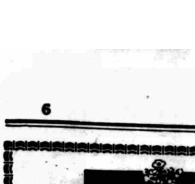

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The MUSIC FEATURE

University College Choral Society

IT was, no doubt, a great disappointment to many that Rachmaninoff, the great composer-pianist, was unable to appear at last Friday's Celebrity Concert, but as a result of the strenuous efforts of Harold Holt we have provided with a very excellent substitute in the person of Vladimir Horowitz.

Horowitz, who was born at Kiev, Russia, on October 1, 1904, commenced his public career at the age of 20, since which time he has toured in nearly every European country, as well as in the United States. He made his London debut in 1930 when he played with the London Symphony Orchestra, giving a magnificent performance of the Concerto in D minor of Rachmaninoff, whose close friend and admirer he is.

An operation in 1936 for appendicitis with subsequent nervous complications necessitated an absence of three years from the concert platform, and it looked at one time as though a very promising career might be brought to an untimely end, but, happily, this has not proved to be the case. Last Friday marked the occasion of Horowitz's first appearance in this country since his illness, preceding by a few days his Queen's Hall concert of Tuesday, tickets for which have been sold out for several weeks.

FAMOUS CONDUCTOR'S DAUGHTER

Horowitz's wife, who is a daughter of the famous conductor, Toscanini, was present at last Friday night's recital.

The programme was drawn from the works of Mendelssohn, Schumann, Liszt and Chopin. Mendelssohn was represented by the Prelude and Fugue in F minor; Schumann by his great Fantasia in C major; Chopin by the Barcarole (op. 60), two Mazurkas (op. 41, No. 1, in C sharp minor, and op. 7, No. 3, in F minor), and three Etudes (op. 10, No. 5, in G flat major and op. 25, Nos. 7 and 9 in C sharp minor and G flat major respectively), and Liszt by the "Sonetto del Petrarca," "Au bord d'une source," and an arrangement of Paganini's Etude in E flat major.

As encores, Horowitz played some more Chopin—the E minor Mazurka, the Waltz in D flat and the Etude in F major—and finished with some variations of his own on a theme from "Carmen."

From beginning to end the recital was a thoroughly enjoyable affair, in fact it was one of the greatest musical treats that the Celebrity series has so far provided. Horowitz has a technical mastery of the pianoforte that is almost uncanny, but the question of technique is never allowed to obtrude itself unduly upon one's notice, for always the great technical powers of the player are bent to the service of the music which is being performed and not made to serve the base element of showmanship.

Horowitz is without doubt one of the finest pianists of this or any other generation, and it is a matter for satisfaction that he has been engaged to appear here in next season's series of International Celebrity Concerts.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN AT THE COLLEGE

On Wednesday evening I attended the University College Choral Society's production of the popular Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "The Mikado," and found that it was well up to the standard of previous productions. For some considerable time this society has made a practice of presenting yearly one of the famous Gilbert and Sullivan series, and it says much for the ability and the energy of the Hon. Conductor, Mr. D. Cecil Williams that, in spite of the ever changing personnel of the Society, a consistently good standard of performance has been maintained throughout the whole period.

The performance on Wednesday evening went with quite a good swing for a first-night, but I imagine that the subsequent performances (Friday and Saturday evenings) will run along even more slickly. P. S. Kenyon may be complimented upon having done his job as producer very well.

The chorus work was quite satisfactory, and everyone seemed to be entering thoroughly into the spirit of the thing. The orchestra, too, under the capable leadership of Mr. A. E. Trigg did what was required of it in a very competent way.

The principals, in the main showed up well in both solo and ensemble work, and one or two of the performances were of considerable merit. I. R. Shawell as The Mikado gave a most convincing study of the part; his singing and acting were all that could be desired; his song in Act II. was probably the most successful solo effort in the production. Among the others who scored personal successes may be mentioned K. J. Newman (Nanki-Poo), R. H. Dunn (Ko-Ko) whose "Willow" song was quite a good piece of work, D. A. B. Low (Pooh-Bah) and A. Blackcastle (Yum-Yum).

Minor parts were well sustained by J. Cartwell (Pish-Tush), E. R. Bryce (Pitti-Sing), Pamela Eveleigh (Peep-Bo), Nesta Thomas (Katisha) and B. Behar (Sword bearer).

P. G. Wickens and C. F. Watkinson were stage manager and assistant stage manager respectively. J. P. Gill had charge of the lighting arrangements and K. J. Stone was responsible for the scenery. Many others, too, contributed their quota towards the general success of the production.

COUNTY FESTIVAL

The 18th Winchester and County Musical Festival opens at the Guildhall, Winchester, on Friday next, March 10th, and with the exception of Monday, March 13th, will continue up to and including Thursday of the following week.

Friday and Saturday will be devoted to the children's competitions and concerts. Twenty-seven choirs in all, from various grades of schools, will take part in the competitions, and Dr. Geoffrey Shaw will be responsible for judging the competitions and directing the choral performances at the afternoon concerts.

Twenty-one adult choirs have entered for this year's festival, and they will be judged in three divisions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, by Dr. Thomas Armstrong.

Among the choral works to be performed at the concerts are Purcell's Masque in Diocletian, Bantock's "God's time is best," Mozart's "Sing to Jehovah," and Vaughan Williams' "Dona Nobis Pacem," and among the orchestral items are Mozart's Piano Concerto in E flat, with Norman Tucker as soloist, Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4, and Borodin's Symphony No. 2 in B minor.

The soloists will include Mabel Ritchie and Harold Williams (Tuesday), Janet Smith Miller, Arthur Cranmer, John Sealey, Gordon Walker and Edward Walker (Wednesday), and Margaret Rees and Frederick Sharp (Thursday).

Mr. Reginald Jacques, Dr. Thomas Armstrong and Dr. Sydney Watson will act as conductors at the evening concerts.

BENIAMINO GIGLI, who is to appear at the Guildhall, Southampton, next Wednesday evening.

CYMRODORION SOCIETY

St. David's Day Social

The Southampton Cymrodorion Society celebrated St. David's Day in Wales by holding a most enjoyable social evening at the Polygon Hotel, on Saturday.

Everybody wore one of the national emblems. The best of the English everybody sang the songs of Wales; nearly everybody used the language of Wales.

Indisposition prevented the president, the Rev. W. Rhys Davies, Mrs. Hughes from attending, but they sent a greetings telegram.

Officers of the society present included Captain A. E. Jones, M.C. (vice-president), Mr. W. H. C. Maurice Williams, vice-president, Mr. D. J. Davies, member of the committee, and Mrs. Davies.

Mr Robert Hughes, the official M.C. and Mr. W. D. Jones, hon. secretary, who, together with the committee, organised the event, earned the gratitude of everybody.

Before supper an entertainment was provided by Mrs. F. Goulden, and Messrs. J. R. Jones, W. J. Daniel and W. D. Jones. Mr. J. Davies and Mrs. C. B. Brownlie accompanied the artistes.

Mr and Mrs. Goulden assisted the funds of the society by selling imitation leeks made by Mrs Goulden.

MAGICAL ENTERTAINMENT

The Wessex Magical Association visited the Assembled Wizards of the South at the Star Hotel, Southampton, and gave a splendid magical entertainment.

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TOWN NEWS SUMMARY

FISH TRADERS

FEDERATION MEMBERS DINE

Anxious Time in Business

The view that a publicity bureau for Southampton was long overdue was expressed at the third annual dinner of the Southampton and District Fish Trade Association held at the South-Western Hotel, Southampton, on Wednesday. The attendance numbered about 200.

Mr. A. E. Crook (president of the association) and Mrs. Crook, who were accompanied by Mr. J. Webb (vice-president, National Federation of Fishmongers) and Mrr. Webb, received the guests.

The President proposed the toast of the Mayor and Corporation, and warmly commended Councillor H. Chick (the Deputy Mayor). The relations between the municipality and the trade, he said, were most cordial.

"I have heard that the rates may go up," said Mr. Crook, "but with all the fine things we have had provided in the town recently we can hardly expect anything else."

A.R.P. AND RATES

Replying, Alderman Chick said: "I am afraid our rates will go up. I am afraid, too, the rise will probably be suspence. Largely, we have to blame A.R.P. and Defence for rate in this connection. We dug trenches during the crisis. They are now filled in and we have been paying £100 a week for watchmen to guard them."

Mr. Webb (vice-president), proposing the toast of the National Federation of Fishmongers, said that to-day the Federation was passing through one of the most anxious periods in its history, but traders had every confidence in those who were guiding its destiny. They looked forward to the time when prices would be stabilised, for recent fluctuations had tended to become very violent, and disturbing.

Mr. J. Webb (vice-president, N.F.F.), replied

MANY MORE MEMBERS

The Southampton branch and the president were toasted in the call of Mr. F. Handley (Portsmouth).

Replying, the president said it was a happy position that the Southampton Association represented 96 per cent. of the traders in the town, and that during the last three years the membership had considerably increased. Much of the increase was due to the energy and ability of Mr. S. W. Egerton, the hon. secretary.

Mr. Crook announced that Southampton hosted the next National conference next year

County Councillor W. Crook (father of the president) proposed the health of the visitors.

Reply was made by Mr. Arnold Lloyd, of Bristol.

Henry Pearce and his band played during dinner and for dancing afterwards. Cc for dancing was Mr. R. W. Russell and for whist Mr. F. A. Pamstone. The event was arranged by Mr. W. Egerton, hon. secretary of the branch.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Six Hundred at First Anglican Parade

On Sunday morning considerable attention was aroused as hundreds of B.B. members converged upon the Civic Centre forecourt, Southampton. This record parade of the Southampton and District Battalion was six hundred strong—a fine response to the call for the first parade to be held at a Church of England service in Southampton.

When two bands the seemingly endless column marched via Above Bar Street and Bargate circus to Saintar Church, and as the head of the column entered the Church the tail was still well away up Above Bar.

Colours were received and placed at the altar. Two officers of the Battalion, Mr. W. J. Benham (secretary) and Mr. E Burrow (president), read the lessons. The Honorary Chaplain, Commissioner-West, expressed deep appreciation of the fine parade, and of the interest recently taken in connection with the formation of a Company at his own Church.

Write two and the benefit for such an organisation as the Boys' Brigade, especially in these days so lacking in discipline.

After the service the parade reassembled in Castle-lane and marched back to the Civic Centre for dismissal.

TOTTON COMPANY'S PROGRESS

Last Friday evening I paid a surprise visit to the 14th South-ampton (Totton) Company. At 7.30 p.m. twenty-eight boys (the average) attendance) on hand, Mr. Cull, Captain, conducted devotions. With interest I followed the evening's activities, and was glad to know of the well-being of this western outpost of the Battalion.

There was a ready response to an appeal from the Rev. Mr. Broadwater, Chaplain, on behalf of the Spanish refugees—a busy Saturday afternoon was in store for many of them distributing "Hampshire Food Ship" envelopes. Well done the 14th.

B.B.

PROGRESSIVE YEAR

Southampton Temperance Council's Annual Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Southampton Temperance Council was held at the Temperance Institute.

Sir William Rowland, who was supported by Sir William Rowland, J.P., C.C., the Rev. A. E. R. Cooper, and the secretary, Mr. T. D. Leslie.

Sir William Rowland said he had been a teetotaller for a great many years. Which had been good, a long life, he could thank God for the amazing improvements which had taken place both in public and private life—and this was true as regarded the liquor Trade. Temperance was very much to be done, and he was glad to be associated with the Temperance Council in the work they were doing.

In presenting the annual report Mr. Leslie said that the Temperance Council had had a year of progress, service in spite of all drawbacks. Their activities in the town and district had been well maintained, and the institute continued to be a centre of temperance societies and for all sorts of associations doing useful work in the town.

Mr. W. J. Cox gave the financial statement. They had an income of over £600, which had been spent with great care and economy. He presented the balance sheet as one of which the Council might be proud.

Dr. Stancomb was re-elected president; Mr. W. J. Cox, hon. treasurer; Mr. F. Woodland, hon. auditor; Mr. P. M. Randall, hon. solicitor. The vice-presidents and district secretaries were also re-elected.

Three members of the executive, Mrs. L. Cox, Mr. A. G. Rogers and Mr. C. R. Williams had been co-opted members, and the Rev. A. R. Cooper, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Timms were elected to fill those vacancies, the rest of the committee being re-elected.

BUNGALOWS FOR OLD PEOPLE

A Pressing Need, Says Southampton Councillor

"They were thinking about housing many years ago, and it is a pity they did not act a little sooner than they did, for they might have saved some of the upheaval that is going on in England," said Councillor Mrs. Cawte, when addressing the Trinity Ward branch of the Southampton Women's Conservative Association.

"I have been asked what I think of this problem of moving people, who have been born and brought up in the town, to new houses on the edge of the town. I can only say that if it will make for their happiness in the future, they will not be unrewarded for all the upheaval and inconvenience they may suffer, for they will be making the way for better things."

Mrs. Cawte added that, in her opinion, one of the most pressing of the housing needs was the provision of more bungalows for aged people."

ANNUAL DANCE-SOCIAL

Of Messrs. Edwin Jones' Staff

Nearly 1,000 people were present at the annual staff social given by the directors of Edwin Jones and Co., Ltd., at the Guildhall, Southampton, on Wednesday.

Six six hours' programme was arranged, and there was not a dull moment. Dancing was the main feature, but the people who liked cards there was a whist drive. Games and novelty items were also enjoyed.

Graham Leslie and his band from the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea, played for the dancing.

Individual entertainment was provided by Mr. N. Pearce, assistant in the hairdressing department, who produced "music from the air"; Mr. Cliff Calder, of the display staff, who played harmonica solos; and Miss G. Nichol, whose humorous and glamour girl caused much amusement. Members of the restaurant staff, describing themselves as the "Crazy Quintette," presented a humorous act. Miss W. Hold expressed thanks on behalf of the staff to the directors for entertaining them. Joan Graves, the staff greatly regretted that Mr. E. Moss, the managing director, was unable to be present through illness.

Through the microphone, Mrs. Moss read a message from her husband to the staff. "Crying Hundred" in this Mr. Moss thanked the staff for all they had done for him during his illness. Russell Bencraft had threatened him with a lawsuit if he left the nursing home to attend the social!

Mr. F. J. Pope, chairman of the company, replied to the expressions of thanks on behalf of the directors, and said he had received a telegram from Sir Russell Bencraft expressing his regret for absence.

Mr. Pope said he felt certain that the staff shared the directors' regret that Mr. Moss was not able to be present. They all wished him a speedy recovery.

At the call of Mr. Trevor Jones, sales manager of the firm and chairman of the social, Mr. Pope, Mr. Moss, and three hearty cheers were given for the directors.

Bouquets were presented, on behalf of the staff, to the wives of three of the directors, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Pope and Mrs. C. W. Bosworth, by Miss Christina White. Miss Irene Webber and Miss Joan Ross, respectively.

WOOLSTON LEGION

Speeches at Annual Dinner

At the annual dinner of the Woolston branch of the British Legion on Wednesday, Mr. H. Burden, chairman of the branch, presided, and the guest of honour was the Mayor of Southampton (Councillor A. H. Powdrill).

Alderman S. F. West, of Eastleigh, who proposed the toast of the British Legion, declared that by making contact with their friends and former enemies all over the world they were doing something to ensure that war should be no more.

Captain D. Pavitt, M.V.O., O.B.E., R.N., treasurer of the Joint Branches Committee, who replied, said it had been estimated that five per cent. of the population were eligible to join the Legion. Taking that there should be 9,000 Legionaires in Southampton, but they were not up to that figure. He urged every branch to try and increase the membership. The more members they had the greater power they would yield and the more good they could do.

Proposing the toast of the branch, the Mayor, in his speech, the chairman mentioned that they had received the camera-up competition, the Hampshire County proficiency and endeavour competition, which was won by Bitterne and Westend.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Mr. J. Danks, treasurer of the branch, who also replied, said they had done remarkably well during the past year and their financial position was very sound. The membership, however, should be greater. They had 1,000 in the town.

The Mayor was presented by the chairman with a photograph of his visit to the Woolston Poppy Day centre on November 11 as a souvenir and as a token of appreciation of the visit.

The Mayor expressed his thanks, and the company accorded him musical honours.

Captain J. Slade, hon. secretary of the Southampton Benevolent Committee, also replied, proposing the toast of a social centre in Southampton for all members of the Legion.

Councillor A. Gibson proposed the toast of The Chairman, whose "heart and soul" was wrapped up in the Legion work. During the time he had been chairman the membership had increased by 40 and the reserve fund for hard times had increased from £28 to over £100.

A telegram expressing loyalty and good wishes was sent to the King and Queen on behalf of the members and the Mayor was also remembered.

ROAD TRANSPORT IN EMERGENCY

Sir Henry Figgott, C.B., C.B.E., chairman of the South Eastern Area Traffic Commissioners, has to explain the organisation of road transport for a defence emergency, at a meeting of all transport operators, to be held at the Wessex Hall, Southampton, next Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

LABOUR PLAYERS

Southampton Labour and Socialist Amateur Dramatic Society gave a performance of "Cats" at the Chantry Hall on Wednesday in aid of the Hampshire Foodship for Spain.

The popular play was presented with considerable understanding under the production of Mr. H. Bryan.

H. Harris gave one of the most convincing characterisations as Sergeant Knight and T. Titheridge, as George D'Alroy and Capt. Hawtrey, were both good "types." And Kathleen Davis and Beatrice Brown made the Focles sisters a distinctly interesting pair.

A Stratton was equally successful as Sam Gerridge and Catherine Greenhalgh made the most of the part of the Marquise.

Messrs. E Pitt and O. Spencer were the stage managers.

RATES ARE GOING UP

BUT NOT FOR EDUCATION

Committee's Budget

Southampton's estimate of expenditure on elementary schools in 1939-40 totals £352,535, an increase of £2,945 on the current year's estimate, representing a total increase of over £21,000 over the current year.

This was at a meeting of Southampton Education Committee, on Monday, Councillor R. J. Stranger, M.C. chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, said that the rate for education purposes would, it was expected, remain unchanged at approximately 3s. 3d. in the £.

Presenting the estimate for the year ending March 31, 1940, Councillor Stranger stated that the total estimated expenditure for the year was £492,465.

This sum was to be met by an estimated income of £234,505 (which included the Government Substantive grants of £208,750), and a surplus brought forward of £12,392, leaving the balance of £245,568 to be raised by rate.

Although the amount to be raised was greater, there would be an increase in the product of the rate, owing to additional rateable value from new properties.

The product of a penny rate in the current year is £8,600, an increase of approximately £250.

ESTIMATES UNDERSPENT

In the current year there was a surplus of £3,292 on the estimated expenditure, which was underspent. On higher education the net underspending amounted to £1,925, income showing a decrease.

The total credit brought forward to the new year was £12,392.

Next year's estimates of £352,535 show an increase over this year of £13,475, whilst the income is estimated at £163,140, an increase of £3,945.

The increases were principally accounted for under the following heads:

	£
Maintenance of elementary schools due to new schools	3,475
Provision of new schools	1,793
Special medical service	275
Physical training	2,860
Loan charges, new school	3,060
Children and Young Persons' Act	660
Administrative charges	1,050
Total	£13,475

LESS

Increased grant income, etc.	5,385
A net increase over this year's estimate of	£8,090

The total estimated income for the new year on higher education accounts was £130,140, an increase over the current year of £7,715. The total estimated income of £70,965, was an increase of £3,765.

The principal increases were as follow:

	£
Hartley University College	950
Itchen Secondary School	380
Loan charges, extension of Itchen Secondary School	625
Taunton's School (mainly repairs)	1,520
King Edward VI School	520
New School of Art, loan charges, maintenance, etc.	4,000
Maintenance grants, fees, etc.	970
Sundry items	290
Total	£9,250

LESS

Junior Instruction Centre (closed)	1,535
Increased grant income, etc	2,700
Total	£4,235
A net increase of	£4,025

Councillor Stranger commented that four-fifths of the net increase on the higher education accounts was due to an increase in the cost of the Art and loan charges, maintenance, etc., of £4,000.

The estimates were approved by the committee without discussion or comment.

DEBATE ON LILY POND

In a discussion on an item in the report of the Higher Education Sub-Committee, later, Alderman T. Lewis, J.P., declared that he was a member of the Finance Committee of the Council, but had been unable to find out anything about the rates going up. "Everybody seemed so discreet about the matter."

The sub-committee resolved that the Works and General Purposes Sub-Committee should be requested to provide a rock garden, with lily pond and rockery, adjacent to the new pupils' entrance gate to the Grammar School for Girls.

In the full committee, Councillor R. J. Stranger moved an amendment that the sub-committee should be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of the proposed work.

Mr. Freeman explained that an estimate would come before the full committee. The cost was about £50.

The Mayoress, Mrs. A. H. Powdrill, declared to the proposal, "I do feel," she said, "that people who are struggling to pay rates, as many are, should not be expected to pay for rock gardens and lily ponds."

Councillor Lewis, having asked the Mayoress to give some information about the rumoured rise in rates, suggested that perhaps the Mayor could enlighten them.

TOO MUCH ON "FRILLS"

The Mayor said there was a feeling in the town that the Town Council were not spending too much money on education, they were spending far too much money on "frills."

"I do not know how much the rates are going up," he continued, "but I know just as much as Alderman Lewis does, and he knows, as well as I know, that the rates are going up."

Councillor J. H. Matthews thought the proposal a very sensible one. He did not approve of lavish expenditure in the direction and encouraging and rigid economy in another.

Alderman A. E. Udell, J.P., was informed that the enclosure suggested was intended for rabbits and guinea pigs used in the study of biology. The school also wanted a place for the study of plant life.

An amendment recommendation asked the sub-committee to "consider the provision " of a rock garden, and so on.

PLUCKY ACT RECALLED

Southamoton Constable's Retirement

More than 28 years' police service in the Surrey Constabulary, the Military Foot Police and the Southampton Borough Forces was completed by Police Constable Albert John Pope, on Thursday, when he retired from the Southampton force.

P.C. Tubb joined the Southampton force in April, 1912.

He had not been in the Southampton Force long when he distinguished himself by stopping a runaway horse in Shirley. "The incident happened on the day of the official opening of the Shirley fire station. Brought by a standard, a horse was attached to a two-wheeled cart bolted down Shirley-road towards the crowd gathering outside the fire station. The driver was thrown out of the cart.

P.C. Tubb, who was regulating traffic outside the station, acted promptly. Running beside the frightened horse, he seized the animal's bridle and after being dragged about 20 yards, brought it to a standstill.

His plucky action was recognised by a commendation from the Watch Committee and the award of a gratuity.

MOVING WITH THE TIMES

St. Denys Club's Year of Progress

The 28th annual dinner of the St. Denys and Bitterne Park Conservative Working Men's Club was held on Wednesday.

Mr. E. R. Loader (a trustee) presided. Others present included Mr. W. Craven-Ellis, M.P., Brigadier E. M. Jack, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (chairman of the Southampton Conservative Association) and Mr. B. G. Clancy (Conservative agent).

A telegram was received from Sir Charles Harris, K.B.E., M.P., regretting his inability to be present and sending wishes for a pleasant evening.

At the outset club competition trophies were presented, as follow:

Billiards—Sidney Gill (runner-up), B. Windebank; Cc Cc Bowling—Cc R. J. Stranger; Cc P. Boulter; novice cup (presented by Mr W. Craven-Ellis), P. Powell.

Snooker—Club cup (won outright)—F. Mintrum; Messrs. Eldridge Pope and Co.'s cup, F. Boulter.

Darts—Messrs. C. Peters and Co.'s cup, T. Coxon.

Cribbage—Messrs. Marston Thompson and Evershed's cup—R. Draper.

SOUND MANAGEMENT

Submitting the toast of "The Club," Mr. Rush referred to the close bond of friendship which had existed for years between that club and the Portswood and Highfield Unionist Club. To-day, he said, the Trinity Club was one of the most flourishing Conservative clubs in Southampton as the result of sound management. The club moved with the times, and he wished it continued success.

Mr. Snelling, who responded, said the club's progress had been maintained during the year. He said it was now recognised as one of the leading clubs in the district. The present membership numbered 544, and he was confident that under the judicious management of the officers and committees it would continue to go ahead

"Our Parliamentary Members" was proposed by Brigadier Jack "With quite different methods," he said, "you two very good Members work most sincerely and honestly for the good of this constituency.

VIEWS ON SPAIN

Mr. Craven-Ellis, who was accorded musical honours upon being replied, said the last time he spoke in Southampton was on Saturday, since then the world had opened a new chapter of its history, namely the decision in the House of Commons the previous day, to recognise General Franco, which had passed by a very big majority.

"The Socialist Party," he continued, "persisted that we should continue to recognise a Government which, in the words of Senor Asana, was no exist. What good purpose can we serve by doing that?"

The concluding toast, that of "Kindred Clubs and Visitors," was given by Mr. Giles and acknowledged by Mr. Clancy.

SPRING BAZAAR

For Bitterne Methodist Church

Children performed the opening ceremony on the second day of a Spring Bazaar at Bitterne Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday, when Mrs. H. Hoyland, Mayoress of Southampton (Mrs. A. H. Powdrill) was the opener on the first day.

She and Mr. Hoyland were welcomed by the Rev. E. Greeves, who indicated that the presence of the Rev. C. W. Wall, the newly appointed minister of the Bitterne Congregational Church, and Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Greeves (the Rev. Basil Allen) was prevented from attending.

The Rev. C. A. Green led the prayers, and the secretary (Miss Goffe) said it was hoped to use £100 in order to redecorate and refurnish the chapel.

APPLYING A STANDARD

Good wishes were expressed by the Rev. C. W. Wall.

Returning to church decoration, he said that it was looking building signed a poor religion, for many people judged the condition of a church by the standards they applied to their own homes.

Two attractive solos were sung by Mrs. Wilder.

After congratulating the stallholders, the Mayoress presented prizes to the winners of a handicrafts and a cake-making competition, and herself received a pot of bulbs from Beryl Hughes. Donald Hughes presented Mrs. Wilder with a similar gift.

A prize was also given by the members in connection with the event was won by Mrs. Russell, who referred especially to the efforts made by Miss Goffe to ensure the success of the bazaar.

Prizes were won by: Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Pickering.

STALLHOLDERS

Stallholders were as follow: Easter gifts—Misses Bitterne Park Brown and M. Brown; fruit, vegetables, sewing and soap—Miss Goffe, Miss Jack, Miss Hodges and Miss Cooke; bulb show—Mrs. Blake and Miss Holes; Sunday School—Mrs. Hoyland and Mrs. Shergold; refreshments—Mrs. Goff, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Holes, Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Shergold; Sunday School—Mr. and Mrs. Whitwell, Miss Mayes and Miss Wilkins; children's stall—Miss Swinstead and Miss Smith; sewing and soap—Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Streets, Mrs. Warren; Girls' Life Brigade—Miss Hibberd, Miss Mills, Miss Ford, Miss Hughes and Miss Dyke.

"Springtime Revels" were pleasingly given by the Boys' Brigade, and a concert arranged by Mrs. G. Kerr was also enjoyed.

WOMEN LIBERALS

The annual meeting of the Bevois Ward branch of the Southampton Women's Liberal Association was held at Liberal headquarters, 22, Portland crescent. Mrs. M. Graver was in the chair, and was re-elected. Mrs. A. L. Trim, Mrs. A. L. McOovern (hon. secretary), Mrs. A. Cotton (hon. treasurer), Mrs. A. E. Gurney (representing Portswood Ward) and Mrs. C. Gregory.

The following were elected to office: Chairman, Mrs. Gurney; vice-chairman, Mrs. M. Graver; hon. secretaries, Mrs. A. L. Trim and Mrs. A. L. McOovern; hon. treasurer, Mrs. A. Cotton; committee, Mesdames Huelin, Gregory, Lebens, Willis, Donaldson, Watkins, Watts, Burton, Binning, Donaldson, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Byne; hon. auditor, Sir William Rowland, J.P.; the Tea Committee were re-elected.

During the afternoon bouquets were presented to Mesdames Trim and McOovern, Alderman A. E. Trim, J.P., gave a short talk at the conclusion of the business meeting.

WOOLSTON GUILD CONCERT

Selections by an orchestra conducted by Mr. A. H. Mall, of Southampton, were an interesting part of a concert given in connection with Woolston Presbyterian Church Guild on Wednesday. Excellent instrumental music was also played by Mrs. Burbidge and Mrs. Rabley (violins). Master Quick and Master Harris played a violin and piano duet, and Master George Clark a piano solo. Songs were sung by Mr. Mills and Mrs. Burbidge. Tap dances were performed by Miss Joy Deal and Master George Clark.

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NEXT WEEK'S SHOWS

The Palace

"A.R.P." REVUE

John D. Robertson is presenting the revued revue "A.R.P." at the Palace Theatre, and it includes many attractive specialty numbers.

Angela Watson, the popular young comedian and dancer, provides much of the comedy, and at the top of the bill with him are Jack Lewis and his Rolling Stones, described as "the act with a punch."

Then there are the 20 Singing Scholars, talented juveniles who take part in melody, music and dancing, in one of the most original acts seen for some time.

Dolly Lewis and Edith Wellington are also in the show, and other featured players are Frank Andrews, Rex Arthur, Nancy Collins, Tommy Wood, Bert Cecil and Ella Harris.

Completing the programme are the 8 Jay Dee Girls.

The Hippodrome

GASTON AND ANDREE

During the coming week at the Hippodrome the big attraction will be the world-famous dancing and comedy act of Gaston and Andree. Miss Rosemary Andree is the fascinating star of the most perfect form in Great Britain, and is nicknamed the "Pocket Venus." These two performers have been well known as adagio dancers, but the Keep Fit movement has brought them into still greater prominence.

Miss Andree will appear in some of the poses which have proved so popular for their artistic presentation of physical charm, and is anxious to find the Venus of every town that she has on her present tour by means of contests in physical fitness, in which she teaches the exercises she has found so beneficial for herself.

Miss Rosemary Andree.

PENSIONS TOO SMALL

Ratepayers Making-Up Deficiency

The estimate of rate for the year ended March 31, 1940, was presented by Councillor H. Lewis, chairman of the Administration and Finance Sub-Committee, at a meeting of the Southampton Public Assistance Committee. He pointed out that the estimate for the year ended March 31, 1939, and its estimate for 1940 was £200,000, an increase of £8,070.

Outdoor relief had been responsible for an increase of £7,000, all scales of relief had been increased by ten per cent., owing to the cost of living and the number of ordinary cases having increased.

On February 1, 1939, there was an increase of 137 old age pensioners receiving outdoor relief, making a total of 1,382.

Councillor Mrs. M. Cutler, J.P. referred to the inadequacy of the old age pension. There was, she said, the definite statement that 137 more old age pensioners had been granted relief, making a total of 1,382 in Southampton. Surely it was up to the Public Assistance Committee because their incomes were inadequate, and the ratepayers were called upon to supplement the old age pensions which ought to be a national charge. Southampton was by no means unique in this respect.

Alderman T. H. Sanders, who presided, said that a communication had already been sent to the authorities by the Parliamentary Sub-Committee.

The estimates were approved.

MUSICAL SERVICE AT SHOLING

A congregational tea and musical service were part of anniversary celebrations of the church of Sholing Methodist Church, which were begun on Sunday and continued on Wednesday. Mesdames Garnett, Sparshott, Brown and Friend served tea to about 80 people. Councillor L. O. J. Southwell was in the chair in the evening, when an address was given by Major Bowers, of the Salvation Army.

Several anthems were effectively sung by the choir, conducted by Mr. C. Panner. Mr. J. E. Wilson (organist) played the accompaniments, and an organ solo was given by Mr. J. W. Garnett. Mrs. C. Baker sang "The Lost Chord," and Mrs. O. Price "My Prayer."

A duet was sung by Mrs. P. Green and Mrs. Veal. The proceeds were for church expenses.

The Grand

NEW POLICY OF ENTERTAINMENT

The Grand Theatre is to be closed next week for alterations to the seating, etc., and will be re-opened shortly with a new policy. It was announced recently that the Hippodrome will be closing down on March 25th, the site having been bought for a new cinema. The Grand Theatre will thereafter stage seasons of opera, variety and revue, as well as the popular "Pantomime." The Grand is popular, in order to fill up the gap left by the closing of the Hippodrome.

There will be no unemployment as a result of the changeover, as the whole of the Hippodrome staff will be transferred to the Grand Theatre.

The Forum and The Broadway

"ST. MARTINS LANE"

A brilliant portrayal of a Cockney bucker is given by Charles Laughton in "St. Martins Lane," which comes to the Forum and Broadway next Sunday. Laughton's performance is a brilliant caricature, a form of characterisation in which he excels, and throughout the film he is consistently convincing in an entirely new type of role.

He has excellent support in Vivien Leigh, who gives a lively performance as Anna, and Rex Harrison.

Others in a strong cast include Tyrone Guthrie, Frederick McNaughton, Edward Lexy and Marie O'Neill. The story is by Clemence Dane.

The second film at both cinemas is "Speed to Burn," with Michael Whalley, Lynn Barr and Marvin Stephens.

The Plaza

SHAWS "PYGMALION"

George Bernard Shaw's brilliant comedy, "Pygmalion," will be the Plaza next week, with Wendy Hiller in the role of Eliza Doolittle and Leslie Howard as Professor Higgins, professor of phonetics.

As a result of a bet made between the professor and his friend, Colonel Pickering, also an authority on dialects, a Cockney flower girl is taken from her slum existence, groomed and presented as a duchess at an Embassy reception. Having passed this test, and having fallen in love with the professor, she is then faced with the problem of trying to carry on with her life. It is not until the last scene that she realises she would rather marry one of his foolish friends than return to her slum life, and he finds that he has taken more than a professional interest in her.

The supporting cast of 27 will give outstanding good performances, in particular Jean Cadell as Eliza's father, Scott Sunderland as Colonel Pickering, and Marie Lohr.

The film is a "Grange Faces," with Frank Jenks and Dorothea Kent.

TWO HOUSES ENTERED

Stranger's Lock Found in One

Rowland John Lawrence, aged 23, labourer, Knightsbridge, Southampton, was before the Southampton magistrates on Wednesday, charged with two offences of housebreaking.

The first charge was that he broke into a house in Spring-road, Southampton, and stole a quantity of jewellery, a pair of cufflinks, a pair of boots, a pair of oak candlesticks and other articles, valued at £8, the property of Doris Lukes, on February 18.

The second charge was that he broke into a house in Bevois Valley and stole articles of clothing, an alarm clock and a clock, the latter valued at two guineas, the property of Ernest Ruffle Brooks, between January 21-22.

Mrs.