



Dr. R. G. Manton, of the B.B.C., speaking during the Ham Radio Week-end.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CALLING THE WORLD

"This is ZS2PY calling St. Dunstan's festival station GB3STD and a special greeting to listeners to Radio Newsreel. This is a very rare privilege and I'd like to say that being the only girl St. Dunstaner who also happens to be a ham, has given me this honour. I bring greetings from South Africa to all of you who are listening-in over the air and who may be gathered round Lord Fraser as he sits, the host at the festival week-end at Ovingdean in Sussex." The voice of St. Dunstan's personality girl in South Africa, Iris de Reuck, gave this message to listeners to the B.B.C. Radio Newsreel programme on 23rd March. She was recorded by reporter Frank Hennig when her call came through right on schedule during the 1968 Ham Radio Week-end at Ovingdean, from Port Elizabeth, some 5,000 miles away in Cape Province.

About 25 St. Dunstaners, not all of them qualified hams but all interested in the hobby, were in the Wintergarden for the conference session which, after Lord Fraser's formal opening and welcome to the guests, included talks by Dr. R. G. Manton, of the B.B.C.'s aerial planning development department on antennae systems, and Mr. R. J. Hughes, of the Radio Society of Great Britain, on transmitters and receivers for beginners. Guests included Mr. J. C. Graham and Mr. J. Swinnerton, President and Vice-President of the R.S.G.B., Mr. H. J. Houlgate, of the B.B.C. and chairman of St. Dunstan's experimental committee, and Mr. C. Scarrott, Radio Amateur Invalid and Bedfast Club. In charge of GB3STD's transmitter, a Swann 350, and contributing to

the technical discussions, was Mr. Terry Edwards of Philadelphia Electronics.

Welcoming the visitors, Lord Fraser expressed the hope that St. Dunstan's close affinity with the Radio Society of Great Britain would become closer and he paid tribute to the Radio Amateur Invalid Bedfast Club as a "splendid club which we are very glad to have represented here." The Chairman also expressed St. Dunstaners' thanks to the Matron, Commandant and the staff of Ovingdean and to other members of St. Dunstan's staff, notably, Mr. Norman French, who had helped to bring the conference about.

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COVER PICTURE:

'QSL' cards received by GB3STD

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Radio Hams

The word 'Ham' is a nickname, commonly used throughout the world, for an amateur who uses a small radio transmitter. There are hundreds of thousands of them in the world and 13,000 in the United Kingdom. A handful of these are blind or bedfast.

Amongst St. Dunstaners, there are twelve in the United Kingdom, two in South Africa and others in Canada, New Zealand and Australia. The majority of those who live in the U.K. together with a number of others who—although they do not transmit, are listeners to short wave radio signals and are interested in the hobby—attended a special Reunion at St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, during the week-end of March 23-24th.

Lady Fraser and I spent a day with them to encourage this excellent hobby, in which I am particularly interested because I was one of the earliest radio 'Hams', having my own transmitting station for two to three years between 1920-1925. I only gave it up when I got into Parliament and found I had not the time, especially in the evenings.

It is a good hobby for a blind person, especially if he has a technical turn of mind. He may be mildly interested in the techniques of it or he may become a serious student of electricity and electro-magnetic waves and their behaviour. In addition, it provides him in his own home with a host of friends all over the world to whom he can talk when he has an hour to spare or is feeling lonely. Using special bands of short waves, allocated by the Post Offices of the world, and very little power—often not more than the equivalent of a powerful electric light or a small electric radiator—the Ham can communicate with a friend half way round the world.

St. Dunstan's is willing to help our members to start this hobby and particulars of what we are able to do can be obtained from Mr. Norman French at Headquarters.

Scientific Chairman, F.R.S.

One of the most enviable honours is to be made a Fellow of the Royal Society. This is the premier scientific society in the United Kingdom and perhaps in the world and its membership is limited to men who have made a notable contribution in their particular field.

Dr. D. E. Broadbent, who succeeded Dr. Uttley as Chairman of our Scientific Committee, has just been made a fellow. He is Director of the Medical Research Council's Applied Psychology Research Unit at Cambridge and will be well-known to many readers as a broadcaster, usually as a member of scientific panels and discussion groups.

During a year of Dr. Broadbent's absence on a sabbatical leave, which terminates in about three months' time, Professor R. L. Beurl of Nottingham University, who will be remembered for his pioneering work on the first Talking Book cassette system, has been deputising as Chairman of our Committee.

I offer the very warm congratulations of St. Dunstan's to Dr. Broadbent.

Colonel Eddie Baker

On another page you can read an obituary notice following the recent death of Eddie Baker.

The diminishing number who knew him personally at St. Dunstan's during the first war will miss a friend whom they thought of with affection; the rest of St. Dunstan's, who knew him by repute, will feel that they have lost an outstanding member of our world wide family. Canadians, of course, will have a special place for him in their hearts, but his example inspired and his services benefitted the whole blind world. He wrote more than his own page in St. Dunstan's history and that, for us, will be his best memorial.

My wife and I knew him, and his wife "Bill" and their family, intimately. We join with the whole body of St. Dunstan's in expressing our sympathy with them.

"Cure for Blindness"

Commander Buckley wrote an admirable review of Walter Thornton's book "Cure for Blindness" in the March *Review*.

My wife and I knew Walter Thornton and his splendid wife, Margaret, very soon after he was blinded and have watched his career with interest and admiration ever since. This book, interesting as a story of the conquest of his disability, calls to mind many recollections of Church Stretton days and deals at length with a subject Walter Thornton has studied deeply, namely that of mobility.

I remember what an outstanding example this young blinded officer gave us at Church Stretton when, soon after he was blinded, he was walking all over the town, determined to find his way alone. In this book he deals in detail with his own experiences with the sonar torch and the long cane technique and the establishment in Birmingham of the only school in the United Kingdom where the long cane procedures are taught and which he himself founded. I commended the book to St. Dunstaners who can ask for a copy from their libraries, or if they cannot obtain this can write to Men's Supplies Dept. at Headquarters, where we have a number of copies that can be borrowed for reading or study. This is a notable book to add to the many that have been written on various aspects of victory over blindness.

Fraser of Lonsdale

Coming Events—page 8.

Annual Entertainment for Blind Telephonists

Shell Mex and B.P. Limited entertained their blind telephonists again this year with a cocktail party, dinner and theatre on March 21st. St. Dunstaners who attended with their wives or members of the family were W. Evans, J. Blackwell, G. Poole, H. Petty, R. Phillips, and W. Phillips.

Mr. A. A. E. Morgan, Manager, Establishment Services Division, presided at the dinner as on previous occasions and he was supported by a strong contingent from the staff of Shell Mex and B.P. Limited, including one of the directors, Mr. H. E. Barry who is also General Manager, Group Services. Several other directors of

the company also honoured us with their presence at the cocktail party.

Lord Fraser, who was accompanied by Lady Fraser was principal guest and members of the St. Dunstan's staff included Mr. A. D. Lloyds, Mr. G. P. Owens and Mrs. L. E. Brown, telephone supervisor.

The play "According to the Evidence" at the Savoy Theatre was much enjoyed and after the performance, leading members of the cast came to the auditorium to chat with our party. Perhaps the actor among them the best known to our readers was Mr. Naunton Wayne.

Colonel E. A. Baker, C.C., O.B.E., M.C.

It is with deep regret that we record the sudden death on 7th April at Kingston, Ontario, of Colonel Edwin Baker aged 75. Born on 9th January, 1893, Edwin Albert Baker came from a long established family of farmers in Ontario but he himself went to Queen's University, Kingston, and obtained a B.Sc. in electrical engineering.

Early in the first World War Baker was called to serve as an officer in the 6th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, and was blinded by an enemy rifle bullet in Belgium in October, 1915, when he was 22 years old. After hospital treatment he came to St. Dunstan's in London in January, 1916, where he remained for about six months undergoing rehabilitation and training generally. At this time he lived with Sir Arthur and Lady Pearson and other blinded officers at 21 Portland Place. Eddie Baker was quick to respond to the St. Dunstan's atmosphere and training and amongst his recreational achievements he became the leading oarsman of that year.

Employment for blind people was virtually non-existent in Canada at that time but, through the influence of relatives and friends, Eddie Baker obtained an administrative job with the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission just a year after he lost his sight, working first in Toronto and then in Ottawa. Deeply conscious of the needs of the neglected blind in the Dominion, Baker joined forces with another war-blinded Canadian, Corporal A. G. Viets. Together they expanded the small Braille library which existed in Toronto and went on to found the Canadian National Institute for the Blind so that the problems of rehabilitation, training and after-care of all blind people could be begun, and the public at large informed and invited to help financially. This was in 1918.

The Canadian Government then invited Baker to take charge of the settlement and after-care of all Canadian blinded ex-service men. This meant that he had to give up his job with the Ontario Hydro Electric Company and abandon the prospects of a brilliant career in this field. In 1920 he was appointed Managing Director of the C.N.I.B., a post which he held for 42 years. These years saw the expansion and consolidation of all aspects of the C.N.I.B. work, covering the Dominion from coast to coast in seven well organised divisions,

looking after the needs of both civilian and ex-service blind. There is probably no better organisation of its kind anywhere in the world.

In 1952 Colonel Baker was elected the first President of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, a post which he held for 13 years, after which he was succeeded by another St. Dunstaner, Mr. Eric Boulter. In this office Baker travelled extensively around the world to advise and help with problems of blind welfare.

After his retirement from the C.N.I.B. in 1962, Colonel Baker was made Honorary President, an office which he held until he died. Also at the time of his retirement, and in recognition of Baker's "unrelenting and unsurpassed service in the alleviation of blindness, and in the hope that his name may forever be perpetuated as an outstanding Canadian", the C.N.I.B. Directors founded the E. A. Baker Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness.

In December, 1919, Eddie Baker married Miss Jessie "Bill" Robinson, who supported him with loving care throughout a long and happy marriage. They became the parents of three sons and one daughter. The second son, David, was lost when serving as a Fleet Air Arm Pilot with the R.C.N.V.R. in a strike on a Japanese held airfield in the Pacific, flying from H.M.S. "Indomitable". We offer our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss to Mrs. Baker, to the surviving children and to other members of the family.

For his Army service, the Military Cross and Croix de Guerre were conferred on Eddie Baker. Among his academic distinctions, the University of Kingston, Ontario, made him an Honorary Doctor of Law in 1939. For his services to Canadian Blind and other disabled ex-service men, he was created an O.B.E., in 1935, and in July, 1967, he was among the first 35 people to become a Companion of Canada, an award made for merit of the highest degree.

Bridge Notes

Bridge Match

Our annual match v. the London County Contract Bridge Association (the Masters) will take place on Saturday, 22nd June at Headquarters at 2 p.m. sharp.

So far we have received the following team entries:—

R. Fullard, M. Tybinski, J. Chell, J. Whitcombe,
P. Nuyens, R. Armstrong, G. P. Brown, L. Douglas,
R. Bickley, R. Stanners, R. Goding, W. Lethbridge.

Should there be any other team or teams wishing to participate will their captain please let me have their names as soon as possible.

The fourth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on 16th March. The results were as follows:—

M. Clements and A. Smith	72
C. T. Kelk and W. Burnett	70
F. Griffie and W. Whitcombe	58
W. T. Scott and B. Ingrey	50
R. Goding and S. Webster	49

Position after four matches.

W. T. Scott	299
A. Smith	278
B. Ingrey	259
W. Burnett	249
J. Whitcombe	246
R. Goding	242
S. Webster	232

After three matches played.

F. Rhodes	197
M. Clements	192
S. McNamara	190
F. Griffie	188
J. Chell	178

After one match played.

C. T. Kelk	70
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The fourth Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 6th April, at Headquarters. The results are as follows:—

R. Fullard and P. Nuyens	75
R. Evans and G. P. Brown	74
H. Meleson and R. Armstrong	71
M. Tybinski and R. Bickley	66
P. Pescott-Jones and R. Stanners	63
F. Matthewman and Miss V. Kemmish	49
H. King and J. Huk	44

Position after four matches

R. Fullard	283
G. P. Brown	277
P. Nuyens	271
M. Tybinski	268
R. Evans	255
R. Bickley	248
H. Meleson	246
Miss V. Kemmish	233
H. King	218
J. Huk	214

After three matches played.

R. Armstrong	231
R. Stanners	185
H. Kerr	183
F. Matthewman	158

After two matches played.

P. Pescott-Jones	140
F. Jackson	107

A new type of Competition has been decided upon to give more accurate "Individual" results. This will entail 12 participants at the November Congress instead of the four highest scorers from the monthly Individual Competition there will now be six from each section. (Brighton and London). P. NUYENS.

From the Chairman's Postbag

From C. J. R. Fawcett, M.C.S.P. of Bournemouth, Hants.

I have read with great interest your tribute to the R.N.I.B. and am with you all the way in singing the praises of this great and invaluable organisation.

There is just one reference to Braille in your "Notes" which is a wee bit disturbing; you mention a new system of producing Braille and I hope that this does not mean another departure from the original size of paper for Braille.

It has been my custom to file, in "ring binders" some of the articles as they appeared in monthly journals such as *Physiotherapy Journal*—but when journals came along in solid dot Braille, the sheets would not fit into available binders. The R.N.I.B. very kindly offered to have one made which would accommodate the larger pages. It did not cost me very much but it was too tall to go into my bookcase!

Then the New English Bible appeared with a shorter size of paper and I find I am wasting space in my bookcase in consequence of this departure from the standard.

More recently I received a publication in "Braillon"—just loose pages held together by cord through the perforations, but on trying to accommodate this book in any stiff cover I find the pages too wide; in enquiring if there is a cover available I get a negative answer with a suggestion that I can easily make one out of cardboard. (Incidentally, that was St. Dunstan's, not the R.N.I.B.)

So, I am somewhat apprehensive when I read about another new method of producing Braille books lest it should mean yet another change of the size of paper.

From J. C. Colligan Esq., C.B.E., Director-General, R.N.I.B., London.

I appreciate Mr. Fawcett's tribute to the R.N.I.B., and should like to reassure him about the "new system of producing Braille" he has read about in the Chairman's Notes in your April issue.

But may I first say that, while I understand his concern for a standard Braille page size which will fit his bookshelves, it could be argued, I think, that variety is as

important in Braille as in print. After all, one doesn't buy a print book primarily because it fits one's bookshelves! In fact, the R.N.I.B. has for many years published books in three main sizes to suit differing needs: pocket size, intermediate and large (the New English Bible, which Mr. Fawcett mentions, is, in common with most other versions, in intermediate size, because this is the size most users prefer for the Bible). Similarly, we supply Braille writing paper in a variety of sizes to suit a variety of needs.

However, the new system of producing Braille by computer described by Lord Fraser will not in any way affect the size of the master plates from which the Braille is printed. What is revolutionary about the new system applies, in other words, to the pre-printing processes in the production of Braille.

CANADIAN JUBILEE

Mr. Magill, Managing Director, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, in a letter to Lord Fraser said:—

"March 29th is the 50th Anniversary of the granting of our Charter; and we will be holding National Council and a Founders' Night Dinner on that date at our Headquarters here."

Cable from Lord Fraser.

President C.N.I.B.,
1929, Bayview Avenue,
Toronto.

Congratulations Golden Jubilee your Charter. CNIB is the most universal national society in blind world covering all aspects of welfare and I congratulate you on this wonderful development of your services to the blind in Canada. St. Dunstan's rejoices to remember that Baker and Viets together with Wood and business leaders played outstanding part in your foundation. Good Luck Founders dinner. So sorry I cannot be with you in this special year.

Fraser and St. Dunstan's.

STAFF RETIREMENTS

The end of March marked another retirement of a long serving member of St. Dunstan's staff, **Mr. G. J. Oakley**, probably known to many St. Dunstaners as "Jesse".

He began his services in 1922 as an orderly at Cheltenham and apart from a break in service from 1926 until 1934 and service with the R.A.F. during the War, he had been on the staff at Pearson House. Some St. Dunstaners may also remember him when in 1946 he did relief duties at our farm at South Mimms.

He was always a cheerful and willing member of the staff and our best wishes go with him for a long and pleasant retirement. We must all be grateful to members of the staff such as Mr. Oakley who have given St. Dunstan's a lifetime of loyal and devoted service.

Two of the Home Industries Department staff recently retired.

Mr. Philip Townsend, head of the Basket Department, joined St. Dunstan's in January, 1934, having previously spent many years in the outside commercial world of basket making. He recalls that in

those days there were something like three times as many St. Dunstaners as are now engaged in the craft and skill of basket making, and he will be well known to all those who have followed this craft. In 1951 he took over the department following the retirement of Mr. George White. Mr. Townsend retires this month after thirty-four years' service in St. Dunstan's.

Mr. George Abbiss, although probably not so well known to many St. Dunstaners, has retired after twenty years of service to St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners in the Stores Packing and Despatch Department. His quiet, steady competence will be greatly missed by all concerned.

We take this opportunity of thanking them both for all that they have done over the years, and wish them a happy and carefree retirement with their families.

This opportunity is also taken to introduce **Mr. Fred Moore** who joined the Basket Department some eleven years or so ago, having previously served in a London workshop for blind persons. Mr. Moore now takes over the Basket Department, and his aim will be to maintain the sterling service afforded by his predecessors.

the Honorary Treasurer is Mr. C. A. Bishop of Brighton, Hove and District Omnibus Co.

H.M.S. Daedalus **Holiday Camp Week**

Camp—Friday, August 16th to Saturday, August 24th. Closing date for entries—May 4th.

Please send your names as soon as possible to:—

**Mrs. Spurway,
Mount House,
Halse,
Taunton, Somerset.**

Certificate of Merit

Harry Wheeler of Merton Park, London, S.W.20, belongs to the British Legion, Metropolitan Area, and recently was handed a Certificate of Merit in recognition of his outstanding work on behalf of ex-Service Men.

NELSON'S COLUMN

A rough guide to 5 more titles, all of them very different in character and good to read.

"The Contact Man" by **S. Wade Baron**, reader *John Richmond*, is a documentary account of the Linsky Tribunal of 1948. Sidney Stanley alias several other names is the bizarre figure popping up all over the place like a quicksilver Ananias. Amid all the welter of lies and pure foolishness John Belcher could not possibly survive and Hartley Shawcross handled the enquiry so well that the administration of the time hardly suffered at all. Either the whole thing was a pitifully petty affair or the true motives of most of those concerned were concealed behind as thick a web of intrigue as any public enquiry has ever known this century. Read this and play around with all its possibilities, but I defy anyone to draw conclusions other than the inconclusive ones arrived at by the Tribunal.

"Zoo Quest to Paraguay" by **David Attenborough**, reader the author, is first and foremost a search for the giant armadillo with any other rare animals, birds and butterflies always welcome if available. First up the river to a suitable base in the forest then a hunt around northern Paraguay and part of the Argentine, then back to Regents Park via the base at Asuncion.

"The Ivy Tree" by **Mary Stewart**, reader *P. Boothroyd*, is a good, interesting story in 2 volumes, 5 tracks and 2 tracks. The main theme is an unusual impersonation in the setting of a Northumberland farm belonging to an old man whose granddaughter heiress walked out some eight years before. The farm is run by a young Irish second cousin who intends to inherit from the old man despite the fact that there is a second younger granddaughter. The Irishman encounters a Canadian girl and with the help of his house-keeper sister plans to use her, she being a double of the original granddaughter, to further his own ends. The interplay of personalities is nicely drawn and a few facts poured in from more than eight years ago produce a strange and exciting denouement.

"Wyatt's Hurricane" by **Desmond Bagley**, reader *John Dunn*, is a nicely conceived story of an English West Indian employed as a meteorologist at an American Naval Base on a Caribbean island. In the background the islanders groan under a mad dictator. First, Wyatt is flying into and through hurricane Mabel measuring her vital statistics scientifically. Next the background becomes the foreground and an uprising against the dictator is quickly under way. Theoretically the hurricane is going to miss the island but Wyatt feels in his bones that Mabel will hit. Consequently he does his best to warn the Base Commandant, the dictator and the rebel leader with this exasperating and exciting story as a result.

"After the Festival" by **M. Cost**, reader *Anthony Parker*, is an account of Eve, Baroness Sobaska, from 1939 up to around 1960. Starting as a girl of eight or nine, she leaves Warsaw for Rumania with her governess on Sunday, September 3rd 1939 and after much vicissitude arrives in London to join her grandmother. School and the family fill her next 24 years. Thereafter the title becomes significant, all on account of one short visit to Edinburgh. Humdrum in the main but the end is as harsh as the beginning.

Mrs. E. M. Macdonald
Assistant Matron, Ovingdean

Many St. Dunstaners have expressed a wish to be associated with a gift to Mrs. Macdonald on the occasion of her retirement on 30th June next. Commandant will be pleased to receive and acknowledge any contributions from St. Dunstaners.

Olé!

A. H. Boseley of Wallasey, Cheshire, is very proud of his sons, Brian and Ian, both of whom have acquired silver medals for Latin American dancing and have also passed the Gold Bar II in ballroom dancing. They were highly commended in both examinations.



Fifty-two Years Ago

We printed the above photograph in our January number and asked for help in identifying the ladies concerned. Our grateful thanks to Tommy Milligan and Miss M. G. Howell, as a result of whose assistance, we think we now have the complete answer.

Back row, left to right (standing):

Sisters Cole, Hart, Wood, McFie, Evers, Bell, McLeod, Howell, Marshall, Cunnyngame.

Front row, left to right (seated):

Sister McLaren, Sister Vizard, Matron Davidson, Nurse Read and Miss Hacking (Housekeeper).

ST. DUNSTANER'S DAUGHTERS TO-DAY

Catherine, daughter of R. Newton of Oldham, Lancs, and who will be four years old on 26th May, won first prize in her age group at the Easter Bonnet Parade at St. Thomas's Church, Leesfield.

Josephine, eldest daughter of our St. Dunstaner, F. J. BROOMFIELD of New Haw, Nr. Chertsey, Surrey, has had a very successful year at the Weybridge Tennis Club.

She is a winner of the 1967 Weybridge L.T.C. mixed doubles, of the Winter ladies doubles, of the Winter ladies singles and the ladies handicap singles.

Denise, daughter of our St. Dunstaner, R. GOODHEAD of Sheffield, Yorks, has recently won a Synchronic Swimmer badge, awarded by the Swimming Teachers' Association for a series of tests including 'acrobatic' stunts in the water. She now has bronze, silver and gold badges all of which have been acquired within the space of eighteen months. She also holds $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile and $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile certificates.

Hester, daughter of J. DALY of Liverpool, has just passed her S.R.N. examination.



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

It Strikes Me

A Moth at the Palace

"Are you going down to St. Dunstan's at Ovingdean?" asked the Queen, "I have been there and know they do very good work." This was part of a conversation St. Dunstaner, **Hugh Beswetherick** from Simonstow had with Her Majesty when he visited Buckingham Palace on 13th March with South African members of the Memorable Order of Tin Hats. Hugh, with his wife Margaret and their daughter Jeanette, came to Europe with 150 members of the M.O.T.H. on a pilgrimage to Delville Wood, Ypres, where many South Africans, killed in the First World War, are buried. They were among twenty-five lucky couples whose names were drawn from the hat to meet the Queen. He told me that he was able to answer "yes" to Her Majesty as he is staying in England for a three months' general rehabilitation course at Ovingdean.

Both Hugh and Mary hail from the Bristol area. They are second generation South Africans but now, as foreign nationals, they cannot stay in England beyond 15th August—by coincidence, V.J. Day in the war South Africa helped us to win.



Mr. and Mrs. Beswetherick.

Drop in for Tea

During the transmissions of 22nd March, the Friday evening before the official opening of the Ham Radio Week-end at Ovingdean, contact was made with an operator with a rich Canadian accent identifying himself as Lloyd. Commandant Fawcett was in the "shack"—the Wintergarden to non-hams—and jokingly invited this transatlantic ham to "Drop in for tea, tomorrow". "Thanks very much", came the reply over the air from the Canadian, who was operating from Saltdean! So our hams had an extra guest on Saturday afternoon and gave a warm welcome to **Lloyd Reed**, recently licensed to operate in England after moving here from Canada where he also held an amateur radio licence.

MAGOG

Letters to the Editor

From Maureen Lees of Birkenhead, Cheshire

In the *Review* you mention "plastic" cooking guides. The Braille Regulo was introduced in U.S.A. and Canada. I knew the former manager of the local Gas Company and the head of the big gas cooker firm came from the Midlands and I had the first Braille gas regulo in the U.K. You are advising St. Dunstaners to install plastic cooking charts. When I was in the States and Canada I was told that plastic charts were a danger and a menace to blind people and why. I had a lovely stainless steel effort. I think this is an instance where sighted "know how" has forgotten the real purpose for blind people to have 100% safe equipment.

Perhaps now that you have a Woman's Page in the *Review*, modern thought about blind women may come about.

I was glad to know Brenda Bates is making a real success. I think she should be called "plucky" not "lucky".

From A. C. Pointon of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.

We had an enjoyable get-together of radio amateurs at Ovingdean in March and I hope that those present who are hoping to obtain a transmitting licence in the near future will do so, and it may possibly stimulate interest if I give an account of about three quarters of an hour I spent on the air a week or so later.

I came into the station at about a quarter to eight and having switched on, tuned around and heard ZD7KH on the island of St. Helena signing off with a Swedish station so gave him a call. We had a quite a chinwag. His name is Keith and he hopes to be coming to his home in Penzance in the near future for some leave.

Having signed with Keith, I was called by LU1AIO, Paul, who is in Buenos Aires, Argentina. A native of Florida, he has been

in the Argentine for six years and I am the first British station he has contacted. His wife was over here in the American army and he had a friend in the shack with him, one Jim Smith who is coming over here in a couple of months time when we hope to have an "eyeball qso". They were most interested to know about U.K. weather and about the spring bulbs coming into flower.

Having signed with Paul, I was called by CE3CV in Santiago the capital of Chile. Some friends I have known for five years have recently left this area and are on their way to . . . that is right, Santiago, Chile, where he will be president of an oil company there. CE3CV, Albert, knows of my friends and that they are on their way. It should be amusing to get their first letter from Santiago and their comments about my having got there first!

DERBY SWEEPSTAKE

Last Chance!

The Closing date of the Derby Sweepstake is Wednesday, 15th May.

Tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and are limited solely to St. Dunstaners or St. Dunstan's trainees.

Each application must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

The name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, should be sent, with the stamped addressed envelope, to the Editor, D.S.S. Dept., *St. Dunstan's Review*, P.O. Box 58, 191 Old Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

The Draw will take place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, 23rd May.

All those drawing a horse will be notified.

Club News

Midland Club Notes

A party of our club members were invited to the North Birmingham branch of the British Legion on Saturday 30th March and they had a most enjoyable evening. Two very good artists had been booked and all our party were made to feel thoroughly at home. Thank you Eddie Hordyniec for arranging this night out for us. We are looking forward to going along again in a couple of months time.

Our usual monthly meeting was held on Sunday, 7th April and it was well attended. Some of our first war members were not able to attend, due to illness. Amongst those absent were, Billy Castle, who was not well enough to come along, Mrs. Cooke, who I am sorry to say, is in hospital and Mrs. Williams who is very poorly at the moment. Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to all of them.

A very excellent tea was put on for us by Mrs. Cross, for which we thanked her. A very warm welcome was given to a new member, Mr. Walter Jones. Walter is quite a new St. Dunstaner, having joined our family only a couple of months ago. I sincerely hope that he will come along to future meetings.

We practically completed the first leg of our domino knock-out competition and shall be making the draw for the next round at the May meeting which will be on Sunday, May 5th, and will also be the date for our "Bring and Buy Sale", so come along and see what bargains are going.

A list of names was taken for our outing which is to be held on Sunday, 23rd June. Anyone wishing to join us on this trip, please let me have their names soon.

D. E. CASHMORE,

Hon. Secretary.

London Club Notes

It was with pleasure that we noted that C. Hancock was the winner of the March Football Pontoon. Charlie's resounding shout through the Club Rooms at the present time was, as would be expected, "Good Old Chelsea!" The "Booby" was won by Roy Armstrong.

The Sir Arthur Pearson Aggregate Domino Competition (the best six out of eight) came to its conclusion on the 28th March. After much excitement and very closely contested games the final results were as follows:—

1. C. Hancock
2. W. Miller
3. W. Harding and G. P. Brown *tied.*

It is pleasant to see so many of our members and their wives enjoy their session at the Club on a Thursday evening when they gather together to play Dominoes. An exceptionally happy time was enjoyed by our regular friends when Mr. and Mrs. George Stanley brought a bottle of sherry and a beautifully decorated cake with the appropriate twenty-one candles to celebrate their wedding anniversary on Thursday 4th April. After the company had sung "Congratulations", "Jock" Brown proposed the toast and the wish that George and Mrs. Stanley would have many more years of married bliss together.

I hope those of you who enjoyed our visit to the Derby last year, will again join us when the "Epsom" flier leaves HQ in the Old Marylebone Road at 9 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, 29th May. Please give your names soon to Norman Smith if you wish to be included, and so enable him to make the necessary arrangements. May we all have a glorious and profitable Derby Day. So hurry up you sporty types and get your names on that list!

W. MILLER,

Chairman.

Club News

Brighton Club Notes

The date for the May club meeting will be Thursday, 16th May, when the games of dominoes, fives and threes, cribbage and darts will be played.

FRANK A. RHODES,
Chairman/Secretary.

STAFF OBITUARY

MR. W. ALLEN

St. Dunstaners will be very sorry to learn of the death of Mr. W. Allen of Bedminster, Bristol, on 15th March 1968. He was a Technical Visitor (Mats) in the Home Industries Department for many years until his retirement in 1961. St. Dunstan's sent a wreath to the funeral which was on 19th March.

Mr. W. Game, who was in charge of the Industrial Dept. before his retirement, sent us this tribute:—

"I was very sorry indeed, to learn of W. Allen's passing. He was born in Suffolk and started work in the local mat factory in Sudbury. Later he joined St. Dunstan's and spent the first six months in the workshops in Regent's Park and was then posted to the West Country, where he remained for the whole of his working life except for a period from 1956 to 1961 when he helped out with the visits to the Midlands and the North.

It was a great sadness to him when his wife died about ten years ago and he then went to live with his only daughter, who cared devotedly for him until his death.

Mr. Allen was a happy natured man, always ready for a friendly talk and he went about his work in the same way, helping out as and when he could. I am sure most St. Dunstaners will have many pleasant memories of him—a loyal man to St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners.

British Talking Book Service for the Blind

Fiction

Cat. No.

- 1214 NAUGHTON, BILL
ALFIE (1966)
PARTS OF THIS RECORDING MAY BE CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE FOR FAMILY READING. Read by Robert Gladwell. Alfie, a South London buck, regales us with a candid account of his love-life.
P.T. 5½ hours.
- 1218 HIND, ARCHIE
THE DEAR GREEN PLACE (1966)
Read by Stephen Jack. Mat, a curious mixture of introvert and extrovert, endeavours through his writing to rise above his Glasgow environment, which is truthfully portrayed.
P.T. 9¼ hours.
- 1219 DEFOE, DANIEL
ROBINSON CRUSOE (1719)
Read by Duncan Carse. Tells of Crusoe's being cast away on a desert island, and of his survival there.
P.T. 10¼ hours.
- 1220 POWELL, ANTHONY
AT LADY MOLLY'S (1957)
Sequel to 989, 990, 991. Read by Eric Gillett. At Lady Molly's Nicholas meets an old school friend, Widmerpool, who has just got engaged to be married to Lady Molly's sister.
P.T. 8¾ hours.
- 1221 MUNRO, JAMES
DIE RICH, DIE HAPPY (1965)
Read by Michael de Morgan. An exciting account of a special agent's adventures while safeguarding a Greek millionaire.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 1197 STEWART, MARY
THE IVY TREE (1961)
Read by Phyllis Boothroyd. A young woman calling herself Annabel Winslow arrives to claim a farm left to her by her grandfather—but Annabel has been dead for four years.
P.T. 13¼ hours.

British Talking Book Service for the Blind

Cat. No.

Fiction

- 1198 HARTLEY, L. P.
THE BETRAYAL (1966)
Read by Robin Holmes. A novelist's suffering after confessing to an apparently trustworthy friend that he had, long ago, been indirectly responsible for the death of a girl.
P.T. 13 hours.
- 1199 STEWART, MARY
THE MOONSPINNERS (1962)
Read by Elizabeth Proud. An English girl is dangerously involved in a man-hunt when two fellow-countrymen stumble on a murder scene in the Cretan mountains.
P.T. 10 hours.
- 1200 SILLITOE, ALAN
THE DEATH OF WILLIAM POSTERS (1965)
Unsuitable for family reading. Read by Robert Gladwell. Frank Dawley walks out of his marriage, with its working-class background, and experiences a different life and new loves in his journey to self-realisation.
P.T. 11 hours.
- 1201 WALLACE, DOREEN
THE MILLPOND (1966)
Read by David Broomfield. The chronicle of a year's events in an East Anglian village, and the joys and sorrows of its inhabitants.
P.T. 6¾ hours.
- 1202 BAGLEY, DESMOND
WYATT'S HURRICANE (1966)
Read by John Dunn. Wyatt, a civilian weather expert, flies to the rescue when a small island in the Caribbean is struck by a hurricane.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 1203 BELL, JOSEPHINE
NO ESCAPE (1965)
Read by David Broomfield. A girl is fished out of the river at Hammersmith, and two people at the hospital to which she is taken find themselves involved in her life.
P.T. 6¼ hours.
- 1204 WILSON, ANGUS
LATE CALL (1964)
Read by Robert Gladwell. Forced by her husband's indiscretions to give up her work in a busy hotel, Sylvia finds life in her son's highly-organised household altogether too much for her.
P.T. 12 hours.

Cat. No.

Non-Fiction

- 1205 MACDONALD, BETTY
THE EGG AND I (1946)
Read by Phyllis Boothroyd. The author tells of her husband's decision to take up poultry-farming, and of the chaos that ensued.
P.T. 9¼ hours.
- 1180 LAIRD, DOROTHY
QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER (1966)
Read by George Hagan. Four reigns are the background to this story of human relationships and royal events in changing England.
P.T. 15½ hours.
- 1181 BARBER, NOEL
THE BLACK HOLE OF CALCUTTA (1967)
Read by Garard Green. The catastrophe of 1756, when 50,000 Indians attacked the East India Company's stronghold at Fort William.
P.T. 8½ hours.
- 1184 LORD BEAVERBROOK
THE ABDICATION OF KING EDWARD VIII (1966)
Edited by A. J. P. Taylor. Read by Alvar Lidell. A new and personal account from the papers of one who was closely involved.
P.T. 4 hours.
- 1185 BAGRIT, SIR LEON
THE AGE OF AUTOMATION (1964)
Read by John Richmond. The B.B.C. Reith Lectures for 1964.
P.T. 2¾ hours.
- 1190 SHERRARD, O. A.
TWO VICTORIAN GIRLS (1966)
Read by Elizabeth Proud. Contains the journal two sisters kept for half a century. Describes the stuff that Victorian England was made of with revealing glimpses of famous contemporaries.
P.T. 12 hours.
- 1196 MORLEY, ROBERT & STOKES, SEWELL
ROBERT MORLEY, RESPONSIBLE GENTLEMAN (1966)
Read by George Hagan. The life of Robert Morley from schooldays until his arrival as a successful playwright and actor.
P.T. 9½ hours.
- 1215 PEARSON, JOHN
BLUEBIRD AND THE DEAD LAKE (1956)
Read by Michael de Morgan. Tells of the late Donald Campbell's attempts at breaking the water speed records. (This book was published before Donald Campbell's death).
P.T. 7½ hours.



Laughs
at
Fred's
Cafe

My daughters

"Dad," said my daughter, Lorraine, aged 17, "can I have next Saturday off to help Mum with her spring cleaning?"

"No, I'm afraid you can't," I replied. "You know how busy the shop gets on Saturdays."

There was a sigh of relief and she said: "Thanks, dad. I knew I could depend on you!"

The other day young Olwen went to the dentist to have a tooth out and the following day I enquired of her if her tooth still ached.

"Don't know," she replied. "He kept it!"

ST. DUNSTAN'S 7 MILES EWELL 2nd MARCH, 1968

On the 7 miles handicap race at Ewell on March 2nd, we tried out the new course which is to be used for the combined championships of St. Dunstan's and the Tobacco Trades and match with the Metropolitan Police on April 20th. We all agree that it is a great improvement on the old circuit.

We were very pleased to see Reg Newton turn out again after such a long time. Bob Young walked well, leading all the way, to win the handicap comfortably.

Order of Finish	Handicap Time	Allowance	Actual Time
R. Young	67-03	12-00	79.03
C. Stafford	67-21	12-00	79.21
F. Barratt	67-33	3-00	70.33
W. Miller	67-54	Scr.	67.54
S. Tutton	69-03	10-30	78.33
R. Mendham	69-00	Scr.	69.00
M. Tetley	71-01	3-00	74.01
R. Newton	72-32	15-00	87.32

Family News

Marriages

BEDFORD—STEVENS. On 14th March, 1968, E. Bedford of Shipley, Yorks. to Mrs. A. Stevens of Ealing, London.

POLLARD-CLARKE on 9th December, 1967, George Henry Pollard to Mrs. M. Clarke.

21st Anniversary

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. STANLEY of Seven Kings, Ilford, Essex, who celebrated their 21st Wedding Anniversary on 5th April, 1968.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. I. OSTLE, Cockerhouth, Cumberland, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 17th March, 1968.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. L. THOMPSON of Gateshead, Co. Durham, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 22nd March, 1968.

Postcards Please!

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Howell of 9 Poolsford Road, Colindale, N.W.9, are collectors of postcards of views of anywhere. They have asked if St. Dunstaners would be kind enough to send them any postcards they might have rather than throw them away.

Golden Weddings

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. A. T. TOWNSEND of Ladywood, Birmingham, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 13th April, 1968.

Ruby Wedding

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. H. FRETWELL of Ely, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 9th April, 1968.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

B. CULLEY of Caterham, Surrey, announces the birth of his 8th grandchild—a boy, who is to be called Robert Anthony, born on 15th March, 1968.

L. CURNOW, of Bexley Heath, Kent, has been presented with another grandchild. This makes him a grandfather for the third time.

Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:

J. CLARE of Brockenhurst, Hants, on the birth of his first great grandchild, Gregory James Pullin, who was born on 4th October, 1967.

A. W. GADD of Hastings recently became a great grandfather for the third time when his grandson's wife gave birth to a second daughter.

A. PALFREY of Barry, Glam., on the arrival of his first great grandson on 15th February, 1968. He is to be called David.

Muriel, daughter of our St. Dunstaner, S. AVIS of Sholing, Southampton, was married to Kenneth Broomfield on 30th March, 1968, at St. Mary's Church, Sholing.

Yvonne, daughter of C. BEARD of Hove, Sussex, was married to Lawrence de Jonquères on 30th March, 1968.

Susan Margaret Campbell, granddaughter of our St. Dunstaner the late TOMMIE CAMPBELL, was married at St. Mark's Church, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on 9th March, 1968, to Ivan Reader.

Patrick David, son of our St. Dunstaner C. COOK, was married to Miss Catherine Brinklow of Edgware, London, at Burnt Oak Registry Office on 30th March, 1968.

Janet Margaret, daughter of H. KING of Luton, Beds., married John R. Painter of Luton, at Beech Hill Methodist Church, Luton, on 23rd March, 1968.

Valerie, daughter of J. A. LEE of Bradford, Yorks., married Alwyn Michael Grange on 16th March, 1968.

Michael, son of H. PETTY of Leeds, married Miss Janette Winter, on 30th March, 1968.

Gordon, son of C. D. PARKER of Grantham, married Miss Helen Barbara Brock on 30th March, 1968, at St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincs.

Barry, son of our St. Dunstaner, A. WIGGLESWORTH of Shipley, Yorks, was married to Miss A. C. S. Stones of Campbeltown, Argyllshire, on 28th March, 1968.

Michael, only son of W. UNDERWOOD of Allington, Nr. Salisbury, Wilts, married Miss Mary Cranck on 20th April, 1968.

Family News

Golden Jubilee!

On St. George's Day, 23rd April, 1968, C. Durkin of Porthcawl, Glamorgan, will have been a St. Dunstaner for 50 years.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

F. BERISFORD of Whitmore, Staffs., who mourns the death of his brother in March, 1968.

A. J. JONES of Pearson House, Brighton, Sussex, who lost his son on 29th March, 1968.

E. MILLS of Bloxwich, Staffs., whose wife died on 21st March, 1968.

G. H. POLLARD of Kettering, Northants, who mourns the death of his mother in March, 1968.

In Memory

It is with great regret we have to record the death of the following St. Dunstaners, and we offer our deepest sympathy to their widows, families and friends.

James Butler. *Royal Army Service Corps.*

James Butler of Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford, Eire, died in hospital on 16th March, 1968. He was 74 years of age.

He served in the Royal Army Service Corps from 1915 to 1917 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1929. He trained in basket making and carried on this occupation for a considerable number of years. He had been in poor health for some time but took a great interest in his daughter's cafe business, especially as this enabled him to meet travellers passing through Rosslare Harbour. He was a widower and to his daughter, Miss Mary Butler, who cared for him devotedly, we send an expression of deep sympathy.

Harold Berry. *Royal Garrison Artillery.*

Harold Berry died at his home in Sale, Cheshire, on 1st April, 1968. He was 77 years old.

He served in the Royal Garrison Artillery from 1916 to 1919 and was a victim of a mustard gas attack. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1965 when on account of his age and ill health he did not undertake any occupational training. He had been in poor health for some time. He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

John Todd. *Yorkshire Regiment, and Labour Corps.*

John Todd of Wembley, Middlesex, died on 20th March, 1968 at the age of 78 years.

He enlisted in 8th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment and later transferred to 285th Area Employment Coy., Labour Corps. He served with them until 1919. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1945 and owing to his age he did not undertake occupational training but he had a number of hobbies and was particularly clever with woodwork. He had an inventive mind and on one occasion he converted a treadle sewing machine so as to use it for working a circular saw. Amongst his other hobbies he knitted and many of the articles he made he gave to charitable sales of work.

He had been a widower for over twenty years and we offer our very sincere sympathy to his son, Colin who has cared for his father devotedly since the death of his mother.

Marcus Philip Braham. *A.S.C.*

Marcus Philip Braham of Moreland, Victoria, Australia, died on 11th November, 1967 at the age of 75 years.

He enlisted in September 1914 and served with the 28th A.S.C. He was wounded in October 1917 and discharged from the service in October 1920.

He leaves three children.

Albert Walter Hewison. *3rd Btn. A.I.F.*

Albert Walter Hewison of Kogarah, New South Wales, Australia, died on 10th December, 1967 at the age of 73 years.

He enlisted in September 1915 and served with the 3rd Battalion A.I.F. until September 1919.

He was married and had one child.

St. Dunstan's Calling

At noon Mr. Edwards began the search for contact with South Africa. For a few tense minutes the voice of Bernard, the South African operator could be heard but it was clear he was not receiving GB3STD; then the "hook up" was made and Iris's voice, always surprisingly clear over the air, came through to say: "A very good morning to you all and what a thrill it is to hear you coming through so loud and clear. It is a very great joy for me to be sending greetings from South Africa, from all St. Dunstaners, particularly those of us who are hams, to all of you at Ovingdean.

Replying to Iris, Lord Fraser said: "You must give my very warm good wishes to all St. Dunstaners in South Africa and also to Jacobus Du Preez who may be calling and listening too, in the Transvaal." Later attempts to contact "Dup", as he is nicknamed, failed, so Lord Fraser's "get well" message had to go via Port Elizabeth.

The first contact logged by GB3STD this year, at 16.35 hours on 22nd March, was with John, HGGL, in Turin. Over the week-end, St. Dunstaners talked to 38 operators in the United States and five in Australia and New Zealand from such places as Los Angeles, Niagara, Panama Canal Zone, Palm Beach, Charleston, Adelaide, Melbourne, Christchurch, and one from Timaru, South Island, New Zealand, where the operator, Matt, con-

Dr. Manton explains a V.H.F. aerial to Lord Fraser.



Help from a qualified "Ham" James Padley tunes a short wave receiver for Tommy Gaygan.

veyed the greetings of the Beverley Blind Home, nearby.

During the discussion periods it was suggested that one day's transmissions during the next Ham Reunion should be aimed at contacts with British Hams so that St. Dunstan's hams could talk to their many good friends in this country. Next year there will be a variety of equipment from different firms on display in the Wintergarden for demonstration to St. Dunstaners attending the conference.

After the week-end Mr. Norman French told the *Review* that it was gratifying to find a number of St. Dunstaners keenly interested in taking up amateur radio and that he had received several requests for loans of the new tape-recorded "Radio Amateurs' Examination Manual" to study for the G.P.O. examination which is an essential qualification. As for St. Dunstaners, themselves, their spokesman after luncheon, John Proctor, expressed their interest and enjoyment in the occasion and their thanks to all concerned in organising the 1968 Ham Radio Week-end.





St. Dunstan's Calling

Professional television and radio men took a keen interest. Above, a Southern Television news cameraman films Charles Bargery at the microphone with Terry Edwards. Below, Lord Fraser's exchange of messages with Iris de Reuck is recorded for B.B.C.'s Radio Newsreel.

