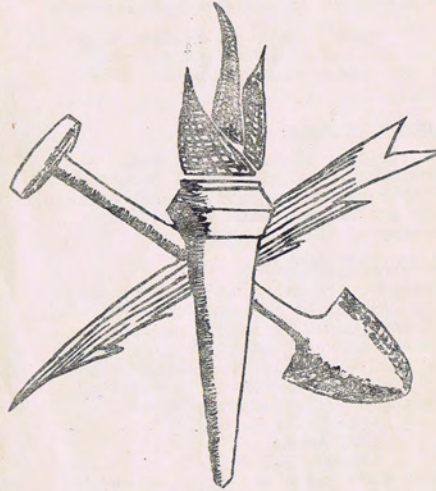


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LIBERTY sends to all its readers Happy and Affectionate Wishes for a Joyful Xmas and a Good and Hopeful New Year.

IS YOUR NAME THERE ?

Provisional lists of next year's voters will be on view until December 16th at Post Offices and Council Offices. If you are not included write to the Secretary of the Labour Party.

FAIR SHOPPING BUREAU.

Attention is drawn to the help the "Daily Herald" is offering to purchasers of shoddy goods. If anyone has bought an article that does not live up to the price paid - firstly, if possible, take it back - if no satisfaction is received write to The Fair Shopping Bureau, "The Daily Herald," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

telling them where and when you bought the article and if possible send the bill.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE!

XMAS FAIR AND SOCIAL.

DECEMBER 10th.

3-6 & 7.30-11.30.
ST. MICHAEL'S HALL.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The meeting took place at St. Michael's Hall on November 17th.

The Chairman welcomed members and expressed his pleasure at having such a large attendance at this important meeting. He also introduced that old and tried friend of the Party - Jack Scrivens.

The meeting was then given a brief resumé of the past year's work which, undoubtedly, had been extremely successful. The main objective, namely the return of three Labour Councillors for Sheerwater, had been achieved. Credit was due not only to Messrs. Davey, Smith and Knowler but also to the active members and those who had voted for a progressive and worthwhile policy.

The Secretary, Mr R. W. Thompson then read the Standing Orders which remained the same as there were no new rules or amendments put forward.

In his Report the Secretary noted the 3% swing to Labour in the Woking vote due, largely, to appreciative electors on Sheerwater. Though he regretted that his personal technical training programme prevented his seeking re-election as Secretary he promised to give all his available time to the Ward. He thanked the Chairman and all those members who had helped to make his duties light and worthwhile.

Annual Reports were then made.

The Yearly Statement was given by the Treasurer, Mr C. Perrin, and this was adopted.

The Membership Secretary, Mr J. Chidwick, gave news of the past year's work and the encouraging report that the membership was growing steadily. He also outlined several schemes to be put into operation in the New Year.

The Social Committee's programme had been given in a circular sent to members at the beginning of the year. The promises were kept and it was hoped that members had enjoyed themselves. Last year's Xmas Party was a great success and catered for nearly five hundred children. They had an excellent tea and left for home, each holding a toy. There had been two trips to the seaside - a family outing to Bognor and a children's outing to Littlehampton. Socials have been held nearly every month at the Community Centre and lately "Tree and Easy Nights" at St. Michael's Hall. With the exception of the Socials, which were poorly attended, the Committee had had a good year.

The Literature Secretary, Mr A. Wendon, gave details of work done and stressed the need for reading matter to keep members in touch with the problems that confront us.

Next on the agenda was the election of officers. Space does not permit a full list of nominees but the results are given.

Chairman.	A. Roberts.
Vice-Chairman.	R. W. Thompson.
Secretary.	A. R. Wendon.
Minutes Secretary.	A. Gardener.
Treasurer.	C. Perrin.

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Dear Fellow-Members,

Many of you are now familiar with our latest venture, namely "LIBERTY", the organ of the Woodham and Sheerwater Ward Labour Party. Through the medium of this progressive magazine I would like to write a few words with regard to our A.G.M. held on Nov. 17th. On behalf of the officers of the Ward I want to thank the many members who came along and made this A.G.M. one to remember. The spirit and determination of the members present augurs well for the future of the Labour Party on Sheerwater and nobody was more pleased to see this splendid progress than Mr Jack Scrivens, the first Chairman of the Ward. Jack had travelled some distance to be with us at our A.G.M. and his talk on differential rents was enjoyed by all present. You will read the official report of the meeting in this magazine so I will not go into details but I would like to personally thank those officers of the Party who were unable to seek re-election for the splendid work they have done over the past years and for the assistance they have given me as Chairman.

My thanks to the many members who worked so hard during our election campaigns and so made it possible to return three Labour Councillors to the Woking Council.

Our three representatives on the Woking Council - namely Paul Davey, Geo. Knowler, and Ted Smith - have been working so hard on Council duties (and they are many) that I feel the thanks of all

Management Comm. Delegates. Mrs Edwards.
Mrs Phelps.

Literature Secretary. A. Gardener.
Membership Secretary. J. Chidwick.
C. A. Delegate. C. Phelps.
Editor. G. Barnes.
Auditors. A. Larkins
C. Phelps.

Social Committee.

Chairman. A. Roberts.
Secretary. E. Smith.
Minutes Secretary. Mrs Bone.
Treasurer. Mr Bone.

Committee: - Mr Mrs Larkins, Mrs Collins, Mr Reeves, Mr Fleming, Mr Carr, Mrs Perrin, Mr Phelps, Mrs Standen, Mr Mrs Martin, Mr Mrs Blomfield and Mrs Elliot.

In his talk Jack Scrivens began on a nostalgic note, telling of the early days of the Sheerwater Labour Party and its setbacks and successes. He praised the work of the "original ten" and congratulated the Ward on its growth and its success.

He continued with an attack on the Tory Government's vicious policy directed at the working class and especially at the Council tenant. The measures they have taken have had a devastating effect upon Local Council Housing. The L.C.C. have been forced to raise rents and to curtail their future building programme.

He asked for organised protest and some form of Socialist action.

The Chairman regretted that time did not permit the discussion of this highly important subject.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr Scrivens and the meeting came to its close.

Sheerwater residents are due to them for the extremely hard tasks are performing.

This has been a grand year for the Woodham and Sheerwater Ward and with your support, both actively and morally, 1956 will be even greater.

A Happy Xmas and a Happy New Year to you all,

A. Roberts,
Chairman.

COUNCIL REPORT.

The London Transport Executive have turned down the suggestion for a Sunday bus service through the Estate to West Byfleet Station. The Woking Council sent a strong protest supporting Sheerwater's claim and offering alternative suggestions.

A recent campaign to recruit members for the Woking Civil Defence drew no response from Sheerwater.

It has been suggested to the Council that a complete plan of the Estate with street names etc., be erected at each end of Albert Drive.

It is almost certain that Woking will become a Borough in the very near future. The advantage and disadvantage of this would occupy a long, and, probably inconclusive debate. What is certain in this case is that Labour's fight will have to be rejoined with double effort. (It is hoped to enlarge upon this matter in a future issue.)

Sheerwater's Recreation Ground is making slow but steady progress. It is a large undertaking and must be made in parts and paid for in parts. Its completion will be welcomed by everyone.

Swimming, Tennis, Football, Cricket and Bowls will become more expensive pastimes in the New Year. The prices for the use of Woking Park Recreation Ground facilities are to be raised. The increased charges will not apply to Old Age Pensioners.

Efforts are being made to obtain a satisfactory Branch Library on Sheerwater.

Councillor Ted Smith wishes to thank all those kind people who called upon or wrote to him during his recent illness. He says that it was most gratifying to find that he had so many sincere friends.

The difficulty with regard to the supplying of coal to the Flats seems to have been solved satisfactorily. After correspondence the head of Messrs. Charrington called upon Councillor Smith and after consultation it was agreed that the firm would supply the 3cwt. orders necessitated by the small storage space in the flats.

Councillors Davey, Knowler and Smith have asked LIBERTY to convey to all its readers their Best wishes for a Happy Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

THIS NEW YEAR
MAKE A NEW RESOLUTION.
FIND A NEW MEMBER!

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

By BOB EDWARDS, M.P.

There is an old Eastern proverb which runs "Once bitten, shame on him. Twice bitten, shame on him. Thrice bitten, shame on me." How apt is this proverb to the present political situation. Twice the electors have been dragooned by Tory promises which have ended in betrayal. At the General Election millions of people were persuaded to vote Tory in the expectation that the Tories would fulfil the promises given at two General Elections, that they would stabilise prices and bring down the cost of living.

In April a Budget was "rigged" which gave £150,000,000 in taxation relief - £50,000,000 of which went to the already wealthy industrialists who were making the highest profits in history and paying enhanced dividends.

The Autumn Budget, with its attack on the housewife, the old age pensioners, the working class tenant and on all who depend upon weekly earnings, shows beyond doubt that the pre-election Budget of last April must be considered as one of the most blatant political confidence tricks in British history.

At two elections the people have been deceived but millions are eagerly awaiting the next General Election when the Tories will be judged, not by their promises, but by their actions against the poorer section of the community.