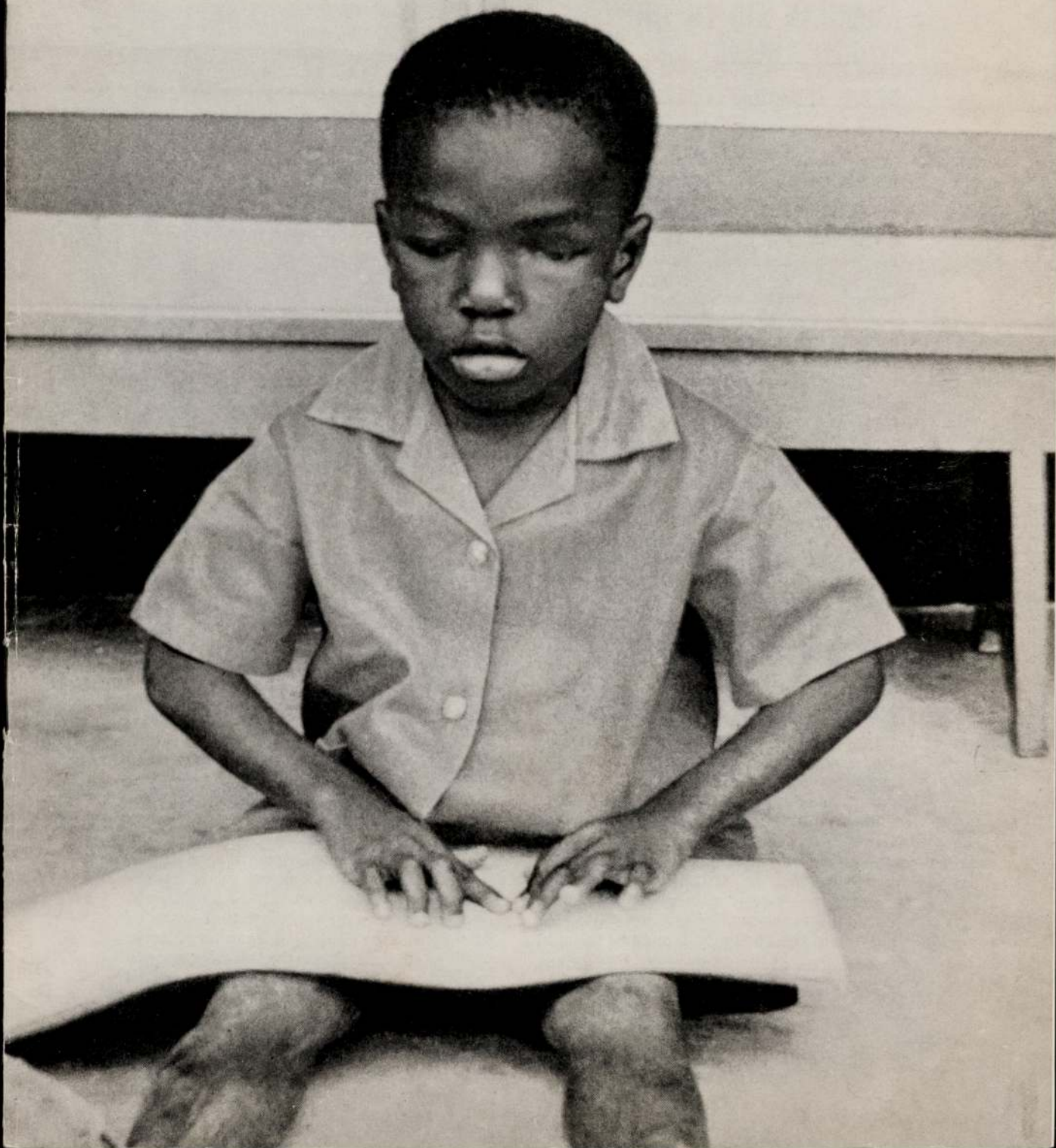


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## AMERICAN AID TO THE WORLD'S BLIND

By Eric T. Boulter

*Eric Boulter has several claims to distinction, one of them being that, although a St. Dunstanian, he did not receive training at St. Dunstan's. After he lost his sight during service in the Second World War in the Royal Engineers, he went for rehabilitation to the R.N.I.B.'s centre at Torquay. Subsequently he served the blind world in more than one appointment, notably with the American Foundation for Overseas Blind. Now he is back in England and takes up a new post on 1st April as Deputy Director-General at the Royal National Institute for the Blind.*

On a dismal October day in 1948, my wife and I set sail for America aboard the S.S. *Parthia*, and a few days later I took possession of a comfortable office on the outskirts of Greenwich Village in New York; thus began my association with the American Foundation for Overseas Blind which was to last for more than two decades. For some years previously I had worked with the blind, firstly as a member of the newly created industrial employment service of the Royal National Institute for the Blind and subsequently by secondment to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Greece where I was responsible for developing new programmes for the blind in that war-torn country. During the latter assignment, I had come to know something of the activities of A.F.O.B. and of its unique history and achievements. The organisation had been founded in 1915 by Mr. George Kessler, an American businessman, as an act of thanksgiving for his survival of the sinking of the *Lusitania*. It may be thought



that such an act of thanksgiving was somewhat overdue as he had already safely survived the San Francisco earthquake and a disastrous Chicago hotel fire.

Having decided to establish a Committee to assist blind Servicemen of the Allied armies, he sought out Sir Arthur Pearson who had already launched the St. Dunstan's Committee in this country and gained his aid in working out plans. Returning to America, Kessler obtained the support of the distinguished deaf-blind author, lecturer and humanitarian, Helen Keller, and together they began the quest for funds throughout the United States. Achieving success in that direction, the Committee became operative and its records show that a number of quite substantial grants were made to St. Dunstan's. It is interesting to speculate that some of the surviving 1914-1918 men may have derived benefit from the training service which resulted. Some may even recall Kessler's visits to Regent's Park.

Cover Picture: Young Nigeria boy reads Braille.  
photo: Commandant Fawcett.

In the years between the two World Wars, A.F.O.B. expanded its purposes to include the civilian blind and extended its operations to all European countries, but it concentrated on the publication of Braille in all forms and the manufacture of equipment for its mass production. During this period it also pioneered the development of the talking book in Europe. It had always been a leader in the battle for uniformity in Braille usage for music notation and achieved marked success in that somewhat vexatious matter wherein national feelings tend to run high. The Foundation has always firmly fostered international collaboration and a high point was reached in its sponsorship in 1931 of the world conference on work for the blind in New York. There, the new leaders of St. Dunstan's and A.F.O.B., Sir Ian (now Lord) Fraser and Mr. William Nelson Cromwell, renewed the friendly contacts that had been initiated by their predecessors. Cromwell was another interesting character, having won a niche in American history by his conduct of the complicated, if not devious, political and legal negotiations which resulted in acquisition of the Panama Canal Zone by the United States Government.

### Work in Europe

When I joined the staff in 1948, A.F.O.B. had just commenced the task of aiding the governments and voluntary societies in the European Continent to restore the many programmes for blind children and adults which had been devastated by war. As A.F.O.B.'s own services had always radiated from its Paris Headquarters, the Agency had been forced to suspend its operations throughout the occupation of France; thus, from the outset I became involved in the challenging task of helping to resuscitate the fund-raising programmes and to develop the aid programmes which would rapidly bring meaningful help to our blind friends on the Continent. As always, the people of America responded with extraordinary generosity and A.F.O.B.'s post-war programmes began to evolve. For a short time our aid was mainly in the form of emergency relief, with large quantities of food, clothing, footwear, soap and the like being sent for widespread distribution. Soon we were shipping Braille and arithmetic slates, maps and models for schools,

tools and raw materials for training centres and workshops. Then the heavier supplies began to flow, such as Braille stereograph machines and presses, power drills, lathes, foot and punch presses and similar industrial equipment to train the blind for open employment.

The speed with which the governments and peoples of Europe were able to mobilise their own resources on behalf of their blind citizens was truly impressive and within a few short years A.F.O.B. was able to expand its work into other areas of the world which had hitherto been receiving little or no assistance. As this process occurred throughout the Middle East, Latin America and the Far East, and latterly in Africa, A.F.O.B. came into friendly and constructive partnership with statutory and voluntary organisations in more than 70 countries, to the one end that the lives of blind persons might be enriched with a greater prospect of happiness and fulfilment.

### Problems

It will be apparent that in the less developed countries, many problems are posed by, on the one hand a much higher prevalence of blindness, and on the other less resources to cope with the need. Furthermore, the differing levels of progress from country to country have necessitated the preparation of programmes which are virtually tailor-made to satisfy the priority requirements of each situation, yet throughout there have been discernible certain common factors; for example, while careful plans are necessary to retain accepted local traditions and cultural patterns, the provision of adequate educational facilities for blind children maintain certain common characteristics from place to place. In almost every country residential schools continue to operate, and will continue to do so, despite the proven effectiveness of "open" or "integrated" education for a majority of the visually handicapped pupils. As the expansion of industry persists, greater opportunities present themselves for the employment of blind men and women in offices and factories, yet these workers will secure and retain their jobs only if they can show themselves to be well-trained, well-adjusted and self-reliant members of



their communities. This is equally true for those who prepare themselves for agricultural work in rural areas. So, in the conduct of A.F.O.B.'s programmes much emphasis has been laid on the creation in all parts of the world of good rehabilitation facilities, staffed by skilled instructors. To effect this, we located throughout the world numerous experienced consultants working from strategically placed regional offices. They organise and conduct regular courses for rehabilitation workers, vocational and mobility instructors, placement officers, classroom and itinerant teachers and programme administrators. The consultants help to develop and to launch new projects and remain at hand to assist during the early years of operation.

### Normal Life

Due principally to the enthusiasm and dedication of the nationals, blind, and sighted, with whom the Foundation's representatives work within the several countries, quite remarkable progress has been made in recent years with very many thousands of blind people having been channelled into the mainstream of normal life. Grave concerns continue to exist, however. The progressive rise in birth rates everywhere, coupled with decreasing infant mortality and increasing longevity, has greatly augmented the size of the blind population for whom special services must be provided. Thus, urgent endeavours must be made to prevent the onset of blindness wherever this can be achieved and to restore sight to those whose eye conditions lend themselves to effective therapy or surgery. During the last few years A.F.O.B. has become active in this new field of endeavour, guided by a strong Medical Advisory Committee, and with the help of outstanding ophthalmologists at work in the field, important and rewarding programmes for the prevention and treatment of blindness are being developed, particularly in Africa and Asia.

Twenty years ago, the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind came into existence through the implementation of a resolution which had been unanimously adopted by the International Conference of Workers for the Blind which had been jointly sponsored by A.F.O.B. and R.N.I.B. two years earlier. Under its aegis the processes of international collaboration

and co-operation have taken effective and lasting form. Through its quinquennial assemblies and the ongoing work of its standing committees, the wisdom and experience of W.C.W.B. members in nearly 60 countries are being pooled for the common good. St. Dunstan's has been a keen and generous supporter of the Council from its inception and its delegates, the late Mr. W. G. Askew and Mr. A. D. Lloyds, have made major contributions to its international deliberations.

### Unique Opportunities

My posts as Associate Director of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind and President of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind have provided me with unique opportunities for familiarising myself with the problems, needs, aspirations and abilities of blind men, women and children in the 60 countries which I have visited in the course of my duties. During that time I have had occasion to maintain close contact with leading societies working for the blind in the United Kingdom and it has always been my hope that circumstances would permit me to resume my work in this, my own country. It is therefore with the deepest satisfaction that I shall return next month to the staff of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, having recently been appointed to the post of Deputy Director-General. I am looking forward with keen anticipation to that experience and to the close and friendly relationship which I know will always be maintained with my friends at St. Dunstan's.

### Coming Events:

#### ROYAL TOURNAMENT AND TROOPING THE COLOUR

It is hoped that we may be allocated tickets again this year for the Private View of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9th June, and also for the Trooping the Colour Ceremony on the morning of Saturday, 12th June.

Any St. Dunstaners who would like to apply for tickets should contact me by 30th April please.

C. D. WILLS

### DERBY DAY COACH TRIP

It is proposed to run a coach trip for Derby Day, leaving H.Q., Old Marylebone Road, at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 2nd June this year.

Any St. Dunstaner wishing to join our party should send his name in not later than Saturday, 8th May to:

Mr. Norman Smith,  
St. Dunstan's London Club,  
P.O. Box 58,  
191, Old Marylebone Road,  
London NW1 5QN.

This outing is an unqualified success for the price charged. This includes the coach fare, a packed luncheon and either soft drinks or beer. This year the charge will be £1.50 per person.

It is a most enjoyable day out and I hope more St. Dunstaners will wish to be included in this trip to the Derby. So hurry up and send your names in to Norman as soon as possible.

W. MILLER

### H.M.S. Daedalus

St. Dunstan's Camp

As mentioned briefly in the February *Review*, the Royal Navy have very kindly asked us to be their guests again this year on H.M.S. *Daedalus*, from **Friday, 13th August to Saturday, 21st August**. The camp fee is £2 and the fares over £1.50 will be refunded in Camp. Please send your entries as soon as possible, to: **Mrs. Spurway, Mount House, Halse, Taunton, Somerset. Tel. Bishop Lydeard 359.**

AVIS SPURWAY

### 1,485 Trays!

Mr. H. S. Ellis, of West Mersea, Essex, who is 81 years of age, recalled the other day that he started doing woodwork at about the end of the First World War. He still puts in long hours in his workshop and his own records show that he has made 1,485 trays for St. Dunstan's Stores! In another direction, Hugh Ellis was delighted to report that the West Mersea Yacht Club had made him an honorary life member—and we congratulate him upon this honour conferred upon him by his friends.



## 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.

**Henry Thomas Doyle** of Harefield, Middlesex, who came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1971, served in the West Kent Regiment during the 1st World War. He is a widower and has a grown-up family.

**John Mulligan** of Derrygonnelly, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1971. He is married with a family and served in the Royal Air Force in the 2nd World War.

**Harry Stocks** of Belper, Derbyshire, joined St. Dunstan's in January, 1971, and served in the 1st World War in the Royal Engineers. He is married with five children.

### Reading Competition

National Library for the Blind, 35 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1, announces the forty-second E.W. Austin Memorial Reading Competition will be held on Saturday, 1st May, 1971.

Unseen passages will be read, and prizes awarded for fluency, ease of diction and general expression. (Should the entries in any class be very limited, prizes will be awarded only if merited.)

#### Adult

#### Sturmey-Wyman Challenge & Medal Competition

This class is in competition for the Sturmey-Wyman cup and is open only to previous winners of the Open and Medal classes. The winner will also receive a silver medal. *Readers entering for this class may not enter other classes.*

**Class A.** Advanced readers in competition for the Blanesburgh Cup.

**Class B.** Other readers in competition for the Stuart Memorial Cup.

**Class C.** Readers who have lost their sight since 1939 and who have learnt to



read Braille since the age of 16 (and who do not feel competent to enter the more advanced classes), in competition for the Lady Buckmaster Cup. (Entrants for this class will not read in the afternoon, but the winners will receive their prizes in the afternoon.)

#### Open Competition

A special competition open to all readers eligible to enter Classes A and B and to all previous winners of Classes A, B and C for reading from the poetical works of Sir Walter Scott.

**Class D. MOON.** Open to readers of Moon type. (Entrants for this will not

read in the afternoon but the winners will receive their prizes in the afternoon.)

#### Class E. DEAF-BLIND READERS

Open to blind readers of Braille who are also deaf. (Entrants for this class will not read in the afternoon but the winners will receive their prizes in the afternoon.)

Intending competitors should send their names to the **Secretary, National Library for the Blind, 35 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1.,** not later than Tuesday, 13th April, 1971 stating whether they will be bringing a friend and whether or not they will be staying to lunch (at a cost of 20p per head).

## IAN FRASER TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

Lord Fraser has accepted the suggestion of the Royal National Institute for the Blind that the Bolton Library of the British Talking Book Service should be named the "Ian Fraser Library" in recognition of his service to Talking Books. The invitation came from Viscount Head, Chairman of the R.N.I.B., at the unanimous request of his Council. "I regard this as a great honour", Lord Fraser said.

The southern half of the Library at Alperton, London, is called the Nuffield Library after Lord Nuffield, whose generosity contributed greatly to the original setting up of the service before the Second World War and the later change to tape recording. It is appropriate that the Northern half will bear the name "Ian Fraser", because Lord Fraser can fairly claim to be the originator of the talking book in this country.

In 1918 he joined the Council of the then National Institute for the Blind and soon became Chairman of a sub-committee to investigate inventions and devices for the blind. As early as 1919 he had persuaded two gramophone companies to experiment with recording speech at slower speed, but the mechanical process of recording was not good enough to provide good reproduction.

It was not until electrical recording came in that the dream of a machine to read aloud to the blind came near to fruition and Ian Fraser began experimenting again in a workshop at the end of his garden, where the first recordings were made.

In co-operation with the Technical Research Committee of the National

Institute for the Blind, the first Talking Book was produced experimentally in 1934. At about the same time, and quite independently, a similar project was begun in the United States. With the generous help of Lord Nuffield, St. Dunstan's and the National Institute for the Blind began to build up the Talking Book Library. The project was in the charge of Mr. L. S. Pinder, who joined the service from the Decca company with whom he had been Senior Recording Engineer. His first workshop, built for the purpose by St. Dunstan's, was destroyed during the air raids in the Second World War.

#### Mid-Thirties

When the Sound Recording Board was formed in the mid-thirties Lord Fraser became Chairman, a position he has held ever since. His experience spans the early years of failure through inefficient means of recording; the successful establishment of talking books on discs—the very first L.P. records; the recruitment of professional readers from broadcasting and the theatre; and, in recent years, the change to multi-track tape recordings.

Lord Fraser stresses that the Talking Book Service has always been a joint venture between the R.N.I.B. and St. Dunstan's. It has become a large organisation with international connections. Many countries have adopted the system and it continues to grow. Many think the Talking Book the most important technical aid for the blind since Braille itself. The name "Ian Fraser" on the Bolton Library will recall the early days in a shed in a garden in Regent's Park.

## A Working Journey to America

by

F. Le Gros Clark

*Books written by Mr. F. Le Gros Clark, a 1st World War St. Dunstan, on men's working lives and on their retirement led to a recent invitation to attend a conference in the U.S.A. One of the latest of these studies was his book, "Blinded in War" where he shows how St. Dunstan's After Care has helped many men to continue active and creative lives well beyond the usual time of retirement. In this article he records a few of the impressions gained on the American visit.*

How came it that in mid-December last my wife and I were walking in a South-West American desert in a steady temperature of 70 degrees or over? We still feel a need to explain the episode to ourselves, no less than to the curious among our friends. The simplest reason I can give is that it had to do with the American Federal laws on employment and age. These are comparatively recent laws and they attempt to prohibit arbitrary discrimination on grounds of age, for middle-aged applicants who are below their mid-sixties. To have such laws implemented in all the fifty States of the U.S.A. sustained pressures are required. Thus it happened that the National Council on Ageing, located in Washington, planned a moderate gathering of pundits, professors and administrators in the city of Phoenix, Arizona. Because they thought that one participant from Britain would help to diversify the proceedings and because I had written broadly on the same subject, I was asked by telephone whether I would attend.

It was from Norman Sprague in Washington that the call came through. Though I had known of him for some time, I had not appreciated the fact that he is himself a man with very impaired vision. Not until we met him, did we realise that he could read only with a magnifying glass. But for the moment all I grasped was his second remark: 'I understand that you could not travel alone; we will meet the expenses of a secretary'. I explained that my wife is an essential item in my secretarial aid. He accepted the relationship without demur; and a letter followed, setting out the role I was expected to play in the seminar.

#### The Flight

Our earliest experience of American hospitality came when we changed planes at Chicago. The flight by day had been mostly above the clouds, except for one welcome concession. The pilot flew low enough to enable my wife and others to have a glimpse of the Greenland coast. In booking our flight to Arizona we had suggested to Messrs. Cook that it might, perhaps, be convenient for us if we could be given preferential treatment at any

Airport we touched. At Chicago two wheel chairs were brought to the 'plane. Would we not be wheeled away in state? After several hours of sitting we chose to walk and leave our bags to occupy the two chairs. We felt that the attendants were truly disappointed but we parted on friendly terms.

My next encounter with the contradictory cross-currents that are American, came during the three hours' flight from Chicago to Phoenix. By that time we were tired of it and somewhat uncommunicative. I drew out a small pocket Braille volume and settled down to read. As he passed me, an earnest young man asked whether I was reading the Bible. I replied that it happened not to be the Bible. He felt he should linger. Did I know the Bible? In a way I am almost sorry that the conversation here subsided.

#### American Hospitality

It was our fortune that an American student we knew in Cambridge had his parents living within a few miles of Phoenix and following a letter from him, they met us off the 'plane. From that stage onwards American hospitality began to enfold us.



They deposited us at the vast hotel where the seminar was to be held; they saw to it that we became members of a dining club upon the fifteenth floor and they entertained us to a meal. The husband has one of those widely ranging liberal outlooks you find occasionally in all countries, but especially in America. An industrial research worker on radar, he is also a Minister of the Episcopalian Church of the U.S.A.

We spent what time with them we could but these seminars are most assuredly working occasions. Between the sessions of lectures and discussions there came the working breakfasts and the working lunches, and there were many to contact in person for an interchange of views. After all, that was why we were there.

### The Cream

I doubt whether there were more than forty or fifty present at any one time but gathered on such a subject, they embodied, as it were, the cream of the intelligent American conscience. We were aware of the incidental caustic remarks on affairs that showed their cool, realistic appraisal of political and social trends.

There were many serious reflections, both on the platform and in conversation, about the effects the cut-back in war expenditure was likely to have on employment in America. Would not the absorption of so many men, thus released into industry for peaceful purposes, make it less easy to find jobs for older men and women?

I have been asked how I manage to play my own part in such a high-powered seminar. It is worth while for my personal sake to examine the methods I have gradually evolved. Since I usually want to quote a few figures when my turn comes to speak, I have a number of them cyclostyled in due order on a single sheet of paper and these I arrange to distribute to the members of the audience. This means that I can draw their attention to the elementary statistics without having to retain them all in mind. Moreover, those who wish to contribute to discussion can glance at the figures and raise their criticisms. But the cyclostyled sheets must be distributed at the time otherwise people are apt to forget to bring them.

Then I try to have brief notes made of what those who preceded me on the platform had said. That gives me the chance of reminding the audience of what they had already heard. Admittedly it is in a way an actor's trick but we, in our situation, have to be prepared to "act" our parts. I commit to memory any figures, names and dates I may want to quote in the course of my lecture and I am not ashamed to say that here again I deliberately act the part of one who is spontaneously recalling his facts. I bear in mind that an easy conversational style reassures the members of an audience, some of whom are bound to wonder with what kind of phenomenon they are confronted.

Finally I do lay myself out to provoke discussion, especially discussion in which the participants get excited. They have probably been listening to more or less scientific papers, to which they had been hesitant to voice their criticisms. They almost invariably welcome the relief of being able to give vent to their own ideas. Besides, I enjoy the give-and-take of a lively controversy.

### Phoenix

Phoenix, the administrative centre of Arizona, has grown out of and spreads into the desert. Pass through its outskirts, sometimes blocks of Mexico-style houses and sometimes huddles of shacks, and you are at once among the cactuses and the eucalyptus trees. Some of these cacti tower to an alarming height and you are warned that you touch them at your peril. Water, of course, is the essential element for Phoenix. It is channelled there from great dams in the mountains, mostly engineered in the present century; and where the water can still be husbanded on to cultivatable plots, there flourish the palms and orange trees, and grass lawns that are the charm of Phoenix. But how far human settlements can spread depends on the availability of the water. In the deserts are the ghosts of the old cattle men and prospectors for gold and silver. Many legends attach to them and it is in part because of these that tourists stream there in the cooler weather.

Tradition has it that the first little township was so named more than a century ago, by an Englishman who had

had a classical education. He explained to his puzzled and unsophisticated companions how the mythical phoenix had sprung from the ashes of its predecessor. In this spot, he said, old Red Indian tribes had once learned how to make water canals and to cultivate the potentially rich soil.

After too brief an acquaintance with this strange region we departed, and were left only to study a few maps and a fragment of slate picked up in the desert. It is a consolation that we are already interchanging letters with some of the new and old friends met at the seminar.

## STAFF NEWS

### Mr. Harold S. Christopher

Mr. Christopher joined the staff in 1920 at the age of 14 as office boy in the Appeals Department at 306 Regent Street where one of his most important duties was to convey documents to Sir Arthur Pearson for signature. When the Showroom was opened at 155 Regent Street and the Appeals Department moved there he well remembers an occasion when the yard and cellar at those premises literally flowed with port wine when a member of the staff of Hedges & Butler, Wine Merchants, who shared the premises, dropped a keg from a drey he was unloading.

In 1926 Mr. Christopher moved to Brighton with Jock Boyd and other members of the Appeals Staff where he remained, except for a short break in 1934/5 until he enlisted in the R.A.F. in 1940. When he was demobbed in 1945 he returned to the Appeals Office in Brighton for a short time but was soon transferred to the Appeals & Public Relations Department in Park Crescent. When the move to Marylebone Road took place he was transferred to the Accounts Department where he worked on Shop, Welfare and Estate Accounts until taking charge of Men's Supplies in 1956.

During his 50 years of service most St. Dunstaners will have had contact with Mr. Christopher, if not in person by phone or letter, and all will remember and thank him for his kindly, considerate attention to their needs and will wish him a long and happy retirement in the quiet Kent countryside where he is going to live after his retirement at the end of March.

Since his illness early last year Mr. Christopher has been assisted by Mrs. Josephine Lefrère, who will be in charge of Men's Supplies at Headquarters from 1st April next.

### Miss H. L. Warter

We regret to announce that Miss H. L. WARTER has resigned her position as Pensions Officer and left our employ at the end of last month. Miss Warter joined St. Dunstan's staff at Church Stretton in 1945 under Mr. Banks and continued to work with him when the Pensions Office was transferred to Brighton after the war. On Mr. Banks' retirement in 1957 Miss Warter took over his work as Pensions Officer firstly at Brighton and more recently at Headquarters.

We are very grateful to Miss Warter for the help and advice she has given over the years to many St. Dunstaners on pension matters and accord to her our very best wishes for the future. Mr. L. A. Slade will be undertaking Miss Warter's duties.

## BANKING ACCOUNTS

In the July, 1963 *Review* Lord Fraser, writing in his Chairman's Notes, strongly urged St. Dunstaners who did not already have a banking account to consider opening one and he mentioned that Barclays are our Bankers.

The recent postal strike clearly demonstrated the advantages of having banking facilities; at a time when many people were caused considerable inconvenience the person with a bank account continued to enjoy easy access to and safe transfer of funds.

Some 80% of St. Dunstaners have current accounts either with one of the principal Banks or with a Trustee Savings Bank and full use is made both by St. Dunstan's and, we believe, St. Dunstaners, of the bank Credit Transfer system for the speedy transfer of funds and settlement of bills.

If any St. Dunstaner feels he would like to enjoy these facilities or wishes to know more about banking procedure, he should write to the Accountant at Headquarters indicating the name and address of the Bank where he would like the account to be opened.



The British Legion has awarded a Gold Badge to Alderman Frank L'Estrange Fawcett. In addition to all his local work as a County Alderman and member of various committees, etc., Frank Fawcett has been very active with the Stowmarket Branch of the British Legion since he first joined in 1924. He has served as President and Chairman and been particularly concerned in welfare matters.



### Public Service

Mr. J. Swales, M.B.E., M.C., M.Inst.T. (retired), of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Yorks., will be celebrating his 80th birthday in March. We send him our congratulations and feel that readers may be interested to hear something of how he has filled the years and still keeps very busy with a great many interests.

He lost his sight in action with the Tank Corps in 1918, trained at St. Dunstan's and subsequently returned to the service of the North Eastern Railway in Middlesbrough. He studied for and obtained first class diplomas in a number of subjects, including railway law, economics and railway operation, etc., and, before he retired in 1956, held the position of Indoor Assistant to the District Commercial Superintendent. He married, but is now a widower, with two sons and several grandchildren.

For nearly 50 years, Joe Swales has been active for varying periods with a number of professional, local government and welfare bodies: Institute of Transport (Chairman of local branch for a number of years); Town Council of Middlesbrough (1936-1945); Tees-side Industrial Development Board and North Eastern Development Association, Newcastle; Tees-side

and District Institute for the Blind, which was formerly the Cleveland and South Durham Institute for the Blind (1928 to the present day, with the last 28 years as President of this flourishing association); Middlesbrough Ex-Servicemen's Association (early 1930's until it was wound up a few years ago); District War Pensions Committee (30 years' service, mainly as Vice-Chairman); Middlesbrough Community Council and Tees-side Council of Social Services (since 1941 in various capacities). He is also a member of the Middlesbrough Rotary Club and an enthusiastic Freemason, who has received many honours.

Through his various forms of public service, he has had the privilege of being presented to royalty on three occasions: in 1918 he received the M.C. from King George V; during the Second World War he was presented to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (now the Queen Mother) at an inspection of Civil Defence Services; and in 1955 he received the M.B.E. from the Queen.

We know, too, that Joe Swales does a good deal of woodwork and is actively interested in his home, and we are left wondering if he knows the meaning of the words "spare time"!



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

## It Strikes Me

### Rota

Ernie Lee, of Moreton, Wirral, has just become a rat. No, I am not being personal, he has joined the Rats of Tobruk Association—ROTA for short. Membership is restricted to those who took part in the siege of Tobruk during the Second World War and Ernie wonders if there are any other St. Dunstaners who are members or who would be interested in joining.

He is hoping to trace an Australian he worked with at Tobruk Harbour during the siege. "I often wonder what happened to the Aussie who helped me fix up that big floating crane so we could unload tanks and how we both got stuck at the end of the jib eighty feet up when Jerry took an interest in our activities and we spent four hours up there afraid to move." Sounds like an experience it would not be easy to forget!

### Royal Year

1971 is going to be a very special year for Leslie Webber, who has been invited to remain in office as Mayor of Tewkesbury for a second term. The town will be celebrating the 850th anniversary of the consecration of Tewkesbury Abbey and the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Tewkesbury. On April 8th Leslie, as Mayor, will be host to H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh at luncheon given by the Council, when the Royal couple attend a service in the Abbey and the Queen distributes the Royal Maundy Money.

### "You"

A new magazine called *You* the first issue of which will be on sale in April, is to be printed in Braille by the Scottish Braille Press.

*You* is being published by T.P.L. Magazines Ltd., in partnership with the British Medical Association. It will examine present-day life and living in its many and varied aspects. Written by doctors and backed by the B.M.A., its articles will range over a broad field of contemporary topics related to the achievement of health and happiness.

The S.B.P. has decided that the blind should have this new magazine right from the very first issue. The inkprint edition will be sold at 18p (3/7) per copy but the Braille edition will only cost 10p (2/-) per copy. However, subscriptions for periods of less than six months cannot be accepted.

**MAGOG**



## OVINGDEAN NOTES

### *Long Winter Evenings*

As you heard last month, the New Year began for us with snow and dangerously icy roads and footpaths. However it did not last for too long and soon our friends from the outside world began to venture out to us again. First came the valiant ladies and gentlemen who brave the elements to take the more hardy souls walking, closely followed by the people who help to while away the long Winter evenings with suitable entertainment.

One windy evening in January, several young men and one lady were observed struggling into the hall carrying large, heavy pieces of electronic equipment. Help! we thought, the computer age is taking over. But no—when all was disentangled we found that it was just our old friends from the Brighton Tape Recording Club. Armed with a very fine Hi-Fi record player, two enormous speakers and a pile of stereophonic records, they proceeded to put on a "Grand Record Concert". The choice of music was varied to suit all tastes and the quality of the sound reproduction was "out of this world". Literally, in the case of a recording of classical music played on an electronic keyboard, which most of us found interesting even if it was not to our liking in a musical sense.

#### **Blind Pianist**

Another popular guest was Mr. Arthur James, a blind professional pianist, who lives and works in Brighton. Arthur plays light and popular music for us, and his visits are much enjoyed.

Three stalwart members of our Play-Reading team, Miss Eve King, Mr. Gus Tennyson and Mr. George Farquhar, came to join with members of the V.A.D. staff in reading Peter Coke's comedy, "Breath of Spring". This play told the story of a gang of elderly fur thieves whose exploits had to be heard to be believed.

With the approach of "Decimal Day" the Wednesday Group decided that during the course of a "Question Time" we should find out all we could about the new system.

Mr. J. Stokes, our ex-bank manager chairman, explained it all very fully, answered our questions and handed round samples of the new coins for examination. I think this helped us all to feel more confident and ready for the change-over.

You may have heard of Huntin', Shootin' and Fishin', but would you believe Dartin', Shootin', and Carpet-Bowlin'? Well, that's what went on when Mr. Jock Carnochan arranged for a team of St. Dunstaners to be "at home" to the A.T.C. 1218 Squadron, Newhaven.

Members of our team were W. Richardson, C. Mills, J. Gilbert, G. Baldwin, P. Surrige, F. Barratt and E. Allchin, and last but not least, two ladies, Margaret Stanway and Eileen Williams. Scores were as follows:

SHOOTING: A.T.C.—7

St. Dunstan's—2

CARPET BOWLS: St. Dunstan's—7

A.T.C.—2

And St. Dunstan's won the Darts Match.

#### **EASTER BONNETS**

St. Dunstaners who are coming to spend Easter at Ovingdean are reminded that we shall be holding another Easter Bonnet Competition during the Dance on Easter Monday, with prizes for the best Bonnets.

They should be original and/or amusing, topical, glamorous etc. and need not be expensive. The Competition is open to both Ladies and Gentlemen.

### **Letter to the Editor**

**From L. Howell of Haywards Heath**

During the spring of 1915 the first group of men were selected for training in the Art of Massage as it was then called, now better known as Physiotherapy. I believe there are only two of the original group left alive, namely Albert Woollen and Tommy Milligan. Albert Woollen told

me that Sir Arthur Pearson, our old chief, had been discussing the question of employment for men with an old friend of his, Major Tate Mackenzie, a surgeon in the American Army Medical Service, at that time in charge of a military hospital at Heton Park, Manchester. The latter told Sir Arthur that he would find work for the first group of men to be trained. This promise he kept, and in 1916 in the month of August, the first group of men were ready to leave St. Dunstan's and were duly appointed as masseurs to the Western Command Convalescent Camp. Major Tate Mackenzie opened up a Hydro in the camp with a local medical man in charge of it, a Dr. Radcliffe. The following men were in the group—Albert Woollen, Tommy Milligan, George Sewell, Fred Bates, Bert Kirby and Albert Law.

I have been told that there were two

other names on that list but Albert Woollen has no recollection of them.

I feel a deep sense of gratitude to Sir Arthur for thinking of the idea and organising the training, and to Major Tate Mackenzie for his part in launching the first group of St. Dunstan's Physiotherapists—no easy matter for there was much prejudice against blind Masseurs and Masseuses.

It was my good fortune around about 1940 to have as a patient Dame Rosalind Paget, the lady holding the number one badge of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, the examining body then available to give a certificate. Dame Rosalind Paget was one of a small group, I think she told me five, who were in London. Some of them were midwives. They later merged with a medical Gymnastic group in Manchester.

## FRANK REVIEWS

*Cat. 640. "Ashenden", by W. Somerset Maugham, read by John Richmond.* Ashenden, a writer, joins the British Intelligence Service at the beginning of the '14-18 War. His profession gives him ample cover to work in neutral countries, although from the first, the Swiss are suspicious of him.

Maguham here is no James Bond. But what he has to do he does with precision.

Perhaps the clue to all spy stories is contained in the prologue, where Maugham explains that "Ashenden" is founded upon his own experiences with the Intelligence Service. Fact, he says, is a poor storyteller, so it has to be rearranged for the purposes of fiction.

Nobody could call this a dramatic book by modern standards but there is something substantially right about this collection of exploits. Certainly entertaining reading on five tracks.

*Cat. 641. "The Wild Cherry Tree", by H. E. Bates, read by Anthony Parker.* A cluster of short stories—all dealing with human situations in the interminable battle of wits between the male and female of the species. Really a conglomeration of what should have been, would have been or could have been. No happy endings,

sorry, but nicely written and very realistic in approach.

*Cat. 620. "Cobbler's Dream", by Monica Dickens, read by John Richmond.* This is the first purely fictional book which I have read by this author. Two which I seem to recall reviewing were "One Pair of Hands" and "One Pair of Feet" and both, I believe, were autobiographical. This time she has chosen a most appealing subject in that her whole theme is founded upon a farm for retired horses and the people who run it and minister to the needs of the animals.

Miss Dickens's characters are warm, realistic people who love animals. Of course, just as real are some of her hard, cold, indifferent types, who add to the balance of this very enjoyable novel.

*Cat. 960. "The Lady and the Mystic", by Ethel Mannin, read by Marvin Kane.* Janet, the widow of an English diplomat who has committed suicide after the death of their only child, looks for a purpose in life to occupy her now empty existence. An American shipboard acquaintance tells her about her brother, Arnold, who has written a book on his own mystic theology of life. When Janet reads the book she decides that this man has the answer she is



looking for. Subconsciously she is falling in love with him.

The mystic lives on a rundown ranch near Los Angeles, and accepts her presence without question, giving her quarters in an isolated guest-house. Becoming terrified by the loneliness, Janet returns to civilization, where she is befriended by a journalist. Yet still infatuated with the mystic, she returns to the ranch when a bush fire sweeps the area, and rejected by Arnold, finds death in the blaze, whilst, he, shocked by her death, abandons his own philosophy, and prepares to seek a new path. I suppose there is a message intended here somewhere. Frankly, I find it hard to determine its meaning.

Cat. No. 1097

**"Changing Focus: the development of blind welfare in Britain"** by June Rose, read by Alvar Liddell. A short, concise history of the treatment of the blind by our betters—the sighted majority.

Please pardon the sarcasm. For, although as the author points out, things have improved drastically during the last century, many like myself will have distasteful recollections of our treatment as a minority by the sighted. Thank heavens, things have improved and will continue to do so, but we still have a long way to go.

It is noticeable in this history that the author pinpoints two wealthy men who, on facing blindness themselves, turned their attentions, connections and to a large extent, their personal fortunes to our advancement.

It was, of course, the veterans of the 'fourteen-eighteen War who made the greatest contribution to our acceptance and I think they will admit that their "nephews" of the Second World War have not done too badly. So while paying tribute to the late Dr. Armitage and Sir Arthur Pearson for blazing the trail for us, let us also remember that it remains with us, the blind, to keep the road free from hazards which those thoughtless sighted ones are apt to leave in our path.

There are still many people who think that, as in the old days, we should be locked away in an asylum. But then it is only the mad who are certain they are sane.

## DERBY SWEEPSTAKE

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

Tickets are 15p each, and applications for them should be made as soon as possible and will be received up to the first post on **Wednesday, 19th May**. Each application must bear the name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, and, **with a stamped addressed envelope enclosed**, must be sent to the Editor, D.S.S. Dept., *St. Dunstan's Review*, P.O. Box 58, 191 Old Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5QN.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to St. Dunstan's and crossed. Loose money should not be sent unless it is registered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Draw will take place in the London Club on the evening of Thursday, 27th May, the race being run on 2nd June.

## Examination Results

Congratulations to Peter, son of GEORGE POLLARD of Worthing, Sussex, who passed his City and Guilds examination. Peter is continuing his studies to become a qualified electrician.



The P. & O. liner, *Iberia* in harbour at Malta. Photo — Ocean Travel Development.

## John Proctor Travel Agency

Many St. Dunstaners are seasoned travellers. Their journeys may be connected with work or holidays. They may go by air, by sea or by rail. May we remind our readers that our St. Dunstaner, John Proctor of Rottingdean has, with the aid of his wife and brother-in-law, run a travel bureau for many years. Why not let him arrange your journey for you? He is in touch with leading agencies and general services connected with travel. His address is: 2, Marine Drive, Rottingdean, Sussex, Telephone Brighton 33448.

## Club News

### Brighton

#### Annual General Meeting

Owing to the National Electricity crisis in December, 1970, the Annual General Meeting of the Brighton Club was postponed until 14th January, 1971. Mrs. Dacre, our President, accompanied by Miss Ramshaw, Vice-President, and Matron Blackford, added lustre to the gathering.

Mr. Jarrold called the attendance register. Seventeen St. Dunstaners were present with escorts, friends and helpers.

Silent tribute was paid to the late Mrs. Rhodes and the President recited "They shall grow not old" as a mark of esteem and respect.

The Chairman-Secretary gave a brief outline of the club activities and made a special point of thanking all those who had done so much in supporting and running the club.

Those voted to serve on the Committee were: **Messrs T. Kirk, Vice-Chairman, J. Walker, A. Martin and S. Pike.**

Mr. Jarrold took the names for the 1971 tournament games. Miss Ramshaw kindly presented the prizes to the winners in the series of games for 1970 who were as follows:

WHIST. 1st F. Griffec; 2nd F. Rhodes; 3rd A. Smith.

WHIST/Ladies. 1st Mrs. Dodgson; 2nd Mrs. Holmes; 3rd Mrs. Smith.



CRIB. 1st F. James; 2nd S. Webster.  
DOMINOES/aggregate. 1st A. Martin; 2nd T. Kirk and S. Pike.  
DOMINOES/Ladies/aggregate. 1st Mrs. Pike; 2nd Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. James.  
DARTS "A" SECTION. 1st A. Dodgson; 2nd W. Chitty and S. Webster.  
DARTS "B" SECTION. 1st T. Kirk; 2nd F. Griffiee.

Owing to the Annual General Meeting having to be postponed, to offset the loss of the month of January for games, the Commandant has kindly granted permission for the club to hold a meeting on Thursday, 19th August, 1971.

Again, I thank you all, on behalf of the club, especially the Ladies; J. Jarrold, F. Bacon, H. Davenport and the catering staff for the refreshments.

Next meeting—**Thursday, 11th March.**

FRANK A. RHODES,  
*Chairman/Secretary.*

## London

### Annual General Meeting

At the 24th Annual General Meeting of the St. Dunstan's London Club held in the Club Rooms on Saturday, 6th February, our Chairman, Bill Miller outlined the activities of the Club during the past year and thanked the Committee for its services.

He remarked on the loss of membership in the indoor section which had been discussed at some length at the 1970 general meeting and we were pleased to welcome back after a lapse of several years, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Inman and we also welcomed two new members with their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Padley and Mr. and Mrs. Mick Sheehan. With the goodwill of some members of the Bridge Section, plus the newcomers, we managed to keep the Dominoes Section going and after the Summer holidays things began to look up. In September we were able to get the Sir Arthur Pearson Dominoes Tournaments under way. The aggregate Domino Competition was successfully carried through, and the Fives and Threes competition was

started but unfortunately not finished by the year end. The Committee felt that under the circumstances it would be better to let this competition carry on into the New Year without curtailing it and risk upsetting members who were not familiar with the club routine. Thanks were due to Messrs. Nuyens and Smith and also those members of the Bridge Section who helped the Domino Section to survive. The current year had already made a brighter start and Bill hoped it would continue so. The Derby Outing and the Football Pontoon were as popular as ever.

The Bridge Section, he said, continued to gather strength and new members were still coming forward. Bill applauded Roy Armstrong and his Bridge Sub-Committee for doing a truly marvellous job of work. The section had a full year of drives and tournaments increasing in number and popularity. The keenness of individual members to get elected into the team for some of these competitions is also to be commended. Unfortunately the Christmas Bridge Drive this year was marred by fears of electrical blackouts but the Masters Tournament was an overwhelming success and it gave the Bridge Club members a great thrill to act as hosts and hold the Masters Tournament here in our own Club Rooms.

Bill continued with his report to say that the Swimming on Monday evenings during the summer months saw a small but increasing number of St. Dunstaners enjoying a weekly dip.

Walking was enjoyed by our regular members who attended the Ewell functions and here again we managed to enter teams in two additional outside events, and he was happy to report that although membership of the Walking Section had not increased it had not decreased either.

Bill ended the Chairman's report on behalf of the London Club by thanking Roy Armstrong for serving on the Committee, to Miss Carson for her services as a Committee Secretary, to Norman Smith, to Mr. Lloyds for keeping the purse strings loose, to Percy Scouse, our cheerful doorman and everyone else who had helped us over the past year.

On the election of Officers, George Stanley remained on the Committee, Retiring members Bill Miller and Roy Armstrong were re-elected. G. Stanley

proposed Jim Padley as a member of the committee and this was seconded by J. Lynch.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Paul Nuyens to Mr. A. D. Lloyds for his work and time spent on the Club and Roy Armstrong thanked Bill Miller for his efforts on the Club's behalf.

GEORGE STANLEY,  
*Committee Member.*

The Football Pontoon ending on 31st January was shared by W. Allen, R. W. Evans and H. Meleson, with the teams Southampton, Everton and Birmingham respectively. The "booby" was won by Mrs. W. Harding with West Bromwich.

A notice appears elsewhere in this number regarding our yearly visit to the Derby and I hope those interested will send their names in as soon as possible. We regret that the cost had to be increased a little for 1971.

W. MILLER,  
*Chairman*

## Midland

The first meeting of 1971 was quite a successful one held on 10th January and although one or two members were absent owing to illness, we managed to deal with one or two matters for the year.

The draw was made for both of our domino competitions and three matches were played off in the first round of the Sir Arthur Pearson knock out.

We also turned our attention to the annual outing for this year and it was proposed by Lew Androlia that we should go to Chester Zoo. This proposal was seconded by Joe Kibbler and arrangements will now go ahead to make this possible, probably in June.

Tea for this meeting was arranged for us by Mrs. Bilcliff and we all thanked her.

Why not make a New Year resolution and come along to some of our meetings, you can then join in with us on our outings and social events which take place during the year.

Our next meeting will be on **14th March at 3 p.m.**

D. E. CASHMORE,  
*Secretary.*



## St. Dunstan's Fishing Club

Members have been going fishing individually, when the weather has permitted, and one very nice cod was caught by R. Hamilton, a 26 pounder. This has been registered with the specimen section of the N.F.S.A. and has been confirmed as accepted. Congratulations Ron, let's have a few more.

The question of specimen sizes or weights is something of which a number of members are unaware. Most fish are, when caught, in a category of either size or weight and anyone catching a good specimen is entitled to register it with the N.F.S.A., who at the end of each year, make awards to the best specimen sizes and weights. The last year's awards numbered over a thousand, therefore, I would ask members who wish to do this to communicate to me the following information: date of catch, where caught, whether Boat, Pier or Beach fishing, type of fish, weight, the names of two reliable witnesses who can verify the catch. With this information I can complete the appropriate form and register with the N.F.S.A.

### Going Fishing

Last Autumn I had a letter published in the *Angling Times and Mail* calling for clubs or individuals willing to take any of our members out, to contact me here at Ovingdean. As a result I have managed to put twelve of our members in touch with other clubs. One other of the answers I received was from a Mr. Phillips, the Secretary of the Cable and Wireless Angling Club of Newport, Mon., who though unable to take anyone out, kindly sent two parcels of ready made traces, about 100 in all. These are available to anyone who cannot make their own or are unable to get any made. Also received from the Brighton Palace Pier Angling Club a very kind offer of the proceeds of their next Pier Festival which they run annually for charity, this usually takes place either in March or November.



The original offer of a day's fishing on the *Golden Lilly* at a charge of £1, has regrettably had to be increased to the normal charge of £2, this is due to some difference of opinion between the Skipper and some members of other clubs. Frank Rugg, the Skipper, regrets having to do this, but has no option.

Red Ball House, the meals service organisation, has very kindly presented the Club with a Trophy in the shape of a fish and a red ball on a wooden base. A name, and for what it is to be competed for is required for this Trophy, your suggestions please, one suggestion has been, that it be presented annually for the best written fishing story, true or otherwise!

May I wish tight lines to all for the coming year.

JOCK CARNOCHAN.

## Bridge Notes

### BRIGHTON

The first Individual Competition of the Brighton Section for 1971, was held on Saturday, 16th January. The results were as follows:

M. Clements and A. Dodgson	76
J. Whitcombe and R. Bickley	68
F. Griffiee and Partner	68
F. Rhodes and J. Huk	67
W. Burnett and J. Chell	60
F. Mathewman and R. Goding	59
W. Scott and S. Webster	55
A. Smith and H. Kerr	51

### LONDON

The second Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 6th February. The results were as follows:

H. King and J. Lynch	82
F. Pusey and R. Evans	76
R. Armstrong and W. Allen	62
R. Stanners and Partner	58
P. Nuyens and H. Meleson	57
R. Fullard and Partner	43

R. ARMSTRONG,  
Captain

## Family News

### Marriage

HARE-CONSTANCE. On 11th February, 1971, William John Hare of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, married Mrs. B. Constance.

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOHN INCE, of Crossens, Southport, Lancashire who celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on 5th January 1971.

### Ruby Wedding

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. GEORGE ETHERINGTON, West Byfleet, Surrey, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 31st January, 1971.

### Grandfathers

#### Congratulations to:

REGINALD NEWTON of Salfords, Redhill, Surrey, announces the arrival of his 5th grandchild, Jason Newton. He was born on 5th November, 1970, to Reg's son, Derek and his wife, Dorothy, and is their first child.

### MATCH RESULTS

It is noteworthy that the first five Bridge Matches of the 1971 Season have been won by the St. Dunstan's London Club team.

We were pleased to hear that in the Croydon Bridge Congress we also had a measure of success. Mike and Vi Delaney got a first in the evening session of Friday, 5th February, and also came third on Saturday afternoon. On the Sunday afternoon Paul Nuyens and Roy Armstrong were first.

R. W. EVANS

TOM TAYLOR of Leyland, Lancs., has become a grandfather for the first time, his daughter Susan having given birth to a son on 4th January, 1971.

STANLEY TUTTON of Hounslow, Middlesex, announces the arrival of a third grandchild, when his daughter gave birth to a girl on 14th December, 1970, who is to be called Angela Dawn.

WILLIAM VENESS of Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, has become a grandfather for the first time at the birth of Janet Ann Bustard, on 28th December, 1970.

### Great Grandfather

#### Many congratulations to:

CHARLES TIMOTHY KIRK of Lancing, Sussex who announces the arrival of his 7th great grandchild, Dawn Michelle Taylor, who was born on 28th August, 1970.

Mrs. Violet Taylor, widow of the late HENRY TAYLOR of Worthing, Sussex, announces the birth of a great grandchild, Kelly Bishop, on 27th January, 1970. Mrs. Taylor now lives in Croydon.

HENRY FOSTER of Farnham, Surrey, announces the marriage of his eldest son Melvin to Miss Maureen Long on 3rd October, 1970, at Langley Parish Church, Bucks.

He also announces the marriage of his third son Barry, to Miss Linda Kingshott, on 30th January, at Tilford Parish Church, Surrey.

ROBERT OSBORNE announces the marriage of his son Keith to Miss Linda Baddeley on 24th October, 1970. Keith is the youngest grandson of our St. Dunstaner, the late Joe Walsh and his widow Mrs. Walsh.

### Deaths

#### We offer our sincere sympathy to:

MRS. JAMES BLACKWELL, wife of our St. Dunstaner, of Bridgwater, Somerset, on the death of her father in December 1970.

## 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.

#### Edward Murnock Brockie, 4th Gordon Highlanders.

Edward Murnock Brockie of Torphines, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, died on 2nd February, 1971 at the age of 75 years.

He was very proud to have served with the 4th Gordon Highlanders from 1915 to 1916. He was wounded in France and came to St. Dunstan's in that year.

He trained in mat making and attained a very good standard of workmanship and sold the articles that he made locally. Lately he had been in poor health and was taken ill just before Christmas. He rallied for a time but his death was not unexpected. He leaves a wife and grown up family.

#### Sydney Moseley, 4th Worcestershire Regiment.

Sydney Moseley of Halesowen, Worcestershire died on 26th January, 1971 at the age of 74 years.

He served in the 4th Worcestershire Regiment from 1914 to 1915 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1954. He suffered from poor health but was able to do a little poultry keeping and gardening. However, he had to give this up, as time went on, due to ill health and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a widow.



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## In Memory

**John Henry Palmer.** *Royal Army Medical Corps.*

John Henry Palmer, a late resident of Leicester, and recently living at Ovingdean, died on 26th January, 1971. He was 74 years of age.

He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps from 1915 to 1919 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1946. He trained for inspection work in industry and enjoyed his occupation until his retirement in 1961. He took pleasure in his holidays at Ovingdean, and later became a permanent resident there. He was a widower and leaves a daughter and family.

**James William Treece.** *Royal Naval Reserve.*

James William Treece of Willerby, nr. Hull, Yorkshire, died in hospital on 15th January, 1971. He was 77 years of age.

He served in the Royal Naval Reserve from 1914 to 1915 but his sight did not deteriorate until later on in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1960. In the intervening years he carried on occupation as a seaman. He was a regular attender at North Country Reunions and he enjoyed holidays at Ovingdean, where he will be much missed. He leaves a widow.

**Frederick George Trendell.** *Royal Fusiliers.*

Frederick George Trendell of High Wycombe, Bucks, died on 17th January, 1971. He was 78 years of age.

He enlisted in 1914 in the Royal Fusiliers and served with them until his discharge in 1917, coming to St. Dunstan's in that year. He trained in boot-making, mat-making and netting, and carried on with these trades for some years. In 1927 Mr. Trendell started keeping poultry as an additional interest and disposed of his boot repairing business soon after the 2nd World War. He then decided to retire from business and to concentrate on hobby occupations at home. He was a keen gardener and was awarded Certificates by the Rural District Council for the best kept garden on the Estate for 1965 and 1966. Both Mr. and Mrs. Trendell were active members of the British Legion until more recent years when Mr. Trendell's health became a matter of great concern. He was nursed devotedly by his wife, who survives him with other members of the family.

**David Ray Watt.** *Black Watch.*

David Ray Watt of Leith, Scotland, died on 16th January, 1971 at the age of 75 years.

He served in the Black Watch from 1914 to 1917 and was wounded at Ypres in 1917. He did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1933 and he trained in rug-making, an occupation he carried on for some time. He enjoyed holidays at Brighton where he will be much missed. He was a bachelor.

**Harry Watford.** *Machine Gun Corps and West Surrey Regiment.*

Harry Watford of Southwick, Sussex, died on 6th February, 1971, at the age of 75 years.

He enlisted in the Machine Gun Corps and served with them and also the West Surrey Regiment from 1914 to 1919 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1954, when due to loss of sight he had to give up his business. Since his retirement Mr. Watford had taken a keen interest in the greenhouse and garden work and had often been complimented on his fine show of produce in the greenhouse and the good condition of his garden. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

**Ernest Woodcock.** *Rifle Brigade.*

Ernest Woodcock of Selsey, Sussex (previously of Hillingdon, Middlesex), died on 26th January, 1971, at the age of 75 years.

He served in the Rifle Brigade from 1914 to 1919 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1949. He was already a trained physiotherapist when he came to St. Dunstan's and had a part-time hospital appointment as well as a private practice at his home in Hillingdon. For many years Mr. Woodcock also helped in a professional capacity at the Chalfont Colony for Epileptics. Unfortunately, his wife's health was not very robust and she died in 1963 but Mr. Woodcock has been assisted by Miss Peacock, who has also acted as his resident housekeeper. Mr. Woodcock retired from physiotherapy in 1967 and moved a few months later to Sussex, where he has enjoyed a restful retirement. Our sympathy goes to his sons and their families and to his invaluable helper, Miss Peacock.

**William Wrigley, A.M.** *Royal Scots Regiment.*

William Wrigley of Manchester, died on 10th February, 1971, at Northgate House, Brighton, where he was staying temporarily. He was aged 57 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Scots Regiment and served with them from 1939 to 1945. As a Sergeant Instructor in Northern Ireland he was gravely injured in a mine explosion which severely damaged both legs and he also lost both hands. For his courage and prompt action in saving the lives of others Bill Wrigley was awarded the Albert Medal. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1946.

He carried on a coach and taxi business for a considerable number of years and he was a frequent attender of Reunions both North Country and at Ovingdean. He was of a very cheerful disposition with a host of friends who will miss him very considerably. He leaves a widow and family.