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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Mr. W. G. Askew

**S**INCE the first notification of Mr. Askew's retirement, many tributes to him have been received from St. Dunstaners at home and overseas and from others in the ex-service and blind worlds.

The Council of St. Dunstan's, in recognition of his services, passed the following Resolution at their meeting in July:—

“That on the occasion of the retirement of Mr. W. G. Askew, C.B.E., after 36 years' service, this Council places on record its deep appreciation of his devoted and able work for St. Dunstan's and for the whole body of St. Dunstaners throughout the world; that the Council expresses its admiration of his exceptional contribution to the organisation, administration and financial stability of the Society and to the welfare of the blind generally; and that the Council records the gratitude of British blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen, and their own gratitude for his personal help, and wishes him and Mrs. Askew happiness in the future.”

At a luncheon in Mr. Askew's honour, Sir Neville Pearson, our President, said:—

“We shall certainly miss Mr. Askew, and I do not mean just those of us whose privilege it is to serve St. Dunstan's in one way or another. I mean, too, all those thousands whom St. Dunstan's serves and whose lives have been made anew, aided and enriched by that service. In the 36 years during which he was with us, Mr. Askew became the steadfast friend of all with whom he came in contact. He was admired for his ability and clarity of thought, and he was loved for his sympathetic understanding of the various problems with which he was confronted. His capacity for work was infinite, and his administrative ability, coupled with a great mastery of detail, made him, throughout the years, a very valued friend.”

The Staff paid their own tribute at a gathering at Headquarters on July 28th, when Mr. Lloyds presided and Mr. Banks, his oldest colleague, spoke of Mr. Askew's loyal and devoted service to St. Dunstan's, of his leadership and his interest for the staff over many years. Mr. Banks, in wishing Mr. Askew many years of happiness in his retirement, presented to him on behalf of the staff a wristlet watch and a gramophone record cabinet.

Mr. Askew has many personal friends in the blind and ex-service community and his retirement will not mean the end of his work for the war-blinded or other disabled persons, for he plans to continue to serve on many Committees engaged on these tasks, including the World Council for the Blind, the British Wireless for the Blind Fund, and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

I have already paid, as Chairman, my tribute to Mr. Askew in these Notes, and I will do so again at the London Reunion on September 23rd when, speaking as a St. Dunstaner myself, I shall be presenting to him a gift from blinded ex-servicemen throughout the world.



### Old Contemptibles' Visit to Mons

Congratulations to Sergeant Alan Nichols who took a party of St. Dunstan's Old Contemptibles to France and Belgium during the August holiday. French and Belgian newspapers commented favourably on the visit, which was very well received as a goodwill mission.

### Octogenarian St. Dunstan's Book

Tim Healy, who is 80, has written a romantic novel entitled "While Apples Grew."\* Intrigue and love, swindlers and guns are amongst the ingredients of the book. Seventy-five thousand words, all personally typed by himself and read over to him by his wife; a prolonged and determined effort which commands our respect.

The book will be reviewed in our next issue and we have purchased a number of copies so that there will be one available at every St. Dunstan's centre.

Congratulations to Tim and good luck to the book.

IAN FRASER.

### St. Dunstaners Presented to Her Majesty

When Her Majesty the Queen visited the Isle of Man in August, St. Dunstaners H. T. Norton Cristal, of Castletown, A. Howard Simcocks, also of Castletown, and Bill Christian, of Douglas, were all presented. Her Majesty spoke to Mr. Simcocks about his career (he is a well-known Advocate at the Manx Bar) and asked Mr. Cristal many questions about his work at King William's College and for the Boy Scouts. He writes: "Her Majesty mentioned that her father had visited the College and I told her I had the honour of being presented to him. She also wanted to know whether I had been at St. Dunstan's."

### To Broadcast Again

The Rev. Geoffrey Treglown, M.B.E., who has broadcast three times during the past seven months, has been asked by the B.B.C. to speak again in the Silver Lining programme on September 29th and October 27th.

### Dance at Trevelyan Hall

There will be a Dance at Trevelyan Hall, St. Matthew's Church, *St. Anne's Yard*, Great Peter Street (off Great Smith Street), Westminster, on Friday, September 30th, from 7-11 p.m.

Tickets (5s. double, 3s. single) from Miss Hoare, Flat 4, 9 The Paragon, Blackheath, S.E., or from Mr. Willis at St. Dunstan's Club.

Ask for *St. Anne's Yard* when looking for Hall.

\*"While Apples Grew," by J. G. Healy. Mitre Press, 7s. 6d.

### Memorial Service

Sir Neville and Lady Pearson attended the Memorial Service to the late Archdeacon Sharpe, which was held at St. Paul's Cathedral on July 27th. Archdeacon Sharpe, who died in 1949, was for many years our Honorary Chaplain.

### Rotary

Captain M. C. Robinson, M.B.E., of the Rotary Club of Vancouver, was recently installed District Governor of District 151.

### Mink Breeder

Squadron Leader A. F. Bell, of Crookham Common, Newbury, whose reputation as a mink breeder stands extremely high in fur-breeding circles, has become Chairman of the Fur Breeders' Association. He himself has over eight hundred head of stock.

### Cattle Breeder

J. T. Scrymgeour, of Netherby, New South Wales, Australia, goes from success to success. His Netherby Stud again topped the Poll Shorthorn Section at Sydney Royal Show, and the breed's supreme award went to his champion cow, Netherby Snow White, for the third year in succession.

### A Radio "Ham"

A. V. Law, of Pensax-Stockton, on September 7th, went to Birmingham G.P.O. and passed his Morse test as a Radio Amateur. He can now apply for a licence to transmit as well as receive messages. He says: "I've always wanted to answer back. It was quite a stiff affair and I was afraid that at fifty-eight I might not 'get there.'"

### London Club Notes

**Bridge.**—Please note that the Bridge Congress takes place at Ovingdean during the week-end, November 18th to 21st. Will all those who wish to take part please let me know *not later than October 15th*. There is a limited number of beds and if there are more applicants than beds, a draw will have to be made.

May we wish our team in the London Business Houses League every success at the opening of the 1955-56 season.

"DRUMMER."

### Your Doctor

It would be very helpful if St. Dunstaners who have not already given the name and address of their local doctor to their Area Superintendent or Welfare Visitor could do so as soon as possible. When a St. Dunstaner moves, it would also be appreciated if he could let us have the name and address of the new doctor. It is not only useful to have this information readily accessible on our records but also of great assistance to our Medical Officers if they require to contact a St. Dunstaner's own practitioner.

### Collapsible Sticks

We have been notified by the Sales Manager of the Royal National Institute for the Blind that no further supplies of the metal collapsible walking stick will be available until after September.

Will all St. Dunstaners who have ordered a collapsible stick please note, therefore, that they have not been forgotten and will receive one in due course.

### Reader's Digest

All St. Dunstaners who receive the braille edition of the "Reader's Digest" will have found that from time to time a notice of expiration is inserted in their copy of the "Digest." This notice states that unless the publishers are advised that further copies are required, supplies of the "Digest" will be discontinued two months from the date of insertion of the expiration notice.

Any St. Dunstaner receiving one of these notices and wishing to continue to receive copies of the "Digest" should contact Men's Supplies Department at Headquarters so that arrangements may be made with the publishers for the expiration notice to be cancelled and for copies to continue. Failure on the part of a St. Dunstaner to

notify Headquarters when an expiration notice has been received will mean that copies of the "Digest" to the individual concerned cease, and there may be some delay before further copies can be obtained.

S. JONES,  
Men's Supplies.

### From Miss Gordon

I do wish to thank everyone at the Newcastle Reunion for their delightful surprise, and thought you would like to know that I am going to purchase some silver teaspoons, which I shall love using, and they will be a constant reminder to me of the kindness you have all shown me, something I shall always treasure.

NAISI GORDON.

### The Chess Week-end

Our Chess Week-End this year will open with a talk by Mr. R. W. Bonham, who, as most of you know, is a Master at Worcester College for the Blind. He is also Editor of the Chess Braille periodical and is competing this year for the British Championship. His talk will commence at about 7 o'clock, so come along in good time if you can. It will be followed by a free and easy evening.

On Saturday and Sunday we shall have our usual contest for the Sir Arthur Pearson Cup, and this time we shall try an experiment with chess clocks in order to get more progress with the games; but no one need be worried about this. We shall have someone at hand to record the games and assist generally.

The Sunday evening will be occupied by a display in which Mr. Bonham will play up to 15 men simultaneously. It is hard enough for the average chess player to play one game, with sight of the board, but for a totally blind person to tackle 15 at once is indeed an undertaking. You can be sure, however, that Mr. Bonham will acquit himself well, and that you will have an interesting evening.

This Chess Week-end should be a very enjoyable one, and we hope for a good attendance. Those who have not already sent in their names to Mr. Wills, at H.Q., should do so as soon as they can. In case you have forgotten the dates, let me remind you that the week-end starts on Friday, September 30th, and ends on Sunday evening.

CHARLIE KELK.



### Letters to the Editor

(While letters to the "REVIEW" are always welcomed, the Editor, of course, reserves the right of rejection or acceptance. Letters to the Editor are not normally acknowledged and it is regretted that no correspondence can be entered into regarding them.—ED.).

DEAR EDITOR,

In the July REVIEW I read a short article contributed by Charles Kelk, of Hastings. In this he paid tribute to the late Billy Anderson, whom many of us knew so well. This token of esteem by Kelk has made a deep impression on me, Charles Kelk knowing from his own experience the handicap under which Billy fought so bravely. Charlie is still facing up to it. I have not met him more than a few times, the first time being at the Bridge Congress at Ovingdean in 1953. Without hands, and with the aid of special contrivances, he held his own and played the cards sufficiently fast enough not to hold up the game.

Many of us in the family of St. D's. have formed durable friendships over the years. We form ourselves in little groups according to our way of life. Charles Kelk paid his personal tribute to Billy Anderson. I hope his example will be followed by others when old comrades pass on.

Yours sincerely,

W. COLLINS.

Southport.

DEAR EDITOR,

May I take up a little of your valuable space to announce that I have decided to change the title of my monthly "Letter from America."

In future it will be called "Facts from America—Bald and Ribald," which I think is far more descriptive than its original title. I have a strong feeling that many St. Dunstaners judging from the old title expected it to be just a four or five page affair, and of the Parish Pump variety, and therefore were not sufficiently interested to investigate.

I have at last despatched the latest copy on August 10th, but the delay will, I hope, be made up for by the contents, for this one seems to be a "good 'un"! At least I got several laughs from it myself when re-reading for checking purposes.

Yours sincerely,

VIOLET M. RUSSELL (Mrs.),

New York, U.S.A.

(Mrs. Russell does not say that she began brailleing this particular number in a temperature of 100 degrees, and ended it waiting for a hurricane to strike the city. Will St. Dunstaners who do not already receive her entertaining "Facts" and would like to do so send in their names. ED.)

DEAR EDITOR,

Returning home from a holiday, at St. Dunstan's at Ovingdean, on July 29th this year, we were four St. Dunstaners and a guide dog, Susan, which was the property of a chap from the north. We were put in the London train by our escort from Ovingdean, and we chatted away and very soon we were at Waterloo Station. As we got out on the platform our troubles began. There was not a porter to be found anywhere, and we were on a platform filled with the usual things one finds there, such as prams, bikes, trucks piled high with luggage, and, worst of all, fast-moving motor trucks pulling three or four waggons behind them. We were quite bewildered as to how we were going to get off that platform.

Suddenly the chap with the guide dog said "I will harness Susan and she will take us through to the barrier." Off we went, the guide dog in the lead and we four walked behind with one hand on each other's shoulders, and with the other hand we struggled with our suitcases and that gallant dog took us safely through that platform (full of obstacles) to the barrier, where we were met by the escort from Headquarters. And still our dog took us safely out to the station courtyard, where our transport was waiting.

I should like to thank our friend with that wonderful guide dog for his really grand work on that occasion, and I do sincerely hope that if he sees this letter in the columns of the REVIEW he will accept the grateful thanks of his four companions on that journey.

Yours sincerely,

LEN OLLIER, *Bury, Lancs.*

(We understand that the St. Dunstaner in question was T. Brougham, of Liverpool. He must be very proud of Susan.)

DEAR EDITOR,

Will you kindly put this message in the REVIEW?

I would like to thank Sgt. Alan Nichols and all who helped to make our trip to Mons such a happy one.

### A Braille Dictionary

The Training Centre at Ovingdean has been fortunate in receiving recently a complete Braille Dictionary. This gift was made to Mr. H. Elsey, of Beccles, Suffolk, by his friend, Mr. J. Ellwood, and our St. Dunstaner felt that Ovingdean should have the benefit of it. To this Mr. Ellwood agreed and so we are able to add this valuable gift to our Dictionaries in the Braille Library.

### A Memory

*I sit and gaze through long-dimmed eyes,  
Of pleasures past, of sad goodbyes,  
Of all God's beauty clothed in green  
When I was not of those unseeing.  
My thoughts then fly to woodland glade,  
There trees of every hue and shade,  
And woodbine upwards climbs its way  
To seek and find the light of day.  
And ivy, too, joins in the fun  
And tries so hard to find the sun.  
But rambler rose with golden crest  
Is quite content on hawthorn's breast.  
But bramble, too, admits a fight  
And seems to say "I, too, need light,"  
And scrambles forth with trails ahead  
To nestle down on bracken bed,  
There to await the life of sun  
For after flowers, fruit will come.  
A raucous cry then fills the shade,  
It seems to trespass in the glade,  
And kingly pheasant with gaudy sheen  
Awaits a meeting with his queen.  
Then woodlark comes with robin too,  
And murmurs softly "What's to do?"  
But owl above in thoughtful mood  
Shouts "Who disturbs this solitude?"  
A whisper then amongst the trees  
As though caressed by gentle breeze,  
Then each in turn does voice reproach  
At all these noisy woodland folk.  
"Make not a sound," they seem to say,  
For this is God's own Sanctuary.  
So then I move, with bated breath,  
Still gazing at this loveliness.  
God needs no greenhouse for His flowers,  
No watering-can for April showers,  
But sprinkles all with love and care  
For each and every one to share.  
So thank you, God, for gift divine,  
Although I see no sun to shine,  
With humble heart with thanks to Thee  
For giving me a memory.*

RONALD SMITH.  
*Seaford.*

It was organised most wonderfully and we were all so happy, myself laying the first wreath at Mons—a great honour, I can assure you.

Everyone was so kind to us and gave us all a wonderful welcome that I feel sure we all shall never forget.

Mrs. Robinson and myself wish to send our thanks to the Matron and her staff for the nice lunch boxes we received and kindness in making our holiday one of the best we have ever had.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. ROBINSON,  
*Grimsby.*

### On Tristan da Cunha

Dr. Kenneth Fawcett, son of our St. Dunstan's physiotherapist, C. J. R. Fawcett, of Bournemouth, has a Colonial Office appointment on Tristan da Cunha, which is often referred to as the "loneliest island in the world." Dr. Fawcett, who lives on the island with his wife and family, is conducting, in conjunction with a South African virologist, work in connection with virus diseases and is also making a survey of dental hygiene among the islanders.

It is a most interesting point that this tiny island community is not affected by some of the virus diseases that are so common in other communities, and Dr. Kenneth has collected one hundred samples of blood and sent them off to be tested and compared with more ordinary samples. The findings are expected to advance the work of research into virus diseases in general and two important ones—influenza and polio, in particular.

Mails are rare of course, and the latest news of Kenneth has come to his parents via a wireless "ham" (radio amateur) in Broadstone, who has had two direct messages from Tristan, the first on Whit Sunday, when he had a ten-minute conversation with Kenneth, and again a month or so later when greetings were sent with a good report of their well being.

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Of interest to blind singers is the Pro Canto Choir, whose leading spirit is Mr. Eric Green. The choir meets once a week in West London. A knowledge of braille music is useful. St. Dunstaners interested should get in touch with Miss Kathleen Cheselden (Mrs. Eric Green), Messrs. Ibbs and Tillett, Wigmore Street, London, W.1.



### New Zealand St. Dunstan's

A function was recently held at St. Dunstan's, Parnell Road, sponsored by the wives of ex-servicemen, to meet the new Director, Mr. W. H. Cocker, C.M.G., M.A., LL.B. Practically every member in the Auckland District was present.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Blinded Servicemen's Trust Board, Mr. D. M. Rae, M.P., Mr. Donald McPhee, O.B.E., Deputy-Chairman, said that the Board was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Cocker, and congratulated the ladies in organizing this happy function in his honour. Mr. J. E. May, Assistant-Director of the N.Z. Institute for the Blind and first Director of N.Z. St. Dunstan's, and Mr. S. B. Elsmore on behalf of the trainees, both expressed appreciation of Mr. Cocker's appointment. Mr. Cocker in reply spoke of the good work done here in Auckland for the blind ex-servicemen and said that it would be his endeavour to carry out the tradition of St. Dunstan's. Mr. Cocker congratulated the staff on their loyalty.

During the afternoon, Sister N. O'Callaghan, M.B.E., A.R.R.C., first matron of N.Z. St. Dunstan's, was presented with a spray by Paula Jenkins, aged two, daughter of one of the ex-servicemen.

The members of the Board present were Mr. H. J. Aikins, M.B.E., and Mrs. Aikins, Mr. Cyril Jenkin, Mr. T. Horan and Mrs. Horan, Mr. W. A. Prentis, ex-member of the Board. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Wilks, Mesdames McPhee, McGuire, Nicholson, Simpson and Merryweather, Misses M. Hodges and E. Pachett, also Mr. D. M. Dougherty, Hon. Secretary, St. Dunstan's (Auckland) Social Committee.

Mrs. J. E. May acted as hostess, and the large number present was a compliment to Mr. Cocker.

Apologies were received from Mr. Duncan Rae, M.P., Hugh Brown, H. Nicholson, — Simmonds and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Priestley.

D. M. DOUGHERTY,  
Hon. Secretary.

St. Dunstan's (Auckland) Social Committee.

### Placements

B. Jubb, as a capstan lathe operator with Crawley Metal Productions, Crawley, Sussex; J. Tyrell, on assembly work with Morris Motors, Ltd., Cowley, Oxford.

### Calling All Chums

To all the boys and girls who made the trip to Belgium and France I would like to say a big "thank you" for everything. You were simply marvellous, and wherever we went you made a grand impression and created a whole lot of happiness. Boys and girls, I was indeed proud to be your leader. I wonder how many of you have recovered sufficiently to realise that it was not a dream. Indeed it was a reality, and from the moment of leaving Ovingdean to returning, there was never a dull moment, not a regrettable incident, and our programme and time table worked out absolutely according to plan. Although it was all informal, and in no way official, it went off like it had all been rehearsed.

Seven hundred and seventy-six miles is quite a trip in five days, and it gave little time for shopping, but I don't think anyone even regretted. Wednesday, August 24th, must have been your fullest day ever! The magnificence of the Hotel de Ville, the impressive simplicity of our visit to the Arc de Triomphe, the pride we all felt when signing the Golden Book; then on to the American Legion, and the big-hearted welcome, the reception, and the popping of champagne corks. After lunch the trip to the Union des Aveugles de Guerre, followed by the tour of Paris, and at 5 p.m. that climb up 97 steps to the Recording Room of the French Radio. After which a further sight-seeing tour; then back to our hotel; and afterwards the Folies Bergere. Nobody went to bed until after midnight, yet you were called at 5 next morning, breaking your fast at 5.45, and at 6.30 were on the road to dear old Blighty.

Yes, boys and girls, you did a lovely job, and there was not one desertion to join the Foreign Legion (yes, I think you are tough enough even for that!). We made a host of friends, all of whom expressed the hope that we would make it an annual affair. On your behalf I have written letters of thanks to all who participated in making our trip such an outstanding success, and thank you, my juvenile delinquents, for the nice letters you have sent me.

ALAN NICHOLS (Chum Chair).

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The regiment of G. J. Smith, of Leicester, was recently given as the Royal Artillery. His regiment was the Grenadier Guards, in which he enlisted in 1904. He went to France on August 12th, 1914.

### Manchester Club Notes

It would appear to be rather late to announce the results of the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Competitions for 1954, but owing to a late start and to circumstances arising during the course of the games, we were not able to finish off all the matches before the holiday months intervened. It should also be explained that as a Club, each member plays all other members in the games for which he enters, and we do not rule out any player because of absence from meetings. The final results are based on aggregate wins, so that everyone has a fair chance. With the 1955 competitions well under way, we now give the results of the 1954 games as follows:—

Darts T.B.: S. Heys, A. Clarke.

Darts S.S.: W. McCarthy, W. Bramley and S. Russell to play off.

Dominoes: S. Heys, S. Russell.

Cribbage: S. Russell, W. Bramley.

The Club Cups go to the first prize winners in each case.

For the benefit of those unable to play whist, a Domino Drive was held, in which all members present took part. Winners were: 1st, H. Abrahams; 2nd, W. McCarthy.

The ladies of our Club also announce the results of their games, for which prizes were offered by the Club:—

Darts: Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Abraham.

Dominoes: Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. McCarthy.

Whist: Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Abraham.

In a winding up Whist Drive for the ladies, the winners were Mrs. Bentley and Mrs. Clarke.

Our grateful thanks are extended to all the ladies who so ably helped as markers, and for their help generally. A special word of thanks to Mrs. McCarthy for taking charge of the ladies' games.

The St. Dunstan's Darts League of Bolton invited our members over on August 15th, but as this was the date fixed for distribution of prizes and cups at our Club, we were sorry that we could not attend as a party. Sam Russell and Jim Blakely represented the Club, however, and they joined local St. Dunstaners and visitors from Ovingdean at a function given in the usual grand Bolton fashion.

On Sunday, August 21st, our annual outing took us to Blackpool. A party of twenty-five left Manchester by coach and arrived at about mid-day under a cloudy sky and some rain, which rather lessened the high spirits of our members. There were about four and a half hours of "go

as you please" before the appointed time of 4.30 p.m., when everyone met at the Bourne Hotel for high tea. Here the number was increased to thirty-one by those who had made their own travelling arrangements. Invited guests included Bill Joyce and his wife; Miss Doel, Welfare Visitor; and Miss Vaughan Davies, who has so many memories of the "house" across the road from the Bourne, which, as a matter of general interest, is now called the "Henderson Holiday Home for the Blind."

With the weather so threatening and the traffic so heavy, it was decided to make an early start on the return journey, and to take advantage of less crowded conditions where liquid refreshments could be taken in comfort. "MANCUNIAN."

### The Evening Sun

*At last I too have a miracle seen,  
For a miracle I vow this might have been.  
I sat alone on yonder rise  
And watched the wonders of the skies.  
There seemed to be above my head  
A canopy of brilliant red,  
All worked with patterns faint and bold,  
Patterns spun from the sun's bright gold.  
For the evening sun was red and bright,  
Just topping the hill as it called the night,  
Across that sun grey clouds were racing,  
Small grey clouds with a silver lacing.  
They trailed across the summer's air,  
They came, they went, I know not where.  
But in their wake they left behind  
A glowing spot where a sun had shined.  
A sun that rose and rises still  
In a land far off beyond the hill,  
The sky then lost its scarlet hue,  
It wore a coat of dusky blue,  
But one bright spot still lingered on,  
That one bright spot where a sun had shone.  
And in that place two eagles soared,  
They wheeled, they dived, then with one accord  
Plunged deep down into the glen  
Far away from the eyes of men.  
As I walked away from the small hill  
I could see those eagles, see them still,  
As they swooped and wheeled and hovered there,  
Splashed with gold and crimson rare,  
Proud and haughty in their lonely skies,  
Two golden birds in a paradise.  
Oh! If only I could paint a picture true,  
With that gold, that red, that dusky blue,  
What a picture that would be,  
What a sight for men to see.  
A summer's evening, a night divine,  
The end of a day when a sun did shine.*

M. VINCENT ALDRIDGE.



### Lee-on-Solent Camp, 1955

"A good time was had by all." This popular but unimaginative cliché of the sub-provincial press and the parish magazine could be protracted in value by mathematicians and philosophers to the *n*th power, and it would still fall short of the great pleasure and enjoyment we all shared at the Lee-on-Solent Camp, 1955. I took a cross-section of opinion and the unanimous verdict was "the best ever."

The weather was simply glorious. The first evening I was forced to make a nocturnal journey, and as I passed the back door I heard the sound of a very heavy downpour. With the satisfaction of achievement I retraced my steps, and, prompted by curiosity, gingerly put a pyjama-clad arm out of the front door. Not a drop! I went back to bed perplexed. In the morning there was discovered above the back door a burst water pipe.

The wonderful merry-go-round included sails on the Solent, swims in the Solent, three gay dances in a spacious hall at the R.A.F. Station, Tichfield, the last of which provided a touching little cameo. It was announced that "the St. Dunstan's Piper" (actually he was a helper from a Police Pipe Band), would play for "The Gay Gordons." The dance band leader handed him up on to the stage with a warning that there were six steps. The sturdy policeman, not wishing to disturb the considerate atmosphere, just closed his eyes and, in his turn, went meekly.

There was also a mystery tour by motor coach, a party given by the local branch of the British Legion, many impromptu sing-songs in the lounge before (and dare I say after) "Lights Out," and, of course, the annual Walking Race, the results of which are given below:—

#### 2½ Mile Open Handicap Walk

Order of Finish	Name	Time	Hcp.	Actual Time
1	C. Stafford ...	28.2	7½	20.32
2	S. Tutton ...	28.11	6½	21.41
3	M. Aldridge...	28.42	5½	23.12
4	V. Kennard ...	29.4	1.15	27.49
5	T. Kirkby ...	29.53	1	28.53
6	A. Craigie ...	29.58	scr.	29.58
7	G. Fallowfield	30.16	1.30	28.46
8	A. Bright ...	31.9	6	25.9
9	M. Fulbrook	33.8	1	32.8
10	G. Eustace ...	33.41	1	32.41

In conclusion, I must make special mention of one name, that of Alec Craigie, who, at seventy-two years of age, took home an outstanding souvenir of his first camp at Lee—in the form of a medal won in this race. What a fine example of a youthful veteran he is! Mr. Craigie's amazing performance demonstrates that the older a St. Dunstaner grows the younger in spirit he seems to become. Well, I shall meet you again next year! Where? Why at St. Daedalus's, of course.

E. STEWART SPENCE.

### Test Mat!

After thirty-six years, W. Nash, of Lowestoft, one of our boot-repairers, is renewing his doormat. The one he has down now is his original test mat. He writes: "I made it myself in about January, 1919, and it has been down in my shop since I came to Lowestoft in July, 1919. Good old Mr. Osborne helped me to put the name in. I remember Capt. Russell-Roberts coming down to the workshop and looking at it, and saying "My word! What a corker!" Well, well, those were happy days."

### Great Grandfather

G. J. Smith, of Leicester.

### Grandfathers

A. V. Law, of Stockton-on-Tees; H. L. Dickenson, of Southport; H. A. Dakin, of Blackpool; F. Game of Chislehurst; D. E. Taylor, of Swindon; H. Lea, of Odsal, Bradford; R. Wylie, of Bromley; E. A. West, of Syderstone, near King's Lynn (his daughter-in-law in New Zealand has had a son).

### R.A.O.B.

Bro. E. Williams, of Shipley, was on September 1st exalted to the Fourth Degree or Roll of Honour, Pride of Windmill Lodge, No. 7861, the highest honour that the Order can confer.

### Good Old Alec!

*I say "Good old Alec," probably would most of you too,  
He's just learning to type but knows all the dots.  
He can do the old dances and some of the new.  
At the Lee Naval Camp he entered the Walk,  
Kept going, gaining a medal too.  
I am telling the truth, believe it or not,  
He has reached the grand age of seventy-two.*

H. A. HAMMETT.

### The Rest of the News

Gerry Brereton, who is well known in this country as a singer—he appeared three years ago at a Royal Command Performance—is in Canada to take part in the Canadian World Blind Golfers' Championship at Windsor, Ontario. He will appear in cabaret and will also Broadcast.

George Shed, of Burgess Hill, has taken up the breeding of racing pigeons as a hobby. He entered two birds in a Novices' Race, organised by the local Club and won first prize.

S. G. Salters worked at his firm's stand at an exhibition organised by the R.N.I.B. at St. George's Hall, Liverpool. He was deburring rough castings. His directors made several visits and complimented him on his work.

J. S. Cowley's onions have been magnificent this year, and he won first, second, third and fourth prizes with them at Sutton-in-Ashfield Jubilee Park Allotment Show.

At his firm's recent Sports Day, C. J. Nicholls, of Weybridge, took first prize in the Arts and Craft Section for a floor standard lamp which he made.

Mrs. Osborne, of Cambridge, saw a gate-legged table in a shop which she rather liked. She described it to her husband, our St. Dunstaner, A. Osborne, and he made one for her from odd pieces of wood. It is a wonderful job.

H. Ward, of Leeds, is secretary of the garden committee of Ireland Wood Tenants' Association, which recently held its annual Flower and Vegetable Show. He himself won three prizes in all—two first (dahlias and antirrhinums) and a third for sweet peas. Mrs. Ward won the "Donald Kaberry Trophy" presented by their local M.P., Lieut.-Col. D. Kaberry. Organising the Show kept him and his Committee very busy.

G. W. R. Shepherd, of Pangbourne, was invited by the Royal Veterinary College Medical Association to speak on pig-feeding at a symposium on the subject of "Pigs." His address was much appreciated and there were many questions.

From the Secretary of the Deans Lane Allotment Society at Edgware, we hear that H. Perkins came first in their Allotment Competition, being 28 points ahead of the next best. The competition was judged under Royal Horticultural Society rules.

F. Fulbrook, of Peacehaven, who is a most enthusiastic gardener, has had a grand show of gladioli this year. He and his wife have worked wonders with their garden.

W. A. Robinson, of Welby, was recently called upon to present the cups at an annual School Sports Meeting, and a few days later drew for a number competition at a garden party at the Manor House, Oasby.

D. E. Cashmore, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, has one of the finest gardens in the district. He has a good vegetable garden, a greenhouse and a lovely flower garden, all of which he tends himself.

H. Driver, of Colne, with Mrs. Driver, was one of a party of twenty-three who went on a week's holiday to Morecambe, arranged by the Derby Social Centre for the Blind. He has sent us a most interesting day-to-day record of their very happy time there.

Mrs. Kerr, wife of J. Kerr, of Widnes, set off by herself to visit her three married children in America, travelling by air from Manchester to New York and on by car to New Jersey and Virginia. After leaving Virginia she flew to Colorado and is staying with her daughter until she sails home in December on the Britannic. She writes home enthusiastically of many adventures, including a visit to Niagara Falls and a thrilling drive in the night to escape the peril of the great tornado. (Well done Mrs. Kerr at 66 years old!).

We have received at St. Dunstan's an old-fashioned Greenhart fishing rod, about 9ft. long, with a larchwood top. This seems to be in good condition and would be suitable for coarse fishing. Would any St. Dunstaner who would like to make use of it apply to the Editor. If there is more than one applicant there will be a ballot.



### Ruby Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Printie, of Edinburgh, who celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on March 19th last; to Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, of Barnhill-by-Dundee, who celebrated theirs on August 13th; and to Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, of Walsall, whose anniversary was on September 5th.

### Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Wiltshire, of Norbury, on July 26th. Congratulations.

### Test Results

**Typing**—J. Whitcombe, P. Harry, G. Dennis, A. Cropley (Officer), L. Acott (Hobby), H. Vickery, A. Nesbitt.

**Preliminary**—P. Duffee, W. Durrant (Borderline), H. Vickery, J. Tyrrell, P. Harry.

**Writing**—M. Aldridge, M. Tetley (Officer), P. Duffee, J. Whitcombe.

### Young St. Dunstaners

H. E. Sayers, of the Royal Australian Air Force and at present serving at Williamstown, Australia, son of E. Sayers, of Birchington, Kent, was awarded the B.E.M. in the Queen's Birthday Honours for his exceptional work in maintaining the serviceability of radio and aircraft equipment and in supervising radio and radar workshops.

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In an Aldershot Rifle Club Competition, Ian Marsden dropped only twenty-four points out of a possible two thousand.

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Michael Halliday, Saltdean, has passed the G.C.E. in seven subjects, with distinction in three.

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Margaret Green, Whittlesey, and Jane Sutton, Leicester, have both passed recent music examinations with distinction and extremely high marks.

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Patricia Freeman, Hanham, Bristol, passed in biology and physics (G.C.E.) at "A" (advanced) level in addition to her six ordinary level passes.

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In spite of a nasty fall the day before, Patricia Stanway (Morecambe) passed her ballet dancing examination.

Jane Evans, Newport, Mon., has won a scholarship to Newport Grammar School.

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Anne Foster, Farnham, passed her ballet dancing and tap-dancing examinations, the latter with honours.

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Sonia Ettridge, Addiscombe, has won a scholarship to the Coloma Grammar School.

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Since his National Service, John Cook (West Worthing) has studied at Brighton Technical College and taken his B.Sc. General Degree with Honours.

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Billy Stock, Southampton, is a first-class "commis" waiter on the Franconia—he will be a fully fledged waiter when he is 18. He is on the Southampton—Quebec run.

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Corinne Lambert, London, N.5, has passed her G.C.E. at advanced level in history, French, Latin and English.

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Joan Corboy, Melbourne, Australia, is working in this country and called to see Sir Ian at South Audley Street recently.

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Margaret Read, Bedford, near Woodbridge, has passed her First Year Nursing Examination at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

### Marriages

Phyllis Ashmore, Loughborough, on June 3rd, to Keith Bradley.

On August 13th, Lily Iris Barnard, Wanstead, to Alan Philcox.

On April 21st, Gordon Bargery, Hornsey, to Shirley Anne Henson.

Elizabeth Milner, of Liverpool, on August 1st, to Desmond Burke.

Joan Langton, Bottesford, on August 6th, to Edward J. Bright.

On August 1st, Barbara Woodget, Winton, Bournemouth, to Hugh Spilsbury.

Arthur F. Bell, Birkenhead, on August 20th, to Elizabeth H. Williams.

On August 3rd, Paul Crabtree, of Leeds, to Miss Swales.

The two following marriages have somehow escaped mention in the REVIEW:

Eileen Morgan, York, married on June 30th of last year, and now has a little eight-months' old son, Christopher John.

John Hancock, West Drayton, married Gillian Ann Coolman on March 12th, 1955.

### Births

BROWN—On May 15th, to the wife of A. H. H. Brown, of Cambridge, a daughter—Susan Hill. She has been christened by the Rev. L. G. Tucker, who, forty years ago, was chaplain at St. Dunstan's.

FREEMAN—On August 6th, to the wife of D. J. Freeman, of Coventry, a daughter—Elizabeth.

MCCREA—On July 24th, to the wife of Hugh McCrea, of Belfast, a son—Hugh Campbell.

### Marriages

COTHAM—BOWERMAN—On August 20th, W. Cotham, of Swinefleet, near Goole, to Mrs. D. Bowerman.

DENNIS—BROWN—On July 23rd, J. L. Dennis, of Norbury, to Miss Joan Brown.

HUMPHREYS—SANDERS—On September 10th, E. J. Humphreys, of Brighton, to Mrs. Vic Sanders.

SMITH—Gordon Smith, of Ovingdean, was married on September 10th.

### Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

ASH—To Mr. and Mrs. M. Ash, of Burnham-on-Sea, whose eldest daughter, Hilary Mary, died suddenly on July 28th. She was eleven years old.

ASHWORTH—To F. Ashworth, of Johannesburg, South Africa, who lost his wife on June 23rd.

BECKETT—To T. Beckett, of Lurgan, Northern Ireland, whose wife died on September 3rd.

BENTLEY—To Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bentley, of Small Heath, Birmingham, whose baby son, born on July 14th, died on September 2nd.

HAMILTON—To B. Hamilton, of Thetford, whose sister has recently died.

HIGGINS—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Higgins, of

Hazelbury Plucknett, Somerset, whose son, Tommy, aged 15, died on September 5th as the result of a road accident. While walking with two other lads with their backs to the oncoming traffic, a car knocked him down and he died later in hospital.

LEONARD—To W. Leonard, of Patcham, whose father died on July 27th.

NAMAN—To R. Naman, of Braintree, whom we have just heard lost his mother and father within eight days of each other early in the year.

NUTTALL—To G. Nuttall, of Flixton, Manchester, who lost his eldest sister on July 22nd.

STENT—To L. Stent, of West Worthing, whose father has just died at the age of 85.

TAYLOR—To H. Taylor, of Winton, Bournemouth, who has recently lost his mother.

### Miss Dorothy Lloyd, M.B.E.

St. Dunstaners of both wars will learn with deep regret of the death of Miss Dorothy Lloyd, M.B.E.

During the 1914—18 war, Miss Lloyd was a constant visitor to West House, Brighton, and in October, 1933, she joined the staff as a braille teacher, and was eventually head of the Braille Room at Church Stretton. In June, 1945, she was awarded the M.B.E. for her services. She left us when the Training Centre returned to Ovingdean in 1946 and she became head librarian at Preston Hall, a hospital for disabled soldiers, at Maidstone. Later she served at the Royal Sussex Hospital. But always she kept in touch with St. Dunstaners and in her last illness the visits and messages from her many friends in the Brighton district gave her great pleasure.

She was a great personality. In John Mudge's words: "We shall always remember our dear, earnest, sincere 'Galloping Hairpin.'"

### "In Memory"

Mr. C. E. Beaufoy, O.B.E., J.P. (Chief of Dover Special Constabulary).

We record with deep regret the death, after a short illness, of C. E. Beaufoy, of Dover ("Grandpa" Beaufoy to all those who knew him). He had reached the grand old age of 86.

Mr. Beaufoy, a former Mayor of Dover, lost his sight in 1940 as the result of shock following the explosion of a German shell. Upon the death of his wife in 1942 he went to St. Dunstan's Officers' House at Church Stretton, where he joined with great enthusiasm and interest in the life there. In spite of his age—he was then seventy-three—he learned braille and typewriting, and he was immensely popular with St. Dunstaners and staff alike. On August 4th, 1943, he married Miss K. M. Perry, who was at that time at the Church Stretton Food Office.

Mr. Beaufoy was an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Dover (an honour he shared with Sir Winston Churchill) and many civic dignitaries and organisations were represented at his funeral. The *Dover Press* devoted more than two columns to a tribute to him. "Mr. C. E. Beaufoy," it wrote, "died at his home on Saturday after a full life of service to the town he loved."

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Beaufoy and to the other members of his family.



## "In Memory"

### Private James William Johnstone, *West Riding Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of J. W. Johnstone, of Settle, which occurred on May 9th. (This notice was unavoidably left over from our last issue.)

He served with his regiment from November, 1915, until February, 1919, during which time he was badly gassed. It was not until 1949 that he came to us and, although he was physically not a strong man, he took a keen interest in leather work. He suffered greatly from the effects of the gas. He died in hospital on May 9th, having been admitted only a few days earlier.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

### Private John Arthur Leyland, *South Lancashire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of J. A. Leyland, of Newton-le-Willows, which occurred suddenly on July 30th.

He served in the 1914—1918 war, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1950, when his health made it impossible for him to take up any serious training.

We extend our deep sympathy to his wife and family.

### Lance Corporal Albert Frank Mussell, *2nd Wiltshire Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of A. F. Mussell, of Charfield, Wootton-under-Edge. He was sixty-five.

He came to St. Dunstan's in March, 1917, and trained as a mat-maker, and he continued with this work until 1949, when health reasons forced him to give up. He entered hospital at this time and he remained there until his death, which occurred on July 21st.

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

### Petty Officer H. Harry Farrell, *Royal Navy*

With deep regret we record the death of H. Harry Farrell, of Portslade. He died at his home on July 28th at the age of 81.

He came to St. Dunstan's in June, 1949, but his age and the state of his health prevented him undertaking any training.

Cremation took place at Brighton Crematorium.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his wife and grown-up daughter.

### Private William Street, *8th Worcestershire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of W. Street, a permanent resident at West House.

His service with the regiment dated from August 4th, 1914. He was wounded at Messines in June, 1915, and came to St. Dunstan's in August of that year. He trained as a basket-maker and carried on this craft for a number of years. Following the death of his father some years ago he became a permanent resident at West House. He died in the Royal Sussex County Hospital on August 2nd.

Our sympathy is extended to his relatives, and particularly to his nephew, Mr. G. Payne, of Evesham, Worcestershire, where our St. Dunstaner had lived for many years.

### Lance Corporal Norman Warren, *16th Manchester Regiment*

We record with deep regret the death of N. Warren, of Lancaster Gate, W.2, which occurred suddenly in hospital on September 10th. He was sixty-four.

He trained as a masseur when he came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1916, and he continued to practise in physiotherapy until 1951, when his health failed.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family, to whom our very sincere sympathy is offered.

### Private William John Higginson, *Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of W. J. Higginson, of Eastcote, Middlesex. He was nearly sixty-one.

Admitted to St. Dunstan's in September, 1918, he trained as a joiner and continued with this work until the outbreak of war. He then went into factory work, in which he remained until he became ill three years ago. Since then he has had a number of long periods in hospital, but he died at his home on August 6th.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow.

### Private Thomas Henry Brewer, *Devon Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of T. H. Brewer, a permanent resident at West House.

He saw service from September, 1916, until March, 1917, and his sight having failed as a result, he came to us in 1921. He trained as a basket-maker, but for a long time his health had been bad. He went to live at West House, where he died on September 1st.

Our very sincere sympathy is offered to his family particularly to his daughter, Mrs. Raistrick, of Ripon, and another daughter, Mrs. Klapatauskas, of Chicago, who cared for her father for a number of years before going to the United States.

### Private Edward William Stevenson, *Royal Fusiliers*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of E. W. Stevenson, of Brighton. He was fifty-eight.

He trained in boot-repairing and mat-making when he came to us in December, 1918, and he continued with this work for some time. Later he took up netting but his health grew worse. He had spent a long time at intervals in hospital, where he died on August 14th.

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

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