does the old lady over the road need a little attention; is there a mother who is unable to leave the house through the difficulties of children? Ask yourself these, and many other questions, and then “get cracking”.

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Sales must bring back many memories to most—especially of sales gone by.

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Children,

The lengthening days bring thoughts of holidays and the countryside, of ploughs and cows and pigs and sheep, of wheat and our daily bread.

The story of farming began long ago when people had just learnt to build rough shelters for covering. The farmer built his home down in a valley sheltered from the weather then planted trees for added protection. He learned to till the soil, to sow seeds and to gather and store the harvest and to tame the wild animals.

In the beginning he produced just enough to feed and clothe his own family. As he learned more he was able to produce more than he wanted and was able to sell what he did not need to people who were busy making tables and chairs and weaving cloth. He sold them also hide from his pigs and cattle to be made into leather for boots and shoes and wool from his sheep to be woven into cloth.

The farmer has learned more and more as the years have passed. Not so long ago the ploughs were drawn by horses, but now there are tractors so that more work can be done in much less time.

The shepherd is very wise and knows by the feel of the wool when the sheep will be ready for shearing. The wool is then sent to the mills where it is made into cloth for making warm clothes, socks, dresses, coats and cosy woolly jerseys. In olden days

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weaving was all done by hand looms and took very much longer.

Now when you see all the boots and shoes, the nice warm dresses, socks and coats in the shop windows and have your butter, milk and eggs for your breakfast you will remember all these good things started life on a farm.

My very good wishes to you all,

Your friend,

BROWN OWL.

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**JANUARY, 1952**

**Hi Friends,**

Excuse the American introduction, although I am sure it brings back happy memories to those who have been "Over there". To those friends who are going to have the pleasure of visiting in the States, it is as well to become acquainted with the American way of saying "Hullo", to feel at ease when they hear it.

I hope you all had a very happy Christmas, although it will be history by the time you read these notes. Now we have arrived at the start of another year, it is with much pleasure that I greet you all with "A Happy New Year, Good Health, Good Luck, and all the (Complaints) sorry, Compliments of the Season". I hope you will charge your glasses and drink a toast to the Edgware branch of the U.S. & C.B.P.A., that it will continue its good work in preserving the friendship, and good fellowship amongst the parents, whose daughters and grandchildren are overseas. I am sure it is your wish that we charge our glasses again and drink a toast to our daughters and grandchildren overseas, and wish them every happiness and success during 1952.

Did it appear the club was closed for the Christmas holidays a long time? Judging by the very fine attendance of 36 on the re-opening night, Monday, January 5th, and the happy faces worn by all, it appeared you were glad to get together again. Yes, the attendance was only a few short of the maximum and the majority of those were absent through

sickness. That, unfortunately, brings us in touch with Mrs. Thompson, who had to undergo a serious operation immediately after Christmas. Real bad luck that. We are very happy to hear, Mrs. Thompson, that the operation has been successful and you are now on the road to recovery. Your friends at the Club send their very best wishes with the flowers and sincerely hope you will soon be with us with your happy smile.

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accounts are kept. Mrs. G. Richardson has also to be associated in this tribute, for she has given considerable assistance, owing to Mr. Richardson being on shift work. The financial report showed the Club funds to be in a fairly healthy condition. As one of the main sources of this revenue comes from the social side, a big "hand" must be given to Mrs. L. Nyberg, our energetic social secretary, not forgetting also her able associate Old Mother Riley, T. Thompson. Another successful "racketeer" is Mrs. Larsen, who is most successful in her efforts of relieving us of our cash by means of the weekly raffle (Prizes supplied by the members) and that Badge levy.

At the Annual meeting all the serving officers were re-elected for the ensuing year and members gave a vote of thanks to them for their previous service. Mr. H. Bennett, previous Assistant Secretary, was unanimously elected as Secretary which he accepted, although handicapped by an injury to his hand which means an operation in the near future. Mrs. Bromige also accepted the position of Assistant Secretary, so this should make a good combination. We wish them well in their efforts.

The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Trickey, with their children, have arrived back safely in America and South Africa. Fortunately, they both missed the very bad weather which set in a week after their departure. It was unfortunate for Mrs. Sharp that her son suffered from Croop on the return trip which must have been rather worrying for her.

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I hear both husbands are very pleased to be united with their families and are surprised to see them in such a fine state of health, in spite of the austerity existing in England. Mrs. Bonine and Susan send their very best wishes and thanks to everyone for giving them a very kind welcome each time they were in your Company.

W. Ellis.

## St. Valentine's

FEBRUARY 14th

Dancing at The Centre

To The  
Melody Three

7.30 p.m.—11 p.m.

### COUNCIL MEETING

February 1st, 1952

### NOTICE OF MOTION.

Notice of Motion was given at the last meeting of the Council that a resolution seeking to rescind all past minutes affecting Canteen Charges for Committee members will be placed before the Council Meeting on February 1st, 1952.

## FAMILY LIFE AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY

**T**HE principal aim of Community Associations is to enable people to live a fuller, better life themselves and to fit them to help others to do so. Towards this end the National Federation of Community Associations is anxious to try and prevent the breaking up of family life by finding out how to help the ordinary average family to be happier.

Our Watling Community Association is a large family made up of smaller families, and if the larger group is to be happy and able to do its work properly it must be composed of a number of happy, well-adjusted smaller units. An irritated or resentful unit usually upsets the smooth working of the whole, or at least, makes the good functioning more difficult.

Most of us want always to do what we like, but it is much better to like what we **must** do. The family is the ideal state, most of us believe, in which this can be happily learned. As parents we know that our home is a little world of our very own which is **ours** to make or mar. We cannot put the big world right but we **can** foster peace and create happiness within this, our own, little world, which in its turn **does** affect the outer the world.

Our home is the place where natural love of our own compels us to think of another being, or other beings, and here is learnt our first lesson in self-discipline. This self-discipline must be broadened outside our own home amongst people other than our own, people of many differing opinions, tastes and habits, learn-

ing to understand and to love them. We can then bring back into our own homes a richer, more tolerant personality which will make our homes an even better place to live in, having made **us** better people to live with.

There are families who remain intact, but who live bickering, resentful lives, families which never break up, but produce resentful complaining individuals. We must be aware of, and want to help to bear, the common burdens of our neighbourhood, but we can only do this if we are faithful to our own particular responsibilities. We then deal with outside problems and duties with clear, honest minds with a greater capacity for making right judgments.

They are very small things which usually cause disruption within families, when very small things at the right time could my husband and I disagree and is any sign of becoming disagreeable appears, one of us—usually my husband—puts on the kettle and takes down from the shelf a little teapot we call "Our mutual friend" (a teapot for one, holding two cups of tea). By the time the tea is made all disagreement had disappeared and we are friends again.

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quickly and lightheartedly and not allowed to smoulder and become a devastating blaze.

Most normal families do act sensibly or there would be many more broken homes. But even the happiest couples must exercise self-control. Children benefit from having witnessed the day-to-day discipline practised by their parents and their continued thought for each other.

*Our children are the better, also for having been allowed to make their own decisions—even if we think they are the wrong ones—as it is only in this way they learn to discriminate and learn to really "grow up" with independent minds and personalities. But they must be sure that we, their parents, are there to guide, suggest or to help where they feel they need us. In this way children will not be in any danger of becoming "tied to mother's apron strings".*

E. E. COLEMAN.

### CLEAN SWEEP

I noticed in one of our local newspapers a letter from a newcomer to our district complaining of our dirty streets. The writer was upset at the amount of rubbish that litters the roadways. I am sure we must agree that the writer states the truth—our streets are filthy. No doubt we are to blame for throwing litter

all over the place, but I am certain we could do with a few more sweepers on this estate. I have seen roads left untouched for weeks.

To the Editor,  
Dear Sir,

Your article in last month's "Resident" on the schoolboy championships at Deansbrook Road last month has my fullest support. Some of the verdicts **very bad** and most of the boxing was of a poor standard. This is no reflection on the competitors who all tried their best but it was plain to see most of the boys could have had very little, if any, coaching; in fact it looked to me that quite a few of the boys were quite lost in the ring.

*It was easy to pick out boys who had club training, in fact most of the winners were boys belonging to a boxing club. One verdict in one of the lighter weights was really ridiculous and as an ex-A.B.A. judge I should have liked to have seen the judges' scoring cards to have seen with my own eyes how they arrived at their verdict.*

Surely a system of coaching could be arranged by the schools so that these lads could at least know how to defend themselves in a contest.

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8 Langham Gardens.

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Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class .. ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays) ..	7 p.m.
Young Liberals .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft 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.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild (alternate weeks) .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
N.C.U. .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. .. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Fridays.

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Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class .. ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday in month) .. ..	6.30 p.m.
Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.
Executive Committee (2nd Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social .. ..	7.30 p.m.

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Approximately 50 members and their guides attended and although it was a bitterly cold night these folk soon became warm dancing to music provided by Messrs. Hunt, Winslow and Davies.

Novelty dances, games, etc., were arranged for both blind and sighted persons and the evening proved to be a grand success enjoyed by all present. Mr. Benfell was an ideal M.C. and kept the party spirit at its highest level.

Mr. Sterling, the Chairman of the Club, conveyed thanks to the following for gifts received:—

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and to the Hon. Secretary, Miss D. R. Fox, for her services which added to the success of the evening.

Thanks is again extended to the Hendon Rotary Club Members for their kindness in conveying blind members to and from the Centre.

The next meeting of the Club will be held on Friday, 8th February, at 8 p.m., at the Watling Community Centre, when a Musical Evening will be given by the Phoenix Choral Society.

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Many of our homes are better places because of the help, encouragement and, most of all, the prayers and the example in their daily living of Mr. and Mrs. Harris. The work which they did so well here is still being carried on in our Adult School, also in our Watling Community Centre, under the guidance of Mr. Vear with his wife and happy little family and many active workers who are happily married, couples and others who are also members of happy families.

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**NOTES ON 1951  
AT THE TOWN HALL  
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**I**N giving a brief account of the stewardship of the three Councillors who represent Burnt Oak Ward, it is difficult to decide which items must be left out. Much of our most important work is done, not in the public atmosphere of the Council Chamber, but in the privacy of the Committee Room, sometimes to a late hour. Housing has still been one of the most pressing problems we have had to deal with and some really sad cases have been brought to us for help during 1951. My colleague, Councillor Chown, has had a particularly heavy time in this respect since July last when he took my place on the Housing Committee.

**REDUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.**—The reduction in the number of Pedestrian Crossings has caused us great concern and we supported the representations made to the Ministry on this matter.

**ALL NIGHT STREET LIGHTING.**—In response to requests on behalf of disabled ex-servicemen on Watling Estate who have to travel early and very late, we endeavoured to get street lighting in use all night. Despite our strong plea, our efforts were turned down by the full Council on grounds of both financial and fuel economy.

**CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN.**—Full support has been given to

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## "HAVE FAITH IN LIFE"

*Excerpt from the 1945 Christmas Talk by the late King George VI*

To the younger of you I would say a special word. You have grown up in a world at war, in which your fine spirit of service has been devoted to a single purpose—the overthrow and destruction of our enemies. You have known the world only as a world of strife and fear.

Bring now all that fine spirit to make it one of joyous adventure, a home where men and women can live in mutual trust and walk together as friends. Do not judge life by what you have seen of it in the grimness and waste of war, nor yet by the confusion of the first years of peace. Have faith in life at its best and bring to it your courage, your hopes and your sense of humour.

For merriment is the birth-right of the young. But we can all keep it in our hearts as life goes on if we hold fast by the spirit that refuses to admit defeat; by the faith that never falters; by the hope that cannot be quenched. Let us have no fear of the future, but think of it as opportunity and adventure.

The same dauntless resolve, which you have shown so abundantly in the years of danger, that the power of darkness shall not

prevail, must now be turned to a happier purpose, to making the light shine more brightly everywhere. The light of joy can be most surely kindled by the fire-side, where most of you are listening.

Home life, as we all remember at Christmas, is life at its best. There in the trust and love of parents and children, brothers and sisters, we learn how men and nations too may live together in unity and peace.

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## SHORT STORY

The mention of bull-fighting to Englishmen usually can be depended upon to produce an argument on the lines of those that arise over politics and religion. Although suffering misconceptions as to the objects of the bull-ring, most people in this country are forthright in their denunciation of this Spanish spectacle, the popularity of which is rivalled only by the national ball game—pelota.

In an endeavour to remove at least some of these misconceptions and in order that visitors to Spain may appreciate the reasons for the theatrical routines of the bull-ring, let us look in on a Spanish town one typically hot Sunday afternoon in summer to witness this struggle between man and bull.

We are sitting on the terraces in a large stadium; below in the arena, the sand shines wetly in the sun. Up and down through the rapidly filling tiers of seats pass the vendors of oranges and soft drinks. The ring is soon as colourful as a flower-bed, the white scarves of the women (worn in preference, these days, to the more formal mantilla) contrasting with their swarthy skins and bright dresses. An air of expectancy and tension keeps the crowd agog until, to a roar of applause, the matadores march in at the head of their cuadrillas.

A Matadore has grown up with horses and bulls and fights in towns all over Spain and has probably travelled a hundred miles to fight here this afternoon so if he looks apprehensive, who can blame him. He knows that

one mistake in his trade will kill him or maim him for life. His fighting suit is flamboyant, a collection of red, blue, yellow or green, being as traditional to bull-fighting as the red jacket is to fox-hunting. His dark hair is plaited into a small pigtail at the nape of his neck—a conventional feature of all matadores. His cuadrilla, or team, includes a picador, a banderillo, and two or three helpers whose general duties include dressing him and carrying his swords and fighting-capes. Each member, we shall see, plays an important role in each stage of the fight.

The remaining member of the cast to be introduced is the bull, and it is evident, when he makes his explosive entry, that he is a specially bred fellow. There is little similarity between him and his English cousin; he has forward-pointing needle-like horns, he carries no superfluous flesh, and he is as fast on his hooves as any pony. The bull usually has a tendency to favour one horn or the other when charging, and the matador is first into the arena with him to discover this preference. The man is circumspect, for the bull is fresh, but he tries, with a few tentative passes of the cape, to decide which horn is most likely to catch him and just how close to the horns he may safely work.

To tire the bull and to force the animal to carry its head and horns lower, the picador, on horseback, follows his matador's first appearance. He is armed with a pic—an eight-foot pole with a small sharp, metal head, and if he carries out his role cor-

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## DISPLAY OF TROPHIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS

During the first two weeks in April there will be a display of Trophies and Photographs in the window of PEGLEYS, Watling Ave., by courtesy of Mr. C. Coleman.

The Trophies on show will be those won by various groups of the Association during the past year.

## BLIND CLUB MUSICAL EVENING

On Friday evening, February 8th, the members of the Edgware and District Club for the Blind were entertained at the Watling Community Centre by a section of the Phoenix Choral Society lead by Mr. Brazier.

Solos, duets and concerted items were given, much to the pleasure of the members present.

Refreshments were supplied during the interval period and at the close of the entertainment it was agreed that the evening had again resulted in a complete success.

During the evening a presentation was made on behalf of the Club by Mr. Sterling, the Chairman, to Miss Foreman, a blind member, on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage.

The members of the Hendon Rotary Club again rendered kind assistance by conveying blind members to and from the Centre.

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rectly, he will engage the bull in the muscles of its neck with the point of the pic until the animal's first energies are dissipated. In the past, the picador's horse suffered greatly while this was going on, but you will notice today that the horse is adequately protected by suitable padding.

In order to correct any tendencies on the part of the bull to hook excessively with one horn or the other, it is now the unenviable duty of the banderillero to place his barbed sticks in the hump of muscle on the neck of the animal. With no cape, using himself as bait, the banderillero induces the bull to charge, swinging his body out of range of the horns at the last moment and placing the banderillas in the required positions.

The high light of the bull-fight is, without doubt, the finale—when the matador, alone in the arena, dedicates the bull to the crowd, or a person of his own selection, and then dominates the bull with cape-work and kills it with the sword. A series of passes, as various as they are beautiful, bring about an accord between bull and matador which must be experienced to be believed. Closer and closer to the body of the man pass the horns, more and more tightly seem man and beast to be bound into one entity. Then the kill. Both stationary, the man sighting along his sword, swinging his stomach and chest completely over the horns of the bull and sinking the blade between the shoulders of the animal who is dead in a second.

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**EDGWARE AND DISTRICT  
BLIND SOCIAL CLUB  
New Year's Party**

On Tuesday, January 22nd, the above Club held its annual New Years' Party at the Watling Centre, Orange Hill, Burnt Oak. There was an excellent gathering of members and friends numbering nearly sixty.

The Party started with some musical games arranged by Mr. Sterling (the Home Visitor for the area), the last of which was a version of Musical Chairs. The prize winners in this game were: Mrs. Elliot and Mrs. Banfield, Mrs. Benfell and Miss Richardson; Mr. Hasty and Mr. Briggs; Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Bromwich.

After the games came an entertainment given by Mr. Fred Lake, Mrs. May Lake, Mrs. Maisie Dimmond, Mrs. Flossie Brown, Mrs. Maud Venn. Mr. Callow, the blind piano tuner of Hendon, acted as accompanist at short notice. Their acts were greatly enjoyed by all concerned. Mr. Callow then played some popular songs on his accordion assisted by Miss Ivy Westmore on her violin.

When this programme ended tea was announced. Many of the members and their friends gave generously, making the meal a very varied affair. Messrs. Spurrier & Sons, of Station Road, Edgware, presented the Club with a most beautifully iced cake which was cut by Mrs. Knight, who has been associated with the Club for a long time.

During tea Mr. Sterling, being Chairman of the Club, spoke on the work of the Club, and introduced Miss Moody Stewart, of the Welfare for the Blind Department of the Middlesex County Council, and Miss Doyle, of the Middlesex Association for the Blind and Mr. Holland, the Welfare Officer for the Area, were also visitors. Mr. Hasty proposed a vote of thanks which was seconded by Miss Pilcher.

During Mr. Sterling's speech he gave thanks to Messrs. Blackie and Cook for giving the Club a nice basket of fruit; to Mr. Les Brady for supplying Ice Creams; to J. N. Wilson, Ltd. for a generous gift of apples and oranges; to Pearks Dairies, Ltd. (Watling Avenue Branch) who gave goods to the value of £1 0s. 0d. which were used for the tea; to Mr. Simmons, of Watling Avenue and Mr. Hillman, of Burnt Oak Broadway, for supplying cigarettes; to those members who contributed gifts which were used as prizes for the games and raffle.

The raffle took place after tea, and the winners were:—Mrs. Bryant, Mr. Hasty, Miss Henley. Mrs. Mallick, Miss Doyle and Mrs. Friend.

Finally, the afternoon ended with everyone singing "Auld Lang Syne": this concluded a happy and delightful New Year's Party.

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The afternoon ended with the singing of "Auld Syne"; this concluded a most delightful New Year's

### COLUMN BY JOE HARE

When I started writing these notes last week I little thought that I should be reporting on the death of our dear King. I happened to be in the Centre having the day off owing to cutting my finger badly, when a lady brought the news in. Much has been written about the life of George VI and the poor pen does not feel competent enough to add to the tributes except to say this that if pomp and circumstance make for greatness then perhaps George VI will not be called Great by future historians. But if a good life and personal sacrifice can mean anything surely he will be known as George the Good.

Remember in my last column when I commented on the fact that some of the world's classical music was having new words put to them and then sold under another title for which fact we had to pay some of our hard currency, well, one of the things that got under my skin more than anything else is the fact that the proper composer of the tune is not given due credit; in fact his name is not mentioned at all. I further remarked about the possibility of the National Anthem having some new words if we were not careful and hearing it played as a dance tune. Well, blow me down, I saw a couple of pictures lately and I am absolutely certain that they were playing "God Save the Queen" as background music. If I get as many letters from you as I did over my last column I'll certainly see if I can get one of the daily papers to take it up. (Please send your letter's care of the editor.) One last shot—remember

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"Three cheers for the Red, White and Blue"? British as you like if you don't call it "Columbia gem of the Ocean." I'd like to give a plug to an idea we've got up at the Centre if you have got any lonely old folks as neighbours round you, you know, somebody who gets left alone a lot during the day or anybody you feel might like to have a call paid now and again, let Mr. Lodge know at the Centre and the Welfare Committee will deal with it. We don't want old folk or any lonely soul having an accident and nobody knowing. I was told a little while ago of an old lady being found dead in her house three days after it had happened (not our district)—shocking, isn't it?

Joe Hare.

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### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday)	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn.	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks)	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays)	7 p.m.
Young Liberals .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft 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.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks)	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild	
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Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
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Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. .. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.)	8 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday	
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.)	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday	
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Executive Committee (2nd	
Friday in month) .. ..	8 p.m.
Motor Cycle Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe)	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks)	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social ..	7.30 p.m.

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The Editor,

Watling Resident.

Dear Sir,—Having had the privilege of an invitation to the New Year Social of the Edgware and District Blind Club, I feel that some tribute should be paid to the magnificent work that the officers and organisers of this section are doing. On the evening in question a good programme had been prepared, refreshments and novelties provided and everybody present, whether members, guides or just visitors, enabled to have a really good time.

I would like to suggest that everything possible should be done to encourage this work, and in this direction would ask leave to draw your readers' attention to the possibility of becoming honorary members of the club. The subscription fee is 2/6 per annum and I feel that I am not exaggerating when I say that a half-crown could not be better spent.

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A. G. Knight,  
Minister

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- 1 Send the name and address to the Secretary, Watling Centre.
- 2 If possible add the names of the nearest relative and the name of the doctor who treats the person named.
- 3 Offer, if possible, to act as a friend and neighbour.

You may help in other ways also.

We need to know exactly where the telephone kiosks are on the estate. We know this information may be obtained from the Post Office Telephone Service; as we know it is possible for those interested to travel around the estate and find out, BT we want you to do a little something to improve the lot of your neighbours—so do you little bit.

Do you know of mothers who have to go out to work and who may need someone to keep an eye on the children for a few odd moments? Do you know of any old person who needs your help for their weekly shopping? Do you know of any sick person who would enjoy a visit from yourself or from someone else? Have you any periodicals which may be sent to sick persons?

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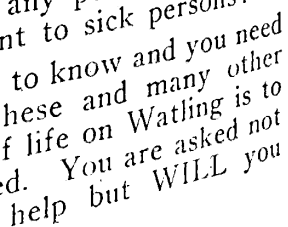
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## LADIES' PAGE

### Mirror of Fashion

#### ALL SET FOR SQUARE DANCING

Many of Britain's film stars are becoming enthusiastic about square dancing, especially since they performed one on the stage at the last Royal Film Performance. Square dancing has been popular in America and Canada for some time, and became the rage here after the Royal tour of Canada.

Petula Clark, who went to the United States for a holiday when she had completed her starring role in Arnold Bennett's "*The Card*," enjoyed the dances there very much, and hopes to do more square dances now she is back in England.

A square dance outfit can consist of either gaily coloured full skirt and blouse, or jeans and a check shirt. Pet brought her outfit back from America. She has a circular skirt in finely quilted cotton. In a vivid burnt orange shade, it is patterned in yellow and white and Pat wears a white blouse with it.

Eighteen-year-old Joan Collins, the Rank Organisation's newest contract artiste, who will soon be seen in "*I Believe in You*," has a felt circular skirt in a brilliant turquoise shade, patterned round the hem with scrolls of black braid. She wears it tightly belted in black patent, with a high-necked black sweater and ballet slippers.

The full skirts and "swing-your-partner" steps, make petticoats very important. With her outfit Joan wears a petticoat of black taffeta, with a deep crystal-pleated hem. Petula prefers one of snowy white lawn with two tiers of Broderie-Anglais at the hem. These glamorous petticoats are expensive to buy at the present time, but not too difficult to make yourself and to trim with either lace or frills of self material. One or two hoops of crinoline wire can be inserted in the petticoats for extra effect.

Yolande Donlan, who stars with Dirk Bogarde in Val Guest's Technicolour comedy, "*Penny Princess*," has a pretty skirt consisting of three wide bands of seersucker cotton, gathered and seamed together, each seam piped with contrasting binding and then gathered on to a waistband.

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## U.S. &amp; C.B.P.A.

Hi Friends,

What a grand evening our Social was. It is amazing what can be done by a small band of sincere friends. In these days of austerity too. There was no sign of the "skeleton" that memorable night, was there? Let me give you a reminder of what appeared on the menu, then ask yourselves how you managed it out of your rations. Spam, tongue, salad, salad creams, sauces, cream and grated cheese, sausage rolls, bread and butter and, of course, tea from the tea pots. (No urns used here). Christmas crackers also were on the tables to complete the picture. The tables, with floral decorations, were laid excellently to tempt the appetite—the Queen Elizabeth or the Dorchester could not have done better. The Chairman, Mr. Davies, said a few words prior to the "Banquet" and concluded with these noble words—"Eat till it hurts". We then settled down to obey his command. This part of the programme entailed a big sacrifice by several of our ladies, who spent many hours preparing the tables, etc., while many others were cooking in their own homes. To all of you, I say "Thanks a lot". Two names I must mention, Mrs. L. Nyberg and Mrs. Richardson for their untiring efforts to keep our cups filled with tea. In consequence of this service as waitresses they had very little time to carry out the skipper's command. Can we arrange to **make** them sit down next year? The banquet over, the fun and games followed. With "the brute" well fed, everyone was happy and

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, March 21st, 1952, at 8 p.m.

### Agenda

Minutes of last meeting.  
 Annual Report of the Council.  
 Treasurer's Report.  
 Resident Report.  
 Membership Report.  
 Election of Officers:—

President.  
 Vice-President(s).  
 Treasurer.  
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Election of Individual Members'  
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Election of Associate Members'  
 Representative.

Other Business.

Nominations for Officers may  
 be received by the secretary prior  
 to the Annual General Meeting.

## Annual General Meeting

At Watling Centre

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 21st

At 8 p.m.

**All Members Should Attend**

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thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This cannot be done successfully without a pianist and Mrs. L. Davies once again gave us all she had and all we wanted, with dances and a good variety of old-time choruses, in which everyone joined in community singing. Thank you, Mrs. Davies, for your fine effort. The evening concluded by singing our adopted "Good-night, good luck, God bless you". It was good to have Mr. and Mrs. Richardson's daughter from the U.S.A. with us that night.

Unfortunately, sickness is still causing the absence of some of our members, although they are happily responding to treatment. My last report mentioned Mrs. G. Thompson when we wished her a speedy recovery from her operation. These good wishes were soon answered by her attendance early in February. Mr. Davies gave her a warm welcome which was heartily responded to by all. Mr. G. Richardson and Mrs. Davies are our latest casualties. Mr. H. Bennett (Secretary) wishes to thank all members for placing their confidence in him for that post. We, in return, thank him for accepting this onerous position and wish him well in the task he has undertaken. These thanks apply also to Mrs. Bromize, our capable assistant secretary.

The Annual Conference of the U.S. & C.B.P.A. again takes place at Eastbourne, April 5th and 6th. All members are invited to attend. Arrangements are being made for accommodation at The Angels Hotel, at 25/- per person. Delegates to represent Edgware are Messrs. Davies, Bennett and

Ellis. Mr. Richardson will also attend as member of N.E.C., also Mr. Bradnum as Shipping.

On January 26th the Centre put on an Old Time Music Hall show. This was supported by us financially but **not** with a strong attendance. Mr. G. Thompson acted as Chairman, complete with tankard and a good frothy moustache. He did a noble job and was a big hit. Miss Betty Nyberg was "tops" as usual, and her "Blushing Bride" number will, I am sure, lead her to the altar. Perhaps the loss of that front tooth will defer the date, Betty. Mrs. Nyberg, Senr., as producer is to be complimented on the talent she had gathered around her. The whole show was very good.

It is with very deep regret we mourn the sudden passing of our King, George VI. The tragic news, I am sure, was a great shock to everyone. We trust his daughter, our new Queen Elizabeth II, will have every success with the heavy burdens which have been thrust upon her young shoulders so suddenly.

Au Revoir,

W. Ellis.

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WATLING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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# Annual General Report 1951

## GENERAL

For nineteen years the Community Centre has been the home of the Watling Community Association and during that time the limitations of the Centre have become increasingly apparent. There have been occasions when great hopes for added accommodation were experienced—only for these hopes to suffer disconcerting setbacks.

In view of this, the Council feels that whilst this report may be somewhat encouraging, our lack of accommodation remains an obstacle in the development of new activities and the recruitment of new members. Notwithstanding our problems, it is gratifying to report on the formation of three new groups—51 Club, Motor Cycle Club and Watling Follies—and on the maintenance of our membership.

Our contacts with the National Council of Social Service, National Federation of Community Associations, National Association of Boys' Clubs, National Association of Girls' Clubs and Mixed Clubs, Pedestrians' Association, Mill Hill and Edgware Social Services Committees, Hendon Youth and Old People's Committees, and the Hendon Drama Federation have been maintained, whilst the Association also assisted in the formation of the Council of Hendon Community Associations.

## PUBLIC MATTERS

Public matters have received considerable attention from the Council.

Notice was down to the further proposal of the Passenger Executive for an added INCREASE IN PASSENGER TRANSPORT FARES. After consideration, efforts were made to seek the calling of a Town's Meeting that this matter be discussed by the various interests in the Borough. Unfortunately this meeting did not take place and we feel that, despite the widespread opposition to the proposed increases, the Transport Tribunal will—in the main—accept the proposals of the Passenger Executive.

The more intimate and personal problems of the local residents have frequently been considered, and dealt with, by the Council and the Tenants' Welfare Officer. It is, perhaps, a serious reflection on modern civilization that one of the most urgent personal problems facing the citizen to-day is the need for adequate housing. All too frequently did we meet with family problems which were the direct result of unsatisfactory housing conditions and, in view of the latest proposal of the London County Council on the housing of children of out-county tenants, there is every appearance of this problem becoming more acute and more widespread locally. The Council does, therefore, consider it opportune for the formation of a Tenants' Welfare Committee to assist us with this work.

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## VISITORS

The interest shown by the many visitors to the Centre has been a pleasing feature throughout the year. Visitors from home and abroad have been too many to mention by name but since it illustrates the wide interest in the Community Association movement, we would list visits from Tanganyika, Kenya, Ceylon, Pakistan, Persia, U.S.A., Sweden, Gold Coast, New Zealand, Australia, Solomon Islands and Canada.

## MEMBERSHIP AND USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Early in this report it was stated that the membership of the Association had been maintained and we would point out this has only been possible through the tolerance of our members towards a very real inability to cater adequately for their varied needs. The future recruitment of members may be possible through the existing sections of the Association, but until we are able to satisfy the residents as to the true value of the Association, we feel it to be difficult to greatly extend our individual membership.

The Centre remains occupied to the extent that the office has to be frequently used for Committee meetings, with natural unsatisfactory results, and the newly constituted Young People's Discussion Group has to meet in a Common Room which is also a Memorial Room and a Waiting Room for the Poor Man's Lawyer.

The Memorial Room has been maintained throughout the year through the services of local groups and individuals and we would take this opportunity to express our thanks to all concerned.

## BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

In the Report for 1950 the Council stated, "the Centre tends to become an increasing liability to the Association owing to its inadequacy to meet the many expressed needs of the neighbourhood", and this statement remains all the more true to-day. Despite the efforts of the Council, and the sympathetic support of Hendon Borough Council, our renewed application for Grant Aid to extend the Centre was turned down owing to the latest economy cuts.

The Centre was found to be in need of many urgent repairs and redecorations and it was agreed certain repairs be undertaken. Some of these repairs were completed and estimates received for the redecoration of the Games Room. It is hoped this work will be completed early in the new year.

Equipment for our many groups and sections has, of late, become an increasing problem. At the best of times some of our rooms are overcrowded but, with the addition of large and small cupboards and boxes, this overcrowding becomes an added problem which remains to be solved.

## FINANCE

The Council has much pleasure in reporting on a successful Financial Year and we feel much credit is due to the Finance and Resident Committees for this happy position. Certain adjustments have been made in the Balance Sheet and we have credited the Income and Expenditure Account with expenditure on Repairs and Renewals—debited in 1949 and 1950—to the sum of £280 1s. 1d., which has now been deducted from the Repairs and Renewals Fund as shown in the Balance Sheet. Middlesex County Council has continued to pay three-quarters of the secretary's salary and, following our practice of the past few years, no application has been made to the County Council for Grant Aid towards maintenance.

## ADULT EDUCATION

During the past year the Education Committee has found it almost impossible to organise regular educational activities during the evenings. Successful meetings for 20 Questions, Any Questions, Discussions and Film Shows were arranged as and when possible. During the General Election a meeting, at which all three local candidates spoke, was held in the Orange Hill School with success and it is hoped to continue this feature in the future.

## GUILD OF PLAYERS

Difficulties in building up the Guild were met during the year, yet this in no way affected the successful Drama Festival which was organised towards the end of the year. The favourable comments received during and after the Festival were most encouraging.

## BALLROOM INSTRUCTION CLASS

Attendance at the class has been maintained at a satisfactory level and the members did receive a great deal in technique and skill. Towards the end of the year three of the members obtained Bronze Medals for Ballroom Dancing.

## DRESSMAKING

In the early part of the year some difficulty in obtaining the necessary number for a class was experienced. Later, however, the class became more known and a better membership resulted. The standard of work achieved has shown the value of this class.

## HANDICRAFTS

Unlike the Dressmaking Class the Handicraft Group has not been organised through the Local Education Authority, but through the interest of one of the members who has given splendid service throughout the year. The members of the group have remained very loyal and have enjoyed a profitable and instructive year.

## DISCUSSION GROUP

For some time the Association has been faced with the needs of the young residents, who had not joined one of the existing sections, and it was agreed—during October—to experiment with an Open Forum type of activity on Monday evenings. Whilst we cannot claim to have achieved a high standard of debate or discussion we do feel the continuing support given to this activity has justified the action taken and we have every confidence in the future of the group.

## JUVENILES

The development of juvenile activities within the Centre for the many children of the estate has not been a success. Examinations, and then an appointment in another part of the country, made it necessary for the leader of the Painting Group to give up his work. New leaders, who are free to help us during the difficult hours of five to seven in the evening, have not been forthcoming and with much regret our juvenile groups have been closed.

A branch of THE HENDON CHILDREN'S LIBRARY has remained open in the Centre on three afternoons a week and a large number of children have been attracted by this service.

## GIRL GUIDES

During 1951 numbers increased and progress was slow but steady. Five recruits were enrolled and a high standard of achievement in the passing of tests for badges was reached. Unfortunately, it was not possible for any of the Guides to go to Camp, but Summer meetings were held out of doors and the Company became quite expert at fire lighting and other woodcraft activities. Towards the end of the year the Company took part in the Church parade at Watling Congregational Church and, in future, will attend the morning service on the first Sunday in each month. In common with many other groups, the Company needs more adult helpers.

## YOUTH

It remains difficult to fit the Youth Club into the normal Centre life, since the standards required by the more adult members of the Association may have a retarding effect upon the Club. Yet, despite some early difficulties, we feel the Club has become a very live and active one and the decision to make it a mixed club appears to have resulted in better attendance.

A number of outings and inter-club activities were arranged during the year.

## BOXING

Early in the year the Boxing Club was mainly supported by the junior members. As the year progressed an added interest was achieved through Tournaments and the assistance of more trainers. Junior Inter-Club Competitions were handicapped through the refusal of a local school to allow boys to box for the Club if they were qualifying for Schoolboy Championships. The Club Committee is sure a most successful season has been experienced.

## **U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Members continued to visit North America and brought back with them interesting comments on the American and Canadian way of life. The Group has remained very active in organising internal and external activities.

## **WEIGHTLIFTING SECTION**

The progress of 1950 has been more than maintained by the Weightlifters. The 3rd and 4th Divisions of the London League were both won by Watling Teams, whilst our 1st Team were runners-up in the Ron Cooper Challenge Cup.

Individual successes were achieved by members in the Home Counties Championships, in Body Building Competitions and in breaking a number of Middlesex records.

An evening of Weightlifting was organised at the Centre, when many of our members were surprised at the strength and skill shown.

## **MEN'S CLUB**

The Club Committee arranged a number of successful visits to other clubs during the year and these visits resulted in a greater interest being shown in the Club. Membership recruitment has been seriously affected by the lack of room available for activities within the Club.

## **NEIGHBOURS**

The Council has always been aware of the true neighbourliness of the Neighbour's Group. From time to time assistance has been sought in the running of the Canteen and for help in other directions and on all occasions we have experienced the real value of this little-known, but worth while group.

## **VETERANS' CLUB**

Although expected, the yearly loss of members—whether large or small—does leave an appreciable sense of sorrow. The losses are felt the most deeply by the Veterans themselves and a great deal of sympathetic understanding has to be shown by the voluntary workers, who continue to give their service and friendship. Membership increased still further during the year and some difficulty in accommodation was experienced towards the latter part of the year owing to this increase.

Through the efforts of the members and helpers it was possible to organise two outings to the sea, whilst the Business Club of Burnt Oak arranged an afternoon trip to Old Windsor.

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## 51 CLUB

The needs of the young people of 21-plus are often handicapped through the tendency of these young people to pair up and "live in a world of their own". There is, at times, extreme difficulty in maintaining a nucleus of members in a group which consists mainly of this age group. Following a request from members for the formation of a group the Council placed the Games Room at the disposal of those interested, for Sunday evening activities. Through the support of a number of young married people this Club has become a worth while part of the Association.

Theatres, outings and other activities to satisfy the needs of the "not so olds" have been organised and supported.

## MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Through the interest of the Chairman this Club was formed and it became possible to set aside the asbestos hut on Friday evenings for Club meetings. The Motor Cycle Club is attracting new members and has doubled its original membership in six months. There is every appearance of a sound development in the future.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The problems facing the Social Committee at the beginning of the year have not, perhaps been completely resolved. Members' Dances continued to be extremely attractive and, following a short closure, the Wednesday evening dances took on a new lease of life. Saturday evening Socials were planned in such a way as to give all groups of the Association the opportunity to organise them in turn.

In the main, this scheme has been successful, yet we feel some difficulties have been experienced through the resulting patchwork pattern of activities.

Late in the year it became difficult for the Committee to successfully arrange for Stewards and M.C.s and we feel every effort should be made by the new Social Committee to avoid a recurrence of these difficulties.

The Juvenile Talent Competition was continued from last year and the Final Night was highly successful. Mystery Trips continued to be run and plans for the new year are well in hand.

## CANTEEN

The Association is dependent to a very great extent on the financial success of the Canteen. The high standard set in 1950 was maintained without any loss of friendly service and the Council is appreciative of the services rendered by the Canteen helpers.

## BOWLS CLUB

The outstanding feature of the season was the Club's success in the Finchley and District League for the second year in succession. The Club finished top of the 13 clubs competing, with a clear margin of two wins over the runners-up.

A remarkable feature of this year's competitions was one of the member's consistent play in reaching five finals. He lost the Singles Championship but, with partners, won the Pairs Competition, Pairs Handicap and Triples Competition and also carried off the Singles Handicap.

The Club revived, with some success, the Ladies' Section and was honoured in having a member elected as President of the Finchley and District Bowling Association.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The normal fund raising activities of the Association showed a marked improvement on recent years and the Council hopes this trend will continue.

Anniversary Week, Christmas Bazaar and the Free and Easy activities were all well supported and there can be no doubt that, had our Hall been larger, more support would have been received.

A break from established custom was made in that the Carnival Parade and Baby Show were not organised at the same time at Watling Week, since it was felt we should commence our Autumn session with the attraction of the Watling Week programme. This change was very successful and we consider this new arrangement to be more suitable than that of past years.

## BLIND CLUB

Following the development of the Blind Club during 1950, a new venture was attempted with satisfying results. On the 2nd Friday in each month an evening programme was arranged for blind persons who were at work during the day. Through the generous assistance of Blind Guides, and many others, these evenings have proved an added interest in the lives of blind members.

## RELIGIOUS GROUPS

The Centre remains in use for services maintained by the Society of Friends, Woodcroft Sunday School and the Board of Orthodox Jewish Education.

## SERVICES

Four main services have been maintained at the Centre. The continuing increase in the calls upon the Poor Man's Lawyer has placed a great strain upon the service and the Council would express its very sincere appreciation to the solicitors for the assistance they so willingly gave to those who made calls upon their time.

As mentioned under Public Matters, the Tenants' Welfare Officer continued to work on behalf of the tenants who sought his aid. Housing difficulties were by far the most numerous of the problems with which he dealt.

M.P.s Service.—Through the assistance of our local M.P., many problems of constituents were eased and we consider this monthly service one worth the effort, since it has a very real value to the many who need sympathetic advice and assistance.

British Legion Service Committee.—The Committee received many requests for help throughout the year and was able to assist many who otherwise would not have benefited.

## NATIONAL AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Two new organisations affiliated to the Association—British-Soviet Friendship Society and the Burnt Oak Peace Committee. Some criticism followed these affiliations and the Council would once again point out that, whilst the Association itself is non-party political and non-sectarian, all local organisations should have the opportunity of working with the Association in a common effort to improve the worth of the Association and to develop a greater understanding and tolerance.

The Poultry Club, Oddfellows, Townswomen's Guild, Women's Adult School, Youth Hostels Assn., National Cyclists' Union, Deansbrook Social Club, Edgware Ramblers, Young Communist League, Liberal Party, Young Liberals, Socialist Party of Great Britain, Watling Allottees, various Trade Union branches, Hospital Savings Association, Women's Welfare Clinic, Briscoe School of Theatrical Dancing, and Redwood Steppers continued to use the Community Centre.

In such a report as this it is not possible to report fully on the activities arranged by these groups. In the main they have catered for educational, cultural and recreational needs. Through the association and co-operation of our affiliated groups we are sure the Association has been strengthened.

## MAGAZINE AND PUBLICITY

The Council has much pleasure in reporting a successful year for the *Watling Resident*. Through the efforts of the *Resident* Committee—and the street sellers—the financial side of the *Resident* showed a decided improvement on past years. It is true increasing printing costs necessitated an increase in the price of the *Resident*, with a subsequent slight drop in sales, but by the end of the year lost ground had been more than recovered.

We would point out the difficulty experienced by the Editor in obtaining matter from groups and we are sure the *Resident* would become of greater local interest if group secretaries provided more topical matter for publication.

Press reports on the activities of the Association can add to, or detract from, our stature and it is pleasant to record the value of the press during the past year.

## THANKS

It would be impossible to adequately express our thanks to those individuals, officers, committees and organisations who have made our work possible, as it is impossible to name all those who have continued to give service to the Association and to the residents. The Council would, however, make reference to the Middlesex County Council, Hendon Borough Council, the National Federation of Community Associations, the National Council of Social Service, the Business Club of Burnt Oak, Burnt Oak Chamber of Commerce, the Hendon and Finchley Times, J.M.S. Radio and those other traders and voluntary workers who have assisted the Association in a variety of ways.

## APPROPRIATED FUNDS OF GROUP ACTIONS.

### BALANCES TO THEIR CREDIT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1951.

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Bowling Club	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Boxing Club ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	6	2
51 Club ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	11	1
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G.I. Brides ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	5	4
Men's Club ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	13	6
Motor Cycle Club	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	13	0
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Veterans Savings	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	10	0
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	1950	Sales	Advertisements	Donation	Loss for the year	£	s.	d.
Printing Account	226	..	..	..	..	147	18	2
Stationery	1	..	..	..	..	113	8	6
Postage	2	..	..	..	..			
Prizes	1	..	..	..	..			
Bank Charges	1	..	..	..	..			
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## BALANCE SHEET—31st December, 1951

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I have audited the above Balance Sheet and certify same to be in accordance with the books.

A. BOUGHARD,  
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For the year ended 31st December, 1951.

# INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—for the year ending 31st December, 1951.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
1950	£	s. d.	1950	£	s. d.
337 Wages and National Insurance ..	391	19 0	47 Membership Subscriptions ..	..	73 11 11
346 Light, Heat and Cleaning ..	456	18 7	8 Affiliation Fees ..	..	16 6 0
111 Rates and Ground Rent ..	119	6 3	471 Hire of Rooms and Equipment ..	..	676 1 8
126 Printing, Postage, Telephone, Stationery and Insurance ..	186	2 4	174 Groups and Sections ..	..	179 11 8
54 Miscellaneous ..	15	19 5	229 Profit on Canteen ..	..	240 2 2
31 Architects Fees ..	17	15 0	10 Profit on Cigarette Sales ..	..	64 15 3
29 Repairs, Renewals, Equipment ..	7	14 2	13 Profit on Bazaar ..	..	54 0 8
12 Affiliation Fees, Delegates Expenses ..	64	13 4	84 Profit on Anniversary and Watling Weeks ..	..	131 11 7
10 Bank Charges ..	..	..	46 Interest of Post Office Deposit Account ..	..	45 10 6
69 Contributions towards Secretaries Salary ..	..	..	71 Donations and Sundry Receipts ..	..	39 0 3
Watling Resident:	..	..	Repairs and Renewals now debited to Reserve Fund:	..	..
Members Copies ..	32	6 8	1949 ..	251	10 1
Advertising ..	9	17 0	1950 ..	28	11 0
Voucher Copies ..	4	0 0		280	1 1
29 Excess of Income over Expenditure carried to Balance Sheet ..	494	1 0			
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## BALANCE SHEET—31st December, 1951

1950	£	s. d.	1950	£	s. d.
Building Fund as at 31st Decem-ber, 1949:	..	..	Buildings at Cost:	..	..
Grant from Pilgrim's Trust ..	2700	0 0	Community Centre at 31/12/34	4020	12 4
9-8 Donations, Special Receipts ..	927	15 0	Expenditure ..	49	11 9
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## BALANCE SHEET—31st December, 1951

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2700	Grant from Pilgrim's Trust	..	2700	0	0	
928	Donations, Special Receipts	..	927	15	0	
	Boxing Section	..	5	0	0	
900	Appropriations from Income	..	900	0	0	
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1850	Extension Fund	..				1850 0 0
558	Repairs, Renewals, including Curtain Fund	..	528	2	4	
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18	Memorial Fund	..				
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30	Accruing Expenses	..				
	Due to <i>Walling Resident</i>	..	57	2	6	
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192	Veterans and other deposits	..	179	16	4	
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	Income and Expenditure Account:					
	Surplus for the year to 31st December, 1950	..	491	1	0	
	Less Deficit brought Forward	..	189	14	7	
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We have audited the above Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year 1951, with the books and records of the Watling Community Association and certify same to be in accordance therewith.

S. POYNTER, A. BOUCHARD, Hon. Auditors.

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## VIEWPOINT

THE Annual General Report of the Association, this year, included the following: "It is, perhaps, a serious reflection on modern civilization that one of the most urgent personal problems facing the citizen to-day is the need for adequate housing . . . there is every appearance of this problem becoming more acute and more widespread locally."

Recent negotiations between the L.C.C. and the out-county authorities have confirmed our fears and we would bring to your notice the position as we see it to-day.

The L.C.C. have notified the out-county authorities that the L.C.C. is prepared to re-house the sons and daughters of out-county tenants in those areas ONLY where the L.C.C. has taken up all available building

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## NEWS

### *for WATLING RESIDENTS*

Full reports of all important local events will be found each week in the leading local newspaper which has served the district for over 75 years.

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land and where the local authority is prepared to pay £15 a year for 15 years in respect of each case. Since Hendon is unable to claim that all the available building land has been taken up by the L.C.C., there remains no other alternative than that of the sons and daughters of all Watling tenants becoming the responsibility of the Hendon Borough Council.

For those concerned, in view of the many pressing needs of other Hendon residents and the limited building of the Borough Council, this present position will only add to their despondency and frustration.

With the development of civilization and the productivity of the world, surely we can expect a corresponding betterment in the satisfying of the essential needs of the individual citizen. Is it too much to ask for more houses—and more houses quickly? The three essential needs—food, clothing and shelter—cannot be ignored if we are to be a contented people and we say, without fear or favour, that the housing of Watling residents is a joint responsibility of the L.C.C. and the Hendon Borough Council. This need can be dealt with by our local authorities—can they and will they, get on with the job?

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### BLIND CLUB MEETING

On Friday, 14th March, the Edgware & District Club for the Blind held a Dramatic Evening, when the members were entertained by Mr. D. Arnot's Dramatic Society, "The Motley Crew," who performed two One-Act Plays, the first being "The Last Day of Term at Adderley".

During the interval refreshments were served by the "Scrub Committee" of the Watling Community Association and an announcement was made regarding the proposed Summer Outing to Brighton on 31st May.

After the interval the Motley Crew's second play was a comedy called "This is the Day".

Both plays were extremely well acted and were very well chosen for the Blind Members.

The meeting closed at approximately 10 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

Once, again many thanks are extended to the Hendon Rotary Club for conveying members to and from the Centre.

The next meeting of the Club will be on April 18th, when "Any Questions" will be held.

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Hi Friends,

I am sure you will agree, the past month has again been both interesting and entertaining.

On the business side it is satisfactory to note the number of questions that have been discussed and dealt with satisfactorily. The correspondence has been of special interest, in particular, were the letters that passed between our energetic secretarial combination and the Powers that be, in an endeavour to get the Customs Authorities to be a little more human in the assessment of Duty on the humble gift parcels coming from our daughters overseas. The information received from the Canadian Office was a good example of what can be done through a good letter to the right office. We hope your efforts will be successful to get a concession from our Customs Office.

Do not forget to have a go for the prize generously put up by Mr. G. Richardson for a snappy title for the Association's national magazine. I am sure he would be delighted to present it to a member of our Branch.

May I take this opportunity of doing a little recruiting work. It was suggested by one of our ladies (no names no pack drill that a letter be sent to all the husbands of the members of Edgware Branch to invite them to escort their good ladies to our Manday evening meetings. I can assure them of a very cordial welcome. I would suggest they come to four Monday meetings to give us a fair trial. If at the end of that period it did not appeal, we will have had the pleasure of meeting you.

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*I am making a little variation here which I hope you will appreciate. Mrs. Meredith has kindly contributed to this monthly letter with some impressions of her visit to her daughter and family in California, from which she returned recently.*

Cheerio,  
W. ELLIS.

This time last year I was counting the days when I would start on my memorable journey to my daughter and her family 6,000 miles away in California, U.S.A. I was fortunate to have Mrs. G. Mould as a travelling companion as far as Chicago. Our friends at the Edgware Branch gave us a grand farewell social, which definitely cements the true spirit of Fellowship that is so prominent in this Branch. The day arrived when Waterloo Station was my objective. Unfortunately it was here I had to say "Au revoir" to my husband and family for six months. At last, we were off and speeding on our way to Southampton to embark on the good ship "S.S. Vecudam" while she was riding at anchor in the Cowes Roads and then we were really on our way. We had a wonderful time on the boat where we really lived like wealthy people for ten whole days.

On the grey, still morning of 8th May, 1951, we steamed into Hoboken, New Jersey, with the skyscrapers stretching upwards through the mist as if to welcome us to their shores. After all the bustle of landing we made our way to the Greyhound Coach Station. We soon began our long trek Westward, through very interesting towns which brought us to Chicago, and far on to the gateway to the Rockies. On again through Salt Lake City, Reno

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and the glorious Californian mountains—What wonder! What magnificence! On again to Sacramento, the capital of California. Then Modesto! where my long-treasured dreams came true, with the reunion with my daughter and her family. The excitement grew and grew as we reached their little home nestling among the fruit trees. Although in the heart of the country, they have everything that makes housework a pleasure. They are blessed, too, with American neighbours who are kindness themselves. I was welcomed by them with open arms, for the whole of my stay there.

There are over twenty English girls living in and around Modesto. They, too, are very happy. I will always remember the glorious picnics, high up in the mountains, with those happy girls, their husbands and children.

Now, on my return, I have very wonderful memories of the beauty of the country, the kindness of the American people, and the never failing sunshine and beautiful blue skies.

A holiday to remember.

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### WEIGHT-LIFTING SECTION

Watling's 1st Team started the season off with a victory over Watford 1st in a 2nd division match recently. The best lifts are as follows (bodyweights in brackets) :—

R. Foster, (136), 185, 180, 225,  
total : 590 lb.

T. Booth (147½), 175, 180, 225,  
total : 580 lb.

D. Foster (151), 185, 190, 235,  
total : 610 lb.

Watling won by 135 lb. Ron Foster, the Home Counties Champion for 1950/51, and Ted Booth, Home Counties Record Holder, were chosen from Watling to represent the South in a match that took place in a London League Show last Saturday, when the North v. South

took part. The South team won by 60 lb.

After the match Ron attempted the British Right Hand Press record, with a warm up on 80 lb., followed by 90 lb., he then succeeded with 97½ lb., which created a new British 10-stone Record.

Although the Club has already a large membership for its size, they will still welcome new members who wish to take up Olympic Weightlifting. Owing to accommodation, they cannot cater for anyone who wishes to train on Bodybuilding alone.

### Wednesday, 19th March

The 1st Team beat the Atlas Weightlifting Club from Plumstead's 1st Team by 66 lb.

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**WHAT** do **you** know about the Watling Community Association, "The Centre" as we call it? What goes on in the building every day and night? Who has the responsibilities of organising and running the many different activities etc.? It would be an overstatement to say that the average person knows nothing of this organisation, but nevertheless their knowledge is often so sketchy as to be almost non-existent. This can be a dangerous state of affairs because ignorance is always a breeding ground for criticism and sometimes unfair criticism.

The Association has good publicity in the local press and in their own "Watling Resident". They also plan a wonderful Anniversary Week and Watling Week every year. Both weeks raise money but they are also weeks of publicity. Read about us and see us - and you will be surprised.

You can find no better way of becoming part of the picture than joining the Association at a small charge of 6d month (this small charge also includes a copy of the "Watling Resident") and 3d for additional members of the family.

If you want to know anything about us come along and see us. Join in one or two of the many activities that take place in your Community Centre.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on 21st March and 50 members attended.

Mr. Lodge reported in his Membership Report that we now had 461 members, which included 80 honorary Veteran members.

The following officers were elected :—

President : Mr. A. I. Jones.

Vice-Presidents : Colonel Haygarth, Mr. Warden and Mr. Curton.

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Resident Secretary : Ruth Lambert.

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Hon. Auditors : Mr. Poynter and Mr. Bouchard.

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Associate Member : Mr. Nightingale.

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## Mirror of Fashion STAR NEWS ON FASHION

The new "stove-pipe" slacks, with the slim, tapering line, fitting skin-tight from the knees down, are becoming popular among Britain's film stars. Glynis Johns, star of "The Card," has several pairs in velvet and in fine corded woollen, which she uses for "at home" wear.

Attractive Liane Hart, who has black "stove-pipe" slacks with a white shirt blouse for "every-day" wear at the studios, recently wore them to a cocktail party but with a plain black sweater, a wide gold kid belt and thonged flat gold sandals.

Claudette Colbert wore an attractive "golfer" sweater when she arrived in London recently to star in "White Blood." Her cyclamen button-through sweater had a band of matching velvet round the neckline, sewn with drop pearls and buttoned with whole pearls. This is a simple way to give glamour to a plain sweater.

Dark-haired, 18-year-old Joan Collins, who has received high praise for her performance in "I Believe in You," wore unusual shoes to her first premiere. Styled like a mule, they consisted of an unusually high heel and two broad traps of swathed gold kid over the front. They are the very latest style in evening wear from the new Dolcis store in Bond Street. Her ear-rings, too, were notable. Pretty, flower-like diamante studs had trails of diamante leaves which are detach-

able so that the plain stud ear-rings can be used for the day.

Petula Clark, who also stars in "The Card," has a suit for the spring with the new "bolero" jacket. In fine grey suiting, the skirt is very slim, the little jacket, ending short of the waist, has cuffed pockets in the front. With the suit she was recently wearing a little white brushed felt hat and white gloves and a cotton sweater in emerald green with a polo neck.

"Pet" finds that high-necked sweaters easily lose their shape and become stretched with continually pulling them over the head. If they do not already have openings at the back, Pet inserts a zip herself.

## WHY NOT TAKE IT BACK?

If that article you buy is not up to a reasonable standard then do yourself and others justice by returning it.

There have been cases of children's socks shrinking two inches in a couple of washings and the buyer has just let it go.

We never get the best these days owing to export, but there is no reason whatever why you should not take goods back if they do not prove satisfactory.

We see badly finished shoes, dresses, and blouses that pull away at the seams, children's clothes that will not stand any hard wear owing to the unsuitability of the materials used. Do not be frightened—take it back.

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51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

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Dear Children,

April's here and "the year's at the Spring". Nature has awakened from her long winter sleep. The earth and the trees which seemed to have been dead—are springing into new life. The dark days have gone and the buds are bursting with the promise of May flowers.

In the fields the young lambs are leaping about and fluffy baby chicks—newly hatched—are looking eagerly at this strange new world. The birds are nesting and all around are green shoots and little flowers growing among the grass and along the hedgerows.

We look forward to Easter, when we remember the Great Sacrifice that was made for you and me so very long ago, followed by the joyful victory of Easter Sunday.

It is a usual custom for some people to give up something they like—like sweets, or sugar in their tea—during Lent. This certainly needs perseverance and courage, especially for someone with a very "sweet tooth".

Now there is something I would like to try which is even better and

rather more difficult. Will you select someone with whom you have been rather bad friends or whom you feel you just cannot like very much. There are many kind little things you can do. First you can smile, then, if you are tempted to make a hurtful remark any time, say something nice instead, perhaps a few words of praise. Everyone has some little thing worthy of praise—a pretty dress or nice shiny hair, perhaps the ability to play games or the piano.

*Do not be discouraged if your first approach fails. Try again and again and you will find in time that you have made a firm friend instead of—what might have been—an enemy.*

In this way you will be sowing a seed of world friendship. Even the sowing of one little seed through your having made just one friend will be the loveliest Easter offering in thanksgiving for all the beautiful things given to us so freely at this time of the year.

May you all enjoy a very happy Easter and make many new friends.

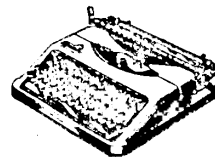
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### **CRUELTY TO CHILDREN AND ITS PREVENTION**

Not many people know that the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was started as a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. One day a lady finding a child who had been ill-treated took him to the Society and said, "Here is a little human animal who is in desperate need of help. Can you do something for him?" This little child's misery made the Society realise the need there was for some organisation to deal with child neglect and cruelty. It was then decided to change the object of their work and so, in 1884, the N.S.P.C.C. was born.

Much publicity has been given in the press to the worst cases which the Society has had to bring before the Courts, and people are rightly very shocked and indignant upon reading these accounts. It is a pity that it is not generally known that this organisation's chief concern is the *prevention* of cruelty. In 1950, although the Society had to prosecute in 647 cases, this number represented less than 2% of those investigated and these prosecutions are deeply regretted as their failures

by the Officers of the Society. It is only when every possible effort has been unavailing that, in the interests of the children concerned, a case is taken to the Magistrates' Courts. The total for the same year successfully dealt with without having recourse to the Law was 38,423.

The Society's Inspectors know that the best places for children are their own homes with their parents and a prosecution often means the breaking up of the home and the loss to the children of the right of home-life. For this reason they go to infinite pains to keep the home together. Many cases of ill-treatment and neglect occur in homes which are unhappy because mother's health is bad and she is unable to cope with the children and home duties. There is much irritation, scolding and blows, and father and mother frequently quarrel. They *do* love their children but because they do not know how to alter their unhappy state they become hopeless, perhaps take to drink and in the end do not care.

*If cases of this description were brought to the notice of the Society in the early stages much of this failure could be prevented and prosecutions would be unnecessary. Indeed, since the end of the war, the Inspectors have been the means of saving about 18,000 homes involving more than 47,000 children.*

There is also a growing number of specially selected women visitors thoroughly trained in child care and social science. They look after homes where the parents have been imprisoned, pay frequent visits to feeble or inefficient parents, actively helping them to run their homes properly and preventing the family from returning to the dirt and disorder in which they were first found.

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the Society. It is possible effort has been made, in the interests of the children, a case is being considered by the Magistrates' Courts. In the same year successful cases were heard without having to go to court. There were 38,423.

Inspectors know that the best way for children are to be with their parents. It often means the child is at home and the mother is in the right of her own home. It is for this reason they go to the homes to keep the home as a place of ill-treatment in homes which are because mother's she is unable to look after her children and home is a source of much irritation. The mother, and father and children quarrel. They do so but because they are unable to alter their situation they become hopeless and drink and in some cases are in a state of mental derangement.

A description were given of the Society's work. It was pointed out that much of this work is unexciting and prosaic but it is necessary. At the end of the war, there have been the means to get 18,000 homes and 47,000 children. A growing number of women visitors are in child care and they look after the parents have been frequent visits to the parents, actively running their homes and preventing the family from getting into the dirt and disrepair were first found.

These Inspectors and Visitors are people with wide sympathies and understanding and a belief in the goodness of human nature. They are very carefully chosen and given a course of training in social service work followed by a period of trial under supervision. They are regarded with affection and gratitude in countless homes which they have saved and general regard for them is so high that, during 1950, 10,000 people voluntarily approached them for help.

The chief concern of this Society is to give all children the chance to grow up happily in decent surroundings and to help parents to care for their homes and children.

It is very important that this splendid work should continue. The N.S.P.C.C. depends wholly on voluntary financial help and our Watling Community Association has been asked to help to distribute and collect envelopes for contributions. This will be done in a short while and the Association is sure all residents will respond willingly.

E. E. COLEMAN.

### BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our meetings during February were held in more serious mood than usual.

Members, among whom are those who have themselves experienced a deep sense of loss through the death of someone dear to them, had the Royal Family very much in mind during our meeting on 11th Feb., and our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to them.

Mrs. Leach wife of the Treasurer of our Community Association and a very dear member of our School, died on 22nd January, after a long

illness bravely borne, and our meeting was closed on the following Monday in sympathy and most members attended the cremation service the next day. Our friend will be very much missed and we pray that God will comfort her husband and children. We know that Mr. Leach will continue, as his wife would wish, in the valuable work he has been doing for the Watling community for so long.

We were saddened, also, upon hearing of the passing of Mrs. Croker whose talks in the past were so much enjoyed and who contributed so helpfully to the *Watling Resident*, of which her husband was for so long Honorary Editor; and still another old friend, Mr. Polly. We know that these, our departed friends, are now reaping the reward of lives well-spent in service of their neighbours.

Our 19th Birthday Party was held on 25th January, in a somewhat less gay mood than usual, owing to the loss of our friend, Mrs. Leach, who, in other years, has been one of our keenest helpers.

We were glad to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, and most grateful to Mr. Saunders who taught us two square dances. Mr. and Mrs. Durant were absent as they were celebrating their wedding anniversary. We missed them very much and wish them many more happy years together. We welcomed Mrs. Lord who was asked to convey our good wishes to Mr. Lord, who, we are very sorry to hear, has been very ill. We hope he will soon be well again. The lovely birthday cake was kindly made by Mrs. Lake from ingredients given by members.

Mrs. Nyberg opened the first Handbook lesson on 11th February.

After much discussion we decided that the family is the ideal state in which to learn to live a good life and that we parents, being co-partners with God in His wonderful work of creation must fit ourselves to be worthy of this privilege and be ever watchful of our own conduct. In dealing with our young people might we not express our love for them by trying always to understand their difficulties and their points of view. (The title of this lesson was "Why Consider the Family?")

On 18th February we were very glad to see Mr. A. I. Jones again. His cheery smile under all circumstances is just the tonic we all need. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been ill for a long time. We are sorry and hope they will be well again before long. Many of our neighbours do not know the extent of our friends' kindness to our community as so many acts—large and small—are done so quietly, but we are really grateful to them.

On this occasion Mr. Jones told us about "The Eye", a subject on which he is well qualified to speak. He illustrated by means of drawings on the blackboard and by shadows projected on to the wall through a camera lens, the structure of the eye, the functions of each part and the prevention and cure of some unhealthy conditions of the eye. Our sight is a very precious possession and we are very grateful to our speaker for showing us how we may keep our own and our children's eyes in good working order.

#### PARENTS

Most nights at the Centre we find young boys and girls playing at the rear of the premises, but mostly girls

whose age cannot be more than 11 years.

Surely the parents of these children must know the trouble they cause us running around the building shouting and screeching as only they can do.

This time, it is not the worry they cause us that we are to think about but the harm that can come to any one of those little children playing at the back of a dark building.

We read of enough terrible crimes committed against young children; don't let us have anything so shocking happen on our estate.

#### ANGLING

The L.C.C. Sports Club Angling Section formed in 1949 is anxious to recruit new members on the "Estate", Edgware, and surrounding district. Affiliated to the L.A.A. they average one coach outing on a Sunday once a fortnight.

For interested parties the Club allows non-members to participate in the coach outings without being under obligation to join. Fare—Adults 7/-, Children 4/-.

It would appear that few unattached anglers appreciate the benefits they could gain by affiliation to the L.A.A. and seem to be under the impression that by joining a club they are under obligation to take part in all Club outings etc. this is not so, it is a rule of the above Club that all members may fish as and when they please, so long as they abide by the L.A.A. code of rules. Advice and help will be given to all interested anglers.

Enquiries should be made to:- Mr. Robinson, 5 Brook Walk, Edgware or phone Mr. Davies EDG 9589.

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### **BANK HOLIDAYS FOR BRITAIN Who Was Responsible ?**

Mainly responsible for the four extra holidays we enjoy at Easter, Whitsun, August Bank Holiday and Boxing Day, was Sir John Lubbock.

Young Lubbock worked for his father's Bank and put in many long hours, as did most workers prior to 1871. After being refused more time off for outdoor pastimes, etc., he decided that something should be done to improve things for the ordinary British worker. Lubbock got himself into Parliament and it was then, after opposition, that he managed to get the Bank Holiday Act passed and on the Statute Book.

Created first Baron Avebury, Sir John died in 1913.

Of course, Bank Holidays remained and became far more popular. France and Italy enjoy fourteen and sixteen days annual holidays each year. America has well over 300 per year, besides the recognised religious holidays. They have among them, Independence Day, Washington's Birthday, Army Day, Air Force Day, Truth Week, National Leave us Alone Week, Large Size Week and Felt Hat Day. During January they have a week devoted to the fight against infantile paralysis called "The March of Dimes," also they have Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, and for the children they have "I am an American Day."

Six Bank Holidays a year were what the Russian worker had before the war, the Bank remained open every other day all through the year. Sunday was never a legal holiday.

### **BABY SHOW**

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## VIEWPOINT

Life within any society is subject to the many problems which arise through the stresses and strains of human relationships. If the society is to be positive and progressive it needs must face up to, and solve, these problems.

To-day we find there is the possibility that friendliness and service will be driven to the wall by strong conflicting opinions; by personal prejudices; by intolerance; and by vanity and greed. Life is becoming increasingly full of discord and unfriendliness—it tends to become more and more destructive in outlook.

You and I are faced with this problem—it is a problem we cannot shirk and we must immediately set about its solution. Life may only become more enjoyable and more fruitful when we can recapture an essential human friendliness and the preparedness to help our fellow human beings.

In the state of to-day, we find many established responsibilities which were instigated and organised through the unselfish interest and service of our fore-runners. Hospitals, schools and a large amount of youth club leadership and provision were originally undertaken by voluntary workers. These workers had to overcome many difficulties—and they did overcome them.

Friendliness cannot be bought—it can only be given—and we do claim that more and more friendliness will help us towards a better society and to better human relationships. Can you, and will you, develop local friendships?

*Can you, and will you take on some form of local service?*

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## CARNIVAL PARADE

**Make sure you see Watling's most popular outdoor event—note the date,**

**Saturday, June 14th, 2 p.m.**

## YOUTH AND THE 51 CLUB

During April the 51 Club invited the Youth Club to play them in Snooker and Table Tennis Matches.

It was an evening enjoyed by both and showed a great spirit of competition between the two clubs which in a sense are made up of young and old youth.

The 51 Club won the Table Tennis by Seven games to two and the Snooker by four to two.

We have been told that the Youth Club tuned out a weak team and that even they had been advised to lose for fear of making the older youth feel like members of the Veteran's Club!!



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## YOUTH CLUB NEWS

**Girls**—Congratulations to the girls table tennis team who came second in the Willesden and Dist. League.

Some girls have, and are still playing, netball matches on a Sunday morning against Westcroft. It is hoped that more games can be played when the lighter evenings come along. Most of the girls seem to be interested in one sport or another. We are considering a contest for the giggling girls of the club, as we have some who are very good at it!! If cricket gear can be acquired it would be interesting to see a girls team.

**Boys**—Some of the lads have been away to visit other clubs for matches. Their away records are good—not having been beaten. In a friendly table tennis match against Goldbeaters Club they won every game.

The Youth Management Committee are planning some week-end camps for the Youth Club. the first will be during the Whitsun week-end. A cricket team will be formed if we can find the gear.

*The members of the Youth Club would like to thank Sid Jamieson, who has been helping in the Youth Club every evening, three nights a week, since the departure of Ray Hathaway. Sid has served the club quietly and efficiently and will now be spending the summer season at Chalkwell Beach Theatre.*

The Annual General Meeting was held on April 8th. Mr. Lake and members of the Youth Management Committee were present and an interesting meeting took place. It seemed that most members were interested in outdoor sports, and let's hope something can be arranged for them this year.

Officers elected were:—Chairman, Terry Knight; Secretary, Peter Marshall; Treasurer, Mr. A. R. Lodge; Representative to Youth Management Committee Charles Cowell. Five members to form Club Committee, Roy Tebbs, Doris Hardy, Shirley Havard, Alan Stapleton and Stan Raynor.

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Chairman of the Association:  
 Mr. F. Lake.

Co-Options: —

Messrs. Henly, Hicks, Col.  
 Haygarth and Mrs. Suggatte.

Executive Committee:

Mesdames Ville, Lambert, Ny-  
 berg, Lake and Messrs. Feakes,  
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 marsh, Rogers, Hasler, Taylor  
 and Henly.

Education Committee:

Mesdames Coleman, Ville and  
 Messrs. Feakes, Bouchard,  
 Taylor and Needham.

Trustee: Mr. J. Nightingale.

Social Committee:

Mesdames Fanthorpe, Judd and  
 Messrs. Rogers, Needham,  
 Hasler and Whitmarsh.

Memorial Committe:

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"Watling Resident" Business  
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Messrs. Taylor, Bouchard,  
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Mrs. Coleman and Mr. Vear.

Reps. to Youth Management  
 Committee:

Messrs. Lodge and Nightingale.  
 Reps. to Hendon C.A.'s:

Messrs. Vear, Price and Lake.  
 Tenants Welfare Officer:

Mr. Vear.

Personal Services & Distress  
 Fund: Messrs. Vear, Jones and  
 Price.

Welfare Committee:

Mrs. Coleman & Messrs. Hare,  
 Hicks and Lodge.

## Regular Activities at Watling Centre

### Sundays.

Society of Friends .. ..	11 a.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	11 a.m.
Woodcroft Sunday School ..	3 p.m.
Members' Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Free & Easy (3rd Sunday) ..	8 p.m.
51 Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Mondays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 p.m.
Women's Adult School .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Veteran's .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Dance Instruction Class .. ..	7.30 p.m.
G.I. Brides Parents' Assn. ..	8 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.
M.U. Oddfellows (alter. weeks) ..	8 p.m.
H.S.A. (2nd and 4th Mondays) ..	7 p.m.
Young Liberals .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Tuesdays.

Family Clinic & Advice Centre ..	10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Handicraft 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.
School of Dancing .. ..	4 p.m.
British Legion Service .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Deansbrook Social Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
A.U.B.T.W. (alternate weeks) ..	7.30 p.m.
Y.C.L. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Wednesdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans' Club .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Redwood Steppers .. ..	6 p.m.
Dance .. ..	7.30 p.m.
T.G.W. (alternate weeks) .. ..	7 p.m.
Men's Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Edgware Ramblers .. ..	7.30 p.m.
Weightlifters .. ..	8 p.m.

### Thursdays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Whist Drive .. ..	2.30 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild .. ..	2.30 p.m.
(alternate weeks) .. ..	2.30 p.m.
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Guides .. ..	6 p.m.
Y.H.A. .. ..	8 p.m.
Poultry Club 1st & 3rd Thurs.) ..	8 p.m.
Boxing Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

### Fridays.

Jewish Religious Instruction ..	8.45 a.m.
Veterans .. ..	2 p.m.
Children's Library .. ..	4 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed) .. ..	7 p.m.
Juvenile Painting Class .. ..	6 p.m.
M.P.s. Service (3rd Friday ..	6.30 p.m.
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Councillors Service (1st Fri.) ..	7.30 p.m.
Neighbours .. ..	8 p.m.
Council Meeting (1st Friday ..	8 p.m.
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Executive Committee (2nd ..	8 p.m.
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Motor Cycle Club .. ..	7.30 p.m.

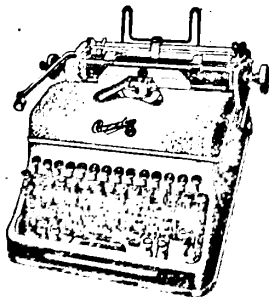
### Saturdays.

School of Dancing (Briscoe) ..	10 a.m.
Healing Service (alter. weeks) ..	3 p.m.
Whist Drive and Social .. ..	7.30 p.m.

For an appointment with the Poor Man's Lawyer please see the Secretary Mr. L. Vear at the Centre.

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## BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mrs. Frost has shared with us the pleasure she enjoyed during her holiday at the Summer School at Royden in Yorkshire last year. There were excursions to the big towns, with visits made to old ruined abbeys and castles and the grand moorland scenery which Mrs. Frost will never forget.

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Miss Fordham has given us two afternoons of music. After singing and playing to us most beautifully Miss Fordham urged us to help our children to develop any musical talent they may have and to encourage them to both listen and perform intelligently.

On the second afternoon our lecturer showed us how some of our hymns should be sung so that the beautiful words may be given the right expression, and joined with us in the singing of some of the lovely old folk songs.

As a result of this feast of music we feel a renewed need for a choir in the Centre. We look forward with much pleasure to Miss Fordham's third lecture.

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Very full and interesting reports have been given of meetings attended by Mrs. Fairbairn, Mrs. Moutel and Mrs. Thomas.

## LESS NOISE

Summer is coming and as usual you will be hearing and reading this appeal very often: "Please turn your wireless set down and avoid annoying your neighbour."

## SPORT

If you have any unwanted sports gear you wish to dispose of, please think of us here at the Centre. The Youth Club would be grateful for any games or darts you have spare.

The Veterans are always grateful for any clean magazines or books you may have.

## GIRL GUIDES—4th WATLING

At the last meeting of the Council, members were greatly pleased by the donation given to the Association by the 4th Watling Girl Guides. A fine gesture on their part.

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# U.S. & C.B.P.A.

Hello Friends !

Owing to the approach of the Annual Conference at Eastbourne, this Branch had to devote practically the whole of its time to business. Consequently, the social side suffered, although we usually get a laugh from our efforts. I noticed Mrs. Nyberg had "Housey" laying handy to slip in, should a slack period occur. Even Mrs. Larsen had difficulty to get the raffle in, although, during her casual walks, she coyly collected the coppers from her victims who forgot their badges. What an asset these two ladies are to the Treasurer!

Congratulations to Mr. Bennet, for his success in getting a refund from the Customs Office on behalf of Mrs. Wyn. His efforts are appreciated by all. Mr. Richardson also deserves our sincere thanks for all the work he puts into the movement, both in the Branch and on the N.E.C. Our Chairman, Mr. Davies, was presented with a Mallet by members, who feared the amount of business and calling to order was causing his pipe and lighter serious injury.

We did manage one evening off, and nearly all members indulged in a good seat and a very happy evening at the Prince of Wales Theatre. It was all nicely organised, so thanks again to Mrs. Nyberg for all her trouble.

Isn't it nice to see all our invalids restored to good health, and back with us again? How pleased we are, too, to see the healthy colour returning to the cheeks of Mrs. Thompson, after her serious operation. Roll on June 8th, when we hope your complete recoveries will be secured by a pleasant coach trip to Clacton and its bracing air.

As a result of my appeal last month, to the husbands to joins us, I am pleased to record Mr. Bromige attended once, and that was the only response I got. I have an idea you ladies like your night of freedom and did not allow your husbands to read *The Resident*. Am I right, ladies?

How pleased we all were to hear, that Mrs. Wyn was going to the U.S.A. in the near future to visit her daughter. A real "bolt from the blue," for she never expected to do that trip. Our sincere thanks to her daughter and son-

in-law in U.S.A. for covering all expenses and doing such a noble deed. I have noticed how young-looking she has become, and her gait has quickened considerably since receiving this wonderful invitation. Best of luck to you and yours, Mrs. Wyn.

Don't you think Mrs. Meredith did a noble job, with her very nice contribution to *The Resident* last month? It is rather difficult, owing to limited space, to compress everything, but I know you were interpreting all her thoughts. Thank you, Mrs. Meredith, for co-operating with your usual enthusiasm, in an endeavour to make our contribution interesting reading. This month, if we are lucky to have the space allocated, Mrs. Bromige has kindly contributed with her visit to Canada. Do you like this idea? Then get your pieces written up. You, who have been overseas, should all make your contribution. Next month, it will be about South Africa, from Mrs. Trickey, so we are getting around.

I am pleased to thank Mr. Allen for a further gift to our funds of 2/6. It is nice of him, isn't it?

You had a long report from your delegates who attended the Eastbourne Conference. Owing to space, I am compelled to leave it with their verbal report. Eight members supported the three delegates at the conference and I think they all enjoyed themselves. Our sincere thanks to the Mayor and Mayor-ess of Eastbourne, the Corporation and Mr. Dibden, for attending to our needs and entertainment so generously. Sorry we were unable to take advantage of the deck chairs, etc. The weather saw to that.

Our best wishes to Mrs. Beeson and children, who are still visiting here.

All for now, cheerio!

W. ELLIS.

What a wonderful moment in the life of a mother, when she makes that big decision to go to visit her daughter. The first steps are taken and in spite of various domestic problems, she still forges ahead, until the day arrives when the first big sum is paid for her ticket! A few qualms and as time goes by and realisation of the many arrangements and further outlays pile up, she wonders if she is justified in spending all these hard-earned savings.

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If you have been thro' this you will understand, if you haven't, don't be put off—it is worth it—every penny. The joy and contentment that is yours at seeing her again, getting to know her environment and the everlasting pleasure in memories, when you have returned, makes up ten-fold for your depleted bank balance.

I sailed from Liverpool in the "Empress of Canada" and found the seven days' journey filled with delight, getting to know fellow travellers at meals, on deck, at the music, dancing and games and in the lounge, very homely people, many returning to Canada after a visit to the "Old Country." I was particularly encouraged to note the number of these people and amazed at their ages. Many must have been around 70 and more!

On the sixth day an air of expectancy is to be felt and all look eagerly Westward and are rewarded at last with the first sight of Canada. Just a grey outline, but, the land where my girl lives—only a parent will understand the overpowering emotion within.

We missed the experience of the actual start of the trip down the St. Lawrence river as darkness had set in, but impatience got me up at 5 a.m., thrilling to a wonderful sunrise and an offered "cupper" from the crew. Practically alone by the deck rail, I leaned and watched the coastline, with thoughts, nearer and nearer to my girl.

Another day's sailing and we stopped at Quebec for two hours and most of us streamed off the boat for our first touching on Canadian soil. I remember a little history from school of the Storming of the Heights of Abraham by Wolfe, but, who ever would have thought that just ordinary ME would be hurrying up there to lie on the well-preserved green at the top, trying to re-capture the scene of those far-off days? But two hours soon go by, with a hurried look around the Hotel Frontenac and a novel ride in my first Canadian bus, exchanging my first cents.

On down the river to Montreal, with the shining tin roofs of the little Catholic churches discernable on either bank as the St. Lawrence grew ever narrower; and on the final night, with farewell parties and singing on deck beneath the velvet black Canadian sky shot with stars brighter than they are ever seen in this country.

Montreal—but no time to waste—straight from the boat to the station, a magnificent building, and how clean by comparison with our termini! How one's voice betrays one! "How's England these days?" "What's London looking like?" ask these Canadians, who usually turn out to have started life in Tooting, or Fulham, or Ealing; although most of them left home many years ago, they still retain a deep affection for the "Old Country". The first stage of the four-day train journey began in sweltering heat—102 degrees in the shade—and took us across the rather English countryside of the Ontario-Quebec border, until that evening, when the seats were opened out, the top berths were pulled from the roof, and thus was the sleeping accommodation made ready. Next day we awoke to a very different landscape—spruce and fir trees, tangled undergrowth, and many quickly flowing streams. At mid-day, having notified the driver of my desire to break my journey there, I disembarked at Terrace Bay, a little logging town on the North Shore of Lake Superior. Here I spent six hours with my niece, a wonderful opportunity for a wash and brush up! Time enough, too, to give her all the news from home, of her parents and of the places she used to know.

We stopped the next train by flagging it; were soon once again off on the westward journey, through wonderful lake-side scenery until we came on to the prairies at Winnipeg. Here I once more broke my journey for a few hours, spending the day with some very hospitable people who showed me the city and put me on the train once more that evening.

Next stop Saskatoon! Here at last, and through the window there she is, looking so gay in a cool dress with my granddaughter in her arms and her husband by her side. A wonderful, wonderful moment! And then a ninety-mile car trip to North Battleford. We said little, there was no need; we were together again at long last.

North Battleford I found a small but growing town, clean and tidy, with new war-time houses on the outskirts. There is no need to tell you of all the labour-saving devices our daughters have, we've heard about them so often. It's the homely, sincere friendliness of the people that fills me with pleasure. How fine it is to know that such an atmos-

phere of friendliness still exists in these troublous times. The real generosity of the neighbours—baking extra cakes and cookies, offering car trips. My few weeks there was a whirl of visiting and being visited; of "ball games"—my son-in-law played for the town team, and I spent many hours on the "bleachers" (as the seats at the stadium are called) in the hot sun, trying to learn the elements of the game.

One week we went into Alberta, to visit a friend who once lived in Camberwell. We found her forty miles from the nearest town, living in an old wooden farmhouse, yet she was quite content and happy.

One night, when I was strolling in the garden, I glanced up to see in the sky a moving green curtain, which shifted into cones, changed colours from light green to a faint mauve. I rushed indoors and my son-in-law returned with me to confirm that they were the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights as they call them there. What a thrill that was for me! I stood there for over an hour, watching them curl and rustle in the deep blue sky.

The day of departure comes; it has to be—we knew it would; it's a wrench to say goodbye, but what memories could I bring away! And what comfort is my daughter's, that she has been able to show MUM her home, her baby and her friends.

Whilst the journey back still holds much interest, it is more taken up in reflection. The day I spent in Montreal, however, climbing the Mount Royal and looking out over that city, and the journey down to New York to catch the "Queen Mary", I found very enjoyable. I had little time to see New York; my first impressions were of bustle and a little more haste than I liked, but it is perhaps unfair to judge on so short a stay.

And so back to Southampton on the "Mary", a much calmer voyage than the journey out; I found it not, perhaps, as intimate and friendly as the "Empress of Canada"—but maybe my mood was not as gay!

To those who have not been, and whose circumstances would allow them to go, I say, don't hesitate—the comfort, joy and memories brought to you by such a trip will never fade.

ADA BROMIGE.

## WEIGHT-LIFTING

Watling's 1st team are out for league honours again this season. Being the only team that has not lost a match this year they stand a good chance of winning the Second Division Cup and title of Second Division Champions.

The team showed good form in a match with Kentish Town, when they put up their best team total ever. Best lifts for Watling's team were as follows:—

(Body weights are in brackets)  
R. Foster (136) 190, 180, 225  
total 595 lbs.  
T. Booth (146½) 175, 190, 230  
total 595 lbs.  
D. Foster (154) 190, 170, 240  
total 600 lbs.

Watling won by 366 lbs. —

The second team, consisting of A. Booth, R. Mitchell and A. Hillman, have not been quite so fortunate this season. In a recent match with New King's W.L.C. they lost by 6lbs. after a very hard struggle to win.

The club has been invited to send six lifters to Margate on May 25th to stage a match in a show that will take place at The Hippodrome, Margate. It has not yet been decided who will represent the Watling Association Weightlifting Club on this date.

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### The Birds in May

If you happen to wake very early—between three and four o'clock—one morning, go to the window and listen, and you will hear one of the loveliest sounds.

First you will hear the sleepy little rustles of bird song, first one bird then another, and as the day becomes lighter the songs become stronger and louder, rising higher and higher until the morning air seems just filled with the beautiful singing of all kinds of birds. This is the Dawn Chorus and is a sound you will not forget. See how many of their songs you can recognise.

The birds have also an Evening Chorus. They are so busy during the day that after their lovely morning music they haven't always much to sing. But when their day's work is done and their babies are safely tucked up for the night they seem to raise their voices again in a hymn of thanksgiving before settling down to sleep.

You may hear some of them still singing before you are asleep—perhaps a blackbird or a thrush. If you listen, you will hear them get sleepier and sleepier until all is silent for the night.

BROWN OWL

Dear Children,

For many people May is their favourite of all months of the year. There is so much in the countryside that is young and fresh and it is in this month that the weather first becomes really warm.

From the earliest times people have been thrilled and filled with joy and wonder with the coming of Spring and early Summer.

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Long ago at this time of the year the Romans had their Festival of "Floralia", meaning Floral Games, in praise of Flora, the Roman goddess of Spring, who is represented now by our May Queen.

In times gone by every town and village, on May Day, had feasting and dancing round the maypole. The pole was often very high, sometimes more than sixty feet, decorated with flowers and gaily coloured ribbons. The church of St. Andrew Undershaft in London takes its name from the maypole of the parish, which was higher than the church steeple, so that the church was "under the shaft".

Different places had their own special celebrations. On May Day the chimney-sweeps held their own festival, with dancing and singing through the streets. With blackened faces they made a joyous rattle with brushes and shovels merrymaking round Jack-in-the-Bush, who peeped out from the huge pile of leaves heaped round him.

May Day revels are still the gayest and most eagerly prepared for of all traditional folk ceremonies of Britain as this day heralds the coming of Summer, making all people happy and glad. On village greens country dancing and morris dancing is still held.

You would enjoy dancing in the open air on the grass much better than indoors, wouldn't you? Perhaps at some time in the future these lovely old customs will be revived and we may see a maypole erected in our park, so that May, here in Watling, will then deserve to be called the Merry Month.

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Go out of doors as much as ever you can and hear and see all the signs of approaching summer and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine.

Your friend,  
BROWN OWL.

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Members of the Mayhill Community Association, Swansea, during their four day visit to London, dropped off at Watling to play us a game of football. It was a drawn game, one goal each. It was a friendly and entertaining game enjoyed by both Community Centres and their supporters.

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The Liberal Party held their A.G.M. at the Watling Centre, at which the officers for the coming year were elected. They were as follows:—

Chairman—E. Allen.  
Secretary—Joe Hare.  
Treasurer—Doris Dillingham.  
Social Sec.—Mrs. Curringer.  
Canvassing Officer—B. Doyle.

It was unanimously decided to contest the coming Council Election. A candidate would be selected at an early date. The Chairman, in his review of the year, said how glad they all were at the increased paid membership and the greatly improved financial position. He also referred to the scrapping of the identity cards, that restriction

personal freedom, due to the efforts of that well-known Liberal, Harry Wilcox, who refused to produce his identity card when, as a motorist, he was asked by the police to do so. The Metropolitan Police were later given instructions to demand production of identity cards only when it was absolutely necessary. It had cost Mr. Wilcox and his supporters a great deal of money in their fight against the cards. Liberals would always fight when the freedom of the individual was at stake.

JOE HARE

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