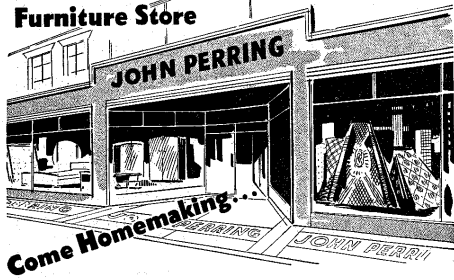
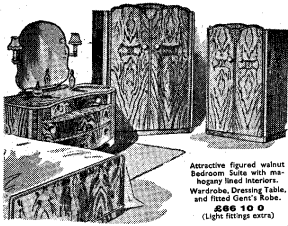


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Report of Items of General Interest dealt with at the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 1953

1. Details of the constitution and officers of the Sheerwater Dramatic Group had been received; application for affiliation approved.
2. Messrs. Murtough and Duplock elected to fill vacancies on the Youth Committee caused by the resignation of Messrs. Moore and Jackson.
3. Letter from Woking Public Library that Council had approved Sheerwater "Pylon" for Periodicals Room for trial period of six months.
4. Information given to Wokingham Borough Councillor as to difficulties experienced in development of the Estate. Letter of thanks received.
5. Copies of the Social Survey of the Estate recently completed had been received and may be borrowed from the Secretary.
6. London Transport had not found need for duplication of Saturday bus services after thorough examination. Letter sent asking for the position to be kept under review.
7. The London County Council had assured the Association that there would be no unnecessary delay in the transfer of the Recreation Site to the Urban District Council. No reply as yet from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.
8. Letter of thanks to the Secretary, St. Michael's Church Hall Committee, for all the help given to the Association.
9. The Headmaster had informed the Association that Stamp Machines could NOT be installed, but suggested that a member or members could be granted a licence for the sale of postage stamps until the Sub-Post Office is opened. This possibility is being explored.
10. The Highways Committee cannot permit early morning street lighting, but the advisability of keeping certain lamps alight all night is being energetically examined.
11. The Chairman reported that it had been impossible to arrange for the Centre to be opened officially on January 2nd. The new date was fixed for February 20th. Activities will, of course, take place in the Centre before that date.
12. The final list of equipment had been submitted to the Surrey C.C., and it was hoped that, on receipt of the contributions from County and U.D.C., purchases could be completed.
13. A lot of applications had been received for lettings, and the question of charges was being examined, following the receipt of information as to the proposed rental.
14. As announced elsewhere, a Branch Library will shortly be opened at the Centre.
15. The necessary vote for initial equipment of the Youth Club was granted.
16. It was decided that the Annual General Meeting should be held on February 26th, 1954.
17. Possibility of having Day Nursery on the Estate to be explored.
18. Letters to be sent re Bus Shelters to London Transport and about the state of the footpath from Sheerwater Road to Woodlands Avenue to the Urban District Council.
19. The implied resignation of Mr. Jackson, of 44, St. Michael's Road, accepted. Council moved that his valuable services to the community be publicly acknowledged, and also those of Mr. Kelly, whose resignation was reported last month.

STAMP CORNER

To conclude our observations on the rudiments of stamp collecting, it is fitting to add a few remarks about the more painstaking side of the hobby. We have discussed, in very general terms, the kind of collecting we want, and the methods of layout and housing of this collection. It is in many ways conceivable to collect a number of stamps, taking into account only differences of design and colour as set out for example in the (*Gibbons' Simplified*) Catalogue. Yet it is also quite exciting to find that one has two stamps to all intents alike, which differ, however, as to perforation, size, or watermark, or even shade of colour, and that whereas one is common enough, the other commands quite a valuable price in the main (*Gibbons' Catalogue* (the "*Big Gibbons*").

So my advice to the would-be, or even junior, collector is not to spurn varieties of perforation, watermark, or shade. A little cheap and easily obtained equipment is all that is necessary to aid one's discovery of these varieties. First, a perforation gauge. These range from cardboard to celluloid and kindred materials and vary in price accordingly. I still cling to my old card, which I've used for years, and which, I believe, cost me 1s. or thereabouts. These usually have a scale of perforations in order of size down the middle. Loose stamps may be tested on this scale; one determines the size of perforation by trial and error, merely finding the size of dots which fit exactly into the perforation holes of the stamp. The various sizes of perforation are also given along the sides of the gauge for use with stamps which are already mounted in an album. Where a stamp has two perforations, such as 13 x 12, the first denotes the horizontal measurements, and the second the vertical perforation.

Secondly, a black tray may be used for determining type of watermark. Lay the stamp face down on the tray. The watermark thereupon usually shows up clearly. In difficult cases a little benzene may be used; normally I would advise against the use of this if possible. Actually it is not really necessary to purchase a tray, any black, or dark, surface will suffice, and more often than not easy differences of watermark may be determined by holding up to the light!

Thirdly, colour variations. It seems that the "*Big*" catalogues list a thousand and one bewildering varieties of colours and shades. The only way to get over worst of these is to arm oneself with a colour guide. Most of the Philatelic publishers issue one of these. Personally I would hate to distinguish between "magenta," "mauve," "purple," "violet-purple," and so on with the naked eye! I think it is worth while, if one is going to collect stamps, to collect definite varieties. It can enhance the value of a collection to such a considerable extent, and with a "*Big Gibbons*" which lists most of the varieties in a most painstaking way, and the equipment described above, it is quite easy to determine the main varieties.

Here are examples of the varieties one may come up against:—

Eg. 1. Nigeria K.G. VI. 1d. Carmine (mint) SG 50	<i>Gibbons Value.</i>
	17/6
1d. Rose Red (mint) SG 50a	3d.
Quite a difference, eh? Yet such a slight difference of shade!	
Eg. 2. Ceylon K.G. VI. "White Elephants."	
	<i>Gibbons Value.</i>
	£ s. d.
50c. Black and Mauve. perf. 13 x 12 SG 393 (used)	4 0 0
perf. 13½ SG 394b (used)	1 6
perf. 14 SG 394c	1 0 0
perf. 12 SG 394d	3
Eg. 3. Natal. Q.V. 1d. Blue-Green wmk. "Crown CC" SG 26	3
1d. Blue-Green wmk. "Crown CA" SG 27	4 0
1d. Dull-green wmk. "Crown CA" SG 28	17 6
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Again, startling differences.

STAMP TOPICS

Stamps well worth obtaining are the issues of the two Rhodesias, and of Nyassaland. It is possible that the new Central African Federation will issue its own stamps. The Queen Elizabeth issues of the old territories will be quite short-lived, and these attractive stamps are bound to appreciate in value.

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ALLOTMENTS.—These have now been allocated and a list of holders published herewith. Applicants not successful in obtaining a plot are maintained on a waiting list for vacancies arising, or if further sites become available. The Committee is actively engaged in negotiations with the L.C.C. for further plots when the estate is finished.

LECTURES.—A very interesting lecture was given by Mr. Holmes, of the Surrey County Council, in St. Michael's Hall, on Friday, December 12th, 1954, and was well attended. It is hoped to secure the services of Mr. Shoesmith in the New Year to give a lecture on Chrysanthemums.

COMMUNITY CENTRE.—Future Meetings and Lectures will take place in the New Centre, commencing in January with a General Meeting on Friday, January 15th, 1954. Members are requested to attend to assist the Committee in the selection of the new Hut to be erected in Albert Drive.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES.—Owing to the growth of the estate, volunteers are required for area representatives and Committee work. Any member wishing to volunteer please contact Mr. Cooper, 112, St. Michael's Road, Mr. Barnard, 49, Lambourne Crescent, Mr. Draper, 46, Lambourne Crescent, or apply at the Hut.

PLANTS, ETC.—Orders for these should be submitted by February 28th, 1954. A fully detailed list of these was published in the November issue of the "*Pylon*," copies of which are available at the Hut. A general reminder is published below.

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NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

I would like to draw members' attention to the remarks of H. T. D. on the definition of a member as published in the last issue of the "*Pylon*." These remarks are very true, and I would appeal to all to dwell upon them. The payment of a year's subscription is really not in itself sufficient to secure all the benefits of a full member of the Association.

We are at present enjoying quite a large financial saving on our purchases at the Hut, but only with the full co-operation of members can prices be brought down even further and our range of supplies increased.

Bulk purchase is the basis of really cheap supplies, but your purchasing committee is only able to buy in bulk if members will give details of their requirements in advance and take pains to see that their subscriptions are paid up, thus ensuring that money is available to finance bulk purchase. Too often do your committee members hear complaints that "Nobody has called to collect our orders," or "When are you coming to collect my subscription?"

The Hut is always open on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, and your official or representative (names and addresses are published periodically) will be pleased to attend to your requirements. You will have seen that very good prices have been obtained for seed potatoes and Spring bedding plants against bulk purchase, and any members wishing to purchase off the shelf at the Hut without previously ordering may well have to pay considerably increased prices.

The attendance at lectures and general meetings, although not deplorable, is small in comparison with our latest membership figure. I wonder if members fully appreciate just how much can be learned and gained from attendance at such gatherings. Make a note for the third Friday in each month and come along to discuss common problems with your neighbours. Be a "member," and reap full benefit from your membership. By remaining just a subscriber you may miss quite a lot.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate Sherwater on achieving such a wonderful reputation for its gardens. The Association hopes to organise its first Show during the coming season, and an enthusiastic turnout is anticipated. Happy digging!

R. S. C.

SHERWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL.

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ESOX FABLES

It had all been arranged. We were to catch the 8.30 a.m. Green Line from the estate to the ship at Weybridge. From there we would walk along the towpath to a pleasant spot on the bank of the Desborough Cutting. It was to have been the Sheerwater Angling Club's first competition in order to find the Club's strength and select its teams for the Open Competition we were entering the following Sunday on the same stretch of water.

Alas! this was not to be. When I arose, drew the curtains and peered out through the window, my heart sank. I stood at the window some minutes looking first at the sky, hoping to find a little break in the slate-coloured clouds, and then at the front garden, which was all but waterlogged and definitely showing signs that the present downpour was not just a passing shower but had been steadily falling since the beginning of the month, which by now was almost eight hours old.

Wondering what I would do with the 25 tin of maggots I had bought the previous day, I crossed the room, climbed over the wife, who, incidentally had been mumbling in her sleep something about Colney Hatch and Cane Hill, pulled my share of the bedclothes over me and commenced dreaming of the monster pile which had slithered every "Piscatorial Paradox" from Land's End to John o' Groats but was now safely trapped inside my keepnet. The sound of the gate catch and steps on the footpath awoke me again. "Could it be? Yes! A ring at the door bell sent me hurrying down, heart thumping. Perhaps it had stopped raining whilst I had been doing, but on opening the door the sight of Bill and Joe with water simply running off their waterproofs told me that the heavens had opened even more since my last look at the day.

With the greeting "Watcha think?", the three of us commiserated with each other on the doorstep. After much now, we parted, agreeing to review the position again in just over an hour's time, just long enough to perform the necessary ablutions (no shave), get breakfast, dress up in quilted pullovers and waterproofs, collect the fishing gear plus the tin of maggots and be off. If only it would stop raining!

Whilst in the process of doing these things, the wife from the kitchen called. "You'd better come down here." I did, to find Peter looking almost as angelic as his namesake. Now Peter had a car, or perhaps it would be better to say the means of transport so there could be nothing wrong in going from door to door, and it didn't stop we could always fish under the bridge at Walton. The wife hurried round to Joe's place only to find Joe playing draughts with Bill (surely not the game for two stalwarts like Bill and Joe). When she got back she informed me that Joe's wife had also been muttering something about "Loony-Bins." The only thing I can think is that they must have eaten something the night before.

In the meantime Peter had gone to fetch "Genevieve." The front seat was covered with a large piece of barrage balloon to catch the drips which were coming through the roof, but, undaunted, Peter piled in the tackle and then ourselves. Peter turned the thing round and we were off. But were we? Splutter, splutter, splutter so yards up the road, still within viewing distance of the wives. "Water in the carb," sighed Peter as he got out to render the light aid. Pete's a handy man with engines, and once again we were off. But no, the same gurgling noise and the same selection of words. "Could he fix it this time? You don't know Peter. Now with the choke well out we were really on our way, although once or twice it did sound as if we might be doomed for a stop by the wayside.

By now the rain was just falling down and the roof was offering no resistance to it whatever. It started with small globules drip, drip, drip down my neck, but it wasn't long before the drips became an incessant stream, and the barrage balloon held a nice puddle which gradually spread to my seat. At times I thought we were driving down the river, but Peter assured us it was a short-cut to the bridge. This I accepted with a somewhat suspicious mind, and only then after I had seen lamp posts and bus stop tops along the route.

We finally made it, parked the car under one of the arches at the foot of the bridge, unloaded the tackle, set it up, and commenced fishing.

One might think the proverbial fisherman's story would make a suitable ending but I couldn't tell a lie. Oh! yes, we caught fish all right—three, to be exact—but how those sprats got that far up the Thames I've yet to find out.

Being by now just as wet as the fish outside, we decided to make for home, completing the job at The Grotto, Weybridge, and The Victors, just outside the estate. Now it's Wednesday, and with the comfort of an armchair I sit to relate my story, but there seems to be something wrong with my "dose" and "dead"—atishoo! "Pass me the aspirin, dear."

A. T. D.

Sheerwater Loan Club

The Loan Club has been started and has met with considerable response. The meeting nights are on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Community Centre Committee Room. New members are welcome, and anyone desirous of obtaining information is invited to call at either of the following addresses:—

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CORRESPONDENCE

THANK YOU.

Dear Mr. McDermott,
I am writing on behalf of my Rector, Fr. Sullivan, to thank the Committee members of the Sheerwater Community Association, in the name of all the Catholics at present on the Estate, for their kind permission to use the Centre every Sunday at 9 a.m. for a three-quarter hour service. I sincerely hope that all will work smoothly until we are able to secure a home of our own.

Yours sincerely,
G. BURKE.

Campbell Cottage,
Highfield Road,
W. Byfleet.

WHY NOT MR. WATKINSON?

Sir,
The arrangements for the opening of the Community Centre, as recommended by the Management Committee, has severely shaken my confidence in the Community Association Council for accepting such short sighted recommendations and for refusing on political grounds the opening to be performed by our Member of Parliament, Mr. Harold Watkinson. Surely the learned Council realises that a Member of Parliament, once elected,

pledges faithful service to his constituents regardless of party or creed. Our Member of Parliament has given great assistance and achieved a great deal in helping to improve the amenities, facilities, and the lot generally of residents of this Estate, including expediting the early erection of the Centre.

The sub-committee should have been aware of these points and the work already done by this gentleman. I feel sure it is not the wish of the residents of this Estate to insult their Member in this way.

Our "Member" is a credit to his constituency, and we can reflect on the honour of possessing one so efficient, conscientious and accessible. It is to be hoped that the residents of Sheerwater will voice their disapproval at the action taken on their behalf.

Yours faithfully,
W. LANGDON.

2, Lambourne Crescent.

(Editor's footnote)—The publication of any letter does not mean that the published items are the policy of the Association. Your views are welcomed on the above subject or on any other and should be addressed to the Editorial Committee, 73, Albert Drive.)

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EDITORIAL

THIS IS YOURS—PLEASE USE IT.

After a great deal of hard work by the Association Officers, Council and members a Community Centre is at last ours. The success of the Centre as a method of expression for all members will be your direct responsibility. There are grand opportunities for all kinds of societies, etc., and you will read from time to time in this magazine of the activities that will be held there.

It will take quite a fair amount of money to run the Centre in the proper manner, and it is only by giving the various activities your support that it will function. If your particular activity is not at present represented, perhaps you will let the Association know.

It is to be hoped that members will not only look at the Association Centre as just a mere place to attend Whist Drives and Danes, although, of course, it is expected that these items will take up at least two days per week so on. But it is the fact that we can now take up all types of educational, cultural, etc., activities.

Let us therefore make a New Year resolution to the effect that as far as we can we will give the Centre all the support that we are able.

Sheerwater Players Dramatic Club.

The inaugural meeting of the Club was held on November 18th, and we are now starting play-reading preparatory to rehearsals. New members are still required for parts in plays, and we also need back-stage workers, i.e., electrician, scene designer, carpenter, wardrobe mistress, etc.

Please contact Mr. H. F. Williamson, 14, Bateson Way, for further particulars about meetings and rehearsals.
You can really enjoy yourself and make new friends in the Club.

COMPETITION FOR ALL

The Editorial Committee has decided that at a very early date in the future the front page of the "Pylon" shall be designed (apart from the Christmas issue), to be a permanent feature of the magazine. The Committee has therefore decided that two prizes shall be awarded (1st £12.5.0 and 2nd £6.0.0) to the reader who sends in the best idea. It is not necessary for the idea to be drawn on paper or artistically presented, BUT the design must include a Pylon.

All entries for the competition should be forwarded to the Editorial Committee at 73, Albert Drive, by not later than January 31st, 1954. The Committee's decision on the selection will be final, and the chosen idea will remain the property of the Association.

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 No. 8 (169). Fountain, Noakes, Norwich Street, E.C.
 No. 9 (448). Mrs. Hazel, 61, Dewsbury Road, Dollis Hill, N.W.10.

The Committee would like to thank all those people who helped to make this Draw a success, and many thanks to the sellers of tickets. In future all functions will be held in the New Centre. It is hoped to run a few trips to the coast in the summer, so please watch your "Pylon" and Notice Board.

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STAMP CORNER—Continued from page 4.

The Union of South Africa has always been a popular country with collectors, although of recent years, since the Government Printer took over, the quality of production has deteriorated. Now, since that very pleasant Coronation Stamp, design seems to have suffered as well. The recent centenary commemoratives of the famous Cape Triangulars were not up to previous standards; in fact, they have all the appearance of match-box labels. The new 5d., 1s. 3d. and 1s. 6d. definitives are also disappointing.

Amidst the many new Queen Elizabeth stamps which are appearing every week, there is still an occasional stamp issued for other reasons. Such an issue is the new Australian 3d. stamp, commemorating the issue of the first Tasmanian stamp issued 100 years ago.

C. A. B.

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COLLECTING?

Have you ever seen a squirrel busy at his autumn task? What does he do? You say, "Collects nuts and roots for the winter." Yes, but then you say, "What has that to do with coins?" Just this, most people have, at some time or other, an urge to collect things, and the psychologist would tell us that this driving force is the same in the squirrel and in us humans.

We have all watched Mother pushing an extra button into an already bulging tin. Father just cannot pass an old nut, bolt or screw, without picking it up and remarking, "It will come in useful some day."

The small boy quite suddenly will develop a craze for collecting things. Mother will notice bulging pockets and express amazement at the strange things to be found in them.

Bigger boys, and girls, too, collect things. Teenage girls collect photographs, especially if they portray a popular star of screen or radio. Some will decide on stamps, and of course lots of boys love collecting train numbers. Somehow we all will accumulate objects of some kind or other, even matchbox tops, bus tickets, and newspaper headlines are among the long list of things tucked away by us in boxes, albums, books or tins.

My crazes include, among many things, an urge to collect old coins. I will tell you a little of what I have learnt since I caught this fever and how it all began.

I used to hate history in my school days, but one day I saw and handled an old coin. This particular coin I had never previously heard of. It was a sixpence. My curiosity was aroused. I was interested in this cold bit of metal. "How old is it?" "Who made it?" "From where did it come?" "How much could people buy with it?" How many questions just tumbled out. Thus my collecting urge was aroused, and it was the beginning of my interest in the past. I find I can now talk about Kings and Queens, people and places, customs and costumes of the past, and all because I once was fortunate enough to find an old coin.

Somehow coins have the strange ability of revealing the ideas and spirit of their age. They bring us into such close contact with people. We get to

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know personalities, workmen, ordinary men, great men, who, although long since dead, start once again to speak to us. We can handle the coins they handled. Just think we can hold in our hands exactly the same coins as, shall we say, Julius Caesar or Mark Antony once held.

By coins which these men once handled, coins which bear their own portrait, not only Caesar but other great men become realities to us through this metal money we may now collect or, if not collect, see and handle through our museums.

Y. CYMRO.

Do you know what a coin is? Read next month's article and find out.

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUB

A Management Committee, consisting of representatives of the L.C.C., the Woking U.D.C. and organisations in the Woking district, has been set up under the chairmanship of Mr. H. C. Moore. The inaugural meeting was held on December 18th at the Club, when it was decided that all old persons over the age of 60 were eligible to join the Club. Should only one of an old couple be over that age, then both will qualify for membership. The weekly subscription was fixed at 3d.

Councillor Darby, the Chairman of the U.D.C. is the Club's first President. Rev. P. E. Falkner is the Secretary and Mr. G. Lambert, of Woking, is the Treasurer. Mr. Carter, L.C.C. District Officer, gave an interesting account of how Old People's Clubs function, and told the meeting of arrangements at Merstham.

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A LOCAL SUCCESS STORY

After years of effort certain teachers in the Woking area managed to form a Junior Football League. Four schools decided to take part, one of which was Sheerwater Secondary School.

Although called a Secondary School there were boys available under the eleven years age limit and so in September practice began. Some fifty boys were interested, and the wedding process began, with the result that eventually a nucleus of 22 players was formed—in other words—two practice teams.

In October, after much wondering whether we should ever produce a football team of even moderate skill, we played our first match, against Horsell. Eleven boys were thrilled at selection—a dozen others bitterly disappointed. Such was the spirit engendered by the daily practices. On a pitch ankle deep in mud and water we were beaten by one goal to nil. Horsell scored on the only occasion that they broke away, and although we pressed continually our forwards failed to score.

The first home match against Goldsworth necessitated several changes and much more practice, and it was finally decided to train for stamina as well as skill. Practice periods were increased to 20 minutes, followed by a competitive run around the pitch. On a hard pitch, and on our own ground, Goldsworth were defeated by two goals to nil. The team did very well and played for every minute of the 30-minute game.

We had heard that Monument Hill had defeated Goldsworth by three goals to two and had drawn with Horsell. It seemed that our December match would be a hard nut to crack. However, training continued, and the team spirit grew apace.

At Monument Hill, on a firm pitch, the two teams waged an epic struggle. Sheerwater, winning the toss, elected to play downhill for the first half. They pressed hard and missed several early goals. No score at half-time. Soon after half-time Monument Hill scored, mainly due to a misunderstanding amongst the Sheerwater defences. Sheerwater were now up against the hill. Over-exaggeration on the part of the forwards caused more misses, and ten minutes from the end we were still losing. However, the backs and half-backs were working strongly and keeping the forwards well supplied. Then, suddenly, centre-forward kicked the ball into the net. Sheerwater had equalised! Just a hand-

ful of minutes remained. Monument Hill were firing rapidly, whilst Sheerwater seemed to be getting right on top and were moving strongly and quickly as ever. After a quick passing movement from the right wing, the inside forward coolly picked his spot and "placed" the ball in the net for the winning goal. Monument Hill came back strongly for a few seconds, but were a beaten side when the whistle went.

Sheerwater owed their success of four points from three games to their team spirit and their eagerness to train. The boys have done well and all that has been asked of them they have given and more besides. Their keenness makes them into a side of attackers, and I look forward to reporting more successes in the future.

Our aim is the League championship and please—we need your support.

Editor's footnote:—The above was written by the Sports Master of the Sheerwater Secondary School.

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SPICE OF LIFE

Sheetmetal workers who serve the Corporation have to be prepared for variety. If Trinity House advertised for a sheet metal worker it might read something like this: "Wanted: Sheetmetal worker, must also be copper-smith, plumber, glazier, cook, baker and sailor." There is plenty of variety in the workshops, where you never know what job you will get. It might be copper pipe pipes out of 16 or 17 S.W.G. which have to follow the shape of a lighthouse, copper pipe work with some very intricate bends, steam pipes, lead pipes, water and gas pipes, repair or renew many different types of oil lamps, make copper or tin oil cans, petrol tanks, oil trays, copper ventilators, or any of the dozen other jobs.

But this is nothing to the variety and interest of the outside jobs. First you have to be able to cook your own meals, including cooking your own bread, and of course you have to be a good sailor, otherwise you will be sea-sick more often than not. Then when it comes to work you have to be prepared for any kind of job—sheetmetal worker, plumber, or copper-smith. You will have no bench to work at, and very little room. You will have to make your own drawings, decide whether anything needs renewing, give an estimate how long the job will take, and so forth. One day you may be on top of a lighthouse, holding on with one hand while you repair the roof with the other, with the wind blowing to make things a bit more difficult, the next day you may well be inside an oil tank, leading it, or perhaps relaying the lantern, or renewing the copper flue pipe.

Sheerwater Wolf Cub Pack

The Cub Pack is nearly three months old, and is gradually overcoming its teething troubles.

Our initial membership has been restricted to twelve boys because the Cubmaster is a newcomer to Scouting, and she has the double task of learning what she has to do and simultaneously putting her knowledge over to the Cubs.

Readers will appreciate that in a new Pack all the boys need instruction at the same time. Even when the groundwork is complete and the Pack is allowed to expand it is unlikely that we will be able to cope with all the boys who would wish to join. For this reason, parents who wish their boys to join the Cubs, should make sure that we have the children's names and addresses as soon as possible.

Our main object, however, is to get the boys into the Cubs rather than on waiting lists, and if we can find another Cubmaster we will start a second Pack. We are looking for a man or woman who believes that Scouting is a part of life that no boy should be deprived of.

If you have the ability and you are able to attend one meeting of ninety minutes' duration each week, during the hours of 5 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., you ought to volunteer.

We make no apology for saying ought, because we consider that we are all responsible for the welfare of children, and it is not a matter which can or should be lightly regarded.

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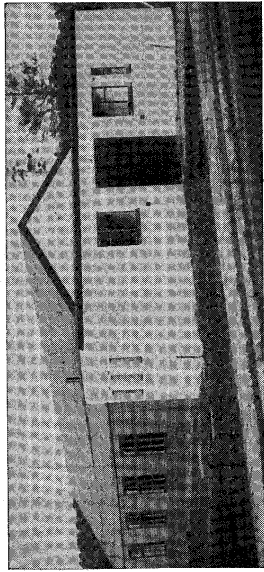
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SHERWATER COMMUNITY CENTRE

(Photo by courtesy "Woking News & Mail")

Have you entered the competition? (See page 11.)

Do you know which day the Community Centre and the Youth Club will be open?

Are you in agreement with the letter received, "Why not Mr. Watkinson?"?

Do you collect stamps? (See page 4.)

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