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Welcome to the Americans



Mr. Joseph R. Barse.



Mr. Benjamin F. Crane.

The Americans is coming there'll be debating to-night. At 7-0 o'clock to-night, the two man American debating team will speak on the motion, "That Scientists are even more dangerous than Politicians." If, however, their American accents have given way to a Celtic lilt, it will not be surprising as they have just arrived from Bangor, where they have been speaking at the University College. They are making a tour of the English Universities under the auspices of the English Speaking Union. The guests who will be speaking on opposite sides of the motion are Mr. Joseph R. Barse, from the Northwestern University, Illinois, and Mr. Benjamin F. Crane, from the State University of Iowa.

Mr. Barse is in his senior year, and will graduate in Economics and History as his major subjects, and Political Science as his minor subject. Among his recreations he numbers choral singing and photography. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Crane, who is 22, has graduated in Political Science as his major subject, and in Speech, Literature and Philosophy for his minor subjects. He is also a newspaperman, and was Iowa City Correspondent for International News Service. (Tell me

Mr. Crane, what do you think of Union News? On second thoughts don't answer that question). He is also the City editor of radio station KXIC, Iowa City. Mr. Crane is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa. He is a member of the University Orchestra and plays the clarinet. A determined effort will be made to kidnap Jeff Locke before the debate commences.

During the afternoon they will have a good chance to watch British Democracy at work when they will attend the A.G.M. Should they survive, the Debate in the evening should be worth going a long way to hear.

TONIGHT THURSDAY

Final Auditions for "Rag etc. Come along to-night at Revue" are to be held in 7-30 p.m. and meet Ted the Cafeteria to-night. At the time of going to press if you're busy to-night, leave there is still a shortage of a note TO-DAY for Peter chorus members (both sexes), Brown, Business Manager, stage hands, individual acts, in pigeon hole "B."

Visit of Chinese Delegation

Our traditional picture of the Chinese with his pig-tail, his hands tightly clasped, swaying backwards and forwards as he delivers his proverbial wisdom in a sing-song voice was rudely shaken when the Chinese Delegation visited the Union on Tuesday. They were smartly dressed in black uniform, and delivered their speeches with clarity and conciseness of thought.

Before and After.

The head man of the Party painted the background of pre-Revolutionary China, in which feudal conditions prevailed, in which Agriculture and living conditions were primitive, and contrasted it with the rapid growth of industry and a better standard of living in the post-Revolutionary era. This change over was quickened not only by the enthusiasm of the peasant, but by the speedy action of the Government, who had given money and materials. It was said that before the Revolution graduation was the beginning of unemployment, but now there was a choice of three to four jobs for students after finishing their University education.

American Policy.

The American policy in the Far East came in for much criticism. "American 'planes bombed N.E. China, and strafed Chinese vessels along the coast. The Chinese made complaints against the atrocities of the Americans, but they continued to bomb Chinese Territory," one of the delegates stated. "It was only under such circumstances that the Chinese volunteered to fight against the Americans," he continued. Criticism of American policy too, centred round the decision of the Americans to support the Japanese Government—China's worst enemy, and America's policy to block China's entry into the United Nations was condemned. "We want peace, we do not want war, that is why we are negotiating in Korea; that is why we hope that the truce talks will be brought to a successful conclusion."

To a question on the Chinese Government's relationships with



Courtesy Y. E. News

"Y.E. NEWS" picture of Leeds University to-day as Mr. G. Gray (right), President of the Union, meets some of a group of six Chinese students who visited the University and told through interpreters of changes in their country since the revolution.

Members of the All-China Youth Federation, they are touring British universities and colleges in response to an invitation by a British representative of the National Union of Students who visited Peking last year.

the U.S.S.R., one of the delegates replied that relationships were on a strict basis of equality

Chinese Gifts.

The Delegation presented to the Union, on behalf of the Federation of Chinese students, an embroidered tapestry, some gramophone records, photographs of students at work and play, and several English and Chinese Books.

AN APPRECIATION OF HIS LATE MAJESTY, KING GEORGE VI, BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS, MR. C. R. MORRIS, M.A., APPEARS ON PAGE 2 COLUMN 1.

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King George the Sixth

George the Sixth was our king for 15 years, years of great change of which hardly one did not include at least one occasion of anxiety for the nation and commonwealth. During all this time, while he did nothing which fell outside the range of what the British people think proper in a constitutional monarch, he held our affection and enabled us to feel proud of our political and social heritage and of our dignity as a nation even in a shaky world. By playing his part he was able to keep many things above our question. Not sufficiently removed from the affairs and troubles of ordinary men and women to seem to be the last privileged representative of ways of life and faith which had already fallen into decay and would breathe their last with his death, he yet exemplified for all of us, and for millions beyond the boundaries of our commonwealth, something which we salute each one of us as beyond his own capacity, something which is neither new nor old—something steadfast, single-minded and charitable, truly good and very human.

He was not born with a clear title to rule, but he always knew himself born to a very great public position.

How has he been able to live "to be so clear in his great office?" Coming after his brother, who was unable to accept the part which destiny seemed to have prepared for him, he came to the throne at a time which was most fateful for our constitutional tradition. He must have seen his duty clearly enough and he must have seen what demands it would make upon his

Without Prejudice

I suppose you have already got your Valentine Card. I have got one with the happy message "From a devil to a devil, but who the devil's sent it?" I suspect the Junior Vice-President. To-day the American Universities have sent us a Valentine in the shape of the two-man debating team. I wonder whether the afternoon's proceedings in the R.S.H. will prove that the Scientists are more dangerous than the Politicians. The Peace Society Politicians waxed very strong at the last A.G.M., but it was the Medics who proved the most dangerous. They tried to leave the meeting midway through; how they got out was the eighth wonder of the world. The corridors inside the hall were non-existent, and if some Engineers had not been leaning against the doors on the inside, they would have fallen down like the walls of Jericho.

The Presidential Elections are on us again, and candidates will have a chance to air their views in the R.S.H. on February 18th. Polling is on February 21st and 22nd, 1952. The interest of the Election is derived not from the fact that many already well known students put up, but from the competition for the premier Union position, from unknown students, who suddenly rise with a long list of hitherto undiscovered talents.

Dr. Johnson once said that the aim of poetry is to delight and to instruct. This definition applies equally well to exhibi-

personal life. No life can be satisfying to man or woman without vocation; and the good life for each of us must be built round his calling. Not only himself, but others who are near and dear to him, his family and even his friends, must in their measure pay the price required for the fulfilling of a man's vocation. The Royal Family, in all the light of publicity, are manifestly subject to this law, and the king above all had to play his part. The fact that the kingly role in our Britain of today allowed him, indeed required him, to "bear his faculties so meek," to show in daily living the human, domestic and friendly virtues, only brought him nearer to our hearts and made our pride in his steadfast achievement more intimate and more personal.

tions. The display of gramophone records and gramophones last week in the Large Card Room did both. One small gramophone was made out of a sandwich tin. It plays the sort of records that were given away with packets of corn flakes before the war. Still who wants to take a gramophone to work? A novelty of the exhibition was the chance to hear one's own voice on a tape recording machine. Since hearing mine I have applied myself to the deaf and dumb alphabet with a vigour denied to academic subjects. Frank Jones was busily interviewing friends à la Richard Dimbleby: Tell Mr. S. . . what do you think of the Exhibition? The reply was denied the audience by the sound of five gramophones, an enthusiastic member humming "The Warsaw Concerto" and a cacaphony of bells. The Photographic Exhibition was notably less exacting to the mind, and the eye.

If you hear a slightly Scotch accent coming over the tannoy it belongs to Mr. Doyle, the Head Porter. He hails from the University City of Edinburgh "and so," he says, "I'm used to students." He has been Head Porter at several large clubs in Edinburgh itself and Hornsby. He likes Leeds and the students. We hope he will be very happy here.

The Phi Beta Kappa Society, of which Mr. Barse and Mr. Crane are members, is the oldest Greek letter society of the American Colleges, and was founded at William and Mary College, Virginia, in 1776. Membership, which is purely honorary, is conferred on students of high standing in the upper classes. Its anniversaries are often marked by the delivery of orations and poems. It is not now a secret society, although originally so. Its badge is a gold watch key with simple emblems and inscriptions.

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MUSIC IN LEEDS

By DORMIN.

The accustomed scribe of this column, our venerable Tapio, has done a bunk to another part of this paper, apparently searching for pastures new: from pianos to puff-puffs, if you see what I mean. Meanwhile, allow me to introduce myself—Dormin. It took me quite some time to invent a pen-name, but anyone with an inquisitive turn of mind will see the significance of my pseudonym.

To business. A lunch-time recital was given in the Great Hall on January 31st, by Mary and Geraldine Peppin (two pianos). An interesting, if short, programme was arranged, having the Haydn-Brahms Variations as the main work. This was followed by the rhythmic "Scaramouche" of Darius Milhaud. An encore of the Samba was welcome to send one off to a two-o'clock lecture in a light-hearted style.

Another mid-day recital, on February 4th, was given by Dr. Edward Allam, of the Music Department, who gave a performance of the work written by him for last year's Hovingham Festival. This was a Piano Sonata in C, although it was in almost every other key at one time or another. The music was indeed dissonant, but not unbelievably so, and parts of it were really pleasant, like the opening of the third movement for instance. One of my cynical scientific friends told me that he liked the opening of the fifth movement better, but as there are only four movements this is just what I might have expected of him. (No letters, please!). As an encore Dr. Allam played a little piece written by him in Vienna last year. In view of the fact that this was its first public performance it was especially regrettable that so few people attended this recital. (I concur—Tapio. Get out!)—DORMIN.

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FILM CRITICISM

Polony and the Classics.

Bearing in mind and admitting with due humility the words of Søren Aaby Kierkegaard that "Critics are like eunuchs. They know how to do it but can't," I will expound some views on the film classics, if you will stop shuffling your feet under the table.

The answer to the question what constitutes a film classic? may be divided for my convenience into six parts:—

(1) It must preferably be silent and thus obviate the possibility of the dialogue being puerile.

(2) For similar reasons the film can be a talkie in Russian, Early Sanskrit or Old High Gothic.

(3) It does not matter how prolix and pointless the idea of the film is, as long as it takes an unconscionably long time in saying very little, and says it psychologically and disputatiously.

(4) Originality is *ipso facto*, excellence. Even if this is the vulgar jabberwocky of Salvarder Dalis'. "M." Simplicity and a good story are vulgar.

(5) Photography. Low shots, high shots, marijuana shots. The idea seems to be a delirium tremens shot, preferably taken through a bottle of pink gin, which in its turn should be hidden in the lamp bowl.

(6) The characters should be obviously verminous and not use what nine out of every ten film stars use. They should of necessity, from a naturalistic point of view, be of cretinous ancestry.

So now you two kiddies can be an Eisenstein, or a Fritz Lang, let's fly through the streets naked and wollow in a dose of "Horology" and "The Battleship Potemkin."

P.A.C.

PROFILE — J. W. BOURN



CLERK TO THE UNION

Equity Trusts.—

In any student society that is at once fickle in inclination, inconstant in composition, financially wealthy yet poor in experience; however able and if prophetic the student officials may be some unchanging, wise and guiding hand is essential.

For the past 18 years Leeds University Union has been outstandingly served by Mr. J. W. Bourn, whose earlier career was as creditable as it was colourful. Leaving home at a comparatively early age, Mr. Bourn took the King's shilling and joined the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. His army career reads like a chapter of Kipling. After service in France, where he was wounded and awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery at La Bassis in 1918, he went to Ireland. The Irish revolution saw the Clerk to the Union quell riots in the emerald isle both in the south and in Belfast. Hearing of further insurrections, this time in the Middle East, Mr. Bourn was to rattle his sabre in Egypt. A life of riot quelling on the one hand, and civil relief on the other in climates both hot and cold has fitted Mr. Bourn more than adequately for his present post, and his wide administrative ability he gained as Secretary and

Inspector of the Malayan Dental Board. It was in the slump of 1933 when all the colonial services were axed that he returned to England to live a life of leisure. Circumstances conspired against this intention, and so it was that in 1933 he came to the Leeds University Union.

As Mr. Bourn relates, conditions in the old days were not so comfortable as they now are. Yet although the facilities were inferior, the life was more gracious and dignified. At A.G.M's, for example, moth balls had not replaced wit nor toilet paper mirthful interjection. High spirits everywhere, low conduct unknown; the old days were the good old days.

Despite these longings for days that are dead and gone Mr. Bourn continues to function. Inscrutable and deep, sagacious and sympathetic, he is at once approachable and unassailable, vulnerable yet impervious. Having a fantastically detailed knowledge of all Union administration and activity, having studied the student mind in all circumstances and situations, Mr. Bourn is admirably qualified to act as counsellor and guide to this Union. We owe him much. His service is as valuable as it is joyfully given.

THE STATE AND THE ARTS

On Tuesday, January 29th, the University Lecture was given by Dr. B. Ivor Evans, on "The State and the Arts." It turned out to be a witty and well-reasoned plea for State support of, but not interference with, the Arts.

Part of our duty in Universities, he said, was to consider the comely, the pleasurable life; and the newer universities had not paid enough attention to it, nor had the provincial cities generally. He referred to the Local Government Act of 1948, Section 132, which allows for contributions from the local rate of up to 6d. in the pound for the support of entertainments and artistic ventures, and paid Leeds—both City and University—a pretty compliment on their taking advantage of this opportunity to maintain the creative arts.

But, he said, this was only the beginning. The real problem was to develop the arts by giving adequate funds while retaining adequate freedom for the artist, and to this end the artist preferred the individual patron to the State. He sketched the events leading to the formation of the Arts Council, praised the work of that Council, but said that it was not enough. The dangers of the situation were that civic bodies were either not interested in the arts, or were interested in the work of art rather than the artist, so that composers and playwrights were neglected while orchestras and acting companies were supported. This should be remedied, he felt; and he ended by quoting Lord Keynes, who said some five years ago that the day was not far off when the economic problem would be pushed into the background, and heart and head would be occupied by the problems of human life, relations, religion, creation and behaviour. This, he said, has unfortunately not happened—but it ought to do.

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Peace Soc. on Egypt

The R.S.H. was the scene of a lively discussion on Egypt on Friday, 1st February, at a meeting sponsored by the Peace Society. It was made clear by the Chairman that the Peace Society was "merely providing a platform for differing opinions and was not itself committed to any particular point of view."

Conservative Viewpoint.

Mr. M. Cook, Conservative Association Chairman, the first speaker, said that the regrettable bloodshed in Egypt is largely due to riots and mob rule which are getting out of hand." He emphasised the need for Britain to "stand by her Treaty rights in Egypt."

The Voice of Egypt.

Mr. A. Sahn, an Egyptian student, condemned the presence of British troops in the Suez Canal Zone and indicated that, "if England wants friends in Egypt, it must recognise the rights of the Egyptian people for complete independence."

"Woggism" Condemned.

Communist Society, Mr. J. Walsh, the final speaker from the platform, attacked the Press in general and the **Yorkshire Evening Post** in particular, for failing to present objectively the Egyptian case for independence," and he said he was tired of people contemptuously referring to these people as a "set of Wogs."

The contributions from the floor showed agreement amongst the students from the Middle Eastern countries regarding their "full rights to national independence," and differences amongst British students as to whether British troops should withdraw from the Suez Canal Zone.

Resolution Moved and Withdrawn.

An attempt was made by Mr. Walsh to move a resolution condemning British actions in Egypt but he was persuaded by the Chairman, Mr. G. Rhodes, to withdraw it, when the audience had made it clear that time was too short to discuss it effectively. There was obviously a sufficient interest in the question to justify the suggestion made at the end of the meeting that a full scale debate be held in the near future. "BACKBENCHER."

HOW MUCH OPIUM FOR THE MASSES

A lunch-time debate was held on February 4th to discuss the motion, "Religion is the opiate of the masses." Mr. A. Khusro acted as Speaker in the absence of the President.

The Man of the People speaks to the Masses.

Mr. Fred Singleton, as usual speaking "for the masses," took great delight in proposing the motion, firstly because he is an ardent free-thinker, and secondly because Mr. Forster was in opposition. His attack was mainly upon the use made of religion rather than on the whole basis of religious convictions—it was used to lull the people into accepting distasteful living conditions.

Forster—Fidei Defensor.

We have often heard G.C.F.F. defend the Conservatives, praise **Yorkshireman** and attack **Union News**. But it is rarely that we have heard him defend the Faith. He told us "You all have a purpose behind you and it's treading on your tail." Mr. Singleton did not lack conviction, "He is merely wrong!"

On the poverty of prayer.

Mr. F. Jones, seconding the motion, did not think much of Mr. Forster's prayers. Saturday night hoppers will be interested to know that the House Secretary does not like "a parrot-wise set of rules" and "those who would be good and pure—but not yet"

McFarlane's Sermon in R.S.H.

Mr. McFarlane certainly did not think that the ungodly movers cut much ice. He told Mr. Singleton to love his neighbour as himself (even Mr. Forster?). He urged that it was folly to condemn a whole idea and way of life because a few people had wrongly committed crimes in its name.

From the floor, opposition speakers predominated, notably Miss I. Frenkel, who argued a good case for better living. Eventually the motion was lost at the division: 44 for, 140 against, and 20 abstentions. Mr. Jones appeared to change horses in midstream.

A STUDY IN FRIENDSHIP



Courtesy I. D. Thomas

STUDY by F. Wilkinson—"Friends"—is one of the entries included in the exhibition of Leeds University Photographic Society at the University Union.

Letters to the Editor

WORLD GOVERNMENT.

To the Editor, **Union News**.
Sir,

I feel I owe an apology to the young lady who answered my letter on World Government last term. (Printed **Union News** towards the end of term).

As I most unfortunately lost her reply, I am hoping for the opportunity of making this apology through the columns of **Union News**.

I am afraid that my use of the pseudonym "Federalist" may have led the other members of the Union to suspect the nefarious workings of the "Red Bogey" in my letter. I assure you, Sir, that, although I am a member of Soc. Soc., I suppressed my own name for other, more obvious reasons.

The World Government organisation, whose cross I bear in this Union, has no political affiliations. It is more widely supported by members of the Liberal party than by those of any other political group, although some Labour M.P.'s are members, and also, I believe some Conservatives. The Communists are interested in W.G. only if it is to be under their auspices.

Sir, I am a lazy man. I am being chased by the W.G. Societies of two other Universities as well as other organisations, to do something about the

formation of a W.G. Society here. I wish to be left in peace, and should be very grateful to any energetic member of this Union who would take this burden from me.

If anyone would be interested in joining a W.G. Society, I beg him to communicate with

Yours in desperation, etc.
P. G. CORNEY.

Without Prejudice — Continued.

The Social last Saturday night certainly combined originality of outlook with tradition. Not only was there modern dancing, but the new craze of the ballroom world—Square Dancing. In between the dancing certain leather students periodically deafened us from the stage. It appears that they were singing something connected with Saturday Night Hops, the first verse of which went something like this—

"When I became a student in dear old Yorkshire,
Full well I did my studies, but now and then did fear,
For I was used to women and going on the beer,
Oh, 'twas my delight on a Saturday night in the season of the year."

I am glad to report there is no danger of it being set to music. Also to keep things moving there was a real live M.C., who had some most ingenious games up his sleeves. Altogether a most enjoyable evening.

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THE RAILWAY SOCIETY

BY TAPIO

The human race falls roughly into two groups. On the one hand there are those people (predominantly feminine, one suspects) to whom railways are a dirty, noisy and unsatisfactory means of moving from spot A to spot B. On the other hand there are those who think of railways in terms of technical, aesthetic or statistical pleasure, and it is largely for their benefit that the L.U.U. Railway Society has recently been formed.

This Society is not just a club for "loco-spotters," as has been jeeringly suggested. Number-collecting can be a diverting and instructive hobby when it does not degenerate into a hysterical search for "namers" or an excuse for hooliganism, but the Railway Soc. aims at a much wider field of activity, to proceed in two main directions: talks, discussions and film shows, and visits to places of railway interest in the district. Lack of technological erudition need not deter prospective members from joining; all that is required of them is the usual annual subscription, plus an interest in anything that runs on rails, excluding curtains. Membership enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Sec., Mr. D. Aston, v a the Union pigeon-holes.

The first Society lecture was given last term by the Physics Dept.'s Mr. Youell on the Liverpool St.-Shenfield electrification. On February 14th, Mr. Matherface, Tramway Rolling Stock Engineer, L.C.T., will lecture on "Tramways, London and Leeds," whilst later in the Session it is hoped to arrange talks by Prof. Carter (Electrical Engineering Dept.) and Canon Treacy, the

famous railway photographer. On February 21st, British Railways will be giving a film show in the Physics Lecture Theatre (where the Department is kindly allowing many of the Society's functions to take place). As for visits, one has already been made to Doncaster "Plant" Works and on February 20th a limited number of members will inspect the extensive re-signalling scheme at York.

The visit to Doncaster Locomotive Works on January 30th was a great success, though considerations of time and space permitted only a brief circular tour, directed by illustrated leaflets and premium apprentices. Locomotive enthusiasts the world over metaphorically donned black when Ivatt's famous large-boilered "Atlantics" were all finally withdrawn from service. It was therefore comforting to find that, in the very birth-place of those genial and elegantly simple locomotives, some of their boilers had been nostalgically retained for use as process-steam producers. Still more comforting was the sight of G.N.R. No. 251—the first "Atlantic" of that series—repainted in Great Northern livery and stored away in the Paint Shop. Some of my earliest childhood memories are of those magnificent machines storming up Ardsley bank on the "Queen of Scots," and I patted 251's sides with a real affection.

But I am running up against the buffers of my space. The Railway Society, then, has embarked upon a most attractive programme: the green flag has been waved, the signals are "off," the regulator open. You have still time to jump aboard...

THE T.B. FUND

Just over a year ago **Union News** produced a special edition on the subject of Tuberculosis. The "T.B. Special" aimed at arousing interest in a project sponsored by the N.U.S., the Scottish Union of Students, and International Student Service, for the setting up of a student Tuberculosis Centre in Britain. It was felt that there was a need for a Centre in which students who had been suffering from Tuberculosis could be encouraged to take up again the habits of study which had been broken by their period of illness. In surroundings conducive to study in company with their fellow students, and under medical supervision the patients would have the opportunity to make up lost time and recommence their studies.

Since last year things have developed rapidly. The initial sponsors have been joined by such bodies as the British Medical Association, the National Association for the Prevention of T.B., and the main organisations on the academic side of higher education. Countess Mountbatten, the patron of the appeal fund, has broadcast on behalf of the fund. A Trust has been set up to administer the funds collected and to negotiate with the appropriate bodies for the setting up of the T.B. Centre. In the next few months we hope to see a pilot project for between 15 and 20 students operating in part of an existing sanatorium. The experience gained from this project will be of great help when the 100 bed Centre for which we are aiming, is eventually in existence.

Leeds has been closely associated with the project from the very beginning. A committee under the Presidency of the Vice-Chancellor (who is one of the national trustees) has organised collections among staff and students, and over £1,000 has already come in. Our aim is at least £1,500. We hope to raise the balance this term. In particular we want to appeal to first year students who were not able to take part in the collections last year. A meeting of first year representatives will be held on Friday, February 15th, in the O.S.A. Room, at 5-15 p.m., at which Lady Ogilvie and members of the T.B. Committee will answer questions and discuss the project. At present several Leeds students who are suffering from T.B. are in general sanatoria, and great efforts are made by the University authorities to assist them with their studies. Some have been able to take examinations whilst in hospital, and great credit is due to them for the successes which have been achieved in these circumstances. All concerned will agree, however, that the position would be much more satisfactory if a student T.B. Centre were set up. It is in your power to assist. The officers of the Leeds T.B. Committee would be pleased to hear of suggestions for fund raising, or to receive contributions. Contact

FRED SINGLETON, Chairman
(c/o The Union).

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(c/o Medical School).

Arctic Adventure

On the night of 2/3rd February the L.U.U.M.C. held its Annual Night Rally in weather which would have made the Monte Carlo Rally seem like an old folks' outing. Twenty one intrepid drivers, accompanied by navigators of varying calibres clad in an assortment of garments more befitting an Everest Expedition than a motor trial, began to assemble at Yeadon Airport at 5.0 p.m.

At 6 o'clock the first car was away and the remainder departed at 4 minute intervals on a minimum course of 175 miles (although few had hopes of clocking less than 200) which went from Yeadon to Seacroft, via Gisburn, Burnley, Hebden Bridge, Huddersfield, Holmfirth, Sheffield and Penistone.

The well planned, and difficult, full course was made even worse by snow and ice and was completed by three cars. The last check point had succumbed to the Eskimoan weather, left their igloo, and gone home, leaving nine abominable snowmen raising manhole covers, large rocks, and

old Harry, and disturbing farmers and other inhabitants in a vain search. Later it was decided to omit this check point and end the Rally at the previous one, although most people continued to toboggan merrily on to Seacroft.

The event, as may be expected, was not without casualties. The first one to go was Mick Hulme (Morgan), who attempted a short cut through a wall and was smartly followed by A. Raynor (A. 90) in the same place through the same hole; now considerably enlarged.

Harry Watson, with a large Lagonda, and an even larger party, had caused considerable hilarity by frequently being seen glissading in the wrong direction. His peregrinations were abruptly ended, however, in an attempt to move a bridge to a point further down stream, some success being achieved when he removed the parapet from the bridge.

Hoodo (not Hobo) Hulme, plus gremlin, minus car, now thumbed a lift from Ferguson (Oxford), who promptly skated into a wall.

The only other serious mishap was S. C. Jowett (M.G.), who also lost an argument with the roadside and completed the course with three rear wheels and one front one.

From here on, the number of competitors diminished as they got lost or disheartened and retired. For the few who continued it was the same story, excitement, late at checks, snow-drifts, and always the continual skidding. And so it went on indeed several hours longer than was anticipated, cars checking in and out aided by horsepower, will power, and not the least man power (or should it be brute force and blind ignorance).

The only bright spot on a dismal landscape was the check point where Charlie (Magnetic) Hainsworth, with a strong company of friends laid on everything that could be desired.

The event (the best of the year) ended for the last cars about 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, with all discussing their experiences over plates of bacon and eggs at Seacroft. And so to bed. Results in next issue.

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BASKETBALL, Leeds Reach Final

Leeds University basketball team have seldom played under more peculiar conditions than in the U.A.U. match at Nottingham on Wednesday, 23rd January; the long and narrow gymnasium was in its proportions something like a corridor, the baskets appeared to be higher than normal and the backboards were of a very unusual construction. Under the circumstances it took Leeds nearly ten minutes to settle down and to score their first basket—a period during which Nottingham built up a slender lead. By then Leeds had improvised new tactics. Fast breaks, when they intercepted passes and long passes up the centre when they got the ball from the backboard. Within a few minutes Leeds took the lead and by the end of the first half they were ahead by 24-9. There was little good play in the second half, although it was better than the first. The congested court defied all attempts of combined play and attractive scoring play.

Relieving the pressure, Leeds plodded along well below top gear and by the end of the match had brought their total up to 39-16. That the score was no higher was due not so much to the effectiveness of the Nottingham defence than the unwillingness of the baskets, which incidentally displayed praiseworthy impartiality and defied home players' attempts no less firmly.

Gregoriou (14) and Damaskiadis (12) did most of the damage at Nottingham. Czarnecki, Ligema and Manasse scored 4 each. Chaikiu converted a free-throw and had 1 point to his credit. With the victory over Nottingham, Leeds completed their U.A.U. games in the Northern section and are now looking forward to the final.

Highest score of the season.

With all their U.A.U. matches played, except the final, the team are now chiefly concerned with building up a team for next season. It was therefore a rather experimental side which went to Liverpool on Saturday, 28th of January, with only two of the first five to give polish to the

attack and defence. The experiment was nevertheless a success, for Liverpool were beaten in their own den by 71-35, which was the University's highest score this season.

It was a fast game and the very best of sporting spirit was shown by both sides. Leeds got off the mark within the first few seconds and after a couple of minutes' play they were leading 14-0. It was a credit to Liverpool that early shock did not induce them to use rough play. Their play improved and by the end of the first half they had scored 12 points against 41 scored by Leeds.

The game was more even in the second half, when the Liverpool centre suddenly came into proper form and scored a row of good baskets. Leeds at the same time appeared to have lost some of their good luck and could only score 30 against Liverpool's 21 during the second half, with final score 71-35.

Damaskiadis had a field day, scoring 33 points, which is by far the highest individual score for Leeds this season. Ligema had 20 to his credit.

A late result has just been received, showing that Leeds beat their U. A. U. final opponents, Loughborough, 46-35, in a friendly game.

RUGGER

In their first game of the term the University, weakened by the absence of six members of the 1st XV, were fortunate to beat the Medicals by 9 points to 6.

The game with Kings College (Newcastle) was played after rollers were used to soften up the frost-bound pitch.

Leeds were much superior both in attack and defence, except for a short period in the middle of the game, when Kings scored all of their 9 points.

The final score was
Leeds 22 Kings 9

3rd CHRISTIE v. MANCHESTER—away
Wednesday, 30th Jan.

Almost immediately the game commenced Leeds gained the ascendancy and after a few minutes Jackson scored a try, which was not converted—this was incidentally the 400th point of the season.

The home team were kept continually on the defensive and shortly afterwards Gregory caught the ball in the line-out and crashed through between two Manchester defenders to score. Atkinson converted with a magnificent kick from almost on the touch line.

On the resumption of play Manchester were able to carry the game into the Leeds '25, where

they missed two fairly easy penalty kicks awarded for scrimmage infringements.

Shortly afterwards the Leeds forwards forced them back to the Manchester goal line and Bradley dropped a goal from just outside the '25.

In the second half Manchester were a much improved side; after a loose scrum on the Leeds line Musgrave picked up a loose ball and scored, Quarby converted.

There was no further score in the game, although Bolton, the Leeds left wing, was unfortunate in being grassed three times within inches of the line.

Leeds have now won three out of three Christie games, with one to play, and there is some diversion of opinion as to whether or not this enables them to retain the Shield. If Liverpool beat Manchester again and also beat Leeds in the fourth game, both sides will have won three games.

One theory is that in this case Leeds being the holders would retain the trophy; the other is that there would have to be a play-off between the two sides.

There is one clear-cut solution—Leeds will beat Liverpool in the fourth and last game.

LACROSSE

The L.U. Men's Lacrosse Club is having a particularly successful season this year. It was somewhat of an experiment to enter the third division of the North of England Lacrosse Association, but the Club has been outstandingly successful. Since the last report in the "Union News" the team has not lost a single league match and now occupies third place in the league table. The results have been as follows:—

- Nov. 10th v. Ashton Won 13-2
- Nov. 14th v. Nottingham Univ. Won 14-1
- Nov. 17th v. Cheadle Hulme Won 1-0

- Nov. 24th v. Oldham & Werneth Won 6-2
- Dec. 1st v. Urmston Won 11-4
- Dec. 15th v. Cheadle Hulme Won 5-2
- Dec. 22nd v. Stockport Won 16-3
- Dec. 29th v. Rochdale Won 11-6
- Jan. 5th v. Offerton Won 9-8

The team played particularly well to beat Oldham, who have so far only lost this match, and we are therefore above the club in the table.

In addition, Leeds tackled a far superior Manchester Univ. team

in the Universities' cup matches and lost only 10-6. The less experienced players stood out in this match, and for a time, at least, were worrying to Manchester, who had to struggle hard to gain the lead.

Of course the club's hope is to win the division championship cup, but this entails winning probably every match to the end of the season.

A new supply of sticks has made it possible to coach new players and give them the opportunity to play; previous experience is absolutely unnecessary, so come along and try. Contact C. R. Chandler (Medic.) for further details.

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