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Report of Items of General Interest dealt with at the Council meeting held on Monday, Jan. 25th, 1954

- Letters to and from County Medical Officer as to a Day Nursery on the Estate. More information is necessary and all potential users are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Harris, 187 Devonshire Avenue.
- Messrs. Sorbo accepted responsibility for the fires complained of and in apologising assure members that everything possible will be done to prevent a repetition.
- Despite further representations, the Head Postmaster (not the Headmaster as reported last month) has indicated that he is not able to authorise stamp machines. After discussion it was agreed to write to the Postmaster General stating the full case.
- A letter had been sent to Dr. Pratt expressing members' sympathy over his unfortunate accident.
- Letter to Principal, New Haw and Addlestone Evening Institute, pressing for evening classes in Handwork to be held on the Estate.
- Osley Community Association had asked for and been given the benefit of our experience in the struggle for amenities.
- Letter from Engineer and Surveyor to the effect that the additional street lamps in Sheerwater Road had been erected. At the request of the Association the footpath at Woodlands Avenue had been attended to promptly. Letter of thanks had been sent.
- Letter to London Transport requesting bus shelters.
- Resignation of Mr. Clarke from Council and Social Committee accepted with great regret. Letter of thanks for his services to be sent.
- Letter from British Legion asking for permission to address the General Meeting on January 29th with a view to sponsoring formation of a Branch on the Estate. Permission granted.
- Further letters to be sent on Recreation Ground and All-Night Street Lighting.
- The Treasurer reported that the grant of £50 had been made to the Gardening Association for their hut. A grant of £20 was being made to the Youth Club. The Christmas Draw had cleared £78 16s. 3d.
- The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting was approved. Council to recommend alteration of the Constitution to provide for two more officers, namely, a Centre Secretary and a Press and Publicity Officer.
- The books for the Branch Library at the Centre would arrive on January 29th. The Urban District Council had indicated that a cheque for an initial £40 would be sent to the Governing Body of the Centre as soon as this body was constituted. As the management of the Centre is vested in the Management Committee a letter had been sent asking for County's intervention. No news yet of contribution from Surrey. The practicability of permitting children's dancing classes to be held at the Centre, run by a member, to be examined. Applications for commercial hiring rejected.
- A motion that the Council allocate a specific proportion of its income to the Youth Council was lost, but it was recorded that no reasonable request for aid would be turned down.
- The Social Committee reported that the lack of equipment at the Centre was holding up the organisation of functions.
- Letter to be sent emphasising the need for private telephone service.
- The possibility of providing Saturday film shows for the children to be explored. Any member qualified as a projectionist with time to spare on a Saturday is urged to contact the Secretary.

It has been brought to the notice of the Association by the N.F.C.A. that the remarks in a report in the December issue on the problems relating to repairs to houses and residential amenities could be misinterpreted. These problems could and should be handled by the Community Association, and the formation of a Tenants' Association is not considered essential by the National Federation. This aspect of our work has not, of course, been overlooked by the Association, and we are justly proud of the results which have been achieved in such matters as schools, transport, the railway fencing and telephones, to mention but a few.

Social Committee

The Social Committee wishes to thank all those people who helped to make cakes for the children's party, also those parents who helped in the two balls. We should also like to thank again the following traders who helped to make this party possible.

Mr. Beech, Stores, Walton Road, parcel of groceries and 10s. voucher.
Messrs. Creators, Sheerwater, £3 3s.
Messrs. Charrington, Coal Merchants, 6 cwt. coal.
Messrs. Colmans, Woking, £1 1s.
Mr. Charman, Greengrocer, Walton Road, basket of fruit.
Messrs. Hall and Co., Coal Merchants, £2 2s.
Mr. Minty, Grocer, Walton Road, £1 1s.
Mr. Moore, Monument Stores, £1 10s.
Messrs. Shortlands, Maybury Road, £1 1s.
Sports House, Woking, £1 1s.
Messrs. Sainsbury, West Byfleet, parcel of groceries.
Messrs. Garmons, Woking, toys.
Messrs. Sorbo, 3 dozen balls.
Messrs. Woolworth, Woking, £2 2s.
Messrs. Tykes, Woking, 4 bottles of squash.
Gardening Association, £2 2s.
Messrs. Timothy, Woking, 2 books.
Sheerwater Conservative Association, £3 3s.
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The Theatre and Sheerwater

To the sounds of "We'll hear it again from the entrance of 'Father,'" and "Will you take the lines of 'the daughter' again, please," the casting for the first production of the Sheerwater Players was made recently. There were some heartaches and disappointments when the names were announced but, true to the traditions of the Stage, the others smiled and were ready to try again for a part in the second play, to be decided soon after. Young as the Club is, its members know that it is the show that counts and there must be sacrifices made to ensure success.

The Club is flourishing and before Easter it will present two one-act plays for the entertainment of the residents of the Estate. The sweat and tears, the heartaches and seemingly soul-destroying repetition at rehearsals from the producer's determination to put on a good show, will all be borne courageously by the cast in the knowledge of the sheer joy and exhilaration of being part of the theatre when, on the night of the show, the call rings out "On stage—beginners, please," and the "tabs" open and we are on with the show.

It is interesting to know that the Club has applied for membership of the British Drama League, and the producer hopes before long to enter a team in the League's One-act Play Festivals. What is more, he is determined to bring a high standard adjudication report away with him so he knows that he has a good team of players to work with.

New members are always welcome in the Club, both for parts and for backstage duties. Anyone interested should go to the Club, which meets every Friday evening at 7.30, on 14 Bateson Way.

ANGLING

Calling all fishermen! Monthly meetings will now be held the second Wednesday in every month at the Committee Room, Community Centre, Devonshire Avenue, at 8 p.m.

For those who are interested, it is proposed to start a Tackle Club, and for further details of this why not attend our next monthly meeting?

FOOTBALL NEWS

BY R. BROOKS

Friday, January 15th, was a windy, blustering day, with rain in the air and a match on Sheerwater's home ground against Horsell Junior School. The fact that it was a match day made it a fine time for about twelve keen young footballers, who had awaited Horsell's visit with an eager anticipation. Horsell in the first game of the season had beaten Sheerwater by one goal to nil, and there was an air of hopeful and expectant "revenge" about the Sheerwater side.

Horsell won the toss and elected to play downhill with the wind at their backs, but immediately Sheerwater began to press and stayed that way for the whole of the first half. Sheerwater's inside-right ran on to the ball just outside the penalty area and released a terrific right-footed West, with the ball just skimming the top of the cross bar. That shot brought a gasp from all the players and the spectators. It was the best shot of the game and it was good enough to deserve a goal, but, alas, just a little too much elevation.

Five minutes later the Sheerwater inside-left took control of the ball on the edge of the penalty area and easily lobbed it into the top of the net. One goal up and no further score before half-time, although Horsell's goalkeeper was being made to work hard and played a fine game. The Sheerwater forwards soon learned of his skill; he robbed them of several goals by his inspiring play.

After half-time, with the wind behind them, the Sheerwater forwards were eager for goals. In fact, they were so eager that they were getting in each other's way. Lots of chances were missed and several corners were forced, but all in vain. The centre-half had two chances but failed badly with each. Sheerwater's backs had come up rather a long way in order to keep the ball in the Horsell goal area, and when Horsell broke away quickly they scored an easy goal. After this both pressed fiercely and the game suddenly became into a series of Horsell goal kicks. But in spite of the frantic efforts, neither side scored again, and a draw was the result.

Verdict: Sheerwater were over confident and missed too many chances. Horsell were a cool defensive side and did not get rattled under continual pressure. Both sides had a relief from the wind with a talk about the game over squash and biscuits, which "comforted" both sides after the struggle.

League Positions.

	P. W.	D.	L.	Pts.		
Sheerwater	...	4	2	1	1	5
Horsell	...	4	1	2	1	4
Monument Hill	...	3	1	1	1	3
Goldsworth	...	3	1	0	2	2

Next match v. Goldsworth in February, away.
(Mr. Brooks is master-in-charge of Under-11 team. He is not the Sports Master.)

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SHEERWATER GARDENING ASSOCIATION

General Meeting. Held in the Community Centre on Friday, January 22nd. The purchase of a new hut to be erected on the allotment site in the centre of Albert Drive was unanimously agreed. This has now been ordered and it is hoped that erection will be completed within two months.

Show, 1954. It was agreed that a show be held on the Estate, provisional date August 21st, 1954. If any member has spare time and wishes to join the sub-committee will they please contact either Mr. Barnard, 49 Lambourne Crescent, or Mr. Draper, 46 Lambourne Crescent. It is hoped to have a schedule drawn up and circulated in the near future.

Seed Potatoes. The order has been placed for this year's supplies and delivery is expected in a week or two. Orders can still be placed at the Hut, and members requiring these are advised to do so as supplies are short this year. There will be a few available at the Hut after orders have been completed.

Plants. All orders to be in by February 28th for bedding plants, tomatoes, etc., as published in the November issue of the "Pylon." A supply of plants on a sale or return basis as last year will be available, but the price of these will be higher than those listed. So order now and save cash. Price list can be seen at the Hut.

Subscriptions. Many outstanding subscriptions are due for 1953, and members are reminded that no purchases can be obtained from the Hut if membership has lapsed. Area representatives will be round your area during the next few weeks.

Fertilisers, Seeds, etc. Bonemeal, Lime, Superphosphate, Sulphate of Ammonia, Potash, Grovemore, Seeds, Early Peas, Broad Beans, Onion sets are all available at the Hut.

Poultry Food. At the request of many members we have been able to secure the following prices for feeding stuffs and these are all available.

Mash, 7/6; 2/8. Mixed Corn, 7/6; 2/8. Pellets, 7/6; 2/9. It will be seen that considerable saving is offered to all members over a period.

Lectures. It is hoped to secure the services of a lecturer for our next meeting on Friday, February 18th, at 8 p.m. So come along to the Community Centre on this evening and help to swell the numbers.

SHEERWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL.

Hon. Officers:
Chairman: Mr. H. C. Moore, 17 Benthams Avenue.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. C. Cole, 120 Blackmore Crescent.
Secretary: Mr. J. McDermott, 14 Hanbury Path.
Assistant Secretary: Mr. J. Royal, 14 Albert Drive.
Treasurer: Mr. J. Hawkins, 218 Blackmore Crescent.
Membership Organiser: Mr. E. Murtough, 16 Albert Drive.
Council Members:
Mrs. Harris, 187 Devonshire Avenue.
Mrs. Hawkins, 17 Hanbury Path.
Mrs. Duplock, 96 Devonshire Avenue.
Mr. Dewdney, 11 Benthams Avenue.
Mr. Lewis, 71 Lambourne Crescent.
Mr. Dunne, 18 Henslow Way.
Mr. Levi, 5 Devonshire Avenue.
Mr. Jones, 224 Albert Drive.
Mr. Baulf, 108 St. Michael's Road.
Mr. Duplock, 96 Devonshire Avenue.
Mr. Clavey, 252 Albert Drive.
Mr. Wells, 35 Albert Drive.
Mr. Hart, 225 Albert Drive.
Mr. Watkins, 10, Hanbury Path.
Representatives:
Gardening Association: Mr. Cooper.
Labour Party: Mr. Knowler.
Conservative Branch: Mr. Williamson.
Catholic Men's Guild: Mr. Gunn.
Angling Club: Mr. Ficker.
Youth Club: Mr. Irving.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

HON. SECRETARY: Mr. J. McDermott, 14 Hanbury Path.

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Sheerwater Community Association

The Second Annual General Meeting

will be held at the

Community Centre

on

Friday, February 26th, 1954

at 8 p.m. sharp

It is the duty of all members to attend this meeting to choose officers for the ensuing twelve months. Bring your membership card for voting purposes.

AGENDAS WILL BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY

BOOK THE DATE NOW

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COLLECTING ?

Well, do you know what a coin is? If you remember, the last time we had a chat I asked the question, "Do you know what a coin is?"

A coin is really a small portion of metal which has been impressed with a guarantee mark, by the Ruling Authority. The mark indicates that the piece of metal has a definite value, and is therefore of use in trade.

The use of marked pieces of metal as "coins" improved upon the earlier system of direct exchange of goods, called barter. It was also an improvement on the system of constant weighing of "bullion" or bars of gold or other precious metals to ascertain their value.

You will already know that a coin has two sides, but I wonder if you know that these sides have special names. The front of the coin, that is the side which we usually call "heads", is called the "obverse". The "tails" side is called the "reverse".

Perhaps the next question someone would like to ask is "When were coins first produced?" About 860 B.C. in the Kingdom of Lydia, where the other rare natural resources of the other rare precious metals existed, coins were made in "electrum". This metal is the natural alloy of gold and silver.

The Parian chronicles (a series of inscriptions, on marble, dated about 200 B.C.) say that about the same time Phidra of Argos, in the island of Aegina, produced coins of silver. The ancient weight of the Lydian coin was the "stater", and the coin bore simple markings on the obverse. There quickly followed the denomination of one-third of a stater, and these coins had, in relief, the head of a lion on the obverse, with an "incuse" or angular marking impressed into the reverse.

Early coins generally show a portrait of the local deity and sometimes show both the local deity and the sacred beast. This new system of coinage immediately spread eastward and westward.

Just in case some studious person asks "But what about the money mentioned in the Bible in use before 860 B.C.?"—well, it is true that Abraham, for instance, was a wealthy man, and Abimelech gave him further 1,000 pieces of silver (Genesis xiii. 2, xv. 16). Abraham also bought a cave for 400 shekels of silver (Genesis xxiii. 9-10). There are many other instances of the use of "money" long before the date I

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have mentioned, but the "money" was not coins.

Jewels in the East have in all ages been a convenient and recognised means of keeping property, the precious metals being always weighed. Egyptian (and it is possible other) "money" was made into rings for convenience.

The Bible is full of interesting information concerning ancient customs. One example is that in it the earliest known money box is mentioned.

Next time you will read "How did the ancients bank their money?"

SHEERWATER CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Our first six months as a branch have now passed by and we are preparing for our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 8 p.m., in St. Michael's Church Hall. All members will, of course, receive an official invitation, and we earnestly hope that every effort will be made to attend.

In retrospect it has been a good six months with four or five major social functions, all of which were a success. In this connection please note that the St. Valentine's Dance on February 13th will be an even greater success! Tickets at 2s. each and may be obtained from the usual sources.

The Women's Section has been a tower of strength and has assisted in many diverse ways. It is hoped that 90 per cent. of our team of 20, which accepted the challenge of the Budget Branch to an evening of "quizzes" on February 25th, will be from this section. The Thursday night meetings of the Women's Section are very entertaining, and invitation is hereby extended to all the ladies who are members to "come along and join the party."

The other date for your diary is that of March 15th, when our Member of Parliament will be holding his public meeting on the Estate.

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CORRESPONDENCE

THANKS

Dear Sir,
I should like, through your columns, to thank all those who gave so generously to the appeal made on the Estate just before Christmas for the National Institute for the Blind.

The collection brought in £15 12s. 1d., a sum which, considering the time of year, was very acceptable.

I have already thanked those who assisted in collecting, but for others interested I will, if I may, pin the receipt of money to the notice board inside the Community Centre.

Yours gratefully,

JOHN F. A. ROYAL,
for and on behalf of
The National Institute for the Blind,
14 Albert Drive.

POLITICS?

Dear Sir,
The letters in the local Press from members of the Community Association,

Sheerwater Youth Club

The Youth Club has now been open for three weeks and in spite of inclement weather a record crowd has attended each week. There is, however, still room for new members. The membership fee is 6d. per night, and Tuesday is, at the moment, Youth Club Night.

It is obvious with a new Club that equipment is in short supply, and should any reader possess anything in the way of sports gear, all donations will be gratefully received and should be handed to any of the following:

Mr. Irving, 52 Albert Drive.
Mr. Dunne, 17 Henslow Way.
Mr. Duplock, 99 Devonshire Avenue.

We learn with regret that Mr. Clarke, of 93 Albert Drive, has had to resign his position on the Association's Council.

Mr. Clarke has been an active member of the Association since it was first formed, and has made the Social Committee his major interest.

We are sorry to lose your services, Mr. Clarke, but hope you will be able to help us again at a later date.

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regarding Mr. Watkinson and the opening of the Community Association Centre, have bored me to tears, and now I find that we are to be pestered with piffle in our own organ, the "Pylon."

Surely it must be as plain to you as it most certainly is to me, that the composers of these letters are some of Mr. Watkinson's disciples and are far more interested in this gentleman's "politics" than they are in promoting the interests of the Community Association.

Would Mr. Langdon or Mr. Sharman feel so strongly about asking the M.P. for Woking to open the new Community Association Centre if he were a member of another political party? I have no doubt that the gentlemen I have mentioned are prominent members on the Sheerwater Estate of the political party that Mr. Watkinson represents, and accuse them of trying to bring political bias into the Community Association. Should they be successful in doing this, it would be a disastrous thing for that splendid organisation, the Sheerwater Community Association.

I hope that in the future the "Pylon" will contain itself to reporting events concerning the Community Association and not let it become a "Platform for Political Contestants."

Sincerely yours,

A. ROBERTS,
8, Albert Drive.

LOCAL INDUSTRY

Dear Sir,
Our M.P., Mr. Harold Watkinson, in part of his article published in last month's "Pylon," is in error concerning the employment problem on this estate.

The new light industry so far is mainly for women and, after all, these estates have been built for family decency, not as bed and breakfast lodgings. So to woo women from their first occupation as housewife and leave the traditional breadwinner chasing the ill-paid local crumbs is neither good planning nor sound social welfare.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK HILL,
16 Hanbury Path.

SHEERWATER PYLON

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SHEERWATER

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EDITORIAL

Annual General Meeting.

And so we come to the second Annual General Meeting of our Association. This is the time when it is the duty and responsibility of all members to attend this most important meeting at which we elect our officers and organise policy for the coming year. It is important that as members we all attend. It will be no good afterwards saying that this or that should not have happened if you didn't go. Let us therefore ensure that we turn up in force to elect the right type of individuals as our officers and that we organise our next year's work on a basis acceptable to all.

Mr. H. C. Moore.

As an example of outstanding service to other people one could always quote for the future our Chairman, Mr. Moore. Good luck to him in his venture abroad and thanks for all he has done. Let's hope that his example has set a standard for all officers to work to and so maintain the fine tradition of our Association. Our New Series.

That well-known local historian, Mr. Billaux, has offered to write a series of articles for the "Pylon," the first of which will appear in the next issue. We hope it will help our members to understand Woking and its people a bit better and to give us a background to our new town.

On Thursday evening, January 14th, someone stole a tin of chocolate biscuits from the kitchen. I only hope that they were not sick.

Especially for Women

It is proposed to form a Club for Women not yet sixty years of age. A meeting to discuss this Club will be held in the Community Hall on Wednesday afternoon, February 24th, at 3 p.m. It is hoped that many between 40 and 60 years will come and help arrange an enjoyable weekly afternoon. Convenor, Mrs. Swain, 273 Albert Drive.

British Legion

The British Legion are desirous of forming a branch in Sheerwater.

The Council of the Legion are of the opinion that the welfare side, pensions, etc., are not receiving the attention they should, and it is thought if Sheerwater people were running a branch they would get quicker replies to their enquiries and members would benefit by the friendship and comradeship which exist in all branches in the country.

The Secretary will be pleased to give the necessary information.

Sheerwater Community Association

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STAMP CORNER

So often when we are checking through our stamp catalogue we see that stamps which look alike could possibly be of different "dies." In other words, they were printed from different plates, made up from new engravings of the same design. Thus stamps of similar appearance, but printed from different dies, can be valued differently one from the other.

Perhaps the most famous of these are the British Colonial stamps printed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co. There were two dies of the Victorian key type, and two dies of the George V. key type. Each redrawn die is distinguishable from the original by some small difference in the design. These types crop up among the stamps of more Crown Colonies.

Of more recent interest are the different dies of some modern issues. Examples that spring readily to mind are the stamps of the Fiji Islands, King George VI. issues.

The 1½d. carmine issues depicting a native canoe are printed from two very distinct dies. The first die, SG. 251, depicts an empty canoe; for the second die, the canoe has been manned. The stamps of this second die have been complicated by several perforation changes.

So we have (catalogue value, used):—
SG. 251, 1½d., carmine, die I, perf. 13½, 12, 6d.
SG. 252, 1½d., carmine, die II, perf. 13½, 5d.

SG. 252a, 1½d., dark carmine, die II, perf. 13½, 6d.
SG. 252b, 1½d., carmine, die II, perf. 14, 19.

SG. 252c, 1½d., carmine, die II, perf. 12, 5d.

Types SG. 251 and 252b are nice stamps to acquire and quite out of the ordinary rank.

Again with Fiji, the map design of the same series has two distinct dies. In die I, the designer omitted the "180°" to mark the line of longitude which appears on the map. This omission was corrected in die II. These designs were used for various denominations (catalogue value, used):—

SG. 253, 2d., brown and green, die I, perf. 13½, 2s. 6d.
SG. 254, 2d., brown and green, die II, perf. 13½, 3s.

SG. 255, 2½d., brown and green, die II, perf. 14, 1s.
SG. 256, 2½d., brown and green, die II, perf. 13½, 3d.
SG. 256a, 2½d., brown and green, die II, perf. 12, 6d.

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SG. 260, 6d., black, die I, perf. 13 x 12, ½d.

SG. 261, 6d., black, die II, perf. 13½, 1s.

SG. 261a, 6d., black, die II, perf. 12, 10d.

Some differences! So watch out for your die differences in future.

1st Shearwater Scout Group

First, "Thank you" to all "Pylon" readers who gave old knitted woollen articles to our Scouts and Cubs in response to our recent appeal. We do not make a fortune by selling the wool, but a small regular income is often better than a spectacular once only fund raiser. Therefore, whenever you have discarded socks, pullovers, jumpers, vests or blankets for disposal we shall be glad if you will give them to your nearest Scout or Cub.

Parents may be interested to know the uniform for members of the group. Details are given below—

Cubs, ages 8-11 years: Green jerseys, grey shorts, grey socks and Cub caps.

Scouts, ages 11-18: Khaki shirts, grey shorts, grey socks and Scout hats.

Scarves are grey with a yellow border and they are obtainable from the Scoutmaster.

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TOMMY AND TIMMY

Tommy and Timmy were very excited this particular Saturday afternoon, and as usual Mummy was very busy about the house clearing up this and that before Daddy came home to take them all to the circus.

The circus! My, how the twins had looked forward to this outing. All the week they had really worked hard and behaved themselves, because Daddy had warned them quite fairly that if they misbehaved there would be no circus. The time soon sped round for Daddy to come home, and as Mummy looked out of the kitchen window she saw him coming up the path looking very cold indeed, so popping on the little brown kettle she called to Tim to let Daddy in.

"Brrr, but it's cold, my dear," shivered Daddy. "It's lovely and warm in here. I vote we stay at home in the warm to-night," he teased, but the look on the twins' faces made him quickly relent.

"All right, then, cheer up. We'll go and freeze. But first," he said, with mock solemnity, "I must have something to eat."

The twins' look of disappointment soon vanished, and they ran to get his slippers. Mummy fussed with a nice hot cup of tea.

"I'd better be getting you two imps ready, now," said Mummy. She had their clothes neatly arranged out separately.

Soon all were ready to go, but not without the usual comments from Mummy, such as "Tommy! straighten your tie. Timmy! will you keep your hair tidy; it's disgraceful. Even Daddy got his share. 'Dear me, Daddy, your tie is as bad as Tommy's. Come here; I'll fix it.' Then off to the circus they all set."

"My word, what a crowd," gasped Tommy. "Will they all get in?" he inquired.

"Yes, of course they will," Mummy assured him. "You must keep close to me; otherwise you will get lost."

Daddy was looking intently at the numbers that showed people to their places, when suddenly he shouted, "Here we are, and luckily not a very big queue." They didn't have long to wait before the big bar of the door was lifted and in poured the crowd.

The twins were thrilled at their first sight of the sawdust ring on which they knew the funny clowns would soon be frolicking about.

Daddy led the way, and soon they were seated on the never-ending form. "We've a lovely view, here," said Daddy, and, by golly, he was right.

The smart uniformed band struck up declaring the circus in full swing. The excited "o-o-o's" and "a-rrr's" escaping from the boys as the different acts came on showed Mummy and Daddy just how they were enjoying themselves.

How they gasped in wonderment at the daring trapeze artists swinging high in the air on the dangling ropes, and the noble-looking horses prancing proudly with a twinkling fairy-like lady riding bareback upon them, simply thrilled Tim. But the lumbering elephants waiting to music amused Tommy the most.

When interval time arrived all four tucked happily into a big ice cream each. It was then Daddy confessed that the clowns were really his favourites. Then down went the lights, up struck the band, and on tumbled the red-nosed clowns once again. How funny their antics were. Flowers grew out of their ears and water poured out of their boots. They looked pathetic with suits too big and hats too small. The crowd roared.

Again the ring was empty and, ready for the thrill of the evening, the twins sat waiting for the "human cannon ball" to be shot into space. Even Mummy and Daddy looked uneasy as the much forbidding cannon was placed into position and the safety net fixed at the other end of the arena.

With a mighty roll of drums, a loud bang, a puff of smoke, out shot the human cannon ball.

"Phew," gasped the twins, as he sped through the air and landed safely in the net. This act seemed to make the lion tamer with his snarling "cats" appear quite tame.

"Oh dear," wailed the twins as this lovely evening regrettably came to its close, and as all the artistes and performing animals came on for the grand finale. It was then that Mummy admitted that out of all this glitter and grandeur the perky performing dogs won her heart.

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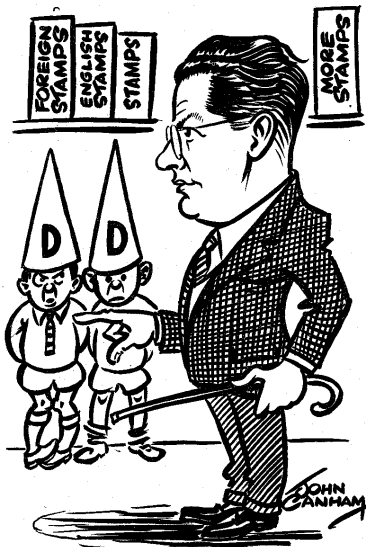
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The Chairman of the Association as seen by our artist, Mr. John Canham. Hugh Moore, a founder member of the Association, was its Hon. Treasurer during the first year, and then he forsook the delights of high finance to follow in the footsteps of our first chairman, Mr. Dewdney. He brought an innate charm and wisdom to that office, and has always been firm without causing offence. He is married, with a charming wife, and three bony children. Unfortunately for us all, he is soon to leave his post as master at Fulbrook School, which position he has held since moving to Sheerwater, for a better one at Petermaritzburg in the Union of South Africa. We shall miss him, but I know all our readers will join me in wishing him the best of luck and all possible success in his new life. Bon voyage, Hugh.

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The Chairman Reviews the Past Year

And so the second birthday of the Association is at hand, and with it the end of my year of office as Chairman. I do not wish to dwell on the past, but I must recall one or two happenings of the past "year." All too soon after the A.G.M. came the Coronation and its attendant celebrations on the Estate. Mr. Baniff's efforts were not as well rewarded as we had all hoped; the weather and a lack of general support in the initial stages were against him. But a great deal of enjoyment was had by a large number of people, and our thanks were duly accorded.

October saw the launching of the Sheerwater "Post" in rather questionable circumstances. Our former good friend and staunch supporter, Mr. Martin, "put the cat among the pigeons," and the "Pylon" came out of the fray in better condition.

One cold wet Monday shortly before Christmas I was able to accept the Community Centre on behalf of the Association, a little over twelve months after negotiations began. Much use has been made of it, and if bookings are anything to go by, the Centre will be seldom empty.

The Christmas Parties for some 800 children proved to be quite a success, and words of praise must go to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Duplock and all those generous-hearted persons who gave so much of their time in making the happy occasion possible.

The Youth Club has been founded. Mr. Irving deserves all the support he can get. It is no easy task coping with wishes of a mixed club housing youngsters between 14 and 21. May the Youth Club grow and prove to be the leading club in the district.

I have mentioned the highlights, but, as you know, the humdrum life of the Association goes on from day to day. The bulk of this work is done by our Secretary, and in this last year we have had three. Mr. West was obliged to retire due to ill-health, and, although he is still not fully fit, he is helping us with "Pylon." Mr. Clarke, who was with us, resigned his office after a short while, and Mr. McDermott, then our Vice-Chairman, was elected Secretary. He has been a tower of strength dealing with a host of matters pertaining to Association business. My very warmest thanks to him; without his goodwill and

judgment I could not have survived my year of office.

Since forbids my mentioning all those who have helped in so many ways. Mr. Cole, Vice-Chairman, has watched over the "Pylon"; Mr. Hawkins has kept our accounts in "apple pie order." To them and to all members of the Association generally and members of the Council in particular, my thanks for your continued support.

And so to the future, and in particular this month, February 20th will see the official opening of the Community Centre by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, General Sir Robert Haining, K.C.B., D.S.O., and the 20th of the same month will see the A.G.M. and the end of my association with Sheerwater. My family and I are off to Natal, South Africa, where I have been appointed to the Department of Education. I shall be sorry to go in many ways. I have made many friends here, and I feel I have made some small contribution to the happiness and well-being of Sheerwater. I have gained a wealth of experience in so many ways. I only hope that I shall be missed.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF JAN. MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Despite better publicity, the meeting was less well attended than any before. Those who braved the elements were rewarded with a good meeting in a somewhat more comfortable and warmer Community Centre. The meeting could not be started until 8.20 owing to the fact that a quorum had to be found, and for this the Chairman apologised to the Press and the Guest Speakers.

The minutes of the December meeting were read, agreed and signed, and this was followed by the Secretary's Report. He told the meeting of the correspondence reported in Items of Interest on another page, and then informed members of Mr. Clarke's resignation. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded, and the hope expressed that he would soon be back with us again.

The Treasurer reported that the Central Fund stood at £55 11s. 7½d. and the Building Fund at £39 11s. 9d. The "Pylon" figures in the Central Fund showed a debit of £7, largely owing to the arrears of advertisers' income. He said several large bills awaited payment, and welcomed the news that the contributions of the local authorities for equipment would soon be forthcoming.

The meeting was then entertained to an address from Capt. Wilson, D.S.O., on the need for a branch of the British Legion on the Estate. He said that, although members might belong to another branch, they could still use the Sheerwater Branch. He pointed out that the welfare facilities of the Legion would then be immediately available through a Branch Committee of residents, and gave as an example of a fine Estate Branch the very successful one at St. Helier, which Sheerwater could emulate. Questions were answered by Capt. Wilson and Mr. Goodwin, the Vice-Chairman of the Surrey Council of the British Legion.

The Youth Leader, Mr. Irving, reported the successful start of the Youth Club, whose membership was growing each week and had now reached 64. He urged Council to allot another full evening to Youth, thanked the association for their grant of £50 and the letting of the Centre at a nominal sum, and asked for help with cupboards.

Mr. Duplock, giving the Social Committee Report, said that the Children's Christmas Party, in spite of its size, was a great success. Some difficulties had been encountered but the Committee considered their venture well worth while. He informed members that it had been decided to hold a regular Thursday Whist Drive, Dances and Socials would be held from time to time. The next, with licensed bar, would be on February 6th.

The "Pylon" Report was read by Mr. Cole. The last issue had been commended on all sides. Advertising was assured, circulation was now back to its optimum level of between nine hundred and a thousand copies. Articles and letters were still welcome. Questions were asked on rates of advertising charges and correspondence. The Secretary gave advance notice of the two new features—Mr. Blaux's articles and the cartoons—the first of what was hoped would be a long series.

In the Centre Management Committee report, the Secretary told members of the application which had been made for a Mess and Dancing Licences. Information had been received that the County Architect had commented adversely on several structural insufficiencies. These were the subject of discussion with County, and it was hoped that the obstacles were not insurmountable. The worst problem was the provision of a second exit at the side. Arrangements for the opening day and the exhibition were being perfected. A part-time caretaker had been engaged and a magnificent offer for the free cleaning of the windows for a year by our member, Mr. Bone, of 24 Albert Drive, had been gratefully accepted. Lettings for January had been good, considering the amenities, and should improve with better equipment. In answer to a question, he told the meeting which organisations were hiring the Hall. Lastly, he was very pleased to be able to confirm that the Branch Library would be open from February 9th on days and times advertised elsewhere. He thanked Mesdames Dewdney, Rowley and Thomas for their kindness in offering to staff the library, which should provide a much-needed service.

A member said how grateful London workers on the Estate were for the provision of the new Monday to Friday 6.5 p.m. non-stop from Waterloo to West have been largely due to the increased use of West Byfleet by residents on the Estate. He had done some research and, to the best of his knowledge, it seemed that this was the first train ever to travel non-stop to West Byfleet, except for a short time in the nineteen-thirties when a director of the Southern Railway lived there, and had a train stop for his personal benefit.

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Evening Classes

May I draw the attention of the Sheerwater "Pylon" readers to the excellent evening classes offered by the New Haw and Addlestone Evening Institute?

At New Haw School (the bus for Walton and Staines stops at the door) there is a selection of classes on various evenings as follows:

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OLD PEOPLE'S CLUB

BUNYARD DRIVE

On Saturday, January 23rd, the Clubroom was officially opened by Mr. Darby, Chairman of the Woking U.D.C. and President of the Club. He was introduced by Alderman Stamp, Chairman of the L.C.C. Housing Committee, who said how pleased he was to see the old people properly housed and having amenities provided.

Before declaring the Club open, Mr. Darby said that there was something new in Woking, and he hoped that other such clubrooms would be set up in the district.

Refreshments were provided by many kind friends. We thank them and particularly Messrs. Bondshaw and Trigg, who provided the tea, sugar and milk. Mesdames Clarke, Harris and Weston worked hard to ensure that arrangements were complete, and they were well rewarded with what must be the most successful occasion to date.

A new institution is launched in Sheerwater, and it is hoped that all old people here will use the Clubroom and its facilities, which now include a lending library.

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