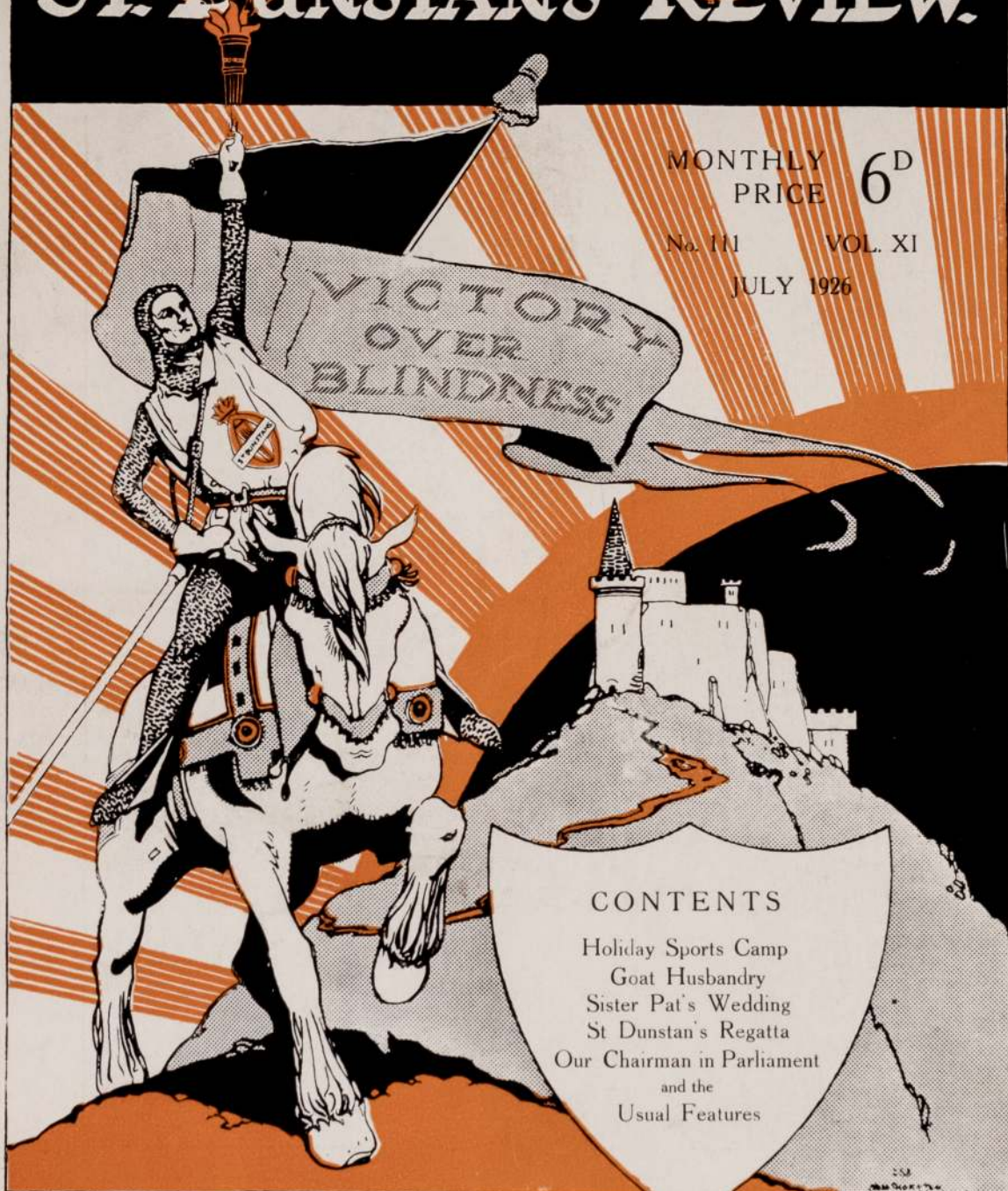


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EDITORIAL NOTES

WE are not surprised to hear from St. Dunstan's Wireless engineer that he is being kept working at high pressure to cope with the great flood of requests for the "Marconiphone" crystal set, or alternatively accessories and equipment, which are being presented by the Council of St. Dunstan's to all making application. Our readers will not need us to remind them that there are no terms or conditions attached to this generous gift, except, of course, that it only applies to St. Dunstaners themselves.

Incidentally, we would like to mention that a slight error crept into our Editorial Notes in last month's "Review," in which it was stated that those St. Dunstaners who already possessed a set could, if they so wished, have accessories not exceeding in wholesale value the sum of 30s. This figure should have read 33s.

St. Dunstan's men have stimulating proof, if proof were required, of the keen and sympathetic interest the public have in their achievements, in the attention always given by the Press to all their doings, and particularly their sporting activities. For example, it is quite safe to say that there will be at Putney on the afternoon of St. Dunstan's Regatta a veritable battalion of photographers, all vying with each other to secure effective and amusing "snaps" of our rowing men and their V.A.D. helpers, and each seeking to stage some special group or incident as an "exclusive" for his particular paper or agency. St. Dunstaners should remember that if at any time they should desire to secure any photographs of such events we can easily arrange to supply these at quite moderate prices. The same remark applies also to all photographs which are reproduced in ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

Anent the Regatta, we are writing these notes some days before it is due to take place, but we hear that a most excellent entry has been received, in spite of a few compulsory scratchings owing to illness and other causes. There should be keen competition and some good racing if we are to judge by the enthusiasm which has been displayed in training and practice. Morning, mid-day and evening some of our rowing men are to be seen on the Lake, and our Sports Sister and her helpers are sanguine that some excellent times will be put up. Incidentally, we may mention that the publishing date of this month's issue of the REVIEW is being purposely extended to permit of a report of the Regatta results, as otherwise these would not appear until our September issue.

As in past years, there will be no issue of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW during August, the month when most of St. Dunstan's men are on holiday. We take this opportunity of wishing all our readers, wherever they may be, an enjoyable and healthful vacation.

NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS



VERY attractive little shop is being run by F. Ashworth at Gorleston-on-Sea, and its fortunate proprietor, who by the way stocks an excellent variety of baskets and other goods, says he has not had a slack moment since he has been there. This is highly satisfactory, for "the season" has hardly begun.

Another shopkeeper with plenty of stock is W. Nash of Lowestoft, and he too is preparing for an extra busy time in his bootshop during the next few months.

An odd reason for removal of part of his poultry farm has reached us from A. I. Gwyn, also of Lowestoft. It is on the edge of the cliff and the sea is encroaching in such haste that the cliff is crumbling—Gwyn has been busy getting his stock to safety.

Friends of G. Sheppard, now of Warminster, will be glad to hear that he likes his new surroundings very much. The three months' old baby girl is adored by her three brothers, and is growing rapidly.

It is always wise to make the most of our sudden and often erratic summers. G. W. Lovett, of Melplash, says that he is practically living out of doors these days—and no wonder his garden might well secure a prize; the district too is very pretty and the neighbours friendly. Poultry is of absorbing interest to Lovett and he has some healthy looking birds despite the depredations of crows and rats.

Chickens attract R. E. Hill, of Tideswell, more than anything else and he has been making some very interesting cross-breeding experiments. His health is excellent, we are glad to know.

Centre-cane work is absorbing the energies of E. Tatton, of Sedgley, who by the way is succeeding in putting on weight. Tatton is one of those forced by the strike

to take an undesired "rest" for a week or so owing to the impossibility of getting in fresh materials.

An unusual accident has befallen some of the chickens of H. Hurst—they were poisoned through some lead-washing that was in progress near by. Needless to say he is taking precautions against the recurrence of such a happening. His last, and tenth, baby is flourishing, we are glad to hear.

What with mats and boots H. Dakin, of Loughborough Junction, is looking forward to being a busy man in the immediate future for he is working up an excellent connection. He has visions of doing some work for the Duke of York before long; and we hope, with him, that the prospect may materialise.

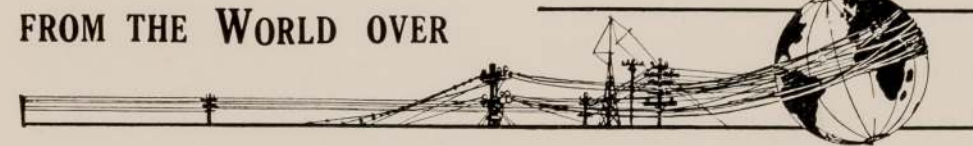
What with peas, beans and spinach and a promise of a good show of fruit H. Coates' garden is a boon and a blessing to the family. His poultry are doing well, and plenty of eggs are being produced, for all of which Coates finds a ready sale.

"Just making a beginning," is the news from J. Percival, of Seedley, as a certain amount of delay has been occasioned by the difficulty of finding a large enough house to permit of the carrying on of trade; it is hoped that this will be found and an installation effected soon.

Friends of R. Colville, of Swinton, will be glad to hear that he is getting about in his bath chair and intends to spend his holiday in lengthy drives about the district rather than in going away. He sends remembrances to all the boys he knew at headquarters, who will not be surprised to hear that he has made many friends in his immediate neighbourhood.

Butchers' baskets have been occupying R. Edwards, of Denbigh, of late; he finds

FROM THE WORLD OVER



them quite interesting. Edwards is fortunate in having gifted children; two of them have entered for a well-known competition—the Denbigh Juvenile Chair. They have been winners seven times in succession!

Among our long list of public-spirited St. Dunstaners must be included the name of S. C. Tarry, of Wandsworth, who never misses a chance to undertake public service, even when arduous. We congratulate him on his keenness.

A very painful accident has befallen the second son of A. E. Hicks of Kenley, Surrey. He tore his hand on barbed wire so severely that it was necessary to hurry him off to the doctor's to have it sewn up. We are glad to be able to report that it is healing nicely.

How many people the strike affected, in one way and another! H. W. Hale had been in trouble with his roof, as it leaked, and while this was being done had the workmen in his upper rooms; then came the strike and the departure of the workmen, so for the major part of a fortnight the whole place was left "topsy-turvy." Despite it all, Mr. and Mrs. Hale keep cheery and bright.

The same catastrophe (the strike) affected E. T. Humphries, of Swindon, at least in a trade way, and even yet things are not right, as many of his usual customers are on short time and cannot afford to spend in the usual way.

W. J. Keen, of Swindon, has just started a New Town round, with greengroceries, having sold the Old Town connection. He has many irons in the fire and we wish him luck with all his ventures.

What with chickens and goats to attend to W. A. Burtenshaw has little time for

basket making at present. Despite the fact that the strike made it impossible to get the usual supply of poultry food all the birds look healthy.

S. Jennings, of Potto, "looks very fit," and the same may be said of the infant son—indeed all the family present a thriving picture. Jennings spends his spare hours in the garden and has grown a fine quantity of potatoes.

The watering of 500 young chickens and 150 older birds leaves J. Fowler, of Ilkley, with little time to spare, and he is looking forward to his well-deserved holiday.

What with making new counters and doing various necessary repairs H. D. Gamble, of Hitchin, has been very busy in connection with his new shop, which is in an excellent position. We hope to hear soon that he is doing a thriving sweetstuff trade.

"Health good," says T. McCann, of Ballinarry, and he is working away steadily at mats

The same satisfactory news in regard to health comes from H. McAteer, of Belfast, who is doing very well with his shop, and hopes to do yet better when the weather is warmer as he goes in for ice-cream.

We have not many inventors on our St. Dunstan's list but it looks as though G. Cocker, at present of Mitcheldean, Glos., would find a place there for he is full of ideas. Does he know that the Institute of Patentees, London, issues a booklet containing lists of patents that are particularly required? It costs 7d. post free.

A week-end at Bristol a few weeks ago has convinced H. Bennett that the air of Bulwark, Mon., is far superior, and the steady improvement in the health of their small son looks as though the district suited him well. The garden is an ever

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.
increasing interest and when not at work in it Bennett is at his mat frame.

The holidays have made things somewhat quieter than usual for W. H. Gordon, of Werneth, Oldham, but we have small doubt that some of his customers will do a deal of walking in these same holidays, so that the ultimate effect will be more work on their boots. Gordon is fortunate in having a pal of a brother; the two work together.

What with attending markets at Colne, Nelson and Burnley, A. Tillotson, of Nelson, has few idle days and is particularly busy at present getting in choice stock for the rush of customers expected when the factory holidays begin.

Garden, chickens and pigs, are the hobbies of R. Biggadike in Boston, Lincs, and he is naturally a busy man. He has had over 2,000 eggs from his hens and his birds look remarkably well. Biggadike spends most of his time on the allotment and has fixed himself up a comfortable "office" with the seat from an old Ford car fitted into his hut, which makes quite a comfortable lounge! He looks much better for his open-air life, we are glad to hear.

In Ramsey, C. Norman is busily occupied with boots and mats. He has had a notable number of local orders of late, the result, he thinks, of a diamond patterned mat he displayed on the back of a coster barrow at a Ramsey carnival which carried off third prize. Spurred on to fresh endeavours he is sending bags and mats to another show at Huntingdon. We hope this too will have good results.

Taking immediate advantage of the opportunity offered by the closing of a shop in his neighbourhood, R. Davies, of Saxmundham, has turned his front room into a shop and has stocked up with tobacco and sweets. The first few days have proved most successful and Davies is looking forward to developing quite a trade. We wish him all success in his new venture.

In Newent, Glos, C. H. Stock is tackling new tasks with energy. The garden, chickens and mat making keep him employed, and a little black rabbit that has been tamed is acting as a mascot; may it bring all the good luck Stock deserves.

Customers seem to enjoy dropping in on E. J. Burgess, of Hambrook, for a chat while they choose their goods, and no wonder, for he keeps the little shop wonderfully clean and tidy. He is looking better, friends will be glad to hear and the good weather should enable him to fling off the after effects of his attack of pleurisy.

A piece of bad luck has overtaken J. Restall, of Manchester, in that a rival has opened up a similar business to his next door; unfortunately the premises are under different landlords so no official steps can be taken. Restall is facing the situation with great pluck and has set about making his display window doubly attractive.

Brief Notes

Aldbourne, where F. G. Teagle is settled, is not a very large place, and considering the number of local orders he has had Teagle says that he thinks he must have fitted up every house in the district with one of his mats! Let us hope that the first supplied will soon be showing signs of wear!

"All well," is the news from H. V. Kerr, who at the time we go to press is in the throes of "settling in" to a new house in Dulwich.

"An excellent gape doctor," is the way W. J. Hallam, of Hever, describes his little daughter. Perhaps other of our poultry farmers have discovered that childish fingers are of service when "gapes" attack the inhabitants of the poultry yard.

Other poultry farmers whose chickens are doing well are A. Charman, also of Hever; R. Gifford, of Linlithgow; and W. T. Jones, of Fareham. The last, by the way, suffered more than most by the tie-up caused by the general strike, particularly in regard to his second-string mats. He counts that he lost quite two weeks' work.

Boot repairing is keeping F. Cooper (of Fareham) busy. His new house promises to be very comfortable. H. Birley, of Pendleton, is also kept going with odd repairs. Birley, it will be remembered, carried off third prize recently in the walking match.

F. R. Reason, of Bridport, is keeping pigs, and is doing well with them. His craft is mat making.

In that tranquil and lovely little place Waddon (Dorchester) A. Seal is happily settled. Quiet though the place is, it is not isolated, for Seal is in easy reach of a railway station.

Another of those who have made their gardens both pretty and productive is J. Boon. The place must be a joy to the family.

Definite market gardening has been taken up by B. T. Adams, of Aldringham, in order to give his land a rest from poultry. Adams is expecting to join our wireless band as a result of the offer recently made by the Council.

A new recruit to the ranks of those who are turning out the new wool work is T. Anderson, of Chepstow, and the same may be said of R. Westwood, of Middlesbro', who is finding great interest in caps and gaiters.

Manchester life seems to suit J. McNichols, of Ardwick. He likes his telephony work, we hear, and is always fully employed.

Friends will be glad to know that G. Rice, of Fen Place, Turner's Hill, is keeping better than he has been for some time.

The news from R. Sweeting, of Oldham, is brief but to the point, "Health champion."

The same might be said of W. McCombie, of Wood Green, with whom, by the way, trade is good.

In Rochester, P. Maskell is very happy and busy. He says the place suits him in every way.

Two holidays have been the good fortune of J. D. Adamson, of Chatham. Not long since he went to Yorkshire and is now off to Southend. Adamson, by the way, finds a continual interest in his wireless.

J. R. Green, of Whaplode, is "getting on all right," and he too is in the holiday vein, although he has made up his mind that he does not care to go anywhere unless he can arrange matters so that his wife shares the experience. We hope that they will both have enjoyable excursions.

Two St. Dunstaners who are in Lincolnshire, some 16 miles apart, are A. Brown, of Holbeach, and R. Biggadike, of Boston; they met for the first time the other day since 1916!

Not much news has come of late from J. Rose, of North Berwick; J. Printie, of Edinburgh; D. Murphy, of Glasgow; W. S. Peary, of Newcastle; R. White, of Sunderland; F. Green, of Pallion; and H. Finkle, of Sunderland, but with all health is good.

R. Baker, of Chopwell, says that his shop is doing decidedly well, considering the state of trade elsewhere, and much the same information comes from R. Usher, of Sunderland.

The strike upset the little coal business run by J. Aitkin, and he is eagerly hoping for some agreement to be reached by owners and miners.

At Tyne Dock R. Oswald finds himself as busy as he can expect to be, all things considered.

Will friends take note that D. Alison is moving from Glasgow to Lyne Cottage, Garden City, Longniddry.

Congratulations as to the progress of his son should go to F. Boccock, of Southampton. His reports have been most excellent and he evidently intends to go far. Boccock is still receiving a number of mat orders.

Other mat workers with good records are J. Waddell, of Stenhousemuir; A. H. Osmond, of Walthamstow; W. Read, of

Framlingham; A. Jordan, of Holloway; W. Robinson, of Grantham, and A. Chiverton, of Alresford, who by the way is hard at it preparing for an exhibition of his work at an Agricultural Show to be held in August.

A. E. Taylor has torn himself from his charming little home in Grantham for a training in wool-work. It should give him an added interest in life when the craft is learnt.

Rugs and net bags occupy all the time F. Gallagher, of Ireland, can devote to steady employment.

As a result of his recent holiday E. W. Wakelin, of Godmanchester, is feeling much better, but unfortunately he met with a nasty accident when returning home. The train went in at an unusual platform and Wakelin got out on the wrong side; fortunately he was only bruised, but that was quite unpleasant enough.

An interesting order for a mantel board has come the way of J. Pearson, of Pendleton. Another in the joinery line is G. F. Smith, who has been busy with trays of late. He is now in Stoughton, Guildford. G. C. Shields, of Southend, has been obtaining a number of local orders. The allotment is a never failing source of interest to W. H. Foxon, of Acton Vale, he grows all the flowers and vegetables for his own household, and this keeps him so busy that he finds little time for boot work. This trade is reviving after the lull caused by the strike, according to T. J. Waldin, of Stanmore, Winchester. W. Agate, of Alton, is another who finds that he is getting in enough repairs to keep him steadily employed.

G. Fallowfield, of Codicote, the basket maker, has had a splendid order for a sale of work at St. Albans. Another basket maker who is showing great promise is J. Kirkham, of Waltham Chase. A St. Dunstan in the same district, but one who will employ himself with boots and mats, is W. Farmery. He has now settled down and things promise well since he has secured a nice little cottage.

Holiday Sports Camp

Miss Hodgson again organised a camp this year, which was held last month at Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted. The weather was delightful.

Several men from the London area, with one or two from the provinces, attended.

We started this enjoyable week on Monday, with a very excellent concert given by members of the Toc H Club. On Tuesday morning those entering for the 9½ mile walk got up early for some training before breakfast, after which we were motored to the open-air baths where all enjoyed some good swimming. In the afternoon, sports were held (similar to those held on Tuesdays at headquarters) on the lawns of Ashridge House. The programme on Wednesday and Friday was much the same, with the exception of Tuesday and Friday evenings, when a dance was given in the village hall. On Wednesday evening the campers and staff gave a concert to the people in the village, which everyone seemed to appreciate.

On Thursday several cars were lent to take all the campers and staff to Marlow for a picnic and regatta on the river, and afterwards we were entertained to tea by the Guards' Club at Maidenhead, thus ending a most enjoyable and successful day.

On Saturday guides arrived from Halton Camp to escort our men in the 9½ mile walk. All the competitors finished the course inside two hours—a very good performance indeed. As the men arrived at Halton Camp, the finish of the race, they were again received with a very enthusiastic welcome, over 1,000 men and boys having congregated to see them finish.

On Sunday morning a short service was held in the camp by Padre Sturway and all were greatly impressed by the sermon.

The prizes were presented to the winners of the camp sports by Miss Talbot. Immediately afterwards P. Johns was called upon to make a presentation to Miss Talbot—a coffee tray and stand—made

by one of our campers, J. Spink, in appreciation of her great kindness in again placing her house and grounds at our disposal.

RESULT OF CAMP SPORTS

J. Fleming	First
H. Kerr	Second
J. Windle	Third
P. Holmes	Fourth

9½ MILE WALK

		Hr.	Mins.	Secs
P. Johns	First	1	38	25
A. F. Lenderyou	Second	1	39	55
P. Holmes	Third	1	40	10
H. Kerr	Fourth	1	44	14

Sincere thanks are due to Colonel J. Luckley and friends for the use of so many cars, to the R.A.F. at Halton for all camp equipments, and also to the Padre, staff and members of Toc H Club.

We all feel extremely grateful to Miss A. Hodgson and her helpers for the admirable and successful organisation of the camp generally.

Any St. Dunstaner who may be interested in this article and would like to join us at the camp next year, please communicate with Miss A. Hodgson, Clopton, Stratford-on-Avon. H. K.

Joyous Events

Such a number of pleasant things have happened lately as almost to suggest the thrills of a London Season all on our own.

People have been giving really jolly shows for us and their kindness is fully appreciated.

To mention some of these pleasant happenings:

There was the Dance on 3rd June, given by Miss Barbara Lester and her friends, with Mr. Fen Sherrie as M.C.—their names alone are a guarantee that everything would be done to ensure a happy evening, and it was so!

18th June saw the second Tea Party given by Mrs. Sherry in her charming garden at Sudbury, where music and dancing added to the pleasure of a delightful afternoon.

Miss Stoddart lured us away on 23rd June right into the heart of the country, and at Ewell Court she and her friends entertained us charmingly.

On 26th June we made a new friend in Mrs. Somerfield, whose strawberry party at Randolph Crescent was much appreciated.

1st July found us at Barking Public Hall, the guests of Miss Baker. She and her friends were giving the seventh annual party for men at St. Dunstan's, and it was, as all her previous parties have been, a tremendous success.

Mr. John Stanley took over a hundred of us with our special friends for a day on the River on 3rd July. The weather was ideal, and, needless to say, we enjoyed every moment. Rumour hath it that Mr. Stanley is thinking of repeating this treat at no distant date.

Last on our list came a truly wonderful party on 7th July. Special charabancs transported us to Taplow House, the home of Miss Skimming, where we got a right royal reception. All kinds of amusements had been arranged for, including "cocoanut" shies and hunts for elusive tennis-shilling notes. A sumptuous tea on the lawn, and, before leaving, a supper warranted to tempt the most jaded palate.

We carried with us a memory of true English hospitality graciously and generously bestowed. M. P.

A Pigeon Record?

Seven years ago Messrs. Atterwill and Cracknel, pigeon breeders, sold a young bird. It has just flown back to their loft at Ealing, W.

It is not known whence the bird came, but it is suggested that it has been kept for breeding purposes, and only recently allowed to leave its loft. It was identified by its number.

Recently a bird flew home from France after three years and nine months, but the present case is believed to be a pigeon record.

C. W. Wise, of Shepherd's Bush, sends us the following tongue-twister:—

My father went fishing and caught a fish he called the smelt, and of all the smelts that I have ever smelt, I have never smelt a smelt that smelt like that smelt smelt.

"In Memory"

LANCE-CORPORAL DAVID HENRY MORRIS
(1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers)

WE regret to announce the death, on the 6th June, of this St Dunstaner Morris joined the 1st Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in October 1914. He was wounded at Ypres in October 1917, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's the following month. Whilst with us he was trained in mat making and poultry farming. He died very suddenly from his war wounds.

The funeral took place at Brecon on the 10th of June, and was most impressive. The South Wales Borderers, who are stationed in the town, sent bearers, a firing party, and buglers to sound the "Last Post." The coffin was covered with the Union Jack. At the special request of many of Morris's old friends who wished to attend after working hours, the funeral took place at six o'clock in the evening, and a large party of friends were present. The wreath from St. Dunstan's was in the form of our Badge, made in laurels and red and white flowers, with the words "St. Dunstan's" in gold on a white satin ribbon. Morris leaves a widow and six children.

Births

BANNISTER.—On 22nd May, to the wife of J. Bannister, of Skelmersdale, a daughter (Vera).
 BUTLER.—On the 25th May, to the wife of C. A. Butler, of Long Eaton, a daughter.
 DEAN.—On 12th June, to the wife of A. Dean, of Faversham, a daughter.
 HARRISS.—On 11th June, to the wife of F. J. Harriss, of Billericay, a daughter.
 JARVIS.—On 14th April, to the wife of A. Jarvis, of Bordon, a son (Peter Morton Jarvis).
 ROBERTS.—On 14th June, to the wife of H. Roberts, of Stalybridge, a son.
 WOOLLEN.—On 19th May, to the wife of A. J. Woollen, of Leytonstone, a daughter.

Marriage

DEMBENSKI-EALES.—On 7th July, A. Dembenki to Miss Eales, at 2.30 at St. Paul's Church, Cheltenham.

Deaths

This month we offer sympathy to:—
 KENNY.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenny, of Cork, who, on the 12th June, lost their youngest daughter, aged 2 years and eleven months.
 STRUTT.—G. Strutt, of Sheffield, who has lost his stepson (William J. Cox) on the 26th May. William Cox was in his nineteenth year.

St. Dunstaners everywhere will greatly regret to hear that Miss G. H. Witherby, the splendidly able superintendent of St. Dunstan's Netting and Rug Department, is away from headquarters, owing to the serious illness of her mother. We are sure the sympathy of Miss Witherby's many friends will be with her during her anxious time.



NEWS FROM THE WORKSHOPS AND STORES

MAT SHOP

A. J. BENTLEY reached a very good standard on his test mat, all parts of the work being good; and the same is true of his work during the last two months. G. Hadfield has also made a test mat, which is satisfactory in all respects. He has been doing good work during the term, and has made a mat with a five-diamond design. W. A. Bowering's test mat was also well up to standard, and his work in the boot shop has been of the same character. A steady advance in work has also been shown by A. Tetley during the term. He is placing his thrums well, and has improved considerably in cutting and bordering. It is a pleasure to refer again to the excellent work being done by O. Cole; his use of coloured fibre both in designs and letters is remarkably good, and his mats reach a very high standard.

BOOT SHOP

Our representative in Bolton, J. Eccleston, is becoming quite a clogger. His ironing is very good, and he is getting very useful experience in all parts of the work. We may take the opportunity of saying that our old friend Percy Goulden is still his active cheerful self, and that he and his wife have no spare moments, while they are engaged in developing their flourishing business.

A new comer in the boot shop, D. J. Thomas, made a very good start indeed, and has continued, during the short time he has been here, in making very good progress with the trade generally. T. Eden has made satisfactory progress during the term; his marking and riveting is good, and he is making good advance with his edges.

JOINERS' SHOP

C. H. Cook has been getting on very well with his elementary course. He takes very kindly to the work, and shows every promise of success. E. G. Willcocks, another new man, is also showing keen interest in all his work.

BASKET SHOP

C. E. Maker made a promising start on barrels and pail baskets; he is getting hold of his strokes very nicely. S. Clarke has been doing centre-cane work; barrels, pail baskets and waste-papers; also some teapot stands. This man is to be congratulated on the progress he is making in spite of his disabled fingers. J. F. Leeman came to the workshops this term in order to extend his knowledge of willow work. He has been doing shopping baskets, square arm and square clothes, soiled linens, plate baskets and some hampers, and has been gaining some useful experience. D. T. Edwards is at headquarters for the same reason, and has been doing soiled linens and square arms. He works his rods very well, and has also shown a decided improvement in his work recently. W. Rickaby is keeping to a small range of work, mainly barrels and waste-papers, and has been showing advance. G. E. Bateman does good work, and is careful to get it right. In addition to seagrass stools, he has done well with some pail baskets with green flat band, and trays of various shapes. We anticipate that he will do quite well in the future. W. H. O.

Departmental Notes

Braille Notes

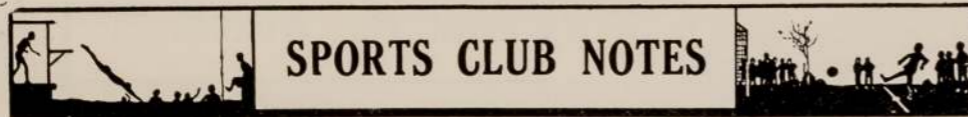
Hearty congratulations to Henry Buchanan, Wilton Holmes Bedford, and Robert Cook on passing their Braille Writing Test.

Typewriting Notes

Very many congratulations to W. Haugh, T. W. Saunders, A. T. Head, S. Smith, J. D. Thomas, and E. Walden on passing their Typewriting Test.

Telephony Notes

Miss Reynolds is sorry that in last month's Magazine A. Turrel was said to be working at The Thames Mills Wharf instead of at Quebec Chambers, Leeds. M. H. R.



3-MILE RACE

WE were fortunate in having a beautiful day for our 3-mile race, perhaps, if anything, it was a little too warm, but there, we are never satisfied, are we? Perhaps the rather warm day kept back certain competitors, but several who had entered failed to toe the line, but we had enough to ensure quite excellent races. The S.S. event was won by Scott in the splendid time of 16.20, with his old friend Steel second, 15 seconds later. For a long time these two refused to be separated and it was not until the last hundred yards that they decided to part company.

The T.B. event was won by Lenderyou in the excellent time of 18.45, followed home by Peach in 19.29, with Kerr third 16 seconds later. Although our numbers were small, yet I think it can be said that the event was in every way successful, whilst the running of the men was remarkably good. Scott's time constitutes a record for this event at St. Dunstan's.

RESULTS

T. B.		S. S.	
1st Lenderyou	18.45	1st Scott	16.20
2nd Peach	19.29	2nd Steel	16.45
3rd Kerr	19.45	3rd Trigg	19.30
4th Clover	21.10	4th Taylor	19.25

May we say how exceedingly grateful we are to all who helped us—the Guides, all of whom were from the Polytechnic Club—the ladies who, with Miss Davies, supplied us with such a good tea, Miss Hamar Greenwood for most kindly presenting the prizes, and Namen for his little speech to the guides.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CONCERT

In spite of the heavy rain on the evening of June 17th quite a number of St. Dunstan's sporting friends gathered in the Bungalow to listen to a really good concert given in their honour by the sportsmen of St. Dunstan's. The foreword to the little souvenir programme will perhaps be of interest to those who were not able to be present:—

"The men of St. Dunstan's desire to place on record their sincere thanks for the

encouragement and help which has been given them in their sporting activities by the ladies and gentlemen to whom invitations to this concert have been sent. The splendid and expert assistance provided in walking and running, in rowing and swimming, particularly, has been largely responsible for the success St. Dunstaners have gained in the athletic world. To all those who have helped in any way a hearty welcome is offered tonight, not only by those contributing to this evening's programme, but by St. Dunstaners throughout the Empire."

Amongst those who contributed and received loud applause were:—Our Scotch friend MacFarlane, Craddock, Namen, Doyle, Roden, Davies, Nuyens, Henry and the St. Dunstan's Singers. I am sure all St. Dunstaners will thank them for their representation that evening.

During the interval Capt. Fraser made a short speech thanking everybody for their unflinching help in the sports of St. Dunstan's, and a few kind words followed from Mr. Kessell and Capt. Williams.

MILE HANDICAP

The X Division Police were most kind in inviting our men to take part in a mile handicap at their Sports at Wembley on 17th June. Some excellent racing was witnessed, and although Ingram walked very well indeed, the handicap was too much for him. The results were:—

1st Clover	off 200 yds.
2nd Ingram	Scratch
3rd Tetley	off 230 yds.
4th P. Milligan	off 300 yds.

I think that Supt. Woodmore will accept our grateful thanks for his kindness in asking us.

ROWING

Our Sports Sister organised a Rowing competition for our Present Care in the early morning of 17th June on the lake. We are very grateful to Mrs. Fraser and the Sisters for coxing for us. The racing was quite good, particularly in the S.S.

ection, when Bowering beat Namen by only $\frac{1}{4}$ length, and indeed there was only a boat's length between the first four.

RESULTS

T. B.		S. S.	
1st Harrison		1st Bowering	
2nd McClean		2nd Namen	
3rd Clover		3rd Bayer	
		4th Baxter	

A. BROWN

May we heartily congratulate A. Brown, who has lately joined the Polytechnic Harriers, on his excellent performance in the 2-mile Club Championship on 24th June when he secured third place. His walking was a revelation both to competitors and spectators, and reflects great credit upon his coach, Mr. Winter, of the Polytechnic Harriers.

SWIMMING

It will interest our swimmers to know that we have already received invitations from the East Grinstead Swimming Club, Hendon S.C., Forest Hill S.C., and Mr. Walter Brickett. It is indeed kind of these clubs and Mr. Brickett to remember us.

SATURDAY SPORTS

Our Sports mornings continue to be very successful and quite good numbers of men turn up. Peach still heads the list with 565, being 165 in front of Haugh, who, in turn, leads Tetley by 50.

In the S.S. Moore is first with 460, being 115 points ahead of Massey, with Namen third 80 points lower.

PRESENT CARE
POINTS

T. B.		S. S.	
1. Peach	565	1. Moore	460
2. Haugh	400	2. Massey	345
3. Tetley	350	3. Namen	265
4. Milligan	275	4. Thomas	255
5. Cook, R.	260	5. Eden	185
6. Robinson	215	6. Buchanan	170
7. Wooldridge	200	7. Barnes	160
8. Savory	60	8. Parks	140
9. Gregory	35	9. Isaacs	135
		Cook, C. H.	135
		11. Craddock	110
		Head	110
		13. Parrick	50
		14. Bentley	30

OLD BOYS' SPORTS

In our Tuesday Sports Bawden is still at the head of the list with 610 points,

being nearly 200 points ahead of Scott, with Thompson in third place. When the handicaps begin to tell more strongly we will probably see some alteration in the list.

AFTER CARE

POINTS

1. Bawden	610	11. Fleming	200
2. Scott	420	12. Windle	190
3. Thompson	385	13. Roden	185
4. Winter	350	14. Henry	180
5. MacFarlane	345	15. Dyer	175
6. McSteel	330	16. Ingram	165
7. Webster	260	17. Taylor, G.	80
8. Cookson	235	18. Martin	65
9. Prior	230	19. Taylor, A.	55
10. Kerr	210	20. Burran	50

G. J. S.

In acknowledging from Melbourne, Australia, the receipt of the second prize in our recent Overseas Baby Competition, G. F. Joyner, writes:—

"I cannot tell you how very pleased both Mrs. Joyner and I felt on hearing that our little daughter had carried off Second Prize. Needless to say my little girl was quite excited about it also, and I am pleased to tell you that the £5 was placed to her credit in the bank for her when she gets older and able to understand its value."

Sergeant-Major Bell sends us from Brighton the following hints on how to put a new ribbon on a "Remington" typewriter. Of course, all St. Dunstaners get instruction in this and other matters affecting the handling and care of their own typewriters before they leave headquarters, but Bell's information is so clearly given that it may help those of our readers whose memory on this point has grown a little rusty.

Wind ribbon to right side, detach ribbon from left tag, remove spool "right" and throw away old ribbon. Unwind 18 inches of the new ribbon and thread the end through the hole above the ribbon spool. Place spool on to shaft, taking care the pointed weight goes into correct position, not in layers of ribbon. Attach end to left tag, and insert from back of ribbon carrier, making sure both sides of ribbon are supported by the two hooks.

Goat Husbandry

By MRS. A. STEPHANIE BROWN, Banchory.

[We take the following practical and interesting article from the British Goat Society's Year Book just published. This volume forms a valuable guide to every phase of goat breeding and keeping, and we may mention that it has this year two articles on St. Dunstan's men's activities in goat keeping and the making of goat feeding nets.—ED.]

Some years ago I was compelled to resort to goat-keeping owing to the scarcity of milk in the district, and the experiment, for experiment it was, has turned out quite successful. I am now fully convinced that goat-keeping will have to be an integral part of small holdings, because, in the case of small crofts, the price of a cow is often prohibitive. It is also just possible that the requirements of the Milk and Dairies Act will put a number of small milk producers out of the trade, owing to the buildings on the holding falling short of the regulations, and, in some areas, the supply of milk may become very scarce.

From time immemorial the goat has been regarded as an emblem of evil, in contradistinction to the sheep, which is the symbol of excellence and purity, but I am sure that when the day of judgment comes there will be no question of the goat being called upon to pay toll for the evil of its ways, but will rather be blessed for the good it has done to mankind. The evil impressions of the goat still linger in the imagination of some people, and prejudice against the breed and the milk is still to be met with. In the estimation of some, the goat is an unintelligent, destructive, and unpleasant animal, which produces milk which is odoriferous and unpalatable. Every one of these impressions is a totally mistaken one.

While attempts to maintain breed purity are very laudable, the most important requirement in the present-day animal is the development of heavy milking strains. I have purchased, one time or another, quite a number of goats and have been disappointed in the small

proportion of really good milkers. This must be the result of carelessness in not mating from good milking strains, from the absence of imported new blood, from too much inbreeding, and from the use of inferior males. Were it possible to induce the Government to permit of the importation of new blood in the form of males from heavy milking stock, much good would accrue, not only in milking capacity but also in the vigour of the breed. While importation of all ruminants is prohibited into Britain because of the danger of disease, such danger could be reduced to a minimum by erecting proper quarantine stations.

As the ability to produce milk is an hereditary character, only the progeny of the best milkers ought to be kept for the stud. I have been able by this method of selection to very materially improve the milking qualities of a family.

A beginner, in purchasing a goat, should choose an animal with a bright and alert eye, with a glossy coat, which is evidence of good condition. A good milk goat is rarely fat, as the food is diverted to another purpose, namely, the production of milk. Condition is best gauged by the presence of a thick band of flesh down either side of the backbone. The skin is a very good indication of quality in any breed. It ought to be soft and supple and easily pinched up from the underlying flesh, in contradistinction to its being thick and hidebound.

The formation of the udder is naturally of primary importance. It should be of a good size. In the best milking specimens it should hang down to the hocks and be well balanced on both sides. The teats should be fairly large and set apart as widely as possible. The touch of the udder is very important, and, in the milking goat, an index of milking quality. It should be soft to the touch, spongy in consistence, and should collapse well after milking. An animal with a thick fleshy udder is never a good milker. The skin over the gland

Bouquets!

Jock Ingram must be a proud man these days for his splendid achievement in winning the Sampson 100 Guineas Challenge Cup outright has been reported, we should imagine, in practically every newspaper of importance at home and abroad. While desiring to spare his blushes, we think the following two references should be put on record in the REVIEW:—

From *John Bull*:—

To Mr. J. Ingram, St. Dunstan's.

Dear Ingram,—So, after winning the 100 Guinea Challenge Cup for three years in succession in the walking race from Westminster to Brighton the precious trophy now passes into your complete possession. It is the consummation of a plucky effort. To enjoy open-air sport while suffering severe physical disability shows, on the part of all competitors, an indomitable spirit. Good luck to you.

JOHN BULL.

From *Ideas*:—

We like Jock Ingram, the blind Seaforth Highlander who won the St. Dunstan's walk from London to Brighton, thus proving that though he has lost his sight he has by no means lost his grit. Jock has now won the St. Dunstan's walk three times, and consequently the Samson Challenge Cup, which is worth a hundred guineas, becomes his own property. *Ideas* most sincerely congratulates him on his success, and congratulates also the other five sightless ex-soldiers who walked with him. The walk from London to Brighton is a test of pluck and endurance for even trained athletes who have the full use of their sight. For a blind man to win that long walk three times is magnificent. Bravo Jock!

The Angel (about to give beggar a penny): "Poor man! And are you married?"

Beggar: "Pardon me, madam. D'ye think I'd be relyin' on total strangers for support if I had a wife?"

should be fine and supple and easily pinched up from the glandular tissue beneath.

Goats are not difficult to feed. They are not fastidious. They will eat anything which may be fed to ordinary farm stock, but they like it clean. Some people think that goats can live, thrive and give milk on any sort of edible rubbish. These ideas are quite erroneous. You can get nothing for nothing in this world, and in order to get good results goats have to be treated and fed on the same general lines as our other breeds of domesticated farm animals. The goat is really a miniature dairy cow, and must be treated as such if she is to be kept to advantage.

One of the striking features of the feeding habits of the goat is her predilection for a variety of foods. One can observe this by watching her feed on a rough piece of ground, when she will be seen to take, alternately, mouthfuls of grass, dry herbage, young shoots of gorse and various wild plants. It would appear that this variable diet acts as a tonic to the digestive system. The key to the feeding of the goat, therefore, is to give a variety of foods, but with a basic ration of good quality, to enable her to produce milk.

If the owner is the fortunate possessor of an extensive garden, it should be so arranged that a supply of vegetables is available, especially during the winter months, as goats are generally very partial to all sorts of garden products, kale, cabbage and such-like. A good milking goat will require from 7-9 lbs. of a good mixed food per day. A liberal supply of clean water is also essential.

PIG-KEEPING

The Ministry of Agriculture has published as one of its Miscellaneous Publications (No. 48) a pamphlet, price 1s., on pig-keeping, which gives in concise form a great amount of matter relating to pigs and their management. The author of the pamphlet is Mr. W. A. Stewart, of the Northampton Farm Institute, and his readers are given the benefit of the lessons derived from the experiments carried out at the institute. There are included many illustrations and also plans for the erection of pens and shelters.

Whose Fence is it?

By HAROLD SHARMAN

[An article of general interest on a subject on which most of us have a good deal of doubt.—ED.]

The most satisfactory method of determining the ownership of a hedge or fence is to look into the title deeds of the neighbouring properties and try and find from them to whom the boundaries belong. Failing this method (and unfortunately many title deeds make no reference to the ownership of boundary hedges and fences at all) there are, however, other means of finding out to which of the adjoining properties the divisional hedge or fence belongs.

In the first place a hedge or fence is deemed to belong to that property, the owner or occupiers of which have been in the habit of exercising acts of ownership over the boundary. Taking wood from a hedge or replacing bad patches by new plants or pollarding the trees in it, would be acts of ownership over a hedge, likewise repairing a fence would be an act of ownership over a fence. Where a ditch as well as a hedge divides two fields another method is employed. In this case the hedge is not considered the boundary but the ditch (unless there is an agreement or a covenant in the title deeds to the contrary) is deemed to divide the two properties, and so the hedge belongs to the property on that side of the ditch on which it stands.

As a general working rule the owner of a boundary may do what he likes with it. This right is, of course, more important in the case of fences than hedges, for it enables a man to erect a shed or other building against the fence or to grow fruit trees, &c., on it, whereas if he did not own it he could be prevented from doing so by the true owner. He also has a right to replace a hedge by a fence or a fence by a hedge, and can change the nature of his boundary in any way he pleases, so long as he keeps it efficient.

As a general rule, too, he is under an obligation to keep the boundary in proper repair, and if he fails in this duty and through such failure his neighbour's

animals come into his garden, he cannot claim damages for that which he has brought about by his own neglect.

As regards fences abutting on a highway, the owner of such a fence is liable if the fence is so defective as to be a nuisance, and damage results from its defective condition.

If a tenant is in occupation of the property, it is his duty to preserve the boundaries and keep them in repair. For this purpose the tenant is allowed to cut timber to keep the pales, fences, hedges and ditches as he found them, but he may not make any new ones. This is known as the tenant's right to reasonable "estovers." In the same way hedges and bushes belong to the tenant, but he is not allowed to grub them up, or to destroy the fences, otherwise he will become liable to his landlord in damages for "waste," as it is called.

Twelve Thousand Year Old Baskets

Professor Sir Flinders Petrie estimates that the coiled basketry linings to the ancient granary pits discovered by Miss Caton-Thompson on the Fayum prehistoric settlements, sixty miles south of Cairo, are at least twelve thousand years old. In removing sand, the pits were disclosed lined with coiled straw, or a species of reed, and in some were wheat and barley grains stored there by prehistoric farmers.

Describing their discovery, Miss Caton-Thompson said:—"The greatest care was necessary, as they crumbled at touch. The interior was treated first with paraffin wax, and wooden struts were fixed across to preserve the form. Then we dug round the outside, which had been plastered with mud, and in that way secured complete examples."

In another pit Miss Caton-Thompson found the first woven basket. It is constructed of halfa grass, boat-shaped and without a handle. There is a distinct attempt at a pattern with darker-coloured grass and a mysterious design, believed to represent a human figure.

Sister Pat's Wedding

We have received the following report of the wedding of Miss Paterson to Mr. H. C. Irvine.

On Tuesday, 29th June, our late and popular Sports' Sister, Miss Paterson, was married to Mr. Hugh C. Irvine at St. Nicholas Church, Pottersbury. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Mayne, R.D. (uncle of the bride), assisted by the Rev. F. Fielding Ould (godfather of the bride). The rendering by the mixed choir of Psalm 122 and Hymns "Thine Forever, God of Love," "O! Perfect Love," "Now thank we all our God," and "May the Grace of Christ our Saviour," was very much appreciated. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in a beautiful gown of white satin over pink crepe de chine with a lovely old lace train. She was escorted by four small bridesmaids in pink, with garlands of roses in their hair, and carried the old style of tight bouquet. A little page in a green Kate Greenaway suit completed a very pretty picture. After the ceremony the boys of St. Dunstan's, supported by V.A.D. Sisters, formed a Guard of Honour, and the happy couple emerged from the Church to walk under an archway of oars and on a path strewn with rose petals by the tiny bridesmaids. Sister Pat's "Oh!" of delighted surprise was heard by all around.

The reception was held at the grand Old English home of the bride, and was attended by a very large number of relatives, friends, and the St. Dunstan's party.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvine later left for a motoring holiday, and I am not a bit surprised to hear that at the first hotel they stayed at the management instructed the band to play the "Wedding March."

Some of our boys had paid great attention to the happy couple—and the luggage! I doubt if they have yet got rid of the confetti!

I am sure that good health, good luck, and every happiness is the wish to them both from all connected with St. Dunstan's.

W. A. T.

The Weed of Wisdom

One man regards tobacco as a sedative, another as a stimulant. Some of us cannot smoke when we are angry; some smoke the more in the hour of their wrath. Others find in the pipe-bowl only tolerance and the allaying of evil passion.

Thus it was with Lusana Lumunbasa, a member of the Bangongo tribe in the heart of the Belgian Congo. Returning after many years of wandering, he was welcomed by his fellow villagers with great rejoicing. In the evening, when all were sitting round the fire, he produced a pipe and began to smoke. Great was the consternation of his friends. "See," said they, "Lusana eats fire and drinks smoke! and they rose in a body to run away. But Lusana called to them, "Stop, this is a wonder which I have learned in my travels. It concerns a magic herb, of which I have brought you back the seeds, and which will be a great solace to you." So he made them take a whiff, but they all coughed and said the smoke was "bad." Then said Lusana, "I tell you that this plant has great magic. If you quarrel with your brother and your heart becomes bad, and you seize a knife to kill him, take your pipe, drink the smoke. Your heart becomes better; you say, 'Why should I kill my brother, who is the son of my own mother? I will go and hit him with my fist.' Again, take your pipe and drink; your heart becomes better still; you say, 'Why should I strike my brother? I will just scold him in words.' Take your pipe and drink again and your heart becomes good, you go to your brother and say, 'Come, brother, I will kill a fowl and buy some wine; come, let us eat together.' Every time your heart is bad take your pipe and drink of the smoke of this magic herb and peace and happiness will return to you."

What does an artist like to draw best? His payment.

Wireless Set with 60 Valves

WORLD'S BIGGEST STATION

Rugby.

On an ebonite panel covered with dials, switches, and coloured lights are buttons that will control the world's biggest wireless set, which has the whole Empire within its projected range.

Although the controller who will sit at this board will not send the messages—they will be tapped out in the General Post Office in London—an instrument at his side will tell him what is passing.

With one set of buttons he can issue orders that are written in electric lights in the generating room. His charges are the mammoth machines. The terminals as big as top hats, insulators the size of milk churns and much the same in shape, and cylindrical coils in which a man could sit and have tea are, fortunately, not his concern.

From a switchboard 25 ft. by 8 ft. the great plant used to make local current suitable for lighting the valves is controlled.

Another panel nearly 50 feet long, and covered with switches and wheels big enough to control a battleship, is the switchboard from which the three generators yielding the 18,000 volts for the aerial are controlled.

In the spare valve room are hundreds of valves, each two feet high, and the cheapest of a value running into three figures. Each valve has its own "pedigree card" on which its whole history is carefully kept.

Sixty valves are in actual use on this set, each cooled by water. They are hidden behind eight separate panels, and on each of the eight is a dial telling whether the required water pressure of 46 gallons a minute for each radiator is being maintained.

Perhaps the "wiring up" is the biggest surprise of the whole set. The amateur lifts the lid of his set to display it. At Rugby a visitor is taken to an upper hall built over the set. The wiring is as complicated as that of a home three-valve receiver, but each wire is really a copper tube thicker than the thickest human arm.

They are linked for final tuning to 19 condensers and to the coils. Each condenser is bigger than a piano. And the coils, similar to those adjusted on an ordinary broadcast receiver by a gentle turn of the fingers, can only be adjusted by a turn on a big wheel by a man of normal strength. The wire used is as thick as a man's wrist, containing so many thousands of other wires that it takes several men several days to make one connection between two ends.

Star and Garter Magazine

There was a young lady of Sheen,
Whose musical sense was not keen,
Said she, "It is odd
That I cannot tell 'God
Save the Weasel' from 'Pop Goes the
Queen.'"

The above is taken from the current quarterly number of the "Star and Garter Magazine," that excellent publication compiled by the patients and staff of the institution on the Hill. In the "Fourth Epistle of Imahlia to the Kroks" occurs the following passage on "The Darby": "Now, from the land of Starungarta there did journey a host of men in a great chariot and when they had arrived at the place of racing, the heavens did open inasmuch that one saith, 'Let us build an ark, for is not this the second flood?'"

There is also an interesting article by the commandant, Colonel Gowlland, on the Old Bailey, and many amusing articles and stories. One, entitled "Kum-in-Syde 'Ancaster House,'" by "Wun-uv-us," tells listeners in what they may expect to hear at 6.30 a.m. The magazine may be bought for 6d., or post free 7½d., and it makes its welcome appearance every three months.

Johnny: "Grandpa, can you help me with this sum?"

Grandpa: "I could dear; but I don't think it would be right."

"I don't suppose it would, but have a shot at it anyway."

What is that which by losing an eye (i) has nothing left but a nose?—The word "No-i-se."

Hearing London

By A BLIND MAN

Every street in London has its own sound, and as he goes on his way the sensitive ear of the blind man tells him where he is with almost as much accuracy as the eyes of a normal person.

Once he has walked down Whitehall it is impossible for him to mistake it another time: it has the sound of hollowness, approaching that of the big drum in the orchestra.

Kingsway has a long echo, which is rather mysterious and is rarely heard in a street. The echo increases the original sound tremendously.

The cracked metallic sound is found in not a few streets, but nowhere as definitely as on Westminster Bridge. The sound is not very dissimilar to the sound of the bell of some village chapel. Waterloo Bridge, on the other hand, has what I can only indicate as a "splash" sound, resembling the noise of a car when it dashes through pools of water.

The precincts of Westminster have a muffled, deadened, dull sound, as if the roads were made of cork or rubber, in preparation for some great funeral. It helps one to pause and listen, and expect.

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Happiness, joy—something that makes you want to dance and run—is the note of certain quarters. Ludgate Circus gives forth a light, happy, jolly sound, which helps me to start whistling and singing as I walk along.

As I walk along Oxford Street there is a re-echoing sound of wildness, hurry, hustle, a high sound similar to that of a runaway tramcar. It is unique in that sense among London streets.

Cheapside has the distinct sound of solidity and firmness, added to that of slowness. The sound gives the impression of old age.

The sounds of the Strand and Charing Cross make me happy. They are high—the nearest to the triumphant street can be expected to give. I like to linger here and listen. It is a joy.

High Price for Rabbit Wool

Some two miles on the Eastbourne side of Lingfield, situated in a field, are several large huts, which to the passer-by would appear to be uninteresting in the extreme. Inside the huts, however, is the nucleus of an industry which is daily growing, and the prospects of which are perhaps the brightest of any in the country at the present time.

The huts are filled with hutches containing rabbits—not ordinary rabbits, but animals of the finest strains of the Angora breed, whose wool at the present moment is fetching remarkably high prices.

Mr. B. Glocker, over whose rabbit farm I was taken, gave me some astonishing facts, and still more astonishing figures concerning the industry, which is being entered by increasing numbers of people every week.

"An ounce of Angora rabbit wool," he said, "is worth more than a pound of the finest sheep's wool and more than its own weight in crude silver."

"At the present time," he continued, "The British Angora rabbit industry is flourishing as it never has done before. The wool we get from our animals is of the finest quality, and we obtain for the greater part of our production of wool 35s. a pound, against the 18s. 6d. which is the highest price for the French wool."

"It is not generally known that there is a huge market for Angora wool, and at least five times as much as is produced in England could easily be absorbed in the home market alone at high prices without touching the demands of foreign countries."

"As regards the latter, America is ripe for the introduction of British wool, for all she has been able to get till now is the poor quality French wool, and since there is always a market for the best material, one might almost say that the United States could take as much wool of the finest grade as all British breeders together are capable of producing."

"The amount of wool produced by an average farm is about twelve ounces per animal, and a breeder may count on getting £1 net profit per annum on each rabbit."

Wireless for Gardeners

[We take the following from the *Daily Express*, and wonder if any St. Dunstaners will be stimulated thereby to conduct any experiments on the same lines. If so, we shall be glad if they will report discoveries to us.—ED.]

Mr. William Boot, an amateur gardener, of West Bridgford, a Nottingham suburb, has discovered a way of using wireless energy to stimulate his plants.

He discovered that his cucumbers and tomatoes were drawing energy from his aerial, and began experiments which have led to the claim that he has increased fertilisation in his garden by between 20 and 30 per cent.

One cucumber plant, 16 ft. long, yielded thirty-five cucumbers, some of which were 2 ft. in length. Tomato plants treated by wireless have grown from six to eight inches taller than others cultivated in the ordinary way.

The fertilising apparatus used by Mr. Boot consists of a spiral wire, with insulators attached, which can be stretched to a required length.

Experiments have so far been confined to greenhouses, but it is believed that the principle on which they are conducted will eventually be applied to field crops.

Mr. Boot, who is rolling stock superintendent and engineer to Nottingham Corporation Tramways, predicts that in a few years broadcasting stations will be built to transmit wireless on a low wave-length, for the special benefit of farmers and gardeners.

Music Successes

His many friends will hear with pleasure of the recent successes of E. Slaughter, of Hornsey. A Young People's Choir he has trained for the Deanery Competition gained top marks of 94 out of a possible 100, each member of the Choir receiving a silver medal. In the final competition for the Curwen Challenge Shield, Slaughter's Choir only lost by one mark, and were very highly complimented by the adjudicator. We learn also that several of Slaughter's pupils have been scoring notable successes in music.

British Empire Exhibition

We are informed that the British Empire Exhibition on tour, in which, as our readers know, St. Dunstan's has been effectively represented throughout, terminated at the end of the Southport Exhibition on 29th June last. We hope in some future issue to give some further details as to the results of the exhibition and our association with it.

From Mr. Atkinson, of the Joinery Department, we have received the following stimulating little poem, sent by a friend of his:—

GRIT

Somebody said it couldn't be done,
But he, with a chuckle, replied:
That "Maybe he couldn't," but he wouldn't
be one,
Who would say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin,
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing, as he tackled the thing,
That couldn't be done, and he did it.
There are thousands to tell you it couldn't
be done,
There are thousands who prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point to you one by
one
The dangers that wait to assail you;
But just buckle in, with a bit of a grin,
Then take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing,
That "cannot be done" and you'll do it.

ADVERTISEMENTS

WADDICAR AND WALCH, 54 Keswick Road, off Central Drive, Blackpool.—Apartments and Board. Home comforts.

TO LET IN SEPTEMBER

A flat in Weymouth. It will sleep five and is close to the sea. There is a good bathroom with a geyser. Rent four guineas and a half.—Apply, J. A. Godwin, 3 Greencourt, Weymouth.

WEEK-END GUESTS

Mrs. Godwin, 3 Greencourt, Weymouth, will take week-end guests. Bed and breakfast 5s. a night. Suppers arranged if required.

For Sale

JAMES TANDEM for sale with full accessories and in perfect condition. Fitted with Dunlop Magnum tyres, which have never had any punctures. 23 inch frame. Machine is suitable for both ladies or lady and gentleman. Price £14, carriage paid.—Address, F. Bond, 32 Salisbury Road, Larkhall, Bath.

PIANOLA for sale. Angelus model with Organ attachment (65 note) with Standard Roll, in rosewood case, cost £40, equal to new. £25, or nearest offer.—Address, Mrs. Dawson, 47 The Crescent, Moulseccomb, Brighton.

St. Dunstan's Regatta

THIS annual event was again held at Putney on Wednesday, 14th July.

The day turned out to be the hottest so far recorded this year, but it did not dry up the enthusiasm and sporting spirit of the competitors, coxes, officials and helpers. Our headquarters were, as usual, the Vesta and Thames Boat-houses. In events such as this, one gets much encouragement when amongst the big crowd of spectators one sees still, as interested as ever, Matron Power, Mrs. Bannister, Mrs. Broughton, Sister Jones, Father Howell, and "Mr. H———"—names that will recall memories to hundreds of St. Dunstaners. V.A.D. Sisters and "boys" past and present, with their wives and kiddies, all add to the social side of this event.

Lady (Arthur) Pearson again came down to some of the racing from the umpire's launch, and although experiencing some little difficulty in disembarking from the launch, displayed not the slightest trace of nervousness, but seemed rather to enjoy the experience. The Judges, Messrs. Leighton-Boyce (Vesta Rowing Club), Long (Thames Rowing Club), Ransford, Strange and Kessell, all commented upon the keenness, skill and sportsmanship shown by all the competitors. The appended list will show that some of the races were very close. Our old friend and late coach again acted as starter.

In the evening competitors, coxes and helpers adjourned to the Connaught Rooms for dinner, and here a special word of thanks is due to Mr. Kessell. It is so easy to arrange a bad dinner, but his selection of viands, vintage, and artists was absolutely perfect.

Captain Fraser presided. Others present were Miss Hamar Greenwood, Mrs. Fraser, Lt.-Col. Eric Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Leighton-Boyce, Mr. Strange, Mr. Long, Mr. Kessell, Mr. Barringer and Mr. Gordon Brown.

Telegrams and messages were received from various people, including Lady (Arthur) Pearson, Sir Neville Pearson, and Mrs. H. Irvine (Sister Pat).

Captain Fraser proposed the toast of "St. Dunstan's Sportsmen," and in the course of a pithy speech said how glad he was once again to be able to preside at this, the Eleventh Rowing Dinner, and to welcome Miss Greenwood (who is with us in the majority of our sporting events). He also extended the heartiest welcome to those old boys who had come from various parts of the country. He remarked how good it was for all concerned to take part in this athletic event, because it brought to the top good health, comradeship, and fair and true sportsmanship, and so he asked the assembly to drink to "St. Dunstan's Sportsmen."

Billy Bawden, responding, remarked what a grand thing it was to have all these sporting features at St. Dunstan's, and asked the Chairman to convey to the Executive Council how grateful the "boys" were for the organisation of these events.

Captain J. E. Williams, our Sports Captain and Padre, then read the Regatta results, which were received with much applause.

Col. Eric Ball, rising, made a short speech in which he thanked all the helpers, the Rowing Clubs, the Prize givers, and especially the ladies of the Bedford College, who had come to St. Dunstan's Headquarters to cox the "boys" regularly winter and summer. (Loud applause.)

At this stage the "boys" insisted on Sister Stacey making a speech. In a few nicely-worded phrases she said how glad she was that everyone had enjoyed themselves, and hoped that such would always be the case.

Mr. Kessell said that everything he had done had been a pleasure to him, and he was glad to see so many happy and contented faces around him.

Mr. Leighton-Boyce and Mr. Long, on behalf of the Clubs, said that anything they had done in the past they would always be pleased to do again in the future. (Cheers.)

With the singing of "Auld Lang Syne"

and the National Anthem, a very delightful evening came to a close.

We should like to add an expression of our grateful thanks to the following artists—Miss Rene Cook, Miss Helen Mar (accompanist) and Mr. Hugh Simpson.

PUTNEY REGATTA—RESULTS

EVENTS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	REMARKS
Single Sculls: Present Boys (T.B.) Cox	Peach M. Wood	Clover M. Smith	Aves M. Barrett	2 feet
Single Sculls: Present Boys (S.S.) Cox	Bedford S. Woolrych	Parrick S. Morris	Massey M. Mallard	1 length
Pair Oars: Open Cox	Thompson & Scott S. Nelson	Roden & Nuyens S. Stein	Harrison & Parkes S. Hodgson	$\frac{1}{4}$ length 2 lengths
Single Sculls: Old Boys (T.B.) .. Cox	Ingram M. Drury	Nuyens M. Pollard	Chiverton S. Woolrych	$\frac{1}{4}$ length Dead Heat
Single Sculls: Old Boys (S.S.) .. Cox	Bawden Mrs. Fraser	Fleming M. Wood	Gimber M. Smith	$\frac{1}{4}$ length
Double Sculls: Present Boys .. Cox	Craddock & Williams S. Morris	Bedford & Parrick S. Stacey	Walden & Clover M. Hamlyn	1 length $\frac{1}{4}$ length
Double Sculls: Old Boys Cox	MacFarlane & Fleming S. Morris	Ballard & Treby S. Stacey	Webster & Prior S. Hodgson	1 length
Single Sculls: Veterans Cox	Wiltshire S. Nelson	Crook Mrs. Bates	Bentley M. Drury	1 length $\frac{1}{4}$ length
One-Armed Pairs Cox	Downs & Meighan S. Stacey	—	—	1 length
Open Fours Cox	Bawden, MacFar- lane, Webster, Prior S. Morris	Harrison, McLean, Bowering, Parkes S. Stacey	Thompson, Scott, Winter, Steel S. Hodgson	3 lengths $\frac{1}{4}$ length

A QUEER CLIMATE

American Visitor: "You have an extraordinarily funny climate, I guess."

Englishman: "Well, yes, we have rather. Last year summer was on a Wednesday, and the year before, why, I believe it was on a Friday!"

SHE KNEW HIM

An architect remarked to a lady that he had been to see the great nave in the new church.

"Don't mention names," the lady replied, "I know the man you refer to."

Our Chairman in Parliament

His views on the present and future position of broadcasting

AS our readers know, the invariable rule of "St. Dunstan's Review" has been to abstain from anything in the nature of political controversy, or, indeed, to deal with any matters which have any suggestion of a political flavour.

A recent discussion in the Commons, however, on the subject of the telephone services and broadcasting has, we think, many points of considerable general interest to St. Dunstaners, particularly in view of the fact that our Chairman, Captain Fraser, took an important part in the debate.

We obviously have not space in these columns to report the whole discussion, and, indeed, we think our readers will in any event be most interested in the contribution made by Captain Fraser.

Opening his speech with a trenchant and well-reasoned criticism of the comparatively slow development of the British Telephone Service, not as regards the quality, but as regards the means undertaken to popularise and extend the service, Captain Fraser claimed that quite apart from the immense gain to internal trade such an extension would bring, it would also have the effect of very considerably lowering the price of individual installations.

In regard to broadcasting, which is the subject in his speech which, as we have said, we think will be of most general interest, Captain Fraser said he welcomed the announcement which the Postmaster-General had made that the Government propose to follow the Report of the Committee recently set up (of which our readers will remember our Chairman was a member). He said there was ground for the fear that the Government were not giving the Broadcasting Service enough money. During the last year the programmes had not been improved in interest and variety to the extent that listeners were entitled to expect. He considered that the Postmaster-General or the

Treasury should not obtain any of the funds which listeners had contributed until adequate provision had been made for the development of better programmes. There was very little surplus left in the British Broadcasting Company at the present time to make such experiments as they must make in order to establish a better system of distribution and higher power stations throughout the country. He hoped that before the end of the year the Postmaster-General would make such arrangement with the British Broadcasting Commission as would enable them to improve the programmes this winter and make a large and bold experiment in the use of higher power and a wide discretion in the matter of the use of higher power, so that better distribution and possibly alternative programmes might be attained. He was convinced that the present Postmaster-General was keenly alive to this matter and personally interested in the development of broadcasting and its potentialities, but the departmental mind in the aggregate was perhaps not always capable of appreciating those potentialities to the same extent.

Referring to the question of interference with broadcasting programmes, Captain Fraser said this was of two kinds—the one arising from the carelessness of listeners making their sets oscillate, and the other form of interference came from marine stations and ships from foreign coast stations. With regard to the former, the British Broadcasting Company has done much to educate people not to cause this interference, but he (Captain Fraser) hoped—and he knew the Committee would not consider him vindictive because he was thinking of the common good—that the Postmaster-General would do everything he could to prosecute a few offenders in different areas. As to the interference with broadcasting by ships, he asked the Postmaster-General to take all possible steps to see that ships kept to the

wave length which was laid down for them. It could not be expected that the shipping trade could make alterations in plant in its present depressed state, but in ships, newly built, it should be possible to compel the fitting of apparatus which would not interfere with broadcasting. He was aware that foreign ships were perhaps the worst offenders, but that led him to ask what steps the Postmaster-General was taking internationally to deal with this question, and to secure an agreement that broadcasting should be given a free hand.

He felt that there ought not to be a house in the land in which programmes, both for entertainment and education, could not be received on the simplest of apparatus, and it rested with the Post Office to provide such facilities.

Captain Fraser concluded by saying that in spite of the criticisms, if they could be so called, which he had made, and the questions which he had asked, he was very happy to feel that through the energy and foresight of the British Post Office and our manufacturers, and through the great ability which had been shown in the conduct of the British Broadcasting Company, we had in this country the best service in the world, and he hoped that some of the points which he had raised, and which he believed had a material bearing on the future success of the service, would be attended to.

Viscount Wolmer, the Assistant Postmaster-General, during the course of his speech when winding up the Debate, said that in regard to broadcasting that he had heard some very interesting remarks from the honourable and gallant Member for St. Pancras North, who had asked various questions about the treatment of the British Broadcasting Company. Perhaps he would be interested to know that the British Broadcasting Company had been given authority to construct an experimental station at Daventry, to work on a 300 to 500 wave length, and using the power to twenty kilowatts. He could assure his honourable and gallant friend (Captain Fraser) that they were on the very keenest look-out for oscillators, and that the Postmaster-General would not hesitate to take every step in his power to

prevent this form of interference. With regard to ships causing disturbances from obsolete machinery, he agreed that reform was urgently needed, but it could not be done except in concert with every other country, and that question was to be discussed at the International Conference which would meet at Washington next year

Sunny Sayings from Oliver Wendell Holmes

STICK to your aim; the mongrel's hold will slip. But only crow-bars loose the bulldog's grip.

Small as he looks, the jaw that never yields, drags down the bellowing monarch of the fields.

Yet, in opinions, look not always back. Your wake is nothing; mind the coming track.

Leave what you've done for what you have to do. Don't be "consistent," but be simply true.

A USE FOR EVERYTHING

I "can't do a thing with Parker," said the manager. "I have had him in three departments, and he dozes all day long."

"Put him at the pyjama counter," suggested the proprietor, "and fasten a card on him with these words: 'Our night clothes are of such superior quality that even the man who sells them cannot keep awake.'"

A man reaps what he sows—unless he is an amateur gardener.

Life and golf are much the same. In both you keep your attention on the game, hit straight, and follow through.

There is always the consolation that if it wasn't for the rain there would be no hay to make when the sun shines.

A country is not made great by the number of square miles but by the number of square men it contains.

When two women meet over a cup of tea the Recording Angel is kept almost as busy as when two men are talking golf in the club smoke room.

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