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1. The Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription to the Club be amended as follows:

Entrance Fee: General Membership, 2/6 plus 6d. Membership Card; Junior Membership, 1/- plus 3d. Membership Card; Honorary Membership, free to all Old Age Pensioners.

Subscription: General Membership, 2/6 per annum; Junior Membership, 1/- per annum; Honorary Membership, free to all Old Age Pensioners.

2. A Tackle Club be formed, to enable members to purchase their fishing requirements without undue hardship. Subscription to the Tackle Club will be made through shares, payable at 6d. per week per share; members may possess as many shares as may be desired. Vouchers will be issued for the purchase of tackle in accordance

with available funds, priority being given to the needs of members possessing either no equipment or insufficient equipment for normal match purposes.

3. Every assistance be given to newcomers to the sport to the extent available, by loan of tackle and books, talks and informal discussions, help in setting up of rods, lines, etc., participation in both Club and Inter-Club matches, and general good comradeship.

It is proposed to arrange as full a programme as possible during the coming season, commencing in June. In this the Club will be greatly assisted by the fine gesture of Lawes-Rabjohns Piscatorialists, who are sharing their fixtures and "fishing waters."

The next meeting of the Sheerwater Angling will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday, April 14th. In the following month, the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12th.

Interested—very much so or even only slightly? Then come along to the next meeting. It starts at 8 p.m.

If you have already decided or would like further information, the Secretary of the Sheerwater Angling Club is Mr. A. T. Duplock, 96 Devonshire Avenue.

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Organ of the Sheerwater Community Association

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ANOTHER MUCH NEEDED SERVICE FOR SHEERWATER!

A part-time branch of the County Library, staffed by Members of the Association, was opened on Tuesday, February 9th, 1954, at the Community Centre

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THURSDAYS	...	5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

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Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. McDermott, 14 Hanbury Path

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

FRIDAY, 26th MARCH

at 8 p.m.

at the COMMUNITY CENTRE

Report of Items of General Interest dealt with at the Council meeting held on Monday, Feb. 15th, 1954

1. Letter to G.P.O. re telephones.
2. Letter from Medical Officer of Health re Day Nurseries.
3. Letter from National Federation C.A.'s inviting Association to be represented at the forthcoming Area Conference, March 6th, 1954. Agreed that Messrs. McDermott, Cole, Murtough and Duplock to attend.
4. Resignations accepted from Messrs. Levi and Wells.
5. Letter from N.F.C.A. requesting information of Old People's Welfare.
6. Letter from the Chairman of the Old People's Clubroom requesting that another name be put forward for the vacancy on that Committee caused by the retirement of Mr. H. C. Moore. Agreed that Mrs. J. Harris be elected.
7. Letter from L.T.E. re bus shelters on the Estate.
8. Letter to the P.M.G. re stamp machines on the Estate.
9. Reply to the letter, which is to be considered at the next General Meeting.
10. Letters from W.U.D.C. on street lighting and the Recreation Ground.
11. The Treasurer presented his balance sheet to Council and replied to several questions on this item.
12. The Youth Club now has 72 members and the Leaders had been on a further course. Equipment was still needed.
13. It was agreed that the Youth Committee had to be disbanded and a Management Committee set up. The draft constitution was read to Council and adopted. The Management Committee was then elected after agreeing to leave one vacancy.
14. The Centre Management Committee had reported several defects to the L.C.C. £110 had been received from W.U.D.C. Dancing classes are to be held in the Centre. A caretaker had been engaged. It was recommended that the incoming Council form a Social Club.
15. It was agreed that the following nominations be recommended at the A.G.M.: Treasurer, Mr. Moggeridge; Secretary, Mr. McDermott or Mrs. Harris; Centre Secretary, Mr. Kinch or Mr. Weston; Membership Organiser, Mr. Dunne; Publicity Officer, Mr. Baulf; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Cooper; Chairman, Mr. Cole or Mr. Williamson.
16. In the "Pylon" report more copy was requested.
17. The Social Committee was still running successful Whist Drives but more attendance was needed at the dances. The purchase of an amplifier was discussed.
18. School signs were to be requested for the Estate schools. Also a P.D.S.A. ambulance.

COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION AS ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26th, 1954.

Chairman: Mr. C. Cole, 120 Blackmore Crescent.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. W. Lewis, 71 Lambourne Crescent.
Secretary: Mr. J. A. T. McDermott, 14 Hanbury Path.
Asst. Secretary: Mrs. J. Harris, 187 Devonshire Avenue.
Treasurer: Mr. A. W. Hendon, 95 St. Michael's Road.
Membership Organiser: Mr. J. Dunne, 18 Henslow Way.
Editor of the "Pylon": Mr. S. C. B. West, 73 Albert Drive.
Centre Secretary: Mr. R. Weston.
Press and Publicity Officer: Mr. W. G. Baulf, 108 St. Michael's Road.

Councillors:
Mr. G. Beedell, 65 Lambourne Crescent.
Mr. J. Clavey, 252 Albert Drive.
Mr. H. Dewdney, 11 Beatham Avenue.
Mr. A. T. Duplock, 96 Devonshire Av.
Mrs. A. T. Duplock, 96 Devonshire Av.
Mr. T. C. Evans, 36 Beatham Avenue.
Mr. W. Jones, 224 Albert Drive.
Hon. Auditors: Mr. S. E. Ross, 18 Hanbury Path.
Mr. E. A. Venn, 252 Albert Drive.

Mr. Morgan, 80 Lambourne Crescent.
Mr. E. Murtough, 16 Albert Drive.
Mr. Pundrey, 104 Blackmore Crescent.
Mr. Thomas, 212 Albert Drive.
Mr. W. Watkins, 10 Hanbury Path.
Mr. Wigzell.
Mr. Woodbridge, 230 Albert Drive.

COLLECTING ?

I PROMISED you that I would tell you how the ancients banked their money. They had no places of secure deposit, no banks, no means of tucking money away and still be able to get it easily, so they buried their money. The Bible tells us of this custom. Sometimes money was stored in jars and hidden in caves. Some years ago, a number of earthen jars were discovered in a garden in Sidon—the jars contained 8,000 pieces of gold, the coinage of Philip of Macedonia and Alexander his son.

A coin, if it is genuine, is often the very best evidence concerning ancient persons, places and customs which cannot be denied or explained away. Even if coins were forged at some date near the true date, they still have a value according to their antiquity. It is often found that ancient records are confirmed by coins.

The coins of Ægina, which I told you about last month, bore their sacred tortoise or turtle on the obverse in relief, and in incuse of several triangular depressions on the reverse.

It was not long after the Lydian coins were produced that the idea spread to the city states on the mainland of Greece. Soon afterwards Grecian colonies throughout the Mediterranean coasts were making their own money. The most interesting specimens of these coins come from Athens. The coins of Athens show the head of Athena on the obverse in relief. The reverse is impressed with the owl of Athena, behind which is the sacred olive-branch. The unit is the drachma, but there are also large thick four-drachma pieces (tetradrachma) and smaller denominations such as the obol and half-obol. These are tiny gems of craftsmanship, exhibiting a miniature of the same devices as the larger coins, and were produced between 527 and 430 and 320 B.C. Each city state of Greece produced its own coinage, and it would take far too long for me to describe them all now. Some had military shields, cups, the tripod of Apollo, and octopus, the head of Zeus, a charging bull and other interesting designs on them.

I do not want to give a history of coins, but nothing in the story of coins is more fascinating than the story of the pre-historic coinage of Britain. Money from the centres of civilisation in the Mediterranean travelled westward by two principal routes. Coins of Macedonia came via the Danube and Rhine

valleys, being copied on the way, and each successive copy becoming more and more debased. The second route was more direct, following the sea trade. From about 160 B.C. until the conquest of Britain by Rome in A.D. 43 Celtic tribal chieftains of Britain continued the story by making their own coins as debased copies of the already debased copies of the coins of Macedonia. Those current in the Channel Islands still had a recognisable head on the obverse, but the further the issuing of coinage penetrated into the interior of Britain, the less recognisable did the design become. Neither head nor horses could be known as such, except by anyone who knew the stages through which the design had passed.

At first the design of the boy rider of Macedonia could be recognised, and the famous White Horse of Uffington corresponds closely with one coin, but the designs became so poor that the designs became just series of dots or triangles.

The Romans improved the coinage immensely when they came. The Emperor Antoninus Pius, who died in A.D. 161, minted a special copper coin, the reverse of which shows a female figure sitting on a rock, grasping a trident with one arm resting on a shield. The design was revived in the reign of Charles II. 1665, and is still in use. The model used for Britannia by Charles II. was a Miss Stewart who became the Duchess of Richmond.

Constantine II. (the Great) who accepted Christianity, continued the policy of a standard coinage with provincial mints. He had one such mint in Britain. "PLIN" on the reverse of his copper coin stands for PERCVSSVM LONDINII, struck in London.

The Anglo-Saxon coins were copied from Roman or other prototypes, but they very rarely have any sort of inscription and cannot be classified by Kingdoms. They are called sceats, and the expression "To pay your scat" is supposed to be derived from them. Some of their designs were fantastic—dragon-like forms and many others appear—and were they not so scarce they would form a most interesting study. These coins may be considered to belong to the pagan period, although the first Christian King of Mercia, Penda (655-657), issued sceats.

In our next article I hope to outline coins from the Christian Anglo-Saxon series up to our present day.

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Sheerwater Gardening Association

Lectures.—A very interesting lecture on Chrysanthemums was given by Mr. R. Richford, of the Guildford Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society, on Friday, February 10th, in the Community Centre, and which was well attended.

Another interesting lecture will take place on Friday, March 10th, at 8 p.m. This will be given by Mr. Evans, of the Surrey Federation, and the subject will include Dahlias. It is hoped to have a film strip also. All are invited to attend, so come along to the Centre and help to swell the numbers. Refreshments are available.

Hut.—Our new hut has been ordered and by the time of publication it is hoped that the hut will be in use on the allotment site in Albert Drive.

Show, 1954.—As members know, a show will be organised to take place in August, and this involves an enormous amount of work. Volunteers are urgently required to assist on the sub-committee, and anyone wishing to volunteer will please contact Mr. R. Barnard, 49 Lambourne Crescent, or Mr. Draper, 6 Lambourne Crescent. Volunteers are also required as area representatives, especially at the Sorbo

end of the Estate. Anyone wishing to assist in this please leave your names and addresses at the Hut.

Plants, etc.—Members who have not yet ordered their plants, etc., are asked to submit their requirements to the Hut by Sunday, March 27th. No orders can be accepted after this date for those listed in the "Pylon" (November and subsequent issues).

NEW HAW AND ADLESTONE EVENING INSTITUTE
An Exhibition of Handicrafts will be held at New Haw School on Saturday, March 27th, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Sheerwater Community Association

BALANCE SHEET, 1953.

DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Central Fund.		Brought forward	18 3 11
Chairman's Expenses	5 0 0	Subscriptions	42 0 0
Secretarial Expenses	9 0 3	Social Sub-Committee	120 11 10
Treasurer's Expenses	13 1 8	Affiliation Fees	2 0 0
Stationery	32 4 1	Sales of "Pylon"	62 8 1
"Pylon" Expenses (Oct. 1953 to Jan., 1954)	60 12 3	Transferred from Christmas Party Fund	58 12 4 1/2
Social Sub-Committee Expenses	29 17 10	Transferred from Building Fund	20 0 0
Travelling Expenses	2 5 3 1/2	Coronation Committee Surplus	3 1 11 1/2
Hire of Accommodation	15 9 0	Miscellaneous	1 19 0
Gardening Association	50 0 0		
Coronation Committee	20 0 0		
Youth Committee	20 0 0		
Community Centre Expenses	6 3 10		
Typewriter	21 0 0		
Gavel and Stand for Retiring Chairman	2 7 6		
Loan to Football Club	2 10 0		
N.F.C.A. Subscription	8 1 0		
Old People's Club	3 3 0		
Solicitor's Fees	3 3 0		
Honorarium	13 4		
	287 9 2 1/2		
Cash at bank	28 16 10		
Cash in hand	12 11 1 1/2		
	£328 17 2		£328 17 2
Building Fund.	£ s. d.	Brought forward	£ s. d.
Transferred to Central Fund	20 0 0	Receipts	112 17 8
Community Centre Equipment	163 7 3		86 4 10
	188 7 3		
Cash at bank	15 15 3		
	£199 2 6		£199 2 6
Christmas Party Fund.	£ s. d.	Christmas Draw, Donations, etc.	£ s. d.
Total Expenses	168 4 9 1/2		226 17 2
Transferred to Central Fund	58 12 4 1/2		
	£226 17 2		£226 17 2

Assets.

Capital assets held by the Association are estimated at £653.

We certify that we have examined the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and are satisfied that they exhibit a true and correct view of the Association's finances.

(Signed) E. A. VENN,
J. ROSS,
Hon. Auditors.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IN front of a full house the meeting was opened by the Chairman at 8 p.m. Tellers were elected in the persons of Messrs. Lewis and Duplock.

The Chairman then asked leave to move from the chair three additional items for the Agenda, viz., the question of an honours problem, and the proposed Press and Publicity officer would be able to provide a better service to the press and the membership.

The minutes of the First Annual General Meeting were then read by the Hon. Assistant Secretary, agreed and signed. There were no matters arising which were not covered on the Annual Report, which was then delivered by the Hon. Secretary. (In view of its length and importance the report is given in full elsewhere.) Questions were asked on the Recreation Ground and road crossings. The Chairman indicated that these items would be given early attention, and the report was adopted unanimously.

The balance sheet was then introduced by the Hon. Treasurer with explanations. Questions were answered on various items, and the accounts were adopted.

Mr. Duplock proposed and Mr. Cole seconded that the Hon. Secretary be granted an honorarium of £50 in recognition of his worthy services to the Association to date. After discussion and expressions of gratitude, the motion was carried unanimously.

The report on the "Pylon" was then introduced by the Chairman of the Editorial Committee, Mr. Cole, who told the meeting how the Committee had worked since October. It was felt that the magazine had improved on the already high standard. Advertising, a frustrating factor, was holding its own, and circulation was up to between 900 and 1,000. He expressed Council's debt to Mr. West, who had been co-chaired by the Committee and who had been a tower of strength. After questions had been asked and suggestions made about distribution, he agreed that the system should again be looked into.

Tributes were paid to the efficiency and good manners of the boys. At the suggestion of Mr. Venn, it was agreed to modify advance subscription rates to permit of 3, 6 or 12 months' prepayment. The report was then adopted.

The Chairman then explained that it had been found necessary to ask that the clause in the Constitution, setting up the officers and members of the Council, should be amended to allow for

a Centre Secretary and a Press and Publicity Officer, as the secretarial side had found that they were unable to cope in an adequate manner with the increased burden of work. The Centre should have an officer of its own to attend to bookings and lettings and maintenance and an honours problem, and the proposed Press and Publicity officer would be able to provide a better service to the press and the membership. The amendment was agreed without a division. Suggestions that copies of the revised Constitution should be circulated, and that one should hang in the Centre framed, were both accepted.

Mr. Dewdney, in moving a vote of thanks to retiring officers, told the meeting just how much time was put in by the various officers in the service of the Community, and asked that their invaluable services be publicly acknowledged. Mr. Clavey, in seconding, paid tribute to the public spirit and understanding of the officers' wives. A warm vote of thanks was accorded and replied to by the Chairman.

Mr. Moore then made a short speech in which he donated to the Association one of his paintings and asked that it should hang in the Centre. Mr. Cole, in replying, thanked him on behalf of the Association for his generous offer and said that the painting would serve as a reminder, if reminder were needed, of his service to the community. The Vice-Chairman paid tribute to all that Mr. Moore had done, and presented to him an inscribed gavel and stand. The retiring chairman was too full of emotion to reply. All present will remember this pleasant little scene.

The elections for officers and councillors for the coming year then took place, and a list is shown on another page. Mr. Williamson, who had written to say how sorry he was that he was unable to attend because he had bronchial pneumonia, was unsuccessful in the vote for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Another ballot then took place for the vacant Council seats, and very close results were obtained. The Chairman thanked the voters, Mrs. Knowler, Mrs. Patrick and Mr. Couden, and welcomed the new Council to its pleasant task.

He then outlined some of the problems (Continued overleaf.)

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lems which would need Council's early attention in the coming months, and instanced the Recreation Ground and the welfare of school-leavers who, so little employment available in the neighbourhood. The safeguarding of schoolchildren on unsupervised roads would also need much thought.

There were no motions or other business which had been previously notified, but discussion took place on several items such as damage caused by youngsters on sites which were still being developed, and the clique of boys who pestered the Girls' Life Brigade at their meetings in Woodlands School.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

THE second year of the Association was a year of great progress and achievement. The Sheerwater Community Association has gone from strength to strength. Its first year was marked by worthy successes and the initiation of various campaigns, but it was a formative one, guided by the need for recruitment and fund-raising. It is not suggested that, in the second year we have not had to bother about these things, they have become more automatic and well-controlled phases of our activities. We have been able to consolidate on the firm foundations laid in the first year, and have become quite a force to be reckoned with. So much so, that, during the course of the last few days, a senior officer of the National Federation of Community Associations has said that, in that part of our work which deals with the securing of amenities especially, the Sheerwater Community Association is often quoted as the example to follow. Evidence of this has been that on two occasions we have been approached by widely scattered bodies for the benefit of our experience, and on one specific occasion our advice was sought by a councillor whose district was threatened with development by the L.C.C. So much so, too, that, in a local paper this week it has been said that Sheerwater is giving the lead to the rest of Woking in trying to force a common bond between the many districts of the town.

How has this been done? The short answer would be that a small number of people have given up a large number of hours voluntarily to serve the community. But that is only half the answer. To be counted equally is what may be described as the acute "awareness" in civic and other matters of members of the Association.

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Secretary was instructed to write to the Superintendent of Police on this matter. A club for 11-14 year olds was suggested and will be looked into, and the need for a telephone for the Hon. Secretary was stressed. A suggestion that ballot papers be made available for future elections was accepted by the chair. The Hon. Secretary, on behalf of Council, thanked the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Ross and Venn, who were elected for another year.

Then being no other business, a very good meeting, which about 120 people attended and enjoyed, was closed by the Chairman at 10.30 p.m.

This "awareness" is an intangible thing. In it is expressed political knowledge in matters of local and national government, economic knowledge, welfare, all sorts of things, but principally the ability to feel concerned that life could and should be made happier for oneself, one's family and the folk next door. When this "awareness" becomes articulate, and is expressed with the power of an Association such as ours, it produces the real spirit of community and the results which will be described. Before passing to the main body of the report tribute must be paid to three retiring officers who have served long and well.

We have been fortunate in our chairman over the past year. A founder-member, he has given of himself unstintingly, and with his ready but firm judgment has handled many a complex situation with inimitable coolness. Our Treasurer, too, we have had a man who has done his job ably and devotedly. He came to us at the last A.C.M. new, but it was not long before his sincerity won respect. It is typical of him that he has indicated that he will help the new Treasurer as far as his time allows. Our Assistant Secretary, another founder member, has decided that he should serve in other fields. Our thanks are due to them all, but it is for the fact that such is the strength of the Association, their vacant chairs can be filled by people of equal calibre.

What of this second year of struggling to make Sheerwater a better place to live in? Let us deal firstly with the fight for amenities and afterwards with what must be one of our foremost activities: the successful running of our Centre.

Membership has fluctuated through

the year, as people in an area like this are not a constant factor. We started the year with 455 members, and during the course of the year have lost 8 while gaining 109, so that the present membership stands at 456, and remember that the figure concerns households, so that the total of men, women and children must reach 3,000.

In the realm of Public Health, the Association has worked closely with the U.D.C. and County Health Officers. At our request, the nuisance of rats in houses was quickly dealt with, and no more reports have been received. Several problems in connection with refuse collection arrived during the course of the year, and all were expeditiously handled due to the harmonious relations existing between the Association and the Chief Sanitary Inspector. The trouble caused by mosquitoes was given a lot of attention, and here again, the authorities responded willingly. The Canal, despite fears to the contrary, was given a clean bill of health, and the treatment of the several stagnant pools mitigated the nuisance to a degree, but it is felt that this particular problem will arise for quite a while yet. The difficulties caused by the lack of an ante-natal clinic on the Estate were brought to the notice of the county. There has been no satisfactory reply yet, but the matter is being pursued into this category comes the need for a day nursery. We are pressing the point, but require more evidence. Mrs. Harris will be glad to see anyone interested. The F.D.S.A. have been approached to provide a mobile dispensary for animals once or twice a week.

A long list of improvements in other public services has resulted from enquiries and pressure from the Association. The de-restriction of signs in Sheerwater Road were at long last moved after many a worthy argument. At our request, the ice-cream merchants operating on the Estate have avoided and will continue to avoid where possible pulling up in Albert Drive. All night street lighting is assured at the road junctions in Albert Drive, this in spite of furious opposition as it provides something that the other residential districts of the town lack. This, in passing, proves the answer to those who asked for street lighting in the early mornings. On representations being made, the U.D.C. improved the condition of the footpath between Sheerwater Road and Woodlands Avenue, now divides the Estate and this is private land. Representations have been made for the early erection of school highway signs to protect

the entrances to schools on the Estate. The question of road crossings is being pursued.

The Association has worked in close harmony with the Police and the L.C.C. over the vandalism which has broken out from time to time. At one stage it looked as though we would have to lose facilities which had been dearly won, but, thankfully, it can be reported that all is quiet on this particular Sheerwater front at present.

We have maintained close relations with the L.C.C. Though not able to concede all that was asked for, presumably on grounds of cost or magnitude, they whisked away certain dangerous tree stumps and had remedied certain housing defects, this last after an airing in the Press, to whom we are indebted. We were not able to get anything done about the insufficiency of clothes lines for the flats or the storage of their cycles. There is a need here for representation on the Council of our flat dwellers. They have their own special problems, and we should be glad to hear from them. At our instigation several unsightly rubbish dumps were removed around the Estate.

In public transport on the roads, the Association has watched the position carefully and has been successful in obtaining various improvements during the course of the year. The 420 bus service has been augmented by the 436, without much apparent discomfort to our friends in Woodham Lane, if one excurses Sunday mornings. Things are not perfect, by any means, but we are satisfied that the Estate is better served than any around London, and that, except for one small point, London Transport has now put on the best service possible. The small point referred to is that four buses every hour does not necessarily mean a bus every 15 minutes, but we are pressing the L.T.E. to keep the position under review. The Association supported applications from W. S. Hunt and Aldershot and District with regard to the running of coach excursions from pick-up points on the Estate, and we are now assured of a daily service to the coast during the summer months. The L.T.E. have approved the installation of shelters at three stops, and it is hoped that their erection will not long be delayed.

With regard to the highways, after a lot of hard work and pressure in the right places, a strong fence, surrounded by barbed wire, now divides the Estate from the main line, and parents will be saved a lot of worry over the children and animals. Indirectly, too, Sheer-

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water has been responsible for the excellent 6.5 p.m. train from Waterloo to West Byfleet non-stop, improving services already good between here and the City.

In the educational field the Association has remained alert. The county are being pressed for evening classes to be held on the Estate in handwork of various kinds. Other types of classes are available either on the Estate or West Byfleet. Thanks largely to the Association in its first year being so wide awake, all three are now well functioning at the start of the summer term in April. Difficulty over schools will soon be history, but members should be reminded that the views of the Association have carried weight at all stages. By this is meant principally the priority accorded to the age groups that we wanted for bringing in from Pyrford and elsewhere, and also the retention of the magnificent secondary school as a secondary modern school for Estate children with the provision of extra courses, when at one time it looked as though it was to be allocated for other purposes with the result that all children over 11 would have still to travel to Woking or West Byfleet. A past chairman of the Association serves on the governing body of the schools on the Estate.

After a lot of correspondence the L.C.C. were brought to admit that certain accommodation had been reserved for teachers, but the Association was unable to alleviate their plight in having to pay some £1 more per week in rent than the rest of us owing to the unwillingness of the Surrey County Council to pay that much of the subsidy met for ordinary tenants from L.C.C. rates.

A Sunday newspaper stand was demanded by members and started in the face of opposition, but was withdrawn in spite of our requests that it had not been given a fair trial, due to lack of custom.

The Association was successful in obtaining a hearing for our views on the re-warding of Woking to take place in 1959, and the scheme worked out by the U.D.C. was given our blessing. We could not have devised a better one ourselves. One minor adjustment was sought—the provision of two polling stations south of the Canal, not one.

In regard to postal facilities, the authorities have been somewhat obstinate. The one improvement secured was an additional postbox at Henslow Way. Despite an approach at national level, we cannot have stamp machines.

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The need for this is probably that the need for them is so temporary, with the coming of the shops we are assured of our own branch office. The Postmaster offered to grant licence(s) to resident(s) for the sale of stamps, and if anyone is prepared to suffer the consequent inconvenience, a much-needed voluntary service will ensue. Enquiries have been made with regard to the delay in the installation of telephones, and information is to be handed for people in the area of Woking Exchange, i.e. on the Woking side of Devonshire Avenue West, service will be laid on in June or July next, but for the rest of the Estate the news is not so good. The position will be kept under review.

The Association has urged and will continue to press for a Road Safety Committee in Woking, but we meet with apathy here from other districts and interested parties.

An abortive attempt was made in conjunction with Old Woking to sponsor a local Federation of Community Associations for the benefit of all, but here again it seems that apathy has continued our present policy of liaising with other Associations over social functions, etc., and no chance will be missed of reaching the original objective.

The Association is continuing to press the U.D.C. for the early provision of a recreation ground. The ground is assured at an initial cost of £5,000, and when developed will be the finest in the town, with facilities for most sports, an athletic ground and a children's play area. We feel that the petition organised bore fruit and the original decision of the U.D.C. not to accept the site has been reversed. The answer that they have approached the L.C.C. to see if the original offer still holds good has been refused this week, and we know that an application has been made to the appropriate Ministry for the borrowing of the money, but the loan cannot be made until the transfer of the site has actually taken place. The U.D.C. have also approached the National Playing Fields Association for an initial grant, which was originally sanctioned at our request.

Before we pass on to the next section of the report, tribute must be paid to our Member of Parliament and those national and local bodies who have furthered our aims and objects, in particular the National Federation of Community Associations, to which body we are now affiliated.

It is a pleasure to report that the following organisations are now affiliated to this Association: Sheerwater Conser-

vative Branch, Sheerwater Labour Party, Sheerwater Angling Club, Sheerwater Youth Club, Sheerwater Players Dramatic Club, the Catholic Men's Guild and the Sheerwater Gardening Association. Information is to be handed that the Music Society and Old People's Club will shortly be applying for affiliation, and so it can be seen that the Council is truly representative of all interests.

During the year a very successful series of outings on the Canal was arranged by the Association, through the kindness of the general manager of the Basingstoke Canal Company, our good friend, Mrs. Marsden. In all 900 children were catered for and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our Social Committee has organised a full programme of socials, whist drives and dances which have been well attended and have produced the results shown in the balance sheet. Our thanks are due to them for their wholehearted efforts in these and also the Children's Christmas Party, which was magnificent in conception, unwieldy in its numbers, but in the final analysis well worth while. The Committee welcomes any suggestion for improving the entertainment provided, and hopes that this side of the Association's activities will continue to expand. Old time dancing and such things as brain trusts, quizzes and other forms of mental relaxation are under active discussion, and will be included in the programme in the near future if all goes well.

A lot of hard work was put in for our Coronation celebrations, and Sheerwater Night in particular, and although the subject of much criticism after the event, reflects great credit on all concerned, principally our council, Mr. Parfitt, who gave so much of his time and experience. We feel that Sheerwater paid its tribute to Her Majesty the Queen in a fitting manner.

The year has seen the culmination of months of hard work in the setting up of our own Youth Club. The need for the Club was always apparent, and the young people have greeted its inception with enthusiasm. Numbers using the Club increased each week and have reached 80. An interesting programme is being devised and the Club is now a body in its own right, but the Association retains its interest in having the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer as serving members of the Management Committee. Two evenings at the Centre have been allotted to youth, and the Association has granted £40 initially to help set the Club on its feet. A representative of the Council serves on

the Woking Service of Youth Committee.

Facilities were afforded during the year to outside bodies, such as the Civil Defence, British Red Cross, National Hospitals Service Reserve and the British Legion to address meetings, and more of these will be arranged.

The Association feels it is in no small measure due to the congenial and successful launching of the Old People's Club, which is now in full swing at 65, that the Association has been able to establish 60 years or over, with their wives and husbands. We have had a representative of the Management Committee from the start, and our Chairman was their first Chairman. His place in the chair has now been taken by Mr. Dewdney, and he has been joined by Mrs. Harris as the Association's representative.

Another way in which the Association is serving in the district is the appointment of a representative to the Woking, Camberley and Bagshot T.B. Care Committee. The interests of afflicted residents are being well looked after.

Perhaps the realising of our greatest ambition took place last Saturday with the official opening of the Community Centre. This was the symbol that the Association has come to stay. It is significant that this Centre was obtained just two years after the inaugural meeting. Other less fortunate Associations have been striving for years with no Centre in sight. Our thanks are due to the interested local authorities of London, Surrey and Woking, but we ourselves take credit for proving that our organisation was responsible and firmly established enough to merit these premises. We realise that they are small and imperfect, but not an opportunity for improvement will be lost. The cost of equipment was shared equally by the Association, the U.D.C. and the Surrey County Council, while London graciously provided the site and the building at a cost of £2,850. The Association, while ensuring that the Centre is used to the utmost degree, offers to affiliated organisations and other interested persons lettings at the lowest charges possible. These charges, we realise, are high, but it must be remembered that the Association is responsible for outgoings of £450 per year for rent, insurance, etc. Some organisations have found the charges too high, and it is hoped that ways and means will be found of reducing them. One suggestion to be given

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WOKING! WHY?—WHERE?

By A. R. BLIAUX.

Even to-day it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for a stranger to the district to discover any justification for the existence of Woking Town, nor for the presence of its 50,000 inhabitants.

There are no natural resources, such as coal or iron, which might have caused it to develop as an industrial centre, but just thousands of acres of open, common land, covered by heather, furze, gorse, pines and silver birches. Until the early years of this century there wasn't an industrial undertaking in the place, just a few nursery gardens which took advantage of the light, sandy soil to propagate plants for almost all parts of the kingdom.

Two factors may be noted for Woking's remarkable mushroom growth: (1) the coming of the London and Southampton Railway in 1838, and (2) the genial climate of the district, which has justly earned for it the title of "the inland Bournemouth."

The first station was called "Woking Heath," and was built on the wildest part of this section of Bagshot Heath. At that time there was scarcely a house north of Elm Bridges, near the Woking Football Ground, and prospective travellers to Woking were informed that good accommodation for man and beast could be obtained in Horsham, about a mile away.

Towards the end of the century, however, the healthy character of the district was "boosted," and the "black-coated" workers of Whitehall and the City of London were lured away from the nearer suburbs of London, and the fogs and grime of the city.

The Railway Company had become the London and South Western by this time, and they gave an ever-improving service of trains between Woking and its new terminus at Waterloo, so that, by the early years of this century, Woking held the record for the highest percentage of season ticket holders in the country.

The Lion Packing Works was the first big industrial undertaking to come to Woking, and was followed by Sorbo. These were established before the recent war, during and since which time many other factories have been set up in our midst, most important of which is undoubtedly G.O. Parachutes.

Is there another Woking? Yes, the

Woking of history lies about two miles south of Woking Station, and is known as "Old Woking" or "Woking Village." The front of the station faces in that direction; the entrance opposite the Albion Hotel is the back of it. The town was meant to develop towards the village, but, owing to the short-sighted policy of certain "cannies," who bought up much of the land on that side, and refused to sell it for development purposes, the town grew on the north side. This fact accounts for the great number of triangular areas in the town. They represent the areas between the footpaths on the heath, many of which had been in use for hundreds of years, and led to Chertsey, with its great abbey, and all met at the Six Cross Roads.

Next month I shall tell of the earliest inhabitants of our district, and, in subsequent articles, try to build up the complete picture, showing what we owe to the past, and why, for so many centuries, the place seemed to stagnate.

Sheerwater Musical Society

The Sheerwater Ladies' Choir has now been amalgamated and renamed "The Sheerwater Musical Society." The Society is composed of a small number of enthusiastic singers, both men and women, meeting weekly to practise music suitable for all tastes.

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The Opening of the Community Centre

A LARGE proportion of the efforts of the past two years came to fruition on the afternoon of Saturday, February 20th, 1954, when the Lord Lieutenant of the County (Sir Robert Haining) officially opened our Community Centre.

The weather could hardly have been better, especially after the heavy rain of the two previous days. The organisation was up to its job and all was ready on schedule.

Well before the time appointed for the Opening Ceremony the majority of the guests had arrived, assisted in no small manner by the very clear directional signs on Albert Drive, and, finally, Sir Robert, accompanied by Lady Haining, drove to the door of the Centre.

After introductions, the principal guests took their seats on the platform. In addition to Sir Robert and Lady Haining were Ald. and Mrs. Reginald Stamp, Mr. Harold Watkinson, Member of Parliament for Woking and Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Mr. R. Beloe, Chief Education Officer, S.C.C., Mr. Robert Beldam, Vice-Chairman of Woking Council, Cdr. F. E. Sowden and Brigadier Woodhouse, S.C. councillor.

Our Chairman, Mr. H. C. Moore, said how grateful we were that our guests could attend at this opening and how pleased he was personally that this should come about before he left for other parts.

In reply, Ald. Stamp, who is Chairman of the L.C.C.'s Housing Committee, told the gathering that the L.C.C. had spent £2½ million on the erection of the Estate, and that the Centre had cost £2,850 to build. He went on to liken the Centre to a Village Hall, and your scribe, for one, would very much like to think of it in that vein.

After receiving the keys from Ald. Stamp, the Lord Lieutenant said that he had watched Sheerwater grow, and congratulated the Association on achieving a hall so quickly. He said that Surrey was a delightful county and hoped that residents were not disturbed by 'the noisy silence of the nights' so often found in the country.

Once the ceremony was over guests and residents alike entered the Centre to inspect the display depicting the many aspects of community life. This display was due, in no small part, to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. A. T. McDermott, and has band of willing assistants,

not least the Management Committee of the Centre.

Guests and residents alike were unanimous in their congratulations for a highly attractive performance all round. It might well be held up as a model function for future organisers of similar events, although all are at the mercy of the infamous Clerk of the Weather who, on this most memorable day, deigned to smile upon us.

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The Editor Writes

STILL MORE WORK

Another year lies ahead of the Association and with it more exacting work for all of us. We are to carry on the standards we have already set. Members must not think because we have had a main night school, and such similar things that our work is done. Never must the Association fall, and the other Associations do, to just Social Associations. We will have problems of great magnitude before us for some time to come, and we must be ever on the alert to assure that we do our utmost for the community.

What are these problems? The biggest that we have to tackle is the question of employment, not only of our adult population but for all those of our children who will be leaving school in the next few years in quite large numbers. The other two main problems are welfare and schools. Yes, the problem of schooling is still with us. Next month we are to carry a letter which I have received from the Headmaster of the Sheerwater County Secondary School which will outline the position of those who will attend and are attending the school. Space doesn't permit to go into greater details about these problems, but future issues will carry articles about them.

CONTRIBUTIONS

I am now receiving articles from all age groups on the Estate, and that is a good thing. You will read a story in this issue submitted by a schoolboy of 10 years of age, which brings me to another point. We have got to educate our youngsters with the community spirit in the same way that we carry on here in Sheerwater, and to help them to play their part in Woking as good citizens of the town. Contributions on any subject will be gratefully received from all at the "Pylon" offices.

MARCH ISSUE

We have produced a 24-page issue this month in order to let you all know the results and report of the Annual General Meeting, but it is to be hoped that once a month on the general meeting date all members will do their utmost to attend to help solve the problems with which we are faced. It's your Association and is run by the members, not the Council, but once a month it is your duty to attend to help run it. Is it too much to ask this, for just two hours a month? Surely not. Attend and put your point of view; it will be appreciated and, what is more, it is needed.

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The result of the above competition (January issue), as adjudged by the Editorial Committee, was as follows:

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JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT—continued.

priority on the agenda of the incoming Council is the formation of a Social Club to provide recreation for all on one or two evenings a week.

The provision of the Centre has enabled the Association to afford much needed facilities to the Roman Catholic Church for worship on the Estate. A branch of the Library, staffed by members, is going well, and dancing classes for the children, run for the Association by our member, Mr. Jenkins, have got off to a good start. The Association is employing a part-time caretaker, but all other service is voluntary and deserves full support. It is realised that the amenities afforded preclude for the moment such activities as stage plays and public dances, but these difficulties should soon be surmounted. The licence for music and dancing has been granted subject to a small number of adjustments, and the stage play licence can be obtained as soon as the Governing Body, on which two representatives serve, authorise the side exit. Priority will be given to this item at their first meeting. The Association is exploring the possibility of presenting 16 m.m. film shows and needs a qualified projectionist.

The Opening Day was marked by a very successful series of ventures. Our guests, consisting of the Lord Lieutenant of the County, General Sir Robert Haining, K.C.B., D.S.O., Alderman A. Reginald Stamp, L.C.C., Mr. Harold Walkman, M.P., and representatives of all walks of local and county life, had nothing but praise for the Exhibition, which was staged with the co-operation of our affiliated organisations and various other local and national bodies and the help of Sir Lindsay Parkinson, Ltd. The evening will be remembered for the very successful social and cabaret which was arranged. The Social Committee has set itself a high standard here, and means to keep it up.

That is the record of the Association's second year, and your Council stands on that record. In a short while you will be electing the officers for the ensuing year and helping to decide their policy. The Council is aware that some aspects of our work need to be developed more fully, and it is with this in mind that we recommend the adoption of the new clause at item 7 on the agenda.

We look forward to the third year with confidence, and know that, with your help, the Association can go forward to extend its programme in ever-increasing strength.

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GREAT BRITAIN—1

In previous articles we have examined briefly various aspects of our hobby, and the various interesting things to look for, such as perforations, watermarks and dies. When this Stamp Corner started, I discussed types of collections, and among others mentioned the Specialised Collection. I expect most of you indulge in the luxury of a general collection or perhaps you specialise to the extent of restricting your collection to the British Commonwealth, or perhaps the issues of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. Today we will talk about a one-country collection, and for such a study we could not want a better country than our own.

After all, it was all started in Britain, and whereas the current issues and those of King George VI are abundant, there are still a lot of the earlier issues to be had and they make an exceedingly attractive and interesting collection.

A lot of nonsense is spoken and written about the design of British stamps. Britain was first in the field with stamps—adhesive labels for prepayment of postage—and the little labels were designed for that set purpose. With the exception of a few commemorative, the British Postal Authorities have stuck rigidly to the original simple idea, namely, the sovereign's head in a suitable portrait, the value, and few other embellishments. On the whole the issues have been praiseworthy effective, and my own view is that the current issues of Queen Elizabeth II, like the few issued during the short reign of Edward VIII., are beautifully designed and produced, and are quite worthy of the high standard of design set by the original rd. Black and rd. Blue.

The subject of prepayment of postage was conceived by Rowland Hill to improve upon the inefficient and laborious system then in use, and after some Parliamentary pressure two methods of prepayment of postage were introduced in 1840. It was thought at first that the so-called "Mulready Envelopes" would be preferred, but the adhesive "labels" or stamps, issued at the same time, proved a real boon and, contrary to expectations, were so popular that the Mulready Envelopes were soon withdrawn. The Penny Post had come to stay, although the rd. has risen by gradual stages to 2½d. Some time after the introduction of stamps, some quaint-

minded persons with a mania for collecting things, hit on the idea of collecting the labels. At first they were regarded with considerable suspicion, but their harmlessness was eventually accepted, and so our hobby was born.

The original imperforate rd. Black and 2d. Blues of 1840-41 are regarded as something of a prize. Yet fair copies are still obtainable at a price well within the reach of average collectors. I have recently seen rd. Blacks with reasonable margins at around 7s. 6d. to 10s.

Experiments were constantly made with colours and also with fringing ink. In 1841 a new die of the 2d. Blue was introduced, bearing white lines over the words "Two Pence," and in the same year the rd. changed to red-brown. Then came trials of perforations, and later in 1845-47 followed the first perforated issues of rd. red-brown (various shades and dies) and 2d. Blue on various kinds of paper, some with the new large crown watermark. Here again keep a look-out for either white paper or "blued" paper.

These early issues all bore small Maltese crosses in the top corners, and the sheet letters in the bottom corners. In 1858 came the first of the famous line of rd. reds (rose-red or lake-red). SG.43 and SG.44, in which the Maltese crosses had disappeared, and the letters alternated in all four corners. These stamps were all printed from plates numbering from 71 to 225, and the plate number is indicated on each stamp in the pattern down each side; on the left, level with the Queen's nose, and on the right, level with the lower part of the bunched style of her hair. Now many of these "plates" are commonplace, catalogue values being only 4d. or 6d., but there are many well above this level, e.g. PL104, ca. 1s. 6d.; PL183, 7s. 6d.; PL132, 10s.; PL153, 4s.; PL211, 4s. 6d.; PL219, 15s.; PL223, 12s. 6d.; PL225, 9s. And if by any chance you should stumble across Plate 77, your fortune is on the way to being made. Its "used" SG. value is £500. So look hard with your magnifying glasses for your little plate numbers, you never can tell.

Similarly to the rd. reds, the 2d. blues of that time (SG.45, 46 and 47) and the new denominations of 4d. rose and rose (SG.48 and 49) were also printed from various plates and the numbers are displayed, in the case of the 2d. stamps as in the rd. stamps. In the 4d. stamps as in the rd. stamps. In the 4d. stamps as in the rd. stamps. (Continued overleaf.)

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sign the flat numbers may be on a two 1/2" x 4" piece of the value and the oval contains Queen's portrait. SG. values of the 1d. are generally 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d., but watch out for plates 8 and 9 (ros. and ros. respectively) in the 2d. blues, plate 12 is catalogued at 20s.

The stamps described in this article were all line-engraved. The last of the line-engraved issues was the new denomination of 1½d. rose and lake red SG.51 and 52. Stamps subsequently printed by other processes will be discussed in later articles. I trust these few notes will engender new interest for some collectors and help them to uncover some hitherto undiscovered secrets from their Great Britain stamps.

C. A. B.

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUB

Very many thanks to all those generous-hearted persons who contributed towards the recent collection which realised the magnificent total of £24 4s. 6d. for the above Club. This collection has made the Club financially sound, and it is now able to go ahead without worrying too much about the rent and rates!

The Club is situated within the old people's flats in Bunyard Drive, and a cordial invitation is made to all old people living on the Estate to join. If you know of an old person who has not yet heard of the Club please tell them about it.

We have received many gifts of cash and kind. One particular gift deserves mention, especially as it was the result of a house-to-house collection. It was a gift of 4s., and was donated by the Women's Section of the Labour Party. And for those who don't know, the Club is open from Monday to Saturday at 2 p.m. till 9.30 p.m.

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The Land of the Sugar Plum Fairy

BY P. DANIEL (aged 10)

Once upon a time there lived a boy called Peter. He lived with his mother and father in a house near a wood. One day Peter came home from a walk feeling very tired. It was very hot, so his mother said, "Why not have a rest in the hammock after dinner?" "All right," said Peter, "I will." So his mother got out the hammock and slung it between two apple trees. After dinner Peter came out and lay down and had a dream.

Peter dreamed that he was in the Land of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The fairy met him by the door herself. "Welcome," she said, "take a walk around and see the fairies and elves making all the sweets, and you can have as many as you like." So Peter walked round watching them making sweets. There were all sorts—biscuits, candy, fruit drops and every other sweet. Soon Peter began to feel ill because he had eaten so many sweets. "Oooh, I'm going to be sick!" he cried, and ran towards the door.

"Bump!" Peter woke up and found himself on the lawn. "I've been dreaming all the time," he said to himself.

THE END

TOMMY AND TIMMY

Tommy and Timmy couldn't get home from school fast enough the day that Mrs. Thomkins' little dog Kandy was going to have her puppies.

Mrs. Thomkins was the policeman's wife and was a very jolly person. She adored children and animals and, sad to say, she had not been blessed with any children of her own, but made up for her losses with a collection of animals.

The twins found her home a source of constant enjoyment and she in turn was delighted to have the twins whenever they wished.

Mr. Thomkins, the big, tall, kindly policeman, was a true friend to all the kiddies around, and mothers knew that their children were safe in his capable hands, especially when crossing the road on their way to school.

In his spare time he had built a large aviary at the bottom of his garden, and his pet hobby was breeding budgerigars. This held a great fascination for the twins. How they loved to watch the little miniature parrots in their gay range of colours of blue, green and yellow, hobnobbing about and chatting knowingly to each other.

Then there was "Madame Lucille," and she just about demanded all the respect that you could be expected to bestow upon a Siamese cat. Really, she was a fine creature and just like all her breed had the uncanny powers of knowing it.

The twins found these pets most amusing, but their favourite was Kandy; so of course when they knew her pups were due that day they couldn't make their legs move quick enough to cover the largest space of ground in the quickest possible time.

"Hey, ease up a moment," puffed Timmy, "I can't run any more." But Tommy was well ahead and didn't even look round, so poor old Tim, shrugging his shoulders, set off after his brother at a steady pace.

"I say, Tommy," he blurted out when he caught up with him at last, "we'd better let Mum know we're home."

This time Tommy looked back. "Of course, silly, you don't suppose I wouldn't, do you?"

But Mummy knowingly was waiting

at the door when they came along. She had guessed they wouldn't have a moment to spare, and neither had they.

With a quick, "Hello, Mum; see you later," chorus, they sped along to Mrs. Thomkins.

"Come along, my dears," she said in her usual friendly manner as she opened her door to their impatient knocking. Almost at once Tommy asked, "Has Kandy had her pups yet?" "No, not yet," said Mrs. Thomkins, "so it's not as if I have tea she might present them to us soon after."

"Oo'er, goody," the twins agreed. "Have you any of your home-made gingerbread?" asked Timmy greedily, without batting an eyelid. Mrs. Thomkins smiled. "I think I'll manage to find you both a piece," she said good naturedly.

The twins really did enjoy their tea and kept reasonably quiet. Kandy, as predicted, decided then it was time for her babies to come into the world. Tom and Tim waited breathlessly outside the door and soon they heard a teeny-weeny squeak and they knew that Kandy's firstborn had arrived.

Although she had four sturdy little puppies, and Mrs. Thomkins allowed them to creep in and have a look.

The boys had never seen anything so young and sweet before and they were almost afraid to breathe lest they disturbed dear old Kandy, and only a light touch on their shoulders told them that it was time to go, leaving Kandy with a saucer of nice warm milk.

Once again outside the door the twins looked up at Mrs. Thomkins. "Do you suppose we could buy one later?" they pleaded. "I'll give you one willingly," she said, "if Mummy will allow it."

"Let's go and ask Mummy right now," said Tim. Tommy agreed, and both, thanking Mrs. Thomkins, hurried off home.

With so much to tell Mummy, the boys almost forgot to ask her permission, until Mummy said, with a twinkle in her eye, and now I suppose you want to adopt one?"

The boys were taken aback with Mummy's foresight. "Well, yes," they both blurted out keenly. "We'd love the little black and white one."

"All right then, you may," Mummy said, and with this good news they both scampered back to Mrs. Thomkins to stake their claim.

E. W. E. H.

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FOOTBALL NEWS

BY R. BROOKS

Friendly Fixtures.

v. Old Byfleet. Lost 2-0.

v. New Haw. Lost 3-1.

Just because of those two rather gloomy-looking results, please don't think that this article ought to be edged in black. We are not downhearted and still consider that we have an excellent chance of being League champions in our first season. These two games were arranged, in fact, to give the team Selection Committee a chance to experiment, firstly with some promising reserves who deserved a game and, secondly, with some positional changes which might prove to be useful in the future.

Again both matches were away from home and on strange pitches, one a very large pitch and the other a very small pitch, both factors likely to upset a Junior side. Now for reports on the games.

Michael Jameson, who had kept goal for us so well before Christmas against Goldsworth and Monument Hill, and in January against Horsell, was unable to play against Old Byfleet, and for a very good reason. He was, in fact, on board a troopship, en route to Malaya with his father, a sergeant in the Queen's Regiment. He was an outstanding player and I take this opportunity to place his skill and keenness on record. Accordingly the reserve goalkeeper was brought in to the team and four other positional changes were made.

It was a hard-fought game with Sheerwater attacking eagerly for most of the game and Old Byfleet defending stubbornly throughout. It was this very eagerness to attack on Sheerwater's part which resulted in a snap goal for Old Byfleet in ten minutes. Sheerwater's half-backs and backs were well up, and when the Byfleet inside-right broke away no one could match his speed, and he dribbled through to score from close range. Sheerwater almost immediately were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area. The centre-half's kick was neatly trapped by the outside left, who slammed it in, only for the goalkeeper to make a fine chest-high save. Sheerwater continued to press but the defence would not learn the lesson of the first goal and always played too far up the field so that breakaways looked dangerous all the time.

It was just after half-time that Old Byfleet scored again and in the same way. This time the centre-forward

slipped through. Sheerwater continued to play good football and forced several corners. The inside-left passed the ball right across the goal, for the outside-right to run on to, but, alas, he missed an easy chance to score.

Verdict: An excellent game, with Sheerwater's centre-forward being particularly outstanding. He led the line with vigour and used the ball well to both wings. The return match was fixed for February 18th, but was rained off.

The next visit was to New Haw. Here the teams met on a full-sized pitch. Again Sheerwater made several changes, replacing a back and a forward with likely reserves. Sheerwater started well and the inside-right scored with a grand shot, on the run and from outside the penalty area. A few minutes later, a misunderstanding in the Sheerwater defence caused Sheerwater's centre-half to put through his own goal. No further score until after half-time. With the wind behind them, New Haw attacked furiously. This was a "needle" game since the writer had trained the New Haw side for the last three seasons. New Haw were duly rewarded. Whilst the Sheerwater half-backs stood off and would not tackle, their inside-right put in a long, tentative shot, which was deflected into the net by the Sheerwater left-back, although it seemed as if the goalkeeper had covered it. Sheerwater tried hard, but New Haw had their tails up now and, although a smaller side, kept going better, scored again and were worthy winners. Our lads were not disgraced, however; they fought all the way and took their second defeat in a true sporting manner. Verdict: Sheerwater's half-backs allowed the New Haw forwards too much room and should have tackled sooner and with more determination.

However, both games have taught us a lot. They have revealed faults and they have shown that some players do better in one position than they do in another, and that some players, although not quite making the grade this season, will do so next season. One thing is apparent, the Sheerwater side believes in good football and in good sportsmanship. When playing away they take a credit to their school and to their parents, both in the way they play and in their general behaviour.

Future Fixtures.

v. New Haw (Home). March 8th.

Friendly

v. Old Byfleet (Home). Date to be arranged. Friendly.

v. Goldsworth (Away). Date to be arranged. League.

v. Monument Hill (Home). Date to be arranged. League.

Goal Scorers.

John Josey (centre-forward)—3.

T. Cole (inside-left)—2.

J. Murray (inside-right)—1.

The League position is, at the time of writing, unchanged from that published in the February issue. Goldsworth's ground has been unfit for play and they have been unable to fulfil their fixture with Monument Hill so far. It is hoped that the remaining matches will be played off in time to announce the final League positions in the "Pylon" for April.

SHEERWATER LABOUR PARTY

With the May elections to the Woking Urban District Council drawing close, members of the party are fully occupied with preparations. A large part of Sheerwater is combined with the Horsell North Ward, and Mr. J. M.

Hatfield, a Sheerwater resident, has been adopted as the Labour Party candidate for that ward.

The election campaign will be fully debated at the next ward meeting to be held on March 31st, 8 p.m. sharp, at 8 Albert Drive. Any member who enjoys the "will we, won't we win" excitement of polling day is asked to attend and give help and advice. Also, at the same meeting, Mr. Jim Neeves will give a talk on the recent visit of the T.U.C. to Norway.

S.L.P. Social Committee.

With great success the Social Committee brought together some of the people of Sheerwater and Woking at their January and February Socials held at the Labour Hall, Woking. Encouraged and enlightened, the Committee have made full plans for the future, and the Chairman is contacting everyone in Sheerwater personally to inform them of events.

Socials are now being held in Sheerwater, the next one being on April 10th, and we hope to see all those friends who couldn't make the journey into town.

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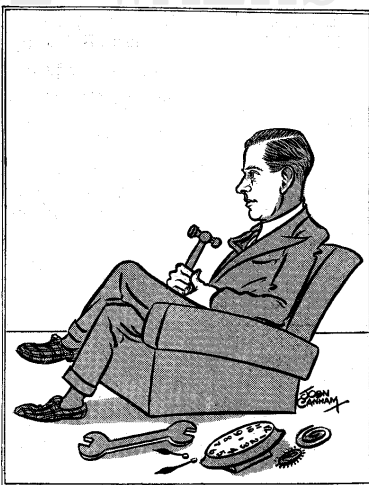
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DANCE BAND

Mr. Pelley, of 43 Forsyth Path, who has had considerable experience in the dance band field is anxious to form a Dance Band on the Estate.

Any musicians interested should contact Mr. Pelley at the address given.

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Sheerwater Conservative Association

The Annual General Meeting was duly held on February 23rd, and was most successful. Mr. H. F. Blandford (Vice-Chairman of Woking Division Conservative Association) and his wife were our guests, and Mr. Blandford gave a most instructive talk on the aims and objects of the Conservative branch.

During the evening it was announced that our Branch Secretary, Mr. J. F. A. Royal, had been adopted as the Conservative candidate for the Horsell North seat on the Woking Council.

Officers elected for the New Year were: Chairman, Mr. W. A. V. Langdon; Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. A. Hudson and Mrs. E. Patrick; Secretary, Mr. J. F. A. Royal; 14 Albert Drive; Treasurer, Mr. W. Jones.

The new committee consists of Messrs. R. E. Duckingham, C. Cardon, H. C. Denyer, W. E. Hickley, R. A. Matthews, D. Smith, J. Sheppard, H. F. Williamson, G. R. Winstett and H. D. Ginn, Mesdames H. A. Hudson and I. Simmonds and Miss J. Hickley. Delegates to the Divisional General Council were: Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, Messrs. Denyer and Matthews and Mrs. Patrick. Delegates to the Divisional Women's Advisory Committee were Mesdames Barnes, Patrick and Winstett.

The meeting closed with some very good film strips most ably put over by our agent, Mr. W. H. Tennant.

On the previous Friday an attractive programme of films was shown in St. Michael's Hall and was accompanied by an interesting lecture by Col. Gravely, Chairman of the Industrial Advisory Committee. This was a joint branch function and we were most pleased to welcome our friends from Woodham and Chertsey Road Ward.

On the 25th we were guests of the Byfleet branch at an extremely entertaining evening of games and "quizzes." It is hoped to pursue this particular line of entertainment, as all who attended were unanimous in their praise.

The next date of interest is that of Friday, March 12th, when our Member of Parliament, Mr. Harold Watkinson, will hold his Questions and Answers meeting in St. Michael's Hall at 8 p.m. This is a public meeting and all are welcome.

If there are those among you who are desirous of joining us and our activities please contact our secretary whose address is given above.

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COUNCIL MEETING. FRIDAY 12th. MARCH, 1954.

AGENDA.

- (1). Chairman's Opening Remarks.
- (2). Minutes of the last meeting.
- (3). Matters arising.
- (4). Secretary's Report.
- (5). Treasurer's Report.
- (6). Election of Sub-Committees and representatives.
 - (a). Social Committee.
 - (b). Pylon Committee.
 - (c). Management Committee.
 - (d). General Purposes Committee.
 - (e). Governing Body. 2 Representatives.
 - (f). Working Service of Youth Committee. 1 Representative.
 - (g). Old People's Club. 1 Representative.
- (7). Committee Reports.
 - (a). Pylon.
 - (b). Social.
 - (c). Management.
- (8). N.F.C.A. Conference Report.
- (9). Any other business.

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