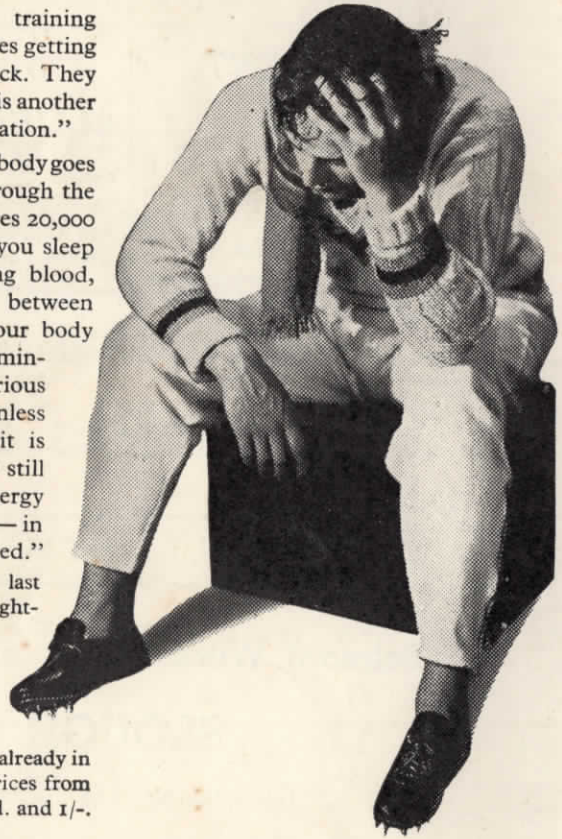
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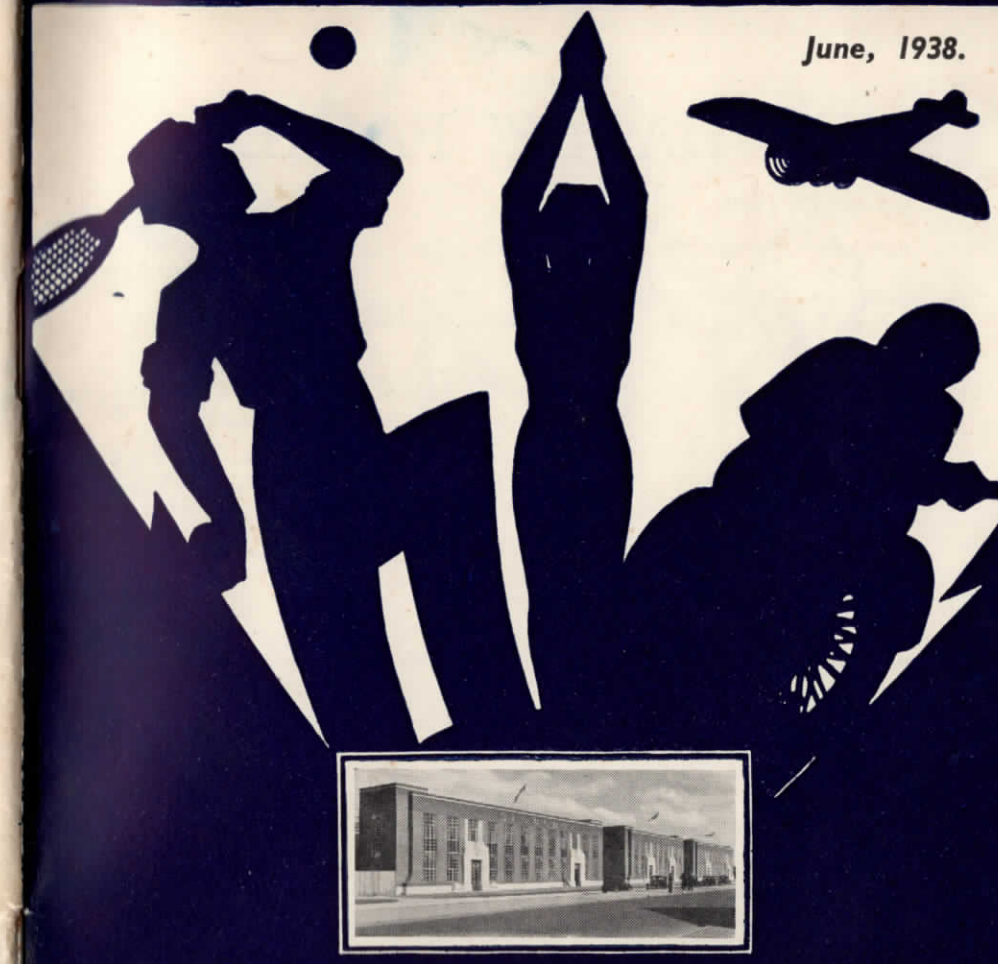


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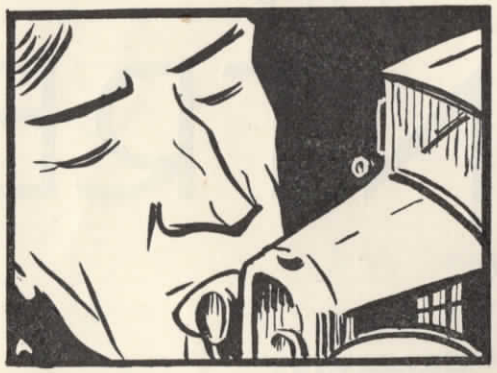
EDITORIAL.

ONE of our distinguished visitors, Miss Prunella Stack, remarked recently on the friendly spirit which was reflected in "The Centre" Magazine and really in evidence in the Club. A right club spirit, Miss Stack suggested, was worth more than a host of other things that gain our attention.

We ourselves are continually finding instances of a friendly spirit growing. It is a fact that there are many people ready to make friends with each one of us in this great club of ours. But fellowship does not end there. We are gaining friends: are we giving friendship? The spirit of the club is dependent on the response of each one of us.

THE EDITOR.

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Wardens' Letter.

DEAR MEMBERS,

For some time past there have been slight hints as to the possibilities of additional accommodation for future winters. Members who are mainly concerned with additional or alternative space were almost beginning to think that these projected extensions were merely "old wives'" tales. It is now possible to say that every effort is being made to provide one additional building which will house all those things which require a non-slip floor and rooms will be available for certain handicrafts and educational work. These latter groups have hitherto been held in the junior block and many of our senior members have been prevented from utilising facilities which should be available to all.

Adjoining the Centre we hope to see a cycle track and running track, with a Centre arena for athletics and games, at the earliest possible date. This development will not come so quickly as we would wish, as it is a more difficult task and the amount of levelling and work on the site is very considerable.

Certain delays are bound to arise, as much of the capital for this new extension is being provided by the National Fitness Council under a recent Act which allows this authority to issue grants to approved schemes, as long as satisfactory guarantees and conditions are complied with.

We are glad to assure members that the Slough Social Fund, who are responsible for the provision of the Centre facilities, are fully alive to the urgency of our Club problems and are extremely anxious to proceed with these extensions at the earliest moment.

We are certain that members will appreciate this additional breathing space and with this larger attempt to provide outdoor facilities we believe the Centre is beginning to take on a more balanced appearance. Our hope is that the existing and the projected extensions, both indoors and outdoors, will be utilised to the full.

Yours very truly,

D. MARY CARR.
ALFRED T. CARR.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The lines, "We work for a Britain," etc., quoted in this issue in an article entitled, "Let's Look Ahead," are taken from "A Song of the Workers" by Reggie Holme.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Apps and Family wish to thank all Centre Club members and staff for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad bereavement.

Running the Centre Club.

Does the ordinary member have any "say" in the management of the Centre Club?

This is a question which must occur to anyone really interested in the welfare of his club, and we are glad to say that the answer is definitely "Yes." Although the buildings are, of course, the property of the Slough Social Fund, the running of the Club is in the hands of a body known as the Executive. This committee is composed of twelve people; five members of the Fund, one representative of the Local Education Authority, one elected voluntary worker from the Junior Section, and five members elected from the General Committee.

It is through these last that you and I as ordinary members have our "say" in the running of the Club; because the General Committee, is, as you know, the members' own Committee, being made up of representatives from the various sections managed by our own voluntary committees.

This Committee is empowered to nominate any of its members for five of the elected members of the Club Executive Committee.

This election has recently taken place and from a total of 15 candidates the following members were elected:—

Miss E. M. Cooper (Hon. Sec. Dramatic Section); Mrs. Lindrott (Table Tennis Section); Mr. Beckett (Billiards and Snooker Section); Mr. Christy (Hon. Sec. Tennis Section); Mr. C. A. Ward (Hon. Sec. Badminton and Vice-Chairman of the General Committee).

The Rev. P. Beresford-Peirse has been elected by the Junior Section for the other vacancy.

These six names will be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Club in due course.

The Centre Motto.

"*Alter ipse Amicus.*"

As everyone knows, the English version reads—"A friend is another self"—and such a sentiment, coupled with the facilities at the Centre, might be regarded as a many-sided statement.

People only want the opportunity of meeting each other in congenial surroundings and friendship follows. Life would be terribly dull without it. I always remember the case of the servant girl who worked at Plumstead, and whose existence, from never having anywhere to go in her spare time, was divided into two phases—Plumstead and bedstead. To return thankfully to Slough, the chance to make social contacts is waiting for you, whether you are a stranger to the town or not. Go ahead, make the most of it, and as Swift said, "May you live all the days of your life."

M.B.

A Fitter Britain.

THE SOCIAL CENTRE AND A NEW PUBLICATION.

An excellent little booklet has recently been published by the National Fitness Council, and is on sale at the modest price of twopence. It is prefaced by a short message from Lord Aberdare, Chairman of the Council. In his remarks, Lord Aberdare points out that to obtain physical fitness is neither a difficult nor a costly procedure. A fitter Britain can only be the result of individual effort towards that end.

The aim of the book is to set forth ways—all quite simple—in which one may develop and maintain a healthy body. In view of the daily routine of our work, it is not surprising that the authors first of all recommend the sacrifice of a little of one's time in the early morning for physical jerks. The benefits obtained obviously far outweigh the loss of sleep incurred.

Informality seems to be the keynote of the suggestions given herein by the N.F.C. as, apart from organised keep-fit classes and gymnastics, all the activities are purely recreational. The wide range of activities have been chosen wisely for they cater for almost all classes. For youth we find cycling, rugger and soccer football, hockey, athletics, cross country running, rowing, swimming, camping, boxing, wrestling, skating, etc., while for those who "miss that extra yard" we notice activities such as walking, golf and bowls. Netball, hockey and keep-fit classes will appeal to the ladies. Many activities, too, lend themselves to participation by both sexes, giving clean, healthy social intercourse and recreation. A glance at the book will also reveal that the activities are for summer and winter, indoors and outdoors.

Much valuable information is provided in addition, e.g., the leading organisations (and their addresses) connected with the various forms of recreation, list of secretaries of Area Committees, of N.F.C., particulars regarding the Youth Hostels Association.

The whole publication is illustrated with excellent photographs, the majority of which will be of interest to Club members, as they portray various sections of the Centre engaged in their respective activities. The Ramblers are seen in Burnham Beeches, netball is seen in progress at the Centre, the Women's Keep Fit Section is shown at work, various activities connected with the Centre Gymnasium are to be seen and a double page illustrating a Community Centre requires no explanation.

"IN WORK OR PLAY FITNESS WINS" is an excellent two-pennyworth. It is produced on excellent paper and the photographs also are very good. It is difficult to find much to criticise adversely in the booklet, but to the writer one omission seems very

apparent, viz., any attempt to suggest some form of recreation which would appeal to the women of over thirty-five years of age. The suggestions given, however, should be invaluable to Centre Club members, because every facility is available for making use of them.

W.B.
(MEMBER NO. 3982.)

Last month we published an article entitled "Looking Back" which has resulted in a reader sending in the following effort. He calls it :—

Let's Look Ahead.

We of the younger generation have in our hands the fate of the Empire. Because of the infinite possibilities for keeping fit at our Centre Club, we must have clearly before our minds what we keep fit for. Is it for cannon fodder?—to get good jobs?—to get more fit? A man once said he played golf to keep fit. On being asked "Fit for what?", he replied, "Oh, to play more golf."

The urge in Youth to-day to keep fit is manifest in Slough by the demand for more accommodation. This new-born baby of ours has (like the Dionne Quintuplets) focussed the attention of the world. Limelight (much discussed) has played on us and has had a big part, I believe, in preventing our slipping into the well-known Slough—of apathy.

New buildings will be going up this coming year. A cycle track is thought of. A new Shakespearian section has already come into being to cater for our dramatic intellectuals.

Let's build in the coming year a Centre of young men and women whose unity, above section and society, above creed and class, will be an example to a hate-blasted world. A world composed of jealous frightened nations . . .

Here in Slough we have the raw material for a mighty demonstration to the whole world. We can demonstrate in this Centre the fact that we are all brothers, that Christ's call "to love your neighbour as yourself" was not idle talk, idealism, or blah.

Let's make this our anthem :—

We work for a Britain that is healthy and strong,
New fitness of body and soul;
To raise up a force to which all can belong,
With each giving all for the whole.
We rise from the torpor of drift and defeat,
The dawn of a nation's new venture to greet.
We'll work as a team with one goal—
Great Britain with God in control.

DOUGLAS WALTER, MEMBER NO. 5191.

Chit-Chat.

(*A monthly news commentary*)

Congratulations to hard-working Orchestra Secretary Mr. L. Ollis and Conductor Mr. J. Dent for their recent Sunday Evening Concert. A magnificent effort. Here's hoping that similar concerts will soon be a regular Sunday evening feature.

Boxing Instructor Charlie Smith meets one-time heavyweight prospect—Jack Pettifer—at the High Duty Alloys' Tournament on Whit. Monday. Charlie, together with famous Bombardier Billy Wells, will also referee contests. There will, I understand, be many other "ring" personalities present. Best of luck, Charlie.

Well-known broadcaster R. H. S. Crossman, M.A., Dean of New College, Oxford, addresses a meeting in the Small Hall on Thursday, June 9th, at 7.30 p.m. The Workers' Educational Association propose running in the Autumn, a University Extension Course for members of the Centre, with Mr. Crossman as Tutor. The meeting is being held to discuss a subject and syllabus. This is an excellent opportunity for Club members and should not be missed.

I am given to understand that the Auditors of the Tennis Club accounts will confirm that the only member last year to pay in the 6d. fine for a lost ball was the Treasurer himself. ERRUMPH!

Ice Hockey Goers' Section have now completed their season. Mr. G. Lugg took a party along to see the professional Ice Hockey Match between Detroit Redwings and Montreal Canadians at Empress Stadium, this match, he says, being a fitting finish to the season. At one period during the game, the Redwing players were picking the Puck, the goalminder and several other players out of the back of the net. Mr. Lugg says—"We rather expected the game to be extremely 'tuff,' in fact, one of the more bloodthirsty of our party repeatedly howled for 'a man for breakfast.' Actually, the match was very clean throughout, only two penalties being imposed for minor offences during the whole game." "The ice skating which followed was very enjoyable, although several of us found the ice very wet. In fact, one young lady made the whole journey home sitting rather uncomfortably on the edge of the seat. Her enthusiasm, by all accounts, was the only part of her which remained undampened."

I wonder how many members recognised Queen Ena of Spain as she made a tour of the Club accompanied by Lord and Lady Carisbrooke and Commander and Mrs. McGrath. The party were shown round by cheery-faced Mr. A. Noel Mobbs.

Mr. Eric Mobbs—Chairman of the Boxing Section—is taking a very keen interest in that particular group. Although the Amateur Boxing Season has officially finished, he has been along to the recent Friday evening training sessions, taking in all that goes on. It augers

well for the boxers.

I am told that a certain darts player was a little astounded when his opponent, having scored three treble 20's in one throw, remarked that he never played darts. "I don't suppose you do," replied the surprised one. "I bet you've a board at home on which you practice." "No, I haven't a board, but I've some darts," said the scorer. "What's the use of darts without a board?" "I throw 'em at flies." "Doesn't it make a mess on the wall when the pin strikes them?" "Oh, no, I always aim for the legs." Pint please!

Whenever I hear the name "Women's Guild" I picture old ladies sitting in a circle, drinking tea and knitting small woollen garments. The Perivale Co-operative Women's Guild have completely disillusioned me. A party of about thirty of them came to the Club recently and were entertained by the Veteran Ladies' Keep Fit Section. They had a spiffing time, took command of the Large Hall, played records which did not include "Knees Up, Mother Brown" and tripped the light fantastic. A word of the keenest praise should be accorded to Mrs. Apps for the admirable arrangements. The Perivale Ladies were full of beans about the Club and intend putting forward proposals at Perivale. Best of luck, P.C.W.G.

It is expected that the Slough Social Centre will be represented at the International Festival of Sport and Physical Recreation to be held at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, August 6th. The festival is designed as a fitting yet formal welcome to visiting competitors who will come from twenty-nine different nations. They will assemble in London to compete for the fifth European Swimming Championships which will take place at the Empire Pool, Wembley.

Arrangements are in hand for various teams from the Centre such as table-tennis, billiards, whist, badminton, water-polo, etc., to meet teams from the Peckham Health Centre at Peckham. A similar visit to Dockland Settlement No. 1 is also anticipated.

A certain lady school teacher tells me that she originally received the "Howler" from a pupil—"A herbaceous border is a man who boards all the week and goes home on Saturdays and Sundays."

The Centre Fencing Club.

Commencing June 7th the Fencing Class will only meet on Tuesday evenings from 8.30 to 9 o'clock, in the General Games Room, and from 9 to 10.30 in the Gymnasium.

The usual Wednesday night class will be resumed in October.

If there are any Centre Club members suffering from sluggish livers, fat heads, D.T.s, or any other complaint, we can thoroughly recommend a course of Fencing. It is a good all-round exercise and only costs 5s. per annum.

New members of both sexes welcomed. T.S.W.

A Few Notes.

FROM THE ORCHESTRAL SECTION.

Some considerable time has elapsed since the Centre Club Amateur Orchestral Society appeared in print in this Magazine and we are glad to say that since then the Society has made great strides and is now consolidating itself into a strong group. It is a fascinating job collecting and keeping together a group of people who possess a special ability and in many cases an ability with a definite cash value; the job, of course, has its difficulties and complexities, but fortunately, the Centre Club and district seems blessed with quite a sprinkling of talent.

We all like modern dance music, but the popular classical orchestral music still does, and I think will always, hold its general appeal and more so when the performance is visual and by your own orchestra, as, for instance, our first concert on Sunday, 15th May, and in respect of that occasion we do sincerely thank those members who listened to us for their kind reception at our first big effort.

We hope to make a regular feature of Sunday concerts at suitable intervals. You will appreciate the reason for our rare appearances in the past is that it means real hard work and takes considerable time to build up a repertoire sufficiently large and varied to stand a series of concerts; apart from the expense of the music which now represents a big item, as our playing membership is now nearly 40 strong.

We are most anxious to earn the real support of all our fellow non-playing members, as it is realised that there are lots of non-players who are intensely musical but unfortunately have not the power to express themselves.

We invite any interested non-player to join our Section and, in fact, there are lots of jobs to be done apart from actual playing, for instance, a conscientious librarian for our music would be welcomed; of course, we welcome into our Society any instrumentalist who has not yet heard of us and we would be pleased to see anyone interested in our Section at any rehearsals held each Monday at 8 p.m. in the lecture room. L. OLLIS.

Judge: "What is the meaning of this expression, 'Sez you'?"

Counsel: "M'Lud, it would appear that it is a slang phrase of American origin, which has gained regrettable currency in the language of our people through the insidious agency of the cinema, and is, I am given to understand, employed to indicate a state of dubiety in the mind of the speaker as to the veracity or credibility of a statement made to him."

Judge: "Oh yeah?"

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From Slough to the Chalfonts: A Local Ramble.

BY "MOSQUITO."



"The Elegy Churchyard was our starting place."

So many of us are comparative newcomers to Slough that we don't appreciate, I think, the wonderful position we are placed in for rambling and cycling into some of the most beautiful country in the south of England. Mind you, I'm not saying that our local chalk slopes can compare, as hills go, with your mountains of Wales or your North-Country heights; all I say is that there is enough of natural beauty—to say nothing of literary and historical associations—about our countryside to make me glad that I came to live in Slough.

Take, for example, the ramble to the Chalfonts on Easter Monday which was attended by thirty-one Magazine workers and friends. The "Elegy Churchyard" was our starting place. One of our ramblers, an ex-school teacher, was telling me that she once brought a class of children up here, to Gray's Mead, for Nature Study and set them to see how many wild flowers they could find. At the close of the lesson she had twenty-eight specimens—all from one field! On the footpath route we followed from the National Trust field via "The Dog and Pot," Brockhurst Wood and down through Stoke Wood to Hedgerley, the flowers that were most in evidence were celandine, coltsfoot, daisy, wood violet and a carpet of primroses in Hedgerley Churchyard.

We found Hedgerley Village an abode of peace; as pretty and secluded a place as any man would wish to find in a five-mile walk from his own home. They tell me Hedgerley was one of the places where the Quakers used to hold their secret meetings during the time of their persecution (17th century). But the really famous reminder of those days is, of course, the Friends' Meeting House at Jordans (built 1688). We got there (after lunching at Hedgerley) by going north via Wapseys Wood and Stampwell Farm, crossing the G.W. and L.N.E.R. joint line on the way.

Mr. Pickles, the caretaker at Jordans, pointed out to us how the gallery of the Meeting House could be partitioned off and made to

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appear a bedroom so that in those bad old days, the place could be disguised as an ordinary dwelling-house. And we saw the gravestone put up in memory of William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania (from where, nowadays, come so many of the tourists who sign the visitors' books at Jordans and Stoke Poges Church). We saw the barn, too, that is said to be built of the original timbers of the "Mayflower" of Pilgrim Fathers fame.

On leaving Jordans we walked across fields and through orchards for another two or three miles and came down into Chalfont St. Giles for tea. But we stopped first to look at Milton's cottage where the poet finished writing "Paradise Lost," his epic story of the Fall and expulsion from Eden.

The well-timbered slopes of the Misbourne Valley made a lovely setting for our quiet evening stroll down to Gerrards Cross. And what a painting for an artist the Chalfont Park Hotel would make!—with the fine Scotch firs on the eastern slopes of its grounds, the smooth greensward, the ash tree (60 feet round its base) standing in front of the creeper-clad mansion and lastly the Misbourne river broadening into a lake. No wonder Horace Walpole called this house "the sweetest place imaginable."

Heartache Corner. By Carol Sweetly.

Happy Hikers.

Down in a dingle in the woods
I spied a lithesome piece of goods,
Whose boy had picked for her a posy,
And held it to her nosey-wosey.
Methought: "Oh, what a pretty pair;
How too, too sweet, beyond compare.
How joyous Centre hikers seem
Gambolling so blithely by a stream.
So as they played beside their brooklet
I snapped them for a Keep-Fit booklet.

Amateur Photography Section.

A photographic section has now been formed with the name of "The Slough Centre Amateur Photographic Club." Membership is open to all members on payment of a small subscription: sixpence per month, or five shillings a year in advance.

Intending members are advised to communicate with Mr. Harold T. W. Wray, who has been appointed President, or with the Hon. Sec.—Mr. R. E. B. Hickman, of 3, Salt Hill Drive, Slough.

The Skating Carnival.

BY OUR ROLLIN' CORRESPONDENT.

Was asked to try and get up to the Centre on Saturday night, the 28th, to report on the Skating Carnival.

First thought I had was that it might be rather a punk affair—you know the sort of thing, "I don't think I'll bother about a costume, there is sure to be not many in fancy dress and I'll feel awfully silly"; as a matter of fact, I took my own disguise up in a parcel, "just in case"! However, no sooner did I enter the Centre Hall than Mrs. Winchester (the very able Sec.) said "if you're going on in costume you'd better buck up, because they are just parading," and they were!

There must have been upwards of a hundred in fancy dress, or perhaps I might say in the majority of cases "unusual garb." Some were really beautiful, but I think that the two main prizes went to the most deserving. "Topsy" won first prize in the ladies and "Mechanical Man" in the men's. I was talking to the M. Man and he told me that the armour took him over a week to make! Such enthusiasm surely merits reward. I might add in parenthesis (I hope without offending) that we should like to see as much effort put into sending articles and stories into the "Mag."

I cannot say any more than that the whole evening went off without a hitch. The utter originality of it and the courage to put such a thing over indeed deserves all the praise we can give it. I feel that everybody is saying, "Well done, the Winchesters."

Roll on the next one. But a word in your ears, you chaps; if you will dress up as girls please put up a distinctive notice denoting your real sex . . . I made some nasty "*faux pas*."

Who was it singing "Roll Along Covered Wagon, Roll Along" as a certain young lady went by? 1408.

Tennis Section.

Several members of the section are at the present time in the throes of competitive tennis, and are finding what a high standard of play the various tournaments demand.

In the County Shield Competition, the men have lost to Great Missenden, and the R.A.F., and the Ladies to Gerrards Cross. All were away matches.

In the mixed doubles competition, the Centre were also defeated at Gerrards Cross. In this competition, each club is represented by only one pair, and the Centre pair, J. R. Bower and Miss M. Giffen, put up an excellent fight, losing 6—2, 6—4. This was a great achievement, as they were playing on a strange court, and facing a County pair.

Visit of Miss Prunella Stack, Leader of the Women's League of Health and Beauty.

The visit was, of course, primarily intended for the Health and Beauty Section, but there was time for a tour round the Centre as well.

We are informed that Prunella was most interested in the gym., found the swimming bath admirable and considered the Centre up to expectations. We are pleased to report that she thought the Magazine reflected the spirit of the Club. Incidentally, the number of copies sold at the Health and Beauty Demonstration that night was 125—not a bad number when you learn that of the people present, members from nine neighbouring League Centres were included.

As a welcome to Prunella, a new League song composed by Miss M. Gibson Cotton, the Slough League pianist, was sung and Pauline Urben, junior member from Amersham, presented a bouquet. Classes were then conducted by Prunella, ably assisted by the Slough and Windsor teachers and afterwards came her speech on the past, present and future of the League. The next item was a much-appreciated tap-dance, again by Prunella, and then the meeting broke up to attend the various sideshows and to obtain autographed copies of the new issue of the League Magazine. We understand that a substantial sum was realised for the League Funds and that the evening was voted a great success.

The Section is now looking ahead to future events, for in June members will take part in a big demonstration at Portsmouth and in July they will have the pleasurable task of forming a bodyguard at the wedding of their former teacher, Miss Enid Frost.

LADYBIRD.
(*Women's Reporter.*)

Recent Visitors to the Centre Club.

The Queen of Spain, accompanied by Lord and Lady Carisbrooke.
Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education.
Representatives of the Wimbledon Borough Council and the L.C.C.
Miss Prunella Stack, Leader of the Women's League of Health and Beauty.
Mr. Ree, a Danish Editor.
Mr. Reys, a Dutch Editor.
The Bishop of Oxford, and the Bishop of Buckingham.
Mr. G. G. Gillett, Commissioner for the Distressed Areas.
Lady Limericke.
Col. R. B. Campbell, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.A., Director of Physical Education, Edinburgh University.

IT IS RUMOURED THAT CENTRE CLUB BLAZERS WILL SOON BE THE FASHION

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Billiards Section.

In spite of a severe setback at the start, owing to a heavy loss on the dance, the Billiards Section have, by extra effort, recovered part of the loss.

Last season our teams in the Slough, Windsor and District League did not fare too well, although the second side had, up to Christmas, a good chance of winning the championship, but unexpectedly fell away. However, the League officials welcomed us, hoped we had enjoyed our matches and looked forward to our continued support. We feel sure that there are some very good players in the Club willing to fight for a place in next Season's League teams and we hope they will come forward during the next few months.

The A. Noel Mobbs Billiards Cup was won by Mr. Thomas after a keen match with Mr. L. Beckett. Mr. T. Rees showed his skill by winning the snooker cup in spite of the Committee's heavy handicap.

There are several cues being purchased by monthly payments, but instalments are not paid consistently. Will those concerned please see the Secretary or hand their cash over the bar.

At a special meeting held on the 27th May, Mr. S. Wheldon, 32, Northampton Avenue, was elected Secretary for the coming year with Messrs. L. Beckett, F. Barnes, F. Burrow and J. Rowlands to act on the new Committee.

E. H. WARNE.
Late Hon. Secretary.

Things We Hear . . .

That the genial gentlemen who appear as if by magic when the doorman wants a receptionist are to be called the " Genii of the Lamp."

That the characters of our cycling members are quite above reproach—in spite of a notice in the corridor which spoke of " reforming " the Cycling Section.

That Ivor George says his Magazine Ramble on Whit. Monday was shorter than usual because " brevity is the soul of Whit."

That the newly-formed Photographic Section will slaughter the next person who suggests as their theme song " Some Day My Prince (prints) Will Come."

That an American tourist is going home impressed by the way we hustle things in Slough. He visited the Social Centre just after some weak-looking saplings had been planted on our " grass verge." A week later he was at the Glasgow Exhibition and saw a model of the Centre surrounded with fully-grown trees!

Soft nuts are not worth cracking.

Women v. Men Spelling Bee.

Organised by the New Magazine Team.

To Bee or not to Bee—that is the question;
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
A short " spell," at Gordon Crump's suggestion,
Or say him nay—and be put down a duffer.

—Fakespeare.

Most members were in two minds as to joining the Magazine Spelling Bee on Sunday, May 22nd. However, indefatigable (how's that, umpire?) Magazine Secretary Gordon Crump managed to get promises from five ladies and five men. But at the last moment he found himself one lady short. Not to be beaten, he roped in Mr. William (Isn't-that-boy-an-ass) Wakley who donned lipstick and rag skirt for the occasion.

Nor was " Mistress ' Wakley's skirt the only " rag " there; our Potty Poet insisted on searching Mr. Speller H—— as he went to the mike, and what did he find?—A dictionary?—No, not this time—he found bottles and bottles of beer hidden about Mr. H——'s person. Compêre Crump, giving the definition of " PUSILLANIMITY " as " lack of courage," seemed a little out of place at that juncture.

THESE WORDS FLOORED 'EM.

Did Gordon search the musty archives of the British Museum for some of his words? Just look at these : EUPEPTICITY, PUISNE, OBLOQUY, PUSILLANIMITY, PSELLISMUS.

All honour then to the MEN'S TEAM, which won by 27 points to 19. Mr. W. Anderson's analysis was best, he had 7 out of 8 correct. Well done, Mr. A. Miss P. Sampson and Miss S. Williams were the best ladies: they had 5 out of 8 right.

Less than two minutes after the contestants had struggled with the words ACETYLENE and PUISNE (pronounced Puny!) the Magazine's Potty Poet came to the mike with his usual spur-of-the-moment rhyme. It went like this:—

A set o' lean ladies from Farnham
Said, " Bring up the men and we'll larn 'em."
But the way they spelt " Puisne "
Was really quite looney;
And their Captain said, " Dash 'em and darn 'em!"

Reported by One-two-three-nine.

In Regent Street, London, the other day there stood one of the great men of the future. He was only a ragged little urchin, but he stopped a pompous old gentleman and said:—

" Have you a match, mister?"

" No, I haven't," growled the old boy.

" Then here you are, sir," replied the urchin, "penny a box."

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Auntie Pansy's Post-Bag.

A touching letter from "Broken-Hearted" appeals to my sympathetic nature this month. "I have been courting a girl for nearly ten years; then in a rash moment I asked her to join the Social Centre and I haven't seen her since. On Monday night she darts and parries with the fencing Johnny, Tuesday she glides off to the pictures with a Roller member, and so on thro' the week. What is a fellow to do with the big romance of his life gone?"

Yours is a sad tale, "Broken-Hearted," and, in all honesty, I cannot suggest a remedy to bring your loved one back. I am afraid that you are doomed to join that unhappy band who congregate round the bar and drown their sorrows in lonely and liquid melancholy. Shed a tear, my readers, a tear for "Broken-Hearted" in his pitiful anguish.

A sinister warning comes from "Mrs. Wigginbotham": "I was sitting in the lounge on Thursday evening and I noticed that as a man passed a half-a-crown dropped from his pocket and rolled at my feet. I shouted to him in a deafening whisper but he went on his way unruffled. Having done my best to acquaint him of his loss, I leaned forward to pocket the coin, when a woman at the table opposite held her hand out, smiled sweetly, and said, 'Thank you, I really thought I had lost it!' Can you imagine anyone being so deceitful as to stoop so low?"

It is certainly astonishing to hear that such a dishonest person frequents the Club, but as long as there are women of your integrity about, "Mrs. Wigginbotham," we can rest assured that the good name of the Club will be upheld. You really must come and have dinner with me one day, but please let me know beforehand, so that I can get the spoons safely locked away.

Will "Modesty Itself," "Hank," "Jilted Jane," "Scraggie Liza" and "Lily of Laguna" please forward a stamped and addressed envelope so that I can answer them personally, owing to lack of space in this issue.

POTTED POSTSCRIPT.

No, you are quite wrong, "Hopeful.' Shakespeare did not say, "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse," after he had bought a ticket for the Irish Sweep.

"What can I do to keep my schoolgirl complexion?" writes Flossie of Farnham.

Lock it up where your young sister can't get at it.

A pessimist is one who, of two evils, chooses both.

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(He has an ear, that's what it's for).
Will read his mag. from end to end,
Not merely borrow from a friend.
Whatever other thing he fancies
Will never miss his section's dances
And will not make the least objections
If he is asked to run six sections,
Will realise there's something wrong
In asking chaps to play ping pong;
The game, that now for able men is
The experts all call " table tennis."
His Centre badge will proudly show
To folk, wherever he may go.
Or, if his membership should lapse,
Return the same to Mr. Apps.
If these few rules he's strict about,
We're sure his wings will quickly sprout.
And (perhaps with joy) we'll watch the flight
Of that too perfect centre-ite.

C.H.J.

Schoolboy Howlers.

A grass widow is the wife of a dead vegetarian.

A vicious circle is the Editor chasing a Potty Poet round a tree.

The equator is a menagerie lion running round the middle of the earth.

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The above line might have been significant of our "Willing Workers" night, but actually there's no hush, but we're all very breathless. Pens scratch, inkwells spill, papers fly around, lurid coloured adjectives such as "dash" and "botheration" fill the air.

Potty Poet sits in his corner. In fact, he's been sitting in the same position for the last few weeks. He's confessed that he's writing us a Theme Song, but so far has been unable to find anything to "rhyme" with "Workers." Progress has, however, been made, for the first line, "We're all willing workers" has been set to music. But it's all very encouraging, because we are reminded that we really are willing workers.

"Ladybird," who, by the way, is a very charming lady, sits alongside Aunt Pansy writing her stuff, whilst the latter smiles benevolently on us all. Our Editor, quite a decent chap, hands out "smokes," our reporters think up news, Charlie, the office boy, hands round the "wollop" and brings Aunt Pansy her "bicarb."

Out of it all, we think, comes a really presentable Magazine, but apart from the fact that we are quite a jolly crowd, each of us feels a little disappointed. We wish there were just one or two more to help us along. Here, every Thursday evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. we get down to it in Mr. Apps' Office (you know Mr. Apps? Well, his office upstairs is just as entertaining) and invite all and sundry to "come up and see us sometime."

If you've never written a line, not even to mother, we'll sign you on our staff and give you a job which you can't help but enjoy doing. You'll be proud to bear the title of "Willing Worker" and when you see your product eagerly sought after each month, you'll know the joy of achievement. Thursday night's the night. Thursday at 8. We'll be seeing you (we hope).

E.J.

Letter to the Editor.

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	Bucks. County Branch Library.	Lecture Hall.	2.30—4 p.m.
	Legal Advice.	Office.	6 p.m.
	Orchestra.	Lecture Hall.	8—10 p.m.
	Women's Keep Fit Class.	Gymnasium.	8.30—9.30 p.m.
	Swimming Club.	Swimming Bath.	9 p.m.
	Holiday and Thrift Club.	Cashier's Office.	7.30—9 p.m.
	Sick Benefit Club.	Cashier's Office.	8—9 p.m.
	Radiogram Dance.	Small Hall.	9—10.30 p.m.
Tues.	Cricket.	Practice Nets.	7 p.m.
	Men's Keep Fit Class.	Gymnasium.	7.30—9 p.m.
	Dramatics.	Centre Hall Stage.	8—10 p.m.
	Fencing.	Gymnasium.	9—10.30 p.m.
	Folk Dancing.	Small Hall.	8.30—9.30 p.m.
	Women's Swimming Night.	Swimming Bath.	8.30—9.30 p.m.
Wed.	Skating.	Centre Hall.	2.30—4.30 p.m. 7.30—10.30 p.m.
	Fencing.	Gymnasium.	8.30—10.30 p.m.
	Women's Keep Fit Class.	Gymnasium.	7.30—8.30 p.m.
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	Bridge.	Games Room 2 and 3	8—10.30 p.m.
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	Sick Benefit Club.	Cashier's Office.	8—9 p.m.
	Radiogram Dance.	Small Hall.	8.30—11 p.m.
Thurs.	Cricket.	Practice Nets.	7 p.m.
	Girls' Club.		3—6 p.m.
	Health and Beauty.	Gymnasium.	6.30—10.30 p.m.
	Dramatics.	Centre Hall Stage.	8—10 p.m.
	Woodwork Class.	Junior Block.	7.30—9.30 p.m.
	Whist Drive.	See Notice Board.	8 p.m.
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	Skating.	Centre Hall.	6—7.45 p.m. 8—11 p.m.
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	Farnham Loan Club.	Small Hall.	7.30—10 p.m.
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In the past benefits and draws have shown that Centre Club members are not backward in coming to the aid of fellow members; but such methods of raising money must inevitably reach only a limited part of our membership. The establishing of a permanent Benevolent Fund would obviously be fairer to all, beside making benefit more certain for the unfortunate sufferer of an accident.

We look forward with interest to the Club Executive's decision on this subject.

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