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SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

WITH the death of Sir Winston Churchill on 24th January, we lost from our ranks the greatest Englishman of this century. From South Africa, Lord Fraser sends us his personal recollection:

"Many will write and speak about Sir Winston Churchill's part in great events and his remarkable and varied genius.

"I testify to a less known but admirable quality which he continuously demonstrated personally to me. I do not claim to have been an intimate friend, only a back bench member of the House of Commons who sat there with him for nearly forty years.

"Although blind, I knew the way round the House and walked alone. Great men and lesser men would pass me in the corridors without a word and, of course, without exchanging a glance or a smile because that was impossible. I do not blame any one of them because it was certainly not lack of friendship, but shyness or preoccupation.

"Sir Winston, however, never went by without a touch on the arm and a greeting, generally 'Hullo Ian, this is Winston.' Hardly necessary to explain who he was because the gesture was so familiar and the voice unforgettable and inimitable.

"This sensitivity and kindness was a characteristic worth remembering in a man who during many of those years had so much more important things weighing upon him."

Eighteen Years Ago

Sir Winston Churchill paid us his last visit on 23rd January, 1947, eighteen years before the day of his death. The occasion was the first reunion of St. Dunstaners living in the London district since 1939, held at the Seymour Hall, and Sir Winston presented a walking stick to Lord Fraser to commemorate twenty-five years as Chairman of St. Dunstan's. In the course of his speech Sir Winston said:

"It is many years since I first became associated with St. Dunstan's; in fact, nearly twenty years have passed. I knew its Founder and I have always been deeply stirred by this cause, and I feel it very gratifying that you should have invited me to come here this evening.

"My old friend and colleague in the House of Commons, Sir Ian Fraser, has served you well. For twenty-five years he has devoted himself to the cause of those who suffer a grievous sorrow and deprivation. By his high character and dauntless spirit he has shown how such injuries can be conquered and how vital, happy lives can be lived in spite of what

to those who have the gift of vision, seems to be an overwhelming calamity. There are the beauties of the inner vision, but these would not suffice without bold pioneers who march forward and show how thousands of men and women who have lost their eyesight, many as a sacrifice for the life of their country, can play important parts, valuable parts, in the whole social, moral and political life of our island."

Floral Tribute

At Lady Churchill's request, floral tributes sent for Sir Winston were distributed widely to various hospitals and ex-Servicemen's Homes.

A beautiful sheaf of tulips, daffodils, iris and palm were delivered to Ovingdean on Saturday, 30th January, one of the thousands of floral tributes sent in Sir Winston's memory.

These flowers were placed on the altar table for the Service on Sunday, and afterwards they were put in the Lounge.

Letter to Lady Churchill

Sir Neville Pearson, President of St. Dunstan's, wrote to Lady Churchill on the 25th January as follows:

"On behalf of our Council and the men and women of St. Dunstan's, may I, on this day when all the world is sharing in your sorrow, send you our deep sympathy in your grievous loss, but more especially may we joy with you in the glory which remains to light each one of us upon our way."

Tributes from Abroad

We print below a translation of the text of a telegram sent on 25th January by Mons. H. Amblard, President of the Union des Aveugles de Guerre in Paris.

"We offer Lord Fraser and St. Dunstaners the deep sympathy of the members of the Union des Aveugles de Guerre on the death of Sir Winston."

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On the 5th February, Mr. Clark, the National President of the Blinded Veterans' Association of the United States, wrote to St. Dunstan's as follows:

"On behalf of the officers and members of the Blinded Veterans' Association, I wish to express our condolences to our British friends and allies of St. Dunstan's on the passing of Sir Winston Churchill.

"The words and deeds of Winston Churchill will live as long as history itself, in the hearts and minds of free men. And we who were privileged to share his years upon this earth possess a heritage of infinite and lasting strength and endurance.

"The majesty of his life is an inspiration to all of us as it will be for the generations still unborn. Down through the corridors of time, the name, Winston Churchill, will connote a being of splendour and an age of greatness for England and for all the free world."

Lying In State

On Thursday, 28th January, Mr. A. D. Lloyds conducted a representative party of St. Dunstaners from the London area and Brighton to Westminster Hall to pay homage to Sir Winston Churchill as he lay in state.

Lord and Lady Fraser in South Africa

We hear from Lord Fraser, who is in South Africa, that he and Lady Fraser are to attend a luncheon in Cape Town to meet certain blinded soldiers, and he will be going to the Committee Meeting of St. Dunstan's, South Africa.

We also learn that on the 18th January, Lord Fraser addressed a special meeting of the Goldfields (O.F.S.) Civilian Blind Society at Welkom in the Orange Free State.

Miss Westmore

A number of St. Dunstaners have expressed their wish that there should be a collection to purchase a gift for presentation to Miss Westmore in recognition of her many years' services to St. Dunstan's, and in particular her period of twenty-six years as Editor of the REVIEW.

Mr. A. D. Lloyds has kindly consented to act as Treasurer, so you are invited to send contributions to him at St. Dunstan's, 191 Marylebone Road, N.W.1.

THE ULTRA-SONIC MOBILITY AID

At a ceremony on 19th January, Sir Neville Pearson, Bart., President of St. Dunstan's, accepted Production Engineered Unit No. 1 from Sir Victor Tait, K.B.E., C.B., Chairman of Ultra Electronics Ltd. St. Dunstan's Director of Research, Mr. Richard Dufton, writes:

In the past few years there has been a significant increase shown by researchers in the problem of blind mobility. In 1960, Dr. L. Kay submitted details of his design for a mobility aid to St. Dunstan's, whose Scientific Committee advised that the work should be sponsored and a working prototype made. The results were fairly promising and a batch of ten instruments were constructed with which to carry out field evaluation trials. Psychologists of the Medical Research Council's Applied Psychology Research Unit at Cambridge, planned and supervised trials first of all with boys at Worcester College for the Blind, and later at St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean.

These field trials showed that some blind people could take advantage of the auditory information supplied by the aid and, with the co-operation of the National Research Development Corporation and the manufacturers, Ultra Electronics Limited, it was decided to carry the project to the production engineering stage and manufacture a larger batch of instruments in order to permit much larger scale field evaluation.

Principle of the Sonic Mobility Aid

The new aid is based on echo location principles; a hand-held probe emits a beam of ultrasonic sound waves in a narrow cone ahead of the user, and solid objects or obstacles in the path return an echo which is picked up by the hand-held probe and the echoes, suitably reduced in frequency, are heard in a small hearing aid type of earpiece lightly clipped adjacent to one ear. The pitch of the echoes is exactly related to distance and the user learns to associate pitch with range.

Further information about the nature of detected obstacles or surfaces is given by the loudness of the received signals in the earpiece, different surfaces give echoes of varying strength, caused chiefly by differences in surface texture, size and shape and the angle at which the outgoing beam strikes the obstacle.

The user has, therefore, to learn to

discriminate both pitch and loudness, for pitch will always be constant for objects at similar range irrespective of their size, surface characteristics, or the angle at which the transmitted beam makes contact.

With regard to the angle of the obstacle or reference surface from the straight line path of the user, received signals vary in loudness, for example, smooth surfaces tend to reflect some of the echoes away from the traveller and loudness falls accordingly.

The sonic aid is a distance sensing device, accurately measuring the time taken for echoes to return to the probe and to be heard in the earpiece. The hand-held probe is torch-like in appearance and contains all the electronics, it weighs only ten ounces. The present power source is a small dry battery housed in a slim shoulder slung pack, which also holds the probe and the miniature earpiece when the system is not in use.

A Joint Working Party, comprising members from the National Research Development Corporation, the manufacturer and St. Dunstan's, drafted both the User and Engineering Specifications, paying close attention to ruggedness, reliability, weight and the ability to function in a wide range of climatic conditions, both in the U.K. and overseas.

It is well known that the blind already make extensive use of the echoes which occur naturally from footfalls, a walking stick and other noises in the vicinity, and it is equally well known that under conditions of high wind noise, road works or building construction, the ability to perceive echoes naturally may be seriously impaired. No attempt has been made with the present sonic aid to prevent sounds or noise of the latter kind reaching the ears, and the tones heard in the earpiece are quite different from other sounds, as the earpiece fits only lightly against one ear. However, this is the kind of difficult situation on which light should be thrown during practical everyday use in the coming field trials.

Evaluation Trials

St. Dunstan's is in the process of setting up an evaluation unit to plan and supervise field trials of fifty sonic aids during 1965. We are anxious to treat the whole question of evaluation on a scientific basis, working very closely indeed with blind people who participate in the trials. Initially, the co-operation of local organisations has been sought in the vicinity of Teddington where the National Physical Laboratory has kindly offered facilities from which to control the operation.

It is eventually intended to try out the aid with a representative cross-section of the blind community, particularly with regard to age, sex, onset of blindness and, in addition to having reports from users of the aid, observations and measurements of performance will form one of the most important aspects of the field trials.

The psychologist's report on the 1962 field trials at Worcester College for the Blind and at St. Dunstan's, using the first batch of ten prototype aids, clearly showed that some blind people could make use of the aid although it was rather heavy and bulky at that time.

With the availability of the new production engineered units conditions should be more favourable for the evaluators and there is a marked improvement, as might be expected, in the signal to noise ratio of the auditory output.

In a sensory aid for the blind, i.e. an aid which sets out to convey information to the brain by an alternative channel—the auditory one of course in this instance, it is essential that there should be a high degree of "match" between the instrument and the perceptual ability of a blind person to make use of it. That is to say the auditory information should be capable of being handled and translated quickly enough and at a stress level sufficiently low to make a positive contribution to independent mobility.

It will be remembered that the sonic aid supplies information which varies both in pitch and loudness, the former to indicate distance and the latter, perhaps, rather more subtle in character, gives information about surface textures of objects and the near environment. Additionally the nature of surfaces and the angle at which the outgoing beam strikes them markedly affects the

loudness of the received signals. It will be apparent that learning is bound to play an important part and light may be thrown on the kind of teaching techniques that will have to be evolved.

Simultaneously, organisations for the blind in nearly twenty other countries will conduct field trials with the new aid, and there should eventually be a valuable interchange of information, for no two groups could be expected to approach the task in exactly the same way; while climatic conditions, traffic density, and the layout of towns and roadways in other countries, will combine to add considerably to data we hope to obtain.

Mr. D. G. Hopewell

St. Dunstaners will be sorry to hear that Mr. Donald Hopewell, who has been a very popular figure as member of Council presiding at Reunions in many parts of the country for a number of years, has recently been obliged to enter Moorfields Hospital for an eye operation. However, readers will be glad to hear that Mr. Hopewell is now out of hospital and doing well.

To W.S.C.—A Tribute

Tears once he promised us. For him we must shed no tear.
Rather with thanksgiving place knight-hood's emblems upon his bier
To mark his chivalry.
Carve for him no monument of stone but a memorial of more lively worth.
Defend the weak and feed the hungry on this earth
Brooking no rivalry.
And pray Providence who is both his and our own maker
That we who are left may help to make Great Britain even greater
With humility.
By being granted the heart, the mind, the strengthening hands
To defeat disease and relieve oppression in other lands.
With nobility.
Then Churchill's fingered symbol of Beethoven's sounding "V"
May match Lord Nelson's signal from the masts of "Victory"
For the world to see!

BERNARD S. LEETE,
Stanmore.

Letters to the Editor

Further letters about Horace Kerr's suggestion to establish a fund for a permanent memorial marking St. Dunstan's gratitude to the public have been received. The main points made by our correspondents follow:

I wholeheartedly support Mr. H. V. Kerr's suggestion in his letter in the December REVIEW.

W. CHAS. TAPLIN,
Trowbridge.

I would like to express my warm approval and support for this excellent idea, and will be most happy to send my contribution as soon as it is decided to go ahead with the scheme.

RONALD SLADE,
Croydon.

If a gesture such as this is to achieve its intention the public must be acquainted of it.

I shall gladly support the majority decision on the matter, but, personally, I would prefer something very much quieter, needing no publicity, and at the same time marking the Golden Jubilee in a fitting manner. For example, there are still quite a few deaf-blind people in the United Kingdom who lack the basic amenity of a pocket watch. For a subscription of not more than ten shillings each this situation can be put right. We can say that we made this small sacrifice to assist our less fortunate brethren on the occasion of our fiftieth anniversary.

MIKE DELANEY,
Maidenhead.

I shall be pleased to send my subscription when arrangements for its collection are announced.

There are bound to be all kinds of suggestions. May I put mine? The training of deformed and physically handicapped children.

TIM GAIGER,
Devizes.

Might it be possible to form a Trust within the management of St. Dunstan's into which we could send donations, and even in turn, leave a sum in our own Wills, for the benefit of some project, the endowment of a Children's Bed perhaps.

PAUL BAKER,
St. Austell.

I am not quite in step with Horace's observations. Surely the people were so struck with pity at the sight or thought of a young war blinded soldier and so filled with compassion, that they gave so generously to the cause of St. Dunstan's.

However, St. Dunstaners would not have succeeded but for the dedicated help of countless helpers. Surely it is to these friends we owe a debt we can never repay

H. M. STEEL,
South Woodford.

Editor's Note

Mr. Horace Kerr asks us to say that he would like interested St. Dunstaners staying at Ovingdean on Saturday, 27th March, to meet him in the Winter Garden at 1.45 p.m. to discuss the scheme which he originally proposed, and help him form a committee.

Mrs. Sutton, of Madeley, Cheshire, has asked us to thank all those who have written to her on the occasion of her husband's death. Mrs. Sutton also tells that her husband was eighty-one when he died, not eighty years old as stated in last month's REVIEW.

Midland Club Notes

Our Social Evening, held on Saturday, 6th February, was a great success. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Twenty St. Dunstaners, with their wives, escorts and friends, were present. Three very good artistes entertained us and a most excellent buffet meal was arranged for us by the publican's wife. I think that we must try to have more of this kind of evening, it certainly goes down very well with members.

It was very nice to have our Chairman, Joe Kibbler, with us again, and feeling much fitter I am pleased to say.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 14th March, at the British Legion, Thorpe Street. It would be grand to see twenty members present at that meeting.

It is hoped to have a discussion at the meeting about this year's outing. Please come along and bring your ideas with you.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Hon. Secretary.

Collecting the Experiences of St. Dunstaners

by F. le Gros Clark

When the Chairman asked me last summer to try gathering together a record of some of the experiences of other St. Dunstaners, it did not immediately strike me that we were just coming up to our half century. I am now not only following out his suggestion; I am looking back thoughtfully, as a first world war man, at my own experiences over the years. Not at my private and domestic life since 1918, that was a personal affair, but rather at what might be called my public life, that is to say, the regular work I have done, the many interests I have developed, and the various societies of which I am a member. Meanwhile I was having many conversations and much correspondence with St. Dunstaners, and this has continuously stirred up memories of my own doings and given me, as it were, a fresh insight into them.

I found myself jotting down copious notes, and I wondered whether anyone else has been stimulated to do much the same. I asked myself why I was undertaking this, and the answer was that it might perhaps be of some little help to others in the future, who have to come to terms with this kind of handicap. There are bound to be many such—not war casualties, we hope, but at any rate civilians of about the same age as I was. My life is and has been a very satisfying one. So, I am sure from my acquaintance with them, have been the lives of many St. Dunstaners. It would be a pity for our generation to pass away without leaving some record of the nature of our various satisfactions and how we achieved them.

If anyone has had the interest to note down some of his own experiences, or indeed if anyone is moved by this article to do so, I should be very glad to hear from him. A combination of the different stories of several men must be far more valuable than that of a single man. It would be ideal, of course, if a few of us could meet and discuss the plan, but obviously that is not easy to arrange. Let me say what I am doing. I am recalling as frankly as I can such frustrating and disconcerting stages as I had to meet and

overcome, while I was getting into my regular work and the social activities I wanted to follow. Since I am inclined to look on the comic side of life, I tend to view them humorously. But I try to recollect how I circumvented them or decided to become philosophical about them and I especially consider how it has come about that I derive a deep satisfaction from most of my pursuits and interests.

Supposing a number of us agreed to try our hands at this plan of action, what would be the next step? Personally, I should prefer that anything made public about myself was not associated with my name. Not that that matters one way or another. But I feel it would give me a greater sense of freedom. The records of experience would have to be combined with care and woven together into a single representative record, containing suitable quotations. It might be of fair length, and the aim would be to give any reader a true and revealing picture of what can be achieved and how it is done. There would be no question of boasting in this, I imagine that most of us think of ourselves as normal men who have had to cope with a special handicap.

Since a good many of us have some leisure and energy, believe me that this is a satisfying way of passing the time, and since the Chairman has initiated the plan, it would not be wasted. Anyone who likes to get in touch with me about it can write to me at St. Dunstan's. Where it is possible, we might arrange a talk, but in any case I would reply by letter.

Mrs. Edith McLaren

We have heard with the deepest regret of the death on the 9th January of Mrs. Edith McLaren, the wife of David McLaren, of Stockton-on-Tees, and we send him and his son our very sincere sympathy in their great loss. "Flinty," who became "Mrs. Mac," will be remembered with affection by older St. Dunstaners, as she was one of Sir Arthur's first members of staff, being the head of the typewriting department for five years until she left London to live in the North in 1920.

Cardiff Club Notes

The Annual Dinner of the above Club was held on Saturday, 9th January, at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff.

Among the guests were Miss Newbold, the welfare visitor for this area, and Mrs. Caple, widow of our late Chairman, Mr. Jack Caple.

All ladies present received the gift of a headscarf, and Mrs. Evans, wife of Mr. Bert Evans, our Chairman, presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Caple.

Everyone present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and a vote of thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. Reg Parsons for their great work in arranging everything so perfectly.

I owe an apology to Mr. Rufus Jones for wrongly stating in my last month's report in the REVIEW that Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Pople had won the Dominoes competition, it should have read Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Rufus Jones, My sincere apologies.

D. STOTT,
Hon. Secretary.

Result of the Christmas Competition

The correct list was as follows:

1. PERPETUAL
2. MARTINET
3. CENTRAL
4. BRACKET
5. SEDENTARY
6. ORCHESTRA
7. TEMPORARY
8. AFTERMATH
9. INTERCHANGE
10. QUESTIONNAIRE

No-one submitted a perfectly correct entry. Tom Floyd, of Teignmouth, found eight of the words, and the next nearest were J. S. Hodgson of Fotheringhay, E. H. North of Taunton, Arthur G. Loveridge of Warehorne, and William V. Chitty of Hove, all of whom had six words correct. In the circumstances, it has been decided to award a prize of five guineas to Tom Floyd and four guineas each to the other four.

Incidentally, there were many ingenious solutions and we congratulate all competitors upon the excellent standard of their entries.

Bridge Notes

The first match of the individual competition, Brighton Section, took place on Saturday, 30th January.

The results were as follows:

- Webster and Rhodes, 36;
- Roughley and Partner, 35;
- Gover and Clements, 30
- A. Smith and Ingrey, 29;
- Kelk and Giffard, 27;
- Whitcombe and Burnett, 25.

That of the London Section was held on Saturday, 6th February.

The results were as follows:

- Brown and Nuyens, 56;
- Andrew and Delaney, 50;
- Carpenter and Freer, 49;
- Kerr and Jackson, 41;
- Bishop and Scott, 39;
- Meleson and Matthewman, 28;
- Fullard and Stanner, 27.

May I remind those taking part that there are nine matches during this season, and the five best individual results will decide the four players of each section to qualify for the finals. The finals will be held at Ovingdean on the Monday morning of the Ovingdean Congress.

As previously mentioned, the Ovingdean Congress will be held during the second weekend of November—from Friday, 12th November, until the evening of Monday, 15th November. You will notice that an extra day is included.

The Harrogate Week is to be held from Saturday, 11th September, until Saturday, 18th September. The Committee asks you to tell the Captain as soon as possible if you wish to attend as it is always difficult to arrange accommodation. If you have any intention of coming it is better to let us know as it is easier to cancel the booking than to have to make arrangements at short notice.

P.N.

Walking

Dates of forthcoming races are thus:

- 13th March, 7 miles, Kingston.
- 27th March, 6 miles, Ewell.
- 1st May, 7 mile Championship, Ewell.
- 22nd May, Stock Exchange, London to Brighton.
- 19th June, Brighton Sports.

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Additional Tape Titles—FICTION

Cat. No.		Playing time Hours approx.
724	BENNETT, ARNOLD—THE OLD WIVES TALE (1908) Read by Eric Gillett. Two sisters who have lived apart in Staffordshire and Paris rejoin each other in late middle age.	27
733	BENTLEY, PHYLLIS—INHERITANCE (1932) Read by Stephen Jack. The fortunes of a mill-owning family in Yorkshire between 1812 and 1920.	20
730	CARY, JOYCE—THE MOONLIGHT (1946) Read by Robert Gladwell. The powerful and sometimes destructive influences of a family on its individual members.	18
710	CHRISTIE, KATE—THE WAITING GAME (1962) Read by Gretel Davis. A study of the emotional ties binding three people who have grown up together.	7½
711	DAVID, MARGARET—TOMORROW'S SECRET (1963) Read by Arthur Bush. A girl adopted by a wealthy aunt has a difficult affair with a man she does not wish to marry.	8
734	DICKENS, CHARLES—A CHRISTMAS CAROL (1843) Read by Maurice Turner. The story of Scrooge and Marley's ghost.	3
728	ELIOT, GEORGE—MIDDLEMARCH (1871) Read by Gabriel Woolf. Provincial life in mid-Victorian days.	32½
713	HOWARD, ELIZABETH JANE—THE SEA CHANGE (1959) Read by Michael de Morgan. A study of four people, set in London and New York.	16
736	JEROME, JEROME K.—THREE MEN IN A BOAT (1889) Read by Michael Aspel. Comic adventures of three young men and a dog on a boating holiday up the Thames. <i>On the same tape with:</i> JEROME, JEROME K.—THREE MEN ON THE BUMMEL (1900) Read by Michael Aspel. The same heroes decide on a cycling tour in the Black Forest.	13
729	KINGSLEY, CHARLES—WESTWARD HO! (1855) Read by Stephen Jack. Adventures of Elizabethan seamen and their exploits against the galleons of Spain.	26
723	MITFORD, NANCY—DON'T TELL ALFRED (1960) Read by Marjorie Anderson. This novel about a British ambassador and his wife in Paris ridicules some diplomatic customs and protocol.	8½
727	MOORE, JOHN—THE BLUE FIELD (1948) Read by Timothy Gudgin. A sequel to <i>Brensham Village</i> (Cat. No. 683). Continues the story of people in a West country town.	7½
735	ORWELL, GEORGE—ANIMAL FARM (1945) Read by David Brown. A satirical fable in which animals form a society mirroring human class distinctions. <i>On the same tape with:</i> ORWELL, GEORGE—SELECTED ESSAYS (1961) Read by David Brown. Discussions on writers, literature, politics and language.	9½
722	PRIESTLEY, J. B.—THE GOOD COMPANIONS (1929) Read by John Curle. Brimming over with the idealism of youth, this book mirrors an England in which the barriers of sex, class and age come tumbling down.	29
719	SANSOM, WILLIAM—THE LAST HOURS OF SANDRA LEE (1961) Read by Gretel Davis. A young typist longs to be thought sophisticated, and the office Christmas party gives her the chance.	8
726	SNOW, LYNDON—DIFFICULT TO LOVE (1963) Read by Arthur Bush. A girl writes a best-selling novel but finds the atmosphere of the book invading her personal life.	6½
714	SVEVO, ITALO—THE CONFESSIONS OF ZENO (1930) Read by Duncan Carse. A Trieste businessman writes to his psychiatrist about the complications of his life. A moving and funny book.	17
732	WENTWORTH, PATRICIA—POISON IN THE PEN (1957) Read by Anthony Parker. Villagers receive anonymous letters and murders follow. The detective is Miss Maude Silver, an elderly lady who knits and listens.	9½
765	FIELDING, GABRIEL—THE BIRTHDAY KING (1962) Read by Clive Champney. In wartime Germany the Waitzmans control an industrial empire, and the younger brother betrays the elder to the Gestapo. Cruelty in the concentration camp is grimly realistic.	13½
770	GILBERT, MICHAEL—SKY HIGH (1955) Read by Stephen Jack. A house in a Surrey village is blown up. The police are hood-winked and the local residents eventually find the criminal.	7
764	HAGGARD, WILLIAM—THE ANTAGONISTS (1964) Read by Anthony Parker. About a dangerous situation, in which one world power is trying to murder a radar-scientist and another to use him.	7½

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Cat. No.		Playing time Hours approx.
763	HARDY, THOMAS—THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE (1878) Read by Eric Gillett. A drama of love and death, showing human beings pitted against the forces of destiny.	17
771	MAUGHAM, W. SOMERSET—THE MOON AND SIXPENCE (1919) Read by Robert Gladwell. This story of an artist who deserts his home and family for the primitive but colourful life of Tahiti, is based on the career of the French painter, Gauguin.	9
772	NORMAN, JAMES—THE FELL OF DARK (1960) Read by Peter Reynolds. In the cruel confusion of the Spanish Civil War, both sides search for Don Luis Sanroman, a venerated figure who unwittingly assumes political significance.	13½
768	RAYMOND, ERNEST—GENTLE GREAVES (1949) Read by Gabriel Woolf. In which an adopted daughter learns of the love between her real father and the mother who died when she was born.	25
767	SHUTE, NEVIL—BEYOND THE BLACK STUMP (1956) Read by Stephen Jack. A young American is sent to the Australian outback to drill for oil and falls in love with an Australian girl.	9½
NON-FICTION		
777	ASQUITH, MARGOT—AUTOBIOGRAPHY (1922) Read by Nancy Corfield. Memoirs of late Victorian and Edwardian society and politics, which, as the 1962 re-issue states "has mellowed with the passage of time."	14
762	AYER, A. J.—THE PROBLEM OF KNOWLEDGE (1958) Read by Duncan Carse. A discussion of what is meant by knowledge, and how knowing certain facts can be disputed philosophically.	9½
731	COLLINS, WILKIE—THE MOONSTONE (1868) Read by Eric Gillett. A classic detective story about the disappearance of a great diamond.	23
715	BIBBY, GEOFFREY—THE TESTIMONY OF THE SPADE (1957) Read by Duncan Carse. The story of prehistoric European man, his cave-dwellings, primitive weapons, tools, art and customs.	15
717	BOULT, ADRIAN—THOUGHTS ON CONDUCTING (1963) Read by Alvar Lidell. A study of the technique of several great orchestral conductors. <i>On the same tape with:</i> SHORE, BERNARD—THE ORCHESTRA SPEAKS (1938) Read by Alvar Lidell. Sketches of musical life by a great viola player.	9
778	DE QUINCY, THOMAS—THE CONFESSIONS OF AN ENGLISH OPIUM-EATER (1822) Read by Duncan Carse. In which the author describes his early life and the fantasies experienced through taking opium.	9½
760	FITZGIBBON, CONSTANTINE—THE BLITZ (1957) Read by John Dunn. The bombing of London, described by people who endured it and the A.R.P. workers and firemen who fought it.	10
774	FLEMING, IAN—THRILLING CITIES (1963) Read by David Broomfield. Sketches of night life in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Honolulu, Chicago, Monte Carlo and other lively cities.	7½
773	GIBBINGS, ROBERT—LOVELY IS THE LEE (1945) Read by Maurice Turner. Describing the beauty and wild life along the River Lee in County Cork, and meetings with the inhabitants.	6½
776	GIBBINGS, ROBERT—TILL I END MY SONG (1957) Read by Robin Holmes. The last book of one who loved the village life and natural beauty of the Upper Thames. Set in Berkshire.	6½
775	NETTEL, REGINALD—THE ORCHESTRA IN ENGLAND (1946) Read by Alvar Lidell. Traces the development of the orchestra, from the pre-classical period before Haydn and Mozart to that of the present-day concert-hall.	10½
761	QUENNELL, PETER (Ed.)—MAYHEW'S LONDON (1851) Read by David Broomfield. Selections from the "London Labour and the London Poor" by Henry Mayhew, showing costermongers, hawkers and scavengers in dire poverty redeemed by Cockney humour.	26½
766	TROLLOPE, ANTHONY—AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY (1883) Read by Eric Gillett. After education at Harrow and Winchester, his father's debts obliged Trollope to become a Post Office clerk. In later life his novels brought him fame and fortune.	12
769	WILLIAMS, ERIC—THE WOODEN HORSE (1949) Read by Alvar Lidell. A daring and ingenious escape from the notorious German prison camp, Stalag Luft 3.	9½
712	NEWMAN, BERNARD—UNKNOWN FRANCE (1963) Read by David Broomfield. Journeys through the Cevennes, Auvergne, Alsace and Lorraine, combining the historic past with the daily life of French country people.	8½

NON-FICTION

Cat. No.		Playing time Hours approx.
709	PICKLES, WILFRED—BETWEEN YOU AND ME (1949) Read by the Author. The story of the boyhood and early career of a well-known broadcaster.	6½
718	POPE-HENNESSY, JAMES—VERANDAH (1964) Read by David Broomfield. Victorian administration in the Crown Colonies, based on the private papers of Sir John Pope-Hennessy, Governor of Labuan, Barbados, Hong Kong and Mauritius.	13
725	PRINGLE, PATRICK—LET'S LOOK AT PARIS (1961) Read by Robert Gladwell. A tour of the city.	6
720	ROBINSON, JOHN A. T.—HONEST TO GOD (1963) Read by Stephen Jack. The Bishop of Woolwich argues that the traditional frame of Christian belief needs radical re-statement in the modern world.	4½
716	TREVOR-ROPER, H. R.—THE LAST DAYS OF HITLER (1947) Read by Andrew Gemmell. The author investigated the mystery of Hitler's death, questioned surviving witnesses and presents the dramatic story of the besieged Berlin bunker.	11½

Nelson's Column

Amongst the flood of books released nowadays this column cannot help but be a mere drop in the ocean. However, the short summaries on each title hereunder may help in choosing or rejecting some you know to be available.

"To Sir With Love," by E. R. Braithwaite, reader J. Kerr, is a bitter sweet tale of a Negro teaching in a Secondary Modern School in London, a Negro demobbed from the Royal Air Force and with sufficient degree in science to merit a good executive post. The harsh reality of the colour problem denies him the good post, and he turns to teaching at which, I believe, he has to exaggerate his success and write the bromide to soothe the bitterness in his innards. *Cat. No. 631.*

"A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," by A. Solzhenitsyn, reader David Broomfield, is as grey a piece of writing as one could possibly wish. A Russian Labour Camp on the fringe of Siberia makes a jolly setting for fear, hunger and the tiny important tricks each prisoner has to learn in order to remain alive. *Cat. No. 672.*

"Anatomy of Prison," by Hugh J. Klare, reader Tim Gudgeon, briefly lays out and studies the problems of the staff and prisoners in our Victorian prisons of today. Too small a book for such a vast subject and one destined, I am sure, to moulder on the library shelf. *Cat. No. 684.*

"Unknown France," by Bernard Newman, reader Robin Holmes, is a most enjoyable look at the Central Massif, Alsace and a patch of Lorraine.

Cat. No. 712.

"The Birthday King," by Gabriel Fielding, reader Clive Champney, sounds a cheerful, innocuous title until one realises its setting, July, 1939, a clothing factory near Munich owned by German Jews Mamma, Alfred, Ruprecht and Uncle Fritz, with a local baron on the board, to prove the firm is Aryan presumably. Alfred, the elder of the brothers will not make up his mind whether to run the business or follow a vocation in some monastic order. Ruprecht, a physicist, wishes to have the business. The ensuing treachery, brutality and horror lasts till 1945 when future prospects for the family look just as gloomy as they did before. A cheerful little number and, I believe, considerably expurgated. *Cat. No. 765.*

"The Antagonist," by W. Haggard, reader Anthony Parker, concerns a Radar Scientist on the verge of a significant breakthrough on anti-missile missiles. Gorja, a scientist on a visit to London from the Confederate Republic, a thinly veiled Yugoslavian, is a sick man. Colonel Charles Russell, head of Security Executive, has to look after the illustrious Gorja while Soviet agents try to kill him and a U.S.A. amateur tries to capture his mind. If the author is Walker Haggard he will soon qualify as a modern Ryder! *Cat. No. 764.*

"Thrilling Cities," by Ian Fleming, reader David Broomfield, contains a slick rather blasé dash through Hong Kong, Tokyo, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Chicago, New York, Hamburg, Berlin, Vienna, Geneva, Naples and Monte Carlo. Each as an article all well and good, but, thrown all together in book form, they lose their freshness and steal from each any other zest there might have been originally. *Cat. No. 774.*

Family News

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

G. Moore, of Blackpool, announces the wedding of his step-son, Barry, to Pauline Warren, on Saturday, 17th October, 1964.

Edward Bramson married Miss Merdie Heron in Brighton on 10th September, 1964.

Glyn, son of A. C. Wheeler, of Rhondda, South Wales, is to marry Miss Lynfa D. Lockyer in February.

Marriage of Grand-daughter

The grand-daughter of W. L. Thomas, of Bevendean, Brighton, Judith Phillips, was married to Norman McKee on the 24th October, 1964, in London, Ontario, Canada.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy is sent to the following:

BOORMAN.—To H. J. Boorman, of Faversham, whose mother-in-law passed away towards the end of 1964. She was 89 years old and had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Boorman.

DOUGLAS.—To G. L. Douglas, of Osterley, whose wife died on 28th January. We send our sympathy, too, to their daughter, Jean, who has lived at home with her parents.

PHILLIPPO.—To Dorothy Phillippo, whose father died on 19th December, 1964, in hospital quite suddenly after an operation. Our sympathy also goes to Mrs. Phillippo with whom Dorothy lives.

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Kenneth, son of A. C. Wheeler, of Rhondda, South Wales, has obtained his Queen's Scout badge.

Grandfathers

A. Palmer, of Grove Park, London, S.E.12, has become a grandfather for the fifteenth time. His daughter-in-law, Joan, gave birth to a daughter, Sally, on the 12th October, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Watts, of Wymondham, Norfolk, announce the birth of a grand-daughter, Michelle Annette Molyneux, born on the 3rd January.

S. R. Downs, of Woodingdean, Brighton (his son Ronald Leslie's wife has recently had a baby son, Stephen Robin); D. J. Atackof, Blackpool (for the second time, Brian's wife has had a daughter); G. F. Lofty, of Thorpe, St. Andrew's, Norfolk (his first grandchild, a girl called Kim Suzanne).

Adoption

Mr. and Mrs. Brockington, the daughter and son-in-law of H. R. Biggs, of Rottingdean, have adopted a three-month old baby named Paul.

Silver Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Brooke, of Wirral, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 14th February.

And congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ricketts, of Plymouth, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on the 27th January.

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We have heard from S. Barton, of Bootle, that his daughter, May, passed her S.R.N. in November last.

"In Memory"

Thomas Aldridge, *Border Regiment*

We have to record with deep regret the death at Pearson House on Tuesday, 9th February, of Thomas Aldridge, aged 78 years. He served in the Border Regiment from 1916 to 1919, but only came to St. Dunstan's in October, 1962. On account of his age and ill health no training was considered, and he has been a resident at Pearson House since February, 1963.

He was a widower, and to his only son and relatives we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

Arthur Boswell, *Royal Marine Light Infantry*

With deep regret we record the death of Arthur Boswell of Graffham, Sussex, on the 2nd February at Pearson House. He was aged 88.

He served in the Royal Marine Light Infantry from 1894 to 1919 but was not admitted to St. Dunstan's until 1963.

He was a widower, but we send our very deep sympathy to his five adult children and to his niece, Mrs. Noble.

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Ernest Brewer, *Gloucesters*

With deep regret we have to record the death at Pearson House on the 13th December, 1964, of Ernest Brewer at the age of 80.

He enlisted in 1906, and served with the Gloucesters until 1915. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1926 and trained as a mat maker. He continued this work for a time but later changed over to wool rugs, and in 1946 he went to Ovingdean as a permanent resident.

We send our deep sympathy to his family.

Hugh Fagan, *King's Liverpool Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death in hospital on the 12th February of Hugh Fagan, of Liverpool, at the age of 71.

He served in the King's Liverpool Regiment from 1914 to 1916, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1955 when, on account of his indifferent health, he was not able to undertake any training.

He was able to enjoy several holidays at Ovingdean. He was admitted to hospital gravely ill three weeks before his death, and to his widow we send this expression of our very sincere sympathy.

William George Heritage, *Royal Field Artillery*

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on Monday, 25th January, of W. G. Heritage, of Chacombe, near Banbury, aged 66 years.

He served in the Royal Field Artillery from 1917 to 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1918.

He trained as a poultry farmer and carried on this occupation right up to the time of his death. He had, however, been in poor health for the last few months, and was admitted to hospital on New Year's Day.

Although seriously ill, his death was both sudden and unexpected, and to his wife and grown-up family we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

Michael Christopher McCaffrey, *Royal Engineers*

With deep regret we record the death of M. C. McCaffrey, of New Malden, on 23rd November, 1964, aged 76.

He served in the Royal Engineers from 1916 to 1917, but was not admitted to our benefits until 1951.

In view of rather poor health he did not undertake training, but he spent many happy holidays both at Ovingdean and Pearson House. His health gradually deteriorated, and in 1963 he was taken seriously ill. He recovered to some extent, but in November, 1964, he was admitted to St. James' Hospital, Balham, where he died on 23rd November shortly after a serious operation.

We send our deepest sympathy to his widow and grown-up family.

Joseph Milewyczk, *Polish Army*

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home, on Tuesday, 12th January, of Joseph Milewyczk, of Aston, Birmingham, aged 54 years.

He served in the Second World War in the Polish Army (Tank Btn.) and came to St. Dunstan's in 1947.

He trained for Industry and carried on his work until last year when ill health compelled him to give it up. Although he was seriously ill, his death was very sudden, and to his wife and schoolboy son we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

James Vincent Lawrence Scott, *Royal Field Artillery*

With deep regret we record the death on 5th January of J. V. L. Scott at the age of 71.

He served with the Royal Field Artillery from 1909 to 1919. Before being admitted to St. Dunstan's he was resident in a Home for the Blind, but shortly after his admission he went to Ovingdean for a holiday, and on requesting to become resident with us he was transferred to Pearson House. He spent several very happy months with us before his death.

He was unmarried, but to his sister and other members of the family we send our deepest sympathy.

Andrew Sneddon, *1st Gordon Highlanders*

It is with deep regret that we record the death on the 2nd February of A. Sneddon of Hastings.

He served with the 1st Gordon Highlanders from 1915 to 1919 when he was admitted to our benefits. He undertook training in basket work, netting, wool rugs, and poultry keeping, but he mainly continued with poultry keeping, though after a time he had to give this up as he suffered so much with his facial injuries.

He always enjoyed the Reunion Gatherings, and very much enjoyed dancing.

We send our deepest sympathy to his widow, who has been in very poor health herself for some time, and to other members of his family.

Edward John Whiteman, *Royal Engineers*

With deep regret we have to record the death on Monday, 11th January, of E. J. Whiteman, of Bedford.

He served in the Royal Engineers from 1916 to 1919, but was not admitted to St. Dunstan's until 1962.

He was able to visit Pearson House once and very much enjoyed his holiday there, his death was sudden, though he had been ill for some time.

To his wife and family we send this expression of our very sincere sympathy.