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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### Banking Accounts

IT is a dangerous practice to keep more money in the house than is needed for immediate use. I know many people do so, however. Quite large sums, hidden under carpets or mattresses—an open invitation to the local burglar to help himself to a lifetime's savings.

The wise thing, of course, is to make use of the facilities offered by the banking companies. A banking account is no longer regarded as something reserved for comparatively wealthy people. Nowadays the more sensible view is that the bank can help everyone who has to handle money, even if his income is quite small. For example, you can generally have income paid straight into your account, meeting all your bills by cheque, so that you only need to draw enough cash for petty expenses each week, and no large sums need be kept in the house at all.

For savings there is the "deposit account" which earns interest, and a surplus on the "current account" is easily switched over at short notice, or vice-versa. The Bank Manager will also advise you about suitable investments for money you have available to save.

In the near future St. Dunstan's will be reorganising its methods of making payments to its members and to commercial firms in view of the considerable saving in administration and in the cost of poundage and postage which can be made by using such modern methods as the transfer of credits from one bank account to another. These plans will be greatly assisted if all St. Dunstaners have personal banking accounts, or joint accounts with their wives, and in order to make the opening of an account an easy matter, our bankers, Barclays Bank, Limited, St. John's Wood Branch, have expressed a willingness to help by dispensing with the normal preliminary formalities. Any St. Dunstaner wishing to open an account with the Bank has only to inform Mr. Stevens, our Accountant at Headquarters, of the address of the branch nearest to his home a few days before visiting it, so that an introductory letter may be sent. We will also endeavour to see that the St. Dunstaner does not incur any expense himself in connection with the running of his account.

If there is no branch of Barclays Bank, Limited, near to your home, let Mr. Stevens know the name and address of the nearest bank and arrangements will be made for the opening of an account there.

When the new scheme commences, all moneys payable to those St. Dunstaners with bank accounts will be credited directly to their accounts by our bankers and a notice informing them of the amount will be sent to them. Meanwhile you can help our preparations by

completing the enquiry form which is enclosed in the printed edition of the REVIEW and posting it to Mr. Stevens.

Those St. Dunstaners who do not have banking accounts when the new scheme commences will normally receive their moneys by cheque. Money Orders and cash by registered post will only be sent in very special circumstances.

I am sure that every St. Dunstaner who has a banking account finds that the facilities available provide a very safe and convenient means of handling his monetary affairs and I strongly commend it to all those who have not yet opened one.

### Hearing Your Own Book

My book—"My Story of St. Dunstan's" was published in 1961 and I wrote it during the two preceding years. I have just had the rather unusual experience of hearing it on the Talking Book and I am full of praise for the way in which Robin Day read it.

There are some curious mispronunciations, for which I cannot blame Robin Day. If anyone is to blame, it should be me for not having anticipated this possibility. For example, the names of our Canadian friends—Viets and Dies—are both mispronounced. Unfortunately, the ordinary reader won't know this but I apologise to those whose names have been wrongly accented.

Although I may be thought to be weary of the story of St. Dunstan's, which I have heard so often, I was, nevertheless, extremely interested to remind myself of so many things that occurred in the old days.

### Dehra Dun

By an extraordinary coincidence, on June 10th of this year I was listening to a chapter in the book which quoted from a letter from Sir Clutha Mackenzie in which he said that, on that very day twenty years ago, the Indian St. Dunstan's had been opened. In an amusing paragraph he referred to the delays which had occurred in equipping the centre and wrote: "But we can point to one grand sign of progress. This morning a large Army truck emerged from the mangoes, guns, and date palms bowring our drive. It carried four men, two lengths of 'four by two' and a notice board six feet by one. Before an admiring audience of babus, hawkers, coolies, children, buffaloes, goats and a brahmini bull, we supervised its erection at our gate, to be certain it was not put upside down. It bears the brief but potent words—'St. Dunstan's.' And, behold, it *was* put upside down."

The coincidence in the date caused me to send Sir Clutha a cable, calling the foundation of Dehra Dun to mind and congratulating him. He sent me a warm-hearted reply.

### St. Dunstan's Overseas

All this reminded me of the widespread nature of St. Dunstan's activities during the war years. For example, in addition to Dehra Dun in India, which was the first of its kind in an Eastern country and which has awakened much interest in the welfare of the blind, we had a Committee in Egypt, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Casey (now Lady Casey, her husband having recently become a colleague of mine in the House of Lords). This Committee did splendid work, meeting the newly blinded men from the Middle East and introducing them to St. Dunstan's ideas. There was also Tembani at Cape Town, organised by the late Mrs. Chadwick Bates, which took in men from the Middle East and kept them for some months, while they recovered their health and began their training as blinded persons. Tembani not only helped these men greatly but also left its mark on the South African blind world.

Another case was that of the St. Dunstan's School in Germany where Lord Normanby looked after Prisoners of War. Finally, of course, there were excellent arrangements made by our affiliations in Canada, Australia and New Zealand for the care of their own men, some of whom came to St. Dunstan's later, but many of whom were trained locally owing to the exigencies of war.

### Mr. P. A. Passiful

I am sure that St. Dunstaners everywhere will learn with deep regret of the death on July 6th of Mr. P. A. Passiful, Senior Nursing Orderly at Pearson House and a most popular member of St. Dunstan's staff for 38 years.

"Pass" joined us in February, 1925, first as an orderly in the Sick Ward at West House, as it then was. He was at Melpash during the Second War, returning to Brighton with us after the war. He was at Ovingdean while Pearson House was being prepared and at all these Homes his understanding and tender care brought comfort and happiness to hundreds of our St. Dunstaners.

Many members of the staff with Mr. A. D. Lloyds representing St. Dunstan's, and Matron Avison, were present at the funeral service at St. Cuthman's Church, Brighton, on July 13th, which was followed by cremation. I sent a wreath on behalf of the Council of St. Dunstan's, and there were many floral tributes from his St. Dunstaner friends and members of the staff.

Mr. Passiful leaves a widow a son and two daughters, to whom our deep sympathy goes.

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### St. Dunstan's Physiotherapists at Copenhagen Congress

Fifteen St. Dunstaners, with their escorts, attended the World Confederation for Physical Therapy held in Copenhagen from June 17th to 22nd. A very full programme included lectures, films, exhibitions of equipment and on the social side, receptions, tours, and visits to Danish homes and places of interest and a banquet attended by Confederation members from all countries.

On June 21st a wreath of poppies was laid on the Danish Cenotaph by the Chairman of St. Dunstan's Physiotherapy Advisory Committee, Mr. J. W. Delaney, representing the Second War and by Mr. W. Chas. Taplin, representing World War I physiotherapists, in the presence of the other members of our party.

St. Dunstaners attending the Congress were Messrs. N. Perry, of Grimsby, T. A. Vickers, of Blackpool, E. R. Ettridge, of Addiscombe, J. Legge, of Bristol, I. R. Turner, of Skipton, J. Humphrey, of Belfast, W. Chas. Taplin, of Trowbridge, C. Stafford, of King's Langley, R. W. Evans, of Newbury, J. Delaney, of Taunton, A. Putnam, of Beverley, H. J. Davis, of Stratford-on-Avon, P. Pescott-Jones, of Liverpool, P. Baker, of St. Austell, and L. Howell, of Haywards Heath. Mr. R. Priestley, Physiotherapy Superintendent, accompanied the party.

### Another "Ham"

E. C. John of Wallasey, Cheshire, has recently passed his examinations in radio and now has his licence to transmit. His call sign is G3SEJ.

### Stop Press!

#### Loch Ness Monster Caught Off Beachy Head!

On their first deep-sea fishing trip of the year, six St. Dunstan's trainees came back to Ovingdean on Saturday July 20th, with a catch of 1cwt., including a 23lb. conger eel landed most skilfully by Norman Cook. The trip was made in the cabin cruiser of Mr. Banks of Alfriston, by his kind invitation. Although there were no photographs of this outstanding catch, there were plenty of witnesses, including "Mrs. Mac," who accompanied the party.

#### Golden Wedding

Very many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goodwin, of Sittingbourne, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on June 21st.

With a card of congratulation and good wishes from their "Battlefield" friends of Church Stretton days was enclosed a receipt for a "Gasmiser" fire and its installation.

#### Silver Wedding

A silver wedding anniversary—three years ago, although we have only just heard—for Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, of Rutherglen. Congratulations—delayed but sincere.

#### Welfare Appointment

As announced at the Windsor reunion, Miss Mary E. Stevens, Southern Home Counties Visitor since January, 1946, having reached retiring age, left St. Dunstan's service last month. Our good wishes for a long and happy retirement go with her.

Miss M. Y. de Burlet, to whom we extend a warm welcome, has been appointed Welfare Visitor for the Area.

### Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I take leave to disagree with Mike Tetley that the guarding of holes in the pavement as far as blind people are concerned is either negative or costly. Not by any means as costly as guarding them with lamps for the benefit of sighted people, nor as costly to the blind pedestrian injured by the lack of such safeguards.

Mike Tetley's remarks about guide dogs serve to emphasise what is already known, that they do very much increase a blind man's or woman's mobility. However, the supply of these wonderful animals is limited and I for one don't feel justified in asking for a guide dog to take me round the corner to the 'bus stop or along to the local pub occasionally. I feel it would be a waste unless the dog is to be used regularly every day. A number of blind people need a guide dog to get to and from work, which I don't.

The object of my letter was, however, very well taken and emphasised by Mike Delaney. We pay the same rates and taxes as sighted people, incidentally, some of the rates going on street lighting, but we do not have the same rights of legal redress if injured in this manner, whereas a sighted person injured by falling into a hole not guarded by lamps would have legal redress. Mike Delaney is right. Blind people must be more vociferous about this and must try and get the organisations concerned with the welfare of blind people to bring pressure to bear in order to produce the necessary legislation.

Yours sincerely,

A. C. POINTON,  
*Bexhill-on-Sea.*

DEAR EDITOR,

There has been considerable correspondence recently in the REVIEW on the subject of hobbies for the blind. I am a fairly recent convert to chess but I have had so much pleasure from it that I am anxious to spread the word to as many as possible.

Chess is a game that is ideally suitable for the blind. It requires no sleight of hand with the fingers or effort of memory as in card games. It requires no expensive equipment. It can be played either from home by post through the Braille Chess Association or over-the-board by joining

a local chess club. Chess is a game that can offer a challenge for the keenest minds but at the same time, like all good games, it can be enjoyed at all levels of skill. Blindness is not a disadvantage. Contrary to popular opinion, chess is not too difficult to learn; I know of schools where eight-year-olds are taught it with the greatest of ease.

If anyone is persuaded to have a go I can only wish him or her as much fun as I have had.

Yours faithfully,

TOM LUKES,  
*Old Colwyn.*

DEAR EDITOR,

May I make two contributions to the collection of "tips for the blind." I am forever thankful to a Dutch lady who showed me how to tie a shoe-lace in such a way that it would not come undone until I pulled one of the ends; it is very neat and very simple. When holding the loops one in each hand) ready for the final fastening, pass one under the other twice instead of once and proceed to tighten into a bow as before; it needs a long lace and is rather difficult if the lace is a short one, but it does stay put and only comes undone when one end is pulled.

The other one was given me by dear old Bill Strachan in the days of our training at Cornwall Terrace and concerns "tooth paste"; to get the exact amount you need, put the tube into your mouth and bite off the amount of paste required—no waste and no swearing. Naturally, this does not apply to those who use artificial teeth—nothing will stop them swearing.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. R. FAWCETT,  
*Bournemouth.*

DEAR EDITOR,

One is always pleased to meet old friends, whether by accident or by design, and it is amazing how many make sure they find one at a Show such as the Cheshire Agricultural Show, held this week.

One such visitor was Miss Enid Lewis, our Welfare Visitor from 1945 until 1949. She asked about many other old St. Dunstan's friends. She is now with the Ministry of Health in Cardiff as Senior Welfare Officer. She has recently lost her mother.

Yours sincerely,

MAUREEN V. LEES,  
*Birkenhead.*

DEAR EDITOR,

Away back in 1945 I was, like so many others, spending some time at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. It was here that I met Wally Thomas, our deaf-blind St. Dunstaner. While sitting at the lunch table I heard Wally, who was sitting on my right, ask, "What's for lunch?" A V.A.D. came over to him, there was silence, then Wally suddenly said, "Oh! I'll have fish." Now I hadn't the faintest idea how this was told to him and I thought it was only the sighted who could talk to him.

Some years later, while at Rookwood, in Llandaff, I met Wally again. He came and sat on my bed and started to joke straight away—and can Wally joke! I didn't know what to do for a reply, not having had any tuition with the hand manual. This didn't bother Wally. He just took my hand and said, "Just do this for 'yes' and lay two fingers on my palm for 'no'." So in less than two seconds I could at least answer. This was a start and I was immediately interested. I asked Wally to teach me the alphabet and he taught me as per instructor in the service. Within about twenty minutes I had mastered the alphabet. This is about average. It is just practice after that, on one's own.

I cannot say in words the great enjoyment I've had from conversing with our deaf St. Dunstaners. Because they read such a lot, they are able to keep up with the times more than most of us, and therefore are able to speak about almost anything, and I find that they are, or have been, skilled craftsmen in their time. Wally, as I have said, can laugh and quip all day, yet talk on any subject with the utmost seriousness and with great knowledge. George Fallowfield, another craftsman, is a great reader and a wonderful conversationalist, Billy Bell, a skilled wood carver and gardener, and can knock out poetry as well, Joe Jordan, Cliff Stockwell, and others whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting.

Yes, I know there are quite a lot of our chaps who know the manual, but I still say to those who don't—spend a few minutes learning this "lingo." Practice on your own fingers for a start—you then have the key to such knowledge and good humour that cannot be surpassed by any St. Dunstaner.

Yours sincerely,

G. S. BROOKS, *Bedford.*

(The Editor has a number of printed copies of the Manual Alphabet if any St. Dunstaner would like one. A braille edition is also published by the R.N.I.B.)

### Staff Resignations

#### Miss Gwen P. Taylor

As many St. Dunstaners will already know, Miss Gwen P. Taylor, senior lounge sister at Ovingdean, has resigned owing to ill-health. Miss Taylor joined us as a V.A.D. at Church Stretton in February, 1945, and except for a brief period in 1946, has been with us ever since.

A presentation fund has been started and St. Dunstaners who may not have subscribed to the collection made at Ovingdean and who would like to do so can send their contributions to Mr. E. V. Stevens, Chief Accountant, St. Dunstan's Headquarters, 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

#### Mr. Colin Rogers

Mr. Colin Rogers, another member of St. Dunstan's staff since Church Stretton days, left us on July 6th. Colin, as everyone knows him, came to St. Dunstan's in May, 1945. He was first on the transport staff at Church Stretton, later becoming an orderly, and for many years now he has been working in that capacity at our London hostel at Broadhurst Gardens. Colin has been a firm friend and most popular and helpful escort to many St. Dunstaners. He is leaving us to take up an appointment with an insurance company.

Several St. Dunstaners have expressed a wish to make a presentation to Colin and contributions for this can be sent to Mr. E. V. Stevens, at 191 Marylebone Road.

### Personal

Mrs. John Boyd, of Roedean, has written to tell us of the birth of a daughter to Sheila.

Mrs. Boyd, who has had many letters of sympathy in the death of her son, Brian, following so soon upon her husband's death, would be grateful if those kind friends who wrote to her would accept, through the REVIEW, her heartfelt thanks.

## Reunions

Thursday, 20th June, at Brighton was what we have come to regard as a typical English summer day, with pouring rain and a howling gale, but it did not prevent 112 St. Dunstaners with their wives or escorts journeying to the Metropole Hotel from all over Sussex for the annual Reunion. With the staff and other guests there were 258 people present, including the Mayor of Brighton, Councillor S. Deason, accompanied by Mrs. Deason, and old friends from Southdown Motors and the Grocers' Association.

Sir Neville Pearson presided and in his speech after the excellent lunch he thanked the Brighton officials for all they have done, and are doing, for St. Dunstan's and welcomed old friends and past members of the staff including Miss Jones, Miss Ramshaw, Miss Lloyd, Miss Morris, Mr. Banks and Mr. Roberts. It was a truly great Reunion.

The Cherry Tree Hotel at Welwyn Garden City had a new experience on Saturday, 29th June, when it opened its doors of its ballroom to the guests of a St. Dunstan's Reunion for the first time. The party totalled 60, including 25 St. Dunstaners, and with Mr. Hopewell presiding it was a memorable occasion for the men of Miss Meyer's area. S. S. Brooks, of Welwyn Garden City, entertained them with his guitar in a most professional manner during the afternoon and a special word of praise is due to the Hotel Manager for his helpfulness and for the excellence of his cuisine.

Lt.-General Sir Brian Horrocks (he claimed to be only an acting unpaid Lance Corporal on St. Dunstan's Council) presided at another hectic Nottingham Reunion at the Victoria Hotel on Friday, July 5th, when 44 St. Dunstaners formed the nucleus of a party of 104 guests and staff. Once again Mr. Wright, the Catering Manager, conducted the energetic proceedings during the afternoon, giving special prizes from the Hotel and the staff and waitresses again voluntarily donated their gratuity to St. Dunstan's funds. General Horrocks personally thanked them for this most generous gesture.

Next day at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, Sir Neville Pearson presided at a party of 144 persons, including 66 St. Dunstaners of whom 37 were New War

and 29 Old War men. In spite of improvised accommodation for the reception due to the ceiling of the normal room having collapsed the evening before, all went quite smoothly and the Reunion was a great success!

## Cardiff Club Notes

It was a very wet day for our usual monthly meeting but this did not stop our members from attending their Club. Before the games, we held a committee meeting to fix up the final arrangements for our annual outing which takes place on the 7th September. It had already been agreed that it should be lunch at Hereford and tea at Symonds Yat again, as it had proved very enjoyable. It was also decided to hold our next meeting on August 17th, and not, as usual, on the first Saturday in the month, as this will be the Saturday before Bank Holiday.

After the committee meeting had finished, there was still time for members to enjoy their games of dominoes, cards and darts, and at the same time feel that during tea they could have their little chats about that which had been of interest to them since the last meeting. Our meeting ended with members much brighter than the weather.

A. C. EVANS,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

## Liverpool Club Notes

On June 22nd the Club went on its annual summer outing. We set off at 10 a.m. from our headquarters and after a stop for coffee, we were on our way again through the lovely Welsh mountains to Bettws-y-Coed, where we sat down to a good lunch.

Rejoining our coach after a short stay there, we proceeded to Llandudno. The weather was very kind to us and everyone enjoyed themselves at this seaside resort.

High tea, then homeward bound with the usual stop halfway for a little more refreshment.

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The next meeting of the Club will be on August 31st, 3 p.m. at Derby House, Leece Street. We should be pleased to welcome as many St. Dunstaners as possible.

V. FORMSTONE.

## From the Chairman's Post-bag

"You remember writing in the REVIEW about taking Premium Bonds? Well, I got interested, then got £10 worth altogether and had forgotten all about them. I had notification yesterday I've won fifty quid.

"Many thanks for your sound advice, and I hope you will not hesitate to give us any more hints."

G. FALLOWFIELD, *Brighton.*

"I am writing again in reply to your letter of 20th May about the possibility of increasing the engine replacement grant payable to war pensioners who have a Ministry car.

I am happy to be able to tell you that we have decided to increase the grant to £25. (The previous grant was £20.)

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention; I am glad that I am able to respond helpfully.

NEWTON,  
*Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Health.*

"I have found my three years on the Borough Council and the two years in which I occupied the Chair of the Chamber of Commerce of great interest and I trust of some service to the town. As a former Grammar School pupil myself in Kent, my election as a representative of the Council on the governing body of the local Grammar School and Girls' High School has given me much pleasure."

L. A. WEBBER, *Tewkesbury.*

(Mr. Webber has recently been re-elected to the Tewkesbury Borough Council for a further period of three years.)

## Other News

J. W. Evans, of Pearson House, was one of 120 survivors of the *Lancastria* disaster who attended the unveiling of a memorial window, in St. Katherine Free Church, City of London, on June 16th. Our St. Dunstaner was introduced to the Lord Mayor and to Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser of North Cape. Of 5,300 men in the former Cunard-White Star liner, 2,800 were killed or drowned.

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T. McKay, of Brighton, won a first class certificate for his entry in the Ministry of Pensions Exhibition this year. It was a nest of tables in mahogany and they were sold at the Exhibition.

## Holiday Competition

Below are fourteen clues to words which have one thing in common. Each contains the four letters F R C E, not necessarily in that order.

When you have found all fourteen, make your list and send it to the Editor, St. Dunstan's Review, 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1, marking your envelopes, "Holiday Competition." The closing date is Tuesday, September 10th, and there will be three prizes of five guineas each for the first three correct solutions opened after that date. The clues are:

1. The right to vote.
2. Round.
3. Strengthen.
4. Coming up!
5. The one you choose.
6. Putting up with it.
7. Not very often.
8. Much ado.
9. He holds a post.
10. Helper.
11. Killing.
12. On top.
13. Change.
14. Rides in front.

## The Salmon Stakes (Not Steaks)

### Score Board

1. Fishing with a spinning rod and bait:  
Ansell ... 26  
Fraser ... nil
2. Taken on the Fly:  
Fraser ... 11  
Ansell ... 2

For each competition the prize is £1, to be paid by the loser.

Lady Fraser, who is not competing, has scored to date 13 salmon "taken on the fly."

## Following Father's Footsteps

Patrick Dennis, Thornton Heath, has made his parents very proud by winning the Croydon Boys' Championship, 1963, 1 Mile Walk in 9 mins. 30.4 secs. He also won the Surrey Boys' Walking Club Race—a mile in 9 mins. 45 secs.

Patrick must owe quite a lot to his father who is himself a fine walker—he became a Centurion in July, 1959—and is the inventor of an Indoor Walking Trainer machine.

## Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind

## List of Additional Tape Titles, July, 1963

Cat. No.		Playing time in Hours approx.
<b>FICTION</b>		
454	ALLEN, WALTER—ALL IN A LIFETIME (1959) Read by John Richmond. An old craftsman tells his story from 1875, covering the rise of the Labour Party and the improved conditions in working-class life.	12
465	BLAKE, GEORGE—THE FIVE ARCHES (1947) Read by Clive Champney. A Clydesider, returning from China, looks forward to retirement. He finds himself drawn into the affairs and selfish demands of relatives.	14½
469	BROOMFIELD, LOUIS—THE RAINS CAME (1938). (2 Reels) Read by Robert Gladwell. Tells of the transformation of the lives of Indian and European residents by a tremendous flood in an isolated Indian State.	31½
477	CHENEY, PETER—YOU CAN'T KEEP THE CHANGE (1940) Read by Arthur Bush. A swiftly-moving story of Slim Callaghan, his assistant Windemere Nickolls and five girls of varying character.	8½
471	COLLINS, WILKIE—THE WOMAN IN WHITE (1860). (2 Reels) Read by Gabriel Woolf. A mystery story, and thought to be one of the best-known forerunners of the modern detective story.	25
451	COOPER, LETTICE—THE DOUBLE HEART (1962) Read by John Richmond. A novel of present problems and tangled relationships, especially of a woman who married in her 'teens.	10½
453	DE LA ROCHE, MAZO—FINCH'S FORTUNE (1931) Read by Eric Gillett. A further instalment of the "Whiteoaks" family story in which Finch, now grown to manhood, is the principal figure.	16½
476	FORSTER, E. M.—A PASSAGE TO INDIA (1924) Read by Alvar Lidell. A study of racial problems in British India. An episode of an Englishman and a Mohammedan doctor unleashes racial antagonism.	12½
456	GALSWORTHY, JOHN—THE MAN OF PROPERTY (1906) and INDIAN SUMMER (1918) Read by Robin Holmes. The first books of the Forsyte Saga introducing the family, and tells of the love affair which broke the marriage of Soames and Irene Forsyte.	16½
457	GALSWORTHY, JOHN—IN CHANCERY (1920) and AWAKENING (1920) Read by Robin Holmes. Continues the story of the older Forsytes and introduces the younger generation.	13½
458	GALSWORTHY, JOHN—TO LET (1921) Read by Robin Holmes. The central characters are Irene's son Jon and his love for Soame's daughter, Fleur.	11½
462	GREENE, GRAHAME—A BURNT-OUT CASE (1960) Read by David Brown. A stranger, mentally ill, arrives at a Congo leper village. He is almost cured when the truth comes out about his past life.	8
474	HILTON, JAMES—RANDOM HARVEST (1941) Read by Robert Dougal. The story of a man who loses his memory in the 1914 War, his search to recover the missing years and the woman he loved.	11½
466	HOCKING, MARY—VISITORS TO THE CRESCENT (1962) Read by Arthur Bush. A Scotland Yard book which shows the springs of action of traitors, and how the innocent can get smeared by evil contacts.	8½
464	HUGHES, RICHARD—THE FOX IN THE ATTIC (1961) Read by Robin Holmes. The author conceives this as the beginning of a historical novel of his own times, culminating in the Second World War.	12
463	ISHERWOOD, CHRISTOPHER—GOODBYE TO BERLIN (1939) Read by Robin Holmes. A collection of stories told with wit, based on the author's own experiences in Nazi Germany in the 'thirties.	8
475	SAYERS, DOROTHY L.—STRONG POISON (1930) Read by Stephen Jack. Lord Peter Wimsey meets Harriet Vane, on trial for poisoning her lover with arsenic, and tracks down the real murderer.	8
<b>NON-FICTION</b>		
478	ALLEN, WALTER—THE ENGLISH NOVEL (1954) Read by Eric Gillett. The novel's development as an art-form, from Fielding to D. H. Lawrence, giving extracts from the great English classics of the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries.	20
468	BRENAN, GERALD—A LIFE OF ONE'S OWN (1962) Read by Anthony Parker. The author's life to the age of 25, childhood, prep. school and adolescent revolt caused by his dislike of public school and conventional parents.	15½
473	CAULFIELD, GENEVIEVE—THE KINGDOM WITHIN (1961) Read by Mary Brown. An American woman, blinded as a baby, tells of her life and work as a school-teacher in Japan and Thailand.	11

## Catalogue No.

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460	COTTRELL, LEONARD—THE GREAT INVASION (1958) Read by Anthony Parker. How the Romans conquered ancient Britain in 55 B.C., providing many parallels with modern armies and methods of warfare.	10½
455	MASTERS, JOHN—BUGLES AND A TIGER (1956) Read by Arthur Bush. The author, who served in the Gurkha Rifles from 1934 to 1939 vividly brings to life the now-vanished world of British India.	12
450	POPE-HENNESSY, UNA—CHARLES DICKENS (1945). (2 Reels) Read by Eric Gillett. Dickens' life was in some ways as extraordinary as one of his novels; he had a complex but interesting personality.	22
467	PRIESTLEY, J. B.—MARGIN RELEASED (1962) Read by Stephen Jack. Reminiscences of his life, books and plays, from boyhood in Bradford, army life in 1914-18, and forty years of authorship.	8½
452	SAVA, GEORGE—SURGERY HOLDS THE DOOR (1960) Read by David Brown. But for the help of modern medicine and surgery, many young lives would be cut off when hardly begun. Present-day treatments are described.	12
470	SEYMOUR, JOHN—THE FAT OF THE LAND (1961) Read by Gabriel Woolf. After many adventures in their sailing boat the author and his family settle in Suffolk and learn farming—the hard way.	5½
461	TEBBEL, JOHN—THE INHERITORS (1962) Read by Duncan Carse. Of millionaires, Vanderbilt, Astor, Rockefeller, Woolworth and others: how great fortunes, often made by "robber-baron" methods, were spent by some of their descendants on social climbing and fantastic luxury.	10½
459	WHEELER, SIR MORTIMER—STILL DIGGING (1955) Read by Eric Gillett. The well-known archaeologist writes his own life story of boyhood days, service in both World Wars, and his excavations in Britain and India.	9½

## Westbury Camp Special

## Final Edition?

After a lapse of two years, a limited number of our lads attended camp at Warminster—only three days, however, instead of the usual ten. Miss Oliphant was once more in charge and it was a walk-over for her compared with the work she had to do in the old days. Mrs. Luce again handled transport with her usual efficiency. Miss Moody had no dispensing to do, and there were our other old friends—Olive, our pianist, George, Yorky, Mrs. Aitken, the Howells, Mrs. Algar, Mrs. Chant, and our old friend, Arthur, who has never missed one camp since 1938. There was our Air Force pal, Fred Cripps, Stan Bendall and his son, Danny, but how we missed our faithful Minister of the Interior, Miss Arning, who had to stay at home to nurse her sister who is very ill.

There were ten of us—the ten apostles—and we arrived in dribs and drabs, not carrying the usual well-packed suit-case but dainty little week-end cases, almost portfolios. In fact, had we been wearing bowlers, we could have been mistaken for travellers in dolls-eyes, or artistic photographs. Space prevents me giving the full programme of those three days but they were all thoroughly enjoyable. After our last outing it was away to the mini-bus where we indulged in old trench songs, as per the following scribbled lines.

E. H. NORTH, Taunton.

## When Pussy's Away, Spouses Play

*The party was over at the old Rose and Crown,  
Filled to the brim the bar now closed down,  
The mini-bus was waiting, apostles most  
elevating,*

*The bus started off and we started to sing  
All the war songs of long, long ago,  
When someone shouted "Let's have the real thing,  
We have no spiders, you know."*

*So we sang the old songs, "The Bridge of Paree,"  
Not the words sung by star Eartha Kitt,  
But of soldat Anglais who chortled with glee  
When he left Ma'moiselle in a fit.  
We sang of the pull-through, the lost trenching tool,  
And we gave the right rhyme of the holdall.  
With spiders about you felt such a fool  
When you had to rhyme holdall with told all.*

*Fred Karno's Army with gusto we sang,  
Hoch! Hoch! came out with a roar,  
It frightened the driver who from his seat sprang,  
"Mein Gott." He nigh went through i' door.  
Then came the song of their love for their wives,  
Of their lily white hand and statistics,  
While Wareham from Dorset in laughter writhes  
Until he had blooming hysterics.*

*As melodies flew, they bought back the years  
Of the lass on the banks of Le Bassee,  
Of that sweet Ma'moiselle from old Armentieres,  
Our rendering was solemn but classy.  
These are a few, we sang many more,  
But I don't think our Editor has space,  
So away with your specs, I'll give no encore,  
'Cos I'm larfin all over my face.*

GEN.

### Archie Brown

In the passing of Archie Brown we have lost yet another popular and respected St. Dunstanian.

A success in his profession, he was a member of the St. Dunstan's Singers, and an accomplished pianist, but he was best known for his sporting activities. In the early days his health was poor and he took up walking as a sport, and soon became our champion at all distances, and the Polytechnic champion over ten miles. We all know his wonderful later achievements.

Archie, always modest and unassuming, always made one feel that if we had tried a little more we would have caught him up.

We mourn the passing of Archie—always the courteous gentleman, always a chivalrous sportsman. We shall long remember him.

P. ASHTON, *Balcombe*.

I first met Archie at the College annexe in Regent's Park early in 1919. After taking up telephony, he did not appear to enjoy good health. With great resolution he gave up his job and trained to become a physiotherapist. At the same time he began to take an interest in road walking and soon was good enough to compete against fully sighted walkers. It was a fine feather in his cap when he took part in the Brighton and Back and became the first St. Dunstanian ever to become a Centurion.

His example was sufficient to stir the imagination of his younger comrades and he did his bit to encourage them to take up road walking as an aid to keeping fit. His good nature and friendly advice to the newcomer was very helpful and they have him to thank for passing on the torch from the old stalwarts to the new. A fine champion!

W. T. SCOTT, *Streatham*.

I first met Archie forty years ago when I began escorting St. Dunstan's walkers. I was then quite new to the sport of race walking, I remember well how impressed I was by this great sportsman whom I was to know so well during those forty years. In those days I was not fast enough to escort Archie in races up to ten miles. In fact, when Archie was at his peak, I doubt whether there were more than six sighted walkers in the whole of the country who were fast enough to escort him over the

shorter distances. I have seen champions having to run to keep up with him. I was able to escort him on the longer distances and what guts and determination he displayed! The outstanding event in my life was when Archie decided to tackle the Brighton Walk in 1953. Remember, he was 57 then. I was privileged to escort him on this long trek and in spite of his years he put up the magnificent time of 9 hours 59 minutes 45 seconds. Then in 1955 he became the first St. Dunstanian to become a Centurion by walking in the Brighton and Back inside twenty-four hours. In his second Brighton Walk I was unable to escort him as I was in hospital but I still have his wonderfully descriptive letter to me about the race. In it he said that race walking taught people to suffer, and well and truly he demonstrated this during the latter years of his life and throughout his last illness.

This great sportsman was not only an inspiration to St. Dunstan's walkers but to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. The memory of his sporting prowess will live on and I can only conclude by saying that my life has been the better for having been so closely associated with him.

Goodbye, Archie, and God bless you on your last long journey.

BILL HARRIS.

### Mr. G. R. Pannett

Pearson House has lost a well-known member of the staff by the sudden death on June 14th of Mr. George Pannett. Mr. Pannett joined the general maintenance staff at Ovingdean in January, 1953, later becoming Maintenance Engineer at Pearson House. Our "perms" will remember him for his cheerful help at all times, as will the members of the staff.

### Mrs. M. McAllister

We have heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. McAllister, who as Miss Marjorie Golding, was an escort at Church Stretton. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Miller-Jones. The news has been sent to us by our St. Dunstanian A. Hedger, of Chatham.

### Does this interest you?

A side-by-side bicycle for two passengers (gentleman and lady) is available with or without motorised attachment. Interested St. Dunstanians please apply to Mr. Wills at Headquarters.

### Births

FRITH.—On July 9th, to the wife of D. Frith, of High Wycombe, a daughter—Sandra Elizabeth.

MADGWICK.—On June 19th, to the wife of F. Madgwick, of Crawley, a daughter—Susan Carol.

WALTON.—On July 1st, to the wife of J. B. K. Walton, of Sunderland, a daughter—Deborah June.

### Deaths

Our deep sympathy is sent this month to the following:

BEDDOWS.—To A. E. Beddows, of Lichfield, Staffordshire, in the death of his brother on June 16th.

BROWN.—To A. A. H. Brown, of Reading, whose wife passed away on June 25th.

McKINLAY.—To J. R. McKinlay, of Hounslow, whose sister died on June 25th whilst on holiday. She was 84.

RICHARDS.—To G. H. Richards, of Manchester, in the loss of his brother on June 16th.

ROBINSON.—To J. Robinson, of Denton, Manchester, whose wife died on June 30th.

SINGLETON.—To C. Singleton, of Worthing, whose wife died on June 14th. She had been in poor health for many years and was admitted to hospital some months ago where she passed away.

SMITH.—To R. Smith, late of St. Helen's, whose wife died in hospital on July 8th.

STEVENSON.—To F. Stevenson, of Lisburn, Northern Ireland, who lost his mother on June 14th.

WADDELL.—To W. Waddell, of Stenhousmuir, in the sudden death of a sister on June 10th.

### Family News

Margaret Beard has passed the examinations and has been accepted as an Associate Member of the Librarian's Association and is now A.L.A. She is the eldest of our St. Dunstanian's three daughters.

Stuart Bedford, Shipley, has won the Victor Ludorum prize as the best all-round athlete of his school.

Janice Poole, Preston, took first prize in the Bible Reading Recital at the local Sunday School Union Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

Mrs. F. Doncaster of Canonbury, N.1, appeared in the B.B.C. Television feature, "This is Your Life," on February 25th, when the subject of the programme was Bertie Tibble. Mr. Tibble had rescued Mrs. Doncaster from a bombed house in 1944. She thoroughly enjoyed the whole programme. Mr. Doncaster, unfortunately, could not take part as he was in hospital at the time.

### Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Pamela Higgs, London, S.W.18, on June 1st to E. H. Ward.

Pamela Fowler, Nottingham, on June 8th, to Antony Kirk.

### Grandfathers

A. C. Cook, of Nottingham (a son for Dorothy); S. Doy, of Ashford (Anne has had a daughter); and T. A. Williams, of Portslade, whose daughter has given birth to a son.

As in past years there will be no REVIEW for August.

### "In Memory" *Continued from page 12*

#### Sergeant William Edward Simpson, *Royal Garrison Artillery*

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on July 7th of W. E. Simpson, of Tranmere, Birkenhead, aged 70.

He served as a Sergeant in the Royal Artillery (Garrison) from 1914 until 1919. He was a victim of a mustard gas attack but he did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1956, when his age precluded any training.

He had only been ill for a brief time and to Mrs. Weigh, who cared for him, we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

#### Gunner Arthur Wilson, *Royal Field Artillery*

We have to record with deep regret the death on July 14th, whilst staying at Pearson House, of Arthur Wilson, of Pinner. He was 82.

He served in the Royal Field Artillery in the First World War and came to St. Dunstan's in 1931. He trained in joinery, carrying on this occupation until age and ill-health compelled him to give this up in 1953, the year that he and Mrs. Wilson celebrated their Golden Wedding.

He had been gravely ill since before Christmas and his death was not unexpected. To Mrs. Wilson and her family we send our very sincere sympathy.

## “ In Memory ”

### Private Albert Anderson, 10th Canadian Infantry

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home on July 6th of Albert Anderson, of Letham, Scotland. He was 67.

He served with the Canadian Infantry from 1914 until 1916 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1921 where he trained in poultry-keeping and mat-making. He was able to carry on a poultry farm until 1954 when poor health compelled him to give up.

His wife predeceased him in 1956 and since her death he had been looked after by his sister, Miss I. Anderson. To Miss Anderson and the other members of the family we send our sincere sympathy.

### Private George Archie Brown, 5th Cheshire Regiment

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of G. A. Brown, of Cricklewood, known affectionately to everyone as “Archie.” He was 67.

Archie enlisted in October, 1914, and was discharged from the Army in January, 1919. He came at once to St. Dunstan's and trained first as a telephonist. After nine years in this work, he entered training as a masseur. He qualified as a physiotherapist and he was still working in his successful London practice when he went into hospital in June of this year. He died in St. Bartholomew's Hospital on July 10th.

It was as a champion road walker that Archie became so widely known, but he had many other interests and was a member of a number of organisations, all of which were represented at the funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on July 15th, when more than a hundred people filled the chapel to pay their last tribute. St. Dunstan's friends present included Messrs. Percy Ashton, Tommy Gaygan, W. J. Pearce, and Robert Young, with Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Rhodes; Mr. R. Priestley, Mr. R. Willis, Mrs. E. Hodson (Archie's singing teacher when he was a member of the St. Dunstan's Singers), and his road-walking friends, Messrs. Fred Duff, Bert Foster, R. Dunnaway, W. J. Harris, C. Harrison, C. Steer, Arthur Winter and Inspector Yatscombe.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Brown and her married son.

### Private Samuel Game, 235th Employment Company

We record with deep regret the death of S. Game, of Hastings, at the age of 70.

His war service was from March, 1915, until September, 1916, and he came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1919. After training he took a post as a shorthand typist/telephonist and continued with this work until 1928 when ill-health forced him to give it up. He then took up basket work and was still working at his craft up to the time of his death on July 3rd. He had earlier been taken to hospital where he died after a short illness.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Game and her family.

### Private Frank Hill, Northumberland Fusiliers

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home of Frank Hill, of Rochdale, on July 11th, at the age of 69.

He served with the Northumberland Fusiliers from 1915 until 1918, but was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1947 when, on account of his poor health, it was not possible for him to contemplate training. Although his health was at all times poor, his death was nevertheless sudden and unexpected.

To his widow we send an expression of very deep sympathy.

### Private Leonard Johnson, 9th Royal Fusiliers

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on June 16th of Leonard Johnson, of Stafford. He was 62.

He served with his regiment from 1914 until 1916 and came to St. Dunstan's in April of that year. He trained as a poultry farmer and he carried on this occupation until 1939. He had been ill since last December. His wife predeceased him and we send an expression of our sincere sympathy to his family.

### Private William Charles Joseph Seymour, Royal Army Service Corps (M.T.)

It is with deep regret that we record the death in hospital on July 1st of W. Seymour, of Saltdean. He was 72.

Enlisting in March, 1916, he received his discharge in August, 1918, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until December, 1947. He trained in basket-making and he continued this right up until the time of his death. Despite the fact that he did not enjoy the best of good health during the last few years, he had continued to make trays for Headquarters Stores.

He leaves a widow and two grown-up step-sons, to whom our deep sympathy goes.

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