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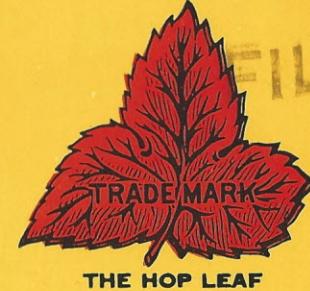
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Editorial

*"The water has drowned the Matterhorn
As deep as a Mendip mine
But I don't care where the water goes
If it doesn't get into the wine."*

Noah is alleged to have recited this to his wife as they sat in the Ark watching the waters rise outside—according to that great poet, humorist and gentleman, Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

Many of us during this wet, dreary summer have been driven by the incessant patter of rain to feel much the same way as Noah. Looking through the windows at the falling rain became almost a national pastime during the past few months. Indeed, one national newspaper, in suggesting ways of making the time pass pleasantly, recommended its readers to bet on the races between raindrops running down the window-panes.

The effects of the weather have been reflected in public house trade—the English Inn is a faithful barometer of our social life—and once again the Inn has served the public well. As somebody once remarked, "the only place the climate does not change in Britain is inside the public house."

... and some just sit and drink

Mine Host must be prepared for all eventualities in the interests of his guests—in sunshine the sun umbrellas go up, the doors are opened wide and the ice bucket appears on the counter; when the rainclouds gather and remain, the indoor game sets are made ready—the shove halfpenny board, the skittles, the bar billiards and the ubiquitous darts.

Rarely does the man in the street pause to consider the important part the Inn plays in the life of our community. Just as rarely does the landlord pause to consider the important part he plays—or could play—in that community.

There still are houses where the customer can but sit and drink, and numerous houses where the landlord is content to provide just a dartboard and a few battered darts for the benefit of his customers.

Amenities attract trade and the small outlay involved in providing extra indoor games sets is more than justified by the satisfaction it gives the clients.

THE EDITOR

The Personnel Department

"Difficult jobs dealt with immediately—the impossible takes a little longer. For miracles a few days' notice is required." A serviceman during the last war composed this claim for his unit. He could have no objection to such a notice being placed above the portals of our Personnel Department in Castle Street, Reading.

Particularly does it seem appropriate to the staff welfare activities undertaken by our sympathetic Personnel Manager, Mr. Ian A. Clinch, and his equally sympathetic assistant, Mr. Raymond F. Kury.

To make it even more appropriate it should be said that they are both ex-servicemen: Mr. Clinch was in the Royal Navy and Mr. Kury was a soldier.

Both entered our service as juniors, both are now married, and both are members of the Reading Group of the Institute of Personnel Management to which Mr. Clinch is secretary and is, in addition, a committee member of the Oxford Group.

Personal Problems

Most of the many personal problems upon which their advice and assistance is sought, and readily given, are confidential and are treated strictly as such. For that reason this sphere of their activities can be but briefly described as widely varying and all embracing.

Invariably the problem-bringing caller is already convinced that his or her particular problem is incapable of solution.

Numerous inquiries may be required and extensive correspondence may be

involved. All that and much more is readily undertaken to solve the problem and lift the burden of worry from the shoulders of whoever has sought their aid.

That is but one of many activities of the department where perhaps the biggest job involves interviewing scores of callers who come every week in search of employment.

Finding Personnel

With far too many jobs chasing far too few applicants, Reading is recognised as one of the towns in the South of England where skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour is most difficult to recruit. This is the principal reason for our labour turnover at the present time.

A holiday programme from April to October, coupled with the normal turnover, means that we have to find approximately 25 personnel each week.

In filling vacancies every endeavour is made to comply with the Government's request to provide employment for the older person. One part-timer we employed was 82 years old, and he gave completely satisfactory service.

Unfortunately it is extremely difficult to do a great deal in this direction as the majority of light vacancies have to be reserved for our own older employees, therefore it is very rarely that we are able to engage an outsider of over 60 years of age anywhere at Reading.

The Wages Committee

The Personnel Department is closely linked with the Wages Committee which



Personnel Manager, Mr. Ian A. Clinch (right) and his assistant, Mr. Raymond F. Kury, referring to a carefully kept volume which contains a record of every one of our employees.

deals with all manual wages and allied subjects, including individual merit cases, compassionate grants and widows' grants, for the whole Company.

Mr. Clinch serves as secretary to this Committee, of which Mr. E. M. Downes (Director and Head Brewer) is Chairman, and whose other members are Messrs. Watkins, Hollebone, Dryden, J. D. Richardson and Richards.

There is also close liaison with the Transport and General Workers' Union

through Mr. F. Lawrence, the branch secretary.

Mr. Lawrence is in continual touch with this department regarding minor problems. Following branch committee meetings, any matters which require attention are raised next day in the Personnel Office, and are dealt with immediately or referred at once to Mr. Downes for a ruling.

This ensures that the door is always wide open for any employee to put forward a suggestion or complaint, which

are welcomed, and a prompt and fair decision is ensured.

Accident Prevention

Works Visits and Works Safety are but two more of the responsibilities of the Personnel Department, and regarding the latter, great strides have been made in recent years.

We have an accident prevention standard far in excess of any Government legislation. Suggestions with this object in view are specially welcome from our employees. Such suggestions are fully investigated and it is readily acknowledged that such co-operation has helped to reduce our accident ratio to barely 2 per cent. A very fine achievement indeed!

It is rather strange, perhaps, in view of this fine accident prevention record that an offshoot of this department—the First

Aid Room—continues to deal with an increasing number of minor complaints, one such case this year, believe it or not, was a sunburn victim—a complaint which is not normally regarded as an occupational hazard of the brewing industry!

Miss Hawkes and Mrs. Corbett, our two staff nurses, keep the First Aid Room open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. Their fame has spread and it is becoming increasingly common for their services to be called upon for victims of accidents in the vicinity of the brewery in which our staff are in no way involved.

Our two nurses, Miss F. G. Hawkes and Mrs. B. M. Corbett, in the First Aid Room where they dealt with more than 10,000 cases last year.



Mr. H. C. Hillman Retires

On June 30, after 51 years' service with the Company and its predecessors, Messrs. W. J. Rogers, Ltd., Mr. H. C. Hillman, Assistant Manager, Bristol Branch, entered into a richly earned retirement. Of him it can be truly said that he made an office boy's dream come true, for the Manager's Office where he once entered in that capacity, was occupied by him at the height of his career as Assistant Manager.

The staff gathered in the Conference

Room on June 30, when Mr. B. H. Quelch presented a leather travelling case and writing case to Mr. Hillman, expressing his appreciation for the valued assistance he had received from Mr. Hillman since coming to Bristol.

Esteemed and respected by all, and remembered with affection by his contemporaries, we wish him happiness in his retirement.



Mr. B. H. Quelch, Bristol Branch Manager, presents a farewell gift to Mr. Hillman in the presence of the staff.



An Old Coaching Inn of England

One of the finest examples of the old coaching inns of England is undoubtedly our "Bacon Arms" Hotel, Newbury, Berks. It recalls the days of stage coaches, when even a journey of twenty miles was an adventure, fraught with dangers of highwaymen operating on lonely stretches of poorly surfaced roads over which the sweating stage coach horses galloped.

The arrival of the stage coach at such an Inn was the signal for bustle and excitement, amid the clatter of hooves and

rumbling of iron shod wheels upon the cobblestones and the shrill call of the post-horn. The landlord would be there to greet the visitors, whilst grooms and ostlers unharnessed and tended the horses and chambermaids hurried with pans of steaming water for the dusty, tired travellers. Flagons of foaming ale and goblets of Burgundy would pass around. Down in the kitchen the cook would be preparing the meal—roasting a whole sheep on a spit before an enormous open fire.



The spacious "Saloon Bar" where the best of ancient and modern comforts blend.

Extensive Alterations

Such would have been the scene then. Today the Inn remains unchanged in character whilst embodying all modern standards of comfort and hygiene in accordance with the best traditions of inn-keeping.

The Inn, which is under the control of our Hotels and Catering Department, of which Mr. H. C. Davis, F.H.C.I., is the Manager, has recently undergone extensive alterations and redecoration. The saloon bar has been redecorated throughout, the result being exceptionally pleasing,

with plenty of space and comfortable chairs and wall seating available for those who prefer it.

The restaurant is a compromise between the old and the new. There are oak beams, a large open fireplace and rough walls; the chairs and upholstered wall bench-type seats are extremely comfortable, and the lighting is in character—adequate and easy on the eyes.

The bedrooms, of which there are three single and four double, are all fitted with washhand basins, and are comfortably furnished in a modern style. Each is



The "Highwayman Bar" with its fascinating murals depicting famous highwaymen and their exploits

fitted with a boxed-in interior sprung bed of first class comfort. The Inn is situated on the main Newbury-Bath Road, with entrance through a coachway into a spacious yard now used as a car park.

“The Highwayman Bar”

A feature of the rebuilding scheme is the "Highwayman Bar" which is decorated with genuine tools of the trade—horse pistols, masks and stirrups. The walls have been painted with portrait studies of famous and infamous local celebrities of earlier days, and one scene depicts that famous poem, "The Highwayman." On the wall is a copy of a coach time-table taken from the "Coach and Carrier Guide" of 1836, which reads as follows:—

“THE SURPRISE”

Oxford & Southampton Coach from Southampton.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Afternoons at 5 o'clock and from Oxford.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

*Mornings at 10 o'clock.
Change horses at the Bacon Arms Inn,
Skeenhamland.*

* * * * * A VISITOR FROM BRITISH GUIANA *

A VISITOR FROM BRITISH GUIANA

general feeling that the Colony should secede from the British Commonwealth.

He said that although the population was made up of Europeans, Indians, Africans, Chinese and Aborigines, there was no dis-harmony—certainly an object lesson for those places where inter-race strife is so depressingly apparent.

He spoke most interestingly of the various products upon which the economy of British Guiana is based, and said that production—particularly of coconut and rice—was capable of great development. Mr. Jacob emphasized that the great need of British Guiana is for an increase in reciprocal trade with the United Kingdom.

T.V. Show from the "Jack of Both Sides"

The popular Continental Bar at the "Jack of Both Sides" in London Road, Reading, presented an unusual appearance on July 31, when a Dog Show was televised from there.

It was a dog show with a difference, for in fact it was a reconstructed event, typical of the type referred to as "The Little Man's Dog Show" which, as the

commentator, Macdonald Daly, stated in the programme, are popular in the Midlands and the North of England.

For several hours before the programme was due to "go out" a strong force of B.B.C. engineers headed by Producer Stephen Wade and the commentator took possession of the bar and carried on almost continuous rehearsals.



The scene in the Continental Bar shortly before the programme was due to "go on." Our tenant, Mr. Jeff Davis, is seen behind the bar at which the commentator, Mr. Macdonald Daly, is waiting. One of the exhibitors is taking the opportunity of putting his dog through its paces.



In the adjoining bar, customers watching the programme on the Monitor Screen.

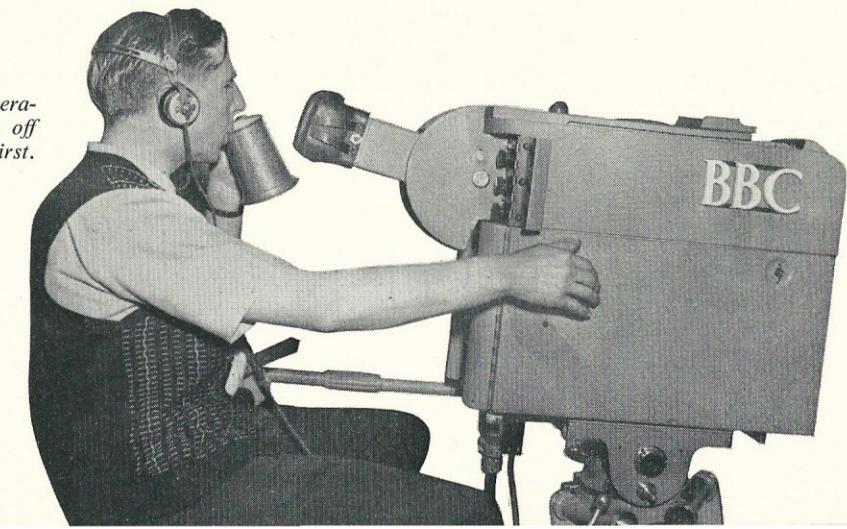
to the facilities they provided was made during the broadcast by Macdonald Daly, a well-known British canine expert, and one of the judges at the famous Cruft's Dog Show.

Whilst the programme was being televised a large crowd of customers in an adjacent bar watched the proceedings on a Monitor screen installed for the occasion by the B.B.C.

For the programme, one of several in a series from Reading during that week, regular exhibitors came with their dogs from Lancashire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, South Wales, and many other places to add authenticity to the event. In these events dogs of different breeds meet each other on a knock-out basis.

One of the exhibitors, who also included two local competitors, was Mrs. Thelma Gray, from whom H.M. The Queen acquired her first corgi.

A B.B.C. cameraman takes time off to quench his thirst.



Days by the Sea



THROUGH THE NEW FOREST TO BOURNEMOUTH

Wet and miserable though this summer has been, two of our organised outings took place on dry, warm days. The organisers must have been inspired !

Early on Sunday, June 27, eight coach-loads of Brewery employees left Reading in glorious sunshine for a pleasant run through the New Forest to Bournemouth. The coaches were well laden with refreshments of all kinds and strengths, as well as with happy men, women and children.

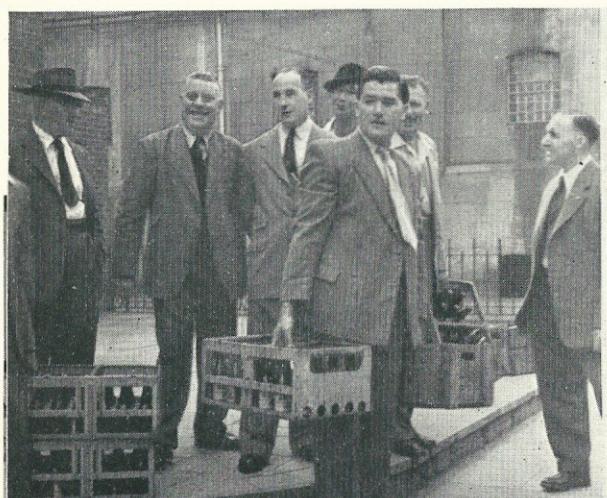
After a welcome stop for refreshments in a leafy glade of the Forest, the coaches drove on through the summer sunshine to Bournemouth's sandy beaches.

Although the organisers were lucky

with the sun, they weren't so fortunate with the tide. It remained high during the day so that the amount of sand available for beach games was strictly limited. Nevertheless, a ladies' and gentlemen's tug-of-war was laid on, and races for the children.

The coaches left the seaside at 6 o'clock and drove to Winchester, where a sit-down meal had been arranged.

Everybody arrived back at Reading tired, but happy, and grateful to the organisers for the excellent arrangements —you can't really blame them for the tide !



Dad's got what he likes . . .

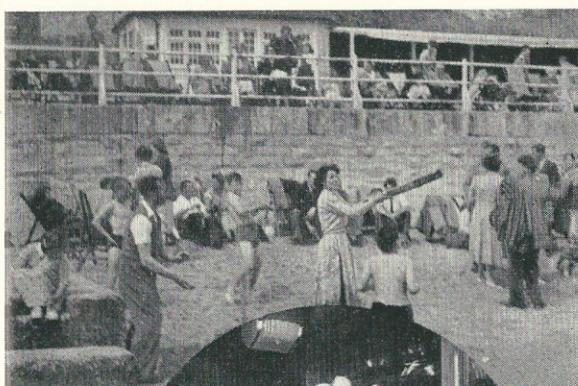


. . . "and we've got our buckets and spades."



With such speed did Mr. Chandler wield the bat that the camera missed it !

Nurse Corbett tries an unorthodox stroke.



Judy Feeney, aged two, gets ready with her Aunt for the return journey. She is one of the children who enjoyed the ices, the rock and the paddling at Bournemouth.



A happy group taken at Southend.

DOWN TO THE SEA BY SHIP

"We had a smashing time" was the summing up of one of the younger members of the party, when members of the Engineers' and Wheelwrights' Department returned to Reading after their annual outing to Southend on July 3.

The party journeyed to Southend on the *Royal Sovereign*, a three-hour trip down the River Thames from Tower Pier.

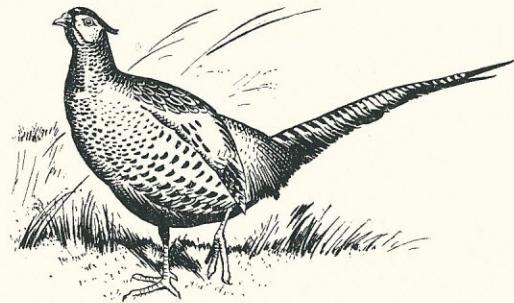
During the luncheon that was awaiting the party on disembarking, a tribute was paid to Messrs. Smith, Carter and McConnell and others to whom the success of the outing was largely due.

The afternoon was spent by most of the party at the Kursaal (the huge amusement park), and the return to Reading by coach proved uneventful, as this year there was no escaped convict to cause any excitement. (Readers may remember a convict escaped from Parkhurst Prison on the day of last year's outing to the Isle of Wight).

Everyone was happy that Harry Hinxman was well enough to come with us, as since his retirement last year he has not enjoyed the best of health.

Nature Notes

BY C.H.P.



The weather this year has indeed been unseasonable and the heavy rains and cold winds that came in the Spring were responsible for the deaths of many young partridges and pheasants. The gamekeepers had a very anxious time. They are fine fellows and I have spent many very happy days—and nights—with them, roaming the woods and fields. With them I have learned much concerning wild Nature's ways.

A Mysterious Picture

One of my gamekeeper friends had a faithful golden retriever which he kept with him when he went into retirement. In due course the old dog died and not long afterwards an extraordinary thing happened. On the wall of one of the rooms in the keeper's home, a wonderful picture of the old dog gradually developed; and there it is now, a striking likeness of our old canine friend. How it came to appear there remains a great mystery.

Unfavourable for Fly-fishing

The strong cold winds and the heavy rains have not been conducive to good catches for the fly-fishermen. Nor has it been very favourable for the coarse fish angler, though a few good catches have been recorded. But it is very pleasant to take a stroll by the riverside, no matter what kind of weather prevails. There is always something of interest to note.

The other day I was watching some young wild duck on the water. They

were about the size of thrushes. Suddenly a hungry pike rose to the surface, seized one of the ducklings and disappeared in a flash. It happened quite close to where I was crouching, watching the little ducks, and I wondered how many more of the birds this freshwater shark would grab.

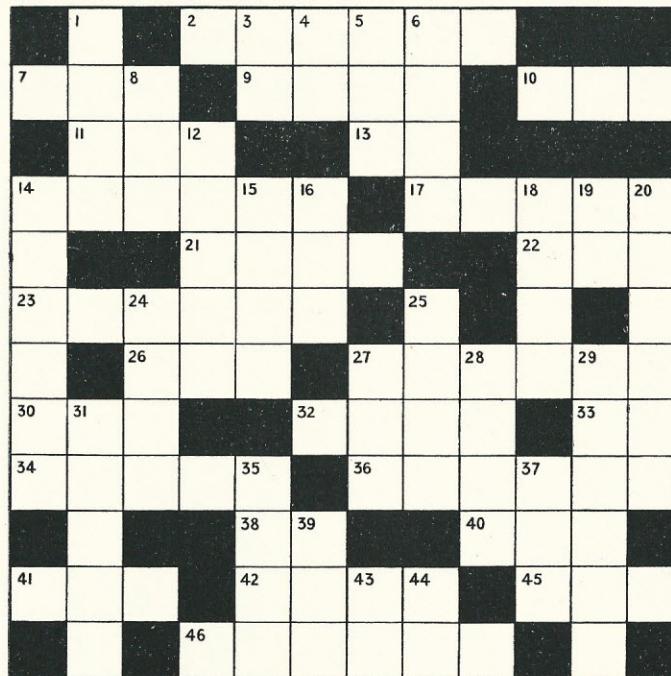
The Fall of the Leaf

"We all do fade as a leaf" is the touching and most truthful language of Scripture ; and it is scarcely possible to detach from the characteristics of the autumnal season the solemn and subdued sense of the last change which precedes the death-sleep of nature.

We admire the peculiar beauties of autumn, with feelings altogether different from those with which we watch the progress of Spring. On the one we look with a sense of lively pleasure and joyous sympathy, akin to that with which we gaze on a beautiful lively child ; while we regard the other with much the same feelings with which we look on the silvery hairs and enfeebled step of the hale old man, still noble in decay. His grey hairs are a crown of glory and claim from us a reverence willingly rendered ; and with like feelings we yield our admiration to the beautifully varied tints, which, towards the close of Autumn, work so wondrous a change on our woods and groves, preparatory to the winter stage of nature's repose, which precedes and prepares for the annual resurrection.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

BY MR. C. R. HOLMAN



ACROSS

2. Inn or out you will like this 7 across. (6)
7. The Cockney says it falls, but most people like it. (3)
9. What a comic ! (4)
10. Skip and jump for joy, this helps make 2 and 7 across. (3)
11. Bravo—but no, brother. (3)
13. The prosecutor, you film fans. (2)
14. In with the spar, George, or you might get washed away in the Mash Tun. (6)
17. Sailors like the sound of this, but they do sail along this line sometimes. (5)
21. The sailor is in pounds and shillings for experimental purposes. (4)
22. The R.A.F. knocked H—out of this place. (3)
23. The sailor's eye—you'll soak this up. (6)
26. The R.A.F. tours. (3)
27. Everything is in 27 down—simple ! (6)
30. A hooter. (3)
32. Marco travelled but did not discover this game. (4)
33. What a glorious day. (2)
34. There is nothing in this "smelly thing" until you get the hang of it. (5)
36. Wave it about—you funny man. (6)
38. Diphthong. (2)
40. Good knight. (3)
41. Have a this or its reverse of 7 across. (3)
42. A ship can do this or is someone celebrating 33 across ? (4)
45. This a description of carbon dioxide from 7 across. You will reverse this if you take too much. (3)
46. Smooth stuff this, drink it and be on it. (6)

DOWN

1. You can climb its anagram but never do this to its reverse. (4)
3. Take fifty from everything for Jolson. (2)
4. The same as 33 across. (2)
5. It would be the anagram of Ned if he entered the lion's anagram of this. (3)
6. Did Ned in the 5 down hear this when he entered the lion's anagram of 5 down ? (4)
8. Topsy's friend. (3)
12. A lower, lower deck. (5)
14. Now, you drinkers, what does the "S" stand for in S.B. Ale ? (6)
15. Salt water fish, not sounds of rudeness from children. (4)
16. The tide can do this. (3)
18. These mountains are in a truly rural area. (4)
19. This Insurance Company sounds like a cow. (2)
20. His feminine counterpart has sessions each February. (6)
24. This card game is no doubt played in Oslo, Loos and other foreign parts. (4)
25. A lag from Dartmoor Prison can make merry. (4)
27. See 27 across. (3)
28. Sailors read them, write them, whilst scholars work them. (4)
29. Take fifty from the end of your protective garment and it will sound the same. (6)
31. It sounds as if this Nordic and mythical God was sorry for the noise. (5)
35. Drink Tavern and you and this will be in heaven. (4)
37. Boat or palindromic two-wheeled carriage. (3)
39. A reverse for an American General —poor fish. (3)
43. The reverse of 4 down or has Eve lost her Cockney man ? (2)
44. Reference a penniless Red. (2)

PRIZES : A set of Playing Cards will be awarded to the senders of the first three correct solutions to be opened. Send your solution to : 'Hop Leaf Gazette,' The Brewery, Reading.



◀ A striking picture of D. Venner winning the 440 yards in unconventional style.



Much of the responsibility for the smooth and efficient organisation was borne by these four stalwarts who are seen checking the entrants for one of the events. ▲



Plenty of "blow" was an essential for the ▲ competitors in the Balloon Race. One of these youngsters was still blowing bravely, but with little effect, at the starting line several minutes after the race had been completed.



The Hollerith Department's victorious relay team. ▲



A strong heave in the Tug o'War ▲

ANNUAL SPORTS AT READING



Children were ▶ well catered for and here are the competitors in the Sack Race. An arm in plaster did not deter one of the youngsters from competing in this event.



Some of the ▶ younger visitors with a variety of styles "legging it" for the tape.

A ROVING CAMERAMAN AT THE SOCIAL AND SPORTS CLUB'S ANNUAL SPORTS AT READING ON JULY 10

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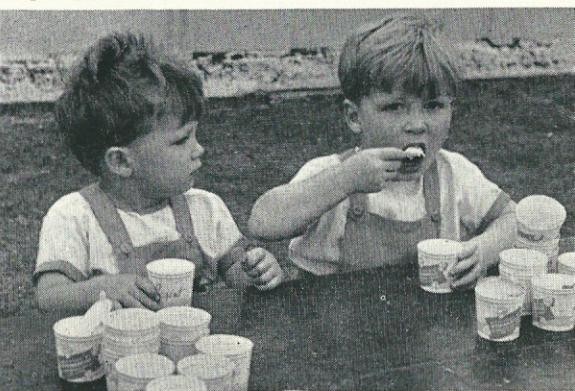
A fine Saturday, by this year's standards, on July 10, attracted a good crowd to the Berkeley Avenue Sports Ground for the Social and Sports Club's Annual Sports. The full programme was carried through without interruption. For the results of these events, see page 40 in the Sports Section.



▲ In the 100 yards, with Miss J. Grover in the lead;



TWO CHAMPIONS : An extra and unofficial event was an ice-cream eating race. Here ▲ are the Champions busily engrossed in their labour of love. And here ▼ the winner looks almost enviously at his challenger, who still has some ice cream left. The two competitors are Christopher, 2½ (left) and Timothy, 3½, sons of Ron Champion, of the Cooperage.



THE LADIES—BLESS THEM—IN ACTION. and ▲ the Egg and Spoon Race.

Winners of the
Children's Fancy Dress
Parade. Robert Davey,
son of Mr. Stanley
Davey (Wages Office)
as "Hoppy" was
First Prize Winner.



THEY FOUND IT QUITE ABSORBING . . .
Children watching the Punch and Judy Show ▲
and Mr. Duncan Simonds and Mr. E. M. Downes
selecting the prettiest ankles. ►



TAIL PIECE ►
An unidentified visitor
who had the time of his
life chasing the
competitors in several
of the events. Here he
is resting near the
children's swings after
a particularly strenuous
effort.



Workers' Playtime from the Canteen at Reading

It was standing room only in the Canteen at Reading Brewery on August 31, when the B.B.C. broadcast their Workers' Playtime programme from there.

Disappointment when they heard that Arthur English was ill—suffering from sunstroke—believe it or not—and had had to cancel his appearance, was quickly forgotten when it was learned that the ever-popular Ethel Revnell was taking his place. Peals of laughter from the audience accompanied her performance.

The supporting artistes, who included "The Sapphires," a quintet of songsters, and Bill Maynard and Mary Naylor, were also first-class.

Footnote: The performance of the audience—an important factor in the success of these programmes—was also reported to be first-class. The report came from B.B.C. headquarters in London shortly after the programme had gone off the air.



Miss Ethel Revnell (centre lady) with Bill Gates, the Producer, peering over her shoulder, and other members of the cast pictured in this group after the programme.



Eleven-year-old Kenneth Cooke, an enterprising young man, and keen autograph hunter, heard the programme on his radio at home in Southampton Street, Reading. When it was announced that the broadcast was being made from the "Works Canteen of a Reading Brewery," he quickly snatched up his autograph book and ran all the way to the Canteen in Bridge Street.

Mr. Tom Antill's fifty years' Service



Mr. Tom Antill.

Mr. T. H. Antill, Newport Free Trade Representative, affectionately known as "Tom" Antill throughout the trade in that area, recently completed 50 years' service with Phillips & Sons Limited, thirty-five of which were spent "on the road."

In recognition of this outstanding record, the local Directors, Mr. A. N. Phillips and Lieut.-General Sir Charles W. Allfrey, arranged a luncheon at the "Queen's Hotel," Newport, on August 26, and invited Mr. F. H. V. Keighley, representing the Board of Directors, together

with Mr. S. C. Saunders, Newport Branch Manager, Mr. H. H. Robertson, Head Brewer, and four long service members of the staff, Messrs. C. W. Snell, F. H. Williams, N. C. Hallett and H. J. Thomas.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, Mr. Phillips spoke warmly of Mr. Antill's service : " You are an example to us all, and we trust that you will continue to enjoy your good health for many years." Mr. Phillips then presented to Mr. Antill on behalf of H. & G. Simonds, Ltd., a wristlet watch and cheque.

Mr. Antill responded with thanks for the kindness shown to him during his long career with Phillips & Sons Limited, and also during the last five years with H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.

NEW HONOUR FOR MR. DUNCAN SIMONDS

Mr. E. Duncan Simonds has been elected President of the newly formed Association of Licensed Trade Stocktakers.

The aim of the Association is to elevate the profession of stocktaker-accountants as a whole and to promote their efficiency and usefulness by compelling the observance of strict rules of conduct.

The Association is out to establish a strict system of examination and training of all persons wishing to enter the profession.

Hop Leaves

Mr. F. G. Pritchard, who retired from our employ in 1946, and his wife, now living at "Kosicot," Victoria Road, Knaphill, celebrated their Golden Wedding on July 23.

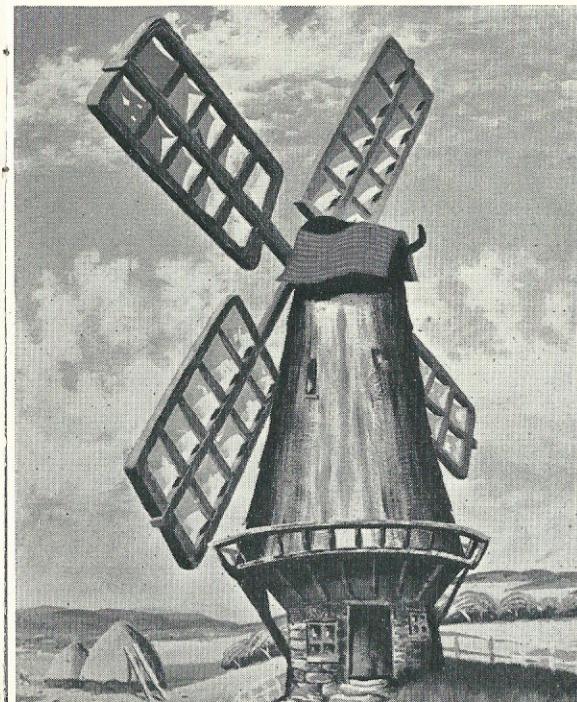
Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, who were married at St. Mary's Church, Reading, are both natives of Reading, and Mr. Pritchard was employed at the Reading Brewery before being transferred to Woking in 1904.



Mr. and Mrs. D. Miller being presented with a farewell gift by members of the Cumberland Club on their leaving the Cumberland Hotel, Totterdown, to take over "The Shoe," North Wraxall.

Colleagues in the Hollerith Department presented Miss J. Johnson with a steam electric iron, a carving knife and fork, and a set of fruit spoons before she left the office for the last time on August 20, upon her resignation prior to her wedding.

The new Inn Sign of "The Windmill," Windlesham, Surrey.



Ex-R.A.S.C. driver, Mr. John Roberts, of Kingfield, Woking, walked into the "Four Horseshoes" at Burrow Hill, Chobham, Surrey, gave his order—and stared. For behind the bar was Mr. (ex-R.S.M.) Lempriere, M.B.E. Mr. Roberts served under him at Longcross, Surrey.

The R.S.M. took over the house after 28 years in the Army. And one of the first to have a drink on the new landlord was Driver (sorry !) Mr. Roberts.

Sammy McCarthy, British featherweight champion, spent a Saturday evening recently in "The Nag's Head," Sunningdale, signing autographs for customers.

The landlord of the Inn, Mr. Tommy Williams, is an old friend of Sammy's. Mr. Williams' brother-in-law, Mr. Johnny Mann, former British lightweight champion, used to train Sammy as an amateur.



Mr. and Mrs. K. W. T. Wright, who have recently taken over the tenancy of the "George and Dragon," Bedminster Bridge, Bristol. They are well known in the trade, as Mr. Wright's father is the licensee of the Free House almost opposite the "George and Dragon," known as the "Grosvenor Arms."



Mrs. E. Brodie, of "The Wheatsheaf," Stanwell, recently won a prize at a Fancy Dress Ball for her costume representing "Tavern."

"The Brewery Stragglers," Bristol, held an outing on June 7, when two coach-loads of members and friends proceeded to Weymouth.

On the return journey a detour was made to call at the "Bath Arms" Hotel, Cheddar, for skittles and refreshment to complete a most enjoyable day.

We are pleased to welcome back Mr. F. Clinch, Transport Foreman, who has now recovered after an illness, and Mr. F. C. Smith, Tied House Inspector, Reading, who has been on the sick list since April last.

IN THE HOLIDAY MOOD—A party from the Hotels Department who enjoyed a very pleasant outing to Bognor Regis on Sunday, August 15. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hastings, Assistant Manager of the Hotels and Catering Department, at the Queen's Hotel, Farnborough, during the evening, when a very excellent dinner was appreciated by all.



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A STOUT FELLOW

There was some excitement at the Bristol Brewery on July 6, when a fire broke out in the engine of a tanker lorry loaded with stout which had just arrived.

The driver of the vehicle grabbed a fire extinguisher and immediately tackled the flames, which involved the starter motor, and very soon had the fire out.

Firemen who arrived found that their job had been done for them—the stout had been saved by the driver, Edward Stout, of Cricklewood, London.

FOOTNOTE : *It was not one of our vehicles.*



We reproduce this picture which originally appeared in the Spring (1953) issue, in which Mr. Edwin (Ted) Carpenter was pictured with three former colleagues in the Cooperage in retirement.

Having added another year to their combined total of service, making it 209 years, Mr. Carpenter retired on July 5.

Ted Carpenter started in the Cooperage as an apprentice in 1902. He was appointed Shop Foreman when Mr. C. Bartholomew (second from right in picture) retired. During his service he served under three Head Brewers—Messrs. Stocker, Knapp and Downes—and under three Head Coopers—Messrs. Drury, Sr., Drury, Jnr., and Dines). He has also been an active sportsman, playing football and cricket for the Reading Brewery teams for very many years. The visit of the Prince of Wales and the fire in the Canvas Department are among the events he recalls.

Retirement gifts included a bone china tea service from his colleagues in the Cooperage, and an electric fire from the staff of the Scalds.

A Party Group (left to right, standing behind their respective wives, are Mr. S. M. Penlerick (our London Manager), Mr. E. Mitchell (Harrod's Food Section Manager), Mr. B. Stoker (Social Secretary of the Harroddian Club) and Mr. M. Miln (Harrod's Restaurant and Catering Manager).

Congratulations to Mr. R. G. Fison, Director of Saccone & Speed Ltd., who has just passed his Master of Wine examination.

Miss D. Salter, twenty-year-old daughter of Mr. C. Salter, foreman of the Fermenting Department, Reading, who has been working in the laboratory while on holiday from Brighton Training College, has passed the University of London Institute of Education Teachers' Certificate Examination, 1954.

Miss Salter will shortly commence a teaching career at Margate.

The staff of Harrods' Food Section held their annual dinner and dance at their attractive club house, Mill Lodge, Barnes, on May 5. As usual, with anything their Food Section does, it was a really grand party, and the attractive temporary bar that was erected dispensed only Simonds beer in addition to spirits, etc., and a further expression of the friendship existing between ourselves and Harrods Ltd. was that even the menu cards and serviettes were given by our Hotel and Catering Department through the courtesy of Mr. H. C. Davis.



Our people and places

TORBAY, S. DEVON

Devon is probably the most English of our Counties—rich in its historical associations, the mecca of holiday makers, its countryside beautiful and prolific, its people hardy, honest and hospitable.

There is Devon of the moors, Devon of the pastures and green hills, and Devon of the coves and beaches. Our latest tour took us through the Devon of the coves and beaches seeking our Inns—which was easy enough because there are so many of them—and meeting our people.

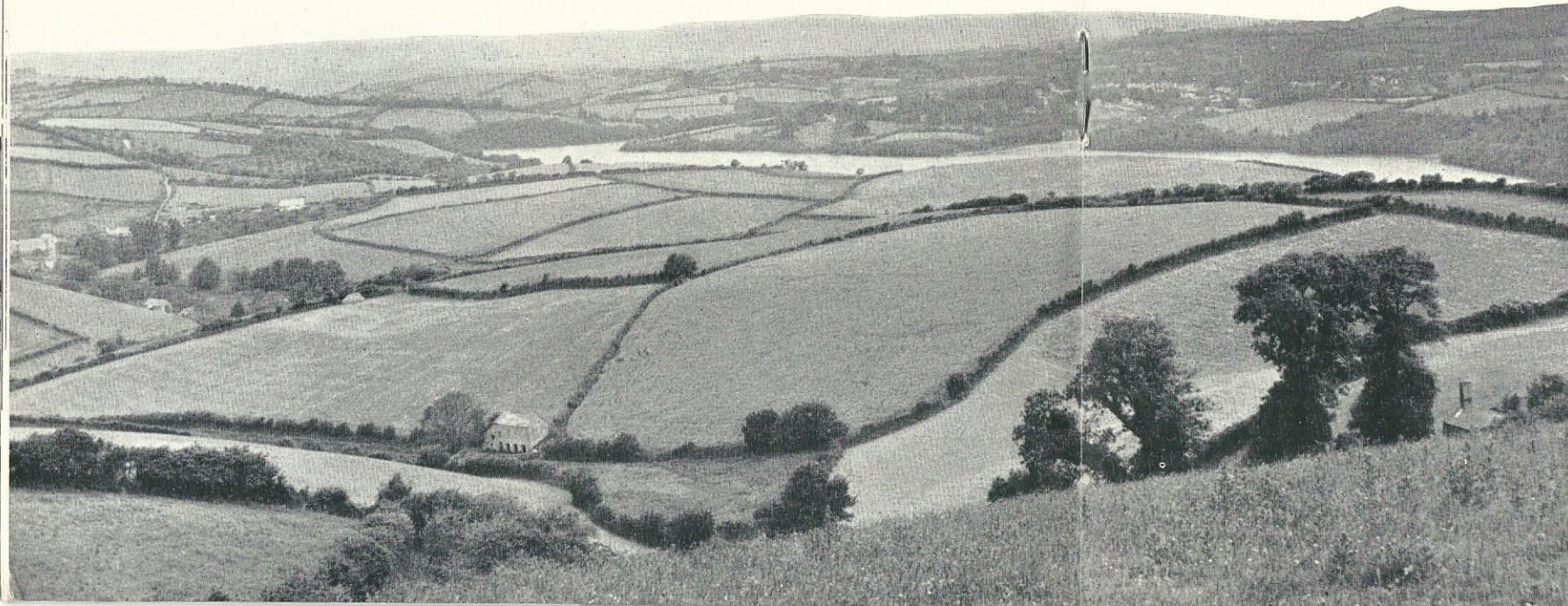
We started at Newton Abbot—an ancient town into which both sea and country intrude. We arrived late and hungry at the “Commercial Hotel”—an old coaching house which still retains the air of comfort and hospitality associated with the Devon of our forefathers.

Late though it was, it seemed only a matter of minutes before our “inner men” were well and truly satisfied. Then we sat in the cosy lounge listening to the comforting buzz of conversation. It was

the holiday season and the accents of Wales, Scotland and Lancashire mingled with that attractive one of Devon. Arthur, an elderly Devonian from these parts, included us in the conversation and was soon telling us how he had broken in horses for the troops of the Boer War and the Kaiser’s war as well. “Wars,” he told us, “have never been the same since they cut out the horses.” Arthur has been using the house for 65 years, and in his opinion it is as good or better today than it ever was.



“At the foot of an incredibly steep slope we found the ‘Ferry Hotel’ with the broad, calm waters of the River Dart lapping the bank a few feet away . . .”



A Riverside Inn

Next morning, after an excellent breakfast—with real Devon cream in our coffee—we drove up hill and down dale to one of the prettiest and quaintest of Devon’s riverside hamlets—Dittisham.

At the foot of an incredibly steep slope we found the “Ferry Hotel” with the broad, calm waters of the River Dart lapping the bank a few feet away. This 300-years-old house commands one of the

A glimpse of South Devon country and the River Dart. With this lovely undulating country lying but a mile or so from Devon’s famous coastline, the visitor is assured of a wealth of scenic beauty.



A view from
the window
of the "Ferry
Hotel."

loveliest views in England ; from whatever window you look, you see broad water, wooded banks and graceful yachts.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg Ferris, who have been 30 years in the house, showed us signed photographs of the comedian, Cyril Fletcher, an old friend of theirs, who celebrated his 21st birthday there, and Gordon Harker, another regular customer, who had left the bar just before we arrived.

It is a fascinating inn, with its low doorways and ceilings. "We must advertise for only small men to come here," said Mrs. Ferris, a jolly, popular and efficient landlady, whose bedrooms are available all the year round for fisherman or just ordinary holiday maker content to sit and admire the views, or just sit.

Naval Cadets from Dartmouth College sail to "The Ferry" Hotel for refreshments which in season include the famous Ploughman plums which grow only in the immediate neighbourhood of Dittisham. Years ago one of the young cadets who enjoyed Mrs. Ferris's excellent teas was the Duke of Edinburgh.



The powder horns and bullet mould
found in the cellars of "The Seven
Stars" Inn.

An Echo of Waterloo

From Dittisham we climbed up and down on roads like a Blackpool switchback to Dartmouth. "The Seven Stars" Inn, listed as an ancient monument, was our target. This great rambling old house with bulging walls and floors that slope from corner to corner is a real find for the traveller seeking the architecture of other days. Long ago it was a waterside inn and the haunt of smugglers. The licensee, Mr. William James Turner, showed us some old powder horns and a bullet mould which he recently found whilst clearing out his cellars ; carefully framed in an upstairs room we saw a genuine copy of *The Times* dated June 22, 1815. This was the edition which gave the first dispatch from Wellington giving news of his famous victory at Waterloo. Whilst we were there workmen were altering the public bar and had removed three ceilings before reaching the original old rafters. When these are completely revealed and cleaned the House will look once again like the "raftered old inn" made famous in that novel "Parson Peter."

From Dartmouth across the busy harbour in a car ferry and on to Brixham, the centre of the Torbay fishing industry. Brixham was crammed with holiday makers, its quays covered with parked cars and its harbour fussy with every type of craft. Alongside the busy fish market we found "The Rising Sun," more

famous locally as the Japanese Embassy, as it was christened by the Services during the recent war because its sign resembles the imperial sign of Japan.

There was no need to doubt the antiquity of this house. Outside the back door is an ancient stone tower, once, perhaps, a look-out spot for watching the coming and going of ships—now it has been put to another practical use !

Brixham during the war was the training ground for those intrepid heroes—The Frogmen—and they made the "Rising Sun" their own. One of the two bars there—the one over which the landlady, Mrs. Edwards, herself, presides—was their meeting room and most of that small and heroic band of heroes are well known to Mrs. Edwards.

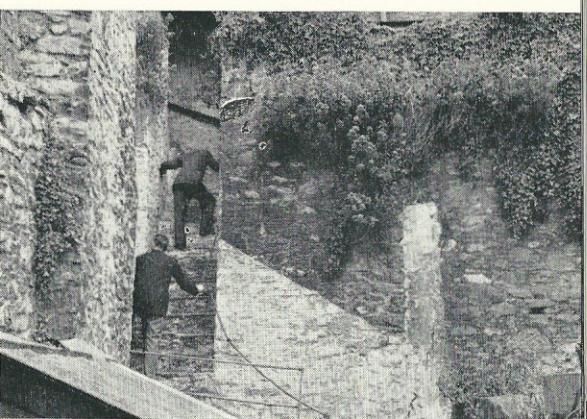
"What shall we do with a drunken sailor . . ."

Brixham has many steep lanes, and narrow and seemingly never-ending flights of stone steps; we climbed one of the most difficult of them to our next port of call—"The Manor Inn." It is recorded that some of Nelson's sailors were publicly whipped here for drunkenness. It has a back entrance which is, perhaps, the most unusual in England. One hundred steps lead steeply to the street above—so steeply that it would be a brave man who would attempt them after a "session" in the Manor.

Brixham has many claims to fame. It was at Brixham that William of Orange—"King Billy"—landed when he came to take the throne of England, and it was here that the Rev. H. F. Lyte wrote that most beautiful of hymns, "Abide with Me." One of its lesser claims to fame is the "Blue Anchor" where the customer can't help looking down on the servers behind the bar. When we first entered the inn and saw just the head of the



Mrs. Edwards draws a pint.



It's a stiff climb out the back way from the
"Manor Inn."



"We thought hard work had brought Mrs. Simons
to her knees . . ."

landlady above the counter, we thought either that the hard work had brought the poor woman to her knees or that she was a midget. As we approached the counter, however, we saw that Mrs. Simons was of normal height, but the level of the floor behind the bar was well below that of the whole room.

"An the shore-lights flashin' . . .

From there we walked around the corner to the towering "New Quay" Inn expecting to find a vast house with numerous bars—again we were mistaken. The towering house is itself nothing to do with the intimate little inn which looks just like, and is known locally as "The Hole in the Wall." It is just two small rooms at the bottom of the building, one of them reminiscent of the old-fashioned type of railway carriage. Most certainly a house of character where the holiday makers rubbed shoulders with the local fishermen and talked about the English summer, the beer, and tomorrow's weather. What else do holiday makers talk about?

After leaving the "New Quay" Inn we once more bent our backs as we struggled up yet another hill to the "Maritime" Inn. The climb was well rewarded by the entrancing view we enjoyed from its doorway. Far below the harbour lights twinkled and across from the other side of the bay the strains of music and singing was wafted up to us. This attractive house with its wonderful views appealed to a British Film Company who used it as the setting for the film, "The Devil's Path," in which John Slater played.

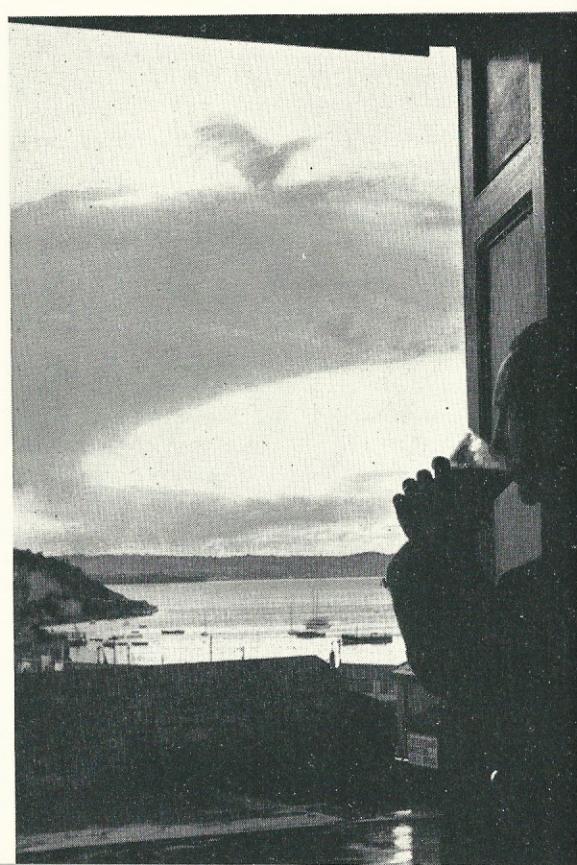
England's oldest Borough

Totnes in the heart of South Devon was our next port of call. This ancient town claims to be the oldest Borough in England: Chester makes a similar claim but, unlike Totnes, it cannot produce its Charter to prove it. In its main street is



Strange as it seems, the entire "New Quay Inn" is restricted to two tiny bars at the bottom left of this towering building.

An eventide view of Brixham Harbour from the door of the "Maritime Inn."



a stone known as the Brutus Stone where, legend has it, Brutus, great-grandson of Æneas of Troy, landed about the year 900 B.C. Some say that the name Totnes is derived from his description of the town—"Dodonesse" which in Latin means "the stony place"; others say the name is from the Saxon "Tota Neys," meaning "a look-out place." However, the children of the town repeat an old jingle attributed to Brutus: "Here I stand and here I rest . . . This place shall be called Totnes," and nobody seemed really worried at all about how it all started.

The first inn we called at there was "The Lord Nelson," a most attractive little house, slated and roofed with the famous Delabole slates which extend down

the front. The fireplaces in the bars are also surrounded with this slate, lending them a most distinctive air. The landlord, Mr. G. D. Oliver, told us how he had enjoyed acting as an extra in a film which was being shot nearby called "I Lived in Grosvenor Square," and was paid £2 a day for it as well.

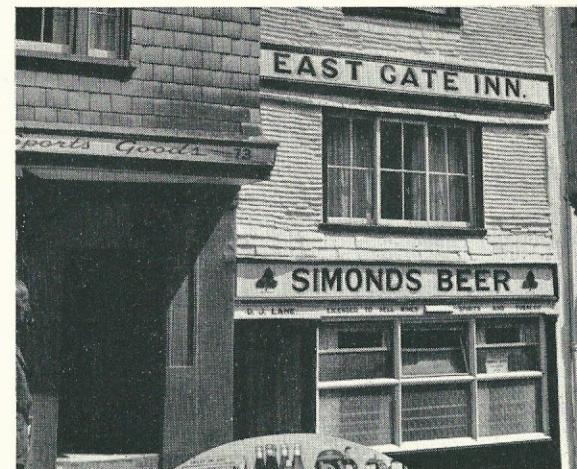
A few yards up the street from the "Lord Nelson" is one of the oldest inns in the town. Called "The Eastgate" Inn, part of its walls form the original walls of the town of Totnes. This house is within earshot of the bells of the ancient Parish Church of St. Mary, which to the present day sound the Curfew and the Angelus daily. Mr. D. J. Lane, the licensee, was a London policeman before taking over the house.

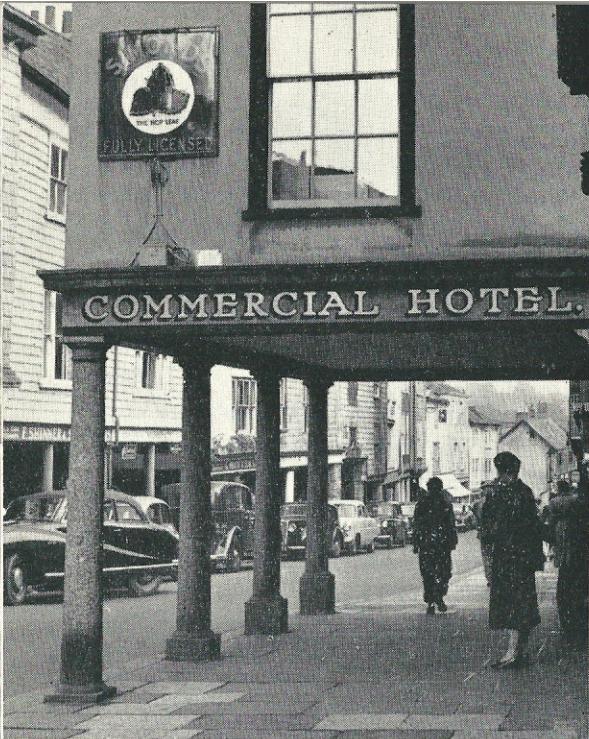


Above : Beer in a smart-looking neat lorry arrives at the equally trim and attractively slated "Lord Nelson."

Top right : The ancient "East Gate Inn" was the first local inn to be built outside the walls of Totnes.

Inset : Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lane.





The four granite pillars of the "Commercial Hotel."

A view from the window of "The Bay Horse" Inn. The first free market since 1939 was taking place.



An Ancient Monument

As we walked along the pavement we passed between four granite pillars which support some bedrooms of the Commercial Hotel. This imposing, rambling old building was once the seat of the Birdwood family. It became an inn 400 years ago, and was once a thriving, busy coaching house on the Torquay-Plymouth Road. This house has also been scheduled as an ancient monument.

As we approached the "Bay Horse" Inn we had to press through crowds of burly bronzed farmers. It was market day and the first free market since 1939 was going on—meat rationing had finished the previous day. The bar of the inn was crammed with farmers from the market opposite, and over the voices of the customers could be heard the penetrating voice of the auctioneer calling out the offers in his peculiar sing-song tone . . .

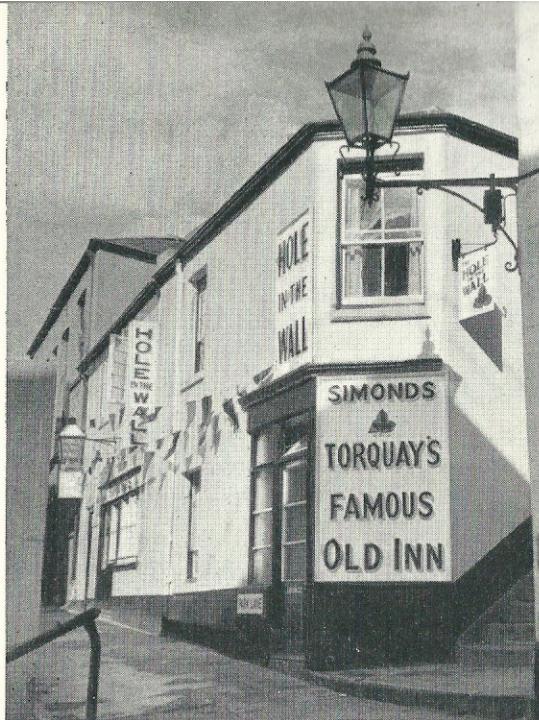
Upstairs the auctioneer's clerk sat with his account books, and farmers who had bought or sold in the market opposite came to him to pay over or collect the cash. It was a cheerful scene—the farmers, happy that restrictions had been removed at last, had plenty to chat about.



A Smugglers' Inn

A quick drive through the leafy, flower-decked lanes and we arrived at busy, bustling Torquay where after some difficulty we parked the car and climbed up to the "Hole in the Wall"—one of the most famous public houses in the West Country. It is the oldest one in Torquay and the most unique. Its pebbled bar was crowded with customers, many of whom were also there as sightseers. The landlord, Mr. L. T. Gruitt, who worked with the Company for 24 years before taking over the inn nine years ago, told us how he had dug up genuine old Spanish coins from the floor of the bar.

In the attractive new bar known as "The Quarter Deck," with its genuine nautical atmosphere, we met two visitors from Yorkshire who had come to see the house as a result of reading about it in the ladies' magazine *Vogue*. This is



Above : The "Hole in the Wall."
Left : Mr. L. T. Gruitt chats with visitors from Yorkshire in the "Quarter Deck" bar.

what *Vogue* wrote : "It is a pub drenched in memories of the smugglers of Daddy Hole Plain, who planned their coups in the cobble-stoned bar." If you visit there, do not forget to try Mr. Gruitt's snack speciality—pickled boiled seagull eggs : they are delicious !

After the smugglers' inn we reached the "White Hart" where the talk was of cricket—of averages, County records and Test matches. Behind the bar was tall, brawny Tom Dean, the pride of Devon cricket. Tom is a professional cricketer as well as a publican, an excellent all-rounder who used to play for Hampshire. This is his fifth season with South Devon, and so far he has scored more than 5,000 runs and taken 815 wickets for 2,400 overs.

M.I.5 and a Dog V.C.

Our final visit was to the "Pig and Whistle" at Littlehempston, a hamlet a



Tom Dean—straight from the cricket field—hands them out.

few miles from Totnes. As we passed over a road bridge spanning a deep wooded ravine, we saw the bright, amusing sign of a fat porker playing a tin whistle.

It is a bright public house with a genial landlord. A brilliant array of multi-coloured bottles on the shelves looked just

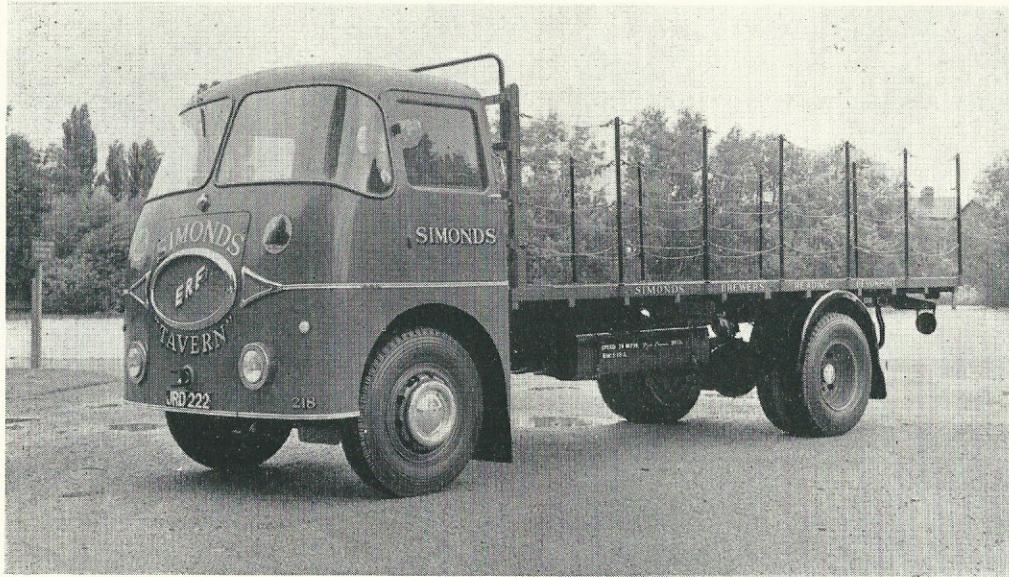


The "Pig and Whistle" Inn, with its amusing inn sign, is an attractive landmark.

Above : Joyful Major D. W. Douglas-Purvey toasts a couple of visitors from Africa.

like the "Trooping of the Colours" which is only what one should expect from an old soldier—Major D. W. Douglas-Purvey—who ostensibly was 19 years with the Indian Army. Ostensibly, because he was in fact attached to M.I.5—the Army Department which deals with anti-espionage. His work led him to many adventures in odd parts of the world, including Russia.

With him behind the bar was "Carlo," an Alsatian dog which recently won the Dickens Medal or Dog's V.C. as it is called. Carlo had saved the lives of a man and three boys who were cut off by the tide at the foot of a cliff.



THE LATEST ADDITION

This fine vehicle has just joined our fleet of commercial vehicles which now number over 200. It will soon become a familiar sight in the West Country where it will be operating between our Devonport Brewery and Penzance.

It was manufactured by Messrs. E. R. F. Company, and is known as Type 4.4 G

and powered by the Gardner 4 LW oil engine.

The vehicle is remarkable for the comfort which it provides for the crew. It gives excellent driving vision, has an adjustable driving seat, heater and screen de-mister.



Our Savings Group recently gained First place in League I of the three Leagues run by the Reading Savings Committee for industrial savings groups.

Here is Mr. T. W. Kent receiving the Industrial National Savings Cup from the Mayor of Reading, Councillor A. E. Smith, in the Mayor's Parlour.

Mainly about People

New Arrivals

We are happy to welcome the following new members of the staff who have recently joined :—

Reading :

Mr. R. W. NORKEETT, Architect's Department.
MISS J. PRATT, Correspondence Office.
MISS M. BOOTH, Correspondence Office.
MISS J. PARR, Hollerith Department.
MISS P. KEMP, Hollerith Department.
MISS E. BUCKINGHAM, Hollerith Department.
MISS M. LAYLEY, Hollerith Department.
MISS D. PHILLIPS, Hollerith Department.
MISS B. WESTON, Hollerith Department.
MR. G. STEVENS, Cask Office.
MR. B. BAILEY, Cask Office.
MR. T. GOODENOUGH, Delivery Office.
MRS. M. E. EAGLE, Hotels & Catering Dept.
MISS A. D. RICHARDS, Hollerith Department.
MISS K. E. WRIGHT, Hollerith Department.
MISS S. O'KEEFE, Hollerith Department.
MISS E. EGGRERS, Hollerith Department.
MISS S. ARMSTRONG, Hollerith Department.

Branches:

<i>Staines :</i>	MRS. L. F. M. JACOB. MRS. D. J. PEARSON. MRS. K. L. VOLLER. MRS. W. OLENIK.
<i>Brighton :</i>	MRS. J. M. MINCHINTON.
<i>Bristol :</i>	MISS J. SWEETMAN.
<i>Bridgend :</i>	MISS M. W. JONES.
<i>Newport :</i>	MISS R. C. WINTLE.
<i>Ludgershall :</i>	MRS. D. HARGREAVES.

People on the Move

The following staff changes have taken place :—

Reading :

MISS C. KNEEBONE, Correspondence Office to Architect's Department.

Mr. E. Hurlock.



Mr. M. Tilbury.



Mr. F. J. Riden.



Miss P. Kemp.

MR. R. SMITH, Hollerith Dept. to Accounts Dept.
MISS J. TANNER, Correspondence Office to Surveyor's Dept.
MR. F. PUSEY, Cask Office to Hollerith Dept.
MR. S. VOUGHT, Cask Office to Estates Dept.
MR. T. C. HAWKINS, Architect's Dept. to Accounts Dept.

Branches :

MR. N. J. DURSLEY, Temporarily attached to Portsmouth Branch from Bristol Branch.
MR. E. HINGSTON, Representative, transferred to Devonport from Portsmouth.
MR. G. J. CALLAGHAN, appointed Representative Portsmouth Branch. Rejoined ex Saccone & Speed Ltd.
MR. A. C. WILCOCKS, appointed Clerk-in-Charge, Penzance Sub-Depot (Devonport Branch).
MR. G. M. HOWELLS, appointed Representative, Bridgend Area.

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Mr. G. L. Hardwick
recently appointed
Manager of Oxford
Branch.



Mr. F. B. Scott, recently
appointed Assistant
Manager of Bristol
Branch.



Mr. and Mrs. D. West.



Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Colquhoun.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Lovejoy. Also in the picture are :
Mr. John F. Lovejoy (father), Bottling Dept.;
Mrs. Gooch, Secretarial Dept.; Mr. N. Bedding,
Surveyor's Dept.; Mr. A. Randall, Cask Office.

Mr. E. Hurlock, Wages Department, will on October 1, succeed Mr. G. V. Weait as Chief Wages Clerk.

Mr. Hurlock joined the firm in 1915 in the Cask Office. After service in H.M. Forces, he returned in 1919 to the General Office, and served subsequently in the Accounts Department until he was transferred in 1940 to the Wages Department.

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Mr. Weait, who retires on September 30, has completed more than half a century in our service, and in May was presented by the Chairman, General Dempsey, with a gold watch.

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Mr. M. Tilbury and Mr. F. J. Riden were appointed Joint Assistant Managers, Estates Department, with effect from July 1 last.

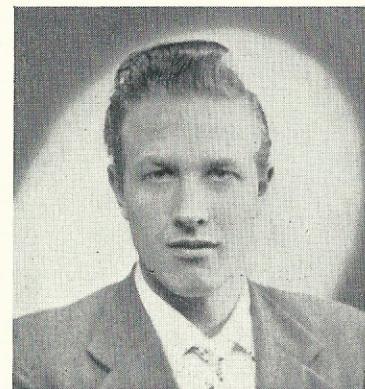
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Mr. F. Pusey, who has recently been transferred to the Hollerith Department as Mr. Webb's deputy, has been with the firm since 1919, and has seen service in the Cask Office and in the General Office and, latterly, has been in charge of Credits and the preparation of material for the Hollerith Department.

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Retirements :

After completing 84 years' clerical service at Newport Branch between them,



Mr. D. J. Hayes.

Mr. A. E. Roberts, Senior Clerk, who joined in 1908, and Mr. E. N. Clark, who joined in 1916, retired on June 30.

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National Service

The following employees have left for National Service :—

MR. E. HOSLER, Accounts Dept., Reading.
MR. J. R. HERRITY, Newport Branch.
MR. C. F. STUBBS, Newport Branch.
MR. R. BRIND, Wine Stores, Reading.
MR. D. J. HAYES, Estates Dept., Reading.

We welcome the return after National Service of the following :—

MR. M. I. LAVELL, Accounts Dept., Reading.
MR. B. SAYERS, Wine and Spirits Dept., Reading.
MR. A. L. WOOD, Swindon Branch.

TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the many contributors who have been of the utmost help in the production of this journal.

Unfortunately, shortage of space has made

THE EDITOR

it impossible to use all the contributions received. I assure these contributors that their efforts are well appreciated and, it is hoped, future plans will enable us to use more items of news.

Sport

Basingstoke

DARTS

The "Queen's Arms" won the Basingstoke and District "Hop Leaf" League Championship.

In the pairs competition N. Seaward and G. Robinson, of "The Bell," Odiham, beat F. Barnes and F. Rivers, of "The Barley Mow," Oakley.

Mr. S. H. Spurling, Estates Manager,

presented the various prizes to the winners. Officers of the League are as follows :—

Chairman : E. J. Randall, "Black Boy," Basingstoke.

Secretary : R. R. Wateridge, 19, Junction Road, Basingstoke.

Bristol

SKITTLES

The Annual Dinner of the "Hop Leaf" Skittles League took place at the Civic Restaurant, College Green, where the Area Manager, Mr. B. H. Quelch, welcomed a large company and presented prizes to the competition winners.

An entertainment followed the dinner, during which a song was sung to the tune of "I See the Moon," the words of which were composed by Mr. F. Smart, of our Surveyor's Department. The words of two of the verses and the chorus are as follows :—

I see the Pins,
The Pins see me,
Just roll the ball
Down the old Alley ;
Hit the front first
With plenty of Beef,
Hurrah, for the old Hop Leaf !
When the match is over
Just give three cheers,
Then go in the bar, lads,
And order your Beers ;
Tavern, or S.B.,
It's our belief
You're glad it's the old Hop Leaf.



The league winners from the "Queen's Arms," Basingstoke.



Mr. S. H. Spurling presents the Cup to Mr. George Brown, Captain of the "Queen's Arms" team.



Some of the members of the Bristol "Hop Leaf" Skittles League at the Annual Dinner.

Chorus :
Roll down the balls, boys,
Knock 'em for six,
For if you miss them
You're in a fix ;
So drink up your Beers
And drown your grief,
Hurrah, for the old Hop Leaf !

It was hoped to extend the league to three Divisions for the coming season, but a later decision has been made to run two Divisions of 20 teams in each, and we are looking forward to the commencement of the new season.

CRIBBAGE

The Cribbage team of the "Prince Albert," Gloucester, in their first season

Devonport

The Annual General Meeting of the Plymouth and District "Hop Leaf" Darts Leagues (Men's Section) was held at the "Tamar" Hotel, Crownhill, on Tuesday, July 27, when it was decided to admit new members to the leagues. The leagues are now enlarged to 17 and 16 in Sections "A" and "B" respectively, these being the highest numbers ever achieved.

Mr. E. Clarkson, Second Brewer at the Tamar Brewery, Devonport, was elected as an additional Vice-President.

The meeting was conducted by Mr. A. J. Sorrell, and the Treasurer, Mr. J. Thomas, presented the balance sheet.

in the Gloucestershire Licensed House Trade Association Cribbage League, finished second, and thus qualify to receive the Runners-up Cup in addition to promotion from the "B" Division to the "A" Division.

WHIST

In their initial season the Whist team of the Richmond Hotel, Barton Hill, Bristol, have won the "Prince-Cox" Cup, awarded to the team with most points gained during the second half of the season in the Bristol and Clifton Whist League.

DARTS

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Johnstone, who continues as Secretary.

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The Ladies' Section of the Plymouth and District "Hop Leaf" Darts League held their Annual General Meeting at the "Tamar" Hotel, Crownhill, on Wednesday, July 28.

Mrs. G. Flowers was elected Chairman and Mrs. Johnstone will continue as the Secretary-Treasurer.

After a very successful inaugural season last year the league has now been enlarged by teams from the "Chester Cup," the "Wolsdon Arms" and "Camel's Head."

London

SOUTHERN CLUB'S DARTS LEAGUE

The Annual Presentation of Trophies was held at the Tooting Constitutional Club on Wednesday, June 16. Major S. J. Sulston was in the Chair, and there was a very large attendance from the various Clubs.

Mr. E. D. Simonds made the presentations as follows :—

Premier Division

Winners of the "Simonds" Silver Challenge Cup : Tooting Conservative Club.

Runners-up : Tooting Constitutional Club.

Second Division

Winners of Silver Cup : 54th Old Comrades' Association.

Runners-up : Tooting Constitutional Club.

Singles Champion : Mr. H. Marchant, of Long Thornton Club.

Runner-up : Mr. L. Baker, of Eltandia 47 Club.

Pairs Winners : Mr. J. Bishop and Mr. D. Cayless, of Tooting Constitutional Club.

Runners-up : Mr. S. Draper and Mrs. S. Barker, of Tooting Bowling Club.

Winner of Secretaries' Competition : Mr. S. Sansom, of the Wanderers Darts Club.

Runner-up : Mr. R. Wakeford, of Colliers Wood Constitutional Club.

Maximums of 180 scored by :

Mr. R. Abbott, of Streatham Conservative Club.

Mr. E. Philpott, of Tooting Progressive Club.

Mr. H. J. Goodwin, of United Services Club.

Mr. G. Leighton, of Tooting Conservative Club.

Season's Highest Finish of 115 : Mr. P. Bryant, of Tooting Constitutional Club.

Tooting Conservative Club thus won the "Simonds" Cup for the second year running, and Mr. S. Sansom, the Secretaries' Cup for the second year running.

THE WINNERS :

Seated (left to right) : Major S. J. Sulston (League President), Mr. G. Platt (Tooting Conservative Club, League Champions), Mr. H. Marchant (Long Thornton, Singles Champion), Mr. R. Potter (54th Old Comrades, Second Division Champions), Mr. E. D. Simonds, Mr. S. Sansom (Wanderers, Secretaries' Champion). *Standing (left to right) :* Mr. A. Reader (Tooting Constitutional Club), Mr. B. Musk (Tooting Constitutional Club, Premier Runners-up), Mr. C. Nurthen (Tooting Constitutional Club, Second Division Runners-up), Mr. E. C. Turner (54th Old Comrades), Mr. R. Wakeford (Colliers Wood Constitutional Club, Secretaries' Runner-up), Mr. J. Bishop



and Mr. D. Cayless (Tooting Constitutional Club, Pairs Winners), Mr. W. F. Cartwright (League Chairman of Committee).

Penzance

DARTS

In its first year the "Hop Leaf" Darts League in Penzance and District produced a wealth of talent. Eleven houses in and around Penzance competed, and the "Duke of Cumberland," Penzance, won the Shield.

The presentation of prizes took place at the Palm Court Pavilion, Penzance, when Mr. and Mrs. J. E. G. Rowland, from the Tamar Brewery, Devonport, made the presentations.

An enjoyable evening finished with a dance and refreshments.

Reading

SOCIAL AND SPORTS CLUB'S ANNUAL SPORTS

The results of the 22 events held at the Berkeley Avenue Sports Ground on Saturday, July 10, were :—

50 yds. (Boys) (Under 10).

1st David Sayer
2nd Frank Ayers
3rd Paul Tott

50 yds. (Girls) (Under 10).

1st Janet Richardson
2nd Mary Harbord
3rd Carol Richardson

Tiny Tots (5 and under).

1st Michael Cousins
2nd Linda Reece

100 yds. (Boys) (Over 10, Under 15).

1st J. Gerry
2nd David Chard
3rd Michael Smith

80 yds. (Girls) (Over 10, Under 15).

1st Dorothy Gibbs
2nd Maureen Wheeler
3rd Janet Neighbour

100 yds. (Men).

1st J. Sheppard
2nd W. Heybourne
3rd M. Hayes

Boys' Boot Race.

1st David Collins
2nd Michael Smith
3rd Michael Archer

Girls' Skipping Race.

1st P. Gibbs
2nd Janet Neighbour
3rd Dulcina Gibbs

220 yds. (Men).

1st J. Sheppard
2nd W. Heybourne
3rd P. Honey

Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race.

1st Mrs. Lambourne
2nd Mrs. Clutson
3rd Mrs. R. Smith

Sack Race.

1st W. Johnson
2nd W. Absolom
3rd J. Gibbs

440 yds. (Men).

1st D. Venner
2nd J. Sheppard
3rd G. Ayers

Three-Legged Race.

1st A. & B. Thompson
2nd P. & D. Gibbs
3rd Absolom & Chard

Balloon Race.

1st W. Hawkins
2nd T. Beasley
3rd W. Absolom

880 yds. (Men).

1st D. Venner
2nd M. Hayes
3rd F. Slater

Veterans' Race.

1st F. Benham
2nd S. King
3rd S. Daniels

100 yds. (Ladies).

1st Mrs. J. Grover
2nd Mrs. R. Hunt
3rd Mrs. M. Lambourne

Departmental Relay Race.

1st Hollerith Dept. :
J. Sheppard
J. Jeffcoat
L. Fullbrook
W. Heybourne

Grand Finale Mixed Race. (Under 15).

1st Frank Ayers
2nd Richard Smith
3rd Victor Absolom

Tug-of-War.

Office v. Works :
Won by Works.

Children's Fancy Dress Parade.

1st Robert Davey (Poppy)
2nd Shirley Martin (Beefeater)
3rd Janet Curtis (Bo-Peep)
Maureen Curtis (Pirate)

Ladies' Ankles Competition.

1st Mrs. Martin
2nd Mrs. Choules
3rd Miss Owen



A happy group of Penzance and District players after the presentation of prizes.

CRICKET

The 1st XI have completed their best ever season, remaining undefeated. They played 14 matches, winning 8 and drawing 6. Skipper J. Hawkins heads the batting with an average of 22.8 and Eric Scott's average of 4.8 heads the bowling ;

R. S. Smith took the highest number of wickets—43, for an average of 5.8.

The 2nd XI played 9 matches, winning 3 and losing 6. D. Bearman heads the batting with an average of 16.6 and J. Hale heads the bowling with 4.6.

1st XI Batting Averages

	No. of Innings.	Runs.	High-est.	Not out.	Average.
J. Hawkins	...	11	173	40*	28.8
N. Bedding	...	14	191	38*	14.7
J. Rose	...	9	106	42	13.2
G. Harding	...	5	51	21	12.7
R. Lovejoy	...	12	115	31	11.5
G. Ayers	...	12	106	16*	10.6
K. Organ	...	6	10	5*	10.0
R. Lambourne	...	9	63	35	7.9
R. Reeves	...	6	34	15	5.7
R. S. Smith	...	9	36	13	5.1
F. Benham	...	5	21	8	5.2

Also Batted :

E. Scott ... 3 46 25* 3 —

A. Print ... 1 20 20 — 20.0

W. J. Greenaway ... 2 9 7 1 9.0

K. Gibbons ... 1 5 5 — 5.0

J. Smith ... 1 3 3 — 3.0

C. Josey ... 1 2 2 — 2.0

J. Bearman ... 2 2 2 — 1.0

E. Munt ... 1 1 1 — 1.0

J. Gardiner ... 2 2 2 — 1.0

* Denotes not out.

2nd XI Batting Averages

	No. of Innings.	Runs.	High-est.	Not out.	Average.
D. Bearman	...	5	83	54	16.6
K. Gibbons	...	7	86	66	12.3
R. L. Smith	...	5	53	25	10.6
E. Barrett	...	8	53	14*	7.6
J. Smith	...	8	45	21	6.4
L. Martin	...	5	24	19*	6.0
J. Jeffcoat	...	8	29	15	4.8
E. Crump	...	7	18	7	3.0

Also Batted :

R. Lambourne ... 1 56 56 — 56.0

H. Hawkins ... 1 28 28 — 28.0

G. Ayers ... 1 25 25 — 25.0

D. Hawkins ... 1 24 24 — 24.0

K. Organ ... 1 15 15 — 15.0

E. Mapstone ... 1 6 6 — 6.0

B. Digweed ... 2 6 6* 1 6.0

J. Birtwistle ... 1 5 5 — 5.0

J. Hale ... 4 19 18 — 4.7

W. Greenaway ... 4 17 8 — 4.2

G. Crutchfield ... 4 7 2 1 2.3

W. Hawkins ... 4 7 6 1 2.3

F. Benham ... 2 3 3 — 1.5

E. Munt ... 2 3 2 — 1.5

K. Morrel ... 2 3 3 — 1.5

J. Haspey ... 2 3 3 — 1.5

* Denotes not out.

1st XI Bowling Averages

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wicks.	Average.
J. Hale	...	49	10	96	21 4.6
R. L. Smith	...	38	18	83	9 9.2
D. Bearman	...	30.4	6	100	7 14.3
J. Smith	...	53.1	11	168	10 16.8
J. Gardiner	...	25	6	61	3 20.3

Also Bowled :

E. Munt ... 17 5 41 5 8.2

W. Heybourne ... 3 — 9 1 9.0

K. Gibbons ... 5 1 19 2 9.5

K. Morrel ... 3.4 1 13 1 13.0

H. Hawkins ... 8 4 13 1 13.0

J. Birtwistle ... 10 — 48 3 16.0

R. Lambourne ... 6 — 24 — —

B. Digweed ... 2 1 2 — —

J. Haspey ... 2 1 4 — —

Also Bowled :

A. Print ... 7 2 11 2 5.5

J. Gardiner ... 4 — 12 1 12.0

N. Bedding ... 7 1 34 — —



*Simonds Cricket Club
First XI, 1954.*

*Standing (left to right) :
N. Bedding, R. Lovejoy,
T. W. Kent (Scorer), R.
Reeves, R. Smith, K. G. S.
Organ, F. J. Benham,
H. K. White (Umpire),
G. Ayers.
Seated (left to right) :
C. R. Josey, C. J. Hawkins
(Capt.), G. F. Harding,
R. J. Lambourne.*

Simonds "A" 87 v. Sutton's 42.

G. Harding 21, N. Bedding 19, G. Ayers 14.

Sutton's were in trouble against the bowling of R. Reeves, who took 4 for 15 and R. Smith 6 for 23.

Simonds "A" 70 for 7 v. Staines Police 69.

The Police batted first, but lost quick wickets against accurate bowling and good fielding. R. Reeves took 6 for 18 and R. Smith 3 for 18.

Simonds "A" 42 for 7 v. Reading Exiles 99 for 9 dec.

The match ended in a draw.

Simonds "A" 60 for no wicket v. Reading Extra "A" 58.

Reading batted first, but could not stand against the bowling of R. Smith, who took 3 for 16 and K. Organ 4 for 9. N. Bedding scored 38 not out, and G. Ayers 16 not out.

Simonds "A" 54 for 4 v. Frimley Green 51.

Simonds won by 6 wickets. E. J. Hawkins 25 not out was the highest scorer. R. Smith took 7 for 24, and E. Scott 3 for 21.

Simonds "A" 25 for 3 v. Highams 24.

Highams put into bat could only muster 24, and Simonds passed this total with three wickets down. R. Smith took 3 for 5, and E. Smith took 4 for 4.

St. Sebastian's 60 v. Simonds "B" 19.

St. Sebastian's batted first and the innings ended at tea-time for a total of 60. Simonds "B" fared badly against the bowling.

St. Sebastian's 133 for 9 dec. v. Simonds "B" 128 for 7.

Again St. Sebastian's batted first, but this time found the "B" XI a much tougher proposition. Hale got 4 for 31, and Smith 2 for 26. An excellent stand between Bearman (54) and Gibbons (66) helped the "B" team tremendously and a very fine game was left drawn.

Stoke Row 68 v. Simonds "B" 46.

Stoke Row batted first and against very good bowling by Hale (6 for 18) were all out for 68. This match was an interesting battle, with good bowling and equally determined batting by both teams.

Viking C.C., Maidenhead 100 v. Simonds "B" 76.

Played at Maidenhead. Viking C.C. won by 24 runs. Viking batted first and once again Hale bowled very well, taking 6 for 23.

Stoke Row 85 for 5 dec. v. Simonds "B" (did not bat).

This match was abandoned because of rain.

Mortimer "B" 104 v. Simonds "B" 39.

Simonds bowlers had a very hard task, but eventually the home team were all out for 104, Munt taking 4 for 28, Bearman 3 for 33.

Frimley Green "B" 94 for 7 dec. v. Simonds "B" 69.

Frimley batted first, with the scoring very slow, and eventually declaring at 94 for 7, leaving Simonds 80 minutes in which to get the runs.

NAAFI, Portsmouth, 26 v. Simonds "A" 147 for 6 dec.

Simonds won by 121 runs.

With the total at 147 for 6, Simonds declared, R. Lambourne scoring 35; A. J. Hawkins 32 not out, and J. Rose 29. Portsmouth were all out for only 26 runs against the bowling of R. Smith (5 for 15) and E. Scott (4 for 9).

Simonds "A" 66 for 9 v. H.M.S. Daedalus 94. Match drawn.

The Naval side lost 3 wickets for only 13 runs, and were all out for 94. R. Reeves took 4 for 34 and E. Scott 4 for 27, assisted by some excellent fielding.

At close of play Simonds were 66 for 9, with R. Lovejoy scoring 28 and E. Scott 10 not out.

*Simonds "A" 60 for 6 v. Turquandia 58.
Simonds won by 4 wickets.*

Against the bowling of R. Reeves (3 for 31) and K. Organ (4 for 7), Turquandia were all out for 58. After the loss of two wickets for only 3 runs, Simonds passed the visitors' total with 4 wickets in hand. J. Rose 15, J. Hawkins 13 not out, and R. Lovejoy 13 not out headed the batting.

Simonds "A" 98 for 9 dec. v. L. V. School, Slough 84 for 6. Match drawn.

Simonds declared at 98 for 7, with C. Scott 25 not out. The visitors, with Kell 54 not out, were 84 for 6 wickets at close of play.

Simonds "A" 115 for 7 dec. v. Berkeley 2nd XI 54 for 9. Match drawn.

Simonds declared at 115 for 7, with J. Rose 42 and R. Lovejoy 31. Berkeley saved the day with 54 for 9 wickets at close of play, R. Smith taking the bowling honours with 6 for 33.

And so another cricket season ends. Simonds C.C., playing mostly in two sweaters, and always keeping one eye on the ever-present clouds, had a successful year.

The "A" team, skippered by John Hawkins, went through the season undefeated. Their pride at this effort is tempered by the fact that inclement weather caused the cancellation of both matches with their old rivals, Courages, of Alton. However, they beat, for the first time, Suttons, of Reading. Geof. Harding, the "A" team wicket keeper, took 17 catches during the season, which is surely a record for the Club. Mr. T. Kent kept an excellent score book.

The "B" team, skippered by Eric Barrett, were not quite so successful, but apart from the wind and rain, enjoyed

their games. They also had a first ever win, this being against Mortimer C.C. Their batting fluctuated considerably—one week they were all out for 19 runs and the following week against the same team scored 128 for 7, then after making

DARTS

The finals of the Reading "Hop Leaf" Darts League Championships were held at Olympia, Reading, on June 3 last. Forty-eight houses and a team from the Simonds Social Club took part in the championships, entering 59 men's and 20 ladies' teams.

The Championship was won by the "Horse and Jockey" (A) who beat "The Greyhound" in the semi-final.

The other finalist was "The Bell" (Twyford) who beat "The Elephant" in the semi-final.

In the Ladies' Championship "The Elephant" beat "The Three Tuns" in the final. Other results were :—



Mr. F. W. Freeman, Home Trade Manager, presenting the Championship Cup to Mrs. F. Painter, Captain of the darts team from the Ladies' Section of the Reading Trades Union Club, who beat the Ladies' Section of British Railways in the Final of the Reading and District Clubs' Darts League. The finals and the presentation were held at the Reading Trades Union Club.

130 for 5, slumped the following week to 31 all out. The Production v. Distribution match was another victim of the weather.

On September 24, the Cricket Section held their first Annual Dinner and Dance.



The "Horse and Jockey" team who won the Championship.



The winning ladies' team from "The Elephant."

Staines

DARTS

The first four places in the Ashford and District Ladies' Darts League were won by our houses.

The winning team was from "The

Greyhound," Sunbury ; "The Shears," Sunbury, were runners-up. Third and fourth were "The Three Horseshoes," Feltham, and "The Cricketers," Feltham.



The ladies' team from "The Greyhound," Sunbury, winners of the Ashford and District Ladies' Darts League.

Swindon

DARTS

The Simonds Swindon and District Darts League Finals were held at the "Goddard Arms" Hotel on June 10. The Simonds darts match equipment was in use for the first time in this area, and was much appreciated by all concerned.

Winners of the Simonds Grand Challenge Cup were the "Bell and Shoulder of Mutton," Swindon (Winners of League "A") who beat "The Red Lion," Wootton Bassett (Winners of League "B") in the final.

In the match between the runners-up of the leagues, the "Ship" Hotel, Swindon

(League "A") beat the Oddfellows' Arms (League "B").

The "Silto" Cup was won by the "Bell and Shoulder of Mutton," Swindon, who beat the "George" Hotel, Swindon.

At the conclusion of the finals, Mr. Penlerick, before presenting the lavish array of prizes, warmly thanked League Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. C. Johnson, Chairman; Mr. E. W. Spackman, Secretary and Treasurer, members of the Committee, and all those taking part, for their fine support for the league which culminated in such a successful evening.



The "Bell and Shoulder of Mutton" team with their trophies.

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The team from the "Red Lion," Wootton Bassett, the other finalists.



THE BRASS AT THE "THREE GOLDEN CUPS"

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Davies, of the "Three Golden Cups," Southerndown, Glam., and their family have a fortnightly job of cleaning more than 700 pieces of brass which decorate the bars of their house.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Davies started collecting the brass when they were married twenty years ago.

The collection includes stage coach horns, dozens of horse brasses, a breast plate, coach lanterns and pistols.

The picture and story recently appeared in the *Daily Herald*.



BARREL ROLLING CHAMPION

Miss D. Edgecumbe, who is employed at our "Abbey Hotel," St. Andrew's Street, Plymouth, by our tenant, Mr. G. Flowers, was the winner of the Sutton Harbour Regatta Ladies' Barrel Rolling Race for the third time in succession. Miss Edgecumbe was presented with a large silver cup by the Regatta Committee and is shown in the picture celebrating her victory. Mrs. Gladys Flowers, the wife of our tenant, is seen assisting by filling the cup.



HAPPY HOLIDAY SNAPS AND STORIES COMPETITION

Owing to the fact that a large number of people have still to go on holiday, the above competition has been extended.

Closing date or snapshots and stories will now be Monday, November 15th.

Obituary

We deeply regret to record the deaths of the following :

Mr. W. A. J. Parris, Manager of Arthur Cooper, Market Place, Reading, who died on July 17, aged 52 years. The funeral was at Holy Trinity Church, Oxford Road, Reading, on July 21. Wreaths were sent on behalf of the Directors and Staff, and the Staff of Arthur Cooper.

Mr. C. H. Harris, licensee of "The Bell" Inn, Shepperton, who died in May, aged 69 years.

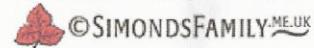
Mr. W. Taylor, a pensioner, of Cirencester Brewery since his retirement in 1937, who died on July 16.

Mrs. E. Jones, tenant of the "Queen's Head," Bedminster, who was the last direct member of a family which had held licences under us for very many years.

Mr. A. J. Sutton, Cellar Foreman at Bristol Branch, who has died at the age of 50 years, after thirty-four years' service at the Jacob Street Brewery.

Mr. R. ("Dick") Cleal, who died on September 4, aged 73 years. Mr. Cleal was Foreman Mechanic at London Branch before his retirement some years ago after 26 years' service.

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THE LATE MR. W. A. J. PARRIS



The late Mr. W. A. J. Parris.

Arthur Cooper's, at the Market Place, Reading, have recently suffered the loss of Mr. W. A. J. Parris, who died at the early age of fifty-two.

"Mr. Parris was one of the landmarks of the Market Place," writes Mr. P. Wadlow, "having been a favourite of customers of Arthur Cooper since 1925, when he joined the late Mr. Arthur Cooper, who was then proprietor. He had been Manager since the retirement of Mr. F. C. Riden some two years ago."

Mr. Parris was also very well known in football circles in Reading, having been a founder member of the Reading Supporters' Club, and its Secretary for a period.

He was also very prominent in darts circles in Reading, having officiated as scorer at countless matches, including several successful finals of the "Hop Leaf" Darts League. His never-failing good humour and efficiency on these occasions endeared him to darts enthusiasts all over the area.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom we send our deep sympathy.