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## Of Communal Interest

### Angling Club

A further contribution has been made to the fish already deposited in our new pit at Ottershaw by the purchase of 50 King Carp from the Haslemere Trout Fisheries.

The Carp were put in on January 5th, and our policy of not fishing the pit for two years already promises to yield good sport when we decide it ready to start.

The next Club Match is on Sunday, February 17th. Members will be contacted as usual. On Saturday, March 2nd, commencing 9.30 (morning only), our bring-and-win-a-prize match will be held at Ham Moor Lane. It is hoped that ALL members will turn out to make this a good finish to a good season.

### British Legion

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Scout Hut, Lambourne Crescent, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11th—commence 8.30 p.m. A good attendance is asked for this very special meeting—please bring Nomination Form with you. We invite all ex-Service men and women to attend, and extend a cordial welcome to all present non-members.

Our Monday social evenings will be held in future in the Scout Hut, as a more convenient temporary measure. Your Chairman, Mr. Mason, asks me to say that it is felt that the smaller premises will be more suitable for the number who at present attend these functions, and it is for this reason only that the Community Centre will no longer be used.

### Community Association

The usual Old Year's Night "get-together" was this time slightly different, being in the form of a social evening in place of the customary dance. From what has been said and heard, there is no doubt that everyone who came along had a really enjoyable evening. With plenty of variety in dances, games, competitions, and other entertainment, it was real good fun; and how nice to see so many of our old friends helping to make it go with a swing. A special word of thanks to hard-working Sydney Clamp, our Social Organiser, Geoff. Beedell for his grand part in the show, and Mrs. Clamp, Bill Lewis and Jim McDermott for keeping the party well "supplied."

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To celebrate the third anniversary of the opening of the Centre, there will be another "Party Evening" on Saturday, February 9th. If you came to the last you won't miss this; if you didn't, then come along this time—it's well worth it.

#### Old People's Club

When walking along a country road, have you ever realised what a chatty little chap is a milestone?

Quietly it whispers a few words to every passer-by, telling him or her what they have done and what they still have to do.

So, too, in life they often do the same, and on Friday, January 4th, the Old People's Club greeted another of these milestones by celebrating its third Annual Dinner at St. Michael's Hall.

Everybody concerned with the original formation of the Club and its splendid progress has reason to be congratulated and to feel a wonderful impetus to carry on this good work.

The scene in St. Michael's Hall, when some 70 people sat down to a dinner well worthy of the occasion, was heart-warming in the extreme. Cheery old faces vied with the youth of the V.I.P.s who graced the assembly with their presence.

Much indeed must be said in thanks to the many kind and thoughtful people who in their greatness of heart provided so much provender and happiness to the Old Folk.

People like these are the last to wish for spotlights, but the Club knows them and will never forget them.

Our thanks goes, too, to those grand folk who came to entertain us when dinner was over. A real good show, and thanks to you all.

Well, so far, that is what our milestone tells us we have accomplished. Now, what of the future?

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We are now 62 members strong, and this year our ambition is to reach 100.

We cannot, of course, visualise what the Club will be like in a few years' time, but we shall all, if we are lucky, grow old.

The poet says: "Let me grow lovely—growing old." That does not mean that we are to become Marilyn Monroes or Errol Flynn's, but to beam with a kindly disposition and spread it among our friends and associates.

A merry heart is a purse well lined.

As we grow older, many things about us grow weaker, but two things grow stronger the longer we live—Wisdom and Experience. If we only realise this, what a splendid opportunity is offered us as members of the Sheerwater Old People's Club.

New members are very welcome, and to the old members we say: DON'T SLACKEN, but keep resolutely to the Club for its purpose is to make you happy.

If it bonds us together—to be kindly and reasonable to each other—the purpose of the Club is accomplished.

#### School of Dancing

The first performance of "Shooting High" was produced on Friday, January 18th, before a very appreciative audience of over 200. With no less than 32 items in non-stop revue of dance, ballet, song, and comedy, well competed by Bobby Jenkins, with Ted Luddington at the piano, and a cast of more than 70 children, it was an evening of real enjoyment with display of considerable talent.

To single out individual items is difficult—each had its particular appeal. Suffice it to say that both among the older girls and tiny tots there is great promise, well in keeping with the high standard of choreography set by Ida Jenkins.

The picturesque and colourful dresses reflected great credit to the hard work of Wardrobe Mistress Marjorie Terrett, and the mothers; Len Terrett put in his usual good work as Stage Manager, with able assistance from members of the Community Association, on whose behalf the show was produced, and whose thanks was expressed by Mr. H. Dewdney with a bouquet presentation to Mrs. Ida Jenkins.

#### Brieflets

This is the second year of the C.A. Table Tennis Competition, for which a cup is awarded annually. The competition is open to ALL organisations catering for the residents of this Estate, and the present holders are the Sheerwater Youth Club.

The competition is for teams of three, organised on a "knock-out" basis, and all entries should be sent to the Organisers: A. T. Duplock, 96, Devonshire Avenue, and J. A. T. Dermott, 14, Hanbury Path. Entries not later than FEBRUARY 15th, please.

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The appeal for assistance to our three hard-working librarians is *again* made. With the ever-increasing work involved it is not fair they should shoulder so much—IT'S UP TO YOU.

Note now: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 1957. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, to the Secretary, Mrs. G. M. Howard, at the Centre, or address as above.

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### THE BRITISH LEGION SHEERWATER BRANCH

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1957

8.30 p.m.

THE SCOUT HUT, LAMBOURNE CRESCENT, SHEERWATER

ANNUAL, FINANCIAL and COMMITTEE REPORTS  
1957 ELECTIONS

### NOMINATION FORM

\* Indicates not standing for re-election.

#### (1) EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Office	Present	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded
Chairman	Mr. A. Mason			
Secretary	Mr. J. Soley*			
Treasurer	Mr. H. Murray			

#### (2) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Present	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded
Mr. Davies			
Mr. Jackson			
Mr. Manley			
Mr. Shepherd			
Mr. Tyrrell			

#### (3) PRESIDENT.

Present	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded
Mr. P. Walker*			

All members are asked to please attend this A.G.M. A cordial welcome to all non-members. PLEASE BRING THIS NOMINATION FORM WITH YOU.

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### Sheerwater Gardening Association



THE weather so far has been very reasonable and, to date, the ground fit for digging and manuring. Deliveries of pig and cow manure are now up to date, and composted mushroom is still available.

**Vegetables.** Plant out Shallots, first dressing the ground with a good fertiliser, a little extra superphosphate of lime or bone-meal. Plant good, sound bulbs about 2in. apart. Fill up Spring Cabbage rows with replacement of winter casualties. Onions, Sprouts, Leeks and Cucumber can now be sown indoors. Chance a sowing of outside Peas, Radish, Spinach, Parsnip, and if not already planted, Broad Beans, in a warm position. At the end of the month plant Onion sets and Parsnips.

**Fruit.** Feed wall fruits with loam and general fertilizer or bone-meal, and some hydrated lime for stone fruits.

Complete fruit planting and cut back Raspberries. Protect fruit buds from birds.

**Flower Garden.** Tidy up the herbaceous border, cut away dead stalks and leaves, fork lightly over the soil and fork in some manure. Split up and replant clumps of plants which are dying in the centre.

Check over Dahlia tubers and remove affected parts. Take Chrysanthemum cuttings. Sow seeds of Antirrhinum, Ten Week Stock, Annual Verbena, Phlox Drummondii, Sweet Peas, Petunia, Kochia.

Stocks will now begin to increase at The Hut—don't be too late; it is better to place an order and be sure. We will be pleased to see all our members during the next few months—don't forget, this is *your* Gardening Association; make full use of it and give us your full support.

BOB GOOCH.



### CORRESPONDENCE



From Jessica and James Brockhouse: "May we, through your 'Eylon,' thank Sid and Doris Clamp for the many enjoyable social evenings they have arranged for us during the past year.

There are, of course, so many who have given freely of their time and have contributed to make these evenings so successful who are too numerous to mention individually, but our thanks must go to each and every one of them; we hope they will continue with the good work."

From members of The Old People's Club:—

"Hiding one's light under a bushel. This, we feel sure, is the case of Mr. and Mrs. Timms, who are also on the House Committee, but receive no publicity.

It is the wish of all members that a big 'Thank you' be given to you both through this journal, and may you continue to serve our Club with your cheerful friendship."

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## Sheerwater Angling Club

### Hints and Haunts for Anglers

By "CASTER"

THE sun shone on a day early in the New Year; the air was mild and easy. It was as pleasantly different as it could be from the wet, tempestuous day that the last Sunday of 1936 had been. We, gale-blown and saturated on that occasion, now relaxed in the quiet air at the lakeside at Shepperton. We had heard of the large Pike that inhabit this water—indeed a 17-pounder had been taken quite recently.

The lake, it seems to me, is just the sort of water that could grow big Pike like these; even fish up to 25 pounds or more would not be surprising.

It is a fairly big lake; at least 20 acres I should think, and it has a good alternation of deeps and shallows well grown with rushes and weeds. That means the best spawning facilities for the smaller fish, and that means, further, abundant feeding for Pike; and into the deeps they can go in the winter.

On our minds are those Pike now! But so are the Bream. There are many Bream here; good fatty-fed Bream, which can be heard splashing and feeding in the shallows.

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during quiet evenings. Club members have caught them up to nearly four pounds, and who can tell—this could be the home of that glass case monster that we all covet.

Even now, as I write, I think of the evenings of last summer when we fished this water: of the Tench caught by Tom Piloti that topped the one and three-quarter pound mark, and of Joe Rosati's rod curving over in a vibrating arc as his fish bored deep and smashed him even as he called for the net; this one, we agreed, was a Carp.

I remember, too, when with unsteady hand and pounding heart I removed the hook from my first two-pounder Roach, caught at this very lake. The memory of that gleaming monster is still with me.

There was also the time when Harry Munt's spinner was taken by a large Pike which pulled line from reel at breath-taking speed, only to be lost at the moment of being landed; and then seeing Harry's cheerful face as he remarked: "Ah, well, he gave me a good fight."

Of times such as these I find it hard to think unemotionally, and at such times I am glad to be one of the fraternity . . . and proud to be so.

**THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION**  
The Clinic at 77a, Chertsey Road, is now open every Wednesday, 2.30-3.30 p.m., and the last two Tuesdays in each month, 7.30-8.30 p.m. Please phone Woking 3059 for first appointment.  
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## 70 YEARS OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

By C. JARMAN

THE WOKING FOOTBALL CLUB, founded in the year 1867, fully established and affiliated to the Surrey County F.A. by 1892, entered the West Surrey League in the season 1895-6, and won the championship at its first attempt. The succeeding years saw the Cardinals (a name they have always been known by, I assume on account of their colours—cardinal and white halves) growing in strength to become one of the country's leading amateur clubs.

In 1907-8 Woking had a great season, in which only three games were lost. It was Woking's magnificent achievement this season in winning their way through to the last 64 in the F.A. Cup, which placed the club on the football map and led to their election in 1911 to the Isthmian League, in which they have played ever since.

Other outstanding successful seasons were 1912-13, when Woking won the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time and took the Surrey Charity Shield as well; 1926-27 and 1955-56, when the Surrey Senior Cup was again brought to Woking in both seasons. In the Amateur Cup the best run was in 1930-31 when they reached the semi-final, being beaten by Wycombe Wanderers, the trophy winners.

English Amateur International Caps have been won by E. H. Lintott, A. H. Bell, R. J. Thorn, W. J. Price, W. H. Barnes, A. Cartledge and C. Mortimore, and T. M. Briggs played for Scotland. Latest success is 17-year-old Reggie Stratton, who will play for England against Wales in a Youth International on February 9th. Evelyn Lintott also played as an amateur in all full Internationals of 1907-08. A great many have also played for Surrey, the

Isthmian League and other representative sides.

Many Woking players have become professionals with clubs including Arsenal, Aldershot, Birmingham, Bradford City, Cardiff, Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Fulham, Leyton Orient, Leeds, Norwich, Plymouth Argyle, Q.P.R., Millwall, Reading, Swindon and Torquay.

The present team has been playing with outstanding success this season both in League and Cup, and has many players with representative honours—C. Mortimore has played six times for England and many times for Hampshire, Surrey and the Isthmian League; Geoff. Hamm has been a regular choice for Surrey for a number of seasons and has played also for the South v. Northern Counties, the Isthmian League and in F.A. representative games; J. Mortimore has gained many County Caps, played for F.A. sides and the Isthmian League, and has turned out many times for Chelsea, who incidentally would like him to sign professional forms. Others to gain County and other honours are K. Turner, G. Parsons, A. Welland, M. Jacobs, J. Burley and now youth international Reggie Stratton.

We are hoping the following players will take us far, both in Cup and League this season: J. Burley, R. Ellerby, G. Parsons, J. Mortimore, K. Turner, E. Clacey, A. Welland, J. Heddon, C. Mortimore, G. Hamm, R. Stratton, M. Jacobs, J. Keen, with our many good reserves standing by.

Past Presidents of Woking F.C. have been Messrs. R. A. Stevens, who resided at Woodham Hall on the side of the Canal opposite to Sheerwater, A. H. Godfrey, T. C.

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Derrick Thomas invites you to . . .

## MEET SYDNEY THOMPSON

THE Sydney Thompson story is indeed a human one. Too few people know the background of this Welshman—and how he stepped up on the golden path which led him to stardom.

Sydney Thompson, with the aid of his attractive wife, Mary, gave me a vivid picture of his climb in the world of "Old Time Dancing."

Said he: "I first had the urge to take up old time dancing when I was working for Kodak, Ltd., in Harrow. I was involved in running the firm's dances and socials, and in 1945 I took the plunge and put on a complete evening of old time dancing."

Interrupted Mrs. Thompson: "It was a terrific success; it inspired my husband to launch out with his own 'Old Time' presentations."

Perhaps it would be fitting to mention at this point that when married in 1937 Mrs. Thompson was, and had been, a semi-invalid from birth. She confidently affirmed to me that it was demonstrations with her husband of old time dancing that helped to restore her to health.

Continued Sydney: "My wife has been invaluable to me; her words of wisdom and encouragement were always given when needed most. With us both knowing that there was an ever-growing demand among the British public, we put everything in to it. During the winter of 1945-47, the B.B.C. took an interest in our activities, the result of which we made occasional broadcasts—with, of course, the orchestra which I had formed. It was at this time we gave the first radio lesson on old time

dancing—the programmes were called 'Those Were the Days'."

Sydney Thompson, after four years of presenting "The Ball of the Year" at the smaller venues, in 1949 saw the debut of this outstanding event at the Empress Hall, Earls Court, which is the world's largest dance hall. What a wonderful panorama of colour to see some 5,000 people elegantly dressed, dancing in unison all the well-known old time dances.

So from strength to strength. At the end of 1950 Sydney Thompson and his Orchestra were asked to play and demonstrate at the "Staff Ball" at Buckingham Palace before their Majesties the King and Queen, to whom both Mary and Sydney Thompson were presented.

The Thompson activities have not been confined to the British Isles, for in the summer of 1952, at the request of several dance schools, they went to the United States and Canada, where they made a three-month tour covering over 20,000 miles lecturing and demonstrating the English style of old time dancing. So successful did this visit prove that they made a return visit in the summer of 1953 when they made an even more extensive journey, taking in the north-west of the United States, Montana, Idaho, down to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, for your large contribution for making the phenomenal post-war revival and interest in old time dancing, which embraces over 5,000,000 people who are actively interested through the thousands of old time dancing clubs scattered throughout the British Isles.

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Justus, A. H. Bell (ex-amateur International and Captain of the Cardinals for many years), and W. J. Dixon, Managing Director of the Lion Works. Our present President is Mr. W. Bryn Davies, who is Clerk to the Woking Magistrates' Court.

Principal Officers of the Club have been Messrs. H. W. Robertson, A. Wells, E. T. Engle, F. E. B. Clark, E. S. Saunders (in office for 20 years) and J. H. Goddard (Hon. Treasurer for 14 years). Present Hon. Secretary is Mr. C. Jarman, who has been in office for the past 15 years, and newly-elected Hon. Treasurer is Mr. W. J. Short, Headmaster of St. Bede's School, Sand.

I should now like to extend to all Sheerwater football fans a most cor-

dial welcome to our machines in one future. I already know many of you good people, and I know many of you have become regular followers of our Club. A Sheerwater resident, Mr. J. Josey, has undertaken voluntary duties with the Club and has become a great favourite with our reserve team; he is doing a real good job. We also have three young Sheerwater lads on our books—J. Josey, M. Nunn and D. Butler—and one day we hope to see them reaching the highlights in our senior side. We are anxious to encourage and help these boys all we can, as with all who gain a regular place in the District Schools teams, and we hope there will be still more from Sheerwater.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**CAREERERS.** Miss Beryl Chalk, of Blackmore Crescent, and Miss Lorette Renaud, of Dartmouth Avenue, are going to St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to fulfil their ambition to become nurses after their training at Byfleet.

**DESIGNERS.** The women of Sheerwater are well to the fore with their cake-making and design: recently we read of Mrs. Mackenzie, who delighted the 1st Sheerwater Brownies at their Christmas party with two cakes—one shaped as a toadstool and the other with the face of a brown owl on top, and Mrs. Bridger, with the help of her 18-year-old daughter, Pearl, who again produced a novel iced cake for the annual Basingstoke Canal Honorary Bailiffs' party. Their 30-lb. cake this year depicted the Sheerwater Lock, complete with two sets of lock gates, boats and swans on the waters, trees lining the banks, and the Sheerwater Road crossing.

**ANOTHER WINNER.** Among the names of the winners in the recent Poster Design com-

petition of the Woking Council, organised for schoolchildren in connection with publicity of recreational facilities, we find the name of Miss J. Hayward, of Sheerwater Secondary School; she shared the third prize.

**AND STILL MORE.** Sheerwater boxes continue their successes. Of the Sheerwater A.B.C. open class lightweight Terry Griffiths was the only Surrey club boxer in the Southern Counties A.B.A. team against Bedfordshire and Herts A.B.A., and schoolboy star Keith Moody has won the Army Cadet County Championship for the second year running.

Our British Schoolboy Champion, Tony French, who recently added a Southern Counties championship to his increasing list of honours, was the winner of a very good contest against A. Maynard (Devas) in the fourth open tournament of the Woking Amateur Boxing Club. In the same tournament David George scored a skilful victory against R. Uzebu (Southampton), the referee stopping the fight in the last round.

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## With Pleasure

THIS to some will be just another report of one of the annual events held on this Estate; there will be others who read it with pleasure and pride. For myself I simply wish to say—thanks for the memory.

It is the beginning of 1957—another year in the lives of those who have already seen so many. What better start could there be than a "get-together" of friends among friends? Thus it was in St. Michael's Hall when some 70 plus met for the Annual Dinner of the Sheerwater Old People's Club.

When I arrived, dinner was almost over—had they enjoyed it? Gaze into the kitchen at the huge pile of empty plates, listen to the exchange of friendly greetings and cheerful banter, and note the contentment on their faces, many lined and careworn. Joints of meat, vegetables, rolls, cheese and biscuits, fruit cups, jelly and custard, mince pies, orange squash and milk, and a stack of chocolate: what's different? Just this—EVERYTHING WAS GIVEN by traders and friends! Not only everything which went to make the meal all it should be, but also ALL the services which went with it—use of the hall and kitchen, crockery and cutlery, glasses, potato machine, together with the services of cooks, waitresses, and many other voluntary helpers.

Short after-dinner speeches by Mr. R. Hudson (Treasurer), Mr. H. Dewdney (Chairman) and Mr. L. Gianville (District Officer of the L.C.C.), all of whom expressed the sincere thanks of the Old People, best summed up in the words of one—"How refreshing it is to know there is still good spirit in the world."

So to the entertainment: fittingly, first on the platform was Mrs. Fair-

bairn, from Maybury, who was the pianist for Mr. W. Banks. Why fittingly? Well, she's over 70. What a wonderful show it was, with old time ballads well rendered by Mr. W. Banks, Mr. Smithers, from Knaphill, with his piano-accordion, our own Jessica Brockhouse singing in sweet soprano "I give thanks to you" and "Ave Maria," Mr. Derek Rashbrook—piano-accordionist of ten championships including an All-British, Sheerwater's Carl Fraser with his unique and outstanding singing in West Indian style, and the two pianists—Mr. Alan Smith, from far off Woodminster, and Ted Luddington, our "home" specialist. With additional assistance by Mrs. K. Dewdney and impromptu items by some of the Club members both in song and dance.

In sincere and esteemed praise may I mention "Granny" Sullivan, as nimble on her feet at 84 as many of lesser years, and Mrs. Gamble, with life and spirit truly inspiring: Mrs. Gamble no longer has her sight.

Let's have a word with one or two of those present—"Pop" Redman, who stood up and bowed continuously whilst they sang "Happy Birthday" to him—it was his 74th. "Pop" hasn't had an easy life: interned in Germany during the First World War, to London in 1918, married in 1920, retired in 1948 and sent to Jamaica to "get my wife better"; had to return in 1952 and started work again; came to Sheerwater and lost his wife soon after they arrived. Is it not natural that the warmth of his birthday greeting recalls for him the many happy years they spent together? When I tell you that "Pop" is still doing a little part-time work to supplement his very small income, yet can still say: "I am very happy here with my

friendly neighbours and many good friends," you, too, will raise your hats to this true British Jamaican.

A passing word with "Granny" Sullivan: "Happy, young man? I'm having the time of me life." Guests from New Haw and Maybury: "Happy, enjoyable evening." "Very pleased to be invited and thanks for a lovely welcome." "Lovely company and wonderful time." Now to another lady, but she gets in first: "You haven't changed much since I saw you in your pram!"—that was quite a few years ago; these old folk certainly have a memory. So I continue, but space is not enough to set down all the happy comments which I gathered. I can only say that never once did I hear a grumble or grouse, and you know as well as I there could be plenty in these difficult times.

So to the end of another "Annual," and as I watched them on their way, each with a calendar bearing a view of the Estate they love so much, I recalled the words of Mr. Gianville when I spoke to him before he left for Dorset: "You know we always try to do all we can to help, but it isn't always easy. I'm glad I was able to come tonight and see the real enjoyment of these people. This is one Estate which is doing well." To which I add—we do our best.

The "Pylon" is asked by Mr. Hudson, on behalf of the Sheerwater Old People's Club, to publicly express their very deep, sincere thanks to all those good people who so generously contributed to their wonderful evening. The "Pylon," as the official organ of the Community Association, wishes to add its own thanks to—  
Mr. Turnbull (Butcher), of Chobham Road, Woking, Traders of

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All the good deeds you may have done

Unseen, unheralded, unsung,  
Are never lost or made in vain;  
Their repercussions we feel again  
In ways we never dream are such:  
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By act or only deep compassion  
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## The Largest Chromium-Plating Machines in Europe

AN interesting piece of construction will shortly be started at the Sheerwater Works of the Electro-Chemical Engineering Company, who will be building a pair of machines, which together will constitute what is probably the largest chromium-plating plant in Europe. An extension is at the moment being made to the factory, adding a further ten-thousand square feet to its already extensive area, and there will then be sufficient space to enable the machines to be built and run before they are dismantled and dispatched to the Fiat Works in Turin, Italy.

It may be of interest to those not familiar with the process of electroplating to describe how the machines operate. They are designed to deal principally with bumpers for the Model 1100 Fiat car, and will have an output, when in full production, of 160 bumpers an hour. The steel bumpers, after polishing, are first put on to racks which carry them through the first machine, where they are first copper-plated. This enormous machine, which only requires one operator, carries the bumpers through a series of no less than 22 tanks, lifting them hung vertically through a very elaborate washing and cleaning cycle before applying a heavy copper plate to them as it is essential in electroplating that the metal should be perfectly clean if the plating is to adhere without peeling off. Ordinary cleaning—as this is generally known—is not sufficient; the metal must be chemically cleaned, which involves immersion in 18 different washing, dipping and acid baths successively. The total capacity of the tanks is some 40,000

gallons, equivalent to a small swimming pool.

After they have been copper-plated, the bumpers are removed from the machine, the tanks being arranged in a horseshoe system, so that the loading and unloading positions are together. When the bumpers leave the machine their appearance is matt, so that the copper must be polished to give them a brilliant appearance before they are suitable for the next operations. This is done on rapidly-rotating polishing buffs in another part of the factory, after which the bumpers are ready to be loaded into a second plating machine which is similar to the one already described. Provision on this machine is made for applying further electroplated coatings; these consist of another much thinner copper deposit, followed successively by nickel and chromium plate. As all these coatings are fully bright, the bumpers leave the plant ready for mounting on to a motor car without further ado. In this 140-foot long machine, the bumpers must again be cleaned thoroughly to remove polishing materials which may have been left on them from the previous operation, and this again involves a further 11 washing and rinsing operations. When these are included, the bumpers go through a further 25 different tanks before plating is completed, making a total of not less than 47 different baths to produce the required finish.

Of course, this is only the briefest outline of the machine, which incorporates large hydraulic lifting and transfer equipment, heating plant, and fume exhaust systems; last, but not least, a very big part of the

## SORBO LIMITED

In the last issue of the "Pylon" Sorbo, Ltd., gave an account of their Social Club's various activities, and they reproduce here a photograph showing the happy spirit which prevailed at their Annual Dinner.



As mentioned, it was also the occasion for the presentation of cups and prizes awarded to the successful competitors in the many games and matches throughout the year, and here is depicted one of the lucky winners, obviously pleased with the trophies he has won at billiards and snooker.

equipment consists of the electrical supply which provides an enormous amount of low voltage electrical current (no less than 50,000 amperes), which is essential for the operation of the electroplating process. This, however, will be manufactured in Italy.

It will be readily seen that the de-

sign, construction and servicing of machines of this kind requires an elaborate organisation, particularly when the ultimate user is so far away. The work, although specialised, is also full of interest, and provides full scope for the use of initiative and imagination.

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## WELFARE

### The Wandsworth Electrical Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Residents on the Estate will have noticed during the latter part of the year that the Wandsworth factory was being extended on the Albert Drive frontage, at the office end of the main building. This extension was undertaken to house the new works canteen. The building, interior decoration, kitchen equipment and furnishing had been planned by the company's architect to provide adequate catering facilities and comfortable accommodation for all sections of the staff who might find it an advantage to have mid-day lunch at the works.

Experts in catering were called in to advise at the start in order to ensure that this project would be launched on the right lines, since it is common experience that factory canteens are frequently not all that they might be.

However, equipment alone does not produce good meals. The most important single

factor beyond all doubt is the cook, and the Wandsworth Co. has been fortunate in obtaining the services of a most suitable and experienced person for the key position of cook-manager.

Crockery and tableware were carefully chosen, not for the ability to bounce without breaking, but to suit the tasteful surroundings, and to be pleasant to use.

The canteen has been operating very successfully since the middle of December serving tea, snacks and mid-day lunches, the new public address system providing lunchtime music and entertainment. The formula for its success is first-class equipment plus excellent cooking plus good quality food and plenty of it at low prices. All sections of the staff using the canteen, from directors to works employees, have expressed their unqualified appreciation of this important addition to the welfare facilities at Wandsworth.

### SHEERWATER PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

*Aims of the Parent-Teacher Association.*

(a) To further the interests of the children by co-operation between parents and teachers.

(b) A joint meeting of parents and teachers from all four schools to be held every term.

(c) Parents and teachers of individual schools may hold other meetings where the business is applicable to the individual school only.

(d) The meetings will be primarily to discuss educational matters.

*Meetings for 1957.*

A report of the Spring Meeting held on February 1st will be given in the March "Piper".

The Summer Meeting will be held at the Woodlands School on JULY 30, 1957. It is hoped the weather will permit this to be an outside event. Children of all schools will be taking part in a display of athletics, games and national country dancing.

On SEPTEMBER 20th, 1957, the Autumn Meeting will be held in the Broadmere Junior School. It is hoped to get a psychologist to speak on "How parents can help their children." Further details will be given at a later date.

Now for a "recap." of events organised by the Sheerwater Parent-Teacher Association. In May, 1955, there was an "Any

Questions" Forum, at which questions appertaining to educational matters were answered by teachers, with Mr. Yates in the chair. This was followed in October with interesting talks by the heads of four technical schools, and Mr. Duckett, of Vickers Armstrong, on the subject of "Secondary Technical Education." It was a great disappointment to those who organised this meeting when they had an audience of only 60 people.

The first meeting of 1956, held in February, attracted a good attendance in spite of extremely bad weather. Mr. Newson, B.Sc., the Visual Aids Officer for Surrey, gave a well appreciated talk on the equipment available for schools, and afterwards demonstrated its use. In July there was a P.E. Display by the pupils of all the Sheerwater schools, held out of doors on the lawns in front of the Secondary Modern School.

At the Annual General Meeting held in October, the new Officers and Committee of the Association were elected, and Mr. Hawke gave an excellent talk on "The Primary School in Perspective." Again there was disappointment at the poor attendance.

Mr. Yates, of 9, Paxton Gardens, has been co-opted to the Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association, in place of Mrs. Bradley who has resigned. The duties of Assistant Secretary have been taken over by Mrs. Pope, of 26, Lambourne Crescent.

I am a man of FORTUNE—no only because I never lose. We arrive at station well and truly wet and share the platform with a mass of mail, a collection of churns, pile of parcels from previous, and a couple of cats which eye us with suspicion or could be resentment.

Of course, being the ONLY passengers we must pick the ONLY carriage with a faulty window which falls down on the slightest excuse: need I add that the HEAT is not on. So we arrive with Trouble in real right MOOD for battle ahead and me merely in real right mood.

At fringe of arena I am all for turning back: not that I'm scared of any WOMAN but WOMEN in large quantities and every one with "the glint" it isn't fair!

End of my queue is located, final briefing, and I'm on my own; dependent and dejected, a THORN among the ROSES. The rain is now making up for lost time, but me being on the small side I am well covered. Time advances and so does my knowledge, for there is much exchange of CONFIDENCES by them in front who are not aware of a mere male in midst.

Mounting murmur followed by sudden surge. Exchange of confidences is now developed to exchange of suspicions with much elbowing and jockeying for favourable position. Which is all right with me, seeing as I am advancing several yards UNDER COVER.

We're in—which way to go? All I am seeing is waving arms and slightly familiar articles tossed about overhead. Thinking maybe I'd better play I am grabbing at one of these, but it's not what I need, nor anyone else, come to that, seeing as HALF of it is missing. Getting nowhere fast I am therefore getting down to scum formation, close me eyes, and shove.

Now I DO get somewhere. Round-

ing all job and not eating all success, I misuses army wedged to counter with AMPLE support on both sides. What is to my rear I am not knowing or even guessing. Comes the TICKLISH job of getting list of Trouble's wants from me pocket. With due apologies to both sides, I am getting it and . . . drop it.

Real reckless, I am bending to retrieve. After two false starts I am up again complete with list but minus hat. So down again I go—where the . . . ? Legs to the left, legs to the right, and one right in the middle of me titter!

Over what happens next I am reluctant to draw CLOSE CENSURE-SHIP: suffice it to say that my actions are entirely MISINTERPRETED. As I am led gently but firmly to WAY OUT I am glancing back and see my CROWNING bitter . . . My Hat

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By "NOMAD"

NEVER AGAIN. . . .

Many moons ago I am kidded to take me holiday at one of them All In and Laid On joints; original idea for me to completely RELAX and let someone else do me WORRY. That's what I thought!

The meaning of "All In" being well and truly conveyed by the dead-keen bloke "Laid On." I am coaxed, cajoled, chivvied and chased from the minute I gets there to time of chucking on coach for return.

What I am remembering most is the FRIENDLY goodnights in the early hours of the morning and the RUDE awakenings a couple of hours later with rallying cries of "Wakey, wakey, it's a boo-oo-tiful morning"; relax? I should laugh.

Somewhat similar was later experience with a nice kind SERGEANT for me "worrying" and a benevolent CORPORAL for "early" stimulation; only variation being in methods and words of INDUCEMENT.

Seeing as it is well known that everything goes in THREES, this

accounts for my still getting up WELL before Dawn, with minor compensation of two week-end mornings in which to catch up with me major period of "shut-eye."

Now Trouble is fully aware of my achieved "treble"; seeing as she met me before the first, married me during the second, and is for ever moaning about the last. Leaving NO EXCUSE for mucking around with the Law of Nature such as I now relate.

Being the night of Friday I am making me permitted relax for purpose of strength recovery after effort of handing over me pay packet. The "dirt-sheet" I am dividing into

three: outside for me, middle for Litt'l'm, and balance to Trouble. I

studies my "financial" interests, which is not taking long seeing as (a) there is no racing, (b) I have no shares either on the Stock Market or the Suez Canal, and (c) I don't possess a car; so I am looking to Trouble for further portion so as to study (a) the "stars," (b) the "card" and (c) the "jobs for the boys."

I am noting CONSIDERABLE interest in what looks suspiciously like an ADVERTISEMENT, which by screwing of neck and adjustment of peepers I am confirming as AN ENORMOUS SAYING. With painful recollect of other years I am quickly saying "No Sale." To which Trouble is acting deaf, smiling sweetly, and asking: "Would you much mind getting up early TOMORROW morning?"; would I MIND!

After full FIVE MINUTES of righteous indignation, being five times permitted normal, I am exhausting all POSSIBLE excuse for no and am now hearing all PROBABLE reason for yes.

Seems like there is not One but Two Super Stupendous Sales both commencing same time same morning, and we cannot possibly afford to miss the bargains at both. For my part we cannot possibly afford anything, but when the "bug" bites it's up to "scratch" or else. So we ARE going to the Sales and I AM getting up early.

Dawns next day—well, within a few hours of dawn anyway. Seeing as we are well ahead of FIRST weather forecast, I can only guess but I am laying six to four on RAIN. The minute we gets outside the door

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