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EDITOR'S DESK

Good Resolution—
To fully support the work of the officers and committee of the Community Association and its affiliated organisations; by active participation in social functions and other events arranged for the benefit of the community, attendance at quarterly and other general meetings, and assisting as far as possible toward the advancement of the community.

Why Worry?

Increasing casualties in the ranks of "the few" must inevitably increase the burden of the remaining voluntary workers in our many estate organisations: the camel's back is broad but there is always the last straw. What can we do about it? Recognition of the value of communal activities will always ensure sufficient replacements to carry on the good work, and, equally important, give much-needed encouragement.

Recent reading that it may be a waste of time and energy to compete with other "family" interests such as television by the fireside gives food for thought, as also does the suggestion of "modernised" counter-attractions.

In no way doubting the good intentions of that writer, this writer can think of many fields other than voluntary social work in which there is room for improvement to fulfil useful purpose. I will, however, remain on familiar ground and comment that "material" is only one of the elements of productivity—the other are "labour" and "expense."

Good Health

Recent conversation in a small restaurant: "Sorry, your cup of tea will have to be id. more. I have been asked by the others in the road why I didn't put it up when they did. When I said this was the first I have heard about it, they replied, Well, you know now."

Free trade?

Truth In Thought

Look for reasons why you can do a thing rather than why you can't.

NEW DIARY? TURN TO

Tuesday—29th January
and **NOTE NOW**

QUARTERLY MEETING

of

SHEERWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

8 p.m.

Motion in respect of alteration to the Constitution :—
That clause 5 (d) be amended to read "The Council shall meet at least once in each quarter."
Being substitution of "quarter" for "month"

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Pylon Spotlight on Spirit of Sport

IN our choice of sport for this month's Spotlight we are influenced by two places very far apart but with a very near link: Melbourne Stadium and Sheerwater Recreation Ground. An ambitious comparison? Let's see.

Melbourne—scene of the XVIII Olympiad, from November 22nd to December 8th, 1956. In and around its vast 120,000-capacity stadium representatives of 67 nations vied daily for the coveted honour of the gold medal accolades. Events in 16 different sporting fields from athletics to yachting, with a total of 153 gold medals and silver and bronze for the runners-up.

The most successful nation was Russia, followed by America and Australia, with Britain in the eighth position winning 6 gold, 7 silver and 11 bronze—our best for 32 years.

Medals won, records broken, and over 4,000 first-class athletes return to countries throughout the whole world. What has been the real worth of all this? Let's go from the end right back to the very beginning—

The Olympic Games as we know them today go back no farther than 1894, but they revive a tradition set up in Greece many centuries before the birth of Christ and maintained for more than a thousand years.

In their ancient form the Games were a religious festival held in honour of the supreme god of the Greeks—Zeus or Jupiter Olympus. There are many legends as to their foundation; the most popular being around Hercules, who is supposed to have planted the sacred olive tree whose leaves made up the laurels with which the victors were crowned.

It is clear that the earliest Olympic Games were intended as tests of strength and endurance, interpreting

the Greek belief that men best paid homage to Zeus by practising the principle of "a sound mind in a sound body."

The scene of these ancient sports was the valley of Olympus in southern Greece, and the Games were held every four years. The four-year period between one festival and the next was called an "Olympiad." Originally counted from the year 776 B.C., it is believed they were ended in A.D. 393 and gradually forgotten over the next 1,500 years.

In 1894 a French baron, Pierre de Coubertin, sent a letter to every major sporting body, urging a revival of these competitive sports in view of the great benefit to be derived from them. So the Games came to life again in 1896, on the actual site of the ancient festivals.

An international committee was set up, to allow for all countries taking part to have a voice in control and organisation, and it was also decided to revive the ancient ceremonies and the four-year Olympiad. The only variance being that they would be held in a different place on each occasion. The continuity of the series has been interrupted—by the First and Second Great World Wars; perhaps significant that the 1936 Games held in Berlin were followed by the resumption in 1948—in London. Followed Helsinki in 1952, and so to Melbourne in 1956.

Now perhaps it is more understandable why men and women of all nations, irrespective of race, creed, colour, or doctrine, can get together every fourth year: not for the purpose of demonstration of strength or decrying the weakness of others, but as a proof that solidarity can be achieved with honours equal to both victors and vanquished. Isn't this something which at heart we all desire?

Unity among nations can only be achieved with unity within nations—of individuals. This is where we can take our link of the Sheerwater Recreation Ground with the Melbourne Stadium. Patient in our waiting for the day on which we can say to the youth of this and other districts in similar plight: "Here is your opportunity to unite together in a truly sporting spirit that you, too, can contribute to the unity of nations."

Whilst we are still waiting for the completion of the Recreation Ground, there is much which can be done now and there are some who are already paving the way for the future of our youth. Both on this estate and elsewhere in the Woking area there are facilities for many sports, and it is pleasing to note the gradual forging of greater unity. Athletics, boxing, cricket, football, netball, etc., are all actively pursued with our schools and furthered by local clubs, with valuable co-operation from the Woking Service of Youth.

Here, for example, is news of great interest to all would-be athletes: Mr. J. L. Josey, of 98, St. Michael's Road, is actively interested in the Woking Athletic Club, which has a fine record of achievement in this field of sport despite many years of inadequate facilities for training and match participation. One of the important features of the Sheerwater Recreation Ground is to be a track well comparable with any in the south of England; several youngsters already have an eye to the future, through the excellent coaching of the Woking Athletic Club.

The Junior Section of the Woking A.C. caters for those between the ages of 11 and 15. With several A.A.A. coaches always available to assist in training, there is a set stan-

dard for most track and field events. On reaching these the youngsters are officially judged and, if successful, are awarded the club certificate. It can be said the standard is higher in this club than in most—this accounts for the high reputation of the Woking A.C.

In all club matches there are included special events for the Junior Sections so everyone has equal opportunity. Last year's results were quite good and the Sheerwater influx may assist in a promising future. The entrance fee for Juniors is 2/6 per year, and Mr. Josey will be pleased to hear from all who are interested.

Closing with a note to those whose interest lies in other fields of sport—your time will come. If any individual or club has a contribution for inclusion in future articles, please send it in together with any items of interest on any sport.

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Community Contributions

Gardening Association

With the Christmas festivities over we can now look forward to the start of a better season (I remember saying that LAST year); perhaps 1957 will bring natural weather with all seasons in their respective places.

Let's start on the vegetable plot by planning crop rotation, and where we went wrong last time; it's well worth while keeping a diary of faults and successes.

The onion will always succeed on the same ground, providing it is always given deep rich soil. If you want seed let us have your orders—a reference catalogue is available at the Hut.

Onions and lettuce can be sown under heat, using light and well mixed soil. Force rhubarb after exposure to frost. Finish fruit pruning and spraying. Sowing of tomato seed can be made at end of month.

In the flower garden order your seeds, not forgetting sweet william, wallflower and pansy for blooming the following spring.

Whenever possible dig a strip of ground—so much better than one mad dash and backache. If you haven't already done so, lime and manure. Now is the time to start a new compost heap, and a good supply of Garrotha is available at the Hut; this helps considerably in decay.

Protect plants in frames from frost with mats and sacking. Block ends of cloches to prevent draughts.

The Committee sincerely hope to see all members at the Hut during this next year. We want to help you in your gardening problems and hope you will make full use of the many facilities which are now available to all members.

BOB GOOCH.

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Old People's Club

Two old Scots met after ten years. "Jock," said Mac, "this calls for a drink." "Aye," said Jock, "... but remember, I paid last time."

Which only goes to show what a wonderful thing is memory.

If you want retrospection of the finest vintage you will find it among the old folk, whose memories of the long past sound as if it were yesterday. Which brings me to the point.

There must be on the estate quite a number of old people either shy or backward who are allowing life to pass by in an atmosphere of "give-it-up." We cannot stand for that so we ask you all to come along to the Old People's Club where there is always a welcome awaiting you. Six days a week we are open from 2.30 to 10 p.m.

If you haven't a television, come and see ours; if you love conversation, a game of cards, dominoes—all these are waiting you. Every Thursday we have our special games night and the attendance emphasises its popularity. On many occasions we have kind folk come along to give us entertainment of first-class quality.

Maybe you wonder what all this will cost you—THREEPENCE PER WEEK.

During the year just ended we have had two wonderful outings—to Brighton and Worthing. The Worthing outing was "on the house," as also our annual dinner at St. Michael's Hall.

Well now, here we are entering 1957 with, we hope, good fortune and happiness to you all; but let us also have a "thank you" for 1956. Firstly to our 60-odd members: they

are the Club—God bless them. Thanks also to our General Management Committee, which keeps a kindly eye on us all, and to our Warden (Mrs. Hudson), our Treasurer (Mr. Hudson), our Treasurer (Mr. Hudson), and finally to our House Committee (Mr. and Mrs. Steggle and Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair), on whom the progress and success of the Club so much depend.

They have all done a grand job—a happy New Year to you all.

Community Association

Will all who are going to the circus on Friday, January 25th, please note that details of arrangements will be forwarded with the tickets. Don't forget the time is 5.30 p.m. outside the Community Centre.

The recent heavy increase in the price of petrol has meant an extra charge to us for the hire of our coaches. To partly offset this we are asking ALL ADULTS to pay 1/- each, but there will be NO extra charge in respect of CHILDREN.

This small increase is very much regretted but we know you will understand and appreciate this is due entirely to circumstances beyond either our control or that of our coach suppliers.

1st Sheerwater Guides

During December the members of the Company entertained residents at a "Camp-fire and Supper" in the Church Hall. This was organised by Guide Captain Miss Kinney and Company Lieutenant Mrs. Martin, and proceeds were for the Company funds.

Most of the Company took part in the carol singing, and the collections made have been given to charities.

Methodist Church

Both the boys and girls of the Brigades and the Sunday School have been very active with concerts, entertainments and carol singing.

As a result of their activities, the funds of the Brigades and Missionary Work have been assisted, and the carol singing gave contributions to the National Children's Homes and Orphanages.

1st Sheerwater Scouts

The Troop is making quite a name for itself as a football team. On December 1st they played the 4th Woking Scouts and won 6-4, and on December 15th played the 7th Woking Scouts and gained another win, 13-2 this time.

The first get-together of the proposed Branch of the Guild of Old Scouts is set for Wednesday, January 30th. To be held at the Scout Hut (Lambourne Crescent). All Old Scouts will be very welcome.

The dance held recently at the Atlanta was a great success as a dance but a loss financially. Please give us your support at our next, which will probably be held in March. We will let you have details as early as possible so that you can definitely book the date.

To all you whist lovers—and there are quite a lot of you—come along to our Drive at the Hut on Tuesday, January 23rd and have an enjoyable evening.

Greetings

Councillor E. J. Smith has sent a greetings card to all people of Sheerwater, with the following words: "My sincere wish and hope that the New Year will bring us closer together in the old way of good neighbours. Many hard problems can be made easy when shared with others."

Interest

A record attendance at the Centre on January 29th will show your appreciation of the work which makes your "Pylon" reading. Note the time is 8 p.m. and the day is TUESDAY—not the usual Friday as this is circus night.

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Woking Plans for the Future

MOST of you are aware that plans for a £400,000 Civic Centre have been approved in principle by the Woking Council. Since this is a matter of great interest to all residents within the urban area, we are giving you some details of what this will involve.

If you study the photograph of the model which appeared recently in the local press you will see clearly in the centre the civic block with the Council Chamber behind. To the left is the south wing which will house the surveyor's and public health departments, while on the right is the north in which will be the clerk's and treasurer's departments.

To the rear is the proposed hall, with a large hall seating 7,000 above a smaller one with a capacity of 500. It is proposed that the building will be modern in design with no frills. The whole to be faced in brick.

The plans are expected to be completed in two years and the building to include the offices and the small hall to be spread over about five years. When the detailed plans are ready, the next step will be to make application to the Ministry for approval in principle.

Approximate total cost of constructing office buildings and small hall, including furnishings, is £314,000, and the cost of the larger hall, including any additional land

required if proceeded with at a later date, will be a further £86,000.

If the building is phased over a five-year period starting in 1958-9 the estimated rate charge will run from just under a 3d. rate in the first year to a 5d. rate in the fifth year. If the larger hall is proceeded with within seven years the ultimate rate burden will be about 7.33d. in the £.

The schedule of the effect on the rates allows for the capital the Council has in hand from the sale of the old Council Offices, saving on existing buildings as demolished and replaced, rent of offices let off and lettings of hall, purchase of extra land, and an average interest rate of 5½ per cent. The only sum approved so far is £3,550, the cost of the preparation of the plans.

Despite the very large cost, it would seem apparent there is a very real need for this project to go through in its entirety. The buildings at present occupied were originally domestic premises, their conversion being of a makeshift type expensive to run. Buildings are scattered and the fire risk is great. A hall for the use of the many organisations in and around the town is long overdue, and the only real objection of any note is the siting. This is due to the considerable extra cost which would be involved were the Civic Centre to be in a more central position.

1ST SHEERWATER SCOUT GROUP

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TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1957
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Ring out the Old

CLOSING the year 1956 on a note of activity in true festive spirit we bring you reports of major December events.

Christmas Fairs

The organising sub-committee of the Church Committee of St. Michael and All Angels' Church has very good reason to congratulate itself on a most pleasing result to efforts in aid of church funds. Target has always been £100 for this annual event, and the delight of Mrs. Sharman, the Rev. R. E. Falkner, and Messrs. Hall and Watts can well be imagined when they totted up to £115—about £10 more than last year (1955).

Many attractive stalls, well patronised by the many visitors, were in the capable hands of Mesdames Knight, Pettit, Sage, Deary, Hardy, Benfield, Cassell and Richardson, with Miss Brown, Miss Sharman, Miss Watts and Messrs. Wakefield, Miller, Thompson and Hailstone. Refreshment stalls were run by Mesdames Martin, Hall, Watts, Jump and Miss Kinney; side-show by Mr. Smith; cake competition judged by Mrs. Hepple, and assistance to greatly-demanded Father Christmas by the Misses Willcocks and Bellamy, with Mr. T. Watts.

For the fourth annual Christmas Fayre, held by the Woodham and Sheerwater Ward of the Woking Labour Party, the queue outside St. Michael's Church Hall began to form well in advance of the announced opening time. The great success of this Fayre can well be judged by the rapid emptying of nearly all stalls, and poor Father Christmas was almost overwhelmed by the

rush—his well-filled sack of toys completely distributed in less than half-an-hour.

Organised by the Social Committee, under the direction of Mr. A. Roberts, stall-holders were: Mesdames Chidwick, Gardner, Phelps, Tague and Standon, with the Misses Chidwick, Phelps and Bone, and Messrs. Smith, Bone, Roberts, Counden, Chidwick and Wendon.

In the evening there followed a Family Christmas Social and Dance, with a most enjoyable time by all who attended. The children's "Tune Title Competition" was most popular, the eventual winner being Miss Valerie Josey dressed as "Rock 'n' Roll."

Christmas Whist

In accordance with usual custom, bumper whist drives with numerous seasonal prizes were again organised by both the Community Association and the Youth Club, reward for continuous patronage in the form of value far in excess of "takings."

With happy atmosphere well established by tempting displays of the prizes to be won, and the knowledge that quite a number would be winning a contribution to the Christmas dinner, there was additional enjoyment at both drives, created by the good humour and friendliness of these neighbourly people.

The Community Association Drive was held on Thursday, December 13th, and that of the Youth Club on the following Wednesday. All the prizes were Christmas food or drink and the lucky ones were:—

Community Association, in order of winning: Mr. Lewis, Mr. Conde, Mrs. Barlow, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Kemp, Mr. White, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Benstead, Mr. Sinclair,

National Federation of Community Associations.

26, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

Dear Mr. Baulf,

When each number of the Sheerwater "Pylon" appears I have to exercise great self-control in order to avoid writing you a congratulatory letter. I cannot, however, let your December number pass without saying how much I like your magazine, both in layout and content.

I was particularly pleased to see in an earlier issue your article on factories in the neighbourhood. I think it is very important that we should establish a relationship between the industrial community and its problems with those of the wider community and, as a start, nothing could be better than finding out how people earn their living in the neighbourhood and under what conditions.

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,
F. S. MILLIGAN,
Secretary.

New Year Promise

Little raindrops make a puddle;
Many puddles make a lake.
Just a hand, a small endeavour,
Even for our neighbours' sake,
Within this small community
Will forge a chain of unity.

Let this New Year's "Promise" be
Sown with will and charity.
For all those things we have in mind
Surely will a harvest find.
Sheerwater . . . in its birth and make
May leave a Blessing in its wake.
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precipitation of past support will go a long way to ensure its continuance.

Dancing Time

To the music of The Regency Players, with able guidance from popular M.C. Ted Gallagher, members, friends and guests of the Sheerwater and District Old Time Dance Club enjoyed an evening of continuous pleasure at their Christmas Long Night.

Watching the grace and elegance displayed in dances which render themselves readily to wistful recall of the days when a Ball was an event of note and courtesy was predominant, it is easy to understand why Old Time has so popular an appeal. Old, middle or young, the dancers, many in dress of close association, never seemed to tire even in the most rousing of dances.

During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher on behalf of the members of the Club, as a small appreciation of their esteem. In expressing his thanks, Mr. Gallagher remarked that the thought gives even more happiness than the gift, and happy dancing always gives happy thoughts, which is why he gets so much enjoyment by the enjoyment of others.

The organisation was by members of the Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, and Mrs. Arnold. Guests present included several from other Old Time Clubs, and two from the West End Club at Chobham won prizes in the competition.

So we leave 1956 with the thought that some at least have tried to give pleasure to others, and the knowledge that a number have obtained this pleasure. We enter 1957 knowing that some will continue to try and that some will continue to receive.

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The SALE Everyone waits for !!!

COMMENCES ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th

Although this may be our first sale advertisement in the Pylon we are sure that in common with all others Sheerwater residents already know that a GARNETT JONES SALE is a REAL SALE and a grand opportunity to save money.

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Eyeflet Pantees	1/11½	Berlei Sarongs	usually 77/6, now 12/-	Child's Winceyette Nights	7/11
Vests to match	1/11½	Berlei Bras	usually 12/-, now 4/11	Ditto Pyjamas	8/11
Attractive Rayon Briefs, fancy trimmed number	1/11½	Berlei Deep Bras	usually 18/11, now 8/11	Boys' Cord Knickers	8/11
Cotton Plisse Briefs	4/11	Kayser Bondor Bras, zim. band	usually 16/11, now 8/11	Infants' Crepe Rompers	5/11
O.T. Pettis to match	8/11	Kayser Bondor Broderie Applaise Bras, 1 in. band	usually 9/11, now 5/11	Silk and Wool Shalw's	12/11
Win's Nylon Briefs	3/11	Kayser Bondor Deep Nylon Bras	usually 95/-, now 39/11	Child's All Wool Gloves	2/3
Ladies' Locknit Pantees	8/11	Kayser Bondor Bras, Sem. Dretel, new line	usually 9/11, now 5/11	Infants' Crepe Rompers	usually 25/-, now 15/-
Kayser Bondor Wool and Nylon Vests, O.T. and R.N.	usually 12/11, now 8/11	Kayser Bondor Nylon Satin Deep Bras	usually 25/11, now 12/11	Boys' Drill Shirts	5/11
Ladies' Interlock Knickers	O.S. 3/11	Donbro's Knitwear:		Terry Squares	1/4
Various Styles Crepe Pettis	usually 16/11, now 10/11	S.S. Jumpers	19/11	Boys' and Girls' T.O.T. Socks	1/11½
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Ditto Pettis	usually 49/11, now 29/11			Small Hand Towels	1/3
Kayser Bondor Fiesta Nylon Pantees,	usually 24/11, now 13/11			Pastel Shade Bath Towels	5/11
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Clowning Around

By TOM D

MAYBE I am mad. . . My NATURAL fondness of animals and sympathy with fools is sometimes getting me in real deep: like as when I see pretty pictures telling as THE CIRCUS is just the thing for CHILDREN, emphasised by bare-back beaus holding men IN SUSPENSE and lovely legs IN THE BALANCE. Spotting also the super, with a dame looking much like Trouble getting knives chucked at her, I am deciding look-see.

An assistant from the audience is asked for. . . I am well late when I turns to grab Litt'un she's in, ready, and waiting. After much funny business in which the legitimate clowns is proved mere second-raters compared to my up-and-coming, they is putting on the hanky-waving gag. Litt'un, as per, being minus she is asking me to lend mine and dives in me pocket to grab same. When me COLLAR jerks forward I am realising it is not me HANDKERCHIEF. . . I wish Trouble would mend that hole in me pocket!

As reward for valuable (?) assistance, Litt'un is allowed to help clear the ring and prepare their props for future use. She is doing this WELL; too well I am thinking, and the smile on her face when she returns is confirming my suspicion. Next we sees some very nice wire-walking, proving as SOME people can walk on thin air and get away with it. Monkey antics follow, being something WELL familiar, as also the next act of throwing PLATES in the air and juggling with BOTTLES, both of which I have performed myself though not with the SAME results. End of part one with a bloke in a cage putting enlarged editions of The Cat

with much display of. . . SKILL. This is requiring MUCH concentration, and I am remarking as what lovely horses they have. Trouble is pleased I did notice there WERE horses. The next we are seeing is performing dogs, which have nothing on The Cat, and then we gets the clowns, giving much mirth to Trouble, who is not believing when I explains as they does things wrong DELIBERATELY.

An assistant from the audience is asked for. . . I am well late when I turns to grab Litt'un she's in, ready, and waiting. After much funny business in which the legitimate clowns is proved mere second-raters compared to my up-and-coming, they is putting on the hanky-waving gag. Litt'un, as per, being minus she is asking me to lend mine and dives in me pocket to grab same. When me COLLAR jerks forward I am realising it is not me HANDKERCHIEF. . . I wish Trouble would mend that hole in me pocket!

As reward for valuable (?) assistance, Litt'un is allowed to help clear the ring and prepare their props for future use. She is doing this WELL; too well I am thinking, and the smile on her face when she returns is confirming my suspicion. Next we sees some very nice wire-walking, proving as SOME people can walk on thin air and get away with it. Monkey antics follow, being something WELL familiar, as also the next act of throwing PLATES in the air and juggling with BOTTLES, both of which I have performed myself though not with the SAME results. End of part one with a bloke in a cage putting enlarged editions of The Cat

we and try in place. Six about he would' get away with it with M. part of the nima world.

Doing things in which am permitted to replenish with peanuts and popcorn but NOT pictures, I am noticing THOUGHTFUL glances by Litt'un at the clowns' props which she helped to PREPARE for their second half appearance. My suspicions are now growing.

Second half is starting with a fine team of horses whose dancing is well in ADVANCE of mine, and educated ponies whose counting is ditto Litt'un's. Now comes the moment for which at least TWO of the audience are waiting—the return of the clowns.

They are NOT this time in need of ASSISTANCE; judging by the way everything is going OPPOSITE to their intentions they've already HAD IT, and the dirty looks in my direction leave no doubt as to what clever person did what.

Climax comes with their finale when a bucket of supposed-to-be WATER but really FEATHERS is thrown at the big shots in the plush seats. Litt'un is loud in her disclaiming ALL KNOWLEDGE when the supposed-to-be FEATHERS turn out to be really WATER.

Entry of camels is somewhat anti-climatic. Past association coupled with confirmed knowledge of their PECULIAR habit of going days without a DRINK is making them no friends of mine. Seeing also as the wind is in the WRONG direction, both Trouble and Litt'un are for once in complete agreement with me.

Air somewhat cleared by following TRAPEZE TONICS and I am sorting out one picture for which I shall later try for autograph.

Trumpets of BAND herald trumpets of ELEPHANTS with much applause in which I most DEFIN-

ITELY am joining, and they are going to be put through their paces by one of the most straining "cads" it is a pleasure to see and that's giving SOMETHING. She is just saying the elephants a sweet smile and she's got them where she wants 'em; boy oh boy—if only I could be an elephant just for FIVE MINUTES.

This is IT. REDHEAD asks for a volunteer from the audience, and there is now in the ring many more men than there are outside it, INCLUDING me who is slipping in during confusion. Whether by sheer luck or mere pty I will never know, but the CHOSEN is yours truly.

Ring is cleared of rabble; RELUCTANT to leave especially with knowledge of EXPLANATION to be made to sundry spouse. The red-head is giving sweet smile and beckons with finger. Ready for WHATEVER may happen—and I'm HOPING—I starts forward, pulls up with jerk as a massive TRUNK wraps itself around my mid, and trends air. Then am I deposited in a chair and held quiet while redhead wraps a towel round me NECK.

I am thinking NO need to hold me down for this, or is there? Thoughts cut SUDDENLY as No. 2 elephant picks up a PLASTER BRUSH, deposits first in SOAPY WATER and proceeds to give me LATHER.

Now I am not amused though much laughter is leaving me well in the minority. I am next SHAVED with a big WOODEN RAZOR, and gets me LOT with a cascade of WATER from the trunks of BOTH my FRIENDS who also give vent to mirth by loud trumpet.

Unleashed I am turning to wend me way back to receive the CONGRATULATIONS I am not relishing; redhead stops me on way, gives me big hug, and whispers: "Ta,

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pal." With this and the KISS which comes next I SHOULD WORRY.

Grand final act—the one for which I have been WAITING. Into ring struts massive woman followed by tiny man who is wasting no time in pushing her against a big board, completely demoralising with the aid of KNIVES, and as a final flourish he is WHIPPING her right around the ring. This I am thinking is JUST THE JOB, and the funny thing is she seems to LIKE it—there's no telling with a woman.

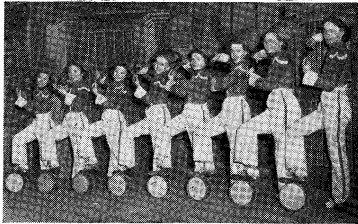
After the show it is suggested by Litt'un we looks around the ANIMAL QUARTERS: to which it is agreed being FREE. Is it by COINCIDENCE I am wandering off on my own in the direction of the part occupied by the ELEPHANTS? Even more by coinci-

dence when I am spotting RED-HEAD giving them tuck-in.

As I am approaching I am beaten to it by the bloke who we saw TAMING THE TIGERS. Seems like he and Redhead are VERY much together, and I am not considering the chances of a CAT TAMER. So I turns away, strolls away, past the elephants with a jet of water in the BACK OF ME NECK AN ELEPHANT NEVER FORGETS.

The circus of "Nomad" is entirely composite and is not compared in any way with Olympia, Harringay, or any other place. Any similarity of any act or part thereof is therefore entirely coincidental and should be regarded as such.

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People in the News

A PART from those whose names are mentioned regularly in connection with their communal activities, we hear or read of others lesser known whose deeds are worthy of public mention. These we are going to record for our Sheerwater annuals, and your co-operation is asked by telling the "Pylon" of any you know and think worthy of recognition. For example, this month:—

INVENTOR.

Mr. L. Evans-Smith, of Lambourne Crescent, has invented a "water chute" for domestic wringers, and his invention was seen last month on "Inventors' Club" in the B.B.C. television service.

ARTIST.

Mr. C. Stratford, of Hanbury Path, whose pen-and-ink sketches are already well known, will have eight of these at the London Exhibition of LESSA, to be held at the Central Hall, Westminster, on January 26th.

SONG-WRITERS.

In the B.B.C. programme "Our Kind of Music," broadcast on December 18th, did you hear "Dear Sooty Santa," sung by Marie Benson? The music is by Ted Luddington, of St. Michael's Road, and the words by Margaret Darvill, of Blackmore Crescent.

FOOTBALLER.

For the Woking Junior Schoolboys' teams John Josey (aged 14), of St. Michael's Road, continues to score goals. His tally to date is 16, including three "hat-tricks."

RESCUER.

P.C. Ira Pumfrey, of Blackmore Crescent, was honoured for his rescue of a dog from the Basingstoke Canal by a presentation from the R.S.P.C.A.

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Precautions Against Damage by Frost

Flats

1. Keep the premises as warm as possible.

2. Where pipes are near windows keep these windows closed at night.

3. If any pipes in W.C.s, larders, etc., run close to ventilators, wrap the pipes with any available woollen material, old carpet, etc. Several layers of newspaper wrapped round and tied on the pipes will give an appreciable amount of protection provided the layers of paper are made up to ½ in. thickness or so. It is also as well to cover the W.C. flushing tank.

4. Make sure that the position of the stopcock in the dwelling is known and that it can be easily turned off.

5. If the premises are left unoccupied during the day or at night, take every possible measure to keep them warm.

6. If the premises are to be left empty for any considerable time, shut off all stopcocks and open the taps to drain the water system. Close

the taps after draining in this way. Before relighting the fire, make sure that water runs from ALL taps.

7. In flats where the soil pipes are outside, the Council supplies special salt at times of severe frosts, and this should be used freely in the W.C. pan particularly at night and in the morning.

Houses

Residents should follow the precautions suggested for flats, but it is the Council's intention to provide additional insulation in the roof spaces of houses where the present precautions in this respect are considered to be insufficient or where none exists. This is a task of some magnitude, and any tenant able to do so could help considerably during the coming winter by covering the pipes in the roof space with layers of paper or other available material and, also, by wrapping the cold water storage tank.

Housing Management Department, LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

WORTH-WHILE EFFORT

TOTAL amount subscribed to The Lord Mayor of London's National Hungarian and Central European Relief Fund by Sheerwater residents is £26 14s. The house-to-house collection yielded over £86 and there were two donations of £5 each from the Community Association and Kelly Hydraulics, Ltd.

The voluntary committee formed for the appeal and collection was: R. S. Chipperfield (chairman), V. H. Matthews (hon. treasurer), R. A. Barnard (hon. secretary), H. Barnes, G. Kaeffer and F. Draper. Thanks of the committee are expressed to Mrs. Chipperfield, the Misses Barnes and Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Blain, Messrs. Oxford, Pettit and Broad, and Master David Chipperfield.

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The committee wishes to record also the extreme courtesy and valuable help of the manager of the Woking Branch of The Midland Bank, Ltd.

Official receipt may be seen at the Estate Office, and the following letter was sent to Mr. Barnard by the Lord Mayor of London:—

"Thank you for your letter enclosing a cheque for £26 14s. from the tenants of the Sheerwater L.C.C. Estate. I have pleasure in enclosing an official receipt, and I would like to say how grateful I am to those who organised the house-to-house collection. I send my warmest thanks to all who contributed so generously."

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



Misses Christina G. and Catherine County Junior Schools, presented their annual concert to the staff of 1,100 at the National Institute, Woking, on December 18th. Photo: A. C. Scott. Courtesy of "Woking News and Mail."

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Sorbo Limited

There is a very important aspect of Sorbo, Limited, not yet mentioned—the Sorbo Social Club, which is open with all its facilities to all employees and allows them to attend any of its functions with their friends.

During the year the Social Club Hut with its own club bar is available for indoor games, such as billiards, snooker, darts, table tennis, shove-ha-penny, dominoes and cards, and during the summer teams are turned out every week for cricket, bowls, netball and occasionally tennis, and the annual dinner and dance held every Christmas presents the opportunity for distributing cups and prizes to the lucky winners and runners-up for nine different sports and indoor games.

The Club's itinerary of the past year included quite a few interesting trips, both to London and the country, including shows, ice pantomime, amateur cup final, Great Britain v. Bulgaria at Wembley, Cheddar Gorge, Woakey Hole, White City Tattoo and the annual outing to Brighton. To end the year, the snip

of the year, seats for the opening night of the pantomime at the London Palladium, starring Norman Wisdom. Occasionally the Club holds social evenings in its Hut and also dances at the Atlanta Ball-room.

On Saturday, December 15th, 1956, the Club held its annual dinner at Sorbo Works, at which 150 members attended. Afterwards, friends were allowed to join the members for dancing to "Gee's Seven-piece Band," and a very good time was had by all, amongst snowballs, streamers and balloons.

The Children's Christmas Party, which is one of the best in the area, will be held on January 13th, 1957. The Club arranges a special tea, film show, Father Christmas—in fact, the lot! The Committee always spotlights this as the highlight of the year.

In conclusion, the Sorbo Social Club is very cognisant of the important role it plays in the welfare of Company's personnel in stimulating that happy and friendly atmosphere which is now accepted as an essential element in contemporary factory life.

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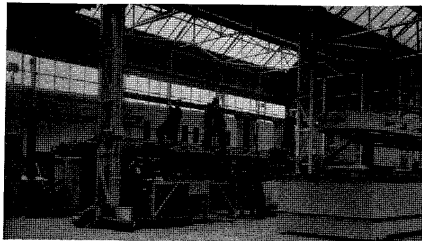
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The company is particularly anxious to take on office and works personnel living at Sheerwater whenever possible. This is obviously desirable during the present period of petrol shortage and consequent congestion of public transport, but the company is looking further ahead

and can see many advantages in its employees living locally. The concept of a community, such as Sheerwater with its own industries, social activities and corporate spirit is an attractive one, and this company will do its best to further this concept.

We like to feel that our prosperity is linked with that of all people on our payroll and that each employee will, through his or her effort, contribute, to our future progress.

Over the past ten years our growth has been rapid and we are confident that we have admirable opportunities to continue to expand. We have a healthy export business, plenty of new products coming along, and an efficient technical and administrative team. Although our business is essentially of a specialised nature and there is plenty of competition at home and abroad, the industry we serve is an expanding one. The growing awareness of the need for improved finish and the need for mechanisation to reduce manufacturing costs should keep us profitably and usefully employed for many years to come.

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The Wandsworth Electrical Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

"What kind of work shall I take up when I leave school?" The time comes when an answer to this question has to be found, and so senior boys of the Sheerwater Secondary Technical School, with this particular problem on their minds, recently made a tour of the Wandsworth Electrical Company's works shortly before the end of their last term at school.

They were shown all the operations in the manufacture of the Company's products, which comprise mainly electrical switches, sockets and plugs of all kinds, and they were able to form a clear idea of the excellent working conditions in a typical modern factory in the light engineering industry.

It was evident that the fascination of machines claimed and held the attention of most of the boys as they watched automatic power presses fitted with ingenious tools producing finished components from the raw material at each stroke.

In the toolroom they clustered round skilled toolmakers to see what kind of work was involved in making these tools. They quickly realised

that this was not a job to be learned in five minutes, in fact, it would take more like five years and, although they would have to be prepared to give up much of their spare time in order to study, a number of boys showed a preference for tool-making.

As they made their way along the assembly lines, they paused at intervals to watch the girls assembling and adjusting the different types of switches. This is not classified as skilled work but the boys were obviously impressed with the speed and dexterity which come with practice; and they moved on, probably feeling convinced they would never be able to match the girls' performance in this work.

After taking in the electrical test and process finishing departments, their tour ended with a visit to the drawing office and a chat with the Company's draughtsmen and designers about the various aspects of their work.

When the boys were asked what they would like to take up on leaving school, draughtsmanship was the choice of the majority.

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ON November 30th a party from the works attended one of the series of Industrial Concerts held at the Albert Hall. The main work was Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, with a wonderful performance given by Campoli and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. All who went voted the evening a great success, and as a result there are several new additions to those who are regular attenders at these concerts. This is only one of many social facilities which are available for employees.

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