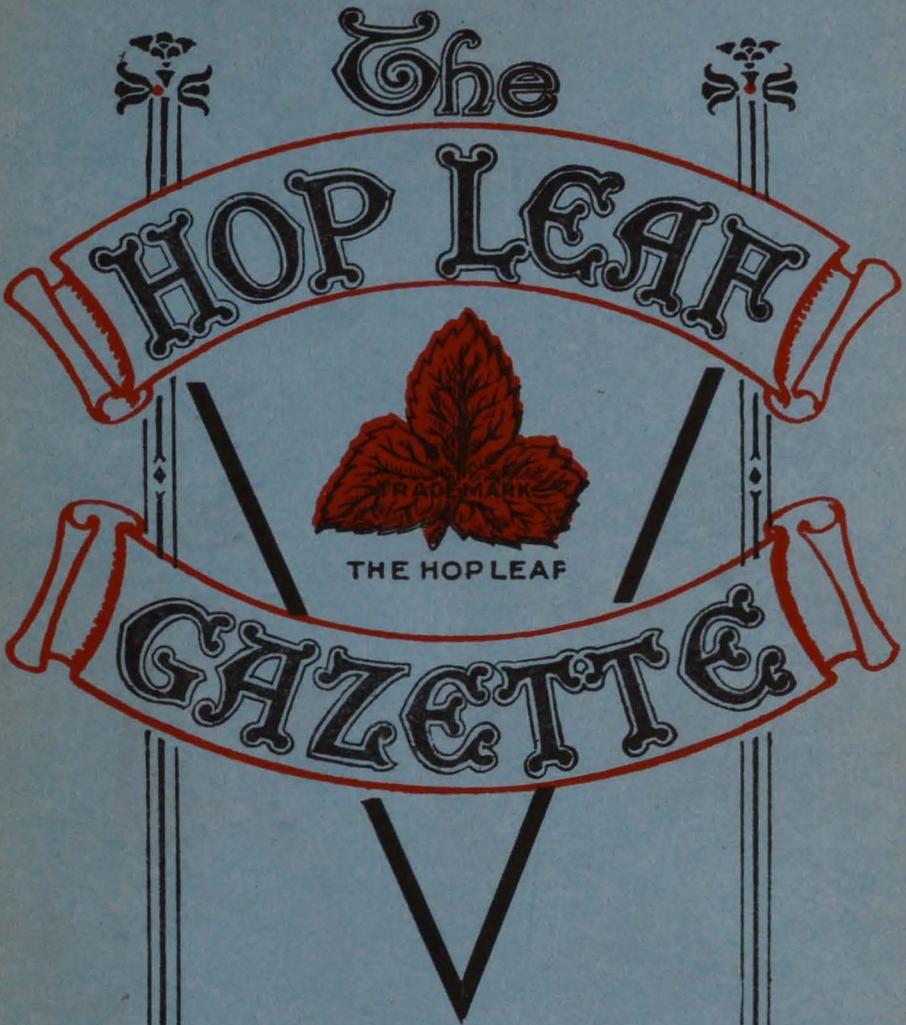


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MR. J. D. RICHARDSON.

## MR. J. D. RICHARDSON.

Due to a meteoric rise to eminence in his appointment to the high office of Secretary of the Company, the name at the head of this page is probably better known to our "public" than the portrait which occupies the position of honour in this issue. For this reason we believe that the followers of the fortunes of this Corporation will welcome this recent photograph of Mr. J. D. Richardson.

Born in April, 1917, Mr. Richardson was educated at Culford School, Bury St. Edmunds, and afterwards commenced his commercial career as a clerk to the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Ltd., a Company backed by the financial interests of the big five Banks.

After service with the Royal Navy during the War, Mr. Richardson joined this Company on the 1st May, 1946, and was employed in the Accountant's Department. Ingenuous and of a friendly disposition, he soon became a popular member of the staff.

In August, 1947, Mr. Richardson was appointed an Assistant Secretary, and upon the retirement of Mr. E. S. Phipps, he was appointed Secretary to the Company as from the 1st January, 1949. He has shown considerable efficiency and animation in the execution of his exacting duties and has proved his capabilities for the important office which he holds.

The Companies Act, 1948, has brought in its train a vast amount of extra detail and responsibilities which have increased the work of the Department and necessitated various changes in routine and organisation.

In 1938, Mr. Richardson joined the R.N.V.R., and was called up for service upon the outbreak of war in September, 1939. After a period of training at Chatham he joined H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign* as an Ordinary Seaman on North Atlantic convoys. Upon the capitulation of France, his ship joined the Mediterranean Fleet for service at Gibraltar, Malta and Alexandria. The *Royal Sovereign*, together with the other units of the Mediterranean Fleet, was in action with Italian battleships off Calabria in July, 1940, and although bombed from the air continuously for six days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Italians failed to score a single hit.

His promotion to higher office came in 1941, when he was commissioned as Paymaster, and appointed Assistant Secretary to the Fifth Sea Lord of the Admiralty. Later he was selected

to fill the highly confidential post of Assistant Secretary to the Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, where he had access not only to all military secrets of the three services, but also to many Cabinet matters. The nature of his work demanded integrity and tact of the highest order, which resulted in Mr. Richardson's appointment in 1943 to the Staff of Admiral Sir Bertram H. Ramsay, who planned the Navy's part in the Cross-Channel Invasion. The magnitude of this operation is now history, but few servicemen had a greater insight of the vast organisation and the enormous amount of detail which was necessary to prepare the operation orders and synchronise the movements of the various branches of the Services.

Subsequently, Mr. Richardson returned to the Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, with whom he served until demobilisation in March, 1946.

During the course of his work in the Admiralty, Mr. Richardson served under many notable Admirals, amongst whom were Admiral Sir Frederick C. Dreyer, Admiral Sir H. R. Moore, Admiral Sir A. L. St. G. Lyster, Admiral Sir Neville Syfret, Admiral Sir Roderic McGrigor and Admiral Sir Denis Boyd.

With this wealth of experience behind him, Mr. Richardson has settled down to the regular routine of business life and the indulgence of such recreations as football and gardening, those most favoured hobbies of the sedentary worker.



*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.)

#### APPOINTMENT.

**General Sir Miles C. Dempsey, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Berks.**

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

*Tempus Fugit!* Nearly another year has flown, and I hasten to wish one and all a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year. It is an old, old wish, but ever new with friendly feeling. And let us strive to keep the Christmas spirit of goodwill alive all the year round, and so play our part, however humble, in bringing about the real brotherhood of man, here and everywhere.

PASS IT ON!

Much of what I wish to say to all this Christmastide is contained in the following lines so pregnant with the spirit of good fellowship:—

Give me a mind that is not bored,  
That does not whimper, whine, or sigh;  
Don't let me worry overmuch  
About that fussy thing called "I."  
Give me a sense of humour, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some happiness from life  
And pass it on to other folk.

#### OUR GREAT DIRECTORS.

To our greatly respected Directors, I am sure all would wish to extend their heartfelt good wishes. Their duties are indeed arduous these difficult days, but they have been carrying on with gallant determination to see that the famous Firm over which they rule shall go from strength to strength. And all around we see evidence of their fine work and achievement.

They, too, always have at heart the welfare of all, from the highest to the lowest privileged to work for them. Let us see to it that we respond with loyal and willing service. Such kindly, considerate treatment deserves in return the best that we can give. So rally round the great "Hop Leaf" flag and keep it flying, higher and higher!

#### THANK YOU!

With every issue the HOP LEAF GAZETTE seems to gain in popularity, and I would like to thank very sincerely all who have so willingly assisted in its preparation. In the General Offices and the Branches all willingly lend their aid and contribute much towards the success of the journal. Nor must I forget our printers, Messrs. Bradley and Son, of the Crown Press. The manner in which the HOP LEAF GAZETTE is produced wins all-round admiration. It is indeed a great work of art, typical of that thoroughness and efficiency which characterise all the business turned out by the Crown Press.

#### ADDRESS ON "BREWING."

Mr. Henry Ashby, son of Major G. S. M. Ashby, gave a very lucid address on "Brewing" at a recent meeting of the Reading Rotary Club where he created quite a favourable impression as a speaker who knew his subject. Mr. Ashby referred to the speed obtained in bottling beer by modern mechanisation, and mentioned that the brewing of beer was known in the times of the Pharaohs. The President of the Club (Captain E. E. Goss) congratulated Mr. Ashby on his appointment as local Director and Manager of East African Breweries, Ltd., at Mombasa.

#### HERE'S HOW!

"A half-pint of beer with meals given for years to doctors at Chester Royal Infirmary has been stopped by the Health Ministry," says a report recently.

Why don't the doctors just prescribe it for each other? jokingly adds the writer of *The Star Man's Diary*.

#### ALL-ROUND EXPERIENCE.

Mr. John L. Hastings has now joined the Hotels and Catering Department in an administrative capacity, having gained wide all-round experience of the Hotel Industry in London, the Provinces and Switzerland.

He joined the Firm in 1949, following ten years in the Flying Branch of the Royal Navy, in which he served with distinction in several theatres of war, attaining the rank of Lieut.-Commander, and being awarded the D.S.C. and Mentioned in Dispatches.

## NATURE NOTE.

(BY C.H.P.).

PHEASANT SHOOTING.

A COLOURFUL SCENE.

SOME DETAILS OF A DELIGHTFUL DAY.

It is difficult to imagine a more delightful day than one spent in the woods and meads on the occasion of a pheasant shoot. And you can well imagine the very great pleasure it affords me when I receive an invitation to be present on such a great occasion.

GREETED BY SONG OF THE THRUSH.

Well, the great day arrived, and no sooner had we appeared on the scene of operations than a thrush bursts into glorious song and continued to sing until we set off for the business of the day. His song was accompanied by the cheery notes of the hedge sparrow, robin and wren. One of the robins, I observed, had only one leg, but he was a very cheery fellow and joined heartily in the happy little choir.

FAVoured BY FINE WEATHER.

There had been much rain and rough weather just before and after the day in question, but this particular day, except for one slight shower, left little to be desired. The sun shone brightly and the fresh breeze that blew sent the blood tingling through one's veins and was most invigorating.

RICH, RARE BEAUTY.

As I stood in the centre of a field and looked around I noticed with wonderment how the sun played on the woods and pastures in the distance. It lit up patches of the countryside here and there with gold and amber and other hues, in glorious fashion, painting a picture and presenting a scene of beauty that only He could paint and present. It was indeed an inspiring scene. The birds seemed to give an added gaiety to the surroundings, for they, too, appeared full of the joy of life, their notes ringing with

cheerfulness which was contagious. We disturbed a flock of rooks and jackdaws. They rose from the field like a great cloud of smoke, cawing rather loudly. Up and up they went in circles, and then they gradually dispersed, winging their way in different directions.

#### LIFE AND DEATH.

Coming back to the woods we were, however, reminded that it is winter-time, for the leaves were falling, falling, and many bare branches emphasised the fact that life and death are not far apart. As my thoughts wandered thus, I came face to face with a plant of golden gorse. It was in full bloom. There were, too, rhododendrons in bud—some of them just bursting into bloom; there were hazel catkins formed, while across the fields I noticed the corn springing up, assuring us of the resurrection after death. Aye! and reminding us, too, of that other great Resurrection which meant so much to all the world.

#### “COCK OVER”—BANG!

As we move off to see what another stretch of woodland contains the beaters line up, the guns take up their positions, a whistle is sounded and the men with their sticks wend their way through the wood beating out the bushes and driving the game forward towards the guns. “Cock over to the left”—bang! And there is one more pheasant less in the world. A startled hare breaks covert and speeds across the field at a terrific pace. His lithe body and long hind legs seem to spell speed. But his journey was soon ended by the man with the gun. Bang! Bang! Bang! and more birds fall to fill the “bag.” Pheasants and other birds know well that the wind will accentuate their flight and generally fly with it in their favour. A woodcock, easily distinguishable by its peculiar flight, suddenly rose from its fastness in the thick undergrowth, but disappeared again as suddenly. And so the shoot proceeded with something of interest at every turn.

#### DRESS OF INFINITE VARIETY.

The beaters, many of them wearing oilskin leggings and an infinite variety of dress, had a hard day, for the going was heavy. Take the field of kale, for instance. The vegetation here was, in

places, quite six feet high, and progress was naturally slow. But the men did their work thoroughly, driving out the birds that sought sanctuary there. And here one saw some fine work by those faithful creatures, the retrievers. A pheasant would be shot down in this thick mass of kale and a retriever told to “go find!” In a surprisingly short space of time the dog would locate the dead bird and bring it back to his master. Thus these fine creatures would find many a bird which otherwise might have been lost. The retrievers are indeed a great asset to any shoot.

#### NOT ONE DULL MOMENT!

There was not one dull moment throughout this delightful day. As I stood under one of the many fir trees I heard the thin small voices of golden crested wrens, and even these wee creatures seemed to strike a cheerful note. These tiny tots winter with us and how their wee bodies are kept alive in a severe winter is ever a mystery to me. But they have their warm furs—I mean firs—to sleep in, and these noble trees doubtless protect them against the biting winds and heavy snow.

#### “CEASE FIRE!” IS SOUNDED.

The time rolls on ever so quickly and soon “cease fire!” is sounded. As we come to the end of a perfect day we compare it with other similar enjoyable occasions. On this particular day we missed the familiar figure of the head keeper, who passed on early in the year. He knew his job and did it with considerable thoroughness. May he rest in peace!

His successor had by no means an easy task, for to arrange a shoot is a very difficult undertaking. He worked like a Trojan and did his very best to provide a good day's sport.

#### IN PIAM MEMORIAM.

On such a day one's mind naturally recalls others who, alas! will never join the party again. They, too, have gone to their reward. They were indeed great men and true, and they leave behind a very honoured memory.

Their names were often mentioned and always with most reverent respect.

## BREWERY JOTTINGS.

### CHANGES OF TENANCIES.

The following changes in tenancies have taken place during the past few months, and to all new tenants we wish every success :—

- The Railway Arms, Wraysbury—Major E. W. Littlewood.
- The Bells, Staines—Mr. C. T. Hammond.
- The Nag's Head, Newbury—Mr. R. C. Elgar.
- The Flint Cottage, High Wycombe—Mr. S. Page.
- The Three Horse Shoes, Shepperton—Mr. J. Stevenson.
- The Row Barge, Woolhampton—Mrs. L. M. Corp (Widow).
- The Red House, Newbury—Mrs. N. F. Pottinger (Widow).
- The Dog and Partridge, Sunninghill—Mr. G. W. Austin.
- The Three Pigeons, Gerrards Cross—Mr. F. G. Gregory.
- The Greyhound, Sunbury—Mr. G. Fretwell.
- The Jolly Waggoners, Hounslow—Mr. J. Clare.
- The George, St. Mary Bourne—Major J. Berthet.
- The Clarence, Staines—Mr. E. W. Sweet.
- The Bugle, Halliford—Mr. K. A. Griffin.
- The Dorchester Arms, Hook—Mrs. M. E. Bevis.
- The Black Horse, New Haw, Addlestone—Mr. H. V. Harris.
- The Plough, Headley—Mr. H. G. Falkenstein.
- The Stag and Hounds, Knowl Hill—Mr. J. C. Micklefield.
- The Three Horse Shoes, Brimpton—Mr. F. W. Rogers.
- The Pheasant, Chinnor—Mr. L. West.
- The Crown Inn, Old Basing—Mr. E. L. Cannings.
- The Plough, Crondall—Mr. G. Hassell.
- The Oxford Arms, Hungerford Newtown—Mr. L. K. Collard.
- The Pheasant, Shefford Woodlands—Mr. L. E. Wiseman.
- The Halfway Inn, Kintbury—Mr. W. J. Gibbins.
- The Railway Bell, Hampton—Mr. L. N. Beryet.

### OBITUARY.

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

Mr. R. L. Bevis (as the result of an accident), tenant of the Dorchester Arms, Hook, since March 26th, 1935.

Mr. H. Pottinger, tenant of the Red House beerhouse, Newbury, since December 14th, 1945.

Mrs. Nunns, wife of our tenant of the Three Kings, Twickenham.

### NOW, A SECOND CAREER COMES TO AN END.

“ One of the most popular figures in the Licensed Trade in Buckinghamshire, Mr. Jack Adams, has retired after 30 years as licensee of the Flint Cottage, High Wycombe.

“ Mr. Adams took over the hotel in 1920, after severe injuries sustained in a plane crash at Farnborough ended a distinguished career in the Royal Naval Air Service. The crash occurred during an experimental flight in the then largest machine in the world.

“ A High Wycombe man, Mr. Adams had joined the Rifle Brigade in 1902, and went into the Royal Naval Air Service in 1914 as a gunner-observer. He was awarded the D.S.M. and M.B.E. In 1917 he was a member of the crew of a Handley-Page aircraft which made a record long-distance flight from England to Turkey.

“ At a farewell ceremony at the Flint Cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Adams were presented with a tray and a hand-painted decanter set by customers of the house.

“ Making the presentation on behalf of the customers, Mr. W. J. Hayter commented : ‘ Mr. and Mrs. Adams are loved by us all, and we shall miss them more than we can say. We shall long remember their geniality.’

“ The new licensee of the Flint Cottage is Mr. Stanley Page, well-known High Wycombe cricketer and footballer.”

### MARRIAGE OF MISS M. BOWMAN.

On Friday, September 8th, a presentation was made to Miss M. Bowman, of the Estates Department, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Brian H. R. Moss.

Mr. C. Bennett presented Miss Bowman with two fireside chairs and a brown suitcase. Miss Bowman replied, thanking Mr. Bennett and the Staff for their very acceptable gifts to herself and her future husband.



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#### The Bride and Bridegroom.

The wedding took place at St. Peter's Church, Earley, and the choral service was conducted by the Rev. S. C. Robinson. Miss Joan Hampton, also of the Estates Department, was one of the bridesmaids. The honeymoon was spent in Cornwall.

#### RETIREMENT.

Mr. E. W. Bowsher, Building Department, retired on 30th September, 1950, after completing 36 years' service.

#### TRANSFER.

Mr. A. J. Hawkins, General Office, transferred to Staines Branch to become a Traveller on Monday, 20th November, 1950.

#### DEATH OF MR. JAMES WEBB.

We are also very sorry to record the passing away of Mr. James Webb, who for many years was Clerk of Works in the Building Department. He was 80 years of age.

Mr. Webb, who was familiarly known as "Jimmy" by his associates, first entered the Firm's service in June, 1886, and left in April, 1905. He subsequently rejoined in April, 1912, and served until December, 1933, when he was pensioned. He also worked in the Building Department for various periods between the years 1910 and 1912.

Always popular in his Department, Mr. Webb was regarded as a hard and energetic worker, and carried out his duties in a very thorough and painstaking way.

He leaves a widow, son and daughter, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

#### WORDS OF WISDOM.

The best fish swim near the bottom.

God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way in which we fill it.

Short prayers reach heaven.

The best mirror is an old friend.

Let us not make imaginary evils when we have so many real ones to encounter.

In courtesy rather pay a penny too much than too little.

God hangs the greatest weights on the smallest wires.

Many hope that the tree may be felled who expect to gather chips by the fall.

No nation can be destroyed while it possesses a good home life.

## RETIREMENT OF MR. CHARLES BENNETT,

MANAGER OF THE ESTATES DEPARTMENT.

After 55 years of faithful and invaluable service to the parent Company and its subsidiaries, Mr. C. Bennett relinquished the managership of the Estates Department on October 1st.

Although the Board of Directors greatly regret the retirement of Mr. Bennett, it is realised that after so many years of distinguished service he truly deserves the relaxation from his duties which he has so meritoriously earned.

Mr. Bennett has devoted his entire business life to the Company, and was undoubtedly one of the most popular and respected Departmental Managers who have contributed to the high standing and lofty ideals of the Company during its very long history.

Commencing his business career at our North Farnborough Branch, Mr. Bennett subsequently served in various capacities at Portsmouth and Woking Branches, and was finally transferred to Head Office, Reading, where he has held his present position since 1932. He has consented to continue in an advisory capacity for a short period after his retirement.

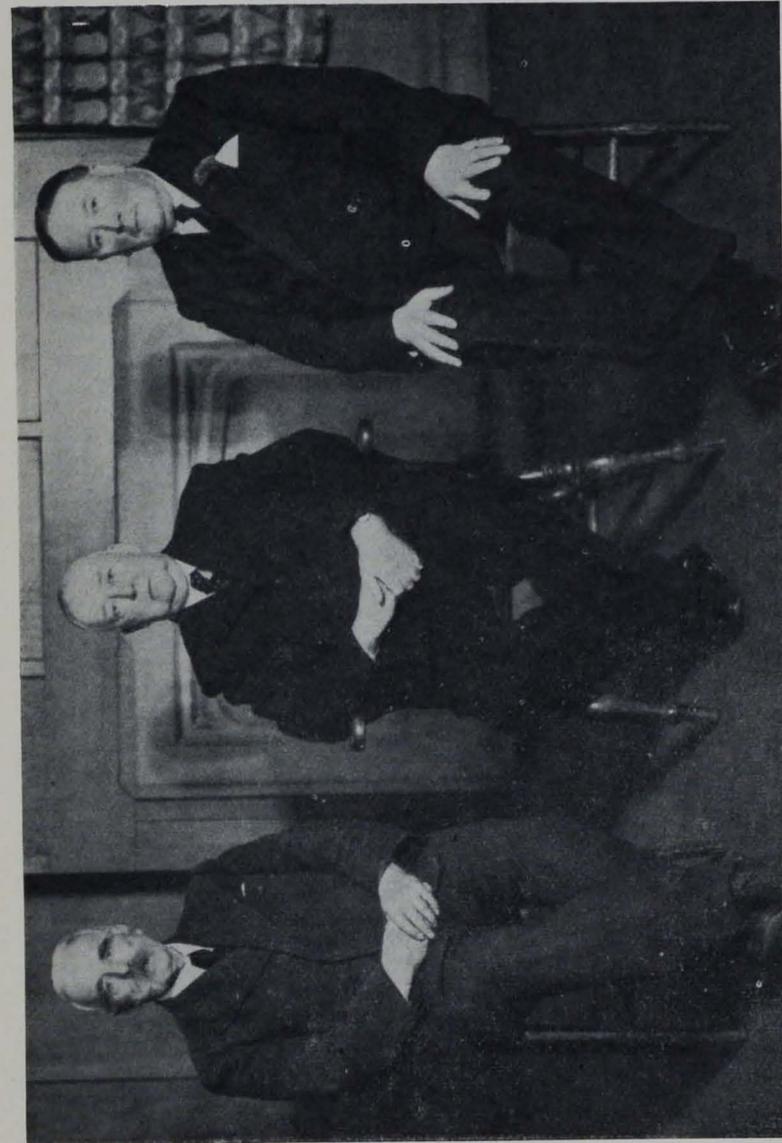
Mr. S. H. Spurling has been appointed to the managership of the Estates Department in succession to Mr. C. Bennett as from the 1st October.

Mr. Spurling has served with the Company for 30 years, and amongst other appointments has held the office of Manager of Bridgend Branch, and subsequently at Devonport. For the past two years he has been acting as assistant to Mr. Bennett.

## PRESENTATION BY BREWERY STAFF.

As a token of goodwill, a presentation was made to Mr. Bennett on October 9th by Mr. F. C. Hawkes, when a large number of the Staff, including the Heads of Departments, also a fairly strong contingent of former colleagues now enjoying well-earned retirement, gathered in the General Offices.

Mr. W. Bowyer, who recently completed 50 years' service, opened the proceedings. He said: "When it was generally known that Mr. Charles Bennett was to retire, I had hopes that I might be privileged to open up the proceedings." Mr. Bowyer then referred to his long association with Mr. Bennett, and of the very great help he had been to him on occasions where his valued knowledge of the licensed trade was needed. Further,



Mr. F. C. Hawkes, who has completed 50 years' service.

Mr. C. Bennett, who has just retired after 55 years' service.

Mr. A. W. C. Bowyer, who has completed 50 years' service.

when taking over as Home Trade Manager, Reading, from Mr. Bennett, he received from that gentleman every assistance which made his office so much easier, and Mr. Bennett did everything possible to introduce him to the new surroundings. In conclusion, Mr. Bowyer wished Mr. Bennett every blessing in his retirement. "I now call upon Mr. F. C. Hawkes, Manager, Home Department, to proceed with the presentation."

Mr. Hawkes recalled his visit to Woking Branch in 1919 in company with Mr. Fred Simonds, Director and Secretary of the Company at that time, for the purpose of transferring to Mr. Fred the Branch licence, and he recalled some details of interest connected with that visit. Mr. Bennett had just been released from the Forces, and had been appointed Manager of Woking Branch. Mr. Hawkes went on to say: "All the tenants, and many others who might be described as being in the outer circle, had been notified of Mr. Bennett's retirement, and they will no doubt have received the tidings with regret, but to those who were more intimately acquainted with him, and his long and active business career, should wish him well, and send him off more in the spirit of Mona, of "Itma" renown, and try to think it is sending Mr. Bennett off that keeps us cheerful. Now that you will have more leisure, some hobbies must be thought of. There are those two subjects which should not be generally discussed in open company—'politics and religion'—then in the sporting section there was quite a wide range to select from; for instance, football, fishing, horse-racing and football pools, etc., but it is sincerely hoped that you will not go to the dogs! Anyhow, on behalf of the many subscribers, both present and (unavoidably) absent, we wish you a long and happy period of retirement, and please believe me, it is a great privilege to be associated with this ceremony."

Mr. W. H. Davis followed, and endorsed what had been said by Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Bowyer, saying he personally first became acquainted with Mr. Bennett in 1908, when he went to Portsmouth to assist him in the work connected with the large number of military camps in the New Forest area, which were being supplied by the Company under supervision from Portsmouth Branch. He then recalled that he himself was transferred from the management of Farnborough Branch in 1932 to become Assistant Manager to the Estates Department when Mr. Bennett was appointed to the management of that office on the death of Mr. H. F. Lindars. He stated that the 18 years he had spent with Mr. Bennett had been a period of happy association and smooth working and without friction of any kind. He paid a tribute to the consideration he had always received, and to Mr. Bennett's knowledge of the work of the

Department generally, and particularly to that very difficult batch of legislation known as the Licensing Acts, the Landlord and Tenant Act, and the Rent Restriction Acts, and the mass of Emergency legislation enacted during the last war. He added that the knowledge possessed by Mr. Bennett was respected throughout the Trade by both wholesale and retail organisations, from the highest to the lowest. Many persons outside the Brewery had expressed the views that they would miss his wise counsels, and asked that messages of good wishes be conveyed to Mr. Bennett. In passing on these messages, Mr. Davis desired, on behalf of their Department in particular, to be associated therewith. They hoped that Mr. Bennett would be granted good health and enjoy many happy years of retirement, which he so thoroughly deserves.

Mr. Hawkes then asked Mr. Bennett to accept the gifts from the Staff, namely, two easy chairs, a week-end case, and a "Secretarial" case (complete with fountain pen, silver pencil, stationery and postage stamps) with every good wish for health and happiness in his retirement. "Rest and travel are provided for, so please make good use of them. Had we lived under the Medes and Persians whose laws, according to tradition, did not alter, you would have been saved a lot of work and anxiety."

Mr. Bennett, in accepting the gifts and acknowledging the good wishes, first thanked Messrs. Hawkes, Bowyer and Davis for all they had said, and referred to the pleasure it gave him to see such a large number of colleagues present, and particularly those from the retired list, and also the former members of the Estates Department. He specially mentioned Mr. Killford, who had travelled from Clacton-on-Sea for the occasion, and Mr. Huddy, who had come up from Sussex. He thanked all who had so generously subscribed to the very handsome gifts, and stated they would always be a constant reminder of the many friends he had been privileged to make during that portion of his service which had been spent at Reading, and which had covered 23½ years. He added that although 55 years seemed a very long time, it did not so appear to him in retrospect, as it had been spent in several areas, and in many appointments. He illustrated this by referring to the Boer War which so deeply affected all the Aldershot District during his ten years' service at Farnborough, and of course provided great interest, thrills and excitement, and appeared to make those years of short duration. Similarly at Portsmouth, where he spent fourteen years, the period was seemingly shortened by the 1914-18 War, and the activities connected with that conflict, and of course his own service in the Forces. Also the necessity of travelling and enterprise in building up the business at Woking Branch (mostly

by rail and cycle) rendered his eight years in that district an apparently short time, and the three-and-a-half years at Reading as Home Trade Manager were soon over. He then referred to the twenty years spent in the Estates Department, and the great extension of business occasioned by the policy of expansion adopted by the Directors and which had added a very large number of properties to our Licensed Trade Registers, and this had entailed much travelling in linking up tenants of new Companies with our Organisation, and of course during that time the disturbance of the 1939-45 War, with its operations of "zoning" in the national interest had made the time pass quickly. He said it had been a great experience to have been permitted to serve the Company so long, and he much appreciated the wonderful kindness, encouragement and support from the Directors. He also thanked all his colleagues for their friendship, co-operation and loyalty at all times, and he felt confident that these would be extended to his successor, Mr. S. H. Spurling.

Musical honours, followed by three rousing cheers, concluded the proceedings. Thus ends the active service of a very staunch and faithful member of the Staff.

#### BRANCH MANAGER'S PRESENTATION.

On Tuesday, October 10th, the Branch Managers, after their business conference, invited Mr. C. Bennett to meet them at the Ship Hotel, Reading, and presented him with a gold wristlet watch and a travelling clock contained in a pigskin case. Mr. A. E. Wake, in asking Mr. Bennett to accept the gifts as a token of esteem from all Branch Managers and senior members of the staff at Branches, spoke of the happy relations which existed and the appreciation of himself and the Managers for the advice and assistance which Mr. Bennett had at all times given them, also the affection with which they all regarded him.

As is reported elsewhere, two Branch Managers Conferences were held this year, one at Reading and one at Bristol, and thus all Branches were not represented at the presentation, and Mr. Wake said that although it was a pity that a representative from each Branch could not be present, he could, on behalf of all those absent, convey their best wishes and congratulations upon Mr. Bennett having completed such a magnificent record of service with the Firm.

Mr. R. Paice, Ludgershall Branch, in handing Mr. Bennett the gifts, added his personal tribute, and again spoke on behalf of all those who had contributed.

Mr. Bennett thanked them all for their valued gifts and for their good wishes, and spoke of the valued friendships that he

had made with the Branch Managers and their staffs. He asked all Branch Managers to continue to give Mr. Spurling the same measure of loyalty and support which had been granted to him for so many years.

#### CONFERENCES OF BRANCH MANAGERS.

This year has seen the innovation of two distinct Conferences of Branch Managers; the first embracing Branches served from the Brewery, Reading, was held at the Social Club, Reading, on Tuesday, October 10th, whilst on the Thursday following, Managers from the West Country Branches met at Jacob Street Brewery, Bristol.

By having two Conferences, one for the "Western" and one for the "Eastern" sides of our vast organisation, it enabled Managers to discuss more fully problems peculiar to their own areas and, of course, achieved considerable saving in travelling.

On both occasions we were fortunate in having Mr. F. A. Simonds present, and he presided at the lunches that followed both Conferences. Many problems were discussed to the benefit of all concerned in the furtherance of the "Hop Leaf" over such a wide area.

#### THE LICENSED TRADES.

##### STAFF TRAINING DIPLOMAS.

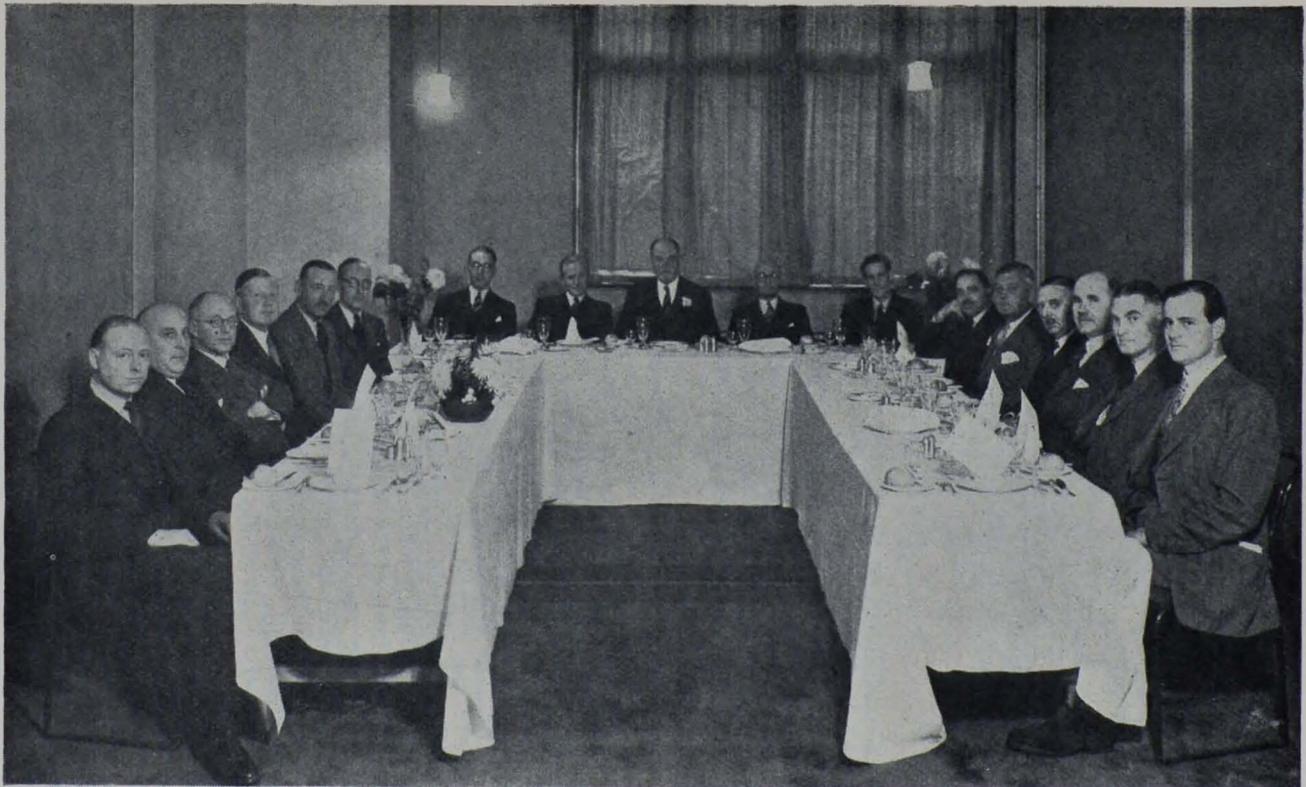
"Many well-known members of the Reading and District Licensed Trades Protection and Benevolent Association were present at The Grosvenor House Hotel, Caversham, on the occasion of a presentation of Diplomas to successful local candidates in the July examination of the Licensed House Training Course (Reading), says the *Berkshire Chronicle*.

"The host was Mr. E. Duncan Simonds, a Director of Messrs. H. & G. Simonds, who welcomed the guests. He said the training courses were a fine thing, and his Company would support future ones.

"Col. F. A. Charlier, M.C., Organiser N.T.D.A., London, speaking of the great scheme of staff training, said it was designed to help people in the trade to help themselves. The organisers had received a great deal of help from many people, and he wanted to thank especially Messrs. Simonds for their great assistance, as well as the wholesalers and lecturers.



Branch Managers' Conference at Social Club, Reading.



Luncheon following the Conference at Bristol.  
*Photo by: Bromhead (Bristol) Ltd., 157, Whiteladies Road.*

"Diplomas were presented by Mr. T. D. Power, Chairman of the Staff Education Committee. It was a fine course, he said, and pointed out that running a licensed house was a difficult technical job.

"Successful candidates were : Honours : L. G. Field and C. J. Ratcliffe. Credits : Miss E. Dilworth, S. Z. Byway, C. H. Gibbins, C. F. Maynard, M. W. Regan, H. C. Smith, E. Webb, C. C. Wright, D. A. D. Oxlade, J. W. H. Cox and Mrs. D. Mead. Pass : Mrs. E. M. Knott, E. B. Webb, A. Andrews, R. Bishop, R. N. Brakspear, F. T. Cottrell, J. E. Oxlade, J. A. Thomas, R. H. Wagnell, S. E. Wilce, G. Raymond and P. Dale."

#### BOOKER, BUCKS.

We are indebted to Mr. F. Piercy, Financial Secretary of the Booker Football Club, for an interesting "Souvenir of Booker," from which we hope to publish excerpts from time to time, as space permits.

As the Souvenir contains a story of a legendary Ghost, it would seem appropriate to record the tale in this Christmas issue of our Gazette :—

#### POND RIDING'S GHOST.

"Adjoining Messrs. Castle Bros. Furniture Works recreation ground and at the eastern corner, beneath three very old oak trees, there used to be a very deep pond of spring water : this is now filled in. It is the scene of a reputed ghost, the history of which is as follows :

"In the 1750s there used to be a farm somewhere in the vicinity of Castlefield. One day the farmer received instructions to prepare a lunch for a shooting party from London and the guests of the Lord of the Manor (Sir Francis Dashwood, Bt.). It can safely be assumed that John Wilkes, Bubb Doddington, Paul Whitehead and other members of The Hell Fire Club fraternity would be among the party. After a strenuous climb up the steep side of Rowleaf Wood they would naturally be in good appetite, and would also be more pleased when they saw the handsome daughter of the farmer ready to wait upon them, and being the wits of the day, naturally a lot of banter took place. To the joy of the young lady she was offered a day's coaching to Medmenham Abbey, which she graciously accepted, from one of the guests. The day arrived, and a fine coach and four thoroughbreds drew up at the farmhouse. The day was not an ideal day for a drive, being rather stormy. The girl and her admirer, after a terrible journey through slush and mud, eventually reached

the Abbey. This was the H.Q. of the Hell Fire Club, but after the girl had been there only a short time, she soon realised what kind of a place she had been brought to ; she immediately harnessed up the coach and fled for her honour and her life. Up Danesfield Hill, down Redpits, up Burroughs Grove Hill along the muddy Cressex Lane, closely followed by her would-be lover, she in her terror mistook an open gateway for the road home, horses plunging, coach rocking side to side, went plunging into this pond of water to be drowned, despite the lover's attempts to save her, but without avail. And every stormy February night since this disaster a weird coach and horses emerges from the dark waters to career in a wild ride along the fields. Many people were afraid to pass this pond after dark, especially at midnight."

#### CHILDREN'S ANNUAL TREAT.

The Annual Treat for Members' children will be held on Saturday, January 6th, 1951, at the Social Club, 19, Bridge Street. The Party will commence at 3 p.m., ending at 6 p.m.

All Members' children from 5 to 12 years of age, inclusive, are invited.

A competent Committee will be on duty, and owing to limited accommodation, parents will not be allowed admission.

Forms can be obtained from any Member of the Committee, or from the Social Club. Closing date, Saturday, December 24th, 1950.

The Committee will not be responsible for the children after 6 p.m.

#### WORDS OF WISDOM.

Rivers need a spring.

The Kingdom of God does not lie in elegance of speech or fineness of parts, but in innocence of life and good works.

The seed of knowledge ripens but slowly in the mind, but the flowers grow quickly.

## CRICKET.

At the time of writing these notes our Hon. Secretary, Mr. N. L. Tott, is away from business owing to an attack of yellow jaundice, but we all hope to see him back and well again before very long.

In his absence, suffice to give the lists of averages, and congratulate Mr. E. Mapstone upon becoming the holder of the "Louis Simonds" Cup for Batting. This trophy, together with the Inter-Departmental Cup, was presented by Mr. R. St. J. Quarry during the sports evening in the new pavilion on September 23rd last. Congratulations are also extended to Mr. R. Smith for heading the "A" team bowling, and Messrs. C. R. Josey and D. J. Hampton, who topped the "B" team batting and bowling respectively.

The full averages for last season are given below:—

## "A" Team.

BATTING.  
(Qualification, 7 innings.)

	Innings.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
E. Mapstone ...	7	1	128	73*	21.33
W. G. Neville ...	11	1	153	38	15.30
A. J. Hawkins ...	9	—	98	23	10.88
E. J. Scott ...	9	1	74	21*	9.25
E. C. Greenaway ...	10	2	73	28*	9.12
T. Patrick ...	12	2	68	19	6.80
R. J. Lambourne ...	8	1	41	17	5.85
W. J. Greenaway ...	8	—	37	13	4.62

The following also batted:—

E. G. Crutchley ...	6	1	115	67	23.00
C. R. Josey ...	2	—	45	30	22.50
F. J. Benham ...	3	1	37	16	18.50
H. G. Sexton ...	3	1	20	11	10.00
D. W. Bearman ...	5	—	49	21	9.80
E. Jones ...	4	—	34	16	8.50
R. Smith ...	4	2	17	9*	8.50
K. Cottam ...	5	2	17	7*	5.66
K. Organ ...	4	1	13	8	4.33
H. K. White ...	3	—	12	8	4.00
E. Crump ...	6	1	9	4	1.80
L. J. Gardiner ...	1	1	—	—	—

One innings each: J. Buswell (7); W. Philpott (3); R. J. Lovejoy (2); G. Ayers and J. Dines (nil).

\* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.  
(Qualification, 26 Overs.)

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
R. Smith ...	31	4	83	15	5.53
E. Mapstone ...	44.4	20	85	10	8.50
E. J. Scott ...	91	26	242	28	8.64
E. G. Crutchley ...	44.4	7	135	13	10.38
K. Organ ...	53	14	113	9	12.55
R. J. Lambourne ...	56	17	137	9	15.22

Also bowled:—

A. J. Hawkins ...	6	3	9	3	3.00
E. C. Greenaway ...	25	4	68	12	5.66
H. G. Sexton ...	7	3	24	2	12.00
W. G. Neville ...	23	3	79	5	15.80
K. Cottam ...	20.2	2	75	4	18.75
D. W. Bearman ...	2	1	7	—	—
C. R. Josey ...	3	—	22	—	—

Catches: R. J. Lambourne, 10; E. Crump, 5; W. G. Greenaway, E. Mapstone and H. K. White, 4 each; E. C. Greenaway and W. G. Neville, 3 each; K. Cottam, A. J. Hawkins, C. R. Josey, T. Patrick and E. J. Scott, 2 each; J. Buswell, E. Jones and W. Philpott, 1 each.

Stumpings: E. Crump, 3.

## "B" Team.

BATTING.  
(Qualification, 5 innings.)

	Innings.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
C. R. Josey ...	7	—	143	47	20.42
H. K. White ...	7	1	109	29	18.16
D. J. Hampton ...	6	2	38	27*	9.50
R. Smith ...	5	1	38	16	9.50
F. J. Benham ...	6	—	53	23	8.83
D. W. Bearman ...	5	—	39	17	7.80
K. Gibbons ...	6	1	26	11	5.20
K. Cottam ...	6	—	31	9	5.16
H. G. Sexton ...	6	—	28	10	4.66
R. L. Henson ...	8	1	18	9*	2.57
H. Hawkins ...	8	1	10	5	1.42

The following also batted:—

E. Mapstone ...	4	1	54	38*	18.00
R. J. Lovejoy ...	2	—	34	26	17.00
B. Cane ...	4	2	18	12*	9.00
J. Buswell ...	4	—	25	12	6.25
G. Ayers ...	4	—	9	4	2.25
F. Wells ...	4	1	6	5*	2.00
L. Gardiner ...	3	—	5	4	1.66
J. Shepherd ...	3	1	—	—	—

One innings each: J. Jeffcoat (12); W. Bell (10\*); J. Rose (8\*); N. Bedding (5).

\* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.  
(Qualification, 20 Overs.)

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
D. J. Hampton ...	50	18	103	16	6.43
R. Smith ...	36	7	91	13	7.00
E. Mapstone ...	31	8	75	9	8.33
H. K. White ...	22	4	62	7	8.85
K. Cottam ...	52.2	8	178	19	9.36
F. Wells ...	21	3	67	5	13.40
H. G. Sexton ...	38.2	4	138	9	15.33

Also bowled:—

B. Cane ...	2.1	—	5	1	5.00
J. Rose ...	2	—	9	1	9.00
L. Gardiner ...	18	1	58	5	11.60
W. Bell ...	16	4	38	2	19.00
J. Buswell ...	1	—	6	—	—
C. R. Josey ...	2	—	12	—	—
J. Shepherd ...	2	—	15	—	—

*Catches*: C. R. Josey, 5; K. Cottam, H. Hawkins, R. L. Henson, E. Mapstone and H. G. Sexton, 4 each; L. Gardiner and R. Smith, 3 each; B. Cane, 2; G. Ayers, D. W. Bearman, J. Rose, J. Shepherd, F. Wells and H. K. White, 1 each.

*Stumpings*: R. L. Henson, 3.

W.J.G.



## A GREAT THOUGHT.

“NEGLECT MAY LOSE US OUR LIBERTY.”

*A warning of the possible loss of liberty was given recently by Mr. J. F. Wolfenden, Vice-Chancellor of Reading University.*

*Speaking at the Conference of the National Association of Divisional Executives for Education at Cheltenham, he said:*

*“We have had sharp and stark warnings of what happens if the individual is totally subordinated to the community, especially if that community is equated with the state.*

*“I do not believe that any responsible person in this country would deliberately and consciously subscribe to the totalitarian theories realised in such devilish practice by some of our late enemies, and by one at least of our former allies.*

*“But I do sometimes wonder if we are not in some danger of allowing to happen, by our neglect or blindness, something which we should never deliberately design.*

*“We British are in this sort of thing both lazy-minded and charitably good-natured. We know that nobody in authority means any harm, and we lazily conclude that that means no harm will come.”*

*The danger was that one morning we might wake up and find that we had surrendered something which in our waking moments we regarded as unspeakably precious—our liberty.*

*There was a danger that, entirely without intention or malice, the welfare state might extend its operations until we found ourselves subscribing in practice, from sheer neglect, to a theory which very few would consciously hold—that the individual existed for the sake of the state.*

## BRANCHES.

### LONDON.

The Manager and Staff, London Stores, again take this opportunity of extending to the Directors and Departmental Managers the Seasonal Greetings for Christmas, 1950, and the hope that the New Year will bring increased prosperity to the Firm.

We should like also to convey our Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our customers, thanking them for their valued patronage during the current year, and trust that every satisfaction has been accorded them.

The completion of fifty years' service with the Firm by Mr. A. W. C. Bowyer, Home Trade Manager, was of great interest to all here in London. We add our congratulations to Mr. Bowyer, particularly as a number of London Staff have known him quite well over the years. We feel sure that certain of our customers in the London Area also have pleasant recollections of Mr. Bowyer's visits during the years until 1930, and will wish to be included in our best wishes to him.

We welcome to our travelling staff Mr. J. A. Sinclair, who is now "learning the ropes" under the able guidance of our old friend, Mr. J. F. C. Bowyer, on temporary duty after retirement. Mr. Bowyer is as fit as ever, and tells us he "enjoys every minute of his voluntary recall," meeting again his many old friends.

Mr. J. A. Sinclair is replacing Mr. L. Marsland, who has left the Firm after a short term of duty, and we take this opportunity of recommending Mr. Sinclair to all customers in his Area, thanking them for their continued loyal co-operation.

Mr. S. M. Penlerick, London Manager, presided at a pleasant ceremony at Wandsworth Road on August 18th, when, on behalf of the Staff, he presented a cheque to Mr. H. A. Sheppard, Accounts Office, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss H. P. Daniel.

The ceremony was at St. Mary's Church, Plymouth, from which Branch (Devonport) Mr. Sheppard joined us some two years ago.

We are printing a photo of the "happy couple" and wish them every happiness and success for their future.



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### The Happy Couple.

The topic for 1951 is the "Festival of Britain" Celebrations. A great deal of work has been done already, both on the South Bank site and in and around Battersea Park, where an amusement park is being created.

We look forward to the festivities, believing that they will attract many visitors to the Metropolis.

Battersea Park is within half a mile of the "Plough Brewery," and we shall offer our unrivalled facilities in an endeavour to increase the pleasure of those who will be celebrating here.

In the Football World the continued success of the Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur Football Clubs is giving great satisfaction. We are confidently predicting the destination of both the First League Championship and the Football Association Cup. The Firm's products are proving their popularity at both White Hart Lane and Highbury.

#### STAINES.

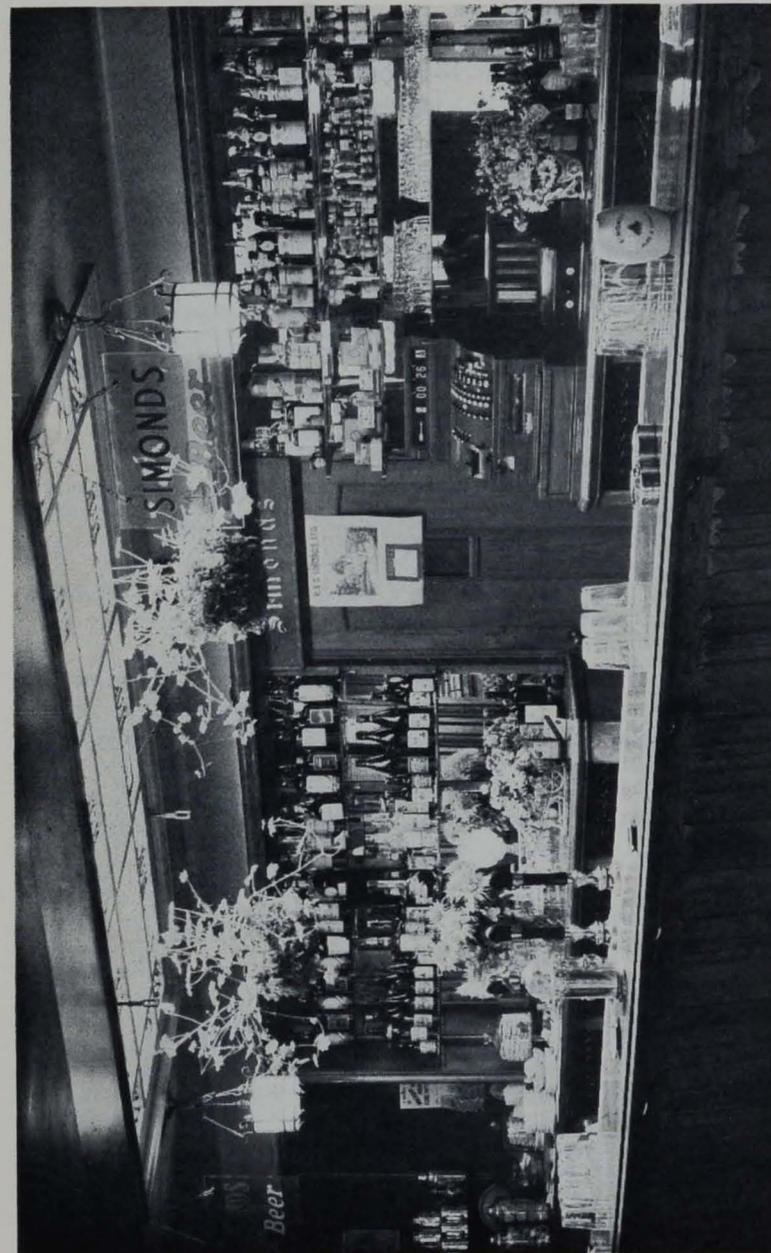
All members of the Staff at Staines, including our new colleagues from Woking, send Heartiest Greetings to our Directors for Christmas and to our friends at all Branches, also to our many customers.

#### THE "CARPENTERS' ARMS," WINDSOR.

The visitor to the Carpenter's Arms, Windsor, who sees a black and white rabbit hopping around the public bar need not worry. Besides "Whisky" the rabbit, there is "Raf" the black and white dog, and at night they are joined by a black and white cat who has chosen the saloon bar as its bedroom.



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"Raf" and "Whisky."



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The Stag and Hounds, Ashford. View of one of the Bars.

"Whisky" is the star attraction, and has an interesting life story. One evening he was brought to Mr. R. E. Miller, the tenant, as an intended dinner, who, being busy at the time, placed the sack on the bar floor where its wriggling soon attracted the attention of the customers. Unable to satisfy their curiosity, Mr. Miller opened the sack, and out jumped "Whisky," who did a quick run round the bar. It was at once the unanimous opinion of all that he should be kept as a pet. To-day, two-and-a-half years later, "Whisky" has become immensely popular, and his fame has spread throughout the country, many visitors to Windsor demanding to see the rabbit they have heard so much about. "Whisky" reacts instantly when his name is called, and enjoys the many titbits brought to him. He is particularly fond of beer, but is apt to get too frisky if he imbibes too much.

It is most unusual to find a rabbit and dog, who live so happily together; they are indeed the best of friends.

#### STAINES AND DISTRICT "HOP LEAF" DARTS LEAGUE.

Interest in the Staines and District "Hop Leaf" Darts League for the 1950-51 season is as high as in previous seasons, and many keen matches have already been played and thoroughly enjoyed by those who were able to be present.

At the time of going to press the positions of the teams in the two Sections are as follows:—

#### Section 1.

	<i>Pts.</i>
Foresters' Arms, Chalvey ... ..	10
Swan, Staines ... ..	10
Morning Star, Datchet ("A") ... ..	8
Stag and Hounds, Virginia Water ... ..	8
Prince of Wales, Englefield Green ... ..	8
Three Horse Shoes, Feltham ("A") ... ..	7
Nag's Head, Slough ... ..	7
Royal Oak, Slough ... ..	6
Ostrich, Colnbrook ... ..	6
Morning Star, Datchet ("B") ... ..	6
Plough, Horton ... ..	5
Beehive, Egham ... ..	5
Rising Sun, Datchet ... ..	5
Robin Hood, Egham ... ..	—

#### Section 2.

	<i>Pts.</i>
H. & G. Simonds, Ltd., Staines ... ..	12
Railway Hotel, Staines ... ..	9
Shears, Sunbury ... ..	9
Duke of Wellington, Bedfont ... ..	8
Feathers, Laleham ... ..	8
Rising Sun, Stanwell ... ..	8
Phoenix, Staines ... ..	8
Three Horse Shoes, Feltham ("B") ... ..	7
Airman, Feltham ... ..	7
Railway Tavern, Feltham ... ..	7
Jolly Gardeners, Sunbury ... ..	6
Garibaldi, Staines ... ..	6
Three Horse Shoes, Shepperton ... ..	4
Load of Hay, Bedfont ... ..	3

#### HOUNSLOW AND DISTRICT "HOP LEAF" DARTS LEAGUE.

The energetic and enterprising Secretary of the Hounslow and District "Hop Leaf" Darts League, Mr. E. Markham (North Star, Hounslow), together with his Committee, has arranged a full programme for this season, and the customers at the competing houses have already witnessed many close games. The following are the league positions to date:—

	<i>Pts.</i>
Royal Horseguardsman, Brentford ("B") ... ..	17
Jolly Farmer, Lampton (Saloon) ... ..	16
Elm Tree, Heston ... ..	15
Royal Horseguardsman, Brentford ("A") ... ..	13
Jolly Farmer, Lampton (Public Bar) ... ..	13
Prince Arthur, West Ealing ("A") ... ..	12
Royal Tar, Brentford ... ..	11
Prince Albert, Whitton ... ..	10
Three Pigeons, Ealing ... ..	9
Jolly Waggoners, Hounslow (Public Bar) ... ..	9
Jolly Waggoners, Hounslow (Saloon) ... ..	8
Royal Albion, Hounslow ... ..	7
Prince Arthur, West Ealing ("B") ... ..	7
North Star, Hounslow ... ..	3

#### LEATHERHEAD W.A. BOXING CLUB.

A very pleasant evening was recently spent at the Leatherhead Working Men's Club on the occasion of the first season's Tournament between the Leatherhead W.A. Boxing Club and Alford House, Lambeth.

We were pleased to see so many old friends present, and the very keen contests brought roars of applause and approval from a crowded hall. The proceedings were, as usual, under the capable Chairmanship of Mr. Tom Boast, who was ably assisted by Mr. E. Lumley (Secretary) and Mr. R. Harris (Treasurer).

The Working Men's Club at Leatherhead is indeed fortunate in having such an excellent hall as part of the Club premises, and the members of the Club are doubly fortunate in having a Committee which is taking full advantage of the available facilities.

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OXFORD.

CHRISTMAS, 1950.

All at Oxford Stores send Greetings and Best Wishes for Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to the Directors, and all our colleagues of H. & G. S., Ltd., and Associated Companies at headquarters, and all Branches at home and abroad.

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FARNBOROUGH.

With the approach of Christmas, all at Farnborough Branch take this opportunity to send their very Best Wishes to the Directors and to their colleagues at Reading, Branches and Associated Companies, for a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

May we also extend these greetings to our military customers in the Aldershot area!

We regret to record the death, in a motoring accident, of Mr. Herbert Jack Peck, the popular caterer at the Sergeants' Mess, No. 1 Company, Royal Army Medical Corps, McGrigor Barracks, Aldershot.

Mr. Peck was returning from a visit to his brother when the car in which he was travelling as a passenger crashed into a bridge at Ripley on Sunday evening, November 5th.

The funeral took place on Friday, November 10th, at St. George's Garrison Church, Aldershot.

To his widow and family we extend our sincerest sympathy in their tragic loss.

BRIGHTON.

We send Seasonal Greetings to the Directors, the Staff at Reading and all Branches, also to our friends in the Trade, and wish them all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We are very pleased indeed to record the following ceremony:—

BOMBED CLUB REBUILT.

OPENING OF WEST TARRING WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

<i>President</i>	...	Mr. C. Courtnadge.
<i>Vice-President</i>	...	Mr. G. Fuller.
<i>Trustees</i>	...	Messrs. W. Clarke, W. Ball and W. Duffield.
<i>Secretary</i>	...	Mr. W. Lennard.
<i>Committee</i>	...	Messrs. G. Tuppin, F. Blackmore, H. Duval, H. Stringer, J. James, H. J. Anderson, T. Biggs, F. Steer, E. Grevatt and G. Fields.



Photo by South Farm Studios, Broadwater, Worthing.  
The Opening Ceremony.

In the dark war days of 1943, the West Tarring Working Men's Club and Institute was destroyed by enemy action. Now it has arisen phoenix-like from the ashes, rebuilt on modern, yet pleasing lines.

The climax to so much hard work by the Committee came on June 24th, when Brigadier O. L. Prior Palmer, D.S.O. (M.P. for Worthing) officially opened the Club.

There was a pleasing little ceremony when, after the Brigadier had run up the Union Jack on the flagstaff, he was photographed with the oldest members of the Club.

Over 400 members and friends then inspected the new premises which were greatly admired, after which they enjoyed the Committee's hospitality. At the meeting which followed, the President of the Club, Mr. C. Courtnadge, was supported by Alderman H. J. Mason, of Worthing, Mr. S. L. Kirk, Messrs. Phillips and Kirk, Architects, the Rev. H. W. L. Henshaw, together with Mr. E. D. Penlerick (Manager) and Mr. G. E. Ashdown, of Messrs. H. & G. Simonds, Ltd., Brewers.

In a short speech, the President said the Club had been rebuilt at a cost of £16,000, and a great debt of gratitude was due to Brigadier Palmer for the great interest he had shown in the Club.

Responding, Brigadier Palmer said the members were to be congratulated on having such a splendid new building. He was sure that if Hitler had known that such a fine building was going to arise, he doubted whether he would have allowed the original club building to have been bombed. After he had been presented with a silver cup, the Brigadier was invited behind the bar to serve himself a drink, so that the members could say with all honesty that an M.P. had served behind the bar.

Speeches were also made by Mr. S. L. Kirk, Alderman Mason, the Rev. Henshaw and Mr. Penlerick, who assured the Club members that Simonds would give them the service for which their name was renowned.

We feel we cannot conclude without special mention of the capable cheerfulness of the Head Steward, Arthur Webb, and his assistants.

The Club is one of the Firm's oldest customers, and any visitor will be most welcome and can be sure of "Hop Leaf" beers at their best.

### LUDGERSHALL.

We take this opportunity of extending to the Directors and all at Reading and Branches the Hearty Christmas Greetings of Ludgershall and Andover staffs.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. J. Saunders. He was a very old servant of the Firm, who went to pension at the conclusion of the last war.

He was formerly employed in our Bottling Store, but during the camping seasons prior to the war did yeoman service in pitching canvas on the many and various camps which we supplied.

Although the summer brought us a Territorial canvas camp at Windmill Hill the strength of the Units was not up to pre-war standards, but with the influx of National Service men, next year should see quite an increase.

Tidworth Barracks are still under reconstruction, but gradually the scheme of things to come seems to be taking shape.

During the year we lost the services of Mr. R. Ayers, who has joined his wife's family in Australia. From letters received it would appear that he is doing very well in his new surroundings, and we wish him all the best of luck.

### PORTSMOUTH.

On Friday, September 29th, 1950, the Havant British Legion Bowling Club wound up a successful season with a well attended Dinner and Dance at their headquarters.

Mr. J. H. Clutterbuck (Hon. Secretary) praised the lady members: "Not only do they help to make a fine spirit in the Club and patronise our rinks well, but men look to them to provide a substitute, as happened once this season when the team was short."

In spite of the weather, they have had one of the best seasons ever, winning nine games.

There were cries of "No!" when Sir Dymoke White, Bart., who has been President for 30 years, proposed to resign to make room for younger men. Mr. L. Hinton (Vice-President), toasting

the Bowling Club, drew applause when he said that there was never a time when the spirit of the British Legion was more needed than it was at the moment.

The British Legion has great work to do still.

Mr. E. A. Watts welcomed "Our Guests and the President" and Mr. R. Forbes replied.

On behalf of the Club, Mr. Davies (Chairman) presented Mr. Hinton with a framed Press picture of the Vice-President bowling the first "wood" of the season.

We reproduce a photograph of the happy gathering at dinner.



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Another summer season has passed, and although the weather has not this year enabled Southsea to justify its adjective of "sunny," we believe most traders to have been satisfied with the business completed. Although in close proximity to the Isle of Wight where, at the height of the season there was an outbreak of "polio" and when the cancellations of visitors' bookings caused serious losses to hotels and the licensed trade, Southsea and Hayling did not seem unduly affected.

We congratulate Mr. H. C. Hay, of our Delivery Office, on his marriage on October 7th, 1950, to Miss R. J. Hardingham, of Portsmouth. On the eve of the wedding, Miss Hardingham was invited to the offices, where all the staff had gathered to toast and wish the happy couple long life and happiness. Our Chief Clerk, Mr. Bryson, then made a presentation of an electric clock, and a set of saucepans to Mr. Hay and his fiancée who, in turn thanked all present. Mrs. Holman also made a presentation of a coffee percolator, on behalf of herself and Mr. Holman.

A photograph of the happy couple is shown herewith.



Photo by: Pictorial Press Agency, Southsea.

The finals of the competition for "Colonel Hobbs Brooch" were played at the Royal Naval Engineers' Benevolent Memorial Society Club, Southsea, on Wednesday, November 8th, between Mr. "Polly" Punter and Mr. Len Pitman. A crowded Club saw Mr. Pitman gain the prize after very keen games. The competition included playing darts, snooker and billiards, and needless to say, was played in its entirety with the greatest keenness and sportsmanship. The winner's prize was a valuable gold brooch presented for the competition by Colonel Hobbs.

The social evenings at this Club are greatly enjoyed by the members of what must be one of the finest "purely naval" clubs in existence to-day.

Members of the British Legion, No. 1 Club, Queen's Crescent, Southsea, and the British Legion Club, Havant, enjoyed a grand evening together at Havant when the No. 1's visited the Havant British Legion. This first visit was well supported by some fifty visitors, and the Havant British Legion are to pay a return visit in the near future. The energetic Sports Committee of the No. 1 Club are out to make the next evening a great success also.

The members of the Southsea Sea Angling Club have again enjoyed a successful season's sport. Two of the outstanding events were of course the Children's Fishing Festival, in which a record number competed, and the Southsea Sea Angling Festival.

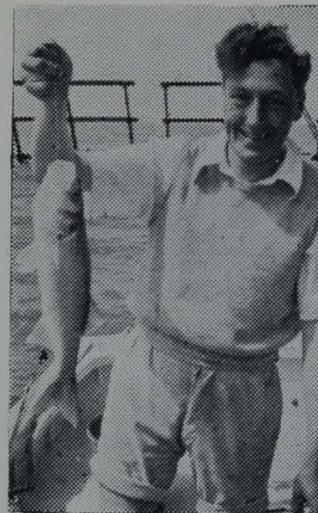
In the Children's Festival over 650 competed with no little success and particularly on the last day of the competition there were some quite amazing catches. The prizes were very numerous and the Committee are to be congratulated on the terrific success of their organisation, which involved Club members giving up their spare time for the sake of the kiddies.

We show on opposite page photographs of two of the members of the Southsea Sea Angling Club, Mr. R. G. Tremlett and Mr. J. A. Knowler.

We are indebted to the *Portsmouth Evening News* for the following remarks which are reprinted from that paper:—

ANGLERS' (TRUE) STORY TO BEAT THEM ALL.  
FISH "BAG" ENOUGH TO FEED A TOWN.

"Two members of the Southsea Sea Angling Club, Mr. R. G. Tremlett and Mr. J. A. Knowler, have, once again, had excellent sport with bass during their annual fishing holiday. They caught enough fish to feed a small town.



Mr. Knowler.



Photos by *Evening News, Portsmouth.*

Mr. Tremlett.

"The fine weather has enabled them to cruise farther afield than in previous years, and almost every mark from The Needles to Selsey Bill had been fished to such good effect that the total bag for 12 days amounted to 472 fish, weighing 1,433 lbs.

"Two days were spent cruising along the north-west shore of the Wight between Wootton and The Needles in an endeavour to establish new bass marks.

"The best fishing was had at Seaview, Selsey and Pilsea Island in Chichester Harbour. Best catch for a single day was 108 fish, weighing 340 lbs. and was made at Seaview with Dr. Burnham Slipper aboard. This beats the previous record of 240 lbs. set up by the same three anglers last year. The best single fish, a bass of 8 lbs. 6 ozs., fell to Tremlett's rod at Selsey. With the exception of a few six-pounders, all the fish were around the 3 lb. mark. Light salmon spinning rods were used with nylon lines of from 9 to 15 lb. breaking strain and the bait used throughout was sand eel."

Last season the Portsmouth Football Club successfully held the League Championship Cup for the second year in succession. All the many supporters and admirers of the team had high hopes of them repeating the performance again this season and achieving the "hat trick."

At the time of writing these notes they are in the bottom half of the league table with only fourteen points from fifteen matches played, and the chances of them performing this feat seem pretty slender, although there is still approximately two-thirds of the football season yet to come, and therefore time for a recovery.

The chief reason one can give for their present low position is that the team has been dogged by injuries to several "key" players, and have not the experienced reserves to step in to take their places.

When the team is at full strength they are still capable of defeating the best opposition. Here's wishing the lads good luck for the games that lie ahead!

We should like to congratulate "Jimmy" Dickinson, their clever left half-back for again being selected to play for England.

The Landport Liberal Club held their Annual Dinner and Dance on October 27th, 1950.

Two hundred guests and members attended the Dinner, and afterwards were joined by another fifty for the dancing to the band of Jimmy Harris and his well-known broadcasting orchestra.

The President's after-dinner speech called the attention of the members to the fact that the alterations to the Club premises were nearing completion, and pointed out the extra facilities that would be available.

Captain R. R. Clay, who replied for the visitors, said that it was always one of his greatest pleasures to attend this annual event, as everyone was always assured of an enjoyable evening because of the atmosphere of cordiality that prevailed.

Mr. W. Prince replied for the members, and in his short address introduced to the company present Mr. W. Hill, the oldest member on the books of the Club, who has 56 years' unbroken membership.

Speeches were short, as all were anxious to enjoy the dancing and bar facilities.

The care of the guests was in the capable hands of the senior officers of the Club, Mr. R. W. Bridgman (President), Mr. S. E. Heather (Vice-President) and the Secretary, Mr. R. Hatton. The M.C. duties were shared by the Assistant Secretary, Mr. L. Lennon, and Mr. L. Bever, of the Sports and Social Committee.

This year's Dinner was considered the most successful held since the end of the war, and is an event in the Club's social life that never fails to give every satisfaction to all who attend.



Photo by: Maurice Studios, Southsea, Hants.

#### SWINDON.

Through the medium of this Christmas number of the HOP LEAF GAZETTE we send our Best Wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year to the Directors of our great Firm, the Staff at Reading and the Branches, and to all our friends and customers.

On Wednesday, October 17th, our friends, the 3rd Batt. Parachute Regiment, Chiseldon, paid us a visit. Second Lieut. T. N. Taylor was in charge of a party of twenty-five N.C.O's and men, who were taken on a tour of our bottling stores by Mr. R. C. Pitts, and were most interested in our production of bottled beers.

The visit was concluded by the party enjoying a glass of bottled beer, which, they all agreed, was in excellent condition and Lieut. T. N. Taylor extended to us the thanks of the party for a very interesting and instructive visit. We wish them well at their new station at Aldershot.

## BRISTOL.

The shortening days and recurring fogs leave no doubt in our minds as to the season now with us. The departing year has likewise darkened many of our hopes and clouded our thoughts. Countless millions so anxiously desire "Peace on earth and goodwill to men," yet it still seems utterly unattainable, despite the almost incredible achievements of the past and the world-wide fields of both materialistic and scientific promise which open out before us. We shall leave 1950 behind without many regrets, but in the sincere hope that the New Year may be remembered as one which heralded the dawn of a new way of life, where the spectres of war, aggression and intolerance were banished from civilisation by the unified efforts of all mankind. We pray it may be so!

In this hope we wish our ever-kindly Directors a Happy Christmastide, with a New Year of less tension and difficulties. May 1951 see an easing of the grave problems which for so long have faced our Trade in particular, and our Empire as a whole, and not forgetting our colleagues at Headquarters and Branches, who unstintingly guide and support us year by year—our sincerest thanks and good wishes for Christmas and 1951.

Two old and valuable Jacob Street employees received gifts from their colleagues recently.

Miss Emma Spackman, who had given most valuable and conscientious aid in the Bottled Beer Department since 1912—always cheerful and on time, and set a great example to us all.

Mr. Edwin Miles, who since 1919 had a grand record as lorry driver. During the late war he drove his old Leyland and trailer in all conditions, day by day, despite air raids or weather, and never failed to return on time even when Bristol was "under fire."

The recognition, in their retirements, by the Board of Directors in awarding each of them a suitable pension was surely never better deserved.

## THE BRIDGE INN, YATTON.

The death of our tenant, Mr. J. W. Wharton, after a long illness, was deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends. He was well known in this area, before becoming a licensee, as the representative of Messrs. Mullards, the radio and electrical

equipment manufacturers. Always of a cheerful disposition and a good "mixer," he put in some good work at the "Bridge" when he took over the tenancy in 1939, which he consolidated until his tragic and unexpected illness made it impossible for him to actively supervise it. Subsequently Mrs. Wharton carried on under great difficulties and as a result she has now been accepted as licensee and tenant. We wish her the fullest success after the very plucky way she kept things going. She surely deserves it!

The following other changes of tenancy have taken place in recent months:—

The White Hart, Horsefair—Mr. Bob Wright (of Charlton A.F.C. fame).

The King's Arms, Lawrence Hill—Mr. A. L. Hibbs.  
Off Licence, 144, Stapleton Road, Bristol—Mr. S. F. Tremain.

The Windsor Castle, Bedminster—Mr. J. A. Nelson.  
The Ship, Oldbury-on-Severn—Mr. H. G. Seymour.  
The Royal George, Thornbury—Mr. W. C. Evans.

Our good wishes for the future to these new "Hop Leaf" supporters, and to our old stalwarts, too. May the New Year be a good one for them all!

## THE TAMAR BREWERY, DEVONPORT.

The Staff of the Tamar Brewery send Hearty Christmas and New Year Greetings to our Chairman and Managing Director, the Board of Directors, colleagues at Head Office and Branches at home and overseas, to tenants and our many friends in the Free Wholesale Trade.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing Mr. C. Bennett good health and every happiness on his retirement, and to record our appreciation of his co-operation and guidance, which has always been so readily given to us.

We also extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. S. H. Spurling on his promotion to Estates Manager, and wish him every success and good health during his term of office.

## SIMONDS SOCIAL CLUB:

"HOP LEAF" DARTS LEAGUE AND FOOTBALL TEAM.

Winter activities being very young, it would be unwise to make any predictions as to the final positions of the football team and the "A" and "B" darts teams.

Simonds S.C., A.F.C., is holding its own in the higher division it has joined this season, and whilst most of last season's players are still available there has been an influx of younger members which tends to strengthen the membership of the football club. The record of the team to date is as follows:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
8	4	1	3	37	15	9

The "A" darts team are having a fairly successful season so far in the "Hop Leaf" darts league, winning 8 games and losing 4. This performance "tops" any of their four previous seasons.

The "B" team, however, are suffering from the 4—5 losing habit, but they managed to reverse this when they met their rivals—the "A" team.

The darts league at present stands as follows:—

Team.	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Weston Mill ... ..	12	11	1	78	30	22
Camel's Head ... ..	11	10	1	66	33	20
Lord Beresford ("A") ... ..	11	9	2	61	38	18
Stoke Vaults ... ..	11	8	3	55	44	16
Abbey ("A") ... ..	12	8	4	61	47	16
Simonds Social Club ("A") ... ..	12	8	4	57	51	16
Swan ... ..	11	6	5	56	43	12
Standard ("A") ... ..	11	6	5	53	46	12
Lord Beresford ("B") ... ..	11	5	6	46	53	10
Standard ("B") ... ..	11	5	6	43	56	10
Steambridge ... ..	11	5	6	53	56	10
Tamar ... ..	11	5	6	41	58	10
Simonds Social Club ("B") ... ..	11	4	7	44	57	8
Brown Bear ... ..	12	4	8	49	59	8
Abbey ("B") ... ..	12	4	8	47	61	8
Chester Cup ... ..	12	3	9	47	61	6
Freemason's Arms ... ..	11	3	8	37	62	6
Grapes Tavern ... ..	12	3	9	40	67	6
Prince Alfred ... ..	11	1	10	38	61	2

The Newquay British Legion Club and the followers of the Ashburton Arms, West Charleton, were entertained at the Club after spending the afternoon supporting Plymouth Argyle at Home Park.

A dance was held at the Exmouth Hall on Thursday, October 26th, which was well attended, especially by employees. The music was provided by the Exmouth Ballroom Orchestra and the evening was a great success.

It is intended to provide another Christmas Party for the children of Club members again this year, and arrangements are already well in hand. The standard maintained in former years is an assurance that the children will again have a most enjoyable time.

Congratulations to Mr. K. New, of the Bottling Department, on the birth of a daughter on October 17th. We understand Mrs. New and baby are both making good progress.

#### THE "LOCKYER," PLYMOUTH.

The "Lockyer," of which H. & G. Simonds, Ltd., acquired control in December, 1949, has now been transformed under the skilful hands of Messrs. Dudley Coles, the well-known Plymouth Contractors, in conjunction with Mr. Howie, of Messrs. Jordan and Cook, Ltd., Creative Furnishers, of Worthing. Messrs. Pophams, Ltd., of Plymouth, were responsible for practically the whole of the carpeting and curtains, whilst Messrs. Allsopp, of Torquay, dealt with possibly the most important side, equipping the kitchens with modern appliances in accordance with the most up-to-date standards of hygiene.

Much local interest has been shown in the new Mayflower Bar, with its New England theme, in which comfort has not been sacrificed to appearance; while the spacious restaurant, seating 70, together with its ante-room in which a cocktail bar is shortly to be installed, can truly be said to be one of the most pleasant places for dining in the West. A Private Room is also available for weddings, dinners and any other occasions.

Arrangements are now in hand to complete the renaissance of the "Lockyer," making the present sitting-room into a Regency Lounge, while the essentially masculine character of the Men's Bar will be retained.

Congratulations to Mr. A. G. Gould, our Cornwall representative, whose wife presented him with a daughter on September 11th last. We understand that both Mrs. Gould and daughter are progressing favourably.

We deeply regret having to record the death of Mr. W. W. Tucker, of the Shipwrights' Arms, Turnchapel, who passed away in the Royal Masonic Hospital on November 11th. The funeral service at the Central Hall, Plymouth, was attended by a large

number of business associates, including many members of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, of which he has been President for the past five years.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Tucker and his family.

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BRIDGEND.

CHRISTMAS, 1950.

To our Directors and our colleagues at Reading and Branches, the Staff at Bridgend Branch send Greetings and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

BRIDGEND CHALLENGE NEWPORT!

On Wednesday, the 18th October last, a party from Messrs. Phillips & Sons, Ltd., Newport, was entertained by members of Bridgend Branch to a social evening at the York Hotel, Bridgend. Very interesting, keen games of table tennis were witnessed, but our Newport friends proved to be far too good for us, winning all sets. In the darts matches, too, Newport were the victors.

Mr. S. C. Saunders, South Wales Manager, thanked all present for helping to make the evening a success, and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wernet for the excellent catering arrangements. He also thanked Mr. Howard Smith, Ye Olde Brewery House, for very kindly loaning the table-tennis table for the evening.

The invitation extended to us by our Newport colleagues for a return contest on their "home ground" was readily accepted.

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We regret to record that a member of our Transport Staff, Mr. E. Young, is still in hospital, following an accident at Porthcawl on September 13th last. His colleagues and all members of the Clerical Staff wish him a speedy recovery and an early return to duty.

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PHILLIPS & SONS, LIMITED, NEWPORT.

The Staff at Newport wish to convey to the Directors and the whole of their comrades in the Combine a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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It is with very deep regret that we have to record the passing of Lt.-Col. Herbert Phillips, M.C., who met with a most unfortunate accident while rabbit shooting.

Col. Herbert Phillips was the son of the late Mr. Edward Phillips, a previous Chairman of the Company, and a grandson of the late Mr. Thomas Phillips, the founder of the Company.

His unfortunate and untimely passing has cast a great gloom over us all at Newport, where, through his genial personality and thoughtfulness for all, he had endeared himself to the hearts of all connected with Phillips & Sons, Limited.

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RETIREMENT OF MR. W. DAVIES, OFFICE STAFF.

On Thursday, November 16th, the staff met at Station Street for the purpose of wishing a happy retirement to a colleague who had spent 34 years amongst them.

The gathering was presided over by Mr. S. C. Saunders, who echoed the feelings of all present when he regretted the early retirement of Mr. Davies owing to ill-health, but hoped that the resulting rest would greatly benefit him. He then called upon Mr. W. E. Hall to make a presentation on behalf of the staff.

Mr. Hall also expressed regret at Mr. Davies' early retirement, and paid tribute to his fortitude in enduring his physical disability during the past years, "and," said Mr. Hall, "I now have pleasure in asking you to accept this fireside chair and stool from the staff, and hope that it will bring you many hours of comfort during your retirement."

In response, Mr. Davies thanked everyone for their kindness, and said that it was a great wrench to break such a long association, but unfortunately he felt that he was unable to carry on.

A few words expressing good wishes were also spoken by Mr. F. H. Weller, Mr. C. W. Snell, Mr. T. H. Antill and Mrs. M. Davies.

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QUEEN'S HOTEL, NEWPORT.

During the past twenty months the Queen's Hotel, Newport, Monmouthshire, has been transformed, under the control of the Hotels and Catering Department of Messrs. H. & G. Simonds, Ltd., the Reading and Newport Brewers, into one of the most modern and up-to-date hotels in South Wales.

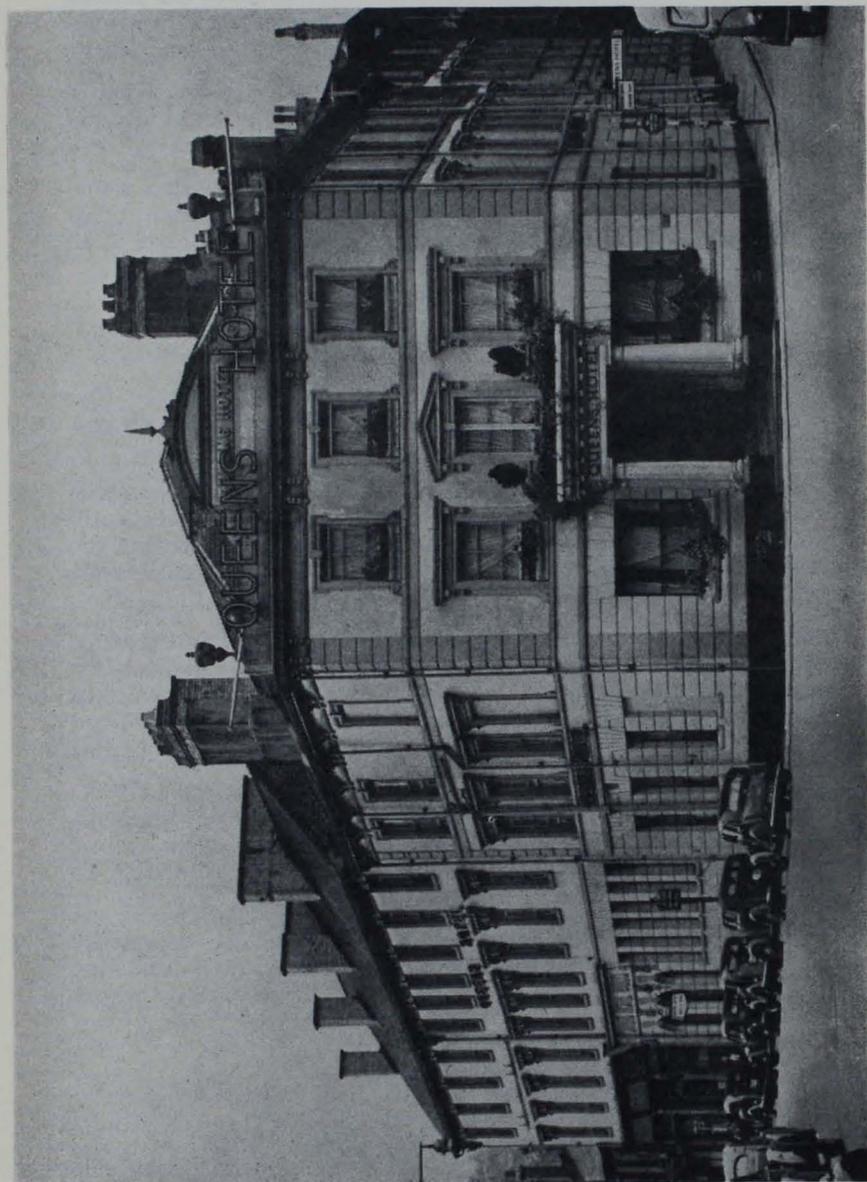


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**General view of Queen's, Newport.**



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**The Cocktail Bar.**



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**The Restaurant looking towards service and entrance.**

The redecoration scheme throughout is one of warm comfort, both tasteful and modern. All bedrooms have been refurbished in the most modern style. On the ground floor a new Cocktail Bar takes the place of the old commercial room, and a new Restaurant, seating eighty-five persons, has risen from the ashes of the old billiards room. Amongst other amenities included in the refurnishing scheme are residents' lounge, writing room and private dining room, all on the first floor.

It is not only those parts of the hotel in the public eye which have received attention; the kitchen and servery have been completely re-equipped with the most up-to-date equipment by Messrs. Sumerling & Co., Ltd.

Further plans visualised for the "Queen's" by Mr. H. C. Davis, Manager of Messrs. H. & G. Simonds, Ltd., Hotels and Catering Department, are the provision of garage accommodation, the adaptation of the old Restaurant into a Winter Garden and the modernisation of the present public bar with the addition of a games room.

The policy is consistent with that of the thirty-seven Hotels and Catering Houses controlled by the Company: "The maximum of comfort and service at the lowest possible tariff." The volume of business now being enjoyed is ample evidence that this policy is loyally observed by the management, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Rush, and their efficient staff.



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