

# NEWS DIGEST

SUMMER EDITION



*Mr L. Bagst presents the Leon Bagst's Trophy to  
Team Captain Ross Bohling*

1957

SOCIAL ELLIOTT CLUB

ROCHESTER



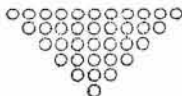
YOUR PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

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		Aviation

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS 1957.

SEPTEMBER 14TH.	Horticultural and Arts & Crafts Exhibition in the Canteen.
SEPTEMBER 21ST.	Excursion to France.
OCTOBER 11TH.	AUTUMN CARNIVAL, Central Hotel, Gillingham.
NOVEMBER 8TH.	CRAZY NIGHT DANCE, Central Hotel, Gillingham.
DECEMBER 14TH.	CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY, at the Canteen,
DECEMBER 23RD.	XMAS DANCE, Star Hotel, Maidstone.



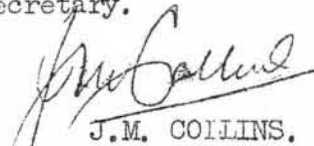
Dear Bob Kent,

At the request of the Chairman, Committee and Social Club members, I wish to convey our sincere thanks for all the work and effort you have put into the Elliott Social Club.

I think I can say, without fear of contradiction, that our Social Club is now one of the most active in the Medway Towns.

I know that everyone wishes you every success in your new appointment as Employment Officer, and all hope that you will be as happy as when you were Social Secretary.

Social Secretary.



J.M. COLLINS.

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HOW TO BE A GOOD MEMBER OF A CLUB,

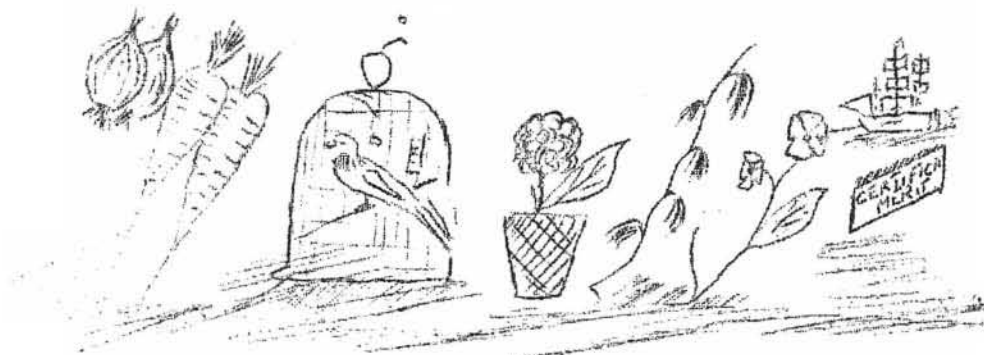
- . Do not come to the meetings.
- . But if you do, come late.
- . If the weather does not suit you, do not think of coming.
- . If you do attend a meeting, find fault with work of the officers and the other members.
- . Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticise than to do things.
- . Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, don't attend the Committee's meetings.
- . If asked by the Chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done.
- . Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the Club is being run by a clique.
- . Hold back your dues as long as possible or do not pay at all.
- 0. Do not bother about getting new members. Let the Secretary do it.
- 1. When a banquet is given, tell everybody that money is being wasted on blowouts which make a big noise and accomplish nothing.
- 2. When no banquets are given, say the Club is dead and needs a tin can tied to it.
- 3. If asked to sit at the speaker's table, modestly refuse.
- 4. If you are not asked, resign from the Club.
- 5. Do not tell the Club how it can help you, but if it does not help you, resign.

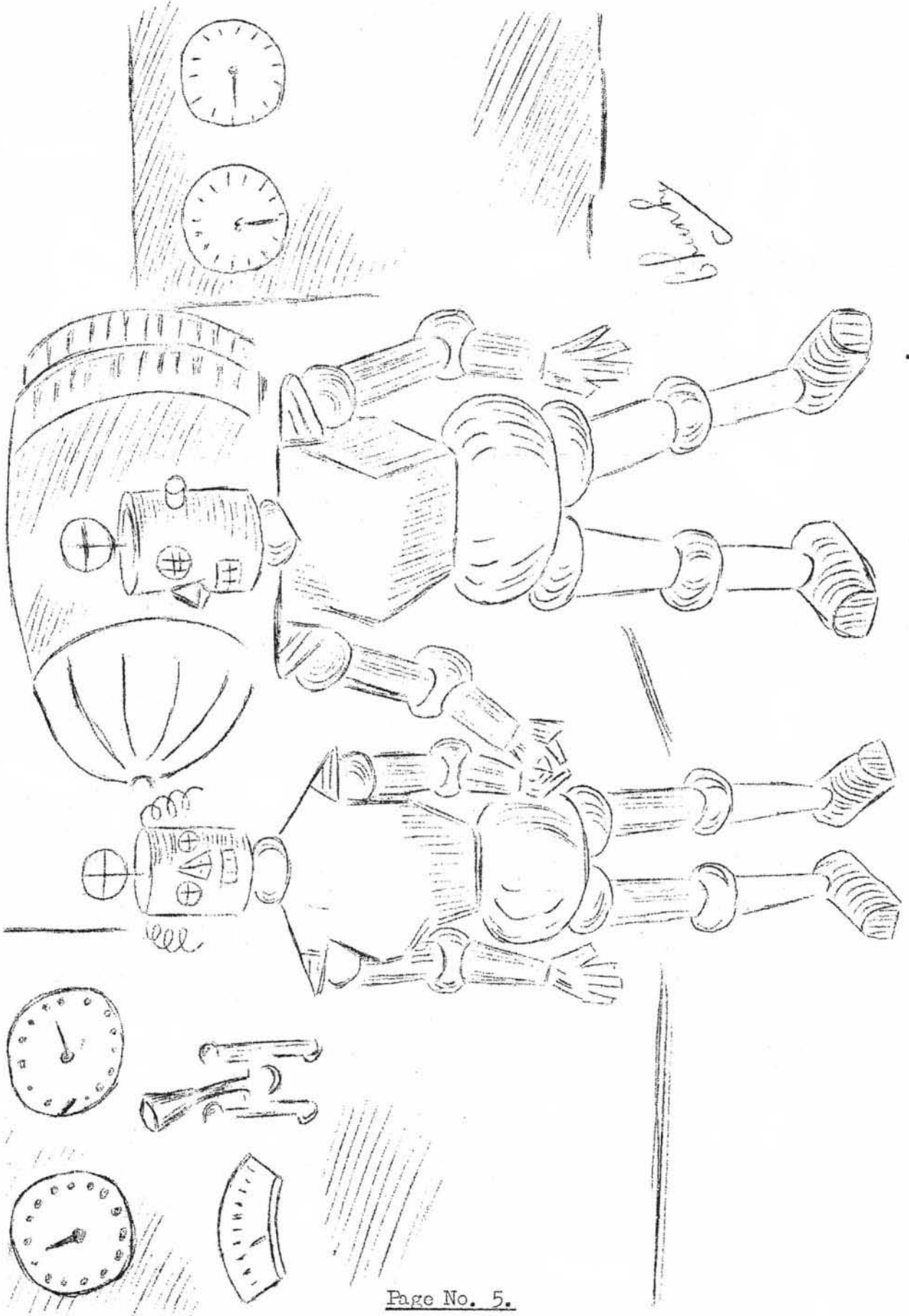
# STOP PRESS

Watch The Notice Boards for  
Details of The Elliott Social Club's  
8<sup>th</sup> Horticultural & Arts & Crafts  
Exhibition  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1957

Classes open to all members of The  
Elliott Social Club

Entry forms from Committee Members.





"HOWS ABOUT US AUTOMATING"

stoorey wun.

now that we have a noo sewshul sekreterry i hav bean arsted tew tern mi skil tew interestin articuls an stoorees.

wunce upon a tyme there wasa man hoo bort a kar. it wos a fawd an he wos a fewl. he maid a lotter munne werkin on a masheen in fishers sew he kood afawd tew be flash wiv is munnee. aktewelli he wos as rich as a king an sew he bort this ole bus. He ust tew tear around the factory rowd on it until the sakkin awl kame out of his tires an then the wind swung round an he kood'nt gew sew kwik, well. wun day he nipped in tew park his kar wen awl the uthers wer a t dinner an the perleesman. sed you have got tew shift that thing as its standin wear awl the kars gow. sew owr: frond leened in the kar an swiched on an went rownd the frunt tew put the winder in and started tew wind it an wen the bak axul was parsin over his knows he thort hallow i forgot tew put it owt of gear. sister towld him later that he shuld get rid of it as it mite meem that he wood have tew have a bit orf the bak of his hed sew thatthe wood'nt hurt his nose everee time he started it.

stoorey tew.

wunc upon a tyme theer wos aman hew had a good job in the girow rewn an he went fishin. that is the best wa tew rite a stooree. give awl the interestin fax ferst an then fill in the unimportant details later. well this man went fishin, ( he thinks i have fergotten awl about this but as he went give mi mate anee maw merrit munnee i am tellin on him ) an they awl went tew booramwood bi bus an wen they got there they went tew find the spot weer there wos no fish sew that they kood sit in the rane without interupshuns, an alf faw that is ower hearowes name fownd a rise spot without shelter sew that he wood get awl the rane an not just a few drops, sat himself down to rest. He had ownlee been asleep faw an hour or tew wen a fish was chased down streem bi wun of the uther men hew threw stones at it tew make it gew away an showted shew! shew! well this fish kame down the streem an it saw ole alf's foot sew it grabbed hold of it an dragged alf intew the water. alf got ever sew wild an sed that he wood not cum bak but if he did he wood bring a long stik thing like propper fishermen karried, and poke the fishes roe owt threw its eycholos, if he ever kawt it. Ower herow then desided tew gow bak tew the bus tew get dride off sow as he kood kum owt intew the rane agane but wen he got tew the bus fownd that it was stuk in the mud. The uther men wer not wurried as most of them wer stik in the muds anee way but tew pleeze the driver hew didnt like tranes then started tew push. it took them kwite a wile tew push the bus up against a tree an then they had tew stop. pushin sew that they kood chop the tree down an wen they had dun they fownd that they were owt of petrol. They sent a runner bak tew the nearest town faw anuther bus. Wen they got home alf said that" he hab hab a lubblee tibe thag yew".

Archie



Stooree three.

The larst magazeen wot was printed upset a lotter peepul an im verry glad that people dont know hew rites theez things and it they now they karnt provv it. well i will tell yew wot sum of the peeples sed.

ken Harmer. they didnt nok mi kar upside down. onlee ontew its side.

Stan wells. hoo rote that abowt me. i will nok his hed off if i find owt hew is responsibull.

bob kent. i am soree. as edditer of this mag i am unabul tew divulge the name of those who dew the odd spot of slander. utherwise they wood not put things in-wood i.

alfie Amb. mister kent i wont yhe man hew sed i was asleep on mi drill severele repremanded faw the gerl i walk home with of a nite keeps sayin alf!alf! are yew still with me. An if yew put eneething in the next magazeen abowt me wontin the tee tew be put up tew 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  i will be most annoyed. Yew kood always say that jow waterman suggested it.





SOCIAL CLUB DIARY.

It is'nt the initial cost of a strapless gown that matters, its the upkeep?

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Police (to drunk trying to fit a key in a lampost) I'm afraid there's nobody home tonight.  
Drunk: "Mus be, thersh a light upstairsh."

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Girdle: Accessory, after the fat.  
Reducing: Wishful Shrinking.  
Trade Secrets: What women do.

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Strapless Gown - When a woman wont shoulder the responsibility.

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Mr. McGeary. "How long have you been working here lad"  
Clerk. "Ever since I heard you come out of your office".

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Len Hubbard says "Marriage is one drama in which the hero dies in the first act".

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Undertaker's Campaign Slogan in Running for Office. "I'm the last man to let you down".

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The local Womens Club debated for two hours yesterday on the most dreaded disease among women and finally decided it was "Lockjaw".

Stomp King. --- "A girl's greatest attraction is her hair."

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Ron Dwyer. --- "No, I think it's her teeth, what do you say Len?"

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Len Olsen. --- "The same as you boys, but I don't lie about it".

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Duke Taylor. --- "Really has something here; a smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight."

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Arthur Hughes reminds us: "A man who never lends money has few friends. Also he doesn't need them"

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John Edwards says: "Minutes some folks save with speed is time they never live to need."

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"Wives who complain about having to go through so much, says Alf Blake, never mention trouser pockets".

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Rusty Russell says: "Anybody who thinks water is cheap never paid for a woman's tears".

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Communist. One who borrows your pot to cook your goose in.

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Young Actor "Dad, I've got my first part in a play, I play the part of a man who has been married 20 years."

Father: "Splendid, maybe one of these days they'll give you a speaking part".

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H<sub>2</sub>OH!

Now water is a useful thing to have around the place,  
It cleans the windows, mops the floors, and freshens up  
your face,  
But when they laid it on in pipes, up to the kitchen sink,  
That was where the rot set in, - by gosh it makes you think.

Look at all the damage that it does to iron and steel,  
Fall in it, and hurt yourself, how ill it makes you feel.  
Look at ships that sail on it, all eaten up by rust,  
Put it in a boiler, and the darn thing's sure to bust.

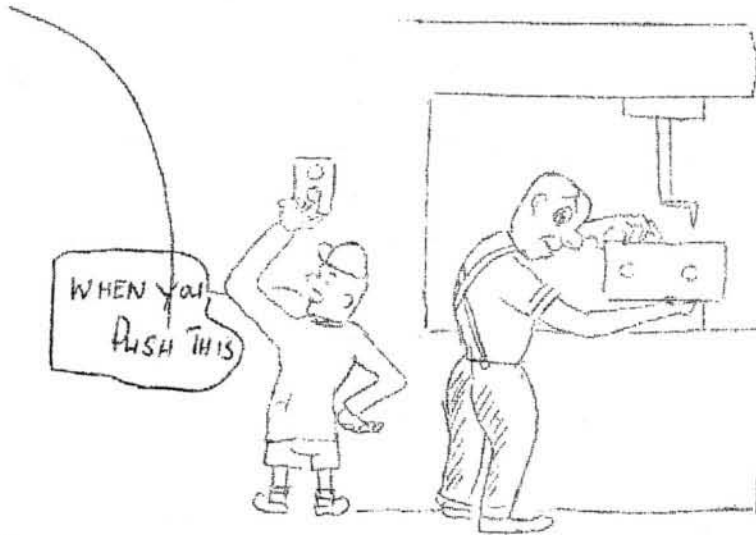
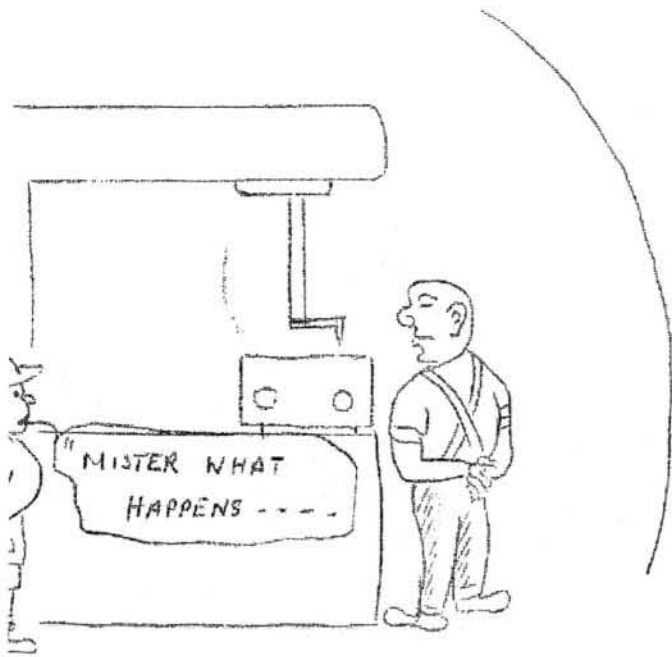
Heat it in an engine, it will pull a railway train.  
If you're going dippy, you have got it on the brain.  
Oxygen and hydrogen together are explosive,  
Is there any wonder that the darn stuff's so corrosive.

What a mess it makes of things, when frozen into snow,  
It clogs the drains and blocks the streets and makes the  
world go slow.  
People even drown in it, and that just makes it worse,  
Water comp'nies dam it, yet you pay to drink the curse.

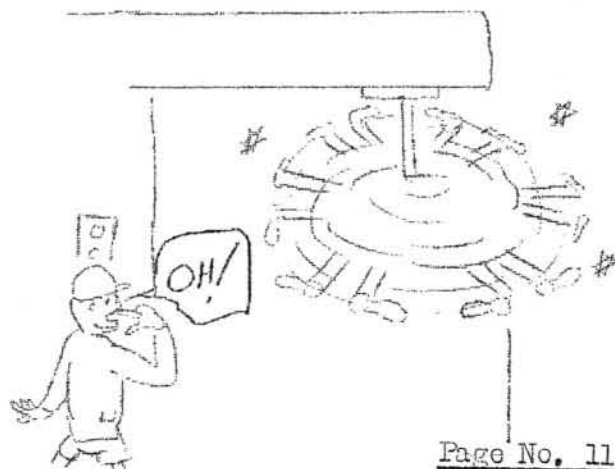
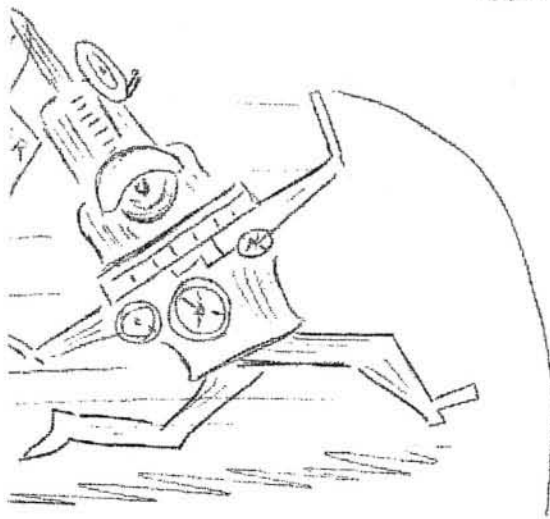
So once again I'm warning you to leave the stuff alone,  
Remember Mother Hubbard, and the dog that had no bone?  
Well, she offered him some water and he bit her by the sink,  
Yes, it really is a menace, and by gosh it makes you think.

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'WELL HM---- THE SCREW  
CAME OFF THE IRON----  
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WHAT'S YOUR PHOBIA?

'ARCHIPHOBIA'

- ACROPHOBIA - Fear of Height  
AGORAPHOBIA - Fear of Being Alone in Large Open Spaces  
AICHMOPHOBIA - Fear of Sharp Instruments.  
AILUROPHOBIA - Fear of Cats  
ANASTOMOPHOBIA - Fear of Joining  
ANDROPHOBIA - Fear of Men  
CIAUSTROPHOBIA - Fear of Closed Spaces.  
GEPHYROPHOBIA - Fear of Bridges  
GYNEOPHOBIA - Fear of Women  
HEMOPHOBIA - Fear of Blood  
HYDROPHOBIA - Fear of Water  
KENOPHOBIA - Fear of Large Open Spaces.  
KERAUNOPHOBIA - Fear of Lightning and Thunder.  
IALOPHOBIA - Fear of Speaking.  
OPHIDIOPHOBIA - Fear of Snakes.  
PYROPHOBIA - Fear of Fire.  
TAPHOPHOBIA - Fear of Being Buried Alive  
THANATOPHOBIA - Fear of Death  
TOXICOPHOBIA - Fear of Poisons  
BATZAPHOBIA - Fear of going mad  
BOISOPHOBIA - Most young girls suffer from it.  
RINGPHOBIA - Fear of being sick.  
BONSOPHOBIA - Fear of falling on your head.  
QUEERAPHOBIA - Fear of being marooned up a 10' ladder with a lighted candle in your pocket in a thunderstorm.  
SHANKSOPHOBIA - Fear of motor vehicles.  
HARMERPHOBIA - Fear of height.  
ANAPHOBIA - My pretty little poppy.  
MARCOPHOBIA - Fear of being discovered.  
TEDDAPHOBIA - Love for pretty little velvet collars.  
FAGOPHOBIA - Fear of Cancer.  
CRAB - Tropic of Cancer.  
GRANDMA - Died of Cancer.  
FEWLOPHOBIA - Fear of Walking.  
WELSOPHOBIA - Fear of Customs.  
GUTZOPHOBIA - Where's the Bicarb?  
AMBROPHOBIA - Fear of Rising Prices.  
COKSOPHOBIA - Fear of Traffic.  
BUSTOPHOBIA - Fear of overbalancing.

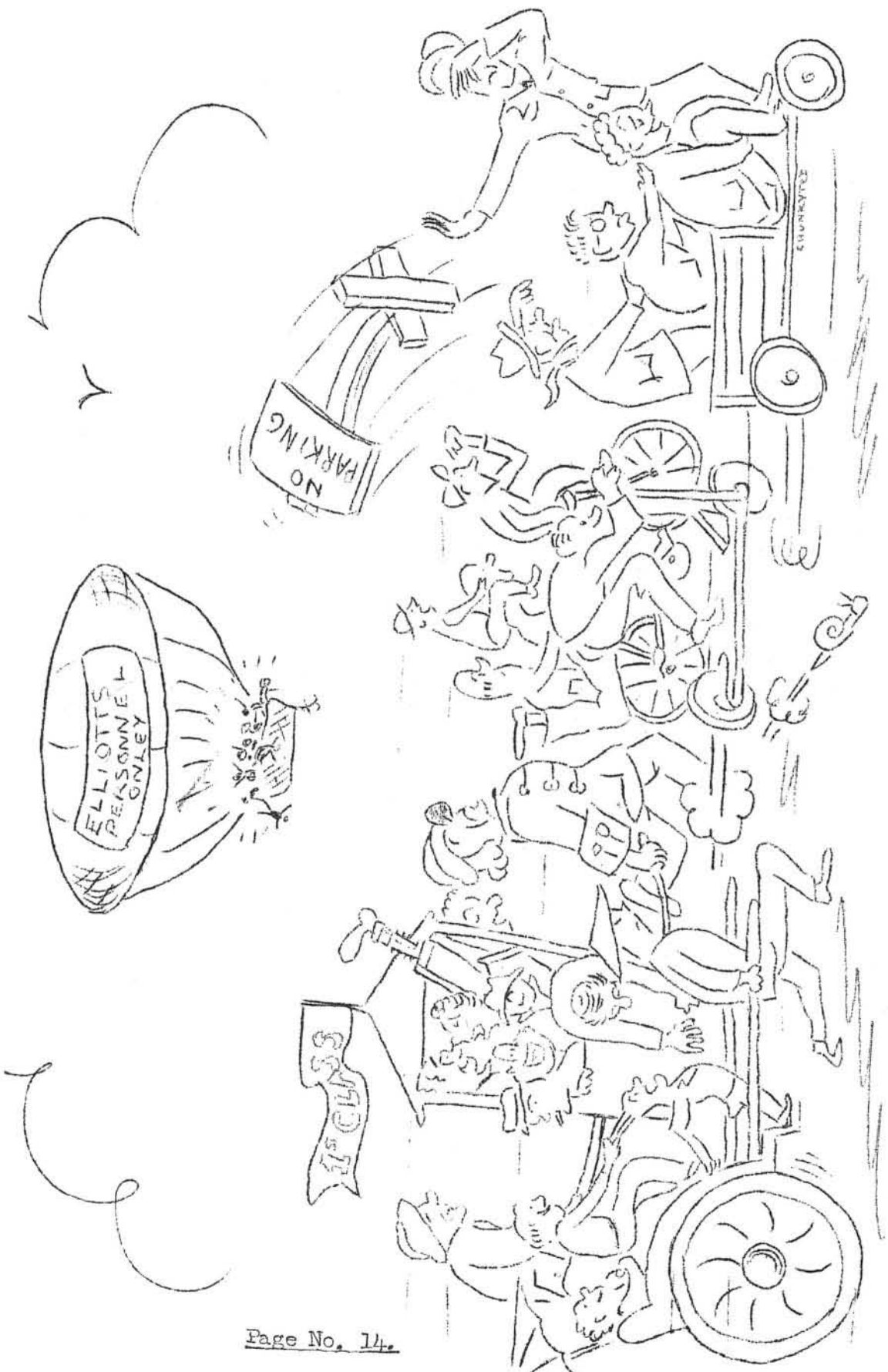
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IT PAYS TO INCREASE YOUR WORD POWER.

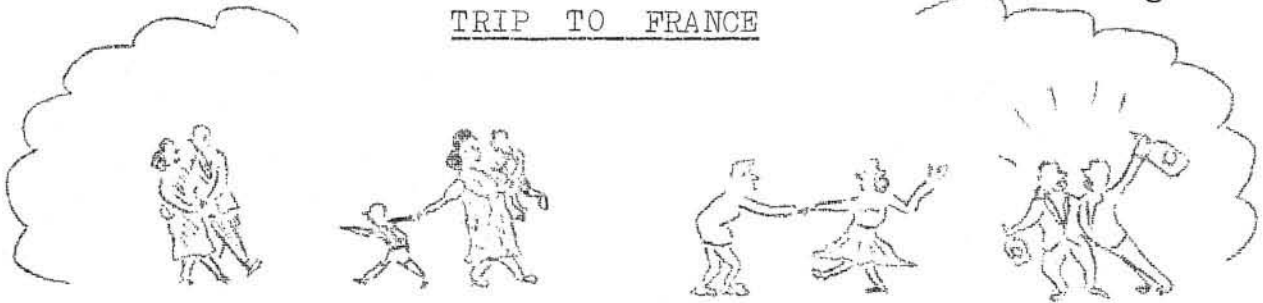
Before beginning this test, write down definitions of those words you think you know. Then tick the word or phrase you believe is nearest in meaning to the key word. Answers are on page ...<sup>47</sup>.....

- (1) Deprivation. A: Humiliation. B: Wickedness. C: Dispossession. D: Greed.
- (2) Forbearance. A: Opposition. B: Patience. C: State of being burdensome.  
D: Delay.
- (3) Caper. A: Prance about. B: Flirt. C: Find Fault with. D: Wheedle.
- (4) Allusion. A: False mental image. B: Indirect reference. C: Claim.  
D: Temptation.
- (5) Teem. A: To cry out. B: Pair off. C: Be prolific. D: Show off.
- (6) Anonymous. A: Ignorant. B: Having no name. C: Being of one mind.  
D: Silent.
- (7) Mediate. A: To forgive. B: Think. C: Treat medically. D: Arbitrate.
- (8) Ruminant. A: Thoughtful. B: Angry. C: Destructive. D: Careless.
- (9) Detract. A: To put aside. B: Shrink. C: Drag along. D: Take away.
- (10) Awry. A: Disappointed. B: Askew. C: Distressed. D: Angry.
- (11) Escapade. A: Game. B: Commotion. C: Deception. D: Irresponsible prank.
- (12) Gross. A: Expensive. B: Coarse. C: Slight. D: Strong.
- (13) Evasive. A: Gentle. B: Abrasive. C: Elusive. D: Fleeting.
- (14) Illustrious. A: Famous. B: Illustrated. C: Wealthy. D: Hard-working.
- (15) Plausible. A: Maddening. B: Deceitful. C: Contrived. D: Apparently  
right or true.
- (16) Germane. A: Strange. B: Suave. C: Relevant. D: Placid.
- (17) Antidote. A: Amusing story. B: Opposition. C: Capere. D: Remedy to  
counteract the effects of poison.
- (18) Rampage. A: Confusion. B: Violent action or behaviour. C: Barricade.  
D: Flood.
- (19) Subscribe. A: To surrender. B: Flatter. C: Resign. D: Approve or  
agree.
- (20) Condiment. A: Food. B: Flavouring. C: Gracious remark. D: Medicine.



THE DEFEAT OF THE BUS STRIKE

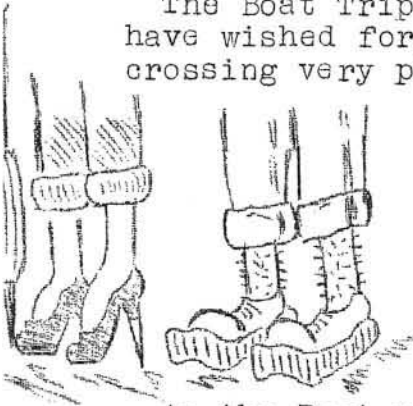


TRIP TO FRANCE

On Sunday 2nd June, 1957, 210 Social Club members and their families spent a most enjoyable day in France. It was decided in February, that we should try and make such a trip, instead of our usual Works Outing to the Kentish Coast. The response as the above figures show, was quite beyond our expectations. Of the 220 persons, 19 were children, and from the various reports received, even they enjoyed themselves.

Of course any trip of this nature caused some anxiety at times and this I may add was of no exception. On arriving at Folkestone we soon realised that Inward Good Department were missing, (Hussey, Cooke, Smith & Smith & Co. Ltd.) we should have guessed with 60 women of Standards on the 2nd train.

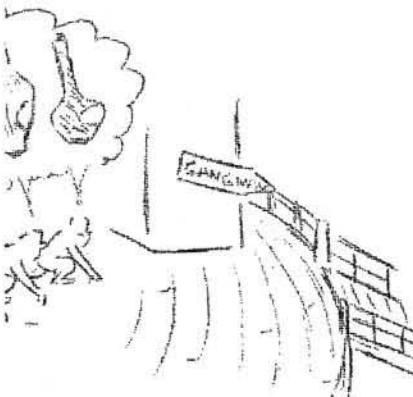
The Boat Trip across the Channel was as calm as one should have wished for, even the poorest sea travellers found the crossing very pleasant.



Dress for such an occasion, it is obviously optional but it was very noticeable that suede shoes with high tops were in the fashion with the men, and walking sticks with umbrellas for the women.

"Note" for uneducated gents high suede shoes are commonly know as "Creepers".

As the Boat nosed its way into Boulougne Harbour it was very noticeable that a certain Section from Elliott Bros. were getting themselves prepared for any early take off.

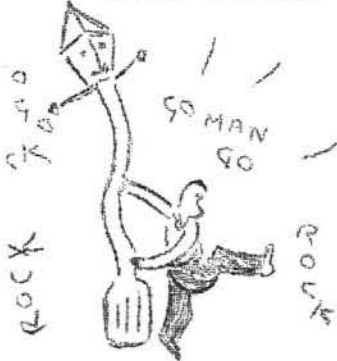


I would like to inform the Gents concerned Messrs. (Warrell, Brown, Hussey, Smith Cook and Smith etc.) that the 1960 Olympic Games Committee are anxious to contact you, they wish you to know that you all broke the 100yds World Record (Brother they moved.)

The Gendarms and customs officials were rather puzzled when Len Warrel demanded to be searched before entering Boulougne. We're still wondering when Len had to declare it certainly was'nt his teeth.

"His friend Monsieur may be able to help us."

Everyone soon realised on landing, that life in France is rather expensive, one certain party arriving at Wimereux decided to have lunch at a very ordinary looking Restaurant, and complimented continuously throughout the meal the way the French cook, but alas, compliments were soon short lived when receiving the Bills. For an ordinary Cafe, the prices were extraordinary i.e. 2 small beers, hors d'oeuvre, Beef and potatoes, Ice Cream, Lemonade, and Black Coffee for two people 1800 Francs Sterling approx. £1.17.0. (They carried him out)

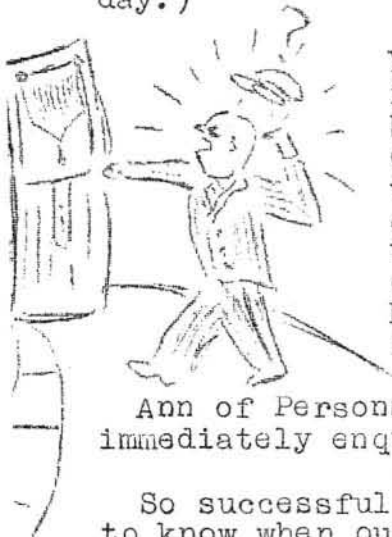


Of course other people were more fortunate, like the two that were invited out to a Chicken Lunch "Lucky Fred and Paul".

Once again the Gendarms were amused to see our friend Bill Hussey trying to Rock & Roll with a lamp post, we've since heard that the lamp refused to light up only at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and ther's everyone accusing dogs for the deterioration of such street ornaments.

At 5.30 everyone with the exception of "no names please" were on board ship ready for the trip home. On board Bob Kent was bragging about the cheap taxi he got, a 1,000 Francs to Wimereux until some kind gent informed him that he got the same for 500, "CLANG".

People that had Francs to change back into Sterling found this rather difficult proposition, and once again Len Worrel found himself in the mire, as a fortnight later he was still trying to change a 1,000 Franc Note, perhaps he will save it as momentum of his day in France. (After winning £41 on a tote double we all know that this will be a mere pittance for such an exciting day.)



You would have thought that the excitement have finished when we were all settled on the train, but if you are interested enough to find out, contact George Brown, he's a wonderful story teller. The poor porter who instructed a certain compartment to put back the bulbs and release the blinds when he nearly fainted when the door opened, for further information see Trevor Eatley he's young, but young persons can also make an interesting story up.

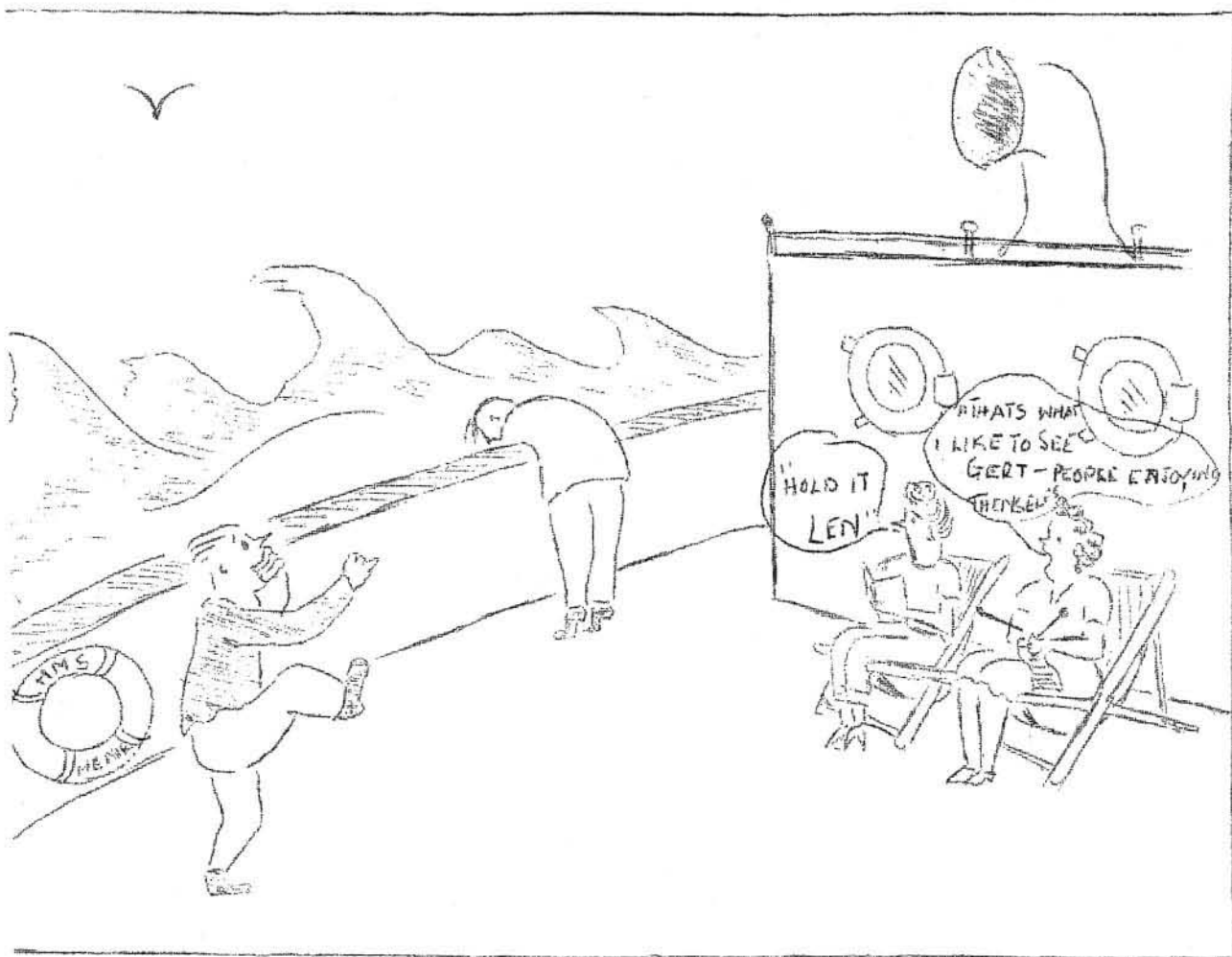
Ann of Personnel on arriving to work on Monday morning immediately enquired when the next trip was, ("I wonder why").

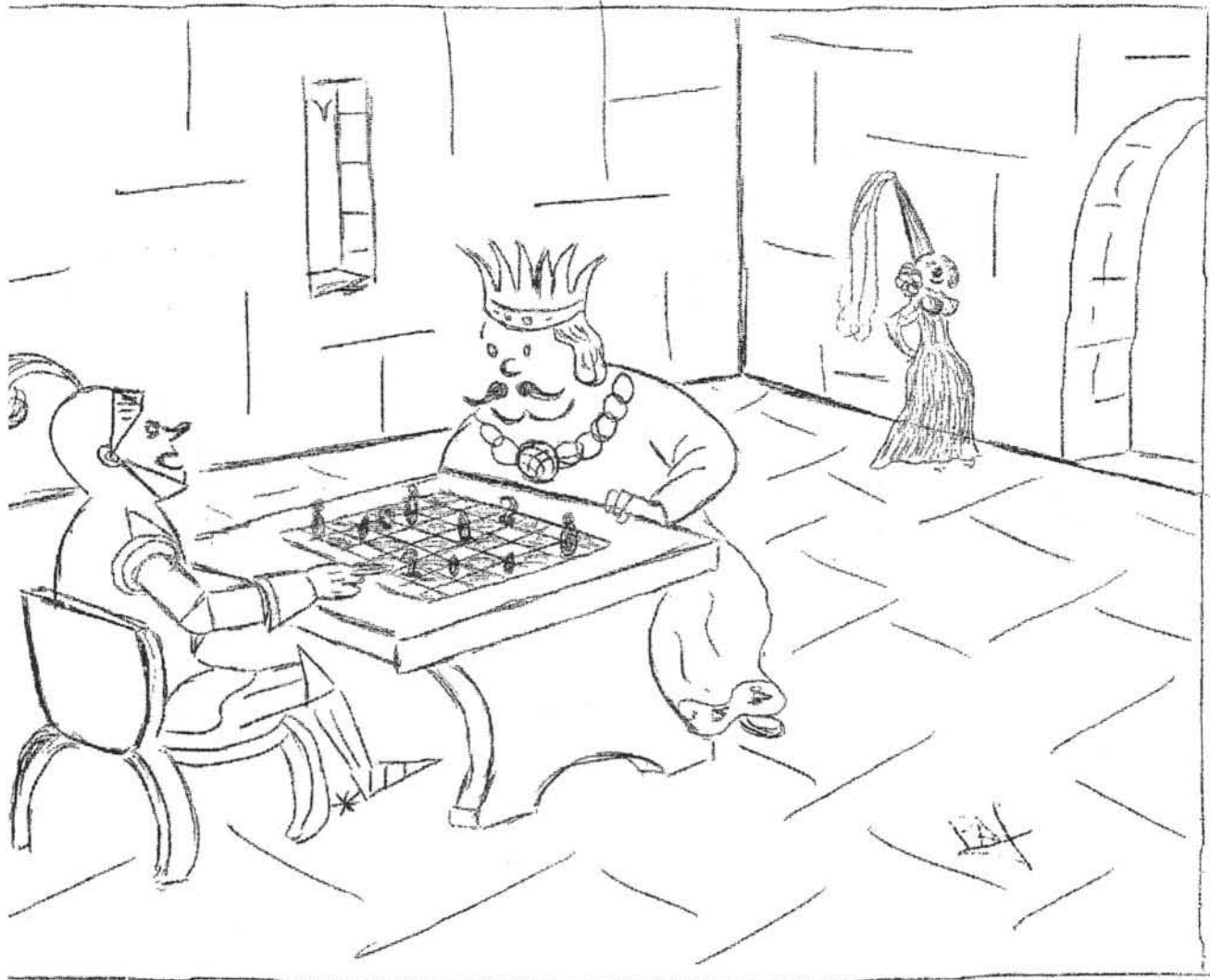
So successful was out trip, that 170 people are inquiring to know when our next trip will be.

Although we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and France was a novelty for some, I know that 99% of the people still prefer to live on an Island like ours, and were pleased to be back "Home".

FOOTNOTE.

"The Gent who had four stitches in his head, and is anxious to find the chap who did" I may be able to help him, the fourth lamp post on the right, outside Rochester Station is looking rather battered, "On Me Ead."





Exchange my Castle to get your Queen for a Knight"

### Chess Club

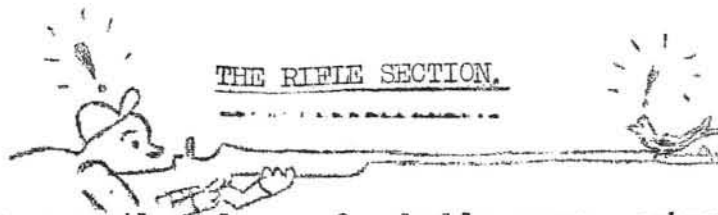
Chess Club was formed during the last quarter and is developing on a progressive

It is desirous of more members from advanced players to learners. Anyone  
wishing to learn will be given tuition on Club Night.

Club is held on alternate Monday and Wednesday evenings, commencing with  
the first Monday in each month, at 5.35p.m. at the Canteen. Chess men and boards  
are available to members. A competition within the Club is under way at the present

It is proposed that the Club be affiliated to the Kent Chess Association.  
On Monday the 7th April a member from the Club played a team of Hungarians at  
Loughborough. The Club lost by seven matches to ten. The Club is being run under  
the supervision of its Chairman (P. Johnson in Tool Room,) and Honourable Secretary (C. Stapleton M.E.R.)

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After a restless lapse of a double season, owing to lack of heating at Fort Clarence rifle range, the Elliott small-bore rifle Club recalls its members to start a fresh summer session.

We are also relying on the coming season to bring out not only the courting couples but the countless crafty crackshots that hav'nt stepped forward to prove their skill in joining the rifle club.

Its a grand feeling to take home a silver cup or two!!

Our arms are open to the not-so-good enthusiasts who would be able to knock off a gnat at 25 yds after a few gentle tips from the club coach.

Never let it be said that ladies can't finger a trigger, our lady members would make Jessy James take a 10 point start.

But alas, they either emigrate or get married off, thus leaving our ladies section very short of support, so its an all out recruiting drive for the NOT-SO-WEAKER sex.

Mr. E. Brown who's last official score read 86,83,86, gets an encouraging bash on the hand from the team captain to creep back to his old 90 plus readings to lead the teams summer league.

The clubs range was promised a visit by a few "Hawk eye" Apprentices many moons ago ————— show your colours lads ——— it's only a little bang.

Point Two-Two.

Secretary S.A. Biggs (M.E.R)

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BAT AND TRAP SECTION.

Affiliated to Elliott Social Club and Medway Bat and Trap League.



Lying a handy second place in the league, the above section is going great guns again this season and with any luck that is going should once again find itself amongst the leaders when the season ends.

Led by Skipper Bob Short, we have had some great games so far, our best victory being a 3.0 win over H.M.B. When all the boys certainly put up a grand bowling performance, 26 wickets out of a possible 30 speaks for itself! this was a big disappointment last week to lose to the present leaders "The Ship", but we hope to reverse that decision when we meet again.

Last week we had our Annual Outing, and this year we helped to cultivate the roads leading into Brighton! a good time was had by all, and it goes without saying that the Committee certainly organized the trip successfully, for of the 32 members that set out in the morning 32 arrived back! (we did get a little worried on the fourth trip along the prom but the Rose was found hiding in the Rye and all was well!) our next outing includes the ladies and I expect the boys will be busy with their camera's snapping any possible squatters.

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For those of you that are interested we are playing our Home Games this year at "The Black Lion" Mill Road Gillingham, and we would be glad of any support you like to give, a large lawn at the rear of the pub gives ample space for the ladies and your children, also you can partake of your favorite beverage and enjoy the game as well.

Many thanks are due to our Secretary Ron Pickrell and the Committee consisting of Bob Short, Tommy Atkins and Arthur Lark for the hard work they have done organizing raffles etc, and if any further information is required regarding the Bat and Trap Section the above mentioned will be only to pleased to assist.

A.J. Snoswell.  
(Chairman)

FOOTBALL SECTION

The Div.3. side had a very successful run last season, losing only 8 of their 29 matches. To help create create more interest in the coming season, it was suggested we entered a team in the New Brompton & District League as well as in the Rochester League. We have now been accepted by the New Brompton, and hope this will induce many of the footballers who play for outside teams to come and join us. With their help it should be possible to put Elliott's F.C. on the footballers map.

How we fared last season.

<u>Goals.</u>				<u>Points.</u>
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Tennis Section.

With both teams having gained promotion by winning respective leagues last season, we have started this season in quite good spirit.

We have nearly **all** the old faces again, plus an encouraging number of newcomers, and there is still a big welcome for players whether learners or otherwise, particularly the ladies, of whom we don't see nearly enough.

Also the financial side of the section is quite rosy this year, and this at a time when all other clubs have raised their fec's and we are still only charging 6/- per season.

Secretary. K.R. Lark. (Fisher).



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DRAMA-GROUP



The meeting of the Elliott Drama Group was held on Wednesday 12th June 1957.

The following were elected on the Committee, Chairman and Producer Mr. Lancaster, Secretary Mr. R. M. Dobson, Treasurer Mrs. P. Robinson,

In addition to this a play selection Committee was elected which consisted of three members.

The play readings are to be held fortnightly on Wednesdays.

The first production will begin in the Autumn for Christmas and another will begin in the New Year.

A tentative Subscription of 5/- was agreed upon until the next A.G.M. in May 1958.

Secretary.

Mr. R.M. Dobson.  
Radio Radar.

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## ANGLERS DELIGHT



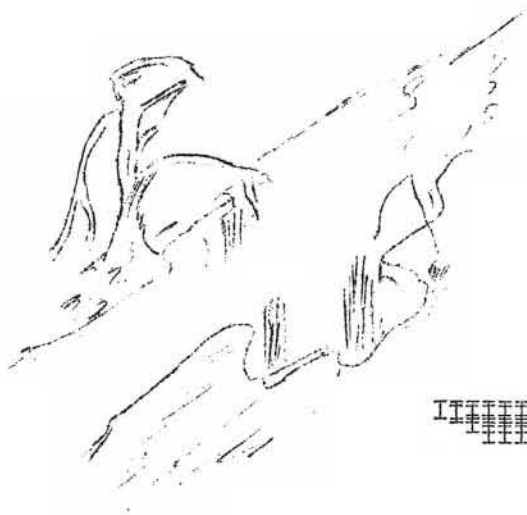
The golden day approaches, June 16th, when the coarse fishing season opens. Coarse fishing - what an absurd name for this most delicate art! And how fine we shall, in fact, be fishing in the bright summer months to come. I suppose we all have a clear picture in our minds of the swim we mean to fish as soon as we escape to the river. It may be some streamy swim on the River Beult or the still mysterious waters of Linten Park where those lovely tench rootle among the weeds.

And, wherever it is, that first moment by the waterside will produce in all anglers a common emotion, almost unbearable.

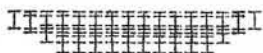
In my minds eye I can see my float gliding away, I am convinced it will dip smartly, and that I shall be into a fish, Yes! there it goes, and I catch that red gleam of roach fins as I reach for my landing net.

This, at all events, is how I imagine it will be, how I imagined it these three dreary months past. That I shall catch no fish at all is, of course, far more likely, but than all anglers live on hopes.

And my hope is this, not only that my own float shall dip, but those of all keen anglers, Fine Angling Friends.

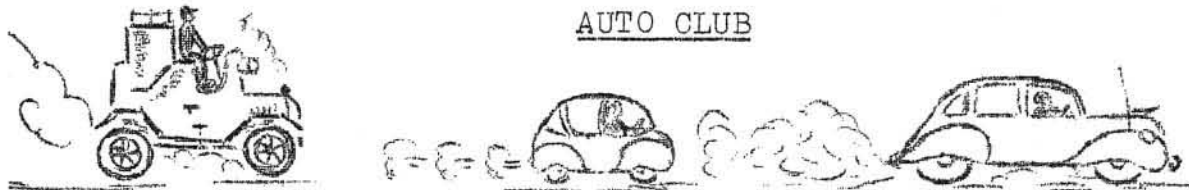


Fred. Spearink.  
Secretary.





## AUTO CLUB



The new Committee of the Auto Club continues to aim at providing its 110 members with interests such as film shows, visits, rallies, dances etc, also services such as spares and insurance.

The petrol situation naturally restricted rallies earlier in 1957 but the one held during that time was excellently attended particularly by new competitors to rallying. We do hope they enjoyed it and will come again.

With the end of rationing a fuller programme has been arranged but the committee have not made rallies too frequent as it is realised that however much in demand, rallying can be overdone with a resultant drop in participation, nevertheless we can be sure that the new Trials Secretary, Ron Milne will operate over fresh territory whenever possible thus maintaining interest, members do please come along, these events are arranged for you and you can make or break them. They are fun and you'll enjoy them as something different to just getting in the car on a Sunday afternoon and following "where she points".

That even described route rallies are not so easy was proved in the June Rally when a well known committee member who drifts his A30 round Blue Bell Hill bends imagined Lenham was on the Sheerness marshes - he never did turn up at the finish at Bredhurst Bell - Was his face red!!

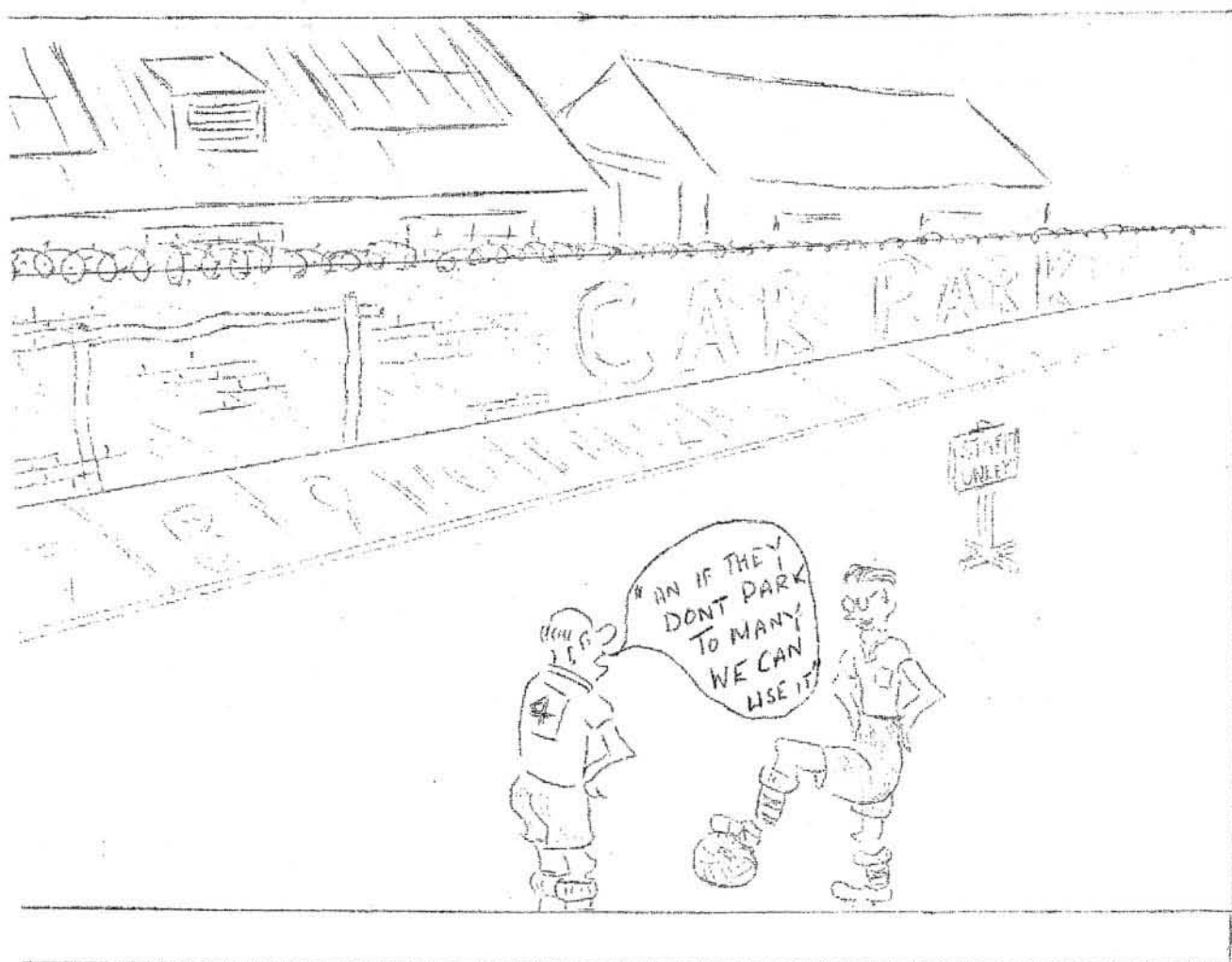
Of the 51 mile course allocated one newcomer estimated that he had clocked 80 miles in all and a very large part of this had been spent trying to find his way out of Harrietsham. Then there were the usual outcry's of "course wrong" and "checkers out of position" and "map reference wrong". All these friendly arguments and spirit of competitor and get together make all the work that go into rallies very well worth while.

An engraved cup for 1st place and engraved shields for 2nd and 3rd places are awarded.

The "Butter" Cup is an all day event competed for on the style of a Minature Monte Carlo Rally. And the Challenge Cup awarded to the best competitor over a specified number of rallies. The cup is held for 12 months and a small replica permanently awarded.

These trophies are presented at the Annual Auto Club Dinner and Dance. This is a very popular event and last year's was enjoyed by all.

It is hoped that this years Dinner and Dance will benefit by applying the substantial profit made at the recent Club dance.



## CRICKET.

This section having been reformed this year has built itself up into quite a useful club cricket side.

Many attractive fixtures have been fulfilled and some really exciting finishes have ensued.

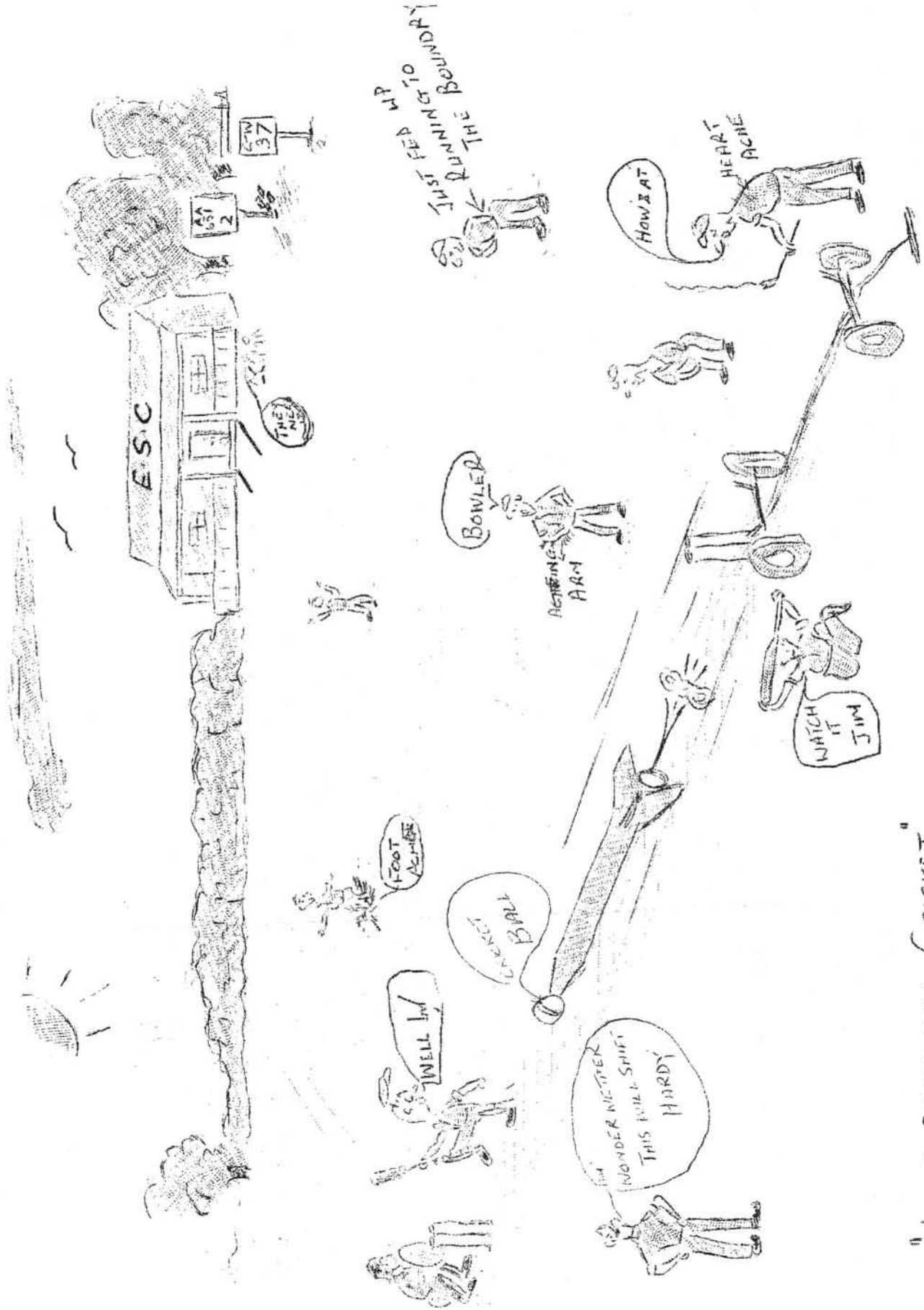
Our main strength has been in the bowling of the side, who have dismissed some very good teams for small totals. Although the bowling has not yet attained a good standard, I feel that it will improve with practice and match play, but J. Hardy, G. Comery, and B. Richardson have all made a few notable scores.

One of the most exciting finishes this season was at Snodland, where we opened the innings and after a disastrous start, being 5 wickets for 3 runs, we eventually made 74 runs due to an excellent knock of 35 runs by T. Rye. The home side then batted and having reached a total of 70 for five, were eventually all out for 72. The bowlers who achieved this success were J. Fairchild 4 for 31 and R. Onslow 4 for 28, also R. Turner 2 for 4. Fairchild took the last 3 wickets in what turned out to be the last over. Another close finish was at the Civil Service Ground against the Dockyard Technical School Old Boys, when Elliott's made 99 (Roland 47 N.O.) and they made 93, this win was made possible by some good catches held, and some good bowling by R. Turner 4 for 24 and J. Loft 3 for 17 runs.

The highest score obtained this season by our team is 181 runs against Riverside II who were dismissed for 36 (J. Fairchild 5 for 6 - J. Southworth 4 for 13), and the lowest score was against Borstal C.C. who batting first were dismissed for the total of 81 (J. Southworth 6 - 37). Elliott's made 23, not one batsman reached double figures.

The past fortnight has been rather disastrous owing to the weather, strike etc., a start was made on Sunday the 14th July against Imperial Club, but after making 82 for 0 rain stopped play for the day, unfortunately both the trip to Boreham Wood and Ramsgate were cancelled owing to transport difficulties.

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THE TUNING UP JUST FEED AT THE BOUNDARY

HOW ABOUT HEART ACNE

BOWLER  
ACTIVE ARM

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ARM

I WONDER WHETHER THIS WILL SHIFT HARDY

WATCH IT JIM

" INTER SECTIONAL CRICKET "

## LEWISHAM SPORTS.

On Saturday 6th July, 1957, 352 Social Club members and their families attended the Annual Lewisham Sports Meeting.

An attractive afternoon's sport, coupled with various side shows for the children, provided a perfect days entertainment for everyone.

The weather was very kind to us, several people were heard complaining about the heat, in fact almost everyone agreed that it was a bit too hot for comfort, all except Percy Harris (Lewisham Social Secretary). Rumour has it that bar takings reached a new record, and we wonder whether this could have paid all expenses for the meeting?

At approximately 2.30 p.m. the first of the events was run off. In the 100 yards (Gents under 18 years) Rochester were not represented. "This event being won by Lewisham." Rochester claimed their first "Win" in the (100 yards Scratch Race "Gents".) Pete Benham was first and Ron Hedgecock 3rd.

Barbara Parkinson, Captain of our ladies team ran a good race to win the (100 yards Ladies) with Janet Pickrell being placed 3rd.

Although the sack races for Ladies and Gents were open events, once again the Reds were dominant, especially in the Ladies, where Rochester claimed first three places, Janet Pickrell 1st, Maggie Heptinstall 2nd and Audrey Bennett 3rd.

Ron Botting was 2nd in the Gents and Ron Taverner 3rd.

The inter works Tug of War was rather an interesting event for us, Rochester being represented by the management. I know everyone was pleased to see these sturdy gents doing something to bring honour to our establishment. Our first pull was against Lewisham, and when our team lined themselves up it was noticeable that they were an organized team, and were dressed according to the Elliott Rules, cricket boots, toe tectors, hobnailed boots, and pointed toe shoes. Chris Bridges was the coach, he was heard to remark, after they had beaten Lewisham, that he had perspired more than the rest of the team put together (Thats what they call "effort".)

After a weighty dispute between Weymouth and Boreham Wood, this arising when Boreham Wood thought the Ref. said "take the strain", and Weymouth thought he said "Pull". After some persuasion Weymouth eventually beat Boreham Wood in two straight pulls.

In the final, although our chaps put up a good show, it didn't take Weymouth long to become the new 1957 champions.



In the Inter works relay team, Rochester were represented by "Barbara Parkinson, Janet Pickrell, Pauline Phillips and Diana Firth". It was soon noticable that our Girls were going to win us another three points, they did, quite easily.

In the 440 yard Gents only Ron Botting was placed. Two points were gained when Ron Botting finished second.

After the 220 yards (Gents), it was apparent that the Leon Bagrit Trophy was coming down to Rochester when Pete Benham finished 1st. We had obtained enough points for a comfortable lead over the other establishments.

Pete Benham's legs weren't quite long enough when it came to long jump, but Pete still got himself third place.

I don't think there were many there, that envied the chaps that ran in the mile. It proved to be an interesting event and was virtually a three man race from the start. Jim Cross and Derek Channon of Rochester were leaders for most of the race, but at the tape Raynor of Lewisham was first with Derek 2nd and Jim 3rd.

Our girls did very well to reach the final of the Netball, they defeated Weymouth by 6 goals to 4, but couldn't withstand the onslaught from Boreham Wood who won by 13 to 4. We told Boreham Wood officials that we would be sending our first team next year, instead of using our 3rd. (No comment I hope.)

Our seven aside Football Team were rather disappointing in the first match against Boreham Wood, with players such as Hughes, Hardy, Crombie, Gallagher, Hissett, Richardson & Kent, one expected much better football than was played. I often wonder what Arthur Hughes little dance indicated, feet and legs moved alternately to a Rumba Rythem, after seeing the amount of goals he missed, I now have a good idea. Bob Kent was down to play in goal, the only comment I wish to make is, ("retire old son, your too old.")

One remark heard on the line from an old timer (Bert Snowswell) you can see this lot have played football before ..... "ONCE". Result 6-0 to our favour. We met Lewisham in the final, this time the lads did buck themselves up a bit and with Bert Richardson scoring a beaut, and the "Hughes" scoring in a feeble attempt, thus by defeating Lewisham 9-0 Rochester made sure that the trophy which we presented as a seven aside Challenge Cup, was given it's correct place until 1958, in our own showcase.

The 4 x 220 yards Relay Race (Gents) was another success, Ron Botting, Pete Benham, Ron Hedgecock and Derek Channon were our representatives. (I'm wondering what the other establishments would write if they were getting out a magazine, I'm certainly getting a little bored keep writing about our wins, still, I suppose we're worth it!!!)

Even our older members seem to have this speed and stamina which Men Of Kent and Kentish men are blessed with. Mr. Botting ran a good race to win this event for us, Mr. Botting of Security at the age of 59 finished 4th. "Well run sir".

Mike Skene won the High Jump event with 5'4" with Ron Taverner failing at this height to finish second.

The overall points obtained by Rochester was 39. Our nearest rival was Boreham Wood with 14.

At the presentation of the Trophy etc., Mr. Bagrit made an enlightning speech in which he mentioned that the Leon Bagrit Trophy was one of the collections of the First Sea Lord, "Lord Louis Mountbatten". He went on to say that he sincerely hoped that the enthusiasm shown at this 1957 meeting would continue.

After the presentation had ended, and the Photographers had taken their fill, "the long awaited bottle of Champagne was poured into the cup". I felt rather sorry for some of our Boreham Wood friends, for all they received was a sniff.

#### FOOTNOTE.

If Lewisham, Boreham Wood and Weymouth would like to really study the Trophy, please take the opportunity next year whilst the Sports are in progress, because our show case will be empty only for that one day.

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Mr. Pritchard helps Ron Botting to take the "weight".

#### TUG OF WAR TEAM.

*anding*) Mr. Gausden, Dent,  
Groombridge, Col. Bloodworth,  
Maton, White.

*neeling*) Mr. Walton, Bridges (*Coach*)  
Barton.



#### THE RELAY TEAM.

Pete Benham, Ron Hedgecock,  
Ron Botting, Derek Channon.



### NETBALL TEAM

Reading from left to right:-

*Back.* Miss Gausden, Firth, Taylor and Phillips.

*Front.* Miss Barty, Parkinson and Keemes.

### IN SIDE FOOTBALL TEAM

g from left to right:-

*g* Hissett, Richardson, Gallagher and Kent.

*g* Hughes, Crombie and Hardy.



Effort.



P. Benham winning the mens relay.

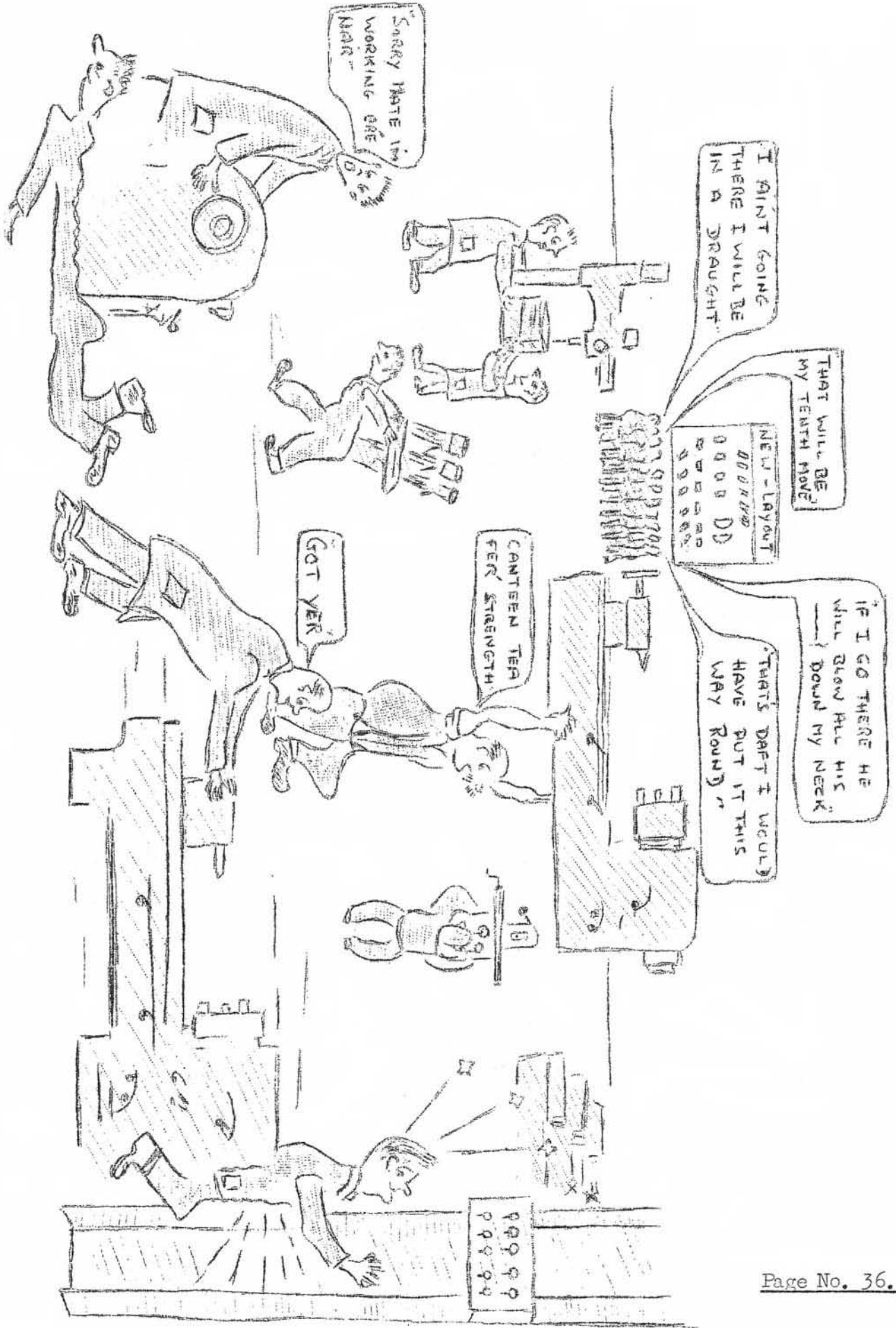
ers of the womens relay.

ing from left to right:-

Diana Firth, Janet Pickrell, Barbara  
Parkinson and Pauline Phillips.



Relaxation after effort.



BITS THAT BITE.

REMEMBER it's usually the fresh egg that gets slapped in the pan.

MOST women are outspoken - but nobody's yet found out by whom.

THE mother who arranges a match for her daughter also intends to referee it.

KICK the person who's responsible for most of your troubles, and you won't be able to sit down for weeks.

THE girl who gives you an ache in your heart could also be a pain in the neck.

IF at first you don't succeed - you are running about average.

PORTSMOUTH girls say that sailors are wolves in ships' clothing.

DO very strict nudists use dressing on salads?

THE new atomic ovens will be a boon to the housewife - She'll be able to burn the dinner to a crisp in few minutes.

IT'S only women who gossip - men tell each other the news.

SO long as the cost of a thing is only money - it's not expensive.

THERE is never any convenient time for birth or death.

THE man who can't take it with him often can't afford to go.

It was the kind of day that should have ended while it was still morning..... A doctor with a graveside manner..... A temperamental actress-a star of rage and scream..... She's the picture of her father and the sound track of her mother..... She gave him a look that completely unmarried him.

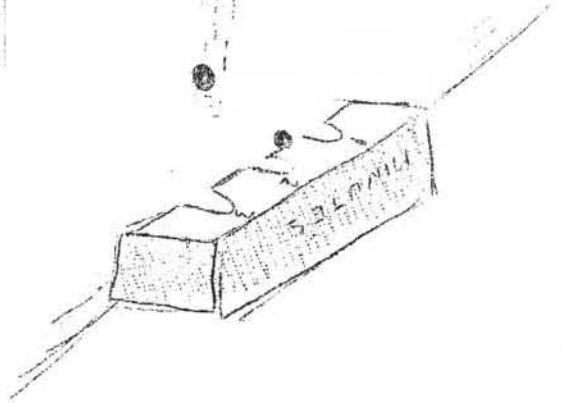
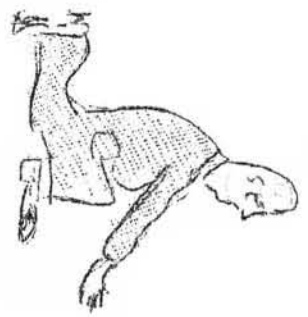
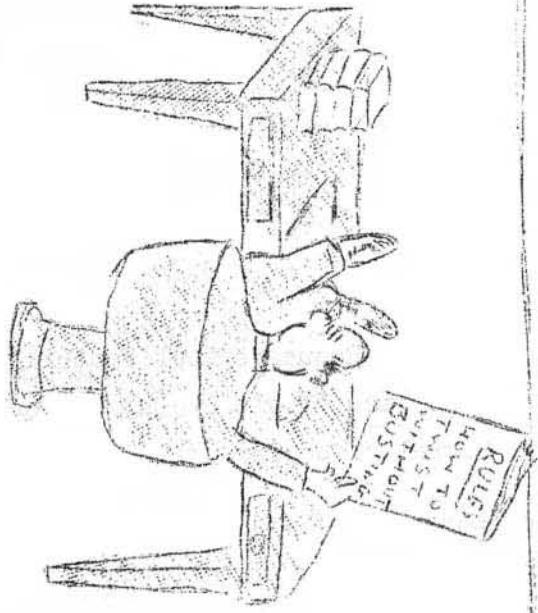
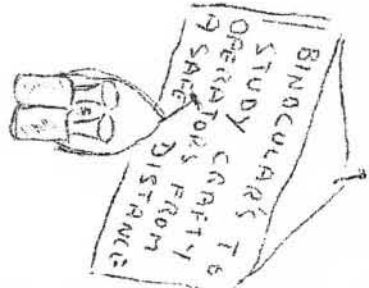
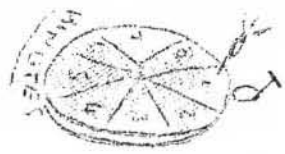
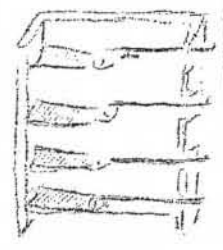
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PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN

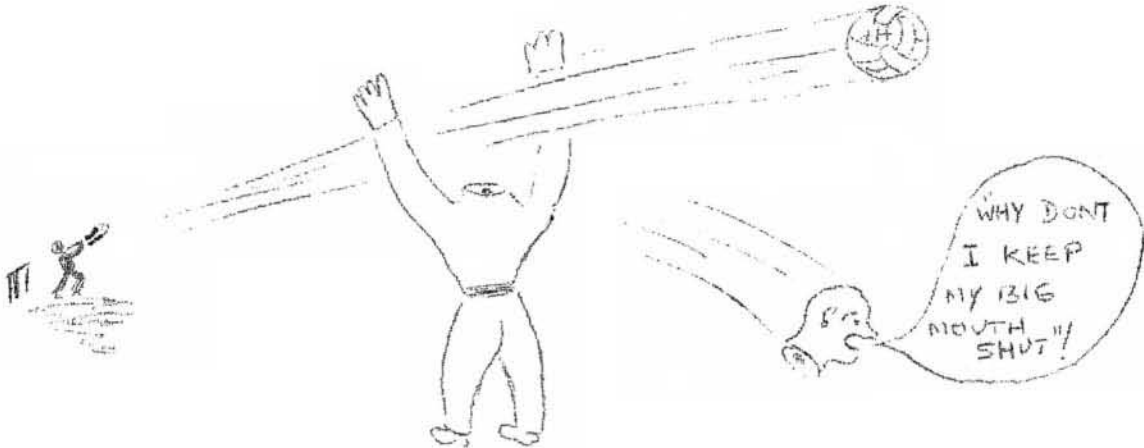
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Factory Gossip

Harry Medhurst(Sheet Metal) Requests that Footballs should be used for cricket, the size of his eye should prove this point. It wasn't a barrel of beer you were catching Harry!



Rusty Russell, after having a 2 cwt brass bar fall on his foot, said,"if it had only fallen on my head, it wouldn't have hurt so much."

"Wanted" One pair of crutches!!

Please contact Joe Waterman-----Swift Swallow Dept.  
Rumour has it,he's got water on the knee,but official sources inform us, that he's got it on the brain-----

"Wanted one large "Wig" (He needs it.)

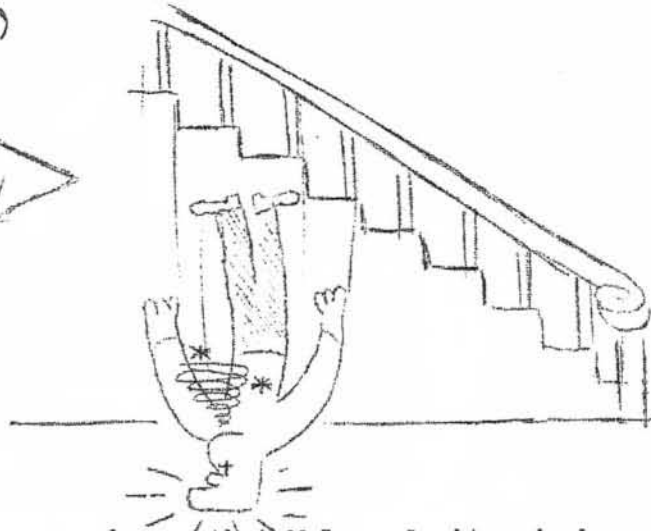
Stomp King wishes to inform everyone that the abrasions on his neck are "Gnat Bites."

What delightful names you give your girl friends "Johnny."

Bligh Cheesoman's Driving is improving he has'nt hit anything for a week.

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Bill Shillibeer    Soon realised the Town Hall was'nt a  
(Snatcher)    swimming pool when he took a swallow  
to    from the top bannister.  
friends.)



Margaret Cheeseman hopes that Malaya don't gain her  
Independance yet.

Timber Wood was in the running,until she saw him  
playing football(Now he dont call so often.)

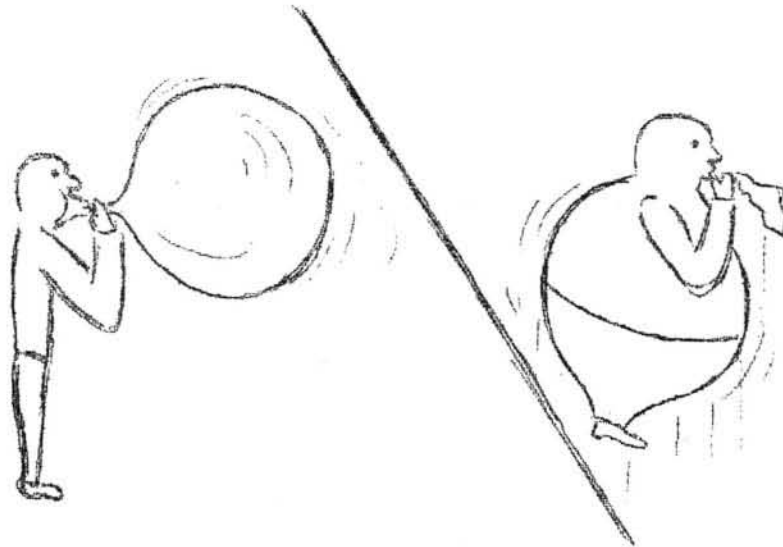
Charlie Foreman want's to know whether theres any truth  
in this seven year itch story, only he's started  
scratching already.

"Secret!" For the Gent who asked Janet(Personnel)  
for a date. She was just a little scared to say "Yes"  
"Try again Lad."

Dorothy Bottle has left,she said she prefers to keep bull  
dogs in preference to training wolves.

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Trevor Eatley promises Jim Collins that he'll blow up all the balloons at the next Social Club Dance.



Bill Ayres felt so sorry for himself with one of his eyes bandaged up, until someone threatened to shut the other one.

A warning to all men of Elliotts, please dont mention collar stud to Jo Smith "They are a sore point with her."

Alfie Blake reminds Alf Collins, that fancy dress is usually left for dances, also, he should'nt put his hands where they'll be caught.

It is rumoured that Bert Richardson is starting a poultry farm, there is sufficient proof of this in the score book.



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## HAZARDS OF THE DAY.

From our Boulogne Correspondent (Len Warrell).

### BOULOGNE.

The inhabitants of Boulogne have a new pastime. Whenever they hear of a steamer bearing "no passports", as they are called here, they gather along-side the quay when the boat is due to sail, to watch the re-embarkation of your English day trippers. I gather that it is a spectacle well worth seeing and that it has gained in interest since many new cafe's have been opened round the port. These are peaceful establishments in the normal way, and the French people who frequent them are tranquil folk, but then the French are initiated from the earliest in the knowledge of alcohol and its dangerous possibilities.

Is there no ship's officer who could give an elementary lecture to tourists on mixed alcoholic drinks? It was explained to me in a little Boulogne cafe that certain of these mixtures are so devastating that those who partake of them are obliged to consign themselves to the care of a guardian angel for the rest of the journey. These angels sometimes take the form of a kindly roadmender with a wheelbarrow, in which he conveys the unconscious tourist to his boat. Often one or two compatriots take pity on the victim. Sometimes it is a sympathetic taxi-driver, especially if the person in question can pay the fare. But more often than not the vehicle employed is the police car, sent for by some charitable soul.

Ninety-nine per cent, usually reach the boat in time, but there are some unlucky ones whose only counsellor is the little demon who lives at the bottom of all good French bottles.

As soon as he is let loose, this demon tries to destroy even the foundations of the Entente Cordiale. Then, after the fifth pernod mixed with cognac (sic), the quiet city clerk can be transformed into a dangerous fighter.

Generally he goes for the bar-keeper who, trembling, curses whole-heartedly the entire British race, though he makes an exception for the Scots, for they know how to drink neat and stand up to it. The police arrive. Generally there are only two of them, but the victim may see four or six, which he considers excessive, so he sets about defending the honour of Albion.

### FREE SHOW.

Then there was the case of one of your charming compatriots who, under the influence of an excessive dose of Cointreau, began to stage a sensational strip-tease act in the principal and most frequented square of the town - an act which, according to the bistro keeper, was too soon interrupted.

The British tourist also has a mania for taking home free souvenirs. The wine and liqueur merchants are delighted at this pilfering, as ash trays and glasses bear their printed advertisements.

Those tourists who drink only water are shocked at this state of affairs - but then they are only the water drinkers. The others believe in the principle that like cures like, and that the cure should be carried out on the spot.

That is probably why, as last year, there will be tens of thousands of "no-passports" returning to Boulogne to see if their little bistro is still in the same place.



POETS CORNER.

What is my mission in Life,  
What job am I meant to fulfill?  
Why was I sent to this Earth,  
If my Maker did not know His Will?  
What is the Will of the Lord,  
What message was Christ sent to give?  
That we love other men as ourselves,  
That the other man also must live.

"Thy Will be done says the Prayer,  
In Earth as it is e'en in Heaven."

So we live in the sink and the mire,  
Of our grasping and treacherous day.  
Above all we think first of ourselves,  
The other can go his own way.  
If that way lead to Glory and Fame,  
We eye him with envy and lust,  
If Dame Fortune smiles not on his face  
He can die, he can rot in the dust.

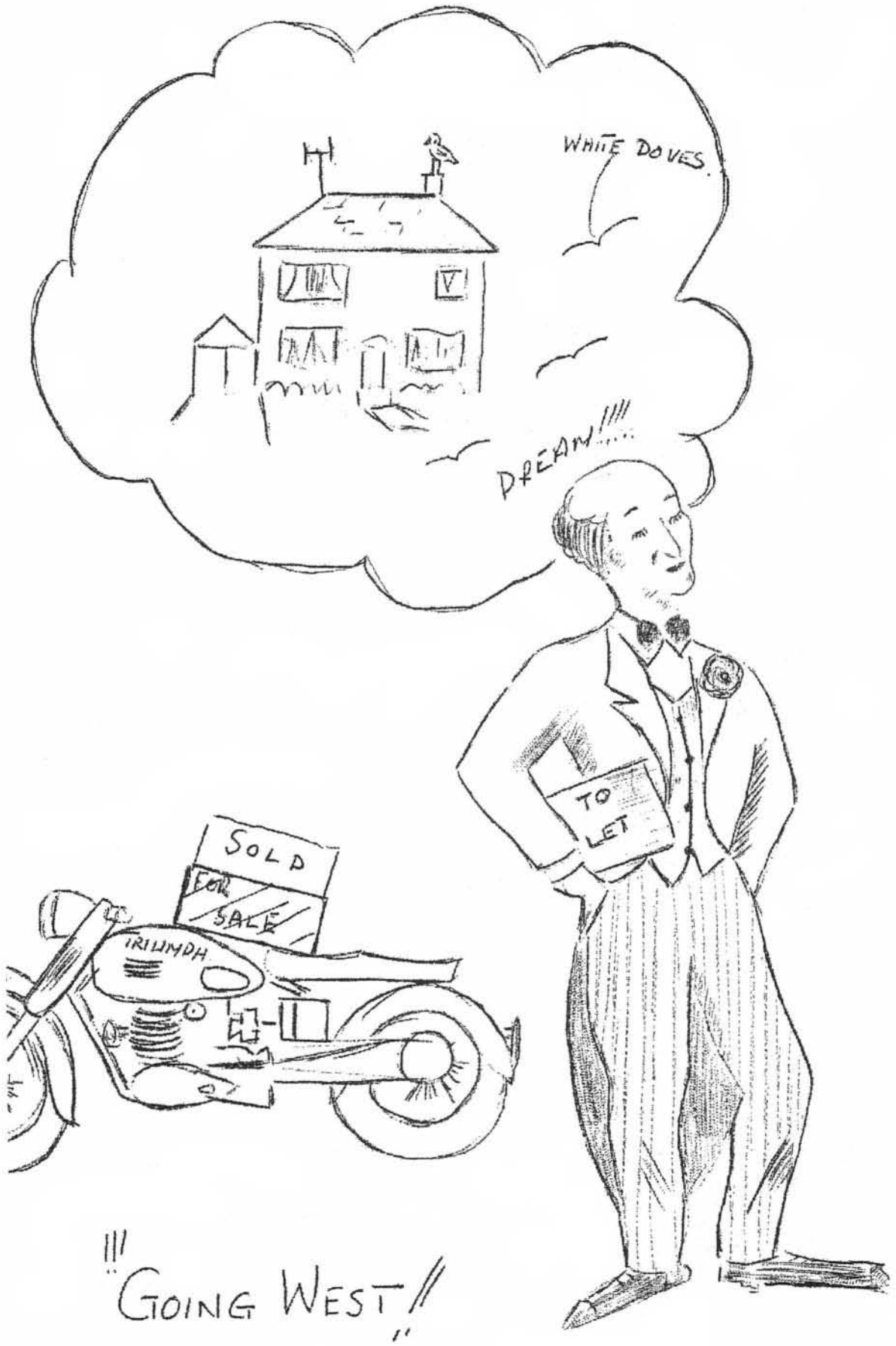
"Thy will be done, says the Prayer,  
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A TRUE STORY

Whilst in Africa my friend met a witch doctor. In exchange for some tobacco the witch doctor gave my pal a very strange animal which he called a Rarie. He said the Rarie would keep growing bigger and bigger and would eventually foretell its own death. My friend was a great traveller and wherever he went he took the Rarie with him, firstly to England, then to Italy and on to Switzerland. And all the time the dear Rarie was getting bigger and bigger, until it grew so big that my pal decided he would have to get rid of it. So he took it mountaineering with him and thought it best to push the Rarie over a precipice. He stood on the edge of the precipice waiting for the Rarie to foretell its own death. The Rarie looked over the edge, then turned to my pal and said, "It's a long way to tip a Rarie."

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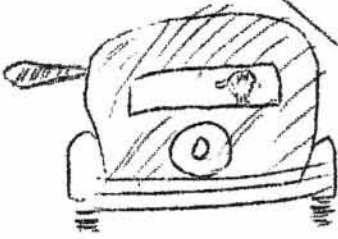
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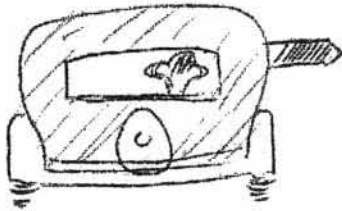
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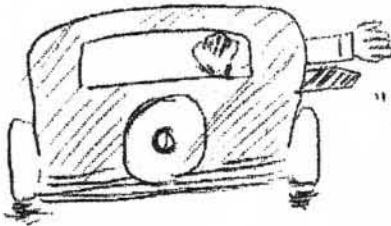
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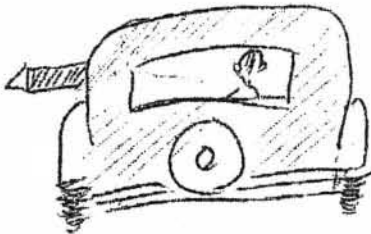
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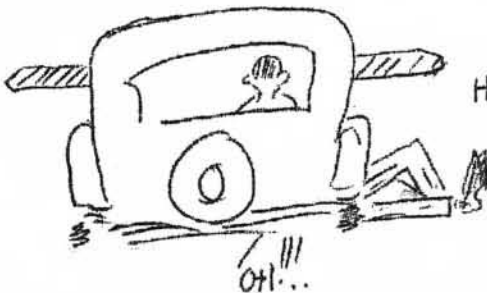
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'IM BACKING SLOWLY'



'I MAY BE BACKING.'



HALT. IM ALLOWING PEOPLE  
TO USE ZEBRA — I

THINK!

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Answers to "IT PAYS TO INCREASE YOUR WORD POWER".

- (1) Deprivation. C: Dispossession; taking away; loss; as, "The seizing of his fortune was a terrible deprivation." Latin de, "thoroughly," and privare, "to deprive".
- (2) Forbearance. B: Patience in enduring offences; self-restraint; as, an attitude of strength and forbearance. Old English forberan, "to restrain".
- (3) Caper. A: To prance about like a horse; to leap and dance.
- (4) Allusion. B: Indirect reference to people, things, places or events; as, an allusion to Greek mythology. Latin alludere, "to play with."
- (5) Teem. C: To be prolific; abound; as, discourses that teem with wisdom. Old English teman, "to bring forth progeny."
- (6) Anonymous. B: Having no name; of unknown authorship; as, an anonymous poem. Greek an-, "not", and onyma, "name".
- (7) Mediate. D: To arbitrate; settle by intervention; as, to mediate a dispute. Latin mediare, "to divide in the middle".
- (8) Ruminant. A: Actually applies to a cud-chewing animal. Hence, thoughtful; contemplative; as, "She gazed in ruminant wonder." Latin ruminare, "to chew the cud".
- (9) Detract. D: To take away value or credit; as, to detract from one's reputation. Latin detrabere, "to pull down," hence "to disparage".
- (10) Awry. B: Askew; out of the right course; as, "Our schemes went awry."
- (11) Escapade. D: An irresponsible prank; as, "The escapade could be blamed on his youth."
- (12) Gross. Be Coarse: Unrefined; indelicate; as, gross language. Latin grossus, "thick".
- (13) Evasive. C: Elusive; seeking to avoid; as, an evasive answer. Latin evadere, "to escape".
- (14) Illustrious. A: Famous; renowned; noble; as, the illustrious name of Nelson. Latin illustris, "bright".
- (15) Plausible. D: apparently right, true, genuine; as, a plausible explanation. Latin plausibilis, "worthy of applause."
- (16) Germane. C: Relevant; pertinent; as, statements germane to the subject. Latin germanus, "having the same parents," and therefore "akin to."
- (17) Antidote. D: A remedy to counteract the effects of poison, disease or any evil; as, an antidote to Communism. Greek antidoton, "given against".
- (18) Rampage. B: Violent action or behaviour; state of wild agitation; as, to go on a rampage.
- (19) Subscribe. D: To approve or agree; as, to subscribe to a plan. Latin sub, "under", and scribere, "to sign".
- (20) Condiment. B: Flavouring; spice; as, salt, pepper and such. Latin condimentum, "spice".

ings. 20 correct - Excellent. 19-17 correct. Good. 16-14 correct - Fair.