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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

One Brotherhood

THE old and the new merge. Except where a proper understanding of a news item requires it, I have asked the Editor of the REVIEW to stop distinguishing between St. Dunstaners of the two wars. Sometimes it is necessary to distinguish between the old and the young for the sake of making a point clear, but the sooner we become one brotherhood of St. Dunstaners, with no age barriers between us, the better.

A correspondent on another page describes the merging of the two generations at the Conference of St. Dunstan's Physiotherapists, held at Brighton recently, and I have observed myself and learned from reports that the same process has been at work in reunions throughout the country.

During the winter months we shall be giving full consideration to the reunion programme for the next year, taking into account some of the difficulties which have emerged in our first series of post-war meetings. For example, a very much larger number of our men now go to daily work in office or factory throughout the land than was the case before the war, and it is difficult for such men to attend Reunions on an ordinary week day during business hours. We shall have to consider whether Saturday afternoon would be a good time, though this of course aggravates the difficulty of getting suitable accommodation, and possibly the travelling problem as well. So far as London is concerned, the average Londoner has more opportunities of meeting fellow St. Dunstaners and members of the staff, because he is near to Headquarters and we hope, when the opportunity comes, to develop a London club similar in many ways to the present Bridge Club, but including a number of wider interests, such as music, sport, etc. In general, the After-Care Reunion for London will take the form of a grand Annual Dance. Often, in the past, we held this during Armistice Week. Our first post-war rally of this kind will occur some time in January and particulars will be given in a later REVIEW.

One of the Originals

There are not many left now—though my wife, Miss Goole and Miss Coultate are among them—who started working for St. Dunstan's in the earliest days.

Miss E. Wood, who has now retired from St. Dunstan's service on account of having reached the age limit, has been working with us and for us for just about thirty-two years. Blind since her early years, she started teaching typing to Captain Lowry, who was probably the first officer blinded in the first war, then became a typewriting and braille shorthand

teacher at Bayswater, the first St. Dunstan's hostel, which opened in January, 1915. After teaching for many years, Miss Wood subsequently joined the After-Care Department as a shorthand-typist, but she was much more than this, for over the years she came to know hundreds of our families as her friends and to conduct a regular correspondence with them on behalf of the department. Miss Wood also helped me throughout these years by reading memoranda and other matter that arrived in braille and putting letters and notes into braille for me.

In her retirement, Miss Wood intends to occupy herself teaching shorthand at a London County Council School and doing some work for the National Library. Many early St. Dunstaners will remember Miss Wood and all will wish her good luck.

Cloak and Sword

I have read two good tales in recent weeks on the Talking Book. Intrigue, jewels, rogues, heroes, lovers and historical romance are the ingredients, extremely well put together by Rafael Sabatini. "Scaramouche," recorded by the Americans, is one; "King in Prussia," recorded by our own Talking Book studios in London, is the other. I recommend them both.

IAN FRASER.

Notes and News

W. Evans, of Tamworth, has been made an honorary member of the North Staffs Old Comrades' Association, and its members are raising enough money, by means of concerts, etc., to buy him a guide dog.

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Arthur Finney, of Finchley, was a prize-winner in the B.B.C. "Merry-Go-Round" cash quiz, which was broadcast on September 20th and 22nd. He chose "Lucky Dip," always the most sporting choice.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watson, of Shirebrook, and their son, Ernest, were awarded third prize by the Blackwell Rural District Council in a competition open to all gardeners in the district.

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It is reported that Professor Algie, a blind New Zealander, is the principal political research worker and adviser of the Opposition Party leaders in the New Zealand General Election.

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Congratulations to two St. Dunstan's telephonists who have just completed twenty-five years in their job. They are H. Manning, with the London Hospital, and P. Garrity, with the British Legion Headquarters.

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Lambeth Borough Council Library Committee are to buy a talking book, so that book recitals can be arranged for blind people in the borough.

Pen Friend Wanted

We have heard of a young Dutch ex-Serviceman who lost his sight in the early part of the war who would like to correspond with someone in this country. He speaks Dutch, English and German fluently. The Editor will be glad to give his address to any St. Dunstaner who would like to correspond with him.

"Those Were the Days"

With the help of several kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baxter, of South Holmwood, have sent St. Dunstan's the sum of £25 earmarked for the Deaf-Blind Watch Fund. Practice dances are held fortnightly in the Village Hall, and at these are learnt the old-time dances.

Harry Davidson records are used with Joe at the door "taking the money."

Armistice Day

*O will ye not be silent then
When the phantom host comes nigh;
O will ye not, for one brief space
Be still as they muster by?
Ye have your music, song and dance,
For ever at your side;
But will ye not be silent then,
For the sake of those who died?
What things ye love in pleased life
Of comfort, joy and ease;
What things ye boast in freedom's name,
Ye owe it all to these;
Your very life, in truth ye owe
To those ye sent to die.
O will ye not be silent then
When the phantom host comes by?*

R.J.V.

Efficiency Medal

New conditions covering the award of the Efficiency Medal (Territorial-Militia) and Clasps have recently been announced, and as these may be of interest to ex-Territorials of long service, details are given below.

The Efficiency Medal and Clasps may now be awarded to Officers and other ranks of the Territorial Army, the Auxiliary Territorial Service, and to other ranks of the Supplementary Reserve (Category A and B), who were serving as such on September 2nd, 1939, irrespective of whether their service was commissioned, other rank, or a combination of both.

Briefly the qualifications are as follows:—

- Twelve years' continuous service (embodied war service from September 3rd, 1939, may count two-fold).
- A minimum of 12 trainings (an embodied period of two months will count as two trainings, but not more than two trainings may be credited during any year reckoned from January 1st to December 21st).
- Service as a regular army (emergency commission) Officer may count as qualifying service provided that the Officer was serving in the ranks on an auxiliary forces attestation on September 2nd, 1939, and was embodied under Army Order 158 of 1939.
- Service in the Royal Navy, the Regular Army, or the R.A.F. during the embodiment of the Territorial Army may count provided that it immediately followed embodied service in the Territorial Army.
- Officers and other ranks who, during the 1939-45 war were discharged owing to wounds or illness contracted on service, and who voluntarily re-enlisted during the period of embodiment will not be regarded as having broken continuity in service, although the period between discharge and re-enlistment will not count.

Any St. Dunstaner who feels that he may be eligible for either Medal or Clasp should submit his claim to the Record Office of the last Unit in which he served, the address of which can be obtained from any Post Office or Police Station. The claim should show the man's personal number, Army number, name in block letters, and address to which reply can be sent. No other medal or award should be claimed at the same time, and the envelope should be clearly marked "Efficiency Medal only."

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Leslie Douglas, of East Ham, and H. Miller, also of East Ham, both of whom were employed during the war as telephonists at Messrs. Tate & Lyle, have received the ribbon of the Defence Medal.

West House Notes

Racing was again the order of the day at the beginning of this month. West House very well represented was in fine fettle on the Lewes Race Course. The weather was our only dead loss.

One of the most outstanding evenings of the month was a really first-class concert, arranged by W. T. Curtis-Willson and Jack Sullivan, with the "stars" from the Grand Theatre. We were pleased to have the Commandant and Mrs. Paul, Commandant and Mrs. Dacre, Matron Pain with sixteen of the Ovingdean boys, and the Matron of the Royal Sussex County Hospital with us for this excellent and much appreciated concert. A splendid vote of thanks was given by R. E. Larcombe, with, at the same time, a welcome from West House to Ovingdean. The amplifiers were tried out for the first time.

A happy occasion was the christening of St. Dunstaner A. Robinson's son in our Church. Canon James officiated. The Church was beautifully but simply decorated by Miss Pooley. The organ was played by Mr. Kirby. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Orderly Ball for giving up so much of his free time to play for us each Sunday.

Brighton Races again on the 18th and 19th, and it was generally agreed to hire boats instead of charas. On our next visit to this course. West House luck, like the weather—let's not discuss it!

On the 21st we were invited to a Grand Concert by the Buffs, held in the Royal Pavilion. Another splendid party.

The Conservative Party invited a party of six men and staff to a dance at the Hove Town Hall, an invitation which was eagerly accepted.

Sunday, 22nd, saw us playing a most earnest game of "Housey Housey," with Sister Melbourne and Orderly Wright at the tote, and Sisters Chaddock and Glead collecting the bets. As can be imagined, this game was enjoyed by all.

A team of eight from the Southdown Motor Company came along on the 26th for a Darts Tournament, which St. Dunstan's won with quite a score in hand, and so this month came to an end.

New Wine in Old Casks

"New wine in old casks?" Yes! that was the predominant theme of the concerto which was performed in the Winter Garden of St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, on September 7th by the band of St. Dunstan's Physiotherapists. New strings of both sexes were introduced into this ensemble, and who better could have accomplished this delicate task than the highly respected conductor, Sir Ian himself, who, with gentle though firm and forthright control, wielded his baton with superb confidence and shepherded them into the fold. I feel certain that he has made the "New Wine," or "New Strings" sweeten the old cask and enrich the ensemble, for assuredly the latter will be invigorated by these fresh contacts. Thus it was that the recently qualified were given a very hearty welcome into the old established band of "one time Masseurs," now known as "Physiotherapists"—some have found a second way of pronouncing it, with a different meaning—that by the way.

In an effort to bolster up the work of the committee to the advantage of practitioners as a whole, with emphasis on hospital work, that live wire and bundle of wit and humour, Paddy Boyce, referred to the newcomers as the "Kids," and he might have added—"among the goats," as I whispered to one of the latter at the time. He meant well, however, and it was taken in very good part by these young additions to our company. An interesting discussion followed, and we agreed with Paddy, amidst much hilarity, that with whisky at twenty-five and nine-pence a bottle, and the thoughts of taking unto themselves a spouse, our new friends would find it somewhat tough going on the remuneration offered by hospitals and like institutions, based on what the Chartered Society have thought fit to consider a reasonable return for services rendered. The chairman, S. A. Chambers, said that the committee would certainly consider the matter. Some of the new brigade aired their views in no uncertain manner, and we can expect greater activity from that quarter when the committee commences its deliberations.

Our good old friend, Mr. Mace, expounded on the history and growth of the Chartered Society, and how it came about that we blind Physiotherapists came to be

recognised as worthy promoters and exponents of the arts of massage and electrotherapy.

These young people most decidedly should know how the Society to which they belong arrived at its present position, and what part they could and should play to implement its work and revitalise its all too lethargic outlook upon the urgent needs of its members. Certainly it wants a good strong twist of its tail. The advice of Mr. Mace was sound, namely, to join the branches of the Chartered Society and endeavour to keep its Council constantly aware of the interests of the male section, up to the present somewhat neglected. The meeting was extremely enjoyable, and it was fun and games meeting one's old friends after a lapse of seven years.

Earlier in the proceedings, the members stood in silence while the first verse of Laurence Binyon's poem For the Fallen was recited, as a mark of respect for those of our colleagues who had passed away during the intervening years. Particular mention was made of Edmund Toft and Scott Peary, both of whom, in more ways than one, had contributed yeoman service to St. Dunstan's and to the massage community in particular.

EDWARD SLAUGHTER.

New Committee

At the Conference many matters of professional interest were discussed, and the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee was elected as follows: G. Cock, J. M. Colley, S. A. Chambers, R. Ettridge, C. J. R. Fawcett, A. G. Fisher, L. Howell, G. A. Jolly, W. Morris, F. Ripley, W. T. Scott, P. J. Sparkes, S. C. Tarry (*Chairman*) and F. Winter.

Presentations

Presentation of cheques, which had been subscribed for by the members as tokens of the esteem in which physiotherapists and masseurs held Mr. Mace, Physiotherapy Superintendent, and Miss Goole, Secretary to the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee, were made by S. A. Chambers, retiring Chairman.

The following reply from the recipients has been received:—

"As we know that all the Physiotherapists who kindly contributed to our presentation were not present at the Reunion and so

Industrial Injuries

The National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946—the text of which has recently been published—completely changes the law of compensation for workers who meet with accidents in the course of their employment, and as details have already been given in the REVIEW of the general National Insurance Scheme, St. Dunstaners may also be interested—from their own point of view if they are in an insurable occupation, from the point of view of their children, or just generally—in having details of the new Industrial Injuries Scheme.

The Act is intended to cover all those in regular employment, manual and "white collar" workers, directors and office boys alike, and as it sets up entirely new machinery for dealing with claims for injuries, it is extremely long and complicated. There is also the further difficulty that the Minister of National Insurance has power to make a great many regulations dealing with all manner of specific points—regulations which have not yet been made.

One of the regulations which the Minister has power to make is for adjusting the benefits of any person in receipt of a pension or allowance payable out of public funds, and until this regulation has been made it is not possible to say definitely how the new Act will affect St. Dunstaners. A close watch is, however, being kept on any regulation which may be made, and in this connection St. Dunstaners will recall the note in the June REVIEW, setting out the reply given by Mr. James Griffiths, the Minister of National Insurance, to Sir Ian Fraser's request that a most solid assurance should be given by the Minister that it was not his intention to make regulations which would in any way diminish the benefits which are due to disabled soldiers, sailors, airmen and others under the Royal Warrants, Orders in Council or similar instruments. In his reply, the Minister stated that while it was not possible to make a general or detailed statement, he would give two examples to show just what the Government were prepared to agree and would then ask the House to leave the matter over for the moment, and take his word for it that the Government were giving it anxious and urgent consideration. He then continued: ". . . .

were not personally thanked by us at the time, we would like, through the medium of the REVIEW, to express to them all our deep appreciation of this most generous presentation and the kind thought behind it. We value the friendship and goodwill of the St. Dunstan's Physiotherapists very highly, and are very proud to have been associated with them and wish them continued success in the future.

ALFRED MACE.

ELEANOR GOOLE."

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Mr. Percy Way delivered an address in which he congratulated the older members and urged the new that they had much to learn from experience.

A telegram from the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, was received in the following terms:—

"I am glad to learn that you are reviving your Annual General Meetings. The services which Physiotherapists render to the community are most valuable. I wish St. Dunstan's physiotherapists all success in their work.

ANEURIN BEVAN."

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Post War Credits

Any St. Dunstaner who is over the age of 65 and has in his possession Certificates of Post-War Income Tax Credits for any of the years 1941/42, 1942/43 and 1943/44, may now obtain payment of the Credits by completing a form of application which can be obtained at any Post Office and forwarding the form and the Certificates to the Inspector of Taxes at the address shown on the oldest Certificate.

Only the Credits for the three years mentioned can be cashed, and only by men over 65 years of age or women of over 60. St. Dunstaners who are under the age of 65 and hold any of the Credits should carefully retain the Certificates until such time as the Government issue further instructions as to payment.

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In the B.B.C. feature, "Yours Sincerely," on October 8th—an exchange programme between this country and America—a letter from Sir Ian Fraser was read by Lionel Gamlin. It was in reply to an American listener's query about the Talking Book.

Take a person who is in receipt of a war pension and might sustain an industrial accident. It is not the intention in any way to interfere with the separate basic benefits accruing to him under both Schemes. Similarly, a war pensioner or an industrial pensioner under the new National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill becomes entitled in due course to a retirement pension. He can draw both in full. Those are two decisions which are clearly in line with what I have said." This is a definite assurance and everything possible will be done to see that it is properly carried into effect.

The Industrial Injuries Act is framed somewhat on the lines of the Royal Warrants, Orders in Council, etc., dealing with the award of War Disability Pensions. The degree of disablement is assessed by comparing the injured man with a person of the same age and sex whose physical condition is normal and the assessment is not, as is the case with the present Workmen's Compensation Acts, related in any way to any earnings the man may have been receiving at the time of the accident or any moneys he may subsequently be able to earn. The assessment is by percentage with a maximum of 100 per cent., and awards may be provisional or final.

When an insured person is injured through an accident at work, or is found to be suffering from what is thought to be an industrial disease, he or she will obtain a Certificate from the panel Doctor, and on the issue of such a Certificate the Insurance Officer for the District will have to decide whether the accident arose in the course of employment. If he finds that it did, the worker will be entitled to benefits. If the Officer finds otherwise, there is a right to appeal to a special Tribunal.

If it is finally held that the accident occurred in the course of employment, or the disease was in fact an industrial disease, the worker will, in the first place, be entitled for a maximum period of 156 working days to an injury benefit for every day he or she is absent from work because of such injury or disease. Unless the period is twelve days or over the first three days will not count for benefit. The injury benefit is 45s. per week.

At the end of the injury period the worker will, if the injury continues, be eligible for

the following weekly benefits (100 per cent figures being given in each case):—

	£	s.	d.
Industrial Disablement Pension	2	5	0
Unemployment Supplement (payable where the beneficiary is, because of his industrial injury, likely to remain permanently incapable of work) ...	1	0	0
Special Hardship Allowance (payable in certain cases where less than 100 per cent. in issue)	11	3	
Constant Attendance Allowance (where warranted)	1	0	0
Ditto, exceptional cases	2	0	0

When the assessment is less than 20 per cent., an Industrial Disablement Gratuity will be granted instead of the Industrial Pension, the maximum amount of the gratuity being £150.

When the Injury Benefit is in issue, the following Family Allowances will be paid:

	£	s.	d.
Wife or adult dependant... ..	16	0	
First or only child (other children being entitled to an Allowance under the Family Allowance Act)	7	6	

Where the Disablement Pension is in issue and the beneficiary is entitled to the Unemployability Supplement, or is receiving approved Hospital treatment, similar Family Allowances are paid; otherwise no Wives, or Children's Allowances are issued.

If death results from an industrial injury the widow will receive for life, or until she remarries, a pension of 30s. a week if she has a child in her care, is over 50 or subsequently attains the age of 50, or she is incapable of self-support. In any other case the pension will be 20s. a week. A gratuity will be paid on re-marriage of an amount equal to 52 times the weekly rate of the pension to which she was then entitled. An allowance of 7s. 6d. will be paid in respect of the first or only child to the person having the care of such child.

Contributions for the benefits to be derived under the Act work out at a few pence per week for the various categories of insured persons, according to age and sex, but they will not be paid separately. They will be included in the one stamp payable in respect of the whole general Insurance and Health Schemes, which are expected to come into force some time in 1948.

The total weekly amount payable by an employed person under all the Schemes will be, in the case of a man, 4s. 11d. (increasable after five years to 5s. 1d.), and in the case of a woman, 3s. 10d. (increasable

after five years to 4s.). For these contributions he or she will be eligible for all the benefits of the Industrial Injuries Act, plus the benefits under the general schemes, which include Unemployment and Sickness Benefits, Maternity Benefits, Widow's Benefits, Retirement Pensions, Death Grants and free Health Services.

The benefits to be given under the Industrial Injuries Act as set out above will apply to all cases where the injury or disease is due to an industrial accident, after the Act comes into operation. St. Dunstaners who are already receiving compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Acts will not be incorporated into the new scheme, and will therefore continue to receive their compensation from their previous employers or their Insurance Companies, and the compensation will be reducible by earnings, as in the past. Power has, however, been conferred on the Minister to make regulations whereby a person in receipt of Workmen's Compensation, and who, because of his injury is permanently unable to work, shall be entitled out of the National Insurance Fund to the 20s. a week Unemployable Supplement, and, where Constant Attendance Allowance is warranted, an Allowance up to a maximum of 20s. a week, with a special Allowance of 40s. a week in severely disabled cases. It is expected the Minister will make these regulations before the Act comes into operation.

Ovingdean Notes

Ovingdean has been strengthened this term by the happy reunion with old friends from Church Stretton.

Summer returned on the 28th September for our Sports Day, and made the Sports meeting doubly welcome. Through the kindness of Miss Tanner, Head Mistress of Roedean School, the Sports took place on the playing fields of Roedean, which, with the colourful summer frocks of the ladies, bright marquees, blue sky and sunshine, formed an ideal setting.

The organisation, under Mr. Jarrold, was excellent and the enthusiasm of the entries most heartening. By the time the tenth event was reached there were several competitors on the records for the athlete of the day, but steadily "Kiwi" and Danny Pretorius drew ahead, leaving the last few

events to accord the winning points to "Kiwi" for the individual trophy.

From the beginning, Croxley Green and Northgate House ran neck and neck for the House trophy, and added considerably to the interest throughout the afternoon, until Northgate, gaining a handsome lead in the Throwing the Discus event, soared away to win the House trophy with 53 points.

Northgate House

The number of trainees at Ovingdean at present being in excess of sleeping accommodation, Northgate House at Rottingdean has been opened and, as mentioned above, has proved itself to be a worthy addition.

Seasonal changes have come with the new term in an added number of Talks. Lectures by Mr. T. J. Roberts, B.A., and Mr. Coleman, of the W.E.A., are to be followed by a further series on "How to Enjoy Music," "Authors you should Know About" and "Comment on International Relations." The Discussion Room has become a popular rendezvous. Additional speakers have been enjoyed on such subjects as "The G.P.O. in War-time," "The Work of the Palestine Police," "Behind the Scenes at the B.B.C.," and "With Shackleton to the Antarctic."

Outside entertainment has by no means been forgotten, and already the dances, concerts and visits to the theatre and cinemas of Brighton are in full swing, and in their popularity a heavy tax on transport.

Apart from mines going off on the beach, gales threatening to make Ovingdean drag its anchor, and storms in the middle of the night, Ovingdean still preserves its peaceful mien!

Test Results

Preliminary.—E. Rowe, R. Turner, R. Owen, H. Davis, R. Craddock.

Writing Test.—R. Lawrence, D. Juner, P. Stubbs, T. Wilson, J. Brereton, W. Veness, H. Foster, J. Lewis, L. Constable, H. Hocking, G. Durant, E. Gould, S. Connor, R. Richardson, L. White, N. Daniel, A. Paulson, C. Stafford.

Typewriting Test.—J. Gannon, N. Nolde, W. Miller, R. Pope, A. Dodgson, P. Wood, D. Watkins, B. Parker, J. Milowcznk, R. Collins.

Moon Test.—P. Ingram (West House), L. Coulson, R. Chamberlain.

Advanced.—T. J. Floyd, S. C. Mackay, A. T. Brooks (West House), S. Lidiard.

"In Memory"

Corporal Hugh Arthur Smith, Heavy Anti-Aircraft, Royal Artillery

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of H. A. Smith, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, which occurred at his home, on September 14th, at the age of forty-two.

A Territorial before the war—he joined at the age of sixteen—he was called to the Service at the outbreak of war in 1939 and he served in the defence of Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, and then London. He was injured in a London air-raid, and as a result he lost his sight. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1945, returning home early this year, but he became seriously ill in August and he passed away after a painful illness borne with great courage.

A number of St. Dunstaners attended the funeral at Ryde on September 17th.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his widow and family. He leaves three sons and four daughters.

Births

BOSELEY.—To the wife of H. Boseley, of Liscard, Wallasey, on September 5th, a daughter—Sandra Elizabeth.

KELLY.—To the wife of W. Kelly, of Workington, a son—Kenneth David.

KINGSNORTH.—On October 2nd, to the wife of E. M. Kingsnorth, of Southgate, a son—Roger Kent.

MORGAN.—On September 4th, to the wife of D. Morgan, of York, a son, whom, we learn with deep regret, died a few hours after birth.

NEWALL.—On September 24th, to the wife of H. Newall, of Manchester, a daughter—Barbara Ann.

PARMENTER.—On August 21st, to the wife of D. Parmenter, of Catford, a daughter—Lynne Margaret.

THORNTON.—On October 8th, to the wife of Walter Thornton, of Birmingham, a son—Andrew John.

Marriage

TAYLOR.—On September 14th, T. Taylor, of Bury (trainee).

Golden Wedding

Our very special congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Capstick, of Westfield, Lancaster, who celebrate their Golden Wedding on October 24th.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations, too, to the following, who are celebrating their Silver Wedding anniversary:—

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hazel, of Merton, August 15th; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smith, Derby, September 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. W. Bentley, Gorton, Manchester, October 1st; Mr. and Mrs. B. Ingrey, Beddington, October 29th; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Luker, Wandsworth, November 12th.

St. Dunstan's Bridge Club on the Air

Our fifth visit to Harrogate clearly showed all of us that our many friends there do all they can to beat each successive year with their hospitality. A record number of fourteen members made the journey with three escorts, whose help was most invaluable. All the organising work was in the capable hands of John Morrison and A. Field, and once again our warmest thanks are due to them. The whole visit was carried out in perfect harmony, and the hospitality and cordiality of our Yorkshire friends will long be remembered by all of us.

We took part in six events, one team of four finishing fourth in the *Yorkshire Evening Post* competition, and in the other matches did not do quite so well as last year. All the games were very keen, however, and all the members should derive much help from their experience of playing against such excellent teams, but the chief item of interest was the fact that Harry Gover, the founder of the Club, was invited to take part in the Northern News Reel in the Northern Regional programmes. Accordingly, the world had the pleasure of hearing Harry's voice on the wireless on the Saturday evening and also on Sunday morning. His broadcast was a credit to the Bridge Club.

And so now for the winter programme.

Efforts are being made to add many duplicate matches with other clubs for our programme, for I feel we shall be able to obtain better results only by continual play with other clubs. R.P.C.

Wanted

LEATHER MUSIC CASE in good condition. Please state price.—Williams, Edenmoor, The Rise, Sheringham, Norfolk.