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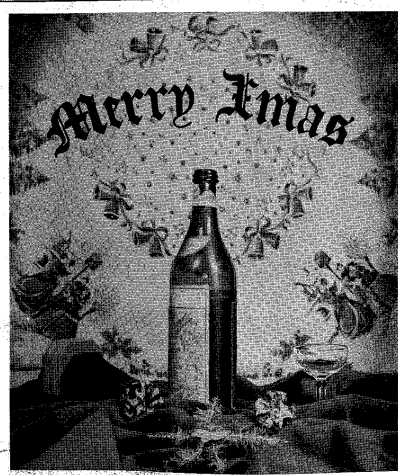
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The Chairman Writes

We approach Christmas with a strong sense of gratitude for so many things we have been allowed to achieve. As a group we have seen a spirit of getting together growing into a real Community. The L.C.C. Authorities and the Surrey County Council also are proving themselves very willing to understand our problems and to help in solving them.

Affiliated bodies have got together in helping in several ways and private groups have spontaneously formed themselves into committees which have unselfishly worked for less fortunate people.

This is not the time for us to pat ourselves on the back, but as chairman I must thank my immediate colleagues who, with sustained enthusiasm, have helped week after week to originate and put through to a conclusion so many successful projects.

And to you all, the real Sheerwater Community, we give our thanks for your support, and offer our sincere wishes that Christmas may bring you happiness and good tidings.

GOODWILL TO ALL MEN

The Editor, Secretary, and other members of the "Pylon" Committee give sincere thanks to all contributors for their valuable help in furthering the friendliness of our Community; to all Advertisers, also, and the Directors of The Electro-Chemical Engineering Co. Ltd., Sorbo Ltd., The Wandsworth Electrical Manufacturing Co. Ltd. and Creators Ltd., for their co-operation in our endeavour.

We wish to you and all our readers enjoyment in your festivities, with true reward and happiness for all time.

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"Pylon" Spotlight on Civic Affairs

VERY much in the news is a scheme for new civic buildings for Woking, which was approved in principle at the last meeting of the local Council. To give you a better idea as to why this is both necessary and desirable we are therefore putting our Spotlight this month on Civic Affairs, or if you prefer—you and your Council.

Interest of the average citizen in the work of his local Council is mainly confined to the payment of rates—gracefully or otherwise—probably voting in local elections, and an otherwise general acceptance of the services provided, with an occasional grumble when a personal interest is involved. This is not really surprising when we consider the complexity of Local Government procedure for the collecting and spending of money in the public interest, to attempt to fully explain this in understandable language would fill many "Pylons" for many months, so we will just say now that ALL powers of any Council are defined by Acts of Parliament, so no Council can do as it pleases and get away with it—try as it may.

Let us first take a brief look at the constitution of the Urban District of Woking. At once we notice it is an URBAN DISTRICT; since the majority of the residents of Sheerwater have come here from London their previous public services were probably provided within a BOROUGH. The powers of a Borough Council differ in quite a number of ways to those of an Urban District, not so much by the provision of services but more by their retention. Consequently an extensive growth of

population often leads a District Council to make application for Borough status. A Petition to Her Majesty the Queen was made this year by the Woking U.D.C., and its result is eagerly awaited.

Woking was formerly a Parish, part of the Rural Sanitary District of Guildford; constituted an Urban District in 1893, with 5 Wards represented by 18 Members on the Council. In 1901 a small portion of the Parish of Horsell was transferred to the Urban District of Woking, the remainder in 1907, and the Parishes of Byfleet and Pyriford with part of the Parish of Bisley and part of Woodham in 1933. A further area of 14,129 acres was transferred to Woking from the Walton and Weybridge Urban District in 1936.

With increasing population added to considerably by the building of the Sheerwater estate, there was a re-warding of the District in May, 1955, and there are at present 9 Wards, each represented on the Council by 3 Members. These Wards are: Central; Woodham and Sheerwater; Horsell; Byfleet; Old Woking, Mayford and Sutton; West Byfleet and Pyriford; Knaphill and Brookwood; Maybury and Mount Hermon; St. John's. Latest available figures show an estimated population of 55,940 spread over an area of 15,712 acres, with a rateable value of £879,939. The Ward of Woodham and Sheerwater has an estimated population of 4,885 with a rateable value of £73,434. If you care to do a quick calculation from these figures you will find that the average rateable value for the Ward is £15 per head, in comparison with an average rateable value of £15 15s.

per head for the whole of the District.

Mothers may be interested to learn there are 1,116 acres of commons to which the public has a legal right of access and there are 94 acres of public parks and recreation grounds (NOT including the Sheerwater Recreation Ground, now under construction). Golf courses occupy 737 acres. For motorists there are 100 miles of roads, but 64 miles of these are unclassified, so be careful. Car parks being a sore point in some quarters, we will just say there are 5 in the District at present (4 with free parking).

The Council itself? As already stated, there are now 27 elected Members, the Members for the Woodham and Sheerwater Ward being Cllrs. J. S. P. Davey, G. A. Knowler and E. J. Smith. This year's Chairman of the Council is Cllr. A. D. Campbell, J.P., B.Sc., L.C.P., and quite a number of the present serving Members have done yeoman work for the District over many years.

The Committees of the Council, in which the bulk of the initial work is done, number 11 with 8 Sub-Committees. They are:

Finance and General Purposes, Town Planning, Building Plans, Highways, Housing, Public Health and Drainage, Parks and Allotments, Public Library, Accounts and Loans, Incorporation, and Civil Defence. These Committees are shared by all Members of the Council and the only Committee on which there is no representative of the Woodham and Sheerwater Ward is the Accounts and Loans Committee; not, we are assured, by design.

No matter what the constitution or integrity of any Council, it must have officers and staff, fully competent and conscientious in the carrying out of their varied duties, to en-

sure the correct and proper expenditure of public moneys. Here in Woking it can be said that each in his own sphere is very good indeed and well qualified. Any member of the general public seeking advice or information will be impressed not only by efficiency but also by courtesy—too often overlooked in many fields of Civil Service.

Principal Officers of the Woking Urban District Council are: Clerk and Solicitor, M. Shawcross; Deputy Clerk, C. J. Braithwaite, Treasurer, A. J. Taylor, A.I.M.T.A.; Deputy Treasurer, H. O. Luey, A.I.M.T.A.; Engineer and Surveyor, H. P. Tame, A.M.Inst.C.E., M.T.P.I.; Deputy Engineer and Surveyor, R. C. H. Woodham, A.M.I.C.E., A.M.T.P.I., M.I.Mun.E.; Medical Officer of Health, Dr. C. A. McPherson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., L.D.S., D.P.D.; Chief Public Health Inspector, A. G. Davies, M.S.I.A., Cert. R.S.I.; Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector, A. Barnett, M.S.I.A.; Librarian, G. R. Wells.

With this very brief précis we must now close, but we hope the information given has been of interest and may prove of value in giving you a wider insight of the Urban District and those on whom we rely to give us many of our local services.

In finale, we thank the Woking Urban District Council for provision of the data from which this article has been compiled.

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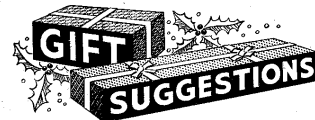
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A Christmas Message

IF you were setting out to make the world a better place, to change men's lives and history, to bring comfort and hope and peace—how would you do it? Not, surely, by starting with a mere baby born at an inconvenient time into such an insignificant family that they couldn't even find lodgings, but were put in an out-house? Yet that is what Christmas means, and perhaps also what the Apostle Paul meant when he wrote of the foolishness of God being wiser than all the cleverness of man.

We agree that the world is far from being perfect. Much has been done since the first Christmas, but there is still a great deal to do. We are in such a hurry to finish it, we are impatient, we make so many mistakes, and of course we all want to do it in our own way. We haven't time to waste with babies, waiting for them to grow up. Year by year, Christmas comes to remind us that God goes on with the job, steadily, patiently, taking our mistakes and blending them into His pattern. A baby? The Apostle also said that the weakness of God is stronger than the might of men.

There are times when we are not so confident in our own abilities. Sometimes we feel a sheer helplessness in face of the evil and agony of the world. What can I—one ordinary man or woman—do? We are tempted either to despair or to violent large-scale action. It is easy to be sentimental about Christmas and find nothing more than a good excuse for parties and presents, or to dismiss it as moonshine compared with real human effort. In fact, the easiest thing of all is to forget where is the right place to start. God started with a family, and our place

for doing our share is in our families. Don't tackle the world before you have made sure that in your own family there is real love and confidence and peace.

Getting on with people we don't see very often is sometimes less difficult than getting on with those who live with us, and see us in our bad moods as well as in our good ones. Either way, it means taking a great deal of trouble. That makes it so dangerous to be side-tracked into fine-sounding words about peace and brotherhood and good will as if wanting them were enough. The angels said: "Glory to God in the highest and then peace and good will among men"—to teach the only way to achieve what we desire. Very likely it is not the way we would have chosen; almost certainly it will cost us a great deal—but will any other way work? Christmas means "God with us" in Christ, sharing our lives, our difficulties, our joys, our fears and our hopes, and—if we will—God with us in Christ bringing strength and wisdom and courage and peace. Careless and selfish we may have been, but let our rejoicing this Christmas at the birth of Jesus be rejoicing at the chance of our own new beginning, our own fresh start, to find in His presence and in His service our fulfilment and our peace.

RICHARD FALKNER.

TRUTH IN THOUGHT

The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it but what he becomes by it.

Nobody is any the worse for being wiser.

Complete co-operation is vital to success.

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EDITOR'S DESK

Molehills and Mountains

I HAVE said it before—I say it again. The "Pylon" is the official organ of the Community Association, which endeavours to adhere to its constitutional policy of fostering and furthering a real friendly spirit among ALL sections of the community.

Articles and items of news or general interest are always welcome for publication, but it is my *duty* as Editor to ensure that, as far as possible, no reference is made to matters of political, sectarian, or domestic dispute. Personal opinions on these, including my own, can always be included in the right place and at the right time.

A few may question my decision; I can only say I sincerely regret any lessening of co-operation which may possibly result, but I concur to what I believe to be the wishes of the MAJORITY.

This Way—That Way

Now must I really bow my head in shame for taking the WRONG TURNING in quite another sense. My only alibi is that I am not yet experienced in studying pictures on printing blocks, which are the reverse to the way you see them in print. May I add also that I am left-handed—no? Anyway, many thanks to the innumerable readers who have checked up on me; I still don't know where it really is.

By the way, how many noticed my mixing of pints and quarts? Not quite so bad as the swags whose face turned RED when a certain newspaper advertised his "weeping" service.

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Very Nice, Too

Following last month's revelation of two ambitions of the Sheerwater Branch of the British Legion, we are indeed pleased to hear they have now been offered a plot of land by the L.C.C. which has been accepted, and they are planning their building. The site is rear of Sorbo, just off Blackmore Crescent (yes, I have confirmed it is Blackmore Crescent). Their other ambition already realised when the new Standard headed a parade from Sheerwater, and was proudly displayed at the Woking War Memorial for the Service of Remembrance.

It's An Idea

One reply received by Mr. Clamp indicates a wish for the re-forming of an Amateur Dramatic Group. The one we had before was very good, and we have seen from recent shows there is considerable talent on the Sheerwater Estate.

Noticing also the excellent voices, this suggests a possibility of combining the two and forming either an Amateur Dramatic and Light Operatic Society or a first-class Concert Party.

Think it over; if you are interested please drop a line to Mr. Clamp at 1, Murray Green, and a meeting will be arranged to talk things over.

Christmas Cheer
Take a good look at the advertisements in this issue; you will notice that to our faithful friends we have added some of the best-known Woking traders, who are again this year offering a very wide range of suitable Christmas gifts for Mum and the Kids—not forgetting Dad.

The additional income has enabled us to again give you an enlarged "Pylon"—at no additional cost to you. All we ask, in return, is that you show your appreciation by priority shopping with all our advertisers.

Service

WE have just got over Armistice Day. Christmas is ahead, and we have seen the magnificence of the response to the appeal for the Hungarians. What does all this mean? It means that all men *irrespective* of race, creed, religion, or political outlook have a yearning deep inside them to help their fellow men. Unfortunately it lies too deep. At this time of the year it may be well for us to pause and reflect on this point, and decide how we can help to overcome this position. It is not expected that, on reflection, all men and women will rush forward to help in the way that a few people do, BUT at least support; active support can be given in a small way by better attendance at Quarterly General Meetings and any other functions that may from time to time be running. It really means, in point of fact, two hours per quarter or so depriving

oneself of the fireside or other activity. So little to ask, for the people who run these affairs on your behalf to know they have your support, and they will be encouraged to go on with their jobs with a lighter heart. If I may finish on a personal note: I most unfortunately forgot the birthday of the "Pylon," an omission for which I apologise. May I wish it more success and say that the Magazine has never been better served than it is at the moment; may it continue, and may the present Editor have all the support he deserves. As for the Association, it has now left the "Tenants' Association" stage and is entering a stage for which I am sure that the Association was meant, and it seems to me that the team tackling the problem are doing a very good job of work. Good luck to them, but they STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT.
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1st Sheerwater Brownies

The Brownies gave their first-ever show last month, before a packed audience in St. Michael's Hall. It was most encouraging when shows such as this receive such excellent support, and the youngsters always show their appreciation by giving of their best.

Following the opening chorus by the whole troupe, the first play, "The Story of the Brownies," was very well enacted: the children had learnt their lines very well, they weren't afraid to speak up, and the singing was good. This was followed by a song from Myfanwy Morgan, who has a very nice voice, and a dance by Susan Scott, depicting Little Bo-Peep: both these children show great promise. The first half ended with a sketch, "Duty to the Queen," in which the six Brownies taking part well maintained the interest of their audience. They were all very good and fully deserved their ovation.

The second half was opened with a song and dance, "Me and My Teddy Bear," with 14 little girls and 14 teddy bears giving a most delightful entertainment. Next a Swedish dance by Charmian and Jennifer Baty, good both in action and timing, and Myfanwy Morgan showed her further ability in a piano-forte solo. The second play, "Helping Other People," included in its cast Brown Owl as Mother and Tawny as Father. Both they and the three children taking part succeeded not only in giving a good performance but also in conveying the aim of the Brownie Movement, and the good work resultant from this.

Boggarts and Brownies, on the theme of ten little niggers, led to the

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finale by the whole troupe, giving a grand finish to a grand evening, with bouquets all round to the producer, Mrs. Anne Abbott. Brown Owl Mrs. Gimber, Tawny Owl Mrs. Kingett, and every member of the 1st Sheerwater Brownie Troop.

The Divisional Guide Commissioner, Miss M. Nicholls, attended the performance and, in giving congratulations on a most enjoyable show, referred to the hard work of all those responsible. In reply, Mrs. Gimber gave individual mention and thanks to all her helpers.

An idea of the very favourable impression created by the work on the Sheerwater estate of voluntary organisations, such as the Guide and Brownie Movement was given by Miss Nicholls, who said she always enjoyed coming to Sheerwater—there is so much being done and with considerable enthusiasm. Miss Nicholls mentioned the present waiting list for the Brownies, which shows there is great need for another Pack, also a further Guide Company. All that is needed is for volunteers to come forward to assist in this most helpful and useful work—the training will willingly be given.

In addition to the Brownies already mentioned, those taking part were: Sandra Mackenzie, Pat Ross, Jean Thomas, Maureen Deary, Verna Harradine, Janet Wilcox, Penelope Dymond, Valerie Kelly, Penelope Church, Diane Miller, Christine Kingett, Geraldine Sage, Valerie and Frances Thornhill, Norma Kelly, Janice Thomas, Janet Adams, Christine Harding, Christine Akers, Tina Nott, Janet Hawkins, Carol Casel, Christine Bailey, Ruth Lewington, Shirley Matthews.

The show was compered by Mr. G. Thompson, with assistance in the

stage management by Mr. R. McKenzie, and the pianist was Mrs. Hawkins. Refreshments were served by the 1st Sheerwater Guides, under Miss Kitney. A competition was held during the interval and prizes, donated by the Brownies, Mrs. Cardon, "Josephine," Beal and Butler, and May and Thomson, were won by Mrs. Sharman, Mr. Watts, Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Butt, Mrs. Duacan and Mrs. Robinson.

St. John Ambulance Brigade

Over the weekend of 10th/11th November, the Woodham and Byfleet Ambulance covered nearly 500 miles, taking various patients to numerous hospitals. This service, performed in conjunction with the County Ambulance Control, is manned entirely by *voluntary* crews; members on duty even missed their meals on this weekend, in responding to the call of self-accepted duty.

A contingent attended the Service of Remembrance at West Byfleet and laid a wreath in honour of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice.

A section to be formed at Sheerwater is in embryo, but one crew of local residents already mans the ambulance once in every six days. New faces are always welcome, and those interested should contact Mr. Barlow at 71b, Dartmouth Avenue, Heathvale Road, New Haw.

London County Council

From time to time there are items of information in connection with our Landlord/Tenant relationship which we would like to publish for mutual benefit. Unfortunately, it is of course necessary to make application before we can do this, and to go through the normal channels is sometimes quite a lengthy procedure, the fault of no individual, for the majority of L.C.C. officers are always willing to help in solving the problems of tenants: the officers on

this estate are extremely helpful in this respect.

It is hoped that County Hall may consider the use of our Magazine for information to tenants on this estate. Meanwhile, we will do our best by talking informally about things in general. Such as, for instance, the fact that Christmas this year comes on normal rent-collecting days, which is going to mean a lot of extra work for the limited staff. You can help greatly by paying *two* weeks the week BEFORE—it is possible, of course. The same problem of limited staff explains why rent can no longer be taken on Saturday morning, and you have been asked to make enquiries only on matters of immediate importance.

One other item this month worth mentioning—dustbins. There has been some delay in obtaining a fresh supply, so that when the last lot arrived the waiting list had again outgrown this. So if you are still waiting for a new dustbin you have not been overlooked, and will have it as soon as possible. It always helps when there are items in short supply, subject to delay in delivery, if these can be ordered well in advance. In this way you can probably get replacements in good time to avoid undue upset.

Old People's Club

Once again at the approach of the festive time, we at the Old People's Club would like to extend our best wishes to all the residents of Sheerwater. A very happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

We feel sure that an account of our most recent activities will be of great interest to you, so here we go.

Our Jumble Sale was quite a pleasing success, adding the sum of £5 ss. to our Treasure Chest. To all who helped and to all who bought, our sincere thanks. The result of the competition was ticket No. 50,

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Mrs. Kendrick, 11, Wakehurst Path; No. 74, Miss Long, 81a, Bunyard Drive, No. 18, Mrs. Keely, 7, Wakehurst Path.

The Invitation Whist Drive was, as usual, a very happy get-together, and we do extend our cordial welcome to you whist lovers to come along and join in. We promise you all a very happy evening.

On the following Friday we had a grand picture show, given by Miss Groome, who kindly gave us a most interesting lantern lecture on the Railway Orphanage, what the children do and how they are cared for. These are the kind of things that warm our hearts and make us feel there is still a lot of good in this troubled world. Thank you, Miss Groome.

Oh, we have not done yet!

Following this we have had another fine and jolly evening, with the visit to the Club of Mr. Smithers' concert party. "That's the staff to give them," said Mr. Smithers; and indeed it was. How the old folk enjoyed this show! Thank you, too, Mr. Smithers, and your great party. So you see, in our own little way we old folk are always ready to enjoy these evenings when such thoughtful people put themselves to a great deal of trouble and travel to give us entertainment. Don't forget, please, we do a great deal ourselves to make the Old People's Club the success that it is.

Finally, we have been saving up for our Annual Dinner, which takes place in St. Michael's Hall on January 4th, 1957. We hope to let ourselves really go with, I hear, the help of the Dennis Works Choir from Guildford. We hope for much better weather on that night than that which we had last year, when we all crawled home in the fog.

Once again, a very happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

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1st Sheerwater Scout Group
Work continues on the Scout Hut in Lambourne Crescent every weekend; anyone who can assist at any time is always very welcome.

As a small reward for the work put in on the Gang Show, the boys were taken to see the Ralph Reader Gang Show on December 1st.

The formation of a Sheerwater Branch of the Guild of Old Scouts will be probably made very shortly, the minimum of 12 being now obtained. Will anyone else interested please contact Mr. I. Purnfrey, at 104, Blackmore Crescent.

The Group hope to be able to spend a day at the Jamboree to be held next year at Sutton Coldfield from August 1st to 12th, to celebrate the centenary of Lord Baden-Powell, also the Jubilee of Scouting.

Girls' Life Brigade
Beside a full attendance of the girls of the Company, there were about 180 parents and friends present at the missionary evening held last month.

Mrs. Phelps, from Woking, was in the chair. First item of the evening was a delightful sketch, "The Missionary Box," with a number of the girls from the Cadets dressed as coins and sent through a stage-size collecting box on many errands of goodwill. Followed by items of singing by members of the Company and its choir, well up to the high standard which we always anticipate from the "1st Sheerwater."

From Brigade International Headquarters came the Secretary for the overseas work of the G.L.B. to give a short talk on this work. Miss Rae kept the whole audience enraptured by her description of the glorious work being undertaken by the Brigade in the lands across the seas, and it would not be possible to have a more knowledgeable speaker on this subject. As a result of her talk, the

girls have decided to collect silver paper and milk-bottle tops in aid of the funds for this missionary work. Any gifts in this direction will be very welcome.

The grand finale was in the form of a playlet, entitled "The Challenge," rendered in fine style. This depicted the work of the Missionary, showing how the Girls' Life Brigade in their work for Christ help them to lead the noblest life.

As a result of the evening's contributions, the sum of £5 has been sent to headquarters toward their overseas work.

Youth Centre Building Fund

A letter was received from Mr. Arthur Duplock after we had completely filled up our last issue, so in fairness we publish it now: "I would like to thank all those people and organisations who were responsible for the successful Youth Week. Particular praise must be given to the Editor of the 'Pylon,' who did not spare himself to give the whole project his unstinted effort. A big 'Thank you' too, to Alf Roberts, who always managed to be around when needed, with his very willing band of assistants."

The Youth Centre to be built is essential and I sincerely hope everyone on the estate will devote a little of their time in the future to support any function organised for the Centre Building Fund."

The contribution to the Fund last month was made by the Sheerwater Angling Club, who ran a members' fishing competition and also gave the proceeds from their mid-season dance, after payment of expenses.

For December, arrangements are being made for something else by which the Fund can be augmented: You will hear of this in due course, and are asked to give it your full support.

Old Time Dance Club

Plenty of fun and laughter, coupled with real enjoyment, when the Sheerwater and District Old Time Dance Club meet at the Centre on Friday nights, with Ted and "Pop" Gallagher making sure we have plenty of practice and learn plenty of new dances to enable us to dance the whole programme on our nights out.

Last month a large party of members went to the Atlanta, Woking, in support of the Old Time Dance organised by the Westfield British Legion, in aid of the Haig Remembrance Fund. A grand evening with a nice programme of enjoyable dances, M.C.'d by Ted and Mrs. Gallagher, to the music of The Regency Players. By the time you read this our own second dance will have been held, and at the time of writing this is eagerly looked forward to by all our members, and we are hoping for as much support as at our last.

To all of our many friends we extend a cordial welcome to our special Christmas Dance on December 21st. We can assure you of a real good time, with a very nice programme and plenty of Christmas fun.

In conclusion, may I wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year from all of us in the Sheerwater and District Old Time Dance Club.

"OLD TIMER."

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Communal Contributions Continued

For Sheerwater Catholics

This last year has seen great progress in the parish. At last we have our new Church, opened by the Bishop on October 13th, and can meet the needs of the far-flung parish of Byfleet, West Byfleet, New Haw and rapidly developing Pyrford. Your turn will not be long now: we can with the Community Centre. I know it is tough going to try and get the right atmosphere there Sunday after Sunday, and we sometimes have our grumbles and often our discouragements, but I do remain most grateful to Mr. Squires and his team of men who help to make the Mass Centre run smoothly.

I am sure you are all delighted to see the 3rd Sheerwater Catholic Club Pack now so strongly organised, and I know that you would all wish to join with me in thanking the lady Cubmaster, Mrs. J. Kenefick, and Mr. J. Kenefick, of 170a, Blackmore Crescent, for all the hard work they put in with the boys. It is a pity that great workers come and go and don't always stay put. This Christmas, Sheerwater (though not the parish) will be saying goodbye to Mrs. J. Barham; and again I know that all of you, with me, thank most sincerely Mr. and Mrs. Barham and their family for their devoted loyalty and cheerful hard work during the last three years. At the moment, I can't think of any Catholic activity in which Mrs. Barham (often behind the scenes) has not played a great part. I hope that they will settle down in time to enjoy their first Christmas at Pyrford, and will come to visit us frequently.

There will be Midnight Mass at the Community Centre this year, for the benefit of those who can't get down to the new Church and, of

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course, Mass at the Centre on Christmas morning also at 9. A Christmas Family Social is also being planned: though I can't give you a definite date yet, it will probably be on Sunday, December 30th, or Sunday, January 13th.

A happy and holy Christmas to you and all "Pylon" readers.
G. T. B.

Sheerwater Library

Ladies and Gentlemen,
By the time your "Pylon" reaches you, you will no doubt have paid a visit to our extended Library, now in the large hall at the Centre.

We, the librarians, are sure you will be pleased with the new arrangement as much as we are ourselves. The County Library at Esher is augmenting our supply of books and we now have two additional book-cases in use. We are trying to arrange the books in correct alphabetical order, with non-fiction separate from fiction, and our good friend Mr. Clamp is busy on lettering for each of the cases so readers will easily be able to find the author they require.

This is as far as we can help you, and when I tell you there are over 300 members with over 650 books to care for, file, collect and keep each week by only three of us, you will appreciate the need for some kind of method and order. Therefore may I appeal to all readers to take care of our books and please DO return them on the date stamped in the back.

During the last four months 2,226 books have been issued from our shelves.

We are offering to teach either a boy or girl, between the ages of 15 and 18, who would like to become a librarian professionally, the earlier form and way of this profession.

Gardening Association

Beginning this month on a festive note: on behalf of the Chairman and all members of the Committee, I wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

Now is the time to dump your bulky materials, humus, etc., ready for next year, and remember that leaf mould is a very good addition to the compost heap. Rhubarb can be dug and exposed to frost this month; protect broad beans that are beginning to sprout by drawing up a little soil around them and laying down a few twigs: early peas can also be treated in the same way.

Try and complete pruning before January (probably more difficult this year with sap still up), and give less branch space for spraying. Carry on with new construction work—paths, rockeries, ponds, etc.

The Association is purchasing a few polythene bags; some members consider them of great advantage, so please let us know if you want these.

During the cold weather it's hard to leave the fire, but a lot of planning can be done in the armchair. How about some Christmas gifts for the gardener? We will be pleased to help you, if we can, particularly with advice on suitable books.

A number of new members have joined during the last month and we give them all a hearty welcome. If you are not yet a member of our Association, come along to the Hut in Albert Drive any Sunday morning—we will be pleased to see you; and no matter what your gardening problem we will try to help you.

BOB GOOCH.

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Community Association

Bookings for Community Night at the circus are now definitely closed at over 150, which means four coach loads. Will all those who have given in their names please note the following: Price of tickets and coach (inclusive) 10/-, adults; 6/-, children.

These may either be paid for in full or by weekly amounts if more convenient.

All payments to be made to: Mrs. Clamp, at 1, Murray Green. Payments received any evening (except Thursday) or on Sunday from 9 to 11 a.m. or 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Details as to time of departure, etc., on January 25th, will be published in the January "Pylon."

December Centre Attractions

C.A. Christmas Whist Drive
Thursday, 13th.

Old Time Christmas Dance
Friday, 21st.

Social Evenings

Saturdays, 8th, 15th, 29th,

and

New Year's Eve Dance

Monday, 31st.

Life's Nectar

The very wine of Heaven.
Hold to my lips the goblet full:
Spill not a drop,
For all that's wasted
Regrets and tears cannot console.
Taste well the joys,
So that the memory lingers.
For should today dwell therein a
You'll not forget, [sorrow
Although the goblet slipped,
The sweetness of Life and tomorrow.
MARGARET DARVILL.
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Such help will prove useful and there are quite interesting and entertaining posts to be found in this work. If there is anyone who would care for this help will he or she please come and see me at the Library or at my home address—11, Bentham Avenue.

My friends and fellow librarians, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Tamer, join with me in wishing you all a happy Christmas, and we say with Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol" (Charles Dickens): God bless all of us.

Yours truly,
K. L. DEWDNEY.

Methodist Church

There will be a Christmas Carol Sunday on December 23rd. Two special services will be held in the Church Hall: for the children at 3 p.m. and in the evening at 6.30. A most cordial welcome is extended to you all.

British Legion

The Poppy Day Appeal was again exceedingly well supported by those within the area covered by the Sheerwater Branch of the British Legion, the sum realised being £73. The Branch Committee wish to thank you all for this grand response.

Although the dance held in aid of the Fund did not attract a large number, those who did attend had a most enjoyable evening in a well-decorated Centre. Dancing was to the band of "Curly" Whitcombe, and the M.C. was John Mason. A noticeable feature of the decorations was a cross of Haig poppies and a banner with "Sheerwater B.L." also made up of poppies. Responsible for the organisation were: Messrs. A. Mason (Chairman), A. Davis, J. Shrigley, H. Murray, J. Soley, J. Counden and P. Walker

(President). Refreshments supervised by Mrs. Garrett.

The newly-acquired Standard of the Branch was seen on its first parade, when representatives of the Sheerwater Branch attended the Service of Remembrance at the Woking War Memorial. The Sheerwater contingent was composed of Standard and escort with other members of the Legion, and representatives from the Community Association and other bodies, together with Army Cadets, Scouts, Guides and Cubs. Wreaths were laid by Mr. P. J. Walker on behalf of the Branch, and Mr. H. T. Dewdney on behalf of the Community Association.

Woking U.D.C.

News of interest to Sheerwater is held over to next month, owing to lack of sufficient space. The items will include details of the proposed new Civic Centre.

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Crackers!

By "NOMAD"

DEPENDS on the way you look at it.

I am having me read a very nice story; Litt'un being the best on the BIG words. Seems like there was once a geezer called Scrooge, not being Trouble'd, therefore having oodles of "lolly". The time being way back before the TREBLE CHANCE likewise the Victorian bookies, is getting no "interest" from CAB HORSES, said Scrooge is also relieved of CHARITY. The part of the story I am liking best is where it tells of marked lack of interest in THE CHRISTMAS RACKET, me and this guy being very much on mutual ground.

This I am telling of later to Trouble, which is asking for it, seeing as opportunity is now taken to give me the "low-down" on the finish. Time being no object when Trouble is on the GIVING? end of a chat, I am setting me comfy on the EDGE OF THE TABLE for purpose of RECEIVING. Knowing as not that The Cat is making REAR approach on same for purpose of finishing off a DISH OF CUSTARD, just to my rear.

We comes to the "spooky" part of the yarn, told with MUCH RELISH and "pointed" reference to my Past, ditto Present, leaving me somewhat uneasy as to the future. I am thinking of ONE THING only which is gonna haunt me, confirmed now when The Cat in its KINDNESS, gives me SOME of the custard on the back of me hand. Me heart gives a jump; I gives same; turn to swipe, miss, and gets the REST of the custard in the middle of me hand; likewise am I now well and truly OFF BALANCE, with result UNMENTIONABLE.

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So am I in no mood when Trouble comes to the part where the Scrooge goes COMPLETELY NUTS and chucks his lolly around like nobody's business. In even less mood to the sore subject of XMAS SHOPPING. Quickly am I trotting out the annual "againsts." (1) "It isn't snowing yet"; answer: "It isn't June." (2) "It's too early for Xmas cards"; reply: "On sale three months ago." (3) "Well, we haven't any money"; getting the 5-dollar, in triumph: "Next week is the share-out of the Diddl'em Club"; . . . we ARE going shopping. To town: Trouble with a SMALL list of "wants" which will prove far too BIG; me with a BIG bag for "buys" which will prove far too SMALL. Litt'un with her own ideas on both spending and carrying; I have NO illusions.

We spots the super store—well plastered with posters announcing the positive personal appearance of Father Christmas (hunch, 1-2). Me Father Christmas is quickly joining end of queue a tuppenny-ha penny bus ride away, while Trouble flitters in first for "frillies" department. I am noting with pleasure many many Davids in line; pleasure slightly dampened by LOUD announcement among the New Generation that it DOESN'T PAY to disillusion the POOR OLD DEARS.

Shuffling forward slow but sure, I am getting worried; not by TIME spent in queue by me and Litt'un but by MONEY spent by Trouble in absence. At long last we arrives at "Way In to Fairyland" now noting as this year's SUPER ATTRACTION is "Trip To The Moon In A Spaceship." Being GREAT improvement on last year when it

was "Trip Round The World In A Jet." So we PROGRESS and I am recalling the BACKWARD days when Fairyland had caves and grottos and scenes from favourite nursery stories.

We first CROWD into the Ship of Space, and I am praying the trip is not going to be a long one, seeing as there are FEET on me corns, an ELBOW in me eye, and a breath of onions down the back of me NECK. A bloke dressed up as a cross between a Bowl of Goldfish and an American Football Player pulls a switch and we is now rocking and rolling to a row which sounds like a cross between the local Fire Warning and The Cat's Nightly Lament. TWO MINUTES of this, which is exactly two minutes TOO LONG, doors open and we falls out on to The Moon.

After exploring same, which is taking exactly ANOTHER two minutes, we re-forms queue for the pleasure of shaking hands with FATHER CHRISTMAS and telling us what we HOPE to receive for our "good behaviour." I am noting as Father X is also economising in the National Interest, being several degrees THINNER and wearing a gown of RED FLANNEL perforated by moths of favourable comparison to me own. Only his beard is as per, which is perhaps not surprising at half-a-dollar a trim.

He is asking the usual "bull" and getting the usual surprise answers, so is well browned when it is coming to the turn of Litt'un. Her whisper is not ADDING to his pleasure, for he is shaking his head NO in the affirmative; so to me.

This being me BIG MOMENT, I am bending to whisper what I always wish but never get: much am I surprised when he is saying FIRST "I know what YOU want." How come when I am not yet telling? I

am thinking maybe my FAME is spreading far, till I am spotting the GRIN on Litt'un's face and am guessing in one. I gets a small gift by way of CONSOLATION which proves not when I unwraps and find it is a book called "Puss In Boots."

We rejoins with Trouble, and I am pleased to note she is PARCEL FREE, pleasure short-lived when I am learning the PICK-UP is on the way out. When I spots the pile deposited by the pay-desk, I am nearly saying as now they can buy some FRESH STOCK for next week's mugs till I remembers in time this MIGHT include me.

Trouble has SLIPPED; after payment for purchase I am finding still ft left. This I am hastily slipping into my TROUSER POCKET, for purpose of showing EMPTY WALLET in support of home return.

Later that evening I am receiving my share of the Diddl'em Club with the usual warning of ". . . and don't waste it." Muttering "ta" for the cash and another word for the warning, I am off to Home No. 2 for well-earned "consolation." Arrived at counter, I am remembering the ft note cunningly concealed earlier; feeling HAPPIER I am feeling for POUND and am feeling . . . A HOLE . . . I'VE HAD IT!

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Featuring our Factories

Commencing with a special announcement . . .

THE ELECTRO-CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CO., LTD., have secured a very important order from Fiat of Turin for two large automatic plating machines for bumper bars. These machines, which will be assembled and tested in the works at Sheerwater, are both about 150 ft. long and will probably be the LARGEST AUTOMATIC PLATING MACHINES IN EUROPE. The order was secured against strong German competition.

That's Sheerwater news we are proud to publish.

The engineering activities of THE ELECTRO-CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CO., LTD., comprise the assembly and mechanical testing of Elico-Udylite automatic machines, and it is now planned to manufacture other products at present being subcontracted. The greater awareness of the importance of finish and a shortage of suitable labour has encouraged many firms to mechanise their electro-plating and to adopt processes which reduce or eliminate hand polishing. The continuing research and development activities of the Udylite Corporation has also resulted in a flow of new products and processes becoming available through the Electro-Chemical Engineering Company for the European and Commonwealth markets. With a highly qualified staff of chemists, mechanical, electrical and chemical engineers, considerable and continuing progress has been possible in the design and manufacture of special equipment.

One example of a notable installation was the provision of two electro-galvanising lines for zinc plating steel sheets for John Summers and Co., Ltd. A third line has recently been completed. These machines are over 200 ft. long and include cleaning, plating and phosphating cells through which steel sheets are continuously passed.

The new Sheerwater factory will undoubtedly permit an expansion of the already considerable activities of The Electro-Chemical Engineering Co., Ltd.

We now continue with the story of SORBO, LTD., in which we detailed last month the many ways in which Sorbo has proved a boon to the housewife. Let us now travel to work with the husband:

On his way he may board a non-slip Sorbo-floored bus or train, pass a Sorbo-floored store and a hospital where Sorbo has encroached in the wards, operating theatres, anaesthetic room and dental clinic, by way of surgical appliances, face masks, catheters, mattresses and covers, invalid rings, dental mats and stretcher upholstery. Next, perhaps, a school where the children in the gymnasium are jumping on Sorbo mats. Errand boys on their rounds are travelling on Sorbo unpuncturable cycle tyres.

At the office the tapping typewriter may be dulled by Sorbo-cushioned mats, the staff walk quietly across Sorbo flooring, and the telephone has its portions of Sorbo . . . yet the domestic lines seem small compared with the vast industrial demand for Sorbo seals, gaskets, washers, insulation, moulded mechanicals, cord, tubing, weatherstrip, sponge sheet in all densities, packing strips, wheelbarrow and truck tyres: all of which help to keep the wheels of industry turning, increase the tempo of commerce and so enrich the prosperity of this country.

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Calling at the Club? Perhaps for a game of table tennis with Sorbolined bats, or maybe billiards, in which Sorbo plays its part also. It may be cinema or theatre night; again the silence and comfort of Sorbo sponge-rubber flooring and soft, resilient Sorbo upholstery in the seating.

There is yet one more trick from out of the Sorbo hat—"Sorbo-prene," the latest development of a new foamed plastic material, with which we are now becoming familiar. It possesses many excellent and characteristic features enabling Sorbo to widen the appeal for this material for many domestic and industrial purposes.

How far are we in our travels around the works of the WANDSWORTH ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.—the Machine Shop? From there we pass to the Inspection Department where its products are examined before being passed to the Stores for subsequent assembly. Inspection requires both skilled and unskilled personnel and the department is therefore under the control of a skilled inspector who has the assistance of a number of female viewers.

From the Stores the manufactured parts, together with parts purchased from outside suppliers, are issued to the Assembly Department. Here the parts are assembled together with special tools and fixtures, and the products are completed. This work does not require any special skill and can be done efficiently by most female operators after a little practice. The completed products are inspected, electrically tested, packed, and passed into Finished Stores or Despatch Department.

Working conditions in this light and spacious building are excellent, and the work is varied and interest-

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ing. The trade is not subject to pronounced seasonal variations in demand, consequently the jobs are permanent, the wage rates are high and in addition there is a productive incentive in the form of an output bonus on work which is suitable for this form of treatment.

The Company has almost completed the building and equipment of a spacious and well-appointed canteen, which as well as supplying teas and snacks during the morning and afternoon tea breaks will provide mid-day meals for employees who are unable to go home for lunch. This is an amenity which will undoubtedly be much appreciated by the staff, particularly on account of the lack of facilities elsewhere in the immediate vicinity.

Plastics? One name immediately to mind—CREATORS, LTD.

Creators, Ltd., one of the first firms to move to the Sheerwater Industrial Estate, manufactures all types of thermo-plastics, including Extrusion, Injection Moulding, Dip Moulding, Vacuum Forming, and Slush Moulding processes. This doubtless sounds very complicated and technical, but it does cover nearly every type of plastic production there is.

There are two sides to the business—Domestic, covering items for hardware stores, ironmongers and garages; articles such as plastic-covered clothes-lines, tap swirlers, teapot stands, six types of garden hose, furniture studs, "L" plates, gaiters, steering wheel covers, etc.; and Technical, which covers the manufacture (and design, in many cases) of various industrial components for all fields of industry, with particular emphasis on those relative to the motor-car, electrical and electronic trades.

At Creators the machines are

working 24 hours a day: day shift, evening shift from 6 to 10 p.m., and a night shift—all trying to keep pace with the ever-increasing demand for Planel products.

There is a large export side with products (mainly domestic) being sent to 35 overseas markets. Creators even export certain plastic components to the U.S.A.—the home of the plastics industry.

Creators exhibit at six international shows each year, and the most recent in this country have been the Engineering Industries Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall, and the Motor Show at Earls Court.

With 12 representatives and agents employed in selling the Company's domestic and technical products throughout the whole of the British Isles, Creators, Ltd., are only on the fringe of most of their markets and new ones are being discovered continually, to keep pace with the new products now being developed at the approximate rate of one per fortnight.

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Sheerwater Angling Club

Hints and Haunts for Anglers

By "CASTER"

Last month I was privileged to accompany the members of the Sheerwater Angling Club on their annual Punt Competition, held in the Thames at Shepperton.

The weather was dry and still, and the river looked full of promise soon to be fulfilled, but not in the way expected. The first "catch" was a budgeter, found struggling in the water by the side of the punts. He showed screeching annoyance at being rescued, but after being dried and made comfortable soon settled down.

After manning their crafts, the anglers paddled out to where each had decided to fish. It is a very true saying that fish are where you find them, and this time they certainly had to be found. First one spot then another, but on the third bit of water we found them and moored our punt crosswise to the gentle current, in a depth of 4 to 5 ft.

The fish began to bite almost at once—two small roach and a dace, all returned to the water straight away. Then another dace, this time sizeable and retained in the keep-net. So the day continued until it was time to return to the boathouse where the scales were set up.

We watched the other punts coming in and could see that most of the members had been among the fish to varying degrees. Who has won? Not long in doubt for Tom Pilot had a nice mixed bag with the fish of the day, a very good roach at 14lb, and a total weight of 2lb. 14oz. 4dr. "Tod" Slaughter was second

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with 2lb. 2oz., including a chub of 1b. 3oz. in splendid condition. Third place was filled by George Jenkins with 15oz., all dace.

The competition was very well attended by over 50 per cent. of the members, and for those who had empty keep-nets I can say they were not dismayed for they had enjoyed a relaxing day, they had enjoyed spending their lolly, and they had been fishing.

Mr. A. Pattenden has now moved to Horsell and has had to give up the Secretaryship, though he still remains a member. The new Secretary is Mr. L. Kendrick, of 11, Wakehurst Path, and his telephone number is Woking 4591.

LATE NEWS

The house-to-house collection organised on the Sheerwater estate in support of the Hungarian Appeal Fund has realised the sum of £82 6s. 9d. Further amounts may be added as a result of other collections and donations, and a final, audited balance sheet will be published in the January "Pylon."

(The Editor will be very pleased to publish also the names of those responsible for this spontaneous organising and collecting which has resulted in such a wonderful response. I know they would wish me to thank each and every one of you now for your most generous gifts.)

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