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Mr. R. J. WAITE to retire

A personality who will be very much missed when he retires on the 25th October next, after thirty seven years with the Company, is Mr. R. J. Waite, our Transport Engineer or "Reg" as he is known to all and sundry. After apprenticeship with a well known firm of engineers, Mr. Waite joined the Royal Engineers in early 1915 and after eight months active service in France was seriously wounded during the battle of the Somme and invalided home. In early 1917, being passed fit for duty he was sent to the Salonica front, serving there with motor transport until he was eventually demobilised.

After the war, Mr. Waite came to live in Reading but it was not until August, 1923 that he came to H. & G. Simonds where he joined forces with Mr. F. E. Dryden to inaugurate and operate a repair and maintenance department in connection with the

Calamity was to follow, for in September, 1939, the majority of the modern fleet of vehicles so carefully built up by the Commander and "Reg" was commandeered almost overnight and the long years of blackout, crashes, scarcity of vehicles and spares, zoning of deliveries and shortage of motor fuels began.

The greatest credit must be given to Reg Waite for his part in weathering the storm; the beer still went out in spite of everything and his urbane manner soothed tempers ruffled by impossible demands for petrol or the hazards of fire watching.

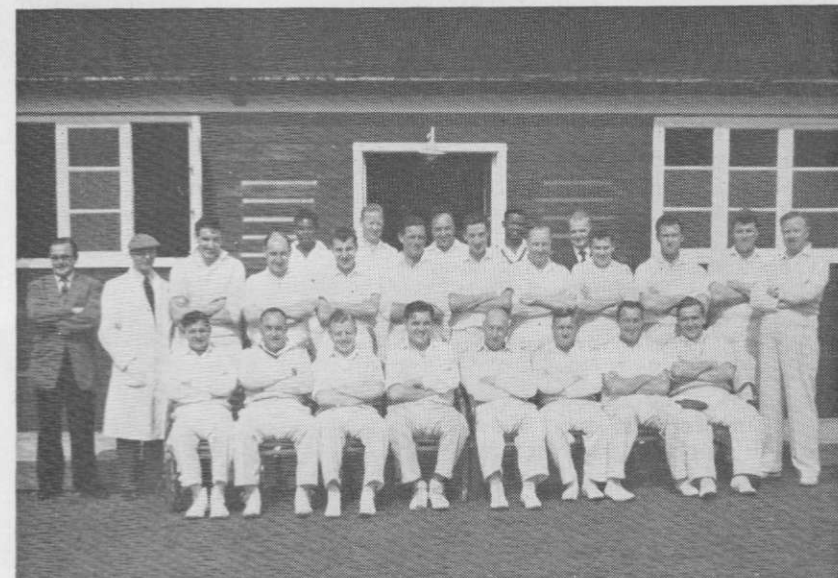
After a long illness and a series of operations which would have daunted the majority, followed by a slow recovery, Reg came back to the post-war reorganisation which proved to be a period even more difficult than the war years. He can also be proud of the part he has played in this.

Nowadays a keen gardener and horticulturalist, all will wish him a long, peaceful and happy retirement and above all, good health.

Social Club Notes

Earlier this year Mr. J. D. Richardson made it known that he felt that he would have to retire from the Chairmanship of the Club due to pressure of work. At the time, he was persuaded to stay on, but at the Committee Meeting on July 11th he finally announced that he was unable to carry on any longer and so the Committee regretfully accepted his resignation. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed in recognition of the tremendous amount of help that Mr. Richardson had given to the Club during the four years that he had been in the chair.

Mr. E. D. C. Campbell was elected to fill the vacancy as Chairman, until the next Annual General Meeting, and Mr. S. Davey was elected to succeed Mr. Campbell as Secretary.



Fred Benham's farewell match—a picture of the two teams.

In July, the Board agreed to set up a special fund designed to help the finances of the Social and Sports Club. As a result, it has been possible to cancel all subscriptions to both Clubs and to subsidise Sports sections so that those playing games are no longer called upon to pay a fee for each match.

The fund will also help to bear the cost of such events as the Annual Sports, the Pensioner's Dinner and the Children's Party.

without a card should apply to the Wages Department.

During the winter months the three grass tennis courts at the Sports Club are due to be completely levelled and turfing as a result of a special financial grant made by the Board. This should produce some first class courts next summer and it is hoped that all players will join the Tennis Section and make good use of the courts.

At a recent meeting, the Committee of the Club were sorry to receive the resignation of Miss Marion Aitken who was co-opted as an additional committee member this year. Miss Aitken, who has done a great deal of good work for the Club, has left the firm to go to a new appointment in the Camerons, where we wish her the very best of luck.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Mr. Bold is Surveyor at our Newport Branch.

Quite a few pensioners drop in to our Staines Branch for a chat every now and then and among those who have been welcomed recently are Jim Cooper, Bill Matthews, Arthur Woodison (now over 80), Frank Stevens and Arthur Foster. All are in good health and are enjoying the various hobbies and occupations they have taken up since retirement.

Congratulations go to James Wooldridge of the Accounts Department who passed the final examination of the Society of Commercial Accountants in June.

Last year, the City of Plymouth Amateur Operatic Society suffered a temporary eclipse when the Palace Theatre closed its doors and so put paid to the 1959 production of "The Merry Widow".

However, this year, in order to prove that the Society is still vigorous, the talented members put on a review of their own at the Globe

Theatre entitled "Don't Say Good-bye", which included many happy reminders of past shows.

Among those taking part was Mrs. Jacqueline Hawkesworth, who so ably acts as receptionist at our Tamar Brewery Office.

Congratulations are also due to Mr. and Mrs. R. Seymour on the birth of a son, Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. V. Smith on the birth of a daughter, Deborah Jane. Both Mr. Seymour and Mr. Smith are in the Building Department at Reading.

Mr. R. L. Henson, of the Wine and Spirit Department gained a Certificate of Merit in the Wine Trade Club Education Examination earlier this year. He was also awarded a "Bourse de Voyage" consisting of a trip to Bordeaux and Cognac, where he visited many well known châteaux, vineyards and distilleries.

Mr. R. W. Pittock, another member of the Department, also achieved a very creditable pass in the examination.



Mr. R. J. Waite.

Brewery mechanical transport then being organised by the late Commander H. D. Simonds, R.N. (Retd.).

The period 1922-23 was a time of transition and reorganisation of transport delivery; the horse was being superseded by the motor lorry and rail traffic by door to door delivery by road vehicle.

It is interesting to recall that in 1923 the transport fleet numbered some 20 Foden steam waggons, 35 motor lorries, 6 private cars and about 40 to 50 horses. Under the shrewd guidance of Commander Simonds the change over to internal combustion engined vehicles gradually took place and now the "Simonds" fleet numbers some 235 lorries and 100 private cars, the maintenance of these presenting a formidable and difficult task—not forgetting the 5 horses we still operate.

This continuous expansion through the years has brought ever increasing responsibility and anxieties to Reg Waite yet he has never allowed this to disturb the charm of manner and patience with which he has dealt with all emergencies and with the many who have sought his help and guidance.

Between the wars two great developments took place in the commercial vehicle industry, first the replacement of solid tyres by giant pneumatic tyres followed by the development of the oil engined vehicles, and Reg Waite can well be proud of his part in pioneering these projects, which are now universal.

"Simonds" were in fact the first Company to operate a Diesel lorry in the south of England when in 1928 we acquired a Swiss Saurer vehicle.

The many friends of Mr. E. Gosney, manager of our Staines Branch for the past fourteen years, will be delighted to learn that he entered his 50th year of service with the firm during August, 1960.

Mr. S. B. Farmer, Assistant Manager, Newport, was presented by his colleagues with a Parker pen and pencil and a Sparklet Syphon on the occasion of his departure from the Branch to take up his new duties at Ludgershall.

The presentation was made by Mr. B. H. Quelch who wished him every happiness and success in the future.

Mr. Farmer expressed his appreciation of the gifts and the good wishes of the many friends he had made during his comparatively short sojourn at Newport Branch.

Mr. A. W. Bold's friends throughout the firm will be glad to hear that he is now well on the mend after a distressing illness which followed an operation for the removal of his appendix some weeks ago.

SPORTS DAY AND FÊTE

As the rain poured steadily down throughout the preceding week, it seemed that August 13th was likely to prove an unlucky date indeed for this year's Sports and Fete. However, Friday saw an improvement in the weather and on the Saturday all went well until about 5 p.m., when there was a downpour lasting half an hour or so just as the races finished.

There was a good crowd and it was particularly pleasing to see parties from Plymouth, Newport, Bristol and Staines, apart from individuals from a number of other branches.

The success of the day was undoubtedly the Horticultural Show which attracted a great many entries and some really first class produce. Mr. S. L. Attewell of Newport won the Director's Challenge Cup for the most points gained in all classes, and there was no doubt that his exhibits were quite outstanding. This result should put Reading employees on their mettle and in fact there is already talk of starting a gardening section with a view to repelling all invaders next year!

Another attraction in the Horticultural Tent was the exhibition of pigeons arranged again by Mr. Harry Wheeler in conjunction with the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Columbarian Society. Many of these birds had recently won prizes in various parts of England and they provided an interesting and unusual display.

A new venture was the Photographic Competition which produced an unexpectedly large number of entries, which seems to indicate that it would be worth while putting on something more ambitious in this line next year.

The Tug-of-War was fought out between three teams in the end, Transport defeating Production, last year's winners, and then going on to take the Challenge Cup in the final at the expense of the Newport team. Other notable winners in the Sports Events were Mrs. Quarry in the Ladies race and the evergreen Fred Benham, who once again won the Veterans race. The prizes were presented by Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey.

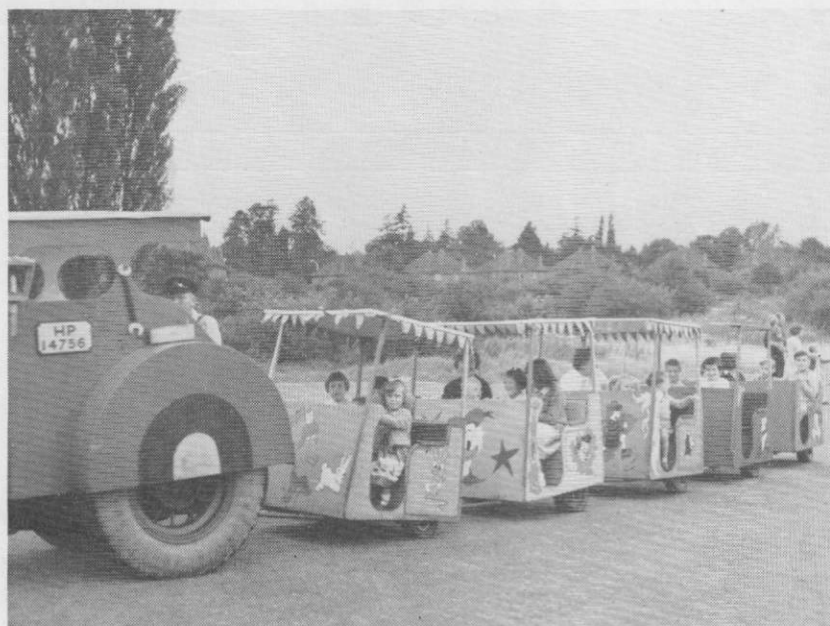
The most popular side-show was the Woodley Belle, driven by Len Povey, complete with engine driver's rig-out.

The Spring Gardens Silver Band turned out thirty strong and provided music throughout the afternoon, which added much to the festive air of the occasion.

Unfortunately the special displays which were timed to take place after the prizegiving were marred by the rain, which drove a lot of people away, and at one time it seemed likely that they would have to be cancelled altogether. The first of them, which was arranged by Miss Hobbs, was a display of archery given by members of Reading Archers. This was quite an eye opener to those who had not seen what could be done with a bow and arrow before.

Then there was the Trick Motor Cycling Display which was arranged and put on by Mr. Bob Knight despite the slippery going. This provided a spectacular and fast-moving finale, which was much enjoyed by all those who had braved the rain to see it.

In the evening the proceedings were rounded off by dancing to the Astorians Dance Band.



Len Povey takes a load of happy children for a ride in the Woodley Belle.

Photographic Competition

Prizewinners in this event were as follows:—

CHILDREN:

- 1st D. West, Electricians Dept.
- 2nd B. Shillaker, Managed House Accounts
- 3rd N. D. Povey, Transport

PICTORIAL:

- 1st N. D. Povey, Transport
- 2nd W. M. Field, Architect's Dept.
- 3rd D. West, Electricians' Dept.
- Consolation: N. D. Povey, Transport

PEOPLE:

- 1st N. D. Povey, Transport
- 2nd E. W. King, Surveyor's Dept.
- 3rd A. Randall, Managed House Accounts

COLOUR SLIDES:

- 1st B. A. Knott, Accounts Dept.
- 2nd Mrs. C. Knight, Personnel
- 3rd N. Povey, Transport
- Consolation: Miss J. M. Hobbs, Wine Stores
- Consolation: Miss W. Mather, Architect's

OUTINGS

There were two outings from Reading in swift succession during August, these being the Social Club outing which took place on Sunday, August 21st, and the Transport outing which was arranged for the following Saturday, August 27th.

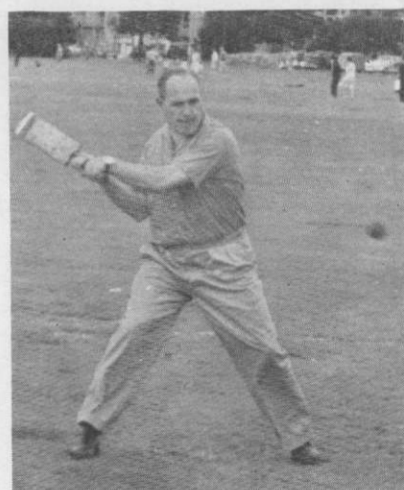
Two coaches took members of the Social Club to Southsea where for a change the weather was really fine. A mixed cricket match was played on the green beside the Promenade and on the way home a call was paid on Mr. Cannings at the "Crown", Old Basing.

Members of the Transport Department chose Southend as their destination and some 32 people duly set off by coach from the Social Club at 8 a.m. and enjoyed fine weather throughout the day.

Balloon Race

The £5 Prize for the balloon travelling the longest distance was won by Pat Dines, whose balloon reached Ellough in Suffolk, some 126 miles from Reading. Other balloons which did well for their senders were:—

- Phillip Dines: Mendlesham Green, Suffolk.
- Teresa Bilsby: Coddensham, Suffolk.
- M. James: Great Blakenham, Suffolk.
- Mrs. F. Clark: Paris Farm, Helmingham, Suffolk.
- B. J. Clark: Lavenham, Suffolk.
- M. Norris: Haughley, Suffolk.
- A. Franklin: Kedington, Suffolk.
- F. Clark: Hitcham, Suffolk.
- Mr. Gibbs: Hundon, Suffolk.
- Mrs. B. J. Clark: Boxted, near Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.
- F. Jennings: Stokenchurch, Bucks.
- Eddie Chapman: Linton, Cambs.
- Miss S. Williams: Shelford, Cambs.
- E. Smith: Luton, Beds.
- J. Coleman: Luton, Beds.
- Elizabeth Clements: Upper Bacombe, Bucks.
- A. Stanton: Shepherd, Cambs.
- G. Holland: Hadstock, Essex.
- Michael Twiney: Steeple Bumpstead.
- D. Venners: Stokenchurch, Bucks.
- M. Tilbury: Great Missenden, Bucks.



Mr. G. J. Chandler hits a six during the cricket match at Southsea.

SPORTS EVENTS

Event winners were:—

Event.	First	Second.	Third.
50 yds. (Boys under 10)	Richard Stiles	Trevor Hearn	Leslie Hearne
50 yds. (Girls under 10)	Beth Robinson	Maureen O'Mara	Cathleen Streeter
100 yds. (Men)	P. Harper	P. Channins	Colin Spilsbury
100 yds. (Boys over 10, under 15)	Keith Parr	Roger Wells	Kevin Cobban
80 yds. (Ladies)	Mrs. Quarry	Mrs. Sneary	Brenda Povey
Tiny Tots (Under 5)	Adam Quarry	Margaretta Jewel	Eamon Lambert
80 yds. (Girls over 10, under 15)	Madeline McKenzie	Carol Richardson	J. Herbert
220 yds. (Men)	P. Harper	C. P. Burrows	P. Channing
Sack Race (Boys and Girls)	Beth Robinson	K. Parr	R. Wells
Egg and Spoon (Ladies)	Janice Jones	Mrs. McKenzie	Mrs. O'Mara
Barrel Rolling (Men)	James Dixon	J. Streeter	W. Streeter
Veterans (40 and over)	F. Benham	M. Karczmarczyk	W. Greenaway
Skipping Race (Girls)	Carol Richardson	Janet Richardson	J. Herbert
Wheelbarrow (Ladies and Gets)	Daphne and John Streeter	Mr. Burrows and Lowrie	Mrs. and Mrs. Gibbs.
Obstacle Race (Boys)	K. Parr	R. Wells	K. Absolom

Horticultural Show

The Challenge Cup was won by Mr. S. L. Attewell with a total of 27 points. Class winners were as follows:—

1. S. Attewell, Newport	14. R. Stanton, Cooperage	29. F. Benham, Beer Cellars
2. S. Attewell, Newport	17. S. Attewell, Newport	30. E. Barrett, Bottling
3. S. Attewell, Newport	18. S. Attewell, Newport	31. F. W. Chapman, Beer Cellars
4. L. Jacobs, C.B.L.S.	20. S. Attewell, Newport	32. C. M. Tilbury, Estates Dept.
5. S. Attewell, Newport	21. F. Benham, Beer Cellars	33. Mrs. Stamp, Copper Stage
6. A. Orchard, Building Dept.	22. S. Davey, Personnel	34. Miss E. Bonner, Wages
7. S. Attewell, Newport	23. F. Benham, Beer Cellars	35. A. Orchard, Building Dept.
8. F. Clark, Transport	24. S. Attewell, Newport	36. —, Greenaway, Branch
9. L. Povey, Sports Ground	25. J. Clayton, Cooperage	37. —, Crocker, Fermenting
10. A. Orchard, Building Dept.	26. I. A. Clinch, Personnel	38. —, Doe, Delivery Office
11. —	27. F. Coleman, Canvas	
12. J. Clayton, Cooperage	28. —	



The Transport Team heave with a will.



Some of the produce in the horticultural tent.

LONG SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

Two well known members of the staff have received long service Gold Watches since our last issue, Mr. R. E. Wright of Plymouth and Mr. S. A. Hinton of the Travelling Staff at Reading.

"Bob" Wright who received his watch from General Sir Miles Dempsey on September 26th, joined the Plymouth Branch of H. & G. Simonds Ltd., in 1910 at the age of 12 years. The branch, which was then under the management of the late Mr. McLaughlin was situated at No. 6, The Octagon, only a short distance from the present office at the Octagon Brewery.

At the time that Mr. Wright joined the firm, the Plymouth trade consisted of only eight wholesale accounts, all military, the remainder of the custom being sought by door to door canvassing.

In 1916, Mr. Wright joined the Royal Field Artillery and saw service in Mesopotamia, before being demobilised in 1919 with the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major.

During the time that he was away in the Forces, the Tamar Brewery,



Mr. S. A. Hinton.

Bluecoat School, Reading and joined the firm in July 1911, where he started his career in the Cask Department.

He joined the 1/1 Berkshire Royal Horse Artillery (T.A.) in 1913 and, as a result was called to the colours on the outbreak of war in August, 1914. In April, 1915 he was sent abroad with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, but was invalided home a year later. After a period of convalescence, one or two postings in England, and promotion to Sergeant, Mr. Hinton managed to get himself sent back to Palestine to join his old Brigade, although this time he found himself in 1/1 Hampshire Battery, R.H.A. (T.A.). He served with this unit throughout Allenby's campaign against the Turks, which culminated in the capture of Damascus.

On his return to the Brewery after the war, Mr. Hinton was transferred to the Wine and Spirit Department, where he remained until 1930, when he moved to the Delivery Department.

Three years later he was selected as a member of the Travelling Staff and took over the South and South East Berkshire and East Oxfordshire area, which he has looked after with outstanding success ever since.

Mr. Hinton was one of the original members of the Seven Bridges Brewery Concert Party and his fine baritone voice contributed much to its popularity.

He has also taken part in local dramatics, was connected with the choirs of St. Giles and St. Laurence as a soloist, and had the distinction of appearing at the Palace Theatre, Reading in 1911 in the programme to commemorate the Coronation of King George V. He has also taken an interest in local political affairs and was for many years Hon. Secretary of the Minster Ward Conservative Association.

WEDDINGS

Miss Jean Parr, who has been with the Sales Accounts Department for six years, was married to Mr. Alan Thatcher at St. George's Church, Reading, on 16th July. Miss Parr received a wedding present of an ironing board, a mirror and a toast rack from her friends in the Department. Mr. Thatcher was at one time employed in the Accounts Department.

Miss Stella Neale, who has been with the Sales Accounts Department since 1955, was married to Mr. Brian F. Kinge at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, on Saturday, July 23rd. She received an ironing board, plate rack and bread knife as a present from the staff.



Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Clinch pose for a photograph after their wedding.

Miss S. Young, of the Sales Accounts Department, was married to Mr. A. Ferris on July 16th, at Christchurch, Reading. Members of the Department gave her a present of some kitchen equipment.

Miss B. A. Major, who has been with the Sales Accounts Department since 1955, was married to Mr. G. B. Greedus on 10th September at St. James' Church, Ruscombe. She received an ironing board and kitchen utensils as a wedding present from the staff.

The marriage between Miss P. Caladine, also of the Sales Accounts Department, and Mr. B. F. Holder, took place on 27th August at all Saints, Reading. Members of the department gave Miss Caladine a coffee table and a scatter cushion as a present.

Miss J. Goldsworthy, of Arthur Cooper, Market Place, Reading, was married to Mr. B. Theobald on April 30th, at St. Giles' Church, Reading. Members of the staff gave her a present of a set of carvers.

The marriage between Miss D. Jewell, of the Advertising Department, and Mr. D. Tune, took place on July 9th at Christchurch, Reading. Miss Jewell received an Ottoman and a Bread Knife and Board from her friends in the department.

Miss Annette Foster, of the Invoicing Office at Newport, was married to Mr. Ronald Wilkins on August 20th at St. Mary's Church, Stow Hill, Newport. Prior to the wedding Mr. B. H. Quelch presented Miss Foster with a kitchen cabinet on behalf of her colleagues.



Mr. and Mrs. Alan Thatcher and their attendants.

STAFF CHANGES

Reading :

New Employees

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

Miss B. Willis—Accounts.
Mrs. I. A. Wallbanks—Sales Accounts.
Mrs. W. Livingstone—Managed House Accounts.
M. Dodd—Accounts.
Mrs. B. Tottenham—Engineers.

Transfers

C. G. Glanville—Accounts Dept. to Delivery Office.
R. W. Jordan—Delivery Dept. to Estates Dept.
L. Slater—Accounts Dept. to Engineers Dept.
Miss B. Willis—Accounts Dept. to Sales Accounts Dept.
Miss S. Wincombe—Sales Accounts Dept. to Accounts Dept.

L. S. Doyle—Managed House Accounts.
Miss I. Beckford—Sales Accounts.
Miss J. Rickards—Sales Accounts.
Miss G. Welch—Sales Accounts.
P. J. Hewett—Architects.
A. C. Read—Wine and Spirit Dept.
Miss J. Holloway—Sales Accounts.
C. W. Smith—Cask Office.
Mrs. M. Attwood—Furnishing.
G. Pitts—Estates Office.

C. G. McGuirk—Cask Office to Managed House Accounts Dept.
L. P. Wheeler—Cask Dept. to Surveyor's Dept.
R. Parry—Secretarial Dept. to Accounts Dept.
R. A. Willmer—Accounts Dept. to Cashier's Dept.
N. G. Bedding—Cashier's Dept. to Estates Dept.
R. P. Snelling—Checker to Delivery Dept.

Branches :

New Employees

We also welcome the following newcomers to Branches and wish them every happiness.
Mrs. J. G. Aplin—London.
Mrs. E. M. Lawrence—London.

Appointments

Newport: D. West as Foreman Mechanic.
Brighton: J. D. Legg as Representative.

Miss M. Vicary—Devonport.
Miss M. John—Bridgend.
Mrs. C. Bartley—Bristol.
Miss C. Collins—Newport.
Miss N. M. Donald—Newport.
Miss C. Reed—Staines.

Transfers

A. Halse, Bristol Foreman to Reading.
N. Carr, Newport Foreman to Reading.

SPORTS

CRICKET

Despite the poor summer generally, the Club was very lucky to have had only one game cancelled by weather, and even that could have been played as it turned out.

The "A" team had a very unsuccessful season having won only two of their nineteen games. Of the others, one was drawn, one tied and fifteen lost.

However, the "B" team equalled last year's 25-year record of five wins, whilst one game was drawn and seven lost. The individual averages are in course of being compiled and will be announced shortly.

Unfortunately owing to his pending retirement from the firm, this has been our old friend Fred Benham's last season after playing for the Brewery for something over 22 years. Fred's cricketing career goes back long before this however, as, for some years previously, he played for his local club, Spencers Wood.

To mark this occasion a farewell match was played on Sunday, 28th August, between a team captained by Fred and one led by the "A" team skipper "Dickie" Smith. A number of the "old uns" turned out and a happy afternoon and evening was spent. The result was a draw very much in favour of Mr. Benham's XI for, having declared at 146 for 8, his opponents lost nine men for only 69 runs with one ball to go, which was luckily survived.

RESULTS

- June**
- 11 Simonds "A", 114 (T. Bowker, 38 n.o., R. Smith, 23).
Old Paludians, 178 for 4 dec. (G. Cordery, 3 for 26).
Thatcham "B", 194 (K. Gibbons, 6 for 6).
Simonds "B", 117 for 9 (V. Warner, 44, T. Adams, 23, G. Shiel, 13).
18 Broadmoor Patients, 152 for 7 dec.
Simonds "A", 76 (V. Smith, 27, R. Hume, 23).
Simonds "B", 66 (T. Adams, 34).
Greys Green, 69 for 4 (V. Warner, 3 for 26).
25 Shiplake, 138 for 7 dec. (R. Smith, 4 for 13, P. Harper, 3 for 23).
Simonds "A", 88 (T. Bowker, 28, R. Smith, 24, H. K. White, 12).
Simonds "B", 139 for 5 (V. Warner, 37, N. Bedding, 37, T. Hawkins, 31, A. Simms, 12).
Shinfield 138 for 6 dec.
- July**
- 2 Simonds "A", 130 for 8 dec. (D. Batson, 75, n.o.).
Marlow Park, 121 for 8.
Marlow Park "B", 146 for 7 dec. (T. Hawkins, 3 for 40, V. Warner, 3 for 44).
Simonds "B", 109 (H. Loader, 42).
3 Simonds "A", 92 (D. Batson, 40).
Reading Police, 92 (K. Ward, 3 for 8, T. Bowker, 3 for 17).
9 Waltham St. Lawrence, 141 (R. Smith, 3 for 30).
Simonds "A", 64 (T. Bowker, 22).
Simonds "B", 95 for 6 (G. Shiel, 36, V. Warner, 23).
Old Blues, 94 (K. Ward, 4 for 31).
16 Simonds "A", 99 (V. Smith, 27, P. Harper, 20, E. Barrett, 16).
White Waltham, 121 for 5 dec.
Shinfield, 153 for 9 dec. (K. Gibbons, 4 for 23).
Simonds "B", 80 (V. Warner, 34).
17 Simonds "A", 75 (D. Batson, 26).
Courage & Barclay (Alton), 121 (V. Smith, 5 for 48, K. Ward, 3 for 24).
23 Old Paludians, 134 (J. Till, 4 for 3, N. Bedding, 4 for 45).
Simonds "A", 50.
Simonds "B", 85 for 6 (V. Warner, 37, J. Truss, 27, V. Smith, 16).
Thatcham "B", 84 (V. Smith, 5 for 34, V. Warner, 5 for 38).
30 Simonds "A", 79 (R. Roberts, 39).
Courage & Barclay (Alton), 82 for 3.
Borocourt, 37 (V. Warner, 8 for 20).
Simonds "B", 101 for 3 dec. (T. Adams, 45, V. Warner, 37).

REVIEW

August

- 6 Newbury 2nd XI, 61 for 7 (D. Batson, 4 for 14, P. Harper, 3 for 15).
Simonds "A", 56 (R. Roberts, 30).
Simonds "B", 79 (V. Warner, 24).
Southern Electricity Board, 108 (V. Warner, 6 for 57).
14 Guinness, 175 for 4 dec. (D. Batson, 2 for 21).
Simonds "A", 60 (V. Warner, 23).
20 Simonds "A", 82 (R. Smith, 40 n.o.).
Reading Aerodrome, 56 (D. Batson, 5 for 30, R. Smith, 3 for 23).
Greys Green, 111 for 4.
Simonds "B", 110 (V. Warner, 48, K. Gibbons, 30, T. Hawkins, 10).
27 Simonds "A", 62 (T. Bowker, 16).
Waltham St. Lawrence, 120 for 6 dec. (K. Ward, 2 for 14).
28 J. Benham's XI, 146 for 8 dec. (D. Wardle, 45, T. Bowker, 41 n.o., R. Roberts, 17, E. C. Greenaway, 11 n.o., D. Batson, 3 for 47, K. Ward, 2 for 14).
R. S. Smith's XI, 69 for 9 (D. Batson, 27, G. F. Harding, 12, V. Smith, 3 for 8, V. Warner, 4 for 38, T. Adams, 1 for 0).

A Match at Plymouth

As a result of a challenge from our staff, a team of cricketers from Messrs. Plymouth Breweries, Ltd., played against a team from Tamar Brewery, Devonport, on Thursday, 25th August, at Central Park, Plymouth.

All Departments were represented in our own team and Mr. J. E. G. Rowland, Head Brewer, officiated as umpire.

The top scorer for the Tamar cricket team was Mr. F. J. Cobb, assistant to Mr. J. E. G. Rowland, who batted well to obtain 10 runs to his credit.

However, it is with regret that we must report that the Plymouth Brewery cricket team won the match by 50 runs to 30, but we are not despondent at this result, as the Plymouth Brewery team has just concluded a successful season as Champions of the local cricket league.

V. Mann of our Transport Department bowled well, taking 4 wickets for 39 runs, whilst R. Cooksley took 2 for 11 runs. D. Butler was captain of our team and R. Gammage acted as scorer.

TENNIS

The Tennis Section have had a successful and enjoyable season in spite of the poor summer.

The first team won three out of four matches in the first division of the Berkshire League and the second team won all their matches and gained promotion to the second division.

In addition to the League matches, a large programme of friendly matches, both mens and mixed, have been played.

Finals day for the Club tournaments was Sunday, September 4th. For once the weather was kind and there was quite a large number present to enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

The open singles event was won by R. Lucas, and the Men's doubles event by R. Lucas and G. M. Goswell. The remaining tournament finals had to be postponed due to unfortunate injuries to participants.

The Section look forward to the 1961 season when the three re-turfed grass courts will be in use, and hope that more members of the firm will avail themselves of the facilities being offered.



A group taken on the Social Club Outing.

A Notable Retirement at Newport

Mr. O. W. Thomas, of our Newport Branch, retired on the 30th June, having completed 43 years service in January of this year.

He began his service with Phillips & Sons Ltd., now absorbed into H. & G. Simonds Ltd., in January, 1917, after discharge from the Army as a result of war wounds.

On the outbreak of the first World War, being a territorial, he was immediately called upon to join his regiment, the 1st. Mons. Surviving the historical battle of 8th May, when the regiment suffered such dreadful losses, he received severe leg wounds after the withdrawal from Ypres and was discharged wearing metal supports on his leg, which precluded him from following his previous employment as a railway worker. He was directed to Phillips & Sons Ltd., where he obtained light employment in the Bottling Stores. His leg eventually healed, and he has worked in the Bottling Hall ever since, mainly as a Checker.

After the war, he was much concerned with the plight of servicemen and their dependants and became Assistant Secretary of the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors Federation at its inception. He later became Secretary of the 1st Mons. Old Comrades Association, and remained in this capacity for 20 years. He has also been a Committee Member of the British Legion for many years, furthering the welfare of discharged Servicemen and their dependants.

In recent years, his main hobby has been gardening.

To mark the occasion of his retirement, Mr. F. E. R. Phipps presented Mr. Thomas with a wrist watch on behalf of the Brewery, Bottling and Office Staff.

A further presentation took place when he received a wallet of notes from Mr. S. Pritchard on behalf of the Transport Department.

We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas many happy years of retirement.

FOOTBALL

The football season is well under way, but at the time of writing only two weeks of league games have gone by.

Training this year is in the capable hands of Paddy Slevin, brother of a member of our transport staff, who has spent six years training the youth "A" sides of Reading Football Club.

We started the season well, the first team away to Tilehurst, scored a 4-1 victory. Two of the goals came from Ken Shepherd and one each from John Walters, and Alan North.

The reserve side's opening game against Englefield was a triumph for Terry Hawkins who scored all six goals in a 6-3 victory.

The second week the story was not so good, for the first XI lost at home to Cholsey, whom we never seem to beat. Two goals up at half-time, Cholsey hung on to their lead although outplayed. Ken Shepherd did make it 2-1 before the final whistle.

The reserves, in another high scoring game, defeated B.B.C. Caversham by 8 goals to nil. Terry Hawkins scored one, but this week the honours went to Ernie Cartwright who scored five. John Fidler scored one and the eighth was an own goal.

Despite our defeat by Cholsey, both sides should do better this year than for many seasons.

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to record the deaths of:-

- C. STRATTON, on June 20th, who had been employed in the Engineers' Stores.
A. G. SHIERS, on August 6th. He had served the firm for 37 years in the Beer Cellars before he retired in 1950.
W. SHAPTER, on August 20th. He had worked at the Octagon Brewery for 40 years before retiring in 1951 as Foreman in charge of the Beer Cellars.
E. DIBLEY, on September 5th. He had served the firm for 47 years in the Scalds before retiring in 1950.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kinge.

ANGLING CLUB

The season is now well under way and at the half-way stage the weight placings are as follows:-

	lbs.	ozs.
M. Gibbs ...	4	8½
D. Fry ...	4	7¾
R. Fuller ...	1	14½
L. Harraway ...	1	12¾
W. Green ...	1	10
J. Clayton ...	1	4½

The challenge match versus C.W.S. Angling Club which took place recently, resulted in our first defeat by another club. Competition attendances are on the increase and everyone seems to be keen to win the Angling Cup which was first introduced last season.