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Mr. H. H. ROBERTSON.

## MR. H. H. ROBERTSON.

When, just over three years ago, we acquired the business of Messrs. W. J. Rogers Ltd., Bristol, Mr. H. H. Robertson held the position of Second Brewer in that Company. Within a few weeks, at the age of 31, he was appointed Brewer-in-charge, responsible to the parent Company for the production of "Hop Leaf" beers in that area.

The fostering of a higher standard of productive consistency, under the new regime, found in him a most willing leader, and under the direction and guidance of H. & G. Simonds Ltd. Mr. Robertson's part in the results achieved to date has been no small one.

With a more comprehensive field of supply, the demands upon the Brewing and Bottling Departments have year by year materially increased, and only a man experienced in the many branches of the productive side could have undertaken the task with any degree of success. Fortunately Mr. Robertson's earlier training was on sound principles, for he holds a First Class Certificate of the City and Guild of London Brewing Examination, also a First Class Brewing, Malting and Bio-Chemistry Certificate from the Heriot Watt College, and is an Associate of the Institute of Brewing.

Born in India and educated at the St. Joseph's College, Naini Tal, Mr. Robertson decided to be a brewer rather than follow in the steps of his father, the late Lieut.-Colonel J. Robertson, of the Medical Service. After three years in India at the Murree Brewery, he finished his pupilage with Messrs. J. & J. Morrison, Edinburgh. Then followed a year as student at the Heriot Watt College, Edinburgh, and a return to Murree as Assistant Brewer.

At the end of a year and a half he returned to Messrs. Morrison's as Second Brewer for two years, when he again journeyed overseas, to St. John's, Newfoundland, as Brewer-in-charge of the Newfoundland Brewery Limited. After a three years' contract he came home to commence his service with our Bristol subsidiary company in 1933.

A keen athlete, Mr. Robertson was a member of his college football, cricket and hockey elevens and has figured in the Scottish hockey trials. That he is able to hold his own with most on the tennis and badminton courts is a tribute to his fitness and delight in any pleasurable job of work or play.

We have a shrewd suspicion, however, that outside The Brewery the crowning joy of the year is when, from behind the wheel of his Austin car, he finds the wonders of his own native land, with its purple hills and shadowy glens, opening out in the autumn sunshine, before his eyes.

*Take a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine oft infirmities.—The Bible.*

CHAT *from*

## THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

(By C. H. P.)



## PLAYING FIELDS OF THE PEOPLE.

Epsom, Ascot, Wimbledon, Henley, Lord's, the Oval, Cowes—so many magnets for the Empire's sportsmen (says *Our Empire*). Where else in the world could one find another list like it? Yet each name is only the crowning symbol of the sport it represents. English bloodstock is brought to perfection on a score of race-courses; our lawn tennis players, with no Wimbledon ambitions, wear out the turf on a hundred thousand tennis courts; a million young cricketers play their game on as many bumpy pitches—and against the lamp posts; on dozens of rivers our oarsmen qualify for the Thames; and all round our island coast the yachtsmen dream of Cowes. Waterloo may—or may not—have been won on the playing fields of Eton. Far more certain is it that future conflicts, whether in the realm of trade or on the field of battle, will be won on the playing fields of the people.

## POOR GIRL!

She could swing a six-pound dumb-bell,  
 She could fence and she could box;  
 She could row upon the river,  
 She could clamber 'mong the rocks;  
 She could golf from morn till evening,  
 And play tennis all day long;  
 But she couldn't help her mother—  
 'Cause she wasn't very strong!

## TERSE TENNIS REPORT.

Terse tennis report from the States:—"At this point the gallery deserted Mrs. — to watch Miss —, whose shorts were dropping on the court with amazing regularity."

**SWANS AT THE BREWERY.**

The eggs in the swans' nest on the river by the Brewery yard have given forth their young and on the first day of their arrival the cygnets readily took to the water. They then clambered on to their mother's back and were taken for a little trip up the river. How wonderful it must have appeared to them when they first made their debut into this big world, and how wonderful must have been their first river trip on that stately sailer, Mother Swan! During last summer a number of swans came regularly each day to be fed by scraps from the hands of Mrs. Mooney. One particular pair male and female, continued coming all the season and are doing so now. For some unknown reason Mrs. Mooney called the male swan "Henry," and he began answering to his name with a loud squawk. These birds nest near The Brewery, and each evening, about 9.30 to 10 p.m., "Henry" will come up and squawk for his supper. He does not stay as long as he used to, for he returns to his bride, whom he relieves, and then she comes for her nightly feed. Mr. and Mrs. Mooney are looking forward to the time when Mr. and Mrs. Swan will bring their small cygnets up, having no doubt that this will be their first call, believing that as "Beer is Best" they have no intention of leaving The Brewery.

Give us, O give us the man who sings at his work! Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in sullen silence. He will do more in the same time—he will do it better—he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible of fatigue whilst he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, altogether past calculation its power of endurance. Efforts to be permanently useful must be uniformly joyous—a spirit all sunshine—graceful from very gladness—beautiful because bright.—*Carlyle.*

**FAMILIAR INITIALS.**

The initials S.B. are as familiar as the Hop Leaf sign of H. & G. Simonds, the Brewers, writes "Observer" in the *Financial Times*. Where you find one you find the other. But what do the letters stand for? Not Simonds' Beer or Simonds' Best, as I had always imagined, but "Season Brewed." My authority is THE HOP LEAF GAZETTE, the Company's monthly magazine.

**ALCOHOL ADDS TO GAIETY OF LIFE.**

Alcohol . . . in moderation adds to the pleasure, the exhilaration, the happiness and the gaiety of life. . . . There are a number of people at the end of a fatiguing day who are quite unable to digest their food, because their nervous system is too tired. A small quantity of alcohol makes them happy with themselves and happy with the world. And in the particular phase of civilisation that we are passing through there has been no time when alcohol, properly taken, in proper quantities and in moderation, could serve a more useful purpose.—*Lord Dawson of Penn.*

(Lord Dawson has said that "good wine" is one of the best mediums for conveying the benefits of alcohol to body and mind.)

**CONCERNING TENNIS.**

On Tuesday, June 28th, we played Reading University on their grass courts in the Elmhurst Road. The wind was terrific and you can judge the effect it had on the game by the following incident. A player sent over a deep lob. As his opponent was going to strike the ball, the wind was at its height, caught the ball before he could hit it and blew it right back to the man who sent over the lob. Of course the point went against the man who hit the ball. As it seemed impossible to play on these exposed courts we moved to others somewhat sheltered by a high hedge. But heavy rain fell before we could finish the match. The gale was too much for a grey squirrel and he hurried down from his lofty perch in a tall tree, scurried across the lawn and took shelter in the hedge. By the way, I think a word of very high praise is due to the ladies who arrange the teas for our home matches. The food is always dainty and delicious and the ladies must, without exception, be fine tennis players for their "service" is certainly fast and pleasingly effective. I am sure we all say to them: "Thank you, very much!"

**READING REGATTA.**

On Saturday, June 11th, the Annual Regatta was held, and again in beautiful weather. Great local interest was taken in the final of the Junior Eights between Reading Rowing Club and Henley Rowing Club, which was won by Reading by the narrow margin of 6 feet. As I mentioned in my April notes, Mr. N. Lipscombe had worked hard coaching this crew, and great credit is due to him. The Eight also included two members of the Accounts Department, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. H. Drury. Congratulation to you all and may you win many more events this season.

## IN THE LIBRARY.

A man who was a great reader went into a public library for a book and experienced difficulty in finding the one he required. The librarian asked him if he could be of assistance and said "Have you had 'Seven Years with the Wrong Woman'?" Promptly came the reply, "I've had twenty-seven years, but what has that got to do with you?"

## HOW THE COUNTRYMAN SCORED.

Two commercial travellers were swapping tall wireless stories in the presence of an old countryman, whom they were trying to impress.

"You got a radio set?" asked one of the travellers.

"Yes," said the countryman. "I got a very good one."

"Has it good selectivity?" asked the traveller, with a knowing wink at his companion.

"Well, yes," said the old fellow, "it has. The other night I was listening to a quartet, and I didn't like the tenor, so I just tuned him out and listened to the other three."

## SEEING A TEST MATCH THROUGH.

"My holidays this year enabled me to fulfil a wish—to see a Test Match through," writes "S.B." "I saw the first at Trent Bridge. Everybody knows the result. During the four days I witnessed brilliant, slow, and careful cricket. Two Reading men passed by my seat on the Saturday, one being the Captain of the Berkshire Cricket Club. The other with whom I had a chat was Mr. A. P. F. Chapman. He sent all good wishes to friends at The Brewery. I enjoyed every hour. The weather was best mixed."

## LET'S COUNT OUR BLESSINGS!

"It is impossible to compare our conditions in the Empire, and especially here in the heart of it, with those prevailing elsewhere. Freedom, liberty, choice of pursuit, use of leisure, little compulsion, free money, no censorship, no political informers, no denunciations, no people's courts, no summary arrests of parties—how different a picture as compared with many another land. It is a plain and literal fact that we enjoy as our daily portion, and without regard to class or standing, benefits which half the world would give of their treasure to possess."—*Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Transport, at London Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner.*

## IMPORTANT CONTRACT.

**It is very gratifying to learn that our Firm have secured an important contract for the supply of canned beers to the Imperial Airways.**

## OUR NEW DIRECTORS.

The staff are unanimous in offering hearty congratulations to Mr. R. St. J. Quarry and Mr. F. H. V. Keighley in their appointment to the Directorate of Messrs. H. & G. Simonds, Limited. Similar sentiments have been expressed from all Branches, Agencies and connections at home and abroad and the volume of good wishes continues to grow.

It is sincerely hoped that they will spend many happy and successful years on the Board in assisting in the continual expansion of the Firm which has seen such extraordinary developments in the post-war years.

*One swallow does not make a Summer  
but  
One swallow will easily convince you  
that  
Simonds' Beer is best.*

# SIMONDS GREAT FÊTE,

## COLEY PARK, READING.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 1938.

### THREE HOURS' SPORTS PROGRAMME.

#### BABY SHOW.

DISPLAY BY STAFF INSTRUCTORS OF THE ROYAL NAVAL  
SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL AND RECREATION TRAINING,  
PORTSMOUTH.

BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN COMPETITION.  
*(In conjunction with the "Berkshire Chronicle.")*

LADIES' BEAUTY COMPETITION.  
*(In conjunction with the "Berkshire Chronicle.")*  
(OPEN).

Judging by well-known Film Stars.

LADIES' ANKLE COMPETITION.  
(OPEN).

GREAT DARTS TOURNAMENT.  
*(Teams of Seven.)*  
(OPEN).

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SHOW.

EXHIBITION OF CAGED BIRDS.

TWO HOURS' EVENING (FLOODLIT) OPEN-AIR HEALTH  
AND FITNESS DISPLAY.  
By many Local Organisations.

BAND OF THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

SIDE-SHOWS AND ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR.

FIREWORKS.

Admission on the day, 6d.

Tickets purchased before the day, 4d.,  
bearing many Lucky Prizes.

## BREWERY JOTTINGS.

(BY W. DUNSTER.)

The month of June was anything but flaming when it started. It improved, however, as it went along, so I presume the majority of early holidaymakers had not much to grumble about. I did hear of one member of our staff who had a week at home "Up North" and it was a week (or nearly so) of rain. But for such outdoor events as Ascot and the Aldershot Tattoo perfect weather was the order of every day and night. As the Firm were very interested in both these events, it meant good sales in each case.

Ascot is a time when we think of racehorses as money spinners, although I am afraid it was by no means so on this occasion for most of the "good things" (of which we were told a number) were anything but good when running their races. However, we all hope for the best beforehand, and there's another chance next year.

A few Saturdays ago I was invited to go with the cricket eleven to Eversley, where the Brewery team played their annual match with Mr. Harry's team. A lovely afternoon, a win for The Brewery, and a most happy time for everyone. Tea in the open air was served up in splendid fashion.

Mr. Harry, owing to knee trouble, could not play, but he was a fine host and made everyone at home. Afterwards, homeward bound, a visit to the Club and in the congenial company of Mr. Bert Weight, Mr. "Bill" Sparks and Mr. J. Cholwill, I learned many things of Brewery cricket matches of the past—and so to bed!

We occasionally hear details of the Reading Football Club and of new players signed for next season. Nevertheless things are quiet, for, unfortunately, Reading had a most disastrous financial season and no doubt we shall hear a lot more after the Football Club meeting this month.

We have been somewhat excited over the Test Matches, and with the wireless we all get red hot news. At Lord's a number of the Staff had the pleasure of seeing the play and they were all very enthusiastic and thrilled.

I am sorry that Mr. S. Josey has had a breakdown in health, although I understand he is now improving. All his friends will join with me in hoping he will soon be completely restored to his normal state of health. I have been given to understand he is the best known person on The Brewery, owing to his duties as Chief Wages Clerk.

Mr. A. H. Hopkins, Hon. Secretary of the H. & G. Simonds Ltd. Savings Association, informs me that the twenty-third "cycle" has just finished and 392 certificates at 15/- each subscribed for. Should this meet the eye of anyone desirous of joining the new "cycle," which commences forthwith, if they will get in touch with Mr. Hopkins (Correspondence Office) he will be pleased to give them any information required.

Mr. H. J. Scott, who has been a member of the Brewing Department Staff for just over ten years, has recently left us for an appointment with a brewery at Nottingham. Everyone, I feel sure, will wish him all success in his new undertaking.

The Football Club Supper (reported by the writer elsewhere in this issue) was a splendid success and a sporting spirit was in evidence throughout the evening. I know everyone was most happy and it was, indeed, a night to be remembered.

Another night to be remembered was when I went to the King's Meadows, Reading, to see the Office cricket eleven in action against the Delivery Department. In a most open spot, the wind at gale force, both sides "stuck it" until rain stopped play. It says much for the enthusiasm of the players who turned up, quite a number straight from work without any tea—the true sporting spirit.

The following changes and transfers have taken place during the month of June, and to all we wish every success:—

The Sun, Eton (H. & G. Simonds Ltd.)—Mr. W. J. Hooper.

The White Horse, Norbiton (H. & G. Simonds Ltd.)—Mr. A. Britain.

The Five Bells, Woodspen (H. & G. Simonds Ltd.)—Mr. E. Lambdin.

The Furze Bush, East Woodhay (H. & G. Simonds Ltd.)—Mr. T. Mansfield.

The Dolphin, Totteridge, High Wycombe (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries Ltd.)—Mrs. A. M. Hill.

The New Inn, Oxford Road, Reading (H. & G. Simonds Ltd.)—Mr. G. H. Cooke.

Mr. Jack Smith, who has now left the New Inn, will be well remembered as he has many friends. It will be recollected he was captain of the Reading Football Club team for many seasons and played some wonderful games for the Club. A most popular man, with a splendid personality, he was well liked by everyone.

Mr. R. Prangley, in handing me the enclosed cutting from the *Slough, Eton and Windsor Observer*, commented that this might come under the "Language of Flowers":—

#### LANGLEY TREE THAT SNOWS!

Snow in June is rated quite an unusual thing in most places, but in Langley snow (of a kind) in June, while considered a bit of a nuisance, is no longer considered remarkable, even though it does come from a tree! Here's the explanation. In the forecourt of the Harrow Inn is a rare tree, with a long Latin name, which people call a cotton tree. Every year about this time the tree is covered with a kind of blossom with the appearance of soft down. In the wind it floats about the neighbourhood in thin wisps, looking exactly like snow, and housewives in the neighbourhood have an impossible job trying to keep it from filling every corner of their homes. It covers the floor of the Harrow saloons with a soft white carpet, and customers are often surprised, when taking a glass of beer, to see what appears to be a piece of cotton wool fall near them.

We regret to record the following deaths:—

Mrs. R. Blake, of The Bell, Oxford Road, Reading, who died on the 30th May. Mrs. Blake was the widow of Mr. Albert Blake who was tenant of The Bell, Church Street, Reading, from 1922 until the transfer of the licence to the new house, The Bell, Oxford Road, in 1928. Mrs. Blake had been tenant of the new house since 13th April, 1934.

Mr. Percy Alfred Hill, of The Dolphin, Totteridge, High Wycombe, who died on the 6th June, and had been tenant of this house since 22nd April, 1933.

Our deepest sympathies are hereby extended to all relatives.

The following extract is from the *Bucks Free Press*:—

#### DEATH OF WYCOMBE LICENSEE.

The news of the death of Mr. Percy Alfred Hill, of The Dolphin, Totteridge, High Wycombe, was received with much regret in the town on Monday 27th June, as very few knew of his illness, which was only of a week's duration. He was conveyed to the High Wycombe War Memorial Hospital on the 3rd June, suffering from pneumonia. He showed signs of improvement, but heart trouble supervened and he died on the Monday afternoon. The widow (Mrs. Hill) is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tranter, of the Red Cross Knight, Hughenden Road, High Wycombe. There are no children.

## SERVED THROUGH WAR.

Mr. Hill, a member of an old High Wycombe family, was 46. He had been licensee of The Dolphin at Totteridge—one of the beauty spots on the outskirts of the town—for five years and was very popular in the district.

He served throughout the war in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry with Colonel L. L. C. Reynolds and other local officers. He was a member of the High Wycombe Lodge of Druids and also of the Old Comrades' Association. He was also an active member of the High Wycombe and District Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association.

## WORDS OF WISDOM.

Cheer up, and you'll soon cheer somebody else up as well.

If folk would talk less and help more, life would be easier for most of us, and many burdens would become lighter.

A gentle word soothes anger just as water puts out fire.

The presence of a cheerful person is like a sunny day, stimulating growth and brightening the prospect so perceptibly that we are chilled and disconsolate at the departure of such radiance.

Nature has two great revelations—use and beauty.

If you are doing good work, don't worry; somebody will discover it.

If you are down, get up; defeat often holds a grander lesson than success.

“ Our England is a garden,  
And such gardens are not made  
With crying ‘ Oh, how lovely ! ’  
And sitting in the shade.”

—Kipling.

A religion of kindness and useful effort is nearly a perfect religion. We used to think it was a man's belief concerning a dogma that would fix his place in eternity . . . It will be character that will locate our place in another world, if there is one, just as it is our character that fixes our place here. We are weaving character every day, and the way to weave the best character is to be kind and to be useful. Think right, act right; for it is what we think and do that makes us what we are.—Hubbard.

Let to-morrow take care of to-morrow, leave things of the future to fate : what's the use to anticipate sorrow?—life's troubles come never too late! If to hope overmuch be an error, 'tis one that the wise have preferred. And how often have hearts been in terror of evils—that never occurred! Let to-morrow take care of to-morrow; short and dark as our life may appear, we may make it still darker by sorrow—still shorter by folly and fear; half our troubles are half our invention, and often from blessings conferred have we shrunk in the wild apprehension of evils—that never occurred!—Swain.

One act that from a thankful heart proceeds,  
Excels one thousand mercenary deeds.

The summit of our attainment to-day should be our starting point for to-morrow.

A little thing can be the most drastic of tests, for we are most ourselves when we are off our guard.

If you cannot be a star you need not be a cloud.

The best things are never done by the armchair critic.

From roughest outsides serene and gentle influences often proceed.

## A NATURE NOTE.

(BY C.H.P.)

## BUSY LITTLE MOORHEN.

## PARTRIDGES' NEST ON OUR SPORTS GROUND.

A keen observer of wild nature's ways, Mr. Eric tells me of a moorhen that has built her nest in a rhododendron at Audley's Wood, 6 feet from the ground. Three weeks after the first brood was hatched, the mother bird was sitting on a second lot of eggs. The site of her nest is a quarter of a mile from any water and it must have been an interesting sight watching the moorhen conveying her young, by means of her claws, to the water. A case has been recorded of a moorhen carrying a young bird in each foot. In the water where the young are taken there will be found another nest awaiting them which they use as shelter during the night until they have grown sufficiently strong to accompany their parents roosting in the trees. A curious thing about moorhens is the fact that the female has brighter colours than the male and owing to this peculiarity father is often given credit for much of the work that mother performs. When alarmed the moorhen will sink beneath the water and by means of its feet and wings row a subaqueous course to some weeds where, holding on by its feet to the stems, will remain perfectly still, only the point of its beak appearing above the surface of the water.

The moorhen has two, and sometimes three, broods in a year, each consisting of from six to eight, so it is not surprising that the number of these entertaining birds remains undiminished.

## RABBIT CHASES STOAT.

Another interesting incident recorded by Mr. Eric is that of a rabbit chasing a stoat. I have witnessed this unusual occurrence on more than one occasion. Well do I remember watching a doe feeding with her young, when suddenly a stoat appeared. The rabbit chased the intruder, overtook him, turned round and by means of her powerful hind legs gave him such a kick that he was sent flying into some bracken. Generally, however, the rabbit shows no fight and proves an easy prey to these bloodthirsty little fellows who often engage in fatal fights among themselves.

Stoats vary in colour according to the season. Those living in cold regions turn white in winter, with the exception of the tips of their tails which remain black.

## A TAME WILD DUCK.

I have ever looked upon gamekeepers as a fine lot of fellows. I greatly enjoy their company and a stroll with them round their preserves. One such gentleman I know takes his daily walks down the side of a trout stream to see that all is in order. A wild duck sitting on her nest got so used to him passing close by that she showed not the slightest fear and they got on such friendly terms that he often stroked her back. But should a stranger go anywhere near, the bird immediately took fright and hurriedly left the nest. I bet that keeper a packet of cigarettes that I would stroke the bird. But when I got within about a yard of the nest away she flew, quacking loudly, and I am the poorer by a bob!

## A WORD FOR THE OTTER.

It is my great privilege to cast a fly on a meandering little trout stream that I have fished for fifty years, and here I have often come across evidences of the presence of otters. There are a few perch, roach and small pike in the stream and they are not welcome residents. Now I have often come across the remains of these fish—the heads, tails and some bones—and otters had evidently made meals off them. But rarely have I found such remains of trout, though there were exceptions. Therefore, on a trout stream, where other undesirable members of the finny tribe abide, the otter would appear to perform a very useful work.

## WILL OUR DIRECTORS ORGANISE A SHOOT?

I do not know whether our Directors, who do so much for us in the way of furthering sport, are going to arrange a grand shoot for us, on our new Sports Ground, in the coming September. Anyhow, there should be some bonny partridges about, for in the long grass at the further end of the playing field a partridge is sitting on her nest, which is cunningly concealed. While sitting out at tennis on one or two occasions I noticed a pair of these birds frequenting a certain spot and when I walked across there, with my usual curiosity, I was not long in locating the nest. I found it when there was but one egg; now there are fifteen. I hope to catch a glimpse of the youngsters when they arrive, though doubtless the mother bird will endeavour to entice me from where they will be in hiding by pretending she has a broken wing. She will probably flap her way along just in front of me and when I have followed her sufficiently far from her offspring up she will rise and fly back to her bairns.

## NEST BY TOWPATH.

Another pair of partridges frequented the towpath by the Thames-side between Caversham Bridge and Keel's Boathouse. And as I noticed, during my early morning excursions, that they were frequently near the same spot I looked about for the nest—and soon found it. Thousands of people have passed within a foot of it and for a time all went well, the female bird having laid her full clutch of sixteen eggs. Then she began to sit, but on the next occasion when I just peeped at the nest I noticed that she was not there. There were no feathers to denote a tragedy and I suppose that dogs or the constant passing to and fro of people had frightened her and she thought it desirable to desert. Anyway she has not been seen since and the eggs are still there, as I have said, within a foot of where thousands of people tread.

## TO W. H. HUDSON.

Down to our quiet villages you came :  
At unpretentious cottage-homes you stayed :  
Your face familiar grew, your voice, your name,  
As back and fro with limping gait you strayed.

And many a curious sidelong glance was turned  
On your gaunt figure roving there and here ;  
For none of us your greatness yet had learned  
And very few but thought you grim and queer.

Yet sturdy toddlers held you not in awe  
As, school released, they met you by the stile ;  
And little maidens, when your eyes they saw,  
Found something strangely winning in your smile.

What tho' within a dreary suburb street  
For periods long and lone your lot was cast !  
Escaping thence, you found our fields more sweet  
And days of Recognition dawned at last.

And when your fame on every lip was heard,  
Forgotten hamlets, few had praised or prized,  
(Where once you studied man and beast and bird)  
Awoke to find themselves immortalized.

S. E. COLLINS.

## CRICKET.

Although the weather, with the exception of one Saturday, has been ideal for our game, the "A" team has had a very lean time since my last notes.

On the 28th May we were down for the return fixture with the Mess Staff, Royal Military College, but a morning of heavy rain made the position look hopeless and the game was cancelled. Pulsometer Engineering Co. were to have been hosts to the "B" team, but they also thought cricket was out of the question. As it happened, it was as well, for, after a bright spell for an hour or so after lunch, there was a heavy thunderstorm and torrential rain.

June 4th—somewhere it is referred to as the "Glorious Fourth of June"—proved a disappointment to us. We were booked to go to Camberley again, this time to visit the Sergeants' Mess. Last season's encounter was very keen and ended all square at 74 each, and we were anxious to try conclusions again. It so happened that a big sports event had been arranged and our would-be opponents were all on the duty roll, consequently another game had to be called off.

June 11th. We said "Well, we shall get a match this week," but it was not to be. According to the fixture card our opponents were to have come from Oxford Branch, but although they tried to augment their numbers they were unable to raise an eleven. Efforts were made in a number of directions to find a club able to give us a game, but without avail. My best thanks are hereby expressed to Mr. J. J. Cardwell, who got in touch with several individuals and teams. It was a shame that all the hard work he put in to get our lads a game should have been brought to naught.

June 18th. "A" TEAM 44 v. COMMDR. H. D. SIMONDS XI 33.

At last a game, and what a keen one it was ! As will be seen by the scores above, the batsmen were the underdogs. The bowling was aggressive (not dangerous) and the fielding keenness itself.

We were very disappointed to learn, just before the match commenced, that Commdr. Simonds, through a personal injury, would be unable to take the field. He was, however, present to lend his moral support to the team, and followed the course of the game with great keenness.

Our opponents won the toss and elected to bat, but maybe they soon wished they had chosen differently. Two down with no runs in the book and then only 3 on the board when No. 3 walked back was not too promising a start. In fact, it was left to C.

Leversuch to run to double figures to make the score anything like presentable. E. Crutchley, who kept the ball going through quickly and without rising much, took six for 8, and H. Tigar had the other four for 22. Six catches were taken, and it would be unfair to select any one, for all were taken with the aplomb of a professional.

S. Collins, behind the stumps, "kept" well. A number of the balls he took very cleanly and from awkward angles.

Our advantage with the bat was due to fine innings by A. Hedgington (18) and E. Crutchley (11 not out). The former got his head in front of a rising ball; fortunately it was not from one of the "speed merchants," but it split the skin. After he had been patched up, we partook of a delightful tea out in the open. As one of our supporters remarked, the ladies served the teas as though it gave them real pleasure to wait upon the hungry and thirsty men, which contrasted very favourably with the quality and service he had experienced recently at a sporting event of quite a different nature. Thanks were expressed to Commdr. Simonds for his hospitality and for the renewed encounter of the cricket teams, and also to the ladies who looked after the welfare of the inner man. Mr. Harry replied to the effect that he welcomed the Club to Eversley and hoped the fixture would continue for many years. Then, as an afterthought, remarked, "We are not beaten yet."

On resuming, our total was carried to 31 for five. The winning hit was made and then the next wicket fell and two more at the same total. The ensuing partnership added 10 and the last two wickets fell at the total of 44.

As the game proper ended somewhat early, it was decided for the teams to have a "knock" for half-an-hour each.

Thus ended a very keen game and a most pleasant afternoon.

The "B's" record for the month has been three played, one tied and two lost. As mentioned previously, one match was cancelled.

*June 4th.* "B" TEAM 91 v. Y.M.C.A. 91.

The feature of this game was the splendid batting of M. Brown. We batted first and lost two men for 6 runs. Then Farmer and Brown became associated and added 30. Brown carried on, but could get no one to stay long with him. He nearly carried his bat, but was caught and bowled with his score at 62, which is the highest made by any member of the Club this season.

Cook took five for 12 in just over four overs; Dollimore and Clifton each took two wickets each.

Y.M.C.A. made a similar start to ours, and then, thanks to Dollimore (37), Clifton (12), Morgan (12) and Dawson (10 not out), crept up close to our score. In fact, when eight wickets had fallen they only needed three runs to win, but the next wicket fell at the same total. The last wicket fell at 91, and so the game ended in a tie.

E. Greenaway took five for 27 and Farmer three for 36.

*June 11th.* "B" TEAM 31 v. NORTH MORETON 69.

This game was played at Moreton and our team was reinforced by several of the usual "A" team players. Moreton batted first and put on 29 for the first wicket. Then four more men fell for the addition of 5; three more added 11. The ninth wicket fell at 64; 5 more were added.

H. Tozer took four for 19 and H. Tigar six for 21.

Against the bowling of R. Vass (seven for 14) and A. Stickley (two for 16) our batsmen failed lamentably. No one reached double figures, which speaks for itself.

*June 18th.* "B" TEAM 44 v. WOKINGHAM LONDON ROAD 68.

We acted as hosts on this afternoon and had the opportunity of batting first. We found a real sportsman in the opposing captain. After taking four wickets for 3 runs in four overs, he made changes in the bowling, but even then it was left until the last wicket, who added 16, mainly due to R. Priddy who got 13 of them, that gave us anything like a respectable total. E. Smith helped in the debacle by taking three for 8.

Our bowling was not quite good enough, for by the time the sixth wicket fell our total had been just passed. The scores were made chiefly by E. Greenland (17), T. Chamberlain (14) and H. Goswell (12).

L. Field, with four for 10, took the bowling honours; Greenaway (two for 22) and Farmer (two for 23) helped to keep the scores within reasonable bounds.

During this period an evening match with Aldworthians was played, which we managed to win with a certain ease.

Batting first, we made 82 for eight and declared. This was mainly due to a forcing innings by A. Hedgington of 49.

Against our changes in bowling the Aldworthians could only make 32. Hedgington took five for 10 and Farmer two for 6.

We hope to play the return match on the 30th June.

The Inter-Departmental matches have now commenced. At the time of writing one game has been played, viz., Delivery Department *v.* Rest of the Brewery. Without the score book details cannot now be given, but it was won comfortably by the Delivery.

The Offices are down to play the Surveyors next and it is hoped the tourney will be played in good weather and the games in a real sporting manner.

J.W.J.

#### WHITE LION DART TEAM.

A jolly evening was spent at the Club Room of the White Lion on Friday, June 10th, when gold and silver medals were presented to members of the White Lion Dart Team for their success in winning the runners-up cup in the Staines and District Dart League. The medals were distributed by Mr. F. E. Saltmarsh, of Staines, who has taken a great deal of interest in the Club during the season. Mr. J. Howieson filled the cup with champagne, and the licensee (Mr. C. A. Scutchey) was presented with a case of pipes. Mrs. Scutchey was the recipient of a bouquet of carnations, in addition to a gold and silver medal for her services to the team.

Enthusiastic congratulations were showered upon Mr. F. C. Cummins, when he was handed a silver key chain, in addition to his medal, for his able captaincy of the team during the season.

#### A GREAT THOUGHT.

*I have always preferred cheerfulness to mirth. The latter I consider as an act, as a habit of the mind. Mirth is short and transient, cheerfulness fixed and permanent. Those are often raised into the greatest transports of mirth who are subject to the greatest depression of melancholy; on the contrary, cheerfulness, though it does not give the mind such an exquisite gladness, prevents us from falling into any depths of sorrow. Mirth is like a flash of lightning that breaks through a gloom of clouds, and glitters for a moment; cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind, and fills it with a steady and perpetual serenity.—ADDISON.*

#### SOME BAT I



Since taking over the Lamb Inn I heard of an old custom, originating some fifty-odd years ago which, after lying fallow in the passing of 21 years, I thought fit to revive, writes Mr. H. J. Clement, landlord of The Lamb Inn, Norwood Road, Southall, Middlesex. It is written that as an annual event a cricket match was played on Norwood Green between the patrons of those two local inns, the Lamb and the Wolf. At the finish of the match a cricket bat, 7 feet in length, was carried, with all due ceremony, on to the field of play and there presented to the winning team, to be kept in their possession for one year.

I would like to think of the stalwarts of those days laying about them with such a bat, in their corduroy trousers, knee straps and top hats. Surely the occasion was one for great hunks of bread and cheese, washed down with quarts of ale (H. & G. Simonds'), with each landlord extolling the merits of his particular brew. It may be that we shall see these things for ourselves, for the match is to be played on August Bank Holiday (Monday).

At that time, too, the "Green" should be looking its very best and, hoping the Mayor of Southall will kindly be able to present the bat to the winners, I will willingly pay my share, so that the Hospital Box will be all the heavier.

#### THE LIGHTER SIDE.

LADY: "You would stand more chance of getting a job if you would shave and make yourself more presentable."

TRAMP: "Yes, lady. I found that out years ago."

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A Jew, hearing a rumour that his bank had suspended payment, hurriedly drew a cheque for his balance and rushed round to the bank to cash it.

"Certainly," said the clerk. "How would you like it?"

"If you've got the money I don't want it," panted the Jew, "but if you haven't got it I must have it."

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The teacher was giving a health talk to her class, and warned them never to kiss animals or birds.

"Can you give me an instance of the dangers of this, Jackie?" she asked.

"Yes, Miss, my Aunt Alice used to kiss her dog."

"And what happened?" asked the teacher.

"It died."

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He was in deep disgrace, and, try as he would, he could not get a smile out of his wife at breakfast. "Are you cross with me because I came home with a black eye last night?" he asked in desperation.

"No," replied his wife, tersely, "you hadn't got it when you came home."

#### WAR DEPARTMENT CONSTABULARY, BRAMLEY.

##### SOCIAL EVENING.

On Friday, June 3rd, a small party of our Didcot Detachment visited us and an enjoyable evening followed. Among our guests were Inspector, Mrs. and Miss Hearn, P.C. and Mrs. Rogers, P.C. and Mrs. Thomas, P.C. and Mrs. Dixon, P.C. and Mrs. Delaney, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Thompson, all of Didcot. A large number of our own members with their wives, and several of our local friends, also attended.

An attractive programme of games, music and dancing, arranged under the supervision of Chief Inspector Handley, by P.S. Crowe, passed the evening successfully.

In a Ladies' Whist Drive, Mrs. Carliss, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Donovan won first, second and third prizes respectively. Mrs. Handley was "Mistress of Ceremonies," and Mrs. Hearn presented the prizes.

The Gentlemen's Dart Match provided Didcot with such an easy victory that we have threatened to handicap them 50 per cent. in any return match. P.C.'s Thomas, Rogers, Delaney and Dixon all proved "Dons of the Board" and were irresistible.

However, we recovered from this setback to join them in enjoying the music which followed.

P.S. Crowe was a genial comper. P.C. Reeves cleverly manipulated bones in a novelty act and showed versatility in a light comedy duo with P.C. Wright. Wright also "Found his Tiddler" and "Kept cleaning Windows." P.C. Thomas ("Taffy of Bramley") caused the audience and P.C. Thomas ("Ben of Didcot") to laugh and laugh. Mrs. Wright kept "Waffles" under control with easy diction and smooth action. P.C. Dixon brought out the "Old Ship" and Mrs. Clark sang songs popular with both Detachments. Mrs. Wright and Mr. Goodfellow accompanied, and Mr. Goodfellow's Trio provided dance music.

Refreshments flowed smoothly under the control of S.P.S. Dod and P.C. Thomas.

The evening closed with a short speech by Inspector Hearn, expressing Didcot's thanks, and by an apt response from Chief Inspector Handley.

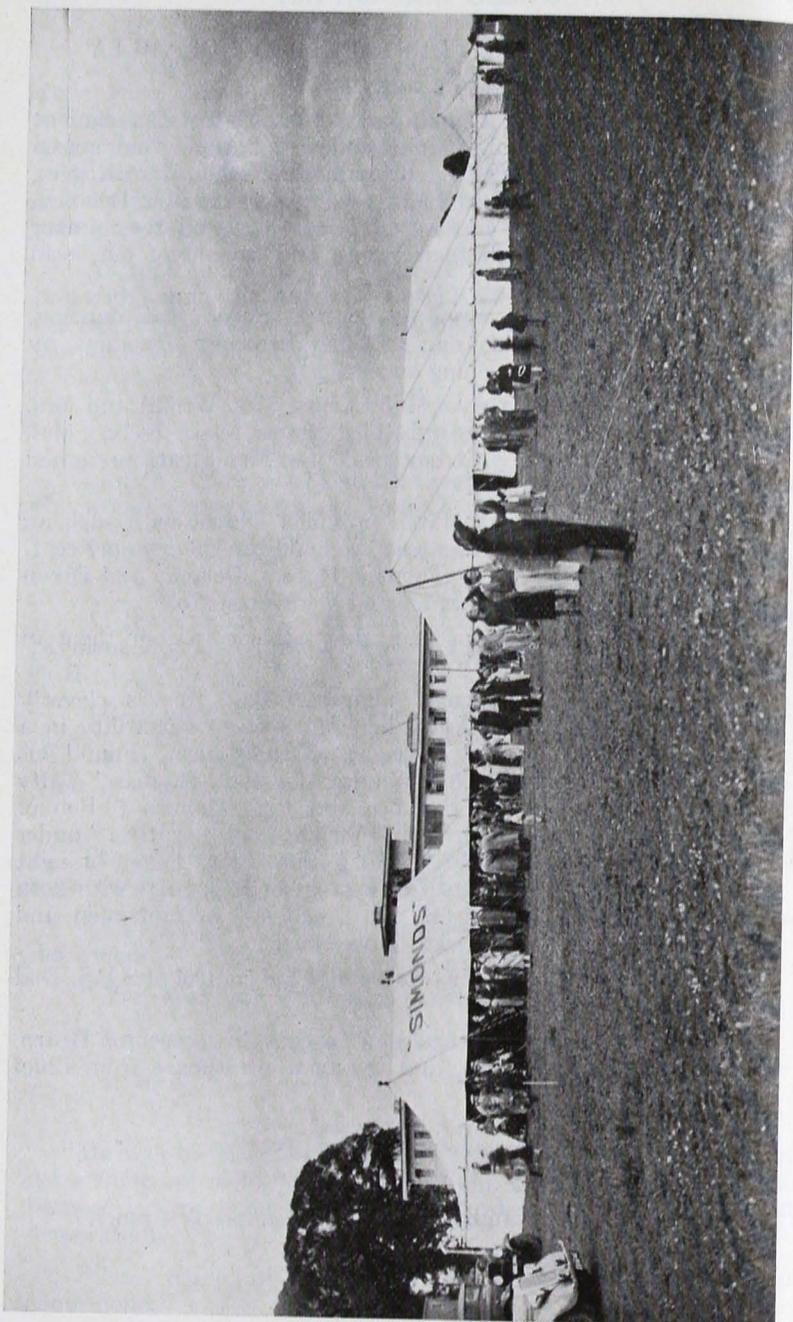
##### THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

"Does Wright like his 'shampoo'?"

"Who brought Lambeth Walk to Beaubrook Crouch?"

"Where is Cheltenham?"

"Was the SOUP thick or clear?"



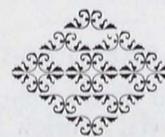
#### AIR PAGEANT AT WOODLEY AERODROME.

Here is shewn the Falcon Hotel and the new 120ft. x 40ft. marquee (made in our Canvas Department) which was erected for the first time for catering.

Although the weather was inclement, about 4,500 people paid for admission to the pageant.



The above shows the interior of the giant marquee. The catering was excellent and earned high praise, due to the organisation, good service and comfort which prevailed.



## H. &amp; G. SIMONDS TENNIS CLUB.

## SETTLING DOWN AT OUR NEW SPORTS GROUND.

We are now settling down at our new sports ground and members are getting accustomed to hard court tennis.

It is hoped that the first and second rounds of the Singles Competition will be completed by the end of this month.

With regard to matches, so far we have been most successful. On May 14th we visited the Island Bohemian Club and met the G.P.O., Reading, but showers interrupted proceedings and at the close of play the Post Officials were leading by 4 matches to 2, with three rubbers not completed. June 4th brought our first home fixture, against Beechwood (Tilehurst), and after some most interesting tennis we ran out winners by 6 rubbers to 3 (13 sets to 9). In this game Messrs. P. James and C. L. Langton were in excellent form, winning their three matches in fine style. A visit from the Reading Aerodrome T.C. on June 12th in a mixed doubles fixture gained us an easy victory by 8 matches to nil (16 sets to 1). We renewed acquaintance with Suttons on June 18th, and this match brought us a hat-trick of home victories, the Seedsmen retiring beaten by 7 rubbers to 2. In this fixture Commander P. F. M. Dawson made his first appearance with the team, and he and Mr. C. H. Perrin were in good form, winning their six sets easily. The following Saturday we had the pleasure of visiting the Royal Air Force Station at Odiham and, although the weather was boisterous, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Some brilliant tennis was provided by the Airmen's first pair, Flight-Lieut. Ackers and Sergt. Gibson, who gave a fine exhibition of doubles play and won all their sets, but after a very close fight we emerged victorious by 102 games to 95 (12 sets to 10, 6 rubbers to 3).

In the evening we had the privilege of inspecting some of the aeroplanes at the aerodrome and the kindness of the players, who acted as our guides, was greatly appreciated by all.

This season we are able to "field" a fairly strong ladies team, and in their first match against the Reading University Ladies they were narrowly defeated by 5 matches to 4 (11 sets to 9).

## VISIT OF ENGLISH BREWERS TO THE CONTINENT.

A highly successful tour on the Continent was made last May by a party of English Brewers, as below :—

Mr. H. Troop	-	-	Messrs. Catterall & Swarbricks
Mr. S. Nickson	-	-	Brewery Ltd., Talbot Road, Blackpool.

Mr. J. H. Mew	-	-	Messrs. W. B. Mew, Langton & Co., Ltd., Royal Brewery, Newport, Isle of Wight.
Mr. T. Wright	-	-	Messrs. Barclay, Perkins & Co., Ltd., Park Street, Southwark, S.E.1.
Mr. P. Cowderoy	-	-	
Mr. A. Renton	-	-	Messrs. John Aitchison & Co., Ltd., 19, St. John Street, Edinburgh, 8.
Mr. J. G. Gaskell	-	-	Messrs. Wm. Hancock & Co., Ltd., The Brewery, Cardiff.
Mr. L. G. Williams	-	-	
Commander E. A. Crick	-	-	Messrs. Plowman, Barrett & Co., Ltd., 71, Bondway, South Lambeth, S.W.8.
Mr. T. Hoskins	-	-	Beaumanor Brewery, Leicester.
Mr. G. Osgood	-	-	Messrs. John C. Carlson, 149, Farringdon Road, E.C.1.
Mr. W. Bechtel	-	-	
Major G. S. M. Ashby	-	-	Messrs. H. & G. Simonds Ltd., The Brewery, Reading.
Mr. H. M. Ashby	-	-	

Major Ashby and Mr. Osgood were accompanied by their wives.

The trip was organised by the firm of Messrs. John C. Carlson, of 149, Farringdon Road, London, E.C.1, who are sole concessionaires for Messrs. Seitz-Werke, of Kreuznach, which firm are manufacturers of the well-known Seitz filters and sterile bottle-filling machinery as used at our Reading Brewery.

The party was led by Mr. Osgood, assisted by Mr. Bechtel, both of the firm of Messrs. John C. Carlson. Invaluable assistance was also rendered to all members of the party by Mr. Wagner, of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd., who acted as Courier and looked after baggage, passports, etc., throughout the whole tour.

The party met at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria, at 1 o'clock on May 8th, where they were entertained to a snack lunch by Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, who, unfortunately, were unable to accompany them. A fast train was taken to Dover and the crossing to Ostend made in one of the new fast diesel-driven Belgian boats. Dinner was taken either on the boat or on arrival at Ostend. The party then entrained and arrived at the Metropole Hotel, Brussels, at about 10.30 p.m.

On Monday morning the Vandenheuvel Brewery was visited. This brewery is expanding very largely and magnificent new lager-brewing plant was in process of erection. It should here be explained that all the breweries visited, both in Brussels and in Germany, were lager breweries.

In the afternoon the brewery of Messrs. Weilemans-Ceuppens was visited and the photograph shows the whole party with the Directors of this concern.



The party in Weilemans-Ceuppens Brewery in Brussels.

At this brewery the mashing and copper room was on the side of the street and was available not only for the public to see through the windows, but also for actual visiting, if so desired.

In the evening the party proceeded to Cologne by one of the large diesel-driven charabancs and there stayed at the Old Dom Hotel, opposite the Cathedral.

The following morning the premises of Messrs. Munk & Schmitz were visited and steel beer tanks were seen in process of manufacture. This firm also had in one corner of its works a plant for the production of non-alcoholic apple and grape juices. This was only a small plant and was used mainly for the purpose of testing the tanks made by the concern under much greater pressure than is normally used in England. These juices were tasted by all members of the party and were voted to be very pleasant drinks. We were given to understand that there was a very considerable and growing sale for them in Germany.

After lunch at a restaurant overlooking the Rhine the party proceeded in the same charabanc to Coblenz, where rooms were taken at the Hotel Rhein. After dinner the famous Weindorf was visited by the whole party and a pleasant evening was spent dancing and drinking extremely large quantities of hock.

*(To be continued.)*

#### NEW DIRECTORS OF H. & G. SIMONDS LTD.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. R. St. J. Quarry and Mr. F. H. V. Keighley have been appointed Directors of H. & G. Simonds Ltd. as from the 1st July, 1938.

Mr. Quarry, who is a direct descendant of the Founders of the Firm, has been associated with the Staff for about seven years, and Mr. Keighley, who is a relative of some of the Directors, has been a Director, for a period, of their Associated Company in Malta, Messrs. Simonds-Farsons Ltd., but is now relinquishing the latter position.

#### PASSED THEIR A.R.P. EXAMINATIONS.

The following have passed their A.R.P. Exams. in various classes in the town:—

Mr. A. Butt, Wheelwrights Department; Mr. L. E. Brown, General Office; Mr. T. Howells\*, Maltings Department; Mr. T. W. Kent\*, General Office; Mr. R. Priddy\*, Maltings Department.

\* By the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

The Instructor is Mr. H. F. Skidmore, Berks County A.R.P. Officer.

THE PAPERMAKERS ARMS, KINGS MEAD ROAD,  
HIGH WYCOMBE.



The Papermakers Arms, High Wycombe.

The accommodation at the old house was insufficient for the public requirements and it was decided to build a new house on a site about 50 yards away. This was opened on Friday, May 27th, and is generally regarded, by those who have seen it, as a model house of its type, with comfortable bars and every convenience for the public.

A new departure has been made with regard to the roof, seasoned cedar shingles taking the place of the ordinary red tiles.

Customers will be assured of a good welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, who serve the Firm's products in excellent condition.

SIMONDS FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL SUPPER.

A HIGHLY ENJOYABLE GATHERING.

The above function took place at the Social Club on Monday evening, 27th June. Commander H. D. Simonds was in the Chair. Others present were Mr. R. St. J. Quarry, Mr. F. H. V. Keighley, Mr. F. C. Hawkes, Mr. W. Bradford, Commander F. P. M. Dawson, Mr. F. Pusey (Secretary), Messrs. C. Newman, M. E. Love and

W. Schofield of the Berks and Bucks Football Association, Mr. G. H. Cusden (Secretary, Reading Challenge Cups Competition), Mr. S. A. Edgington (Secretary, Reading and District Institute League), Messrs. W. Dunster, J. Tuttle, J. Venner, E. Chandler, D. Spence, V. Allen, G. Sayers, G. Cannings, J. Allen, G. Douce, W. Pidgeon, P. Curtis, H. Cook, R. Braisher, W. J. Shurville, J. Tott, E. Boshier, R. Boddington, R. Pitts, R. H. Tozer, W. G. Busby, V. Hedgington, E. Bailey, F. W. Bampton, V. Edwards, W. Thompson, H. Ward and R. Kemp.

SOME SPLENDID PLAYERS.

After the loyal toast, Mr. W. Schofield, of the Berks and Bucks Football Association, proposed "Simonds Football Club." It was true there were no trophies on the table that year, but he knew how good the Directors of H. & G. Simonds Ltd. had been and the interest they had taken in the Club (applause). He saw three or four games played by the Simonds' team last season and they had proved themselves well worthy of the Reading and District League. One of the best games he saw played by them was against St. George's early in the season and he thought then they would go a long way. Unfortunately they did not achieve the success that he anticipated. However, they had won three certificates of merit during the season, so that showed they had played very well. The Reserves had not done quite so well, but it was a good thing for the Club that they had such capable reserves ready to take their places in the first eleven when required and it showed that the Club was on a sound basis. They had some splendid players. He wished the Simonds Football Club every success in the future (applause).

A VERY FINE SPORTSMAN.

Commander H. D. Simonds, responding, said he felt sure everyone would agree that the Chair had previously been occupied by a very fine sportsman, Major Shea-Simonds—(loud applause)—who was not with them that evening owing to his retirement. Major Shea-Simonds had been a really fine all-round athlete and he would like to send from them, that evening, a message of appreciation to him for all he had done in the past (loud applause). He felt it a great honour to be amongst such sportsmen. Mr. Schofield had no doubt forgotten more about football than he (the Commander) knew, but he thanked him for the way he had proposed the toast. The players gave of their best and played for the love of the game (applause). They had a great responsibility in keeping their good name in the town and round the country and to prove when they won that "Beer is Best"; it was probably different when they lost (laughter). He hoped they would do better next season than in the past. They had hoped to have been able to play on

their own new sports ground next season, but owing to the inclemency of the weather—or rather, the lack of inclemency—that was not possible. As they all knew, the Directors took a great interest in sport. He thanked Mr. Schofield most heartily for the kind words he had said about the Simonds Football Club (loud applause).

#### THE TOAST OF THE EVENING.

Mr. F. H. V. Keighley, in proposing the toast of "The Berks and Bucks Football Association," said he considered it a great distinction that on the first occasion he had attended their Football Club Supper, the privilege and honour should have been extended to him to propose the toast of the evening. As many of them knew, he had only returned from foreign climes at the end of last football season, so he did not see the Simonds Football Club play any of their matches. During his travels throughout the Empire he had met many people from Reading and he knew how well they spoke of the Berks and Bucks Football Association and what a splendid reputation they had. He thought they might deal with misdemeanours on the football field similarly to that which took place at ice hockey, viz., suspend players for, say, ten minutes and allow them to return to the field again at the end of that time. He understood that that suggestion had been considered by the Association but had been turned down. He hoped next season to see the team play and he would then be in a better position to speak about them (applause).

#### THE DIRECTORS' INTEREST IN SPORT.

Mr. M. E. Love, Secretary of the Berks and Bucks Football Association, in reply, thanked Mr. Keighley for the splendid tribute he had paid to their Association. He would also like to thank the Directors of H. & G. Simonds Ltd. for the interest they took in sport. When gentlemen like that took such an interest in football it helped in a wonderful way and was all for the good of the game. With regard to the Berks and Bucks disciplinary side of the Association, he could assure them that not one of Simonds Football Club players, throughout the past season, had been reported to them (applause). That proved they played the game for the game's sake and in the right spirit. Mr. Keighley had mentioned the question of penalising a player by sending him off the field for, say, ten minutes and afterwards allowing him to return. It had been considered by the Association but when it was realised that the referee had to keep his eye on the play, and on the time, it was too much to expect him to keep the time also of a player that had been sent off the field. What would happen if four or five were sent off? They knew football was a man's game, not a namby-pamby affair, and they expected a certain amount of keen-

ness, but the players of Simonds Football Club had played as they all expected they would (applause). He would like to pay a tribute to their Secretary, Mr. F. Pusey, who was always so prompt in his replies to letters and carried out his duties so well (applause). He would also like to thank the players for their sportsmanship, and the officials of the Club for the help they had rendered in the democratic and wonderful game of football. He wished Simonds Football Club every success in the future and thanked Commander H. D. Simonds and Mr. F. H. V. Keighley for the tributes paid to their Association (applause).

#### PRESENTATION TO MR. COOK.

Commander H. D. Simonds, in making a presentation to Mr. H. Cook of a barometer (some wag had set it to "Stormy"), said he had to deal with a different kind of match and wished Mr. Cook every happiness in his married life (loud applause, and the orchestra played "Daisy, Daisy, etc.").

#### "THE VISITORS."

Mr. R. St. J. Quarry proposed the toast of "The Visitors" and said it was his privilege to welcome them for the third year in succession; and that they had with them three distinguished members of the Berks and Bucks Football Association in Messrs. C. Newman, W. Schofield and M. E. Love. Mr. C. Newman had been a member for over 30 years and had had a Long Service Medal for 15 years. He thought Mr. Newman was entitled to a bar to it. He thanked Mr. Schofield for kindly paying a tribute to the two teams, but with regard to the Reserves he did not agree with Mr. Schofield that they had not done so well. Actually the Reserves last season had moved up three places in the league, so he was on the side of the Reserves (applause). They also had with them Mr. G. H. Cusden, an old referee and Secretary of the Reading Challenge Cups Competition, and Mr. S. A. Edgington, Secretary of the Reading and District Institute League. He took that opportunity to extend to them a hearty welcome. He particularly wished Mr. Edgington every success in his first full season as Secretary, and they would do all they could to help him in his duties (applause).

#### FINE LOT OF MEN.

Mr. C. Newman, in responding, said as the oldest member of the Association present he felt deeply honoured to have to reply on their behalf and to the toast of "The Visitors." He did not, however, look upon it as being visitors; he felt they were guests, and in that position they were happy to be there once again. He was very sorry Major Shea-Simonds was not with them, as forty years ago they both played for the same club, Major Shea-Simonds in the first team and he himself in the reserves (applause). They were all sorry one of their old players, Alderman Thomas Skurray,

had recently passed away. As time went on this was inevitable and those left had to carry on. In his capacity as Secretary of the Referees it was his job to send the men out who had occasionally to send a man off. The referees were a fine lot of men and it was pleasing that no member of the Simonds Football Club had been reported to him (applause). He was grateful to them for having found a private ground for their team; it was all for the good of the game. In conclusion, he thanked them for the invitation that evening and it was with a feeling of thankfulness that they had done something for them in the past (applause).

#### MR. PUSEY'S SERVICES RECOGNISED.

Commander H. D. Simonds called upon Mr. F. Pusey to accept an honorarium for his services as Secretary. After repeated calls for "Speech," Mr. Pusey, in returning thanks to one and all, said what he had done for the Football Club had been done with a good heart and as long as he had their backing he would continue to do so (loud applause).

#### MUSICAL HONOURS FOR "MR. HARRY."

Mr. F. C. Hawkes said it was his great pleasure (with all due respect to the other toasts) to propose the most popular toast of the evening, that of their esteemed Chairman (applause). He was glad of the Chairman's sympathetic remarks about Major Shea-Simonds. It was most kind of him and they all appreciated them. They were fortunate in having such a qualified gentleman to carry on and it was with real regret that they had not Major Shea-Simonds with them that evening. They liked to think of their Chairman as "Mr. Harry," and as many of them knew he had a wonderful record of service in the Navy (applause). He asked all present to be upstanding and to drink to the health of their Chairman and to thank him for the hospitable way he had entertained them that evening (loud applause and musical honours).

Commander H. D. Simonds, replying, thanked Mr. Hawkes very much indeed for his kind remarks. It was a great pleasure for him to be with such a jolly lot of fellows. He would like to express thanks to Mr. Chase for the splendid meal he had provided, and to the Catering Staff who had assisted him. Also he would like to thank all the artistes for their good services. He hoped all present had enjoyed themselves as much as he had done (loud applause).

The following artistes contributed to the enjoyment of the evening:—The Brewery Orchestra, Mr. Teddy Pare, and Mr. G. Cannings.

The singing of "God Save the King" concluded a most enjoyable and memorable evening.

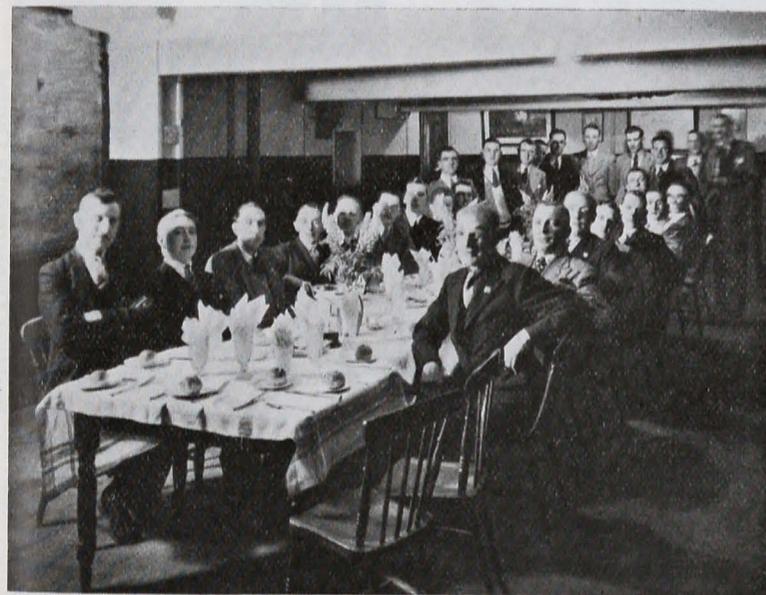
W. DUNSTER.

#### NAG'S HEAD DARTS CLUB, SLOUGH.

The Nag's Head Darts Club recently finished a successful season with a cup competition for members and their friends.

After a series of exciting matches, Mr. H. Rawlins proved himself the winner. In one of his finishes he got out with 138.

The company then had supper and a musical evening. Mr. Dave Barry, the landlord, entertained everyone in regal fashion, and toasts of "The King," "Landlord," and "Winner" were drunk.



The Company at Supper.

After the cup had been handed round, a general sing-song began, which everyone left with regret. Ben Tatler (of Green Line fame), G. Haines, T. Culverhouse and D. Barry, Junr., all rendered songs.

Mr. Barry and family were congratulated on the excellent arrangements and service provided.



Building Department's Outing.

On Saturday, June 25th, about fifty members of the Building Department Staff visited Brighton on the occasion of their annual outing. The party, who were accommodated in a special saloon coach, left Reading Southern Station at 8 a.m., arriving at Brighton at 10.45 a.m. During the journey the party partook of snacks and a plentiful supply of "S.B." Incidentally, a large party from Stroud Brewery travelled by the same train.

Nine hours were spent at Brighton, during which the party split up into groups and regaled themselves on whelks, oysters, jellied eels, etc. Quite a number had a very enjoyable Channel trip, although the sea was very choppy.

A visit was paid to the Royal Oak for further supplies of "S.B." and at 8.10 p.m. the return journey was commenced.

Reading was reached in good time and the party dispersed at 11.45 p.m., after a very enjoyable day's outing, which had been favoured with good weather.

#### HIGH WYCOMBE BOROUGH DARTS LEAGUE.

(President : L. A. SIMONDS, Esq.)

The presentation of cups and medals to the winning teams for the season 1937-38 took place at the Bull Inn, High Wycombe, on Wednesday, June 22nd, when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. In the absence of the President, the Chairman of the League (Mr. R. J. Green) presided, and he was supported by Councillor E. Rolph, Councillor R. J. Skipp and Mr. W. H. Davis, and Mr. H. E. Marston represented the Firm.

Mr. R. J. Green opened the programme for the evening by proposing the toast of "Our President," and remarked how sorry they all were that owing to a business appointment the President was unable to attend. He asked that the thanks of the League for the continued support of Mr. Louis Simonds should be conveyed to him, and said how much the additional miniature cup which he had provided this year was appreciated. The toast was accorded musical honours.

In the absence of the President the toast was suitably acknowledged by Mr. W. H. Davis, who said that the President very much regretted being unable to attend. He then presented the cups and medals to the winners, as follows :—

<i>Division 1</i>	...	Winners	...	The Bull.
		Runners-up	...	The Swan, West Wycombe.
<i>Division 2</i>	...	Winners	...	The Ship Inn.
		Runners-up	...	Croxonians.
<i>Division 3</i>	...	Winners	...	Carrington Arms.
		Runners-up	...	The Iron Duke.

Each member of the teams received a medal.

To commemorate the splendid achievement of The Bull team in winning the challenge cup for three years in succession, a miniature cup was presented to them in addition to the challenge cup.

A special medal was presented to the Chairman, Mr. R. J. Green, in recognition of what he had done not only for the Carrington Arms team but in the interest of the League.

The toast of "The League" was ably submitted by Councillor R. J. Skipp, who congratulated the League on its strong position, the membership being over 1,200 and representing 48 clubs. Mr. W. E. Youers (Secretary) replied to the toast and said he hoped the flourishing state would continue and that even more members would join.

Councillor E. Rolph proposed the toast of "The Officers of the League," and said it was essential that an organisation such as theirs should have an energetic and efficient body of officers. In this respect the League was exceedingly fortunate. They all appreciated the large amount of time, thought and energy the Chairman (Mr. R. J. Green), Secretary (Mr. W. E. Youers) and Treasurer (Mr. Aldridge) gave to the League, and, in addition, there was the Committee, which were a very able body. The Chairman replied to the toast and said how proud he was to receive the special medal that evening. He felt he must mention his old team, the Carrington Arms, and complimented them on their wonderful recovery during the season just finished. After making a very poor beginning, they eventually won the premier place in Division 3 with the original players. This he thought was a fine performance. He thanked all the members for their continued support and for the sportsmanship in meeting all their engagements for matches.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Aldridge and acknowledged by Mr. H. E. Marston, who said he hoped many of the members would visit the Simonds Fete in August and enter the Darts Competition to be staged at the Fete.

During the evening a musical programme was very much enjoyed, the artistes contributing being Messrs. Humphrey (at the

piano), Wilson, Gent, Lynch, Free, S. Lewis, J. L. Barry and the West Wycombe Chorus Party.

The evening proved a very happy and successful one.

[The final league tables were published in the May issue of THE HOP LEAF GAZETTE.]

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#### DARTS LEAGUE TROPHIES AT BASINGSTOKE.

There was a large attendance at the George Hotel, Basingstoke, when the John May Challenge Cup was presented to the George Hotel, winners of the Basingstoke and District Licensed Victuallers' Darts League, by Mr. H. Blatch, a director of Messrs. John May & Co., Ltd.

Medals, which were presented by Messrs. Courage & Co., Ltd., for the winners, were presented by the Chairman of the Basingstoke and District Licensed Victuallers' Association, Mr. F. W. Sweetman, and by Messrs. Crowley & Co., Ltd., for the runners-up, by Mr. W. H. Davis, of H. & G. Simonds Ltd., Reading.

In presenting the cup, Mr. Blatch spoke of the growing popularity of darts and congratulated the League on its success. Mr. Stan Smith, captain of the George Hotel team, who received the trophy, thanked Mr. Blatch on behalf of the winners, and also thanked the other teams in the League for the sporting way in which the games had been played throughout the past season.

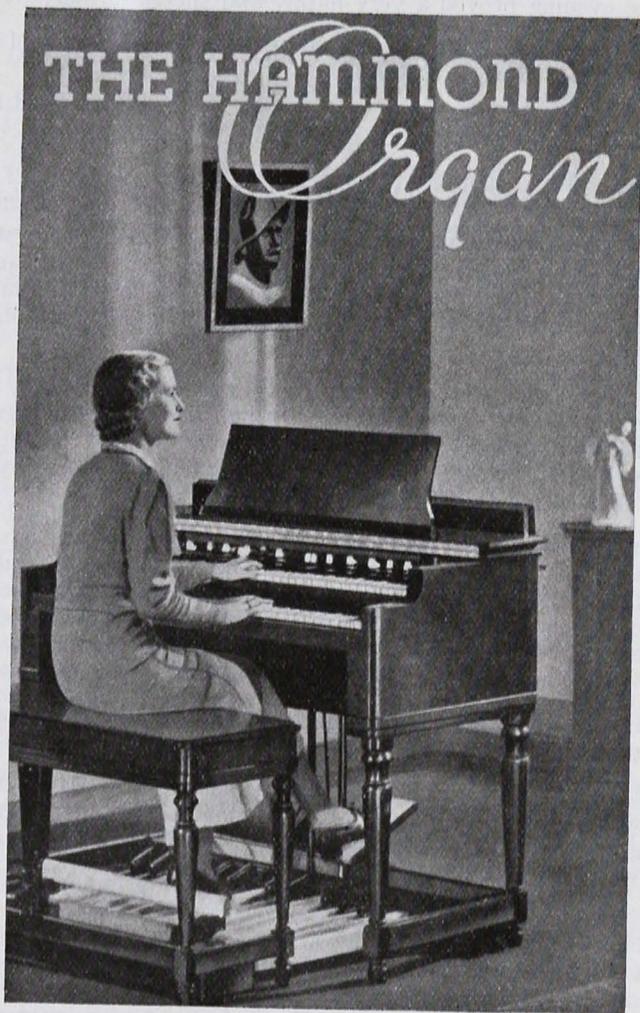
Mr. W. H. Davis presented the medals to the Victoria, the runners-up, and congratulated them on putting up such a fine fight.

Mr. F. W. Sweetman presented a set of silver darts to Mr. C. Shadwell, of the White Hart, Worting, to commemorate his having made a score of 180, the highest possible, in a league game. Mr. Sweetman then presented a set of chromium plated darts to Mr. A. Dennis and Mr. B. Tarrant, both of the Station Hotel team, who tied for second highest score with 177.

A miniature cup was given to the Wheatsheaf Hotel, North Waltham, by Mr. Blatch, on behalf of the Basingstoke and District Licensed Victuallers' Association Darts League, as a memento of having won the cup in the 1936-37 season.

Earlier in the evening a match was played between the League winners and a team representing the rest of the League, the George Hotel once again proving themselves champions by winning by two games to one.

HAMMOND ORGAN AT THE NEW INN,  
SUNNINGHILL.



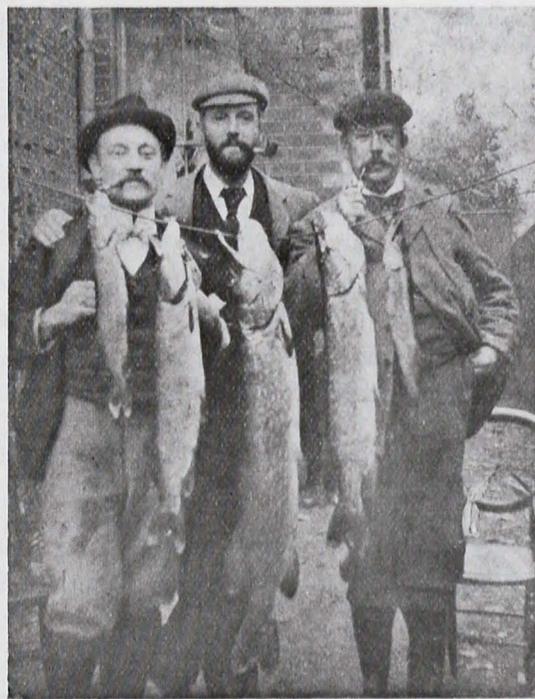
As installed at The New Inn.

Mr. H. A. Goff, of The New Inn, Sunninghill, has had installed in his House a Hammond organ. This is the first public house in Great Britain to have such an instrument and Mr. Goff is naturally rather proud of the fact.

The Hammond is an organ without pipes or reeds—without air-pressure system or vibrating parts. It covers the entire range of musical tone colour with extraordinary beauty and flexibility. Its volume is adaptable to every type of installation—any organist can play it.

The console is no larger than a writing desk. There is nothing to build in—the Hammond is ready to play wherever there is an electric outlet. Space is no limitation. The same Hammond organ that thrills the congregation of a large church will fit into a 4ft. 6in. square corner of any living room—the only difference lies in the sound cabinet equipment used.

FINE QUARTET OF PIKE.



1. 2. 3.  
No. 1. Jack Perry; No. 2. Old Brick (Billy Whiskers);  
No. 3. Old Kersey (The On on Man)

Above is a photograph of four fine pike caught in the Loddon years ago. The largest weighed about 18 lbs. and was 40 inches long. It was in poor condition, otherwise it should have turned the scales at 20 lbs.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE.

The young man had leapt into the sea and risked his life to rescue a girl from drowning

"Young man," said her father. I can never thank you sufficiently for your heroic act. You incurred an awful risk in saving my only daughter."

"None whatever," replied the rescuer. "I'm married already."

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"What my missus doesn't know about cooking isn't worth knowing," observed Bragg.

"I'm afraid," responded Newlywed, "that's just the bit my wife does know."

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A lady put her head out of the railway carriage window at Vauxhall Station. She shouted to a porter—"Come quickly. There's a madman in here who says he is Napoleon." The porter calmly replied—"Don't worry, Madam. The next station is Waterloo."

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The office boy entered the editor's office and said: "There's a tramp outside who says he hasn't had anything to eat for six days."

"Bring him in," said the editor; "if we can find out how he does it we can run this paper a bit longer."

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The village parson met one of his flock, a surly old farmer.

"I didn't see you in church last Sunday," said the parson.

"Too wet," replied the farmer, laconically.

"But it's always dry inside," protested the parson.

"That's another reason," said the farmer.

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VISITOR: "You don't mean to tell me that you have lived in this out-of-the-way place for over 30 years?"

INHABITANT: "I have."

VISITOR: "But, really, I cannot see what you can find to keep you busy."

INHABITANT: "Neither can I; that's why I like it."

JOYCE: "What do you think father said when I told him I was going to accept you?"

BERTIE: "Give it up, old girl."

JOYCE: "Well! How did you guess?"

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An exasperated man had been endeavouring to write a telegram with a pen provided by the post-office. Turning to the woman assistant behind the counter, he said: "Is this by any chance the pen originally used by King John at the signing of Magna Charta?"

The official replied: "Inquiries on the right, please!"

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WIFE: "The doctor said at once that I needed a stimulant, then he asked to see my tongue."

HUSBAND (*alarmed*): "Good heavens, I hope he did not give you a stimulant for that!"

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He was about to propose, but before doing so he wished to make sure she would make a good housewife. So he asked her: "Can you wash dishes?"

"Yes," she said sweetly. "Can you wipe them?"

He didn't propose.

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"I am proud of the way my son has worked his way up."

"Is he a director now?"

"No, but he started as a shoe cleaner and is now a hair dresser."

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The doctor had forgotten his patient's name, but did not like to admit it. So, very tactfully, he inquired: "Let me see—do you spell your name with an 'i' or an 'e'?"

"My name," said the patient, "is Hill."

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"I consider," said the motorist to a stout woman of plebeian aspect with whom he had collided, "that the fault was entirely yours, Madam, for standing gaping about in the middle of the road in that manner."

"I was not gaping about," retorted the irate woman. "I was inhaling a taxi."

A shortsighted but very enthusiastic R.A.F. candidate was appearing before the eye specialist of the Air Ministry's Central Medical Board. Eager to convince the examiner of his exceptional powers of vision, he commented on the presence of a pin, which he had previously dropped on the floor at the end of the room.

"Pin?" said the examiner. "Where? I can't see any pin!"

"Yes, there it is, Sir," replied the candidate proudly, "over there—in that far corner. Come and look."

And as he moved in its direction, he fell over a table in his path!

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Mr. Harris called the cook and said: "Mary, my mother-in-law is coming to stay with us for a month. Here is a list of the dishes she loves—and the first time you serve one of them you're fired."

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The business man had been ill for some time, and his doctor had advised an operation. A famous surgeon had been asked to do the job, and he turned up at the hospital at the time appointed.

"What anaesthetic are you going to use on him?" asked the surgeon.

"Oh, I don't think an anaesthetic will be necessary," replied the family doctor, "I've just told him your fee."

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CUSTOMER: "I've brought that last pair of trousers I had from you to be reseatd. You know, I sit a lot."

TAILOR: "Yes, and perhaps you've brought the bill to be receipted. You know I stand a lot."

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"And why, my man," asked the Chaplain, "are you here?"

"Well," replied the prisoner "just run through the Ten Commandments and I'll tell you if I've missed anything."

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"Oh, yes, Sybil has often been asked to marry."

"By whom?"

"Her mother and father."

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CHILD: "Daddy, when I am grown up can I do what I like?"

FATHER: "No, my son—not if you get married."

"How much cider did you make this year?" asked one farmer of another.

"Fifteen barrels."

The first man took another sip.

"I reckon," he said, "if you'd had another apple you might ha' made another barrel."

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Said Mrs. Peck, looking up romantically from the novel she was reading: "My—how thrilling! Tell me, George—what would you do if you suddenly saw another man running away with me?"

"Why, I'd simply ask him why he was running!" answered Mr. Peck, thoughtlessly.

(Hospital report: "As well as can be expected.")

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"How did the Smith wedding go off?"

"Fine, until the parson asked the bride if she'd obey her husband."

"What happened then?"

"She replied, 'Do you think I'm crazy?' and the groom, who was in a sort of daze, replied, 'I do.'"

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"This is a moat," said the guide, showing a party over an old castle. "Now, anybody like to ask a question?"

"Yes," replied the inquisitive tourist, "I want to know how anybody could get one of them in his eye."

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The Vicar's sermon was so exceptionally short, having occupied less than two minutes, that the Verger felt justified, in the vestry afterwards, in remarking on its extreme brevity.

"Yes, it was short," said the Vicar. "As a matter of fact, I am without my teeth to-day and find it difficult to speak plainly."

On the following Sunday the sermon ran to great lengths, occupying at least ten minutes longer than usual, so that the Verger felt prompted to comment once again and added: "I expect you've got your teeth back, Sir?"

"No," said the Vicar, "I haven't, but I borrowed my wife's, and I wonder I'm not still preaching. I had a terrible job to stop when I did!"

Two motorists were heading towards Brighton. They were zipping along the highway at some eighty or ninety miles an hour, when a policeman appeared from nowhere and forced them over to the kerb.

"What's the matter, officer?" they asked. "Were we driving too fast?"

"No," he answered sarcastically, "you were flying too low."

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The manager of a business firm who was a widower had noticed that his son seemed rather interested in his pretty secretary.

The young man had only recently entered the firm, and his father did not care for the prospect of an early engagement. The boy's father determined to speak to the young man, but was forestalled by the girl, who entered his office and announced that his son had proposed and that she had accepted him.

"Well, I think you might have seen me first," said the parent, rather tersely.

"I did," she replied, "but I preferred your son."

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CHIEF: "We must dismiss that traveller. He's been telling all our clients that I'm an ass!"

PARTNER: "I'll speak to him and tell him not to discuss business secrets."

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WHITE: "How's your insomnia?"

BLACK: "Terrible. I can't even sleep when it's time to get up."

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A school teacher, after examination of the pupils in her class by the school nurse, wrote the following note to the parents of a certain little boy:

"Your boy Charles shows signs of astigmatism. Will you please investigate and take steps to correct it?"

The next morning she received a reply from the boy's father, who wrote:

"I don't exactly understand what Charlie has done, but I have walloped him to-night and you can wallop him to-morrow. That ought to help."

## BRANCHES.

### THE TAMAR BREWERY, DEVONPORT.

Mr. C. R. Holman, our Outdoor Representative for the Plymouth and Mid-Devon District, was married on the 25th June, at St. Augustine's Church, Plymouth, to Miss Rosalind Sainsbury. A large number of his colleagues and friends attended the church and the reception.

The three bridesmaids were Miss Eileen Harris, Miss Marjorie Dicker and Miss Ann Spurling (the pretty little daughter of our Chief Clerk).

The bride wore pearl embroidered shadow lace over taffeta, cut on classical lines with train, and a cluster of orange blossom surmounted her pearl tulle veil. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

The bridesmaids wore apple-green gowns of taffeta with caps of pink flowers, eye veils to match, and carried shower bouquets of pink sweet peas.

The attendant was in pink taffeta with Juliet cap and carried a posy.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. John Sainsbury, and Mr. Roy Claverly acted as best man. The Rev. H. Alexander officiated. Mr. C. Sainsbury and Mr. R. Northcott were the groomsmen.

The honeymoon will be spent touring by motor the East Coast and Scotland.

The Staff presented a clock suitably inscribed, and Mr. and Mrs. Holman were the recipients of numerous presents.

All the employees at the Tamar wish Mr. and Mrs. Holman every happiness.

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We are pleased to announce the arrival of a son to Mrs. Austin Cornish, the younger daughter of Mr. W. F. McIntyre.

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We had the sole supply of liquors to the Buckfastleigh Races, through our tenant, Mr. Gifford, at the East Gate Inn, Totnes. It was a most successful meeting and had record attendances.

The Bath and West Show was held at Plymouth this year and, although all the cattle classes were not held owing to foot-and-mouth disease being prevalent some 10 miles from Plymouth, there were very fine attendances.

We supplied Mr. F. G. Godwin, of Reading, with a large quantity of draught and bottled beers.

The presentation of the shield, cups and medals of the Tamar Brewery "Hop Leaf" Darts League took place at the Tamar Hotel, Crownhill, and Mr. James Ponsford made excellent arrangements, including the provision of a portion of the Plymouth Division Royal Marines Band.

The guest of the evening was Colonel Markwick, who kindly presented the prizes. Also present was Mr. J. Hodge, the Sports Editor of the *Western Evening Herald*, who has been good enough to publish the positions of the various teams in the *Football Herald* each week.

The winners of the League were the Swan Hotel, Devonport (who also won the Knock-out Cup), the runners-up being the Barley Sheaf Hotel, Devonport, and the Bridge Inn, Stonehouse, both of whom are to be complimented on their play and sportsmanship.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, attended by over two hundred, Mr. James Ponsford was presented with a silver cigarette lighter as a slight recognition of his services. The Tamar Hotel was granted an extension of hours for the event.

We congratulate the Swan Hotel dart team on winning the championship of the "Hop Leaf" League Shield and Knock-out Cup. This is a good performance, especially as the whole of the area has been demolished and a splendid lot of flats are now in course of erection, and the landing pontoon at North Corner has also been under repair for the past six months. One would have thought the team would have scattered. Mr. and Mrs. Sorrell are delighted at the loyalty of the supporters and their friends.



Swan Hotel Dart Team, winners of League Shield and K.O. Cup, 1937-38.

Mr. Dunstan, of the Transport Department, was presented with a handsome clock from the Staff of the Tamar Brewery on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Hancock. Mr. W. F. McIntyre made the presentation and wished Mr. and Mrs. Dunstan every happiness, to which Mr. Dunstan suitably responded.

We are pleased to announce the birth of a son to Mr. R. A. R. Bradford, of the Brewery Staff at the Tamar Brewery, and that Mrs. Bradford and the boy are going along splendidly.

Mr. J. E. G. Rowland has the honour of being selected for Devon County at cricket, and everyone here is very pleased. He has already played for Berkshire.

#### PORTSMOUTH.

Navy Cricket Week opened at Portsmouth, at the Officers' Recreation Ground, when the Free Foresters were the guests of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines in a two-days' match. On winning the toss, the Free Foresters decided to go in first. The wicket played a little tricky at the start of the innings, both Plumer

and Morrison making the ball "pop" a bit, and each of them got a wicket in their first over. A fine sixth wicket partnership between Knapp and Casseretti realised 53 runs. The R.N. and R.M. made a very shaky start against the pace bowling of Lieut. T. H. Knapp of the Free Foresters, who on the first day went through the R.N. and R.M. side and took all the ten wickets for 70 runs. He was also top scorer in the first innings with 42, and in the second innings was associated with two very useful stands, helping to add 71 for the sixth wicket and 64 for the seventh. Scoring most of his runs in front of the wicket, he revealed a variety of strokes and hit nine fours in his score of 92.

Lieut. T. H. Knapp, of the Free Foresters, is the son of Mr. P. F. Knapp, who is Head Brewer at The Brewery, Reading. We congratulate him on his wonderful performance in this match, and against an eleven of the capabilities of the R.N. and R.M. team.

The Royal Counties Show, which was held at Bournemouth this year, although experiencing a severe storm at the commencement which unfortunately did a considerable amount of damage, was a record one for attendance at Bournemouth. The spirit of business as usual prevailed, although the day following the storm there was not much left of some of the more exposed stalls. Our beers were on sale at all Messrs. Godwin's bars, and business was good.

Mr. Godwin also stocked our goods at the Royal Sussex Show at Midhurst, which, although smaller than the Royal Counties Show, is a very popular event. The ideal surroundings and the perfect weather helped to make this show a record success for a two-days' show.

H.M.S. *Glasgow* won the Redman Cup at the Home Fleet Regatta at Portland this year. The race was for warships' cutters over a course of one and a half miles. H.M.S. *Royal Oak* crew were second. The *Glasgow*, which is a Portsmouth manned cruiser of 9,000 tons, also won the Battenburg Cup, for which gigs competed over a one mile course. H.M.S. *Nelson*, Fleet flagship, was second in this event.

## BRIGHTON.

We had the pleasure of supplying the North Somerset Yeomanry who came to camp in the beautiful Arundel Park, the seat of the Duke of Norfolk. We trust our friends enjoyed their training in Sussex, and carried home with them happy memories.

We are now preparing for further Territorial camps in Sussex and look forward to renewing old associations. We trust they will all have good weather and enjoyable training.

Whitsun passed with good weather and happy crowds from far and near enjoying the ozone from the sea front.

## OXFORD.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT JOINT HOSPITALS BOARD GREAT CARNIVAL AND HOSPITAL FETE.

The Oxford Hospitals Fete held at South Park, Headington Hill, Oxford, for three days was opened on Thursday, June 9th, with a carnival procession which proceeded through the centre of the city to the park, where the competitors were judged by Capt. Hew Fanshawe, Mr. Milton Harris, Mrs. J. H. Morrell and Miss G. M. Ashhurst.

There were twenty-six vehicles entered and a good number of competitors in fancy dress. These were inspected during the afternoon by Lord Nuffield, who was accompanied by Lady Nuffield, and later in the afternoon he presented the prizes to the following winning entries in the carnival procession for decorated vehicles and fancy dress:—

*Heavy Commercial Vehicles.*

1. City of Oxford Motor Services, Ltd.
2. Hovis Bread.
3. Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts (*equal*).
4. Keep Fit Girls.

*Light Commercial.*

1. Messrs. Savory & Moore.

*Light Commercial, Horse.*

1. Marlborough Dairies.
2. Corona Drinks.

*Heavy Commercial, Horse.*

1. Oxford Co-operative Society, Coal Dept. (Winter).
2. Oxford Co-operative Society, Coal Dept. (Summer).

*Best Conditioned Horse.*

Oxford G.W.R.

*Fancy Dress.*

Adults—

1. Mrs. A. J. Kingham, of Carterton ("Bloody Mary").
2. Mr. G. Chance, of Oxford ("Going to the Dogs").

Children—

1. Elizabeth and Ross Dyke, of Oxford ("Doctor and Nurse").
2. Doreen Bedford, of Oxford ("Lavender").
3. Jean Smith, of Oxford ("Mrs. Grundy").
4. Daphne Eden, of Oxford ("Parcel Post").

On Friday, June 10th, the fete was honoured by a visit from H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester and an enthusiastic welcome was given to our Royal visitor both en route and on her arrival at South Park.

During the fete the following bands were in attendance :—

Band of the 4th Battn. Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire  
Light Infantry (T.A.).

Morris Motors Works Band.

City of Oxford Military Band.

The Harmonica Aces, for dancing in the evenings.

Among other features were ju-jitsu displays, children's ballets, plays, fitness displays, Punch and Judy, all-sorts-of-dog show, Morris and other dancing, motor cycle acrobatics by the display team of the 48th Div. Signals (T.A.) Dispatch Riders, and many attractive stalls.

One of the Firm's lorries, suitably decorated and carrying the well-known tableau comprising the mammoth bottle of Milk Stout, the milk churn, the sack of barley, etc., was entered for the carnival procession and duly competed, but we were not fortunate enough to secure an award and we hope for better luck on some future occasion.

By all accounts the fete was a great success and we hope that the Oxford and District Joint Hospitals Board will benefit from the results of the excellent organisation of the Officials and Committee and those others who assisted.