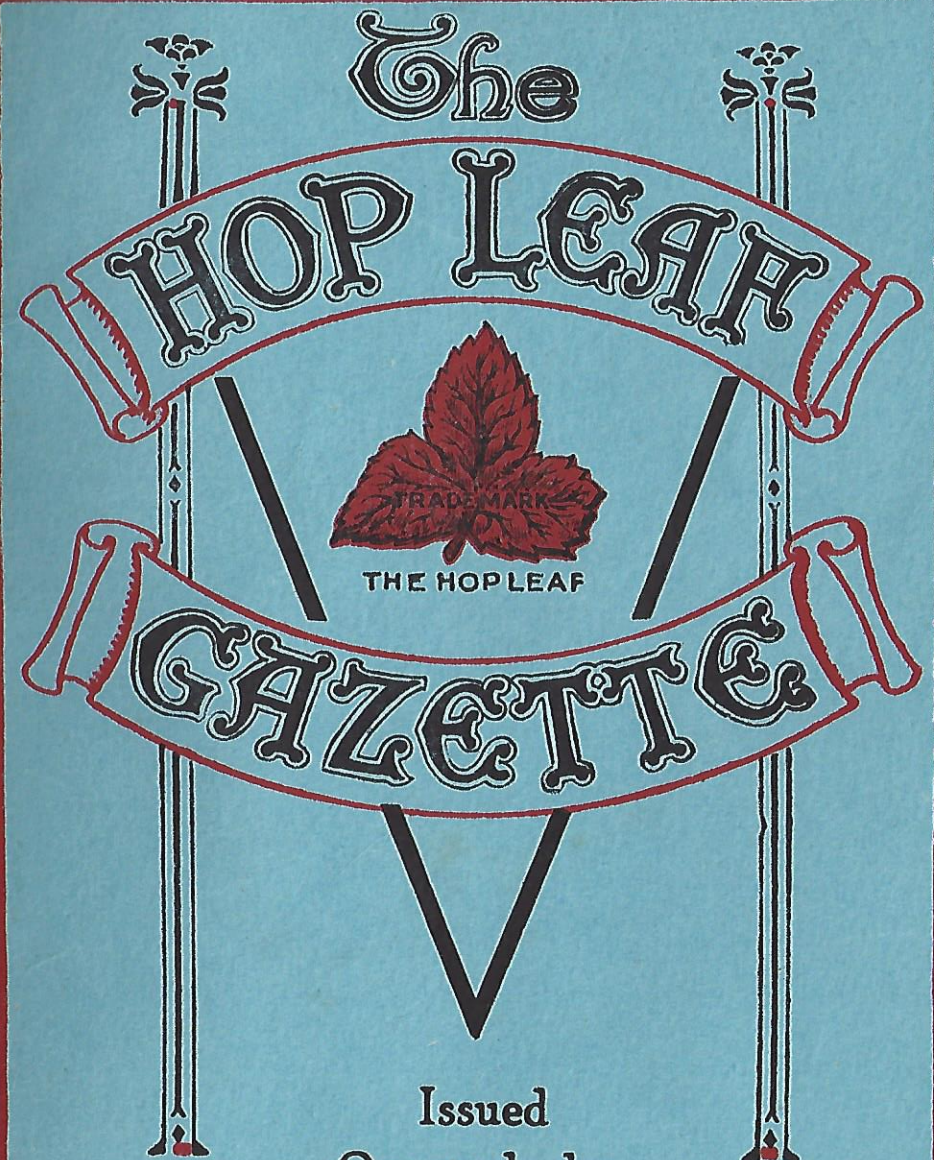


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**Our Late Beloved King.**

Portrait Study by Karsh of Ottawa.



## He was a Good Man!

The death of King George VI came as a great personal loss to millions of people. He was a good man! And behind that simple phrase lies a wealth of meaning, for by his simple sincerity he won the hearts of us all. He adorned the Throne, he was a model husband and father, while his simple sincerity as Squire of Sandringham resulted in his being held in affectionate regard by all privileged to work for him. As he strolled around his estate and met those working there he called them by their Christian names and endeared himself to them to an extent that cannot be expressed in words. They were stunned by his sudden demise.

For sixteen years he lived the life of selfless dedication to duty, serving his peoples beyond the limits of his never robust health, and setting the example of a happy and devoted family life.

His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world: This was a man!

“Sleep well, brave heart!”

As to our new Queen, I am sure we shall all ever bear in mind the moving message of the Queen Mother:

“I commend to you our dear daughter: Give her your loyalty and devotion; in the great and lonely station to which she has been called she will need your protection and your love. God bless you all; and may He in His wisdom guide us safely to our true destiny of peace and goodwill!”

“The King is dead, long live the Queen!”

Already in her Accession Declaration she has expressed her resolve to follow her father's “shining example of service and devotion” in the heavy duties laid upon her so early in life. None can doubt that this pledge will be fulfilled.

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MONDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1952.

#### Resolution:

It was decided as a mark of respect to His Late Majesty King George VI, who died on February 6th, to close the Offices and Brewery on February 15th, the date of his Funeral.

*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.)

### JUBILEE SUPPLEMENT.

We are publishing with this issue of the GAZETTE, as a record of the many activities in celebration of the Jubilee of our Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. F. A. Simonds, a special Jubilee Supplement.

### OLDEST INN?

“Is The Boar's Head in Friar Street the oldest inn in the town?” asks the *Berkshire Chronicle*, and that paper goes on to say: “Mr. Tony Fairweather, the new licensee and former manager of The Grosvenor House Hotel, Caversham, thinks it is; and library investigations trace the property back hundreds of years, although it may not always have been an inn. Certainly it was at one time associated with a brewery family, the Florey's, and a great malthouse building at the rear still stands, with sturdy roof timbering of unusual design. Under its present name the premises figure in documents of 1760, and it has been known since as ‘The Golden Boar's Head.’ Ship's timbering and ancient brickwork in excellent condition have been uncovered during period reconstruction of the front parlour; a very old Kentish newspaper and a William and Mary coin were lesser finds. The cellars are surprisingly extensive, much sub-divided, and with vaulted roofing and fine timbers. Mr. Fairweather found here four thirst-stimulating whisky bottles, each 2ft. 6ins. in height! There is a legend that a tunnel linked the inn with the Abbey, and that the monks had a still here—but that I take at present with considerable salt. Even so, the inn must have a fascinating history.”

### COURT ORDER.

Maidstone Licensing Justices recently agreed to the change of name of the New Inn to the Wig and Gown. The application on behalf of the brewers stated that the house was patronised for both food and refreshment by men of the legal profession attending County Hall.



## A GOOD COMPANION.

Many learned with very deep regret of the death of Mr. A. C. Kingston. But he had reached the ripe age of 83. For fifty years he served the Firm faithfully and well and, as Chief Cashier, was known to a wide circle. He was a most competent cashier and his courteous manner and kindly disposition won for him the respect and high regard of all. With his little pony and trap he used to take me on fishing expeditions. We spent many very happy hours together by the riverside, for Mr. Kingston was indeed a good companion.

## ANOTHER JUBILEE.

January 2nd saw the completion by Mr. J. H. Law, Manager of our Bristol Branch, of 50 years' service, and, upon the invitation of the Board of Directors, he attended a Board Meeting on Monday, January 7th, to receive from the hands of Mr. F. A. Simonds a canteen of cutlery and a cheque, in recognition of his loyal and faithful service to the Firm.

Mr. F. A. Simonds recounted some of the milestones of Mr. Law's career, saying that he commenced at Plymouth under Mr. W. L. McLaughlin at the princely salary of 6/- per week. In July, 1911, he was transferred to the Branch Department, Reading, from where he visited all Branches in his capacity as Assistant Auditor. In March, 1912, he was transferred to Ludgershall, and in the following September was appointed Chief Clerk at Salisbury Branch. Mr. Law joined the 4th Batt. Wiltshire Regiment in September, 1914, and saw service in India. He was promoted Battalion Scout Sergeant in 1915, and was personally commended by the G.O.C., Arrah Field Force, General Sir Charles May, for driving-off attacks by armed mobs with a patrol of only twenty men. He concluded his Army service at the Central School of India as a Staff Instructor of Musketry, Lewis Gun, etc. Upon his demobilisation, he again took up his post at Salisbury, and in November, 1927, was transferred to Devonport Branch as Assistant to the Manager, Mr. W. F. McIntyre. Following the acquisition of Messrs. W. J. Rogers & Co., Jacob Street Brewery, Bristol, Mr. Law was appointed Assistant to Mr. H. W. Griffin, and in April, 1942, was appointed Manager. Mr. Law's career is an outstanding example of continued promotion and success through hard work, and is a shining example to our younger staff.

Mr. Law told us that on the Sunday prior to his visit to Reading for the presentation, he played 18 holes of golf, and sang in his local church choir both morning and evening. Need any more be said of his outstanding vitality?

## NATURE NOTE.

(BY C.H.P.).

SPRING IS HERE !

HARMONY ALL AROUND.

THE BUSY BIRDS.

Up, let us to the fields away,  
And breathe the fresh and balmy air ;  
The bird is building in the tree,  
The flower has opened to the bee,  
And health and love and peace are there.

Yes, Spring is here, and on every hand there are signs and sounds of this gladsome season. In wood, stream, field and meadow there is a wondrous moving picture which we can all go and see free of entertainment tax. The very harmony of nature accomplishes ends, the value of which we can in some degree appreciate. We can but imperfectly account for the green so universal in the herbage of plants ; but we may gratefully acknowledge the beneficence of the Creator, in clothing the earth with a colour the most pleasing and the least fatiguing to our eyes. We may be dazzled with the brilliancy of a flower garden, but we repose at leisure on the verdure of a grove or meadow. In this, however, we must also remember that He who made the green meadow and grove made also the eye, and this is only another of the innumerable instances of the harmony which prevails everywhere throughout the Creator's works.

THE SIMPLEST THINGS.

In the simplest things of life you find untold pleasure. To watch the little birds building their nests is always a great delight to me. On February 10th I saw a robin with a leaf in its beak. It appeared again with another leaf. I noted the direction in which, each time, the bird flew, and within a very short time I found the nest.



## HEDGE-SPARROW BLUE.

Each year I find hundreds of nests. Most birds seem to lay a clutch of five eggs. I think the pale blue egg of the common hedge-sparrow is very beautiful. And ladies know well the meaning of hedge-sparrow blue! Then there is the pretty olive-green egg of the nightingale. The eggs of the golden-crested wren are extremely small and the nest may often be found pendant from the branch of a fir tree. There is an infinite variety in the size and colour of the eggs of wild birds.

## CHANGE OF DUTIES.

When the chickens are hatched, a total change of duties devolves on the parent birds. The voracity of the young is extreme, their appetites being adapted to their rapid growth and development. A young sparrow will eat its own weight of food in a single day; we may therefore conceive of the unwearied care and toil which devolves on the parents after the brood is hatched, to provide for a nestful of such clamant and greedy offspring. The instinctive care of the parent bird, however, is shown in the selection of the proper food, and in some, in its preparation, as well as in the regulation of the requisite supply.

## THE PIGEON'S CROP.

The pigeon, for example, is specially remarkable for one provision of its internal organisation. The crop in its ordinary state is a thin membrane, with the internal surface smooth; but a total change occurs on it preparatory to the hatching of the young brood. The crop then increases to a thick and glandular bag, having the internal surface rough and irregular, and within this all the food of the young pigeon undergoes a preparatory process of a very peculiar kind. A milky fluid of greyish colour is secreted by the glands and poured in upon the grain and seeds, which have been collected in the crop to undergo the needful preparation for suiting them to the delicate digestive organs of the young pigeon. The whole apparatus bears a considerable resemblance to the provision by which quadrupeds are nursed in the earliest stage of existence on their mother's milk.

## SEASON OF LOVE.

At no other season do we discover indications of the same happiness as in the spring season of love, and at no other period are the notes of the birds so musical and replete with joy. The whole season, indeed, seems one of pleasure. The lark is carolling high in the air and thrilling all ears with his gladsome notes. The swallows will soon be twittering from their clay-built nests, as they labour to complete these ingenious fabrics, or dart out on their swift wings, and return again as if in the exuberance of their joy. The sweet young herbage, the soft green tints of the new-burst leaf-buds on the trees, the early fruit-blossoms, and renewal of verdure everywhere, seem to speak of the season as one pre-eminently dedicated to the happiness of all living nature.

## A GREAT THOUGHT.

## BE A GENTLEMAN!

*Moderation, decorum and neatness distinguish the gentleman; he is at all times affable, diffident, and studious to please. Intelligent and polite, his behaviour is pleasant and graceful. When he enters the dwelling of an inferior he endeavours to hide, if possible, the difference between their ranks of life; ever willing to assist those around him, he is neither unkind, haughty, nor overbearing. Gratified with the pleasures of reflection, he rejoices to see the gaieties of society, and is fastidious upon no point of little import. Appear only to be a gentleman, and its shadows will bring upon you contempt; be a gentleman, and its honours will remain even after you are dead.*





## BREWERY JOTTINGS.

### STAFF CHANGES.

The following changes and new appointments in the staff at Reading have taken place since the last issue of the HOP LEAF GAZETTE :—

#### *Retirements :*

- A. Waller, Beer Cellars, retired on December 3rd, 1951, after completing 35 years' service.
- C. Dobson, Building Department, retired on December 24th, 1951, after completing 27 years' service.
- G. Lunnon, Beer Cellars, retired on January 31st, 1952, after completing 30 years' service.
- Jack Stone, Foreman of the Wheelwrights' Department, after 33 years' service. He is succeeded by his son.

#### *New Employees :*

- F. R. J. Cobb, Brewer. Commenced his duties in the Brewing Room on December 10th, 1951.
- J. R. Skinner, Brewer. Commenced his duties in the Brewing Room on January 3rd, 1952.
- Mr. P. J. Gray, B.Sc., took up his appointment of Senior Assistant in our Laboratory on February 1st, 1952, *vice* Mr. B. Robins, who has been appointed Chemist to Messrs. Duncan Gilmour Ltd., Brewers, Sheffield.

#### *Transfers :*

- G. Harding, Engineer's Office. Transferred to Home Trade Department.
- H. Nuttall, Estates Department. Transferred to Bridgend Branch.

### DEATHS.

We deeply regret to record the deaths of the following :—

- H. Mitchell, Clerk of Works, Surveyor's Department, passed away on January 15th, 1952, after completing 32 years' service.
- J. Chivers, Building Department, passed away on December 3rd, 1951, after completing 21 years' service.

N. Jerome, Maltings Department, passed away on January 29th, 1952, after completing 10 years' service. To all relatives we offer our sincere sympathy.

### CHANGES OF TENANCIES.

The following changes have taken place since our last issue, and we wish all new tenants every success :—

- The Rose and Crown, Sandhurst—Mr. T. S. Clatworthy.
- The Lamb, Hartley Wintney—Mr. J. W. Jenkin.
- The Bolton Arms, Old Basing—Mr. T. H. Saunders.
- The Bell, Reading—Mr. G. J. Ratcliffe.
- The Wellington Arms, Reading—Mr. C. F. Middleton.
- The Victoria Arms, Binfield—Mr. A. F. O. Comley.
- The Carpenters' Arms, Chertsey—Mr. H. E. Hyman.
- The Staff Hotel, Camberley—Mr. P. Dale.
- The Duke of York, Aldershot—Mr. F. J. Brazier.
- The Carnarvon Arms, Whitway—Mr. H. C. Smith.
- The Six Bells, Shinfield—Mr. D. Horn.
- Off Licence, 162, Wantage Road, Reading—Mr. E. Feasey.
- The Cricketers, Basingstoke—Mr. A. B. Fowles.
- The Royal Oak, Addlestone—Mrs. Alice Burrows.  
(*Change due to death of Mr. A. W. Burrows.*)
- The Horse and Groom, Chobham—Mr. A. F. Brown.
- The Rising Sun, Stanwell—Mr. J. H. King.
- The Criterion, Clewer—Mrs. S. A. Cox.  
(*Change due to death of Mr. G. Cox.*)
- The Shepherds House, Woodley—Mr. A. F. Nelves.
- The Six Bells, Bramley—Mr. R. Callow.
- The Dog Inn, Penn—Mr. E. H. Barnes.
- The White Hart, Watlington—Miss E. C. Webb.  
(*Change due to death of Miss E. Hayward.*)
- The Crown, Burchetts Green—Mr. P. J. Himmons.
- The George Hotel, Basingstoke—Mr. M. G. Macphee.
- The Fighting Cocks, Tadley—Mrs. L. Dykes.  
(*Change due to death of Mr. A. H. Dykes.*)
- The Tanners' Arms, Reading—Mr. L. D. Cox.





THE LATE MR. FRED SIMONDS.

REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY AT FUNERAL.

Mr. Fred Simonds, who passed away last month, was one of our highly respected Directors and also Secretary of the Company for a number of years. He had attained the great age of 93.

The funeral service took place at All Saints' Church, Reading, on Wednesday, February 20th, and among the family mourners were his widow, Lord and Lady Simonds, Mr. E. D. Simonds (also representing Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Simonds), Mr. K. Simonds, Major M. H. Simonds, Mr. David Simonds, Mrs. S. V. Shea

Simonds (also representing Major S. V. Shea Simonds), Mr. R. B. St. John Quarry (also representing Major and Mrs. G. S. M. Ashby), and amongst his many friends and associates were Mr. A. G. Richardson, Mr. J. D. Richardson, Mr. J. H. Wadhams, Mr. E. S. Phipps, Mr. V. Richards (also representing Brewing Staff), Mr. and Mrs. W. Bradford, Messrs. S. H. Spurling, T. Stevens, J. Crocker, F. W. Freeman, J. Hillier, N. H. Lipscombe (also representing Mr. C. H. Perrin), Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. H. M. Cashell, Miss V. M. Harris, Major H. Kaye, Messrs. F. Josey, F. Hawkins, W. Bowyer, T. Bartholomew, Canon E. A. Gowering, Mr. E. Gowering, Mr. J. Gowering, Messrs. L. E. B. Rogers, Peter Smith, W. H. Fraser, Bate, Dr. S. Alcock.

Wreaths were sent from the Brewery on behalf of the Directors and Staff (H. & G. Simonds), the Senior Staff (Reading and Branches), Mr. A. G. Richardson, Mr. J. H. Wadhams, the Secretary, H. & G. Simonds, Limited, and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Phipps.

#### TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. L. E. C. BROWN.

Many at the Brewery learned with very great regret of the tragic death of Mr. L. E. C. Brown, one of our cashiers, whose body was recovered from the Thames at Marsh Lock, Henley.

At the inquest an Open Verdict was returned by the Coroner.

Mr. Brown, who lived at 1, Holmes Road, Earley, leaves a widow and grown-up daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt in their great sorrow.

#### DEATH OF MR. A. C. KINGSTON.

The death occurred in December of Mr. A. C. Kingston, aged 83. Mr. Kingston, who lived at 13, Christchurch Gardens, Reading, was formerly Chief Cashier at the Brewery, retiring in 1929. At the outbreak of the last war he came back to the Brewery, retiring for the second time in 1944, having thus completed 50 years' service in all. He was a gentleman of kindly and genial disposition and courteous to all.

His wife died eight years ago, and he leaves a son and three daughters.



## THE SCEPTRE TAVERN.

## A NEW BAR IN BRISTOL.

The Sceptre Tavern, one of forty Hotels and Taverns under the control of the Hotels and Catering Department, occupies a prominent site in the heart of the devastated city of Bristol. It overlooks Bristol Bridge and the river and, until recently, was an ideal example of the Victorian era, with marble and mirror bar and ornate plastered walls.

Now, as a further example of the progressive policy being pursued by the department, under the management of Mr. H. C. Davis, it has reopened, following a closed period of six weeks, completely modernised, with a refreshing and original decor, as the accompanying photograph shows.



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The Sceptre Tavern reopens after being completely modernised.

The general redecorative and refurnishing scheme was devised and directed by Mr. R. Howie, the recently appointed Furnishing and Decorative Consultant to Messrs. H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.

Saloon and Public Bars are separated only by an oak and walnut panelled screen, and both are similarly furnished. The

contrasting colours throughout, in fitted carpet, curtains, wall seats and tub chairs, are fawn and red.

The bar fitment, the work of Messrs. Gaskell & Chambers (South Wales) Ltd., is modern and attractive. Among the "gadgets" is a hoist for bottled beer crates direct from the vaulted cellars below, and an air extractor and conditioning unit installed as part of the bar overlay.

It is hoped that in the near future business men's bar lunches will be available; in the meantime, a quick, cold snack service is in operation.

The Sceptre Tavern has reopened with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stockford as Manager and Manageress.

HOTELS AND CATERING DEPARTMENT'S SUCCESS  
AT THE HOTEL AND CATERING EXHIBITION.

At the Hotel and Catering Exhibition held at the "Olympia," London, the Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke (Manager, Mr. J. Chumrow, and Chef, Mr. J. Nesson) gained a Silver Medal and Cash Prize in respect of Class VII "Collective Exhibit," completely laid luncheon, dinner or theatre dinner table, four covers, comprising seven dishes. A further Cash Prize was awarded in respect of the table service. In Class XIII an award of merit was given in respect of a large model of Tower Bridge completely fabricated in icing sugar. The Chef of the Angel Hotel, Staines (Mr. John T. Willett) was awarded a Bronze Medal in Class VI for his cold game pie.

These awards are particularly meritorious in face of the keen competition which is experienced in the *salon culinaire* at Olympia, coming from the highest skilled chefs not only in Great Britain, but also from the Continent, and the Directors are particularly proud to find that there is such craftsmanship and enthusiasm in their hotels and catering houses.

## MR. P. WADLOW.

## HOTELS AND CATERING DEPARTMENT SAY "GOOD-BYE."

At the Cheddar Cheese on December 20th, 1951, the Staff of the Hotels Department, together with Hotel Managers who were able to attend, said "good-bye" to Mr. Wadlow, who left the Department on January 1st, 1952, to take over the management



of the newly-formed Off Licence Department to be administered through Arthur S. Cooper, Market Place, Reading.

The gathering was a happy one and in real festive spirit, and an excellent buffet had been prepared by the management of the Cheddar Cheese, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kerr.



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Mr. Wadlow and Miss O'Connor.

Mr. H. C. Davis, in a short, witty speech, paid tribute to Mr. Wadlow, who had spent six years in the Department. "With his astonishing intelligence, memory and power of work, at the end of a few months he acquired all the knowledge necessary for his important duties—he even got to know my own imperfections! There is little need for me to extol his virtues as most of you have been in constant touch with him for quite a long time, and you are fully aware of his charming manner, tolerance and tact. We shall all miss him in Castle Street, but we shall watch his progress in the Market Place with much pride and we know that the happy associations of the past will be continued in the future. Mr. Wadlow, we all wish you good health and good luck in the years ahead."

In addition, Mr. Davis wished good luck to Miss O'Connor, who will be joining Mr. Wadlow in his new appointment.

Mr. G. A. Carter, of the Eastgate Hotel, Oxford, who was the senior Manager present, handed Mr. Wadlow a pair of Ross binoculars, and Miss O'Connor a handbag, on behalf of the Staff of the Hotels and Catering Department and Management of Hotels.

Mr. Wadlow suitably replied, saying that though his six years had been six years' hard labour, they had been fun, and there had never been a dull moment and he looked forward to a happy relationship with the Hotels Department when he was established in his new office.

#### OPENING OF NEW CANTEEN.

The new Canteen was opened on Monday, January 21st. The Canteen is operated by Messrs. Peter Merchant, and it includes all modern canteen equipment.

The Club building has been entirely redesigned and extended.

All the Staff, including executives, who have a special room, will be able to have their lunch in the new Canteen in staggered relays. In addition, morning and afternoon cups of tea are available.



Mr. F. A. Simonds, who opened the Canteen, pictured with some of the lady employees.



## SIMONDS SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS TREAT.

The children of the members of Simonds Social and Sports Club held their Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, January 5th, in the Pavilion on the Sports Ground in Berkeley Avenue. Nearly 200 children were present. During the afternoon they were entertained by a three-piece Minstrel Band, made up by Mr. D. Reid (Piano), Mr. C. Chandler (Banjo) and Mr. P. Gosden (Drums). Mr. R. Pilling kept the popular songs in full swing, the children (wearing paper hats) joining in with gusto. This was followed by a conjuring display, and the mystified looks on the faces of the children was very amusing. Tea was served at five o'clock, and full justice was done to bread and butter, cakes, trifles and jellies. After tea, Father Christmas (Groundsman L. Povey) arrived, when each child was presented with a present: The children were conveyed to and from the Sports Ground by a special bus service. The Club Committee were assisted in the work of catering, etc., by Mrs. Hannis, Mrs. Douce, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Wright and Miss Stronach, under the supervision of Mrs. A. M. Bradford. All present agreed that the event was in every way very successful, and thanks were due to the many helpers, Messrs. W. Sparks, A. Weight, A. Bell, H. Dines, D. Pickett, G. Stronach, W. Dainton, A. Franklin, R. Broad, A. Heybourne, and T. W. Bradford.

WEDDING OF MR. A. HOWMAN  
(*Estates Department*).

The wedding took place on Saturday, March 1st, of Mr. Alf Howman, of the Estates Department, and Miss Josephine Spencer, at St. Luke's Church, Reading, Mr. F. Smith being the "best man." The reception was held afterwards at the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel.

On the Friday evening previous a presentation was made to Mr. Howman by Mr. S. H. Spurling on behalf of his colleagues at the Brewery of a canteen of cutlery

## "STAY AT A SIMONDS HOTEL" (No. 1).

We are all justifiably proud of our renowned group of forty Hotels and Catering Houses, developed since 1935. They now stretch the breadth of the Southern Counties, as far West as Plymouth, as far East as London. South Wales also has its share at Newport and Bridgend. Since its commencement the group has been under the management of Mr. H. C. Davis, F.H.C.I.

It is, therefore, our intention to feature a few hotels in each issue of the "Hop Leaf" in future, so that all of us may become familiar with them. This quarter we are concentrating on hotels within easy range of Reading, and have chosen:—

The Ship Hotel, Reading;  
The Bush Hotel, Wokingham;  
The St. George and Dragon Hotel, Wargrave.



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The Restaurant of the Ship Hotel.





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**Corner of Spanish Bar, The Ship Hotel.**

The Ship Hotel in Duke Street was one of the first buildings to be erected in Reading. Formerly a large Coaching Inn, the structure was refaced and extended into approximately its present form in 1912. Below the hotel there flows the Holy Brook, a boundary of Reading Abbey grounds in days gone by. A redecoration and refurnishing scheme is now almost complete. The modern bedrooms are all equipped with two-programme radio speakers, and an elegant Residents' Lounge is available for guests. In addition to the work in full view of visitors, the kitchen, stillroom and food preparation rooms have all been re-equipped in the past year with modern, hygienic facilities, stainless steel predominating throughout. As far as bars are concerned, the hotel now boasts an intimate cocktail bar on the first floor, with a gay Spanish air, where an aperitif may be enjoyed morning or evening. The hotel bar on the ground floor will be included in the redesign and refurnishing of that floor shortly, and in its new form will be more closely in character with the name of the hotel.



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**Exterior of The Bush Hotel, Wokingham.**

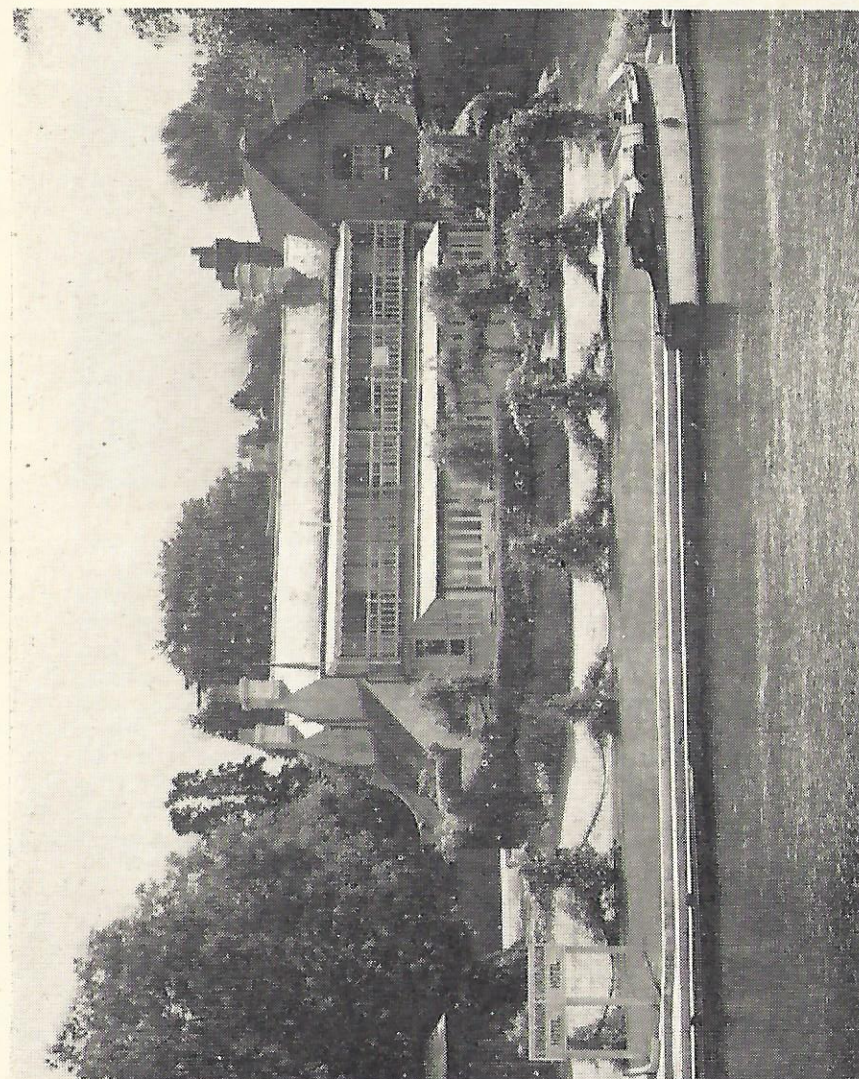




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**The Lounge Bar, The Bush Hotel, Wokingham.**

The Bush Hotel in Wokingham stands proudly facing the municipal buildings and main square (or should it be triangle?). Despite its modern facing it is old, very old. Its main bar is a period piece of good fellowship and mellowness. There are only four bedrooms here, but all snug and welcoming. The Restaurant is on the first floor, and the standard of cuisine recently brought tributes from "Bon Viveur," of *Daily Telegraph* fame. The most interesting day to visit the "Bush" is Tuesday, when the yard is filled with delightful market noises, the auctioneer's chant, nervous quackings from ducks under his hammer, and the busy, bustling sounds of barter. If vintages mean anything, then the "Bush" was the product of a vintage year!



**The St. George and Dragon, from across the River.**





(Photograph by Glen Freebairn, Portsmouth Street, London, W.C.2.)

### The Sun Lounge of the St. George and Dragon.

The St. George and Dragon at Wargrave stands firmly between two great thoroughfares, the main road from the North-East to Ascot on one side and Father Thames on the other. With the exception of a small but valuable local trade, these two thoroughfares bring in its trade and fame. In the summer, and especially during local regatta weeks, it is all bustle and crowd, but despite the rush a glass of Simonds ale in prime condition can be enjoyed, and an ice cream on the sun-kissed terrace is as easy to obtain as a five course meal in the Restaurant overlooking the river. Out of season a leisurely drink can be enjoyed in the new cocktail bar. The emphasis in the new bar is entirely on the rowing fraternity's connection with the hotel, and in the summer-time it is gay with blazers, caps and colours. The St. George and Dragon shares with the "Bush" the honour of a "Bon Vivreur" recommendation for the excellence of its table.

The ancient sign of this hotel, now preserved, and hanging in the Sun Lounge, was painted by those well-known Victorian artists, George Leslie, R.A., and J. D. Hodgson, perhaps in settlement! It was honoured by selection for display in the Inn Signs of Britain Exhibition held in 1936.

## SPORTS NEWS.

### CRICKET.

The Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club will be held in the Social Club, Bridge Street, on Tuesday, March 25th, at 7.15 p.m.

It is the earnest wish of the Committee that the meeting will be well represented by all sections.

The following fixtures for the coming season have been arranged :—

#### " A " TEAM.

Date.	Opponents.	Venue.
April 26	Reading Extra " A " ... ..	Away
May 3	Sutton's " A " ... ..	Home
" 10	Pinkneys Green " A " ... ..	Away
" 17	Frimley " A " ... ..	Home
" 24	Post Office Sports ... ..	Away
" 31	Post Office Sports ... ..	Home
June 7	Sutton's " A " ... ..	Away
" 14	Courage & Co., Alton ... ..	Home
" 21	St. Sebastians " A " ... ..	Away
" 28	N.A.A.F.I. Club, Portsmouth ... ..	Away
July 5	Reading Extra " A " ... ..	Home
" 12	Courage & Co., Alton ... ..	Away
" 19	Turquandia (12 noon) ... ..	Home
" 26	Frimley " A " ... ..	Away
Aug. 9	Pinkneys Green " A " ... ..	Home
" 16	Flowerdown Social and Sports ... ..	Away
" 23	St. Sebastians " A " ... ..	Home

#### " B " TEAM.

Date.	Opponents.	Venue.
May 3	Sutton's " B " ... ..	Away
" 10	Greys Green C.C. ... ..	Home
" 17	Frimley " B " ... ..	Away
" 24	Biro Pen Company ... ..	Home
" 31	St. Sebastians " B " ... ..	Away
June 7	Mortimer " B " ... ..	Home
" 14	Berks County N.A.L.G.O. ... ..	Away
" 21	St. Sebastians " B " ... ..	Home
" 28	Biro Pen Company ... ..	Away
July 5	Mortimer " B " ... ..	Away
" 12	Pinkneys Green " B " ... ..	Home
" 19	Greys Green C.C. ... ..	Away
" 26	Frimley " B " ... ..	Home
Aug. 2	Berks County N.A.L.G.O. ... ..	Home
" 9	Pinkneys Green " B " ... ..	Away
" 16	Sutton's " B " ... ..	Home

All matches commence at 2.30 p.m. except where otherwise stated.



## SUNDAY FIXTURES.

Date.	Opponents.	Venue.
June 15	Ministry of Fuel and Power ...	Home
July 27	N.A.A.F.I. Imperial Club, Portsmouth ...	Home

N. L. T.

## HOCKEY.

Date.	Opponents.	Venue.	Result.
Nov. 17th	Maidenhead ...	Home	Won 1—0
" 24th	Army Apprentices School, Arborfield (Staff) ...	Home	Lost 3—1
Dec. 1st	Army Apprentices School, Arborfield ...	Home	Lost 4—2
" 8th	Maidenhead ...	Away	Won 4—0
" 15th	Old Henlieians ...	Away	Lost 2—1
Jan. 12th	Old Ranelagh ...	Home	Lost 5—2
Feb. 2nd	High Wycombe ...	Away	Lost 5—0

We have had some very enjoyable fixtures since the last issue of the GAZETTE, the defeat of Maidenhead, both home and away, being particularly worthy of mention. Our game with our old Mixed Hockey opponents, Old Henlieians, which we lost by the odd goal in three, was marred by our being two players short.

Games with Reading Y.M.C.A. and Marlow had to be cancelled owing to snow, and our fixture with St. Mark's was postponed consequent upon the death of H.M. King George VI.

Our fixture list for the coming 1952-53 season is almost complete, the only vacant dates being December 20th, 1952, February 7th, April 4th, 18th and 25th, 1953. If secretaries of hockey teams who are readers of our magazine have any of these dates vacant, I would be very pleased to hear from them.

R. G.

## TABLE TENNIS.

Simonds "A" team (Messrs. Wheeler, Dines and Rose) are putting up a keen fight for Reading's highest honour—the Division I Championship of the Reading and District League. At the time of writing these notes they are joint leaders with Reading Y.M.C.A. "A," both having lost only two matches. Much will depend on whether J. Rose is called up for National Service before the season's fixtures are completed. All three

players have recently been chosen for Reading representative teams.

## Scores.

## DIVISION I.

Y.M.C.A. "B" ...	Won	8—1
Y.M.C.A. "D" ...	Won	7—2
Henley "A" ...	Won	7—2
Y.M.C.A. "A" ...	Lost	8—1
Y.M.C.A. "C" ...	Won	5—4
Reading University ...	Won	7—2
Henley "B" ...	Won	6—3
Reading Borough Police ...	Won	6—3
Henley "B" ...	Won	7—2

## DIVISION IV.

C.L.B. ...	Lost	8—1
Reading Borough Police ...	Won	6—3
Wokingham ...	Lost	8—1
Woodley ...	Lost	6—3
Polonia ...	Lost	5—4
Spencers Wood ...	Lost	6—3
Reading University ...	Lost	6—3
Ministry of Labour ...	Lost	6—3

K. S. O.

## WORDS OF WISDOM.

Do a little well, and you do much

Contentment will both clothe and feed.

We increase our wealth when we lessen our desires.

Frugality proves an easy chair for old age.

Look on the bright side of everything.

A willing heart lightens work.

Gold is no balm to a wounded spirit.



## BRANCHES.

### BRIGHTON.

On January 18th, a number of the Staff of Brighton Branch attended the Staff Ball at Reading, which marked Mr. F. A. Simonds Jubilee with the Firm. Mr. Eric's masterly résumé of his connection with the Firm was fine oratory, touched with rare humour. May he be blessed with good health so that he may lead us for many years to come. We thank the Directors for the hospitality afforded to us on this memorable occasion.

The Staff Ball also gave us an opportunity to meet many old friends at the Brewery and from many other Branches. We wish them all good luck in the future.

Mrs. H. L. M. Laker, of the Ferry Arms, Shoreham-by-Sea, was one of the tenants chosen to attend the Tenants' Banquet and Ball on January 22nd last, to honour Mr. F. A. Simonds fifty years' service with the Directorate of the Firm. Mrs. Laker wishes to convey to Mr. F. A. Simonds and the Directors her grateful thanks for a very pleasant and memorable evening.

### BRISTOL.

#### MR. F. A. SIMONDS JUBILEE.

Those members of the Bristol Staff and the tenants who were lucky enough in the ballot to be able to take part in their respective January celebrations at Reading, to mark our ever kindly Chairman and Managing Director's half-century of service with this great Company, will ever remember their particular function with pride and joy.

On every hand we are told that "no other event in our lives has held so much real pleasure, or will be remembered so long. It simply could not happen again to any of us."

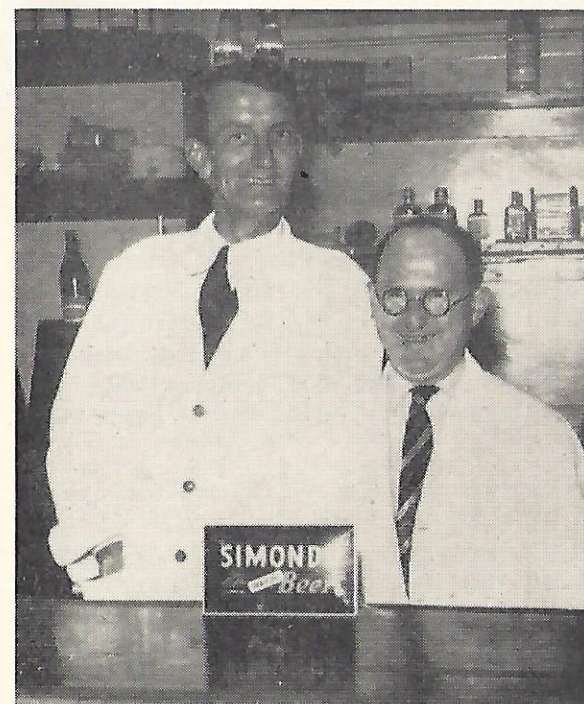
Our very grateful thanks is recorded to all at Headquarters, who, by perfect organisation and friendly understanding of so monumental a task, contributed so generously in every possible way to the fulfilment of these two family gatherings. The essence of "Hop Leaf" success is surely the encouragement and kindness which radiates around us all from our Directors—that personal touch which is part of our age-old tradition and heritage. It cannot be acquired in these modern times.

### THE BRITISH LEGION CLUB, STREET.

This very successful Club has a membership of 900—a figure which many of our town and city clubs would be proud of—and since 1949 they have been firm "Hop Leaf" friends.

Formed after the First World War, it has by sound management and loyal support, gone from strength to strength. In 1939, it became necessary to move to more commodious premises which caters not only for their own ex-Service Legion members, but also serving members of H.M. Forces when on leave. The Club holds a high place in the social life of this old Somerset town, and is ever ready to help any good cause, especially those who have worn H.M. uniform.

We are happy to pay this tribute to our good friends down Somerset way, and to acknowledge the ever ready co-operation which is given to us by Mr. H. H. Carter (Head Steward), our cheery friend shown on the right of the photograph, and his colleague, Mr. W. Robinson. "Say Simonds and be happy!" is their slogan.



Mr. H. H. Carter, Head Steward (on right) and his Colleague, Mr. W. Robinson.



We were delighted to welcome a contingent of our Plymouth brethren for the Rovers v. Argyle match, and admire their enthusiasm and fortitude in journeying by road in such conditions. As the result was in their favour, they no doubt were more than satisfied that the trip was worth while, and we admit that on the day they were deserving winners, but with the Rovers out of the Cup, promotion is still anyone's guess. The Home Park-ites cannot afford to ease up, for both Reading and Bristol are on their heels ready to challenge their present supremacy.

May the best team win! *(No forecasts, please!)*

#### BRIDGEND.

We are very pleased to be able to welcome to Bridgend, as a member of our travelling staff, Mr. H. T. Nuttall, and we understand he has already learnt the meaning of "Iachi Da" (Cheerio). We are sure he will be (like all other members of the Company transferred to South Wales) very happy here.

We should like to congratulate our tenants of the Vulcan Inn, Merthyr, on their excellent catering and arrangements on the occasion of the Annual Dinner held by the Merthyr, High Street, and Cefn Coed Railway Ambulance men, which was held at their House. The guests of the evening included the Mayor (Ald. C. W. Bridges, J.P.), the Mayoress (Mrs. Victoria Bridges) and many prominent and important railway officials in South Wales.

We are very pleased to be able to reproduce a photograph of the Saloon Bar of the Lamb and Flag Hotel, at Morriston, taken during the Christmas period. Mr. and Mrs. Graham Edwards, who are seen in the photograph, have been at this House since 1936 and have, throughout, been most popular and have maintained a very high standard for service and efficiency. Mr. Edwards is a Past-President of the No. 15 District Licensed Victuallers' Association, and is well-known to all connected with "The Trade" in South Wales.



*(Photograph by F. W. Haines, Swansea.)*

**Saloon Bar of the Lamb and Flag Hotel, Morriston.**

#### PHILLIPS & SONS, LIMITED, NEWPORT.

The Caerleon Table Skittles League wound up a successful first season with a presentation of prizes at the Bull Inn. The league winners were from the St. Julian's Hotel (a Simonds house), and were presented with the "Simonds" Shield by Mr. J. Hamilton, Tied House Supervisor. "Your performance in going through the season without defeat was a very fine effort," said Mr. Hamilton, "and I understand that the runners-up, the Bull Inn team, whom I also congratulate, were close on your heels."

The runners-up were then presented with a Cup by the donor, Mr. S. Jenkins, a Newport sportsman and businessman.

Miniature Cups were presented to members of the successful teams, and a tankard to the Secretary, Mr. Brown, for his untiring efforts during the season.

A spontaneous entertainment was then commenced, which completed a happy evening.





(Photograph by courtesy of South Wales Argus, Newport, Mon.)

**Presentation of "Simonds" Shield to  
St. Julian's Hotel Table Skittles Team.**

#### THE "CHERRY BAR," TALBOT HOTEL, NEWPORT.

In two previous issues mention has been made of new bars at the Talbot Hotel, Newport, and again that enterprising licensee, Mr. Don Miller, has provided his patrons with further comfort while enjoying the excellent "Simonds" fare.

A few months ago he approached Mr. S. C. Saunders, South Wales Manager, who willingly co-operated in obtaining the services of Mr. R. Howie, Furnishing and Decorative Adviser, and Mr. A. W. Bold, Area Surveyor, to evolve a scheme which culminated in the opening, by Mr. S. C. Saunders, on the 20th December last, of the "Cherry Bar." The colour scheme of the bar is predominantly cherry and cream, and has been completely refurnished. As will be seen from the accompanying photograph, the remodelled back fixture has a canopy, padded and covered with cherry velour. In a space left behind the

shelving, similar pleated material is hung, thereby giving a rich background for the array of bottles. The curtains and pelmets are of similar material, and the fitted carpet has a cherry background. Comfortable armchairs alternating in colour, cherry and cream, are arranged around small tables with tops of corresponding hue. What was once a fireplace, is now enclosed behind a cabinet containing a tank of tropical fish, the whole combining to make a handsome and comfortable bar, which is a credit to all who took part in the transformation, and the increased trade has certainly justified Mr. Miller's belief in giving his customers every comfort.



(Photograph by courtesy of "South Wales Argus," Newport, Mon.)

**The "Cherry Bar," Talbot Hotel, Newport.**

#### R.A.O.B. WON TITLE AT FIRST ATTEMPT.

On entering Newport Clubs' Defence Skittles League for the first time, the R.A.O.B. Club, Newport, won the First Division Championship, and, as celebration, a dinner and social evening was held at the Club.



Mr. A. O. V. Florida, Club Vice-Chairman, presided.

Mr. W. J. Wright, Secretary, and Mr. T. Antill thanked the ladies who assisted, Mesdames R. Draper, F. Workman (senior), F. Workman (junior), H. Wallington, R. Roberts, A. Moore and A. Bale.



(Photograph by courtesy of "South Wales Argus," Newport, Mon.)

Presentation of "Simonds" Shield at R.A.O.B. Club, Newport.

Presenting the "Simonds" Shield, Mr. W. Sweet congratulated the team on their success on their first attempt. Mr. R. Roberts, Captain, thanked the team for their support. Messrs. W. Sweet, T. Antill and D. Haddon presented miniature shields to the players, Messrs. R. Roberts, A. Moss, F. Evans, H. Wallington, A. Williams, W. Felkin, C. Morgan, E. Ellaway, S. Hill, E. Logan, F. Jenkins, F. Workman (junior).

Mr. S. Bush, Clubs' Defence League Chairman, presented a miniature shield to Mr. T. Rees, Club Sports Chairman, who was runner-up in Newport Clubs' Defence Snooker League individual championship. Mr. Rees thanked the Club for the shield. The Chairman thanked Mr. Ellaway, Skittles Secretary, for his work throughout the season.

The artistes were: Mesdames E. Morgan, I. Webb, Misses W. Hinwood, B. Wallington, Messrs. Sydney Parr, "Buller" Samuels, A. Moss, E. Logan, W. Francis, R. Draper, C. Dark and R. Richardson. Mrs. R. W. Elworthy was accompanist, and Mr. A. O. V. Florida, M.C.



(Photograph by courtesy of "South Wales Argus," Newport, Mon.)

Opening of the "Tyrolean Braserie,"  
Queen's Hotel, Newport.

## LONDON.

The sudden and untimely death of His Majesty King George VI cast a gloom over the capital, and this Branch joins all other Branches of the Firm in expressing the very real grief felt by everyone at the passing of a beloved and honoured Monarch.

The decision of our Directors to close on the day of the Royal Funeral gave us an opportunity to take part in the sad impressive last journey of a great King.

May we express our loyal greetings to our new Queen, Elizabeth II, and our hope that her reign may be long, peaceful and happy.

## ROCHESTER WAY (ELTHAM) SOCIAL CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Rochester Way (Eltham) Social Club was held on Sunday, February 17th, at the Club House.



Mr. F. Robinson, the Chairman of the Club, presided ably over a meeting of some 100 members. The lively interest shown in all matters affecting the Club generally was a very healthy sign of the liveliness and strength of the Club.

The membership of the Club is between 300 and 400. Its activities include a Loan Club, Entertainment Section, Football and Darts Clubs—all entailing constant hard work by their various sub-committees.

The balance sheet showed a profit on the year's working, and credit is due to all officials and members of the Club, particularly the newly-appointed hard-working Secretary, Mr. G. Shreeve, and "the man behind the bar"—Steward—Mr. L. Cross, who is so ably assisted by his wife.

The Firm was represented by Mr. S. M. Penlerick, Manager, Mr. G. W. Oram, Chief Clerk, and Mr. F. Roeser, Traveller.

#### FIFTY GLORIOUS YEARS.

A party of 19 from London went to the Annual Staff Ball at Reading on Friday, January 18th. This was a very happy occasion, made more so by the presentation to our Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. F. A. Simonds, who has given fifty years of incalculably valuable service to the Company. May we offer our very hearty congratulations!

#### OXFORD.

It will be of interest to many of his colleagues to learn that Mr. W. T. Sanders, Oxford Branch Manager, has been elected President of the Oxford and District Licensed Victuallers' Women's Auxiliary League for the current year, and that an article appeared in last November's Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society's magazine, featuring him as the "Personality of the Month."

The Women's Auxiliary League held their Annual Banquet and Ball in the Town Hall, Oxford, on November 29th, 1951, in aid of the three Trade Charities, the Licensed Victuallers' School, the Benevolent Institution, and the Beer and Wine Trade Benevolent Society.

Mr. W. T. Sanders (Messrs. H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.), accompanied by his wife, presided, and was supported by the Chairman of the Auxiliary, Mrs. E. Gibbons, the Sheriff of Oxford (Councillor

J. Allaway), and Mrs. Allaway, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cockhill (Governor of the School), and the diners present numbered over 200.

The Wholesale Trade was represented by R. St. J. Quarry, Esq. (Messrs. H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.), Jas. H. Morrell, Esq. (Messrs. Morrell's Brewery Ltd.), W. L. B. Walker, Esq. (Messrs. Hall's Oxford Brewery Ltd.), C. G. Stow, Esq. (Messrs. Morlands Brewery), and many other ladies and gentlemen prominent in the Trade.

The President announced that during the past year £130 had been raised by the Women's Auxiliary in aid of the three Charities.

The company present, after dinner, danced to music provided by Johnnie Stiles' Band, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary is Mrs. J. Ware, wife of our tenant at The Crown, Woodstock.



(Photograph by Jalmar Ltd., Knightsbridge, S.W.1.)

Mr. G. W. Hall, of the North Oxford Golf Club, after being "arrested" for furious driving, had to undergo a test before being installed as the new Captain of the Club.



He was taken to the testing ground in a "taxi" pulled by members, and "P.C." W. T. Sanders examined his "driving" ability.



(Photograph by Courtesy of the Oxford Mail.)

Mr. W. G. Hall "Driving."

#### RETIREMENT OF MR. J. S. BOWELL.

Mr. J. S. Bowell, who joined the Firm on April 14th, 1924, as a Traveller, retired on January 31st last.

The occasion was marked by a luncheon given in his honour at The Roebuck, Market Street, Oxford, on Thursday, February 7th, 1952. The party included Mr. A. E. Wake, Manager, Branch Department, Mr. W. T. Sanders, Senior members of the Staff, and Mr. F. J. Chandler, Mr. Bowell's successor.

An excellent lunch was provided by Mr. W. J. Harvey, Mine Host at The Roebuck, assisted by his manager, Mr. L. C. Gardner.

After lunch Mr. A. E. Wake rose to pay tribute to Mr. Bowell's fine service and to wish him a very long and happy

retirement, and said he first had to offer Mr. F. H. V. Keighley's personal congratulations and regrets at not being present, due to the fact that he was in Nairobi on business, and would be away for about six weeks. Mr. Wake complimented Mr. Bowell on looking so fit, particularly after 27 years' travelling, which, he said, was a very difficult task, more so in recent years.

He also referred to the way we all, as employees, or tenants, could help to make our Firm more prosperous. "If the Firm prospers," said Mr. Wake, "we all prosper, if the Firm fails, then we all fail, and it is up to us to do our part in extending the business and good name of H. & G. Simonds, Ltd." He also welcomed Mr. F. J. Chandler, who succeeds Mr. Bowell, and hoped he would have a long and successful career, pointing out that the average service of those present was 30 years.

Mr. W. T. Sanders, Oxford Branch Manager, welcomed Mr. Wake, and then presented to Mr. Bowell an electric table lamp subscribed for by his colleagues to mark his retirement, and hoped it would always remind him of his years of happy and successful service.

Mr. W. J. Harvey then presented Mr. Bowell with a tankard suitably inscribed.

Mr. Bowell thanked all present, and said he had not looked forward to retirement, but hoped to keep fit by spending his leisure hours in his garden, of which he is very proud.

#### STAINES.

The Third Annual Dinner and Social of the Carpenters' Arms (Hayes End) Social Club was held on Saturday, January 19th, 1952, when 40 members sat down to an excellent repast. Mr. Percy Bates (Chairman) occupied the Chair, and Bert E. Mason (Secretary) acted as M.C. and Toastmaster. Prizes for the Club Darts Championship were presented to Mr. C. C. Grimsey (winner) and Mr. L. Huntley (runner-up). The Ladies' Section was won by Miss E. Whitehead, with Mrs. O. Cook runner-up.

Presents for services rendered were awarded to Mesdames Huntley and Paterson, and Messrs. Hines, Murphy, Paterson and Huntley.

After Dinner, the rest of the evening was given over to dancing and a social to the music of Benny Lowe's Trio, with Gladys entertaining.



This function once again culminated the efforts of the Committee for yet another year.



(Photograph by Alan Hall, Hayes, Middlesex.)

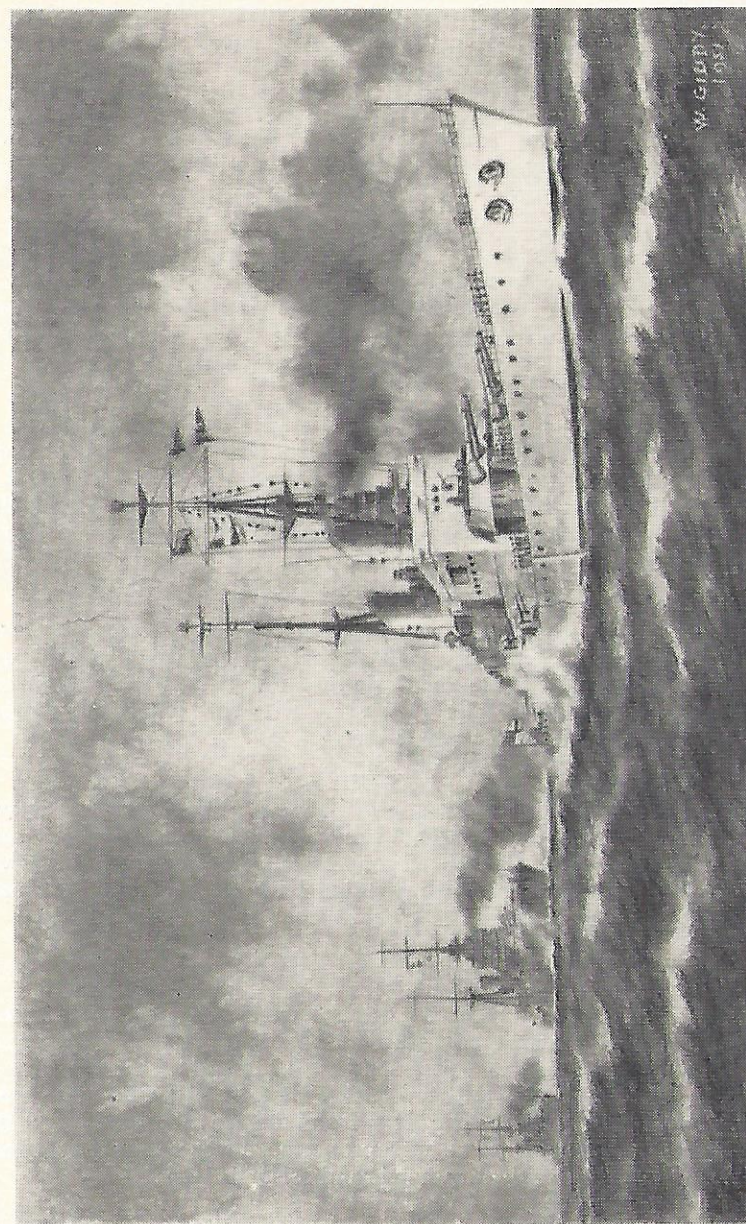
#### FAREWELL !

"Forty-one years ago a Sunbury-on-Thames youngster of 14 joined the Independent Order of Good Templars, promising (he laughs about this now) not to touch, taste, nor handle any intoxicating liquor. Next week, that same boy—now a young 55—is leaving the tenancy of Camberley Staff Hotel to look after an off-licence opposite Reading's Football Ground in Wantage Road. Edwin Feasey, who broke that promise when he was in charge of an 'officers' Mess in France during the First World War, told me, 'I am sorry to be leaving Camberley, for I have spent eleven happy years here. In fact, I am not so sure I want to go now! I am a Camberley soccer fan, so I will have to transfer my affections to Reading.' Just recently, Mr. Feasey, a jovial man who is exceedingly popular in the town, was presented with a silver cigarette case by his customers. Before coming to Camberley, Mr. Feasey was licensee for four-and-a-half years at the New Inn, Postcombe, near Oxford. Prior to that he was a shopkeeper at Thames Ditton. Edwin Feasey will not be leaving Camberley altogether, for he will be coming over regularly to play for the Staff Hotel darts team."

(Extract from *The Camberley News and Bagshot Observer*, November 30th, 1951.)

#### LUDGERSHALL.

We publish this month another drawing by our friend, Mr. W. Giddy, in the form of a sketch of H.M.S. *Vanguard*.





## TAMAR BREWERY, DEVONPORT.

Congratulations to Mr. M. Hawkins, of our General Office staff, whose wife gave birth to a son on November 23rd, 1951 (David John). We are very pleased to report that both mother and baby have made good progress.

We also congratulate Mr. R. J. Bate, of our Transport Department, whose wife presented him with a son on December 27th, 1951. Both Mrs. Bate and baby are making good progress.

Best wishes for future happiness to Mr. H. Ayres, of our Transport Staff, who was married to Miss P. Warne at Hope Baptist Church, Peverell, Plymouth, on September 29th. The bridegroom was presented with a clock from members of the staff at the Tamar Brewery. The honeymoon was spent at St. Agnes in Cornwall.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. John Bate, of our Bottling Department, who was married at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Plymouth, on October 6th last, to Miss Jean Bicknell. The bridegroom was the recipient of two rugs from fellow-members of staff at the Tamar Brewery.

We would also express our very best wishes to Miss Kathleen Bryant, of our Bottling Department, who was married at Plymouth Registry Office on December 17th last to Able-Seaman J. Stott. The bride was presented with an eiderdown from fellow-workers at the Tamar Brewery.

Congratulations to Miss M. Elson, of our Correspondence Office, and Mr. P. Witchell, Cashier, on the occasion of their wedding at Sherwell Church on December 29th, 1951. The bride and bridegroom were presented with a clock and a mirror from members of the staff at the Tamar Brewery.

## MR. A. L. CARLYON—TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

It is with the deepest regret that we report that the above-mentioned member of our staff died suddenly on the morning of December 27th last, whilst delivering beer at the Royal Naval Barracks Chief Petty Officers' Mess, Devonport. He collapsed, and upon the arrival of a doctor from the Naval Barracks' Sick Bay five minutes later, he was pronounced dead. Later it was known the cause of death was thrombosis.

Mr. Carlyon left a widow and three children, and we would express to them our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Although Mr. Carlyon had been serving with H. & G. Simonds at the Tamar Brewery for a comparatively short time (two-and-a-half years) he had, during that time, proved a willing worker and popular "mate" and his sudden death was a bitter blow to us all.

## MR. DENNIS JANE.

Mr. Dennis Jane, of our Office Staff, passed away on January 12th, 1952, and we hasten to extend to his widow and small son, Graham, our deepest and most sincere sympathy.

Mr. Jane had been in ill-health for some considerable time, but nevertheless his death came as a shock to everyone.

His work and cheerfulness were always greatly appreciated, and his memory will be "evergreen" in the minds of his friends and colleagues at the Tamar Brewery.

The "Hop Leaf" Darts League held their New Year Ball on January 31st at the Exmouth Hall, Devonport. Music was provided by Ted Palmer and his Collegians and, as usual, Simonds products were in popular demand. The evening was a great success and a good time was had by all.

Unfortunately, the Chairman of the "Hop Leaf" Darts League, Mr. A. J. Sorrell, was unable to attend as he was in hospital suffering from a leg injury. We take this opportunity of wishing him a speedy recovery.

The following changes have taken place, and we extend a hearty welcome to new tenants:—

The Lord Nelson, Kingskerswell—Mr. F. Hutchings, to Mr. F. Fletcher.

The Steambridge Inn, Devonport—Mr. F. Fletcher, to Mr. S. Doble.

The White Hart, St. Marychurch—Mr. S. Bray, to Mr. T. A. Dean.

The Red Lion, Harbertonford—Mr. R. Finch, to Mr. J. Ryder.

The Ship in Dock, Dartmouth—Mrs. E. Woodbury (dcd.), to Mr. S. V. Down.

The New Inn, Down Thomas—Mr. E. R. Willcox, to Mr. W. Costello.



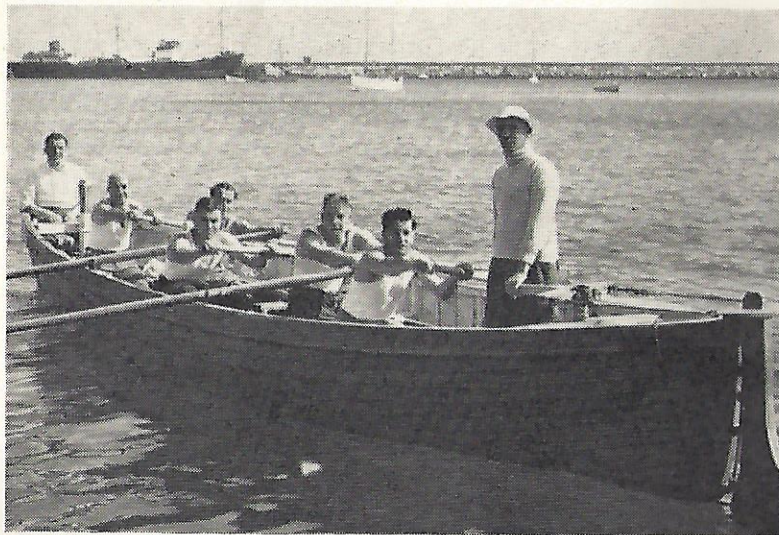
HOP LEAF GAZETTE readers will be interested to learn of the change of name of the Railway Hotel, under the control of our Firm, to The Devil's Elbow.

The Devil's Elbow, situated close to the famous Dartmoor Prison, was so named by reason of a dangerous bend in the road to Plymouth from Princetown, and known locally as the "Devil's Elbow," although, in actual fact, we believe the correct name to be the Devil's Bridge.

Another change of name has taken place at the New Inn, Bickington, where, situated as it is upon the main Exeter to Plymouth Road, it was felt that a more appropriate title would be The Welcome Stranger.

We display hereunder a photograph of the Boat's Crew manned by customers of the Platels Hotel, Brixham, after winning a great race with the Blue Anchor Hotel. Stoke Gabriel and the Rising Sun were third and fourth respectively. The race occurred at Brixham Annual Regatta Race for Whaling Crews from the local licensed premises.

The winning crew comprised of Messrs. A. Piper (coxswain), H. Unwin (stroke), M. Andrews, B. Andrews, C. Gregory, W. Jackson (bowswain). The team was coached by Mr. L. Lovell.



The Winning Crew.

We are happy to announce a Treble Chance win by the "Perm Eight," of the Tamar Brewery.

On checking coupons on a Saturday night recently, a hasty meeting of the above Syndicate was called, and the heaviest bodyguard detailed to spend Wednesday night at the house of the gentleman in whose name the pool was submitted. No chances were taken in case he did hastily depart on Thursday morning with the cheque.

The cheque proved to be a postal order, and each recipient was "thrilled" to receive the sum of 7½d.! *Keep Trying!*

On Saturday, January 26th, 1952, Torpoint Mosquito Sailing Club held their Annual Dinner, which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The President (Sir John Carew-Pole), expressed gratitude to Mr. H. Cann, one of the members, who had greatly helped the Club financially, making possible extensions to the Club premises, and also for his generous gifts of silver tankards for presentation to the Cup Winners.

The feeling was that the Club was sound and continually growing stronger. New members were welcome, and they wanted "keen young men who were not too big to learn."

The Commodore, Mr. F. J. Bradford, stated that the financial position of the Club had never been better, but they wanted to make many improvements.

Cup Winners for last season received trophies. Presentations also included medallions donated by Mrs. A. B. Reynolds.

Latest!

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*Ed.*





## LIGHTER SIDE.

They were considering marriage. Being afraid of the high cost of living, they each got out their pencils and figured up to see if they could afford the plunge. After he had the estimate of what married life would cost, he decided that they had better wait. Then, after carefully studying the girl's figure, he threw away his pencil and went off hunting the preacher.

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"But, officer, you can't arrest me. I come from one of the finest families in Virginia."

"That's all right, buddy. I'm arresting you for speeding, not breeding, purposes."

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DOCTOR: "Young lady, I cannot ethically or legally give you the information for which you ask. However, I suggest the use of sulfadynal——"

BRIDE (*interrupting*): "Before or after?"

DOCTOR: "Neither, my dear girl—instead of."

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A man came home one evening and raved about his new secretary. She was so efficient, and good-looking besides.

"Really a doll," he said.

His little daughter spoke up: "Does she close her eyes when you lay her down, daddy?"

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"I want you to do as I tell you," said the doctor.

"That's what my boy friend said," replied the cute chick, "and that's why I'm here."

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It was their first date and they were both thinking the same thing. She called it mental telepathy. He called it beginners' luck.

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