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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

THE QUEEN

On Friday, 26th March, Her Majesty the Queen did us the honour of attending a Reception given by St. Dunstan's at St. James's Palace. There were about three hundred St. Dunstaners present, chosen by ballot, and including Messrs. Joe Lynch and Bob Archer from Australia, Raymond Masters from New Zealand, Johnny Doucet and Charles Hornsby from Canada and Mrs. Crawford from South Africa (unfortunately, Jim Crawford himself was not well that day).

In addition, there were some three hundred wives or escorts and members of our Council and Staff.

Sir Neville Pearson, our President, met the Queen and announced her entry in a brief and charming speech, and an orchestra from the Welsh Guards played the National Anthem.

Then the Queen spoke most graciously and I thanked Her Majesty, saying that St. Dunstaners' families all over the world, would receive Her Majesty's message with pleasure. The Queen said:—

"I am very pleased to be here today and join you in your celebrations to mark the fiftieth anniversary of St. Dunstan's.

"You have set a fine example to the whole of the blind world, and as your Patron I wish to each one of you long life, happiness and success in your endeavours."

Her Majesty spent an hour with us, talking in a most interested and friendly way to many St. Dunstaners, representing every aspect of our life, who were presented to her by Sir Neville.

Her Majesty the Queen is, of course, our Patron, and we were greatly honoured by her visit. Those of us who were lucky enough to be there felt that the visit was not only for us but for all St. Dunstaners everywhere.

This event was a most auspicious beginning to our celebrations which include special Reunions in various parts of the country and the Commonwealth, which will be recorded in later issues.



Sir Neville Pearson introduces Eileen Williams to Her Majesty after the presentation of the bouquet. Later the Queen walked through the various rooms where she met representative St. Dunstaners. Our picture (left), taken in the Queen Anne Room, shows James Irvine being presented.



ROYAL DAY

It is said that, mostly, the history of St. James's Palace has been happy but there could certainly not have been a happier occasion within its historic walls than March 26th when Her Majesty the Queen attended the reception celebrating St. Dunstan's fiftieth anniversary.

The Queen herself, wearing a peony red wool coat, with a velvet hat to match, and a diamond bow, was relaxed and happy as she talked and laughed with St. Dunstaners. Her bouquet had an overall effect of pink with great fragrance. It was made up of pale pink rosebuds, pink carnations and white, lilac and gold friesias.

The Royal party consisted of The Countess of Euston, Lady in Waiting; Lt.-Col. the Hon. Sir Martin Charteris, K.C.V.O., C.B., O.B.E., Assistant Private Secretary; and Sqdn.-Ldr. Michael Walmsley, Equerry.

COVER PICTURE: The Queen meets our earliest living St. Dunstaner, Tommy Milligan, and his escort, Miss Lilian Woolrych. St. Dunstaners of both generations will remember Miss Woolrych. She began as a Braille teacher in 1915 and later worked as a welfare visitor. In her retirement she still visits and assists one of our doubly handicapped St. Dunstaners.

THE CLOCK

I have had many wonderful letters from St. Dunstaners, telling me how much they appreciate the plans we have made for celebrating our Fiftieth Birthday and also acknowledging receipt of the Presentation Clock.

Many praise the design and comment also upon the fact that, while the clock presents a good appearance to sighted people, it is also functional in the sense that it has been especially designed for the blind. I would like to call particular attention to this, for it was one of the aspects of the clock which I personally insisted on.

The hands are exposed, sturdy and easy to feel in relation to the mark at the quarters and the five minute points.

The back has two holes, which are easy to find and easy to put the key into, so that both springs can be fully wound up by a blind person. It occurs to me that this little task might be a regular weekly duty which St. Dunstaners would undertake and that he or she would ask the rest of the family not to touch it.

I hope the clock will keep good time, but should it gain or lose a bit in its new environment, you can stop the minute hand with a gentle movement of the finger and thumb but be careful to do this in between strikes. For a 'Progress Report' on the delivery of the clocks I refer you to page 14.

Fraser of Lonsdale

Jubilee Greetings

Friends at home and abroad sent their greetings on our fiftieth anniversary. From Belgium came this message:

"Having much appreciated the wonderful work done by St. Dunstan's for the war-blinded Her Majesty the Queen Elisabeth of Belgium has asked me to convey to you her warmest congratulations on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of your organisation."

Another message from Belgium was from the war-blinded organisation, L'Oeuvre des Aveugles de Guerre de S.M. la Reine Elisabeth de Belgique. There were greetings from Colonel Sholto Grant, O.B.E., St. Dunstan's, South Africa; Mr. J. E. May, M.B.E., New Zealand St. Dunstan's; Mr. Allan Aaron, Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association; Sir Clutha and Lady Mackenzie from New Zealand and Mr. A. F. McConnell, M.B.E., formerly secretary of the Australian Blinded Soldiers' Association.

At home we were congratulated by the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind. There were also messages from former staff members and friends: Mr. Jack Rose; Miss M. A. Henham-Barrow; Miss M. K. Wilson, M.B.E.; Mrs. Frances James; Miss Kitty Mellor and St. Dunstaner, Charlie Durkin.

Lord Fraser acknowledged these messages on behalf of all St. Dunstan's.

St. Dunstan's Camp

H.M.S. Ariel have invited fifty St. Dunstaners to a week's Camp from August 13th to 21st.

All old Campers know what a wonderful week this is. Let's have some new names as well as old.

Closing date for entries is 15th May.

Camp £2. Fares over first £1 repaid in Camp.

MRS. SPURWAY.

The Vicarage, Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey.
Tel.: Dorking 73191.

From Miss de Faye

Dear St. Dunstaners,

Words cannot convey the deep gratitude and appreciation which I felt for you on receiving the beautiful Transistor Radio and a cheque which you so generously gave me on my retirement. You were all very much in my thoughts on the day it was presented to me. It was a wonderful gesture on your part, and I can only thank you with all my heart.

I need hardly tell you how much I shall miss you all, and I should also like to thank you for the happiness you have given me. I am proud to have been connected with St. Dunstan's and can honestly say that the years I have spent amongst you have been some of the happiest of my life. God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,

MARGARET DE FAYE.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE

An Historical Note

The Throne Room, the Entree Room, the Queen Anne Room, the Picture Gallery—these are the rooms in St. James's Palace in which the Reception to mark the 50th Anniversary of St. Dunstan's was held, so the following historical note may prove of interest not only to those who attended the Reception but also to St. Dunstaners who were unlucky in the draw.

Much remains of the St. James's Palace built by Henry VIII in 1532, although a disastrous fire in 1809 destroyed the east and south fronts.

On one side of the Grand Staircase there is the splendid portrait of Charles II by Michael Wright—the King is wearing the new Regalia made to replace that destroyed by Cromwell. On the right at the top of the opposite branch is a portrait of Charles painted just before his accession.

The Queen Anne Room was built in 1827 on the site of the Tudor Privy Chamber and the Little Drawing Room destroyed by the 1809 fire.

Next come the Entree and Throne Rooms, built by James II in about 1686. These two rooms were built to house the Council of State through which King James intended to rule in order to bypass a House of Commons generally opposed to his wishes. The view of the garden from the windows of these rooms at that time was much the same as it is today.

The Picture Gallery was built over a Courtyard in 1831. It contains the remains of an Elizabethan fireplace rescued from the 1809 fire. This carries Queen Elizabeth I's cypher, and, on the back plate, her emblems—the Greyhound and Griffin.

In the Entree Room are paintings of Admirals commanding at sea during William IV's long service in the Royal Navy, "Rodney" and "Keppel," both by Reynolds. Beside the portrait of William IV after Archer-Shee are those of Nelson and Jervis by Hoppner.

In the Throne Room is hung a portrait of George IV in Coronation Robes, by Lawrence, surrounded by carving attributed to Grinling Gibbons, and flanked by copies of the Winterhalter portraits of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort.

Apart from the fact that it was from here that King Charles I left for his execution on the January morning in 1649, there is little tragic in the story of St. James's Palace. It has been mainly a story of the domestic and social life of the Royal Family for the past 400 years.

Every Sovereign, and almost every great name in history since 1532, has at some time passed through these rooms—Burghley, for example, and Raleigh, Clarendon, Pepys, Walpole, Pitt, Nelson, Wellington and Churchill.

ANNUAL PARTY FOR BLIND

TELEPHONISTS

On Tuesday, 30th March, Shell Mex and B.P. Limited gave their customary annual party to the blind telephonists in their employment. These included six St. Dunstaners and four civilian blind, together with their wives and escorts.

Lord and Lady Fraser attended the dinner at Shell Mex House, as did Mr. A. D. Lloyds, Mrs. L. Brown, Telephone Supervisor, and other members of St. Dunstan's staff Mr. J. E. H. Davies, the Company's Vice-Chairman, received the guests on arrival, Mr. A. A. E. Morgan presided at the Dinner and other members of the staff of Shell Mex and B.P. Limited helped to entertain the company and make them feel at home with their customary hospitality and charm of manner.

After dinner, guests were taken to the Haymarket Theatre to see the play "Hostile Witness," and then back to Shell Mex House for coffee.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

The fiftieth anniversary of St. Dunstan's was celebrated at Cape Town during the weekend between Friday, 19th to 22nd March.

There are forty-three St. Dunstaners of European descent in the Republic, eight coloured men and two Bantu. All those able to make the journey attended the various functions which had been arranged and were as follows: a garden party held at Tembani, the one-time training and rehabilitation centre for St. Dunstan's and now the residence of the Counsellor to the American Embassy; a banquet for St. Dunstaners of European descent held at the Weisman Hall; a coach tour round the Cape Peninsular; and a dinner for non-White St. Dunstaners.

About two hundred people attended the banquet at the Weisman Hall, and guests included: The Hon. Mr. J. J. Serfontein, M.P., Minister of Social Welfare and Pensions, and Mrs. Serfontein;

the British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Stephenson, and Lady Stephenson; the Mayor and Mayoress of Cape Town; the British Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic and South America, Vice-Admiral J. M. D. Gray, who is an *ex-officio* patron of St. Dunstan's (South Africa).

Our Appeals and Publicity Officer, Lieutenant-Commander Robin Buckley, G.M., accompanied by Mrs. Buckley, represented St. Dunstan's in Britain at the celebrations.

Colonel Sholto Grant, O.B.E., Chairman of St. Dunstan's (South Africa), Mrs. Thelma McGivern and staff are much to be congratulated on the success of all the arrangements which were greatly enjoyed by all those who took part in them.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE: A St. Dunstaner's Impression

At long last the great day has come and gone, and we who were fortunate to be chosen as a representative body are now back in our own homes—for we were indeed guests at a Royal Palace. Since the day we were advised of the impending visit to London it was quite natural, I suppose, to feel a certain pride, and let me add a certain tension in anticipation of an invitation of such magnitude and, for us, an historic occasion.

I speak first of the excellent accommodation which our grand organisation provided for us at a luxurious hotel, for it prepared us for a further continuity of more dignified things to come. Upon arrival at the Palace we were reminded of the great privileges we St. Dunstaners had received, for we were scrutinised for our badges before being admitted to our allocated positions. We were directed to the White Room, or Picture Gallery, and we found ourselves really and truly surrounded by centuries of English history. Behind my wife and myself, Henry VIII gazed down.

The first gesture of the Queen's affection towards St. Dunstaners was to waive the singing of the National Anthem. Instead an orchestra, dressed beautifully in resplendent red uniforms, softly rendered the National Anthem. It was at this stage, whilst we were standing, that Her Majesty came amongst us, and, as Lord Fraser previously informed us, she desired us to know just what she was wearing. I thought this was a most gracious gesture, full of understanding. The Queen was exceedingly charming, speaking to the men and joking with them, leaving us with a warmth of affection hitherto not experienced by those who had not met her personally. Her Majesty concluded her visit by wishing us success in our endeavours and good health.

Sir Neville Pearson's presence turned my thoughts quite naturally to our founder who indeed made everything possible, not forgetting the wonderful generosity of the public which helped to make St. Dunstan's just what it means to us.

ALF ABRAM.

Mr. F. M. LUNT

Mr. Frank Lunt died on the 18th March. He had been ill for a considerable time. Mr. Lunt suffered a leg injury when serving as an Officer in the First World War.

A few days after the opening of St. Dunstan's Blackpool home, he offered his services. The purchasing of rationed and scarce goods became a sort of challenge to him. Every weekday morning, whatever the weather, he would travel from St. Annes, look up every man and member of the staff, make a shopping list, then search Blackpool shops until he got what was wanted. He never failed—tradesmen could not refuse his gentle appeal.

After the closing of the Blackpool home, he carried on his activities by visiting local St. Dunstaners, until poor health compelled him to give in.

On my visits to Mr. Lunt, his first inquiry was always for news of "those dear fellows."

St. Dunstaners will hear with deep regret of the passing of their very good friend.

Betty Vaughan Davies.

Liverpool Club Notes

The Liverpool Club held their Annual General Meeting on 27th March.

We were very sorry that several members were unable to attend owing to illness, and we send them our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The following members were elected to serve on the Committee: *Chairman*, F. Brook; *Vice-Chairman*, T. Kinder; *Treasurer*, J. Blakley; *Secretary*, V. Formstone; *Committee Members*, J. Owen, J. Davis and F. Ashcroft.

We would like to express our thanks to the ladies who have provided excellent teas and done much good work throughout the year.

Last month the Liverpool club members enjoyed a visit to the theatre, followed by dinner in a nearby restaurant. We are hoping to arrange another visit to the theatre in the near future.

The next club meeting will be 8th May and every alternative Saturday.

We hope to welcome as many St. Dunstaners as possible.

V. FORMSTONE,
Hon. Secretary.

Well Said

St. Dunstaners will doubtless agree with the sentiments expressed by Lt.-Cdr. G. W. Style, Chairman of the National Council for the Employment of the Disabled. Calling for an all-out effort during the 21st anniversary year of the Disabled Persons Employment Act to find more employment for disabled workers Commander Style said in Brighton on Tuesday, 6th April:

"The disabled are no longer regarded as cripples, to be shunned and hidden away hopelessly dependent upon others. Given only the will, there is now no longer any reason why almost every disabled person cannot be rehabilitated, trained, have job and machinery adapted for him in work within his capabilities, and enjoy full employment in open industry or sheltered workshops. In this way he can support himself and his family, win back his pride and have the satisfaction of knowing he is contributing to his country's prosperity."

Commander Style was speaking at a meeting at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, organised by the Brighton and District Disablement Advisory Committee.

"I often wonder," he said, "whether all employers really realise how relatively little effort or expense are needed in order to make even a seriously disabled person 100 per cent effective."

"Let me not imply criticism of, or ingratitude towards, the very large number of employers who nobly support the Act both in letter and in spirit. One likes to think that their support would equally be given even if there were no Act, and there is evidence that in many cases this would be so."

"We have at present about 655,000 on the D.P. Register. This represents about one in forty of our population. Of this total about 44,000 who are suitable for employment in open industry are unemployed. This, at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent of the Register, is far higher than the overall national unemployed percentage. What is needed in this anniversary year is the determination of all employers to get up to their quota quickly and even to fit in a few extra disabled employees."

A HAPPY END OF THE ROAD FOR MR. JOHN HALEY

Following the award of £5,750 to Mr. John Haley against the London Electricity Board, made in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, as reported in the *Review* last December, an appeal was lodged against the amount of damages. The Court of Appeal has now raised the award to £10,000, plus interest at 4 per cent accumulated since the House of Lords judgment on the question of principal was decided last July; this amounts to an additional £300.

St. Dunstaners will remember that in October, 1956, Mr. Haley tripped over a punner hammer left across the pavement in Charlton Church Lane, Woolwich, to give warning of an excavation dug by employees of the London Electricity Board, and the action for damages alleging negligence arose from this accident.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Haley and Mr. Edward Terrell, O.B.E., Q.C., his leading Counsel, and his other advisers on the very satisfactory outcome of the case, which may now be taken as finally settled.

GUIDE DOGS

Most Guide Dog owners can recall examples of ways in which their dogs have helped them in difficult situations outside those which are part of the dog's normal training.

Our St. Dunstaner, Freddie Mills, of Tavistock, Devon, for example, tells how, in the snow and icy weather of early March, his dog, Sue, noticed how his feet were slipping and threw herself against his leg to prevent him falling, and then, on her own initiative, took him across the road where there was less ice.

The experts say that dogs do not reason as we humans are supposed to do, but we would be interested to hear from other Guide Dog owners who may have tales to tell about acts demonstrating a high degree of intelligence or responsibility displayed by their dogs.

Midland Club Notes

Although Sunday, 11th April, was rather a cold, damp and blustery day, this did not deter sixteen St. Dunstaners, with their wives, escorts and families, from attending the regular monthly meeting of this Club.

Whilst we waited for tea to be prepared for us by our lady helpers, to whom we are extremely grateful, we chatted amongst ourselves about one thing or another. Teddy Mills, our deaf-blind colleague, is always keen to chat about his garden to anyone who is interested in this hobby, and he has many good tips up his sleeve.

After tea we discussed one or two different items of business regarding the Club, including outings, etc. We then all assembled in the lounge of the British Legion to play dominoes. This was mainly taken up with the knock-out competition, and we managed to get through the first round of the contest. It is now hoped to play off the second round at our next meeting, which will be held on Sunday, 9th May.

It would be very nice to see some more new faces at that meeting, as well as some of those who have dropped off attending for one reason or another. Please come along and give us your support, there are enough St. Dunstaners in Birmingham and surrounding districts to make this the best club in St. Dunstan's. Do not stay away because the things that you want to do are not done, come along and bring your ideas—we are willing to have a go at most things, but we must have the right support to go ahead with ideas.

Mr. Bob Croyman has now taken over our V.T.S. problems and, after his wedding in May, hopes to get down to the job of sorting our transport. All members offer Bob and his future wife all the very best of luck. We also send congratulations to our old friend, Bob Finch, who has once again won first prize in the local handicraft exhibition. He received a silver bed tray. Good luck, Bob!

D. E. CASHMORE,
Hon. Secretary.

Cardiff Club Notes

Our Club meeting for April was held last Saturday, but only a few members were present owing to sickness, etc.

We were all sorry to hear that our Chairman's wife, Mrs. Olive Evans, is so poorly, also Mrs. Arthur Wheeler, who is now convalescent at Brighton. We send our sincere wishes to them both for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them at the Club once again.

It was very nice to see Mr. and Mrs. Durkin with us once again, and hope that with the nice weather we shall see them more often. Will all members try to be present at our main meeting as we wish to discuss arrangements for our annual outing.

D. STOTT,
Hon. Secretary.

BRIDGE COMMENTARIES

This is no story of Dan M'Gru
Or the lady who's known as Lu,
Yet it is of gaming that's quite true
But with a sequel of a different brew.
Bridge is the subject of my lay,
Portraying in words the simple way
A problem like boredom is swept away
By a game which all can learn to play.
To learn how potent is this nostrum,
Just look in at the Winter-Garden,
Late at night or early morning,
And watch those bridge fans bid and
bargain.
No sign of boredom or wasted leisure
Usurps their reign of acquired treasure
Which gives to life the added pleasure
Of cheating time of its ceaseless pressure.
Although Cosmonauts the world may
stagger
By turning space into solid matter,
When walking where footsteps make no
clatter,
Such wonders pale against a grand-slam
offer.
Whence came this game which now holds
sway
Over all the others our comrades play?
Who pioneered this absorbing social art
Which let in light where it was dark?
The name of Field must have first claim
Since it was he who lit the flame,
Then nurtured it with skill and care
Unto its present flare.

T. ROGERS,
Huddersfield.

St. Dunstan's and the British Legion

We have news of three St. Dunstaners who are active members of the British Legion.

S. Loram, of Brixham, has been elected President of the Brixham British Legion Club.

H. Wheeler, of London, S.W.20, is Chairman of his local British Legion, and was invited to attend a Civic Dinner on 20th January, which was given by the new London Borough of Morton. His local Branch, though it has only been running for four years, has won the Cup presented in the Metropolitan Area of the British Legion to the most progressive branch. Incidentally, Mr. Wheeler is also an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Kingstonian Football Club.

A. Stevens, of Winnersh, has had the honour to have been made a life member of the British Legion at his Club's Annual Dinner on 6th March.

BRIDGE NOTES

The results of the third match of the Individual Competition, London Section, played on Saturday, 3rd April, were as follows:

Brown and Carpenter, 57;
Scott and Fullard, 45;
Bishop and Meleson, 42;
Delaney and Mathewman, 42;
Stanners and Nuyens, 41;
Freer and Jackson, 31;
Bickley and Partner, 48.

The results of the third match of the Brighton Section were as follows:

Whitcombe and A. J. Smith, 34;
Clements and Ingrey, 34;
Webster and Kelk, 28;
Rhodes and Gover, 28;
Slaughter and Roughley, 28
Giffard and Burnett, 28.

A slight misunderstanding may have been caused by the reference in last month's Bridge Notes to the "Harrogate Weekend." This is, of course, a week—from 11th to 18th September.

OVINGDEAN NOTES

What better moment than this, following so soon after the fiftieth anniversary issue of the *Review* to remind particularly our younger members of forthcoming activities and to exhort them into putting their best effort forward now!

We are glad, therefore, to tell our readers that the second Sports Weekend, which we hope will be an even bigger success than the first held last year, will take place at Ovingdean from Friday evening, 18th June, until Sunday evening, 20th June.

A limited number of beds are again being reserved at Ovingdean for competitors, and St. Dunstaners wishing to take part should write as early as possible to the Commandant so that they may receive full details and entry forms.

We shall again be including a St. Dunstan's Walk (Saturday morning), Field Events, Swimming, Ten Pin Bowling, etc., and the Institute of Advanced Motorists are hoping to organise another Car Rally for us. In addition, there will be Deep

Sea Fishing organised for a limited number. Please write in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Now, for the rest of the news from Ovingdean. We shall, at the end of this Term, which is just before Easter, be saying farewell to another long service member of the Teaching Staff upon retirement. "Les" White started as a Braille Instructor at Church Stretton in January, 1941, and many St. Dunstaners from the Second World War and later will remember his patience in guiding them through their early days of stumbling fingers! Indeed several have already expressed the wish to be associated with a suitable presentation and Commandant has, therefore, agreed to act as Treasurer for the fund, and will be pleased to receive any donations at Ovingdean. Mr. White's place on the Staff will be taken by Miss Dorothy Phillippo, an ex-member of the A.T.S. and a St. Dunstaner since 1953, who has previously worked as a telephonist for several years.

DERBY SWEEPSTAKE, 1965

Applications are once again invited from St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's trainees for tickets in the St. Dunstan's *Review* Derby Sweepstake. The attention of everyone is drawn to the rule that **every application for tickets made in the British Isles must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.**

Tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and applications for them should be made as soon as possible and will be received up to the first post on **Wednesday, 19th May.** Each application must bear the name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, and, with a stamped addressed envelope enclosed, must be sent to the Editor, St. Dunstan's *Review*, 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to St. Dunstan's and

crossed. Loose money should not be sent unless it is registered.

Tickets will be issued consecutively, and are limited to twenty-four.

The total money subscribed, less the cost of printing and expenses, will be distributed as follows:—

50 per cent to the holder of the ticket drawing the winning horse.

20 per cent to the holder of the ticket drawing the second horse.

10 per cent to the holder of the ticket drawing the third horse.

20 per cent to be divided equally among those drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

No prize won in the Sweepstake will be paid to any person other than the person to whom the winning ticket was sold.

The Draw will take place in the London Club on the evening of Thursday, 27th May.

FAMILY NEWS

Births

HIGGINS.—On 15th March, to the wife of T. W. Higgins, of Newton Longville, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

KHABBAZI.—To the wife of S. Khabbazi, of Tooting, a son, Hassan Zaki, born on 2nd March.

MUNDAY.—On 23rd March, to the wife of B. J. Munday, of Norwich, Diana Elisabeth, a sister for David.

THOMAS.—On 28th March, a son was born to the wife of D. Thomas, of Bolton.

Marriages

Charles Whympers Blandy, son of W. E. M. Blandy, of Pangbourne, was married on 20th March to Roberta Judith Hards, at St. Mary's, Chieveley, Berkshire. Charles Blandy is a regular soldier, a Captain in the Royal Artillery.

Robert Griffiths, son of W. Griffiths of Blackburn, was married to Christine Walders, of Blackburn, also on the 20th March.

Anthony, son of T. A. Renshaw, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, was married on Saturday, 3rd April, to Miss Lorraine Yeatman.

Peter, son of A. Reagen, of Hastings, was married on March 13th to Miss Margaret Valentine, at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Sutton St. Helen's, Lancashire.

Deaths

We send our very sincere sympathy to the following:

T. B. Hind, of Nuneaton, who mourns the death of his youngest brother in March.

To J. Pearson, of Manchester, whose wife died on Saturday, 13th March.

To J. G. Rose, of North Berwick, who lost his wife on Monday, 15th March.

Grandfather

H. Hocking, of Stacksteads, near Baccup (a grandson, Paul, born on the 4th March).

Silver Weddings

Very many congratulations to the following who have celebrated their Silver Weddings:

COOK.—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cook, of High Wycombe, on the 10th February.

DICKEY.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Dickey, of Wirral, on the 23rd March.

EVANS.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Evans, of Newbury, on the 23rd March.

WOMACK.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Womack, of Leicester, on the 23rd March.

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Raymond, son of our St. Dunstaner, J. Inness, of Dewsbury, has won a Silver Medal in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

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We hear from D. E. McCarthy, of Northampton, that his daughter has just won a holiday for two in Majorca as a result of a competition organised by a nationally known firm.

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Edward, son of E. G. Anderson, of East Ham, who is a Staff Sergeant in R.E.M.E. in Aden, has recently been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal—18 years service. He returns from Aden next month after the normal tour of duty. Staff Sgt. Anderson is married with three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will be seeing the youngest for the first time when they stay with them for part of the leave.

Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind

Additional Tape Titles—FICTION

Cat. No.		<i>Playing Time Hours approx.</i>
810	DEIGHTON, LEN—HORSE UNDER WATER (1963) Read by Peter J. Reynolds. A British agent is assigned to retrieve some forged currency from a sunken U-boat off the coast of Portugal.	9
816	DREW, MARGARET BOYCE—THE LITTLE DOGS LAUGHED (1961) Read by Judith Whale. The gift of a miniature poodle leads to amusing adventures in the world of breeders and dog shows.	7
813	GRAHAM, WINSTON—THE GROVE OF EAGLES (1963) Read by George Hagan. Adventures of a young Cornishman in the days of Sir Walter Raleigh and the Spanish Armada.	25½
819	GREEN, MICHAEL—DON'T PRINT MY NAME UPSIDE DOWN (1963) Read by Michael Aspel. A young reporter has many amusing adventures interviewing people and writing up events for the local newspaper.	5
807	HOLT, VICTORIA—BRIDE OF PENDORRIG (1963) Read by Gretel Davis. Favel comes under the spell of her husband's old Cornish house and the legend surrounding the fate of earlier young brides there.	13
812	PRIESTLEY, J. B.—SIR MICHAEL AND SIR GEORGE (1964) Read by Robin Holmes. Rivalry between the Heads of two competing Arts Councils, with witty comments on modern art and Civil Service procedure.	8
811	PROUST, MARCEL—SWANN'S WAY (1922) Translated by C. K. Scott Moncrieff. Read by Robin Holmes. A work of imagination in which the author recaptures his world of childhood through the links of association afforded through the sensations of the present.	21½
809	SMITH, CLARE BRETON—THE DOCTOR'S PROBLEM (1963) Read by Arthur Bush. Outward harmony exists between a doctor and his wife, despite his possessive mother, until a young nursing sister arrives, in South Africa.	6
815	"MARK TWAIN"—HUCKLEBERRY FINN (1884) Read by David Bauer. Adventures of young Huck and his negro friend Jim on a raft floating down the Mississippi.	9½

NON-FICTION

808	ASTOR, MICHAEL—TRIBAL FEELING (1963) Read by David Geary. Self-discovery by a young man breaking away from a life of privileged wealth and the dominance of his Puritan mother, Nancy Astor, first woman M.P.	9
817	BRYANS, ROBIN—SUMMER SAGA (1960) Read by Alvar Lidell. A journey through Iceland, land of volcanoes, glaciers and fertile pastures, and meeting its friendly people.	8
806	GRIERSON, HERBERT—THE BACKGROUND OF ENGLISH LITERATURE (1925) Read by Andrew Gemmell. Studies of romantic and metaphysical poets, Byron, Arnold, Blake, Swinburne, Gray and Cervantes.	10½
803	HIBBERT, CHRISTOPHER—THE COURT AT WINDSOR (1964) Read by Duncan Carse. The story of Windsor Castle, portraying the lives of Kings, Queens and others who have lived there from Norman times to present day.	13
814	MILNE, LORUS J. and MARGERY—THE SENSES OF ANIMALS AND MEN (1963) Read by John Richmond. How insects, birds, fish and mammals use their senses of direction, night-vision, balance and temperature-sensitivity, which in man are comparatively rudimentary.	11½
805	MORTON, H. V.—IN THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL (1936) Read by Alvar Lidell. The author follows the Great Apostle throughout his missionary journeys in Greece, Turkey, Syria, etc.	18½
818	STEVENSON, R. L.—FAMILIAR STUDIES OF MEN AND BOOKS (1882) Read by David Brown. Essays on Victor Hugo, Robert Burns, Walt Whitman, Thoreau, Villon, Samuel Pepys and John Knox.	17
804	YEATES, V. M.—WINGED VICTORY (1934) Read by Duncan Carse. Authentic account, in fiction form, of Royal Flying Corps pilots and the air battles of 1914-18.	14

In Memory

W. Burgin, Royal Engineers

It is with deep regret that we record the death on 27th March of Walter Burgin, of Northwood, at the age of 81.

He served in the Royal Engineers from 1914 until 1917, when he was admitted to St. Dunstan's. He took training in poultry farming, netting and matmaking. He continued with poultry farming and made netting and matmaking spare time occupations. After twelve years of farming as a single man he married and continued with his poultry work until 1938 when he gave up and moved to Sussex.

His wife died in 1959 and after this sad event he moved to Northwood to live with his son and his family to whom our sincere sympathy is extended.

J. Hier, R.G.A.

We have to record with deep regret the death on 31st March of John Hier of Bridgend. He was aged 70.

He served with the R.G.A. from 1915 to 1918, but his sight did not fail until 1954 when he became a St. Dunstaner. He was a victim of a gas attack in the First World War.

On account of his age and indifferent health he was not able to follow any training. His wife died in 1958 and we send our very sincere sympathy to his daughter and son-in-law and their family who have cared for him most devotedly.

W. J. Matthews, Royal Navy

With deep regret we record the death of William James Matthews on the 9th April, 1965.

He enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1928 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1948. He took training in woodwork which he did for some time quite successfully but then, owing to ill health, he was unable to continue and he did some wool rug work. He returned to Ovingdean in 1961 and took a refresher course in hobby joinery. Since then his health has gradually deteriorated and he died in hospital.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to his widow.

D. F. C. McAlpin, Indian Army—R.I.A.S.C.

We record with deep regret the death on 14th March, 1965, of Major D. F. C. McAlpin, of Hove, at the age of 75.

He served as a regular in the R.I.A.S.C. in the First War and for some years after it, and again on the supply side in the Second War. His sight began to fail towards the end of his army service and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1955. He had been in poor health for some time but his death at home was sudden and unexpected. Duncan McAlpin will be remembered by all who knew him for his friendly, cheerful personality and his fund of interesting and amusing stories: he contributed a number of articles to the *Review* under the title of "Tales of Ind."

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

T. W. Salter, 18th London

We record with regret the death on 31st March of Thomas William Salter, of London, S.W.11. He was 67 years old.

He enlisted in 1915, and was admitted to our benefits in 1918 when he trained as a telephonist. From 1923 he was with the same firm until his retirement in 1958. He very much enjoyed his retirement, and was in good health until last year. However, he suffered a sudden relapse and was admitted to Brompton Hospital on 31st March, where he died after a few hours.

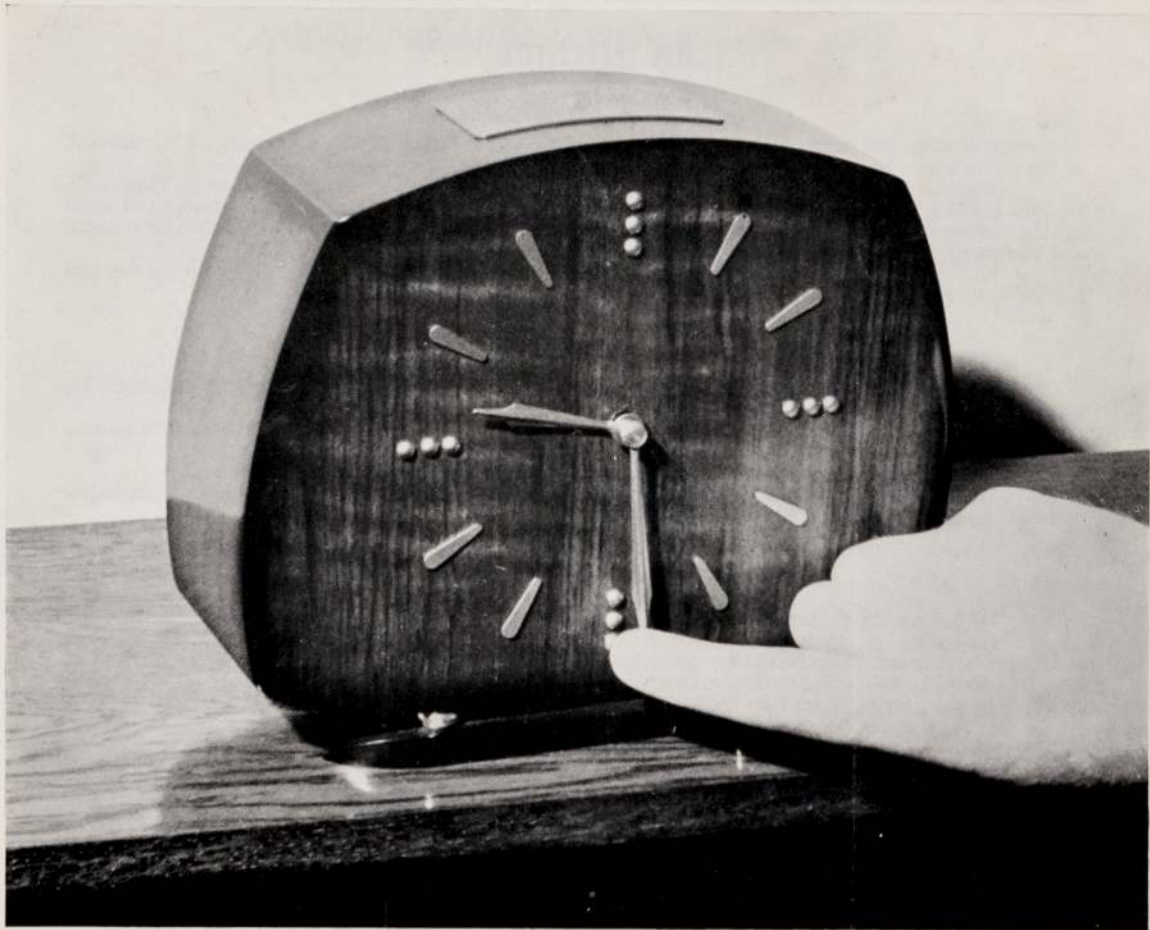
We send our deepest sympathy to his wife and two sons.

J. Scrymgeour, O.B.E., 2nd Australian Light Horse

With very deep regret we record the death on the 27th March of James Tindal Steuart Scrymgeour, O.B.E., of Warwick, Queensland, Australia. He was 79.

He enlisted in 1916 with the 2nd Australian Light Horse, was discharged in 1918, and came to St. Dunstan's in 1919. He undertook training in Braille and typing and also gained 1st Class Certificates in poultry farming. He returned to Australia in 1920 and purchased a property on which he built up his famous Netherby Poll Shorthorn Stud—he retired from this in 1957, having been awarded the O.B.E. in 1954 for his services to the cattle industry.

His wife died in 1962 and we send our very sincere sympathy to his two daughters.



ANNIVERSARY CLOCKS—PROGRESS REPORT

The first 600 clocks were despatched to St. Dunstaners by the second week in April from the works of the manufacturers, Messrs. Tucker, Nunn and Grimshaw, in Hatton Garden. This despite an invasion by the cameras of Independent Television News who filmed the production line!

It is expected that the total of 1,600 clocks for people in the U.K. will all be mailed by May 8th, while the clocks going abroad should all have reached their destination by August.

In a small number of cases among the clocks already despatched the operating instructions have unfortunately been omitted. If your clock arrives without them, please let the Welfare Department know. The instructions are in letterpress and Braille, together with the manufacturer's guarantee.

A small number of clocks may suffer slight displacement of the gong itself in transit. Should your clock not strike with a pleasant, mellow tone it is almost certain that slight adjustment is needed. This work is only a matter of a few seconds and the manufacturer is prepared to pay the cost of two or three shillings should it be necessary to ask a clock-maker or jeweller to make this small adjustment.