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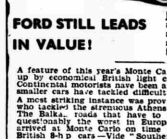

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The MUSIC FEATURE

New Adjudicators at Coming Festival

By the time this column appears, the syllabus for the 14th Southampton Competitive Musical Festival will be in print, and those who are interested will be able to obtain copies from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Lewis L. Whitworth, 72, London-road, or from their usual music dealers.

The Festival is due to commence on May 13th, and will continue up to and including Saturday, May 20th, on which day the adult mixed choirs and choral societies, who are asked to prepare Mendelssohn's 42nd Psalm, will engage in friendly competition and afterwards combine together for a rehearsal of this work with a view to its performance (with orchestra) at the final concert, which will take place in the Coliseum.

The syllabus is on similar lines to that of last year, but a number of classes which have received little or no support for several years, have been deleted. It is hoped, however, that entries in the other classes will, at least, equal the average of the past few years, and that there will be a normal revenue from this particular source. Every endeavour is being made to run the festival as economically as possible, but it is still necessary to appeal to the general public to give fuller support than usual to a venture whose possibilities for good are incalculable. The simplest way of doing this is to fill in one or other of the subscription forms which are to be found in the syllabus, and to send it, together with the appropriate cheque, to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Bedford, National Provincial Bank, High-street, Southampton. And—do it now!

A DEBIT BALANCE

At the moment, there is a fairly heavy adverse balance, which needs adjusting, but, if the general public will only do its fair share in backing up the efforts of the committee, and, of course, the competitors, to keep the flag flying, the festival can very quickly be restored to a state of solvency.

ADJUDICATORS

In the matter of adjudicators, we are promised some new blood. Mr. D. T. Yacamini, a well-known Scottish choir-trainer, who comes on the strong recommendation of Sir Hugh Roberton, will judge the choral and vocal classes, and will also be responsible for directing the massed performances at the final concert.

Mr. Sidney Harrison, a brilliant pianist, who has appeared with great success on the concert platform and before the microphone, will adjudicate the junior and senior pianoforte classes, and if the entries here are comparable to those of previous years, he will have a pretty strenuous time.

The instrumental and orchestral classes will be judged by Mr. D. Millar Craig, who held for many years a responsible position with the B.B.C., and who is himself a very able solo and orchestral player. Elocution will be in the capable hands of Mr. Harold Ripper, who is well-known locally as a very efficient teacher of this subject and as an enthusiast with regard to the matter of Choral Speaking.

The singing games and folk dancing classes, which have been among the most successful classes of recent festivals, will be adjudicated by Mr. H. B. Thorn, who has been recommended by the English Folk Dance and Song Society, and may, therefore, be regarded as an expert in this particular department.

ORGANISTS AT DINNER

On Saturday last, the Southampton branch of the Hampshire Association of Organists, held its annual meeting and dinner. There was a good attendance. Mr. D. Cecil Williams presided, and, in addition to the local officers and committee, there were present: Dr. Harold Rhodes (organist of Winchester Cathedral, who recently joined the professional staff of the Royal Academy of Music), the Rev. A. S. Reeve (Vicar of Highfield Church), and Mrs. Reeve, the Rev. F. A. Cocks, and Mr. W. C. Cooper.

The chief impression that one gathered from the various speeches was that there is an ever-increasing friendliness in the relation between musicians and clergy, and that the general effectiveness of church work is thereby enhanced.

It is interesting to note that the membership of both the local branch and the parent association show a appreciable increase, and that the finances of both are in a sound and healthy condition.

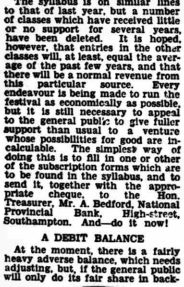
The election of officers and committee resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. D. Cecil Williams; vice-chairman, Mr. F. W. Cook; hon. treasurer, Mr. B. A. Johns; hon. secretary, Mr. G. R. L. Hume; committee, Messrs. J. A. S. Curtis, G. Guild and L. H. Torr, Miss Hilda Stewart Duncan, Miss D. E. Woodfin and Mrs. Reeve.

Those who contributed to an excellent programme were Miss Freda Ferguson, Mrs. J. E. Edwards, Miss M. E. Matthews, Mrs. V. Noyce, Mr. F. W. Cook, Mr. C. J. Andrews, and Mr. G. R. L. Hume.

RACHMANINOFF

I hope to deal fully in next week's issue with the Rachmaninoff recital of Friday, February 24th. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the great Russian composer's first visit to London, and it says much for his popularity that the hall, that Queen's Hall, London, was filled to capacity last Saturday, when he gave a recital thereon.

To the majority of people, the name Rachmaninoff recalls immediately the C sharp minor Prelude, the popularity of which has tended to divert attention from the composer's larger and, in most respects, better works. Strangely enough, this best seller did not make the composer's fortune! It was sold for a paltry £4 in Moscow in 1892.



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Mr. L. L. Whitworth, the Festival's honorary secretary.

NORTHAM CHILDREN

Eggs For Children's Hospital

The Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. A. H. Powdrill) attended the annual prize distribution at the Northam Methodist Church School, Southampton on Wednesday. Before the prizes were presented by the Mayoress, gifts of eggs brought by the children were received by a nurse from the Children's Hospital, who were accompanied by the Mairon and Secretary.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. C. W. Bosworth, and choruses were sung by the children, under the direction of the Superintendent (Mr. C. Pound).

C.F.S. BRIDGE DRIVE

A successful auction bridge drive was held in the Girls' Friendly Society Hall, Carlton-crescent, Southampton, on Tuesday afternoon, in aid of the G.F.S. branch funds. Mrs. McHaffie acted as M.C.

The drive was organised by Miss G. Harvey, who is taking the place of the late president, Miss Keswick, whose death occurred in December.

Miss Harvey expressed her appreciation of the support, which was present, and especially thanked Mrs. McHaffie for all her help.

Prize-winners were as follows: Highest number of tricks, Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Crocker, highest aggregate, Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Nelson; second highest tricks Mrs. Martin and Mrs. McLachlan; second highest aggregate, Mrs. Ploughman and Mrs. Beaton.

ACTIVITIES OF YOUTH

BOYS' CLUBS IN HAMPSHIRE

Lord Horder and "Saving Democracy"

During the past year the total of boys' clubs in Hampshire affiliated to the National Association rose to 86, representing a total of 2,500 boys and 390 voluntary workers. This growth is recorded in the annual report of the Hampshire Association of Boys' Clubs, presented at the annual meeting in Winchester on Wednesday.

In a foreword, Lord Horder says: "The Hampshire Association of Boys' Clubs is not a charity; it is a serious attempt to build a society whose members are training to be fit—mentally, spiritually, morally, physically—to live in a democratic State."

"To be of service in so glorious a cause as ours, we must be fit. The mere expression of a pious aspiration to 'save democracy' is not enough; we must translate all this into active support of just such organisations as this association, the object of which is to stimulate ambition in boys towards a purpose whose means and whose end are both desirable.

PROGRESS—AND ANXIETY

In the annual report it was stated that the year had been crowded with activity. It had been a year of an ever increasing number of clubs, of real progress in the older clubs, and a year of royal approval of the extent and quality of the work throughout the county. On the other hand, it had been a year of increased difficulties and great financial anxiety, and for the first time an adverse balance had to be shown.

During 1938, 16 Hampshire clubs were affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

YOUNG MEN WANTED

At the end of 1938 it was estimated there were 400 men in Hampshire actively engaged in boys' club work—390 of them voluntary workers. The report added: "It would be false to suggest through these facts and figures that clubs are adequately staffed. With the enormous growth in the number of clubs comes an equally great need for increased man-power. We have evidence that slowly the need is being met, but the demand is rapidly increasing. We feel at there must be hundreds of young men who are keen on some branch of sport, on games or on books and reading, who, if they were conscious of the desire for enjoying these things by others of the working boy and of his need for their help, would come forward and offer their services."

In receiving for the first time an excess of expenditure over income, the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Hill) said that state of affairs was attributable to the fact that the work of the association had been increased by more rapidly than its financial support.

The deficit for 1938 was £285.

THE ELECTIONS

The officers of the association were elected as follows: Patron, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales; vice-presidents, Sir Russell Bencraft, J.P., Major Sir Ernest H. George Cooper, Bart., D.L., J.P., Lord Hordor, G.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P., Mr. Spencer Leeson, the Earl of Malmesbury, D.L., J.P., Major G. E. Miller-Mundy, Major J. H. Lucas, J.P., Lord Mottistone, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. Sir Henry Pope Grant, C.M.G., M.P., Sir Harold Pink, O.B.E., Capt. R. H. Reynolds, Major R. C. H. Sturdee-Scott, J.P., Mr. A. W. Hoyt, Lord Templemore, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.L., J.P., the Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Cyril Garbett); chairman, Viscount Mersey; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. L. Hill; hon. solicitor, Mr. Roger M. Brooks.

The chairman paid a warm tribute to the work of the county organising secretary (Mr. Neville Goodridge).

After the business was over, Mr. B. Faithfull Davies (field officer of the National Association) spoke on phases in the life of a boys' club.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Good Send-off For New Company

On Thursday evening of last week a good send-off was given for the formation of the new Company at All Saints' Church, Southampton. The 7th Southampton Company (Above Bar Congregational Church) paraded the district, and then proceeded to the All Saints' Church Institute. Here prospective recruits caught a fine glimpse of the B.B.—one never to be forgotten, maybe. The 7th Company band played several marching and then presented in tableau form badge work of the movement. Capt. Hutchinson gave a running commentary on the latter.

A physical training display was put on by the 4th Southampton Company (St. James'-road Methodist), and then Mr. E. Burrow, battalion president, addressed the assembly. He made clear the aims of the B.B. and the obligations of membership.

A nucleus of the first Church of England Company in Southampton is now formed, and it is anticipated that within the course of a few weeks full enrolment will take place.

BATTALION CHURCH PARADE

On Sunday morning another page of history is to be recorded in connection with Southampton and District Boys' Brigade. The church parade to an Anglican Church is to be made, and that to All Saints, Southampton, commencing at 10.30 the Civic Centre forecourt, and the march will be by way of Bar-street. The Rev. J. Blennerhasset-West is to give the address, and a member of the Diocesan Executive will read the lesson.

This should be a great parade. Officers and boys alike are looking forward to it, and what impression will it make on those recruits at All Saints.

B.B.

GUIDES' "THINKING" DAY

Bishop of Southampton Speaks To Them

Southampton Guides celebrated the Girl Guides of the Coinage and the Chief Guide, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, by attending the annual "Thinking Day" service at St. Mary's Church, when Canon R. B. Jolly officiated, and the address was given by the Bishop of Southampton (Dr. Kerney).

On this day Guides think especially of the world-wide movement to which they belong.

The Divisional Commissioner, Miss Willis Fleming attended, and the church was filled with officers, Rangers, Guides and Brownies.

For his address, Dr. Karney chose the text, "The proof of the spirit is love."

The Guides' service, he said, coincided with the beginning of Lent, being on Ash Wednesday. "What everyone tries to learn during Lent," he said, "is what the Guides are trying to learn all the time. I am a believer in Guides, and to-night you have made me even more of a believer than I was before."

Mr. Percy Withers was at the organ and Miss K. G. Beach, secretary of the Juvenile Organisation Committee, also attended the service.

INCREASED SALES OF GAS

Records In Therms and Appliances

NEW OFFICES READY IN APRIL

Sir Russell Bencraft, J.P. (Chairman) was supported at the annual meeting of the Southampton Gaslight and Coke Company on Wednesday by Brigadier F. M. Jack, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Deputy-Chairman), Mr. A. W. Otz, M.A., M.Inst.C.E., Mr. Thomas Carmichael, M.Inst.C.E., Alderman P. Woolley, J.P., F.S.A.A., and Mr. H. W. Warren (Directors), Mr. E. Whitehead, B.Sc., M.I.Mech.E., M.Inst.Gas E. (Director, Engineer and General Manager), Mr. H. Rusinow (Secretary and Accountant), Mr. E. G. Burnett (of Messrs. Burnett, Swayne and Stothart, Solicitors to the Company), and Mr. W. R. D. Perkins, M.P.

SATISFACTORY YEAR

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the year 1938, said:

"I feel that the stockholders will agree with me that the Company has had a satisfactory year in 1938. The increase in the sales of gas was 10,066,300 cubic feet, or 4.81 per cent., and this followed an increase in the sales of 4,000,000 cubic feet, or 1.91 per cent. It is satisfactory to note that there was an increase in consumption in the Winchester area of 1,171,000 cubic feet, or 5.43 per cent.

"The quantity of gas sold is to a very great extent governed by the average temperature. When one recollects the exceptionally mild weather experienced last February and March, and also throughout most of the autumn, the increase shown is all the more gratifying.

"The cold spell which started on the 16th December sent the gas consumption up to an unprecedented extent, and all previous records in output were broken for some days. The maximum output occurred on the 23rd December, when 91 million cubic feet was sent out (this was more than the capacity of our new gasholder at Northam) was sent out in 24 hours. This was 30 per cent. higher than the average output for the first 18 days of December, so it will be appreciated that the huge increase was somewhat embarrassing.

FULL CAPACITY TESTED

"The manufacturing plant was working for several days to its full capacity, and it is due to the zeal of the staff throughout the district was practically unbroken, and reflects the greatest credit on the engineering staff and employes at both our Works.

"The revenue carried forward in the Profit and Loss Account, subject to the bonus to employes, has increased by £3,125 to £94,646, and the Directors recommend the payment of an additional quarter per cent. dividend on the ordinary stock, making the total dividend for the year 6 per cent., the same as during the last three years.

"The additional dividend and the bonus to the Company's employes, payable under the profit sharing scheme, amount to £3,782. The final dividends on the ordinary and preference stocks and the bonus to employes will absorb £38,522, reducing the surplus carried forward in the Profit and Loss Account to £55,124.

"Owing to the increase in wages and the reduction in the amount of funds available for the payment of the bonus to employes it not quite sufficient to pay a bonus rate of £1 6s. 4d. or 1-3 per cent. on wages and salaries, as has been done during the past three years, and the distribution will be made at the rate of £1 6s., or 1 3-10 per cent.

MILES OF NEW MAINS

Other points mentioned in the report were that 17 miles of new main were laid during the year, 1,500 services and new consumers. The increase in the cost of coal for the year was £8,265, including a rise in the average price of 9d. per ton. The revenue from residuals advanced £6,078, of which £2,344 was due to the new benzole plant at Winchester.

KEEPING PRICE DOWN

The Chairman remarked: "It has been a great pleasure to avoid an increase in the price of gas up to the present, the extra cost of coal and wages being met to a large extent by the additional revenue from residual products and the general increase in the consumption of gas. Coal will cost us still more this year, but it is not anticipated that it will be necessary to increase the price of gas, unforeseen circumstances should compel a price revision.

"The Sales Department have had another exceedingly busy year, the sales of gas appliances again constituting a record.

"Measures taken during the year in connection with Air Raid Precautions have necessitated considerable, but, of course, unproductive, expenditure. Protective clothing, respirators, additional fire-fighting equipment and first-aid appliances, etc., have been purchased, and steps taken for the protection of, as far as possible, of those of the Company's employes who would have to remain on duty in the event of an air raid.

NATIONAL SAFETY MEASURES

"Extensive work is in progress in connection with the mains is foreshadowed with a view to ensuring the continuity of the supply of gas, and an application will be made in due course for a grant in aid of this work. A large number of the employes have taken a course of instruction in air gas methods, and the Company has co-operated with the local Council in several Air Raids precautions exercises.

Brigadier Jack, who seconded the adoption of the report, said he thought all present would agree that it was a very satisfactory one. Referring to the new premises (at Dunbridge) expected to be opened about April, he said their acquisition was an important event in the history of the Company. The premises would, he was sure, be a great benefit to the Company and would provide much needed improvement in facilities for demonstrations and sales and for the amenities of the staff.

PORTRAIT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, seconded by Brigadier Jack, had offered to present the Company with a very fine portrait of himself, and he was sure that it should hang over the mantelpiece in the boardroom of the new offices.

"I think it is a peculiarly happy idea," he said, "that the central feature of the new boardroom should be a portrait of Sir Russell, who has not only been a Director of the Company for 26 years, Deputy-Chairman for seven years, and Chairman for 11 years, but who, it is not too much to say, has done an enormous amount for the Company. We, as shareholders, the proprietors of the Company will present the gift with very great gratitude and appreciation."

Cordially supporting the resolution, Mr. Carmichael said that in his long experience of visiting works throughout the country, he had not found many to equal the Southampton Gas Works. The conspicuous progress which had been accomplished during recent years had been more than maintained during the past 12 months.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted, a dividend declared, and retiring directors re-elected.

Mr. W. R. D. Perkins, M.P., proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Directors, officials, and employes, said:

Mr. Whitehead said in his reply that every member of the staff would share the vote of thanks. The Company had a very good team.

PEARL ASSURANCE COMPANY

Appreciation of Endowment Policies

The Southampton and Shirley district of the Pearl Assurance Company have had a very successful year under the district managership of Messrs. Mr. Wood and R. H. Ford, the chairman, Sir George Tilley, was able to show at the annual meeting of the Company in London on Thursday that the progress had been general.

In the Ordinary Life Branch new policies were effected last year for £3,000,000, and at the end of the year the total sums assured, with bonuses, amounted to over £100,000,000. The Pearl Pension policy, covering the risk of death and providing a lump sum payable on retirement, was in particular value to-day as a means of supplementing the voluntary scheme of State pensions which came into operation recently.

In the Industrial Life Branch the remarkable progress of the last few years has been fully maintained, and the first time on record the annual premium income was now over £9,000,000.

There had been a marked growth in industrial endowment assurance policies in recent years. When the breadwinner dies, a family took out a policy, he made some provision for his family in the event of his death, while securing a capital sum it be survived to old age.

BONUS PAYMENTS

Policyholders in the industrial branch continued to enjoy the benefit of the system of bonus payments, over and above the sums payable under the policies. This year the sum allocated to bonuses was £812,000, which, with the £1,000,000 appropriated for bonuses, since the scheme was started voluntarily by the shareholders, now amounts to £1,812,000. During the last two years the leading industrial assurance offices had paid £300,000 to the families of members of the wave-earning classes who were killed on the roads.

WOMEN BOWLERS

Elect New President

Mrs. Ayling was appointed president of the Southampton Civil Service Ladies' Bowling Club at the annual meeting, and was invested with her insignia of office by the out-going president.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Burt for her work as president, upon the proposition of Mrs. S. M. Toole, seconded by Mrs. Ayling.

Other appointments were: Vice-president, Mrs. B M. Jones; joint hon. secretaries, Mrs. G. Stevens and Mrs. J. Pickrell; hon. treasurer, Mrs. K. I. Rastin; committee, Messrs. Burt (ex-officio) Campbell Cantlo, Cocker, Elliot, Hawker, Jones, Linfoot, Morean, Perrott, Sawyer and White; (ex-officio) Mrs. A. B White; members' auditor, Mrs. Winship; delegate to the County Women's B.A., Mrs. Stevens (for Council meetings) and the president (for the general meeting).

DOG SHOW WINNERS

IN TOWN AND COUNTY

A Twenty-One-Year-Old Poke

A 21-year-old Pekinese was awarded a special prize for the oldest exhibit in the veteran class at the Southampton and District Canine Association Show at the Coliseum, Southampton, this week. Mrs. M. Ehms, of Totton, was the exhibitor.

Mrs. Cluckie, of Lymington, also won a cup with her cocker spaniel Convolvulus of Beaumont.

Trophies were distributed by the Mayor of Southampton (Councillor A. H. Powdrill, accompanied by the Mayoress, who was presented with a bouquet by Mrs. G. H. Gould, wife of the president of the Association. The judges were: Mr. J. H. J. Braddon, Mrs. R Cochrane, Mr. J. E. Edwards, Mr. F. Hodge, Mr. J. Hamilton, Lady Holder, Mr. L. Moonman, Mr. L. P. Musselwhite and Mr. R. Wilson.

Officials: President, Mr. G. N. Gould, M.R.C.V.S.; committee: Mrs. A. E. Crouchill, Mrs. E. Hill, Miss M. Hill, Miss N. Hill, Mrs. A. Hunt, Miss Hunt, Lewell, Mrs. C. McCarraher, Mr. H. C. Mitchener, Miss Pearson, Mr. H. Thurston, Mr. J. Thurston-See, Mr. A. J. Taylor, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Ayris, Mrs. Bence, Mrs. Bowen, the Misses Darling, Mrs. Daughtrey, Miss M. Dimmock, Mrs. Dimmock, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Hoyland, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Dan Godfrey, Mr. W. R. Hall, Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Woodfield.

Hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. J. Symons; hon. solicitor, Mr. Thomas Jordan, F.A.I.; hon. veterinary surgeon, Mr. J. Morgan, M.R.C.V.S.; hon. solicitor, Mr. J. S. Swing.

Mr. Symes acted as chief steward.

SPECIALS

Special prizes were awarded as follows: Miss Williams, for the best Griffon Bruxellois.—Bonsiqop Bebe Bluemoir. Mrs. Daughtrey, Southampton.

Mrs. Godfrey's special for best Pekingese, puppies.—Penelope of Rochester, Miss L. M. Avene, Portsmouth.

Miss Hasler,gg won her own special for the best Jundie Dimmont, with her white Simple Saul.

Trophy (given by Miss Bowen) for best junior dog or bitch.—Montacute Radiance. Mrs. Holroyd, Lymington.

Mrs. Holroyd's prize for best puppy in show.—Parkhurst Craftsman, Mr. F. Hayne, Holyport.

Silver cup given by Mrs. Holroyd for best toy.—Montacute Radience, owned by Mrs. Holroyd.

Lady Blunsham's perpetual cup for best Pekingese, dog or bitch.—Rusky of Somerville, Mrs. E. Somerville, Southampton.

Seven perpetual cup for best black or black and tan Pekingese.—Tien Sang of Osbaston, Mrs. A. Henderson, Southampton.

Best black and tan Alsatian under 12 months (given by Miss J. E. Savage).—Brutus of Tanegrad, Mr. W. B. Savage.

Mr. C. McCarraher's prize for best Scottish terrier.—Ollisie N'ghtwatchman, Miss E. M. Glennison, Christchurch.

Two specials given by Mrs. Wyeliffe Goodwin for the best Alsatian and the best bitch were won respectively by Stig of Ewerne and Helga of Ewerne, both bred by Mrs. E. M. Hill, Mr. Stevens, of Iwerne Minster, near Blandford.

PRIZE LIST SUMMARISED

Golden Retrievers.—Mrs. K. Mundy (Cowes), 2 seconds, 1 third.

Cocker spaniels, any colour.—Miss Purcell (Newport, I.W.).—1 second; Miss Cluckie (Lymington), 2 second; Miss Dr. Nivet (Lee-on-Solent), 1 third; Mrs. V. Godfrey and Miss H. Doris (Southampton), 1 second.

Dalmations. — Mrs. F. Curphey (Portsmouth), 1 second; 1 third.

Alsatians.—Mrs. V. Courtenay-Cage (Portsmouth), 1 first; Mr. A. J. Taylor (Southampton), 1 second.

Chow-Chows.—The Misses G. and B. Wyld (Wimborne), 1 first; Miss J. Rose-Innes (Bournemouth), 1 second; Mrs. F. Curphey (Portsmouth), 1 third.

Pekingese. — Hon. Mrs. Darling (Lymington), 1 first, 1 second; Mrs. Tompkins and Miss Oughterson (Farnington), 2 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third; Miss M. Pearson (Southampton), 1 first, 1 third.

Pekingese, any other or golden.—Mrs. Boughton - Leigh (Christchurch), 1 second, 1 third.

Cocker spaniels, black.—Mrs. Cluckie, 1 first; Mrs. L. Leavett (Southampton), 1 third; Miss Hill (Lymington), 1 second; Miss Purcell.

Sealyham.—Miss M. Hill, Farnborough, four firsts; Misses Campbell and Hewlett, Beaulieu, two seconds, one third; Mrs. C. Pirbank, King's Somborne, two firsts, four seconds, two thirds.

Scottish Terriers.—Mr. J. V. Drury, Christchurch, three firsts, two seconds, one third; Mrs H. E. Carpenter, Lymington, two firsts, two seconds; Mrs. J. North Baddesley, one third.

Finnish Spitz.—Mrs. D. Berry, Lee-on-Solent, one first.

Fox terriers, white—Mr. C. Thomas, Ringwood, one second.

Dachshunds, smooth.—Mrs. M. Hill, Farnborough, one second, one second, one third.

Scottish Terriers.—Miss M. Duncalfe, Southampton, two thirds; Mrs. E. M. Hewlett, Christchurch, one first, one third; Mr. H. Mitchell, Southampton, one first.

Griffon Bruxellois.—Mrs. Daughtrey, Southampton, one first, one second.

Fox Terriers, wire.—Mrs. E. Woodfield, four seconds, one third; Mr. Bassett, Hounslow, two seconds; Mr. H. Smith, Southampton, one third.

Irish Terriers.—Mrs. E. M. B. Moore, Farnborough, one second, one third; Miss K. A. Sunderland, Christchurch, one third.

English Springer Spaniels.—Mr. H. Henderson, Fawley, two thirds; Miss E. M. Watson, Southampton, one second, one third.

Welsh Springer.—Mrs. E. L. Grew, Southampton, one first.

Bulldogs.—Mr. J. Harrison, Southampton, one first, two firsts; Mrs. Porter, Southampton, one third.

Bedlingtons.—Mr. W. J. Varley, Christchurch, one first.

Wire Haired Dachshunds.—Mr. H. Lacey, Bournemouth, two firsts; Mrs. Ford, Southampton, one second; Miss J. E. Ayris, Salisbury Green, one second, one third; Mrs. J. E. Ayris and R. N. Ayris, Salisbury Green, one third.

Pomeranians.—Mrs. Holroyd, Lymington, two firsts, two seconds; Mrs. E Barnes, Southampton, two thirds.

Pug Terriers, smooth.—Mrs. M. Mc-William, Romsey, one second; Mrs. M. Pearson, one third.

Pug Terriers, fawn.—Lt.-Cmdr. A. H. J. Hamilton, Dibden, one first; Miss I. Fordham, Southampton, one first; Mrs. Sparrow, Romsey, one third; Mrs. Holroyd, three firsts, one second; Mrs. W E. Thurston-See, two seconds; Mrs. Daughtrey, one third; Miss V. Tudor-Williams, Southampton, one first; Mr. H. Smith, one third; Mrs. M. Hill, one second; Mrs Darling, one second, third; Mrs. C. Pirbank, one first, team; Miss M. Pearson, one second.

SHOLING WOMEN CONSERVATIVES

The officers for the ensuing year were elected at the annual meeting of Sholing Women Conservatives, with Mrs. Gingell as the new hon. treasurer. The committee were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Pounds and Mrs. Lyons; hon. auditor, Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Brouard; magazine secretary, Mrs. Williams; delegate to the executive, Mrs. Barker.

RATEPAYERS' PARTY

In Newtown Ward

At the invitation of Councillors W. Lewis, A. Effemy and Mr. Cecil Reeves (vice-president), members of Newtown Ratepayers' Association were entertained at St. Barnabas' Hall, Bitterne-road, Southampton, at the week-end.

An excellent concert was given. Mr. A. Beer expressed thanks to the hosts. Mr. L. H. Wright was responsible for the arrangements.

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NEXT WEEK'S SHOWS

The Palace

"JOY EXPRESS"

English, Scottish and Welsh performers are in the company coming to the Palace Theatre next week in "Joy Express," an interesting and original show.

The conductor of the orchestra is

Aly Wilson

Frank Lee, the popular piano recitalist who has figured prominently in broadcasts, is another well-known Scottish name in that of Bert Carrie, of Bill Billy fame.

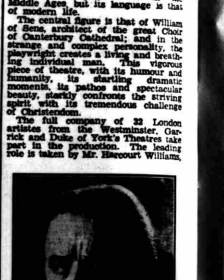
Stella Peters is a new style comedienne, who has never been known to appear in a stage footing her eight years behind the footlights. She is a young dancer of personality and charm, and her contortions are remarkable.

Then there are Walter Jackson, one time Mack Mack, who yodels and sings, and Billy Dunlop and Pearl Whyte, Aly Wilson, who appears on roller skates, is responsible for some of the fun, and the Barony Ladies and Gordon Kidd Band complete a first-rate cast.

The Grand

"THE ZEAL OF THY HOUSE"

Dorothy L. Sayers' remarkable play "The Zeal of Thy House" is to be presented at the Grand next week in "Joy Express," an interesting and original show.



Harcourt Williams

who plays William of Sens brilliantly. Other principal parts are played by Fisher White, Ernest Clarke, Raf de la Torre, Bartlett Mullins, Colin Gordon and Trevor Coye.

The Hippodrome

"STRIKE UP THE BAND"

Next week at the Hippodrome the famous Blackpool musical-comedy presents his new show, "Strike Up The Band," featuring his broadcasting band which for the past ten years, been playing in the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool. Bertini claims to have played to more dancers than any other band in the world.

As the gay adventurer, poet, and soldier of fortune, Ronald Colman proves a great personal asset. Apart his handling the swaggering, devil-may-care Francois Villon is really made to live. He and Frances Dee, as the Queen Katherine, make a magnificent couple, and when he is banished from the court at Paris it provides a fitting climax to the story that she should follow.

Basil Rathbone portrays Louis XI, making him a subtle and sinister character, and among the supporting players are C. Aubrey Smith, Walter Kingsford and Henry Wilcoxon, all of whom give admirable performances.

Finally, there is the film "Go Chase Yourself," starring Joe Penner and Lucille Ball in an original quick-action farce.

The Forum and The Broadway

"IF I WERE KING"

"IF I WERE KING" is a spectacular costume piece from the famous pay Justin Huntly McCarthy. The quaint roles are in the hands of Ronald Colman and Basil Rathbone, and Villon and legend are mingled in the colourful story.

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PEAR TREE SOCIAL

Stage Shows, Games, and Dancing

Pear Tree Church Entertainment Committee successfully catered for a variety of tastes at a parochial social and concert, held in the church hall, on Tuesday. Part of the evening was given over to games and dancing, and as much or more time to other forms of entertainment.

Sketches were performed by the Mothers' Union (Junior Branch); the Mothers' Union and Women's Fellowship staged an interesting "living picture" show, under the direction of Mrs. Sydney Turner, while the Young Members of the Girls' Club, of which Mrs. Matthews is leader, performed a Grandfather clock sketch, the clock being taken by D. Brewer, Mrs. Draper, V. Draper, J. Wheeler, B. Bartlett and G. Bull.

The Rev. C. Sydney-Turner and Miss Perry took part in a duo-piano. Three members of the Church Council, with their wives, were competitors in a tongue-twisting contest, directed by the Rev. C. F. Cheyne, the husbands winning by 39 points to 27. The sketch by the Junior Mothers was admirably given, under the direction of Mrs. H. O. E. Pope, by Messrs. Turner, Mrs. M. West, Bartlett, James, Fishlock, Jones and Allen.

A group of Pear Tree Brownies (Miss Cox, Brown Owl) presented a poetry play. Mrs. Fray and helpers served refreshments. A large number of parishioners enjoyed the entertainment.

SHELTERS SOON AVAILABLE

Says A.R.P. Officer

At a meeting of Trinity Ward Labour Women, on Wednesday, Captain Phillips, A.R.P. officer, referred to the shelters which would shortly be available, and asked that every assistance should be given to men making a census, so that the work could go forward as speedily as possible. He mentioned that advice on erecting the shelters could be obtained from the Borough Engineer's department.

Speaking of baby-bags, Captain Phillips said a new form had been devised, and was being manufactured. There were also to be special respirators for children between the age of two and four.

In conclusion, he appealed for as many volunteers as possible, so that should there be another crisis there would be large numbers of trained recruits instead of many willing but untrained volunteers.

In reply to the chairman, the speaker said the warden's course took 12 hours, the lectures being once a week, of two hours.

WOOLSTON CHURCH

Contribution By Bitterne Visitors

Mr. F Abrahams, organist of Woolston Presbyterian Church, arranged a concert given for the Church Guild on Wednesday. Vocalists included Miss Marjorie Pearce, whose singing was much enjoyed, and Mr. A. Abrahams, brother of the arranger. Mr. Abrahams sang "The Yeomen of England" and several other songs excellently. Violin solos were admirably played by Mr. R. C. Payne. Amusing stories were told by Mr. H. Dowse, and Mr. A. Hayes recited monologues interestingly.

Dramatic entertainment was given by a party from Bitterne Congregational Church, who performed a highly amusing comedy effectively. Part was taken by Mr. and Mrs. R Noyce, Mrs. Holes, Miss Dorothy Cross, Miss Hilda Hammett, Mrs. Abrahams and Mrs. Abrahams and Mrs. Langlois. The Rev. Charles Smith (minister) congratulated the entertainers and thanked the organiser.

SHOLING SONGSTERS

The "Songsters" of Sholing Salvation Army Corps had an interested audience at the Baptist Schoolroom, Middle - road, on Wednesday, when group singing was an admirable part of a concert and prayer meeting. Some of the younger members sang action songs well. Vera Williams had a passage of scripture and O. Ash sang. Instrumental selections included hom solos and duets for horn and cornet by Mr. R. Howard and Mr. A Giles; and piano accordion solos by E McLachlan. Mr. F Benke (hon. pastor) presided, and prayer was offered by Mr. Foster.

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