

# AUGUST REVIEW







On this page, and on the front cover, are examples of the work of St. Dunstaner Reg Page, the subject of "Ways of Life" on the centre pages this month. The bird-bath (below-right), made in four pieces weighs nearly half a hundredweight.



# St. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### *"While Memory Lives"*

It is well known that St. Dunstan's has considerable resources and for ten years now we have diminished and eventually stopped collecting through the medium of a public appeal. This is one of the very real contributions St. Dunstan's has made to the blind world in the United Kingdom because we have left them a clear field.

Some may wonder why we are relatively better off than others—indeed questions have been asked on this subject.

Speaking at the London Reunion recently, I pointed out that, whereas most organised Charities go on for ever, St. Dunstan's was intended to have a limited life. At first it was for the Great War, then came the Second War and, if there is no further world war, St. Dunstan's will have lasted from 1915 to, say, 2010.

Ninety-five years may be thought to be a long time, but it is a short time in history. Bearing this in mind, soon after I became Chairman in 1921, I adopted the slogan "while memory lives" and we determined to collect enough money while people still remembered the War. This policy was pursued for 30 to 40 years consistently and advisedly and we accumulated capital in order to be certain of a continuation of our income in the future. As far as we can tell—having taken professional advice—we have enough money to keep our promises to both generations of St. Dunstaners until the last of them dies. Thus, with our great liabilities, there is no prospective surplus.

Furthermore, we are trustees and we have no right to divert gifts made to us to other purposes or to rewrite people's Wills.

However, our constitution does permit us to subscribe to other causes where they provide an indirect or incidental service to St. Dunstaners and we have done this—as, for example, in the case of the talking book, reading and mobility research, and prevention of blindness. We will continue to do so in appropriate cases.

### *Transplanting an Eye*

Some weeks ago our radio in Britain and some of the newspapers stated that an ophthalmic surgeon in Houston, Texas, had transplanted a whole human eye and was waiting to see if the nerves would join up and if it would be a successful operation, producing sight.

I thought I remembered that such an operation was almost inconceivable because the retina and the optic nerve die fairly quickly if they cease to be used and are not renewed by a natural process of regeneration. I wrote to Dr. Derrick Vail, a most eminent American ophthalmic surgeon; some St. Dunstaners may remember that he came to us at Church Stretton to study our methods in the early days of the second war.



He tells me that the operation was unsuccessful and that ophthalmic surgeons in the United States expected it to be so. Apparently it is a fact that shortly after a retina or an optic nerve ceases to transmit sight impulses they atrophy and die and they do not ever regenerate.

When the body is damaged the cells create a substitute material which the surgeons call scar tissue and it is effective to seal the wound, but it does not have the functions of the original tissue.

Apparently too much publicity was given to this operation which was never credible; I am afraid the answer is that, whereas a cornea can be grafted, an eye cannot and it is just as well to know the fact.

### Canadian Fact Finder

A distinguished Canadian St. Dunstaner has been visiting London. Edward Dunlop leads a Select Committee, of which he is Chairman, to study our electoral law. He is a Conservative member of the Ontario Provincial Legislative Assembly for a Toronto Constituency and was first returned seven years ago. His delegation consisted of eight members who spent a week in Whitehall and in the three political Party headquarters.

Major Dunlop, who holds the O.B.E. and the George Medal, is also Executive Director of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society and was at one time a member of the Board of Broadcast Governors in Canada.

Dunlop and his wife came to lunch with us as they passed through London and we revived memories of Church Stretton, where he was a student and where his wife, then Miss Dorrie Tupper, was one of the splendid band of V.A.D. who came from Toronto to help us.

Fraser of Lonsdale

### WAR PENSIONERS' ALLOWANCES

*Extract from House of Lord's Hansard, 26th June, 1969.*

LORD FRASER OF LONSDALE: My Lords, I beg leave to ask the Question which stands in my name on the Order Paper.

(The Question was as follows:

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, before the new war pensions Royal Warrant and Orders in Council are laid, they will consider increasing the allowances for comforts and age, and the special occupational allowance and severely disabled allowance for the exceptionally disabled, all of which have been adversely affected by the rise in the cost of living since October, 1967.)

BARONESS PHILLIPS: My Lords, the most careful and sympathetic consideration has been given to the needs of war pensioners but I can hold out no hope that the particular allowances the noble Lord has in mind can be increased on this occasion.

LORD FRASER OF LONSDALE: My Lords, there are four allowances men-

tioned in my Question. May I ask the noble Baroness whether she is aware that the comforts allowance and the age allowance were both raised two years ago? The other two allowances I mentioned were too new to be attended to then. Is it not clear that the cost of living has adversely affected all these allowances? As very few people are involved, and very little money, will the Government be more sympathetic and keep these allowances on the right level?

BARONESS PHILLIPS: My Lords, I can assure the noble Lord that the Government are sympathetic, and of course we honour the noble Lord for the great attention that he pays to all these matters. But I think he will agree that successive Governments have maintained the principle of not upgrading every allowance on every occasion. The noble Lord will know—although other Members of your Lordships' House may not—that the pensioners who are receiving

the two particular allowances with which the noble Lord is concerned will all receive the increase in the basic pension and, unless in hospital, will get an increase in their constant attendance allowance; and about three-quarters of them will also be getting an increase in the unemployability supplement. So in fact they will be receiving some extra money, although the Government wish to preserve the principle of not upgrading each allowance on every occasion.

### COMING EVENTS

#### CAMP WEEK

H.M.S. *Daedalus*

Please campers if any sudden change of plans just before the date, could you telephone me at Tichfield 2362 or telephone Mrs. McLeod Tichfield 2134. Among the many activities in camp this year there will be fishing trips laid on.

The Walk starts 10 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd August.

A. SPURWAY

#### B.S.A.D. Sports Stoke Mandeville

The Sports will be held on Saturday, 4th October and Sunday, 5th October at the new Stadium and the swimming pool will be in use. Anyone interested please get in touch with:

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

#### BROADHURST GARDENS

As from 1st August the Hostel will be managed by a housekeeper and Mrs. M. Lawrence has been appointed to this position.

Mrs. Lawrence, who has been a housekeeper in the employ of the Middlesex Branch of the British Red Cross Society, will be resident with her husband on the premises. Mr. C. H. Lawrence will follow his own employment but will assist with the management of the Hostel. He served in the Quartermaster's Branch of the Regular and Territorial Armies for many years in both non-commissioned and commissioned rank.

We feel sure St. Dunstaners staying in the Hostel will find Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence kind and helpful people.



## Welcome to St. Dunstan's

*On behalf of St. Dunstan's we welcome St. Dunstaners recently admitted to membership. The Review hopes they will settle down happily as members of our family.*

**Joseph William Dixon** of Pudsey, Yorkshire, who became a St. Dunstaner in June, 1969. He is married and served in the West Yorkshire Regiment in the 1st World War.

**William Wallace Duncan** of Hebburn, Co. Durham, came to St. Dunstan's on 3rd July, 1969. He is married and he served during the Second World War in the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

**William Dunlop** of Neath, Cardiff, who came to St. Dunstan's in June, 1969, and will be going into training shortly. He is married and served in the Royal Horse Artillery in the 2nd World War.

### RETIREMENT

St. Dunstaners who have been trained and settled in industrial employment since 1950 will remember Mr. F. J. Hawkins our Industrial Instructor at Ovingdean.

"Jim" Hawkins retires on 4th July after almost 20 years service and we thank him for his keen interest and patient tuition. We wish him a healthy and enjoyable retirement.

A number of St. Dunstaners have expressed a wish to contribute to a suitable token of appreciation. Commandant will be glad to acknowledge any contributions.

Mr. Hawkins is succeeded at Ovingdean by Mr. J. A. Brown of Brighton.

### GOING, GONE

The half-crown ceases to be legal tender from 1st January, 1970 and the half-penny from 1st August, 1969.





The Chairman of Elstree Rural Council, Councillor Arthur Armstrong presides over John Cowan's party.

### British Legion Party

On Saturday, 7th June, the Boreham Wood and District Branch of the British Legion entertained St. Dunstaners and their escorts, as well as Miss B. Picken, to a social evening and cabaret at their Headquarters. Most of the organising was done by our St. Dunstaner, John Cowan a Legion member, and his wife. The evening was a tremendous success with lavish hospitality provided by the hosts together with generous gifts of chocolates, cigarettes and a pewter tankard for each man. All St. Dunstaners attending wished to express warm thanks to John and Evelyn Cowan and members of the Boreham Wood British Legion.

### More Family Medals!

Heather, daughter of DICKIE RICHARDSON, has passed some more dancing examinations with very good marks. They are:—

Modern Stage. Test 2. Highly Commended.

Ballroom Dancing—(Modern, as man) Silver, Commended.

Latin American. 5th Gold Bar. Commended.

All round efficiency. Gold. Highly Commended.

Dickie tells us that as a great concession he has been allowed to place his four medals he won this year at the Sports Weekend at Ovingdean, in the same cabinet with Heather's trophies!

## FRANK REVIEWS

**"A Quartette of Three"** by Miles Tripp, read by *George Hagen*. A British publisher, taking a short holiday at the end of a business trip, meets a young Canadian artist and his wife, together with a mysterious German girl.

A ghost hunt in the Black Forest produces no illusions, but ends in tragedy. The publisher returns to England, his life haunted, not by ghosts, but by some poignant memories. This is a book that begs the question—fact or fiction?

**"And Shame the Devil"** by Sarah Woods, read by *Anthony Parker*. There was once an absent-minded baker, who painstakingly measured out all his ingredients, but forgot to add the yeast! This authoress has much in common with him. She has the characters and situations for a first-class story, but the action is too slow, and the result is stodgy.

It is a great shame that a good plot should be marred by inconsequential chit-chat that practically extinguishes every highlight.

**"South by Java Head"** by Alistair Maclean, read by *John Dunn*. Singapore in its last hours of siege; a Secret Service Agent determined to get vital plans to the British, a small child lost and bewildered, love interest, and action from start to finish. These are the ingredients that the author has forged into a splendid novel, and if the book contains much brute action it is well tempered by human compassion.

**"Love Let Me Not Hunger"** by Paul Gallico, read by *David Broomfield*. Wonderful character studies are produced in this story of a British Circus, which, faced by competition from Television and Bingo, goes to Spain hoping to recapture its old magic. But trouble strikes, and, left destitute, the animals starve and human strife festers.

The author produces a balanced canvas of beauty, courage, and despair, displaying an art in words which, in my opinion, is equal to that yielded by the old Masters of brush and palate.

## REUNIONS

### Ipswich

34 St. Dunstaners, a party of 81 altogether with escorts and guests enjoyed "a jolly good reunion" to use Mr. Wills' words in his speech at Copdock House Hotel, Ipswich, on Thursday, 19th June.

It was the first time the reunion had been held at the Copdock and the hotel, set back from the road among trees and lawns, was the ideal venue on a fine summer day. Credit for the choice belongs to Miss Newbold, the Welfare Visitor responsible for the arrangements.

Col. Sir Michael Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., was the member of St. Dunstan's Council presiding and other guests were Miss J. Hensley and Mr. D. W. Ferguson. Sir Mike expressed his pleasure at being among people who think along the same lines: "We are very fortunate. We have been disciplined. We know what things mean and what matters. At the present time in this country people are apt to think nothing matters; do as you like. We have been so very fortunate in being members of St. Dunstan's which is something which is full of tradition and pride." Saying that he would be returning to a busy office planning the International Horse Show at Wembley he concluded: "When I get in the train to go back today I shall feel to a certain extent what I'd call inspired or hotted up to try and do a bit more because of having been with you."

Wilfred Saxby proposed the vote of thanks for St. Dunstaners saying that he felt his job was harder because every St. Dunstaner would wish to have the opportunity of publicly expressing how much he had benefited over the years, "Because we are not considered as a block or as a group but as an individual and, therefore, I am sure you would wish me to say a sincere personal thank you for each one of us—for only we know the help we have received over the past 12 months—to those members of the St. Dunstan's organization who are present. We are most grateful for the consideration they have given us."

During his speech earlier in the proceedings, Mr. Wills drew the attention of the

company to the presence at his first reunion, of Mr. R. Sharp of Lowestoft, who joined St. Dunstan's in April. Mr. Wills asked for and obtained a very warm welcome for Mr. Sharp.

### Birmingham

Another new Reunion venue. The Grand Hotel has fallen victim to the impressive modernisation plans around the Bull-ring in Birmingham so Miss Newbold, Welfare Visitor responsible, arranged for the 150 guests to meet at the Savoy Restaurant in Hill Street on Saturday, 21st June, and a very satisfactory move it turned out to be. In this centre of Industry it is not surprising to record that about half the second World War St. Dunstaners work in open industry and we also had among our numbers home-craft workers, telephonists, gardeners, poultry farmers, physiotherapists, a baker, a placement officer, a school master and a minister of religion.

Presiding at the luncheon was Major Mervyn Sandys, J.P., a member of the Council of St. Dunstan's, accompanied by Mrs. Sandys, who welcomed everybody present with a special word for Dennis Beddoes and Bernard Blacker attending their first Reunion. Bringing a message of welcome from Lancashire, Major Sandys, who confessed to having lost his way in Birmingham—and who hasn't?—congratulated Miss Newbold and the Welfare Staff on the excellent arrangements and the staff of the restaurant on a first class meal. He said how pleased he and his wife were to be with St. Dunstaners at the Reunion, the second over which he has presided since joining the Council.

After Mr. Wills had reviewed the work of the Welfare Department, Frank Cross gave the customary vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners. He thanked Major and Mrs. Sandys for coming to "dirty" Birmingham but he quickly added that the city was less dirty than it used to be and said that although not beautiful, Birmingham was big and warm hearted. Frank said the Reunion would not be possible without the work of the Welfare Staff and thanked



Mr. Wills, Miss Midgley and Miss Newbold, as well as other members of the staff who looked after St. Dunstaners in other ways. Although fairly new to St. Dunstan's, Frank said, he knew a lot of good was done. St. Dunstan's, he said, is ever ready to step in where help is needed but it never pushed in when it wasn't. It helped its members to help themselves.

## London

The last and largest of the eleven regional Reunions of 1969 was held at the Hotel Russell on Saturday, 28th June. Lord Fraser presided accompanied by Lady Fraser and our vice-chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, was present with Mrs. Garnett-Orme. Altogether 345 people were there including St. Dunstaners, their wives and escorts, members of the staff, and with Mrs. Spurway, Miss Hensley and retired members of the staff among the guests. Miss B. Picken was in charge of the reunion arrangements for the first time, assisted by Miss Blebta, Miss de Burlet, Mrs. Thompson and Miss Mosley. Everything went with the customary clockwork efficiency. It was an unusually warm and sunny day.

By chance the Rev. Jeff Smith, Superintendent, Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind, was staying as a guest at the hotel during a honeymoon trip to Europe with his wife. Mr. Smith, who has been blind since early boyhood but has led a very full energetic and successful life, was asked to say grace before the luncheon which he did in an eloquent and moving manner. We were happy to have the opportunity of entertaining him and Mrs. Smith before they caught an afternoon train to Salisbury, Wilts.

In his speech after lunch Lord Fraser welcomed Arthur Cobbart, Alfred Cook, James Robins and John Winchester, who were attending their first Reunion. He also welcomed the widows of five recently deceased St. Dunstaners and a number of old friends of our organisation. Then he read the names of heads of departments attending the Reunion with a brief mention of their responsibilities. Lord Fraser paid a special tribute to the members of the welfare staff connected with the organisation of all eleven reunions giving high praise to Mr. Wills, Welfare

Superintendent, Miss Midgley and Miss Rogers, Area Superintendents, all the welfare visitors and Headquarters staff. He wished the best of luck to Miss Pallant who was leaving us after many years devoted service as Matron at Broadhurst Gardens. He said that we owed a deep debt of gratitude to all the welfare staff and, of course, there was no paid overtime at St. Dunstan's!

Referring to a question of major policy, which had been a matter for discussion in recent B.B.C. broadcasts, Lord Fraser thanked all those St. Dunstaners who had written to him on the subject and he thanked them for their support following his remarks on 1st June broadcast. We are not printing his further comments on this topic because they are the subject of the first of the Chairman's Notes in this issue.

In conclusion, Lord Fraser said that Lady Fraser and he were very pleased to meet so many men from both wars and he added that Mr. Blach, the ophthalmic surgeon who helped Mr. Cross, was sitting next to him and would like to meet a number of St. Dunstaners during the course of the afternoon.

Mr. Garnett-Orme expressed his pleasure at being there with his wife and told of a recent occasion in the City when Mr. Robin Knox-Johnson was guest of honour. He said that he had Mr. Knox-Johnson's permission to repeat some of the incidents of his epic round-the-world-journey in which he sailed 29,000 miles in 312 days, a mere eight days longer than his estimate. Mr. Knox-Johnson experienced his worst moment in the South Pacific when his boat "Suhaili" was leaking after a storm. Despite a heavy swell he decided to patch the hull under water with a sheet of copper left on board when the boat was being fitted out. He went over the side with his mouth full of nails and began to hammer the copper sheet in place. Then a shark appeared and Mr. Knox-Johnson prudently climbed aboard. The shark circled the boat for some time, after which Mr. Knox-Johnson shot it and fortunately the shark sank at once to the bottom. He then went overboard again to finish the repair. Space prevents us from printing more of what Mr. Garnett-Orme told the audience about Mr. Knox-Johnson's adventures but he

concluded by saying that while the country can produce men of this calibre and those of the two World Wars, the spirit of victory was still alive.

Expressing the St. Dunstaners' vote of thanks to Mr. Wills, Miss Picken and members of the Welfare Department and to the hotel staff, Billie Miller said what a pleasure it was to have Lord and Lady Fraser at the Reunion, fit and well. He added that ex-service men liked to hear tales of endeavour and that he had never heard so many St. Dunstaners so quiet as they were during Mr. Garnett-Orme's stories on the exploits of Mr. Robin Knox-Johnson.

## Majorcan Holiday

by

Dick and Billy Cumberland

My wife and I went for a holiday to Majorca in May this year. Leaving Luton Airport at 8.50 a.m. the Jet arrived in Palma at 10.45 a.m. almost before the final sip and last crumb of the excellently served breakfast was swallowed. The Hotel car was waiting to take the passengers right across the Island to the East Coast to our final destination—Porto Colon.

The Hotel accommodation was all that could be desired, a charming double room with a balcony overlooking the sandy bay, complete with bath, shower and toilet. The friendliness and help given by the Spanish people to a blind man, were unbelievable—nothing was too much trouble and no efforts spared to please their guests.

Different tours were arranged to all parts of the Island. One to Manacor where the famous artificial pearls are made, and on to Inca to a leather factory, calling on route at a wine cellar, where over 70 different liqueurs could be tasted and any bought at a very low cost, if you were capable of buying after tasting that mixture!

The high light of one day was an evening spent in the garden of an old farm house. Here a barbecue was arranged, and there under the stars you see suckling pigs and chickens being roasted on spits. We were given a large glass of Sangria (a wine punch) and ate our fill of pork and chicken salad and potatoes roasted in their



Dick Cumberland sampling the "porron".

jackets, washed down with red and white wine and champagne. Here too, we sampled the "Porron", wine poured down your throat (you hope) to your own and the onlooker's amusement. After dancing came one of the high-lights of that wonderful evening—the lights were dimmed and a huge bowl of Brandy Punch was set alight and sampled by all.

Another tour was to Porto Cristo where we visited the famous caves of Drach. This masterpiece of nature with its stalagmites and stalagmites is magnificently illuminated, and as we watched from the banks of an underground lake a boat suddenly appeared and we enjoyed a classical concert in kaleidoscoped light. Finally we crossed the lake by boat to the exit.

Too soon the precious 15 days passed. Again we were in the Jet. Hardly had we finished our excellent lunch when we heard "Fasten your seat belts, please," and we were home.

The cost of the whole holiday? £35 per person. This includes full hotel accommodation, air fare—the lot! Just think of that!





ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

## It Strikes Me

### Two Week Turnabout

St. Dunstaner **Robert McConnell** has had an early success as a member of Stormont, Northern Ireland's Parliament. On May 20th one of his first actions as a Member of the House of Commons was to press the Finance Minister to exempt Northern Irish guide dog owners from paying licence fees as is the practice in England and Wales. The reply was discouraging—the Minister said he had no immediate plans to bring in the necessary legislation. Only a fortnight later, when the Budget was presented on 3rd June, it contained a provision abolishing the licence for guide dogs. Now Bertie McConnell is receiving the congratulations of fellow members all of whom supported his initiative.

### Lèse-majesté of the Law

*At the Ipswich Reunion, Col. Sir Mike Ansell told this amusing strange-but-true story of a former member of his Regiment now a successful trainer of race horses. The trainer was on his way to Newmarket when he picked up a smartly dressed hitch hiker also bound for the races. Time was short and the trainer was pushing his Jaguar along rather more than he should have. Soon the inevitable happened and a Police car overtook and flagged him down. The Policeman came to the nearside of the car and leaned across to take particulars from the trainer's licence. Having put his notebook in his pocket the policeman delivered some advice on not driving so fast, shut the door and off he went. "This really is a problem" remarked the trainer, "I've had my license endorsed and if it's taken away it's going to be very difficult getting to race-meetings." The smart chap sitting alongside him said: "One good turn deserves another. I'm a professional pick-pocket and here's the Police Officer's note-book."*

### "Guide Dog" Cubs

St. Dunstaner, **Frank Womack**, had two Cubs as guides when he took part in a service of remembrance for members of the Dunkirk's Veterans' Association in St. Margaret's Church, Leicester recently. The occasion was the 39th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuation attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Leicester. For one of the cubs, Andrew Robinson, who is disabled, leading Frank Womack was an honour to make up for his exclusion from a previous parade through a mistake.

**MAGOG**



## Spotlight Award

Diana, younger daughter of Robin and Pauline Buckley, is a winner of this year's award from Spotlight, the Casting Directory for the Theatre, Screen and Television. Awards are made annually to the most promising male and female students in each of the four principal London schools of drama. Diana has just completed a three year course at the Central School of Speech and Drama, Swiss Cottage.



Miss Diana Buckley.



### Mice and Men

Working in Dockland as I do, most people are well used to domestic pests, mice, etc. As in most cases it is thought to be socially degrading to be a harbourer of these vermin. It is usual for respectable people to imply that there are no mice in their property at all, even though this may be untrue, as with myself.

I am rather proud of my defender in the form of a cat named Nicodemus, who can hold his own with many dogs. I was half way through this piece of patter with the Sanitary Officer explaining the mice problem in the area, when young Peter burst into my conversation saying, "Dad, our Nicodemus has just taken another mouse behind the cupboard. I bet you he has pinched him from next door!"

### Married in the Chapel at Ovingdean

Mr. Peter Higinbotham, who for the past two and a half years has been Organist in the Chapel at Ovingdean, was married there on Saturday, 21st June, to Miss Shirley Wildman. The Rev. D. M. Harper, St. Dunstan's Chaplain, performed the ceremony. Shirley has also attended the Chapel regularly and was recently baptised there.

The bride wore an exquisite white brocade dress and matching train with a tulle veil held in place with a jewelled and flowered head-dress framing her face. She carried deep red roses and the Chapel flowers were red roses and carnations, with tall blue spikes of delphiniums. She was attended by two adult bridesmaids in pink satin.

Peter and Shirley will be missed on Sundays as they are leaving Brighton for Lincolnshire where Peter has been offered a managership in an Optician's firm.

Many St. Dunstaners and staff who regularly attend Chapel were in the congregation and subscribed to the wedding present of a St. Dunstan's made wool hearth rug.

The last wedding at Ovingdean took place 16 years ago.





(Above) At Heathfield market a satisfied customer with Reg Page.

(Below) Pouring the concrete mix into a mould.



Hannah Kenway, a very young market-goer found the cats irresistible.

## Ways of Life 9.

### GNOME MAKER—Reg Page

Heathfield market on a hot June morning is a busy, dusty place. You can buy anything here. In one large building they are auctioning plucked chickens, turkeys and ducks. In the produce section you can buy all kinds of flowers, fruit or vegetables. Earlier they had been auctioning cattle and now up at the far end of the market ground, coops of chickens are being knocked down to the highest bidder. All the world and his wife turn up to these markets—tweeds, brogues and shooting sticks; cloth caps, braces and sandals; Vogue knitted suits, slacks, mini-skirts—holiday makers and Sussex natives straight out of G. K. Chesterton.

The most interesting part of the grounds is where the general sale will take place. Here, arranged in lots, and set out over an area as big as a football pitch is a fantastic collection of articles: an old horn gramophone, a set of garden furniture: canvas upholstered armchairs and a table with huge sun umbrella which must have sheltered James Bond and his blonde, an ancient motor mower, three beds, old records, older books, golf clubs and circulating among them, the bargain hunters sorting out the useful from the junk. It is to these knowledgeable buyers that St. Dunstaner, Reg Page offers his selection of garden ornaments. The auctioneer,

white coated and genial, moves with his crowd of disciples among the lots chiding his listeners, cajoling them, "Now then who'll start me off with two pounds?" silence . . . "Well, a pound then, thank you sir, who's got twenty-five shillings?"

They reach Reg Page's ornaments: "Now 'er come to a collection of beasts—lots 116 to 141—all brand new and quite the nicest items in the sale to-day!" And so they are even when they are arranged around the auctioneer's hut in the dust of the market place. All cast in concrete and cunningly finished with paint to give the impression of weathered stone. A pair of cats



(Above) His money ready, a successful bidder takes his gnome.

(Below) Removing the fibre glass outer casing sections.





prove irresistible to one very small girl who has to stroke them. The June sunshine spotlights lions, alligators, rabbits, tortoises, eagles, gnomes, and those expert buyers are captivated. Audrey, Mrs. Page, who helps finish the models, transport and arrange them, can never bear to hear the bidding; "I listen for the first bid coming in and if there's a little hesitation I think 'Oh, for goodness sake, somebody say something', and, of course, if the bidding goes on I get excited as it goes up and up—it gets so tense I've got to go away." The bidding goes well: of 40 items in the 25 lots only five remain unsold at the end of the sale—one man buys five lots which will surely over-populate his lawn, although Reg explains that often dealers buy his ornaments—"I have heard of them turning up in shops in Eastbourne at three times what they fetched in the market." Another elderly matron successfully outbids him for two Bambi's and afterwards confides to her friend, "I really only wanted one but as the two were together, I had to have them."

This is the last stage in the process of manufacture and marketing of concrete garden ornaments, a unique way of life among St. Dunstaners pursued by Reg Page, in the village of Cross-in-Hand, in Sussex.

#### HOW IT BEGAN

How did it all begin? Reg came to St. Dunstan's in 1946 having served in the Essex and Dorset Regiments. After training he took over a tobacconist shop in Hove. "I managed the shop for 13 years until my health began to pack up and I was strongly advised by my doctor and St. Dunstan's authorities to turn it in and make a fresh start." Reg and his wife moved to Staines where he took up gardening and then, looking for more ground, they found their present house in Back Lane, Cross-in-Hand with nearly two acres of land, most of which needed clearing. Single handed he rooted out 32 trees and then pulling a roller designed to be drawn by a horse, prepared the surface for lawns. "Its mostly a general kitchen garden—greenstuff and potatoes; whatever is in season, broccoli, cabbage, savoy, brussels sprouts. The chief thing is general maintenance, hedge clipping and lawn cutting."



Moment of truth, and strain, as Reg peels off the rubber mould.

After his tree felling, string bags and wool rugs were not rugged enough for him. "I wanted something manly with a wheelbarrow and a shovel," and about a year after moving to Cross-in-Hand, the garden ornaments industry began. "It was just one of those things which snowballed. I found myself unoccupied owing to the wet ground and noticed these garden ornaments. A friend of mine had been making them all his life and I bought some from him and put my own finish on his work—shading in black or brown. They were taken to the local market and were a huge success. Each week I was purchasing more and more from him until he couldn't keep up with the demand. Came the day when he told me he couldn't carry on. I thought, 'Well, all right, I'll do my own.' I got the address from him where I could purchase the moulds and found these things to be terrifically expensive—the bird bath that stands four feet high—the moulds for that complete cost £45."

Reg now has 53 moulds in production built up over five years from the five with which he began. "I was fortunate that I got in with a small firm. I got friendly with the owner and he obliged me with a lot of moulds that he normally hung on to for himself so that he would be the sole producer of a certain model. So some of my models are nearly exclusive."

Having obtained his first five moulds his problems began—"But after spending so much money on moulds, well, I dared not give up!"

#### BROKEN FINGERNAILS

The first problem was getting the model out of the mould which consists of a rubber sheath made to give complete detail and a fibre glass casing made in sections which fit together like a jig-saw, to support the rubber while the cement is setting: "I found they broke every finger nail, making my fingers sore even to the point of swelling. The answer was firstly not to leave the mould too long—to discipline yourself that it must come out at a certain time no matter what else was brushed aside." Otherwise the model and mould became one and the mould has to be thrown away spoiling both. Another trick of the trade Reg learned was to paint the outside of the mould with liquid soap. "It helps the rubber to stretch long enough to get it off the model. You get used to the slipperiness, I was slipping and sliding all over the place at first—in fact, I was almost at the point of giving up—but there is a knack in it, you get used to doing it and know when to pull and when not to."

One trick of the trade Reg will not divulge, the secret of his concrete mix. "I did a terrific amount of experimenting, I used to tear my hair out. One of the biggest problems of all was air bubbles. Some of the ornaments I got out were perfect but just looked like a pepper pot where the air had come through the mix. I've overcome this too, now. I've tried and tried and I think I have got the better of it."

It is hard manual work Reg has chosen in his open, lean-to workshop with lines of moulds hanging in racks—chicken perches he has adapted to this purpose—the whole place looking like a combination

of a builder's yard and a stone mason's, with its lines of half-finished ornaments. He mixes his concrete in a large wheelbarrow shovelling what must run into hundreds of cubic yards of cement and sand each year. A finished model may weigh anything up to half a hundredweight and must be wrestled out of its mould. Added to all this are the burns he receives from the chemical action of the cement, especially when he is using a fast mix. Both Reg and Audrey use rubber gloves while handling the cement, but it gets on his arms while filling the moulds, "I often end the day with my arms very red and sore, like bad sunburn."

Reg's last operation is painting the models in black. "I dip the models in the black paint, it saves time and when you can't see, it also helps to fill in the cracks and crevices of the detail." Reg brushes paint on to the last parts of the model and then it is Audrey's responsibility. "I need a pair of eyes at the end of the operation," explains Reg, "I can feel the head and

This eagle, having been dipped, has the last touches of black added.









## Bridge Notes

### ANNUAL MATCH

The annual match versus the members of the London County Contract Bridge Association (the Masters) was held on Saturday, 21st of June. Six teams from each Club took part and the match was decided by the total net aggregate score on four hands against each team. The winning team for the L.C.C.B.A. being the team with the highest plus score, and for the St. Dunstaners the one with the lowest minus score.

The results were as follows:

#### The London County Contract Bridge Association

1 Mrs. J. Gatti, Miss Mackintosh, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nunes	+ 5590
2 A. Camppoli, J. Amsbury, M. Fenn and R. Gorst	+ 5270
3 Mr. and Mrs. G. C. H. Fox, R. Rowlands and C. Lawson	+ 5200
4 Miss V. Daly, G. Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Della Porta	+ 5000
5 J. Gibson, R. Mallaya, J. and M. Leighton	+ 4450
6 Miss Berman, E. Senk, M. Esterson and N. G. Cooke	+ 4360

#### St. Dunstons

1 R. Bickley, R. Goding, W. Lethbridge and F. Dickerson	- 3630
2 R. A. Fullard, M. Tybinski, J. Whitcombe and J. Chell	- 3680
3 R. Stanners, R. Pusey, H. Meleson and J. Lynch	- 4580
4 V. Delaney, M. Delaney, Miss V. Kemmish and J. Carney	- 4890
5 R. Armstrong, P. Nuyens, G. P. Brown and L. Douglass	- 5510
6 S. Webster, J. Huk, F. Griffée and A. Smith	- 7570

Mrs. Violet Delaney, wife of St. Dunstaner Mike Delaney, and who had travelled all the way from Liverpool, graciously presented the winning visiting team with their prizes. There was a variety to choose from the products made by our St. Dun-

staner's. The eventual choice was two Telephone Stand and Directory Holders, one Cheese Tray and one Floral Stand.

Mrs. J. Gatti, secretary of the L.C.C.B.A. presented each member of our winning team with a bottle of Port, and also every St. Dunstaner taking part received a bottle of Sherry.

I felt I must mention that many of our St. Dunstaners travelled some distance to be with us on this day, one of the most important Bridge Fixtures on our calendar; from Liverpool, Gosport, Ipswich, Eastbourne, Bristol, Brighton, Bournemouth, High Wycombe and Twickenham, to mention but a few. Thank you boys, for your support, and this proves that Bridge is really an interesting and fascinating game.

I would like to add on behalf of the Committee and members of the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club, a vote of thanks to Norman, to whom we owe this successful meeting. We are also very grateful to the voluntary canteen ladies who provided us with such a delightful tea.

ROY ARMSTRONG

#### District Commissioner

Congratulations to Colin Beaumont-Edmonds who has added to his responsibilities this year by accepting appointment as District Commissioner for the Sutton Coldfield Boy Scouts Association! He is also a very active and senior member of the Sutton Coldfield Borough Council, Governor of a number of Schools and a member of organisations concerned with youth, local Conservatives, an amateur little theatre, handicapped children and a Cheshire Home—and in several cases he is the President or Chairman of the Committee. His wife Joyce shares his interests and gives him wonderful support and help; whenever they can they attend functions together.

#### DELAYED GAME RAISE

By Alf Field

Board 18  
Dealer North. Love All.  
S. A, 7, 4  
H. K, Q, 8, 7, 4  
D. 6, 2  
C. Q, 5, 4  
□  
S. 6, 2  
H. A, J, 6, 2  
D. 8, 7  
C. A, K, J, 9, 7

Fifteen out of 17 competitors reached the right contract but only two Pairs used the suggested route.

NORTH opens "One Heart"—eleven points, a Losing Trick. Count of 7 and a rebiddable suit to show the opening bid as minimum.

SOUTH could respond "Four Hearts" but delays this bid and inserts first, a bid of "Two Clubs" prior to bidding "Four Hearts". The reason for this is to show a Hand of slam potential if North has a good opening bid. The requirements for a D.G.R. are (a) 13-15 Points (would force with 16); (b) good trump support, a reasonable yardstick would be say—better than Q J x x; (c) a good five card suit headed by the Ace which is to be used for parking North's losers; (d) the appropriate L.T.C., seven in this case. Take a peke at South's hand which was contrived to show these features.

NORTH Bids "Two Hearts" (I've had enough).

SOUTH now bids "Four Hearts" which our North hurriedly passed. Suppose, however, we give North the Ace of Diamonds, the slam would be "on" and easily reached with the exchange of such information.

#### STRETCHING A POINT

Board 15  
Dealer North. Love All.  
S. J, 8  
H. A, K, 9, 4  
D. A, K, 10, 9, 2  
C. Q, 7  
□  
S. Q, 10, 7, 4, 2  
H. 3, 2  
D. Q, 4  
C. K, J, 10, 4

Nine of the 17 competitors made the first three bids correctly but again not one south came up with the next "suggested" bid. You may wish to bid the Hands before reading on.

North opens "One Diamond".

South bids "One Spade".

North now bids "Two Hearts." This hand was contrived to show what is known as a "Reverse Bid." It shows 16-18 Points with five Diamonds and four Hearts, it is not forcing. If North held only 12-15 Points with the same distribution he would open "One Diamond" and rebid Two Diamonds unless South mentions Hearts. The "Reverse" bid is a "Two" level bid but not a jump bid. If North held 5-5, 5-4 or 4-4 in the red suits he must bid Hearts first. Now over to South who takes stock so:— He is confident of North's 16 Points (or more) and the five card Diamond suit, notes his valuable Q, 4, rather cares for his holding in the unbid suit (Clubs) which is likely to be led if he bids N.T. checks his points 16+8=24 (plus two 10's) and "Stretches a Point" (hence the phrase) and bids "Three No Trump." Surely "Two N.T." is a little cautious?

#### CORRECTION

We regret there was a printer's error in the article by Alf Field "I asked for it" in the July Review. North's hand should have read C. K.10, 7, and we apologise for the omission of the Court Card.

#### Can You Beat This ?

Fred Barratt of Barking, Essex, perhaps better known to our readers for his 'Laughs at Fred's Cafe' asks if any St. Dunstaner can beat his record of having more than four children at the same school at the same time. At the moment Peter is in the Toddlers Class, Olwen, in the Juniors-1st Grade, Vivienne, in the Juniors, Top Grade, and Lorraine, is a Student Teacher in the same school.

#### Welfare Visitor Weds

We congratulate Miss M. Y. de Burlet, Welfare Visitor, Southern Area, on her marriage on 5th July, to Mr. C. Leslie Lyall.



### MISS L. D. WEBSTER

It is with sincere sorrow that we announce the death of Miss L. D. Webster who died after a painful illness in a hospital in Somerset on 10th July, 1969.

"Webbie", as she was affectionately known by St. Dunstaners and colleagues, joined the staff of St. Dunstan's in February, 1946. For some time she worked at Headquarters as Area Superintendent in the Welfare Department and during this time assisted in forming the Records Section but she felt that administration and office work were not her true calling and after a while accepted an appointment as a Welfare Visitor. In this capacity Webbie found an opportunity to serve and worked unstintedly until her retirement in June, 1964. In addition to her normal duties, which entailed travelling thousands of miles in all weathers, Webbie helped individual families in endless personal ways with complete disregard to the hour of the day or

night and after her official duties came to an end, she remained a personal friend of many St. Dunstaners and their families.

A Memorial Service was held at the Church of the Holy Cross, Babcary, on 14th July, and two of her colleagues, Miss Muriel Meyer and Mr. P. C. Lennard Payne, accompanied by Mrs. Payne, represented St. Dunstan's. Among the St. Dunstaners present at the Service were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hold, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Blackwell and Mr. and Mrs. Tug Wilson. Mrs. Peter Spencer also attended representing her husband. A poppy wreath was sent on behalf of the Chairman, St. Dunstaners and staff.

Many letters and messages of condolence have reached Headquarters—all of which pay warm tribute to Webbie's work and cheerfulness during her years of service so willingly given. She will be missed but remembered with affection.

### Walking

*Billy Miller apologises for having missed the Review with these notes last month.*

#### London to Brighton Walk

It was a nice sunny morning on Saturday, 17th May, when three St. Dunstaners and their escorts lined up with 97 other competitors for the start of the annual Stock Exchange London to Brighton Walk.

Big Ben chimed 7 a.m. and off they all went, striding along in bright sunshine, but alas these conditions were not to last for long, for they had only reached Purley when it started to drizzle, and it continued, on and off, until they reached Gatwick, by which time it had turned to steady rain, which in turn, became heavier and heavier, so that by the time they had reached Crawley a deluge had developed. This was as far as Fred Barratt was able to go, for the heavy rain had caused a complete collapse of his rather flimsy shoes. Poor Fred had completely walked out of them, and was faced with either continuing in his stocking feet, or retiring, the choice was obvious. Johnny Simpson and Billy Miller both carried on through Crawley going quite strongly. The wind grew stronger and stronger, the nearer they got to Brighton and fortunately for them, the rain did eventually stop, but by this time they were well on their way over the Sussex Downs.

Billy cruised along at a good steady pace, and duly arrived at Brighton almost 1½ hours ahead of Johnny, who had done very well indeed on this his first London to Brighton walk since becoming totally blind, and in such appalling conditions.

Of the 97 other competitors only 51 managed to complete the course.

#### Times

W. Miller	10 hrs. 25 mins. 53 sec.
J. Simpson	11 hrs. 39 mins. 45 sec.

W. MILLER

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Very many happy returns of the day to our St. Dunstaner, JAMES BALLANTYNE of Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex, who celebrated his 97th birthday on 28th June, 1969.

#### Royal Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes

Richard Shed of Burgess Hill, Sussex has been a member of the Royal Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes for the past twelve years. Last year he was President of the Knight's Chapter and this year has taken on the duties and responsibility of Deputy Provincial Grand Primo of the Mid-Sussex Province.

## British Talking Book Service for the Blind

### Fiction

#### Cat. No.

- 513 EDEN, DOROTHY  
*SIEGE IN THE SUN* (1967)  
Read by Lorenza Colville. A story of people living in Mafeking during the famous siege.  
P.T. 10¼ hours.
- 516 FLEMING, IAN  
*CASINO ROYALE* (1953)  
Read by Duncan Carse. Bond is ordered to outwit an International racketeer, already hunted by a Russian organisation.  
P.T. 5¼ hours.
- 515 FLEMING, IAN  
*DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER* (1956)  
Read by Duncan Carse. James Bond becomes involved in diamond smuggling and fixed horse racing.  
P.T. 6¼ hours.
- 517 FLEMING, IAN  
*DR. NO* (1958)  
Read by Duncan Carse. Dr. No, owner of a Jamaican Island, intends to kill James Bond.  
P.T. 8¾ hours.
- 514 FLEMING, IAN  
*GOLDFINGER* (1959)  
Read by Duncan Carse. Bond tackles a super-criminal cornering gold bullion, and meets girl gang-leader, Pussy Galore.  
P.T. 9¼ hours.
- 532 FLEMING, IAN  
*LIVE AND LET DIE* (1954)  
Read by Duncan Carse. James Bond travels to New York, Florida, and Jamaica, and meets Mr. Big, a Negro master criminal, and Solitaire, an exotic Creole beauty.  
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 543 GILBERT, ANTHONY  
*PASSENGER TO NOWHERE* (1965)  
Read by Arthur Bush. Sarah's unexpectedly early arrival at a gloomy French villa starts a train of mysterious and sinister events.  
P.T. 7¾ hours.
- 550 HEYER, GEORGETTE  
(2) *COUSIN KATE* (1968)  
Read by Eric Gillett. The hospitality extended to Kate by her aunt turns out to be merely the bait into a most frightening trap.  
P.T. 13½ hours.
- 523 HOLT, VICTORIA  
(2) *THE KING OF THE CASTLE* (1967)  
Read by Carol Marsh. Dallas comes to a glorious chateau in the wine-growing country of France in order to restore some paintings, but she soon finds herself entangled in the lives of its inhabitants.  
P.T. 13¼ hours.
- 511 KEATING, H. R. F.  
*INSPECTOR GHOTE HUNTS THE PEACOCK* (1968)  
Read by Michael de Morgan. Inspector Ghote of Bombay comes to London for a conference on drug-smuggling, and gets involved in the disappearance of Peacock, a beautiful Indian girl.  
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 505 KENT, ALEXANDER  
*TO GLORY WE STEER* (1968)  
Read by David Broomfield. Young Captain Bolitho is ordered to take his frigate to the Caribbean, and there he proves what he and his tiny craft can achieve.  
P.T. 12¼ hours.
- 498 LINKLATER, ERIC  
*THE STORIES OF ERIC LINKLATER* (1968)  
Read by Marvin Kane. Eighteen stories from his previous collections, with widely varied themes and backgrounds.  
P.T. 13½ hours.
- 506 MAIR, ALISTAIR  
*YESTERDAY WAS SUMMER* (1968)  
Read by Stanley Pritchard. This story centres on the lives of a general practitioner in a small Scottish community, his family, and his patients.  
P.T. 12½ hours.
- 509 MURDOCH, IRIS  
(2) *THE NICE AND THE GOOD* (1968)  
Read by Robert Gladwell. Two kinds of love—good, impersonal and nice, self-gratifying—are the main themes of this novel about a married couple and their friends.  
P.T. 13¾ hours.
- 510 RAYNER, CLAIRE  
*STARCH OF APRONS* (1967)  
Read by Gretel Davis. The appointment of the new hospital matron causes more change than anyone, including herself, had anticipated.  
P.T. 8 hours.
- 518 SHUTE, NEVIL  
*BEYOND THE BLACK STUMP* (1956)  
Read by Stephen Jack. The story of a young Australian girl from the outback, and a young American who goes there to drill for oil.  
P.T. 9 hours.
- 519 SHUTE, NEVIL  
*REQUIEM FOR A WREN* (1955)  
Read by Stephen Jack. Alan Duncan pieces together the story of the English girl found dead in his Australian home.  
P.T. 9 hours.
- 500 SHUTE, NEVIL  
(2) *A TOWN LIKE ALICE* (1960)  
Read by Stephen Jack. A novel of the courage of an English girl, forced with Dutch women and children into a death-march in Malaya in 1942.  
P.T. 13 hours.
- 534 SHUTE, NEVIL  
*TRUSTEE FROM THE TOOLROOM* (1960)  
Read by Stephen Jack. An inventive engineer suddenly torn from his normal London life is plunged into an extraordinary quest for a lost fortune on behalf of an orphaned niece.  
P.T. 10 hours.



# Family News

- 497 STEWART, ANGUS  
*SANDEL* (1968)  
Read by Eric Gillett. The story of an ardent friendship between a young man and a small boy.  
P.T. 10¼ hours.
- 547 SUSANN, JACQUELINE  
(2) *VALLEY OF THE DOLLS* (1966)  
Read by Marvin Kane. The loves and sex lives of three women covering the period 1945 to 1965. PARTS OF THIS RECORDING MAY BE CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE FOR FAMILY READING.  
P.T. 16¼ hours.
- 533 TAYLOR, ELIZABETH  
*THE WEDDING GROUP* (1968)  
Read by Elizabeth Proud. The story of a young girl's shaking down to a new life and new situations after being forced from her sheltered background by her marriage to a journalist.  
P.T. 6¼ hours.
- 496 UNDERWOOD, MICHAEL  
*THE MAN WHO DIED ON FRIDAY* (1967)  
Read by Brian Perkins. A witness to a murder becomes the chief suspect, and the affair becomes a battle against time and circumstantial evidence.  
P.T. 6½ hours.
- 524 WEATHERHEAD, JOHN  
*A FORCE OF INNOCENCE* (1966)  
Read by George Hagan. A priest is convicted of the murder of a school girl, and a group of people endeavour to save his life and reputation.  
P.T. 7 hours.
- 520 WILLIAMSON, HENRY  
(2) *THE PHOENIX GENERATION* (1965)  
Read by Anthony Parker. The personal problems of Phillip Maddison are seen against the troubled background of the thirties.  
P.T. 20 hours.
- 521 WILLIAMSON, HENRY  
(2) *A SOLITARY WAR* (1966)  
Sequel to above. Read by Anthony Parker. In 1939 Phillip is struggling with life on a difficult farm, still firm in his belief that war is not imminent.  
P.T. 17¼ hours.
- 522 WILLIAMSON, HENRY  
(3) *LUCIFER BEFORE SUNRISE* (1967)  
Sequel to above. Read by Anthony Parker. An artist by nature, Phillip is compelled to become a man of action during the Second World War.  
P.T. 26 hours.
- 529 WYNDHAM, JOHN  
*THE MIDWICH CUCKOOS* (1957)  
Read by John Dunn. An invasion from outer space has a shattering effect on a quiet English village.  
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 526 YOUNG, FRANCIS BRETT  
*A MAN ABOUT THE HOUSE* (1942)  
Read by George Hagan. Two English spinsters travel to Italy, meet a dangerous man, and are saved from disaster by the courage of one sister.  
P.T. 11¼ hours.
- Non-Fiction**
- 548 ARCHER, FRED  
*THE DISTANT SCENE* (1967)  
Read by George Hagan. A country book about life and events in Ashton-under-Hill between 1876 and 1939.  
P.T. 6¼ hours.
- 508 BUXTON, JOHN  
*BYRON AND SHELLEY* (1968)  
Read by Robin Holmes. An account of their relationship from 1816 to 1822.  
P.T. 12 hours.
- 502 DEVAS, NICOLETTE  
*TWO FLAMBOYANT FATHERS* (1968)  
Read by Elizabeth Proud. A fascinating autobiography by one whose real father was Francis Macnamara, a flamboyant Irishman, and for whom the ebullient Augustus John became a father figure early in life.  
P.T. 11½ hours.
- 544 HAWKES, JACQUETTA  
*MAN ON EARTH* (1954)  
Read by Duncan Carse. Man's development of consciousness, his brain structures, and electrical pulsations.  
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 491 JOHNSTON, JOHANNA  
*MRS. SATAN* (1967)  
Read by Robert Gladwell. A rip-roaring account of Victoria Clafin Woodhyl, America's most outrageous suffragette.  
P.T. 11½ hours.
- 531 KELLY, JOANNA  
*WHEN THE GATES SHUT* (1967)  
Read by Denise Asserson. The Governor of Holloway Prison for Women describes the attitude, work and problems in the prison today.  
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 494 LUSTGARTEN, EDGAR  
*THE BUSINESS OF MURDER* (1968)  
Read by Arthur Bush. Dramatic study of six mass-murderers.  
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 541 MACNEICE, LOUIS  
*THE STRINGS ARE FALSE* (1965)  
Read by Duncan Carse. A perceptive self-portrait by a scholar and man of letters.  
P.T. 11 hours.
- 493 MANVELL, ROGER  
(2) *ELLEN TERRY* (1968)  
Read by David Broomfield. Biography of a remarkable woman and one of the greatest actresses of her time.  
P.T. 13 hours.
- 540 MAXWELL, GAVIN  
*THE HOUSE OF ELRIG* (1965)  
Read by Alvar Lidell. Childhood and adolescence in a house on the moorlands of Galloway, where the author learned to love the country and its creatures.  
P.T. 8¼ hours.
- 495 MILNE, L. & M.  
*THE BALANCE OF NATURE* (1960)  
Read by Dwight Whylic. Discloses the fierce impact of man upon animal life, of animals upon one another, and upon the plant life of the earth.  
P.T. 9¼ hours.

## Births

GIBBINS (SHERWOOD). To SUSAN and ANTHONY, of Lymington, Hants, on 27th June, 1969, a daughter, to be called Claire Ann. She is a sister for Sean.

HAILES (JAQUES) To MARYAN and ERIC at Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, on 20th April, 1969, a brother for Grant—9 lbs. Both well.

DEAN (McDONALD) On 25th April, 1969, at Bethesda, to PAT and ALAN—a son, Peter Lachlan. 10 lbs. 12 ozs. Both well.

## Marriage

CHAMBERS-WHITE. Samuel Chambers of Bournville, Birmingham, married Mrs. White on 3rd June, 1969.

## Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. J. C. MOSLEY of Solihull, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 12th July, 1969.

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. L. WEBBER of Tewkesbury, Glos., who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 8th July, 1969. They have two celebrations in one week as their only son, Peter, will be 21 years old on 2nd July.

## Golden Weddings

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. J. BROADLEY of Felixstowe who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 14th July, 1969.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. A. HAYES of Nottingham, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 7th June, 1969.

## Grandfathers

### Congratulations to:

WILLIAM ELGOOD of Chingford, Essex, on the arrival of a second grandchild, Clinton Robert, born to his daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Donald Bruce on 5th May, 1969.

ALBERT LAW of Cheltenham who announces the recent birth of another grandson.

J. A. PECKETT of Manchester, who proudly announces the arrival of his first grandchild, Stephen, born on 30th June, 1969.

JOSEPH RAINS of Nottingham who has become a grandfather for the eighth time, when his daughter-in-law gave birth to a girl, Joanna Irene, on 10th July, 1969.

EDWARD WARREN of Porthcawl, Glam., on the announcement of the safe arrival of his first grand-child, Judith Anne, born 11th June, 1969, a daughter for his son and wife.

## Great Grandfathers

### Many congratulations to:

BERTIE HARSENT of Colchester, Essex, on the arrival of a great-grandson, Kenneth, born in March, 1969.



## Family News

Elizabeth Mary, second daughter of FREDERICK GREENAWAY, Hythe, Kent, married Roy Davis at Fawley Parish Church on 21st June, 1969.

Sandra, daughter of RON VINCENT of London, N.W.2, was married to Peter Lindsley on 12th July, 1969. Mr. Lindsley is president of the Ealing and District Ham Radio Group and it is due to Ron's interest in ham radio that his daughter met Mr. Lindsley.

Patricia, daughter of our St. Dunstaner, DANNY WATKINS of Wanstead, E.11, was married on 5th July, 1969, at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, to William Gibb, a New Zealander, in the Merchant Navy. After their marriage Mr. Gibb left the Navy and he and his wife went to New Zealand where he is to start training in the Police Force.

Double congratulations to Stephen, elder son of Herbert Ward of Leeds, who has achieved his degree as Bachelor of Education and married Miss Heather Stanton at St. Chad's Church, Headingley, Leeds, on 26th July, 1969.

MRS. AGNES MURRAY wishes to thank all the St. Dunstaners, their wives, and the friends of St. Dunstan's, for the floral tributes and also all the kind messages of sympathy extended to her on the death of her beloved father-in-law JAMES MURRAY.

## Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:

H. BRAMLEY of Manchester, who mourns the death of his father on 24th May, 1969.

ISAIAH DUDLEY of Kings Winford, Staffs, who mourns the death of his parents, his mother died on 15th June and his father the next day, both had been ill for sometime.

## In Memory

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

**Gilbert Ellwood Lambert.** *Royal Air Force.*

Gilbert Ellwood Lambert of Silverdale, Lancashire, died on 10th July, 1969, at the age of 49 years.

He served in the Royal Air Force from 1940 to 1946. His eyesight did not deteriorate for some time and he eventually came to St. Dunstan's in 1967.

He was in poor health when he became a St. Dunstaner and his courage and fortitude in face of adversity was an inspiration to all who came in touch with him; though lacking strength in his fingers he nevertheless was learning Braille and typing and doing cane work. He had been gravely ill for a few weeks and his death was therefore not unexpected. He leaves a widow.

**Patrick James Murray.** *2nd Irish Guards.*

Patrick James Murray of London, N.22, died on 2nd July, 1969, at the age of 86 years.

He enlisted in the 2nd Irish Guards in 1915 and served with them until his discharge in 1917, coming to St. Dunstan's in that year.

He trained as a poultry farmer and carried on with poultry and pig farming in Ireland until 1926, when he trained as a mat-worker and continued with this type of work for the rest of his life. Following the death of his wife in 1930, Mr. Murray remained in Ireland until 1938, when he came to London for a short spell, returning to Ireland again in 1940. His son was killed during a flying bomb raid in 1944, and Mr. Murray returned to London to look after his son's children and share a home with his bereaved daughter-in-law. Mr. Murray remained for the rest of his life with his daughter-in-law and the grandchildren, who have since married and have families of their own. He leaves a daughter-in-law Mrs. Agnes Murray and grandchildren, Mary and Patrick, and their families.

**Arthur Herbert White,** *Home Guard.*

Arthur White of Seaford, Sussex, died on the 6th July, 1969, at the age of 72.

He was a Post Office Engineer for over 30 years and was injured in an accident when serving as a Major in the Home Guard. His sight ultimately deteriorated and he was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1954. He went to Ovingdean to study Braille and typing but, in view of his age, he did not take up any employment. He had recently been in hospital for a short time but had returned home and appeared quite well before his sudden and unexpected death. He was single and made his home very happily with the Misses McEwan, whilst at the same time keeping in close touch with members of his family.