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*The Brewery,
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Oxford.*

12th. May, 1954.

Mr J. A. Quick,
Secretary,
Ancient Junketting,
Bampton.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your letter of the 7th. instant and have read with interest your programme for Whit Saturday.

In the event of two of our patrons winning we shall be very pleased to donate the necessary five gallons of Ale and our tenant of the Jubilee, Mr R. H. Pratley will be seeing you to make the arrangements.

Wishing you all success in your efforts.

Yours faithfully,
for GARNE & SONS LTD.

J. K. Wilkinson

Director.

The Publicity Manager,
Messrs Hall's Oxford Brewery Ltd.,
Oxford.

14th. May, 1954.

Re The Great Shirt Race at Bampton
7.30. Whit. Saturday, 1954

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find the original Shirt Race Notice. The revival of the Race last year drew a large crowd and twenty one pairs started.

Please forgive our temerity, but in view of the gentle publicity and stimulous to the licensed trade, could we expect to benefit from your generosity to the extent of five gallons of ale?

This only in the event of two of your patrons winning.

A little judicious advertising has been arranged and a select committee will sponsor a collection for local old age pensioners, so the Race this time will be of more tangible service to the community.

Your Houses will not be visited this time, as the Race has been rerouted to take in the Inns missed last year. However we are expecting several of your patrons to enter.

Trusting to hear from you soon, and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

J.A.Quick.
Secretary.

THE GREAT SHIRT RACE 1954

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At the Annual General Meeting of the S.P.A.J. it was decided by popular uproar to continue the Shirt Race. Also the following Regulations were proposed and adopted with no dissenters whatsoever; and just as well.

This year's route:- Start at top of Broad St., on to George and Dragon, Lamb, Malt Shovel, Jubilee, New, and first in the entrance of the Swan Inn the Winners.

Four Watchers of the highest integrity at each house.

Watchers will receive a high class badge (with chain) in due course.

Vehicles to have numbers for the Watcher's benefit.

Vehicles to have means of audible warning, i.e. bell, horn, whistle, trumpet, or portable harmonium.

Vehicles specially designed for Shirt Racing to be handicapped if the Watchers consider it necessary.

Entrance fees will be collected seven days before the Race, including 10d. for numbers.

Numbers not plainly shewn will disqualify.

After the Watchers, ^{AT THE FIRST STOP} have observed that all refreshments have been absorbed in a right and proper fashion, it is their duty to proceed quickly to the next stop to assist their friends in seeing drinks are being rightfully dispensed. So eight watchers proceed to the third stop and so on. At the New Inn, for the last reviver, it is hoped to have one watcher for each pair of racers.

We are indebted to the Generosity of the Brewers' for the first Prize, and there is also a supplementary prize of a famous "You've got to get out of Bed" Steam Alarm Mark 3.

Public Address, crowd control, and technical administration by Quick Bros.

Super Men from foreign parts also wish to attend

and will be accepted in a limited number.

To make this Notable Sporting Event of more tangible service to the Community, a Select Committee has been formed to sponsor a collection for the Local Old Age Pensioners.

Iron Men please append your names in pairs:-

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HOCKEY FIELD

The Official Journal of the A.E.W.H.A.

Edited by Marjorie Pollard

THE DEANERY, BAMPTON, OXFORD

Telephone Bampton Castle 277

June, 9th, 1957

Received from the Shirt Racers
for safe keeping:

Twenty-six pounds, seven shillings
and four pence half-penny.

£26 : 7 : 4½d

J. S. Whitehead.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF OXFORD

(EXCLUSIVE OF THE BOROUGH OF BANBURY)

Street Collections and Sales

(6 & 7 Geo. 5 c. 31 and County Regulations)

Permission is hereby given to John Arthur Quick,

of Bampton, Oxford,

to make a Street Collection (or hold a Sale) for the benefit of the

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT JUNKETTING
BAMPTON OLD AGE PENSIONERS' CHRISTMAS

Fund on Saturday the 16th day of May ~~194~~ 1959

at Bampton, Oxfordshire -----

subject to the County Regulations (see overleaf):

Dated the 16th day of April 194 1959.



J. Baimy
Chief Constable

CONDITIONS

- (1) No collection or sale shall be made except upon the day or days and between the hours stated in the permit.
- (2) The Chief Constable may, in granting a permit, limit a collection or sale to such streets or public places as he thinks fit.
- (3) No person may assist in any collection or sale without the written authority of the person or body of persons to whom the permit has been granted. Every person so authorized shall produce such written authority forthwith for inspection by any Police Officer on demand.
- (4) No collection or sale shall be made in any part of the carriage-way of any street, nor shall any collection or sale be made on the footpath to the obstruction or annoyance of any person in such street or public place.
- (5) No person under the age of 16 years shall act or be permitted to act as a collector or vendor.

The SOCIETY for the PRESERVATION of ANCIENT JUNKETTING
Bampton in the Bush

QUALIFICATIONS required and RULES to be OBSERVED
for Year No. 32 at the

(ORIGINAL) (and INCREDIBLE) GREAT SHIRT RACE

Trophies for the three fastest pairs in Seniors and Juniors
Prize for the Funniest Pair Overall

All must complete the Course to Qualify

Please answer the Questions, if you have a Problem tell the
Landlord and he will tell you his..

1. Are you Non Compost Mentis ?.....
2. Next of Kin (As if it matters) ?.....
3. Married (Nor that) ?.....
4. Or D.I.Y. ?.....
5. Are you thinking about it ?.....
6. All the time ?.....
7. Do your knees glow in the dark afterwards ?.....
8. Or would you sooner have played InterGalactic Ping Pong ?.....
9. Could you stop your Gallop at FULL CHAT with Partner of 108.9kg (WET) Weight in 57 Metres taking into account there is a following wind and you have 27 spokes loose. ?.....
10. The (Original) Great Shirt Race Motto is- "Let conscience be your only Guide and put the booze down your Inside".
11. Any Vehicle is in Order PROVIDING it can be propelled at a SMART TROT by FEET and be controlled in all Emergencies (See Rule 9)
12. Night Shirts or Long Fancy Dress should be worn for the Parade for the Funniest Turnout Overall at 6.30PM.. Ale, Challenge Cup and Trophies will be presented immediately after the Race.
13. JUNIOR RACE (up to ~~16~~¹¹) starts 7.15.. SENIOR RACE at 7.30 PM..
14. THE ROUTE.- START is near to the MORRIS CLOWN, on to the JUBILEE and the GEORGE & DRAGON with a Sedate Trot down Church Street to the EAGLE, Clog Down to the ELEPHANT & CASTLE, do a 360 to the HORSESHOE, and bang on right drift to the ROMANY,- last drink at the TALBOT HOTEL, AND -

AT POST OFFICE CORNER
FOR JUNIORS

FINISH IN FRONT OF W.I. VILLAGE HALL

15. We the undersigned will wire our Tyres, overhaul our Split Pins, abide by the RULES, follow the ROUTE, and try ever so hard to PLAY UP and PLAY the GAME. We also undertake herewith, and WHATSOEVER REGARDLESS, to absolve the Organisers and Promoters of the (ORIGINAL) Great Shirt Race from any Responsibility at any time..

NAMES.....

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FOREIGN CHALLENGERS GO DOWN BEFORE LOCAL SKILL

BAMPTON ENTRANTS WIN SHIRT RACE

Hundreds of people lined the streets of Bampton on Saturday night to watch the progress of competitors in "The Great Shirt Race," an annual Whitsuntide event.

Said to be a revival of a 19th-century custom, the race, now in its third year, gets its name from the fact that the entrants must all wear a long shirt or similar garment.

Competitors must also provide themselves with suitable means of transport such as a wheelbarrow, handcart or perambulator, on which one partner pushes the other through the town.

But that is not all. Another test of stamina is that the entrants must halt at six of the inns in the town and each drink half a pint of ale, and the walker must change places with the riders.

The race is organised by "The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing," whose president, Mr. J. A. Quick, has worked hard to ensure that the race will maintain its popularity.

Notices issued by the society displayed the rules in the licensed houses in the town.

Vehicles were required to have audible means of warning, such as, for example, "a bell, horn, whistle, trumpet or portable harmonium."

The rules also acknowledge the generosity of the brewers, the first prize being a four-and-a-half-gallon barrel of beer, the winners choosing from which house they want it according to their palate.

The course, about three-quarters of a mile, began this year at Weald Turn and finished

at a seventh inn, the "Swan."

The official starter, Ernest Shppard, was pushed in a wheel chair through the crowds, his official badge, a foot-long metal "S" for starter, hanging by a thick chain from his lapel.

A bigger field than ever—there were 13 pairs—presented a startling spectacle in their unusual garb as they stood waiting for the starter to fire his double-barrelled gun into the air to send them away.

There were three pairs of "foreigners" from distant Witney, and a couple of American visitors (although they live in Bampton) who were trying their hand at another old English custom.

The honour of the town was saved, however, for two old hands were first.

They were Cyril Smith and Robert Radband, who gained second place last year. The runners-up were Len Sweetingham and Roy Hall, also of Bampton, but "foreigners" George Hale and Charles Penny, from Witney, were in third place.

The Americans, Service men from the nearby United States Air Force Base at Brize Norton, were Sgt. James Everett and Cpl. Arthur Dews. Neither did they fare badly, for they came in fifth and not so far behind the winner.

The race will again benefit the old-age pensioners of Bampton, for, invited by the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. P. Bovington, over the public address system, to give generously, the crowds responded well to the cause.

As a result of the race last year, 28 old folk each received 10s. at Christmas.



The winners of the Bampton Shirt Race.



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24th May 1955.

Mr. J.A. Quick,
The Society for the Preservation
of Ancient Junketing,
Bampton,
Oxon.

Dear Sir,

The Great Shirt Race of Bampton, Whit-Saturday.

We thank you for your letter of the 17th instant.
We shall be pleased to donate $4\frac{1}{2}$ Gallons of Ale, as we did last
year, in the event of two of our patrons winning the above race.

Will you please advise us as to what arrangements you
would like us to make concerning the supply of this Beer.

Yours faithfully,
MORLAND & CO. LIMITED.

Manager.

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**Winners of the Senior “Original Great Shirt Race” from
1953 to 2011.**

1953	Harry Hampton	&	George Hunt
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55	Cyril Smith	&	Robert Radband
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57	Cyril Smith	&	Robert Radband
58	Thorarian Benediks	&	John Wixey
59	Frank Smith	&	Rodney Adams
1960	Frank Smith	&	Rodney Adams
61	Frank Smith	&	Rodney Adams
62	Frank Smith	&	Rodney Adams
63	Frank Smith	&	John Wixey
64	Frank Hudson	&	Jim Townsend
65	Frank Hudson	&	Jim Townsend
66	Bob Hudson	&	John Hudson
67	Mickey Smith	&	Richard Snook
68	Frank Hudson	&	Jim Townsend
69	Brian Radband	&	Rodney Adams
1970	Brian Radband	&	Michael Shanahan
71	John Wixey	&	Frank Smith
72	Bob Hudson	&	John Hudson
73	Mickey Smith	&	Richard Snook
74	Mickey Smith	&	Richard Snook
75	John Fox	&	Frank Piercy
76	Anthony Collett	&	Bryan Withers
77	Richard Buckingham	&	Anthony Collett
78	Richard Buckingham	&	Anthony Collett
79	Richard Buckingham	&	Anthony Collett
1980	Richard Buckingham	&	Anthony Collett
81	Gary Barber	&	Stephen Radband
82	Thomas Cole	&	Richard Buckingham
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84	Thomas Cole	&	Richard Buckingham
85	Martin Wheeler	&	Michael Beckett
86	Martin Wheeler	&	Michael Beckett
87	Anthony Collett	&	George Blackwell
88	Michael Beckett	&	S. Preston
89	Michael Beckett	&	G. Clack
1990	Michael Beckett	&	D. Beckett
91	Michael Beckett	&	G. Kane
92	Michael Beckett	&	Andrew Bridgeman
93	Michael Beckett	&	Andrew Bridgeman
94	Craig Godwin	&	D. Lawrence
95	Michael Beckett	&	Andrew Bridgeman
96	Craig Godwin	&	D. Lawrence
97	Michael Beckett	&	K. Curtis
98	Jack Wearne	&	J. Thomson
99	G. Benfield	&	Deane Barber
2000	G. Benfield	&	Deane Barber
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02	Michael Beckett	&	Andrew Bridgeman
03	T. Perry	&	A. Gardner
04	S. Godfrey	&	J. Shuker. jnr.
05	S. Godfrey	&	J. Shuker. jnr.
06	S. Godfrey	&	J. Shuker. jnr.
07	G. Barber	&	J. Barber
08	D. Barber	&	J. Barber
09	W. Money	&	M. Green
10	W. Money	&	M. Green
2011	Jacob Booty	&	Richard Stephens



Provision of substitute donkeys

Each operator should provide an adequate number of extra donkeys over and above the number calculated to take part in the races as substitutes for any donkeys that become ill or injured.

Provision of drinking water

Each operator must ensure that adequate drinking containers are taken to the venue and that clean, fresh drinking water is made available to the donkeys.

Provision of fodder

Should donkeys be away from their base stables for more than five hours, they must receive an adequate supply of fodder.

Riding tack

All tack used should be in proper repair and so constructed to fit the donkey correctly. The use of saddles and/or stirrups should be discouraged.

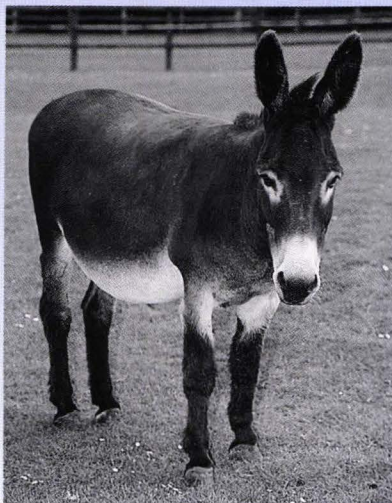
Donkey carts

Novelty races for adults must only take place in properly and safely fitted out donkey carts so designed and constructed to prevent injury to donkey and passenger or driver.



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01403 264181
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no. 219099
*We receive no State
or lottery aid*
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Grateful thanks are due to the Donkey Sanctuary, the National Equine Welfare Council and the Witley Racing Team for helpful comments in compiling these guidelines.



RSPCA/KEN MCKAY

Safety hats

It is recommended that riders use their own safety hats but, in cases where they are not available, the operator should have an adequate supply which must be in good condition and correctly fitted with chin straps.

No rider should be permitted to ride without a hat.

Rest period between races

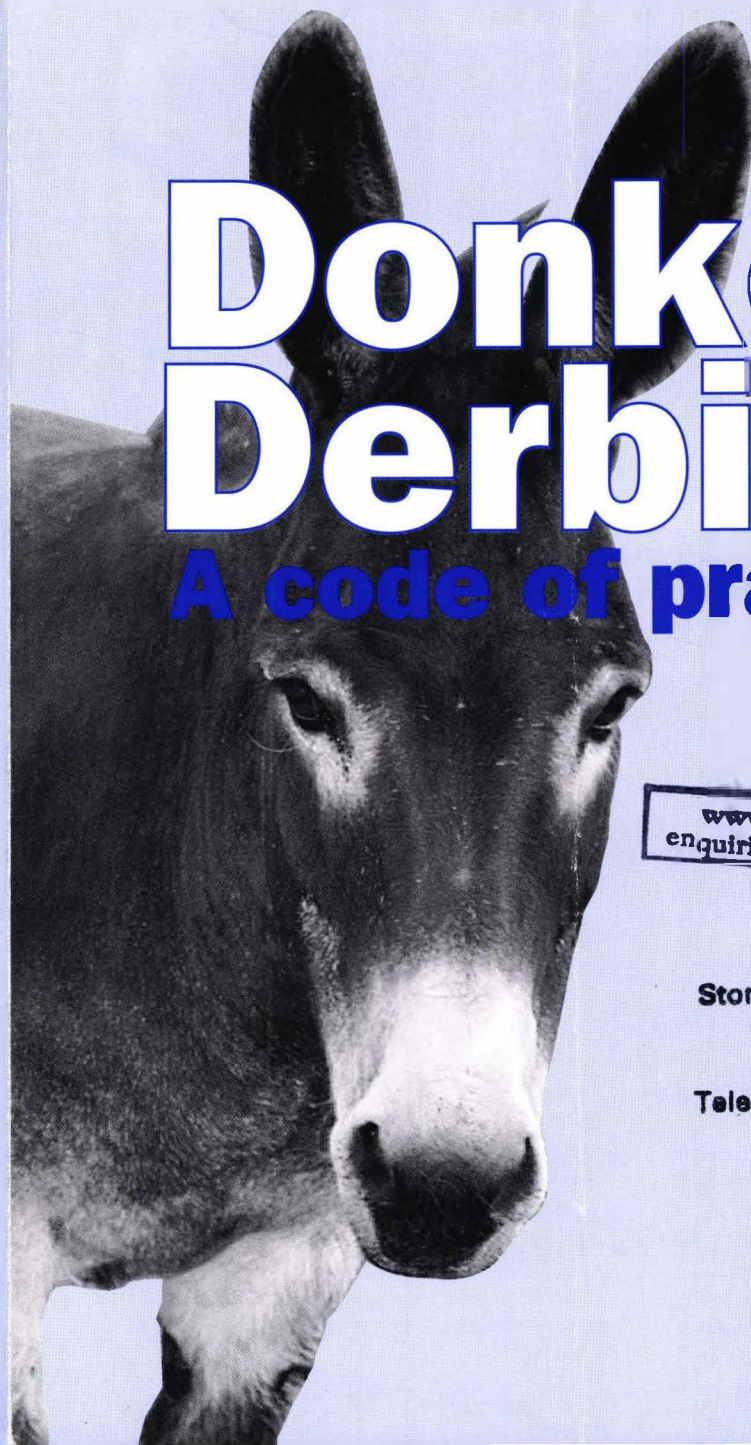
All donkeys should have a minimum of 15 minutes rest between races and no donkey should be worked continuously for racing and side attraction riding.

Foals

If young foals are provided as a side attraction they must be supplied with a separate pen away from the main holding paddock. Foals under two months should not be used for this purpose. Foals from two months to six months must be accompanied by their dams in the pen and must be transported to and from the venue, separated by a partition from the other animals, other than their dams, in accordance with The Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997.

Donkey Derbies

A code of practice



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enquiries@donkeyhire.co.uk

Stonehill Donkeys
Cockshutt
Ellesmere
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Donkey derbies are a regular feature of many charity days and other events throughout the summer season. Whilst many are well run and ensure that the welfare of the donkeys is fully protected, there have been others which have given rise to much concern.

To ensure an enjoyable day out for both the donkeys and the riders, all those organising and operating donkey derbies should follow these guidelines.

The Organiser's responsibilities

Legal requirements

Ensure that the operator of a donkey derby is licensed by the appropriate local authority under The Riding Establishments Acts, 1964 and 1970.

Ensure that the operator has adequate public liability insurance, as required by the Riding Establishments Act 1970.

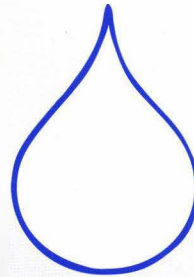
Holding paddocks

A secure holding paddock should be set up within the proximity and sight of the race finishing line and be constructed of hurdles, chestnut fencing or stakes with a minimum of three strands of rope stretched tightly. The size of the holding paddocks should give the donkeys sufficient room to stand comfortably, allowing human access to each for the fitting or removal of riding tack and any other necessary care and attention. In no case should this be less than seven yards x seven yards (six metres x six metres).

The holding paddock must be situated away from shrubs and vegetation poisonous to donkeys, for example - ragwort, bracken, yew, privet, laburnum and rhododendron. The holding paddock should be cleared of rubbish and must be constructed so as to contain the donkeys and not to cause injury to them.

Provision of drinking water

The organiser must provide an adequate supply of fresh, clean drinking water for the donkeys.



Course design

The course should be horseshoe in shape or straight and be 100 - 150 yards (90 -140 metres) in length. The minimum width of the course should be calculated by allowing one yard for each of the donkeys running together in competition plus one yard intervals between each and also between the side barriers and the donkeys running on the right and left hand extremities of the course - for example:

7 donkeys = 15 yards (13.5 metres)
8 donkeys = 17 yards (15.3 metres).

Riders

- Riders should be drawn from local pony clubs and riding schools and have some experience of riding.
- Accurate weighing scales are essential - all riders must be weighed before the race.
- Riders should be children between nine and 15 years and must weigh less than eight stone.
- Novelty races with professional jockeys are acceptable provided that the eight stone weight limit is observed.
- Other than in the above case, no adult may take part in any races as a rider.
- Publicity photographs of adult VIPs riding or sitting on donkeys should be discouraged.
- Novelty races for adults must only take place in donkey carts.
- All riders must wear a proper riding safety hat with fastened chin strap.
- No rider may be permitted to carry a whip or stick or wear spurs, nor employ any other instrument or artificial means of inducing a donkey to increase speed.

Fitness of donkeys

It is the responsibility of the organiser to ensure that no unfit donkey is allowed to take part in any race or be ridden as a side attraction. All donkeys must have hooves which are in good order and properly trimmed. The final arbiter of 'fit' or 'unfit' will be a qualified veterinary surgeon.

Arrangements must be made in advance to ensure that a veterinary surgeon is either in attendance or 'on call' throughout the event.

Provide the organiser with a copy of this Code of Practice when a booking is made.

The Operator's responsibilities

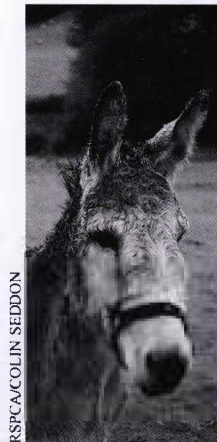
Compliance with transit legislation

Transport of donkeys to and from the venue must be carried out in compliance with The Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997.

Fitness of donkeys

No unfit donkey must be allowed to take part in any race or be ridden as a side attraction. 'Unfit' is defined as ill, lame, with sores, injured or lactating mares. Failure to comply with this section could be in contravention of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1911 and/or the Riding Establishments Acts, 1964 and 1970.

The final arbiter of 'fit or unfit' will be a qualified veterinary surgeon.



RSFCA/COLIN SEDDON

Entire male donkeys

No entire male donkey may be used for racing or riding in side attractions.

Minimum age

Donkeys used for races or riding as side attractions must be over four years of age.

In foal donkeys

No in foal donkey may be used for racing or riding as a side attraction. Failure to comply with this could lead to a prosecution under the Riding Establishments Acts 1964 and 1970.



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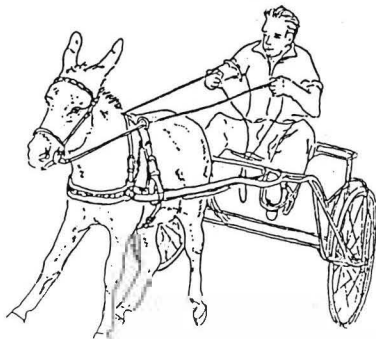
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LASTS APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES
(CAN BE MADE LONGER OR SHORTER IF REQUIRED)

A Parade of Donkeys in original harness, vehicles and equipment
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The commentary includes welfare information as well as
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if you wish to provide us with suitable covered area to display
same during the duration of your show as an extra attraction).

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Details on request.

Can be incorporated at larger shows with Sulky
Racing to provide even more entertainment.

J. Sheldon Esq.,

8, Cullham Rd.,

Wheatley, Oxon..

20th. Feb. 1956

Dear Sir,

I am sorry for delay in answering your last letter-
the dance will be held in the Institute, in the Square.

As you mention it, I enclose a list of tunes
that are popular here in case you have the music about.


Until Friday night, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

J. Shelton

Whos sorry now	Quickest	Shifting Whispersing Bands	Foxtrot
Dancing time	"	Red Sailors in the Sunset	"
Waiting for the			
Robert e Lee	"	The Story of Tena	Waltz
Whispering	"	Engagement Waltz	"
Margie	"	Kiss me again	"
Do Something	"		
Give a hand and		Cheri Beri Bia	Old Fashioned. Waltz
my baby	"		
Im just wild			
about Harry	"		
Piano Rag	"		
Zambesi	?		

So you will see the idea, but please spare us from "Love & Marriage!!"

- 1962 P. Roberts come on Committee
- 1963 OAPs Party in WI. 11th Dec
- " " Paid 30/- at Xmas
- " P. Provator chairman & before 63. 
- " Workers Dance in WI
- 1964 Spaj Ball 10th April. 9.30 - 2 AM.
- 1966 OAPs paid 30/- at Xmas approx 160 of them
- 1968 8 OAP families given £5 as they were flooded
- " OAPs paid £2 each (153 approx)
- 1969 First mention of Summer Outings, Southsea
5th Aug.
- " I joined the Spajets
- ~~1970~~
- 1970 First mention of Junior race.
- " Chariot race 1970-1975. Run in Aug.
- 1972 I was voted chairman to 1987
- " Sulby races at Fete 73+74
- " Still £2 at Xmas (207)
1973. Don came onto committee. ^{chairman} 1987-
- " Lew brought into gifts from Spaj.
- " Lunch given on summer outing.
- 1974 OAPs paid £250 (244) Paul Dav Committee
~~1975~~ 1953-1974.
- Last Ball at Manor ~~1975~~ 89?
- 1978 OAPs paid £2-50 (251) Planting of
50 Rws trees
- 1980 " " £4

Adalat
Nifedipine 20mg, 30mg & 60mg

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22 April

John Q. 1980 Minutes. His ^{entry} ~~note~~ when
Ruth Wheeler took over the Pensioners & both of
names for payout at Christmas. It reads
Mrs R. Wheeler agreed to take charge of books &
keep up to-date. (Takes on rank of Corporal
with further prospects of advancement)

Jan 1980 a) was placed in _____
1 Seat at Lawrence Race flats ~~presented~~ in
memory of Peggy Roberts who was a great stalwart
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Dear Mr Quick

I write to thank you
& all the members of The ~~A.C.F.~~
for all the hard work you do
for the B.A.P of Bampton & to thank
you for your kindness in remembering
me among their numbers this Christmas
yours Sincerely
M Cooper

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January 26th

Dear Mr Leitch

Thank you very much and your
committee for the very nice gift
you so kindly sent me for
Christmas yours really

Sincerely H. Baynes

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To the SHIRT RACERS.

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A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
AND PLEASE ACCEPT OUR
THANKS FOR THE XMAS
GIFT.

MRS. L. BENNETT, MISS. ROWLS
AND MRS. WAITE,

Pound Cottage
Bampton

To Committee of A.C. junketing

Miss Warren & I wish to
thank you for your kindness
& generosity to us this Christmas

Yours Truly
M. Cooper

School Lane
Bampton Oxford

Dear Mr. Quick,

Once more it is
with great pleasure I write to
say thank you for your kindness
in sending me such a lovely
Christmas gift. I know you have all
worked very hard to get this
money for us old folks + I am sure
no one is more grateful to you than
I am, please accept my sincere
thanks + best wishes for you all
yours faithfully.

Katherine Wyatt

Woz to road Street
to ampton

Sunday

Dear Mrs Lush

What a good thing I was up to
received that nice gift I still think its
just lovely so I will renew my
wishes hence so that each time I put
it on you will hear me say thank you to
all the nice (boys of to ampton) thank
you one and (all) a Happy Christmas
to you and your family hope all
all with you E a Lot

Sroad St
Bampton

25.12.58

Dear Mr Quirk

I wish to
thank you, and all
members of the
Committee for the
generous gift from
the Shirt Racers.

Yours Truly
E. E. Mills

3. VICTORIA COTTAGES
BROAD ST
BAMPTON

Dec 21 1958

OXFORD

Dear Mr Quirk

To thank you very much
for the generous gift
for Christmas to us
old people,

it is much appreciated,
with all good wishes
to you, your wife &
family

Yours faithfully

R. J. & R. Harris

Buckland Road
Bampton

My Sister & I wish to thank the providers of
the St. Rose for sending the £1 note for
our Sister Frances who is in Hospital

Many thanks
(Mrs) E. M. Gillett

Dec 22nd 55

Buckham Rd
Bampton

Oxford

Dear Mr. Quill

Just a note with
our gratefull thanks for the 10/6 from
the Skirt Races. Will you please
thank all who help in that race
& accept our thanks yourself for all
the work you put into the Skirt
Race. We much appreciate your
kindness.

Our Best Wishes to
Bodie, yourself & the little Quills
for Christmas & the New Year.

Yours Sincerely
M & A Swings

Jan 1959

Buckhamstead Rd
Bampton. Oxford

Dear Mr Quirk

I thank you very much for your kind gift of £1 from the shirt races.

Will you please convey my thanks to all who helped & worked to make that gift possible.

With Best Wishes to you all for this New Year

Yours Sincerely
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Mr J. A. Quick,
Secretary,
Ancient Junketing Society,
Bampton.

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to hear from your letter received today that you are again holding the Great Shirt Race on Whit Saturday.

We shall be pleased to give the same support as last year through our Mr Pratley of the Jubilee Inn so will you please contact him in this matter.

With all good wishes for fine weather and 'good racing'.

Yours faithfully,
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Director.

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Buckland Rd

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Dec 15th 54

Dear Mr Quirk

Just a note to say
thank you very much for the
kindness of the shirt racers in
sending us 10/0, which we much
appreciate.

Will you please convey
our thanks to all ^{who} in anyway work
to make this gift possible, & accept
yourself our thanks for all your
work & time put into the shirt
race.

Yours Sincerely
W A Swings

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7/1/59

Mr John Quick,

Enclosed herewith
is 26/- for the gas heater.

Much Obliges.

R. Day.

P.S.

Mum would also like to thank
you very much for the gift of
money you sent from the Sisk
Racers and also wishes you a
happy and prosperous New Year.

Market Place
Bampton
Bacon

To the Shirt Racers,

Many thanks for

Your kind gift for Xmas,
which I very much appreciate

Wishing you all

A Happy New Year

Mrs M. P. Brown

No 4 Broad Street
Bampton

Dear Mr Luch

Do please thank one and all
for the one pound note I
still think what a nice way
it's all done in and now I
shall thank of all the nice boys
as it was just handy for a
new battery for my wireless

Once again a big
Thank you E Fox

P.S. Hope all your parties are well

The Eagle
Bampton

Dec 23rd

Dear Mr Quick

Thank you so much for the pound
note you so kindly sent us as pensioners
from the Street funds.

I can assure you it came as a great
surprise and it was exceedingly kind
of you to include us in your list of
benefactors from this charity.

We had to enquire to find out who
sent this acceptable gift.

May I wish you, from both of us a
happy Christmas to you and your wife
and all the best for 1959.

Yrs Sincerely

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47. Bowling Green Close
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Dec. 31. 59.

Dear Mrs. Finch

Just a few lines
to wish you & your
family a Happy New Year
& to thank you for
your kindnesses. I hope
your health will improve
as the year moves on &
treatment will be successful
My sister's operation did
a world of good & so
far there is no return
of the trouble, nothing
short of a miracle.
With all good wishes
Yours sincerely
J. Bennett.

Market Place
Bampton Oxon

21/12/59

Mr Quirk

Very many thanks for the
kind gift from the Shirt-Racers
which I appreciate very much,

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Brown

Dec 20¹⁹⁵⁹

School Lane
Bampton Oxford

Dear Mr. Linnick,

It is with pleasure that I write once more to thank you + your shirt racers for the very acceptable Christmas gift that you have so kindly sent me, I am indeed very grateful. Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Linnick + I hope that she is better, I heard she had not been well. I think it was very kind of the girls to deliver the gifts to us on such a nasty day.

yours sincerely

Katherine Wyatt

3. VICTORIA COTTAGES
13 BROAD ST
13 AMPTON

Dec 20th 1959

OXFORD

Dear Mr Quirk

our very grateful thanks
for the generous gift
of £1 from the Shirt Race

wishing you & your family
a very Happy Christmas
yours faithfully

R. J. v E. R. Harris

2 Broad St
Banham
Oxford
20.12.59

Mr Quirk and all
members of the Shit
Race Committee. I wish
to thank you all
for the acceptable gift,
just at Xmas time

Yours Truly
E. Mills

With Many Thanks
to The Shirt Race
For Money Received

G Cooper
New Inn Lane
Bampton

2 Broad St
Bampton
Oxford
14. 12. 54

Mr Quirk, and members of
the Sprint Racers.

I wish to thank you
for the gift which I
received on Saturday last.

I do appreciate your kindness
very much.

With best wishes to all
for Christmas & New Year.

Yours Sincerely
E. S. Mills

Wood Corner,
Bampton,
Oxon.
Doo 31st 59.

Dear Mr. Quick,

I am writing on my
Mother's behalf to tender her very
sincere thanks for your generous gift,
wishing you and the Shit Racers
continued success, with every good
wish for a happy & prosperous
New Year,

Yours Very Sincerely
Hodge Randle.

P.P. E. G. Randle

JUNE 10th 1957

Club's 'debt

Oldest competitors



The oldest competitors in Bampton Shirt Race on Saturday: George Shergold, aged 76, and (standing) Ted Hicks, who is 70.

The reigning champions still unbeaten in the Bampton shirt race

THE reigning champions—Robert Radband, a farm worker, and Cyril Smith, a builder, both of Bampton—upheld the honour of their town on Saturday night by beating all comers to win "The Great Shirt Race," an annual Whitsuntide event at Bampton, for the third successive year.

This race, said to be a 19th-century custom, was revived five years ago. It gets its title from the rule that the competitors must wear a long shirt "or similar garment." They provide for themselves various forms of transport—perambulators, handcarts or wheelbarrows, and race through the town.

This may sound fairly easy, but there are many hazards on the course, which is about three-quarters of a mile long. This year it began at Weald Turn and finished at the Swan Inn.

The entrants compete in pairs, one to push the perambulator or whatever "vehicle" is used and the other as passenger.

Not the least difficult of the hazards is that the runners must halt at six inns on the way, drink half a pint of ale between them at each inn and also change places—that is, those who push the vehicles to one inn must ride as passengers to the next.

EARLY MISHAP

The official starter, Ernest Shepherd, had a record field of 21 entrants to marshal across the road at the starting point, after the announcer, "Pat" Kavanagh, using a public-address system, had given their names and had speculated on their form and chances of success.

There were soon casualties, however; the difficulty of the bottomless pram was such that they had to retire.

The crowd fell silent as the starter signalled his intention to set the competitors off. But instead of a pistol he put a 12-bore gun to his shoulder and pointing it into the air, fired a blank cartridge.

In a cloud of dust and flying nightshirts—the variety, nylon and otherwise, was startling—the runners gathered speed as over the bridge they went to the Elephant and Castle, where rows of half-pint mugs of beer stood on a table outside.

On to the Wheatsheaf and then the Horseshoes, but by now that initial thirst was largely slaked; at the Talbot it seemed that the bottom of the mug would never come in sight and by the time the Jubilee was reached it was abundantly clear that drinking and running definitely did not go together.

OLDEST WERE 76 AND 70

A seventh inn, the Swan, was the finishing post, but for once the competitors must have been

glad there was no drink to consume.

Somewhere behind were the oldest competitors in the race, two Bampton old-age pensioners, George Shergold, 76, and Ted Hicks, 70. They were unperturbed at the rumour that they were lagging behind merely to clear up what liquid refreshment remained at the inns.

The winners received a five-gallon barrel of beer, a gift from a brewer, and each had an inscribed cup.

Second were Signalmen R. G. Page and J. Edge, from the Royal Corps of Signals camp at Weald, who each received a half-bottle of whisky. Messrs E. Jackson, of Witney, and D. Cook, of Lew, regarded as "foreigners," were third and received half-bottles of gin, and fourth were Cpls. J. Elliott and Norton, also of the Royal Corps of Signals, who won cigarettes.

The oldest competitors also had a prize.

The race is organised by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing, who received assistance from a large band of helpers in its aim of collecting money for the old age pensioners' Christmas Fund. Last Christmas 40 pensioners each received 10s.

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EXCEPT for Royalty, numerals after a surname are a rare sight in the Racing Calendar and there was some curiosity when Pange ran in the colours of Mr. Charles H. Wacker III.

There is no prize for guessing that Mr. Charles H. Wacker III is an American, and moreover he is an oil magnate hailing from Chicago.

Pange represents his first venture into English racing, and the filly was bought for him by an old friend, Fred Armstrong, who trains her at Newmarket.

Racing Parade

As far as breeding is concerned Armstrong had made an excellent choice, for the filly is by King's Bench from York Gala.

BIG SUCCESS

The dam has already proved a big success for she is responsible for Sterope, the dual Cambridgeshire and Royal Hunt Cup winner, as well as Wyres Dale, who was successful in the Dockers' Derby, and White Heather, winner of the Rosebery Memorial Handicap at Epsom.

If she lives up to her pedigree Pange should give Mr. Charles H. Wacker III, who races half a dozen horses in the States, a successful start on the British turf.

BEST FOR TOMORROW THE WHIP

HURST PARK

- 2. 0—My Guinness.
- 2.30—Zelica.
- 3. 0—GRATITUDE (Nap).
- 3.30—Fulminate.
- 4. 0—Stage Fright.
- 4.30—Caernarvon.

BIRMINGHAM

- 2. 0—Cameo.
- 2.30—Vigo.
- 3. 0—Independent.
- 3.30—Summary.
- 4. 0—Anglo-Iranian.
- 4.30—Ouragan.

REDCAR

- 2.15—Red King.
- 2.45—Vestal King.
- 3.15—Bangoli.
- 3.45—Chantalor.
- 4.15—Pitaport
- 4.45—Gillylees.

CHEPSTOW

- 2.30—Army Commando.
- 3. 0—Patty.
- 3.30—Kindly Light.
- 4. 0—Merville.
- 4.30—Silver Sovereign.
- 5. 0—Bow Tie.

Best Double:
Gratitude and Merville.

BLEWBURY

Hurst Park Racing AMAZON'S CHOICE, BY A HEAD

2.0 — MAYFLOWER STAKES
(two-year-olds). Six furlongs.

1 AMAZON'S CHOICE 8-9

2 Starboard 8-9 K Gethin

3 Will Somers 8-9 E Mercer

Also ran: Blackheath, Goli No. Rack Event, Chat, Indian Blue, Shotesham, Ferryman's Image, Court Mantel, Parma, Long John Silver, Pinky, Niagara Falls II, Thawed, Nigorango, Coeur De Lion, Burnt Leather, Lacydon, Faultless Speech, Soltoi, Aggressor, Hd.; J. (P Thrale.) Off 2.3.

S.P.: 13-8 agst Will Somers, 5-1 AMAZON'S CHOICE, 11-2 Rock Event, 15-8 Starboard, 100-8 Pinky, 100-8 Shotesham, Faultless Speech, 100-7 Court Mantel, 25-1 others.

BIRMINGHAM

2.0-1. SINE DIE (A C Rawlinson); 2, Frogmorton; 3, Icanopit.

Also ran: Gold Cap, Tutissima, Peters Deb, Rockalong, Misty Flight, Nepeta.

S.P.: 13-8 agst SINE DIE, 5-2 Icanopit, 3-1 Frogmorton, 100-8 Nepeta, 100-7 Tutissima, 100-6 Rockalong, 25-1 Gold Cap, 33-1 others.

DONCASTER

2.0-1. HECKLEY (R Armstrong); 2, Near Star; 3, Precipitant.

Also ran: Merry Prince, Curryling, Amorous Eva, Blister.

S.P.: 2-1 agst Precipitant, 11-4 Near Star, 5-1 HECKLEY, 7-1 Curryling, 8-1 Amorous Eva, Merry Prince, 33-1 Blister.

GRATITUDE CAN WIN AGAIN

Eager Stakes at Hurst Park

By THE WHIP

MAJOR I. B. Holliday's Gratitude, who beat Christopher Robin by a neck at York, can supplement that success, despite top weight, in the Eager Stakes, over five furlongs, at Hurst Park tomorrow.

Mr. J. H. Witney's Clear River (W. Elliott), a winner in three races this season bids to confirm his recent Lewes success and Pneumatic (R. Williams) commands respect.

H. T. Cross send Sniper (K. Temple-Nidd) and T. H. Yates's Silvert Robert (D. Keith) is in with a chance at the weights.

Bowerchalke (T. Carter) had useful form last back end, but is probably in need of a race and stable companion Clear River is likely to follow Gratitude (W. Snaith) home.

Snaith takes the mount on Lord Carnarvon's Shoe-tree in the Mitre Selling Stakes, Sports Summary deserves a good word and K. Cundell's unraced Gonda is also in the line up but it would be unwise to oppose Lord Rosebery's My Guinness (E. Mercer).

WILL GO CLOSE

Lord Howard de Walden's Memsahib (W. Snaith) will be there at the finish of the Anne of Cleves Stakes, but Lady Wyfold's Zelica (D. Smith), should win.

Fulminate may give Snaith a successful ride in the Wimbledon Stakes, despite a strong regard for the Epsom trained Proud Galleon (J. Bunker).

Lord Rosebery and J. Jarvis should win the Catherine Parr

1955

MARSH GIBBO 167 YEARS OLD Oakapple Day feast of friendly society

FROM 1788 Oakapple Day, May 29, has been an occasion for feasting and merriment in the Buckinghamshire village of Marsh Gibbon.

COMPETITION WAS KEEN AT BOTLEY Young farmers' horse show

A HIGH standard of performance was maintained in all the classes at the eighth annual Oxford and District Young Farmer's Horse Show and Gymkhana, held at Seacourt Farm, Botley, on Saturday.

The day started badly, with intermittent drizzle which discouraged all but the most enthusiastic from arriving for the early stages of the gymkhana.

One entrance to the ground was soon churned into a quagmire by the horse boxes, and a tractor had to be used to pull the vehicles out of the mud.

Later, however, the drizzle ceased, and although the sky remained overcast, there was no more rain until the evening. The show events were all held in the morning, and competition was very keen. The best turned-out horse and rider class was won by W. J. Widdow's Sir William, ridden by Major Meads, and the best riding horse class was won by Miss Tatham Waters' Rascal.

FIRST THREE TIMES
One of the most successful competitors was Richard Drew, who took first place in three events—the best child's pony not over 13.2 hands, the best child's pony not over 14.2 hands, and the novice pony class.

Of particular interest to competitors and spectators alike was the Hon. Mrs. M. Williams's horse Portia. Mrs. Williams rode her without a bit, and, apart from the reins, the only mechanical control was a rubber backed drop-nose band.

None of the normal leg aids was used, all directions being given by means of manual pressure on the animal's neck. Mrs. Williams entered Portia in the best handy hunter class (which she won on Unus) and later rode her to victory in the time, touch and out event.

The open jumping class attracted an average number of entries and some very good performances. After a jump off between two of the competitors, Miss P. Shilson on Night Final was declared the winner, and Mr. H. Greenaway on Mischief VII took second place.

JUMPING WAS EXCITING
A record 32 entries were received for the children's jumping class.

Some amusement was caused by one horse and rider who went round the course at a speed which showed little consideration either for the jumps or their chances of winning, but the whole the jumping was precise and careful.

Eleven competitors qualified for a jump off, but the standard was so high that two more had to be held before the winner was announced as Miss S. Roadnight on Tit Willow.

Her pony, an amazing little grey cob, had cleared the jumps, which included a formidable 4ft. triple bar, without fault on each occasion.

The gymkhana events were also very popular, especially with the younger competitors.

In both the Gretna Green race (won by Mr. Cox and Miss Cox) and the potato race (won by Miss E. Widdon on Sherry) the

On this day in 1788 Marsh Gibbon Greyhound Friendly Society was formed and the club anniversary has been celebrated ever since. The 167th anniversary was celebrated in the village on Saturday in traditional style.

The Oakapple Day celebrations started in 1660 after the restoration of Charles II.

On Saturday the festival was celebrated in the same manner as when the society was first formed. The traditional after-dinner songs were sung by the club's oldest members, followed later in the day by the initiation of new members.

TREASURED JUG
Each member and guest attending the feast wore a sprig of oak leaves and oakapple in the lapel of his jacket and a rosette of the club colours, and on the table for chief members and guests was a huge willow-pattern beer jug bearing a picture of King Charles and the famous oak tree.

The jug has been used at the feast since 1788 and is the club's most treasured possession. The village band toured the streets collecting the club members, who fell in behind the band and the two standard bearers carrying the club flags.

The parade marched to the Greyhound Inn, the club headquarters, for a meal of bread and cheese.

Later, the members re-formed behind the band and marched to the parish church for the festival service, conducted by the Vicar of Steeple Claydon, the Rev. J. C. Stevenson.

The service was attended by the Rector of Marsh Gibbon, the Rev. J. O. Britnell, who has been connected with the club celebrations for more than 30 years.

FOUR GENERATIONS
Also attending the service were four generations of the Woods family, headed by Mr. Tom Woods, aged 85, club secretary; his son, Arthur, grandson, Peter, and great-grandson, David Thomas Woods, aged 15 months, who was made an honorary club member for the day.

After the service, the whole party marched to the village hall for the feast, at which the annual meeting of the club was also held.

A toast to the club was proposed by Mr. J. O. Britnell, who presided.

Mr. Arthur Woods reported that the club's affairs had prospered during the past year. Mr. Tom Woods was again elected secretary.

The names of members were called out to fill the positions of stewards and wardens, and those declining to accept office were fined 1s. A total of 7s. was collected in fines, compared with 12s. last year.

A toast to the visitors was proposed by Mr. L. G. Broome, and Mr. A. Hale responded. Mr. A. J. W. Phipps proposed a toast to the band.

SONGS BY THE OLDEST
The annual meeting closed with Mr. Tom Woods, the oldest member present, singing one of the club's traditional songs, with the members and guests joining in the chorus. Another song was sung by Mr. William Carter, aged 83.

After the dinner the band toured the village, collecting for club funds, and during the evening new members were initiated or "drummed" into the club. Each held a gallon cask of beer on his head while he was sworn in, with a member of the band banging the drum.



Ready for the start of "The Great Shirt Race" at Bampton.

Bampton honour saved in Great Shirt Race BIG CROWD SEES 26 START

THE fun was fast and furious at Bampton on Saturday night when hundreds of people lined the streets of this West Oxfordshire town to watch the progress of competitors in "The Great Shirt Race," an annual Whitsuntide event.

Said to be a revival of a 19th-century custom, the race, now in its third year, gets its name from the fact that the entrants must all wear a long shirt or similar garment.

Competitors must also provide themselves with suitable means of transport such as a wheelbarrow, handcart or perambulator, on which one partner pushes the other through the town.

But that is not all. Another test of stamina is that the entrants must halt at six of the inns in the town and each drink half a pint of ale, and the walkers must change places with the riders.

The first half-pint may well be a welcome refresher, but from then onwards it is not so easy to race from inn to inn gasping for breath and gulping down the beer. At each halt the half-pint mug seems to get bigger and bigger.

TEMPTING LINE-UP

The race is organised by "The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing," whose president, Mr. J. A. Quick, has worked hard to ensure that the race will maintain its popularity.

Notices issued by the society displayed the rules in the licensed houses in the town. They stated that four watchers, "of the highest integrity," would be stationed at each house to make sure, presumably, that the beer was consumed, and by the right people, for the mugs of ale lined up on a table by the landlords outside their premises were indeed tempting.

Vehicles were required to have audible means of warning, such as, for example, "a bell, horn, whistle, trumpet or portable harmonium."

The rules also acknowledge the generosity of the brewers, the first prize being a four-and-a-half-gallon barrel of beer, the winners choosing from which house they want it according to their palate.

STARTER ON WHEELS

The course, about three-quarters of a mile, began this year at Weald Turn and finished at a seventh inn, the "Swan."

Presumably to conserve his strength, the official starter, Ernest Sheppard, was pushed in a wheel chair through the crowds, his official badge, a foot-long metal "S" for starter,

hanging by a thick chain from his lapel.

A bigger field than ever—there were 13 pairs—presented a startling spectacle in their unusual garb as they stood waiting for the starter to fire his double-barrelled gun into the air to send them away.

But behind the apparent gaiety was a look of grim purpose on the faces of the Bampton competitors.

Their honour was at stake, for, as permitted by the rules, there were among them some "super men from foreign parts," who had their thoughts on that barrel of beer.

FROM FOREIGN PARTS

It must have been the beer, because no one seems ever to have seen the second prize, "a famous 'You've Got to Get Out of Bed' steam alarm, Mark III."

There were three pairs of "foreigners" from distant Witney, and a couple of American visitors (although they live in Bampton) who were trying their hand at another old English custom.

As the double-barrelled gun was fired into the air, the cry of "They're off" was repeated along the street and would have done justice to a Derby race crowd.

With shirts, nightdresses and such apparel flapping in the breeze, the first half-pints were quickly swallowed at the "Elephant and Castle," they disappeared almost as quickly at the "Wheatsheaf," but a little more slowly at the "Horse-shoes."

The field had thinned a little at the Talbot Hotel, some competitors finding their thirst not so great after all.

OLD HANDS FIRST

After visits to the "Jubilee" and the New Inn there was the final dash to the finishing line at the "Swan."

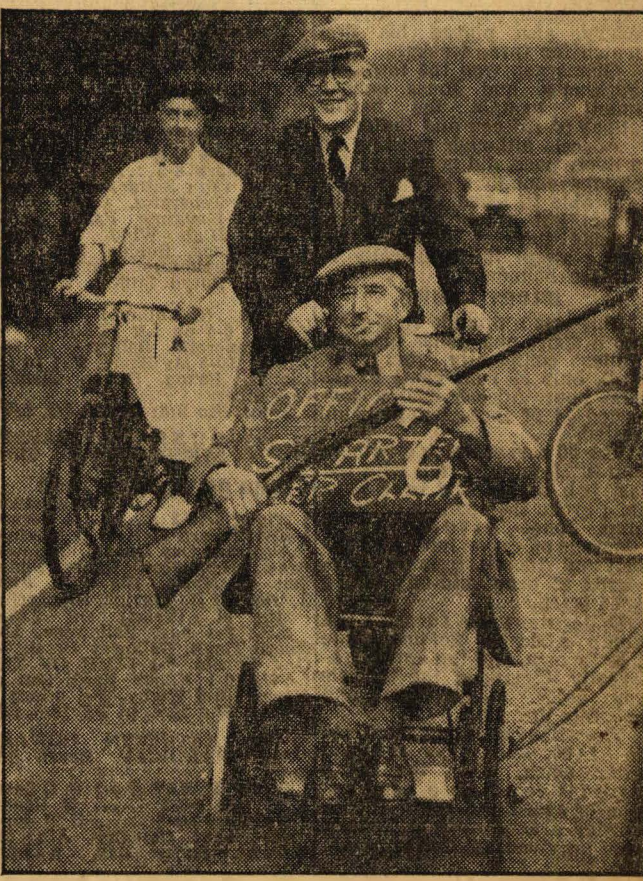
The honour of the town was saved, for two old hands were first.

They were Cyril Smith and Robert Radband, who gained second place last year. The runners-up were Len Sweetingham and Roy Hall, also of Bampton, but "foreigners" George Hale and Charles Penny, from Witney, were in third place.

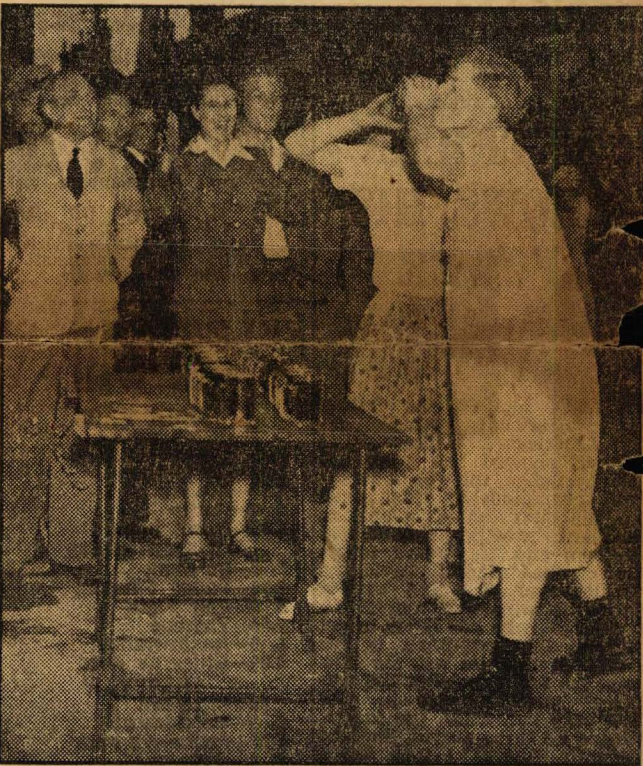
The Americans, Service men from the nearby United States Air Force Base at Brize Norton, were Sgt. James Everett and Cpl. Arthur Dews. Neither did they fare badly, for they came in fifth and not so far behind the winners.

KEPT PRAM INTACT

Addressing the crowd after the race, Sgt. Everett, attired in a garment which looked like a



The starter, who used a 12-bore gun instead of the usual pistol.



Competitors dealing with one of the six half-pints of beer.

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ng Farmers Club Horse Show and day from 11-year-old Richard Drew nning the Astor Challenge Cup for ny not over 13.2 hands.

ND GIBSON THE ROT in Parks after collapse

Partnership between Baker added 58 runs in an hour, her batting lapse by Oxford paced wicket against the Parks today, writes Ron

speed attack returned for two quick successes. At 71 Walton played outside a ball from Whitcombe which came back to take the middle stump and two runs later Delisle reached forward to the same bowler and edged a catch to short leg.

Soon after lunch Baker glanced Kimmings finely for only the third boundary so far, then went one better by straight driving Brown for six into the pavilion enclosure.

A LET-OFF

Trying to repeat the stroke a few minutes later, he mishit and skied the ball straight to Whitcombe at mid-off, but to everyone's surprise the Foresters' captain could not hold the catch.

Baker's score was then 18 and he had another "life" one run later when Brown failed to hold a hard, low return. Undaunted, Baker celebrated by straight driving Brown into the members' enclosure for another six to make the stand worth 51 after 55 minutes.

But Freddy Brown occasionally beat both batsmen and it came as no surprise when, at 131, he met with success. The seventh pair had added 58 when Gibson was completely baffled by the leg spinner, made no recognisable stroke and was

back at the

LATEST

AIRMEN FREED (See Page One)

Peking radio announced four American airmen had been "deported."

4.15—HURST PARK

Peter Pan, Perambulator, Knight's Fable, Down Stream.

1 Down Stream, 2 Peter Pan, 3 Perambulator—4 ran

S.P.: 20-1, 1-3 (f.), 100-30

4.20—BIRMINGHAM

Barak, Luvaduck, Sister Grey, Redbrush, Sovereign Case, On Stage, Sharrette, Prince Silver, Clymenus, No Thoroughfare.

1 Redrush; 2, Sister Grey;

3 Barak—Ten ran

S.P.: 100-30, 4-1, 20-1

4.30—DONCASTER

Zip Goes a Million, Knight Templar, Que le Affaire, Orinda, Anne of Orange

1 Anne of Orange, 2 Zip Goes

a Million, 3 Orinda—Five ran

S.P.: 5-1, 7-1, 2-1

4.30—CHEPSTOW

1 Gay Deal, 2 Gay Trio—2 ran

S.P.: 5-2 on Gay Trio

4.30—REDCAR

Diving Suit, Sayvora, Atomic

Gold, Bob Sawyer, Grassless,

Roi de Peace, John Ridd,

Poetry, Forty, Up Top, Cash-

mir.

1 Diving Suit, 2 Bob Sawyer

3 Cashmir—11 ran

S.P.: 13-8 (f.), 9-2, 4-1

LATEST CRICKET

Glamorgan 169 for 3

Kent 30 for 1

Middlesex 169 for 7 (D)

Compton not 123)

Yorkshire all out 271

Worcester 168 for 6

BIG CROWD TO SEE THE S. AFRICANS Parkhouse tops the 50 mark

AT last the sun shone in all its glory at Cardiff today, and there was a morning crowd of 8,000 for Glamorgan's match against the South Africans, following a blank day on Saturday through rain.

Glamorgan were unchanged, but South Africa made five changes compared with the side which defeated Oxford University. Most significant was the return of the fast bowler, Neil Adcock, who had not played for a fortnight owing to a strained back.

P. Mansell, who has an injured elbow, also played his first match for three weeks.

Glamorgan won the toss, and Parkhouse and Jones opened quietly against the hostile attack of Adcock and Fuller.

Adcock, although working up a lively pace, did not attack the stumps enough and Parkhouse was able to leave several balls alone, but when one pitched outside the leg stump, Parkhouse swept it majestically to the leg boundary.

SHORT SPURT

This was a prelude to a short score spurt and Jones also cut Fuller confidently for four. Still, only 32 runs came in the first hour Adcock having conceded 14 of these before being rested.

The 50 was completed without loss in 85 minutes, but with the last ball of his first over Taylor broke the opening partnership. Jones attempted a vigorous off drive, but lofted the ball and Adcock, running backwards at deep mid-off, held a good catch.

Under the warm sunshine, the South Africans' fielding came into its own, and the crowd frequently applauded the tourists for quick picking up and accurate throwing.

The attendance had increased to 12,000 when play resumed after lunch, when the South Africans relied on a combination of speed and spin. Adcock bowled a good over to Hedges, who survived an lbw appeal.

GLAMORGAN—First Innings

W G Parkhouse not out 59

W E Jones c Adcock b

Tayfield 2

B Hedges not out 25

Extras 5

Total (1 wkt) 116

AMERICAN SHOWS HIS POWER

Jimmy McHale wins by 7 and 5

JIMMY McHale, the former professional and ex-American Walker Cup player, showed the power of his challenge for the amateur golf championship title when in his first round match in brilliant weather at royal Lytham and St. Anne's today, he crushed Ernest Taylor, a local player, 7 and 5 with a score of two under fours.

McHale, who has failed to get beyond the semi-finals in his many attempts to win the title, won the first two holes and was never seriously pressed. He lost only two holes, the fourth, where he three-putted, and the seventh, where he took 6.

Tony Stark (Walton Heath), an English international who reached the semi-finals at Mur-

Queen Elizabeth 'Chase for Limb of the Law

LIMB of the Law, one of the bottom weights, trained by Tom Yates and ridden with great dash by Jack Dowdeswell, won the Queen Elizabeth 'Chase at Hurst Park this afternoon in a good finish with Wigby and the Irish-trained Knock Hard.

1.30—WIMBLEDON SELLING

Seven furlongs (three-year-olds)

1 ASSET 7-7 K Temple-Nidd

2 Precina 8-1 D Keith

3 Viridescent 8-7 W Rickaby

Also ran: Casino, Fiery, Happy Slipper, Heaven's Bequest, Engaged, Wood Farm, Shalain, Song-

hurst Gem.

3l.; 1l. (Cross) Off 1.32.

S.P.: 3-1 agst Fiery, 100-30 Engaged, 11-2 Heaven's Bequest, Viridescent, 10-1 ASSET, Wood Farm, 100-8 Casino, 20-1 others.

Tote: Win 30/9; pl 9/7, 23/7 4/6

2.0—ROSEMARY STAKES (two-year-old fillies). Five furlongs

1 LA FRESNES 8-9 D Smith

2 Babbette II 8-9 S Smith

3 My Share 8-9 F Durr

Also ran: Satin Sarah, In the Clouds, Teneretta, Lime Grove, Squint, Gavarnie Falls, Gentle Touch, High Wind, Dilettante, First Dance, Bubble, Mon Petit

Coeur, Exploration, Saxon Street, Nautch, Surya Mukhi, Wings of Araby.

3l.; 2l. (G Colling.) Off 2.2

S.P.: 6-4 on LA FRESNES, 7-1 agst Teneretta, Babbette II, 10-1 Sarah, 100-8 My Share, 20-1 In the Clouds, Saxon Street, Nautch, 25-1 others.

Tote: Win 3/8; pl 2/6, 4/1, 6/7

2.40—QUEEN ELIZABETH STEEPLECHASE Three miles

1 LIMB OF THE LAW 7-10-0

J Dowdeswell

2 Wigby 9-10-3 A Corbett

3 Knock Hard 11-11-8 B Marshall

Also ran: Gay Donald, Galloway Braes, Halloween, Quare Times, Son of Marie, Big Bill, State Secret, Rif II, Travina, Hipparchis.

1l.; 3l. (Yates) Off 2.43.

S.P.: 5-1 agst Halloween, 11-2 Quare Times, Galloway Braes, 7-1 Gay Donald, 9-1 LIMB OF THE LAW, 10-1 Knock Hard, Son of Marie, 100-8 Wigby, 20-1 others.

Tote: Win 22/4; pl 7/2, 16/3, 9/5

3.15 KATHERYN HOWARD HANDICAP Seven furlongs

1 DESERT WAY 5-8-7 P O'Leary

2 Affreux 4-7-8 R Reader

3 Noholme 8-9-0 H M Jones

Also ran: Chivalry, Alligator, Garuda, Sugar Ray, Waystre, Quilt.

3l.; 1l. (Reardon) Off 3.16.

S.P.: 11-4 agst Sugar Ray, 9-2 Noholme, 11-2 Chivalry, 6-1 DESERT WAY, 7-1 Waystre, 9-1 Garuda, 10-1 Affreux, 100-8 Alligator, 33-1 Quilt.

Tote: Win 15/6; pl 6/2, 6/4, 5/1

3.45—GEORGE LAMBTON CUP. About two miles and 70 yards

1 ROMANY AIR 4-8-0 W Rickaby

2 Peter-So-Gay 5-7-9 E Smith

3 Gads Hill 4-8-11 W Johnstone

Also ran: Herculeum, Earlswood.

1l.; 1l. (Day) Off 3.46.

S.P.: 9-4 agst ROMANY AIR, 7-2 Peter-So-Gay, Earlswood, Gads Hill, 8-1 Herculeum.

Tote: Win 6/3; forecast 22/5

SELECTIONS BY THE WHIP

HURST PARK

2.0—Jovial Judge

2.30—Empire Way

3.0—Armentieres

3.30—Scollata

4.0—Rocko

4.30—Sam's Song

BIRMINGHAM

2.0—So Long

2.30—Pappa Fourway

3.0—Fair Fight

3.30—Theseus

4.0—Anglo-Iranian

4.30—Gilles de Retz

CHEPSTOW

2.30—Shocking

3.0—Dolaincourt

3.30—Postman's Path

4.0—Eastway

4.30—Toulouse

5.0—Loppylugs

REDCAR

Hurst Park Racing

Queen Elizabeth 'Chase for Limb of the Law

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DONCASTER VICTORY FOR SHIRASTRIN

2.0—1, FAIR DELILAH (E Hide); 2 Florient; 3 Blackshore. Also ran: Cluniac, Top Drawer, Kimelford, Greyknees, Court Swan, Kadimaine Violet, Trimstony, An Enigmatist, Anscot.

S.P.: 5-4 agst Cluniac, 7-2 Court Swan, 15-2 FAIR DELILAH, 9-1 Florient, 100-8 Blackshore, Kimelford, An Enigmatist, 20-1 others.

Tote: Win 15/2; pl 5/2, 5/9, 5/5

2.30—1, JUDICIAL (L Piggott); 2 Chocks Away; 3 Alfidin. Also ran: Swift Star.

S.P.: 11-4 on JUDICIAL, 4-1 agst Chocks Away, 100-7 Swift Star, 100-6 Alfidin.

Tote: Win 2/7; forecast 3/11

3.0—1, SHIRASTRIN (P Robinson); 2 Scampdale; 3 Flying William. Also ran: Adha, Steel Gate, Fernet Branca, Isle of Elba, Summer Migrant.

S.P.: 5-4 agst Steel Gate, 7-2 Flying William, 7-1 Adha, 8-1 Fernet Branca, 10-1 SHIRASTRIN, 100-8 Scampdale, 100-7 Summer Migrant, 100-6 Isle of Elba.

Tote: Win 25/4; pl 6/1, 5/9, 4/3

3.30—1, MIDWEST (A Shrive); 2 Jenny Lind; 3 San Domingo. Also ran: Little Cloud, Crown Lands, Naucetra, Amyn, Clarabell, Bright Lights, Lasso II.

S.P.: 7-4 agst Little Cloud, 11-2 San Domingo, 7-1 Bright Lights, 8-1 Naucetra, 10-1 Crown Lands, Clarabell, Jenny Lind, Lasso II, 100-8 MID WEST Amyn.

Tote: Win 16/8; pl 5/4, 7/11, 3/8

4.0—1, POKE BONNET (L Piggott); 2 Guineveres Slipper; 3 Bias. Also ran: Bible Story, Whinsway Fitter Bug.

S.P.: 5-4 agst POKE BONNET, Guineveres Slipper, 10-1 Bible Story, 33-1 others.

CHEPSTOW

2.30—Dead-heat for first place between WHAT NOT (K Butler) and LITTLEONE (R McKenzie); 3 Lovely Lady. Also ran: Fog Service, Precipitant Lad, The Duncie, Sayonne, Sister Sue, Flitridge Rose.

S.P.: 10-1 What Not, 100-30 (jt.-fav.) Littleone, 100-30 (jt.-fav.) Lovely Lady.

Tote: Win 10/6 What Not, 3/3 Little One; pl 4/7 What Not, 3/1 Little One, 3/1 Lovely Lady.

3.0—1, TOULOUSE (W Snaith); 2 Pagan; 3 Queen of the Tivy. Also ran: John Silver, Babel, Pretoria.

S.P.: Evens (fav.), 5-1, 100-7.

Tote: Win 4/2; pl 2/11, 4/6

3.30—1, LA GLORIEUX (F Hunter); 2 Roman Festival; 3 Square Dance. Also ran: Bay Viking, Light as Air, Magnum.

S.P.: 5-1, 7-1, 6-1

Tote: Win 22/1; pl 9/5, 5/-

4.0—1, ROYAL PROGRESS (E J Cracknell); 2 One Pleas; 3 Wharona. Also ran: Charlie McCarthy, Dessert, Pit o' Pot, Frogman, Waterman, Camus an Eilean, National Gift, Wen Jenny.

S.P.: 5-2 (jt fav.), 100-6, 100-5

Changed his tickets and his luck

ONE backer is likely to remember the meeting at Stamford Bridge greyhound stadium this Whit Monday morning for a long time.

In the fifth race he asked for 50 forecast tickets for traps numbered 5 and 4. On checking his tickets he found that he had been issued with traps 6

SAYKASH WINS AT BIRMINGHAM

2.0—1, DRAGON FLY (T Gosling); 2 June Clover; 3 Solarient. Also ran: Praetorius, Warm Spring, Soudox, Mirzarango, Berridge Arms, Jolly Tudor, Aman-tilla, Leycide, Cold Snap.

S.P.: 13-8 agst DRAGONFLY, 2-1 Solarient, 100-8 Praetorius, Mirzarango, Cold Snap, 100-7 June Clover, Berridge Arms, 20-1 Aman-tilla, 33-1 others.

Tote: Win 6/3; pl 2/10, 3/3, 2/9

2.35—1, WORTHY WONDER (J Mercer); 2 Happy Christmas; 3 Penga. Also ran: Rod of Iron, Henley, Coverham, Camomile.

S.P.: 5-2 agst Henley, 3-1 Happy Christmas, 7-2 WORTHY WON- DER, Penga, 10-1 Coverham, 20-1 others.

Tote: Win 11/7; pl 4/7, 4/2

3.10—1, SAYKASH (G Lewis); 2 Honey Harvest; 3 Gesture. Also ran: Andros, Parlour Games, Har- bour Bar, Caracciolo, Oil Can, Thataway.

S.P.: 3-1 agst Andros, SAY- KASH, 7-2 Gesture, 7-1 Parlour Games, 100-7 Harbour Bar, Oil Can, Thataway, 20-1 Caracciolo, 25-1 Honey Harvest.

Tote: Win 6/9; pl 3/4, 15/-, 4/9

3.45—1, EASTERN FANFARE (T Gosling); 2 Valhalla; 3 Noble Essence. Also ran: Northern Night, Tudor Playboy, Umber- slade.

S.P.: 7-4 on Valhalla, 3-1 agst EASTERN FANFARE, 10-1 Noble Essence, 100-8 Northern Night, 33-1 others.

Tote: Win 10/1; pl 3/3, 2/4

SIR BANCOT AT REDCAR

2.0—1, PHLOX II (B Barnes); 2 Frigate Coming; 3 Fair Will. Also ran: Westward Ho II, Corindhap.

S.P.: 15-8 (fav.), 5-1, 11-4

Tote: Win 6/-; forecast 18/4

2.30—1, NORTH HILLS (A O Rawlinson); 2 Abit Tight; 3 Juliet Petite. Also ran: Made All, White Owl, White Paper, Niescar.

S.P.: 10-1, 4-5 (fav.), 9-2

Tote: Win 21/2; pl 6/-, 2/10

3.0—1, BLUE PRINCE II (W H Carr); 2 Barton Street; 3 Durante. Also ran: Tale of Two Cities, Umberto, Penitent, Scipio, Criticism, Royal Maid, Beddington Master Rocky, Rass Castle.

S.P.: 7-1, 6-1, 7-1

Tote: Win 12/5; pl 4/9, 4/1, 6/2

3.30—1, SIR BANCOT (W Nevett); 2 Irish Enterprise; 3 King's Coup. Also ran: Songster, Gledhill Star, Kensington, Caer- yrdin, White Rain, Bright Nowf.

S.P.: 7-1, 11-10 (fav.), 100-6

Tote: Win 10/10; pl 3/9, 3/2, 5/5

4.0—1, WYANDANK (W Nevett); 2 Persepolis;

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THE GREAT BAMPTON SHIRT RACE, 1954

In the middle of the 19th century there originated the Great Shirt Race, to be held in Bampton annually on Whit Saturday. It was organised by the gentry of that period, and was extremely well supported by the peasantry not only on account of the free entertainment, but also, be it said, on account of the volume of free liquor floating around.

The race is now organised and run by a party of local enthusiasts, headed by Johnny Quick, known as "The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketting."

The Rules are, briefly, as follows:—

The race is run over a route which runs through the centre of Bampton, from North to South, distance about a mile and a half. Competitors are in teams of two men, both to be dressed in an old-fashioned night shirt. One shall be a passenger in a vehicle of the perambulator type, which is pushed by the other. Change-over is allowed en route.

AUDIBLE WARNING

It is specifically laid down that each vehicle shall have means of audible warning, i.e. "bell, horn, whistle, trumpet or portable harmonium." The competitors shall be compelled to stop at each of a pre-arranged list of hosteries, and there imbibe in proper and manly fashion one half-pint of ale. (This year six such stops were scheduled). At each stop would be four watchers to see that the refreshment rule is properly complied with. The first team to arrive at the "Swan Inn", having observed all the rules, shall be declared the winners, and shall receive a prize of 5 gallons of ale. Such are the rules, but this unique race has to be seen for the full enjoyment of the unwritten rules, and the extremely light-hearted entertainment of it all to be realised.

AMERICAN COMPETITORS

Punctually at 7.30 p.m. with a large crowd lining the streets, the Starter operated some sort of a gun, which went off with a report like a 15 inch cannon, and the 12 teams, including one from London and one or two from the U.S.A., got off to a good start. The speed with which they were out of sight round the first corner, on the way to the first half pint, had to be seen to be believed. A pity that this truly amazing exhibition of speed showed signs of easing and becoming somewhat erratic further along the course.

HARD-WORKING VICTORS

However, in due course the race was completed in fine style, the worthy winners being Harry Hampton and George Hunt. A fine team, these two, who worked hard for their victory. Next year we hope to see an even more exciting Shirt Race, and Bampton is to be congratulated on this fine effort, the whole aim of which is to raise funds by collection, these funds being administered by a Select Committee for the benefit of local Old People.

CLIX

Whitsuntide Festivities In Pictures



(1) The Witney Carnival Queen, Miss Sheila Prior, with her attendants Miss Maureen Morrison, Miss Olive Green, Miss Joyce Holloway and Miss Jennifer Trulocke awaiting Monday's crowning ceremony on Church Green. (2 & 3) Bampton also had its Whitmonday celebrations, and we picture here a well-known team of Morris dancers—among them youngsters who are fine exponents of the art. (4) Vehicles of all kinds, and competitors in full 'costume' await the starters gun in the Great Bampton Shirt Race which took place on Whit-Saturday. The winners were (5) Harry Hampton and George Hunt. (6) Miss Janet Shayler, Queen of the Leaffield Carnival which is to be held on August Monday, with her newly-chosen attendants Miss Sheila Howse of Leaffield and Miss Wendy Oliver of Finstock. (7) Winners of the Class 7 (Decorated Vehicle) Section of the Witney Carnival were Messrs W. Smith & Co. & J. & N. Philips (Witney Ltd. who entered an effective Tableau of the Royal Tour.

Photos by David Peters and W. N. Davis.

Attendances by all accounts were up on last year. Approximately 4,800 paid for admission to the Cow Pens, (700 more than last year) and the fantastic number of 483 bought tickets for the dance at the Social Centre in the evening.

But a good deal of disappointment was registered as far as the procession was concerned. Let it be understood that this is no reflection on the organisers who did much to try and increase interest in this important section of the festivities. It appears rather to be part of the curious apathy which is developing in many spheres of our town life. Another aspect of it was seen at the circus when the performers had to ask for applause. Maybe the show was not up to Bertram Mills standard, but it was good enough to merit SOME enthusiasm at least.

We understand, indeed, that it has been for some time the custom to warn performers not to worry if their acts are not applauded as it is a trait of Witney people not to show appreciation. This could be a determination to applaud only the very best; it could, on the other hand, be plainly boorish and rude.

More could be said about the Carnival but we might conclude with this observation. If more folk do not support the Fancy Dress and Decorated Vehicle Classes next year even to the extent, as the Prize Money is not large, of being a little out of pocket, the Carnival Procession with all its colourful possibilities will become a thing of the past, and that would be genuinely a pity.

LOCAL FIRES

PIGS IN DANGER AT BLACK BOURTON

Witney and Bampton Fire Services were called to an outbreak of fire at Mr. R. G. Salter's Mill Farm at Black Bourton on Saturday morning. They found that a stack of baled straw was on fire in close proximity to a range of iggeries. The pigs were at once released, and the firemen succeeded in preventing any spread of the fire.

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Congregational Church—11 a.m. & 6 Mr. R. G. Marsden (Mansfield Coll.)

St. Hugh's Catholic Church 8.30 and 10 Holy Mass. 3 Children's Service. 6.30 Evening Devotions.

Christian Science Society Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, U.S.A. Sunday Services 11 and 6.30 Testimony Meeting 8, First and Third Wednesdays.

Methodist Open Air Meeting

An Open-Air Service was held on Church Green, Witney, on Whit-Sunday, June 6th at 7.30 p.m., under the auspices of the Methodist Church.

The weather was very cold and blustery, but a fair number of people attended to hear the speakers and to join in the hymn-singing which was very effectively led by the Town Band. The hymns were announced and the Speakers introduced by Mr. Gilbert Griffin of Charlbury. Miss Margaret Porton of Witney and Rev. E. Houghton of Hanborough gave short but effective addresses asking their hearers to share the adventure of the Christian life, and Rev. A. E. Newman, Superintendent Minister of the Witney Circuit, conducted the concluding prayers.

Other open-air meetings are held on Sunday evenings from time to time at the site of the proposed Methodist Church in Davenport Road. Another service is planned to take place on Church Green on the evening of Feast Sunday in September.

Witney Marksman's Bisley Successes

2nd. Lieut. Paul Smith, of Merryfield House, Witney, has been having a successful time at the R.A.O.C. rifle meeting at Bisley.

He recently won the R.A.O.C. individual Championship. The trophy, known as the "Matthew Bowl", is awarded annually to the winner of a competition open to all ranks of the Corps. With it were awarded a silver tankard and the National Rifle Association's bronze medal and "Donnegal Badge."

Last year, 2nd Lieut Smith became the youngest officer ever to win the R.A.O.C. officers individual championship.

He is now looking forward to the Army meeting when he hopes to be a member of the Corps VIII.

TURN THE TABLES

HAILEY'S HEAVY DEFEAT

In this Oxford League, Division 11 match at Kidlington, the home team showed that their ignominious defeat at Hailey last week did not give them an inferiority complex but spurred them on to greater efforts. They inflicted the first defeat Hailey have had this year, and by far the heaviest they have suffered for many seasons.

Kidlington batted first and the first wicket put on some 30 runs. After that they suffered a collapse to lose a further 5 wickets in adding 26 runs when rain stopped play. On resumption of play they lost a further quick wicket, but H. Cox and P. Beckinsal took complete command and carried the score to 164 for 7 by the time 50 overs had been bowled.

The Hailey innings started disastrously at 7 o'clock, W. Pratley being bowled first ball by Beauchamp with one which did not rise an inch. With the exception of P. Hazel and J. Long, the rest of the team fared little better. The latter had an attractive innings and was eventually well caught on the boundary trying to knock one out of the ground.

In Hailey's defence it must be stated that they batted throughout in bad light and drizzle.

Scoreboard:

KIDLINGTON 2nd XI	
J. Williams b Long	21
S. Rogers b Weller	9
K. Weldon c Weller b Long	4
J. Loveridge lbw Weller	5
L. Hill b Long	2
H. Cox not out	59
E. Payne b Long	0
H. East b Long	4
P. Beckinsal not out	50
Extras	12
Total for 7 wkts	164
HAILEY	
W. Pratley b Beauchamp	0
T. Buckingham b Beauchamp	0
P. Hazel b Hill	22
B. Buckingham b Beauchamp	0
J. Long c Underwood b Beauchamp	21
L. Clements b Beauchamp	0
R. Weller b Beauchamp	1
R. Gorvin not out	3
T. Fisher b Beauchamp	2
J. Fisher c Williams b East	2
G. Massey b East	0
Extras	1
Total	54

Hailey II In Strong Position Share Pts. With Chadlington

RAIN STOPS PLAY

Chadlington entertained Hailey 2nd XI in a Witney League fixture last Saturday, when owing to rain interfering with play the game was drawn. Chadlington won the toss and put the visitors in to bat. P. Beale and J. Fall opened, but wickets fell for very few runs. The long grass in the outfield was mainly responsible for the low scoring. Beale soon got off the mark with some nice shots through the covers and the visitors would have scored more runs had they lifted the ball. Hailey's first five batsmen were dismissed for only 21 runs and then came a grand partnership between R. Shirley (27) and C. Hitchcock (14) which took the score to 52 before Hitchcock was caught. The Chadlington skipper continually changed his bowlers and the last four Hailey wickets fell to G. Souch (3 for 7) and T. Blackmore (4 for 13). Heavy rain just before tea held up play until 5.30. Hailey were finally dismissed on a wet wicket for 63 runs.

The thunderstorms which caused the abandonment of most local games missed Bicester on Saturday last and the Town were able to record their first victory of the season. This was Bicester's first defeat.

The Witney skipper won the toss and put Bicester in to bat. The first two overs yielded 19 runs which seemed to unsettle the Town fielders. Their returns to the wicket at this stage were somewhat erratic. Strangely enough this rather indifferent fielding caused the downfall of D. Parrott, the Bicester opening bat, who was brilliantly run out by J. Upstone when attempting a fourth run from an over-throw. From 22 for 0, the score went to 42 for 6. The collapse was due to some outstanding bowling by A. Keates who in six overs took 5 wickets for 10 runs. Bicester recovered slightly at this stage, V. Redfern and F. Dancer taking the score to 88 for the 7th wicket. F. Dancer used the long handle to good effect whilst V. Redfern remained the sheet anchor. Dancer bore a charmed life, being dropped on two or three occasions in the outfield. The Keates-Smith combination finally accounted for him however, and with Redfern being bowled by J. Upstone for a very patient 29, the end soon came with the Bicester score at 93. A. Keates' final bowling figures were 8 for 51 and he received excellent support from J. H. L. Smith, who accounted for no less than 5 batsmen behind the wicket.

Light rain which had fallen during the tea interval, held up the game for a short time before the Town could commence batting. J. Robins was bowled for 2 by Wall, the Bicester fast bowler, who also accounted for R. Print, who made a quick 28. R. Speechley was bowled by Sansome for 19 when it appeared that he and the skipper would get the runs required for victory. It was left to J. H. L. Smith, who is in great form with the bat at the moment, and D. Hawker to give the Town a seven wicket victory. J. H. L. Smith was 38 not out at the close.

The Town meet their strongest opponents of the season on the Leys tomorrow when Gloucester Non-descripts provide the opposition.

BICESTER TOWN	
D. Parrott run out	14
B. Sansome c J. Smith b Keates	4
V. Redfern b Upstone	29
T. Jones st J. Smith b Keates	1
R. Price lbw Keates	5
P. Smith st J. Smith b Keates	0
B. Wall b Keates	2
F. Dancer c J. Smith b Keates	25
J. Smith b Keates	1
M. Smith st J. Smith b Keates	2
T. John not out	1
Extras	5
Total	93

Bowling: A. Keates 8 for 51. J. Upstone 1 for 24.

WITNEY TOWN

R. Speechley b Sansome	19
J. Robins b Wall	2
R. Print b Wall	28
J. H. L. Smith not out	38
D. S. Hawker not out	7
Extras	2
L. Soden, C. Smith, R. Bartlett, A. Keates, R. Calcutt and J. Upstone did not bat	
Total for 3 wkts	96

Bowling: B. Wall 2 for 20. B. Sansome 1 for 16.

KNOCK-OUT CRICKET

Determined Hailey Beats Adastral

ADASTRAL	
A. Brunson lbw Long	2
A. Melluish c Pratley b Smith	9
D. Bean c Bishop b Long	16
D. Sherwood c B. Buckingham b Long	17
Extras	0



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ANGLING NOTES

In my last week's notes, I mentioned the vast amount of work that has to be done during the close season, work such as making out the coming season's programme etc. This week I can mention the fact that the Churn...

YOUR VILLAGE NEWS

BAMPTON

SPAJERS party

About 140 of Bampton's elderly residents enjoyed a hot roast beef supper at Saturday night's annual party given by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing. They were welcomed by chairman Mr Frank Hudson who paid tribute to committee members and to the local tradespeople for their money raising efforts. He thanked the helpers with the meal and praised the work of Miss Peggy Roberts whose recent death was a shock to so many people.

Entertainment was provided by vocalist Mr Kenny Woodward and music was supplied by Mr Horace Holified who also provided two mini-buses for free transport of guests to and from the hall.

Compere was Mr Don Rouse whose wit was a great source of fun. Young Jamie Wheeler delighted the party his melodious and other entertainment was given by Donna-Plus-One (two attractive young ladies) and comedian Bumble Clark whose robust humour was a great hit.

There were games of question and answer with prizes for the contestants and the SPAJERS' own version of a Mr and Mrs contest. A giant free raffle was held and nearly half of the guests received prizes. Bampton's elderly people consider themselves among the most fortunate in the county and unanimous in their thanks to SPAJERS. The society is to hold the AGM at 8 p.m. on March 4 in the Old Grammar School.

Missionary evening

Some 50 members of the Cote circuit of Baptist churches met on Saturday evening to share the experiences of B. M. S. Missionary Miss Margaret Bishop in Zaire. As a trained nurse and midwife, Miss Bishop has mastered two languages to work and teach in Yakusa hospital.

Members sat down to a typical Zaire meal of boiled rice, chicken and vegetables followed by bananas and tea. They examined some beautiful fabrics and carved figures brought by Miss Bishop.

Margaret's talk gave a deeper understanding of the cultural and language problems facing missionaries in their work and emphasised how a shortage of equipment and drugs may sadly lead to loss of life.

Pancake Bell

Bampton's mums were alerted to the fact that Shrove Tuesday was also Pancake Day when at noon the Pancake Bell was rung from the tower of St. Mary's Church. This custom goes back far into the mists of time. The bell was rung by Mr Francis Shergold who has been responsible for ringing the bell for many years.

Youth club hits target

To raise the cash for the refurbishing of their club room members of Bampton Youth Club took part in a 24-hour sponsored table-tennis tournament during the weekend of February 16 and 17. Taking part were leader Mr John Coombes, 23 members and four parents. The 24 hours passed off without incident. The tired players' spirits were revived when Mr Coombes told them that their efforts would realise about £140, enough for the payment for the new furniture.

Bampton Wives Club

Bampton butcher Mr R. H. Hickman was the guest speaker at the February meeting of Bampton Wives Club on Wednesday. His talk concerned the uses of the cheaper cuts of meat.

Mr Hickman also presented the club with a crown roast of lamb as a competition prize.

Two new members were enrolled and welcomed by chairman Mrs A. Irvin and there were several visitors.

Competition winners were Mrs Dinah Green (crown roast), Mrs Marion Roche (mixed grill), Mrs J. Keenan (pork chops), Mrs Ann Roach (pork chops), Mrs Lynn Evans (minced beef).

Golden Age Group

Mr George Gregory, Hon. Sec. of the Downs Golden Age Group, from East and West Hendred and Ginge welcomed over 100 members and guests to Snells Hall on Thursday evening. These included 40 members of Steventon Old People's Club.

A meal, prepared and served by Mrs G. Morpew and her band of willing helpers was enjoyed and soon excellent entertainment was provided by the Oxford Benevolent Variety Group.

The monthly birthday cake was awarded to Mrs Mrs B. Mayerel.

Mrs F. Mather-Jackson

A resident of East Hendred for over 40 years, Mrs Florence Mather-Jackson, of Monks Orchard has died at the age of 84. She leaves a daughter, Mrs R. Legoux.

Mrs Mather-Jackson was for many years a notable racehorse owner and keen rider. She was a regular member of St. Augustine's Church and a benefactor to village organisations.

The funeral is at East Hendred today.

Mr Arthur Langley

East Hendred also lost another well known resident on Monday by the death of Mr Arthur Langley of Mill Lane.

Mr Langley who leaves a widow and son, had been in ill health for some months. He was a prominent builder and decorator in the village and district.

FERNHAM

WI news

Fernham and Shellingford WI began the New Year with a candle-light supper party at Fernham Youth Club.

After county and local business the February meeting was inspired by Mrs Rudman who demonstrated some of her many crafts, giving their historical background.

A successful bring and buy stall helped funds.

Arrangements were made for the Group meeting to be held at Uffington on March 28.

Members were urged to attend a course at the WIS Denman College, by Mrs Peck, who had recently enjoyed a Painting Week there.

My Favourite Brooch, — the competition, was won by Miss Jennifer Green.

Mrs Benzie and Mrs Holly served refreshments.

UFFINGTON

Women's Institute

Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone Women's Institute members' night tended to reveal hitherto hidden talents and this year's meeting was no exception. Phyllis Creber proved to be a most ingenious commere and her light-hearted brain-teasing programme evoked much amusement.

In the same carefree tradition, hat decorations suggesting the title of well known songs, created a great deal of fun. Mabel Gantlett was the winner and Diana Hood-Daniel, second, came in the nicest possible way between Mrs Gantlett and her daughter Peggy who was in third place.

Following this meeting came a second, more poignant one when, in the absence of president Beti Fowler, vice-president Win Roberts entertained members to tea at her house, guest of honour being Dorothy Egerton, a former president and a greatly-loved member.

Miss Egerton is leaving Uffington for London at the end of this week. She will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and, as a small token of affection for one whose public-spiritedness, sense of humour and outstanding talent as a pianist won her a unique place in the community, members have given her a lucerne blue bed jacket.

ALDBOURNE

Thinking Day

The Marlborough District Guide Commissioner, Miss Selina Honey, attended a service in St. Michael's Church last Sunday morn-

opened in the Methodist schoolroom on Wednesday evening, February 20.

The subject for consideration, "The Secret of Christ," was introduced with the aid of a cassette produced in Salisbury.

Meetings will continue each Wednesday evening during Lent, with the option of a smaller house the option of a smaller house group which will be held at The Malt House.

Pantomime

The pantomime, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, presented by the WI Drama Group, in the Memorial Hall from Wednesday to Saturday last week, attracted a full house to each of the five performances, which included a matinee on Saturday afternoon.

This popular annual event was again up to its usual, high standard, the music, scenery, lighting, costumes and choreography, all adding to the quality of the entertainment.

At the final performance on Saturday evening, Mrs Molly Watts, the producer, was given a rousing reception.

She thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the show.

Women's Fellowship

Mrs Nancy Selwood of Abingdon conducted the meeting in the Methodist schoolroom on Wednesday, February 20, and spoke on Billy Graham's recent visit to Oxford.

Tea hostesses were Mesdames Ena Gibson and Evelyn Wyatt.

Christian Endeavour

The speaker at the meeting on Tuesday evening February 19 was Mr I. Barnes, who chose as his subject, The Lord's Prayer.

Mrs G. Noon was the pianist.

The late Mr H. J. Barrett

The Methodist Church was filled to capacity last Friday when the Rev. Charles Gill conducted the funeral service of Mr Harold John Barrett, 54, of Lottage Road, Aldbourne, whose tragic death occurred at the Princess Margaret Hospital on Sunday, February 17, following an accident at his place of work.

A native of Aldbourne, Mr Barrett lived all his life in the village, where he had worked in agriculture since he left school.

For the last 36 years he was a valued employee at Dudmore Lodge Farm.

In his younger days he was a member of the Sports and Social Club, but lately, his chief hobby was his garden.

He was a quiet unassuming man, respected by all who knew him.

Family mourners were, Mrs Olive Barrett, widow, Mr Ian Barrett, son, Mr and Mrs Gerrard, daughter and son-in-law, and Mr David Barrett, brother.

A number of aunts and uncles and cousins also attended the service, at which Mrs Nancy Keast was organist.

There were a great many floral tributes.

WANBOROUGH

Brownies help

There was a very happy gathering to meet Dr Lillian Jones, of Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, when she attended the meeting of the 1st Brownie Pack. Brownie Lucy Dixon, on behalf of the pack, presented her with a cheque for £51 to help buy a respiratory machine for children. This was the balance of the money, £102 raised during the Year of the Child — £51 having been previously donated to the NSPCC.

Gardeners Club

About 30 members of Wanborough Gardeners' Club had an enjoyable evening on Wednesday at the village hall when films of public gardens and Wanborough scenes were shown by Mrs Parnell. She was thanked by Mr Dowden and the raffle prizes were won by Mr and Mrs Harrison.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where social benefits of abortion are a mirage

THE argument by the opponents of the Corrie Abortion Bill that the passing of the Bill would have meant a return to back street abortions and a resulting upsurge of deaths is not borne out by the statistics issued by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

Anti-life mood attacks the legal barriers

HOW I agree with the comments on the back street abortion "phobia" by one of your correspondents in last week's Gazette and Herald.

In 1967, in one of the most cowardly performances by a legislative body in this country — the House of Commons passed their liberalised Abortions Act by a vote of 167 to 83.

There were at that time 680 members in the House. For the first time in human history the "shelter of the unborn child, is being legally entered, and violated.

This unfortunate and defective act, was lobbied through the House, by a few irresponsible MPs, absolutely on the grounds of the grossly exaggerated numbers of back-street abortions, presented by its supporters.

Interesting enough, during the recent debate on the Corrie Bill, the criminal abortion question was once again given prominence on the floor. It was sobering to listen to the strident voice of a lady MP claiming that before 1967 the 'rich' went to Harley Street for their abortions! Nobody contradicted this serious allegation, not even try, Dr. Vaughan, the Health Minister. It was just accepted.

Such is the indifference to human life, that clearly the unborn child needs protecting from our misguided legislators, and the laws they enact. Thousands of abortions are being performed yearly, under the umbrella of legality.

Unhappily, figures seem to indicate, that the criminal back-street abortions, is still with us.

Once an "anti-life" mood is induced in the psychology of a people by a state sanction of easy abortions, it is not surprising that there develops a disposition to, ignore or evade, such legal barriers as remain to abortion on demand.

Abortion, legal though

Girl who deserves to pay

One cannot fail to get annoyed when one reads "Jailed Judith is living in hell" (last week's report about the 27-year-old French teacher whose home is at Easterton, jailed in Paris for drug-running).

Why shouldn't she live in hell? It is what she was

it is, is a step in the wrong direction. I think we should consider seriously its consequences, and not be among the apathetic and indifferent.

MARY MADOGAN
S.R.N., S.C.M., H.N.
Chippenham.

How to waste money

YET another example of how everyone except our local authority, Wiltshire County Council, is cutting down on unnecessary expenditure appears in an advertisement in the February 14 issue of the Gazette and Herald.

A temporary appointment is advertised at Ramsbury CP School for a full-time teacher for one term only, from April 14 to August 31. As most Wiltshire schools will break up for the summer holidays in mid-July, why is it necessary to pay a temporary appointee for six weeks for doing nothing?

Six weeks' temporary teacher pay may be only a drop in the ocean of County Hall expenditure, but it is yet another example of the way in which County Hall executives appear to operate with complete disregard for common sense and, more important, with no thought for the reaction of we ratepayers who, as usual, will have to foot the bill.

Perhaps we shall be favoured with an explanation by the education authority as to why it is being so generous with our money.

L. J. RUTTER
Devizes

Time council got cracking on this path

WITH regard to public footpaths I think it's time Bromham council got cracking on the footpath from Pound into the village itself for

It is a pity that our Members of Parliament don't make use of government offices.

Given A equals live births, B equals legal abortions, C equals discharge from hospital after an abortion not legally induced, we have the following:

1968	A—819,000,
	B—22,332, C—69,390.
1972:	A—725,000,
	B—108,565, C—62,520.
1975:	A—603,000,
	B—106,648, C—55,960.

In 1968-75 the percentage of non legal abortions to live births has shown a slight rise. There being no evidence that spontaneous miscarriages have increased there is, therefore, not evidence of a significant drop in illegal abortions.

An article in World Medical Journal, of August 1979, written by a Danish doctor, Olaf Nogaard, discussed the effects of the 1970 and 1973 liberalisation of the Danish abortion laws.

Using official government figures, Dr Nogaard concludes his article: "We can, therefore, establish as fact that liberalisation by the last two abortion laws has evoked a vast increase in legal abortions without a simultaneous decrease in illegal abortion."

The Swedish government, for long the pacesetters in liberalisation, are finding that the loudly-hailed social benefits were in fact a mirage and are now having a rethink.

ERIC E. CHAPPLE
Chippenham

WHILE some subjects of correspondence cannot be adequately dealt with in a short space, we would ask our correspondents to remember that brevity is the soul of wit and to keep their letters as brief as possible.

MORE OF
YOUR LETTERS
ON PAGE
THIRTEEN

rotting floorboards of perambulators last in use three generations ago.

The two Signallers soldiered on as stolidly as if they were trooping the colour. So they might have been, in the eyes of the real motorists who passed through—always through—the little town. These hooted briefly and muscled poked-faced into the bedlam and out at the other end. One would have liked to issue them with false noses, and then knock these off.

Of obscure origin

The course was about a mile, and involved calls at six public-houses, where each pair had to drink a glass of beer and change places. It was not the steadies competitors—the soldiers, the postman and his mate, or the old inhabitants—who turned out to be the winning pair, but a builder's labourer and a farm worker, Mr C. Smith and Mr R. Radford, who also won last year and the year before. They took about fifteen minutes to cover the course, and finished looking as if they could have gone round again several times.

What is the origin of this annual wild, wheeled party? This is clouded in more than the usual obscurity. Bamptonians say it is a revival of an ancient custom. "It goes back to the time of the Pilgrim Fathers," one of them explained with memorable inappropriateness. The organiser assured me that it certainly went on in the nineteenth century, which found it only a little less curious. It figures, so far as I could discover, in no list of accredited rural saturnalia. But it is gay, gaudy, uninhibited; it allows Bampton to let off steam and remind us that it is there; and it is in aid of the old-age pensioners. It merits more notice than it gets from the youth and strength of Oxford, Cowley, and Brize Norton.

Ball prizewinner can have pair of kippers on demand

FOR the next 52 weeks Miss Doris Green, of Bampton, can, if she so desires, walk into a certain shop in the town and receive, without charge, a pair of kippers.

The kippers were one of the prizes offered at the annual shirt race ball which has just been held.

Another prize was that given by the host of one of the licensed premises in Bampton—a half pint of beer each week for the next year, and that was won by Mr. Albert Radbone.

The presentation of these prizes added to the fun of the event, which was described as the "high-lite of Bampton nite-life." It was promoted by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing, which stages the annual shirt race each Whit-Saturday.

Hilarity

On that day competitors dressed in shirts or similar garments race through the streets of Bampton pushing wheelbarrows, perambulators or other contraptions in which a colleague is seated.

Halts are made at inns on the way for the competitors to take a compulsory drink, and the progress of the race is watched by hundreds of spectators.

But all the hilarity is for a good cause, because the proceeds are distributed to the town's old age pensioners.

The profit from the ball was £13 13s. 6d., and will be used to stage the great shirt race this Whitsun. The organisers are hoping for a record "field" this year and suggest that starters should begin their training immediately.

Rotary visit

A PARTY of members of the Rotary Club of Witney were visitors to the West Oxfordshire Technical College at Witney this week.

Many of them, as employers of labour, were particularly interested in seeing the type of training the boys receive, and Mr. E. A. Chilcott, the Principal of the College, had a busy time answering questions.

The visitors were also interested to hear of the County Education Committee's plans to

enlarge the College, made necessary by the rapid industrial growth of the town in recent years.

Up-to-date

WITH the American B47 aircraft figuring prominently in the news at the present time, members of the Witney Youth Centre were right up to date with their gathering at the Centre on Sunday night, when talks were given by two members of a B47 crew from the USAF Base, Brize Norton.

But all controversial questions were barred, although there was still plenty of scope for the young people to have a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The American airmen were Capt. Allen, the aircraft commander, and Capt. Christiano, the navigator, and they showed a film dealing with the B47.

Their visit to the Centre had been arranged with the assistance of the Information Services Office at the Base.

Popular innovation

A N innovation by the Witney Chamber of Trade and Commerce in holding its annual dinner and dance on a Saturday for the first time would appear to be popular.

Mr. C. E. Allen, who was elected to the presidential chair only a few days previously, need have no fear about the success of the first event during his year of office, for a company of 120 saw to it that everything went with a swing from beginning to end.

Mr. Allen's brief address of welcome was the only speech of the evening. In fact other organisations could well follow the Chamber's example in cutting speeches to a minimum at what, after all, are mainly social occasions.

Much interest was caused by the souvenir programme, which recorded the names of all the presidents, with their periods of office, since the Chamber was founded in 1920.

Judges

TWO officers of the 1st Witney Company of the Boys' Brigade, its Captain, Mr. R. E. Early, and a Lieutenant, Mr. H.

G. Busby, accepted invitations to join the panel of judges at the annual competitions of the Wiltshire and East Somerset Group of the Boys' Brigade, held at Swindon on Saturday.

Mr. Early judged the drill competition, and Mr. Busby adjudicated for the bugle band contest.

Legion gesture

A N admirable gesture by the Standlake and Northmoor branch of the British Legion is to entertain as guests at the annual dinner the widows of ex-Service men who live in the two villages.

This practice was again observed at this year's dinner, which has just taken place, and eight widows received a warm welcome from the branch president, Mr. C. Wilenkin, and all the members.

Standlake is the home of the County chairman, Brigadier F. R. L. Goadby, and in his capacity as hon. treasurer of the branch he expressed his pleasure at the varied welfare work which was being carried out by the branch service committee.

With a membership of 137 it is not surprising that Standlake and Northmoor has won the County branch membership trophy for the second consecutive year.

Link with novelist

L ORD Redesdale, whose death this week has meant the succession to the title of his brother, Capt. the Hon. Bertram Freeman-Mitford, of Westwell, near Burford, was the father of Nancy Mitford, the novelist.

Another daughter was Miss Unity Mitford, a friend of Hitler, whom she met when she was in Munich in 1934. Having spent the early months of the 1939-45 war in Germany, where she was stated to have received a bullet wound in the head, she returned to this country at the beginning of 1940. She died in 1948.

A third daughter, Diana, is the wife of Sir Oswald Mosley, and Deborah is the Duchess of Devonshire.

The late Lord Redesdale's only son, Major Thomas Mitford, died in 1945 from wounds received in Burma.

Bampton prepares for 'ancient junketings' despite television

AS the day of the event approaches, the talking point in Bampton and the neighbourhood is the town's annual item of merriment, the Great Shirt Race, on Whit Saturday evening.

The race is organised by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing—a title which gives sufficient indication that fun and games can be expected.

The secretary of the society is Mr. John Quick, of Bampton, whose sense of humour has done much to keep the event alive year after year and so raise funds for the old age pensioners at Christmas time.

Competitors, racing in pairs, run from one end of the town to the other, pushing each other in a pram, wheelbarrow or any other contraption. They have to halt at several licensed houses en route.

Five-gallon prize

At each they drink some beer and change places in the wheelbarrow before resuming the race, which gets its name from the fact that each competitor has to wear a long shirt or similar garment.

Posters advertising the event are worded in humorous vein. The winning pair share a brewer's gift of five gallons of ale and each has an inscribed cup which, as the poster says, is "just right for the mantel-piece, grand piano, or door stop." There are also prizes for the second, third and fourth couples.

It would seem that television might affect the entry, for it is stated: "Each year, as the telly develops our posteriors, so the committee find it increasingly difficult to obtain starters."

"So, if you are big, strong and lissom, and can travel at a smart gallop just for a little while, please help us to put on a good field."

Crowds are sure to line the route as usual to cheer on the runners.

Gift for Vicar

TO show their appreciation of his work in the village, the parishioners of Hailey subscribed towards a gift of £17 for the Rev. L. J. Allen, of Cumnor, who has taken services at the parish church at Hailey since the living became vacant in November, 1955.

A cheque was handed to Mr.

Allen by Mr. M. Clements, people's warden, at a gathering at the Hailey School on Monday night, after the induction service for the new vicar, the Rev. G. H. St. A. Oakey. Mr. H. Dyer, vicars' warden, said Mr. Allen had done a great deal more work in Hailey than many people realised.

On behalf of the parishioners



Miss Pam Sedgley, aged 16, of Leafeld, who, as already announced, was elected by popular vote at a dance at the village on Saturday, to be carnival queen for Leafeld's annual festivities on August Bank Holiday.

of Crawley, Mrs. C. Fisher handed the gift of a fountain pen and pencil set to Mr. Allen.

The Bishop of Dorchester, the Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday, and the Archdeacon of Oxford, the Ven. C. Witton-Davies, took part in the induction service of the new vicar. The church was crowded.

Legion dinner

IT is just a year since the opening of the British Legion Club at Eynsham, and to mark the first anniversary a dinner was held at the club on Friday.

It was pleasing that tributes were paid to one of those who had so much to do with the inauguration of the club—Mr. R. B. Roberts, its secretary.

He was untiring in his efforts to get the project started, and he must have been feeling very

pleased at the progress made in the first 12 months. Both the County chairman, Brigadier F. R. L. Goadby, and the County secretary, Mr. J. Amos, praised the work done by Mr. Roberts.

The attendance at the dinner was only three short of 100, and included members and their wives.

Youthful initiative

FOUR young Witney girls have just shown commendable initiative in organising a jumble sale which has realised £8 in aid of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

They are members—the only members at the moment—of the Kingfisher Group of the Animal Defenders, which is the junior section of the RSPCA. President of the group is 14-year-old Susan Bedford, of Westcroft, The Springs, and her companions are Patricia Hamilton and Marilyn Bird, both aged 12, and Maureen Rooney, 13.

They went to the Urban Council Offices and booked the Town Hall to hold the sale, and then canvassed the town and obtained a variety of articles to sell. An adult has to sponsor the group, and Susan's mother, Mrs. J. Bedford, keeps an eye on things, but the sale was organised with the minimum of parental supervision.

The group holds monthly meetings at Susan's home, when leaflets about animals are read and discussed. Susan herself has a variety of pets, ranging from a guinea-pig to a grass snake.

Membership trophy

THE Witney Group of the British Legion, which consists of 17 branches throughout West Oxfordshire, has been awarded the Oxfordshire County British Legion Group Membership Challenge Cup for the Group showing the highest increase in numbers during the past year.

The trophy was handed by the County chairman, Brigadier F. R. L. Goadby, to the chairman of the Witney Group, Mr. J. Upstone, at the half-yearly conference of the County British Legion, held at the Town Hall, Oxford, on Saturday.

The cup has been offered for competition only in the past two years, the North Oxfordshire Group winning it on both occasions.

pressively abolished.

In a letter on the front page of *The Onlooker*, the weekly magazine run by boys at Magdalen College School, Oxford, the Master, Mr. R. S. Stanier, wonders why it is thought that the abandonment of National Service will mean the end of the CCF.

The purpose of the corps, he continues, is to train people in military science, "so that a very small regular army could be supplemented in time of emergency by reserves of man-power not completely 'raw'."

The Warden of St. Edward's School, Mr. F. F. Fisher, asked whether there was any question of the CCF being abolished, said: "I am convinced of the value of the corps, both as a school institution and as a training ground for leaders."

The headmasters of Magdalen College School, Brackley, and of Bloxham School, both said that they were making no moves until they heard from the War Office.

UNDER DISCUSSION

A War Office committee are at present meeting to discuss the question of auxiliary forces, including the Territorial Army.

It is expected that they will make their report, which will be based on the researches of sub-committees and the evidence of some 80 people with experience of such corps, in June.

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Bampton prepares for 'ancient junketings' despite television

AS the day of the event approaches, the talking point in Bampton and the neighbourhood is the town's annual item of merriment, the Great Shirt Race, on Whit Saturday evening.

The race is organised by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing—a title which gives sufficient indication that fun and games can be expected.

The secretary of the society is Mr. John Quick, of Bampton, whose sense of humour has done much to keep the event alive year after year and so raise funds for the old age pensioners at Christmas time.

Competitors, racing in pairs, run from one end of the town to the other, pushing each other in a Pram, wheelbarrow or any other contraption. They have to halt at several licensed houses en route.

Five-gallon prize

At each they drink some beer and change places in the wheelbarrow before resuming the race, which gets its name from the fact that each competitor has to wear a long shirt or similar garment.

Posters advertising the event are worded in humorous vein. The winning pair share a brewer's gift of five gallons of ale and each has an inscribed cup which, as the poster says, is "just right for the mantel-piece, grand piano, or door stop." There are also prizes for the second, third and fourth couples.

It would seem that television might affect the entry, for it is stated: "Each year, as the telly develops our posteriors, so the committee find it increasingly difficult to obtain starters."

"So, if you are big, strong and lissom, and can travel at a smart gallop just for a little while, please help us to put on a good field."

Crowds are sure to line the route as usual to cheer on the runners.

Gift for Vicar

TO show their appreciation of his work in the village, the parishioners of Hailey subscribed towards a gift of £17 for the Rev. L. J. Allen, of Cumnor, who has taken services at the parish church at Hailey since the living became vacant in November, 1955.

A cheque was handed to Mr.

Allen by Mr. M. Clements, people's warden, at a gathering at the Hailey School on Monday night, after the induction service for the new vicar, the Rev. G. H. St. A. Oakey. Mr. H. Dyer, vicars' warden, said Mr. Allen had done a great deal more work in Hailey than many people realised.

On behalf of the parishioners



Miss Pam Sedgley, aged 16, of Leafield, who, as already announced, was elected by popular vote at a dance at the village on Saturday, to be carnival queen for Leafield's annual festivities on August Bank Holiday.

of Crawley, Mrs. C. Fisher handed the gift of a fountain pen and pencil set to Mr. Allen.

The Bishop of Dorchester, the Rt. Rev. D. G. Loveday, and the Archdeacon of Oxford, the Ven. C. Witton-Davies, took part in the induction service of the new vicar. The church was crowded.

Legion dinner

IT is just a year since the opening of the British Legion Club at Eynsham, and to mark the first anniversary a dinner was held at the club on Friday.

It was pleasing that tributes were paid to one of those who had so much to do with the inauguration of the club—Mr. R. B. Roberts, its secretary.

He was untiring in his efforts to get the project started, and he must have been feeling very

pleased at the progress made in the first 12 months. Both the County chairman, Brigadier F. R. L. Goadby, and the County secretary, Mr. J. Amos, praised the work done by Mr. Roberts.

The attendance at the dinner was only three short of 100, and included members and their wives.

Youthful initiative

FOUR young Witney girls have just shown commendable initiative in organising a jumble sale which has realised £8 in aid of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

They are members—the only members at the moment—of the Kingfisher Group of the Animal Defenders, which is the junior section of the RSPCA. President of the group is 14-year-old Susan Bedford, of Westcroft, The Springs, and her companions are Patricia Hamilton and Marilyn Bird, both aged 12, and Maureen Rooney, 13.

They went to the Urban Council Offices and booked the Town Hall to hold the sale, and then canvassed the town and obtained a variety of articles to sell. An adult has to sponsor the group, and Susan's mother, Mrs. J. Bedford keeps an eye on things, but the sale was organised with the minimum of parental supervision.

The group holds monthly meetings at Susan's home, when leaflets about animals are read and discussed. Susan herself has a variety of pets, ranging from a guinea-pig to a grass snake.

Membership trophy

THE Witney Group of the British Legion, which consists of 17 branches throughout West Oxfordshire, has been awarded the Oxfordshire County British Legion Group Membership Challenge Cup for the Group showing the highest increase in numbers during the past year.

The trophy was handed by the County chairman, Brigadier F. R. L. Goadby, to the chairman of the Witney Group, Mr. J. Upstone, at the half-yearly conference of the County British Legion, held at the Town Hall, Oxford, on Saturday.

The cup has been offered for competition only in the past two years, the North Oxfordshire Group winning it on both occasions.

National Service is being progressively abolished.

In a letter on the front page of *The Onlooker*, the weekly magazine run by boys at Magdalen College School, Oxford, the Master, Mr. R. S. Stanier, wonders why it is thought that the abandonment of National Service will mean the end of the CCF.

The purpose of the corps, he continues, is to train people in military science, "so that a very small regular army could be supplemented in time of emergency by reserves of man-power not completely 'raw'."

The Warden of St. Edward's School, Mr. F. F. Fisher, asked whether there was any question of the CCF being abolished, said: "I am convinced of the value of the corps, both as a school institution and as a training ground for leaders."

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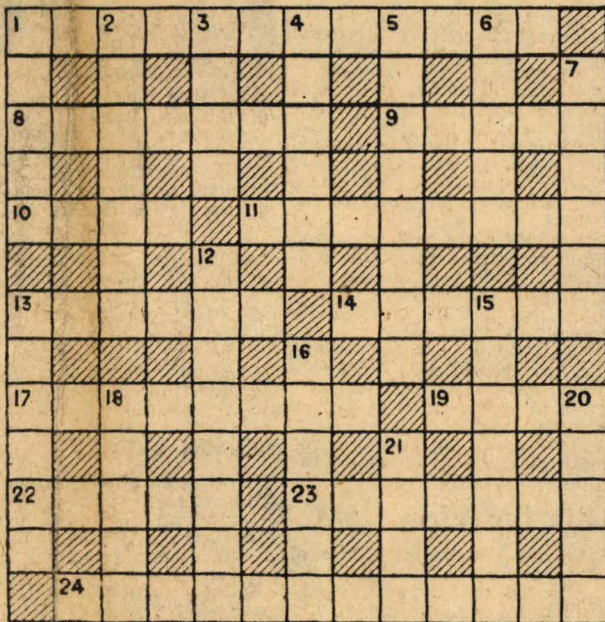
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ANCIENT RITES PRESERVED

Witney Justices yesterday approved an application from the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing for an occasional licence to hold a dance at Bampton.

"It is interesting to see that their motto is 'Dynamic, yet disciplined,'" the clerk, Mr. Roy H. Weeks, told the justices.

Inspector A. T. Smith explained that the Society organised Bampton's annual Great Shirt Race. The licence was granted.

STUDENT PUSHED P.C. DOWN

ALAN Dominic Low (21), undergraduate of Exeter College, was fined £10 in Oxford yesterday for assaulting P.C. David Curtis on November 5. He pleaded "Not guilty."

P.C. Curtis said that while trying to control the plot night crowd he was pushed to the ground and trampled on. As he was regaining his footing he received another blow and fell to the ground again.

As he got up, he recognised

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"I don't understand -
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so much easier that I call it
my daily help - it's worth another
pair of hands in the house."*

"Talking of cooking - I must
get home to get my husband's lunch, and
I haven't done half my shopping."

*"Mine is just switching itself on now
so I've got another hour - all I do
when I get home is serve it up! You*

Next week's shows

A case of British censorship

AFTER its ordeal by censorship, **I Want To Live** (Ritz) emerges somewhat battered, with a four-minute cut in the final scene.

Some Oxford film enthusiasts took the opportunity of challenging this and other censorial decisions last night, when the secretary of the board, Mr. John Trevelyan, spoke to the Oxford University Film Society—as reported on another page.

Grimmest

This is not the first film against capital punishment (there was André Cayette's horrifying *Nous Sommes Tous des Assassins*, and J. Lee-Thompson's *Yield to the Night*).

FILMS Derick Grigs

her as Lola-Lola, the amorous night-club singer who fascinates and ruins an elderly schoolmaster (Emil Jannings) could forget her.

William Dieterle, the director of the new version, and its stars (Mai Britt and Curt Jurgens) have had to fight the nostalgia of many filmgoers to get it accepted. But they were no doubt counting on the much larger number of younger spectators who have never seen or heard of the original.

The Regal has the new Frankie Vaughan musical, **Heart of a Man**. What story there is largely concerns his adventures in a series of odd jobs. He plays an unemployed seaman who is offered £1,000 if he can earn £100 in a month.

yacht, boxer and commissioner.

Anne Heywood is the girl he falls in love with, and other parts are taken by Tony Britton and Anthony Newley.

The Scala's main feature is a revival of **Belles de Nuit**, the René Clair fantasy about a musician (Gerald Philipe) who hates the noisy modern world and escapes by dreaming into a more gracious past. There he meets some beautiful women (Gina Lollobrigida among them) but discovers that the old world was even more frightening than the new. The wittiest of Clair's recent films.

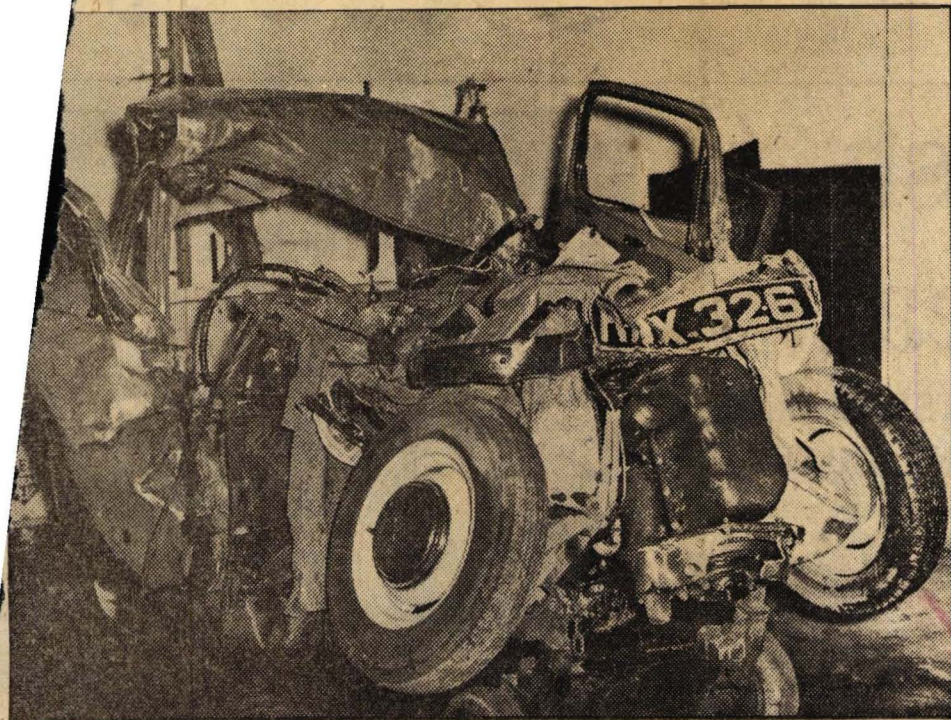
The supporting film is **Touch of Evil**, with Orson Welles as director and star. Over this story of murder and corruption, Welles had his usual wrangle with the studio. Since he was not allowed to edit the picture, it cannot be what he intended. In its present form it seems confused and pretentious, but its opening is bril-



Susan Hay

To

TRUCK CRASH NEAR



The car in which Mr. Richard Fort, M.P. for Clitheroe, was killed on Saturday in a collision with a coach near Sandford.

£1,250 watches stolen from Oxford store

THIEVES who stole nearly 200 watches and other articles worth £1,250 from the Broad Street, Oxford, store of H. Boswell and Co., took them away in two suitcases they selected from the firm's stock.

The theft was discovered on Saturday and it is thought that the raiders must have hidden in the store on Friday night, emerging after the staff had gone to ransack display cabinets and shelves.

Entrance may have been gained by climbing over the gate of a passage at the side of the premises, leading to a side door. A panel of glass in this door was broken.

WALKED OUT

After they had finished, the thieves forced another door with a pair of gardening shears and walked out of the main entrance.

"They always seem to make a bee-line for our watches," commented Mr. C. G. Pearson, one of the firm's directors.

The missing property also includes three electric razors, six travelling clocks, nail clippers, fountain pens, a dressing case and an expanding suitcase. A small amount of cash was taken as well.

Watches worth about £150 were stolen from the shop in a smash and grab raid last October. In April, watches and other articles worth £687 were stolen.

PROMISING YOUNG PLAYERS IN OXFORD

THREE young players made a promising debut in Oxford at Corpus Christi College yesterday afternoon. The Phoenix Trio (Mary Elspeth Milford, Delia Fuchs and Colin Tilney) showed, in works by Mozart, Paderewski and Schubert, that they were prepared to cope with any style, if not quite with equal success.

The Piper Trio was handled very creditably and its technical and musical problems surmounted with ease. A noteworthy feature of this, and indeed, of all three performances, was the strong rhythmic basis, to which the extremely capable pianist, Mr. Tilney, gave a splendid impetus. With this foundation of rhythmic vitality, ensemble was good.

Miss Fuchs, the cellist, who has a sweet, silky tone, gave a musicianly account of the beautiful slow movement theme in Schubert's E flat trio. Miss Milford's tone is also of pleasant quality, but her bowing needs to be more forceful in forte passages to make a completely satisfactory balance.

TOUGH

The Schubert trio was a tough proposition for a young group to tackle. Schubert needs intense concentration and to sustain this for nearly three-quarters of an hour demands veteran stamina. Nevertheless, it was a most encouraging attempt and the work called forth some very musical and intelligent playing.

In the Mozart trio in B flat the players seemed to have rather diverse ideas about style. But Mozart is the grave of countless reputations, and less experienced players are wise to play this dangerous music in private for a long time before offering it to the public.

C.T.

In memory of Bishop Kirk

The wrought iron screen behind the bishop's throne in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, which is to be the memorial to Bishop Kirk, has been completed.

The screen is the work of craftsmen at Hambleden, Buckinghamshire. With the canopy, it was designed by Mr. Sebastian Comper.

The memorial will be dedicated on June 3.

Fine quartet playing at Somerville

STRING quartet playing of quite an exceptional quality was heard in the Hall of Somerville College last night when, under the auspices of the Worcester-Somerville Musical Society, the Amici Quartet played Bela Bartok's Quartet No. 5, which calls for virtuosity of the highest order and in which he gets from four stringed instruments sounds which are as exciting as they are in some cases strange.

It may be music that engenders respect and admiration rather than affection in most people, but it is tremendously vital, and was so played.

The finale, in which a few bars of hurdy-gurdy music is comically introduced, was a veritable tour-de-force and aroused the large audience to great enthusiasm.

The two companion works, by Haydn and Beethoven, were also magnificently played, particularly the movements that call for vigour and incisiveness. Haydn was represented by the last of the Opus 76 series which is less familiar than some of its companions and Beethoven by the concise Opus 95.

W.A.C.

EARLY FILM REOPENS MYSTERY OF WELLES

THE mystery of Orson Welles was reopened in last night's showing by the Oxford Film Society of The Magnificent Ambersons, not seen in Oxford for some years.

The mystery is: what accounts for the general decline of his work since that film and its predecessor, Citizen Kane? Both of those films were elaborate, but clear and consistent, having a shape and clarity that most of his subsequent work has lacked.

Perhaps he needed the influence and organisation of a major studio to keep his talents on the rails; perhaps, as a freelance, he has been over-free to experiment and elaborate.

FEW FIREWORKS

The wonderfully rich and detailed social background in The Magnificent Ambersons owes little to the technical fireworks that Welles can rarely resist. Apart from deep focus and complicated doublings, the film's most characteristic device is the use of the long-held close-ups and slow tracking shots.

Without the oppressive atmosphere Welles creates, and the acting of a fine cast, there would be no depth in the characters, who in what they do and say are simple, unchanging and theatrical.

D.E.G.

Boy rescues sheep from stable fire

A BOY aged 16 cycled a mile to rescue a ewe and her lamb from a burning farm building on Saturday.

Just before 2 p.m., Donald Sherratt, son of Mr. D. A. H. Sherratt, manager of Sutton Lodge Farm, answered the telephone and was told that a farm building a mile away was on fire. He jumped on his bicycle and set off.

When he arrived he found that a loose box in a range of stables was on fire, and when he went inside he saw a ewe and her young lamb there. Unaided, he got the two animals to safety outside the building.

The fire damaged part of the plank and sheet-iron roof of the building before Banbury firemen put it out. It is believed to have been started by a spark from a bonfire of old sacks.

150 scooter owners at Oxford rally

MORE than 150 Vespa owners and their pillion passengers assembled in St. Giles', Oxford, yesterday, for the second rally organised by the Oxford Vespa Club. Competitors were sent on a 45-mile navigational trial through the Oxfordshire countryside finishing at Blenheim Palace for tea.

After tea and a tour of the palace, the prizes were presented by the club president, Mr. C. J. Billings.

The Billings Challenge Cup for the club gaining the highest average points in the trial was awarded to Cheltenham, and the prize for the club which travelled the longest distance to the rally went to Yorkshire.

After a two-day trek through the jungles near the Pachitea River, rescue units have found ten bodies where a Peruvian aircraft crashed last Wednesday with 12 people aboard, British United Press reports from Lima.

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Bampton pair win great shirt race in a canter

BAMPTON'S annual Great Shirt Race, held on Saturday night, provided the crowds of townspeople and visitors who lined the streets with the usual amusing spectacle.

The honour of the town was upheld, for the race was won by two local youths, Rodney Adams and Frank Smith, whose means of transport, a much-battered pram withstood the hazards of the course enabling them to show any "foreigners" who might have been taking part a clean pair of heels.

But the Army, represented by Sgts. Blohm and M. Cutler from the Royal Signals Unit at nearby Weald, were right behind and gained second place. L/Cpl. G. Wylie and Signalman M. Vass were third. Last year's winners, John Wixey and Thorarinn Benediks both from Bampton, were beaten into fourth place.

The race is organised by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing, and is the main event each year by which money is raised in aid of the Bampton old age pensioners' Christmas fund. The crowds gave generously.

Entrants compete in pairs in the race, which is said to be a revival of a 19th-century Whit-suntide custom, and they run through the town wearing night-shirts or similar garments.

They push each other in perambulators, handcarts or other contraptions, and change places at various inns on the route where in turn they have to drink glasses of ale.

RECORD FIELD

There was a record field of 24 pairs this year and as far as is known, no one had accepted the challenge on behalf of wheelbarrow racers—a sport which the shirt racers regard as not so strenuous.

The race began from outside the Swan in the Buckland Road—that is after several mock starts for the benefit of news-reel cameramen. Eventually, however, the competitors came under the orders of the official starter, Mr. Ernest Shepherd, who raised a 12-bore shotgun to his shoulder and fired into the air.

The mass start raised a cloud of dust and with shirt tails flapping in the wind, the runners dashed up the road. There were early casualties, one of the first being the gas-boiler mounted on wheels which apparently did not stand up to the strain.

The first stop was at the New Inn, where seldom can so many mugs of ale—set on a table on the footpath—have disappeared so quickly. Already the field had begun to string out as the runners dashed on to the Jubilee, then the George and Dragon, and along Church Street and Church View to the Elephant and Castle.

SQUARE PACKED

By now the Market Square was packed with hundreds of people who had taken up their positions to see the end of the race.

The first competitors reached the Wheatsheaf, the Horseshoes, on to the Talbot. There was a cheer as the winners crossed the finishing line opposite the Women's Institute Hall.

Mr. Paul Bovington, chairman of the Society, using a public address system, asked the crowds to be patient as the judges ensured that the com-

WOODSTOCK HORSE SHOW DRAWS BIG CROWD

GLORIOUS sunshine brought crowds to Woodstock today for the annual Whit-Monday Horse Show in Blenheim Park. Spectators rapidly stripped to their shirt sleeves.

By midday, officials were talking of beating last year's attendance figures of over 7,000 when the show raised more than £400 for charity.

Conditions were perfect for the competitors, clean and dry, with a good covering of springy turf to soften falls. Entries were slightly above last year.

HUNTER CLASS

Mr. R. S. Lomas' Diamond was first in the Working Hunter class. In the pony jumping class, for which there were more than 20 entries, first and second prizes were shared by Miss A. Westwood's Nairobi and Mrs. Shepherd's Rebel Rock. Miss Westwood rode both these ponies.

The pony brood class not exceeding 13.2 hands, was won by Miss A. Smith - Maxwell's Lemington.

This afternoon, in addition to the main events, there was a demonstration rescue from the lake by an RAF helicopter and a mass start cycle race round the park. There were 100 entries from all over the Midlands.

The race was organised by Oxford City Road Club. Proceeds of the show are to be devoted to the Woodstock Recreation Ground, the Oxfordshire branch of the British Red Cross, the Oxfordshire branch of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, and other local charities.

Seaside trip for Barton children

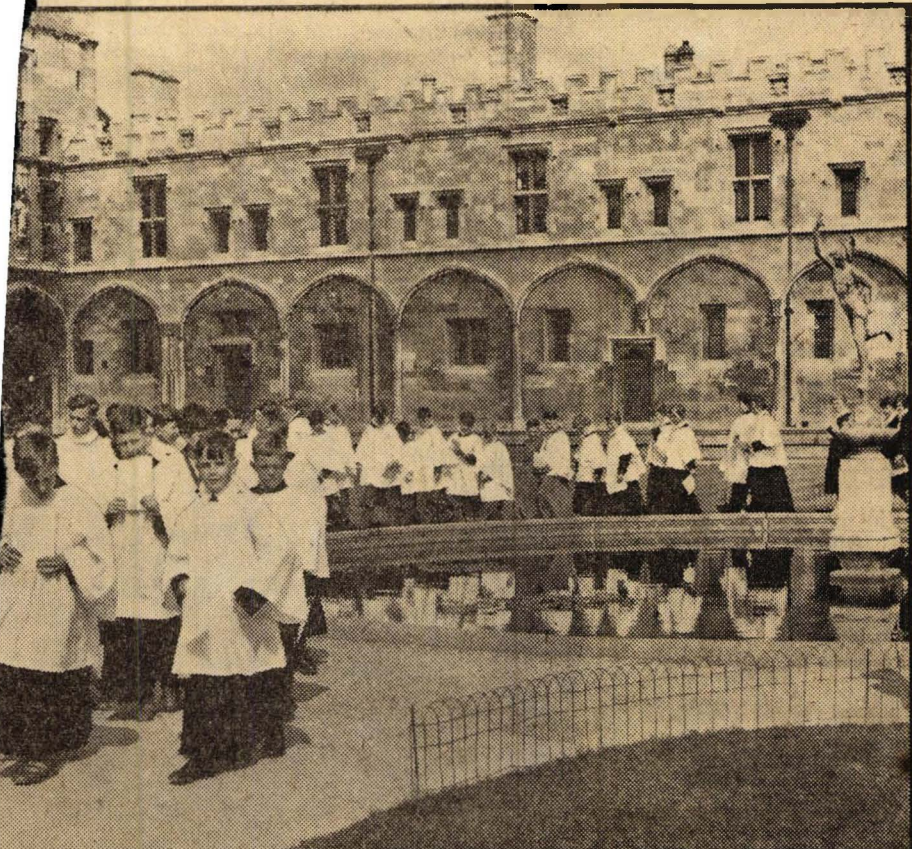
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Soon after arrival the youngsters were bathing with Mr. "Plum" Brown, a few straying to collect small crabs which some of the bathers afterwards found in their jacket pockets.

After lunch, sunbathing and beach games were varied by visits to the tower lift for views of the Solent shipping. The visitors came back astonished—in view of reports of road jams—at the relatively small volume of traffic they had encountered, and appreciative of the irreproachable standard of driving witnessed.

See Naples and buy —an island

An 18-year lease on the island of San Martino, in the Bay of Naples, is for sale. The municipal council of Procida, near Naples, said that the starting price for the lease would be only £1,140.



CHOIRS in procession from Christ Church Cathedral to Oxford Town Hall for a Whitsun hymn festival, organised by The Intry Churchman, on Sunday.

introduced the four parts into which the programme was divided.

Dr. Harry Carpenter, Bishop of Oxford, attended, and opened and closed the gathering with prayer. Dr. Sydney Watson, organist of Christ Church Cathedral, conducted, and Mr. Michael Smith, assistant organist at the Cathedral, played the organ.

Mrs. Judith Louis sang I Know that my Redeemer Liveth, and Mr. Anthony Scott, parish organist at Lambourne, Berkshire, played his own composition, Toccata and Fugue in A minor.

Dr. Watson gave advice on the singing of hymns. Many Ancient and Modern hymns had come to be despised only because they were sung too fast, he said.



GIRL Guides of the 5th East Oxford Company, formed a guard of honour when their captain, the former Miss Una M. Smith, was married at St. James's Church, Cowley, on Saturday.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith, of 37 Ridgefield Road, Oxford.

The bridegroom, Mr. Gordon B. Dean, is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dean, of 73 St. Mary's Road, Oxford.

Two of the bride's friends, Miss Jill Tappin and Miss Christine Williams, attended her, and the best man was Mr. Trevor Dean, brother of the bridegroom.

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England crash to defeat

PERUVIAN OUTSIDE LEFT SCORES THREE GOALS

JUAN Seminario, 23-year-old outside left, sent England crashing to a 4-1 defeat in Lima yesterday by scoring three goals for Peru in the first international soccer match between the two countries.

Seminario, who must rank among the greatest forwards in the world, paved the way for this comfortable win by a side which, though not so clever as the Brazilians, dazzled England with remarkable accurate passing and sheer speed.

With their forwards always struggling, England fought determinedly in defence, but they again met a team too skilful for them.

After their 2-0 defeat by world champions Brazil on Wednesday, England introduced Jimmy Greaves, of Chelsea, to the forward line in the hope of finding the necessary punch.

Greaves celebrated his first full international cap by scoring England's only goal, but again the forward line failed to click.

The English defence, with goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson in terrific form, did a fine job and never gave up until the final whistle.

The ball ran a little unkindly

for England more than once, but they were well beaten by a better side which showed no weakness.

CAPACITY CROWD

A capacity crowd of 60,000, which paid a record sum of £20,000, were soon in action with a bombardment of fire-crackers as Seminario gave Peru the lead in the tenth minute with a brilliant shot from 20 yards.

The left-winger, always probing, netted again five minutes before the interval when he flicked the ball in after Hopkinson had failed to hold a stinging shot from Loayza.

England's attack worked in spasms and the nearest they came to a goal was when Flowers hit an upright with a long shot and, just on half-time, Charlton had a shot cleared off the line by a defender.

Greaves reduced the arrears in the 58th minute with a shot which went in off a post, but Peru went further ahead when Joya netted from a goalmouth scramble.

Seminario set the seal on a tremendous display by scoring his third goal from a melee ten minutes before the end.



Seminario (left) scores his second goal for Peru, at Lima, yesterday. England goalkeeper makes a desperate attempt to save.

Papy best for the Lambton Cup

By THE WHIP

PUNTERS are still well catered for tomorrow at Hurst Park, Birmingham, Chepstow and Redcar.

Major-General Sir Randle Feilden's Papy (E. Mercer), only beaten a neck by Agreement. He should be ideally suited by the two furlongs shorter trip on this occasion.

R. J. Colling saddles Lord Astor's Proud Look (J. Mercer), fourth to Paridel at Newmarket last month, and P. M. Nelson's much improved Prefray (A. Breaesley) commands respect.

DUAL COURSE WINNER

Dual course winner, The Little Topper (J. Lynch) has 9lb. more at 7st. 13lb. than when winning the race last season, and even now is one of the most leniently treated, but Papy can concede a top weight of 8st 10lb.

Scobie Breaesley should win the Anne Cleaves Stakes for Sir Gordon Richards with Stavroula, and Sir Victor Sassoon's newcomer, Ring Cycle (L. Piggott) may beat Brocade Slipper (J. Mercer) and Life (W. Snaith) for the Wimbledon Stakes.

Miss Dorothy Paget's King Magnus (A. Breaesley) may be headed by B. van Cutsem's owner-trained Kalyon (P. Smith) in the Tudor Rose Handicap.

The Festival Stakes, over six straight furlongs, is the attraction at Birmingham where, in the absence of Sir Victor Sassoon's Pinched and Mr. J. J. Astor's Rosalba, the likely winner is J. A. Waugh's Capuchon (P. Tulk).

Mr. John Lawrence can win the Rugby Amateur Riders' Plate on Frank Hudson's Turk's Blood and Frank Cundell's Bothered (D. W. Morris) looks the pick of the Charlecot Handicap Plate.

Casque and Dominate miss the Welsh Derby at Chepstow and this leaves R. Day's Connaissance (W. Rickaby) at top weight of 9st. 7lb.

He ran seventh of ten in the Free Handicap at Newmarket, but was hampered.

His previous display, when beating Sovereign Path half a length for the Thousand Guineas Trial Stakes at Kempton Park, holds him in good stead.

Those in opposition include the Irish colt Bois Belleau (C. Ward), First Foot (J. Wilson), Sanaig (J. Lindley), Frasco (B. Swift) and Bailwick (E. Forde), but Connaissance must be supported.

LIKELY DOUBLE

G. Littlewood could well land a double for H. Peacock at Redcar with Have Courage and Blue Mist.

G. Boddy, the Dunbar trainer, saddles Danieli (I. Telfer), Hielan's Gael (N. McIntosh) and Adam Bede (N. Stirk) for the Kirkleatham Welter Plate and, of this trio, Danieli is preferred.

TWO HAT-TRICKS FOR MORRIS MOTORS BOWLER

R. PHIPPS, the Morris Motors cricketer, had a successful week-end with his bowling, claiming hat-tricks in two successive matches.

Against the Pressed Steel on Saturday he took six wickets for 50 runs, and against Wadhams, of Southampton, yesterday, he dismissed five men for 45 runs.

2.30-CHEPSTOW

Daneway. Nysos. Fortunatis. Pelican Peat.

1 Nysos, 2 Pelican Peat,

3 Daneway—Four ran

S.P.: 6-4 (j), 9-2, 6-4 (j)

2.30-DONCASTER

Golden Shell. Young Barney. Queen, of the Roses. Jettison. No Saint. Sun Finch.

1 Queen of the Roses, 2 No

Saint 3 Young Barney—Six ran

S.P.: 9-2, 8-11 (fav), 10-1

2.30-REDCAR

Setting Star. Mannion. Merry Robert. Precipitant. Marija. Walton Laddie.

1 Precipitant, 2 Mannion,

3 Merry Robert—Six ran

S.P.: 4-1, 13-8 (fav), 6-1

2.30-HURST PARK

Lemnos. Solon Sunbeam. Rousseau's Dream. Feragosto. Never

Say Damn. Adwyn. Barbarian.

Pagare. Endure. Grace Gladys.

1 Lemnos, 2 Rousseau's Dream,

3 Barbarian—Ten ran

S.P.: 11-4, 100-30, 2-1 (fav)

LATEST CRICKET

Notts 149 for one

Middlesex 22 for no wkt

ADOPTED AS NATIONAL CLASS

Enterprise sailing dinghy

SO popular has sailing become as a pastime by the man-in-the-street, that the "News Chronicle" Enterprise 13ft. 3in. sailing dinghy has been adopted as a national class by the Royal Yachting Association.

In future, it will be known as the National Enterprise.

This capable little dinghy was designed by Jack Holt and introduced by the News Chronicle in January, 1956.

PHENOMENAL GROWTH

It has since had phenomenal growth, and is now considered to be the most popular boat of this type in Britain — and its popularity has already spread to Continental countries.

It is the first boat designed for home building to be granted recognition as a national class, and nearly 2,600 Enterprises are now in existence.

Apart from those built by amateurs, 103 firms are now producing them in kit form, or as a complete boat.

They are sailed in 246 clubs in Britain and abroad.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

New South Wales Association—Division I (North)

Awaba 0, Charlestown 1. Walsend 8, Blacksmith 1. Cardiff 3, Merewether 4. Cessnock 3, Newcastle Aust. 1. W. Walsend 6, Mayfield U. 0.

New South Wales Federation—Division I

Bankstown v. Northside (postponed, ground not available). Budapest 0, Hakoah 1. Granville 1, Apsia 3. Gladesville 6, Auburn 0. Sydney Aust. 2, Concord 0.

New South Wales Federation—Division II

Dammatnag 2, Concordia 3. Fairfield 2, White Eagles 1. Julia v. Corinthians (postponed, ground not available). Lidcombe 3, Undercliffe 1. Polonia 1, Neerlandia 3. Hellenic 1, Blacktown 1. Sutherland 2, St George 4.

New South Wales Association—Division I District

Norwa 0, Helensburg 5. South Australia Metropolitan University 1, Pennington 3.

Other Match

New South Wales 1, Costa Rica 5 (played at Wollongong).

The score in yesterday's New South Wales Association Division I District match between Woonona B and Corimal R. was today officially corrected. It should read Woonona B, 3; Corimal R, 2. This corrects Corimal's score from 1 to 2.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Birmingham City 5, Lucerne 2. Bolton Wand. 2, Southern Transvaal 1.

Dundee 3, Fall River 1. Manchester Utd. beat Young Boys (Bern) 3-1 and lost 1-2 to Nuremberg.

INDIANS all out for addition of 16

IT did not take Glamorgan long to polish off India's innings at Cardiff.

The touring team with three wickets left were still 86 behind and these fell within half an hour for the addition of 16 runs. Tamhane square cut the second ball of the morning for four, but then gave an easy catch to short leg.

In the next over Surendra Nath gave two very hard chances to first slip, where Walkers made good though unsuccessful attempts to hold the catches.

The Indians lost their ninth wicket when Desai was caught behind the stumps off Walker, who had taken three for one run.

In the next over Shepherd bowled Muddiah to bring his analysis to four for 34 and India were all out 112.

FAILED AGAIN

Leading by 70, Glamorgan's new opening partnership failed again. Out of form Walker did not play a shot in Desai's second over and was surprised to see his off stump somersaulting.

The score then stood at one. Desai and Surendra Nath bowled with plenty of fire, forcing the batsmen on the defensive.

Desai might have taken another wicket in his fifth over. Pressdee, Glamorgan's mainstay in the first innings, gave a hard chance in the gully and although Borde got his hand to a low, fast-moving ball he could not hold it.

Pressdee celebrated by getting two very good fours, a pull and a cover-drive.

Attempting another drive Pressdee was bowled, his wicket falling at 40. This brought together the youngest of Glamorgan's batsmen Jones and Ward.

Jones showed the right temperament, mixing sound defence with a few fluent strokes.

Ward, however, was taken at short leg off the last ball before lunch when Glamorgan were 42 for three.

GLAMORGAN—First Innings 182

(J Pressdee 113). Second Innings: A Jones not out 21, F Walker b Desai 1, J Pressdee b Muddiah 19, D Ward c Kripal Singh b Muddiah 1.

Total (3 wks) 42

INDIANS—First Innings

Overnight score: 96 for 7. N S Tamhane c Devereux b Shepherd 5, Surendra Nath not out 8, V M Muddiah b Shepherd 3, R B Desai c Evans b Walker 7. Extras 1.

Total 119

LANCS v. YORKS

At Manchester.

LANCASHIRE—First Innings 282 for 9 wks dec (G Pullar 76, C Washbrook 55).

YORKSHIRE—First Innings: W B Stott c Marner b Higgs 13, K Taylor b Statham 9, D E V Padgett not out 19, D B Close c Wilson b Higgs 2, J V Wilson run out 3, R Illingworth c Wilson b Dyson 4, J R Burnett not out 5.

Total (5 wks) 55

WORCESTER v. ESSEX

At Worcester.

WORCESTERSHIRE—First Innings 266 (D W Richardson 59, M Horton 74).

ESSEX—First Innings: Overnight score: 33 for 1. L Savill lbw b Flavell 28, L H R Ralph b Aldridge 61, E Taylor c Slade b Aldridge 37, D J Insole not out 1, G Smith not out 5. Extras 1.

Total (4 wks) 198

HANTS v. KENT

At Southampton.

KENT—First Innings: Overnight score: 33 for 1. W E Bell c Warr b Titmus 1, M R Hallam not out 1, D C Morgan 54, R C Wilson 148, M C Cowdrey ret hurt 60.

HAMPSHIRE—First Innings: R E Marshall run out 16, J B Grav c Finney b Hallyard 32, H Horton not out 36, D O Baldry not out 27.

Total (2 wks) 111

CAMBRIDGE UNIV. v. FREE FORESTERS

At Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE UNIV.—First Innings 316 (H C Blofeld 59, J R Bernard 119 not out).

FREE FORESTERS—First Innings: Overnight score: 30 for 2. G W Cook c Brodrick b Douglas-Pennant 32, F R Brown c Reddy b Wheelhouse 63, S Kimmins b Wheelhouse 81, O S Wheatley not out 3, J K Hall not out 1. Extras 8.

Total (8 wks) 205

LEICESTER v. DERBY

At Leicester.

DERBYSHIRE—First Innings 228 (D C Morgan 56, H L Johnson 97, Spencer 3 for 89).

LEICESTERSHIRE—First Innings: Overnight score: 28 for 1. M R Hallam not out 111, E F Phillips c and b Morgan 11, A C Revill c Carr b Morgan 9, W Watson not out 6. Extras 4.

Total (3 wks) 150

SOMERSET v. GLOUCESTER

At Taunton.

SOMERSET—First Innings 314 (G G Atkinson 54, W E Alley 153).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE—First Innings: D M Young c Lomax b Lobb 7, C A Milton not out 47, R B Nicholls lbw b Biddulph 0, R B Gravney c Lomax b Biddulph 20, D Hawkins not out 20. Extras 5.

Total (3 wks) 99

NOTTS v. SURREY

At Nottingham.

SURREY—First Innings 350 (J H Edrich 112, M D Willett 72).

NOTTS—First Innings: R T Simpson not out 43, E J Martin b A V Bedser 10, M Winfield not out 48.

Total (1 wkt) 101

MIDDLESEX v. SUSSEX

At Lord's.

MIDDLESEX—First Innings 220 (W E Russell 52).

SUSSEX—First Innings: R A Gale not out 3, W E Russell not out 13. Extras 1.

Total (no wks) 17

SUSSEX—First Innings

Overnight score: 80 for 4. F V Bell c Warr b Titmus 1, J M Parks c Russell b Titmus 0, E R Dexter c Russell b Moss 4, G C Cooper b Titmus 19, R G Marlar lbw b Titmus 2, N I Thomson lbw b Warr 14, D L Bates not out 4. Extras 1.

Total 130

NORTHANTS v. WARWICK

At Northampton.

WARWICKSHIRE—First Innings 266 (A Townsend 111, Watts 5 for 30).

NORTHANTS—First Innings: Overnight score: 33 for 2. M E J G Norman run out 54, R Subba Row not out 48, G E Tribe c Wolton b Hill 55, F J Watts c Smith b Hill 1, P D Watts c Bridge b Hill 0, M H J Allen not out 5. Extras 20.

Total (6 wks) 202

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An incident in the polo match between Queen's Own

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ason for the higher made for beach rights, such rights are still auctioned, is that during recent years the holiday season has been considerably extended. Autumn illuminations have made the public still "seaside conscious" even in late October.

Foreshore services have also benefited from the increasing number of day visitors arriving by coach and car. In fact, the day tripper nowadays provides a substantial part of the custom which puts small fortunes into the hands of beach traders.

"After all, trippers come to see the sea and enjoy a few hours on the beach," points out a stallholder who has been supplying snacks there for many years. "This year I've had to bid nearly £300 more than I did last year, to set up my eight refreshment stalls on the sands. But I've no doubt about recovering the outlay—unless we have snow blizzards in June."

It seems that our beaches are golden—and that description is not refer just to the colour of the sands.

EDITOR

order to correct any erroneous impression that the public, we would point out that the whole increase in the retail price of these beers has not been on to the licensee, a proportion has been met by the wholesaler through their increased

A. B. SALVETTI
Secretary, Oxford and District Licensed Victuallers' Association Society).

INFORMATION SPLITS OUR VILLAGE

For all we know, the most revolutionary changes may be an infinitely diversified example, our

a year of great... the Trustees, and a satisfactory one in many... not least on the financial side. At the end of December, there was an excess of income over expenditure of £269. A number of new members were enrolled

There is a new area committee for the Headington and Shotover district, which, like Marston, is to hold an annual meeting in its own area, and the Junior Common Rooms branch, to which undergraduates belong, has a membership of nearly 180.

Shirt race

THIS evening Bampton's great shirt race is taking place as usual, but the organising committee, led by Mr. J. Quick, have introduced an innovation. For the first time there will be cups for the winners.

The two cups were bought by the committee with money raised in February. Although Mr. Quick has his fears that a reward more tangible than the glory of winning, and more lasting than the beer consumed, will cause a riot, the committee felt that the cups would prove an incentive.

Two cups are needed for, of course, two people always win. Although any wheeled vehicle that can hold a man can be used Mr. Quick points out that "prams are safest for all concerned," and that "knee length wassnames, numbers and audible warnings are a must."

This annual marathon is, he says, "just for laughs, five gallons and a collection for the Old Age Pensioners' Christmas Fund."

Life's too short

LORD Macclesfield, who was yesterday re-elected chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, read, as a boy, that life was too short to enter into correspondence with a Government department. He has forgotten the author of the statement, but ever since he has been a member of the County Council he has acted on it.

Lord Macclesfield's visits to Whitehall to speed up various matters in which the County

usly... carving in bas-relief, of some remotely ancient people, the Assyrians perhaps.

Phil Archer, expert

THE Oxfordshire County Council's Diseases of Animals Committee does not think much of the B.B.C.'s Phil Archer as an expert on farming.

The Ministry of Agriculture has produced a poster showing Phil Archer leaning over the garden gate and emphasising with his pipe stem the slogan, "Farmers, take my tip!"

When the Animal and Diseases Committee saw this they snorted, and put it on record that in their opinion it was "a waste of public funds."

The poster advises farmers to dress their cattle with derris as a protection against warble fly. Is this the sort of tip they are likely to take from a character in a B.B.C. serial? Would the boldly printed line, "... says Phil Archer" impress farmers? Somebody in the Ministry thinks it will.

Jungle trophy

THE best current small boy story comes from a colleague whose son's school was holding what this five-year-old insisted was a "jungle sale."

The boy was given a shilling to spend at the sale, but imagine his mother's amused dismay when among the treasures with which he returned was an old tennis ball for which he had paid sixpence and which was one of six from "jungle" she had provided

25 YEARS AGO

From the "Oxford Mail,"
May 19, 1931

THE decree for the adoption of the majority report for the enlargement and improvement of the Bodeitan Library was approved in Congregation today without a single dissentient.

Sir Henry Myers, chairman of the commission which produced the report, said he doubted whether there was any other important library in the world where such congested conditions existed.

CH... RO... DISMISS

A charge of dancing brought against land Smith, of 23 Road, Southampton, yesterday, was dismissed a three-hour hearing. The charge of dancing was also dismissed.

Mr. D. C. Kelly, said that the charge of an accident at Mill on February 19 in Charles Crosfield Avenue, of Upper Farm, Goring, was

Mrs. Cherry said she was driving with her husband over the brow of a saw a stationary man near the traffic on. Another ing at a very fast out and there was

Smith, the driver involved, said he identified as James Grassick, of Glasgow, wave stationary lorry the van.

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From Our Own Correspondent

17-5-59

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AT the crack of a 12 bore shot gun, 42 lusty men in shirt tails embarked to-night on Britain's zaniest pub crawl. Yes, Bampton's great Shirt-Race Night had come round again.

For nigh on 200 years this lovely old village (pop. 1,104) has nurtured this unique Whitsun event. Generations of smock frocked yokels have raced their barrows, one pushing and the other riding, round the twisting seven pub course, the pusher downing a statutory half-pint at each pub and then changing places with his passenger.

Home running motorists halted in astonishment at the sight of villagers in night-shirts and pyjamas, rein forced by local Servicemen, pushing each other from pub to pub on barrows, antique perambulators, tricycles and

various sorts of home made vehicles.

It was a fantastic scene. Perambulators and wheel-chairs collided, horns blew, bells rang, competitors screamed and more than one rungside onlooker got taken for an unlooked for ride.

Beer spilled in the evening sunshine as contestants tried to "down it in one."

The winners were a young team—Rodney Adams, a factory worker, and Frank Smith, a building labourer. They broke recent records, by lapping up the course in 13 minutes.

For them: the traditional prize of five gallons of free beer and a tankard.

Close runners-up were two Army sergeants, Robert Blohn, of the Royal Corps of Signals, and Michael Cutler, of R.E.M.E.

"Our aim is to keep the old English spirit alive," said an official of the local Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing, which organises the event.



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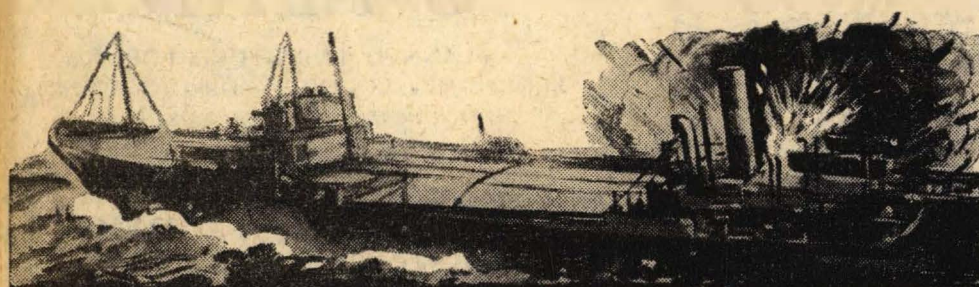
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BEGINS THIS WEEK-END IN THE
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Overseas visitors

"It is also a very good centre for holiday-makers, and we get a surprising number of people staying for the trout fishing in the Windrush. We get people from all over the world." There were, I think, a few overseas visitors in the pleasantly timbered dining-room when I went into luncheon, where there was a varied choice of three courses. Witney is exceptionally well off for a place of its size. In hotels and inns, which serve good luncheons.

Spick and span look

Some three miles north-east of Witney, on the road to Long Hanborough, stands the stone-built Shepherd's Hall, in splendid isolation on high ground commanding a wide view of pleasant woodlands and meadows. It is a spick and span looking house, brightly white-washed at the back with a front of warm yellow Cotswold stone. It is roofed with small dove-grey tiles and the window frames and shutters are all painted in a singularly attractive light blue. In front of the house are tubs of shrubs and long flower boxes full of pansies. A glass-covered loggia occupies the far end of this side of the house, well-protected against all winds and a fine sun-trap.

The one tree

A flourishing walnut tree near the main entrance casts its shadow over a beautifully-kept lawn and flower garden, where there are chairs and tables for those who like to drink out of doors. Beyond this garden is a capacious car park. There is a much larger but equally smooth lawn on the other side of the house with pergolas bearing climbing

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Name origin

She told me that she had not been in residence long enough to have learnt anything of the early history of the inn, but a customer at the bar said that many years ago there had been an old, rather dilapidated inn on this site and that it got its name from the fact that the drovers bringing their sheep from the Cotswolds to Oxford used to halt here for a drink. "Then," I suggested, "its name was probably Shepherd's Halt and not Shepherd's Hall."

"Bob Arnold, of the Archers, has a special liking for the inn," he said. "Then there are the trainees at the Police Force Training College at Eynsham Hall, just down the road, but the mainstay of the custom is the motoring section that come out from Witney, Woodstock and Oxford, which are all within easy reach. "The week-end trade here is surprisingly large." I was not surprised to hear that it was large, because the house is an outstandingly charming example of modern Cotswold stone architecture, its gardens are gay and roomy and the whole atmosphere of the place is genial, colourful and friendly.



The Shepherd's Hall and its walnut tree.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

By J. A. FREEMAN

FLORENCE PARK

THE annual fete of the Florence Park Residents' Association in aid of the association funds took place on Monday in the grounds of Capt. J. J. Allen at Wootten, Iffley Turn. There was a large attendance and those present included Mr. John Allen, president of the association, Capt. J. J. Allen and Mrs. Allen and officers of the association, with officers of the Oxford Federation of Community Associations. Mr. P. Green, the chairman of the association, who acted as M.C., introduced Mr. H. K. Walton, hon. secretary of Oxford Federation, who opened the fete. Mr. Green thanked Capt. and Mrs. Allen on behalf of mem-

bers of the association for their help, and especially for lending their grounds for the event. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Allen by Miss B. Parsons. There were side-shows, Punch and Judy and swimming in the bathing pool. One of the chief attractions was a concert given by The Sentinels, a group of United States Air Force members from Heyford.

COWLEY C.A.

THE current issue of the Cowley Association's Magazine gives notice of the association's annual meeting at the centre on June 24. The speaker will be Lord Beveridge. Members are also reminded to renew their annual subscriptions and to contact their membership secretary, Mrs. D. M. Cook, of 31 Bartholomew Road. The two old time dancing sections which meet at the centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays finish a successful season by a visit to Shillingford and Brimpton Grange, and they are planning to restart again in September. The association's chess club has also had a very successful season, winning Division II of the Oxford and District League Chess Championship Cup.

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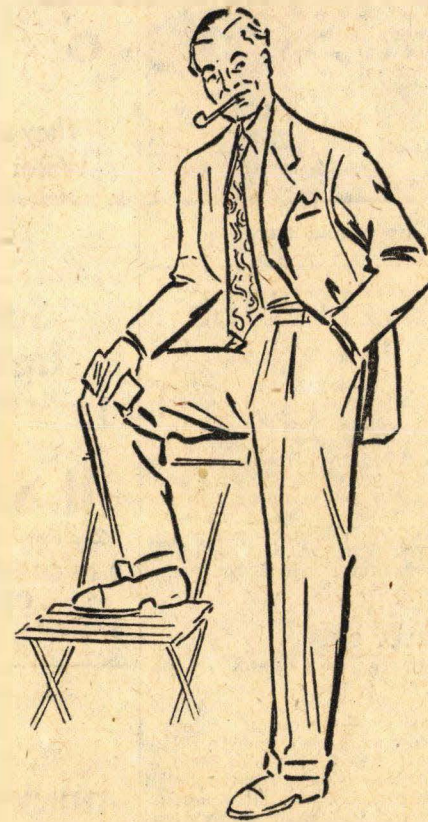
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COUNTY DIARY: WITNEY

Over 456 had a ride on carnival railway

MEMBERS of the Witney and West Oxfordshire Society of Model Engineers have cause for special satisfaction, in the knowledge that the model railway they have constructed, easily passed its first important test.

It carried 456 passengers on the length of track erected as one of the attractions at the Witney carnival held on Whit-Monday by the Witney branch of the British Legion.

The railway was in use continuously for five hours and was one of the star attractions. Adults were as eager as youngsters to examine the three model engines, two of them being used at a time to pull the passenger "carriage."

They belonged to Mr. G. Wren, of Witney, the chairman of the society; Mr. A. C. W. Cleaver, the hon. secretary, and Mr. J. Wheeler, one of the members.

There was a deficit after the carnival last year, but this time public support has undoubtedly given the carnival a new lease of life. Almost 6,000 attended.

That film show

SOME confusion seems to have arisen over the invitations sent out to attend a private showing of the film "Cry, the Beloved Country," and a talk on the South African racial problem by Prof. Kenneth Kirkwood, Rhodes Professor of Race Relations at Oxford University.

On legal grounds alone, the magistrates had no alternative but to refuse a public showing, and the confusion arose when those invited to a private performance read the Press reports that the film could not be shown to the general public on a Sunday.

A member of the Christian Enterprise Movement explains that the programme will definitely take place at the cinema on Sunday, but that only those with invitation cards will be admitted.

Coming to stay

IN September, three Methodist ministers will be living in retirement in the Witney Circuit.

One, the Rev. A. J. Hopkins, has lived at Witney for five years since his retirement as minister at Bampton. Pre-

viously he had been chairman of the Kenya District in East Africa.

The other two ministers will retire at the end of August. They are the Rev. A. E. Newman, superintendent of the Circuit and minister of High Street Methodist Church, who is to live at Tower Hill, Witney; and the Rev. H. L. Picken, who is now at Bishops Stortford, and who was Mr. Newman's predecessor. Mr. Picken is to live at Swinbrook, near Burford.

Members of the Circuit have shown their appreciation of Mr. Newman's work by handing him a cheque for £90.

'Shirts' shell-out

AMID the fun at "The Great Shirt Race," Bampton's annual Whit - Saturday event, it is easy to forget that the proceeds derived from it are for a very worthy cause—the town's old age pensioners' Christmas fund.

But it is pleasant to find that as a result of the persistence of the street collectors among the crowds which watched the race this year, £26 7s. was obtained. This is a record.

The total may eventually exceed that for it is expected that the showmen at the fair held at Bampton at the weekend are to give their usual generous donation.

Sunday duty

WRITING in the Witney parish magazine, the Rector, Canon R. F. Bale, appeals for more Sunday school teachers.

Now that children attending the Sunday afternoon service at the church have increased to about 200, with age-groups from five to 14 years, he says, it is thought that some of the groups must be "hived off" for instruction with the aim of making the effort a Sunday school rather than a children's service.

But until teachers come forward, the children's work must continue as a service for the time being.

The greater number of children going to church is due to hard work by helpers who have approached parents on the new housing estates. No one would willingly see that effort wasted, so there are hopes that the Rector's appeal will be answered.

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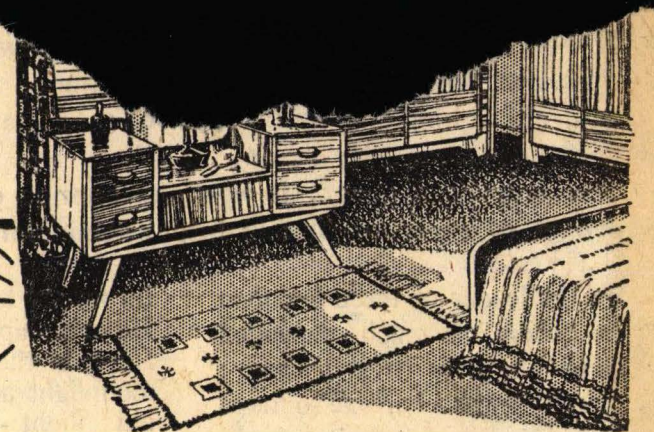
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New-style perambulators are unsuitable for the shirt race

THE officials of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junking—the organisation which arranges the Great Shirt Race each Whit Saturday at Hampton—are a little worried.

The reason is the apparent shortage of the right type of perambulators which, in the past, have been one of the chief means of transport in this annual event.

The report of the annual meeting of the society, just issued, records that an appeal is made for the loan or gift of the older type of baby carriages.

"It appears that prams today are made for one purpose and will no longer carry 'lifers' from the allotment, come from the gasworks, wood from the hedges, or shirt racers from pub to pub—at speed," says the report.

Not the depth

This is a reference to the streamlining of modern perambulators. They have got the depth to enable an adult to wedge himself and so survive the hazards of cornering at speed.

"The surviving veterans of this epic," states the report, "having so developed their stamina and so polished their technique, say they are confident they can circumnavigate the town this year clad in their unique styles."

The course has been lengthened this year to about one and a half miles to incorporate more streets in the town.

Behind all this tiki-ty, which annually attracts hundreds of visitors to Hampton is a worthy white purpose, that of raising funds to provide a Christmas gift to the old age pensioners of

the town. Last year £61 was distributed among the old folk at Christmas time.

New call box

THE Post Office authorities deserve a bouquet for erecting a call box outside Witney post office.

It replaces the single kiosk formerly inside the office which, of course, was available only during the time the public counter was open.

The erection of this kiosk is really the first step towards the reconstruction of the counter facilities at the post office.

Old glass

PERHAPS it is to be expected that restoration work at a church as old as St. Bartholomew's, Duckington, would bring to light some interesting finds.

The Rector, the Rev. H. P. Hudson, says that a specialist has stated that a piece of glass from a dormer window which is being replaced is certainly not less than 300 years old.

The window is in the nave roof opposite the organ. The window timbers were found to be rotten and are being renewed.

The Rector says a new leaded light of a similar pattern to the original window is being replaced. He is keeping the old pieces of glass and will try to use them elsewhere.

On the loose

IF residents in Witney or nearby have seen any strange looking birds during the past few days they are probably of a foreign variety and belonged to Mr. G. D. Kingwell,

of the Caravan Site, Newland, Witney.

The recent gusty winds tore off the roof of his aviary allowing his 40 birds to escape.

He has advertised them as lost and has had four returned so far. The birds are all about the size of a small robin and are prettily coloured.

Mr. Kingwell has taken several years to build up his collection, and has met with success at various shows throughout the country.

Bid for power

THE Witney Rural District Council Tenants' Association is making a determined effort in the elections this year to increase its representation on the Council.

Poling takes place on Tuesday and the association has candidates in four out of the five parishes where contests are taking place.

They are certain of at least one seat at Black Bourton, where this year, the represen-

tation has been increased from two to three seats. Mr. A. E. Pittman, a retiring member, seeking re-election, is opposed by Mr. E. F. Roche and Mr. W. G. Canning, representing the Tenants' Association, and by Mr. A. L. Taylor.

In the other three parishes, the retiring member is opposed by a representative of the association for the single seat.

At Bladon, Mr. A. Wallford is opposed by Mr. T. Price (Tenants' Association); Cassington, Mr. L. Hearley by Mr. C. J. Jones (an Independent not, as has been reported elsewhere, a Tenants' Association candidate); and at Clanfield, the chairman of the Council, Major J. Cunningham, is opposed by Mr. W. T. Yeatman (Tenants' Association).

The other contest is at Alvescot, where Mrs. J. M. Eyles opposes the retiring member, the Rev. B. Lloyd.

The Tenants' Association already has five representatives sitting on the Rural Council, including its chairman, Mr. M. Madden, of Eynsham, and Mr. A. W. Whitehurst, the hon. secretary. They are all due to retire next year.

Silver lining

DESPITE the weather on Saturday, it is now known that the Sunflower Day collection at Witney in aid of the Church of England Children's Society, raised the excellent total of £276. This is a record amount in the post-war years since the end of the 1939-45 war, being £11 more than last year.

The collection was undertaken under the supervision of Miss J. Edlin of Witney, who is hon. secretary of the Witney branch, and Mrs. W. Angove, assistant secretary.

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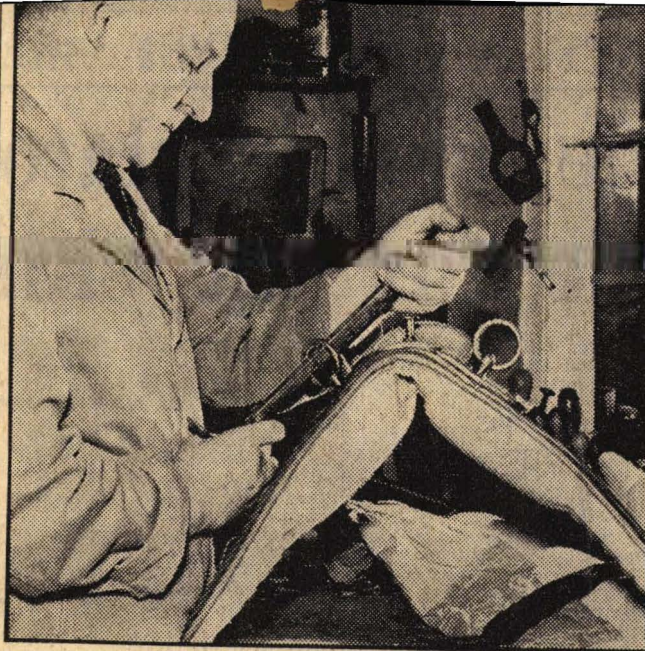
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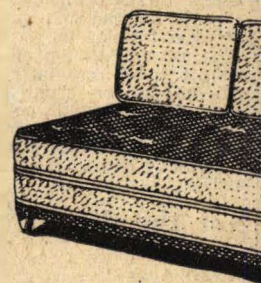
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WANTAGE FARMERS FEAR ENTRY OF ONCE-TESTED IRISH CATTLE

Berkshire's county executive of the National Farmers' Union strongly condemns the Government's proposed action over once-tested Irish cattle.

If Irish cattle, which have been tested only once are allowed into this country for five years after 1960-61 by which time it is planned to have this country free from bovine tuberculosis, then the 25 years' work to produce a "clean" country might be endangered, Wantage branch of the NFU was told last night.

It was reported by the secretary, Mr. A. J. K. Wallis, that the county executive had sent a resolution to National Headquarters.

Wantage branch decided to support the County in its protest and to await the decision of National Headquarters before deciding what further action, if any, to take.

Mr. Aubrey Pocock (chairman), who presided, said it had been stated that the import of cattle was necessary for this country's beef supplies and that it was wrong to stop them coming in when this country could not produce enough meat.

CALL FOR ACTION

Mr. Wallis said: "I feel the cattle should be properly attested when they arrive, not once-tested. In Berkshire, Wiltshire and Hampshire we are clear, Oxfordshire is half clear and will soon be all clear, and I think it is a big mistake to allow once-tested cattle to be brought over here now we are getting clear in this country."

One member said: "It is up to the Irishmen to make their cattle clean," and Mr. W. G. Buckland said that if the once-tested cattle came from a place where there was a lot of TB, they might as well be brought over untested.

"It is no good shutting the door when the damage has been done; we must take action now to stop the risk from these cattle," said Mr. A. E. Walford.

Mr. T. G. Hiskins said cattle should be allowed into this country only from attested herds in Ireland and it was up to the Irish, if they wanted to sell their cattle here, to "put their own house in order."

"Once-tested cattle should not be allowed into an attested county," said Mr. Wilson Sharpe.

Mr. Wallis said the cattle were tested within 14 days of being shipped and would become

eligible for entry into an attested herd if they passed a further test after 60 days of isolation. He added "A person who has an attested herd will be silly to buy any of these once-tested cattle," and Mr. A. E. Denly said "They will be asking for trouble if they do."

Mr. Wallis added that 2½ per cent of the once-tested cattle on an average re-acted, compared with 1½ per cent of home-produced cattle.

PRICE OF CARTRIDGES

It was reported that another request to Headquarters for the abolition of the purchase tax on cartridges used for killing vermin had met with no success. A letter from the County pointed out that the amount of rebate available on cartridges used against vermin was more than double the purchase tax.

Mr. Walford said there were repeated requests for action to be taken against vermin and he believed one of the best ways to get people to do so was to reduce the price of cartridges.

Mr. T. G. Hiskins pointed out that hares were now pests but a man could use 150 cartridges in a day shooting them and rebate could be claimed only for shooting rabbits, rooks, pigeons and other vermin.

Mr. Walford said he still felt a cut in the price would provide the incentive to shoot pests but in view of the County re-action he felt no useful purpose would be filled by trying to press the matter at present

SEED DRESSINGS

Mr. W. G. Buckland asked the branch to raise with the County Executive the possibility of manufacturers of mercurial seed dressings being able to render the dressing less noxious to the people who had to use them, without impairing their efficiency.

Mr. Buckland said it was probably quite easy for millers to use the dressings for they had the proper precautions but it was not so easy for the farmers who wished to dress their own barley or oat seeds.

When one member suggested that the merchants' answer would be for farmers to buy seed which was already dressed Mr. Buckland said this seemed to be pushing farmers into the hands of the corn merchants.

Mr. Wilson Sharp, of Westcott, has been nominated as the Wantage branch representative on the board of Directors of Syndicate Credits (Berkshire) Ltd., a parent company set up to administer a scheme of machinery syndicates in Berkshire and to obtain the necessary credit.

Members were advised to take all steps they could to reduce the possibility of nuisances being caused by bird scaring devices which they might set up.

WANTAGE CHORAL SOCIETY DESERVED BETTER SUPPORT

Wantage Choral Society, conductor the Rev. Eric L. King, gave a performance of Faure's Requiem at the Parish Church on Thursday.

The difficulties of this lovely work were tackled courageously and the choir achieved a remarkable purity of tone and clarity of diction. At first a slight nervousness led to some loss of feeling but as their confidence grew this was overcome and the full beauty of the music was increasingly brought out, particularly in the Agnus Dei and the final chorus.

The second part of the programme consisted of Five Psalms by Christopher le Fleming. Of these, the gay and charming setting of the 23rd Psalm was outstanding; admirably sung by the treble and impeccable accompaniment by Claire Fullalove at the piano. Colin Sherratt provided organ accompaniment of a high standard throughout the rest of the programme and special praise should be given to the soloists, Michael Farmer and Graham Godfrey.

It was a great pity that there was not a larger audience to enjoy this admirable concert.

THOSE POST-WAR CREDITS

Mr. Airey Neave Replies to Letters

It may be the fine weather or it may be that people are happier, but I have had comparatively few letters from constituents in the past few days.

I have frequently mentioned Horns Corner, Shrivenham, in these notes, and I have been promised a reply from the War Office very shortly.

A constituent writes asking whether he is eligible for repayment of Post-War Credits under the headings laid down by the Chancellor in his Budget speech. It may be useful to remind people of these. They are:

1. Persons who have reached the qualifying age (63 for a man and 58 for a woman).

2. Persons

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown with their 42-month-old son Roy, who was judged best in his section at Charlton Fete on Monday.

OLD-TIME ENTERTAINMENT IN ANCIENT BAMPTON TOWN

SHIRT RACE, GARLANDS, MORRIS DANCING AND THE FUN OF THE FETE

For Bampton the merriest days of the year are at Whitsuntide when the entertainments are as ancient and traditional as the old town itself. A start is made with The Great Shirt Race, held on Saturday evening, followed by a fete and all sorts of side-shows on Whit Monday when the morris dancers also make their appearance and throughout the day, are to be seen dancing their way through the crowded streets.

Record crowds gathered to watch the Shirt Race run by the secretary and committee of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketry. Twenty-four couples, complete with prams and wearing various items of night attire, gathered in the Market Square for adjudication. Sgt. Blohm and Sgt. Tucker were adjudged by Mr. and Mrs. D. Abernathy and Mr. G. Woodford, as the most comic entry.

The couples then proceeded to the Swan Inn for the race. All the competitors raced up to the New Inn, drank a glass of ale, changed places and on to the Jubilee, where they changed places again. On through the Market Square to the George and Dragon, then via Church Street and Church View to the Elephant and Castle, back to the Wheat-sheaf, Horseshoe and Talbot to

the finish of the race at the Market Square.

Winners: two Bamptonians—Frank Smith and Rodney Adams—who received an inscribed tanward each and five gallons of ale. Six other couples also received prizes: 2 Sgt. Blohm and Sgt. Tucker, 3 L.-Cpl. Wylie and Sgn. Vass, 4 T. Benediky and J. Wixey, 5 K. Long and F. Hudson, 6 D. Crook and E. Jackson, and 7 A. Wixey and R. Skittrall.

A special prize went to the oldest couple—George Dafter and Tom Bradley. Mrs. Abernathy presented the prizes.

A collection was made towards the old age pensioners' Christmas fund.

A dance was held the same evening, music being by Frantic Fred and his Relations Band, of Wantage.

TWO TEAMS OF DANCERS

From an early hour, too, crowds gathered to watch the two teams of morris dancers. In the senior team were Messrs. Roy Shergold, Francis Shergold, Peter Aillam and John Knight. Mr. R. Wells and Mr. E. Hunt shared the duties of Cake Carrier, music was by Mr. Jack Newton and Mr. Russell Wortley played the Clown.

Junior team: Michael Boadon, Jim Townsend, Robin Skittrall, Colin Knight, Robin Connaughton, John Fleetwood and Mansell John; Arnold Woodley and Jim Buckingham supplied the music. Mr. B. Tanner was Cake Carrier and Mr. R. Townsend the Clown.

NEW VICARAGE FUND

Members of St. Mary's Church held a fete on Whit Monday in aid of the New Vicarage fund. By permission of Earl and Countess Munster, this was held in the beautiful manor grounds.

Highworth Town Silver Band started the festivities with music for the fancy dress parade, which made its way from the Town Hall to the Manor grounds. Here the fancy dress costumes were judged by Countess Munster, Miss Jill Hammond and Miss Sheena Gramham. There were two classes.

Under seven years: 1 Geoffrey Hatton and Keith Barney (shirt Race), 2 Theresa Lock (Rhubarb and Custard), 3 Josephine Keyte (Follow the Van), 4 Martin Hatton (Noddy).

Over seven years: 1 Roger and Julie Powel, Tweedledum and Tweedledee, 2 Helen Curtis, Christine Baird and Ann Smith (Butcher, Baker and Candlestick Maker), 3 Pamela Quick (Welcome), 4 Janet Elward (House to Let).

More than 1,000 people attended and trade was very brisk at all the sideshows.

Winners were: Bowling for pig, Mr. H. Hillier; bowling for tea-service, Mrs. C. Mills; darts, Mrs. T. Giles and Mr. E. Clarke; pegs, Mr. J. McCrudden; treasure hunt, Mr. Banting; weight of cake (11lb 8½oz), Mrs. E. M. Hunt and Mr. D. Green.

Other winners, Miss Freed, Mrs. Hadsel, Mrs. Dalgety, Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Dunn, David Rose and Miss E. Williams.

Entertainment also included the ever popular Punch and Judy show, displays by both teams of morris dancers, and a weight-lifting demonstration.

There were produce, cake, needlework and white elephant stalls.

The Mothers' Union were in charge of the refreshments

MAY GARLANDS

Early in the day local children were parading the streets with their May garlands made entirely of wild flowers, and 24 of them assembled in the Market for the garlands competition judged by Countess Munster, Miss Wylie, and Mrs. Evans. The winners—best traditional garlands: 1 Pat Rose and Janet Elward (last year's winners), 2 Mary Gerring and Jennifer Green, 3 Keith and Susan Wood, 4 Winifred and Nigel Harrison, youngest competitors, Angela and Jacqueline Brooks.

Non-traditional garland: Pamela Quick. All the other children received a gift of chocolates. Mr. R. Pratley and Mr. C. Holt were organisers and all prizes were given.

BERNARD TO BE 'ARSKED' TO STAR?

Bernard Bresslaw, the television actor who rose to fame in the Army Game show, may be "arsked" to star in a road safety day in Swindon.

The Accident Prevention Council gave its blessing to the day after Capt. L. C. Greenfield, of Lawn Park Tenants' Association, had outlined a plan to bring road safety facts home to the people of Swindon—and proposed Bernard as the man to set it going.

A year ago, Capt. Greenfield's association organised a Park North road safety day, mainly for children. "We feel it can become a Swindon road safety day," he said.

"We are confident we can get some well-known personality to open the proceedings," he said. "We have in mind Bernard Bresslaw, who I understand, is a native of Swindon."

He listed details of his plan to make the town safety conscious. They included a "safety" parade round Swindon headed by the town band and including many local organisations, St. John Ambulance Brigade demonstration, scooter club rally, Scouts' hot-dog and toffee apple stands and finally a dance or a barbecue.

Capt. Greenfield added: "In case the weather is bad, we should have some road safety films available so that we can transfer the day from outside to inside." Most members keenly supported his plan.

The Council agreed to form a joint working committee with the Tenants' Association to organise the day.

The Council agreed to give lecturers conducting their safe cycling scheme for children a half-guinea fee for each session, after the acting secretary, Mr. J. Latimer. Had said some were losing money on their wages because they had to leave work early in order to conduct the classes.

WHITSUN FAIR AT LECHLADE

Highworth Winners of "Sixers"

Lechlade attracted many visitors on Monday, including teams of bellringers from Bradford-on-Avon, Kidlington, Oxfordshire and Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, who rang touches on the bells at the Parish of Morris

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BAMPTON SHIRT RACE

WHIT WEEK-END CELEBRATIONS

BAMPTON Shirt Race attracted a large crowd, both to watch and to follow, on Whit Saturday.

This was the second year that the 19th century custom has been revived. Nine couples, all dressed in white shirts or similar attire, entered. One in each pair had to push the other in a truck, pram or similar vehicle.

The race started at the top of Broad Street and ended at the Swan Inn with stops at four public houses on the way.

Mr H. Harry Hampton and Mr. George Hunt, last year's winners, were again successful. Mr. Cyril Smith and Mr. Robert Radband were second.

Mr. John Quick was chief organiser and a collection for Bampton pensioners raised more than £11.

Street Dancing

The children with their may garlands were out in the streets very early on Whit Monday.

This year there were two sets of Morris dancers in the streets from 9 to 5.

The senior team wore black armbands in memory of William Wells (Jinky), who died last November. He had been connected with the Bampton Morris for 60 years.

During the afternoon a short and simple ceremony took place in the centre of the town, Mr. Bobby Wells, who was cake carrying for one of the teams, was presented by the Squire of the Morris Ring, with an inscribed sword and cake tin commemorating his father's work.

Fine for Fete

The vicar of Bampton and Church members held a fete on Whit Monday, for the Roof Fund of St. Mary the Virgin Church, in the grounds of Weald Manor, by permission of Mrs. P. Colville.

There was a record attendance. The fete was opened by Mrs. Colville, in the unavoidable absence of the Hon. Mrs. Nickolas Villiers.

Bampton was fortunate in having a fine afternoon.

Before the opening a fancy dress procession assembled at the Town Hall and paraded to the fete where the judging took place. Winners: First class—1 Miss Janette Keyte, 2 Master John Tanner, 3 Master Martin Horne; second class—1 Master Tommy Papworth, 2 Miss Celia John.

A lamb was won by Mr. W. Rideout, who handed it back for auction, when it raised £4.

Other winners were: Mr. Ham, Mr. Robey, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Gurling, Mrs. Slatter, Mrs. Lines, Mr. B. Stevens, Miss Williams.

Bowling for a pig, Mr. Burt; bowling for blankets, Miss Pollard; cake guessing weight, Mr. Clutterbuck; bowls competition, Mr. H. Hargreaves.

Mr. R. Quick was present, with his miniature roundabout and pony rides were given by Mr. Jack Harrison and Miss R. Graham.

In the evening a display of Morris dancing and country dancing took place.



Ready for the start of "The Great Shirt Race" at Bampton.

KEPT PRAM INTACT

Addressing the crowd after the race, Sgt. Everett, attired in a garment which looked like a nightdress, said: "It is the first time I have taken part in anything like this, but it's grand to have competed in the race."

Cpl. Dews said afterwards that the pram they had used belonged to his wife. To get permission to use it he had had to promise to buy another if it was damaged. But at the end of the contest it was still in working order.

The race will again benefit the old-age pensioners of Bampton, for, invited by the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. P. Bovington, over the public address system, to give generously, the crowds responded well to the cause.

As a result of the race last year, 28 old folk each received £10s. at Christmas.

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2. Married NOT YES
3. Single I THINK SO
4. Why or why not WHY OR WHY NOT WHAT
5. Weight at start 15 6 LB.
6. Guess your weight at end 11-4
7. Do you consider you could stop your set of Tackle containing 17 stone Partner, at Full Chat with following wind in 55 yards ??? (Please answer Yes)..... NO
8. Is it worth it? NO
9. Will each partner undertake to place each of the eight half pints carefully down in his insides. All shirts will be examined for stains OK
10. Special provision made for teetotalisers.
11. Each Pair MUST take a token from each Inn - to qualify for a Place they must produce 8 Tokens. MARSHALS are watching YOU at each Pub to check there is no flagrant whasname of the REGULATIONS.....
12. Any vehicle in Order, provided it can be propelled at a smart trot by a Pedestrian and that it can be stopped as Rule 7
13. Night Shirts or Convincing Imitations must be worn to Qualify for a Place ...

The Route, the Same, made Plain. Start at 7-30 Prompt.

All Vehicles handicapped according to capacities, starting from the Swan Inn (of Happy Memory) straight up the road to the New Inn on the left, on up to the Jubilee Inn on the right, keep to the right of the Town Hall and turn to the right for the George & Dragon Inn. Across the road opposite to Church Street - proceed at top trot to end and turn sharp left down Church View, accelerate to the Eagle Inn on the right, turn right at road junction to the Wheatsheaf Inn just round the corner on the right, on to the Elephant & Castle Inn on the right, cross the road to avoid other Racers, turn round, and rocket back up to the HorseShoe Inn on the left, on up to the Talbot Inn on the right, then keeping the Town Hall on the right, and the County Library (what used to be) on the left, bear right to the Finish Line in front of the Womens' Institute.

We undertake to wire our tyres, overhaul our split pins, Abide by the Rules and follow the ROUTE. We also undertake herewith to absolve the Organisers of the (Original) Great Shirt Race from any responsibility at any Time, and hand over forthwith 10/- to be returned to us on the Start Line.

Signed Mr. ~~Mrs. Miss~~ Partner Mr. ~~Mrs. Miss~~ J. Townsend

Please tear off this Bit as your receipt for 10/-d.

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CHARLBURY HORTICULTURAL SHOW



MR. ALFRED HILL, with the O. V. Watney Cup won by him with a collection of vegetables at Charlbury horticultural show on Saturday.



MRS. PAULINE WILLIAMS, of Stokesfield, with the Lady Margaret Cup and the C. Hughes Cup, both of which she won with her floral art entries.



MR. HAROLD DINGLE, winner of the Charlbury residents' trophy, pictured with his trophy in the Memorial Hall.

SPAJERS ANNUAL CHARIOT RACE



NO, NOT rook shooting! Mr. E. J. Buckingham was about to start the Spajers chariot race at Bampton on Monday.



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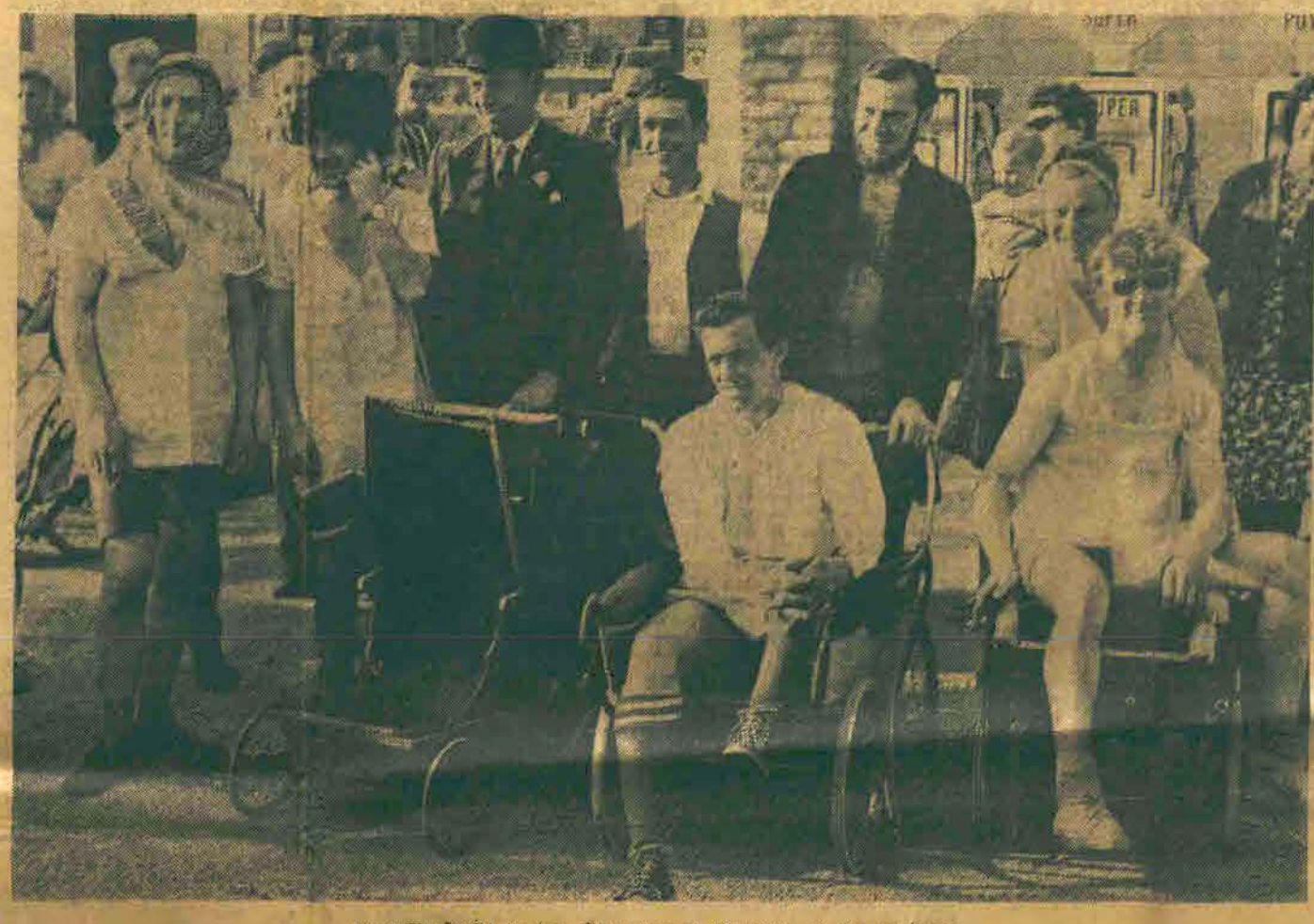
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COMPETITORS in the shirt race at Bampton at the weekend.

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'DRACULA' AN ATTRACTION IN BAMPTON FESTIVITIES

Shirt Race and Morris Dancing Included In Weekend Of Fun

ON a bright hot Whit Saturday, Dracula came to Bampton, roaming the streets of the village pushing a "body" in a coffin. But the 1,000 people who stood watching the dread vampire and his partner weren't paralysed by fright, they were merely watching the famous Bampton Shirt Race.

A record entry of 23 veiled dressed pairs competed in this year's event. The idea was to race from the now closed Swan Inn, visit eight of the village public houses for half pints of beer and eventually finish at the W.I. Hall. Each person pushed his partner in some sort of vehicle.

Dracula and his partner were in reality Peter and David Rogers, of Chipfield, and they won the prize for the most comic entry. Frank Hudson and Jim Townsend, of Bampton, were first past the finishing post followed by Bob and Jack Hudson, from Chipfield, and his partner, Alice, who only managed to come third.

The winners were presented with their prizes by Mrs. Mary Wade, wife of Lt. Col. J. Wade (R.S.A.F.) and S.P.A.I.R. Officer-in-Chief, Marshal H. N. Thorne. The judges' committee were Bob Miller and Bert Smith, of U.S.A.F. Eric Norton, and the youngest were B. Snooks and R. Jones, of Bampton.

LINK WITH TRADITION

To keep the link with tradition, the Swan was chosen as the starting place despite the fact that it is closed. Stan Shepherd, son of the regular starter, Mr. Percy Shepherd, started the race with a shotgun. The assistant starter was Mrs. E. Smith, former landlady of the Swan.

MORRIS DANCING

Monday was an even more spectacular success with a fete, Morris dancing, and children's Garden Festival to attract the village. Mr. Steve Pringle, honoree of the Jubilee Inn, said that the proceeds were the biggest for at least ten years and that most of the money in the town will go to church and other good causes.

ALTERATIONS APPROVED

Stow Magistrates approved alterations of plans to two licensed premises last week. The first was submitted by Mrs. E. M. Davies, of Brookside, Bourton-on-the-Water, and the second by Mr. J. Hutton, of the Wellington, Bourton-on-the-Water.

CARTERTON

Guido of St. Mary's, the guild of St. Mary's had a theatre outing to the New Theatre Oxford on Wednesday to see John Hanson in 'The Maid of the Mountains'. Promoted: P. Jack Bradley, Carterton's policeman for the past four years, leaves the village today for Banbury and promotion to sergeant. Mr. Bradley previously served at Swerford and Chippenham. He is married with a son.

FILKINS

Methodist Church: During Whit Sunday week-end special services were held in connection with the Methodist Church which was built in 1850. On Sunday afternoon the Sunday School met and in the evening Mr. D. Hart, of Cossington preached. The preacher on Monday afternoon was the Rev. W. M. Nicholas, of Burford and later tea was served in the C.A.S. Institute. At an evening meeting the minister presided and the preacher was Whitey E. Farrer, who will shortly be leaving and who was thanked for his services to the church. Pianist was Mrs. Maria, of Ashbury and solo were sung by Mrs. Christine of Chippenham, a visitor from Cheshire, Miss Allen.

BIBURY

Spring Sales: The Rev. W. H. Furlong welcomed visitors to the annual spring sale organised by the Baptist Church on Thursday last week. Stallholders were: Cakes, Mrs. E. A. James, groceries, Mrs. M. Lantier, Mrs. Smith, children's stall, Miss D. Trinder, garden, Miss A. Trinder, Mrs. H. Trinder, white christening, Mrs. J. Coles, Mrs. C. Norris, refreshments, Mrs. E. Collett, Mrs. E. Sandall, fancy, Mrs. P. Lewis, Mrs. J. Trimmer, Mrs. W. Osborne. The event realised £324.33.

Fines For Careless Driving Total £40

Three motorists who all pleaded guilty to careless driving charges were fined a total of £40 by Stow-on-the-Wold Magistrates last week.

Geoffrey Manley, of Elizabeths Place, Avenue Road, Lyne Regis, was fined £10; William Oliver Cromwell, of 147 High Street, Tewkesbury, was fined £10; and Clifford Charles Norman Paul, of 72 Gill Avenue, Oldbury Court, Bristol, was fined £15. All three motorists had their licences endorsed.

WINNERS of the prize for the funniest couple in the Bampton shirt race, David and Peter Rogers.

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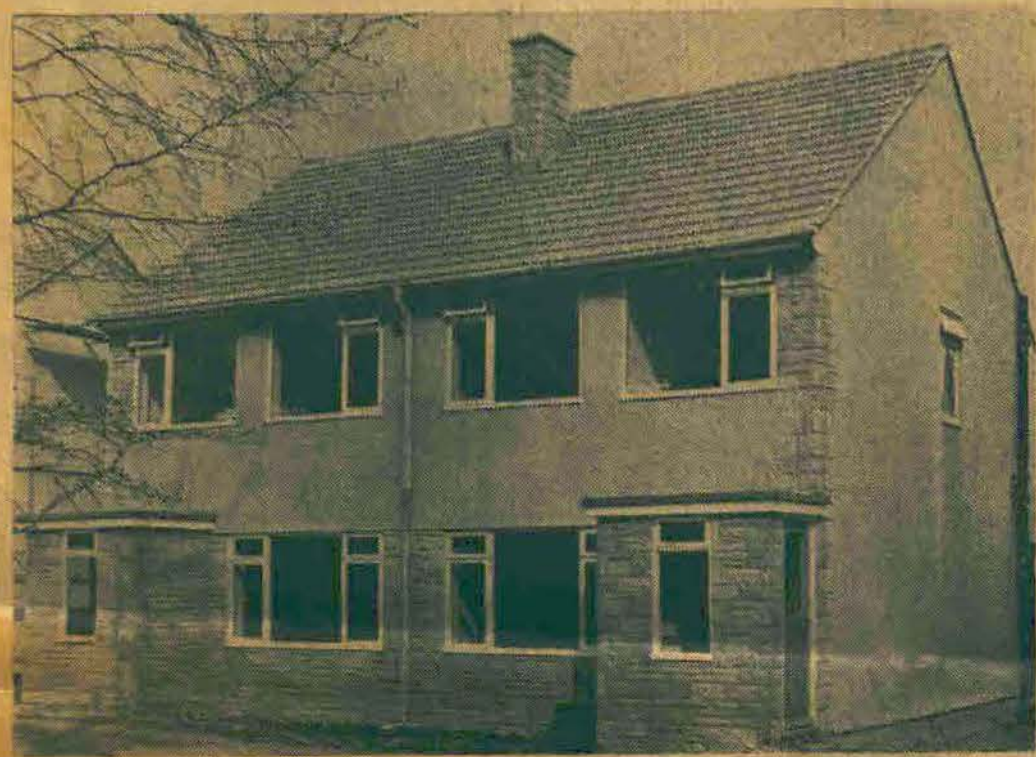
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The developers and builders got together and made tentative plans for the houses which they intended to build. They were aiming primarily at the newly wed market. But these completed articles would be accepted by anyone who recognized a real housing bargain which is rare these days.

It would be true to say that travel the length and breadth of Great Britain and it would be extremely hard, if not impossible, to find a new house which can match the amenities offered at Fairford at the same price.

Look at them! Firstly the house is completely centrally heated. A refrigerator is provided in the purchase price. It is a spacious three- or two-bedroomed house. The garden is about twice the size of any normal building plot in town or city. And there is plenty of wide open space, trees and fine views from each and every one of the houses. The price—and here comes the bombshell, between £2,800 and £3,200.

To the sceptical this might seem nothing more than a pipe dream. But well over 130 couples visited the show house on the site at Fairford during Whitman and saw what was being offered for themselves.

MANY SOLD

Some 16 houses have been erected. And though no advertising has been undertaken so far nearly every one of those houses has been sold. This speaks for itself.

But just how and why did the developers and builders come up with such a first rate buy. The secret, all the way along the line, was co-operation.

Everyone concerned in the project got together from the earliest of stages and was consulted on the best way to take the job in hand. What was required was an exceptionally high standard of finish at the most competitive price possible.

And that was the pattern which was followed. Some of the success is undoubtedly due to high class craftsmen, all with experience at their finger tips who tackled this job.

Methods of construction which have been used are of the highest quality. The building was erected on a site which was not only level but also free from any obstructions. As a spokesman for the builders remarks: "We did not see why a home should be finished in an inferior way to the usual high finish obtained in new office blocks."

The answer to this question is true. Too often the finished article for home life is much poorer than the finished article for work. Not in this case however.

The problems which might be faced on the project were tackled out at a very early stage—thanks to unified thinking and early talks on the project.

The architects carried out a design which was more than adequate and the builders were given a comparatively free hand in transferring the paperwork into economical construction methods.

The builders, who are also specialists in all types of heating installations, were able to approach the method of centrally heating the house with a wealth of practical experience.

It was decided that the most economical heating system which could be installed was electric heating. And here again the local electricity board co-operated. To cut the cost of heating power is taken off peak periods and it is up to the individual to decide how much, and when his heating is required.

Controls in every room meant steady temperature was maintained exactly to those desired, at a touch of the switch.

Besides electric heating for heating the house constant hot water is also provided from the same source. Special installation was used on the storage tank to preserve the heat gained.

OPEN FIREPLACE

The fact that the house is centrally heated did not deter the builders from providing an open fireplace. Often there is a chimney levelled at the modern home that where central heating is used there is no room to provide an open fireplace so beloved by our English nation.

In a large kitchen the designer has placed in the spacious lounge and this blends exceptionally well with a novel Swedish type staircase constructed entirely in wood in a most attractive design. The cost of this staircase, because of careful planning, is little more than a conventional type which is far less decorative.

In a large kitchen the designer has studied the housewife's needs meticulously and there is a separate section of the large kitchen which can be used as a small dining room.

What a huge bedroom can be simply converted into two smaller bedrooms with a third bedroom as an added advantage. The building allows so much for the future that it really does become a gem.

Take the window at the top of the staircase for example. Here the builders constructed it to a specific size. It is an exact fit for the door and the reason is that should a garage be built, and a bedroom required on top, there is easy access at very little conversion cost.

Demand for the houses is rising. Plans are being prepared for a further 16 houses to be built in Fairford where an example of value-for-money building at a price which cannot be matched with in Britain may continue to put this small town to rest and truly on the map—certainly as far as modern building methods are concerned.

The architect for the scheme was Mr. D. Garth Pepperell, I.B.A., of 25, Clara Street, Bristol.



A VIEW from the dining recess into the kitchen. As well as a refrigerator, each kitchen has excellent working surfaces and cupboard space.

Air Scouts Win Trophy

The Buckle Trophy, which was competed for by Scout Groups throughout the North Cotswold Area, is to be awarded in the 1st C.F.S. Little, Hinton, Air Scouts.

Eleven teams entered the competition. Groups from such places as Moreton-in-Marsh, Chiping Campden and Northleach being represented.

The first part of the competition took place at Little Hinton and included tent-pitching, camping and pioneering. The second part took the form of a camping competition and was held at Chedworth. The competition was judged by Rover Scouts from Dudley, Worcestershire.

Members of the 1st Chedworth Group cooked for the judges during the competition.

Scouts were told that their Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. L. W. Woodward, of Stone-on-Wold, had resigned after holding the position for some time.

The Groups expressed their sincere thanks for the work he had undertaken on behalf of the district.

NORTHLEACH

The Hospital—On behalf of the patients and staff the Matron and Hospital Secretary wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks gifts received from the following: Friends of Hampnett; Miss Bellamy, Hampnett; Northleach Branch British Legion; Mr. Preston, Silverstone; Mrs. Cottrell, Bibury; West Cotswold Group Women's Institute.

Coffee Evening, Sale—Nearly £25 was raised at a coffee evening and sale held at Northleach Vicarage on Thursday last week, organised by members of the Good Causes Guild. The money is to go towards the cost of church furnishing items at Northleach and Hampnett. A competition for a doll, dressed by Mrs. J. Hames, was won by Mrs. G. Bolton of Cheltenham. An informal party for the helpers followed the sale.

MORETON-IN-MARSH

Special Service—An inter-denominational service is to be held in the Redevale Hall, Moreton, on Sunday afternoon to launch a week's collecting to mark Christian Aid Week. A committee comprising of members of both the Parish and Congregational Churches are organising the service and special house-to-house collections in Moreton and district.

BIBLE SOCIETY

The Burston-on-the-Water Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society donated £107 to the Society last year.

This was reported by the Treasurer, Mr. F. Alder, at the annual meeting of the local auxiliary at the Baptist Church Schoolroom in Burston on Friday.

The meeting was presided over by the Baptist minister the Rev. Ronald Young, the rector, the Rev. Charles Pickett, who was appointed chairman for the coming year, and Mr. Alder was re-elected treasurer.

The Rev. John Harvey shared two lines of the meeting, one concerned with the work of the Bible Society among the blind, and the second illustrating the

NORTH CERNEY

Eight Hour—There was a good attendance at the Methodist Women's Group's first week when the speaker was Mrs. Boulton of Cheltenham. Her subject was Christ healing the woman with the crooked back. Notice was given that the next meeting on May 23 will be at Fern Hill House, Stye, by kind invitation of Mrs. David Whittaker.

Successful Sale—A rummage sale held in North Cerney Primary School on Saturday in aid of school funds realised a total of £30. The money is to go towards the cost of special items of equipment for the school. Mr. E. G. Card, headmaster, expresses his grateful thanks to all helpers and donors.

Leprosy In Our Time

Following an informative talk given during the winter by a representative of the Leprosy Relief Association, the Stone-on-Wold branch of the I.C.C. decided at their recent meeting to support the work by making a house-to-house collection in the town. Envelopes were distributed by members during Whitweek and will be collected on May 23.

Much of the work done by the Association is carried out in distant parts of the world where the disease is still a very pressing reality. The Chairman hoped this effort by the local branch of the I.C.C. would be widely and generously supported. Contribution could also be sent direct to the Treasurer, Mr. E. Richardson, Barclay's Bank, Stone-on-Wold.

BIRDLIP

Head-on Collision—Two vehicles were in a head-on collision outside Birdblip Police Station on Saturday evening. A car driven by Mr. H. Griffiths (54) of 2 Beau Desert, Minchinhampton, from Birdblip Hill towards Cirencester, was in a collision with a lorry travelling in the opposite direction. Both Mr. Griffiths, who had lacerations, and his passenger, Mr. G. Fletcher of Box, near Stroud, who sustained a fractured knee, were taken to Gloucester General Hospital. Mr. Fletcher is detained driver of the lorry. Mr. J. Payne of Cardiff and his passenger, Mr. T. Stanton, escaped unhurt. The car was very severely damaged.

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