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PRELIMINARY NOTICES

SATURDAY, 12th MARCH, 1948.
BEAUFORT HUNT POINT-TO-POINT will be run at DIDMARTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
Further Particulars to be Announced Later.

WINCANTON YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB. GRAND DANCE. VILLAGE HALL, NORTH CADBURY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th. Dancing 8 p.m.—1 a.m. with Avalon. Admission 5/- :: Refreshments

FIXTURES

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL. PUBLIC HALL, MARTOCK. TO-NIGHT (FRIDAY), 8.30 p.m.—1 a.m. *Rhythm Quintet Dance Orchestra.* Dress Optional :: Refreshments. Admission 4/-, Forces (in uniform) 3/-.

NORTH CADBURY VILLAGE HALL. OLD-TIME DANCING CLUB. OPENING NIGHT OF NEW SESSION. SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, 8 p.m.—Midnight. Tickets 3/- (refreshments included).

Yeovil Division Conservative Association. 16th ANNUAL DIVISIONAL WHIST TOURNAMENT (Qualifying Round). Tuesday, Jan. 4th, At 7.15 p.m.—HASELBURY and NORTH PERROTT. The School, HASELBURY.

SHERBORNE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB NEW YEAR'S BALL. KING SCHOOL, SHERBORNE. TUESDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1949. *Avalon Ballroom Orchestra.* Dancing 8.30 p.m.—1 a.m. Admission 6/6.

YEOVIL YOUNG CONSERVATIVES. Tuesday, Jan. 4th.—There will be No Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 11th.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Conservative Offices, Hendford, Yeovil, at 7.30 p.m.

South Somerset Young Liberals

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A LIBERAL OUTLOOK are invited to MEET MR. MacLAREN, the Prospective Liberal Candidate, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1949, At 8 p.m., in the YEOVIL LIBERAL CLUB, when he will speak on "LIBERALISM'S APPEAL TO MODERN YOUTH."—Questions and Discussion Invited.

THE ARTS COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN. Special Holiday Attraction for Young and Old!
THE ROEL PUPPETS
THE LIBERAL HALL, YEOVIL. TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th, At 7.30 p.m. Admission 3/6, 2/6 & 1/6 (Reduction for Children). Booking Plan at Messrs. E. Price & Sons, Park Road, Yeovil, and at door. (Arrangements by Y.A.T.C.).

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY YEOVIL
GUIDE HUT, EVERTON RD., WEST HENDFORD. A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. SERVICES SUNDAYS 11 a.m. Testimony Meeting First Wednesday Every Month, At 7.45 p.m.

GREYHOUND RACING AT YEOVIL EVERY SATURDAY At 2.0 p.m.
Two Open Events : Trials 2 p.m. Saturdays. Dogs must have trials to qualify for grading. Racing Manager:—4, Wyndham St., Yeovil. Tel. 1453.

GALHAMPTON VILLAGE CLUB
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th, At 7.30 p.m. PARTNER WHIST DRIVE 10/- FIRST PRIZES.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th, At 8 p.m. OLD TYME & MODERN DANCE Admission 2/6.

Princes Ballroom, Yeovil
To-Night (Friday).—Grand New Year's Eve Hogmanay Ball. Admission 6/6 members, non-members 7/6. All are welcome. Fancy Dress. Evening Dress Optional. 8 p.m.—1 a.m. Licensed Bar.
Saturday.—Peter Amey and His Master Players. 7.30—11.45 p.m. Admission 2/6.
Tuesday. — Old-Time. 7.30—11 p.m. Admission 2/6.
Thursday.—Beginners' Class. Old-Time. 8—10 p.m. Admission 1/6.
Friday.—Swingtime Dance. Billy Kelly Quartet. 7.30—11.30 p.m. Admission 2/-.
Saturday Afternoon. — Tea Dance. 3—5.30 p.m. Admission 1/6.
Saturday Evening.—Len Carr and His Mayfair Orchestra. 7.30 — 11.45 p.m. Admission 2/6.

N.A.A.S., in conjunction with the SOMERSET BRANCH N.F.U.
Discussion on "Better Manuring"
On Wednesday, Jan. 5th, At 7.30 p.m., at ST. MARY'S HALL, ILMINSTER
MR. J. B. E. PATTERSON, Provincial Soil Chemist, N.A.A.S., Bristol, and MR. S. J. VAUX, The Lodge, South Petherton, will open the Discussion on this important aspect in the "More Food from Somerset" Campaign.
Chairman: Mr. E. Rutter, Allowenshay, Ilminster.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL. Department of Adult Education in Association with Yeovil Corporation Library Committee.
A SERIES OF LECTURES will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, YEOVIL, AT FORTNIGHTLY INTERVALS On TUESDAYS At 7 p.m. Commencing JANUARY 18th, 1949.
The Subject will be: "South East Somerset and the Dorset Border in History and Folk-Lore."
SYLLABUS:
Jan. 18th.—Physical Features and Geology of the District. (Joseph Fowler, M.A., F.G.S.)
Feb. 1st.—The District in Prehistoric and Roman Times. (L. Hayward, B.A., B.Sc.)
Feb. 15th.—Mediæval Town Government and Social Conditions. (John Goodchild, Esq.)
March 1st.—Modern Times, with Special Reference to Yeovil: a Bird's Eye View. (W. E. Palmer, M.A., M.Sc.)
March 15th.—Customs and Folk-Lore of the District. (J. A. Garton, M.C., D.L., J.P.)
March 29th.—Literary Associations of the District. (Litton C. Powys, Esq.)
April 12th.—Historic Monuments of the District. (A. Ollett, M.A.)
ADMISSION BY TICKET, 3/- for the course, obtainable in advance from the Public Library or (limited) at door.
The Lectures will be illustrated where necessary by lantern slides and also by books and exhibits from adjoining library and museum.

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CREWKERNE

HAMDON HALL, STOKE. — Dances Every Saturday Night, 7.30—11.30. 8 o'clock H. & C. 'bus from Crewkerne Square, via Merriott, West Chinnock, Chiselborough. Special 11.30 'bus.

"THE WESTERN GAZETTE" and "PULMAN'S WEEKLY NEWS" Representative for Crewkerne, Chard, and district is Mr. F. W. DIMOND, 13, Severalls Park Avenue, Crewkerne. Notices of forthcoming events should be sent to Mr. DIMOND, who will also be pleased to receive orders for advertisements to appear in our papers.

DIVORCE DECREE.—At Bristol Divorce Court a decree nisi was granted to Sylvia Florence Bennett, of 73, West-street, Crewkerne, against William George Bennett on the ground of desertion.

THE BRITISH LEGION (Women's Section) held a partner whist drive at Bowhayes on Friday. Mr. J. Harwood was M.C. Prize-winners:—Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Rousell, Mrs. Warr and Mr. Hynes, Mrs. Tucker and Miss Z. Brooks, consolation, Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Harwood.

A CAROL SERVICE at the Unitarian Chapel was conducted by younger members of the congregation. Mr. Kenneth Ponsford offered prayer and announced the items. Lessons were read by Frank Saddler and Miss Margaret Wey. Miss Rita Pitman preached. Solos were given by Miss Margaret Wey, Sheila Wey and Ann Russell. The choir sang carols, which included a duet by Mrs. W. Parker and Mrs. Pattemore, also the Sunday School children. The collection was taken by David Winter and John Coombes. Mrs. Ponsford was responsible for the musical items and was at the organ.

NAGS HEAD THRIFT CLUB

The Nag's Head Thrift Club this Christmas paid out just on £2,000, and in addition to their payment each member received a bonus of 6s. Officers elected were: Mr. George Gilbey, chairman; Mr. A. Satchell, hon. treasurer; Mr. W. J. Murray, secretary; Miss West, assistant secretary; Committee, Mr. Chick, senr., Mr. C. Chick, Mr. and Mrs. Farnham, Mr. E. Cook and Mr. W. Monkton. The Club re-opens on Saturday, January 1st.

TRAVELLERS' REST SLATE CLUB

In the annual share-out of the Slate Club at the Travellers' Rest, at Roundham, 181 members each received 16s. There was paid out in death levies during the year—seven members having died—£64 1s, and in sick pay £75 4s 8d. A balance was carried forward to start the New Year of £67 15s 8d. Officers re-elected were: President, Mr. V. Dening; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Hill; Secretary, Mr. F. Pearce.

EMPLOYEES ENTERTAINED

Employees of Messrs. Southcombe's glove factory in North-street, held a Christmas party at the Victoria Hall. The staff, employees, and outworkers, and also contingents from the factories at Watergore and Stoke were present. There were games and novelty competitions and dancing and a concert party from Exeter, entertained. Prize-winners were: Ankle competition, Miss Dorothy Frost; and best hair style, Miss Pam Hopkins. Refreshments were served by the factory canteen staff, assisted by Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. B. Watts and Miss Wetherall.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT ON CHRISTMAS-DAY

For the second Christmas-day in succession the local Fire Service was called out. The siren went at 12.15 p.m. to summon the firemen to an outbreak of fire at the residence of Mr. Farr, at Lower-street, Merriott. The Brigade left the fire station within four minutes of receiving the call. They were in charge of Sub-Officer J. Gibbs. On arrival they found the seat of the trouble was a burning beam in a chimney. It was not found necessary to use water, the firemen dealing with the trouble by removing the burning beam.

DEATH OF MR. FRED FONE

News has been received of the death in Tasmania, where he went to reside about 20 years ago, of Mr. Fred Fone, son of the late Mr. John Fone, the founder of the firm of Messrs. Fone & Stagg. Mr. Fone was associated with this business from a boy—latterly as a partner with the late Mr. W. J. Stagg—until he disposed of his interest in it to Mr. Stagg, and, with his wife, left this country to reside in New Zealand. During his residence in Crewkerne Mr. Fone was closely associated with the North-street Baptist Church and was for many years choirmaster there. He was a singer of repute and was very prominent in the musical life of the town.

DARTS LEAGUE

Division "A"—Swan 3, Nag's Head "A" 0; King's Arms 2, Antelope 1. Division B—Royal Oak "A" 1, Crown Hotel 2; King's Arms "B" 0, George 3; Royal Oak "C" 1, Royal Oak "B" 2.

Placings:—Division "A"—Swan, 23 points; King's Arms, 22; Antelope, 20; Cross Keys, 16; Red Lion, 16; White Lion, 15; British Legion, 14; Queen's Hotel, 13; King William, 11; Nag's Head "B," 10; Nag's Head "A," 9.

Division "B"—Crown, 11; George, 11; Royal Oak "A," 7; King's Arms, 3; Royal Oak "B," 3; Royal Oak "C," 2.

The Taunton team to play Crewkerne and District on New Year's-eve will be:—E. Baker (White Hart), W. Spratt (Bathpool), E. Thomas (Stragglers), F. Mead (Turks Head) (capt.), W. Rines (Railway), P. Kelly (Three Tuns), L. Hooper (Stragglers), F. McGrath (George), W. Bennett (Dolphin), J. Lawrence (King's Arms) is included in the Crewkerne team.

BOXING-DAY WEDDING

The wedding took place at the Unitarian Church on Boxing-day of Mr. Morley Norman Ryall, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ryall, 2, Belmont Terrace, Shepton Beauchamp, and Miss Rita Rose Monkton, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Monkton, of 19, Hermitage-street, Crewkerne. Rev. P. Terry officiated and Mrs. Ponsford was organist for the choral service. The bride, given away by her father, wore a white crepe dress with veil of orange blossom and carried chrysanthemums. Her ornament was a gold locket and chain, the gift of the bridegroom. Misses Betty and Cynthia Monkton (sisters of the bride) were bridesmaids. The former wore a pink marocain dress with headdress to match, and the latter a blue dress of the same material. Their ornaments were pearl necklaces, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Ronald Ryall (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. When the bridal couple left the church, members of the Merriott football team formed a guard of honour. Over 70 guests attended the reception in the Unitarian Schoolroom. The many presents included silver fruit spoons and a chrome fireside companion set to the bride, from colleagues at the factory of Messrs. Arthur Hart & Son.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

ALMSHOUSES FUND CREATES A RECORD.

Crewkerne traders report Christmas shopping to have been brisk during the week. There was an unusually large volume of business at the Post-office, but all mails—incoming and outgoing—were expeditiously dealt with by the permanent staff and temporary workers under the direction of the Postmaster (Mr. Darch). There was a number of indoor social gatherings, including dances and whist drives for Christmas fare, and all were well attended. The Town Football Club had two Perry Street Junior League games with Chard Town—at Chard on Christmas-day and at Crewkerne on Monday. Both games drew large "gates." The number of visitors to the town about Christmas was above that of those who left to spend Christmas away from home. The Christmas services at all the churches were well attended. The season was marked by the distribution of the funds of a number of thrift and sick clubs.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR OLD FOLK. "I've never before had so much money at one time" joyfully declared one of the men of the Almshouses, when handed £2 11s 9d by Mr. H. H. Gibbs, who was distributing the proceeds of the Almshouse Fund, organised by him, to which this year the record sum of £94 5s 7d was subscribed. Where there was man and wife they received £5 3s 6d.

There are 20 Almshouses and 27 inmates, and the distribution was as follows:—Five tons coal, £23 3s 4d; paraffin oil, £1 5s; cash to inmates, £69 11s 9d. In addition four bags of firewood were delivered to each house through the generosity of Major H. Mitchell.

The following are additional sums subscribed to those already acknowledged:—Crewkerne Manufacturing Company (Messrs. Southcombe), £10 10s; Mr. C. A. Dean, 10s; R. and E. Pollard, £5 5s; K. and M. Maitland, 10s; M. G. Rosser, £1; W. J. Munden, 5s; Anon, 1s 7d; raised by Mr. Ellis (manager Crewkerne United Breweries Co., Ltd.) £8 3s 6d.

Mr. H. H. Gibbs writes:—"On behalf of the inmates of the Almshouses I thank all the kind donors for their gifts. If they could have seen the happy faces I saw yesterday when distributing these gifts, they would have been amply rewarded for their generosity. Many thanks also to the *Western Gazette* and *Pulman's Weekly News* for the publicity they gave to my appeal, and which helped so much to make it successful."

All the wards were looking bright and cheery for the holiday. There were three large festively decorated trees, the Christmas-tree placed in the female ward being lit by coloured electric lights and laden with presents for patients, staff and visitors. Even the "little stranger" arriving Christmas-eve was not forgotten. The traditional dinner of turkey, Christmas pudding and mince-pies was served to patients and staff. Then all gathered in the female ward to listen to H.M. the King, after whose speech the day's festivities really started. Everybody joined in the singing of the favourite carols after which the "staff choir" sang the 23rd Psalm to Brother James's Air. During the interval, tea (pre-war standard) was served to all, after which the concert was resumed. Mr. Hancock kept all amused with one of his Somerset readings; songs were sung by the Misses Y. and Z. Wilson; a mime was cleverly acted by Sister Galway and Nurse Lawrence; a preview of nursing 20 years hence was given by Sister Laver, Sister Gould and Mrs. Wilson. Although this caused much amusement the rush to enrol was conspicuous by its absence. A short comedy was acted by Nurses Hutchings, Skinner, Lawrence, Rasmussen and Lewis, and this caused much merriment and proved a jovial climax to the afternoon's proceedings. The gifts from the tree were distributed by "Mrs. Claus" to everyone present. Rev. G. S. Stubbs proposed a vote of thanks to the Matron for organizing such a happy day. This was received with usual honours and cheers. Miss Colley, replying, thanked the Rev. Stubbs for his appreciations and said she only hoped everyone had enjoyed themselves as she herself had. The afternoon and its activities would not have been possible without the fullest co-operation of the Staff. Those to whom thanks are due include Mrs. Pollard for cooking the turkeys; Mrs. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Sutton for iced cakes; Miss Ewings and Major Hussey for trees; Nicholls & Gee for crackers; Mrs. Hebditch, Nicholls & Gee, and the Speedwell Club for fruit; Mr. and Mrs. Durrant for a goose; Mrs. Edge and Mrs. Vincent for eggs; Mrs. Roe and Dr. Cartwright for chocolates and sweets; Lady Peto, Mrs. Norton, Dr. Cartwright and Crewkerne Breweries for wines. Generous friends who donated money were: Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Newick, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Ronald, Mr. Graeme Allan, Dr. Dauncey, Dr. Cheyne, Dr. Thompson and Dr. and Mrs. Duncan.

RIFLE CLUB

Another successive win was registered by "A" team, who beat St. John's "A" by 590 to 587, while "B" team were held to a draw by Wellington, both teams scoring 580. "C" team were surprisingly beaten by 572 to 566 by the Club's own "D" team. Scores:—"A" team—Newman, 100; Dyer, 99; Reynolds, 99; Bradley, 98; Bruckel, 97; Dickinson, 97. "B" team—Hembury, 98; Pritchard, 98; Frampton, 97; Turner, 97; Usher, 97; Nye, 96. "C" team—Foxwell, 96; MacCready, 96; J. Stoodley, 96; R. Stoodley, 95; Mann, 93; Symons, 90. "D" team—Swaffield, 98; Klepp, 96; W. Stoodley, 96; Miss Hardy, 95; Wetherall, 94; Aylett, 93.

As might be expected from "A" team's recent run of successes they have considerably improved their League position, and previous to this win were placed 4th and only one point behind East Bristol. Burnham and Backwell "A" team fire their return matches with each of these three teams during January, so they have an excellent chance to reach the top of the League table.

"B" team are still leading "B" Division by two clear points over Wellington, who are lying second and who managed to hold "B" team to a draw last week.

The positions of "C" and "D" teams in "C" Division do not alter in spite of the recent series of losses by both teams. "C" team were fifth, while "D" team were ninth previously to last week's match.

THORNCOMBE

COURT FINE.—Jack Wilfred Sutton, of Fare-street, Thorncombe, was fined £2 at Beaminster Magistrates' Court on Tuesday for allowing cattle to stray.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB WHIST

Despite numerous prizes, mostly of poultry and Christmas fare, attendance at the Christmas whist drive (organised by the Young Farmers' Club), and held in the Hall, was disappointing. Mr. W. Loveridge (chairman of the club) was M.C. and prizes were distributed by Mrs. Loxton to: Ladies—Mrs. C. Froom, Miss M. Harris, Mr. B. Dowell, Mrs. D. Loveridge, Miss E. Hurford, Miss Fowler, Miss M. Froom, Miss Adams, Mrs. Enticott, Mr. L. Harris, Mrs. L. Alford; consolation, Mrs. C. Horn. Men—Mr. E. G. Retter, Mr. F. C. Staunton, Mr. R. Wellman, Mr. A. Dowell, Mr. J. Sutton, Mr. S. Maber, Mr. W. White, Mr. F. Dowell, Mr. E. House, Mr. W. Horsey; consolation, Mr. J. Spurway. The M.C. thanked Mrs. Loxton for distributing the prizes, the donors and all who assisted with the arrangements.

DOWLISH FORD

CHILDREN'S PARTY.—The Athletic and Social Club of Standard Telephones & Cables, Ltd., gave a party for employees' children at their Dowlish Ford Works. Tea was followed by a film show presented by Mr. C. A. Walker, of Chard. Mr. L. T. Drake, the conjurer, entertained the children and Father Christmas distributed gifts. Mr. Gibson, chairman of the Athletic and Social Club, made a presentation to Miss I. Clapp and thanked all who had helped to make the party a success.

MILBORNE PORT

A CHRISTMAS TREE, illuminated with coloured lights, and a crib were features of the decorations at the Parish Church at Christmas. The collections during the festival, which amounted to £17 5s, were divided between the Church of England Children's Society and the Sick and Needy Fund.

LABOUR PARTY.—Recent activities have included the monthly meeting presided over by Mr. A. Andrews, and the entertaining of upwards of 100 children to tea in the Victoria Hall, followed by a film show given by Mr. A. C. Gillard. This was followed in the evening by a social and dance. Items were given by Mrs. W. J. Kirkham, Messrs. R. Hallett, A. Andrews, F. Penny, Master G. King and Mr. W. Best. Music for dancing was supplied by Mr. Harris of Stalbridge.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Members of the Young People's Society visited the Wincanton Institution on Tuesday week. Carols were sung in the various wards. Mrs. V. Bowden presiding at the harmonium. Rev. C. Teasdale extended greetings to the inmates and also offered prayers. The warm reception and cordial co-operation of the Master and Matron contributed much to the success of the evening.

MARRIAGE OF MR. J. H. TOWNSEND & MISS E. A. E. DOWNTON

The marriage took place at St. John's Church on Tuesday last week of Mr. Joseph Harold Townsend, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Townsend of 1, Market-street, Weymouth, and Miss Ethel Ada Esmee Downton, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Downton of 27, Manor-road. Preb. A. N. S. Holbrook (vicar) officiated and Mr. Harold Sinclair was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a gown of white satin with veil held in place by orange blossom, and carried red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Linda Downton (sister of the bride) and Miss Diana Chutter (cousin of the bride), who wore dresses of cherry red with white feathered headdresses, and carried white satin quilted muffs. Mr. R. C. Ross (friend of the bridegroom) was best man. The bride was presented with a silver horse-shoe by Miss Heather Ross (niece and godchild of the bride). The bridegroom's gifts to the bridesmaids were powder compacts. The reception was held at the Church House and attended by 70 guests. Over 70 presents were received.

GALHAMPTON

THE following Pupils of Miss Gwen Stewart have passed Examinations of the Associated Board, Royal Schools of Music (Pianoforte Section): Grade II, Elizabeth Hayward, Margaret Norris. Preliminary Examination: Patricia Fletcher, Juliet Brake, Valerie Higgins.

ENTERTAINMENTS held at the Village Club during December included old-time dance, partner whist drive and a skittles week. The latter was the chief attraction, the prizes including a goose, duck, and other Christmas fare. Highest scores of the week were made by Miss R. Osborne, who won the duck, and Mr. K. King, who won the goose, with a record score of 23 pins for three balls. The Committee is grateful to all who gave prizes and helped with the effort. Over £20 being raised for the Club Funds from this skittles week.

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PARISH CHURCH.—The first of a series of monthly musical services was held in the Parish Church. The Rector (Rev. A. J. Bartlett) conducted the service and also sang a solo. The choir sang carols, and solo parts were taken by Miss Stella Highmore and Master D. Batson. The organist was Mr. Warmington. It is intended to start congregational hymn practices in the near future.

THE CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday week. Mrs. Illingworth distributed the prizes to:—Ladies—Mrs. D. Sharp, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Miller (senior), Mrs. W. Thomas; consolation, Mrs. E. Wiltshire. Gent.:—Mr. L. Garland, Mr. P. Wilkins, Mr. Bashford, Mr. H. Martin; consolation, Mr. W. Smith. Other winners were Miss P. Harding, Mrs. N. Dennett, Mr. T. Kiddle, and Mr. R. Bartlett.

Delay in Rural Improvements

Somerset Farmers' Concern

Serious concern was expressed by Mr. F. C. Golledge, a headquarters delegate, at the annual meeting of the Somerset County Executive National Farmers' Union on Thursday, at Bridgwater, over the lack of progress with rural improvements including electricity, water supplies, barbed wire and rubber boots. It was time, he said, that they voiced their concern when they were asked to produce more food. He also suggested that the Union should seriously consider asking for the removal of some of the subsidies as it would be better for them to go now than wait until world prices were dropping when, he was afraid, they might be asked to shoulder the whole burden.

Mr. J. R. C. Gilling (retiring chairman) presided.

Mr. J. T. Beresford, another delegate, said the Machinery Committee were collecting a museum of specimens of inferior workmanship in tools which were to be taken to the Ministry, who hoped to take an active part in remedying the situation. The fault did not lie entirely with the manufacturers, but farmers could not produce more food with inferior machinery.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement showed a deficit on the year of £982, compared with a deficiency of £173 for the previous year, but it was pointed out that there had been a capital profit on the sale of investments of £400.

Mr. R. B. Vellacott (Dulverton) was elected chairman for 1949, with Mr. C. T. James (Portbury) vice-chairman, and Mr. L. J. Filer (Clutton) deputy chairman. Messrs. F. C. Golledge (Castle Cary), J. T. Beresford (Wellington) and J. Picton-Davies (Weston-super-Mare) were elected delegates to headquarters with Messrs. L. R. Johnson (Minehead), W. F. Snell (Yeovil) and L. J. Filer as deputies.

At the annual meeting of the County Branch in the afternoon a resolution was passed stating that the branch was greatly disturbed at the lack of increased facilities for the processing of Somerset milk and the lack of encouragement to cheesemakers.

Another resolution suggested to the Ministry of Food that there should be an "Eat more Potatoes" campaign, in view of the heavy crop harvested.

"SECOND AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION"

The National Vice-President, Mr. H. Woolley, gave an address in which he said he believed that there was a second agricultural revolution going on in this country at the present time—a revolution that was increasing the output of the land at a great pace. They could take reasonable satisfaction over the Agricultural Marketing Bill as published and if they got the amendments in the Act that they desired there would be no cause for alarm.

Police Entertain Children

150 Guests at Yeovil Division Party

Highlight of the annual party for children of officers of the Yeovil Division, Somerset Constabulary, on Thursday was a visit from Father Christmas (Supt. J. S. Hanham), who arrived on a sleigh drawn by a Shetland pony, loaned for the occasion by Mr. E. Robbins.

Altogether, about 150 wives and children from all parts of the Division attended and among the guests at tea was the Assistant Chief Constable (Mr. J. A. Taylor). In addition to various competitions and games, a programme of entertainment was arranged including community singing, for which Mr. Caines' orchestra played, a film show presented by Mr Richmond Parry and an exhibition of conjuring given by Everett Kaye.

Supt. Hanham and the administrative staff at Yeovil were responsible for the organisation and the tea was supervised by a ladies committee.

Wincanton 'Chases

Frost Cut Programme by Half

The attendance for the postponed Boxing-day fixture at Wincanton, held on Tuesday, was considered very fair under the circumstances. Racing on Monday was impossible owing to the frost in the ground, but this had thawed overnight, and the going the next day was good. A start at 12.30 was made with Bayford Novices' Hurdle over two and a half miles, and resulted in a very close finish. Six Shooter, trained by ex-jockey Billy Parvin, near Tidworth, got the better of Christmas Gift, who had made most of the running, and won by half-a-length, with Arawa only three quarters of a length away third.

W. Redmond broke his collarbone when Salliavon came down in the Bruton Selling Handicap 'Chase. Showman scored the 15th success of the season for Swindon trainer, Major Champneys, and was bought in after the race for 400 gns.

Porlock Folly, whose pedigree was given on the racecard as "unknown," was a one-time inmate of Tony Colling's riding school near Minehead. Since being sold he has won several races and now was briskly backed to beat the top-weight Fricotin in the Blackslough Handicap Hurdle race. T. Isaac, who trains as well as he rides, was always going well on the nine-year-old Porlock Folly, who beat Fricotin by one and a half lengths.

Bishop's Cannings trainer, Gerald Balding, a one-time international polo player, and his jockey O'Ryan had a popular success with six-year-old Torhill in the Black Dog Novices' 'Chase. Although both Royal Mark and Royal Code were at shorter prices in the market they could not cope with Torhill, who came away between the last two fences to win by five lengths from Royal Mark, with Royal Code six lengths further away.

Simon de Montfort was a disappointing favourite in the concluding race as he never appeared likely to win. After Dem Carver had flattered on the turn for home, the 10—1 chance Rural Rascal jumped to the front and galloped away to win by four lengths.

—R.I.W.

RESULTS.

12.30.—Bayford Novices' Hurdle (I), 2½ miles (7 ran).—Six Shooter (G. Bowden), 5—1, 1; Christmas Gift (S. Pinch), 10—1, 2; Arawa (G. Turner), 3—1, 3. Also: Tiber Flight, evens; The Hedjaz, 6-1; Lord High Admiral, Poona Boy, 100—7. Half-a-length; three-quarters. Tote: 16s; 6s 9d, 10s.

1.0.—Bruton (S) 'Chase, 2½ miles (14 ran).—Showman (Reavey), 100—8, 1; Ross Burn (G. Shilham), 100—8, 2; Friar's Dream (Loftus), 6—1, 3. Also: Lucky Dog, evens, fav.; Cloniee Friar, Killeston, Entrust, Inver Lad, 8—1; Vindicator, 100—8; Alexander Spook, Salliavon, Joyful Skipper, Golden Wonder, MacQuintus, 20—1. Length; three-quarters. Tote: £3 6s 9d; 13s 9d, 15s 6d, 6s.

1.30.—Blackslough Handicap Hurdle, 2 miles (10 ran).—Porlock Folly (Isaac), 2—1, 1; Fricotin (Cusack), evens, fav, 2; Swarm (Loftus), 20—1, 3. Also: Aladdin Clover, 11—2; Carbury, 100—7; Newcombe Star, Pick-up, Scaramouche, Le Cure, Blue Pepper, 20—1. One and a half; four. Tote: 8s 3d; 2s 9d, 2s 9d, 5s 6d.

2.0.—Blackmore Vale Handicap 'Chase, 3 miles 3 furlongs (4 ran).—Fighting Line (Walsh), 6—4, fav, 1; Greek Attempt (Cusack), 11—4, 2; Wintringham (F. Lewis), 11-2, 3. Also: Newark Hill, 100—8. Four lengths; bad. Tote: 2s 9d; F. 7s.

2.30.—Novices' 'Chase, 2 miles (8 ran).—Torhill (O'Ryan), 6—1, 1; Royal Mark (G. Turner), 7—2, 2; Royal Code (Reavey), evens, fav, 3. Also: Gaelic Cottage, 5—1; O'Neill, 8—1; Singlestick, Prince Tarpon, Swallow Tail, 100—7. Five lengths; six. Tote: 17s 6d; 4s, 3s 3d, 3s.

3.0.—Novices' Hurdle (II), 2½ miles (14 ran).—Rural Rascal (Mr. Hunter), 10—1, 1; Dem Carver (Bunn), 20—1, 2; White Feet (J. Bullock), 5—1, 3. Also: Ice Bound, 7—2; Theatre Royal, 8—1; Ivan's Choice, Welcome Light, 10—1; The Bass, Pepperwell, April Gleam, Midlothian, Solomon, Lemon Grey, Simon de Montford, 20—1. Four lengths; half. Tote: £2 14s 6d; £1 0s 6d, £1 12s 6d, 3s 9d.

Tote double (Porlock Folly and Torhill): £38 4s.

BARTON ST. DAVID

LATE MRS. LEAH RAWLINGS

The funeral of the oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Leah Rawlings, aged 88, took place at the Parish Church on Monday. The Rev. J. B. Gordon (rector of Keinton Mandeville) officiated, and the service was choral, Mrs. G. Hart being at the organ. The mourners were:—Mr. H. Rawlings (son), Miss F. Rawlings (daughter), Mrs. W. Cribb and Mrs. W. Bailey (friends). Also present in the church were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bennet (Bruton), Mrs. M. Tincknell and Mrs. H. Manning (Keinton Mandeville), Mrs. F. Reynolds, Mrs. A. Reynolds, Mrs. J. Matthews, Mrs. P. Hebden, Mrs. W. Evans, Miss F. Cornish, Mr. G. Hart, Mr. C. Pitt. The bearers were Messrs. A. Chinnock, H. Vining, P. Seviour and J. Stride.

Mr. and Miss Rawlings express their thanks to the nurse for her kindness during their mother's illness, and to those who sent messages of sympathy and flowers.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. Paul, Keinton Mandeville.

The Week's Sport

FOOTBALL

WESTERN LEAGUE

DIVISION I.

TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Ps.
Trowbridge T.	13	11	2	0	52	15	24
Chippenham T.	16	8	2	5	41	22	20
Glastonbury	12	9	1	2	39	22	19
Bristol Rov. R.	17	5	9	3	32	22	19
Street	13	8	2	3	36	22	18
Bath City Res.	16	8	2	6	35	41	18
Portland Utd.	10	7	2	1	18	8	16
Yeovil T'n Res.	16	6	4	6	27	23	16
Weymouth	8	5	2	1	26	13	12
Paulton Rov.	16	5	2	9	20	30	12
Wells City	14	5	1	8	18	32	11
Salisbury	7	4	1	2	20	10	9
Soundwell	9	4	1	4	22	26	9
Peasedown MW	14	4	1	9	25	35	9
Clevedon	12	2	4	6	23	23	8
Glandown	12	3	1	8	21	33	7
Poole Town	13	1	2	10	15	38	4
Bristol City Res.	16	1	1	14	22	68	3

YEOVIL JUNIOR LEAGUE

DIVISION II.

Montacute, 0; East Coker, 3.

East Coker maintained their unbeaten record this season by defeating Montacute 3—0 on Boxing-day. Scorers in a fast, interesting game were Moger (2) and Whitby.

SOMERSET SENIOR LEAGUE

Coleford, 5; Odd Down, 2. Coltford, 4; Frome, 0. Street, 4; Ilminster, 1. Ilminster, 2; Watchet, 2.

TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Ps.
Bridgwater	16	14	1	1	75	18	29
Street	16	14	0	2	78	25	28
Shepton Mallet	16	10	3	3	44	20	23
Taunton	15	10	1	4	53	36	21
Worle O.B.	15	9	2	4	67	32	20
Ilminster	11	8	1	2	38	13	17
Watchet	16	7	3	6	53	39	17
Winscombe	15	6	4	5	47	41	16
Timsbury	15	6	3	6	42	43	15
Coleford	13	7	0	6	41	25	14
Burnham	14	5	0	9	32	49	10
Glastonbury	13	5	0	8	27	54	10
Somerton	13	4	1	8	33	46	9
Weston St. J.	13	3	3	7	35	48	9
Wells	15	3	3	9	30	46	9
Frome	12	3	0	9	27	62	6
Highbridge	15	1	1	13	26	81	3
Odd Down	14	1	0	13	16	77	2

Ilminster took a strong team to Street, but were faced with a team liberally sprinkled with Western League players. M. Sibley (Ilminster centre-half) and George Webber (Street centre-half) were outstanding in defence. Ilminster were first to score through Martin, but before the interval Barnes equalised. Street gradually took command of the second half and scored three goals without a reply through Miles, Andrews, and Barnes.

PERRY STREET JUNIOR LEAGUE

Merriott, 5; Beaminster, 4. Chard, 4; Crewkerne, 2. Beaminster, 6; Merriott, 2. Beer Albion, 2; Seaton Athletic, 4. Crewkerne, 4; Chard, 1.

TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Crewkerne	15	11	0	4	69	38	22
Chard	14	10	1	3	53	29	21
Axminster	16	10	0	6	44	31	20
Merriott	16	9	1	6	52	48	19
Seaton Athletic	14	8	2	4	63	34	18
Stoke-u-Ham	12	8	1	3	40	16	17
Westland Spts	15	8	1	6	44	36	17
Perry Street U.	14	8	1	5	40	37	17
Beaminster	14	7	2	5	55	40	16
Norton	11	5	1	5	36	30	11
Shep'tn B'chp.	13	5	1	7	37	51	11
Beer Albion	14	4	2	8	37	42	10
Winsham	15	2	5	8	29	51	9
Lyme Regis	13	4	1	8	24	47	9
Colyton	15	2	3	10	29	71	7
Ilminster Res.	15	1	0	14	19	69	2

The Somerset Junior Cup game between Barwick and Stoford and Westland Sports, abandoned on Saturday week, is being re-played at Barwick on January 8th.

Chard Town and Crewkerne Town played their two Perry Street League games during the Christmas, and finished up all square, sharing the four points.—At Chard on Christmas-day Chard won 4—2; and on Monday, at Crewkerne, the home team wiped out this defeat by a 4—1 win.

In the game at Chard Crewkerne were without Elswood and Denslow, while Chard started the game with 10 men. Lilley arriving late. Charles scored after ten minutes play for Crewkerne, but Chard were not long in equalising from a free kick, taken by Amos. Lawrence, in the Crewkerne goal, being unsighted.—A defensive blunder by Crewkerne let Arnold through and he gave Chard the lead. Only a very fine save by Lawrence prevented the same player adding to the score. Charles had a chance to put Crewkerne on level terms just before the interval, but he shot wide of the post. A fine goal by Lacey soon after the game being resumed equalised the score. Crewkerne slackened and Chard took advantage of this, for Culverwell to score a couple of goals to give Chard a 4—2 win.

Crewkerne took full revenge for the Christmas-day reverse when the return game was played at Crewkerne on Monday. Playing better together as a team they outshone Chard. Both in defence and attack they were superior. The Crewkerne forward-line especially gave an excellent display, and they combined splendidly to repeatedly outwit the Chard defence. Crewkerne opened their account from a free kick just outside the penalty area, awarded for a foul on Lewer, and Lacey headed into the net. Lewer almost immediately afterwards scored another goal for the home team, but was ruled offside. From a Lacey pass, Russell obtained Crewkerne's second goal, and by this margin they led at the interval.—Chard resumed the game on the offensive, and Lawrence saved well from Arnold—Charles broke through and with only the goalkeeper to beat, he was brought down. A penalty kick was awarded and this was taken by Lewer, who scored Crewkerne's third goal. The lively Crewkerne forward-line was keeping the Chard defence busy. From a Chard breakaway, the Crewkerne defence blundered, to leave Culverwell to shoot into the net from close range, for Chard's only goal. Before the end Lewer got Crewkerne's fourth goal, the ball being helped into the net by a Chard back.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

NORTHERN SECTION.

Martock, 14; Stoke-under-Ham Res., 0. Odcombe, 4; Martock, 1.

TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Ps.
Dowlish Wake	13	10	1	2	53	35	21
Martock	12	11	0	1	66	18	22
Misterton	13	10	0	3	50	21	20
S. Petherton	11	9	0	2	43	18	18
Seavington	13	6	0	7	47	34	12
S.T.C.	12	6	0	6	41	38	12
Barrington	13	6	0	7	31	35	12
Chiselborough	10	5	0	5	34	35	10
Westland Res.	13	4	1	8	26	42	9
Merriott Res.	12	4	0	8	32	36	8
Norton Res.	12	3	1	8	27	43	7
Shepton Res.	12	3	1	8	28	67	7
Stoke Res.	8	2	0	6	10	49	4
East Chinnock	12	2	0	10	18	55	4

YOUTH LEAGUE.

Hambridge, 0; Chard, 5.

CHARD BRITISH LEGION CUP

FINAL.

Winsham, 1; Norton-sub-Hamdon, 2.

The Boxing-day final at Chard for the British Legion Cup between Norton-sub-Hamdon, the holders, and Winsham, provided a gruelling struggle, and it was only after the hardest of contests that the trophy went back to Norton. The winners owed their success to a couple of early goals by Bob Wills, their centre-forward, for after Winsham had settled down they rarely allowed the Norton front-line to combine well. Winsham had opportunities to have scored more than the one goal by Phelps.

The cup and medals were presented by the Mayor of Chard (Dr. A. E. Glanvill), who is president of the Chard branch British Legion. The referee (Mr. E. J. Bunston) was presented with a miniature cup.—The crowd was entertained with selections by Chard Town Band.

POLICE MATCH

Weston, 2; Yeovil, 3.

A "hat-trick" by P.C. Baxter gave Yeovil Police a 3—2 victory over Weston-super-Mare Police in an inter-divisional game at Weston on Thursday.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

YEOVIL LEAGUE.

HALF-SEASON REVIEW.

Liberal "A," last season's champions, have a slight lead over the Labour Club and Conservative "A" in the snooker table. The position is very open and should provide an interesting struggle in the closing stages.

Stoke "A" and Conservative "A" once again look like being involved in a neck and neck struggle for the billiards championship. Twice Stoke have narrowly missed winning the coveted trophy and they have high hopes of being third time lucky.

V. Holman (71) has the highest break at billiards so far this season, and the snooker break of 46 by W. Stanfield has yet to be beaten.

Positions at the half-way stage are as follows:—Snooker—Liberal A, 110 pts.; Labour, 108; Conservative A, 107; Stoke A, 84; Westland, 80; Liberal B, 63; Legion B, 63; Stoke B, 61; Conservative B, 56; St. Michael's A, 49; Labour B, 48.

Billiards—Stoke A, 80 pts.; Conservative A, 48; Labour, 41; Westland, 31; Conservative B, 28; Tintinhull, 26; Liberal, 26; Stoke B, 22; St. Michael's, 20; Legion A, 15; West Coker, 10; Legion B, 6.

A Royal Navy mine disposal squad made safe a magnetic mine washed up at Dungeness Point, Kent.

During the holidays Liverpool police handled a record number of over 200 emergency calls and made 12 arrests.

Yeovil's Chance to Make Cup History

High Hopes of Laying Bury Bogey

Leading bookmakers in the country who are offering odds of 5,000 to one against Yeovil Town winning the English Cup stand little risk of losing their money, but next week's third round tie against Bury is a different story, writes R.G.K. Chary in making a prediction, many pools forecasters are advising punters to tread warily. Remembering the sensational career last year of Colchester United, another Southern League team, many are wondering if Yeovil will spring the surprises of 1949.

Opinion is that Yeovil's chances of reaching the fourth round of the competition for the first time in their history are very bright. True, promotion seeking Bury are one of the best sides in the Second Division, but after playing on their own spacious ground—one of the finest in the country—they will find the cramped and sloping Huish enclosure a disturbing factor, which might well bring about their downfall.

The transfer to Sheffield Wednesday for £20,000 of winger Kilshaw and the parting with left-half Halton for a further £6,000 have had their effect on Bury's recent performances. They commenced the season by claiming 14 points out of 16, and at one time held a four-point lead at the head of the table.

Bury have done little of note in the Cup for the past 40 years, but old timers still talk of their cup-winning years—1900 and 1903. Forty-eight years ago they beat Southampton 4—0 at Crystal Palace, and three years later staggered the football world by defeating Derby County 6—0 to equal the proud record of Preston North End by going through the competition without conceding a goal.

BURY PEN PICTURES.

Ken Grieves (goalkeeper) is a 22 years old native of New South Wales, who came to this country to play in Lancashire League cricket, and in the Soccer world is described as "a second Frank Swift."

Cyril Fairclough (right-back), a local recruit, regarded as one of the most promising young defenders in the Second Division.

William Griffiths (left-back) is one of two brothers who joined Bury from Earlstown, and has been eagerly sought after by a number of other League clubs.

Harry Whitworth (right-half) is another local player who joined Bury as a right-winger, has been tried at centre-forward, and this season has developed into a useful wing half-back.

Leslie Hart (captain and centre-half), is another Earlstown recruit.

Robert Kelly (left-half), one of two Scotsmen in the side joined Bury from Millwall, and displaced Halton before he was transferred to Chesterfield.

David Jones (outside-right) is a former Notts cricketer, who was recalled to the first team when Kilshaw went to Sheffield.

Johnny Hanlon (inside-right) was acquired for £5,000 from Manchester United, where he had been since 1935.

Robert Crosbie (centre-forward) a 22 years old Scot, who displaced Massart as leader of the attack a few weeks ago.

Tommy Daniel (inside-left), who has made only a few appearances this season, is the only part-time professional in the side.

Alf Bellis (outside-left) was signed last season from Port Vale for £7,000.

THE HOLIDAY GAMES.

Hundreds of supporters left Huish on Boxing-day confident that Yeovil Town had secured three Southern League points from their holiday programme. Little did they think that Bath City would score two goals in the last three minutes of a thrilling game to snatch two vital points. Such was the case. After sharing the honours by 1—1 at Bath on Christmas-day, Yeovil lost the return game by 4—3.

Yeovil twice held the lead, but their standard of play was not sufficiently good to prevent Bath from securing a merited win. The forwards were not so eager to accept their chances—and there were many—as the fast-moving and thrustful Bath attack, while the defence, lacking their customary thoroughness, conceded more goals than in any other game this season. The City's centre-forward, Dave McCulloch, the former Scottish international, was always a source of danger.

Nevertheless the crowd of over 5,000 had their fill of thrills—both sides scored offside goals but failed from penalties. Bryant, who scored Yeovil's only goal at Bath, gave his side the lead, but right-winger Doughty equalised before the interval. McCulloch put Bath ahead, and then further goals by Hargreaves and Wright enabled Yeovil to take the lead again. Bath's goals in the last three minutes came through Brown and Baker.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

LEAGUE TABLE.

(up to and including Boxing-day).

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Ps.
Worcester City	18	13	3	2	50	22	28
Gillingham	18	11	4	3	45	22	25
Cheltenham	19	11	5	3	38	25	25
Chelmsford City	18	11	5	2	49	30	24
Merthyr Tydfil	17	10	3	4	52	22	24
Dartford	16	10	4	2	27	15	22
Colchester Utd.	15	8	3	4	37	20	20
Hereford Utd.	14	9	3	2	33	22	20
Gravesend & N.	16	8	5	3	26	17	19
Hastings Utd.	19	8	8	3	30	44	19
Exeter City	17	8	7	2	28	23	18
Guildford City	18	6	7	5	25	27	17
Kidderminster	18	7	8	3	25	41	17
Lovell's Ath.	17	6	7	4	36	31	16
Yeovil Town	16	5	9	2	26	24	12
Bath City	19	5	12	2	29	44	12
Torquay Utd.	21	5	14	2	33	58	12
Barry Town	17	3	8	6	23	43	12
Gloucester City	13	4	6	3	21	27	11
Chingford Town	13	2	8	3	14	28	7
Bedford Town	17	1	12	4	13	39	6
Tonbridge	13	1	12	0	10	40	2

Twenty-Five Years of Yeovil Football

Yeovil's sports journalists have written a complete history of the Yeovil Town Football Club since its formation 25 years ago, and it has been produced in book form in the name of the Supporters' Club to commemorate the silver jubilee of the Yeovil Athletic Club, Ltd. Mr. Ron Kemble ("R.G.K." of the *Western Gazette*) contributes a mine of information in his article "Twenty-Five Memorable Years" and again in "Great Cup-tie Tussles" his reminiscences refresh the memory of Yeovil's astonishing F.A. Cup victories and games of the pre-war era. "Master Planners of Success" pen pictures of Yeovil's series of player-managers, has been written by F. D. Voisey ("Express and Echo"), while Yeovil's war-time sporting life is dealt with in a word picture by D. G. Foot (*Western Gazette*). "Yesterday's Players" are brought to mind by the pen of S. R. Sibley ("Bristol Evening Post") and R. C. White (secretary of the Supporters' Club) pays tribute to the pioneers of that auxiliary body.—The book is well illustrated and contains a sketch of the proposed north stand, which it is hoped will be erected during the next close season.—The publication is priced at 1s, and the proceeds are for the Ground Development Fund. *Sports Editor.*

SKITTLES

ILMINSTER TOWN LEAGUE.

Results and leading scores:—George Vaults 292 (F. Crockett 44), Dolphin Hotel 330 (F. Wren 47); White Horse 315 (D. Harris 47), R.A.F.A. (P. Crockett 45), Royal Oak 362 (F. Male 51, L. Roy 50), Swan Lords 359 (M. Trott 54); Swan Commons 303 (D. Hurd 46), Nelson Arms 298 (B. Puddy 46); Whitelackington Rangers 290 (G. Osborne 43), Railway Hotel 286 (H. Dyte 41).

"COUNTRY HOUSES" LEAGUE

Castle Inn, Kingstone, 291 (P. Larcombe 49), Rose and Crown, Dinnington, 340 (G. Haines 55, C. Pipe 51); New Inn B, Dowlish, 318 (P. Hansford 45), Westport Inn 329 (C. Harvey 47); New Inn, Shepton Beauchamp, 326 (D. Allen 48), New Inn A, Dowlish, 290 (R. Harvey 47); George Inn A, Donyatt, 322 (B. Bealey 48), Royal Oak, Barrington, 330 (H. Watts 50); Bell Inn, Broadway, 304 (G. Larcombe 46), George Inn B, Donyatt, 294 (D. Withers 41).

CHARD TOWN LEAGUE

Ship Inn 326 (W. Hoskins 47), Choughs Hotel 325 (L. Chubb 50); London Inn 302 (B. Sweetland 41), West of England 302 (H. F. Solloway 43, L. Dorse 43); Choughs Bantams 306 (L. Stoodley 43, K. Stoodley 43), Ship Wanderers 306 (V. Childs 45); Dening's A 324 (F. Culverwell 47), British Legion 305 (D. Tucker 45); Victoria Hotel 293 (A. Goff 41), Furnham Hotel 289 (S. Hine 42); Conservative Club 306 (D. Scott 44), Dolphin 312 (A. Shanks 43, A. Harris 43); Furnham Rovers 268, F. Knight 39), Southern National 287 (A. Cooke 41); Phœnix 270 (R. Jennings 42), Dening's B 259 (G. Reed 38, W. Phippen 38); King's Head lost to W.M.C.; Territorial Club 254 (H. Rogers 42), Ball Inn 263 (C. Butler 39).

Positions (each team has played 23 games):—Choughs Hotel, 40; Ship Inn, 34; Victoria, 30; West of England, 29; Ship Wanderers, 27; Legion, Conservative Club, Furnham Hotel, W.M.C., 26; Dening's A, 24; Choughs Bantams, 23; Dening's B, 22; King's Head, Southern National, 20; Phœnix, 18; Territorial Club, 16; Dolphin, Ball, 14; London, 13; Furnham Rovers, 12.

SWIMMING CERTIFICATES FOR TEACHERS

The Central Council of Physical Recreation, in co-operation with the Somerset and Dorset Education Authorities, will be holding a swimming course to train candidates for the Amateur Swimming Association Teachers' Certificate. The course of 12 sessions will be held at the Yeovil Baths on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., starting on February 1st. Application forms can be obtained from F. L. Briscoe, 39, Market-street, Crewkerne.

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ROAD CYCLING

SOMERSET ROAD CLUB.

Langport and district section members met at Langport and rode through Somerton and Street to Glastonbury Tor, and on to Huish Episcopi for tea with the Taunton section.—Sunday's run is to Honiton. Meet Glaston Cross 9.30 a.m., Langport 10.30—tea at Honiton.

HUNTING

BLACKMORE VALE FOXHOUNDS.

On Tuesday last week the meet was at Alford. A fox was found in Fosse Wood and the hounds hunted him away through West Wood and over the brook and right through Baltonsborough village, where they hunted beautifully through every conceivable foil and on almost to West Bradley, where scent failed. This was a very pretty hunt of 40 minutes. An afternoon fox from Wheathill, which contained a brace, could only be hunted a short way before being lost. A sharp frost occurred before the meet at Lillington on Christmas-eve, but the sun came out and a lovely day ensued. The first fox was found at Stockbridge Oak. He ran, leaving Mackie's on his right, over Mr. Harris's ground, crossing the main road near Orchard House. Hounds, who had run very fast, were then brought to their noses on the ploughground, but hunted on, leaving Butterwick on their right, over Mr. Barber's farm to Willow Tree Copse and into Broke Wood. Here the owner had viewed the fox and hounds were soon away but lost just short of Ferney Down. However a brace was soon away from the covert and hounds hunted one rather slowly by Folke and West Hall to Longburton village, where he was also lost. Holme Bushes contained a brace and one ran out to Six Acres, then over Mr. Durrant's ground to Simons Plants and back to Holme Bushes. Scent was now very poor, but hounds managed to keep going and hunted away at the bottom almost to Whitfield Wood but swung right-handed back to Leweston, where this fox was also lost.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

BLACKMORE VALE HUNT.—To-day (Friday), Sherborne Castle (children's meet—only children under 15 and their attendants may ride); to-morrow (Saturday), Holnest Pound; Tuesday, Jan. 4th, Hornblotton; Friday, Jan. 7th, Folke—at 11 a.m.

BLACKMORE VALE (MISS GUEST'S).—To-morrow (Saturday), Todber School; Tuesday, Jan. 4th, Factory Mill, Fifehead; Friday, Jan. 7th, Purse Caundle—at 11 a.m.

CATTISTOCK HUNT.—To-morrow (Saturday), Melbury Oak; Monday, Jan. 3rd, Compton Barn; Tuesday, Jan. 4th, Langdon (children's meet); Thursday, Jan. 6th, Askers-road House; Saturday, Jan. 8th, Horn Park—at 11 a.m.

COTLEY HARRIERS.—To-morrow (Saturday), Higher Holditch (Cap for Tom Healey); Tuesday, Jan. 4th, Penn Farm, Charmouth (Cap for Tom Healey); Saturday, Jan. 8th, Yarty Farm (Cap for Tom Healey); Tuesday, Jan. 11th, Forton House—at 11 a.m.

HURSLEY HOUNDS — To-day (Friday), Mottisfont Abbey; Tuesday, Jan. 4th, Ampfield House; Friday, Jan. 7th, Houghton Manor, Stockbridge—at 11 a.m.

MENDIP FARMERS' HUNT. — To-morrow (Saturday), Ston Easton Park—at 11 a.m.

MR. RONALD'S HOUNDS.—Monday, Jan. 3rd, Wantsley Farm; Thursday, Jan. 6th, West Mead, Bridport—at 11 a.m.

NEW FOREST BEAGLES.—To-morrow (Saturday), Beufre Farm, Braulieu (by invitation); Saturday, Jan. 8th, Stoney Cross Aerodrome—at 11.30 a.m.

NEW FOREST BUCKHOUNDS.—To-day (Friday), Holiday Hill Cottage; Monday, Jan. 3rd, Lodge Hill, Lyndhurst; Friday, Jan. 7th, Royal Oak, Fritham; Monday, Jan. 10th, Boldre Wood Green (children's meet)—at 11 a.m.

NEW FOREST HOUNDS.—To-morrow (Saturday), Swan Green; Tuesday, Jan. 4th, Royal Oak, Fritham; Saturday, Jan. 8th, Annesley Cottage, Bank—at 10.30 a.m.

PORTMAN HOUNDS. — To-day (Friday), Creech Hill; Monday, Jan. 3rd, Tarrant Gunville; Wednesday, Jan. 5th, The Kennels (Pony Club); Friday, Jan. 7th, Hinton Martell—at 10.45 a.m.

SEAVINGTON HOUNDS.—Monday, Jan. 3rd, Middle Burrow Farm, Kingsbury; Thursday, Jan. 6th, Halfway House, Pitney—at 11.30 a.m.

SOUTH DORSET HOUNDS. — To-morrow (Saturday), Piddlehinton—at 11.30 a.m.; Monday, Jan. 3rd, Kingcombe Cross-roads; Thursday, Jan. 6th, Stag Lodge—at 11 a.m.

SOUTH AND WEST WILTS FOXHOUNDS.—To-morrow (Saturday), Charnage Chalk Pit; Monday, Jan. 3rd, Fonthill House; Wednesday, Jan. 5th, Black Dogs, Zeals; Saturday, Jan. 8th, Willoughby Hedge Gate—at 10.45 a.m.

SPARKFORD VALE HARRIERS. — To-morrow (Saturday), The Grange, Somerton; Wednesday, Jan. 5th, North Cadbury; Saturday, Jan. 8th, Yeovilton Camp (by invitation)—at 11 a.m.

TAUNTON VALE FOXHOUNDS.—To-day (Friday), Barnshill (Cap R.A.B.I.); Tuesday, Jan. 4th, Heathfield; Friday, Jan. 7th, Whitelackington—at 11 a.m.

THE R.A. HUNT.—To-morrow (Saturday), Allington House; Wednesday, Jan. 5th, Sheepsbridge (children's meet); Saturday, Jan. 8th, Officers' Mess, Porton Camp—at 11 a.m.

WILTON HUNT.—To-morrow (Saturday), New Farm; Wednesday, Jan. 5th, Daggons-road Station; Saturday, Jan. 8th, The Bell, Bowerchalke—at 10.45 a.m.

WYLYE VALLEY FOXHOUNDS.—To-morrow (Saturday), School of Infantry; Wednesday, Jan. 5th, Codford St. Mary; Thursday, Jan. 6th, Corton; Saturday, Jan. 8th, Middle Barn, Chitterne—at 10.45 a.m.

RUGBY

YEOVIL EXPECT HARD GAME TO-MORROW

After their Christmas lay-off, Yeovil go into action again on Saturday with an away game against Newton Abbot. A good, hard match is assured when opposed to this virile Devon fifteen.

Last season, Newton Abbot trounced Yeovil both home and away. Neither time was the margin small—and with a little luck, the Somerset side would have shared the spoils. Yeovil can avenge those defeats when the teams meet on Saturday if they display their top form.

Yeovil's team is: Russell, Pook, Holloway, Wilkins, Noble, Teakle, Hicks, Rendell, Williams, Rowlands, Hancock, Gillett, White, McGarvey and Pyle. Williams again captains the team. He is doing the job well, but whether a hooker is in a position to command a team is very debatable.

Away to Trowbridge, Yeovil "A" XV will be chosen from: Tutton, Reed, McIntyre, Sumner, J. Vaux, Sawtell, Lindsay L., Lindsay R., Young, Sill, G. Vaux, Gardner, Morrish, Hall, Humphries, Harberfield, and Harris.

DARTS

YEOVIL LEAGUE.

Division I.—Nag's Head 3, Albion A 5; Butcher's Arms 3, Railway A 5; Britannia A 5, Pall 3; Swan 4, Red Lion 4; Rifleman's Arms 5, Nelson A 3; Pen Mill 7, Royal Standard A 1; Liberal A 3, Bell 5.

Division II.—Black Horse 5, Crown 3; Southern Railway 4, Duke of Wellington A 4; Royal Marine 5, Fleur-de-Lys 3; Labour 4, White Lion 4; Alexandra 7, Volunteer 1; Heart of Oak A 5, Globe 3; British Legion A 3, Glovers 5.

Division IV.—Golden Lion 5, Phelips Arms B 3; Market-street 5, Butchers' B 3; R.A. Association 3, Britannia B 5; Duke of Wellington B 5, Blackouts 3; Royal Standard B 2, Y.S.M. 6.

WEST CREWKERNE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Ps.
Tigers	12	12	[illegible]	32	7	32
Vagabonds	13	10	3	30	9	30
Thunderbolts	13	11	2	28	11	25
Dragonflies	13	6	7	20	19	20
Woodchoppers	12	8	4	19	17	19
Drivers	13	7	6	19	20	19
Wayford Utd.	13	7	6	19	20	19
Kitwhistle A	13	6	7	19	20	19
Blue Boy B	13	6	7	18	21	18
Divers	13	5	7	18	21	15
Bulldogs	13	5	8	17	22	17
Western Boys	13	4	9	18	23	15
Ramblers	12	1	11	9	27	9
Atom Boys	13	1	12	6	33	6

Market Reports

CORN.—Bristol, Dec. 23rd.—Business slack for English wheat, and few lots made 22s 11d per cwt.; little trade done in oats, and only the top grades of barley taken by maltsters at 27s to 28s per cwt.

FAIRS AND SALES.

YEOVIL.

MESSRS. W. PALMER & CO. AND R. & C. SNELL, LTD.

There were less than 100 head of cattle at Messrs. W. Palmer & Co. and R. & C. Snell's weekly sale of dairy and store cattle at Yeovil on Thursday. A very lively trade was experienced for Dairy cattle, and some very good average prices were recorded. Shorthorn cows with calves made to £69, and £79 10s. Friesians, to £66 10s; Guernsey cross, to £71. Shorthorn heifers and calves, to £68 10s and £74. Friesians, to £72; a good proportion of dairy animals sold at around £70. Devon yearling steer bull, £34. Shorthorn ditto, £35. barren heifers, £26 10s, a few barren cows sold well to £30 10s and £32 15s.

GUERNSEYS AT READING.

Messrs. R. B. Taylor & Sons, of Yeovil, and Messrs. Simmons & Sons, of Reading, reported an entry of over 90 for their sale at Reading. There was a lively trade and both pedigree and non-pedigree animals cleared readily. Some of the heifers were: Messrs. H. Stevens & Sons, 115 gns; Lieut.-Col. F. G. G. Bailey's, 200 gns and 140 gns; Mr. Chas. Farmers, 130 gns. Non-pedigree: Mr. C. G. Dangerfield's, 120 gns; Mr. E. J. Philip's, 155 gns; Miss M. S. Chester's, 120 gns; Mr. R. Eddy's heifer, 100 gns. Mr. Eddy sold a number of heifers at between 90 gns and 100 gns, the remainder in-milk made from 54 gns to 82 gns, and averaged just over £34. In-calf heifers also sold very well to 92 gns, from Mr. Eddy, and to 90 gns from other vendors.

MIDLANDS FARM, CHIDEOCK.

Messrs. T. R. G. Lawrence & Son sold the live and dead farming stock for Mr. T. R. Spurle (quitting). The feature of the sale was the attested herd of 40 pedigree and non-pedigree Guernseys, which caused keen competition, and particularly good prices resulted. The top figure of £144 18s was paid for a very nice pedigree heifer born September, 1946; another pedigree heifer, born December, 1946, realised £137 6s; others, £84, £73 10s, pedigree cows, £66 ...; £71 8s, &c.; 10 to 15 months pedigree heifers, £86 12s, £73 10s, £60 18s; 5 to 7 months ditto, £53 11s and £38 16s. The non-pedigree cattle sold extremely well. Non-pedigree served heifers, £136 10s, £115 10s, £107 2s, £105; non-pedigree cow and calf, £105; non-pedigree cows, £79 16s, £75 15s; 7 to 11 months heifers, £52 10s, £73 10s. Guernsey cross cows to £56 2s. Rising 5-year cart horses, £59 17s and £48 6s. Fisher Humphrey baler, £400; elevator, £45; Fordson, £65; rubber wheels, £23; comb S./D. rake, £31; seed drill, £28; saw bench, £23 10s.