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Sports Day and Fete

This year Sports Day will be on Saturday, August 13th, starting at 2.30 p.m. In addition to the sports events which are listed below, there will be a Horticultural Show, an Exhibition of Pigeons by the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Columbarian Society, a Photographic Competition, a Ladies' Ankle Competition and sideshows of every kind. It is also planned to put on a Motor-cycle Trick Riding Display and an Archery Demonstration during the afternoon. Teas, ice cream and light refreshments will be available on the ground.

In the evening there will be dancing to the Astorians Dance Band, starting at 8 p.m., and a licensed bar will be open from 4 p.m. until 11.30 p.m.

The Schedule of classes and prizes for the Horticultural Show have been issued to all branches and departments some weeks ago, so that everyone should know what to grow. The classes include vegetables, fruit, cut flowers and ladies' and school children's sections as well as a special class for Pensioners. There is a Challenge Cup for the employee gaining the highest number of points from the produce classes.

Entry Forms for the Horticultural Show are due into the Personnel Office by not later than Monday, August 8th.

Particulars of the Photographic Competition have also been issued, and entries for this are required in the Personnel Office by not later than Saturday, July 30th.

Plenty of spare schedules and entry forms are available in the Personnel Office for anyone who wants them.

The sports events will start at 2.30 p.m., and the programme is as follows:—

1. 50 yds.—Boys under 10.
 2. 50 yds.—Girls under 10.
 3. 100 yds.—Men.
 4. 100 yds.—Boys over 10 and under 15.
 5. 80 yds.—Ladies.
 6. Tiny Tots Race—5 and under.
 7. 80 yds.—Girls over 10 and under 15.
 8. 220 yds.—Men.
 9. Sack Race—Boys and Girls.
 10. Egg and Spoon Race—Ladies.
 11. Barrel Rolling Race—Men.
 12. Veterans' Race—40 and over.
 13. Skipping Race—Girls.
 14. Wheelbarrow Race—Ladies and Gents.
 15. Obstacle Race—Boys.
- Tug-of-War.

Entries for all events will be taken on the ground.

BRANCH PARTIES

Two Branch Parties were held at just about the time that our last issue went to press. These were the Staines and London Branches Dance on March 18th, and the



Some of those who took part in the recent Mixed Darts Tournament at the Social Club.

Newport Branch Dinner and Dance on April 1st.

The Party at Staines, which was attended by Mr. E. M. Downes, was held at the Packhorse Hotel, and was much enjoyed by contingents from Reading and London as well as members of the staff from Staines.

An excellent meal was put on by the King's Head Hotel for the Newport Branch Party. The guest of honour on this occasion was Mr. Duncan Simonds, who received a cheque for the Licensed Victuallers' School from Mr. Charles

Ferguson of the St. Julian's Hotel, the money being the proceeds of a function organised by local licensees. Other speakers were Lieut.-General Sir Charles Allfrey and Mr. B. H. Quelch.

Dancing took up most of the rest of the evening, apart from an amusing interlude when the "Simonds Stakes", an inter-departmental competition, was run off for the first time and duly won by the Office Staff team. It is hoped that the magnificent trophy presented to the winning team will be competed for annually.

PREMIUM BONDS

The present Savings Period in respect of the above ended on June 16th, and a new 20-week period begins on June 30th, 1960. Application forms may be obtained from heads of departments, foremen, or from Mr. T. W. Kent, Secretarial Department.

New members will be welcome.



The Bottling Staff at Staines pose for a picture at their Annual Dance.

SOCIAL CLUB NOTES

The last dance of the winter season—an April Fool's Dance run by Charlie Hawkins on April 2nd was well attended, and much enjoyed.

Since then there have been regular Jazz Club Nights at the Sports Club every Thursday evening which have proved popular. Anyone can come along and bring their own records, and dance if they want to, or just listen.

The new Social Club premises in Castle Street are beginning to take shape, and a sub-committee was nominated recently by the Club Committee to consider the furnishing plans put forward by the Furnishing Department.

The Annual Social Club Outing is being combined with the Union Outing again this year and will take place on August 21st. The plan is to go by coach to Southsea. Further information can be obtained from Mr. C. Hawkins or Mr. J. Chandler.

Lucky prizewinners of the Derby Sweep run in aid of the Club Funds were:—

- 1st. Mrs. Davey, c/o Personnel.
- 2nd. D. Crocker, Fermenting Dept.
- 3rd. H. R. Weight, Delivery Office.

A total of £13 was added to the Club funds as a result of the Sweep.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Shortly before Mr. K. R. Boyce, Bristol Area Surveyor, left our employ to take up an appointment in Hong Kong, a small gathering of the members of the Bristol staff took place at which he was presented with an electric razor with the best wishes of all his colleagues.

Mr. Boyce has been succeeded by Mr. F. K. Hilton from Reading, whose wife presented him with a son shortly after he joined the Bristol Staff. Our congratulations and best wishes to them both!

In the recent Local Government elections Mr. G. M. Pettit won a seat on the Reading Borough Council, and Mr. H. G. Wheeler was re-elected.

Mr. Pettit, who is a member of our Architect's Department, intends to make Education one of his main interests on the Council. He served in H.M.S. *Ark Royal* in the First World War, and recently spent a day aboard the present *Ark Royal*, when it returned from

America, and before it embarked 824 Squadron, which we "adopted" last year.

Mr. Harry Wheeler has been on the Council since 1952, and is Vice-Chairman of the Children's and Health Committees, and Chairman of the Allotments Committee. He also takes a great interest in housing and the care of the blind, deaf and dumb.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Thompson on the birth of a daughter on May 5th. Mr. Thompson, who has been under training, will shortly join the Arthur Cooper Organisation.

Congratulations also go to Bob Martin, of the Engineers, who scored a well deserved win in the final of the Individual Bar Billiards Championship of Reading and District on June 9th at the Olympia Ballroom. Bob, who defeated last year's champion, had reached the final on two previous occasions.

WEDDINGS

Mr. D. A. Fry, of the Production Office Engineer Staff, was married to Miss Bridget Cunningham on March 26th at St. William of York Church, Reading. Before the wedding Mr. Fry was presented with an eight-day clock and cutlery by Mr. W. J. Watkins, for which his friends in the Brewery had subscribed.

Miss C. Gash was married on March 12th to Mr. G. Girling at Christ Church, Reading. Her wedding present from the staff of the Sales Accounts Department was a steam electric iron and ironing board.

Also married on March 12th at Christ Church were Miss Rhoda Dixon of the Correspondence Office and Mr. Malcolm Hawkins. Miss Dixon received an electric fire as a present from her colleagues.

On March 19th, Miss E. A. Buckingham, of the Sales Accounts Department, was married at Christ Church to Mr. J. Scott.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott leave the Church.



Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fry.

Members of the staff of the Department gave her a present of an ironing board, vegetable rack and kitchen equipment.

Prior to her wedding to Mr. R. Sheppard at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Efford, Plymouth, on March 19th, Miss P. Harris of Tamar Correspondence Office was presented with an occasional table, the gift of management and colleagues at Tamar and Octagon Offices. The presentation was made by Mr. R. E. Wright.

On April 16th, Miss E. Davies, of the Secretarial Department, was married at Aberystwyth Chapel, Aberystwyth, to Mr. D. Jones. Members of the staff of the Department presented her with an electric fire.

Miss H. Merrick was married on March 26th to Mr. Derek Flory at Holy Trinity Church, Theale. Miss Merrick's friends in the Estates Department gave her a clock as a wedding present.



Alec Hodder from the Bottling Department performs before an appreciative audience at the Mixed Darts Tournament.

MIXED DARTS TOURNAMENT

An idea tried out for the first time recently by the Committee of the Social Club was a mixed darts tournament. This took place in the Club on Friday, May 27th, and attracted an entry of 32 couples. Some excellent throwing was seen, not least by the ladies, and the

evening was much enjoyed by all those taking part.

Results:—

Winning Pair: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Broad, of the Stationery and Branch Office.

Runners-Up: Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt, of the Managed House Accounts Office.

Highest Score: Mr. J. Holt.

FISHERMAN'S FLING

Perhaps Billingsgate is not the most popular rendezvous for a Saturday night out. Indeed, one might have thought that an invitation to dance there would have very limited appeal. Yet, to find that so many people enjoyed the novel atmosphere of the fish market at the recent dance held in the Social Club, pleasantly rewarded the efforts of the Dramatics Group in organising this function in aid of World Refugee Year.

The decorative possibilities of lobsters, crabs, mermaids, sea-horses and other unknown and improbable sea-creatures provided good scope for setting the fishy scene, to which end plenty of cardboard, paint and imagination were used. The result was appropriately effective without the more odorous disadvantages of such a setting.

Even so, that certain tang of the sea was not entirely absent and could be traced to a stall offering such sea-food delicacies as cockles, whelks, prawns and winkles, delights that attracted good custom. The briny atmosphere was completed by the appetising fragrance of fish-and-chips, the main course on the supper menu, and a feature that went down very well.

Worthless prizes, consistent with the evening's theme, were raffled at exorbitant prices, and bidding was keen during the auctioning of a pair of kippers (filleted, naturally) that went for a generous sailor's breakfast at 16/-!

The evening's music was provided by that famous group, the

Cod Cutlets—brought, at great expense, from Lowestoft—and the general opinion was that their playing was better even than the Astorians.

The group wishes to thank those who, though subsequently disassociating themselves from the whole affair, generously helped to make the evening such an encouraging success.



A happy photograph taken of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sheppard after their wedding.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

It has been suggested that a "For Sale and Wanted" column might be useful to readers in future issues of the News.

Advertisements for publication will be accepted by the Personnel Office (Ext. 32) up to a fortnight before the end of each quarter.

PRESENTATIONS AT READING

Several well-known members of the staff have received long service gold watches again this quarter, and most prominent among them was Mr. Reg Paice, Manager of our Ludgershall Branch, who was presented with his watch by General Sir Miles Dempsey at a Board Meeting on 9th May.

Mr. Paice started with the firm in 1910 at the old Aldershot Branch, under the late Captain W. Batchelor.

Early in 1915 he joined the 1st Battalion 60th Rifles, and served with them in France. He was wounded at Delville Wood on the Somme in 1916, and was later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps.

On demobilization in 1919, Mr. Paice rejoined the Aldershot Branch, which had by then been taken over by Mr. W. H. Wigley. When the Branch amalgamated with the Farnborough Branch,



Mr. Reg Paice.

Mr. Paice transferred to the Brewery at Reading, where he joined the Branch Office. During this time he worked as a relief at Hastings and Catterick, and as a representative at Colchester; he also ran depots on many occasions in Hampshire, Sussex and East Anglia during Army manoeuvres.

In 1931 he was appointed representative for North and East Berkshire, and in 1937 he became Assistant Manager to the late Mr. F. L. Shrimpton at Ludgershall.

With the Second World War in the offing, Mr. Paice found himself back at Farnborough again early in 1939, as Chief Military Representative, and in due course he was given the task of reopening the branch there to cope with the services trade during the war years.

Early in 1946 he returned to Ludgershall as Manager, where he will remain until his retirement in September this year.

When he was at Reading Mr. Paice used to play billiards for the Brewery, and also played a lot of tennis. Nowadays he still takes an interest in sporting events and is a keen gardener.

Mr. Fred Benham, another Brewery stalwart, received his gold watch from Mr. R. B. St. J. Quarry on April 11th.



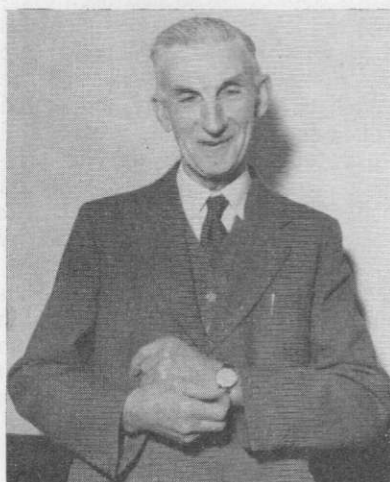
Mr. Fred Benham.

Fred's first job, straight from school, was on a poultry farm where he received two shillings a week, plus his breakfast and tea. From this he moved on into the service of Lt.-Colonel Caversham Simonds, who, in due course, recommended him to the Brewery, which he joined in 1912 as a bottling hand under the late Mr. W. J. Ford.

In 1915 he volunteered, and joined the R.A.S.C., with whom he served in 59th Division for four years in England and France. During the Second World War he served as a Sergeant in the Home Guard.

When he was demobilized in 1919, Fred returned to the Bottling Stores, being transferred a few years later to the Brewery Cold Rooms. In 1951 he became Cellar Foreman.

All his life he has been a keen sportsman, playing football and league cricket for Shinfield and Spencers Wood for many years. He has been a member of the Brewery cricket club, which he captained during the war, and he still enjoys an occasional game each summer. At the Brewery Sports he has won



Mr. F. C. Angliss.

the Veterans' Race for a number of years. At home, he is fond of gardening and has won a lot of prizes for his produce.

Mr. F. C. Angliss was presented with a watch by General Sir Miles Dempsey on April 25th.

He learned his trade as a decorator from his father, who was a builder and contractor. Later he worked for Mr. Webb, who joined H. & G. Simonds in 1912, bringing Mr. Angliss with him.

He worked a twelve-hour day when he first started, and in due course became a Chargehand Decorator, a position which he has held now for many years.

He served in France with the Bedfordshire Regiment for four years during the First World War, and in the last War was directed to London to carry out war damage work.

He is married, with two daughters, and his chief interests are gardening and reading.

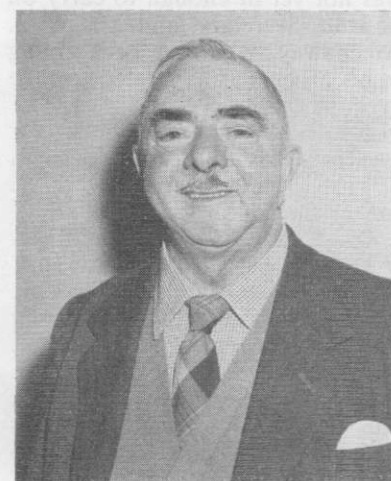
Mr. S. F. Baggs received his watch on May 2nd, also from General Sir Miles Dempsey.

His father, who was a contract signwriter and grainer, did most of the signwriting at our public houses for many years, and it was from him that Mr. Baggs learnt his trade, before joining our firm in 1912.

He served in the Royal Horse Artillery as a Territorial from 1908

to 1912, and joined the Berkshire Yeomanry in 1914, with whom he was on active service in France, before being transferred to the Dragoon Guards.

Mr. Baggs is married, with one son, and his main hobby is gardening.



Mr. S. F. Baggs.

MISS HUDSON RETIRES

Lieut.-General Sir Charles Allfrey presented a gold watch to Miss O. Hudson, of Bristol Branch, on March 29th. In doing so he paid tribute to her abilities as Secretary to both himself and Mr. Griffin,

and wished her many years of health in her well-earned retirement.

Miss Hudson joined the firm of W. J. Rogers Ltd., on November 14th, 1919, and served continuously until March 31st this year.

STAFF CHANGES READING

New Employees

We welcome the following newcomers to our ranks, and wish them happiness in their work with us :-

Mrs. K. S. Lynch—Advertising.
Miss B. Barnett—Estates.
Miss G. Denny—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. R. M. Johnson—Sales Accounts.
R. A. Wilmer—Accounts.
Mrs. P. M. Colton—M/House Accounts.
Miss S. M. Winchcombe—Accounts.
Mrs. C. Trewern—Advertising.
Mrs. S. A. Finnis—Laboratory.
Mrs. M. M. Edgar—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. S. D. Russell—Sales Accounts.
Miss M. J. Hurrell—Sales Accounts.
Miss V. A. Tugwell—Sales Accounts.
Miss S. A. Taylor—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. M. Rowlands—M/House Accounts.
Miss C. A. Westgate—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. I. D. Wait—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. E. Beales—Surveyors' Dept.

J. A. Hackett—Wine Stores.
Miss M. Tucker—Sales Accounts.
T. G. Fellingham—Cask Dept.
C. J. Glanville—Accounts.
Mrs. P. Oster—Sales Accounts.
Miss S. M. Young—Sales Accounts.
Miss S. Bartlett—Sales Accounts.
Miss M. Carvell—Sales Accounts.
A. Knott—Managed House Accounts.
Mrs. P. M. Butler—Engineer's Dept.
Mrs. E. Delvin—Sales Accounts.
L. P. Wheeler—Cask Dept.
D. A. Wilkins—Architect's Dept.
L. Slater—Accounts.
Mrs. J. Phillips—M/House Accounts.
Miss M. Allen—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. E. V. Rapley—Sales Accounts.

Transfers

J. Jeffcoat—Engineer's Department to Wages Department.
J. Wooldridge—Wages Department to Accounts Department.
M. Alpin—Accounts Department to Insurance Department.
Miss S. Taylor—Sales Accounts Department to Delivery Office.
A. Terry—Wine and Spirit Department to Cask Department.
Miss L. Doherty—Sales Accounts Department to Advertising Department.
Miss P. A. Sedgbeer—Sales Accounts Department to Managed House Accounts.
Mrs. J. Gilbert—Correspondence Office to Estates Department.
Mrs. K. S. Lynch—Advertising Department to Managed House Accounts.
Miss P. Wilder—Sales Accounts Department to Stocktaking Department.
Miss J. Maxwell—Sales Accounts Department to Switchboard Room.

Reinstatement after National Service

J. de Tisi—Wine and Spirit Department.

BRANCHES

New Employees

We also welcome the following newcomers to Branches, and wish them every happiness :-

Miss P. Bye—Devonport.
Mrs. M. E. A. Ashdown—Bristol.
Miss H. Roberts—Ludgershall.
Mrs. M. A. Brenton—Devonport.
A. R. Davies—Bridgend.
B. G. Rumley—Bristol.
Miss N. Macdonald—Newport.
Mrs. J. Griffiths—Bridgend.
P. Dovey—Newport.
J. Parkes—Bristol.

P. Davies—Newport.
A. K. J. Pickernell—Ludgershall.
A. S. Trigger—Devonport.
R. C. George—Bristol.
Mrs. K. M. Harp—Newport.
Mrs. U. Franks—London.
J. T. G. Lawson—Bristol.
Miss G. J. Pretty—Devonport.
Mrs. H. M. Minter—Staines.
Mr. I. Hern—Devonport.

Transfer

A. D. Miller—Bristol, transferred to Free Trade (Reading) Department.

Reinstatement after National Service

D. G. Francis—Oxford.

Appointments

G. Chapman appointed as a Representative for the Bournemouth/Southampton Area.
J. I. Williams appointed as a Representative at Brighton Branch.

MANUAL STAFF RETIREMENTS

The following members of the Manual Staff have retired, and we wish them good health and happiness in their retirement :-

Reading

S. F. Baggs, after 48 years' service as a signwriter in the Building Department.

Bristol

T. H. Godsell, after 43 years' service in the Loading Stage.

C. H. Plumley, after 51 years' service mainly as a stoker.

SPORTS REVIEW

CRICKET

At the Annual General Meeting held in March the members were sorry to hear that Mr. K. Organ was not yet fit enough to carry on as Hon. Secretary, and Mr. W. J. Greenaway, who had been acting in his absence, was elected to take over the reins.

Ken had been Hon. Secretary for five years, and all are very grateful to him for the splendid work he did for the Club.

Mr. E. D. C. Campbell kindly presented the "Louis Simonds" Cup for batting to Mr. D. Wardle, and the "J. D. Richardson Cup" for bowling to Mr. P. Harper. Unfortunately Mr. Richardson was unable to attend to present his Cup, but we take this opportunity to thank him again for his kind gift to the Club.

Mr. R. S. Smith was again elected Captain of "A" Team, with Mr. T. Bowker as his Vice-Captain, whilst Mr. J. Truss is skipper of the "B" Team and Mr. G. Shiel his deputy. Mr. R. Roberts makes up the Selection Committee with the aforesaid gentlemen. Messrs. E. G. Barrett, F. J. Benham, G. F. Harding, K. G. S. Organ and K. Ward form the Committee, and Mr. J. Truss is the Match Secretary.

The season is now well under way, although not a large number of games have been played owing to the "A" team match, arranged for Cup Final Day, having to be cancelled, as well as the "B" team fixture against Southern Electricity Board, owing to overnight rain.

The results of matches played up to the time of going to press are as follows:—

May

- 14 Courage & Barclay, Alton, 32 for 2. Simonds "A", 29. (T. Pike, 7 for 8). Simonds "B", 80 for 3. (V. Warner, 32; Cordery, 16).
Borocourt, 79. (V. Warner, 8 for 41).
15 Simonds "A", 67. (R. Smith, 18). Burberys, 68 for 4. (V. Smith, 3 for 13).
21 Simonds "A", 50. (D. Batson, 15). Newbury 2nd XI, 51 for 6. (D. Batson, 5 for 21).
28 White Waltham, 70 for 0. Simonds "A", 69. (D. Loader, 25). Simonds "B", 73. (V. Warner, 22). Marlow Park 2nd XI, 98. (V. Warner, 7 for 39).

June

- 4 Reading Aerodrome, 60. (V. Smith, 3 for 12). Simonds "A", 61 for 5. (H. K. White, 24). Simonds "B", 107 for 9 dec. (V. Warner, 54; T. Hawkins, 21). St. Sebastian's, 109 for 2.

Reading Evening Cup

After an easy victory over Thames Conservancy in the Preliminary Round, we were well beaten by Vagabonds, the Cup holders, in the First Round proper.

Scores:

Simonds "A" 32 for 0 (D. Wardle 20 not out).
Thames Conservancy 28 for 8 (D. Batson 4 for 13).
Simonds "A" 67 (V. Warner 19).
Vagabonds 68 for 1.

TENNIS

Match results to date are:—

April

- 23 Island Bohemians ... Won 6-2*
30 High Wycombe ... Won 5-4

May

- 1 Kestrel ... Lost 3-6
8 Caversham II ... Won 7-2
14 Huntley & Palmers ... Won 6-2*
14 Courages ... Lost 2-7
22 Bulmershe ... Won 7-2
28 Maidenhead I ... Lost 5-4
29 Reading University ... Won 5-3*
*—One not finished.

Members of the firm are urged to take advantage of the excellent facilities offered at the Club for tennis. The season extends from April until November, and the Secretary and members of the Committee will be only too glad to welcome more playing members from the firm.

FOOTBALL

Our season did not finish quite as well as we would have liked, but we were handicapped by a number of injuries. Against Y.M.C.A. and East Reading, both teams which we had beaten earlier in the season away, we could only draw at home. However, against Rabson Rovers, who were this season's runners-up, we scored a resounding victory. Unfortunately Ken Shepherd was hurt in this game and added to our list of injured players. Our last two league matches against Elgar Rovers (League Champions) and Albion Athletic both ended in defeat.

Two visiting teams were entertained at the Sports Ground and both met with defeat. Staple Hill F.C. from Bristol were beaten by two goals to one on Easter Monday. Although we had most of the game it was not until late in the second half that a penalty kick taken by our goalkeeper provided the winning goal. Against Cilfynydd Welfare A.F.C. from Pontypridd, S. Wales, the team turned on a sparkling display to win by seven goals to one. Ken Shepherd returned for this game after injury, and scored a hat trick.

The reserve side, likewise hit by injury, could do no better than draw one of their last seven games and finish at the foot of the table.

The Football Club's Annual Stag Dinner was held in the Social Club on Friday, 20th May. In a short speech Mr. R. Sawdon Smith thanked the officers of the Club, and particularly Mr. G. Shiel, on whom a great amount of work had fallen, especially late in the season.

Many Representative and Cup Finals were held at the Sports Ground at the end of the season, amongst them being the Champions of the Reading League v. The Rest. Roy Cooper ("A" Team skipper) was chosen for The Rest. Other games were Reading Youth v. City of Oxford Youth, Play off of Division IV (Reading and District League), J. J. Brown Cup Final, and the Minor Cup Final.

Newport v. Bridgend

The annual Good Friday football match between Bridgend and Newport was played at Bridgend, where many supporters shouted long-range encouragement from the nearby pavilion.

In extremely wet conditions both teams, who were at times reduced to ten men, played some sparkling football, which featured sterling performances from C. Harvey, M. Fry, M. Saunders and T. Jones of Bridgend, and R. Williams, S. Ball, J. Mullins and L. Stokes of Newport.

Newport were well in front at half-time with a score of 4-1, through J. Mullins and L. Stokes, the Newport captain finding the

net with some good long range shots.

Early in the second half Bridgend really settled down and retaliated in no uncertain manner and, with five minutes to the final whistle, the score was 6-5 to Newport.

To bring the game to an ideal conclusion C. Harvey then moved up from defence to score the final goal off a corner kick, making the score 6-6.

HOCKEY

A review of the 1959-60 season gives a certain amount of cause for satisfaction, but not for complacency.

Statistics are not always a true pointer to a team's ability, and in view of the fact that the Club played a number of very good teams last season its record was quite satisfactory.

17 wins : 8 draws : 8 losses.

In the early part of the season one could say that the forwards as a unit had a very good understanding and so did the defence, but it took quite a few "break-away" goals by the opposition before the two sections really got together and played as a team.

As the team has only one or two reserves, each individual gets to know everyone else's play, and this helps enormously even against teams such as Guinness, where many of the individual players are of a much higher standard.

Playing against superior clubs has also been a great help, and much was observed, if not actually learned, from their style of play. It says much for the Club's defence that although some of these teams were definitely better, they did not score many goals, except on the occasion when Simonds had three men injured.

The acquisition of Mervyn Jordan as goalkeeper was indeed fortunate, and as a complete newcomer he has acquitted himself well.

Jimmy Till as outside left (ably backed up by Don Simons at left-half) continued to improve his stick work, and he and the skipper, Tom Cheeseman, made quite a formidable left wing. On the right, Chris Sankey—who had been playing on the wing—seemed to find his proper position at half-back, where on more than one occasion he displayed both energy and good ball control. In the centre Ted Spary at centre-half was as energetic and busy as ever, and on occasions showed the forwards the value of following through by scoring.

On the whole, the team has improved quite a bit, but with more experience and perhaps a little more calculated passing, it could improve even more.

NETBALL

Recently the team entered two rallies, the first of which was held at Huntley & Palmer's Sports Ground on May 14th. They suc-



The winners of the "Simonds Stakes" at the Newport Branch Dance.

ceeded in winning every match in their section and so went forward to the final, where they were unfortunately beaten 16-6 by A.W.R.E.

The second rally was at Westwood School on May 18th, where the team again won its section, which entailed a play-off against Huntley & Palmers and A.W.R.E., to decide which team would appear in the final held at the Reading County Fair. Once again our team was beaten, but it was, even so, a highly creditable effort to come third out of a total entry of fifteen.

If any Department would like a game against the team on a Thursday evening during the summer months they are asked to contact the Secretary, Miss Anne Levey.

ANGLING CLUB

For the first time a Cup was presented this year to the angler catching the greatest weight of fish during the season. The Cup, which will be competed for annually, was deservedly won by M. Gibbs, of the Building Department.

Final weights for the season 1959-60 were:—

M. Gibbs	...	14 lbs. 2 3/4 ozs.
J. Clayton	...	9 lbs. 3 1/2 ozs.
C. Grover	...	6 lbs. 10 1/2 ozs.
L. Harraway	...	6 lbs. 2 1/2 ozs.
F. Smith	...	5 lbs. 7 1/2 ozs.
W. Green	...	4 lbs. 3 1/2 ozs.
D. Fry	...	3 lbs.
A. Allwood	...	2 lbs. 1 1/2 ozs.
J. Kolinski	...	1 lb. 1 oz.
W. Bunce	...	11 1/2 ozs.

There were also three specimen fish caught during the season, namely:—

- A Roach of 1 lb. 2 ozs. by J. Clayton at Burghfield.
A Bream of 4 lbs. 6 1/2 ozs. by G. Absolom at Earley P.S. Area.
A Pike of 11 lbs. 8 ozs. by W. Green at Earley P.S. Area.

The season was a successful one, and the Club has remained undefeated in its last six matches.

Ten matches for the Championship have been arranged for next season, in addition to matches against other clubs, and it is hoped that more anglers will turn out for our competition matches so that even better results are achieved.

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to record the deaths of:

Mrs. E. A. Bowers (on March 21st), who was formerly employed in the Bottling Department at Devonport.

Mr. E. A. Higgs (on April 10th), who had been a much respected member of the Wheelwrights' Department at Reading for the last 40 years.

Mr. W. Giddy (on April 29th). He was a pensioner and was last employed at our Salisbury Branch.

Mr. F. Hamilton (on April 29th). He was pensioned in 1953 after 37 years' service in the Cask Beer Loading Stage.

Mr. H. Bolton (on May 28th). He was pensioned in 1947 after 32 years' service in the Brewing Department.