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WAR PENSIONS CAMPAIGN MUST GO ON

President's Call at the British Legion Conference

IN his presidential address at the opening of the British Legion Conference at the Albert Hall on Whit Sunday, Sir Ian Fraser's main theme was the part the Legion should play in the preservation of peace and its campaign to protect war pensions from bearing an undue burden in the economic consequences of re-armament.

"It may be," Sir Ian went on, "that talks on the highest level or indeed at any level, such as that of ex-Service organisations or trade unions, may help the cause of peace. I would be willing to meet the Russian Legion in Russia or Britain, for all talking at all levels is better than fighting."

Peace is best ensured, said Sir Ian, by the strength of our own right arm and that of our allies. The true peace organisation is the United Nations, and not the movements who have prostituted the word "peace" to their disarming propaganda which, if successful, would only help the powers behind the Iron Curtain to rob us of our freedom.

Sir Ian appealed for recruits for Civil Defence, which is gravely undermanned, and criticised the Government's delay in organising a Home Guard. Certainly the Minister of Defence's promise that Civil Defence volunteers may join the Home Guard on mobilisation is not practical—it would decimate Civil Defence at its moment of greatest need. The War Office should forthwith draw up a list of those whose best service could be in the Home Guard. "There should also be a general register of all of military age. You cannot call up everybody to fight, but it would be wrong to overlook anybody not in an essential job."

Pensions

Calling for a nation-wide pensions campaign, Sir Ian asserted that, compared with the cost of living, the basic rate for war pensions was better between the two wars than it is now, because the cost of living dropped after 1919, when the rate was fixed. Adjustments and special allowances have benefited a minority of badly disabled, but it is grievously disappointing that the recently announced improvements in allowances should only have helped about 25,000 out of 720,000 war pensioners, 300,000 of whom are first war men, averaging over 60 years of age. "It is unthinkable that the men and women disabled in the two wars should be the ones upon whom the burden falls in an undue proportion of paying for re-armament against a third world war. Improvements since 1943 in pensions and special allowances only amount to about £11m. a year, and of these, children's allowances are no good to us who are now grandfathers." (Laughter.)

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DERBY SWEEPSTAKE

We have held up this month's REVIEW in order to give the result of the Derby Sweepstake draw, which took place at the London Club, 191 Marylebone Road, on Friday evening, May 25th.

The result of the draw was as follows:—

Amarnestes ...	J. C. HIBBERT, New Malden	1545	North Carolina...	C. WILLIAMS, Wrexham	276
Arcot ...	W. C. KEAST, Clacton	317	Nourreddin ...	T. O'REILLY, Blackburn	2638
Arctic Prince ...	W. ROBINSON, Grantham	2419	Nyangal ...	H. BENNETT, Bristol	1924
Ardent Hope ...	R. FINCH, Birmingham	1117	Paradise Street...	J. ROPER, Tipton	1619
Barna Remedy	H. F. PORTER, Kingston	1875	Part Du Lyon ...	D. G. MORGAN, Tredegar...	1227
Bokara ...	J. C. WILLIAMS, Haywards Heath	2564	Prince D'Ouilly	P. BAGWELL, Somerton	2245
Brumfield ...	B. H. BURGESS, Exeter	1975	Quick Return ...	W. HEUSHAW, Potters Bar	601
Clare Hill ...	A. S. DOLBY, Brighton	805	Raincheck ...	H. F. PORTER, Kingston	1876
Claudius ...	R. YOUNG, Dorking	1669	Sashcord ...	A. STEVENS, Widdersham	2123
Crocodile ...	T. THOMPSON, Morpeth	6	Selector II ...	W. SHAKESPEARE, Birmingham	661
Expeditious ...	C. DURKIN, Orpington	72	Signal Box ...	F. BERISFORD, Stoke	1903
Faux Pas ...	R. DOBROWOLSKI, Hove	357	Stokes ...	H. PUGH, N.3	489
Fraise Du Bois II	H. CRABTREE, Headquarters	29	Straight Quill ...	J. S. WHITELAM, Westcliff	1930
Ki Ming ...	W. VENESS, Peacchaven	1288	Sun Compass ...	R. H. COOK, Hartow	1046
King Cardinal ...	A. ABRAM, Reddish	561	Sybil's Nephew	E. SHEPHERD, Hove	773
Le Tyrol ...	F. HESKETH, Greenford	891	Titian ...	A. JORDAN, Mitcham	582
Le Vent ...	E. G. POVEY, Southampton	2236	Turco II ...	H. G. MANNING, Brighton	1119
Malekzadch ...	E. RUSSELL, Leeds	309	Turk's Reliance	H. DOWNS, Rishton	421
Malka's Boy ...	F. RICHARDSON, Lancing	1020	Wateringbury ...	D. J. M. STEPHENS, Carmarthenshire	330
Medway...	J. H. BURT, Southampton	1759	Woodcote Inn ...	BILL EDWARDS, Brighton	1344
Mystery IX ...	G. A. DAWSON, Bishop Auckland	788	Zuccherero ...	I. OSTLYE, Cockerimouth	2296
Neron ...	W. BENTLEY, Manchester	943	The Field ...	F. G. HOLMAN, Thetford	184

EDITOR'S NOTE.—There are certain articles in the Braille REVIEW which have been omitted from the printed edition. These will appear next month. It has, of course, been impossible to include the Derby Sweepstake draw in the braille issue.

"The nation can raise wages every week for some group in the community, and can find money for 101 new purposes, but cannot find the money for the war disabled. This state of affairs is hardly encouraging to the men fighting in Asia." (Here, here.)

The Cry of "Party Politics"

Sir Ian called for full support in bringing to public notice the claim for further necessary adjustments in supplementary allowances, and the doubling of the basic rate for the other pensioners. He warned the conference that any organisation bringing pressure to bear on any Government of any party always gets more support from the Opposition than from Government supporters. In resisting these claims, Government supporters might allege that party politics inspire the campaign. "But the Legion is not interested in party politics or playing a party game. It hopes to make friends in all parties." (Hear, hear.)

Among the resolutions passed at the Conference was one urging the Government to review the present employment of fit men who were in reserved occupations subsequent to 1945, but were not now in the same employment, and not merely to restrict the review to Class Z reservists.

Compensation to former prisoners of war in Japanese hands was discussed. A resolution was passed urging that payments made to British forces were comparable to those made to the United States forces.

From All Quarters

Margaret Stanway, who is an accordionist, recently made her first public appearance at a concert in Morecambe. The *Morecambe and Heysham Borough Advertiser* wrote: "Miss Margaret Stanway proved herself to be a fine instrumentalist in her particular line."

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Charles Durkin is very busy taking part in the local celebrations of the Festival of Britain. As a member of the Orpington and District Blind Club, he takes an active part in their Kitchen Orchestra (all the instruments are articles used in the kitchen). Their first public engagement was on May 18th.

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J. G. Howes is a keen member of the Stockton-Thornaby Domino Team, and last year won the Individual Domino Championship. This year the team is competing for the Lomer Cup.

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H White, of Stalybridge, has been elected Vice-President of the Ridge Hill Working Men's Club, and in this capacity he was chairman at a recent concert in aid of St. Dunstan's, which raised £20 for us. He tells us that at this concert also were St. Dunstaners Gerry Brereton, of B.B.C. "Clubnight" fame, and J. Worthing, of Stockport.

Harry adds: "On May 10th I made another attempt for municipal honours but was again unlucky. Disappointed, of course, but never downhearted."

S. Jennings, of Bradford, with the assistance of his wife and son, has produced a magnificent rug to commemorate the Festival of Britain. It is 6ft. by 3ft. The background is of fawn and in the centre is St. Dunstan's badge. On either side of the badge are gently waving flags—the Union Jack and the flags of St. George, St. Andrew and St. David. Below are the words "Festival of Britain, 1901—1951." Mr. and Mrs. Jennings and their son are to be congratulated upon a really fine job.

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Air Commodore G. Bentley Dacre, C.B.E., D.S.O., for five years Commandant at Church Stretton and Ovingdean, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Sussex.

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Randall ("Jimmy" Shepherd), of Aldford, gave the B.B.C. some ideas for their broadcast, "Concerning the English" on St. George's Day. It concerned the Defence of Calais, in which Jimmy lost his sight. One of Jimmy's old comrades, Sam Kydd, who was taken prisoner with him, was in the cast. The *London Star* referred to Jimmy's part in the broadcast.

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W. T. Scott, of Streatham, who does such fine work for the deaf-blind, is "job-master" of Streatham Toc H, and in a recent lecture he told his audience that Streatham Toc H have now bought five television sets for patients at the British Home for Incurables, Streatham. The *Streatham News* made this front-page news on May 18th.

London Club Notes

The seven miles Championship on April 21st was attended by Mr. Richard Dimpleby, B.B.C., as starter, and the Sun, the relationship we are uncertain of.

The large crowd of spectators were rewarded by a race that will be long remembered. Tommy, in lead, settled down to a display of stylish walking, Archie Brown, Charlie Williamson, Dusty Miller, and Tommy Denmead clung together and fought it out for the full distance, providing an exciting and close race.

Passing and re-passing each other, Williamson and Miller finished with three seconds between them, with Archie seventeen seconds behind.

Miller won the S.S. Championship, one medal, two prizes and a plaque, plus twin daughters. Good old Dusty.

A headache for the handicapper—Wee MacGregor Fairgrieve again in the prize list; it was disappointing to us all to see Scotty just pipped after a valiant display for a medal awarded to all competitors beating seventy-five minutes.

At the prize-giving, Richard Dimpleby expressed his surprise at the speed of walking, and the fact that we could still breathe and talk after, and his great pleasure at being asked to such a friendly gathering.

Cup Points Result

T.B.		S.S.	
S. Tutton ...	101	A. Brown ...	98
C. Stafford ...	93	W. Miller ...	98
T. Gaygan ...	90	A. Bradley ...	81
J. Fairgrieve ...	88	P. Cryan ...	63
C. Williamson ...	64	W. Scott ...	24

Result of the 7 Miles Championship and Handicap Walk held in Regent's Park, April 21st

Competitor	Actual Time	Allow.	H'cp. Time	H'cp. Pos.
1. T. Gaygan ...	63-26	Scr.	63-26	10th
2. C. Williamson ...	64-15	2-00	62-15	8th
3. W. Miller ...	64-18	3-50	60-28	1st
4. A. Brown ...	64-35	2-30	62-05	7th
5. T. Denmead ...	65-34	3-30	62-04	6th
6. A. G. Bradley ...	68-04	6-30	61-34	4th
7. J. Fairgrieve ...	68-47	7-50	60-57	3rd
8. P. J. Cryan ...	69-58	7-30	62-28	9th
9. C. Stafford ...	72-10	10-10	62-00	5th
10. S. V. Tutton ...	73-45	12-50	60-55	2nd
11. W. T. Scott ...	75-35	11-20	64-15	11th

Prize Winners:

1st S.S. Section, Sir A. Pearson Memorial Prize:—W. Miller.

1st T.B. Section, Sir A. Pearson Memorial Prize:—T. Gaygan.

1st Prize Handicap Competition ...	W. Miller
2nd " " " " ...	S. V. Tutton
3rd " " " " ...	J. Fairgrieve
4th " " " " ...	A. G. Bradley
1st Scratch Race (Medal) ...	T. Gaygan
2nd " " " " ...	C. Williamson
3rd " " " " ...	W. Miller

Other than Prize Winners:—

The following were awarded Bronze Medals for finishing the course in 75 mins. or less:—

A. Brown, T. Denmead, P. J. Cryan, C. Stafford.

Triangular Match

St. Dunstan's v. Pearl v. Erycinus
5 Miles Road Walk in Regent's Park, 17th April, 1951

	2	3	4	7	8	11	35 points
St. Dunstan's:	2	3	4	7	8	11	35 points
Pearl:	1	5	6	9	10	14	45
Erycinus:	12	16	17	18	19	21	103

Swimming.—Swimming will begin at the Marylebone Baths (Mondays, 7—8) in the very near future. Will those St. Dunstaners wishing to take advantage of this get in touch with Mr. Jack Dawkins?

Rowing.—We remind St. Dunstaners of the kindness of the Park authorities in allowing St. Dunstaners and their escorts free rowing on Regent's Park lake—any day, any time.

T. GAYGAN.

Bridge

On March 31st we played a team of four against W. Henry's team, and we lost by 1,500.

On April 7th we held one of our social events, a Bridge drive. There were 11 tables, and we played 20 hands, just good, light-hearted bridge. The first three were E. H. Carpenter and partner, A. Needham and partner, and W. Henry and partner.

We had a visit from our old friends, Messrs. Lyons, on April 14th. This time they had their revenge and beat us by 1,200.

H. GOVER.

Indoor Section

The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Trophy competitions are in full swing for Crib, Dominoes and Darts.

P. ASHTON.

Placements

D. McAuley, as an inspector with Messrs. Lockheed Hydraulics, Leamington Spa.

R. Green, Wakefield, as a telephonist with the Spencer Wire Company.

"One of Our Best Friends"

Death of Colonel Ball

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death, on April 14th, of Colonel Eric Ball, D.L., J.P.

His association with St. Dunstan's began in 1915, when he himself was in St. Mark's College, Chelsea, with a badly shattered right arm. In his own words, written at the time of Sir Arthur Pearson's death: "I shall never forget my first meeting with C.A.P. in a large ward at St. Mark's shortly after the advance on Loos in September, 1915. I was feeling rather sorry for myself, but feeling far more sorry for a young officer in the next bed to mine, whose eyesight had been destroyed by a German sniper on the day before the actual attack . . ."

His sympathy soon took practical shape. He became a constant visitor to St. Dunstan's, and throughout the years his interest in St. Dunstaners has strengthened, just as their own affection for him has grown. At Reunions he was a genial figure, always with a friendly word for the many St. Dunstaners he knew personally, while his gift for the brief, witty but completely appropriate word made him a popular speaker at all our functions.

At Colonel Ball's express wish, there was no mourning and the funeral ceremony was private. Sir Brunel Cohen and Mr. Askew attended, however, to represent the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's.

Sir Ian's Tribute

In a note which was published in *The Times*, Sir Ian said:—

"Colonel Eric Ball served on St. Dunstan's executive council from 1921 until his death, and, when necessary, acted as deputy chairman. He was a familiar figure among the blinded ex-Service men, whose convalescent homes he frequently visited in all parts of the country. His long service in London government and the Territorial Army enabled him to bring wide and useful experience to the council. St. Dunstaners generally and his council and committee colleagues mourn the loss of a steadfast and good friend."

Paul Baker, St. Dunstaner, writes:—

DEAR EDITOR,

I know that there are many of us with pens itching in our hands to write a letter. It is a letter which would come, were it

not that we prefer to obey a request, from our hearts, with all sincerity, to tell Mrs. Ball of our deep sympathy. We did not often have the good fortune to meet Col. Ball, but when we did we enjoyed it and felt his sincerity and friendship. We of Church Stretton remember Mrs. Ball with joy, and thus this grievous loss comes straight to us. I think, therefore, we all hope that despite the fact that we are requested not to write, you will find space to pass on our deepest sympathies and our love from those of us who grieve with her. It is more than a single loss, for St. Dunstan's will have lost a devoted friend as well. There will be hundreds of letters not sent, and many flowers not present, but in the hearts of the men of St. Dunstan's they were there.

Yours very sincerely,

PAUL BAKER.

Aston Clinton, Bucks.

Port Hall

Port Hall, the small house near the Ovingdean Home which is being used as the Holiday and Convalescent Home for women St. Dunstaners, will, it is anticipated, not be fully utilised, and it has been decided to place the vacant beds at the disposal of St. Dunstaner's wives who require convalescence or a rest. The number of beds available will be small—approximately four a week throughout the year, with the exception of the months of August and September, and a fortnight at Easter and Christmas, when no beds will be available.

If the wife of any St. Dunstaner desires to stay at Port Hall, will she please write to the Welfare Department at Headquarters. A room would have to be shared, as two rooms only are available, each containing two beds, and it is emphasised that only wives requiring convalescence or rest can be accommodated, as in view of the small number of beds involved it will not be possible to utilise them for holiday purposes.

Test Results

Typing.—C. Phillips, K. Ward, E. Barber, A. Read, E. Taylor (S.A.), H. Fowler, G. Rignall, L. Hill, J. Simpson.

Advanced Interpoint.—J. Cowan.

Preliminary.—C. Redford, T. Denmead.

Writing.—J. Walbrugh (S.A.), J. K. Robson, G. Rignall, C. Redford.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I have listened to many of Raymond Glendenning's broadcast commentaries with great pleasure. I agree with Sir Ian's comment on Bert Gaffney's letter, but I would like to suggest a good way of showing appreciation which would not be embarrassing.

Last autumn I bought Raymond Glendenning's book on Sports for Boys (of all ages) and sent it to the son of a friend in South Australia. The book arrived on Christmas Eve and the young man was very pleased with it, as I am sure any son or nephew interested in sport would be.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE CROOK.

Herne Bay.

DEAR EDITOR,

May I bring to the attention of other St. Dunstaners a matter which increases my blood pressure whenever I discuss it. The subject is National Insurance, and the way it is administered to pensioners when applying for sickness benefit.

In 1946, the Government saw fit to recognise their best unpaid servants, i.e., the wives, by granting the wife's allowance to men who had married after receiving their disability. This was all to the good, but it was not to last for long, for we men who have overcome our handicap and have taken up either industry or professions, were compelled to contribute to the National Insurance Scheme two years later, in 1948. You will note that we have to pay a full contribution of 4s. 11d. per week into this Scheme, but, and here is the snag, when we are unfortunately compelled to claim sickness benefit, we find ourselves deprived of the 10s. per week they had so gracefully granted us in 1946. My complaint, and also that of every ex-Service man I have spoken to, is that an Insurance is not a pension and that we, having to pay a full contribution for a sum assured, should be entitled to full benefits.

My object in writing this is to ask every St. Dunstaner and, in fact, every ex-Service man who is affected by these conditions, to bring this to the notice of their M.P.s and ex-Service organisations, with a view to bringing pressure to bear on the "g-national minded," cheeseparing, muddling, penny wise and pound foolish

administrators of the Health and Pensions Schemes.

Incidentally, if the Government should nationalise the Insurance Companies, what is going to happen to any Insurance in which we have participated, and again, paid the same premiums as any other person? Is advantage going to be taken of these, too?

Yours sincerely,

H. CRABTREE.

Wood Green, N.22.

DEAR EDITOR,

While writing for my Sweepstake tickets, may I take this opportunity, through the REVIEW, of thanking all members of the Staff of Headquarters, No. 8 Park Crescent, West House, and last, but foremost, Ovingdean, where I spent a very happy year whilst in training, for their kindness, understanding, help and sincerity to me.

I am proud of having served a number of years in the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and a longer period in the Manchester City Police, and am prouder still to be a St. Dunstaner.

Yours sincerely,

BILL EDWARDS.

Brighton.

Result of Draw in aid of Camp Funds

First prize—Door mat, presented by Mr. Gimber: Ticket No. 331, Mrs. Bindley, 24 Rushton Road, Desborough, Kettering.

Second prize—Leather wallet, presented by Mr. T. Shaw: Ticket No. 725, Miss Downer, Beech Hill, Kingsland, Shrewsbury.

Third prize—Boiling fowl, presented by Mr. A. Pimm: Ticket No. 362, A. Bedford, 6 Beaconsfield, New Malden.

Fourth prize—Six eggs: Ticket No. 92, Mr. N. Downs, St. Dunstan's.

"Viewpoint"

"Viewpoint," the quarterly magazine of the National Federation of the Blind, is composed entirely of material written by blind persons, not all of whom being members of the Federation. At present this magazine is only available in braille, but it is proposed to issue an inkprint edition also as soon as a circulation of 100 copies is guaranteed. The subscription for either edition is 5s. per annum, and should be sent to Mr. V. C. Grimshaw, 9 Langham House, Gosfield Street, London, W.1.

Talking Book Library

April's Acquisition

These monthly releases can be most misleading in relation to the number of books under construction. For instance, this month only one book reached the library, yet there are upwards of 20 books at various stages of completion. However, "City of Bells" is undoubtedly the best of this month's crop.

"City of Bells," by E. Googe, reader Arthur Bush, is a charming little romance of the early part of this century. The scene is set in a cathedral city in the house of the Dean and his wife, their grandson and adopted granddaughter. The Dean's nephew returns from South Africa with a game leg and sets up as a bookseller in an old house once occupied by an Italian poet who had disappeared from the neighbourhood. An actress living in the cathedral close helps to establish the book business and finally agrees to the double harness usual to make these things end happily. A very rough and ready synopsis, to be sure, but a soothing, interesting, and intimate little book, so restful, so human, and so eminently readable. A tonic for frayed nerves and brains weary of thinking!

Skoal!

"NELSON."

Reunions

The Reunion at the Polygon Hotel, Southampton, on April 18th, gave local St. Dunstaners an opportunity of meeting a new member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, the Rev. F. Darrell Bunt, O.B.E., R.N., who is at present stationed at Portsmouth. It was a very happy gathering, as was the Reading Reunion two days later. Sir Ian and Lady Fraser were the special guests on this occasion, and Sir Ian's speech on the new pensions concessions has already been reported.

Everyone was delighted to meet Lady Fraser also at the Cardiff Reunion on April 27th. An old British Legion friend—Capt. J. J. Prince, M.B.E., General Secretary of Cardiff and District British Legion—was a popular visitor here as well.

On May 1st the men of Essex met at the Red Lion Hotel, Colchester, where the guest of honour was Major Benham, M.C., President of the Colchester Branch of the Legion.

Birmingham Swimming Gala

This year the Annual Swimming Gala at Birmingham will be on Saturday, September 22nd, at the Woodcock Street Bath.

As this is near the city centre, we shall eliminate the anxiety about trains. Do book the date now, so that we can greet teams who have previously found it impossible to come.

The events will include the following (with a separate section in each race for T.B. and S.S. where necessary):—

1 Length.

1 Length Style Competition (own choice stroke).

1 Length Backstroke.

1 Length (for those who cannot swim 3).

Plunging.

Diving (3 dives).

Relay (teams of 4—each man swimming 1 length).

Measurement of bath: 27yds. by 35ft.

Please let me have your entry by the end of August, but could you make application for one (or two) night's hospitality *before* that date, please, and as soon as possible?

P. A. FAIRHEAD.

Birmingham St. Dunstan's Club, 45 Anderson Park Road, Birmingham, 13.

Dance Night at Ovingdean

It was Monday night at St. Dunstan's

And the dance was about to start.

Our Jim was there with his cornet

And said to Dud., "What a lark!"

There's a bloke with a pipe on the piano,

It's Dudley—it is for a cert.

His boots are all nice and polished,

And, bless me, he's got a clean shirt.

The first dance is "Now is the Hour,"

The second is "Time on My Hands,"

The third is the old Hokey Kokey

For this we all join our hands.

At 8.45 it's refreshments,

There's a rush for the stairs and the lifts,

All for a wad and a cupper,

The single ones go on the cliffs.

Back we go down the staircase,

The band starts off with a rush,

Our Dud.'s got some jam on his shirt front

I'll bet Irene won't arf cuss.

Now that the last waltz is over,

The coaches are waiting outside.

We've all had a very good evening,

Goodnight, chums, I do feel so tired.

A. G. EMERSON.

Brighton Notes

Ovingdean

It would be foolish to miss the opportunity of taking full advantage of the advance publicity from last month's article, "Calling All Sportsmen," and so we will begin our notes from Ovingdean this month by drawing the attention of all readers to the fact that our Annual Sports Day will this year be held on Saturday, July 21st, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

We hope that many St. Dunstaners will take heart from the clarion call from Messrs. Gaygan and Mudge, and we are looking forward to a very large number of entrants this year. The main items on the programme will be:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.

70 yards for Totally Blind.

70 yards for Semi-Sighted.

Throwing the Discus.

Standing Long Jump.

Putting the Weight.

Throwing the Medicine Ball.

Relay.

Tug-o'-War.

There will also be many other items, and if you would like to receive a full list of events and tea arrangements please get in touch with Miss Guilbert, at Ovingdean. Once you have received the list, then the next step is to make up your mind which races you wish to enter, and send your name in to Mr. Jarrold not later than June 30th. Many of you who have entered in previous years will be glad to know that arrangements are in hand for the Sports Pitch to be levelled, so that it will be in good condition for running.

Individual invitations will again be sent to Sussex St. Dunstaners, but, of course, we hope that any St. Dunstaner who may be down this way will make application for a Tea Ticket for himself and his escort as early as possible. This is a great help with our catering arrangements.

Now that it is "officially" Spring and will soon be Summer, there has been a steady increase in the number of visitors to the Centre. Amongst those from abroad this month came Mr. Aaen, from Norway. He was particularly interested in the industrial training given here. From much nearer at hand came Miss O'Brien, the Matron of the Hove General Hospital. We were particularly pleased to welcome

her, both at Ovingdean and later at West House, because many St. Dunstaners have been nursed at the Hove Hospital. Miss O'Brien expressed the hope that she would be able to come again, and we shall certainly look forward to her next visit. Another visitor this month was Alderman Green, the Mayor of Worthing, and we also entertained two research workers from the Nuffield Foundation.

The Ovingdean Darts Team has been busy this month, too, visiting such places as Barcombe, Horsham, and Handcross in Sussex, but also going as far afield as the Hawker Aircraft Sports Club, at Langley, in Buckinghamshire. In each case they were given a warm welcome and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

For the holiday men there has been quite a varied programme, including two afternoon drives each week. A party attended Fontwell Races at the beginning of April, and later in the month another group of racegoers spent an enjoyable day at Plumpton.

Within the last week the "Deaf Reunion" has been held at Ovingdean.

We sincerely hope our deaf friends have enjoyed their stay with us this time and that they will look forward to coming again, as we shall to having them back later this year.

West House Notes

During April we combined with Ovingdean for the Fontwell Park and Plumpton Race Meetings.

You may remember that there *were* one or two warm days during the early part of the month! On those sunny afternoons several of the men in the Sick Ward were wheeled out on to the terrace and others sat out in the garden. It at least gave us a glimpse of how much we shall all appreciate this new garden *when* Summer comes!

During the early part of the month a party of twelve from Toc H took part in a domino tournament, and at the beginning of May we were very pleased indeed to be hosts to the Deaf Reunion, who spent an afternoon and evening at West House.

West House Chapel

Services on Sunday at the West House Chapel are now going to be held at 10 a.m., instead of the early evening service.

“ In Memory ”

Duncan Munro, *Royal Navy*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Duncan Munro, of East Coker, Somerset. He was fifty years old.

He came to us in September, 1931, his sight having failed as a result of his service in the 1914—1918 war, but his health also was so affected that training was not possible. He had been ill for very many years and he died at his home on April 18th.

Members of the British Legion attended the funeral; the coffin was covered with the Union Jack and among the many flowers was a poppy wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family to whom our deep sympathy is extended.

Private Thomas Hetherington, *13th Northumberland Fusiliers*

We record with deep regret the death of T. Hetherington, which occurred at West House.

Tommy Hetherington was wounded at Maricourt in 1916 and came to us the following year. He trained as a poultry farmer and mat-maker, but for some years now had spent a considerable amount of time at our Homes, owing to his very bad health. He was very ill indeed for several weeks before his death on March 23rd, Good Friday.

Tommy will be greatly missed by his friends in the Sick Ward at West House, and by the staff. He was well known for his cheerful disposition and was always ready with a smile and a joke.

The flowers at the funeral included a poppy wreath from Sir Ian and some beautiful wreaths of spring flowers. Among those who attended were Matron Pain, St. Dunstaners D. Nicol, J. Hiscock and W. Baughan, and members of the West House staff. He was buried in the St. Dunstan's plot at Brighton.

Tommy was a single man. Our sympathy goes out to his sister and niece.

Births

DOBROWOLSKI.—On April 8th, to Betty, wife of Roman Dobrowolski, of Hove, a son.

LITTLE.—On April 20th, to the wife of A. Little, of Carlisle, a son.

KEMPE.—On April 19th, to the wife of S. Kempe, of Porkellis, near Helston, a son—Robert Melville.

Marriages

DEAUVILLE—SMITH.—On December 23rd, Ernest L. Deauville, lately of Manchester, now of Sudbury, Middlesex, to Mrs. Olive Smith.

MORTIMER—TATTAM.—On April 21st, George Mortimer, of Witham, Essex, to Miss Pamela Tattam.

Deaths

Our very sincere sympathy goes out to the following:—

BUTTERY.—To Frank Buttery, of Edinburgh, whose wife died on April 29th.

MIDDLEMISS.—To R. Middlemiss, of Plymouth, whose wife died on April 25th.

NEWALL.—To H. Newall, of Manchester, whose father passed away on March 26th, at the age of eighty-six.

OLIVER.—To C. G. S. Oliver, of Norbury, S.W.16, whose wife died on May 2nd.

Miss N. Stephenson-Browne

We have heard with regret of the death, on April 25th, of Miss Nina Stephenson-Browne, who was associated with St. Dunstan's in the very early days, and in later years was on the outside staff of the Appeals Department. Miss Stephenson-Browne was a devoted worker for St. Dunstan's and a wide circle of St. Dunstaners will regret her passing.

Young St. Dunstaners

Olive Griffiths, Woodingdean, Brighton, is now a State Registered Nurse.

John Stayt, Regent's Park, has been awarded the Rothschild Scholarship. He is waiting to go into the Royal Marines and will finish his training at Caius College, Cambridge, later.

Marriages

Leonard Bush, Elland, Yorkshire, on March 24th, to Miss Mary Brook.

Margaret Cornwell, in April, to Mr. Percy Basham. The bridegroom was severely wounded in Burma and is a wheelchair case. He met Margaret when she was a nursing sister at Richmond, and he was a patient there.