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RAG WEEK STARTS TOMORROW, SO—

LET YOUR HAIR DOWN!

YES, tomorrow's the date for you to begin to cure yourselves of that strange listlessness you have been feeling. Starting tomorrow, Rag is providing you with eight days of enjoyment, so have a whale of a time, really let your hair down. Remember! the more you throw yourselves into the fun, the greater success Rag 1957 is going to be.

CAR COMP' NEWS

BY THE MAN IN CHARGE

The car competition draws to its close. I move round to a more comfortable position on the back seat of the Ford Anglia (de-luxe model, I remind the aristocrats), languorously if a little sadly aware that soon I will have to relinquish this very seat (not to mention the rest of the car) to the lucky winner. Only one more week to wash my underwear in the washing machine (second prize) to eat my sandwiches from the picnic basket (third prize) and to refrain from a natural inclination to break into the 500 cigarettes (fourth but perhaps not least prize). Only one more week in which to badger, pester, cajole, beg, plead, threaten, supplicate people into spending their shillings or selling their books. Only one week more to offer those who sell twelve books or more the choice of a Ronson lighter, a Conway Stewart pen, or a double ticket to Rag Ball (how about you, sir or madam, having a go at winning one of these prizes?). Only one more week for those still in the running for the four-day trip to Paris or the equivalent in cash, to make themselves highly unpopular by badgering, pestering, cajoling, begging, pleading, threatening, supplicating friends into purchasing tickets.

Finally, and certainly most important, only one more week in which to attempt the record set up last year in the car competition. Unless this record is at least equalled we will not reach our target for this year's Rag. It finally rests with you to sink us or buoy us up. So how about it? Rag office is open all day and every day, the staff is willing, the coffers (alarming empty at present) are waiting to bulge. Let's make this a bumper competition!

WORKERS PLAYTIME

THE Workers' Playtime of Rag Week... This is what Rag is providing in their Lunch Time Entertainment all next week on the Town Hall Steps. Each day there will be a display, a competition, and a jazzband, with an extra-special attraction on Thursday in the form of the versatile Duncan Marionettes.

If you fancy your chances on Monday in the 'Coke' drinking contest there is a bottle of rum and a crate of 'Coke' to be won. On Wednesday you can have lunch entirely free by coming down for the pie contest and if you still aren't satisfied come and see the blood flow on Thursday and join in the transfusion which is bound to occur with two live vampires on the stage.

Music will be provided by the King Cox Jazz Band (Monday), the Gerry Wilson Five (Wednesday and Friday), the Pete Thompson Jazz Band (Friday) and the Phoenix Jazz Band (Thursday).

Come in any case—there will be crowds there and crowds mean money for charity; come and be entertained, sell Rag Times and have yourself a real ragtime!

Rag 1957 definitely has a "new-look" about it. Not because this year's committee has thrown overboard the traditional and accepted formula for raising money by entertaining the public. That has proved its worth too well in the past to be easily discarded, and last year's Rag with an all-time record confirmed it.

But you can't put on the same show every year. And while never wandering too far from the traditional formula, this year's committee has aimed at variety and novelty in the Rag Week programme.

A 'NEW-LOOK' RAG

By now, if you have read your copy of "Rag Bag," the booklet which gives you "all the gen about Rag Week" and is itself a new venture, you will have seen what some of these new ideas are. To mention some of the main ones, there is the River Rally on Warehouse Hill Wharf on "Tyke Day," the Jazz Concert at the Town Hall on Sunday, a number of new and somewhat startling items in the Mid-Week Entertainments, while the Rag Ball will be in fancy-dress at the Town Hall, which is obviously more in keeping with the spirit of Rag Week than the "customary snits of solemn black."

What Rag needs now, and needs urgently is YOUR help. Yes, I know it has been said before, but only by the support and co-operation of every student can the "new look" about Rag become a reality. Rag is a show that is put on by us. Are you going to be in that show?

Rag Office is at the end of the top corridor. Why not come up and offer your services? There are a hundred and one jobs to be done, and while the harvest we know is great, the reapers are few. Remember, this is YOUR NEW-LOOK RAG.

SHIP AHOY!

Have a Magical Evening

AMONGST the many attractions which Rag is providing tomorrow is a River Rally at Warehouse Hill Wharf from 7 to 10 p.m. The festivities will include "dancing" to the Gerry Wilson Five; during the interval a magician is being produced who, it is rumoured can disappear down his own top hat.

RAG CELEBRITY

THE closely guarded secret of this year's Rag Celebrity has now been revealed. It is RONNIE HILTON, the well-known recording star, who is appearing at the Empire this week.

Ronnie's great "hit" was "No Other Love"; his present "hit" is "Around the World" which lies seventh in Top Twenty.

Ronnie was born in Hull but considers himself a Leeds man as he has lived here since he was fourteen.

Your appetites will be met by "hot dogs" cooked and sold by two of the capable Pud School ladies. There will also be crisps and Coca-Cola so there is no danger of going hungry.

RIVER BUS TOO

Another first-rate attraction is a River Bus which will ply people regularly from Ryder's Boat Yard (behind the City Station) to the festivities at the Wharf. This boat, 'Florence', has been supplied by Mr. J. P. Burton of Shipley and is painted in the traditional style and not the standard style of British Waterways. It is handled by members of the Waterways Society and the College of Art, the former especially are taking a great part in the rally, aiming to show that water transport is not obsolete.

The police have been fairly co-operative towards the new venture, though a little difficulty over the safety precautions on the River Bus has had to be surmounted.

The Wharf will be festooned with fairy lights from the Co-operative Society who are also supplying the bread rolls for the hot dogs.

So if tomorrow night you want a great time with a spice of the unusual in it—take a River Bus to the River Rally. More specific details of getting to Ryder's Boat Yard are to be found in 'Rag Bag' which has been liberally circulated in the last few days.

SANDWICH
MEN
WANTED

RAG require "sandwich men" to parade Rag adverts through the City. Fancy Dress if possible. Why not spend an hour or two in this unusual occupation? Apply to Rag Office as soon as possible.

DON'T MISS THESE MISSES



One of the sparkling scenes from this year's Rag Revue which is on at the Empire twice nightly all next week.

HALLS AT HARROGATE?

UNIVERSITY MAKES NO COMMENT

A RECENT edition of the 'Yorkshire Evening News' carried an article on a proposal by an anonymous Harrogate business man to convert disused hotels in the Harrogate area for use as residences for students of the University. The 'Evening News' office in Harrogate confirmed that it was intended to put such a proposal before the Town Council but that everything was as yet 'very much in the air.'

The University authorities have made no comment on the matter and therefore no official statement can be made. However student opinion seems somewhat divided.

FAST DIESEL SERVICE

There is no doubt that Harrogate is not as far away in travelling time as may at first be thought. There is an excellent rail service, the diesel trains taking about twenty minutes, which is probably less time than is required to come in from, say, Roundhay. The 2/9d. day return fare is not excessive and of course certain authorities make grants towards heavy travelling expenses.

Nevertheless the objection which occurs to most people is that such an arrangement would tend to disrupt the corporate life of the University and this would seem to be quite valid. A splitting of the social life which revolves about the Union and our present Halls would appear inevitable. Whilst daytime transport is adequate the prospect of a taxi to Harrogate after a Ball would quench the enthusiasm of most.

ALRIGHT FOR SOME

The project definitely bears thinking about. The £1 million scheme at present under consideration will not solve all the problems of residence in the next few years. The Harrogate scheme would be an improvement on some of the lodgings in which students are forced to live at present and for those who have no interest in the Union as anything other than a cheap transport would make little

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MORE RAG NEWS
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CROSSWORD
AND ALL THE SPORTBOOK EXCHANGE
ON THE MOVE

Record Sales Continue

The Book Exchange which has become an indispensable amenity in the University is moving to bigger and better premises in "No Man's Land."

Last year's takings closing at Easter totalled £2,612, an increase of over £500 on the previous year. It was becoming increasingly clear that the present premises were not adequate for the rapidly increasing trade.

The move to 'No Man's Land' will give 2½ times more shelf space and twice as much floor space. Much of the cost has been born by a special fund of a penny in the shilling commission on sales. The change-over will take place during the last two weeks in August when the Union is closed for this and other important alterations.

You can 'take in' books now. In fact the first three, the first paid. More books for second, third, and fourth year courses are needed. For people leaving the University at the end of this term there is a special postal service by which money will be forwarded when the books are sold.

The greatest sale is for textbooks for large classes such as G.I. Physics, but there is also a large possible market for non-textbooks and used Penguins, etc.

NEW HALL —
DECISION

THE Ministry of Housing and Local Government has recently given authority, subject to certain conditions, to Leeds Corporation to grant planning permission for a new men's hall of residence on a site at Westwood between the Ring Road and Adel Lane. In February a public enquiry was held into the proposal, and there were twelve local objections, based on the theory that a new men's hall would spoil the amenities and select nature of the neighbourhood.

The scheme provides for a hall for 600 men students. It is hoped to make a start in 1959 and to have the first 200 places available by 1961.

Permission is still subject to the approval of the Leeds Corporation Town Planning and Improvements Committee, and then the City Council.

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AS WE SEE IT

WHERE are the joys of spring? I have often wondered what kind of educational tradition caused exams, to be held in the spring. For most of us in the Union the 'merry month of May' has been a piece of crude irony. Instead of waking with Nature from the lethargy of winter hibernation, the student is unnaturally thrust into a new lethargy of steady book-slogging. Even the blithe spirits of Unions News eventually succumbed to the blight and in the last edition there were seven direct references to "exams" and several indirect references, including "frenzy of last-minute swotting," "degree," "work," "studies" and "if you have any wits left."

But the spell is now broken, and as high summer approaches we can all taste the joys of spring at last. Instead of insidious references to "work," this edition will be pervaded with exhortations to 'let your hair down.' And RAG can surely come at no better time, to provide the fun that is so much needed, and at the same time to guide the fun to some useful purpose.

As this last edition of Union News for this session goes through, it is an appropriate time to look back. With record sales still continuing, it has been a very successful year. Primarily it has been a year of consolidation on the improvements wrought by previous editors, Doug, Bevan and Barrie Gill. Their efforts and ideas rescued it when the paper was nearly down and out three years ago. Compared with those days we are proud of the fact that it is now three times the size and sells three times as many copies.

But although it has been a year of consolidation, certain new trends are becoming evident. Without flatering ourselves, Union News is a highly important organ for the airing of complaints and grievances in the Union. However, the more complaints it is responsible for having remedied, the more efficiently the Union is run, the less news of a sensational nature there is to write about. In a subtle way, therefore, Union News makes things increasingly difficult for itself. Hence a slight change in the character of Union News is already taking place, as different sources and types of news are constantly being investigated.

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Careers in Electricity

This is an extract from a recorded interview with E. O. Maxwell, an established C.E.A. engineer, aged 26.



Mr. Maxwell

"...in Power
Stations I could
get variety and
responsibility"

Q.M.: What first made you come into the industry?

Mr. Maxwell: I saw an advertisement for graduate training and it struck me that in power stations I could get the type of experience I wanted—variety and responsibility.

Q.M.: Any particular reason why you chose this part of the world?

Mr. Maxwell: Only that my people were living in the South of England so I voted to do my training here.

Q.M.: After your training...?

Mr. Maxwell: I was appointed Assistant Engineer—plant testing—Croydon B. My first ambition, of course, was to be in charge of a shift.

Q.M.: Which you were. Weren't you a Charge Engineer before you were 23?

Mr. Maxwell: Yes. Assistant two years and two months, then Charge Engineer. I was very keen on being responsible for staff and it suited me fine.

Q.M.: What are your plans now?

Mr. Maxwell: Well, my plan at the moment is to gain as much experience of the design and construction—construction side mainly—of nuclear power stations. Actually I shall be going, for two years, to one of the Atomic groups in about four weeks' time. My ultimate aim is really to get back into power stations.

Q.M.: You don't see yourself spending all your time in a nuclear power station?

Mr. Maxwell: Oh, no. I'm much too young at the moment to specialise. I want to get as much general experience as I can.

We'd like to publish more of this interview, but there isn't space. For details of the many careers in Electricity, and the salaried training schemes available, please write to:
The Education and Training Officer,
Central Electricity Authority,
15 Winsley Street,
London, W.1.



Feature II

The man behind the scenes

A PART from the fact that every member of this Union carries his signature on their Union Card, there can be very few people who do not know Syd Larter. As Union Secretary he has filled the post with a vigour and an enthusiasm that has impressed all who have any knowledge of the running of Union affairs, and those who know him personally know that he has devoted himself entirely and absorbingly to his task in a manner that has left him very little time for leisure.

It will be a great loss to the Union when Sydney Larter leaves at the end of this term, for he leaves us in debt to him for his assiduous devotion in a post carrying so much responsibility and hard work that often goes unnoticed by those who benefit from it.

DISGUSTING LITTLE SWOT

Syd first came to Leeds in 1951 to study English, and he admits that as "a disgusting little swot" he regarded University then only as a continuation of school. The only way in which he appeared in the public eye was by his performance as a "virgin" in the English Society's First Year Night. His second year saw him joining Theatre Group and becoming the electrician for the N.U.S. Drama Festival held in Leeds, joining Music Soc. (accompanying two operas on the piano), and becoming Secretary for Rag Opera.

These two main interests—music and lighting—were carried on with Syd's characteristic seriousness (although anyone who has heard the resounding Larter laugh knows that he also has a sense of humour of the broadest kind) and he became the Secretary of the Music Society, accompanist for the Chorus, and also played with the University orchestra at the Annual Music Society concert. Another of Syd's hobbies is photography, and apart from becoming "Union News" photographer he took official pictures of the Jubilee celebrations and the Queen Mother's visit. He holds the august position of becoming the first student allowed on the top of the Parkinson Tower with a camera.

BREAKING THE GLASS

Having collected a good top-Second degree in passing, Syd then became actively interested in Union politics, being the fifteenth voted member on to Union Committee. In that year he also became President of the Music Society, arranged, orchestrated, composed and conducted the music for Rag Revue, and joined the long line of distinguished people who have broken the glass in the "Union News" office door.

After the resignation of Charles Maclean he became Union Committee Secretary, which post he has held ever

since, having missed the Presidency by the close margin of 17 votes.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

On looking back over the six years he has been here, Syd feels that times have changed. There is not the same inclination towards practical jokes as there used to be, he reflects, and student life in Leeds seems to have taken a decidedly studious turn. At the same time, however, there does not seem to be as much interest in the running of the Union, even though Union politics are much more organised than they were a few years ago.

During his run of office Syd has seen many Unions throughout the country, and he is emphatic in his belief that there is none to compare with our own. He is feeling a little nostalgic at this time, for he is bound to admit "it will be a bit of a break" when he leaves.

One thing is certain however; Syd in his many capacities has served the Union long and well. He will be remembered for his tremendous drive, enthusiasm, and tireless energy. Much of his work has been behind the scenes and has demanded a great deal of personal ability and stamina, for much of it has been lengthy and arduous. Few people realise just how much he has done, for he is modest and non-complaining, but many will miss the man a celebrated Union wit once called: "him with the wavy glasses and the long blue hair."

PLEASE NOTE!

THE Union will be closed for the last fortnight in August (i.e. from Sunday, August 18th to Monday, September 2nd) for major repairs which include the resetting of the front steps, re-decorating, and the moving of the Book Exchange to "No-Man's Land."

READERS WRITE—

ANY ANSWERS?

Dear Sir,
Why does the Maths. Club keep candles in its cupboard?
Until death do us part,
Yours faithfully,
LIFE MEMBER.

Dear Sir,—Is this a University Union or an elite social club? From now on, those who wish to play tennis but have either not the time or perhaps not the money to dress in whites will be "asked to leave the courts".

Those of us who object to this type of regimentation and social snobbery will no doubt go elsewhere to play tennis.

We are repeatedly reminded of the apathy of union members. Perhaps this "whites" ruling is merely one example of the sort of pressure which drives those who prefer to choose their own style of dress and rules of conduct away from the union.

Yours, etc.,—J. HEATON.

Dear Sir,
On Friday, May 24th, I had to go down into Leeds on business, and I was astonished to find that, apart from a few flags here and there, no-one seemed to realise that it was Empire Day. In spite of the "Daily Express" appeal to "wear a flag" there were no flag-sellers (except those selling for the R.N.L.I.). I found the same lamentable state of affairs when I returned to the University and went into the Union. When there is an appeal to "Stop the H-Bomb Tests" plenty of cranks and people who prefer to live on their knees rather than die on their feet can be found to sign it, along with those who owe their allegiance to a foreign power. But when it comes to being proud of Britain, instead of stabbing her in the back I seem to be a member of a small minority. I should be very pleased to know if anyone holds the same opinions as me, though I do not promise to abide by the majority's decision should it go against me.

Yours faithfully,
K. WOOLLIN.

Dear Sir,
As a member of a Hall of Residence and an ex-digs man, I should like to reply to the "Diggers" who wrote in your last issue.

I cannot see any reason, even if students were allowed in Hall for two years only, why it is the final year at University which has to suffer. Since I have been in Hall and appreciated the benefits of its life and society, I should hate to return to digs especially in my final year. I do not wish to decry digs in any way, but I can safely say that a year in lodgings before I was admitted to Hall has made me appreciate the life here much more than if I had been accepted immediately on entering University. It seems to me, in any case, that those who are eager and persistent and who make direct contact with wardens can, if they are suitable applicants, find their way into a Hall for at least a year—that's how I managed it! Women diggers have more chance for places than Men, anyway.

Yours, etc.,
A. HALLMAN

ROUND THE HOUSES
WITH SPIGOT

THE WHITE SWAN

THOSE of us who regularly attend the City Varieties will need no introduction to the White Swan. Situated near the back of the 'Varieties,' it contains, as well as the famous Piccadilly Bar, with its central counter and scenes from London's Piccadilly, a recently-opened American Bar and a cosy, tastefully-panelled Oak Room.

The history of the White Swan is intimately connected with the adjoining theatre, and in a corner of the Oak Room is a door which used to lead into the auditorium but which was bricked up when the house acquired a separate licence. It has been suggested that the theatre used to be the singing room of the pub, and that the auditorium was added later. Also in the Oak Room, where the bar now is, there was a kitchen range which the 'locals' roasted potatoes.

The management has been in the very capable hands of Wilf and Dora Scott for the past four years. Genial, easy going Mr. Scott, found time to tell us a great deal about the place and to escort us round the spotless cellars, including a very old passage which leads under the stage door of the theatre. Mr. Scott was born less than a mile from the 'Swan,' but had a varied career, including lorry-and-bus-driving, before taking over this, his first pub. As a young lad he used to be proud of the fact that he could visit the Swan without collecting a cauliflower ear in the process, but since then the clientele has vastly improved.

Students are frequent visitors, and a number of overseas students, especially Scandinavians, are regular customers. Artists appearing at the theatre often drop in for a drink, among them many well-known stars, especially on Television Nights. Asked about "embarrassing moments," Mr. Scott told of a gentleman in clerical garb whom he took to be a character comedian and took across to a group of young girls in one of the rooms, saying that he had brought 'the parson' along to keep them in order. The embarrassed clergyman, who was quite genuine, took it in good part and became a regular visitor.

Mr. Scott has a fund of stories about the characters who frequent the 'Swan,' including Dinah the watchdog who used to perform a dying act when she thought she was not being paid enough attention, and who had 76 pups in her lifetime. In fact, character is the keynote of this House; character and a colourful history. I quote from the first of the 'Ten Commandments' of the White Swan Hotel: 'When thirsty thou shalt come into our house and drink, but not to excess; that thou mayest live long in the land and enjoy thyself for ever.'

THIS IS MY VIEW

By
"PERSPEX"

IT never fails to astound me, this weather pantomime. Every year the examination and pre-examination periods are accompanied by sub-tropical conditions of unrelenting sunshine and exhausting heat, so that the suffering candidate takes a last-minute swot book on to the Moor and stretches out in a defiant posture to enjoy his rightful due of natural radiation. Waking up with minutes to spare he dashes back to labour to the summit of three or four flights of stairs, to arrive, panting and stickily unprepared for a sweltering, shirt-sleeved brain-washing. All this would be bearable if one could rely on similar weather when relaxing after exams, but, equally without fail, it is at this point that the fickle high-pressure ridge feels the desire to wander and spread its benign influence elsewhere, leaving us in a depression of dreary drizzle.

ANTICLIMAX

In fact, post-exam periods are pretty dismal all round. We promise ourselves a host of riotous celebrations; if we are conscientiously in the groove and definitely no squares we vow to rip it up and have a Ball, and if our tendencies are ruboid we simply determine to have a hell of a time, but when the last of those exquisitely glossy answer books is closed and handed over we feel that nothing would be more delightful than to crawl into bed and stay there for a week with perhaps an occasional horror comic to take our minds off it all. Perhaps that is why we rarely seem to do anything very spectacular in the way of stunts for Rag. I would not suggest that we make ourselves nationally notorious by capturing Atomic Research Establishments or infuriate the Constabulary by banging tailor's dummies in awkward and undignified positions, but I think it is time that the worthy citizens of Leeds were awakened, rudely if necessary, to an awareness of the existence of a vigorous student body, by means of some original form of organised lunacy.

SPRIGHTLY KNIGHT

Talking about squares, I see that the terracing next to the tennis-courts is completed. This, we are told, is in the form of a chess-board, and for anyone with a flair for geometry and a warped mind, with a considerable stretch of imagination this can be seen to be so. No doubt suitable flora will soon spring joyfully forth from the little square flower-beds. I shudder to think of the fate of these blooms if some inebriated Sir Gala-had, his imagination having been adequately stretched by tarrying over-long in Fred's place, should exercise his knightly privilege by leaping two forward and one to the side, brandishing a beer mug and crying 'Knight to Queen's Bishop's third!' in a voice blurred with emotion and alcohol.

DRIVING TESTS

ONCE again Motor Club make their contribution to Rag by organising Driving Tests on Woodhouse Moor.

The Tests will be held on Tyke Day, 15th June, from 2 p.m. There are numerous prizes offered for the successful drivers.

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RAG NEWS CONTINUED

Full Programme of Dances

THIRTEEN BANDS BOOKED

THE Rag Dances will provide the best ever chance of letting your hair down, having a ball or just a jolly good time. Thirteen bands have been booked to appear at the six dances and great emphasis has been placed on variety.

This year, the Rag Ball takes place in the Town Hall. Single tickets and fancy dress have been introduced so that everyone can enjoy themselves in bourgeois abandon at the Ball of the Year! Don't miss it! The star attractions are Alex Welsh and his Dixielanders, Derek Lee and his music and the Jeff Locke Quintet providing music for dancing, not forgetting the Car Competition Draw and the "Rag Beauty Queen" Final.

OTHER DANCES

On Monday night, the dance is being held in the Astoria Ballroom commencing at 8 p.m. During the evening, the finalists of the "Rag Beauty Queen" competition will be chosen by a panel including last year's winner, Miss Christina MacDonald.

On Wednesday night, music for dancing will be in the very capable hands of Jack Mann and his music in the Capitol Ballroom. A Cabaret is also included.

On Thursday night, Crazzy Nite is with us again and the Law Soc. will be in charge again. The bands summoned to appear at odd intervals (Aug. 11th etc.) will be the fabulous Shemp and his . . . and James Q. Fuller and his Frenzied Five, making their first, and probably penultimate appearance.

Don't miss the Tyke Day and Rag Day Hops! You can get in half-price if you help to sell "Tykes," "Rag Times" etc.

COME DANCING, RAG WEEK!

CHANCE FOR VINTAGE CARS

MOTORISTS, do people point your car out to each other in the street? Has your car some highly individual characteristics which distinguish it from the many others in the Union grounds? Is it driven by elastic, steered with a tiller, or painted in unusual colours? If so, then here is your opportunity to turn such characteristics into hard cash. In conjunction with the Rag Procession, Rag is offering a prize of £3 for the oddest car to take part in the trip to Roundhay Park. The interpretation of 'odds' is left entirely open as long as the vehicle is in a roadworthy condition, and there is therefore plenty of scope for those who enjoy tinkering about with machinery. Let us see what the ingenuity of your motoring enthusiasts can produce.

As a companion to this competition there will also be a 'Concours d'Elegance' for vintage cars for which another prize of £3 will be awarded. There will be no set date to define 'Vintage' for the purpose of this competition. All that is required is an old car which has been kept in good condition. There are a fair number of such cars visible each day in the Union grounds and there would appear to be excellent prospects for a large entry in both sections of this competition.

Entries should be made to the Rag Day Organiser, Rag Office, as soon as possible.

MOTOR-CYCLISTS. A number of motor-cyclists are required to act as Stewards during the Rag Procession. Anyone interested should contact the Rag Day Organiser in Rag Office as soon as possible.

FISHING CLUB

IT is reported that the characters interviewed in the last issue are drawing up plans for the definite formation of a Union Fishing Club. People interested, and we are told there are no inconsiderable number, are asked to keep a look out for announcements.

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Rag Revue

THE PRODUCER INTERVIEWED

"THE annual miracle of Rag," said Mr. Simmons, a melancholy, bearded man wearing an old suit of his father's, the trousers of which are baggy, "has reached its moment of epiphany." The harmless student in the corridor has turned into the producer.

He advertised in vain for comedians and singers and script-writers and when he was convinced of the indifference to Rag of his fellow students, he gathered together a few old hands and friendly acquaintances to write and perform in the annual Rag Revue. The chaotic rehearsals began to take shape and the pile of bright ideas was shaped into a two hour show.

"Are the students eager to help charity?" Mr. Simmons was asked.

"No. They are indifferent, like myself, but some are obliging and others enjoy performing."

"Are you pleased with the show?"

"To some extent I am; but there are snags—too many pressures, time, the audience, the traditional form of Rag, make it difficult to produce a valuable entertainment. Perhaps more than ever before, we have let the comedy grow out of the personalities of the comedians."

"Will that make for a popular show?"

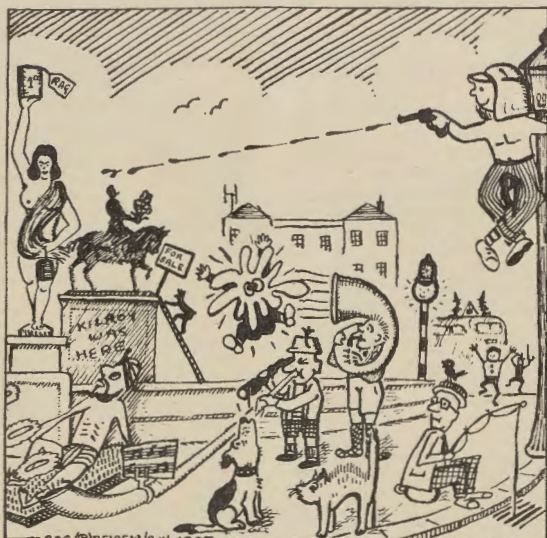
"The pressures I spoke of prevent too much esoteric humour. If it were entirely in my hands the comedy would range from the inconsequential to the bitterly satiric for like my cast I have little sympathy for society, politics, university pomposity, the insanity of those in power and those who obey them."

"You are neurotic then?"

"Yes, that is one way of putting it. The love of obscurity and anarchy is possibly less controlled in me than in the average person but anyone who listens to the Union singers from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. will know that I am not alone."

"What highlights would you like to point out to entice students to visit the Empire?"

"Most of the successful performers in last year's Rag Revue are in again with some remarkable new faces."



B.W.'s impression of the sort of thing we want to see next week.

THEATRE GROUP HONoured

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MUCH criticism has been levelled at Theatre Group as the result of some of their controversial productions but this year we must congratulate them on being invited to perform Goldoni in Venice.

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FIRST PRODUCTION

21-year-old Miss Elsa Bolam who has just completed finals in English is producing Goldoni's "Merry Wives of Venice" translated by Mr. F. May, which is going first to Saarbrücken at the end of July and then on to Venice.

At Saarbrücken Theatre Group will take part in the European Students Theatre Union Festival together with students from all over Europe.

This is Miss Bolam's first production although she has been an active member of Theatre Group for some time.

Elsa joined Theatre Group two years ago originally with acting ambitions but later decided that she would prefer to work back stage. She stage crewed for many performances by which she gained invaluable experience, was publicity manager for a year and many may remember her as assistant producer of one of Theatre Group's most controversial productions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At the Greenhanks Camp
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ELECTION REFLECTIONS

TOO MANY WOMEN?

Lowest poll ever

THIS year there was the lowest poll ever (29%) for the Fifteen Open Seats elections on May 13th and 14th. The poll was amongst the lowest for any elections held in the Union (excluding bye-elections).

Whatever the reason for the low poll it is a far from satisfactory state of affairs, especially when taken in conjunction with the fact that Union membership is steadily rising. It means that next year's Union Committee will be the least representative ever, and that the majority of Union members are not particularly worried.

TOO MANY WOMEN?

Another perturbing feature about the newly elected committee is that there are 8 women members on it (including the Senior Vice President and two first year women representatives). According to a leading official this is not a fact that augurs well for next year, as experience has shown that usually less than 50% of the women representatives are really effective. Also Dave Wilkinson, a former Rag Chairman and this year's joint Entertainments Secretary, was not re-elected. The election results suggest that over two-thirds of the Union are too apathetic (that word again!) to vote, and the other third do not vote as intelligently as they might.

NEW PROPOSALS

Executive Committee is going to propose to Union Committee next Monday that in the Fifteen Open Seats elections the preferential voting system should be substituted by a system of fifteen X's all counting equally. If this proposal is accepted it will simplify the election for voters and counters alike, and cut out many possible errors. With the present system, counters might easily slip up and the missing of three ticks can make a difference of anything between 3 and 45 points (and this year the difference between the 15th and 16th places was 43 points). Also it is easy for voters to miss a number when they are voting, and this means that their cards are invalid from the missed number downwards; in the new system the card would only be invalid if the voter recorded more than 15 X's. The new system would also make the block vote less effective.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN . . .

If this system had been used in the recent elections, several interesting changes of position would have resulted. B. J. Kirby would have been 20th instead of 15th; M. Fearon would have been 15th instead of 14th; S. B. Reed would have been 16th equal with M. Jepson instead of 11th; Audrey Peet would have been 11th instead of 17th; D. Wilkinson would have been 13th instead of 16th.

Next year's Committee will be as follows:—

Ruth Brockbank	pts.
Sue Khozai	6364
B. Burdett	5756
Cynthia Haldenby	5172
	4433

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE 3

ACROSS—1, Mistletoe (anag.); 9, P-sh-a-w; 10, Meals; 11, Elan-d; 12, (C)ases; 13, (Batsm)en-tice; 14, Imp-end; 19, (Pur)est-ers; 24, Cigar (anag.); 25, Era-to; 26, Scots; 27, Elon-gated.

DOWN—2, I-slam; 3, Sharp (2 mngs.); 4, Tanner; 5, 'E-mends; 6, O-as-is; 7, Elect(or); 8, Asses-(d)ors; 9, Perimeter; 15, Nelson; 16, Attic-a; 17, A-dore; 18, Final(e); 20, Er(nest)-got; 21, Reate (anag.).

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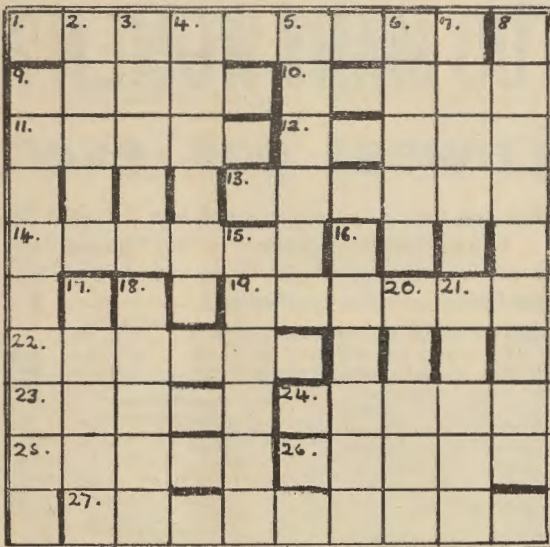
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Clues across.

- 1 For future reference, Hostel of the Resurrection gets 'love,' a Union Magazine (9).
- 9 Obviously, there will always be some object of derision in the Mount-Jones Coffee Lounge (5).
- 10 Courage, it appears, is vital (5).
- 11 Clown starts chuckling, very loud (5).
- 12 Fairly good shot, but not quite a winner (5).
- 13 Filthy place for mixing coal with calcium? (6).
- 14 Ennobled with a curtailed sword—revolutionary! (6).
- 19 Came close, might possibly be earned (6).
- 22 Probably have good reason to do so on the Glorious Twelfth (6).
- 23 Hold forth, there's a goddess after gold (5).
- 24 To entertain is a well-known film custom (5).
- 25 Choice between the artillery and the territorial is not unconnected with 10 (5).
- 26 There are plenty of attendants in the Brotherton! (5).
- 27 We are about the beginning of 'Intro' courses—special studies being at an end—utter boredom (9).

Clues down.

- 2 Jock's expression of regret to the engineers might be of interest in colour chemistry (5).
- 3 Colourful scrimmage at Eton (5).
- 4 Attempts to make chests without lids (6).
- 5 Youngster pointed to Roland, for example, who came to a dark tower (6).
- 6 One of Ivy's relations has a nap, rising before ten (5).
- 7 The part of the rectangle that isn't inverted (5).
- 8 Sets far apart, at 6 o'clock he married Sophy, the dearest girl in Devonshire—1 (9).
- 9 He gets the blame and very nearly free butter! (9).
- 15 Dry up, as Shakespeare put it, but it's doubtful if half of it will (6).
- 16 The very devil—just like a student on June 22 (6).
- 17 Precursor of the guided missile (5).
- 18 A young hawk arose disturbed (5).
- 20 I've appeared somewhere already, no wonder I blush (5).
- 21 Doesn't entirely give artists support, but certainly relieves them from anxiety (5).

IOLANTHE IS COMING

M.P.'s and Fairies

LIGHT OPERA SOCIETY has moved smoothly into production. This is its second year of existence and already it is a thoroughly consolidated purveyor of light entertainment. Last year there was the exciting revival of **UTOPIA LIMITED** and this year we have had the rollicking new short piece by May and Mumby, **THE WHAT D'YE CALL IT**. The current production is **IOLANTHE**, an extravagant tilting opera, which may well be said to be the perfect answer to the post-examination blues.

We've often wondered whether our governments might not be better if selected by the kingdoms of the supernatural. Gilbert shows us what might happen, and a jolly time is had by all. But, then... These fairies? 'Tripping hither, tripping thither... Entrancing? Um? There's a certain solid worth about them... And, luckily for us, there's no dearth of solidity about the fairer members of this our Union. Again, how aptly provided for are we by having Nature's born Lord Chancellor gooning a joyous way along the paths of musical virtue. Yes, oh, yes... Jim Holt. Then there's Rosemary Seward (Ellers'ie and mountain huts) as the Fairy Queen; Ann Crumpton (who languished so charmingly as Kitty Carrot and is a geographical bicyclist) as Phyllis and—well, see for yourself

And you may see **IOLANTHE** in the Riley-Smith Hall from June 24th to 29th, every evening. Why not bring your parents on Degree Day?

SOCIETIES SIGN DEATH-WARRANT

ALTHOUGH given plenty of time in which to do so, a number of Union Societies have still not submitted their annual application for recognition, together with their balance sheet and copies of their constitution. In the past there has been much slackness in the way in which these applications have been returned but this year any society which fails to comply with the regulations laid down by Union Committee may find itself in serious difficulties next term. Not having been recognised, the society will not be included in those listed in the handbook, nor will it be eligible for a grant from Union funds. The society will be unable to make room bookings for its meetings. The sooner the necessary returns are made, the sooner these facilities will be restored but no society which has not made its returns before the date fixed, will be allowed to have a stall on Bazaar Day.

CHINESE YOUTH DELEGATION VISITS LEEDS

ON Tuesday, June 4th, the Asian-African Society of the Union were hosts to five members of a delegation from the All China Federation of Democratic Youth. The delegation, which is spending one month in Britain, is touring Universities, Training Colleges and Technical Colleges in order to make contact with a cross section of British young people and thereby 'further promote mutual friendship and understanding' between the youth of the two countries.

The delegation was not what we in Britain might have expected to represent the youth of a country, consisting as it did of the General Secretaries of the All China Federation of Youth, and of the All China Student Federation, the Vice-Chairman of the China Textile Workers' Trade Union, an Anglican Priest, an Associate Professor of Music, and their interpreter. The delegation were in fact more representative of youth leaders than of the youth of China.

The group were received on their arrival in Leeds by the Lord Mayor and spent the day in the city before arriving at the University in the afternoon. A meeting had been arranged in the W.C.R. and, speaking through the interpreter, Mr. Hsieh Pang Ting, Gen. Sec. of the All China Students' Federation, spoke about higher education in China and the life of students in his country. He said that the number of students in China at the present time was 407,000 which is 5 times the number in 1949. China requires 1 million graduates to fulfil her five year plan and in the period 1949-56 there were 320,000 compared with 210,000 in the previous 36 years. An unusual situation arose in 1956 when there were more places available in Institutes of Higher Education than there were applicants qualified to fill them. This was a result of the attitude of the people who, prior to the 'liberation' had not been encouraged to enter Primary and Secondary Schools. 30% of the students now come from the working

classes and there are no fees for tuition and residence. Mr. Walkley was however surprised to hear that spectacles and dentistry had to be paid for and recommended a Socialist state and the installation of a National Health Service.

In answer to questions Mr. Hsieh said that he did not know how many members of the Federation were members of the Communist Party as no records of that kind were kept. He said that whilst Marxism and Leninism were regarded as a branch of science and as such were compulsory subjects for all students, it was nevertheless up to the individual to decide how much importance he attached to it. Bertrand Russell had recently been invited to Peking to speak to University students.

Before leaving, the party presented to the Union, through the president, who took the chair at the meeting, two books. One was a piece of Chinese literature and the other a translation into Chinese of 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Hamlet'. A further gift of two books was made to the Asian-African Society.

After the meeting the President of the Union presented the delegation with a copy of the History of Leeds.

During the evening a Reception was held at The Griffin Hotel to which the President of the Union was invited. The S.V.P., Miss Joyce Hanby, was unable to attend owing to more urgent appointments in connection with her present residence in Croft Hall.

A NEW GESTE

Last Thursday saw the launching of a novel project. The first edition of the magazine "Geste" was on sale in the Union. This magazine, brought out by the French Society, under the guidance of editors Robert Jones and Alan Smalley, is a new venture. It contains articles in English and French, the contributions being in both poetry and prose.

"Geste" is not intended to be the official magazine of the French Soc. The editors hope to widen its scope to include contributions from members of the various other language departments. They wish to make it clear that this magazine is not merely for the specialist. It contains something of interest to everyone. At the moment the cost of producing "Geste" is exceeding the revenue from sales, but it is hoped that the magazine will soon become well-known, and thus improve its circulation. The second edition will appear before the end of term.

"Union News" extends its good wishes to the editors and staff of "Geste" for their future editions.

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Are our women modest, or just plain ugly? The entries so far received for the Rag Queen Competition are entirely from non-university girls.

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UNION CINEMA

IT is thought that the film, "Panic in the Streets," to be shown on Sunday, June 16th, might have some connection with Rag. Starring in this stirring drama will be Richard Widmark and Barbara Bel Geddes, who are assisted by producers, directors, extras and others.

Also in the programme for the evening is a comedy purporting to show how one can take a vacation, with Robert Benchley as the star. Surprisingly enough, this film is called "How to Take a Vacation." The programme being completed with a sports short called "Making the Varsity."

The following Sunday, June 23rd, patrons of the Union Cinema will be enthralled by a husband and wife team, Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, in the dramatic film "The Big Sleep." Accompanying this is a cartoon called "Sentiment Over You," and completing the programme for the evening and for this session is a comedy film which, judging by the appearance of several cars outside the Union building, should have been shown at the beginning of the first term. It is delightfully called "So You Want to Buy a Used Car" and has a Mr. Joe McDoakes as the main character.

POSTGRADS 'CLEARED'

Dear Sir,—I wish to modify a statement made in the last issue of Union News about the Postgraduate Students Representative Council since the report of the council to the last Union Committee meeting and the discussion arising therefrom. Executive Committee has made a thorough investigation, from which it has emerged that:

a. the "goings-on" referred to were not unconstitutional and

b. the Postgraduate Students Representative Council Constitution was not amended in a "doubtful manner".

The officers of the Postgraduate Students Representative Council acted in good faith at their Annual General Meeting and while, in one particular, the interpretation of the Constitution may have seemed rather broad, it was nonetheless a legitimate interpretation.

The Special General Meeting of the Postgraduate Students Representative Council has now been held and all is running smoothly.

I should like to apologise if the statement in the Union News has caused any embarrassment to officers of the Council.

Yours, etc., SYDNEY LARTER,

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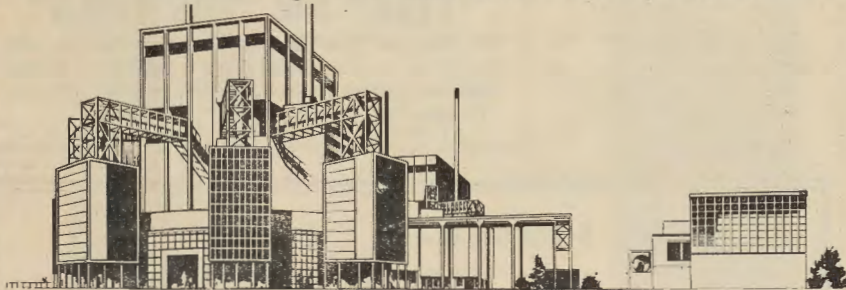
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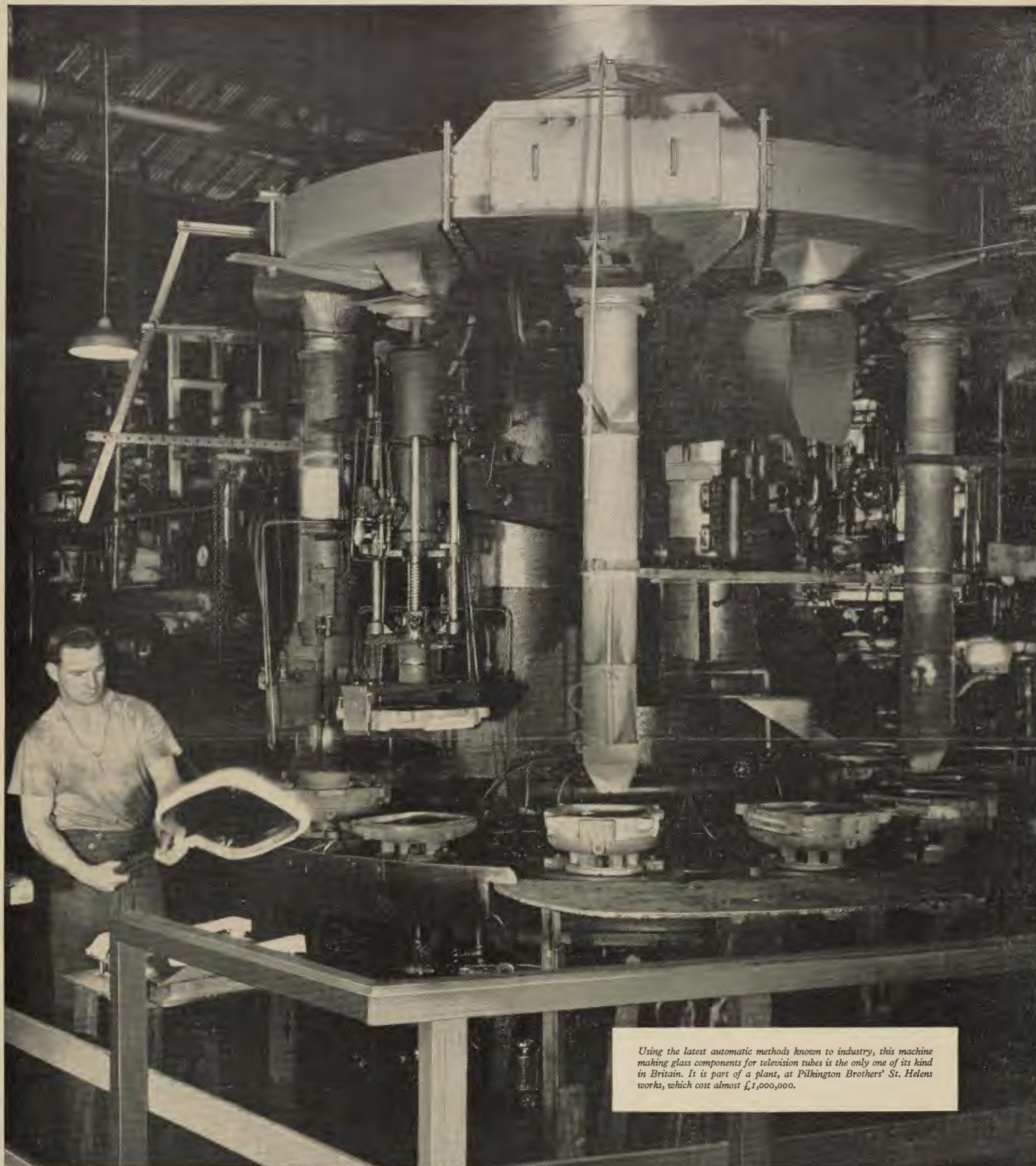
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ATHLETICS

REVENGE ON LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL OUTPOINTED AT WEETWOOD

THE season's Christie victors, Liverpool Univ. A.C., brought a slightly weakened team to Weetwood last Saturday and were soundly thrashed by 85 points to 47. The Leeds A.C. competed as the third team in the triangular tournament but they too could make little impression and were a disappointing third with 14 points.

A.A.A. STAR BEATEN

Harrogate A.C. were the visitors to Weetwood on the following Monday and in a somewhat reduced programme the Athletics Club won by 62 points to 44.

Conditions were ideal and J. C. Stewart took full advantage by winning the 220 yards hurdles in a new record time of 27.6 secs.

In the mile University star E. Thomson was lined up with A.A.A. star Barratt and again Thomson's powerful finishing carried him through in 4 mins. 26 secs. He completed a fine double by winning the quarter in 52.1 secs, whilst Barratt was an easy winner in the half-mile.

Other performances worthy of mention were Wood's 23.6 secs. for the 220 yards and Walker's victory in the 3 miles. Chadderton had his customary victory in the high-jumping with a fine 6 ft. 1½ ins. leap and Hansen was again successful in the long-jump. Sherlock made a welcome return in the 100 yards to win in 10.9 secs, whilst Harrogate were successful only in the 880 yards, 440 yards hurdles and 4 x 110 yards relays.

On Wednesday last the Athletics Club travelled to Leicester to pit their skill against Leicester U.C. and Loughboro' Coll. At the time of going to Press the results of this meeting were not known.

Of the 14 events contested, Leeds won and Liverpool the remaining two.

New records, too, were set by the Univ. athletes and K. Hansen's leap of 22ft. 0½ ins. was one of the finest achievements of the season.

Newcomer T. Driver, who has also been prominent of late, returned 27.5 secs. for the 220 yards hurdles, but this time which is 0.1 secs. better than the one set by J. Stewart on the previous Monday, will not be recognised as a record as Driver did not win the race!

Other fine performances were turned in by J. Wood, who won the 220 yards by three yards in 23.4 secs., E. Oji, who took first place in the pole vault with 10ft. 6 ins., and B. Hodgson who returned the fast time of 51.8 secs. in a gruelling 440 yards race.

Not the least among these outstanding performances was E. Thomson's achievements in once again securing a double in the mile and half-mile. His consistency in these events has been one of the highlights of the season and his tremendous finishing power and strong running have often brought him from behind on the last lap to a comfortable victory.

Bearing in mind the fact that Liverpool were not quite at full strength the Leeds team must feel sore at letting the Christie Cup slip so easily this season and although this victory brings slight compensation it cannot fully make-up for the disappointment in losing the Christie.

EASY VICTORIES

The athletes of Leeds G.S. were entertained by a somewhat weakened team at Weetwood on Saturday, June 1st. The Athletics Club were easy victors by 88 points to 38 and notable doubles were recorded by E. Thomson (mile and 880yards) and J. C. Stewart (120 and 220 yards hurdles).

A small, chunky grammar school boy by the name of Palmer caused the surprise of the afternoon when he stormed round in the 3 miles event to win easily in 16 mins. 40 secs. Considering that he had already run second to Thomson in the mile and in a time of 4 mins. 36.6 secs. this was a remarkable performance for a 16-year-old.

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The Sailing Club

casts anchor

THE activities of the new Sailing Club have now appeared twice in the national press: The Yorkshire Post of 22 May carried a brief paragraph saying that the club had been given permission to sail on Roundhay Park Lake in the winter; and the current edition of Yachts and Yachting should have a short "Wanted" advertisement for Firefly dinghies.

The club has not been trying to hit the headlines—in fact it is not officially alive before October—and a lot has gone on that has not appeared in print.

The club started because of a widespread feeling that Leeds was badly out of line in not having a Sailing Club—this is illustrated by the fact that the quorum alone of the newly-formed British Universities Sailing Association is 25 Clubs. An Inaugural General Meeting was held in May when 52 members were enrolled and the Committee was convinced that there was no lack of enthusiasm for the idea: membership now stands at over 70 and although the subscription is practically nominal it is hoped that many of these will rejoin next year as full members. Since then the Club has been accepted by the General Athletics Committee and there has been sailing every weekend.

All sailing so far has been in close association with Burwain S.C. on a reservoir between Skipton and Colne—they are most enthusiastic about the Club and have been very helpful in allowing members to crew and sail their boats. Because of the time of year only about 25 have taken advantage of the facilities although an influx is expected for the last two Sundays of the term; the Burwain S.C. Regatta will be held over the weekend 22nd (Rag Day)/23rd June and for the Sunday the Club has been promised the loan of three or four G.P. dinghies in order to be able to compete in the racing. There are no club boats so far—that comes next year and depends on the liberality of Union Committee.

EXPERTS TO LECTURE

Beyond generally introducing members to sailing, other activities this term include team racing against Burwain S.C. tomorrow and matches against Manchester University and the West Riding Sailing Club are also possible. On Thursday, 13th June, a meeting was held in which members spoke of their experiences and coloured slides were shown. Next year it is hoped to have some of the great names in sailing lecturing to the Club and Robin Stevenson (one of the Nation 12ft. Class kings) has already accepted an invitation to talk; there will also be films and a lot of other undivulged activity.

Sailing will begin in earnest next October as soon as the rowing boats have been cleared from Roundhay Park Lake—by then there should be one Club Firefly and several members will have their own Fireflies and National 12ft. dinghies. This should give some good racing. For the novices ex-Union President Gilbert Gray has promised to lend a 14ft. dinghy which should not capsize so easily in the wintry weather. Because of the boat situation no home matches have been arranged, but a number of Universities (including Bangor and Southampton) have offered us away fixtures. The inter-Universities meeting will be held in April beside racing in the Summer for the Universities' Young Cup in Dragon Class Yachts (like 'Blue-bottle') on the Clyde.

BASKETBALL

ENTHUSIASM WANED

ALTHOUGH its hopes and ambitions have not all materialised this year, the Basketball Club has again had a most successful season and its record compares favourably with those of other Union Athletic Clubs.

Of the 26 games played by the first team, 20 have been won, the remainder lost and the team scored 1919 points against the 1409 registered by their opponents. Five of this season's players have represented the U.A.U. and several others have been on the reserve list.

During the first term, with all the players pulling hard together, the team carried all before it. Manchester Univ. (away) and Liverpool Univ. (home) were soundly beaten in the preliminary rounds of the U.A.U. Competition and once again the Club easily retained the Christie Cup contested this year at Liverpool.

Another of the season's highlights was the 'revenge' defeat of the powerful Manchester Y.M.C.A. (Comets) team after the latter had narrowly succeeded in an earlier close contest.

As was to be expected, the Club has finished on top in the West Riding League and at the time of writing it was expected that the team would be engaged in a play-off for the Yorkshire Cup before the end of this term.

INTEREST SLACKENED

Unfortunately the interest and enthusiasm of the team's players waned during the Winter term, and this undoubtedly hampered the team's chances of appearing in the U.A.U. Final and of gaining other distinctions. Consequently a rather disappointing tour in London was followed by an even more disappointing defeat in the

Women's Sports

VICTORIES FOR THE TENNIS TEAM

THE Women's Tennis teams have still been showing the good form that was shown at the commencement of the term. Every match has so far been won except one match against Manchester University. In the return match last Wednesday the team remedied their earlier defeat by soundly beating the Manchester team 8-1.

Every member of the tennis team has improved her play. The first couple of the first team Shelagh Knott and U. Lockyer have not yet lost a set in all the many matches that they have played.

Now with so many excellent tennis players in the club, the final result of the knock-out competition is awaited with anticipation.

CRICKET

W.I.V.A.B. FINAL REACHED

THE Women's Cricket Club has been progressing very well this term. Some of the matches have had to be cancelled owing to lack of support in the opposing teams.

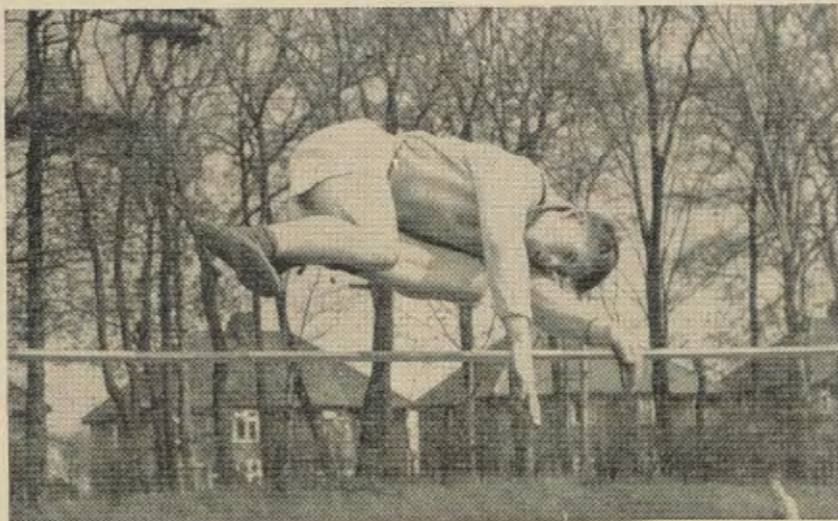
On May 18th the team was victorious in a W.I.V.A.B. match against Manchester University, at Weetwood. The team has now reached the final of the championships, and in the present form should play very well against their Southern opponents.

Diane Milner and 'Squash' Goodchild have played for the Northern Universities Team against the Southern Universities. The Northern Universities team won 'Squash' Goodchild with her excellent bowling making a great contribution towards the victory. She has since been chosen for the W.I.V.A.B. team which is playing Cheshire.

WHITES PLEASE

LAST week a notice appeared on the Day-to-day Board requesting that members of the Union who play tennis on the Union courts should wear an all-white rig-out. The notice refers members to the Union Handbook, in which the above rule is stated.

This season a number of people have been observed playing tennis in shorts and shirts of various hues. The most frequent offenders, however, have been men wearing grey flannels. Union officials feel that members who wish to disport themselves, whether in the public eye or not, should take the trouble to don clothes suitable for the sport they are playing.



Dave Charlton who recently came third in the Inter Counties at the White City seen here jumping for the Athletics Club at York.

COMMENT

This appears to be the final edition of "Union News" for the academic year and also my final edition as Sports Editor. Throughout my period of office in this position I have endeavoured to stick to the policy that as much information pertaining to as many of the Sports Clubs as possible should appear in these columns.

Whether this has been a successful policy is not for me to decide but in judgment it must be remembered that as "Ambassadors of Leeds University" (and this is surely one of the prime reasons for expending so much of the Union income on Sport) the smaller Sports Clubs are equally as important as their larger counterparts.

Never has so much space in "Union News" been devoted to sport and, as far as is discernable, never has any other University newspaper publicised its sport as Leeds has. All this has been done in an effort to make all Union members fully aware of the part that sport plays in University life and to give them widespread knowledge of the many successes and achievements of their Clubs.

None of these aims could have been achieved without the co-operation of the various clubs through certain of their members. With this thought in mind I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the following sportsmen and women who have assisted me in my work: Tony Cohen (Squash), Bernard Baxter and Howard Morrall (Rugby Union), David Wilman and Bryan Spink (Hockey), David Machin and Barrie Gill (Soccer), Bill Elms (Swimming), Brian Smith (Cross-Country), Dick Nielson (Chess), Chris Grant (Fives), Ian Laing (Basketball), Richard Elson (Badminton), 'Gerry' Whittam (Golf), Mike Bamlett (Cycling), Barry Williams (Judo), John Leach (Rifle), David Wilman (Cricket) and David Chadderton (Athletics).

My 'right-hand man' Pete Alcock deserves special thanks for the last-minute 'chasing' he has often effected for the 'cause' and I also owe my gratitude to 'Jock' Howitt, who has lately made a welcome addition to the 'staff' for his many nocturnal journeys on my behalf.

The General Athletics Secretary, Bryan Spink, has also been a mine of information which he has readily divulged at any time and I am also grateful to him for keeping me to the "straight and narrow when perchance I would have strayed."

Lastly, but by no means least, a special word of thanks to my Women's Sports Editor, Judith Sutton, for her co-operation and work throughout the year. She, in turn, would have been at a loss without the aid of the many Women's Sports Secretaries.

To one and all a sincere "Thank You" and if you continue to enjoy your sporting life only half as much as I have enjoyed reporting it then I am certain that your efforts will be fully justified.

DAVID SMALLEY.

CRICKET

LITTLE TO ENTHUSE ABOUT

GREATER EFFORT NEEDED IN U.A.U.

COMPARED with last season's activities there has been precious little to enthuse about in Union cricketing circles this term. Since the splendid U.A.U. and Christie victory at Liverpool on May 8th only four games have been played and of these the Club has drawn two and been defeated in the others.

Two sadly depleted teams were sent down to Loughboro' on 15 May and were soundly thrashed for their pains. Fielding only five regular members the first eleven were shot out for 51 after having elected to bat first. Only Flowers and Machin, who scored 15 each, offered any defence to a steady attack and, but for these batsmen the Leeds plight would have indeed been in a sorry state. The visitors did not give in without a fight and Loughboro's first three batsmen were sent back for only 19 runs. However, the fourth wicket pair, cut short any slight chance of a Leeds victory and the home team won easily by seven wickets.

The second eleven made up by the coach driver and a certain "Dental" who had been incriminously dragged out of bed at the unearthly hour of 7.55 a.m., fared a little better against their opponents. In spite of Saward's fine bowling (he took eight for 55), the home team reached 159 for eight wickets, before declaring and they had little difficulty in tumbling out the Leeds side for 76. Thanks to the efforts of Winn (15), Saward (14) and the coach driver (10) the Leeds score did reach

respectable proportions.

CHEERLESS CRICKET

On the following Wednesday the first eleven had a provisional U.A.U. quarter-final game at Weetwood against Durham Univ. Provided Durham beat Sheffield Univ. and Leeds beat Manchester Univ. in the outstanding U.A.U. divisional games this match would have won the competition.

On a shocking pitch, resembling somewhat a ploughed field, Durham won the toss and elected to bat in cold and wintry conditions. The cricket was cheerless and the match never got into its stride throughout its duration.

Slowly but surely, Durham built up the useful total of 162 but the lack of a fast bowler of the Standing calibre did little to help the Leeds efforts. Laskari again bowled extremely well and he was able to turn the ball prodigiously on the helpful wicket. Unfortunately one of his "fizzers" caught wicketkeeper Flowers in the mouth and he had to leave the

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Representative Athletics

SEVERAL members of the Athletics Club have distinguished themselves of late, not the least of whom have been High-Jumper, David Chadderton and Pole-Vaulter Ian Ward.

On Saturday last they were both competitors in the British Inter-Counties Championships held at the White City, London, and both were rewarded by being placed in their respective events.

A leap of 6ft. 2in. earned Chadderton, who was representing Yorkshire, third place in the High Jump, which was won in 6ft. 3in. Not forgetting that he had recently won the U.A.U. Title with a tremendous jump of 6ft. 3½ ins., it was most unfortunate that he could not quite reproduce this form in his most important test to date.

Although his jump of 13ft. was easily high enough to earn him a second place, Ian Ward, representing Lancashire, lost the title which he has held since last year to his great rival Geoff. Elliott. A troublesome ankle injury sustained earlier in the season has prevented Ward from completing his full training schedule and had he been in top form he would probably have tied with Elliott for first place at 13ft. 6ins.

U.A.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS
Of the eight Leeds athletes who should have competed in the U.A.U. Championships, held on the 17th and 18th May at Palmer Park, Reading, Ian Ward and Brian Hodgson were unable to compete because of injury. Pride of place amongst the Leeds competitors undoubtedly goes to David Chadderton, who was an easy winner in the High Jump with a personal best leap of 6ft. 3½ ins., fully 3 inches above his nearest rival.

Eddie Thomson and Hansen were placed in 5th position in the 880 yards and Long Jump respectively, whilst Peter Walker (3 miles), Stuart Reed (Shot) and Brian Burdell (Javelin) each took 5th position in their events.

Competing in the Yorkshire Championships on June 1st were five of the above athletes—Hansen, Burdell, Walker, Chadderton and Reed—together with Club Captain Brian Hodgson, who was considered fit for the Championships. Chadderton's first place in the High Jump earned him selection for the Yorks. County Team, which competed at the White City last Saturday, and Hodgson also ran well to be placed third in the 440 yards hurdles.

field, Bucks. county colt Hawkins deputising behind the sticks in his first game. From the Durham total of 162, Laskari had the fine analysis of seven for 49.

SPINNERS ON TOP

Leeds opened with Fairley and Laskari and at tea they had successfully seen the quick bowlers off and had scored 116 runs in the process. After the stoppage however the Durham spinners came into their own and the two openers were soon back in the pavilion—Laskari being out to a dubious "leg-before" decision when playing right forward to an off-spinner.

Never at any time did Leeds look like overtaking the Durham total and thanks mainly to Tattersfield, who scored 28 hard-earned runs, and Wilman who stayed at the wicket 55 minutes for five, the home team had reached 87 for the loss of seven wickets when stumps were drawn.

Should Leeds have overcome Manchester in last Wednesday's game at Weetwood this U.A.U. match with Durham will have to be replayed.