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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

The Talking Book

THE Talking Book is the most important aid for the blind since Braille. This thought was prompted by my visit to Bolton on May 1st, when I had the honour of opening the new Northern Branch of the Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind.

If you are blind you must either read with your fingers or with your ears. Braille has the advantage that you can also write it and use it when travelling, but the Talking Book has the advantage that for ordinary blind people it is many times faster than Braille.

12,000 blind persons now use the Talking Book Library and 120 new members are added each week. There is virtually no waiting list now.

We, in Britain, were the first in the world to make long-playing disc records and use them, we were the first to make multi-track tape records and use them and we continue much research to improve our system.

Every kind of book is in the Library: classics, modern novels, biography, travel, etc., and some 250 new titles a year are being added. We have no prejudices except that a very long or a very short book does not fit so well into our cassette and we also bear in mind that when the book is read aloud in the home, all the family may be listening.

The Royal National Institute for the Blind and St. Dunstan's have partnered this enterprise, the Institute being far and away the largest financial partner because, since the war, so many thousands of civilian blind people have become members of the Library. Our biggest single benefactor was Lord Nuffield himself and the Nuffield Foundation.

Our system is now current in the United Kingdom, in Eire, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Canada, Spain, Argentina, Southern Rhodesia, India and El Salvador. Pilot projects have also been set up in the United States, the Soviet Union and Mexico.

Amateur Radio Transmitters

I was present the other day at the Annual Reunion Dinner of the Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association. Some eighty "hams," all of whom had had a transmitting licence more than twenty-five years ago, were present.

I suppose that in every scientific field the amateur has made his contribution. Certainly in the wireless field much experimental work—hardly to be dignified by the name of fundamental research—but nevertheless of considerable intrinsic value and of great educational

value was done. Many who started as schoolboys in the Stinks Laboratory of their schools became inventors, engineers and broadcasters throughout the world.

I myself remember in 1913 as a schoolboy at Marlborough making a crystal receiver on which I could hear transmissions from English stations and from the Eiffel Tower. I paid for many hundreds of yards of enamelled wire and for a single earpiece (I couldn't afford a pair) and "borrowed" some crystals, probably copper pyrites, from the Lab. to make a crystal detector.

In the 1920's the amateurs started talking to one another, and in 1922 the first organised public broadcast service was begun by the late Captain Eckersley at Writtle in Essex.

In the 1920's schoolboys, students, science masters and others really developed the amateur movement, and by 1923 we were communicating by Morse signal and even occasionally by speech with Australia and the United States, using extremely small electrical power.

In 1927 we amateurs decided to show the B.B.C. that we could transmit a musical programme to Australia. I well remember how, with the help of the transmitter of Mr. Gerald Marcuse, a leading amateur, we organised a transmission from Britain to Australia in the early hours of the morning. So anxious was Marcuse to get his signals across that he over-ran his generators and the programme only lasted for a few minutes before they burnt out. Nevertheless we had spurred the B.B.C. to action, and very soon they produced the Overseas Division which began world-wide broadcasting.

I am told that in 1920 there were 1,000 "hams" in the United Kingdom; there are now over 12,000, a splendid development.

Sound radio generally might have been invented for the blind; certainly transmitting and experimental activities are a most excellent hobby for them, and I know of many blind persons, including some of my St. Dunstan's friends, in various countries who are active transmitters. To be able to talk to a circle of friends at frequent intervals is part of the pleasure of being a transmitting amateur.

Small Pensions Concession

Many years ago, with the advice and help of Mr. Askew and Mr. Banks, I represented to the Ministry of Pensions that where a man had lost one eye on war service and subsequently lost the sight of the other eye from a civilian cause, he should receive an extra pension in respect of the second eye. He did not receive the full amount but nevertheless this recognition that total blindness had occurred, partly on account of the blinding of the first eye, was a valuable concession. This was the first time this principle had been recognised by the British Ministry of Pensions and I am glad to say it has been extended to certain limbless cases as well.

Owing to the complicated consideration related to additional allowances paid in respect of blindness, an anomaly disclosed itself to Mr. Rice and me a few months ago, whereby a man who had lost one eye in the Second War and the sight of his second eye later, actually got substantially less money from the Ministry of Pensions than a similar case arising out of the First War. I am glad to say that I have now been able to persuade the Minister of Pensions to put this right so that the two cases get the same amount of money no matter which war they were serving in.

This new concession applies only to a handful of men, nevertheless we welcome it as a belated act of justice, and I have expressed my thanks to the Minister for his consideration.

FRASER

Personal

John Martin and his family of Durban, South Africa, send everyone they know in England their kindest regards. His daughter Merle is now living with our St. Dunstaner and they both hope to visit this country in about two years time.

Braille Library Bulletin

It is regretted that owing largely to the reconstruction work at the Scottish Braille Press, but also, in part, to the Braille Reading Competition, the April and June Bulletins will be late this year:—*The National Library for the Blind (Northern Branch)*

The Championship Seven Mile Walk

The Championship Seven Mile Walk took place at Ewell on the 18th April. We were very pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Lloyds with us, knowing how much we owe to Mr. Lloyds' support.

The cup winners were:

C. Williamson in the T.B. section.

R. Mendham in the S.S. section.

The handicap winners were:

1st C. Williamson (who also won the plaque presented by the Tobacco Trade Athletic Club).

2nd M. Burns.

3rd R. Young (in a remarkable time for the only First War competitor).

4th R. Benson.

Mr. Lloyds started the race and Mrs. Lloyds presented the prizes. Among the "Supporters Club" was another welcome friend—Miss Ramshaw.

AVIS SPURWAY.

Order of Finish	H'cap Time	Allow.	Actual Time
Williamson ...	56.58	11.25	68.23
Burns ...	61.30	21.15	82.45
Young ...	62.45	13.55	76.40
Benson ...	63.13	12.45	75.58
Mendham ...	63.33	—	63.33
Stafford ...	65.30	13.35	79.05
Tutton ...	65.37	12.45	78.22
Wright ...	66.12	23.15	98.27
Simpson ...	66.19	—	66.19
Proffit ...	66.50	22.10	98.00
Miller ...	66.51	0.50	67.41

Sutton Club Notes

The Annual General Meeting of the Sutton Club was held on April 25th. Mrs. Spurway took the Chair, Miss de Burlet was voted in as Vice President, and T. Dudley was again unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the Club. I am to carry on as Vice Chairman with a committee consisting of the following members: P. Spring, R. Newton, F. Taylor, and J. Taylor.

In addition to the normal games we are going to try our hand at Bingo.

Anyone wishing to join the Club please ring Croydon 3066, or our Chairman at Croydon 0596.

G. JENRICK.

Deaf Reunions

Autumn, 1963—Spring, 1964

Owing to illness there were only four of us gathered on October 31st of last year, but we found a good programme and good friends awaiting us. On Friday, we journeyed to Lee-on-Solent, where we had been invited by the Commanding Officer.

We were conducted round the Depot and much was explained to us after lunching with various C.P.O's.

Saturday morning was spent quietly with a nice drive out into the country for tea. Our old friends and Matron Avison entertained us on Sunday afternoon at Pearson House. We were very pleased indeed to have our President, Sir Neville Pearson, lunch with us on Monday, after which he conducted a lengthy debate in the Committee Room on research and improvements to existing conditions. We were pleased to have Mr. French and Mr. Wills at this discussion. Miss Rogers and Miss Midgley joined us for tea. Our old and trusted friend, Dr. O'Hara, was a guest of honour at our dinner that evening, and delivered a very humorous speech, whilst Joe thanked everybody.

This year we all met again on Thursday, April 16th, and found again a warm welcome. Friday found us on our way to visit the Museum of British Transport at Clapham, which is very interesting, and then we lunched at the Grosvenor Hotel before returning. We again spent a quiet Saturday morning, and also a drive out into the country for tea. On Sunday evening we went to Rottingdean, to the home of Mrs. Dacre, where at a delightful cocktail party given by Mrs. Dacre we met Dame Flora Robson, the famous actress, Sir Harold and Lady Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Evan-Cook, and our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. Banks and Miss L. M. Carlton.

On Monday afternoon we took tea with Mr. Wills and his Welfare staff.

During both reunions, we had domino tournaments and shooting competitions.

We again went to Stroods for our Farewell Dinner. We deaf men of St. Dunstan's are indebted to Matron and Commandant, Mrs. Macdonald, and the staff at Ovingdean for providing such good programmes. We are also grateful to Mr. Wills and those at Headquarters who do so much towards making us happy and improving conditions for us.

"ONE OF THE MUFFLED DRUMS."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

There have been a lot of letters about obstructions on pavements due to repairs to gas mains, electric cables, etc., but what I find very dangerous are the overhanging garden hedges which can, when it is raining, soak one's clothes and, at any time, cause scratches on one's face. It is not always that we have an escort with us, we do like to take an independent walk sometimes, and naturally run into these hedges. There is some sort of law about cutting these hedges back but it is very rarely enforced. I would like to know what other St. Dunstaners think about this.

Yours sincerely,

P. APPLEBY, *Luton.*

Dear Editor,

We have had a good laugh at Gen. North's experience en route to the pub in the black-out and most of us have reminiscences of kindly folk apologising for standing in our light when at work, or asking if we do not find it difficult at night. Here, however, is my unique experience, also linked with a pub, the local White Hart.

I had promised to meet a friend there one day at noon on business, it being the most convenient for him. I went in and stood with my back to the bar which faced a large window where there was a window seat. I had said good morning as I went in, but having no reply assumed that my friend had not arrived and nobody else was enjoying a mid-morning drink. The landlord came and served me and carried on behind the bar while I waited for my friend, still with my back to the bar. Suddenly a voice said, "You'll know me the next time you see me!"

It came from the window seat I was facing and took me aback.

"Sorry," I said, "I did not know there was anybody in here. Who are you?"

"You knew I was here alright," came the answer, "You've been staring at me ever since you came in."

The landlord said, "Mr. Radford is blind, was blinded in the war and certainly did not know you were there."

The man apologised and said that he also was an ex-service man but a stranger to our part of the country. Naturally I asked him what regiment he had served with and was surprised to hear that it was

the K.O.Y.L.I., to which I was attached after being dismounted in 1915. We found that he and I had been in the same company and mentioned several officers and men of mutual acquaintance. Suddenly he got up and came over and touched me on the shoulder saying he had to be off and that he had talked too much. He refused a drink when my friend came in and seemed disturbed. As he went out he said that he had just got away from Cosham, which I learned later was a hospital for shell-shock and mental patients. Two days later we heard that an escaped mental patient suspected of a certain brutal crime had been apprehended some miles from us.

Yours sincerely,

JACK RADFORD, *at Ovingdean.*

Dear Editor,

Here is an amusing incident which happened during training at Church Stretton (what happy memories!)

Like many trainees, Harry Pierpoint, Harry Strudwick, and myself used to pay an evening visit to The Plough. This particular evening, I agreed to take a kerb side and lead the three of us back to Deanhurst, which we had done on many occasions.

We started off at great speed but somehow I went astray at the crossroads and finished up by going over at a right angle instead of straight across. All of a sudden we found that we had hit the hedge outside the hotel, and "Struddy" had got his head inside the hedge with his artificial leg hanging out. I did not realise that I had got so many names as I was called that night!

G. EUSTACE, *Tolworth.*

Dear Editor,

Shortly after discharge from hospital I was preparing for bed one night when my mother remarked, "Wait a minute, love, and I'll light the gas in your room."

Laughing, I reminded her that the gas was of no use to me. Recovering herself quickly she replied rather sheepishly, "I thought it might air the room."

Only the other day, after telling my niece I was going to Brighton for a holiday, she replied in all seriousness, "Well, it'll be a change of scenery and you'll see some fresh faces."

Yours very sincerely,

T. ROGERS, *Huddersfield.*

The Reunions

The 1964 Reunion season opened at the Savoy Hotel, BLACKPOOL, on Tuesday, 7th April, when Mr. Hopewell presided over a party of 94 which included 36 St. Dunstaners, members of the retired staff in the persons of Miss E. G. Doel, Miss B. Vaughan Davies and Mr. E. I. Buckley and our old friends from Lewis's of Liverpool, Miss Maddison and Mr. Wildblood. The weather was fine and helped to make the Reunion a happy and successful occasion.

The CHESTER Reunion followed on Thursday, 9th April, at the Grosvenor Hotel and His Grace The Duke of Westminster presided for the first time at a St. Dunstan's Reunion, following his election to St. Dunstan's Council. He was accompanied by the Duchess and together they made the acquaintance of many of the 32 St. Dunstaners present. It was very nice to welcome Mrs. Brynning and our old friend, Mrs. Eaton.

Sir Neville Pearson presided at the MANCHESTER Reunion at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, 11th April, when 50 St. Dunstaners assembled for the usual boisterous meeting. Miss Doel and Miss Vaughan Davies were again present, as were Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Clarke.

A happy little Reunion, presided over by Lt. General Sir Brian Horrocks, took place at the County Hotel, CANTERBURY, on Wednesday, 22nd April, when the 26 St. Dunstaners present were pleased to welcome Miss M. Y. de Burlet to the first Reunion which she had organised since taking over from Miss Stevens, who was also present and given a hearty welcome. We were pleased to have our old friend, Miss L. B. Woolrych, with us too.

The Reverend Darrell Bunt presided at the BOURNEMOUTH Reunion on Saturday, 25th April, when our Reunion was held at The Pavilion; although the weather was rather stormy, a total of 34 St. Dunstaners attended. As this was the last Bournemouth Reunion to be organised by Miss L. D. Webster before her retirement, Mr. L. Arnold, of Parkstone, spoke on behalf of his fellow St. Dunstaners in praise of the work Miss Webster had done during the past 18 years in the West Country and presented her, on their behalf, with a cheque for the balance of the presentation fund to which they had subscribed. Miss Web-

Dear Editor,

I was interested in Lord Fraser's comment in the REVIEW on the subject of long books. I always have a library book in hand, but I must confess that I invariably turn down anything that exceeds six or seven volumes.

Some years ago it was the practise of the Library to issue three volumes at a time and then it was always possible to cancel a book that did not come up to one's expectations. Now they arrive six or seven at a time and I must admit to being chary of putting a ten-volume book on my list in case it should prove disappointing.

Yours faithfully,

R. BOTLY, *Surbiton.*

Dear Editor,

Lord Fraser's remarks in the April REVIEW about typing prompted me to write and tell you that as well as tending my gardening and two greenhouses, my other hobby is writing letters to various magazines, a number of which have been published. Part of one was in *Today* about a fortnight ago, and about two years back five were published in two different magazines in the space of about three months.

As well as keeping a finger in the pie, so to speak, I find it a lucrative hobby and recommend it to other St. Dunstaners.

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET STANWAY, *Morecambe.*

The Socratic Touch

The Ancient Philosopher had a place in my thoughts after tuning-in to the following conversation started by my niece with two of our neighbours' little boys.

"And when do you go back to school Stephen?"

"On Tuesday."

"Will you be glad?"

"Oh no, I don't like school, I wish we could have a hundred year's holiday, don't you, Brian?"

"We would be dead then," replied Brian.

"Well, I wish we could have holidays till we're sixty-three," compromised Steven.

"We would be too old to learn then," replied Brian stockily.

Having recovered their ball they toddled off, leaving me wondering how the law of progress will affect the profundity and candour of these two, as yet, immature minds.

T. ROGERS, *Huddersfield.*

ster made an eloquent speech in reply, expressing the pleasure her work with St. Dunstan's had given her over the years.

The WINDSOR Reunion at the White Hart Hotel, on Saturday, 2nd May, was well attended as usual by 75 St. Dunstaners. Colonel Ansell presided and we were very pleased to have with us on this occasion Captain and Mrs. Woodcock from Canada. Retired staff were well represented in the persons of Miss Hensley, Miss Lloyd, Miss Stevens, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Lae, and others present included Miss F. Parsons, and Miss D. Hoare. As usual the afternoon provided a lively time for the younger men who enjoyed the efforts of the orchestra.

Colonel Ansell again presided at the EXETER Reunion at the Rougemont Hoel on Thursday, 7th May, this time accompanied by Mrs. Ansell. 31 St. Dunstaners were present and Mr. L. Johns, of Paignton, spoke warmly on behalf of his fellow St. Dunstaners of the friendship shown to them by Miss Webster during her many

years of service. He presented her on their behalf with the pair of silver candlesticks she had chosen to receive as a parting gift and in her reply Miss Webster said how touched she was by the generosity shown to her and how much she had enjoyed the friendship of the St. Dunstaners in the West Country. Retired members of staff present were Miss D. Oliphant and Mr. W. Allen and our old friend, Mrs. Hollins, came along to help.

Thirty-five St. Dunstaners from South Wales and the adjoining counties assembled at the Westgate Hotel, NEWPORT, for the Re-union there on Saturday, 9th May, at which Lord Fraser presided, accompanied by Lady Fraser. Old friends present included Miss F. Lloyd and Mr. W. Allen, who received a warm welcome. In his speech Lord Fraser referred to the menu in perfect Braille which had been provided for him by the manager of the Hotel, Mr. Rees, himself a registered blind person, who was invited to join us for coffee.

NUFFIELD TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

Additional Tape Titles

<i>Cat. No.</i>		<i>Playing time Hours approx.</i>
Fiction		
623	BATES, H. E.—CROWN OF WILD MYRTLE (1962) Read by Anthony Parker. On holiday in the Greek Islands an Englishman meets Ruth Forbes, who is dominated by a Mrs. Keller. How he released Ruth makes an exciting story. on the same tape with:— BATES, H. E.—CATHERINE FOSTER (1929) Read by Charles Champney. Married to Charles Foster, a man rather older than herself, Catherine becomes attracted to Charles' younger brother Andrew.	11
620	HALLIDAY, MICHAEL.—MISSING FROM HOME (1958) Read by David Broomfield. Tense, exciting story of a bank raid and a missing girl. Whilst her anxious parents contact the police, she is where?	5½
625	NEILL, ROBERT.—MOON IN SCORPIO (1952) Read by Robert Gladwell. A historical novel of England in the days of Titus Oates and the "Popish Plot," written with mature and detailed understanding of this period.	13½
Non-Fiction		
621	BELL, JOSEPHINE.—CRIME IN OUR TIME (1962) Read by Arthur Bush. Written for the layman, this is a comparison of crimes over the last sixty years and examines criminals, police, prisons and detention centres.	10
626	BROWN, IVOR.—SHAKESPEARE (1949) Read by Gabriel Woolf. No writer at any time or place has had such lasting renown as this extraordinary man of Stratford. The author tells us about his life.	14
622	WALKERLEY, RODNEY.—FAMOUS MOTOR RACES (1963) Read by Timothy Gudgin. Stories of World classic motor races: Grand Prix, Le Mans, etc., between 1902 and 1959 told by those who took part. on the same tape with:— MOSS, STIRLING, and PURDY, KEN W.—ALL BUT MY LIFE (1963) Read by Timothy Gudgin. This story of a great motor racing career reveals fascination for speed, challenge and danger.	12½

From the Chairman's Postbag

Lord Fraser has had a very entertaining letter about this and that from Harris Turner, one-time newspaper proprietor, journalist and a keen Bridge player who lives in Victoria, British Columbia. He says:

"Money is interesting stuff. Being so extensively travelled as you are, you are probably acquainted with the terms of endearment bestowed on Canadian currency. Five cents is a nickel; ten cents is a dime; twenty-five cents is affectionately known as two bits although no one knows why, except that in the days of the California gold rush some facetious miner stuck a label on it that did not mean anything; a dollar bill (they are never called 'notes' in this country) is a buck; a handful of bills is known as folding money or lettuce; a five dollar bill is a fin; a ten dollar bill is a case-note and a thousand dollars is a grand. The term 'grand' is used almost exclusively by bank robbers, gamblers, narcotic peddlars and kidnappers. If one hires a murderer to do a job and he is successful, he is paid off in 'grand.' The plural is 'grand,' a hundred grand is a fair price in the United States for the ransom of a kidnapped child or the safe delivery of a million dollars worth of drugs."

Mr. Duncan McFadyen Rae

We have heard with regret of the death of Duncan McFadyen Rae, Esq., C.M.G., who died in Auckland on the 3rd February, 1964. He held office as a Government representative on the Blinded Servicemen's Trust Board and was elected Chairman by that body. James May, our representative there wrote a letter of condolence to his daughter on behalf of St. Dunstan's.

Great Grandfather

H. Smy, of Saxmundham, and his wife became great grandparents in February of this year, when their grand-daughter had a baby girl.

Grandfathers

H. Maher, of London, S.E.1 (the sixth grandchild); C. H. Hale, of Bristol (twins—his first grandchildren arrived on 9th April); W. Haslam, of Crewe (a grand-daughter); A. Walker, of Bolton (another grandchild); W. D. Alexander, of Dalbeattie (a grand-daughter, Eunice, born on the 25th October, 1963).

From All Quarters

We send our congratulations to K. C. Revis, of Oxford, Public Relations Officer with The British Motor Corporation, who has recently been elected as President of the Bullnose Morris Club.

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Congratulations to F. Mills, of Tavistock, who took a First Prize for hyacinths in the Tavistock Spring Show.

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Another successful St. Dunstaner is W. Harding, of Finchley, who was awarded Second Prize for a knitted scarf at the Finchley Handicraft Exhibition. He competed with over 100 exhibits and was the only blind exhibitor.

Cardiff Club Notes

A meeting of the Cardiff Club was held at the headquarters of the British Legion, Cardiff, on Saturday last. We were delighted to welcome a new member, Mr. Stott and his wife, who, like all good St. Dunstaners, soon made themselves at home with their comrades. We were pleased to hear that Mr. Wheeler is making progress and we all hope to see him and his wife again with us soon, also the wife of Mr. B. Fry, who has been in hospital undergoing an operation is recovering, and we look forward to seeing them with us again shortly.

All the members of the Cardiff Club heard with regret of the passing of Mr. Harry Formstone, husband of our Liverpool Secretary, Violet, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

The usual games were played and, as usual, were enjoyed very much. While we were having tea Mr. Jack Caple, Chairman, gave an outline of the efforts being made to obtain a room for our Club on ground floor level, and so avoiding the climb of two flights of stairs, which is being found very tiring by most of our members. Mr. Caple, Mr. Pople, and Mr. Parsons, were appointed to look over some rooms and report back at the next meeting, and so concluded another Cardiff Club meeting.

A. C. EVANS, *Secretary.*

"In Memory"

Sapper Thomas Callaghan, *Royal Engineers*

It is with deep regret that we record the sudden death of T. Callaghan, Woodbridge, Suffolk, on Monday, May 4th. He was aged 74 years. He served in the Second World War from 1939 to 1940 as a Sapper, in the Royal Engineers and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1942, when he trained as a netter and mat maker. In fact he took pleasure in carrying on these occupations right up to the time of his death.

He led an active life and had been in excellent health so the news of his sudden death must have come as a great shock to his many friends. Members of his family are in Australia, Kenya, and the United States, and to all his family and especially to his widow we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

Sapper John Haylock, *Royal Engineers*

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home of John Haylock, of Ickleton, Saffron Walden, Essex, on Saturday, 25th April, 1964, at the age of 79 years. He too had served as a Sapper in the Royal Engineers from 1917 to 1919 and he was admitted to our benefits in 1928 when he trained as a mat maker and he was able to carry on this occupation until the time of his death. His wife predeceased him in 1960. His death was very sudden and unexpected as he had been in fairly good health. To the nephew who lived with him and the family we extend an expression of very sincere sympathy.

Ruby Wedding

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. Pike, of Brighton, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 15th December, 1963.

Silver Wedding

And congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Veness, of Edgware, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on 13th March last.

Family News

Major D. G. Clare, R.E., son of J. W. Clare, of Brockenhurst, has been promoted to Lieut. Colonel.

A grandson of J. G. Howes, of Thornaby-on-Tees, has recently been to London to be presented with a gold watch for being the outstanding pupil of the year at evening classes for all England.

An enterprising sixteen year old is Carol Barrett, daughter of F. Barrett, of West Ham. She has obtained her Bronze Medal under the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and is now working for the Silver Medal.

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Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Robert, son of W. D. Alexander, of Dalbeattie, was married in March to Charlotte Bell, of Lockerbie.

Birth

MCCARTNEY.—On 29th April, to the wife of H. McCartney of Belfast a son—Robert.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy is sent to the following:

EDWARDS.—To R. Edwards, of Feltham, Middlesex, whose wife died on April 24th in Ashford Hospital. Our St. Dunstaner had devotedly looked after his wife, who was an invalid, for many years.

EVANS.—To T. Evans, of Flint, on the recent loss of his father.

RAHIM.—To A. H. Rahim, of Perivale, on the sudden death of his mother-in-law on May 5th. She had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Rahim all their married life.

THEOBALD.—To R. A. Theobald, of Ipswich, whose mother died in March.

WARD.—To W. G. Roy Ward, of St. Leonards-on-Sea, whose wife, Ellinor, died in hospital on 15th May.

Derby Sweepstake

The Draw for the Derby Sweepstake will take place on Thursday, May, 28th.

All those drawing a horse will be notified.