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BRISTOL CASHIER RETIRES



Mr. Quelch making the presentation to Mr. Derrick.

Upon his retirement on September 30, Mr. R. A. Derrick, Cashier at Bristol Branch, was presented with a farewell gift—an electric razor—after 46½ years' service.

Mr. B. H. Quelch, Bristol Area Manager, presented the gift in the presence of a representative gathering of the staff at Bristol Branch.

RETIREMENT OF MRS. A. M. BRADFORD

On October 21 last, Mrs. A. M. Bradford retired on pension after completing over 39 years' loyal service with the Company—a wonderful record of which she can be rightly proud.

Mrs. Bradford will be more widely known as "Miss Prosser"—the Private Secretary to the late Mr. Eric Simonds for a period of 24 years. No finer tribute could be paid to the remarkable qualities possessed by Miss Prosser than that description ascribed to her by our former Chairman and Managing Director as being the "Perfect Secretary." Her high standard of education, efficiency, tact and loyalty, supported by a remarkable memory, contributed so much to the success she achieved.

A Tower of Strength

Miss Prosser was a tower of strength to Mr. Eric during his many terms of high office—Chairman of The Brewers' Society in 1932, President of The Wines and Spirits Trade Benevolent Society in 1933, President of The Royal Warrant Holders' Association in 1937 and 1945, to mention only a few. His death in August, 1953, was indeed a loss keenly felt.

"WALLY" BRADFORD

We are happy to report that "Wally" Bradford, General Secretary of our Sports and Social Club, whose illness in hospital was reported in the last issue of the HOP LEAF NEWS, is now well on the road to recovery.

He has been discharged from the Royal Berkshire Hospital and is convalescing at home.

During her many years with the Company, Miss Prosser has always taken the keenest interest in the social and sports life of the Brewery. Her boundless enthusiasm and tireless energy have been a great asset in this connection; she has not only had much to do with the organisation of Fetes, Dances, Whist Drives, Children's Treats, etc., but has always been a willing helper behind the scenes. Her "tennis teas" and "cricket teas" will long be remembered.

May she enjoy many years of happy retirement with her husband—"Wally" Bradford—who, we are so glad to learn, is making a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

NEARLY HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE

With only a few months to go to complete fifty years' service, Mr. John Lowe has retired to comply with the advice of his doctor.

Mr. Lowe retired on September 30 from Newport Branch, after serving with Phillips & Sons Ltd., and latterly with H. & G. Simonds Ltd.

The Directors showed their appreciation of his long and meritorious service by presenting him with a chiming clock and a cheque. In making the presentation, Mr. A. N. Phillips spoke of

DEATH OF ERIC SCOTT

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of Eric Scott at the tragically early age of 32.

His sudden death on October 6 came as a great shock to all of his friends in the Wine and Spirit Department and throughout the Brewery.

Joining the firm in November, 1940, Eric Scott served with Adnams, of Newbury, and was later transferred to the Wine and Spirit Department, Reading, as despatch clerk.

A keen all-round cricketer, he was a central figure in the First XI with outstanding averages with both bat and ball. He was also a well-known member of the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire and other referee associations, and had officiated as referee at many local

and county matches with the firm and quiet efficiency which he followed throughout with his everyday work.

The funeral, at St. Mary's (Castle Street) Church, was attended by all the Wine and Spirit Department staff and representatives of the Brewery staff.

Floral tributes included one from the Directors, Mr. P. H. Manners-Wood, the Wine and Spirit Dept., the Transport Dept., and the Cricket Club.

Mr. Scott leaves a widow and two young children to whom our deepest sympathy is extended in their sad loss.

A tribute to the late Eric Scott

Mr. R. H. Sawdon Smith writes:—

"The untimely death of Eric Scott came as a great shock to all sportsmen in the Brewery and to players, supporters and officials of amateur football throughout Berks and Bucks.

Fine Progress

Had Eric taken up refereeing at an earlier age there is little doubt that he would have been striding towards top honours. As it was he had made fine progress in senior amateur soccer. He was on the officials' list of the Metropolitan League, Isthmian League, Corinthian League and the Great Western Combination. On the Wednesday evening he ran the line at a friendly match between Wycombe Wanderers and Crystal Palace.

Eric was well liked as a person and well respected as a referee, and on the Saturday following his death a minute's silence was

observed in his memory at Wokingham Town and at Maidenhead United where he was especially well known. He was a committee member of the Reading Referees Association.

Cricket All-rounder

Eric's other sport was cricket. He was a stalwart of the Brewery 'A' team for many years, and several times a member of the Club's committee. He was an all-rounder and usually managed to win either the batting or bowling cup which the Club presents for best averages.

It was Eric's desire and habit to pass on all he had learnt to others. This is expressed in his great hobby, the Boys' Brigade, of which he was a leader for many years. Eric Scott will long be remembered and missed by all those who knew him."

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the recent death of Mr. Richard Boyns, a Cellarman in the Wine and Spirit Department, Penzance Branch, at the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance. Mr. Boyns had been 15 years in our service.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Appointments

READING :

Mrs. D. Bowman has been appointed Lady Supervisor in the Hollerith Department.

Mr. F. K. Hilton, A.R.I.C.S., Q.A.L.A.S., was appointed Area Surveyor of the Reading County and Wycombe areas on October 1.

Mr. G. E. Dyer, M.M., A.R.I.C.S., has been appointed to Reading from Staines Branch as Chief Assistant Surveyor, and Area Surveyor, Reading Borough, and Surveyor in charge of Building Department, to take effect from December 1.

Mr. F. C. Moss, A.R.I.C.S., was appointed Area Surveyor, Newbury and Basingstoke areas, on October 1.

Mr. M. St. J. Howe has been appointed Chief Surveyor, with effect from January 1, to take over from Capt. A. S. Drewe, who retires on December 31.

LONDON :

Mr. J. B. Ely was appointed Foreman at London Branch on October 1.

SWINDON :

Mr. F. E. Embling was appointed Draughtsman at Swindon Branch on October 10.

BRIDGEND :

Mr. P. Rowe was appointed Clerk of Works, Bridgend, on September 26.

BRISTOL :

Mr. A. F. Green was appointed a Representative at Bristol Branch on September 12.

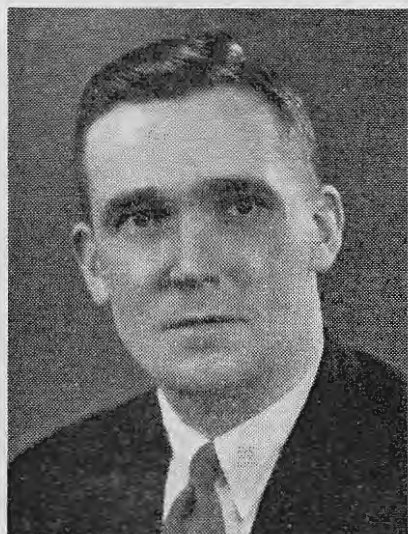
STAINES :

Mr. S. L. Read, A.R.I.C.S., has been appointed Area Surveyor at Staines Branch, with effect from December 1.

NEWPORT :

Mr. C. Billings has been appointed to take charge of the Transport at Newport as successor to Mr. C. W. Snell, who retires on December 21.

BRIDGEND



Mr. Peter Rowe.

Mr. Peter Rowe, aged 34, commenced his duties as Clerk of Works at Bridgend Branch on September 26, in succession to Mr. D. G. Clement, who resigned to become a full-time instructor in the service of the Glamorgan County Council at Bridgend Technical College.

Mr. Rowe had previous service with H.M. Ministry of Works at Swansea.

People on the Move

The following staff changes have taken place :—

READING :

Mr. K. T. Morrell, Branch Dept. to Accounts Dept.

Mr. R. Wheeler, Accountant's Dept. to Hotels Dept.

Mr. C. Pack, Accounts Dept. to Accountant's Dept.

Mr. L. Dennis, Cask Dept. to Accounts Dept.

Miss J. Pratt, Correspondence Office to Home Trade Dept.

Miss G. Hodges, Correspondence Office to Estates Dept.

Mr. A. J. Martin, Cask Dept. to Beer Bottling Stores Office.

Miss L. Sargeant, Correspondence Office to Branch Dept.

Mr. J. Slade, Delivery Dept. to Wine and Spirit Dept.

Mr. G. Pope, Cask Dept. to Delivery Dept.

New Arrivals

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

READING :

Miss F. J. Newton, Hollerith Dept.

Miss P. M. Curran, Hollerith Dept.

Mrs. M. George, Hotels Dept.

Miss P. Phillips, Hollerith Dept.

Miss J. Minali, Hollerith Dept.

Mrs. M. J. Bowell, Correspondence Office.

Mrs. R. Dormer, Surveyor's Dept.

Miss C. Rickards, Correspondence Office.

Mr. W. Rosenthal, Cask Dept.

Mr. E. Wheatcroft, Architect's Dept.

Miss D. Sumner, Hollerith Dept.

Miss J. Woodman, Hollerith Dept.

Miss E. Bonner, Hollerith Dept.

BRANCHES :

Staines : Miss J. Cook.
Mr. W. A. J. Nutley.

Bristol : Mr. A. F. Green.

Bridgend : Mr. P. Rowe.

Newport : Mr. W. M. Martin

Tamar : Miss S. M. Parnell.
Miss J. Harborne.

Swindon : Mr. F. E. Embling.

READING

Mr. F. W. Hunt, Clerk in the Hotels and Catering Department, is to retire on December 31, after 18 years' good and loyal service.

Mr. F. W. Hunt.



Weddings

Congratulations and best wishes to :

Mr. G. Dexter, of the Transport Dept., Staines Branch, and Miss E. Swinnock, of the Bottling Dept., Staines, who were married recently.

Among the gifts received from their colleagues was a tea service, a clock, cutlery and a fruit service.

Mr. R. Snelling, Delivery Dept., Reading, and Miss D. Dolton, of the Hollerith Dept., Reading, who were married on September 10.

Miss Dolton was presented with a bedside cabinet and a set of table mats by her colleagues.



Mr. and Mrs. Snelling.

Mr. J. W. Chandler, Free Trade Supervisor at Newport Branch, who was married on October 15 to Miss Patricia Eileen Baigent at St. Mary's, Datchet, Bucks. Mrs. Chandler was for three years a member of the staff at Staines Branch.

A presentation of a table lamp was made by Mr. S. C. Saunders, Newport Branch Manager, on behalf of the staff.

The newlyweds, who will live at Newport, spent their honeymoon in Dorset.

NATIONAL SERVICE

Mr. R. Bevis, of Ludgershall Branch, is about to depart for National Service.

We welcome the return after National Service of the following :

Mr. J. Hampton, Ludgershall Branch.

Mr. J. Fry, Transport Engineer's Dept., Reading.

FROM PLYMOUTH TO READING

Before joining the Hotels and Catering Dept., Reading, Mr. S. T. E. Thayer, formerly Assistant Secretary and Manager of the Octagon Brewery, was presented with a writing-case as a token of esteem and regard by his former colleagues.

Many of these ex-colleagues were present when the presentation was made on September 19 by Mr. J. Mitchell.

A REGULAR READER

Mrs. B. Matthews (nee Welsh), who served in the Branch Department at Reading from 1940 to 1948, is a regular reader of THE HOP LEAF GAZETTE and NEWS.

"I always look forward to items of news about old colleagues," she says in a letter to the Editor.

★ Births ★

The birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hardwick, of Oxford Branch, on November 2, at St. Anne's Nursing Home, Headington, Oxford, is announced.

On November 13, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Read (Area Surveyor, Staines).

The birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Steer (Engineer's Department, Newport) on September 20 is announced.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. E. Pritchard, of the Fermenting Department, Reading, who has completed 30 years in this Department.

He joined the firm on July 6, 1925, was appointed Charge Hand of the Yeast Plant when it was installed—a position he still holds.

Newport

Cooper John Allman, who recently concluded his apprenticeship, applied originally for a job as a carpenter and never expected to become a cooper.

Now he cannot expect to remain an active cooper for long because, having finished his apprenticeship, he will have to do his National Service.

READING

Mr. E. Wheatcroft commenced duties as a Junior Architectural Assistant in the Architect's Department, Reading, on October 24.

Prior to National Service, during which he reached the rank of Corporal in the Royal Engineers, he served an apprenticeship with Messrs. Crosby & Co., Ltd., Building Contractors, at Farnham.

In thanking all concerned, Mr. Thayer said : "Although everyone was very happy when the Octagon Brewery was in existence, I feel that all the staff who remained would be equally happy with the great firm of H. & G. Simonds and, indeed, would prove the change for the better."

During his three-and-a-half years' stay with the Octagon Brewery, Mr. Thayer became extremely popular amongst all the staff and he leaves with the good wishes of all at the Octagon Offices and the Tamar Brewery, Devonport.

A COOPER "COMES OUT" AT NEWPORT

At the Newport Branch Cooperage at 11 o'clock on November 1, there was an expectant hush, so different from the hammering and scraping usually associated with this busy section of the Brewery; for besides the Coopers—and Apprentice John Allman looking apprehensive—there were a number of interested spectators who had gathered to witness the traditional ceremony of the passing out of an Apprentice Cooper.

John Allman.

The ceremony was commenced by Mr. G. Kelly, from the Cooperage at Reading, who had travelled to Newport for the occasion.

"Trusso," cried Mr. Kelly, and on this command, a hogshead case was rolled into the shop for use in the ceremony. Two burly Coopers—Ron Patterson, Newport's Foreman Cooper, and Glyn Jenkins, the Cooper to whom John Allman had been apprenticed, together with the apprentice, proceeded to hammer a working hoop on to the cask. The apprentice was then lowered into the cask. A cry of laughter and delight went up as a mixture of soot, flour and hot water followed by shavings, was poured over the cooped-up candidate for coopers' honours, who tried to look as though he was enjoying himself.

The cask was then vigorously rolled around the shop, thus completing the ordeal for the apprentice, who emerged a dishevelled but happy Cooper. The fully fledged tradesman was then presented with his indentures by General Sir Charles W. Allfrey, who wished him every success in his career.

Still in accordance with tradition, when the ceremony was concluded, the now fully-fledged Cooper was now technically "sacked." A few moments later he formally applied for a "berth" in the Coopers' Shop and was given one.

THINGS TO COME

For one of the spectators the initiation ceremony of Cooper John Allman aroused some misgivings.

Thomas Mort, an eighteen-year-old apprentice Cooper, now knows something of what he can expect in two years' time.

RETIREMENT OF

MRS. O. WRIGHT

After 16 years' service, Mrs. O. Wright left the Company on September 30. To mark the occasion a presentation was made by Mr. F. W. Freeman, Home Trade Manager, of a walnut needle-work cabinet and a set of claret glasses.

Mrs. Wright succeeded Mr. A. H. Hopkins in charge of the Correspondence Office and has taken a very active interest in the Simonds Social Club and the various Sports Sections associated with the Club.



ANGLING CLUB NOTES

The Angling Club fished their first challenge match of the season against the Trades Union Angling Club, which resulted in a win for the T.U.C. by 11b. 3ozs.

One of our stalwarts, Freddie Weston, hooked an unusual fish in our club match at Burghfield, the catch being a swallow. Unfortunately for him, we decided it could not count in the weigh-in.

Some of our members have taken part on recent Sundays in the Reading and District Angling Association Inter-Club Competition, the Association Shield, the Thames Championship, in which no fewer than 1,600 anglers try their luck or skill for honours.

Match Results:

September 11. (River Kennet, Burghfield).

1st, D. Biddle; 2nd, R. Dickinson; 3rd, (No weigh-in).

October 2. (River Thames, Dreadnought Reach).

1st, D. Biddle; 2nd, J. Clayton; 3rd, S. Sarney.

D.A.F.

T. & G.W.U. DINNER

There were more than 80 members and friends present at a dinner for members of the social section of H. & G. Simonds Branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union at the Social Club, Reading, on Saturday, November 5.

Among the guests were: Mr. E. Hyman, Mr. J. Weighill, Mr. L. W. Walters, Mr. W. H. Allaway, Mr. Snelling, and the Chairman was Mr. G. Chandler, who is Chairman of Simonds Branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

A collection was made during the evening to augment funds for a Christmas Tea which it is hoped will be arranged for children from the local Children's Homes. It is

also hoped that it will be possible to organise a circus visit as well.

Last year a visit was made to Bertram Mills Circus and, judging from letters of thanks received afterwards from the children, it was a red letter occasion for them.

After the Dinner a very entertaining Cabaret was provided by the Max Lester Company.

Facts About Christmas

Did you know...

... that Santa Claus is traced back to Nicholas, the son of a merchant in a Mediterranean town, who became the Bishop of Myra in the Fourth Century, and was a notable public benefactor. His fame spread until he became established in European hearts as the special protector of children, travellers and merchants. His Feast Day is December 6?

... that the two verses of "Jingle Bells" which few people know are as follows:

II. A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fannie Bright
Was seated by my side.
The horse was lean and lank;
Misfortune seems his lot;
He got into a drifted bank,
And we, we got up-sot.

III. Now the ground is white;
Go it while you're young;
Take the girls to-night,
And sing this sleighing song.
Just get a bob-tail's bay,
Two-forty for his speed;
Then hitch him to an open sleigh,
And crack! you'll take the lead.

... that the custom of burning a special log at Christmas goes back into antiquity when the fire and sun were held in special reverence. It was believed that evil would not descend upon households where the Yule log had been properly burned.

... the origin of kissing under the mistletoe goes back to Babylonian times when mistletoe was the sacred plant of the Goddess of Love and Beauty?

... that the origin of the Christmas Tree tradition is not known. It goes back to pre-historic times. The use of Christmas Trees was confined to Germany until about 1700.

... that in May, 1659, the Government of Massachusetts Bay Colony passed the following law:

"Whosoever shall be found in such day as Christmas or the like, either forebearing of labour, feasting, or in any way, as a festival, shall be fined 5/-."

This law remained for 200 years, reflecting the feeling at that time amongst the Puritans of England who were responsible for observance of Christmas being outlawed by Parliament in 1644.

... in several States in America it is illegal to interfere purposely with a child's belief in Santa Claus?

... that many people believe that if they pare an apple in one piece and throw the spiral over their left shoulder, the skin will form the initial of the person destined to become their spouse?

... that when William I was crowned in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day, 1066, a dreadful carnage caused by a tragic mistake followed? When the Archbishop asked the Saxon Nobles if they would accept William as their King they rose as one man to accept him but the Norman soldiers mistook

it as an attack on the King, so they drew their swords and charged the Saxons. Hearing the tumult, the guards outside the Abbey charged the crowd and before the riot was halted the Abbey was filled with dead and wounded and many homes were pillaged and fired.

... that the origin of the best-known of all carols, *Adeste Fideles* or *O Come all ye Faithful*, is lost in the dust of centuries? Missionaries have translated it into more than 100 languages and dialects.

... that St. Francis of Assisi is said to have made the first crib now found during the Christmas season in churches and Christian homes?

... that the word "Carol" came into the English language late in the Middle Ages? It meant a dance in a ring while singing.

... that the peacock was the traditional Christmas dinner before the turkey was imported from America? Before that a roasted boar's head had pride of place on the Christmas dinner table.

... that the traditional American Christmas Eve dish is oyster stew; the Italians eat eels; the Poles eat oplatek, the Germans herring or carp; Scandinavians, lutefisk; the Swedes sop spur bread in the gravy in which the Christmas sausages have been simmered.

AT THE CRICKET CLUB DANCE



(Left to right) : R. Sawdon-Smith (Accounts), R. Roberts (Engineer's Stores), T. Hawkins (Accounts), K. Gibbons (Engineers), R. Merryweather (Engineers).

Cricket Club

The Second Annual Dinner and Dance was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Caversham, on Friday, September 23.

Over 80 members and friends gathered on this occasion, including Mr. and Mrs. F. H. V. Keighley, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Richardson, Mr. J. Wadham, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffris, Mr. H. Dines and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jelley.

The Club Chairman, Mr. C. R. Josey, said how pleasing it was to see so many Presidents and Vice-Presidents present, thus proving their interest in the sporting activities of the employees. In giving a brief résumé of the past season, Mr. Josey congratulated Mr. J. Rose, of the Export Department, for winning the "Louis Simonds" Batting Cup with an average of 21.07, and Mr. K. G. S. Organ (Cashier's Dept.) for winning the Bowling Cup with an average of 6.28.

The Captain's Reply

After presenting the trophies, Mr. Keighley, in a short speech, assured the gathering that the Directors of the Company were very keen that the Sports Club should continue in its various spheres and to do well in the field. The Club Captain, Mr. A. J. Hawkins, in replying, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Keighley and guests, and commented on the further successes the teams had achieved, adding: "This season the weather could not be said to have come to our aid!"

The Dinner was in the very capable hands of the Manager of the Grosvenor Hotel, Mr. Hood-Crea, and Mr. Niss, of the "Pack Horse," Staines. Thanks are due to them and to their helpers for an excellent meal.

Later, with Mr. P. Brock as M.C., and music supplied by Billy Brooks' Band, dancing and games continued until 1 a.m.

K.G.S.

SIMONDS ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

With the football season now well under way, Simonds Athletic have made their best start for many seasons. In direct contrast to last season when they won only one game in their first eight matches, the "A" team have suffered only one reverse in seven games, writes R. Sawdon-Smith. Ironically this single defeat was against old rivals, Southern Swifts, over whom we gained our first victory last season. Harry Sexton, of the Surveyor's Department, playing for the Swifts, scored two of the goals against us, the final score being 4-3.

The team is much the same as the one which finished so strongly last season, with Den Seller now Captain. John Rose is again leading the goalscorers, with Neville Bedding and Fred West just behind him.

The Second Team

The second team which was admitted to the First Division of the Reading Institute League, has not started the season quite so well. Although they won their first match, the defeated team later withdrew from the league, thus depriving us of two valuable points. Since then they have won only one league match, drawn two, and lost three. However, they are a very young side, only four of the team being over eighteen, and we hope the experience they are gaining will be of great help to them later on, and that we shall see an improvement in the results before the season ends.

Both teams successfully negotiated their first hurdle in the Reading Town Challenge Cup, and it is hoped that they won't have to meet before the Final.

SMALL ADS.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION: Mrs. B. Matthews (nee Welsh, Branch Dept., 1940-1948), "Sea View," 38, Poundfield Road, Minehead, Somerset. Bed and Breakfast, One large, comfortable Double Bedroom, Sea and Moor Views, Divan spring interior mattress. Recommended. Telephone No.: MINEHEAD 1244.

The Hockey Club

The season opened with a trial match against the Ministry of Works which resulted, by the spin of a coin, in P. I. C. Hill becoming our reluctant resident goalkeeper.

The team, playing at home in their first fixture, beat Wallingford 1-0. The forwards were always dangerous and should have had a commanding lead at half-time. Left winger Cobb was unfortunate in being ruled offside after netting the ball. In the second half the play was extremely fast. After 15 minutes Dyke scored the only goal of the match.

F.A. AMATEUR CUP

The Brewery was well represented at the Divisional Final of the F.A. Amateur Cup. In the victorious Newbury Town side were Ray Mortimer and Brian Goodenough, both of the Electricians' Department and centre-half of the defeated Maidenhead United team was Bert Randall, of the Retail Department.

Ray Mortimer is in his second season with Newbury Town, who play in the Metropolitan League. Brian Goodenough is in his first season of senior football, while Bert Randall has been with Maidenhead United for six years, playing in the Corinthian League.

Playing ten men against Camberley, a very strong side, we were beaten 6-2 at home. After holding them to a draw at half-time, the defence were overwhelmed in the second half.

Our first fixture with Pulsometer resulted in a win at home 4-1, with our team completely dominating the game.

The annual battle with Newbury resulted in a draw 1-1, which was a very fair result, knowing the strength of our opponents.

In the last two matches we were well beaten by two good sides, playing one with ten men, and the other with last minute substitutes.

The team consists of the following players:—

P. I. C. Hill (Brewing Room), S. Price (Wine Stores), E. Noon, D. Knight, E. L. Spary (Brewing Room), C. Wiltshire, T. Prior, F. R. J. Cobb (Brewing Room), McNab (Engineers), E. Dyke, J. Strudley (Delivery Office), E. Simmonds (Building Department).

Results:

Sept. 17.	Wallingford	...	Home	Won	1-0
" 24.	Camberley	...	"	Lost	6-2
Oct. 1.	Pulsometer	...	"	Won	4-1
" 8.	Newbury	...	"	Drew	1-1
" 15.	Hornets	...	"	Lost	5-0
" 22.	Old Ranelagh	...	"	Lost	6-0

Scorers: Dyke 3, Strudley 2, Beckett 1, Cobb 1, Prior 1.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Despite an early reverse against their old rivals, Reading Y.M.C.A., the "A" team are playing very well, while the "B" team are finding it hard going in a higher division, but are improving.

Two Simonds players have been chosen to represent Reading in the "Wilmot" Cup—they are Derek Barley and Bob Forrest.

Match results are as follows:—

"A" Team.

Simonds "A" 2	v.	Y.M.C.A. "A" 7.
Simonds "A" 7	v.	University 2.
Royal Berks Hospital "A" 2	v.	Simonds "A" 7.

Scorers: Forrest 7, Barley 4, Cooper 2, Rose 3.

"B" Team.

Simonds "B" 2	v.	Pulsometer "A" 7.
Exceeds 6	v.	Simonds "B" 3.
N.I.R.D. 7	v.	Simonds "B" 2.
Simonds "B" 5.	v.	Ranikhet "B" 4.

Scorers: K. Organ 8, F. Organ 4.