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MR. H. DAVIS.

The late Mr. LOUIS ADOLPHUS SIMONDS.

MR. H. DAVIS.

Prominent amongst the personnel who have been responsible for the allocation and distribution of bulk and bottled beers during the past troublous eight years stands Mr. H. Davis, who has recently completed 29 years' service in the Delivery Department.

Never in the history of the Firm have the supply problems been so difficult and tedious as during the years of war. The two years of " peace " have brought no amelioration of the obstacles and perplexities which have confronted the Delivery Department, and a great tribute is due to Mr. Davis for his untiring labours in endeavouring to effect an equitable apportionment of available supplies, which have fluctuated so violently, particularly during the coal shortage. His past experience, which has equipped him for his present task includes the checking and pricing of invoices, supervision of sales books, the assembly of lorry loads for local and distant journeys.

Mr. Davis was particularly successful in handling the supplies of beer to the U.S. Forces during the war, especially at the peak of the demand in 1944, when convoys of lorries arrived daily to collect beers for the thousands of troops in the neighbourhood and from surrounding districts. In those days the Brewery yard resembled an American occupation, and so persistent were our Allies in their calls for beer, that Mr. Davis was forced to devise a system under which the U.S. troops were only allowed to draw supplies between the hours of 2 to 5 p.m. The organisation of the scheme and the efforts to secure the co-operation of the troops required a good deal of tact, especially prior to V.-Day and V.J.-Day, when it was difficult to keep our visitors within bounds. Mr. Davis was equal to the occasion, and thenceforth the business was conducted upon tranquil lines.

For five years Mr. Davis served in the Royal Berkshire Yeomanry, and retains happy memories of that period from 1920 to 1925. He was also a Warden of the Reading Town Service A.R.P. during the years 1938-1945, and is a founder member of the Civil Defence Services Club.

In pre-war years Mr. Davis captained the 2nd Brewery billiards team for several seasons, and has been a keen supporter of the Reading Football Club for many years. His main interest now is his work, and his great desire, a return of the days when customers can be supplied with all the goods they order and the abolition of the " blue pencil."

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.)

IN PIAM MEMORIAM

A great gloom was cast over the Brewery on June 18th when it became known that Mr. Louis Adolphus Simonds, one of our Directors, and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Simonds, was accidentally killed by the shot from a gun the previous evening. Further details appear on another page. Mr. L. A. Simonds had a commanding presence; he was well-known to an ever-increasing circle of friends and was highly respected. To be thus cut off in the prime of life, and with a promising career before him, is indeed a tragedy and a grievous loss to his sorrowing parents and brothers, for whom we all feel very deeply.

The numerous expressions of sympathy which Mr. and Mrs. Simonds have received from influential circles and from humble homes must have touched them deeply and been some solace to them in their great sorrow. But we know that death is the quiet haven of us all.

ON THE RIVER.

The Brewery is well represented at the Reading Rowing Club, and it is very pleasing to see these young gentlemen taking so keen an interest in this great recreation. I often see my friends, and former colleagues, Mr. Norman Lipscombe and Mr. Fred Smith, showing great prowess in the boats and, as coaches, tendering others not yet so skilled in the art of rowing, good advice from the banks. It is indeed a pleasure to know that these two fine fellows are proving as efficient and successful on the river as we know they are "on the road." Let us strive to emulate our rowing men in these days of national crisis and all pull our weight!

ALL THE SEVENS.

During a cricket match at Slough the score board read during the Eastcote's innings: 77—7—7. The outgoing batsman's name was Severn.

THE COVERDALE HOTEL, PAIGNTON.

The Coverdale Hotel, Dartmouth Road, Paignton, Devon, a fully licensed residential hotel, came under the control of H. & G. Simonds Hotels and Catering Department on June 25th, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warren have been appointed resident managers. The hotel is of modern construction, and has twelve letting bedrooms in addition to ample bar accommodation, dining-room, residents' lounge, etc. The residential section has been completely refurnished, and is now able to accept reservations. The terms for the current season are 15/- per person per day, and £5 5s. 0d. per week, these terms being for a stay of three days or more, and managers of our other establishments are invited to support Mr. and Mrs. Warren by passing enquiries to the "Coverdale."

THEY'RE OFF—AT NEWBURY BULLDOZER RACES.

Forty men, with bulldozers, have been digging earth at the rate of 30 yards an hour in a big offensive to restore Newbury Racecourse, on the Berkshire Downs—a war dump criss-crossed with nearly 20 miles of railway lines for the last six years. Mr. J. E. Osgood, manager and joint secretary of the racecourse, said: "When racing will begin I cannot yet say. We intend to resume as soon as possible, but much will depend on the report we get during the next few weeks."

A racing authority expresses the opinion it would not be possible to start racing before 1950.

During 1941 and 1942 about 45 of the 200 acres were used to produce hay, grass and corn.

A FINE PERFORMANCE.

It is very pleasing to record that the "Royal Castle, Dartmouth, won the Licensed Victuallers' Cup on Saturday last with the following crew, who, by the way, are regular patrons of this house:—

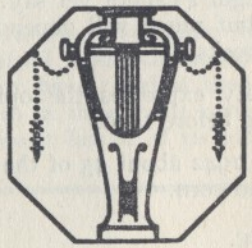
Stroke	...	...	L. Quick	
No. I	...	...	A. Harris	} Brothers
No. II	...	...	D. Harris	
No. III	...	...	F. Harris	
Cox	...	...	C. Knight	

The race, which is for four-oared gigs, over 1½ miles, is considered a very stiff course, and a great deal of local interest is fostered for the event. Nine houses entered teams, and only a quarter of a length separated the 1st and 2nd, and half a length the 2nd and 3rd.

We hope to publish a photograph of the Cup and Crew at a later date.

ROWING SUCCESS.

Congratulations to Mr. N. A. Hall (Estates Department) on winning the Junior Sculls (Boys under 18) at the London Printers' Regatta, which was held at Reading on Saturday, September 13th. It is very fitting that a member of this Firm should win the Cup, which was presented by Capt. R. W. Bradley. Who knows, with another oarsman on the Firm, we may one day have a Brewery Rowing Section, and show once again Beer is best!



NATURE NOTE.

(BY C.H.P.).

THE DEPARTURE OF THE SWIFTS.

LIKE THE SURFACE OF THE SEA.

UNDER THE BEECH TREES!

For many years I have kept records concerning the dates of the arrival and departure of our migrant birds. They come and go just about the same time each year. I noticed that the swifts held aerial mass meetings, as is their custom just before departure, on Saturday, August 9th. The next day only a few were to be seen, and these numbers gradually diminished. For instance, on Monday, August 18th, I saw three; on the 19th, two; and on the 20th, one. I often wonder what they have to say to one another at these farewell meetings. Doubtless, in some form of bird language, they plan their departure.

Some arrived this year on April 28th, but the great majority did not come until the first few days in May.

COMPARISONS.

It is very interesting to compare the dates of the arrival of these birds from year to year. I will pick out a year at random —1943. This is what my diary of that date says :—

April 30th ... Swifts arrived.
August 14th ... Swifts massing prior to their departure.
August 16th ... Very few swifts to be seen.
August 19th ... Saw four swifts.
August 24th ... Saw two swifts.

In 1939, I saw one swift as late as September 1st.

BREEZE OVER HAYFIELD.

The countryside has indeed been glorious to gaze upon these days, as always. Observe the breeze passing over a hayfield on a

sunny summer day! There are few more beautiful sights in nature. The tall, slender stems of the rye-grass, crowned at the top with spikes of purple bloom, bow their heads before the wind; and the meadow from end to end ripples in waves of light and shade, like the surface of the sea. Equally beautiful is the passing of the wind through the summer foliage of the woodland. How it turns up the paler undersides of the leaves, tips the green billows, as it were, with foam, and produces a slumberous, all-pervading murmur like the sound of many waters!

WONDERFUL WORK OF THE WIND.

It is by the wind that Nature is quickened, that the air is kept fresh and the waters pure. It is by means of it that the sap in the veins of plants is circulated, and the life-movements of herb and tree are carried on. The shape of every leaf depends upon the amount of wind to which it is exposed.

Where it is always calm, the leaves are broad, like the palms in the tropics; where it is always stormy, the leaves are narrow and much divided, like the needles of the pine trees in the exposed northern mountains, so that the wind may pass easily through them. And every form of leaf between these two extremes is shaped by the degree of wind that prevails where it grows.

NOT MERELY MECHANICAL.

Remember that the action of the wind is not merely mechanical, but may also be said to be vital. It is on a special mission, and has an earnest and most important purpose to perform. It is designed to carry on the vital processes by which the grass and the corn are perpetuated season after season. It is one of the most important agents in the fertilisation of plants. The breeze that passes over the hayfield and the cornfield carries off the pollen dust from the tall flower spikes of one plant, and applies it to the flower spikes of another plant, and so causes them to produce seed.

Without the agency of the wind, the grass and the corn would perish; and there would be no food for our cattle, and our daily bread could not be given to us.

SPECIAL CONTRIVANCES.

The flowers of wind-fertilised plants are destitute of those varied and brilliant hues and fragrant scents and honey-sweetness, which plants that are fertilised by insects need to possess and display in order to attract those insects. To such lures the wind, of course, is insensible. But wind-fertilised plants have special contrivances to facilitate the action of the wind regarding their pollen, in dispersing it from plant to plant. Such plants have their flowers on tall, upright stems, so as to enable the pollen all the better to be caught up by the air; and trees that have their catkins fertilised by the wind flower early in the year, when the wind is strongest and most constant, and before the leaves have opened to interrupt by their dense masses the free scattering of the pollen. The stamens or threads on which the pollen is produced are slender and hang freely, so that the gentlest breeze is sufficient to loosen the precious dust and carry it away. The grains of pollen, too, are extremely light so as to be easily transported, and they are flat in shape so as to spread out as large a surface as possible to the wind. The quantity of pollen, moreover, is far greater than can be used, so as to make the likelihood of some of the grains taking effect surer. It fills the atmosphere to such an extent as to produce in sensitive nostrils the annoying complaint of hay-fever. The cereal-blossoms, unlike other blossoms which open many times and at stated hours of the day, open only once, and in all kinds of weather, though most frequently in sunny. They are open only about twenty minutes, or half an hour, and the whole of the pollen is discharged in one or two minutes.

After a long tramp in the hot summer sun, how refreshing it is to rest awhile

UNDER THE BEECH TREES.

Is this the rushing of the trembling leaves
Above my head,
Or doth some torrent murmur to itself
Along its bed?
And these green fountains, flicked with amber lights,
'Neath which I lie,
Which seem to draw the liquid sunshine down
From yonder sky,
Are they but trees, or are they healing springs
Distilling balm
In strange mesmeric droppings, till the air
Is full of calm?
Is this the healing of sweet Nature's hand
Through sun-drenched trees?
Or comes the angel of Bethesda's pool
In yon soft breeze?
I ask no more, descend, sweet balm unknown,
Upon my soul,
And banish all the restlessness of life,
And make me whole.

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

DISTRESSED PROFESSOR: "Why don't you answer me?"

FRESHMAN: "I did shake my head."

PROFESSOR: "Well, do you expect me to hear it rattle from here?"

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PROSPECTIVE LANDLADY: "How do you like the room as a whole?"

PROSPECTIVE TENANT: "As a hole, it's fine; as a room, it's terrible."

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Mr. H. E. Habgood, who has retired after 36 years' Service at Cirencester. (*See page* 226.)

Members of the "Pig and Whistle" Inn Pipe Club, Quenington.
(*See page* 226.)

"The Swan" at Lechlade.
(*See page* 211.)

A GREAT THOUGHT.

THE MIGRATION OF BIRDS.

One of the most special appointments of the Creator as to birds, and which nothing but His chosen and corresponding ordainment can explain, is the law that so many kinds shall migrate from one country to another, and most commonly at vast distances from each other. They might have been all framed to breed, be born, live and die in the same region, as occur to some, and as quadrupeds and insects do. But He has chosen to make them travel from one climate to another with unvarying precision, from an irresistible instinct, with a wonderful courage, with an untiring mobility, and in a right and never-failing direction. For this purpose they cross oceans without fear, and with a persevering exertion that makes our most exhausting labours a comparative amusement. Philosophy in vain endeavours to account for the extraordinary phenomenon. It cannot discover any adequate physical reason. Warmer temperatures are not essentially necessary to incubation, not always the object of the emigration; for the snow-bunting, though a bird of song, goes into the frozen region to breed and nurture its young. The snow-bird has the same taste or constitution for the chilling weather which the majority recede from. We can only resolve all these astonishing journeys into the appointment of the Creator, who has assigned to every bird the habits as well as the form, which it was His good pleasure to imagine and attach to it. The watchful naturalist may hear, if not see, several migrations of those which frequent our island, both to and fro, as spring advances and as autumn declines; but as they take place chiefly at night or at early dawn, and in the higher regions of the atmosphere, they are much oftener audible than visible to us on the surface of the earth.—Field's "Scrap Book."

WORDS OF WISDOM.

For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight ;
He can't be wrong whose life is in the right.

It never occurs to fools that merit and good fortune are closely united.

Make your mark, but mind what your mark is.

Nobility is a river that sets with a constant and undeviating current directly into the great Pacific Ocean of Time ; but, unlike all other rivers, it is more grand at its source than at its termination.

Nothing is so atrocious as fancy without taste.

Of all earthly music, that which reaches farthest into heaven is the beating of a loving heart.

Politicians think that by stopping up the chimney they can stop its smoking. They try the experiment ; they drive the smoke back, and there is more smoke than ever.

The art of exalting lowliness and giving greatness to little things is one of the noblest functions of genius.

The best path through life is the highway.

The best fish swim near the bottom.

To have ideas is to gather flowers ; to think is to weave them into garlands.

A man who should call everything by its right name would hardly pass the streets without being knocked down as a common enemy.

Hope is generally a wrong guide, though it is very good company by the way.

Cunning is the dark sanctuary of incapacity.

The soul is dyed the colour of its leisure thoughts.

The difficult is that which can be done immediately, the impossible takes a little longer.

By the road called Straight we come to the house called Beautiful.

From poverty to profusion is a hard journey, but the way back is easy.

MR. E. H. KELLY HONOURED.

GRAND WORK FOR RED CROSS SOCIETY.

A rare award of the British Red Cross Society—that of honorary membership—has been made to Mr. E. H. Kelly, of Cirencester Brewery Ltd. " During the late war, by untiring efforts in many directions, Mr. Kelly raised a very considerable sum of money for Red Cross funds," says the *Wilts and Gloster Standard* of April 5th.

" Particularly remunerative was his organisation of the Red Cross collecting boxes in the licensed houses of the town and district, which, by the gentle spirit of rivalry which he infused, were made to yield pounds instead of pence, and then pounds in increasing numbers. Recently Mr. Kelly received an official intimation over the signature of Lord Woolton, Chairman of the B.R.C.S. Executive Committee, that he had been elected by the Council a honorary life member of the Society, which also authorised him to wear the Society's badge of that rank. Confirmation of this was received in a letter from the honorary secretary of the Gloucestershire Branch of the B.R.C.S., which added that the Executive Committee had ' noted with much interest the valuable services which you have rendered to the Society, and wish me to express to you the Committee's deep appreciation of your work and devotion.' This letter further invited Mr. Kelly to attend a meeting at Gloucester to receive the honorary life membership badge and his certificate of appointment. The badge, in gilt and enamel, is distinguished by a surmounting crown and a scroll at foot, the certificate being a very handsome production."

DEATH OF MR. L. A. SIMONDS.

We deeply regret to record the passing of Mr. Louis Adolphus Simonds, which occurred in the most tragic circumstances on Tuesday, 17th June, following a gunshot wound which he sustained at his residence, Tithe Barn, Newnham, whilst cleaning and packing two guns.

His untimely end caused intense sadness and gloom throughout the length and breadth of the Firm, and the sad news brought hundreds of messages expressing grief and sympathy from a very wide circle of friends at home and abroad. Even after the lapse of two months it is difficult to believe that we shall see Mr. Louis no more, and through these columns we would reiterate the profound sorrow which we feel for his parents and near relatives. Owing to his great activity in all sections of the Firm's business, his loss will be keenly felt for a long time. His passing was a tremendous shock to sub-Breweries, Branches and Associated Companies, and the personal messages and condolences show how greatly beloved was Mr. Louis amongst the Firm's outposts.

Educated at Eton, Mr. Louis spent a year at Chillon College on Lake Geneva before going to New Zealand, where he studied farming. On joining the staff of the Brewery in 1932, he spent a considerable time of preparation in the various departments of the business, and then, in 1934, was appointed a Director.

During the last war he served with the Royal Berkshire Regiment, and subsequently with the Royal Army Service Corps, and when released in 1945 held the rank of Major. His service included periods with the British Expeditionary Force in France in the early part of the war, before Dunkirk, and later in North Africa and Italy.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Louis had taken an active interest in the Brewery Sports Club, particularly the tennis section, to whom, only this year, he presented a handsome trophy to be competed for annually.

The funeral, which took place at Newnham Church on Friday, 20th June, was attended by a large number of relatives and personal and business friends. The service was conducted by Canon John Barker, Rector of Winchfield, and the Rev. F. A. Sanders. The floral tributes were countless, and were amassed around the graveside in great beauty and profusion.

THE SEASON'S BARLEY CROP.

Messrs. Wallis Son & Wells, Reading, the well-known Corn and Agricultural Merchants and Importers, kindly send us the following report on the English Barley crop :—

" By the time of writing a large proportion of the crop has already been secured. This is due to (1) the increased acreage sown to ' Pioneer ' two-rowed winter barley, (2) the long fine spell, and (3) the additional number of combines in use. Thousands of quarters of this variety are already marketed, the first parcels coming to hand, in the south, the end of July.

" It appears that on the barley farms there was an increase of barley sown, but there is considerable variation in the yield, and the average per acre will be less this year than last. The barleys have been secured in excellent order and with low moisture contents. Should this fine weather continue, the rest of the crop should be either combined or ricked in the near future.

" Damage to the crop is not extensive.

" From East Anglia there were reports of unusual conditions in the formation of the ears of the spring sown barleys, and it was feared that this would cause considerable loss of grain, but we do not think that this loss will be as extensive as was once feared.

" Some crops in Wiltshire were lodged by the spring winds, and hail did damage to a wide strip in Suffolk, but, on the whole, the barley crop is of sound quality. Good quality is found especially in the south on the chalk lands where the barley held out well through the dry spell.

"The grain of much of the spring barley is small. Lack of rain at the end of July and beginning of August caused early ripening of the straw and the barley came to harvest earlier than was expected.

" Details of separate areas we give as follows :—

" *Norfolk.*—The acreage seems about the same as last year, mostly of spring barley. The yield is anticipated to be 6 to 8 sacks per acre owing to the drought. It is estimated that up to date three-quarters of the crop has been secured, and that about 70 per cent. of the crop will be combined.

" *Suffolk.*—There appears to be a slight increase in the acreage, mostly of spring barleys. Some two-rowed barleys sown in the

autumn did not stand the winter. The yield for the county is estimated to be from 6 to 8 sacks. Three-quarters of the crop has already been secured. The proportion being combined is small, about one-fifth.

" *Yorkshire.*—Slightly larger acreage sown, mostly of spring barley. There was a little ' Pioneer ' sown in the autumn. The estimated yield is about 8 sacks to the acre. No damage is reported from this area, and we are informed that the percentage being combined will be only about 5 per cent.

" *Northamptonshire.*—Less winter barleys have been sown this time, but there is an increased acreage of spring barleys. There appears to be a very big variation in the yield from this area, from 4 to 14 sacks per acre, sone of the crops having been burnt up. It is estimated that 35 per cent. of the barley in this area will be dealt with by combine harvesters.

" *Leicestershire.*—There is an increased acreage, most of which was sown in the spring. Of the autumn barleys there was little sown, and most of these failed. It is anticipated that the yield will show 8 sacks per acre on the light land and 10 sacks on the heavier land. No damage is reported to the crop, a good part of which is not yet secured. It is estimated that about 15 per cent. will be combined.

" In Shropshire a number of parcels are coming to hand of good size, but coarse in the berry.

" *Kent.*—There is an increase in this area, mostly of spring sown barleys. The crop seems to be quite good, and the yield is estimated from 10 to 12 sacks per acre, with some fine quality barleys in areas. The damage was very slight, and most of the crop has already been secured, with possibly 70 per cent. having been combined.

" *Sussex.*—An increased acreage is reported on the barley farms, and barley came to harvest in this area very early. Practically everything has been secured, and a large quantity combined. There is a big variation in quality, with some very fine barleys.

" *Hampshire.*—There appears to be a small increase in the acreage on the barley farms, mostly sown to spring varieties. Some very fine barleys have come to hand. A certain acreage was sown to ' Pioneer,' but some of this failed. The six-rowed winter barley, so extensively grown in the past, is now in very small

supply. Where this winter barley had been sown, ' Pioneer ' has mostly taken its place. It is estimated that the yield will be from 8 to 10 sacks throughout the county. There is a very big variation in quality, but no damage to the crop is reported from this area, and most of the barley has been secured. On the large farms a quantity of the barley is being combined. Some of our farmer friends in giving us their details, estimate that they will combine from 75 per cent. to 100 per cent. of their crop.

" *Berkshire.*—The acreage sown to barley seems to be about the same as last year, including ' Pioneers.' The yield is varying, showing from 7 to 10 sacks per acre. There was very little damage to the crop, only a little being laid, though the dry weather has caused a proportion of thin barley. About three-quarters of the crop has been secured, and on the larger farms it is estimated that from 70 per cent. to 100 per cent. of the barley grown will be dealt with by the combine harvester.

" *Oxfordshire.*—The acreage seems about the same, with a proportion of ' Pioneer ' barleys. The anticipated yield is 10 to 12 sacks per acre, the crop having suffered very little damage. Where combines are in use, up to 100 per cent. of the barley will be dealt with by these machines, but there is a smaller proportion of combines in this county.

" *Wiltshire.*—The acreage sown to barley is about the same as last year. There is a big increased acreage sown to ' Pioneer ' winter barley, which has taken the place of the old-fashioned six-rowed ; also a certain quantity of winter hardies were sown. The barley in this county has, in places, done exceptionally well, and yields are reported of up to 14 sacks per acre, but some parts of the county only predict a yield of 5 sacks in respect of some of the winter sown barleys, while on the same farms 9 sacks of spring are estimated. On the whole, the yield will be good. Some spring barleys will be thin, owing to the crop having ripened too quickly. A large grower reports to us that 20 per cent. of his crop went down a month ago, otherwise we have not heard of any damage. Most of the crop has been secured, many combines operating in this area. Some farmers are combining 100 per cent. of their barleys.

" *Somerset and Dorset.*—Samples coming to hand show a great variation in quality, with some very nice barleys, but a number of them have come to market being harvested before they were really ripe and have a greenish tinge. We estimate that the yield will be about 10 sacks per acre.

" *Herefordshire.*—The acreage sown seems to be about the same as last season, practically all of spring sown barley. The yield is estimated about 7 to 8 sacks. No damage is reported, but little of the crop has yet been secured, as these barleys were sown later. Possibly 50 per cent. will be combined.

" *Gloucestershire.*—There seems no change in the acreage sown, mostly to spring barley with a small acreage of ' Pioneer.' It is estimated that the yield will be from 8 to 10 sacks per acre, and no damage is reported with the majority of the crop already secured. Some of our farmer friends report to us they will be combining up to 40 per cent. of their crop, but on many of the farms the barleys will be ricked.

" *Devonshire.*—There seems a little less barley sown in this area, mostly spring. The only damage reported is a little lodging, and the average yield is put at 10 sacks. The quality is good, but the grain tends to be on the small side. Most of the crop should be secured this month. Very little will be combined in this area.

RETIREMENT OF GENERAL DEMPSEY.

On the 23rd August, the following paragraph appeared in *The Times* :—

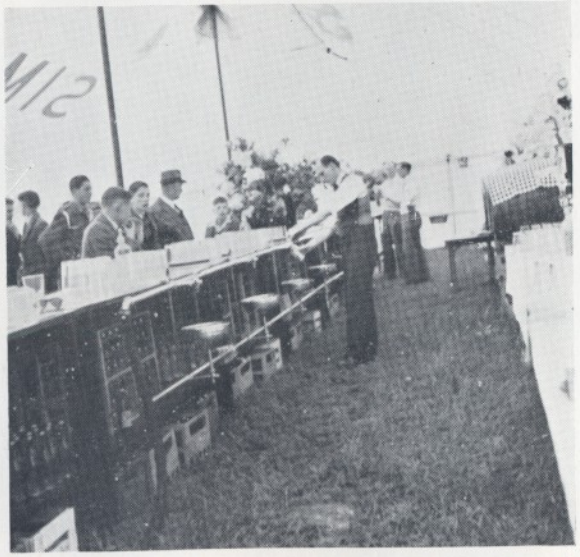
GEN. DEMPSEY RETIRES.

" General Sir Miles Dempsey's resignation from the Army is dated from yesterday, the *London Gazette* announced last night. From 1944 until 1945 he commanded the Second Army in France and Germany, and in 1945 succeeded General Sir William Slim as Commander of the Fourteenth Army. From 1945 until 1946 he was C.-in-C., Allied Land Forces, S.E. Asia, and from June, 1946, until June this year was C.-in-C. Middle East.

" In December he was appointed Chairman of the Racecourse Betting Control Board, and took up the appointment last month."

General Sir Miles Dempsey commanded the 1st Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment from February, 1938, to November, 1939, when he was appointed Colonel and Acting Brigadier of an Infantry Brigade. On November 22nd, 1946, he was appointed Colonel of the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

The Mobile Tank at Hackwood Show.



The Bar at the Conservative Fete, Hackwood Park, on the 24th May. The beer was supplied by pipe line from the Mobile Tank depicted above.

18-Ton E.R.F. Tractor-Trailer Combination, described on page 206.

CRICKET.

Once again we near the end of a season, and by the time these notes appear in print, tackle and personal kit will be put aside for the winter to make way for the followers of the larger ball. Everything has gone with a swing. It has been grand cricketing weather all the summer, and the games played have been enjoyed to the full.

From the playing point of view, the "A" team have done quite well in winning seven Saturday games to date, having lost four, with three matches drawn. Unfortunately, the "B" team were not able to add to their one victory in May, but have figured in several very close finishes, and a helping hand from "Lady Luck" would have made quite a difference on more than one occasion.

As space is precious, and most matches are played in this period, it is impossible to comment upon each game, so suffice to give the scores in chronological order, together with best performances.

SATURDAY MATCHES.

May 31st. SIMONDS "A" *v.* PETER MERCHANT.

Peter Merchant—129 for 8 (dec.) Clark, 35; Thompson, 33; Hansford, 27. (E. Scott, 3 for 33; N. Tott, 2 for 15; H. G. Sexton, 1 for 9.)

Simonds "A"—69 for 8. E. G. Crutchley, 12; N. Tott, 11; A. J. Hawkins, 10. (Woolford, 2 for 16; Clark, 2 for 16; Stuart, 2 for 17; Hansford, 2 for 17.)

" OLD BLUES *v.* SIMONDS "B."

Old Blues—124 for 7 (dec.) Beard, 31; Howlett, 25 not out; Sandford, 23. (R. J. Lambourne, 3 for 24; A. Randall, 4 for 41.)

Simonds "B"—49. R. J. Lambourne, 25. (Beard, 6 for 18; Siney, 2 for 4; Smith, 2 for 7.)

June 7th. The "A" team was to have played Thatcham at Aldermaston, but overnight and early morning rain caused the pitch to be unserviceable, and so the match had to be cancelled.

" SIMONDS "B" *v.* TRAVAUX.

Travaux—101 for 5 (dec.) Olney, 39; Waters, 20; Phillimore, 15 not out. (W. Bell, 1 for 11.)

Simonds "B"—20. (Phillimore, 5 for 12; Waters, 4 for 3.)

June 14th. This was our only really wet Saturday, and both "A" and "B" team games had to be called off.

June 21st. SIMONDS "A" *v.* SPENCERS WOOD.

Spencers Wood—72. R. Merry, 30 not out; B. Harris, 12. (E. G. Crutchley, 5 for 15; E. Scott, 3 for 25.)

Simonds "A"—81 for 7. E. Scott, 28 not out; G. H. Beddow, A. J. Hawkins and W. J. Greenaway, 10 each. (Denton, 2 for 12; A. Pearce, 2 for 22.)

,, MORTIMER "B" *v.* SIMONDS "B"

Simonds "B"—75. G. Ayers, 21; T. Patrick, 17; W. Bell, 12. (L. Clarke, 4 for 11; S. Beards, 2 for 11.)

Mortimer "B"—77 for 7. J. Neville, 30; R. Short, 13; S. Beards, 10. (R. J. Lambourne, 4 for 23; K. Cottam, 1 for 3.)

June 28th. ST. SEBASTIANS *v.* SIMONDS "A."

St. Sebastians—80. B. Aspinall, 38; H. G. Robins, 19. (E. G. Crutchley, 4 for 21; E. Scott, 4 for 23.)

Simonds "A"—105. N. Tott, 20; E. Scott, 17; C. R. Josey, 13; E. C. Greenaway, 12 not out. (E. Watts, 3 for 24; Buckett, 3 for 27.)

,, SIMONDS "B" *v.* GREEN PARK.

Simonds "B"—61. K. Cottam, 20 not out. (Turner, 4 for 14; Petty, 3 for 20.)

Green Park—65 for 5. Johnson, 22; Hunter, 19; Hewitt, 11. (R. J. Lambourne, 3 for 26; W. Bell, 2 for 21.)

July 5th. SIMONDS "A" *v.* TURQUANDIA.

Simonds "A"—191 for 6 (dec.) R. J. Lambourne, 50 not out; N. Tott, 35; E. G. Crutchley, 29; G. H. Beddow, 25; E. Scott, 24; C. R. Josey, 21.

Turquandia—149. K. Chapman, 82; R. Barrow, 26; J. Armistead, 10. (E. Scott, 3 for 12; E. G. Crutchley, 3 for 28; K. Organ, 2 for 17.)

,, TRAVAUX *v.* SIMONDS "B."

Travaux—95. P. Curnow, 28 not out; Barker, 22; Witcher, 18; Reeves, 15. (B. Farmer, 5 for 51; L. Field, 3 for 39.)

Simonds "B"—90. L. Field, 30 not out; K. Cottam, 30; R. Gardiner, 17. (Witcher, 5 for 8; Hope, 2 for 21; Phillimore, 3 for 31.)

July 12th. SIMONDS "A" *v.* BERKSHIRE GENTLEMEN.

Berkshire Gentlemen—250 for 4 (dec.) M. A. Salmon, 131 not out; D. W. Stokes, 75; P. A. Mackenzie, 26.

Simonds "A"—66. E. Scott, 15; R. J. Lambourne, 14; N. Tott, 10. (D. Kimble, 2 for 7; T. Harding, 3 for 14; L. Miller, 2 for 11.)

,, The "B" team had a game arranged, but unfortunately their opponents failed to put in an appearance.

July 19th. SIMONDS "A" *v.* THATCHAM.

Simonds "A"—117 for 7 (dec.) A. J. Hawkins, 59 retired hurt; E. Scott, 23; G. H. Beddow, 10. (J. Marshall, 3 for 13; T. Cronin, 3 for 28.)

Thatcham—115 for 6. J. Hawkins, 39; C. Barr, 30; L. Austin, 19; J. Vallis, 13. (E. Scott, 3 for 29; E. G. Crutchley, 2 for 21.)

,, READING P.O. SPORTS *v.* SIMONDS "B."

Simonds "B"—107 for 8 (dec.) T. Patrick, 67 not out; G. Ayers, 24. (Tanner, 3 for 31; Elliot, 1 for 9; Downing, 1 for 12.)

Reading P.O. Sports—108 for 8. Downing, 34; Tanner, 33 not out; Else, 18. (W. Bell, 4 for 37; K. Cottam, 2 for 26.)

July 26th. SIMONDS "A" *v.* HOOK AND NEWNHAM.

Simonds "A"—107. A. J. Hawkins, 19; E. G. Crutchley, 16; E. C. Greenaway, 15; T. Patrick, 13; N. Tott, 10; K. Organ, 10. (E. Pink, 3 for 10; C. Gregory, 4 for 43 P. Gubby, 1 for 10.)

Hook and Newnham—122 for 6. G. Foster, 37; R. Moon, 19; P. Gubby, 16 not out; S. Cooper, 15; A. Charles, 13 not out; C. Gregory, 10. (R. J. Lambourne, 3 for 37.)

Aug. 2nd. No games were arranged for this week owing to the Bank Holiday.

Aug. 9th. SIMONDS "A" *v.* R.A.F., SHINFIELD.

Simonds "A"—113 for 9 (dec.) F. J. Benham, 25; R. J. Lambourne, 22; T. Patrick, 15. (Travis, 4 for 38; Hyner, 2 for 10.)

R.A.F., Shinfield—84. Booth, 38; Smith, 15. (N. Tott, 2 for 19; R. J. Lambourne, 7 for 29.)

Aug. 16th. SIMONDS "A" *v.* PETER MERCHANT.

Simonds "A"—112 for 9 (dec.) E. C. Greenaway, 61; K. White, 36 not out. (Blanchard, 5 for 21; Stuart, 2 for 22.)

Peter Merchant—116 for 9. Loader, 50; Doran (Junr.), 16 not out. (R, J. Lambourne, 8 for 46.)

Aug. 23rd. SIMONDS "A" *v.* ST. SEBASTIANS.

Simonds "A"—141 for 5 (dec.) A. J. Hawkins, 41; K. White, 25 not out; G. H. Beddow, 23; T. Patrick, 20; E. Scott, 17 not out. (E. Watts, 4 for 42.)

St. Sebastians—46. E. Gough, 21; F. Clacey, 14. (E. Scott, 4 for 5; R. J. Lambourne, 5 for 13.)

The following Tuesday evening matches were all played to a time limit at Berkeley Avenue :—

July 15th. SIMONDS *v.* TILEHURST.

Simonds—56 for 7. K. White, 13 ; R. J. Lambourne, 13. (E. Edwards, 3 for 9 ; E. Cater, 3 for 13.)

Tilehurst—76 for 8. P. Sizer, 27 retired ; R. Maurice, 10 ; J. Fisher, 10. (R. J. Lambourne, 3 for 20 ; K. Organ, 2 for 16.)

July 22nd. SIMONDS *v.* OLD BLUES.

Old Blues—81 for 9. Siney, 21 not out ; Howlett, 13 ; Hunt, 13 ; Smith, 10. (R. J. Lambourne, 5 for 26 ; K. Organ, 3 for 22 ; W. Bell, 1 for 10.)

Simonds—31. (Howlett, 5 for 10 ; Grant, 4 for 21.)

July 29th. SIMONDS *v.* TILEHURST.

Tilehurst—157 for 2. J. Abery, 66 ; Morton, 52 not out.

Simonds—88. A. J. Hawkins, 23 ; K. White, 17 not out. (J. Fisher, 5 for 26 ; Waite, 2 for 17.)

Aug. 12th. SIMONDS *v.* GREEN PARK.

Simonds—97 for 7. A. J. Hawkins, 27 ; W. J. Greenaway, 24 not out ; T. Patrick, 14 ; R. J. Lambourne, 11. (Wiley, 3 for 19.)

Green Park—64 for 4. Turner, 21 not out ; Wiley, 14 not out ; House, 11. (E. C. Greenaway, 2 for 27 ; R. J. Lambourne, 2 for 30.)

(Bad light stopped play 15 minutes from time.)

In addition, the following match took place at Berkeley Avenue on Sunday, August 24th :—

SIMONDS *v.* WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.

Waltham St. Lawrence—136 for 8 (dec.) A. Goodson, 37 ; M. Murray, 34 ; D. Cox, 28. (N. Tott, 4 for 34 ; A. Pearce, 4 for 39.)

Simonds—86 for 8. G. H. Beddow, 29 ; A. Pearce, 17 ; N. Tott, 10 ; W. Philpott, 10 not out. (A Goodson, 5 for 25.)

W. J. G.

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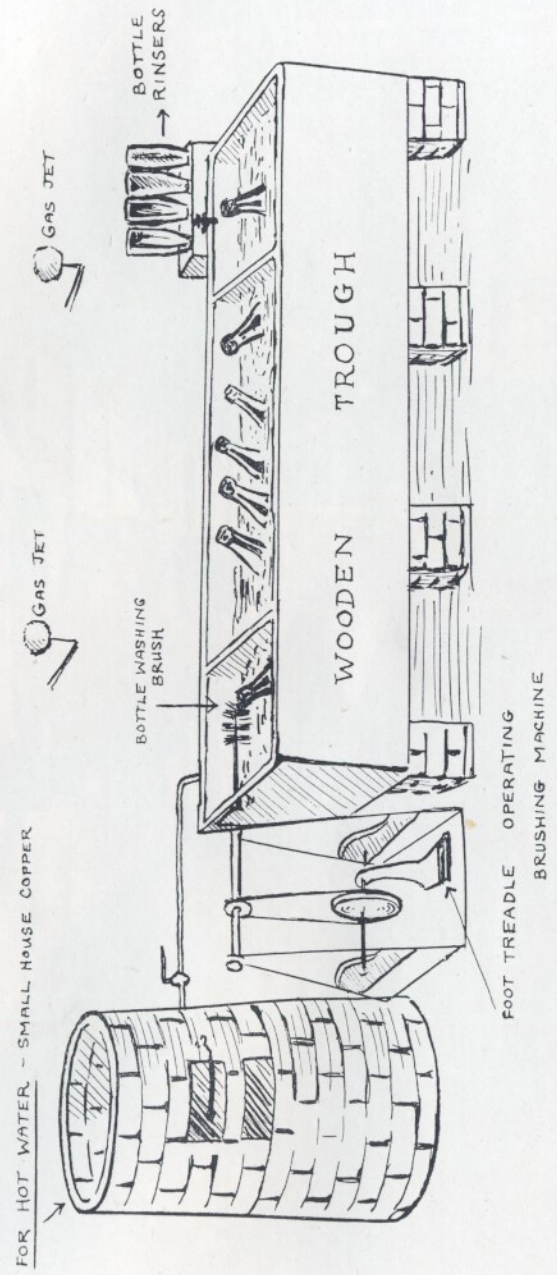

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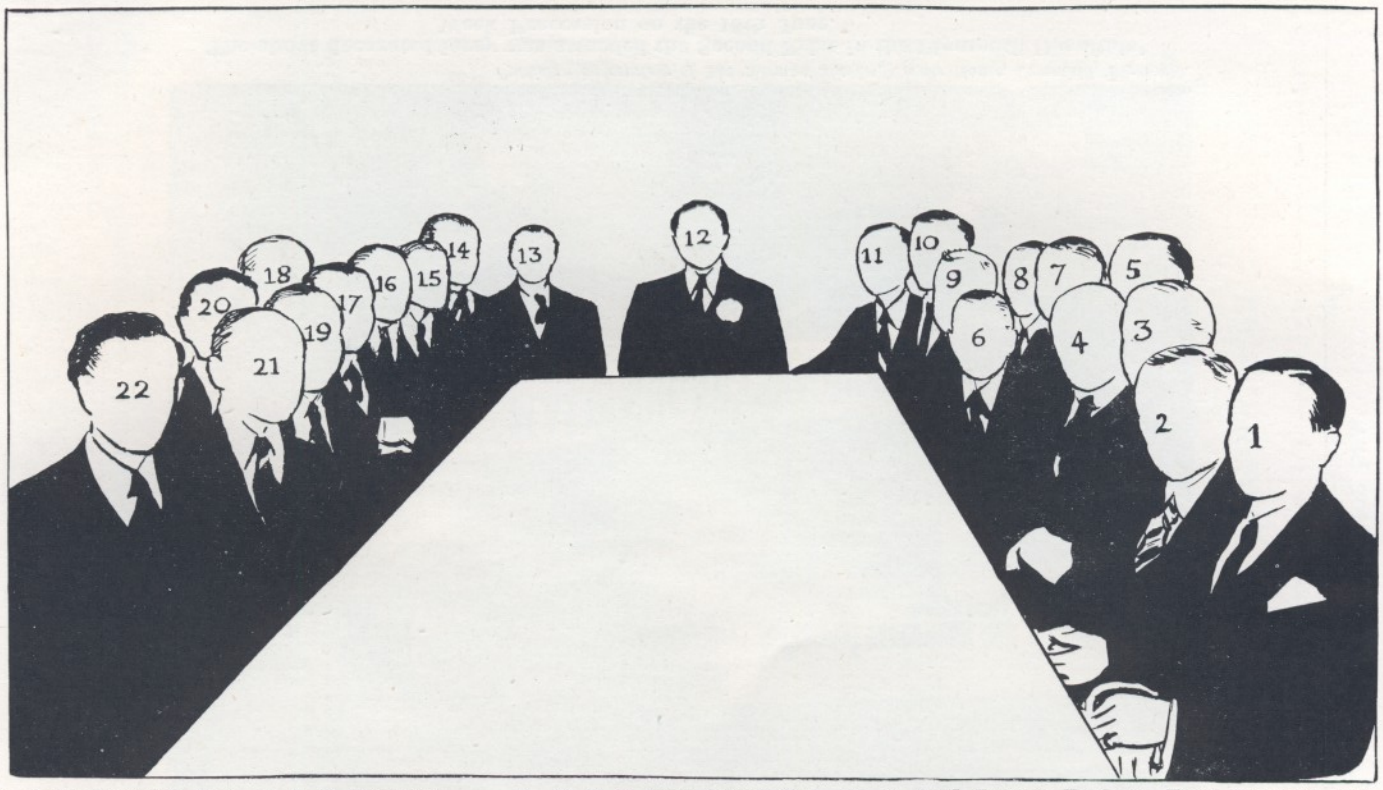

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The above decorated lorry was awarded the Second Prize in the Plymouth Hospitals' Week Procession on the 18th June.

LIGHTER SIDE.

WIFE : " Have you ever seen the man who sold you that land that was two feet under water ? "

HUSBAND (*sheepishly*) : " Yes, I saw him the other day."

WIFE (*suspiciously*) : " Well, what happened ? "

HUSBAND : " He sold me a boat."

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During a golf game at St. Andrew's, a farmer was struck by a flying golf ball. Running over to the golfer who had driven the ball, he cried : " That'll cost ye five pounds ! "

" But I called out ' fore ' as loudly as I could," the golfer explained.

" Did ye now, sir ? " replied the farmer, much pleased.

" Weel, I didna' hear it ; I'll take fower, then ! "

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Death was not far off, and as his one good deed on earth the miserly old uncle decided to give his only heir a word of advice. " Remember, my boy," he gasped, " wealth does not bring happiness."

" I don't expect it to," replied the young man. " I merely want it so I may choose the kind of misery that is most agreeable to me."

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DAUGHTER (*on homework*) : " Dad, what's the most effective agency for the redistribution of money ? "

DAD (*absently*) : " Wives."

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TEACHER : " What are the genders ? "

STUDENT : " Masculine and feminine. The masculine is divided into temperate and intemperate and the feminine into frigid and torrid."

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In a hotel much patronised by black market merchants, two doctors were comparing notes. One said to the other : " I've got a great many cases of hysteria." A man leaned across and said : " I'll take the lot, mister."

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Two anglers had made a bet as to who would make the first catch. In the excitement of getting a bite, one of them fell from the dock.

" If you're going to dive for them," growled his companion, " the bet's off."

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Two men were heatedly arguing about reincarnation. The one believed in the theory, but the other refused to be convinced. His final argument was that " he might come back to the world a worm."

" No, no," said the other man, " you can't come back to the world the same thing twice."

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A new man was brought into battalion headquarters office by the sergeant-major.

" Here's a new man, sir," said the 'major to the company officer.

" Fine," said the C.O. " What can he do ? "

" Nothing," replied the 'major.

" Good, then we won't have to break him in."

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INSCRIPTION ON A MEMORIAL TABLET.

Erected in memory of Miss ——, who was killed by lightning on this spot by her sorrowing sister.

COUNTRY CAMEO.

" THE SWAN," LECHLADE.

I wonder how many of you know where this delightful public house is to be found ? It represents one of the really old and genuine examples of Cotswold domestic architecture at its best.

As far as can be ascertained it was probably built by local masons in the eighteenth century, at the end of that glorious period of Cotswold building dating roughly from 1580 to 1700. It was during this time that the wool trade prospered, when the wolds formed one great sheep walk and the breeding of sheep and the production of wool occupied almost all the towns and villages to their profit. This factor, coupled with the presence of unlimited supplies of limestone, with its pleasant texture and good weathering properties, influenced the development of this type of architecture.

The same style was employed for the manor house, as for the farm buildings and cottages, varying only in ornamental detail according to the scale of the building, and always displaying the fundamental characteristics of strength, simplicity and fitness for purpose. The chief decorative features are to be found in the mouldings, as you will see, each of which serves some use. The mullions are tapered both inside and out to let in a maximum of light and the drip moulds (or label courses) are built over the heads of the windows to throw the rain off them. Little other ornament is to be found, the craftsmen relying on the beautiful texture of the stone and the general outline of the building to complete the composition. The quaint method of corbelling above the splay of the window is worthy of note. This was used as a means of getting over the difficulty of roofing over part of the structure which would otherwise have been of irregular shape.

The lovely old roof with its lichened-grey hue consists of stone slates which are hung to the battens with tiny elm pegs driven through holes drilled through the tops. These stone slate roofs rarely need attention after erection for years, and with age they become more and more beautiful as they mellow from the golden-brown of the new material to the silver grey of the mature.

The leaded lights and the iron casements to the windows appear to be the original ones and are typical of the period and the district.

It is likely that the house was originally occupied by a wealthy merchant, possibly a wool stapler. Whilst it would not be regarded as a large residence on present-day standards it was considered to be quite sizeable when erected.

We are indebted to our architect, Mr. R. E. Southall, for the charming study taken on one of his routine inspections. Mr. Southall is a keen photographer, and it is hoped to include further examples of his work in subsequent issues.

J. L. H.,
Architectural Staff.

ALLOTMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES.

There is a piece of land on the Sports Ground which up to the present is not used, and it is proposed to let this out as allotments for any employee of the Firm who wishes to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please make written application to Mr. W. Bradford.

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18 TON E.R.F. TRACTOR-TRAILER COMBINATION.

Photograph on page 194.

We illustrate a very fine tractor-trailer outfit which has recently been put into service with our mechanical transport.

The tractor, built by Messrs. E.R.F., of Sandbach, Cheshire, is fitted with a six-cylinder Gardner oil engine, developing 102 B.H.P. The cab accommodates three men.

The "Crane" trailers have been completely rebuilt and modernised in our workshops and the pay load of the outfit is 18 tons.

The unique feature of the outfit is the braking system, which is hydraulic and operates simultaneously on all wheels of both tractor and trailer—the hydraulic pressure being supplied by a pump driven from the gear box. We believe that this vehicle is the first of its kind to be so fitted.

NORTH STAR HOTEL, SLOUGH.

WONDERFUL SUCCESS OF DARTS TEAM.

The North Star, Slough, darts team have proved their prowess in a very marked manner. During 1946-47 they have won the Berks and Bucks Darts Association Trophy, the Burnham and District Pairs Championship Cup, St. Dunstan's Monthly Cup, the Aldershot and District Monthly Cup and League (Division III) Cup—truly a fine record!

The names of the successful competitors are :—

Left to right (standing)—P. Reardon, J. Campbell, J. Headley, W. Sibley (1st Res.), F. Stratton (*Vice Capt*), S. Gardner.

Seated—L. Hillier (*Sec.*), A. Adams (*Capt.*), W. F. Smart (*Prop.*), H. Gadsby, W. Whitehead.

Cullum - Photos - Eton.

And the following photograph is of the Bar at the North Star Hotel. Mr. W. F. Smart, the tenant, arranged and fitted up the bar and shelves, etc., himself—an artistic piece of work.

Cullum - Photos - Eton.

BREWERY JOTTINGS.

BY W. DUNSTER.

We have been enjoying the best summer for many years, and as the various members of the staff return from their holidays they all wear that bronzed appearance that is said to denote the handsome man! However, it is perfectly true that owing to the plentiful supply of sunshine (and it seemed to make no difference whatever spot you chose for a holiday), everyone surely must have benefited. Maybe this winter the test will be severe for us all, and this will prove whether the summer sunshine has done all the good it is hoped. Just at the moment, in the Offices, we are having a new central heating system installed. This has meant a lot of work, and in consequence some Departments have been working under difficulties, but of course it is realised it is only a temporary inconvenience, and that we shall be thankful for the new installation when the days begin to get cold, and during those October overtime balancing nights.

It surely must have been one of the best seasons ever for the cricket teams of the Firm, and the players have had much enjoyment in the knowledge that "rain stopped play" was off, at any rate, for most of the year. An innovation was a Sunday match which the writer saw and thoroughly enjoyed up at the beautiful Sports Ground in Berkeley Avenue. Speaking from memory, it was in 1939 that the last one was played.

Capt. A. S. Drewe is now a grandfather, and we offer him our sincere congratulations.

We are still losing some of the younger members of the staff who are called up for military service, but it does seem that their spell of duty will be somewhat curtailed in future, so that we shall not be without their services for too long a period.

The Brewery have already started their football season on pitches that are far too hard for good play. The opportunity is taken to wish the Club every possible success during the season, and it would seem that they have quite a number of very useful players. Of course it must be with the "accent on youth," for the "old 'uns" cannot keep on for ever. I know the Secretary, Mr. F. Pusey, is as enthusiastic as always. I wonder whether that old stalwart, Mr. Fred Edwards (who has now retired) will follow the team as much as he used to? I saw him the other evening and he was as fit as ever, and enjoying life.

There is also an enthusiastic following at the Brewery of the Reading Football team, but so far the results have been of a mixed variety and the ardent fan is by no means fully satisfied yet. However, it has not been football weather, and with the grounds so hard everywhere it is not likely we shall see good play until the rain softens them up a bit. Everyone hopes the Club will have a good season, and provided the team puts up the show we know they are capable of they will have plenty of support from all quarters.

Bridge Street, where the Brewery and Offices are mainly situated, is likely in the near future to be "up," for it is the intention of the Corporation to have a new road put down. So far it has been a one-way street ever since the beginning of the year, and it is anything but a pleasant place for traffic or pedestrians. When it is the time for the pneumatic drills and all the other mechanical devices that are used nowadays for road-making we look like having a noisy time for a while, although it is appreciated that it is necessary and will not take so very long. Let us hope that they get busy before the usual winter weather sets in.

Much sympathy has been expressed to Mr. W. Bowyer on the sudden passing of his wife at the end of June. Messages simply poured in from all quarters, and the opportunity is taken to record our deep concern for him in his sad loss.

We had a visit the other day from Mr. V. Saunders from Swindon, and it seems hard to realise that he has been there for two years. He was looking very fit and well.

The staff this year seem to have spent their holidays in a variety of places, although mostly seaside. Some have been to Eire (Ireland to most of us), and from all accounts it is a land flowing in milk and honey (milk in this instance, of course, means another kind of beverage). One of the members of our staff has not been tired of telling us of all the joys of being over there, and seems to have a special delight in letting us know how "cheap" some items are. Some are indulging in the pleasures of Holiday Camps, and one member had a flying holiday to the Channel Islands.

The following changes and transfers have taken place during the last few months, and to all we wish every success :—

The Black Boys, Newbury (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Miss E. Brown (daughter of the previous licensee).

The Railway Tavern, Feltham (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mrs. N. D. Newton.

The Oxford Arms, Hungerford, Newtown (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. N. E. Barton.

The Barley Mow, London Street, Reading (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Miss S. Wyeth.

Off Licence, Mortimer Arms, Mason Street, Reading (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. E. H. Naish.

The Wheatsheaf, Wantage (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. C. D. J. Edwards.

The Turk's Head, Laleham (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mrs. E. Sturt.

The London Tavern, Broad Street, Reading (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. N. E. Cox.

The Hop Leaf, Southampton Street, Reading (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. F. G. Prior.

The Bugle, Friar Street, Reading (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. L. G. Stevens.

The Wheatsheaf, Aldershot (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. E. Collins.

The Horn, Castle Street, Reading (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. E. G. Warner.

The Dog, Peppard (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mrs. M. E. Ruffhead.

The Victoria, Egham (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. E. H. Fry

The Osborne Arms, Lane End (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. S. R. Pocock.

The Sportsman and Dog, Penn (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. H. Perfect.

The Black Boy, Terriers (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. R. E. New.

The Dog Inn, Penn (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. H. P. Eastwood.

The Cross Keys, Marlow (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. G. C. Wooster.

The Mother Red Cap Inn, Wooburn (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. W. C. Warner.

The New Inn, Postcombe (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. F. D. Matthews.

The Masons' Arms, High Wycombe (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. C. Nicholls, Junr.

The Three Tuns, High Wycombe (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. A. W. Wallington.

The Red Lion, Hartley Wespall (John May & Co., Ltd.)—Mr. H. Probets.

The College Arms, Pamber, near Basingstoke (John May & Co., Ltd.)—Mrs. H. Bannister.

The Old House at Home, Reading Road, Basingstoke (John May & Co., Ltd.)—Mr. M. A. Chester.

The Carrington Arms, High Wycombe.

Mrs. F. E. McDermott, tenant of the above House, was re-married on 14th August, and is now Mrs. F. E. Lindsay. We offer our sincere congratulations.

We regret to record the following deaths, and to all relatives we tender our sincere sympathy :—

Mr. W. J. Collins, of The Wheatsheaf, Aldershot, who died on the 10th July, 1947, and had been tenant of this house since 1912. Quite a good long spell ! A change had been arranged for the son to take over, and all fixed up for later in the year. However, it was not to be as arranged, and the son took over earlier than was originally the case.

Mr. S. W. Ruffhead, of The Dog, Peppard, who died on 26th July, 1947, and had been tenant of this house since May, 1933.

Major D. Bird, husband of our tenant (Mrs. Bird), of The Lamb, Theale, who died on 27th July, 1947. This was very tragic, for Major Bird was attending a reunion parade of old comrades at the Brock Barracks, Reading, when he was taken ill and suddenly passed away.

Mr. A. Hill, of The Three Tuns, High Wycombe, who died on 11th August, 1947, and had been tenant of this house since June, 1910.

Mr. G. T. Colsell, who died on 29th August. He had only left The Cross Keys, Marlow, on the 21st August, and moved to Herne Bay to spend his retirement.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME.

The Annual Sports Meeting for employees was held on the Sports Ground on August Bank Holiday, and was carried out with the usual success.

It was very pleasing to see so many of the Firm's employees and their families in attendance, and all seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. The entries for the races were up to their usual standard, and some exciting events were held ; perhaps the most amusing of these was the impromptu Donkey Race which caused much merriment.

The ladies' ankle competition was well patronised, and this was judged by Messrs. A. G. Richardson and G. Andrews.

The Punch and Judy Show caused very much amusement amongst the children. The music was provided by Spring Gardens Band.

After the races the prizes were presented by Mrs. A. G. Richardson.

Below is appended a list of the prize-winners :—

MEN.

100 *yards* : 1, K. Johnson ; 2, L. Fullbrook ; 3, G. Jeffcoatt.
220 *yards Handicap* : 1, K. Johnson, ; 2, L. Fullbrook ; 3, G. Ayers.
440 *yards Handicap* : 1, G. Ayers ; 2, S. Gray ; 3, K. Johnson.
Half-mile Walking : 1, T. Patrick ; 2, R. Holmes.
One Mile Handicap : 1, A. Hughes ; 2, S. Gray ; 3, M. Martin.

LADIES.

Egg and Spoon : 1, J. Shurmer ; 2, P. Hammond ; 3, M. Bradford.
80 *yards* : 1, J. Josey ; 2, B. Freeman ; 3, P. Hammond.
Thread-needle : 1, J. Shurmer ; 2, P. Hammond ; 3, R. Ayers.
Bun Race : 1, J. Shurmer ; 2, J. Josey ; 3, M. Bradford.
Ankle Competition : 1, Mrs. Bowman ; Mrs. Streams ; Mrs. Miller.

BOYS.

100 *yards* (*Under* 15) : 1, M. Edwards ; 2, C. Oxley ; 3, J. Clinch.
80 *yards* (*Under* 10) : 1, J. Crutchley ; 2, K. Benford ; 3, P. Turnaletti.

GIRLS.

80 *yards* (*Under* 15) : 1, J. Grover ; 2, J. Grover ; 3, M. Streams.
80 *yards* (*Under* 10) : 1, M. Hore ; 2, E. Owen ; 3, S. Horseman.

MIXED EVENTS.

Slow Bicycle : 1, R. Holmes ; 2, M. Brawn ; 3, M. McLeod.
Bun Race : 1, P. Jarvis ; 2, M. Edwards ; 3, J. Bond.
Donkey Race : 1, M. Martin ; 2, A. Hughes ; 3, J. Shurmer.
Three-legged Race : 1, J. Shurmer and P. Jarvis ; 2, R. Ayers and K. Cottam ; 3, B. Freeman and G. Ayers.
Hidden Treasure : Mrs. Stroud.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW.

The Annual Flower and Vegetable Show was held in the Club on August 23rd.

Taking into account the extremely dry summer, the produce was of a very high standard. The judges expressed great satisfaction with the entries, and considered it highly creditable that employees were able to exhibit such produce. Messrs. W. Sparks and A. Weight were in charge of the Show.

Below is appended a list of the winners :—

Collection of Vegetables : 1, F. Benham ; 2, D. Abraham.
6 *Potatoes (Kidney)* : 1, H. Holmes ; 2, D. Abraham ; 3, F. Benham.
6 *Potatoes (Round)* : 1, H. Plank ; 2, H. Holmes.
1 *Potato (Heaviest)* : H. Holmes.
6 *Onions* : 1, H. Holmes ; 2, L. Povey ; 3, H. Plank.
6 *Carrots (Long)* : 1, H. Plank ; 2, F. Benham ; 3, A. Waller.
6 *Carrots (Short)* : 1, H. Plank ; 2, H. Holmes ; 3, D. Abraham.
12 *Runner Beans* : 1, H. Holmes ; 2, H. Plank ; 3, F. Benham.
12 *Pods of Peas* : 1, H. Plank ; 2, F. Benham ; 3, D. Abraham.
3 *Cabbage* : 1, A. Waller ; 2, H. Plank ; 3, D. Abraham.
2 *Marrows (White or Green)* : 1, H. Plank ; 2, H. Holmes ; 3, L. Povey.
1 *Marrow (Heaviest)* : H. Plank.
6 *Turnips* : 1, A. Waller ; 2, H. Plank ; 3, F. Benham.
12 *Shallots* : 1, H. Plank ; 2, A. Waller ; 3, F. Benham.
3 *Parsnips* : 1, F. Benham ; 2, H. Holmes.
12 *Plums* : F. Benham.
6 *Apples (Culinary)* : F. Benham.
6 *Apples (Dessert)* : F. Benham.
6 *Pears* : F. Benham.
6 *Asters* : 1, F. Benham ; 2, C. Salter ; 3, H. Plank.
6 *Dahlias* : 2, D. Abraham.
1 *Bunch of Cut Flowers* : 1, F. Benham ; 2, C. Salter.
Sweet Peas : 1, H. Plank ; 2, F. Benham.
6 *Tomatoes* : 1, A. Weight ; 2, D. Abraham ; 3, F. Benham.
6 *Eggs* : 1, H. Plank ; 2, L. Povey.
1 *Fruit Cake* : A. Owen.
1 *Dish of Boiled Potatoes* : 1, F. Benham ; 2, A. Waller.
Specimen Child's Garment : 1, H. Miller ; 2, A. Owen.
Crochet Work : H. Davis.
Knitted Jumper : E. Patrick.
Pot of Jam or Marmalade : 1, A. Owen ; 2, F. Benham ; 3, A. Waller.

BRANCHES.

PORTSMOUTH.

VISIT OF AMERICAN SQUADRON TO PORTSMOUTH, JULY, 1947.

Portsmouth had a momentous visit early in July from the ships of the U.S. Midshipmen's Practice Squadron, the battleship *Winconson* wearing the flag of Rear Admiral H. H. McLean (Commanding the Fleet, Battleship Division). Judging by the public expression of the U.S. and British Naval Chiefs, and the civic heads of Portsmouth and Gosport, the visit was an outstanding success in furthering the understanding between the two nations at a time when both have serious post-war problems with which to contend. The U.S. Naval personnel welcomed many thousands of the public on board their vessels, and showed them over the living accommodation, and described the latest equipment in the world's biggest warships. The people of the City responded by trying to give the personnel of the Squadron a really good time. We are told that a party being entertained at the Royal Naval Club, Portsmouth, were so pleased with the Reading Pale Ale that they finished the whole of the Club's supply. They had visited many countries in Europe, but they were unanimous in declaring that this R.P.A. was the best beer they had so far tasted.

An interesting naval career has come to an end on the retirement of Chief Steward Mark R. Penfield, B.E.M., R.V.M., the C.P.O. they called the "Goering of the lower deck," because he had fourteen medals. Mr. Penfield lives at Titchfield Common, near Fareham, and during his 33 years' service has fought in three wars, and has been Royal Caterer to three Kings—George V, Edward VIII, and George VI. He acted as Caterer to the King during the South African tour. In World War II he was Chief Steward to Mr. Winston Churchill at all the "Big Three" conferences, the final occasion being at Potsdam. He flew to most of these, and his air trip experiences included a dog fight with an enemy plane and a forced landing. His medals include the long service award, with star, for 30 years' service, and he has been a Chief Petty Officer for 26 years. He was Keeper and Steward of the two *Enchantresses*, Board of Admiralty yachts, from 1933 to 1939.

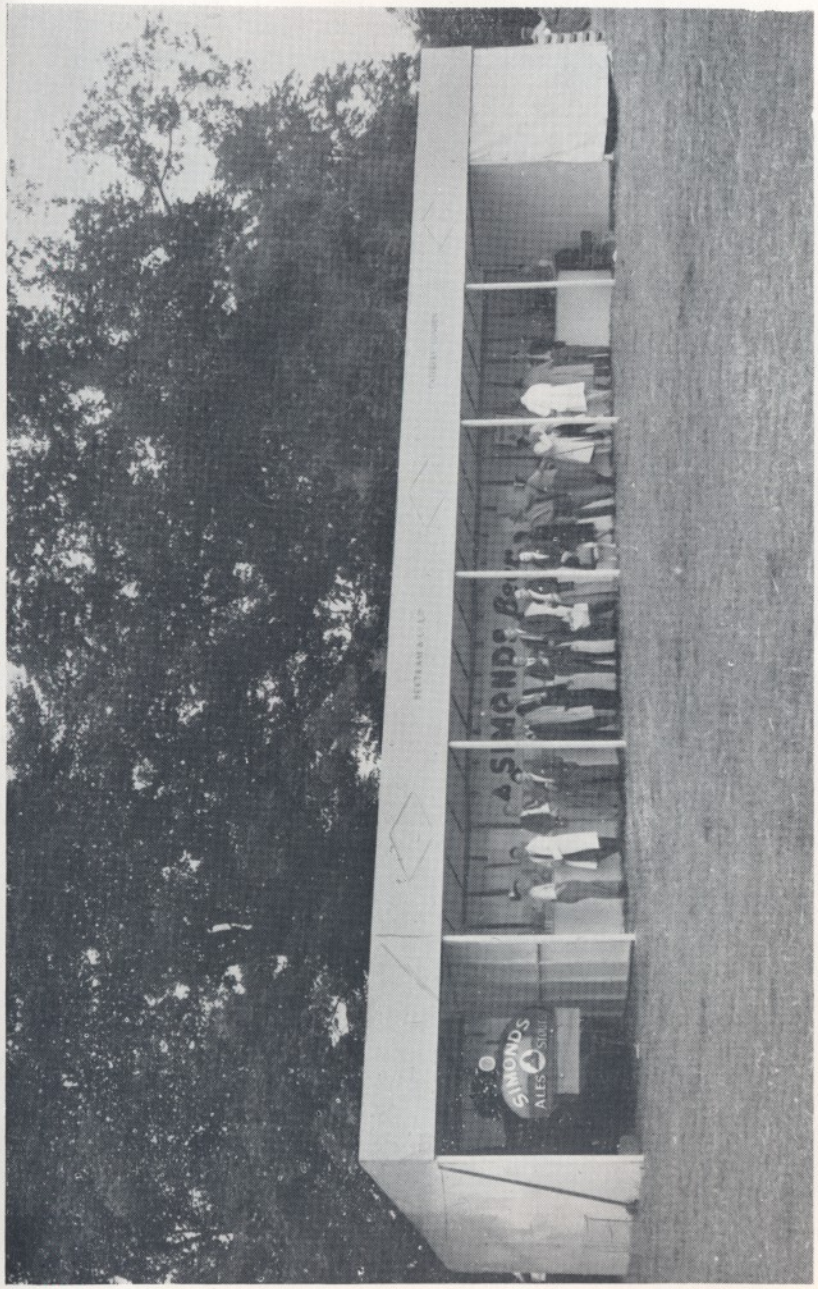
L.V.'S LOSS.

Since the last number of the HOP LEAF was published, L.V.s in Portsmouth have experienced another notable loss in the death of Mr. A. E. Leonard, former proprietor of the King's Hotel, Southsea. "Little Bertie," as he was always known among his friends, because of his Lilliputian stature, had a remarkable personality, and was an old school Bohemian in every sense of the word. In his early days he was a member of the famous string orchestra of the Royal Marine Artillery at Eastney, and was a gifted violinist. After his retirement from the service, he ran for some years his own dance band, which was always in demand at local social functions.

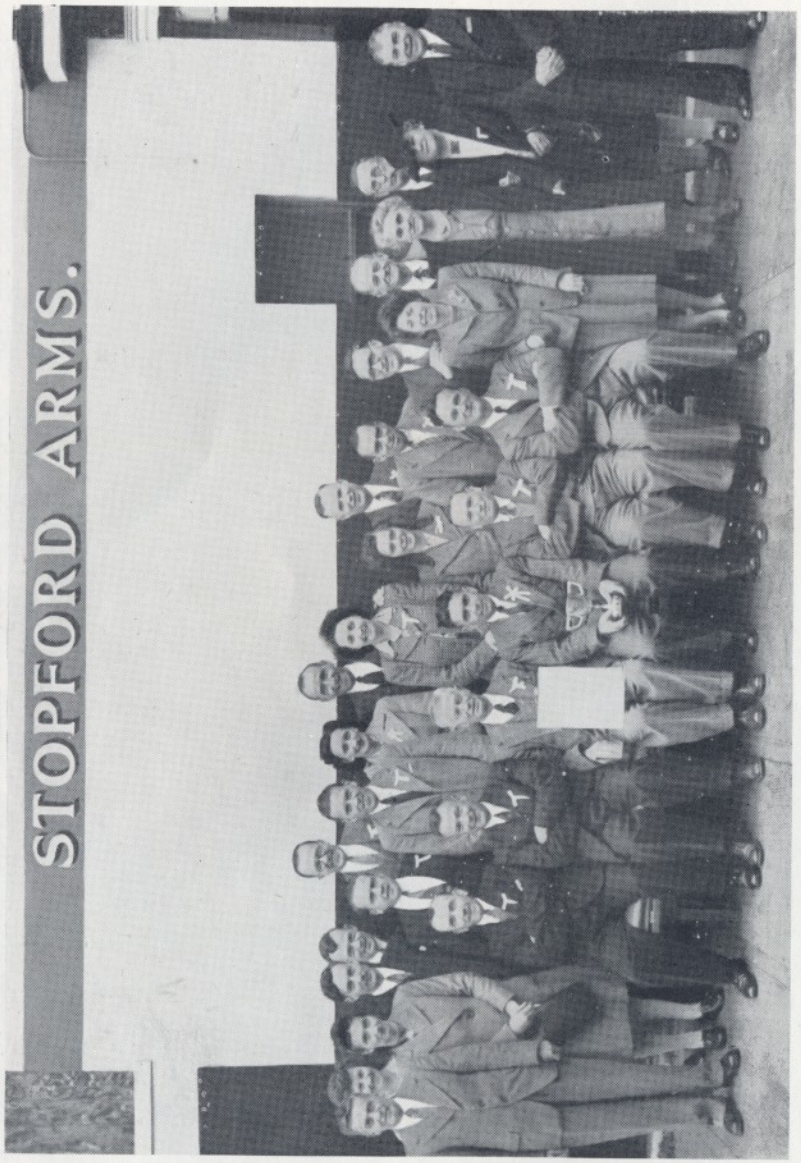
His business, the King's Hotel, being situate immediately opposite the King's Theatre, "Little Bertie" was *persona grata* with innumerable theatrical personalities, and the news of his sudden demise came to them as a shock. Mr. Leonard was a Freemason and also an enthusiastic member of the Waverley Bowling Club. He was an old and keen member of the Portsmouth, Gosport and District Licensed Victuallers' Society. The large and representative attendance at his funeral testified to the esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens.

PLYMOUTH'S NEW C.-IN-C.

Portsmouth's loss is Plymouth's gain. West Country readers of the HOP LEAF will be interested to know that the appointment of Admiral Sir Robert Burnett as Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, came as a great surprise to the first Naval Port. It was expected that this distinguished and popular officer was destined to end his active career at Portsmouth, where he spent so many happy years, chiefly as Superintendent of Physical Training at the Pitt Street gymnasium. His motto was always example before precept, and his bluff, forthright personality made him exceedingly popular throughout the City. Dressed in his flannels and sweater, "Bobby" could always be relied upon to be first on parade at the gym, and if a boxing class had to be passed out he was always ready to put on the mufflers and have a go—officers or men, it did not matter which, so long as they were willing to mix it. One story told of him is that on a special occasion he took on a whole class one by one, and gave each candidate a real hot time, and himself finished up quite fresh, if slightly more rosy of countenance than usual; Sir Robert's aid was much in request among promoters of charitable boxing tournaments and sports meetings, and seldom was his help refused if the cause was a genuine one. His departure from



SUSSEX AGRICULTURAL SHOW.
The above photograph depicts the Portable Tank at the above Show, where the cold, sparkling Beer met with great approval.



"Stopford Arms," Devonport, Darts Team and Supporters.
This Team won the "Hop Leaf" Darts Challenge Cup, Season 1946/47.

Portsmouth was regretted, and Plymouth is to be congratulated on securing such a good all-round sportsman as its new Naval Chief.

Portsmouth has been singularly fortunate in securing Admiral Lord Fraser as successor to Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton. Lord Fraser has already installed himself as a prime favourite, and his interest in the City's welfare has pleased the civic authorities as well as the people.

THEATRE MEMORIES.

The recent fire which threatened to destroy our historic Theatre Royal, but was fortuitously stopped in the nick of time, has served to revive memories of the triumphs of the old building and of the many famous men and women artistes who from time to time during the last sixty or seventy years have graced its stage. In the "good old days" the packed audiences largely consisted of Navy officers and men who frequently got out of hand, and caused the management a good deal of anxiety. These enthusiastic patrons liked their drama red hot, and between the sucking of oranges and the cracking of nuts they hurled abuse at the villains and cheered the heroine to their heart's content! One of the earliest of "Royal" managers was the picturesque Harry Ruttley, known equally well in London and the provinces. Born in a travelling circus, Ruttley had a remarkable personality, and in the course of his varied career he managed to acquire a fine flow of unconventional language, which he backed up with fertile repartee and witticisms.

LONDON BRANCH.

In common with almost everyone we have been rejoicing this year in the extra ration of glorious sunshine, bringing its hordes of cyclists on the road and the cheerful brown faces of returning holiday-makers.

We are pleased to record the resumption of horse racing at Alexandra Park on July 5th, the first meeting since the war. Londoners look on "Ally Pally" as their own special course and never fail in their support.

It has been a splendid season for cricket, and, as southerners, we congratulate Middlesex on their achievement of becoming county champions, also on their contribution to the splendid performances by the old country against the South Africans.

We were sorry to learn that Mr. Geo. F. Allison had resigned from the position of Secretary and Manager of the Arsenal Football Club after 41 years' association with the club, but hope that he will find enjoyment and content in the sphere of activities which we understand he is taking up with the press. We feel sure, however, that Mr. T. J. Whittaker, M.B.E., will prove a worthy successor and wish him all the luck so essential in present day keen soccer.

Our thanks are due to the Firm's Advertising Department for producing a most attractive fixture card for the Arsenal Football Club—printed in the club's famous colours of red and white, but as the demand for these far exceeds the supply, we have no spare copies, so we are reproducing it below for the benefit of those of our readers who may be visiting London and would like to see the "Gunners in action."

ARSENAL F.C. FIXTURE LIST, 1947-8.

1947			Team		1947-8			Team	
Sat.	Aug.	23	Sunderland	Home	Xmas Day		25	Liverpool	Away
Wed.	,,	27	Charlton Ath.	Away	Sat.	Dec.	27	Liverpool	Home
Sat.	,,	30	Sheffield U.	Away	Thur.	Jan.	1	Bolton W.	Away
Wed.	Sept.	3	Charlton Ath.	Home	Sat.	,,	3	Sheffield U.	Home
Sat.	,,	6	Manchester U.	Home	Sat.	,,	10	(3rd Rnd. F.A. Cup)	
Wed.	,,	10	Bolton W.	Home	Sat.	,,	17	Manchester U.	Away
Sat.	,,	13	Preston N. E.	Away	Sat.	,,	24	(4th Rnd. F.A. Cup)	
Sat.	,,	20	Stoke City	Home	Sat.	,,	31	Preston N. E.	Home
Sat.	,,	27	Burnley	Away	Sat.	Feb.	7	(5) Stoke City	Away
Sat.	Oct.	4	Portsmouth	Home	Sat.	,,	14	Burnley	Home
Sat.	,,	11	Aston Villa	Home	Sat.	,,	21	Portsmouth	Away
Sat.	,,	18	Wolverh'ton W.	Away	Sat.	,,	28	(6) Aston Villa	Away
Sat.	,,	25	Everton	Home	Sat.	Mar.	6	Wolverh'ton W.	Home
Wed.	,,	29	**F.A. XI v. R.A.F.**	Home	Sat.	,,	13	Everton	Away
Sat.	Nov.	1	Chelsea	Away	Sat.	,,	20	S. F.) Chelsea	Home
Sat.	,,	8	Blackpool	Home	Good	Fri.	26	Middlesbrough	Home
Sat.	,,	15	Blackburn Rov.	Away	Easter	Sat.	27	Blackpool	Away
Wed.	,,	19	**England v. Sweden**	Home	Easter	Mon.	29	Middlesbrough	Away
Sat.	,,	22	Huddersfield T.	Home	Sat.	April	3	Blackburn Rov.	Home
Sat.	,,	29	Derby County	Away	Sat.	,,	10	Huddersfield T.	Away
Sat.	Dec.	6	Manchester C.	Home	Sat.	,,	17	Derby County	Home
Sat.	,,	13	Grimsby Town	Away	Sat.	,,	24	(F.) Manchester C.	Away
Sat.	,,	20	Sunderland	Away	Sat.	May	1	Grimsby Town	Home

The figures 5, 6, S.F. and F. refer to Cup Tie Dates

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STAINES.

At a recent meeting held at the "Phoenix," Staines, a new Darts League was formed for competition among H. & G. Simonds houses in this area, and to be known as the "Simonds" Darts League, Staines Area. The following houses have signified their intention of entering teams to compete in this new league :—

Armstrong Gun, Englefield Green; Beehive, Egham; The Carpenters' Arms, Chertsey; Catherine Wheel, Egham; The Feathers, Laleham; The Foresters' Arms, Egham; Garibaldi, Staines; Happy Man, Englefield Green; Prince of Wales, Englefield Green; Phoenix, Staines; Railway Arms, Wraysbury; Rising Sun, Stanwell; Robin Hood, Thorpe Lea; Royal Standard, Egham; The Swan, Staines; Three Tuns, Staines; Victoria, Egham; Wheatsheaf, Stanwell; White Lion, Egham; and Staines Branch Darts Club.

We are all looking forward to some very pleasant evenings, during which we are assured rivalry will be very keen.

The very fine weather we have all enjoyed this summer has created an abnormal thirst, and in spit of great efforts on the part of all employees at this Branch, who have worked hard and amicably, we have not been able to meet all demands. We however, keep plodding on, remembering :

"It's easy enough to be pleasant
When life goes by with a song,
But the men worth while are those who can smile,
When everything goes dead wrong."

Nearly all have now spent their annual holidays, and those who have returned have done so with an increased zest for the welfare of the "Hop Leaf."

We send good wishes to all, and in spite of the crisis, let us all keep our heads up.

WOKING.

The taking over of Inkerman Barracks, Woking, by the Corps of Royal Military Police as their Depot and Training Establishment has added another chapter to the history of this famous barracks, and we welcome our friends, the R.M.P., and hope that their stay will be a long and happy one.

This famous Corps were granted the Royal prefix in December last year, and on Wednesday, July 23rd, H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester took the salute at a ceremonial parade to mark the opening of a Corps Week.

Lieut.-Col. A. R. Forbes (Commandant, R.M.P. Depot) was C.O. of the parade, which was drawn up in line on the barracks square, with the M.T. in the rear. Upon his arrival at the saluting base the Duke was received with the Royal Salute, and the Royal Standard was broken at the flagstaff by R.S.M. Gillman.

The inspection of the parade (which included a detachment of A.T.S. Provost Coy.) was followed by an address by H.R.H., who referred to the Corps' fine traditions and history. The Provost Service has existed in various forms for about 550 years, but its expansion dates primarily from the first World War until the end of the recent conflict, when its activities were far-reaching and of the greatest importance. It is particularly interesting to note that the Special Investigation Branch, both during and after the War, saved the country millions of pounds in recovered property—£6,000,000 in 1945-46 alone.

Following H.R.H.'s address was a march past in both slow and quick time, also a drive past of motor cyclists and vehicles —this set the seal on a grand martial occasion.

The week was rounded off with an Old Comrades' Reunion on the Saturday following the parade, and on the Sunday a cricket match and tea party.

The week was of great interest and enjoyment for all those who were fortunate in witnessing and attending the different functions, and the smoothness of the " operation " was just what one would expect from a Corps which made important contributions to the successful outcome of so many less pleasant operations.

We were glad to welcome back Mr. L. B Wilson, who was " demobbed " in May—thus all our " serving " members have now returned—and, we are glad to say—without a scratch.

Mr. Wilson has been transferred to the Brewery, Reading, and from what news we have had from him, he has settled down, and is enjoying life in his new sphere. We wish him well and the best of good fortune for the future.

The Indoor Games season is now with us, and the fixture lists indicate a busy time for Games Secretaries. May the journeys of teams travelling from place to place during autumn and winter evenings be rather more pleasant than those enjoyed (?) last winter.

Good shooting for Darts and Billiards and Snooker enthusiasts !

THE TAMAR BREWERY, DEVONPORT.

Plymouth Hospitals Week, 1947, was a great success, the Hospitals Welfare Fund benefiting to the extent of £20,000. A Carnival in connection with the Hospitals Week was held on

Wednesday, 18th June. We entered one of our vehicles in the Decorated Commercial Vehicle Class, and are pleased to record that we succeeded in getting second prize (£10), which it gave us great pleasure to hand back to the Lady Mayoress for hospital funds, when she presented the prize to us at the prize-giving on 2nd July.

Our thanks are due to all members of the staff who prepared the vehicle, particularly Mr. S. W. Naish, our Foreman M/T Engineer, and Messrs. Penrose (Driver) and Green (Mate), the latter carrying out the role of " Bill Brewer " in a very humorous manner.

A photograph of our prize-winning vehicle is included in this issue of the GAZETTE.

The funds of " Hospital Week " further benefited to the extent of £157 through the Darts Competition organised by Mr. Don Hartigan (" Double Thirteen "), our Manager of the " Sydenham Arms," Union Street, Plymouth.

The sum obtained is the best ever raised in Devon and Cornwall through a darts competition, and our readers will unanimously agree that Mr. Hartigan is to be highly commended on this good effort for such a worthy cause.

The " Hospital Week " derived a further contribution of £5 15s. 10d. from the collection made at the " Hop Leaf " Darts Finals, held at Devonport Guildhall in June.

H. AND G. SIMONDS SOCIAL AND SPORTS CLUB.

Our new club, adjoining the " Camel's Head Inn," St. Budeaux, Devonport, was officially opened by Mr. S. H. Spurling on Saturday evening, 19th July, some 150 members of our staff and allied Company (Messrs. Saccone & Speed, Ltd.) were present. A very pleasant evening was had by all, and much enjoyment was derived from the games of snooker and darts which were played, and resulted as follows :—

Darts.

Transport Department, 7 ; The Rest, 6.

Snooker.

Offices, 3 ; The Rest, 2.

Through the medium of the HOP LEAF GAZETTE we thank the Directors for their kind assistance in enabling us to restart our Club again. Our old premises at Devonport Market were " blitzed " during the war, and all our property was lost.

We have a full programme of sporting events and social evenings to look forward to this coming winter, including participation in the "Hop Leaf" Darts League. We are also looking forward to entertaining our many friends who extended such fine hospitality to us during the period we have been without premises.

The names of those of our staff who have done so much work in getting the Club ready would take too much space to record individually; however, we thank them all and we know "OUR" Club will be the means of enhancing the spirit of good fellowship already existing at "Tamar," and without which life would indeed be dismal.

The following members of the staff are the Club's executives; they have given unstintingly of their own time to get the Club off to a good start :—

Chairman—Mr. A. Johns.
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. D. Jane.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. R. Luff.

Committee—Messrs. S. W. Naish, R. Jaggers, W. Luscombe, W. E. Loynes, S. Couch; and Messrs. F. Pocock and F. Moore (of Messrs. Saccone & Speed, Ltd.)

Once again we have to thank the Imperial Club (NAAFI), Prospect Row, Devonport, for giving our Club members and their wives a very pleasant evening on Friday, 18th July. After playing games of snooker, table-tennis and darts, dancing followed. Well over one hundred members of our staff had a truly enjoyable time, and we are indebted to the NAAFI staff for their hospitality.

"HOP LEAF" DARTS LEAGUE.

The Annual General Meeting of the League was held at the "Stoke Vaults," Waterloo Street, Devonport, on Thursday, 10th July, when the following officers were elected for the 1947/48 season, which commences on Tuesday, 26th August :—

Chairman—Mr. G. Flowers.
Vice-Chairman—Mr. T. Boyle.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. D. Hartigan.

Committee—Messrs. W. Fearon, A. J. Sorrell and R. J. Pratt.

Teams have been entered by the following Houses :—

Abbey Hotel, Plymouth; Camel's Head Inn, Devonport; Chester Cup, Plymouth; Gloucester Arms, Devonport; Grapes Tavern, Devonport; King's Arms, Tamerton; Morice Town Vaults, Devonport; Prince Alfred Inn, Plymouth; Simonds Social Club, Devonport; Standard Inn, Devonport; Stopford Arms, Devonport; Steambridge Inn, Devonport; Swan Hotel, Devonport; Stoke Vaults, Devonport; Sydenham Arms, Plymouth; Tamar Hotel, Crownhill; Vine Hotel, Plymouth; Weston Mill Hotel, Devonport.

At the meeting it was unanimously decided to invite Mr. E. Duncan Simonds to be President of the League. Mr. S. H. Spurling duly passed the invitation to Mr. Simonds, and we are happy to say that he has been very pleased to accept. We all hope that on his next tour of "Tamar" area, the league will be in full swing, and he will have time to witness a few of the matches.

Before the meeting closed, votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers of the league, to Mr. and Mrs. F. May, the popular hosts at the "Stoke Vaults" for their hospitality that evening, also to Mr. Spurling for presiding at the meeting.

We have pleasure in publishing a photograph of "Stopford Arms," Devonport darts team and supporters, who were winners of the "Hop Leaf" Darts Challenge Cup, season 1946/47.

Congratulations to the following members of our staff on births :—

Mr. H. Smith (Managed House Stocktaker), a son, Graham Baskerville.

Mr. E. Fiest (Clerical Staff), a son, Simon Charles.

We are very happy to say that both mothers and babies are doing well.

Congratulations also to Mr. R. Spriddle (Transport Dept.), on his marriage to Mrs. M. Williamson on 28th June, 1947. May they enjoy good health and long life, and every happiness in the years to come!

On Saturday, 5th July, Mr. S. H. Spurling had pleasure in presenting Mr. Spriddle with a cheque, subscribed for by our entire staff, with which he asked Mr. Spriddle to acquire a gift from us all.

Our very deep sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. McCarthy (Transport kept.) on the demise of their infant son, Douglas (9 months), after a brief illness. We are appreciative of the anguish this loss has caused them, and we trust they will be given strength to bear their loss with fortitude.

CIRENCESTER BREWERY, LTD.

The following change of tenancy has taken place :—

The Wheatsheaf Inn, Cricklade Street, Cirencester—from Mrs. A. W. J. Slade to Mr. A. W. J. Slade.

On the afternoon of July 2nd, 1947, the staff at Cirencester assembled to wish Mr. H. E. Habgood good health and happiness on his retirement, after 36 years, which took place on March 31st, as previously reported.

Mr. W. P. Cripps, Chairman of the Company, on behalf of the staff, handed Mr. Habgood a silver plated pint beer tankard, and expressed the hope that Mr. Habgood would spend many years of health and happiness, and that he would often use the "measure" with pleasant recollections of his years with the Company.

Mr. Habgood, in reply, recalled old days when, in his capacity as Collector, he used to come home with golden sovereigns. Expressing his thanks, he remarked that he looked forward to the day when the tankard might contain stronger beer, which was now in short supply. He said he had spent happy times with the Firm, and was glad to think that he would often see his friends, as he was continuing to live in Cirencester.

We publish a photograph of members of the "Pig and Whistle Inn" Pipe Club, Quenington, for which we have to thank Mrs. Bush, who was succeeded by the present tenant, Mr. Woodman, also Mr. Dennis Moss (Photographer), Cirencester.

This Club which was dissolved in 1914 with a membership of about 20, had few rules. The Churchwarden Pipes were hung up in the tap room, and members attended on Saturday evenings to smoke their pipe and consume a pint of beer—failure to put in an appearance meant a fine of 3d. An Outing and a Supper were held annually.

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