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SPORTS DAY PLANS

Cup competitions to be inaugurated

WHAT AN ARMFUL!

MANY NEW ATTRACTIONS

(Hop Leaf News Special)

Plans have been completed to make the Annual Sports Day at Reading this year bigger and better than ever.

A comprehensive programme of sporting events of every description, catering for all ages, with a full list of valuable prizes has been arranged for Saturday, July 7, at the Sports Ground at Berkeley Avenue, Reading.

Although the organising committee for the Sports Day, under the chairmanship of Mr. F. H. V. Keighley, can do nothing to ensure that the sun will shine and ideal weather conditions will prevail on the day, nothing else has been left to chance.

A trophy, presented by the Chairman of the Company, General Sir Miles Dempsey, will be competed for this year for the first time. Representatives and teams from the various departments at Reading and from the Branches will compete in a number of events for the trophy, the "Miles Dempsey" Cup, which is to be competed for annually and will be awarded on a points basis.

Novelty contests in the programme include an ankle competition for the ladies, a greasy pole pillow fight and a balloon race, with a cash prize of £5 which must be won. There will also be darts and skittles competitions.

An all-embracing invitation has been issued to all members of the staff and employees at Reading and the Branches to attend with their families, and a record crowd is expected.

All the available Directors have intimated that they and their wives will be attending.

Additional bar arrangements and catering facilities will be in operation for the day and special efforts have been made to provide entertainment and amusements, including a Punch and Judy show for the children during the afternoon.

In the evening, after the prize-giving by General Dempsey, there will be dancing in a huge marquee which will be specially erected at the ground for this occasion.

A first-class fireworks display will also take place during the evening.

Mr. J. D. Richardson, Chairman of the Sports and Social Club, said, "The committee has done everything possible to try and make this year's Sports Day a memorable one. Entries for the various events have been coming in very well, and are still coming along. We are looking forward to a really bumper day."



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Ex-employee, who formerly worked in the Bottling Department, at Staines Branch, Mrs. B. Howes, looks like having her hands full for some time to come.

Here she is pictured a few days after the birth of triplet sons.

(Photo by courtesy of the "STAR")

PENSION FUND

Investments reach £250,000

Within five years the investments of the Staff Pension Fund have reached the quarter-of-a-million pound mark.

Officials of the fund have announced this figure and state that the quinquennial valuation by the Actuaries will shortly be undertaken.

Approximately £2,500 per month is being invested by the fund from the employees' contribution of 5%, and a similar amount is contributed by the Company.

In addition, an annual payment of £25,000 from the Company in respect of back services and death benefit has enabled the fund to reach this figure.

Many of the older members of the staff have no doubt calculated the amount of their retirement pension; younger members of the staff will find a study of the rules can be both interesting and instructive.

Should any employee have difficulty in understanding the rules, Mr. Bartlett in the Secretary's office at Head Office, or any Branch Manager, will be only too pleased to explain.

• A DOUBLE PRESENTATION •



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More than 74 years' service had been completed between them by Mr. W. Waterman, Senior Chargehand in the Bottling Stores, with 47 years to his credit, and Mr. F. Lawrence, Chargehand in the Unloading Yard, at the time of their recent retirement.

Our picture shows Mr. E. J. Hollebone congratulating these two stalwarts before presenting them with farewell gifts from their fellow-workers, a barometer for Mr. Lawrence and an armchair for Mr. Waterman.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

New Arrivals

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

READING :

Miss M. Eaton, Hollerith Dept.
Miss S. Breen, Correspondence Office.
Mrs. G. Day, Hollerith Dept.
Mr. I. Hodges, Cask Dept.
Mr. M. Imberg, Cask Dept.
Mrs. M. Jarvis, Surveyor's Dept.
Miss E. Davies, Estates Dept.
Miss M. P. Chandler, Hollerith Dept.
Mrs. E. B. Lynch, Hollerith Dept.

BRANCHES :

London : Mrs. J. R. Smith.
Mr. W. Bruty.
Mrs. J. K. Haaland.
Mrs. I. D. Clemo.
Bristol : Mrs. R. Young.
Newport : Miss J. Hackling.
Miss M. Gardner.
Mr. A. J. Holyoake.
Mr. G. W. Rogers.
Mrs. F. E. Leonard.
Swindon : Mrs. J. M. Widdowson.
Brighton : Mr. G. W. Atkins.
Portsmouth : Mr. E. R. England.
Staines : Mr. C. Endean.
Tamar : Mrs. Young.
Bristol : Mrs. M. Roberts.

People on the Move

The following staff changes have taken place :—

READING :

Mr. L. Dennis, Accounts Dept. to Wages Dept.
Mr. J. Jeffcoat, Architect's Dept. to Engineer's Dept., Brewery.
Mr. D. Hart, Engineer's Dept., Brewery, to Architect's Dept.
Mr. B. North, Cask Dept. to Branch Office.
Mr. J. C. Coleman, Accounts Dept. to Estates Dept.
Mr. B. Glasscock, Cask Dept. to Accounts Dept.
Mr. B. Atkins, Architect's Dept. to Estates Dept.
Miss R. Keeley, Correspondence Office to Advertising Dept.

BRANCHES :

Mr. L. W. J. Loynes, Swindon, transferred to Accountant's Dept., Reading.

Appointments

READING :

Mr. R. G. James has been appointed a Transport Foreman, with effect from April 1.

SWINDON :

Mr. V. F. Saunders has been appointed as Senior Clerk, with effect from March 12.

STAINES :

Mr. E. Bakewell (ex Reading) has been appointed Engineer, with effect from March 14.

NEWPORT :

Mr. A. G. Gould (Staff Trainee) has been appointed Assistant Manager, with effect from April 1.

★ Births ★

Mr. G. M. John, Manager of the Arthur Cooper shop in Ferndale Road, Swindon, became the father of a son in March. He now has a family of two—a boy and a girl.

On January 13, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. K. Blacker. Mr. Blacker is clerk to the Surveyor's Department—Bristol Branch.

Weddings

Congratulations and best wishes to :

Miss S. May, of the Hollerith Dept., who was married on March 3, and is now Mrs. Wicks.



Mr. and Mrs. Wicks.

Miss P. F. Herd, who was married on March 17 to Mr. H. A. Thompson. Mr. C. R. Holman, Devon and Cornwall Area Manager, presented her with a clock on behalf of her colleagues, a few days prior to the wedding.

Miss Herd commenced duties in the Correspondence Office, where she has proved herself an efficient and popular member of the Plymouth Branch staff.



Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Miss C. A. Bourne, Portsmouth Branch, who was married on February 8, and is now Mrs. Colley.

Miss C. M. Akerman, who was married on April 3 to Mr. Reginald William Bunt.

Miss Akerman was presented with a gift of cutlery by the Swindon Branch Manager, Mr. E. D. Penlerick, on behalf of her colleagues, at a little ceremony prior to her marriage.

Mrs. Bunt is continuing in the Company's service as shorthand-typist at Swindon Branch.

We deeply regret to record the deaths of the following :

NEWPORT :

Mr. A. E. Payne, pensioner, died on April 21, 1956.

PORTSMOUTH :

Mr. F. W. Collins, who died on March 28, 1956.

NATIONAL SERVICE

We welcome the return after National Service of the following :

Mr. A. Thatcher, Accountant's Dept., Reading.

Mr. K. Ward, Accounts Dept., Reading.

Mr. R. Manning, Junior Clerk, left for National Service in the R.A.F. on May 2.

Mr. H. H. Stevens retires

Two fireside chairs were presented to Mr. H. H. Stevens as a gift from his colleagues of the Chief Accountant's Department following his recent retirement after more than 42 years' loyal service with the Company.

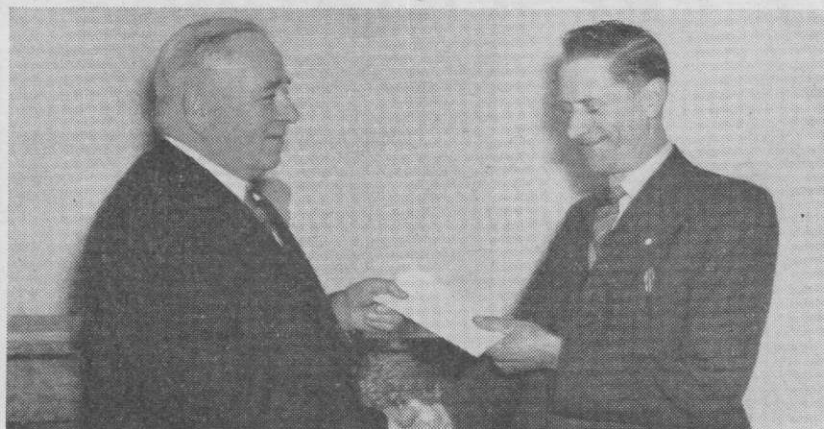
Making the presentation to Mr. Stevens, Mr. A. G. Richardson, Chief Accountant, said Mr. Stevens' long service with the Company had been a wonderful record, and certainly one of which he could be rightly proud. "We, too, are proud of you, Mr. Stevens," said Mr. Richardson, "and thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your friendship, goodwill, and most loyal service over those many years. As you so well know, I always took a great personal pride in your 'copper plate' handwriting and, for this reason, invariably picked on you to make the original entries in the private ledgers and estates ledgers upon the occasion of each and every liquidation of subsidiary Companies. I thank you most warmly for your contribution which will for ever be a grand record in the books of the Company."

Mr. Stevens commenced his business career when he joined the South Berks Brewery in Newbury in November, 1913, as Cashier and Confidential Clerk. During World War I he served in the Royal Engineers and saw service overseas. At the end of the war Mr. Stevens returned home and took up his duties again, spending a great deal of time on the road as collector. In the course of these duties he became acquainted with every tenant of the Company and gained their confidence, which is a tribute to his personality, tact and friendly

disposition, valuable qualities which are all to rare in combination.

In 1933 Mr. Stevens was transferred to Reading in charge of the South Berks section, and when the Company was eventually liquidated he was moved to the Accounts Department, where he was employed until his retirement.

In earlier years Mr. Stevens indulged in the hardy forms of recreation, including swimming and hockey. His fondness for the aquatic form of athletics made of him an "all-the-year-round swimmer." For some peculiar reason, to quote his own words, he always got a special kick out of a swim on Christmas morning, which oftentimes was as warm as a summer morning. In those days Mr. Stevens was also a runner, and enjoyed donning the "spikes" for sprints "from 100 to a quarter." Those pastimes having lost their charm, he is now content with a game of tennis, and motoring,



Mr. Gosney presenting the cheque to Mr. Ward.

EMIGRATING TO CANADA

Colleagues at Staines Branch and the Engineers' Department at Reading subscribed to a farewell gift, a cheque, which was presented by Mr. E. Gosney, Branch Manager at Staines, to Mr. Ronald Ward, Chief Engineer in the Bottling Department for the past nineteen years, prior to his departure with his family to Canada.

Women workers of the Bottling Department presented Mr. Ward with a bouquet.

Mr. Ward had been in the Company's service for 29 years prior to his resignation to emigrate across the Atlantic.

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ROUND THE BRANCHES

READING

Mr. Lloyd retires

After 34 years' loyal service with the Company, Mr. H. J. Lloyd, of the Transport Department, retired at the end of February.

Retirement gifts in the form of an electric razor and a suitably inscribed table-lighter, subscribed for by members of the Transport and Brewery office staff, were presented to Mr. Lloyd by Mr. F. E. Dryden, Transport Manager.

Mr. Lloyd, a native of Gloucestershire, joined the Company in 1922, at Reading, and was transferred in 1925 to Portsmouth Branch, where he filled the position of Bottling Foreman. Subsequently he was appointed as Traveller and became a well-known figure in the many Clubs and Naval Messes in the Portsmouth area.

He returned to Reading in 1951 upon the reorganisation of the Portsmouth Branch, and served until his retirement as Assistant Transport Foreman.

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs. B. J. Hockney, who returned to duty in the Correspondence Office in mid-April.

Connie Reid, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. D. Reid, of the Cask Office, has just added a gold medal to her dancing awards, which include silver and bronze medals, and thirteen certificates, and, as stated the *London Evening News* on April 12, "is well on the way" towards realising her ambition to make a career as a professional dancer.

New assistant manager for Newport

The appointment of Mr. A. G. Gould as Assistant Manager at Newport Branch is an example of promotion well earned and the reward of good service to the Company since he commenced as Junior Clerk, The Tamar Brewery, Devonport, in October, 1937.

After several years in the office he was appointed Representative, covering our Free Trade in Cornwall, where his keen interest in the selling side of the business, coupled with a friendly personality, soon gained for him a reputation as a worthy representative of the Company.

His transfer from rugged Cornwall to the more industrialised South Wales is a great change, but he is already settling down in his new sphere and finding in bustling and busy Wales great scope for his abilities.

Three generations

Mr. L. W. J. Loynes, who has recently been transferred from Swindon Branch, where he was Senior Clerk, to the Accounts Department at Reading, is the third generation of his family in the service of the Company. Old employees may remember his grandfather, "Blossom" Loynes, and also his father, Mr. W. E. "Bill" Loynes.

Mr. L. Loynes joined at Devonport as a Junior Clerk in 1926, and was transferred to Swindon in 1946. During the war, from 1940 to 1946, he served in the Royal Air Force and in the aircraft industry to which he was released from the service.

A World War I pilot

It is not generally known that the recently retired Mr. H. J. Lloyd, of the Transport Department, was a fighter pilot in World War I.

After joining the Royal Navy in 1909, he was one of about fifty ratings transferred to the Naval Wing of the original Royal Flying Corps, which later became the Royal Naval Air Service, in which he qualified as a pilot, and as such he served with the Royal Flying Corps on the Western Front.

Mr. Lloyd was one of the first holders of a Civilian Aircraft Pilot's licence, No. 157, which was issued in 1919.

We have learned with regret of the recent death of Peter Wells, who formerly worked in the Branch Office at Reading, who was killed in a motor-cycle accident.

Peter, who was within six months of completing his National Service, was well-known before his call-up for his football and table tennis prowess.

The news of his death was received with great regret by his former colleagues.

STAINES

Silver Wedding

Mr. E. J. Brown, our Head Bottler, and his wife, celebrate their Silver Wedding on June 27, and we wish them continued happiness.

Wedding gift

Colleagues at Staines Branch have presented one pair of white Witney blankets, a table runner, a duchess set, and a tea cosy, as a token of their good wishes for his happiness in the future to Mr. P. Shore, lorry driver, who was married to Miss S. Aldridge on June 21.

The gift was presented to Mr. Shore by Branch Manager, Mr. E. Gosney, at an informal gathering of fellow employees at the Branch.

BRIGHTON

An Historical item

"FOR SALE. A valuable freehold and most compact four-quarter brewery, situate in Chapel Street, St. James' Street. The whole in complete working order, and presenting to any enterprising person an opportunity of making a speedy fortune. . . ."

From the "Old Brighton" feature, consisting of extracts from the files of the *Brighton and Hove Herald*. This item appeared in the issue of May 19, and was sent in by Mr. W. Golding, of our Brighton Branch, who has been employed there for over thirty years. The paragraph, he writes, refers to our Brighton Branch.

BRISTOL

The social side

An opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to develop the social side of the two Branches was provided by an outing for members of the Bristol Branch Skittles Team and their friends when they visited the Tamar Brewery at Devonport on May 26.

We learn with deep regret of the death of three retired employees, all long service men. Mr. J. Sutton (senior), former Cellar Foreman, Mr. H. F. Girling, who was employed in the Case Shop, Beerhouse, and elsewhere in the Branch, and Mr. F. J. Udell, of the Transport Department.

LUDGERSHALL

Death of Mr. C. Perry

A former drayman at this Branch, Mr. C. Perry, who retired twenty years ago at the age of 65, died recently.

Sports News in Brief

Simonds Athletic F.C.

Annual General Meeting

Mr. J. D. Richardson was re-elected Chairman at the Annual General Meeting of Simonds F.C. on June 4. Mr. R. W. Sawdon Smith was re-elected Secretary; Mr. J. Smith was elected Vice-Chairman.

Mr. P. Peters will be Club Coach for the coming season and Mr. M. Allwood and Mr. Knott have been appointed "A" and "B" team trainers.

Training is to commence the third week in July.

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The Football Club have accepted an invitation from the Reading Borough Police to take part in their six-a-side competition in August.

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Simonds Athletic Football Club lost their last match of the season by the last kick of the game. Two days later Simonds Cricket Club lost their first match of the season on the last ball of the last over of the day.

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Congratulations to Mr. A. Randall, of Arthur Cooper, Head Office, upon being the recipient of a winner's medal in the 1956 Berks and Bucks Senior Cup Final, won by Maidenhead United. Mr. Randall is their noted centre-half.

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The Bristol Branch's two teams in the "Hop Leaf" Skittles League are to be congratulated for fulfilling all their fixtures, though often with great difficulty during the season just ended.

The final positions which the teams achieved were very lowly, it is reported, but the engagements were much enjoyed.

The Football Club held a Dinner for players on Friday May 25. Mr. W. Bradford was guest of honour. An enjoyable evening was had by all present.

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The Taverners Alley Skittles team were very successful in the past season by finishing runners-up to the "Picton Arms" in the 3rd Division of the local Alley Skittles League, and so earned promotion to the 2nd Division.

This fine feat was celebrated on the 28th April, when all the Skittles Club members enjoyed a coach outing to the beautiful scenic Wye Valley, halting at the "Rose and Crown" Inn, Tintern, for dinner and an entertaining evening. The weather and refreshments were excellent, and the musical entertainment provided by mine host, Mr. Frank Curthoys, all contributed to make a grand day.

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We congratulate Alan Hitchman on being promoted to Class I referee. This is the highest class in refereeing, and we wish him every success in coming seasons, and hope that as he is still a young man, he may reach the top in football.

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Everyone connected with our Football Club is pleased with the clean and good football played throughout the season and of the wonderful way the team accepted final defeat and refused to make excuses which they could easily have done.

Many people worked hard for the Club during the season, not the least of these was Mick Allwood, the trainer, who attended to the injuries, and Len Povey, the groundsman.

While games all round were cancelled due to ground conditions not one of our games at the Sports Ground had to be called off.

SPORT

The Simonds Team

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Simonds Athletic Football Club

The end of the football season brought excitement in plenty. With three matches to go our first team were heading the league by the slender margin of one point. Then. Burghfield Sports took away that lead with a two each draw.

The two remaining matches, although not without incident, were won, and the position at the top of the league read Woodley Reserves 26 points, Simonds Athletic 26 points.

The Reading and District League rules provide that in the case of a dead heat a play-off shall be held, and what a play-off, or, rather, what play-offs. The first play-off on April 30th was fast, furious football, ending, after extra time, in a one each draw. Our goal was scored by Tommy Mort, after a fine piece of opportunism by John Rose.

In the second game, on May 2nd, Woodley won by three goals to



two, the third goal scored with the last touch of the game, there being no time even to restart.

In this final game Simonds first goal was again scored by centre-forward Tommy Mort, and we cannot pass without comment on the second goal. The scorer this time was Don Paul. Don collected the ball inside his own half and, after beating four opponents, scored with a fine drive from outside the penalty area. A wonderful goal, what a pity it wasn't the winner!

SIMONDS CRICKET CLUB

There was a large attendance, with many new faces among them, at the Annual General Meeting which took place on March 12, at the Social Club, with Mr. C. R. Josey in the Chair. The Officers elected were:—

"A" Team:

Captain: Mr. A. J. Hawkins; Vice-Captain: Mr. G. F. Harding.

"B" Team:

Captain: Mr. F. Barrett; Vice-Captain: Mr. J. Jeffcoat.

Umpires: Mr. E. Crump (Sundays), Mr. F. Chapman.

Scorers: Mr. T. Kent, Mr. A. J. Hurst. Committee: Messrs. F. Benham, E. G. Crutchley, C. R. Josey, R. J. Lambourne, H. K. White.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. K. G. S. Organ.

Fixture Secretary: Mr. G. F. Harding.

Prospects for the 1956 Season are very bright with the "B" team stronger than at any time since the war, writes the Hon. Secretary, Mr. K. G. S. Organ.

New practice nets have been installed at the Sports Ground, Berkeley Avenue, and everyone interested is invited to attend practice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

A team has been entered again in the Reading Evening Cup Competition, in which it is hoped to go one better than last year, when we were beaten in the Final.

Supporters are cordially invited to attend both home and away fixtures during the season. The very attractive fixture list for the rest of the season includes:—

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.
"A" Team.		
July 14	Courage's, Alton ...	Home
" 21	White Waltham ...	Away
" 28	Goring ...	Away
Aug. 4	Frimley Green "A" ...	Home
" 11	Eversley Cross ...	Home
" 18	...	Away
" 25	Shiplake ...	Home

Sunday Fixtures.

July 15	Dobell & Bartholomew ...	Away
" 29	Production v. Distribution	Home
Aug. 19	Messrs. Guinness ...	Away
	(Park Royal, 11.30 a.m. start).	

"B" Team.

July 14	Licensed Victuallers' School	Away
" 21	Watney's, Alton ...	Home
" 28	St. Sebastian's ...	Home
Aug. 4	Frimley Green "B" ...	Away
" 11	Greys Green ...	Away
" 18	Kidmore End ...	Home
" 25	...	Home

Results: "A" Team.

May 5. Away to Frimley Green. Lost by 7 wickets.

Scores:

Simonds "A" 104. (G. Harding 27 not out, G. Shiel 20, K. Organ 16, R. Roberts 10).

Frimley Green 142 for 3. (Organ 1 for 20, Lambourne 1 for 25).

This match had a very exciting and dramatic finish. When Simonds last pair came together there were forty minutes left for play. However, they were still together when "last over" was called. On the last ball of this last over Organ was caught, to give Frimley Green victory, Harding being 27 not out. These two took the score from 67 for 9 to 104 all out.

May 12. Home to Goring. Won by 56 runs.

Scores:

Simonds "A" 130. (G. Ayers 48, J. Rose 28 not out, R. Smith 24).

Goring 74. (R. Lambourne 4 for 18, J. Smith 2 for 0).

May 13. Home to Reading Borough Police. Won by 8 runs.

Scores:

Simonds "A" 95. (G. Ayers 20, J. Rose 15, R. Roberts 15).

Police 87. (R. Smith 4 for 33, K. Organ 2 for 17).

May 19. Away to Friary Brewery. Drawn.

Scores:

Simonds "A" 130 for 7. (J. Hawkins not out 45, R. Smith 34, G. Harding not out 25).

Friary Brewery 91 for 7. (R. Lambourne 4 for 13).

DARTS

A Grand Inter-Departmental Darts Tournament was held in the Social Club on Friday, the 23rd March, 1956. Seventeen teams entered.

In the Final the Engineers' team, consisting of A. Burrows, G. Choules, D. Fry, S. Sarney and G. Parker (Reserve) defeated the Transport "B" team, consisting of A. Hughes, G. Sayers, S. Annetts, C. Shipton and H. Cooke (Reserve). The winners were taken to three games in a most exciting Final.

To reach the Final the Engineers' Department defeated the following teams:

Social Club; Wheelwrights; Estates Department.

The Transport "B" team defeated the Copper Stage, Bottled Beer Department and Wine Stores "A." Both Semi-Finals were keenly fought matches, both going to three games.

Mr. G. Bowsher, Copper Stage, and Mr. A. Franklin, Cooperage, tied for the highest score of the evening with 133. The play-off of one straight game was won by Mr. G. Bowsher.

Mr. J. D. Richardson presented the Cup to the winning team, and prizes, consisting of cigarette lighters, to the winning team and cigarettes to the runners-up. In a short speech he thanked all the members of the participating teams for assisting in making the evening such a success. He also thanked the voluntary scorers who had carried out their arduous duties most efficiently.

June 2. Home to White Waltham. Drawn.

Scores:

Simonds "A" 122. (R. Lambourne 33, L. Bedding 28).

White Waltham 83 for 7. (R. Smith 3 for 13).

June 3. Away to Eversley Cross. Lost by 3 wickets.

Scores:

Simonds "A" 105. (J. Hawkins 42, G. Ayers 42).

Eversley Cross 139 for 7. (D. Batson 3 for 35, D. Word 3 for 26).

Results: "B" Team.

May 12. Away to St. Sebastian's (Wokingham). Won by 2 wickets.

Scores:

Simonds "B" 74 for 8. (R. Merryweather 25 not out, E. Barrett 15, E. Crumb 10 not out).

Simonds "A" Team.

Finished runners-up in Division I of the Reading and District League, winning 12 matches from 14 played. The "A" team is also in the Final of the Reading and District Cup Competition. They meet their old rivals, Reading Y.M.C.A., who were the only team to defeat them in the league.

Simonds "B" Team.

Finished wrong end of Division IV, but nevertheless had a most enjoyable season. Constant team changes was the main cause of the position in the league.

Reading Championships (Finals).

D. Barley (Simonds) beat R. Forrest (Simonds) in the Final of the Men's Singles. THIS WAS AN ALL SIMONDS FINAL.

L. Wise (Y.M.C.A.) and R. Forrest (Simonds) won the Final of the Men's Doubles.

D. Barley (Simonds) and Miss M. Butler won the Final of the Mixed Doubles.

Berkshire Championships.

P. Morecroft (Maidenhead) and D. Barley (Simonds) beat L. Wise (Y.M.C.A.) and R. Forrest (Simonds) in the Final of the Men's Doubles.

D. Barley (Simonds) and Miss M. Butler won the Final of the Mixed Doubles.

Simonds held their own Knock-out Handicap T.T. Tournament in aid of the World Championships Fund. Eighteen members took part and a very enjoyable evening was had in the Social Club.

Semi-Final.

R. Forrest (scratch) beat T. Martin (received 7) 21-16, 21-16; and

D. Barley (scratch) beat J. Rose (received 3) 18-21, 21-10, 21-16.

Final.

R. Forrest beat D. Barley 21-16, 21-19.

The Secretary is greatly indebted to G. Ayers (Surveyor's Dept.), who so ably assisted in the running of this event, and its success, and to Mrs. Harris who had provided the refreshments all through the season, and who never once let us down.

St. Sebastian's 71. (J. Gardiner 3 for 17, R. McNabb 2 for 3).

May 19. Home to Licensed Victuallers' School. Won by 8 wickets.

Scores:

Simonds "B" 141 for 2. (R. McNabb 81 not out, R. Merryweather 39, R. Ward 13).

L.V.S. 139 for 9 declared. (J. Gardiner 3 for 28, E. Munt 2 for 14).

May 26. Away to Kidmore End. Lost by 146 runs.

Scores:

Simonds "B" 45. (F. Peters 17).

Kidmore End 191 for 6. (F. Foster 2 for 22, R. Ward 3 for 47).

June 2. Away to Shinfield. Lost by 8 wickets.

Scores:

Simonds "B" 44.

Shinfield 47 for 2. (J. Gardiner 2 for 13).