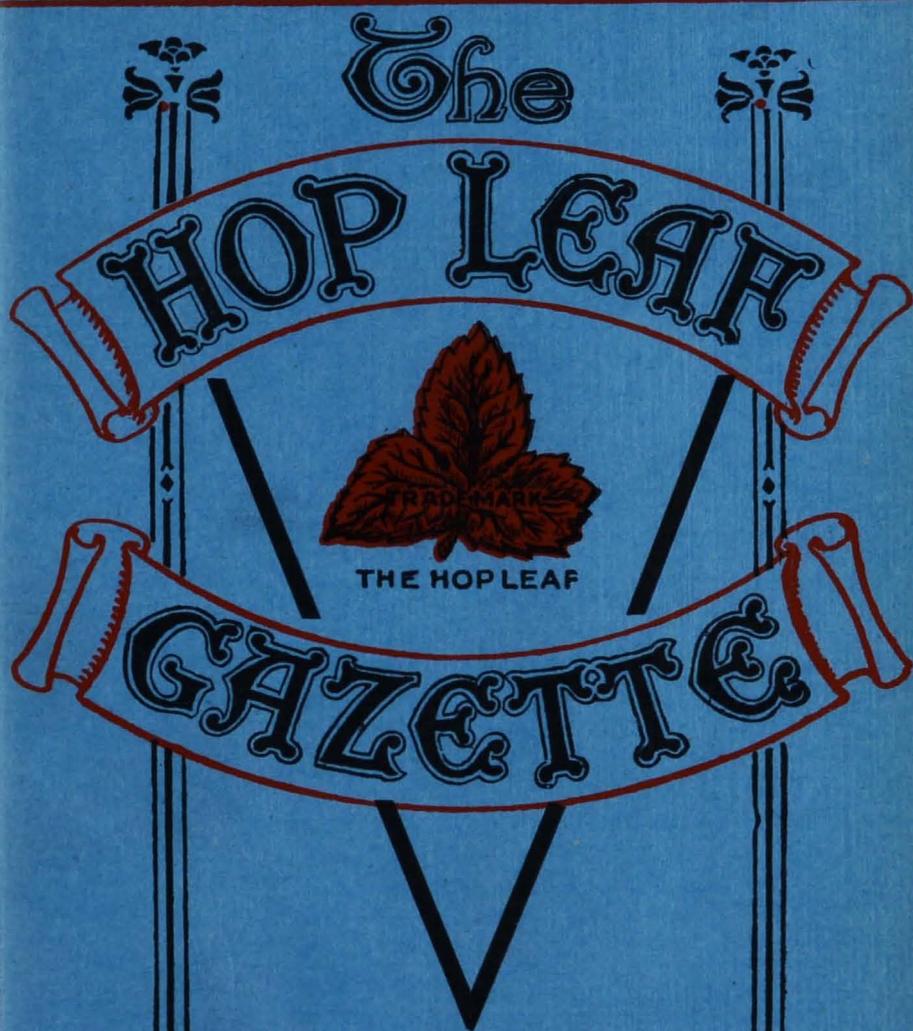


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MR. J. V. MARETT.

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Mr. Marett commenced his career with the Company as a junior clerk at Woking Branch in the spring of 1927, under the managership of the late A. Bennett, Esq., and has spent the whole of his twenty-two years' service at the same Branch. He continued his clerical duties until 1940, when the war interrupted his career. During these thirteen years he gained a thorough knowledge of office routine and the free wholesale trade in particular. On his return to civilian life in January, 1946, Mr. Marett was made responsible for the issuing of supplies and quotas which were necessary at that time owing to the shortage of all commodities. This brought him into close contact with all sections of the trade. He was also collector from the Company's houses that came within the orbit of Woking Branch.

In May, 1948, he was promoted to traveller and had a district allocated to him that contained a great number of Clubs and in which he was already well known. Mr. Marett soon strengthened the friendship that existed and has become a successful and popular traveller in an area where he meets with heavy competition.

Keen on all sport, Mr. Marett is particularly interested in football, and up to 1940 was a registered referee with the Surrey County Football Association; whilst no longer active on the field he is a member of the Woking Football Club and Woking Supporters' Club, being a most enthusiastic follower of the Woking team and all amateur clubs.

Mr. Marett joined the Army Dental Corps in 1940, and saw overseas service from the Normandy bridgehead, through France, Belgium, Holland, and finally at Berlin with the Seventh Armoured Division.



Take a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine oft infirmities.—The Bible.

CHAT *from*



THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

(By C. H. P.)

AN EXCELLENT PUBLICATION.

We are constantly receiving very complimentary letters concerning the publication of the HOP LEAF GAZETTE. Here is a typical one from the President of The Thirty Club, 223, Mitcham Road, Tooting, S.W. :—

Dear Sir,

I am writing to congratulate you on the HOP LEAF GAZETTE for June.

It is an excellent publication, and a credit to the publishers and the printers.

The HOP LEAF GAZETTE always has a prominent place in the library at this Club.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE : SHARP SHOPPING.

In facetious mood, my wife sent the following order to the grocer the other day, writes W. C. Brown in the S.P.C. (Smith's Quarterly Magazine). He rose to the occasion, and only supplied all the goods required.

Could you have done it?

1. A hold-up.
2. A cake which will not tempt sonny.
3. Some ancient mariner.
4. A packet of mixed apes.
5. A chip of old Noah.
6. A bottle of the convivial.
7. A possible Shakespeare.
8. Now let's have some of your cheek.

(For answers, see page 218.)

SECOND RATERS.

A Sunday School teacher in the East End was instructing the children in the Gospel narrative and happened to allude to the Pharisees and Sadducees. No one knew who they were. At length he turned to the brightest boy in the class :

"Don't you know anything about the Pharisees and Sadducees?" he enquired expectantly.

"Please, sir, I 'avent 'eard of them. I only follow the teams in the First Division."

WELL-KNOWN AND POPULAR.

Mr. S. C. Saunders, South Wales manager of H. & G. Simonds, Ltd., who was also assistant general manager of Phillips & Son, Ltd., of Newport, the firm of brewers recently taken over by Messrs. Simonds, has been appointed general manager of Messrs. Phillips on the retirement of Mr. Maurice Stratton. Mr. Saunders will be responsible for all Messrs. Simonds' interests throughout South Wales, in which area he is a popular and well-known member of the wholesale trade.

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. Saunders upon his promotion. We wish him good luck in his additional responsibilities.

ASCOT BEER QUEEN.

Becky Stevens, wearing her grandmother's cameo brooch and a fine feathered hat, was at Ascot for the 40th time this year, says the *Daily Herald*. She was in charge of the beer tent, with seven of her family helping, and a staff of 18.

Becky, who is 62, and runs the Three Mariners at Bagshot, pays £4 a square foot for her Ascot site. Just after the war, when competition for the concession was keen, she had to go up to £10 a foot.

But she didn't care, so long as she could keep up the family Ascot tradition. Her daughter Carry, now 38, who saw her first Ascot when she was three months old, has been serving teas on the course since she was 12. And Carry's daughter, Elsie, is also working round the place.

Becky's beer booth is only a few yards from the winning-post, but she has never seen a finish—"Far too busy! But I sense the excitement, the empty tent, the sudden silence, then the shouting, and the rush for the counter."

A CRYPTIC NOTICE.

Mr. Edwin Smith, of Neath, Glam., came across this cryptic notice in the Green Man at Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex.

If the words are numbered 1 to 24, and read in the order indicated below, the wording of a doggerel telling the old, old story is disclosed :—

More shall trust score I sent
For what I my and had
Do beer if pay Clerk brewer
I my and must this the

24,	18,	12,	6,	23,	17,	11,	5,
22,	16,	10,	4,	21,	15,	9,	3,
20,	14,	8,	2,	19,	13,	7,	1,

A LONG FISHING STORY.

An eel weighing 9 lbs. has been taken from the Kennet at Aldermaston, but not on rod and line.

H. & G. SIMONDS SAVINGS GROUP.

Under the National Savings Movement, in August, 1924, a Savings Association was formed called the H. & G. Simonds Savings Association (now 'Group'), so that the Group has just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Like the proverbial oak it commenced in a small way with a membership of 30 and Savings Certificates of the Third Issue (16/- each) were bought each week over a period of 32 weeks and balloted for each week.

Since the formation of our Group, which has continued without a break until the present time, the membership has increased fourfold, and during the 20-week cycle just ended Certificates to the value of £650 were purchased as against 53 Certificates at 16/- each during the first cycle in 1924. This will give some idea of the growth of the Group. In addition to Savings Certificates, for many years National Savings Stamps have been bought by quite a number of members as an alternative mode of saving.

Mr. A. H. Hopkins has been the Secretary of the Movement since its inception, and it has entailed a great amount of hard work, which, however, has been cheerfully and competently undertaken.

A POPULAR PAIR.

An exceedingly happy little ceremony took place in the General Office on Friday, August 26th, when the numerous friends of Mr. J. Bradford and Miss McLeod foregathered to present them with gifts in connection with their wedding which took place the following day. Mr. Bradford's sincerity and general disposition, and Miss McLeod's quiet charm of manner, have won for them many friends, and when it became known that they were about to be married, all their friends seemed not only willing but eager to subscribe towards the presents which were to be given them. Both have entered wholeheartedly into the social activities at the Brewery and have played in the tennis matches. Mr. Bradford is the only son of Mr. T. W. Bradford, Chief Cashier, and is maintaining the best traditions of a name that is held in very high esteem in Bridge Street.

God bless them both!

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

DR. HARTNETT CHALLENGE CUP.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. (Corporal) T. W. Kent, of "A" Division, Reading Town Division, and General Offices, upon his winning this year's Individual Competition which is open to members of the Division.

Mr. T. Howells, our First Aid Attendant, has also been awarded an additional bar to his Long Service Medal, upon completion of thirty years' membership.

The Dr. Hartnett Cup was presented about 19 years ago by the late Dr. Hartnett (who was, at the time, Divisional Surgeon to Reading Town Division S.J.A.B.) for annual competition amongst the members of that division.

This is the second occasion that Mr. Kent has won the cup, the previous was 1935. Mr. Kent was "runner up" in 1942.

ANSWERS TO "TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE."

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| 1. Jam. | 5. Ham. |
| 2. Soap. | 6. Cordial. |
| 3. Salt. | 7. Bacon. |
| 4. Peas. | 8. Sauce. |

PRESENTATIONS TO

MR. J. BRADFORD AND MISS M. McLEOD.

A HAPPY GATHERING.

The many friends of Mr. J. Bradford and Miss M. McLeod met in the General Offices on the evening of August 26th to make them a presentation. Both are well known and much esteemed at the Brewery, Mr. Bradford being in the Accounts Department, while Miss McLeod is private secretary to Mr. E. Duncan Simonds and Colonel F. H. V. Keighley. The happy pair were to be married the following day and the gifts took the form of a handsome radio set and two easy chairs.

Mr. F. C. Hawkes, who presided, said they were met on a very special occasion. During the course of his duties it devolved upon him to engage both Mr. Bradford and Miss McLeod, little thinking that it would culminate in their being married. He was very glad to think it was so. They were both good members of the staff and made themselves popular at their social gatherings. (Applause.)

Mr. A. G. Richardson (Chief Accountant) then made the presentations. He thanked all for the magnificent response they had made to the appeal for contributions towards the presents. He was sure all would join him in wishing the happy couple long life, good health and every happiness. (Applause.) The gifts consisted of a radio set and two easy chairs, so they would be able to sit comfortably in them and listen to the third programme! (Laughter.) The wonderful response to the appeal for subscriptions towards the presents proved the popularity of this young couple. (Applause.) Mr. Richardson then asked Mr. Bradford and Miss McLeod to accept the gifts as a token of goodwill from their colleagues and the best wishes of them all for much happiness in their future life. (Applause.)

Mr. Joseph Bradford, in rising to reply, had a most cordial reception. It was one of those occasions, he said, on which he found it extremely difficult to express, in adequate terms, their thanks for those magnificent presents. He did not know why they had been treated so handsomely, but he and his future wife did appreciate their wonderful kindness very much indeed. (Applause.) He thanked Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Richardson for their very kind words. He could only add, on behalf of himself and Miss McLeod, "Thank you all very, very much indeed." (Loud applause.)

There were then hearty handshakes and the expression of many good wishes for Mr. Bradford and Miss McLeod, and thus ended an exceedingly happy and impressive little ceremony.



Once again "the Greys" were successful at the Whit-Monday Fete organised by the Naval Old Comrades' Association, and held in Hill's Meadows, Reading. These fine animals always attract much attention, and on this occasion were awarded a Special Prize. Their appearance and fine condition reflect great credit on the Brewery stable staff.

NATURE NOTE.

(BY C.H.P.).

ANGLING FROM MANY ANGLES.

TREASURES OTHER THAN TROUT.

Fly-fishing on a meandering little trout stream has a wonderful fascination for me. The weight of your catch is by no means everything. At any rate, I view angling from many angles. There is the enchanting scenery: the bushes, birds, trees and flowers, and I always come away contented even if—and this is rarely the case—my creel is empty. Of course, it adds immensely to your day's delight if you manage to bank a few speckled beauties.

WATER VOLE'S SUCCULENT MEAL.

On the occasion about which I write, the water was very low, there was an abundance of weed and, in many places, the sedges almost met each other across the narrow stream. But if there were not many fish on the move, there was an infinite variety of wild life to be observed and this occupied most of my attention. Away downstream I noticed a ripple on the water! Thinking it was a trout on the feed I crept stealthily towards the spot. There I watched a water vole under the water gnawing at the root of a long weed. This he brought to the surface, hurried away with it to the bank. Then, sitting on his haunches and holding the succulent plant in his hands, or perhaps I should say forefeet, he made a hearty meal! And I enjoyed it as much as he.

BABY MOORHEN'S LONG LEGS.

As I sat in hiding, creatures all around seemed to spring into life. A mother with her family of young ducks passed me by. There were baby moorhens, too, wee balls of fluff. One swam so close to me that I netted him, to have him under still closer observation. His long legs seemed out of all proportion to his little body. But I soon discovered why nature had provided

him with such long legs. I placed the little bird back into the water, ever so gently. He dived, and beneath the surface these legs propelled him at a surprising speed, and in less time than it takes to tell, he was across on the other side of the stream, well away from that monster, Man! A kingfisher flashed by in his coat of brilliant blue, and I wondered whether he had had baby trout, or minnows, for breakfast.

RAN LIKE LEVERETS.

Some cows strolled across the meadow to a shallow pool of water. And no sooner had the first one reached it than out ran a water-rail. No, he did not fly, but ran, and, my word! his speed seemed that of a leveret. Right across the meadow he sped and was soon followed by his wife. I made my way quietly to the spot where they had sought shelter, just tapped the hedge with my rod to see if they *would* fly, but, no, they relied on their fleetness of foot again, ran right away and were soon lost to view.

Returning quietly across the meadow towards the river I almost trod on an old hare. I scared him and, my goodness, he made me jump, too!

I GO BIRD-NESTING.

I was casting my fly in a likely-looking spot and just as it was about to alight on the water a sudden gust of wind blew it into some sedge. As I was pulling it free a sedge-warbler flew from the herbage. I went quite a long way round to see if I could find the bird's nest. In a very short time I was successful, and in the dainty little structure were five yellow-brown eggs. I examined many tufts of grass in search for more nests and noticing that a redshank displayed great anxiety concerning my presence I concluded that she had her nest near at hand. I soon found it. One can hardly describe it as a nest—just a few bits of grass and other odds and ends. There were five buffish-brown eggs with dark brown spots. The redshank is aptly named, for its legs and toes are red, and are very noticeable when the bird perches on a fence. The baby redshanks readily take

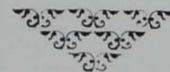
to the water. I also came across some little dabchicks that could only just have been hatched. I took them and their mother by surprise. The youngsters hastily clambered on to their mother's back, then she dived and thus carried her precious little cargo away to a place of safety.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

With these most interesting asides I continue my fly-fishing and meet with a moderate amount of success. At one favourite spot, which I had tried several times during the day without any success I thought I would try, try, try again. I tied a new fly to my trace and sent it on its errand. It had hardly touched water when a hungry trout seized it. I knew he was a good one and handled him very gently, but firmly. At length he tired; I drew him towards my net and lifted him from the water. He weighed over 2 lbs., and was indeed a thing of beauty. This was a joyous surprise—for me—if not for the trout!

A FITTING FINALE.

As I wended my way back down the river I passed the sedge-warbler's nesting site and as I did so father warbler burst into vociferous song; it seemed full of merriment and the joy of life, and was indeed a fitting finale to an altogether delightful day.



AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The annual sports were held on August Bank Holiday and, in spite of the inclement weather, quite a good number of employees turned up to either indulge in or witness the programme arranged. Mr. H. Dines was in charge of the arena and was ably supported by Messrs. C. Weller, G. Marsh, R. W. Claxton and G. Neighbour.

The arrangements for the tea were as usual under the supervision of Miss A. M. Prosser, ably supported by Mrs. Hannis, Miss Shurmer, Mrs. Short and Mrs. Smith, and were in every way satisfactory.

The results of the sports were as follows :—

MEN'S.

Half Mile Walking—1, J. Davis ; 2, P. Bartlett ; 3, C. Evans.
440 Yards—1, R. Kury ; 2, T. Allen ; 3, R. Gray.
220 Yards—1, R. Kury ; 2, W. Greenaway ; 3, K. Cottam.
100 Yards—1, R. Kury ; 2, K. Cottam ; 3, W. Greenaway.
Veterans—1, G. Neighbour ; 2, W. Mortimer ; 3, G. Bryant.

LADIES.

80 Yards—1, S. Ison ; 2, J. Grover ; 3, E. Weller.
Bun Race—1, P. Mullin ; 2, S. Ison ; 3, J. Shurmer.
Egg and Spoon—1, J. Shurmer ; 2, P. Mullin ; 3, O. Shurmer.
Thread Needle—1, E. Weller ; 2, E. O'Collard ; 3, B. Wheeler.

BOYS.

80 Yards (Under 10)—1, M. Evans ; 2, J. Blake ; 3, J. Davis.
100 Yards (Over 10)—1, C. Evans ; 2, M. Allen ; 3, J. Brown.

GIRLS.

80 Yards (Under 10)—1, J. Claxton ; 2, E. Short ; 3, R. Owen.
80 Yards (Over 10)—1, J. Claxton ; 2, T. Grover ; 3, E. Weller.

MIXED.

Bun (Under 15)—1, J. Allen ; 2, E. Weller ; 3, C. Evans.
Three-Legged—1, R. Gray and P. Mullin ; 2, R. Kury and S. Ison ; 3, J. Grover and Partner.
Slow Bicycle—1, R. Gray ; 2, E. O'Collard ; 3, P. Mullin.
Tennis—1, R. Wheeler and P. Knight ; 2, J. Bradford and O. Shurmer.

The vouchers to the winners were presented by Miss A. M. Prosser.

DEDICATION CEREMONY AT BROCK BARRACKS.

In July General Sir Miles Dempsey, Colonel of The Royal Berkshire Regiment, presented a long service medal to Pte. S. Russell at Brock Barracks. He also deposited a casket, containing the names of men of the Royal Berks who died in the last war, in the regimental memorial after the service of dedication.

BREWERY JOTTINGS.

Since our last issue many have been on holiday and to one and all fine weather has been the order of the day, temperatures in places being in the 90's. As regards the weather it has certainly been ideal for all branches of sport, and all sections of our Sports Club have taken full advantage of the warm spell which ended in an official drought round about St. Swithin's Day. To those who are taking their holidays late, may they be favoured with a period of fine days.

We are pleased to see Mr. H. Davis (Delivery Office) back at his usual place in the office again after a long absence due to illness, and it is the hope of all that he will now enjoy a full measure of good health.

Mr. A. G. Rider ("Chub" as he is familiarly known to most of his colleagues) of the General Office, has been on the sick list for some weeks. It is pleasing to be able to record, however, that he is making some progress towards recovery, and one and all look forward to seeing him amongst us once again fully restored to good health.

We regret to record the following deaths, and to all relatives we offer our sincere sympathy :—

Mr. H. M. Wilson, tenant of The Star, Newbury, since 27th September, 1935.

Mr. H. A. V. Dalton, tenant of The Blgrave Hotel, Reading, since 30th September, 1948.

Mr. Chas. Booty, late tenant of The Globe, Aldershot, who died at The Bell, Oxford Road, Reading, where he had lately been assisting Mr. B. Andrews.

Mr. Charles Albert James, of the Black Horse, Thatcham (J. May & Co.). Mr. James was 83 years of age, and had been the licensee of this house since March, 1909.

During the past few months changes have taken place, and to all the undermentioned new tenants we wish every success.

H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.

Off Licence, Star and Garter, Aldershot—Mrs. G. G. Fenney.
 The Oxford Arms, Hungerford—Mr. W. J. Gibbins.
 The Furze Bush, East Woodhay—Mr. N. E. Barton.
 The Lamb, Newbury—Mr. G. J. Tibbles.
 Off Licence, Inverness Road, Hounslow—Mr. A. C. Webber.
 The New Inn, Manton—Mr. H. E. L. Groves.
 The Magpie and Parrot, Shinfield—Mr. R. C. Higgs.
 The Blgrave Arms, Reading—Mrs. R. J. M. Dalton (widow).

The Jolly Anglers, Reading—Mr. J. Mann.
 The Fox, Winchester—Mr. G. Palmer.
 The Star, Newbury—Mr. W. Horne.
 The Jolly Gardeners, Sunbury—Mr. R. D. Boulton.
 The Shears, Sunbury Common—Mr. V. H. Roberts.

John May & Co., Ltd.

The Stag and Hounds, Basingstoke—Mr. K. G. Young.

Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.

The Bricklayers' Arms, Downley—Mr. F. H. Williams.
 The Boot, Bledlow Ridge—Mr. E. J. Eggleton.
 The Plough and Harrow, Chinnor—Mr. A. Gamble.
 The Carrington Arms, High Wycombe—Mr. F. W. Pierce.
 The Moning Star, High Wycombe—Mr. K. D. Lindsay.
 The Wheel, Naphill—Mr. A. E. Green.
 The Foresters' Arms, Water End—Mr. F. F. Loosley.

THE ROYAL OAK, BRIGHTON.



The tenant of the Royal Oak public house, St. James's Street, Brighton, is the genial and businesslike son of our Mr. Davis, Manager of the Hotels and Catering Department, Castle Street, Reading.

The sun blinds at the Royal Oak have created quite a lot of interest, and the customers come in singing, "Oh! what a beautiful awning, oh! what a beautiful blind!"

NEWPORT QUEEN OF COMMERCE.



The Manager of the Queen's Hotel, Newport, Mon., Mr. W. G. Rush, greeted the Newport Queen of Commerce and her Court ladies at the entrance to the hotel.

The Newport and District Branch of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association were the organisers of the fête when the queen was chosen.

DEATH OF MISS A. JACK.

The death occurred on August 12th of Miss Agnes Jack, licensee of The Red Rose, Southampton Street, Reading, and one of the oldest licence holders in the town. The tenancy of The Red Rose has been in the Jack family for 63 years and it is almost thirty years since Miss Jack took over the licence, following the death of her mother. During all her years in Reading she had been actively associated with the parochial life of St. James' Church, Reading, of whose congregation she was the oldest member.

CRICKET.

The season is now drawing once more to its close, and as these notes are being written both teams have only three matches to play.

The wonderful weather has enabled us to play all our games, and although on occasions there has been quite an amount of "leather chasing," everyone has enjoyed it. To date, the "A" team have completed thirteen matches, of which 3 have been won. Of the remainder, 6 were drawn and 4 lost. The "B" team have won 1, drawn 3 and lost 9.

Unfortunately, shortage of space prohibits accounts of all the games played, but we would like to express our appreciation to our friends of the Royal Household, Windsor, for entertaining us so well on July 16th. Our game that day was marred by rain. Each side could only bat for about an hour, but our friends more than made up for the game in their efforts to give us a jolly good time. This they did in no uncertain manner, and we look forward to our meetings next year.

- April 30th* SIMONDS "A" v. ST. SEBASTIANS "A."
St. Sebastians "A"—143 for 1 (dec.) A Clacey, 67 not out; H. Robbins, 59 not out. (K. Organ, 1 for 39.)
Simonds "A"—91. F. Benham, 23; E. Barrett, 17; R. Henson, 13; H. Hawkins, 16. (Robbins, 3 for 30; Buckett, 6 for 49.)
- May 7th.* ALDERMASTON "A" v. SIMONDS "A."
Simonds "A"—115. W. G. Neville, 24; E. Jones, not out, 19; N. L. Tott, 16; W. J. Greenaway, 26. (Carden, 4 for 21; Arthurs, 3 for 18.)
Aldermaston "A"—29. J. Adams, 14. (E. Crutchley, 6 for 15; E. Scott, 4 for 9.)
- „ SIMONDS "B" v. ALDERMASTON "B."
Simonds "B"—62. E. Barrett, 17; K. Cottam, 12. (Bushell, 2 for 8; Bond, 2 for 4.)
Aldermaston "B"—105 for 8. R. Whitehouse, 27; B. Bushell, 25 not out; W. Hughes, 16 not out. (K. Cottam, 4 for 20; Green, 2 for 18.)
- May 14th.* SIMONDS "A" v. R.E.M.E., ARBORFIELD.
R.E.M.E.—179 for 1 (dec.) Ty. Drake, 97 not out; Bradshaw, 79. (R. Lambourne, 1 for 21.)
Simonds "A"—29. F. Benham, 6; E. G. Crutchley, 5. (Diplock, 6 for 18; Davies, 3 for 6.)
- „ MORETON v. SIMONDS "B."
Simonds "B"—38. J. Buswell, 8 not out; K. Cottam, 7. (Buckle, 9 for 15.)
Moreton—22. Buckle, 9. (K. Cottam, 6 for 7; F. Wells, 4 for 13.)

- May 21st.* THATCHAM "A" v. SIMONDS "A."
Simonds "A"—55. W. G. Neville, 18; W. J. Greenaway, 9. (Marshall, 2 for 6; Barr, 3 for 16.)
Thatcham "A"—139. J. Wimbush, 55; J. Hawkins, 20; J. Austin, 18. (N. L. Tott, 2 for 12; E. Scott, 4 for 38; E. Crutchley, 3 for 38.)
- „ SIMONDS "B" v. THATCHAM "B."
Thatcham "B"—126 for 4 (dec.) House, 62 not out; Watts, 29. (K. Cottam, 2 for 30.)
Simonds "B"—56. F. Jones, 17. (Smith, 6 for 17.)
- May 28th.* SIMONDS "A" v. ROYAL HOUSEHOLD, WINDSOR.
Royal Household—111 for 7 (dec.) F. Mitchell, 33; C. Taylor, 26; B. Searle, 22. (E. G. Crutchley, 3 for 24; R. Lambourne, 2 for 49.)
Simonds "A"—49 for 5. W. G. Neville, 12; A. J. Hawkins, 13 not out; E. Scott, 8 not out. (White, 3 for 31; Belcher, 2 for 10.)
- „ MAIDENHEAD P.O. v. SIMONDS "B."
Maidenhead P.O.—65. Hockley, 19; Church, 18. (K. Organ, 5 for 23; J. Buswell, 4 for 11.)
Simonds "B"—28. D. Bearman, 8; R. Henson, 6; J. Buswell, 5. (Church, 4 for 4; McArdle, 3 for 5; Hockley, 2 for 7.)
- June 4th.* ST. SEBASTIANS "A" v. SIMONDS "A."
Simonds "A"—114. T. Patrick, 28; R. Lambourne, 18; H. Sexton, 17; E. C. Greenaway, 16. (E. Clacey, 6 for 36.)
St. Sebastians "A"—84. A. Clacey, 28; P. Barker, 20. (K. Cottam, 5 for 7.)
- „ SIMONDS "B" v. MORTIMER "B."
Simonds "B"—33. J. Buswell, 17. (Neville, 4 for 16; Bushell, 3 for 15.)
Mortimer "B"—108 for 4. A. Bushell, 56 (retired); J. Neville, 24. (F. Wells, 4 for 54.)
- June 11th.* SIMONDS "A" v. TURQUANDIA.
Simonds "A"—86. L. Field, 23; A. J. Hawkins, 25; W. J. Greenaway, 10. (Butterfield, 4 for 40; Neeley, 2 for 20; Julian, 3 for 7.)
Turquandia—94. Chapman, 18; Line, 17; Waddell, 15; Neeley, 13. (E. Scott, 4 for 30; K. Cottam, 3 for 13.)
- „ SUTTONS "B" v. SIMONDS "B."
Simonds "B"—73. E. Jones, 22; E. Barrett, 20; R. Henson, 10. (Rixon, 6 for 17.)
Suttons "B"—101 for 6. C. Rixon, 50 not out. (P. Hammond, 2 for 3; B. Farmer, 2 for 9.)

- June 18th. MAIDENHEAD P.O. v. SIMONDS "A."
Maidenhead P.O.—134 for 9 (dec.) Brand, 58; Hockley, 25; Mason, 17 not out. (E. Scott, 7 for 21.)
Simonds "A"—84 for 8. A. J. Hawkins, 25 not out; T. Patrick, 14; W. G. Neville, 10. (Brand, 4 for 25; Hockley, 3 for 28.)
- „ SIMONDS "B" v. BRITISH RAILWAYS, THEALE.
Simonds "B"—77. P. Hammond, 23; J. Buswell, 12. Hoare, 4 for 14; Huckins, 3 for 16.)
B.R., Theale—166. Walters, 42; South, 39; Hoare, 16; Huckins, 16. (Lovejoy, 3 for 18.)
- June 25th. SIMONDS "A" v. ALDERMASTON "A."
Simonds "A"—143 for 9 (dec.) K. Cottam, 49; L. Field, 26; E. G. Crutchley, 22. (Banbury, 4 for 46; W. Carden, 3 for 47.)
Aldermaston "A"—96 for 6. T. Fisher, 48; J. Adams, 23. (E. Crutchley, 3 for 22; N. Tott, 2 for 24.)
- „ ALDERMASTON "B" v. SIMONDS "B."
Simonds "B"—66. P. Hammond, 21; W. Bell, 18; D. Bearman, 15. (Bushell, 6 for 17; Hugh, 4 for 17.)
Aldermaston "B"—126. Whitehouse, 40; Woodley, 20. (J. Buswell, 4 for 46.)
- July 2nd. A.C.C., ALDERSHOT, v. SIMONDS "A."
A.C.C.—34. Allen, 9; Lockwood, 7; G. Watkins, 7. (E. Scott, 5 for 9.)
Simonds "A"—78. H. K. White, 17; H. G. Sexton, 15; L. Field, 12. (Bradford, 2 for 10; G. Watkins, 4 for 31.)
- „ SIMONDS "B" v. MORETON.
Moreton—92. Ayres, 28 not out; Flint, 16. (K. Organ, 5 for 24.)
Simonds "B"—65 for 7. A. J. Hawkins, 34. (Flint, 7 for 35.)
- July 9th. SIMONDS "A" v. BERKSHIRE GENTLEMEN.
Berkshire Gentlemen—251 for 2 (dec.) D. W. Stokes, 114; H. C. S. Killick, 55; O. P. Sutton, 41 not out; D. Knapp, 38 not out. (N. Tott, 1 for 17; R. Lambourne, 1 for 84.)
Simonds "A"—108 for 9. W. G. Neville, 26; R. Lambourne, 18; W. J. Greenaway, 16. (Lewendon, 2 for 17; Crisfield, 2 for 13; Stokes, 2 for 7; Tuggey, 3 for 35.)
- „ MORTIMER "B" v. SIMONDS "B."
Simonds "B"—109. K. Gibbons, 44; E. Jones, 23. (J. Neville, 4 for 17; Leversuch, 3 for 17.)
Mortimer "B"—114 for 7. Bedford, 61 not out. (R. Smith, 4 for 66.)

- July 16th. ROYAL HOUSEHOLD, WINDSOR, v. SIMONDS "A."
Royal Household—75 for 2 (dec.) C. Taylor, 35; F. Mitchell, 25 not out. (E. Scott, 2 for 12.)
Simonds "A"—54 for 2. A. J. Hawkins, 24; W. G. Neville, 15 not out; E. Crutchley, 11 not out. (Belcher, 2 for 25.)
- „ SIMONDS "B" v. SUTTONS "B"
Simonds "B"—98. D. Bearman, 29; P. Hammond, 20; F. Jones, 19. (J. Adey, 4 for 30.)
Suttons "B"—71 for 3. C. Rixon, 46 not out; S. Heard, 15. (H. K. White, 2 for 9.)
- July 23rd. SIMONDS "A" v. A.C.C., ALDERSHOT.
Simonds "A"—131 for 6 (dec.) E. G. Crutchley, 65; A. J. Hawkins, 30. (G. Watkins, 4 for 41.)
A.C.C.—69 for 7. Lockwood, 19; Beamish, 19. (E. Scott, 3 for 31; R. Lambourne, 2 for 23.)
- „ THATCHAM "B" v. SIMONDS "B."
Simonds "B"—71. E. Jones, 22; H. K. White, 13. (A. Smith, 4 for 14.)
Thatcham "B"—140 for 7. Langdon, 38; Wise, 26; Sutton, 19; Davies, 17. (R. Smith, 3 for 30; H. K. White, 2 for 29.)

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE.

As last year, these games proved a great success. The enthusiasm was grand, and even if no "Jack Robertson's" were seen, everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Engineers and Wine Stores Team is to be heartily congratulated on winning the league after a tremendous final game.

The results, scores and final league placings are given below (all games played to a time limit) :—

May	10th ...	Branch, etc.	(131 for 3)	beat	Engineers, etc.	(84 for 9)
„	12th ...	General Offices	(104 for 3)	„	Delivery, etc.	(92 for 7)
„	17th ...	Delivery etc.	(56 for 4)	„	Engineers, etc.	(52 for 9)
„	19th ...	Branch, etc.	(81 for 9)	„	General Offices	(80 for 8)
„	24th ...	Building, etc.	(82 for 5)	„	Delivery, etc.	(68 for 6)
„	26th ...	General Offices	(74 for 6)	„	Branch, etc.	(70 for 7)
„	31st ...	General Offices	(81 for 6)	„	Delivery, etc.	(57 for 8)
June	2nd ...	Engineers, etc.	(52 for 8)	„	Delivery, etc.	(26 for 9)
„	7th ...	Branch, etc.	(84 for 4)	„	Building, etc.	(73 for 7)
„	9th ...	Engineers, etc.	(35)	„	Building, etc.	(32 for 9)
„	14th ...	Engineers, etc.	(94 for 6)	„	Branch, etc.	(47 for 9)
„	16th ...	Building, etc.	(60 for 9)	„	General Offices	(31)
„	21st ...	Branch, etc.	(124 for 8)	„	Delivery, etc.	(119 for 3)
„	23rd ...	Engineers, etc.	(111 for 6)	„	General Offices	(92)
„	28th ...	Building, etc.	(100 for 3)	„	Delivery, etc.	(70 for 7)
„	30th ...	Engineers, etc.	(92 for 4)	„	General Offices	(82 for 6)
July	5th ...	General Offices	(93 for 5)	„	Delivery, etc.	(52 for 6)
„	12th ...	Building, etc.	(72 for 9)	„	Branch, etc.	(50 for 8)
„	14th ...	Engineers, etc.	(70)	„	Building, etc.	(69 for 9)
„	20th ...	Branch, etc.	(89)	„	Delivery, etc.	(79)

Here are the final league placings :—

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Engineers, etc. ...	8	6	2	590	535	24
Branch, etc. ...	8	5	3	656	675	20
Building, etc. ...	8	4	4	580	512	16
General Offices ...	8	4	4	637	615	16
Delivery, etc. ...	8	1	7	527	673	4

DROVE HORSE TRAMS AT READING.

RETIRED SANDHURST PUBLICAN LOOKS BACK

Mr. J. E. Shorter, the 72-year-old former licensee of the Bull and Butcher, Sandhurst, is one of the few people who drove the horse trams at Reading over fifty-two years ago, says *The Wokingham Times and Weekly News*. Starting as a conductor, he served five years with the Reading Tramway Company before they were taken over by the Reading Corporation and electrified. When Mr. Shorter started as a horse-tram conductor in 1897, he received 17s. 6d. a week for 90 hours' work, and when he became a driver, five years later, his wage was increased to 21s. ! For this he had to take his turn in cleaning up the yard, cleaning the tram, and feeding the horses before taking his tram out on a late turn. A workmen's tram used to run at six o'clock to take workmen to Huntley & Palmers factory. There was only one route—the Cemetery to Grovelands Road, which took one hour ! and there were only eight trams, so the service could hardly compare with that offered to-day. But, says Mr. Shorter, every-one seemed happier and more contented. They had less money, but goods were cheaper.

When the trams were electrified, in 1902, Mr. Shorter became an inspector, but on the outbreak of the First World War he joined up with the first company of Signals formed by the late Alderman L. Sutton (Sutton's Seeds), and served four years in France and Belgium.

Returning in 1918, he continued as tram inspector until 1930, when he was promoted to Market Superintendent, being responsible for collecting market tolls, etc. In 1939, Mr. Shorter retired, and took over the Bull and Butcher, Sandhurst, where he continued to lead a useful life, and still reveals terrific vitality. He now makes his large garden his hobby, growing tomatoes and rearing pigs and poultry. Despite his advancing years, Mr. Shorter still rides, and can, even to-day, be seen riding round the fields in the district. While Mr. Shorter has relinquished the licence of the Bull and Butcher, it is still run by his family, a son and daughter. His recipe for good health and longevity is plenty of hard work and fresh air.

DARTS.

SIMONDS LEAGUE'S SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

A successful year, the best on record, was reported by the secretary, Mr. L. T. Rush, at the annual meeting of the Simonds Darts League, held at The Wynford Arms, King's Road, Reading, with Mr. F. Butler in the Chair. There were 67 teams competing as against 62 the previous year, said Mr. Rush. "The Ladies' League was exceptionally good," he continued, "and I hope that we can have two leagues for them this year. I do not know of any town outside London where you will find more than one Ladies' League."

The Treasurer's report showed that the league had made a profit of £40 5s. 11d., as compared with £34 14s. 11d. the previous year.

Officers were re-elected as follows : President, Mr. E. Duncan Simonds ; Chairman, Mr. F. Butler ; Vice-Chairman, Mr. F. G. Prior ; Secretary, Mr. L. T. Rush ; Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Swatland ; Assistant Secretary, Mr. R. Willis.

The meeting unanimously approved a proposal of the Treasurer that the registration fee for a team should be raised from 2s. 6d. to 10s., and that the licensee or landlord be responsible for paying the money. The registration fee for each individual player will remain at 1s. per person.

DEATH OF JIM SULLIVAN.

Bagshot has lost one of its greatest characters by the death recently of Jim Sullivan, former middleweight boxing champion of Britain, contender for the world's title and most entertaining teller of stories about the great ones he had met in the ring and in the world outside. He had been living at the Three Mariners, Bagshot, for several years, but for the past two years his health had troubled him and he had spent much time in hospital. He died in a Wimbledon hospital.

A Bagshot business man recalled a story told by his wife's grandfather of how Sullivan had come to his aid when he was attacked in Walworth. The man was going to the bank with some money when three ruffians who had evidently planned a coup assaulted him with intent to rob him. A youth joined in the battle and quickly routed the thieves. He was young Sullivan—"Handsome Jim," as he was then called. That was before he became champion.

Jim was a regular attendant at Ascot Races, and our travelling staff often came in close contact with him. His genial personality made Jim a very popular figure wherever he went.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

A mouse never trusts its life to one hole only.

When a man is wrong and won't admit it he always gets angry.

What is done by night appears by day.

Lost time is never found again.

It is the master-wheel which makes the mill go round.

Housekeeping without a wife is a lantern without a light.

Good breeding is the result of much good sense, some good nature, and a little self-denial for the sake of others.

Love is the only ink which does not fade.

No man has a velvet cross.

The true way of softening one's troubles is to solace those of others.

Too much rest is rust.

Cultivation is as necessary to the mind as food to the body.

Friendship is a plant which one must water often.

It takes a good many spadefuls of earth to bury the truth.

Minds are of celestial birth;
Make we then a heaven of earth.

A GREAT THOUGHT.

Cricket is a fine game, but Life is finer. There is more fun in it, more heroism in it, more deep satisfaction, and keen, pulsating joy at victories snatched from the very jaws of defeat. And, often enough, it is a grimmer game—a thing of dour determination, dogged patience, hard endurance, played when the pitch is bad, and the light grows dim.

In our modern cricket we draw stumps when the light is not good enough. But we are in a sterner business in this Game of Life. There is no appeal against the light!

No, we cannot stop when clouds darken our sky, when the mists roll up, when the thick shadows of evening begin to fall. We must go on playing with our fellow-batsman, Faith.

We keep our watch together,

Faith and I:

In stress of midnight weather,

Faith and I.

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

WARDER: "Well, I see you are back again for fighting your wife. Liquor again?"

No. 34798: "No, sir. This time she licked me."

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The pretty young visitor turned to the young man who was showing her through the factory, and said, "What is that big thing over there?"

"That is a locomotive boiler."

"Why do they boil the locomotives?"

"To make the locomotive tender."

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"A fine rain right now would do a lot of good for the gardens around here, eh, Mike?"

"Sure, yer anner, an hour of it now would do more good in five minutes than a month of it would do in a week any other time."

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

JOHANNES : "The report says the man was shot at close range."

PIET : "Then there must have been powder marks on him."

JOHANNES : "Yes, that's why she shot him."

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"Drink," said the Irish temperance reformer, "is the curse of the country. It makes you quarrel with your wife and fight with your neighbours. It makes ye shoot at your landlord, and it makes you miss him."

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A young man at college named Hayes,
Weighted down by B.A.'s and M.A.'s,
Collapsed from the strain;
Said his doctor : "'Tis plain,
You're killing yourself by degrees."

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The village milkman bought a horse for the morning round. It was not exactly a thoroughbred, but it had four legs.

One day he took his bargain to the blacksmith to have him shod. The smith regarded the weary-looking animal critically, paying particular attention to his body and spindly legs.

"You ought to have a horse there some day," he said at length. "I see you've got the scaffolding up."

HOTEL STUDENTS COOK AND SERVE MEAL
TO EXPERTS.

A party of hotel and catering school students had the distinction, on June 21st, of preparing, cooking and serving a meal to the members of the Wine and Food Society.

The occasion was the 122nd meeting of the Society—a luncheon at the Pack Horse Hotel, Staines, which is owned by H. & G. Simonds, Ltd. Mr. H. C. Davis, manager of Simonds' hotel and catering department, and Mr. B. C. Edwards, secretary of the National Council for Hotel and Catering Education, hit upon the novel idea of having the meal cooked and served by students from one of the hotel training centres.

The students responsible were from the Acton Technical College, and they were assisted by others from the South-West Essex Technical College, Walthamstow. There were eight chefs, eight assistants, twelve waiters and six wine waiters, who worked under the supervision of Mr. R. G. Hudswell, senior chef instructor at the Acton College, and Mr. Dick Burge, of Simonds' hotel and catering department.

THE MENU.

Without fuss they took over from the regular hotel staff, and prepared and served the following menu :—

Cold Salmon Trout
Sauce Verte

Roast Thames Valley Duckling
Apple Sauce
New Peas
New Potatoes

Fresh Fruit Salad with Kirsch
or
Cheese

Coffee

Wines

Meursault Charmes 1937
Château Léoville—Poyferré 1934
Cockburns Superior Old Port
Cognac V.S.O.P. (over 30 years old)

Mr. André Simon, President of the Wine and Food Society, was told afterwards that the meal, which he praised in glowing terms, had been dealt with by students right from the preparation stage to the serving.

On behalf of the Acton School, the youngest student taking part stepped up to receive Mr. Simon's congratulations and a handsome rose bowl presented by H. & G. Simonds. The recipient was 18-year-old Miss Valerie Robbins, whose home is in North Finchley.

Mr. Simon said afterwards : "No one could have wished for anything better. There was absolutely no mediocrity. The preparation, the cooking and the service were all admirable."

(Official Food News.)



(Photo by W. J. L. Longland, Sunbury-on-Thames.)

The Dining Room, Pack Horse Hotel, Staines, one of the establishments under the control of our Hotels and Catering Department. Staff depicted are Students of the Acton Hotel and Catering School, and the occasion was the Luncheon of the Wine and Food Society, held on Tuesday, 21st June, 1949.

NEW SPORTS PAVILION.

We are now able to publish pictures of the New Pavilion recently opened by the Chairman and Managing Director of the Firm, Mr. F. A. Simonds, supported by Major G. S. M. Ashby and Mr. R. St. J. Quarry, as reported in our last issue. This new building, measuring 120 feet by 18 feet, has already proved a great boon to the many members who use the Sports Ground, more especially on days when rain interferes with a sports programme. Members find ample accommodation and amusement to entertain them. Several functions have been held, such as dances, etc., and it is a real delight to feel that there is plenty of room for all present.

As can be seen in the pictures, the building has been tastefully decorated and usefully furnished. It is apparent that members are very proud of their new Club and find pride in introducing their relations and friends. During the coming winter patrons will find the Pavilion warmed up for their comfort and amusements are being added to from time to time. If you have not yet paid a visit you are strongly advised to take your first opportunity and you will find an "atmosphere" prevailing which offers a welcome which is infectious and should be experienced to be appreciated.



Mr. F. A. Simonds, Major Ashby and Mr. Quarry at the opening ceremony.



General view of the New Pavilion at the sports ground.



Part of the interior of the building.

READING CLUBS' DARTS LEAGUE.

CELEBRATION SUPPER.

To celebrate Simonds Social Club's great achievement in winning the Reading Clubs' Darts League, in the first that they have entered, a supper was held in the New Pavilion on Saturday, July 16th, 1949. Torrential rain preceded the time of commencement (7 p.m.), but, in spite of this, nearly all the team and their wives turned up, very wet but full of enthusiasm. The time of commencement was delayed until 8 p.m. to enable the participants to get through the rain. An excellent meal was served; Mrs. Hannis, Canteen Cook, certainly excelled herself. Mr. E. M. Downes attended and all present thoroughly enjoyed the social evening. We give a picture taken at the supper, which shows that all were very happy in spite of the rain.



Celebration Supper in the new pavilion.

PHILLIPS & SONS, LTD., ANNUAL STAFF OUTING.

A MEMORABLE DAY—2ND JULY, 1949.

There were many smiling faces and excitement was in the air as the staff of Phillips & Sons, Ltd., gathered in brilliant sunshine before embarking on the steamship *Glen Usk en route* to Weston.

It was the firm's annual holiday, and the staff were following the usual custom of enjoying a day's outing together. The Directors had been invited, and the Chairman (Mr. A. Norman Phillips), and Mr. H. J. Powell, who had for many years before joining the Board been a member of the staff, were well in evidence. Some of the excitement was no doubt caused by the fact that this was a unique occasion, being the first outing since Phillips & Sons, Ltd., joined the great "Simonds" organisation a few months previously, and in consequence of which, the staff were pleased to welcome on the trip Mr. S. C. Saunders, the new General Manager, and Mr. G. L. Hardwick, traveller, both recently of the Bridgend Branch.

The point of embarkation lies on the River Usk, near the centre of Newport, and as the ship wended its way down river, the newcomers were given the opportunity of seeing something of the industrial heart of Newport, which is situated along the banks of its lower reaches. Passing 'neath the great Transporter Bridge—a celebrated landmark—the ship glided out of the river and nosed its way into the Bristol Channel.

The scene now changed. It was a golden morning with a smooth sea sparkling like diamonds, a cloudless sky, and even the seagulls following the wake seemed affected by the lazy warmth as they glided along without apparent interest.

It was a very pleasant trip and, landing at Weston-super-Mare, members of the party made their way individually along the promenade to assemble at the Imperial Hotel for lunch at 1.0 p.m. There they were met by the new Vice-Chairman and Joint Managing Director, Lt.-Gen. Sir Charles Allfrey, who was to accompany the party on the rest of its tour in Somerset.

After enjoying an excellent lunch, Mr. P. C. Roberts, the senior member of the staff, spoke of the passing of the old era and the beginning of the new, and paid a tribute to the excellent relationship already existing between the old staff and all the representatives of Messrs. Simonds with whom they had come in contact. Both Managing Directors responded in turn to the

Toast of "The Firm." Mr. A. Norman Phillips spoke of the family interest now merged in the Parent Company, but the name still carrying on. He expressed great pleasure in that the lady members of the staff were present, and also that Mrs. Morgan, who has had a very long association with the Firm, and who is now living in retirement in Weston, had accepted the invitation to lunch. General Allfrey then expressed his pleasure with the helpful co-operation he had experienced since joining the Firm.

After lunch a coach was awaiting the party for a tour through beautiful country to Wookey, where the famous Wookey Hole Caves were visited. After this very interesting interlude the coach once more wended its way along country lanes to Cheddar, where High Tea had been booked at the Bath Arms. This was their first experience of the fare provided by a "Simonds Hotel," and were therefore prepared to be critical. They were met by the genial host, Mr. Hudson, who quickly made them welcome, and all were delighted with this beautifully designed and appointed hotel. It was soon discovered that a very fine skittle alley was one of the amenities, and it was immediately decided to delay departure to take advantage of same.

The fare provided was excellent, and Mr. Hudson and his staff were congratulated on their arrangements.

Mr. S. C. Saunders, in his speech after tea, said that upon his appointment he had felt a little diffident of the reception he might receive, but to quote an English saying, "They got along like a house on fire," and that after the difficult transitional period, he was sure the future was very bright.

At this juncture a very welcome message was received with delight from Mr. E. Duncan Simonds, also a telegram of good wishes from Mr. Maurice Stratton, who had recently retired from the position of Joint Managing Director owing to indifferent health.

A very enjoyable hour or so was spent in the skittle alley during which time the health of the Directors was drunk with pleasure, and it was with regret that this very delightful oasis was left behind. Weston Pier was reached with a few minutes to spare, and after an uneventful but pleasant return trip across the channel, the day was voted by one and all to have been "one of the best."

LIGHTER SIDE.

He had played poker all night with atrocious luck. Every time he had a good hand, one of his opponents had "fours" or better.

Deciding to get some more money he sleepily descended to the hotel office, and wrote out a cheque for twenty pounds.

The cashier said chattily: "I've got four fives—will—"

"Curse it, you win!" said the gambler, pushing his cheque book over the counter, and walking dispiritedly away.

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A veteran had been to a stag party and his wife wanted to hear all about it.

"Well, one rather odd thing happened. Someone told a risky story and Alf Smith got up and left."

"Ah, Mr. Smith is a fine man," said the wife. "By the way, what was the story?"

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A new Government official who was rather pompous was staying at a country hotel and as he entered the breakfast room the only other visitor present rose to his feet.

"Sit down, sit down," boomed the official, condescendingly.

"Why?" asked the other, "Can't I get up for some marmalade?"

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DEFINITIONS.

Alimony—High cost of leaving.

Baby—An alimentary canal with a loud voice at one end and no responsibility at the other.

Good Manners—Noises you don't make when eating soup.

Fishing—An uninhabited body of water completely surrounded by liars in old clothes.

Oratory—Art of making a loud noise seem like a deep thought.

Adult—Person stopped growing at both ends and now growing in the middle.

Bachelor—A man who makes mistakes but not at the marriage licence bureau.

Influence—Something you think you have until you try to use it.

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BRANCHES.

BRISTOL.

"HOP LEAF" DARTS CHAMPIONS.

In celebration of their team's success, the Queen's Head (League Champions) had a most enjoyable evening together in June, when Mrs. E. A. Jones, our tenant, presented each player with their individual prizes. Refreshments of all kinds were "on the house" and a very excellent job the hostess made of it.



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The "Queen's Head," Bedminster, Bristol "Hop Leaf" Dart League Champions.

Mrs. Jones and her family have a very long tradition at the Queen's Head, and there can be no doubt that a great deal of the team's success was due to the cheerful and ever-ready personal co-operation and support which she gave to it during the season. A very cheerful lot of boys, these Bedminster champions! They are likely to be a power in "Hop Leaf" dart circles for some time to come, with Mrs. Jones to inspire and serve them with their favourite Bristol brews.

BRISTOL "HOP LEAF" SKITTLES.

The Annual Dinner, with presentation of trophies and prizes, held at the Civic Restaurant, College Green, Bristol, on July 5th was an outstanding social event. Over 250 members and guests were present, Mr. Harry Woodland, League Chairman, presiding. Towards the end of this well organised and very enjoyable evening the following rewards for skittling successes during the season were presented by Mr. J. H. Law (Vice-President):—

<i>League Championship Shield :</i>	The Black Horse, Redfield.
<i>Runners-up :</i>	Brislington St. Anne's Cricket Club, "A."
<i>Front Pin Knock-out Cup :</i>	The Black Horse, Redfield.
<i>Runners-up :</i>	The Beaufort Arms, "A."
<i>Pairs Championship :</i>	Messrs. S. Stone and A. New.
<i>Runners-up :</i>	Messrs. J. Westlake and J. Gitsham.
<i>Singles Champion :</i>	Mr. C. Groves.
<i>Runner-up :</i>	Mr. H. Millard.

The Chairman paid a warm tribute to the League Secretary and Organiser, Mr. E. G. Harding and Mrs. Harding, both of whom have done great work in Bristol for sport and for charitable purposes. He also thanked the Officers and Committee for their ever-ready help and co-operation which ensured the league's success.

Mrs. Woodland, Mrs Harding and many other ladies were present, also Mr. W. E. Pinnell (Sports Editor, *Evening Post*) and Mrs. Pinnell, while the musical items by Mr. C. Smith and Burny Burrows, with Stan Palmer at the piano, gave pleasure to all present. We congratulate the league and its many supporters on a very fine show!



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The "Black Horse," Redfield.
Bristol "Hop Leaf" Skittles Champions.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE.

(The Black Horse beat St. Anne's Club in play-off.)

Name.	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts.
Brislington and St. Anne's Cricket Club, "A" ...	38	31	7	—	62
Black Horse ...	38	31	7	—	62
Brislington and St. Anne's Cricket Club, "B" ...	38	30	8	—	60
Bell Hotel ...	38	29	8	1	59
Beaufort Arms, "A" ...	38	28	10	—	56
St. George's C. Club ...	38	24	13	1	49
Ramblers ...	38	23	15	—	46
Cumberland Hotel ...	38	22	15	1	45
Greyhound ...	38	21	17	—	42
Clare Sports ...	38	17	19	2	36
Avondale ...	38	16	21	1	33
Beaufort Arms, "B" ...	38	16	22	—	32
Pecketts & Sons ...	38	15	23	—	30
Bristol Pottery ...	38	13	25	—	26
Punch Bowl, "B" ...	38	12	25	1	25
Cumberland Nomads ...	38	12	26	—	24
Bodeys ...	38	12	26	—	24
Elbury Sports ...	38	9	28	1	19
Corinthians ...	38	9	29	—	18
Punch Bowl, "A" ...	38	5	33	—	10

P.S.—With applications for increased membership, it is hoped to form another Section for 1949-50.

THE WHITE LION, COLSTON AVENUE.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Cyril Broad, who had been tenant of The White Lion Inn, Colston Avenue, Bristol, since 1919. Mr. Broad, and his father before him, had very close associations with this Brewery, even during the years when the present offices and cellars were being built, and he was always interested in its activities (apart from his own little share in its success) under H. & G. Simonds, Ltd. Unfortunately he had been in failing health and was unable, to his great sorrow, to take an active part at Colston Avenue for some considerable time past. The White Lion was always a source of pride to him during his long occupation, and he was a most conscientious licensee and tenant.

Our very sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Broad and her family in our mutual loss. Cyril Broad was one of the rare old "Bristol School," and we shall remember him mainly as a staunch and loyal supporter of "Hop Leaf" progress, and as a very true friend to us all, rather than as a conscientious and considerate tenant who rarely troubled us.

Mr. W. H. Hurford, late of the Cumberland Hotel, has now succeeded Mr. Cyril Broad at The White Lion, and extends a warm welcome to both old and new friends there. If service quality of beverages and cleanliness merits success, "Bill" Hurford will undoubtedly find it in Colston Avenue. But don't call on Sundays, for that is the day upon which he cannot, by law, serve you with those "Hop Leaf" brands for which Bristol is now famous.

GIBRALTAR.

Our photograph shows the contesting teams in a football match between the staffs of Saccone & Speed, Ltd. v. M. Baglietto and Lawn & Alder, when the latter won by 4-0. In view of the stature of various members of the winning team the result is not surprising. Mr. Wingrave Tench (wearing white shorts) appears in the photograph.



M. Baglietto and Lawn & Alder's Football Team.

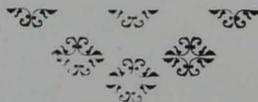


Saccone & Speed's Football Team.

We also reproduce a photograph taken at a Dance arranged by the combined staffs of Saccone & Speed, Ltd., M. Baglietto and Lawn & Alder. The event, which was held at the residence of Mr. Wingrave Tench, was a great success, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.



The Hon. E. M. B. Cottrell standing with Mr. Cunningham on his right and Mr. Danino on his left.



CIRENCESTER.

CIRENCESTER CARNIVAL, 2ND JULY, 1949.

Brilliant weather and well-chosen attractions brought a record attendance to our local Carnival. The three-part procession was back to pre-war standard, and included an excellent tableau by one of our licensees, Mr. W. Keylock, of the Queen's Head, Cirencester, who, with some twenty of his customers, demonstrated the beneficent effects of "Dr. Keylock's Medicine," with great enthusiasm and with such success as to carry off second prize. Congratulations to the Queen's Head!



"Dr. Keylock's Surgery"—The Queen's Head, Cirencester. Cirencester Carnival.

STAFF OUTING TO READING.

A most successful and enjoyable outing to Reading took place on Saturday, 23rd July last. Leaving a small (but select) staff on duty, a party of 27 made the trip to Goring by coach, when they took the river trip to Caversham Bridge, and thence to Reading for a most interesting tour of the Brewery. An excellent lunch at the Social Club was a prelude to the alternative attractions of watching the cricket at the "Simonds" Recreation Ground or visiting the neighbouring Conservative Fete, where, incidentally, our staff inspected with interest the new Tanker Equipment for Outside Catering. After a very pleasant tea at the Pavilion, ably served by the voluntary staff, a start was made on the homeward journey, a stop being made later at Newbury. Altogether, a most enjoyable day, for which thanks are due to our Reading friends for their co-operation and—not least—their hospitality!

The following changes of tenancy have taken place, and we offer our new friends our best wishes for their future success:—

The Masons' Arms, Maiseyhampton—Mr. C. Hedges to Mr. W. R. Pratt.

The Shepherds' Arms, Off Licence, Coates—Mr. A. H. Mustoe to Mr. F. Rawlings.

OXFORD.

NO. 3 MAINTENANCE UNIT, R.A.F., MILTON, BERKS.

SPORTS AND GALA DAY, SATURDAY, JULY 23RD, 1949.

According to reports received, the Annual Sports and Gala Day of the No. 3 Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., Milton, held this year on Saturday, July 23rd, was "the biggest and best of the 22 years it has been held."

Though the proceedings commenced with the threat of rain, brilliant sunshine crowned a successful day.

The programme of events included horticultural exhibits, handicrafts and homecraft entries. There was an interesting Models Section which attracted many entries and a number of exceedingly well organised sports events.

An important feature of the day was a fly-past by Tiger Moths from the R.A.F., Woodley, and also a physical training display by personnel from No. 1 School of Technical Training, R.A.F., Halton. No. 4 Regional R.A.F. Band dispensed the music.

There was "Fun of the Fair" in the evening, the amusements being well patronised.

With regard to the fly-past previously mentioned we must record that our Oxford Branch Assistant Manager, F/O B. H. Quelch, D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., was flying one of the Tiger Moths, and he had a first rate view of the proceedings and could watch the Firm's interest from a unique point of view.

We congratulate Group Captain F. R. Lines, Mr. A. Aldworth, M.B.E., and a very efficient Committee on a fine day's work.

The Royal Oak, Chinnor, Oxon.



Mr. and Mrs. P. Trew are the popular landlord and lady, and the picture shows some of the many customers.

SWINDON.

"BELL AND SHOULDER OF MUTTON."

SUCCESSFUL DARTS CLUB.

The most successful Darts Club in the Swindon, Simonds Area, in both 1947-48 and 1948-49, was the Bell and Shoulder of Mutton, Swindon. Its "A" team is holder of the Simonds Houses "B" League Cup and also the "Bowly" North Wilts Challenge Cup for 1947-48 and 1948-49, while the "B" team has won the 1948-49 competition for the "Billy" Silto Cup.



(Photo by Mr. L. W. Cowley, Swindon.)

(Left to right): (Front)—S. Fry, J. Bramble, J. Winchcombe, young Ron Spackman (their mascot), Mrs. Spackman (Hostess), W. Cherry, W. Spackman, R. Webb, A. Woodward.

(Rear)—R. Lockett, D. Lewis, B. Green, W. Tyrrell, F. Carter, R. Bowler, E. Spackman, V. Saunders, P. Goodenough, N. Hayward, B. Hedges.

AT THE CROWN INN, MARLBOROUGH.

EVENTFUL LIFE OF MR. A. W. ALDRIDGE.

Introducing Mr. A. Walter Aldridge, who, after only two years as licensee of "The Crown," The Parade, Marlborough, has already proved himself an active member of the town's community.

A keen sportsman, he is a supporter and committee member of Marlborough Town Football Club, says the *Wiltshire Herald and Advertiser*, and can be seen on the touch line at almost every fixture. At the moment, the Club's new hut, intended to provide accommodation for changing, is stored at "The Crown."

Born in the High Street, Marylebone, the son of a glass and pottery retailer, Mr. Aldridge at the age of 17, followed in father's footsteps, but after six months became a car salesman and, at 17½, was issued with car licence number seven, from Spring Gardens. And, when he celebrated his 58th birthday recently, his licence was unblemished.

MET PRINCE OF WALES.

During the 1914-18 War he went out to France with the third Cavalry Division, under the late General Binge, as sergeant in charge of the headquarters staffs' cars. While serving in this capacity he met the Prince of Wales, Lord Londonderry, and a host of other famous folk.

He returned suffering from the after effects of shell shock and of two gas attacks, and before taking up the reins again, decided on a holiday trip to Ireland. Soon after leaving England, however, the small cruiser in which he and his companions were sailing, developed trouble and was adrift in the Channel for three days, in an area of an unswept minefield lying at three fathoms. They were eventually picked up outside Dunkirk by the French Navy.

PRISONER AT CRETE.

Mr. Aldridge's son, Desmond, served in the Second World War with the 3rd Dragoon Guards, and after six months was drafted to Egypt. Six months later he was taken prisoner at Crete. On one occasion, during his long period of imprisonment, he was forced to walk 780 miles, being finally released in 1944.

Then, two years ago, Desmond wanted a change from his career as a commercial artist, and so joined his father and mother at Marlborough.

LONDON.

THE LATE MR. ALFRED J. ANDREWS.

It is with feelings of the greatest regret that we have to announce the death on Monday, May 30th, of Mr. A. J. Andrews, who retired at the end of last year.

Mr. Andrews, who was 65 years of age, was a member of London Stores clerical staff, and had completed nearly fifty years' service on his retirement.

The funeral service at the South London Crematorium, Streatham Park, was attended by Mr. H. Ward, Chief Clerk, and a number of Mr. Andrews' clerical and travelling staff colleagues.

Wreaths were sent on behalf of the Directors and the Clerical and Stores Staffs, London Branch.

All at 516, Wandsworth Road, take this opportunity of expressing their deepest sympathy with Mrs. Andrews in her sad and tragic loss.

NEW BAR AT "THE DEVEREUX."
 UNDER MANAGEMENT OF OUR HOTELS AND CATERING
 DEPARTMENT.



(Photo by Felix Fonteyn, 19, Pelham Crescent, London, S.W.7)
 The new bar at "The Devereux," Devereux Court, Strand, W.C.1.

This old London Chop House was damaged by enemy action on no less than seven occasions, and now at long last the reconstruction of the Bar has been completed, and the Bar reopened. The remainder of the building is still in the hands of the contractors and it will be some months before the Restaurant will be functioning again.

WOKING.

MILITARY POLICE MEMORIAL.

ARCH UNVEILED BY GENERAL SIR M. DEMPSEY.



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 "Woking Mail and News.")

The Memorial Arch.

A Memorial Arch and Book of Remembrance, commemorating all ranks of the Corps of Military Police who fell in the recent

war were unveiled and dedicated at Inkerman Barracks, Woking, the home depot of the Corps, on Sunday, July 16th.

The Colonel Commandant of the Corps, General Sir Miles Dempsey, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., performed the ceremony, and the service was conducted by the Chaplain-General, Canon F. L. Hughes.

The band of the Somerset Light Infantry played before the ceremony, as nearly 200 relatives of fallen men assembled.

General Dempsey, who was accompanied by Lady Dempsey, General Sir James Steele, Adjutant-General to the Forces, and Major-Gen. W. A. Dimoline (G.O.C., Aldershot District) addressed the gathering before the unveiling. He emphasised that there had never been a good army without discipline, and the Military Police had sought to instil discipline by leadership and example. They were not the soldier's enemy, but picked men, selected for their character, reliability and strong physique, who could be relied upon to carry out the hard work which was their lot.

As he unveiled the Memorial—an oak arch over the entrance to the main block of the barracks, inscribed with the Corps crest and the names of the battlefields where men belonging to it had fallen—General Dempsey declared it to be “in proud and grateful memory of the members of the Corps of Royal Military Police, who gave their lives for King and Country, and a righteous cause, in World War, 1939-45.”

The dedication of the Book of Remembrance by the Chaplain-General followed and the Last Post was sounded by the Kneller Hall trumpeters, dressed in their ceremonial uniforms of blue, and with richly-worked banners hanging from their instruments. Reveille was sounded after the Exhortation, and the assembly joined in prayers and the final blessing.

General Dempsey laid a wreath for the Corps at the foot of the Memorial. Other tributes laid were by Capt. J. Northover, Adjutant of the Depot (on behalf of the Officers' Mess), Sgt. Elms (Sergeants' Mess) and L/Cpl. McNair for all other ranks. Mr. W. J. Brothers placed a wreath on behalf of the Aldershot Branch of the C.M.P. Old Comrades' Association, and eleven-year-old Doreen Smith, daughter of C.S.M. G. Smith, placed a wreath for the members of the Inkerman Barracks Women's Club. Wreaths were also laid on behalf of the London District Provost Corps, Burma and India Commands, Constables of the Lancashire Constabulary and by next-of-kin.

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WOKING CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.

On Friday evening, July 15th, Mr. Harold Wilkinson, prospective Conservative Candidate for Woking, opened the new bar at the above Club. Mr. Wilkinson was introduced by Mr. F. G. Reed, Chairman of the Club, who was supported by Mr. W. A. J. Catlyn, Secretary, and members of the Committee. After a short speech Mr. Wilkinson was served with the first drink by the Steward, Mr. George Turner, and the remainder of the evening was spent in conviviality.



Members of the Farncombe Working Men's Club enjoying themselves on their outing to Brighton on 23rd July, 1949.

BRIDGEND.

ROYAL WELSH AGRICULTURAL SHOW, SWANSEA.

RECORD ATTENDANCE.

The Royal Welsh Agricultural Show was held at Swansea on the four days, August 10th to 13th inclusive, and was favoured with excellent weather throughout, resulting in a record attendance. The exhibitors and general public were loud in their praise of the organisation and lay-out of the Show, which presented a truly fine sight as viewed from a high mount that served as a natural grandstand for the Parade Ring.

The catering arrangements, which were on an extremely large scale, were placed in the hands of Messrs. R. H. Stevens & Sons, Neville Hall, Abergavenny, who have enhanced their reputation as Caterers for such events. Their huge luncheon tents were attractively set out and brought forth much praise.

The privilege of supplying the greater portion of the "wet" refreshments was accorded by Messrs. R. H. Stevens & Sons to the Bridgend Branch, and we are happy to report that all demands were met. That we are able to make that statement is due in a very large degree to the unstinted co-operation and help given us by our Bristol Branch. Supervision on the Show Ground was in the competent hands of Mr. H. Hunking, of Bristol, and his arrangements proceeded without a hitch. Mr. Hunking was ably assisted by Mr. N. Hallett, of Messrs. Phillips & Sons, Ltd., and our Mr. E. T. Brazell. Mr. Hallett, we know, is happy to have had the opportunity of seeing a H. & G. Simonds' effort in operation from start to finish, and we at Bridgend have also profited from the experience. Our future efforts will, we trust, prove that we are apt pupils.

In conclusion, thanks are due, also, to our Transport Staff who coped (with very little assistance) with the very heavy demands made upon them, and by whose efforts supplies were "on the spot" whenever and wherever required.

NEW ZEALAND CRICKET TEAM.

Of our effort at St. Helens Cricket Ground, Swansea, on the occasion of the visit of the New Zealand Cricket Team during the Bank Holiday week-end, little can be said except to quote a famous B.B.C. Commentator from the Pavilion during the match :—

"If you can see the Somerset-Devonshire coastline it's going to rain ;

If you cannot see the Somerset-Devonshire coastline it's already raining."

The coastline apparently was visible for 18 minutes on Bank Holiday Monday.

WHITE HART HOTEL, CAERLEON.

DISTRICT DARTS LEAGUE.

During the month of June the White Hart Hotel, Caerleon, Monmouthshire, was the scene of presentations to the winners and runners-up of the Caerleon and District Darts League. The extremely large crowd which gathered in the hotel proved the popularity of the league and also of the venue for the climax of the tournament.

The trophy for the winning team, donated by Mr. Norman Hall, Deputy President of the League, who was unable to attend, was presented to Mr. T. G. Gail, captain of the King's Arms, winners for the fourth year in succession, by his son, Mr. J. C. Hall. The cup for the runners-up, the Gate Inn, donated by Mr. J. Woollam, President of the League, was received by the captain of the team, Mr. D. Bowdage, from Miss M. E. Hall.

Mr. D. O'Shea, son-in-law of the hostess of the White Hart, who also resides there, has done a large amount of work for the Caerleon and District Darts League. Until recently he was, for a number of years, chairman of the league, and was instrumental in obtaining the donation of the two magnificent cups for the winners and runners-up in the league.

The present Chairman of the League, who conducted the evening's proceedings, is Mr. W. J. Sully. The Vice-Chairman is Mr. L. Lewis ; Secretary, Mr. C. Williams ; and Treasurer, Mr. R. Johnson.



STAINES.

We heartily congratulate Mr. L. Cowdry, of the clerical staff in our Delivery Department, on his marriage to Miss I. P. Cass, of Ashford, on July 2nd, at the Congregational Church, Feltham.

On behalf of all the staff, Mr. E. Gosney presented Mr. Cowdry with a chiming clock, and also wished him and his bride every happiness in the future. Mr. Cowdry expressed his thanks in a brief reply.



The Bride and Bridegroom.

The ceremony was conducted by the Minister, the Rev. H. A. Jacquet.

Mr. Cowdry is on the staff of the Staines Branch, where he has been employed for the past fifteen years. The bride is a resident of Feltham, and is employed by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The reception was held at the Constitutional Club, Feltham, at which sixty guests were present. Afterwards the happy couple left for the Isle of Wight.

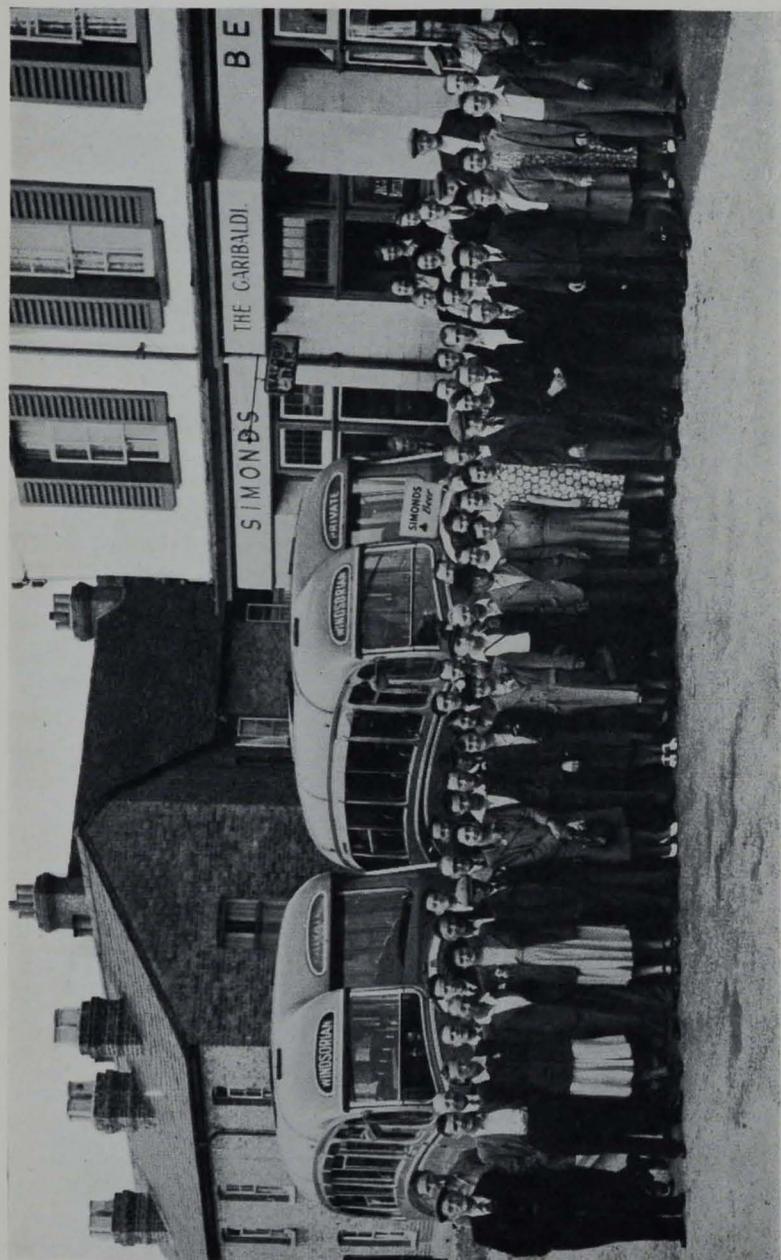
DARTS CLUB.

Last season, after having a very enjoyable time, our Branch Darts Club finished up in the ninth position of Section 3 of the Staines and District "Hop Leaf" Darts League. W. Peters obtained the highest average, followed by our popular secretary, E. Brown. The highest number of game shots were scored by J. Benham, H. Bonner and W. Peters, each player being successful on five occasions.

The Annual Outing this year took place on July 2nd, and a very happy party, in two coaches, travelled to Southsea. The weather was exceptionally good and all were able to spend a most enjoyable day by the Solent. The day's outing was counted a great success, and our thanks are again due to Secretary E. Brown for the admirable arrangements made to ensure the comfort and pleasure of all participating.

THE "GARIBALDI," IVER.

It is with pleasure we publish a photograph of the members of the Darts Club at the above house before proceeding on their annual outing to Goodwood Races.



The Outing Party.

THE "FEATHERS," WRAYSBURY.

We publish a photograph of the saloon bar of the above house.



This house is approximately three hundred years' old, and stands on the old road that formerly led to Magna Charta Island. This road beyond the "Feathers" is now closed. During the late war this house was unfortunate enough, one evening, to receive the attention of Hitler's Luftwaffe, and was badly damaged by a bomb. At the time the house was crowded with customers, but, luckily, nobody inside was hurt, although one man outside was killed.

During the great flood of 1947, the "Feathers" was flooded to a depth of fifteen inches, but business was carried on as usual. Customers arrived in punts and other craft and partook of their refreshments whilst standing on cases or other improvisations.

When in Wraysbury we strongly recommend our readers to give mine host, Mr. E. A. G. Faulkner, a call; he will be very happy to show you his gardens which are well worth the visit.

THE TAMAR BREWERY, DEVONPORT.

We very much regret to record the death of Mr. W. E. Heal, who has been our popular licensee at the "Dartmouth Inn," Totnes, for the past 27 years, and who was prominently connected with many organisations in Totnes. He was also one of the oldest members of the Torquay and District Licensed Victuallers' Association, who were represented at the funeral by Mr. A. B.

Stear (Chairman) and other officers. Our sincere sympathy is extended to members of his family.

"HOP LEAF" DART LEAGUE FINALS.

A large and enthusiastic gathering attended the finals of the above League held at the Devonport Guildhall on June 14th. We were very pleased to have with us on this occasion Mr. F. H. V. Keighley, O.B.E., Vice-President of the League, who presented the trophies and prizes. Before making the presentations, he apologised for the absence of Mr. E. D. Simonds, the President, and expressed his delight at having been given the opportunity of being present that evening. During his speech he said he had never seen greater enthusiasm at a similar function, which should be an encouragement to all tenants of "Hop Leaf" Houses to enter teams for the next season, and which he hoped they would do. Mr. J. Sorrell (Chairman) expressed his appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Don Hartigan (Secretary) and to all other members of the Committee for the assistance they had given him during the season. He also paid a warm tribute to the help he had received from Mr. F. W. Freeman and Mr. R. E. Wright of the Tamar Brewery. He declared that, in his opinion, the men playing in the League were true sportsmen and played for the game rather than for the trophies.

The results of the matches played were as follows:—

Knock-out Cup.

Winners: The "Stopford Arms," Devonport.

Runners-up: The "Weston Mill Hotel," St. Budeaux.

League Champions.

Winners: The "Weston Mill Hotel," St. Budeaux.

Runners-up: The "Standard Inn," Devonport, "A" Team.

Individual Champion.

Winner: Mr. J. Mearns, The "Abbey Hotel," Plymouth.

Runner-up: Mr. A. Parsons, The "Camel's Head," Plymouth.

The final league positions were as under:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	For.	Against.	Points.
Weston Mill ...	32	29	3	195	93	58
Standard "A" ...	32	27	5	181	107	54
Sydenham Arms ...	32	24	8	173	115	48
Abbey "A" ...	32	24	8	170	118	48
Stopford Arms ...	32	18	14	161	127	36
Stoke Vaults ...	32	18	14	155	133	36
Steambridge ...	32	17	15	156	132	34
Prince Alfred ...	32	17	15	148	140	34
Abbey "B" ...	32	15	17	135	153	30
Camel's Head ...	32	14	18	139	149	28
Tamar ...	32	11	21	132	156	22
Chester Cup ...	32	11	21	124	164	22
Swan ...	32	11	21	123	165	22
Simonds "A" ...	32	10	22	119	169	20
Simonds "B" ...	32	9	23	118	170	18
Grapes ...	32	9	23	115	173	18
Standard "B" ...	32	7	25	110	178	14

PLYMOUTH SOCIAL CLUB DARTS FINALS.

The finals of the Plymouth Social Clubs Dart League were played at the R.E.O.C.A. Headquarters, Granby Barracks, on July 6th. Mr. W. Symons (East End) was the winner of the Individual Cup presented by Mr. J. Gerry, President of the League. The Simonds Knock-out Cup was won by Saltash Working Men's Club; the League Champion by Beacon Castle. The highest scorers of the season were F. Evans (Sutton Social Club) and Mr. Rowe (Compton Social Club), both of whom scored 180. In the absence of Mr. J. Gerry (President) the prizes were distributed by Mr. R. E. Wright.



Mr. F. H. V. Keighley, O.B.E., presents the prizes.

We congratulate the "Devonport Arms," Paignton, "B" and "D" teams on being the winners and runners-up respectively in the Licensed House Section of Paignton Dart League. The cups and medals were presented by Sir Reginald Leeds, Bart., at the Ex-Servicemen's Hut on Friday, June 3rd.

TORQUAY CARNIVAL.

Carnival week at Torquay was again a great success, and judging by the huge crowds which lined the streets to witness the long procession of decorated vehicles, it must have been one

of the most popular events of the season. Our decorated vehicle, which was one of the centres of attraction, was awarded third prize. The preparation of the vehicle entailed many hours of additional work for our staff, and Mr. S. W. Naish and other members of the Transport Maintenance Staff are to be congratulated on the condition and decoration of the vehicle.



Simonds' decorated vehicle wins prize at Torquay Carnival.

RETIREMENT OF MR. J. WETHERILL.

On the occasion of the retirement of Mr. J. Wetherill, who has represented us as traveller in Devon and Cornwall since August, 1919, a dinner was arranged at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel, over which Mr. F. H. V. Keighley, O.B.E., presided. Mr. Keighley paid a high tribute to Mr. J. Wetherill on his thirty years of loyal and faithful service to the Company, and thanked him, on behalf of the Board of Directors, for the excellent services he had rendered. He recalled that when Mr. Wetherill commenced travelling in the County of Cornwall, the "Hop Leaf" was practically unknown, but through his activities he was pleased to say that we were now represented in nearly every town and village in that area.

Our Manager, Mr. F. W. Freeman, thanked Mr. Wetherill for his loyal and conscientious support during the time he had

been Manager and wished him good health and every happiness on his retirement. Mr. R. E. Wright also spoke of his long association with Mr. Wetherill and thanked him for the support he had always given him.

Mr. Wetherill has been the recipient of many letters of appreciation and good wishes from our customers, also from our late Managers, Mr. W. F. McIntyre and Mr. S. H. Spurling.

Mr. Wetherill replied: You will, I feel sure, understand how I feel at this moment after listening to all the very kind remarks of our worthy Chairman and other speakers, and I know you will forgive me if my words this evening fail to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all the kind references to me. Mention has been made of my thirty years' service with the firm, and I have no hesitation in saying that they have been thirty happy years, due to the consideration shown to me by the Board of Directors and Managers under whom it has been my privilege to work. I feel very honoured, gentlemen, by the presence of Colonel Keighley, who has come to Plymouth to represent the Board of Directors, and he will, I feel sure, convey to the Board of Directors my sincere thanks for their generous treatment to me on my retirement. Well, gentlemen, in conclusion I thank you again for this splendid evening, the memory of which will be with me when I am retired and from which I shall derive much pleasure. I must not, however, finish without wishing the firm of H. & G. Simonds further success, and hope it will go on from strength to strength. Thank you one and all."

To mark the occasion of his retirement, Mr. Wetherill was presented with a barometer and silver plated tankard by Mr. F. W. Freeman on behalf of the personnel employed at The Tamar Brewery, Devonport.

We are all very sorry to learn that Mr. N. Hodgson, our chauffeur, was removed to the Prince of Wales Hospital suffering from pleurisy and pneumonia, and take this opportunity of wishing him a speedy recovery to good health. Our best wishes are also extended to Mr. W. Loynes, who is our Bottling Foreman and has served with the firm for 52 years, on his return to work after a short absence in hospital, where he recently underwent an operation.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. G. Palmer and Miss Doreen Vassallo on their recent marriage, which took place on

July 9th, 1949, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Plymouth. We all wish them a very happy and enjoyable future. Mr. G. Palmer is a member of our Clerical Staff, and he was presented with a cheque as a token of esteem from the employees of The Tamar Brewery.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cunningham, of our Bottling Department, who were presented with a baby son on May 18th.

We also extend our very best wishes to Miss Edna Carter, of the Bottling Department, on the occasion of her marriage to Cpl. D. Canning, Royal Hampshire Regiment. The wedding took place at the Registry Office, Plymouth, by special licence, on Saturday, August 6th, 1949. They were presented with a clock and cutlery by Mr. J. E. G. Rowland, on behalf of the staff at The Tamar Brewery.

Since our last issue the following changes of tenancy have taken place, and we extend to the new tenants our best wishes for their future success:—

“Victoria Hotel,” Dartmouth—Mr. R. T. Gill.

“Rising Sun,” Woodland—Mr. W. Martin.

“London Hotel,” Ashburton—Mr. F. S. Dart.

“Freemasons Arms,” Devonport—Mr. W. J. Edwards.

REOPENING OF JUNIOR RATINGS' BEER LOUNGE.

ROYAL NAVAL BARRACKS, DEVONPORT.

At an interesting and informal reopening of the Junior Ratings' Beer Lounge, Royal Naval Barracks, Devonport, on 30th May, by the Commodore, S. M. Raw, C.B.E., A.D.C., R.N., one of the highlights of the occasion was the presentation by Commodore Raw, on behalf of H. & G. Simonds, Ltd., of a bottle of specially brewed Strong Berkshire Ale (Seven X strength!) to Able Seaman E. Campbell, Junior Ratings' Super Savings Committee, with the stipulation that Campbell should drink the ale in the presence of the company.

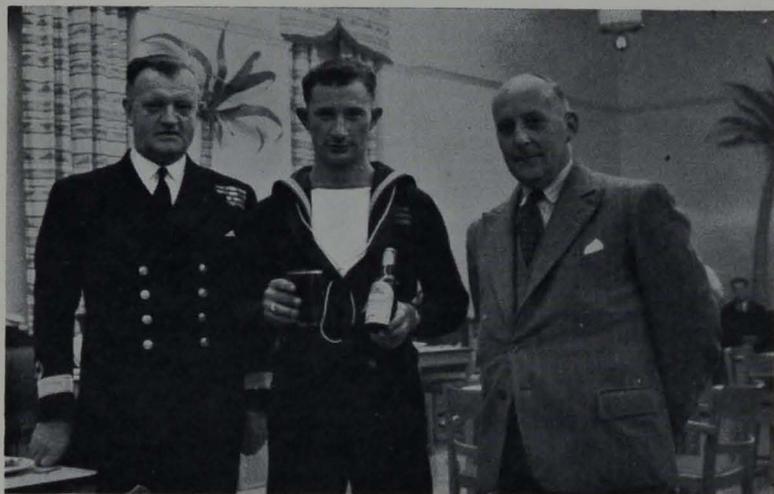
With due ceremony the bottle was opened by Commodore Raw, assisted by Mr. Wright, one of H. & G. Simonds' representatives; then Campbell, ably supported on either side by the Commodore and Mr. F. W. Freeman, Local Brewery Manager, Devonport, raised the sparkling liquid to his lips, and drank deeply. . . .

The beaming smile that lighted up his face as he lowered the glass from his lips showed the assembled guests that here, indeed, was NECTAR, and with vocal encouragement from Commodore Raw, Campbell drained his glass.

In addition to Commodore S. M. Raw, the following were present for the reopening ceremony: Commander A. E. T. Christie, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N., Lieut.-Cdr. R. M. W. MacFarlan, R.M., Lieut. (S) T. B. Homan, R.N., Lieut.-Cdr. E. G. Evans, R.M., Lieut.-Cdr. P. C. S. Black, D.S.C., R.N., Lieut.-Cdr. W. H. Parker, R.N., Capt. (S) E. C. Crisp, R.N., Shpt. Lieut. B. R. Tew, R.N., Mr. W. S. Gray, Senior Commissioned Shpt., R.N., Mr. W. Hough, Civil Engineer for R.N.B., Mr. F. Reddon, Naval Area Manager, N.A.A.F.I., Mr. E. Hoskin, Canteen Manager, R.N.B., Chief E.R.A. S. C. Rundle, D.S.M., Port Lower Deck Representative at N.A.A.F.I. Headquarters, J. E. Bond, Esq., Architect, and his staff, Messrs. L. L. Moore and J. Ackroyd, Mr. J. Damp, E.E.M., H.M. Dockyard, Messrs. Freeman, Rowland and Wright (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.), the Junior Ratings' Supper Savings Committee, A.B. E. Campbell, Leading Stoker-Mechanic Friend, Stoker-Mechanic Pring, Leading Seaman Wright, Leading Seaman Ross, Leading Steward Whitemore, Sick Berth Attendant Harris, A.B. Hitch, Leading Writer Bickerton, Cook (S) Shipton, Joiner Lynn, A.B. Foster, and thirty-eight junior ratings.



The Junior Ratings' Beer Lounge.



Strong Berkshire Ale for Able Seaman E. Campbell.

Left to right : Commodore S. M. Raw, C.B.E., A.D.C., R.N., Able Seaman E. Campbell and Mr. F. W. Freeman.

PORTSMOUTH.

VISIT OF U.S.S. "MISSOURI" AND CONSORTS.

The summer in Portsmouth has been enlivened by a visit of an historic ship, the largest battleship in the world, U.S.S. *Missouri*. The *Missouri* was accompanied by nine U.S. destroyers, whilst the object to the visit was to provide a break for the crews during the annual training cruise for midshipmen upon which the fleet was engaged.

Portsmouth Harbour entrance was especially dredged to allow the *Missouri* to enter without grounding, and a fine spectacle was provided for tens of thousands of people as the ship, bathed in brilliant sunshine, passed within a cable's length of the shore on either side. It was upon the quarterdeck of this vessel that the terms for the surrender of the Japanese fleet was signed in Tokyo Bay.

For "austerity" Britain, Portsmouth lavished great hospitality upon the visitors, who, as Britons have come to expect, were most friendly and keenly interested in all they saw. The citizens of the "arsenal of democracy," in turn, gave many entertainments and children's parties.

Much in evidence were the *Missouri* helicopters and which, in fact, were used by the Admiral to pay his official calls upon our own Service chiefs and civic heads.

After the squadron's visit, many Servicemen remarked upon the fine bearing, perfect discipline and gentlemanliness of our American friends, for whom, in the majority, it was a first visit to Great Britain.

Portsmouth trusts the ships of the U.S. Midshipmen's Training Squadron retain pleasant memories of their visit and that there will be many happy returns!

The Ideal Homes Exhibition held in the Castle Grounds this summer provided visitors and Hampshire men and women with a fine idea of many local and national industries. Thousands of people passed the turnstiles during its ten days' opening, which was blessed with beautiful weather.

Mr. C. B. Simms, of the "Suffolk Arms," completed the licensing arrangements and bars, where "Hop Leaf" products were in good demand. May we add our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Simms upon making the "Ideal Homes" complete with the arrival of their firstborn child, Celia, during this period. We are assured by Mr. and Mrs. Simms that it was not pre-arranged for publicity purposes!

PORTSMOUTH'S POT-POURRI AND HAMPSHIRE HUMMINGS.

Congratulations to the member of the Southsea Sea Angling Club, Mr. Andrews, who landed a tope (weight 73 lbs.) believed to be an all-England record.

We hear the Portsmouth Police Club members are pleased now alterations have commenced to their club and re-accommodation.

The Saints (Southampton) football team are confident of gaining promotion this year after being "pipped on the post" last year. Football fans should take heed.

Manager "Bob" Jackson, of Pompey, believes in youngsters and is interested in many junior teams with, it is said, 180 players.

It is pleasant to see our friend, Mr. R. D. Robbins, back in harness again as Manager of the N.A.A.F.I. Club, Portsmouth, after a long and painful illness.

What bad luck that Cowes Week should receive the first gales of the summer after such a prolonged spell of fine weather.

Congratulations to Mr. "Chippy" Carpenter upon his appointment as President of the R.N.E.B.S. Memorial Club in succession to that wonderful worker, Mr. James Maycock. Mr. "Ted" Patrick, too, is in harness again on the secretarial side.

Mr. Harold E. Privett, of "Ye Olde Inne," Copnor, is a great traveller. Recently he visited Denmark, Sweden and Norway, sleeping in eight different beds at various places in 15 days. He says it was worth it for the marvellous food he ate. A football enthusiast, he is a silent supporter at Fratton Park—until Pompey scores!

Mr. J. H. Simmons, of our Office Staff, is recovering from his recent serious operation and we offer our earnest wishes for his speedy recovery and return to business.

Another "hit"—the Southsea Sea Angling Club's Children's Festival. One young lady was a winner with a 32 lb. ray. There were 607 entries.

Messrs. Saccone & Speed, Limited, Portsmouth Branch, staff enjoyed a grand visit to Bournemouth on their annual outing.

Members of the cricket team of the R.N.E.B.S. Memorial Club enjoy the "duck" of their valued Stewardess, Mrs. C. Vosper, far more than many gained by them on the playing fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, at the Cranswater Club, Southsea, now have their bar back in position and, with the approach of the completion of the decorations, etc., look forward to the resumption of business under normal conditions. The rebuilding, etc., was made necessary to the club through damage during the war.

"Ale has a magic in it, a charm, a spell, especially for all true Englishmen, so now, up tankards all, and let us in this noble ale, drink to the wine of England, the great and kindly humanizer. May its cool downflow call up a generous warmth and good-fellowship, banish care and foment true friendship."—JEFFERY FARNOL in "*The Piping Times*."

Readers of the HOP LEAF will, we are sure, be pleased to join in congratulations and best wishes to Mr. C. Clarke Shelton on his retirement from the proprietorship of the "Phoenix" public house, Southsea. Born at Glaston, Dorset, nearly 90 years ago, "Clarke" has had a unique record in the Trade, and he is esteemed and respected by a wide circle of friends all over the country. There are few publicans who possess such a fund of

interesting reminiscences. In his early days he was on terms of intimate friendship with Thomas Hardy and his sisters, Rudyard Kipling and a host of other literary celebrities, and being fortunate in having such an excellent memory he has always been able to entertain with stories of his associations with Hardy's country and the distinguished people he has met. His early meetings with Thomas Hardy have always been a source of great pleasure both to him and his friends. He was working at Dorchester when he first became acquainted with the famous author of *Tess*, and many a jaunt they had together. When Kipling was on a visit Mr. Shelton was introduced to him and, happening to have the keys of the famous Judge Jefferies' former lodgings, was able to show his new acquaintance over the house. Kipling was delighted, and after the tour of inspection suggested an adjournment to a nearby hostelry for refreshment. "What will you have?" asked Rudyard. "A small bottle, please," answered Shelton. "Oh, no you don't," said his host. "All Britishers have a pint, and you must keep step." So Shelton had his pint! Shelton also escorted the famous author of "*Barrack Room Ballads*" over the local Army headquarters and Kipling used to delight in standing drinks round to the troops assembled in the Mess.

Mr. Shelton came to Portsmouth fifty odd years ago, and his house, the "Phoenix," being very close to the King's Theatre, he became friends with many of the leading vaudeville artistes who used his house as their headquarters. Among them were Harry Lauder, Marie Lloyd, Wilkie Bard and hosts of others, and his collection of autographed photographs testify to his popularity with the "stars" of a bygone age. He was especially partial to the greatest of all Scottish comedians. "Harry Lauder," he says, "was always ready to give or take a joke. He was not such a free spender as many of them, but was always ready to stand his round with the rest, and he was always prepared for a bit of fun."

In 1940 Mr. Shelton was made a life member of the Portsmouth and Gosport Licensed Victuallers' Protection and Benevolent Society in recognition of his long and distinguished services to the Trade, and he retains the friendship of all his old colleagues. May his retirement be a long one!

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

Overheard at the Zoological Gardens :

CHILD : " That's a heagle, muvver."

MOTHER : " You higorant child, that's a howl."

KEEPER : "Excuse me, miss, but you're both wrong. It's a nawk."

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A woman was bemoaning the fact that her husband had left her for the sixth time.

" Never mind," sympathised her neighbour, " he'll come back again."

" Not this time," she sobbed. " He's taken his dartboard."

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C.O. (*addressing new recruit in Battalion Orderly Room*) : " Yes, my man, I want you to consider the Regiment as a great band of brothers, and I am the father of the Regiment. Are you perfectly sure you understand? "

VERY RAW RECRUIT : " Yes, Dad."

(The C.O. and Adjutant are reported to be going on as well as may be expected.)

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" Give you a job," said the lady, eyeing the tramp very doubtfully, " but how can I be sure that you're honest? "

" Madam," said the wayfarer with dignity, " I was manager of the Town Baths for many years, but never once did I take a bath."

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Scotland Yard was hunting for a murderer, and had no picture of him other than a long " Photomaton " strip of eight photographs. This strip was sent to a provincial town, and shortly afterwards the following telegram reached the Yard :

" Have found six of the men you want ; hope to lay hands on the other two soon."

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" I started out on the theory that the world had an opening for me."

" And you found it? "

" Oh, yes, I'm in an awful hole just now."

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