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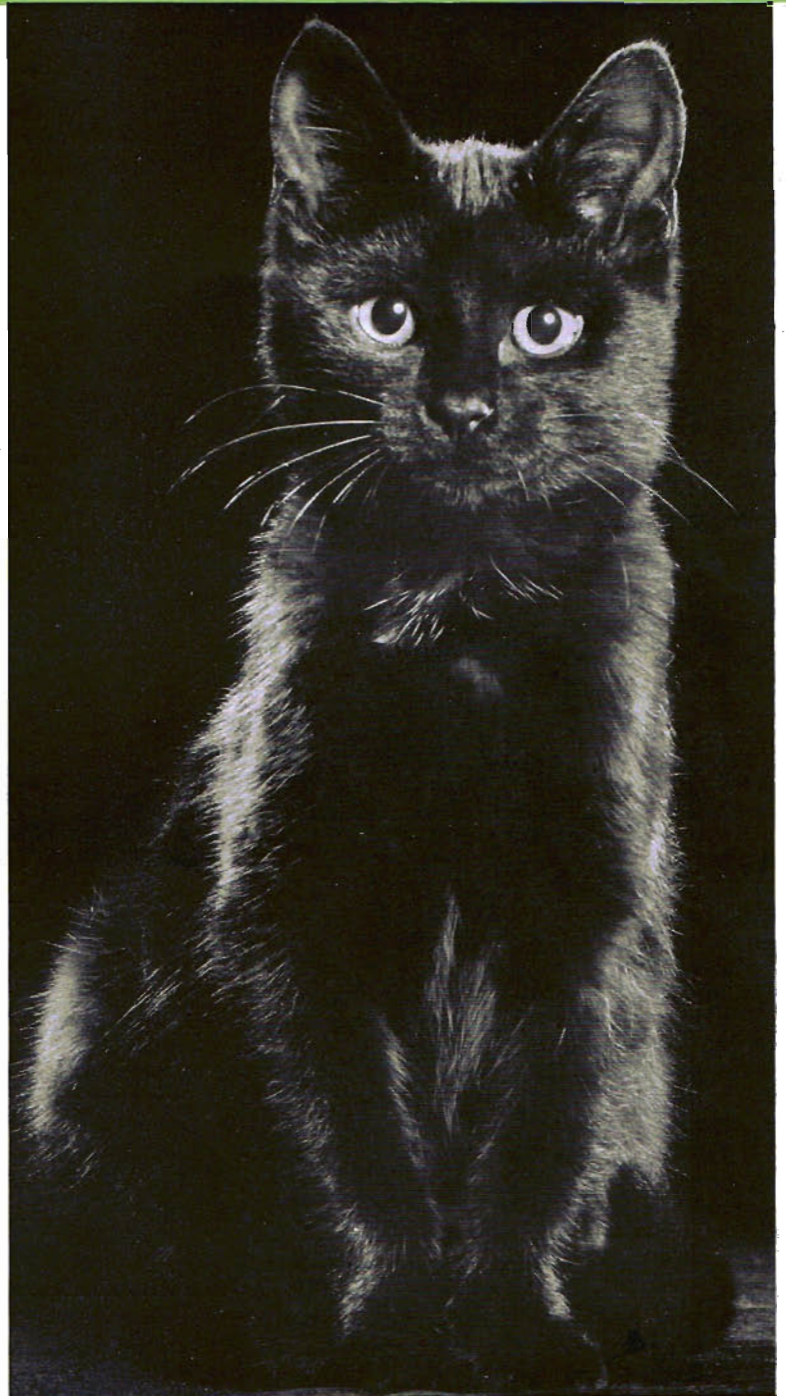
THE HOUSE MAGAZINE OF ILFORD LIMITED

Black Magic!

Greetings to everyone in Ilford Limited. This spring, as we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we must all feel extremely proud of our association with the Company and its achievements which have made it famous all over the world. With three-quarters of a century of continuous manufacturing experience behind us, which makes us, by the way, the oldest producers of photographic materials in the world, we shall continue to lead the way in producing the world's finest sensitised materials, chemicals and accessories for all branches of photography.

In 1879, when Alfred Harman made the first Ilford plates in the basement of his house at Ilford, his manufacturing technique was simple and his output small. Nevertheless, because their quality and performance were good by the standards of the time, these plates commanded a ready sale and the business expanded rapidly. Today, when the Ilford organisation has grown far beyond what its founder could ever have anticipated, the quality and performance of its products are still the things that really matter.

During these seventy-five years there has, of course, been tremendous technical progress and by way of illustration we cannot do better than pass from the very slow plates of 1879 to the amazing HPS emulsion which is so sensitive that one might almost believe it capable of recording the legendary black cat in a coal cellar! But lest anyone should remind us of the impossibility of this feat, we hasten to explain that the cat in our illustration is here only to help bring good luck to all our efforts—we are content to state that in HPS we have produced the fastest emulsion in the world.





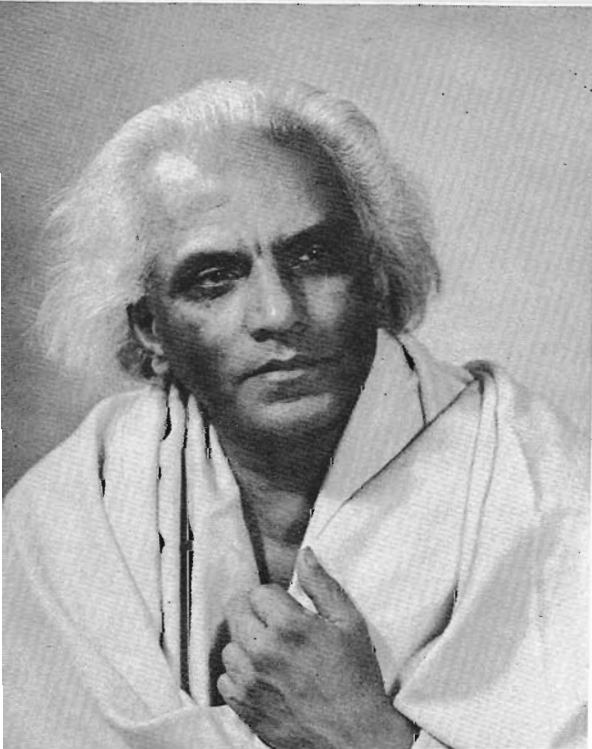
Advanced General—"Admiral's House" by L. Reading, Cricklewood, judged the Best Picture of the Exhibition.

Winning Prints

IN THE NINTH ANNUAL

Photographic Competition

Advanced Portraiture—"Ahlu" by W. O'Rourke, Cricklewood.



LIST OF AWARDS

Judges :

Mr. H. S. Newcombe, F.R.P.S.

Mr. Alec Pearlman, F.I.B.P., F.R.P.S., F.R.S.A.

Advanced Portraiture

1st	"Ahlu"	by W. O'Rourke	Cricklewood
2nd	"William"	by A. Jackson	Cricklewood
Hon. Mention	"No Title"	by H. R. Hawkins	Ilford

Advanced Landscape

1st	"Autumn Sunshine"	by C. Putman	Cricklewood
2nd	"Llanberis Pass"	by R. Burton	Ilford
Hon. Mention	"Until Tomorrow"	by J. Graves	Representative

Advanced General

1st	"Admiral's House"	by L. Reading	Cricklewood
2nd	"The Shambles, York"	by J. Graves	Representative
Hon. Mention	"Larva of the Drinker Moth"	by F. Locke	Britannia Works
Hon. Mention	"Study in Design"	by F. Locke	Britannia Works

Intermediate Portraiture

1st	"Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered"	by G. H. Wilkinson	Mobberley
Hon. Mention	"Where there's a Will"	by G. H. Wilkinson	Mobberley

Intermediate Landscape

1st	"No Title"	by P. J. Norman	Cricklewood
2nd	"The Lonely Beach"	by S. Welford	Ilford
Hon. Mention	"Bembridge Water"	by Miss B. Lundie	Cricklewood

Intermediate General

1st	"No Title"	by T. Briselden	Cricklewood
2nd	"Cockle Boats"	by E. M. Wall	Ilford
Hon. Mention	"The World Goes By"	by S. Welford	Ilford

Beginners Portraiture

1st	"Barbara"	by E. G. Gill	Britannia Works
2nd	"Denis"	by R. J. Goodwin	Ilford
Hon. Mention	"Pensive"	by P. R. Webb	Bower House

Beginners Landscape

1st	"Stone Bridge"	by Miss E. Abbott	Cricklewood
2nd	"Contrast"	by M. Kloska	Park Royal
Hon. Mention	"Nature's Sentinels"	by I. V. Haddock	Britannia Works

Beginners General

1st	"The Big Tree, Rock Walk"	by I. V. Haddock	Britannia Works
2nd	"Polar Regions"	by G. Hammond	Mobberley
Hon. Mention	"Carisbrooke"	by B. Sanderson	Ilford

COLOUR TRANSPARENCIES

Judge : Mr. T. R. Clemo, F.R.P.S.

Landscape

1st	"Bodmin Castle"	by G. N. Fabb	Bower House
2nd	"Down the Valley"	by Miss Lundie	Cricklewood
3rd	"Evening, St. Ives Harbour"	by G. N. Fabb	Bower House
Hon. Mention	"Cornish Coast Line"	by G. N. Fabb	Bower House
Hon. Mention	"Lauterbrunnen Valley"	by P. E. Marter	Bower House
Hon. Mention	"Evening, Keswick"	by K. T. Gardner	Ilford
Hon. Mention	"Cardigan Bay"	by R. Burton	Ilford

General

1st	"Terra Cotta"	by Miss B. Byrne	Cricklewood
2nd	"The Artist"	by A. W. Pyner	Ilford
3rd	"The Font, Mobberley Church"	by G. H. Wilkinson	Mobberley
Hon. Mention	"No Title"	by P. E. Marter	Bower House
Hon. Mention	"Goldfish"	by Miss B. Byrne	Cricklewood
Hon. Mention	"No Title"	by Miss Stapleton	Ilford

COLOUR PRINTS

1st	"Branksome Ware"	by F. R. Tolhurst	Mobberley
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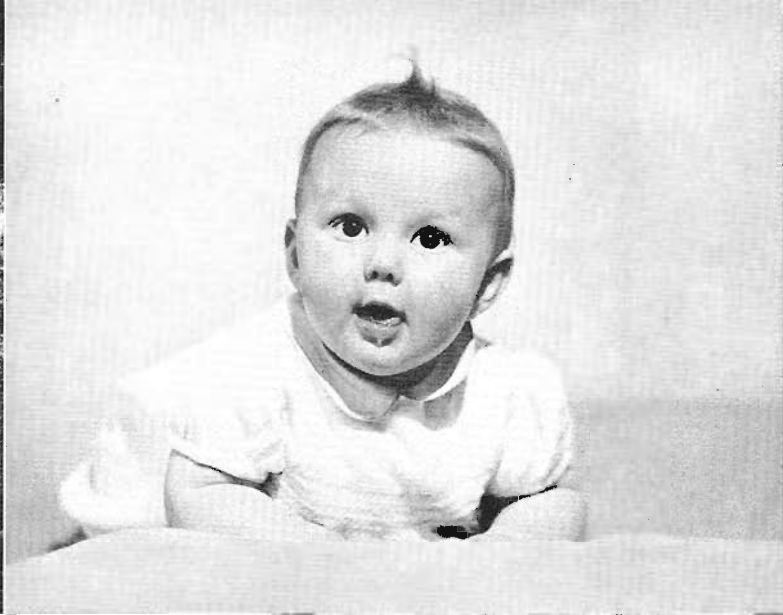
The Rest	"The Shambles, York"	by Mr. J. Graves
Ilford	"Parade"	by Mr. R. J. Cutt
Cricklewood	"Ahlu"	by Mr. W. O'Rourke

DRAKE CUP

27 points
23 points
13 points

BEST PICTURE OF EXHIBITION

"The Admiral's House" by Mr. L. Reading, Cricklewood, who also wins the Adams Shield.



Advanced Landscape—“Autumn Sunshine” by C. Putman, Cricklewood.

Beginners Landscape—“Stone Bridge” by Miss E. Abbott, Cricklewood.

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Mr. R. B. Lowe, the Managing Director of the Ilford subsidiary company in India, has on his left, Mr. E. C. H. Attwood, who is responsible for Ilford interests in Pakistan. They met in Bombay during Mr. Illingworth's visit.

Mr. Illingworth talks about his visit to the Fa

PART ONE: INDIA AND CEYLON

I first flew in 1916 in an RE8 of the old Royal Flying Corps and I remember it was a contraption made mostly of wood and canvas, which crashed on landing. Since then I have travelled a good many miles in commercial planes, but it was, nevertheless, with a thrill that I climbed into a Comet at London Airport one morning last August, bound for Bombay. This plane has unusually graceful lines and is entirely free from the vibration generally experienced in air travel which passengers find so tiring. Inside the Comet there is little noise and conversation is quite easy, while on the ground, spectators can be seen holding hands to ears to deaden the sound of the high-pitched whine of the jet engines.

We took off at 10.30 a.m. and climbed at once to 38,000 feet. The cabin is small as planes go nowadays, holding only 36 passengers and is pressurised at 6,000 ft., so the great height at which flights are made brings no inconvenience to travellers.

I saw far more of the country we passed over than I had expected to and there was an unforgettable and comprehensive view of the massive Swiss Alps spread out below.

About half an hour before reaching Rome for luncheon, there was a change

in the note of the engines and the plane started to come down, although we were still 200 miles away from Rome Airport. The Comet lands about every three hours to refuel, and so stops, varying between 45 minutes and one hour, were made also at Beirut, Bahrein and Karachi. The short flight periods mean that little sleep is possible to passengers as they have to disembark for refuelling.

At Bahrein in the Persian Gulf and famous for its oil, leaving the plane was like stepping into a Turkish bath but on returning we were delighted to find that cold air had been pumped into the plane during our absence.

The Comet touched down punctually at Bombay, and I was having breakfast with Mr. R. B. Lowe, the Managing Director of our subsidiary, Ilford-Selo (India) Ltd., in his bungalow at about 8.45 a.m. the morning after leaving London. Allowance has, of course, to be made for the difference in time between London and Bombay, but the distance of 4,985 miles had been covered in 13 hours' actual flying time.

Bombay is a crowded and busy city of 1½ million people and I cannot say that I noticed much change since a visit there before the last war.

It was the monsoon season, which is

not the best time to be in India as the sky is always overcast and the conditions hot and very humid. It rains torrentially every now and then and our own heavy rainstorms are showers by comparison. I got caught in one when only a few yards from a car and was drenched to the skin before I could get back to its shelter.

Visitors to Bombay are particularly welcome, as a liquor permit is issued to them in an otherwise dry city! On arrival I was at once whisked off to the Control Office and after the completion of the necessary forms was later issued with a permit to buy a quantity sufficient for a few days' stay which I was glad to be able to share with my friends. The clubs in Bombay, which used to be the centres of European society, have lost much of their attraction since prohibition was introduced and the Taj Mahal Hotel, so well known in the East, is now a very quiet place.

My time did not permit me to go further afield in Bombay so the managers of all our branches in India came to Bombay and we were also joined by Mr. E. C. H. Attwood, who manages the Company's affairs in Pakistan. I was able to tell them of the great progress Ilford has made in recent years and something of our plans for the future. I think we were all glad to see

one another and benefited by our consultations together.

My visit took place at an appropriate time, as although imports are still under a quota system, competition has become keen and we have again to persuade customers to buy our goods.

It was naturally a great pleasure to meet all our Bombay staff individually, some of whom have been with the Company for many years.

My next journey was to Colombo and I did this in an Air India plane which called at Madras and touched down also at Trichinopoli for Customs examination. It was very bumpy crossing the Western Ghats but I got a good view of the mountains and the plateau which shelves down from the west of India to the eastern seaboard.

One of my daughters is nursing in Bombay and I gave her a short holiday by taking her with me to Ceylon. It was a good job I did so, as I developed food poisoning while in Trichinopoli and she put me on to some dope which quickly cleared it up. To be poisoned by food is one's usual fate in the East sooner or later, and it always seems to take a more violent form there than at home.

Ceylon is a delightful island and impresses one as being so green compared with India.

When we arrived in Colombo we found troops moving about in lorries protected by wire cages and a 6.30 p.m. curfew in force, as a strike of dock and transport workers had just commenced, and we were somewhat restricted in moving about.

The sale of Ilford goods in Ceylon is looked after by Cargill Limited, under the management of Mr. H. T. Clayton, who, with his family, showed us much kindness and, as I was anxious to see their stores in Kandy and Nuwara Eliya, we took a car and motored into the country as soon as the roads were reported open. Distances are not great and in a few hours we had climbed 5,000 feet to Nuwara Eliya, which is renowned for its tea gardens. Colombo, being at sea-level and near the equator, is hot and humid, but Nuwara Eliya presents an immediate change in temperature and open fires at night are welcome.

One night was spent at the Rest House overlooking Polynarau lake, where there are ruins of an ancient city. After a brief greeting from the Rest House keeper, we were at once pressed to see "the bedroom the Queen will occupy" before being taken to our own rooms. It was a largish, modestly furnished room at the corner of the Rest House, with a balcony and delightful views of the lake and its wild fowl. The keeper

and his small staff were obviously very proud of the forthcoming visit of the Queen.

I find it is often the unexpected on these trips which impresses itself so firmly on the memory and I retain a vivid recollection of suddenly noticing a 3-4 ft. iguana motionless on the road ahead of the car. As soon as it realised a car was approaching, it was off in a flash and seemed to move as quickly as its much smaller cousin, the lizard we know in England, and could be seen scampering to safety across a rice field.

The ancient method of tilling these fields by wooden plough drawn by water buffaloes is just giving way to tractor and steel plough and I noticed several of these combinations in use, being part of a gift of several hundred from Australia to Ceylon.

Thirst on an all-day motor car run is easily quenched by buying a few of the big yellow King coconuts which the driver opens with a few quick strokes of a penknife. The milk, or what really looks like water in the nut, is cool and refreshing and the inhabitants believe it to be medicinally very beneficial. When opening a nut, the driver always cuts a small spoon from the skin and with this, the soft white flesh just beginning to form in the nut can be easily scooped out.

Dr. Kendall

Heartly congratulations to Dr. J. D. Kendall, Head of our Organic Laboratories, who has recently been awarded the Silver Medal of the Austrian Photographic Society "for outstanding work in the field of Photochemistry."

This well-deserved honour gives recognition to the international reputation which Dr. Kendall has earned in the course of a career devoted to photographic chemistry in all its aspects, particularly in research on sensitising dyes, stabilisers, colour formers and developers. The success of many of our products is due in no small measure to the contributions of Dr. Kendall, while the discovery and introduction of Phenidone, the new Ilford developing agent, may well be regarded as a personal triumph.



ILFORD



What goes on?



BIG EATS

About 200 youngsters once again had the time of their lives when the Annual Party was held at the Club House on 16th January. After a monster tea they were entertained, and there was a present for everyone. Great credit is due to the Committee and all volunteers for making this a memorable evening.

TABLE TENNIS

Applause for the ladies who have come second in Division 1 after a wonderful first season in this Division. Even a team with an English International did not deter them. The men, too, are high up amongst the top clubs. Our Mixed Doubles pair (Miss Jean Lattey, Mr. Sam Hogg) were runners-up in the final of the London Business Houses' Tournament.

SWIMMING

The Annual Gala was held on 26th September and proved a highly successful and enjoyable evening's entertainment. P. Mash (12 pts.) won the Men's

Championship for the second time with T. Cook (7 pts.) as runner-up. Miss P. Britton was awarded the Ladies' Championship Trophy and we won the four Relay Races against teams from May and Baker, Briggs and L.B.S.S.A. Mrs. G. B. Harrison kindly presented the prizes.

TENNIS

In the Tennis Finals of the Film Industry Sports Association, our team put up a fine performance in winning two challenge cups out of a possible three. In the Ladies' Doubles, Mrs. Collar and Miss Gauld (both from the Central Engineering Office) trounced their Technicolor opponents by 6-0, 6-0! And in the Mixed Doubles Miss Gauld and Mr. Dodd (Research Laboratory) had a close fight with M.G.M. before winning 6-4, 6-4.

ONE FOR RETIREMENT

Best wishes to George Oliver who retired on 31st December, 1953. His many friends in the works gave him a clock and cheque for £10 which was presented by Mr. C. N. Potter. George has been in charge of the Tinning department for the past 10 years and has only one arm that is much good to him. By a queer twist of fate, this was broken in the V.2 incident at the Ilford factory in 1945. We hope George won't miss his soldering iron too much.

OBITUARY

We deeply regret the death of Mr. A. R. Ladds on the 23rd February, aged 71 years.

Mr. Ladds was in the photographic trade all his life and at the time of his retirement was our representative in South-West England. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in the photographic trade.

CHRISTIAN UNION

For about two years, members of the staff of the offices and laboratories at Ilford have been meeting weekly in the lunch hour as a branch of the Workers' Christian Fellowship, a nation-wide interdenominational body. Newcomers would be very welcome, particularly from among the factory staff, and further details may be obtained from Miss Sheila Johnson, of Export Sales.

TITBITS

Congratulations to Mr. R. J. Cutt, of Rodenside Colour Laboratory, on achieving his A.R.P.S. in pictorial photography. Ralph has twice produced the best print in the Annual Exhibition at Ilford and his A.R.P.S. is a well-merited success.

And congratulations also to Mr. A. Horder, of the Technical Service department, who has gained his A.R.P.S. for educational work in photography. He is an instructor at the Regent Street Polytechnic evening classes.

Mr. D. Brownbill has recently joined Technical Service as a Chemist. He is a graduate of Leeds University and has served in the R.A.F. Signals branch in India and Burma.

EXPORT NOTES

In September last we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. E. Gjerring from Ilford Foto Akts, Copenhagen. Mr. Gjerring visited several parts of the organisation and renewed many old friendships. It was his wife's first visit to this country and she is sure to have seen more of London in a few weeks than we, its inhabitants, see in a year.

Congratulations to Miss Helen Jensen (Copenhagen Office) on her marriage to Mr. Arthur Poulsen on 30th January, 1954.

C. S. HALL



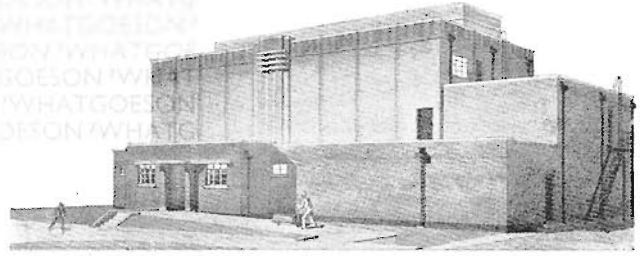
Mrs. G. B. Harrison presenting the Men's Championship Cup to P. Mash.



Mrs. G. B. Harrison presenting the Ladies' Championship Trophy to Miss P. Britton.

What goes on?

BRENTWOOD



“DON” RETIRES

After 52 years' service—this must be almost a record—Mr. H. C. Donaldson retired on the 31st December, 1953.

It will be remembered that in our 1951 Christmas issue we had the pleasure of reporting a presentation by Mr. W. H. Dimsdale to “Don” on the occasion of his completing 50 years' service.

In the presence of many of his colleagues, “Don” received cheques from the staff and from his many friends in the factory—the presentation being made by Mr. G. Hudson. We all wish him the very best of luck and much happiness in retirement.



CHILDREN'S PARTY

This year nearly 450 children attended the Christmas party in the Clubroom, the general opinion being that this was the best one ever. A spectacular entry by Father Christmas down the chimney,

a fancy dress parade, a film show, fruit and sweets—it was all very much appreciated and we are really indebted to those who gave up so much of their time and worked so hard to make everything go with a swing.

AN ODE TO PERCY BALL

Not cast down nor yet dismayed
Up rose Perce and well he played,
If the Open Singles he could claim
'Twould give him back his bowling fame.

And Percy's spirits did not flag
Until he had it in the bag,
And now the champ on top of all
Is our bowler, Percy Ball.

SPORTS NOTES

Congratulations to Susan Threadgold, a hockey star, on being chosen to play for Essex in the season's County Junior matches.

Also to the Selo Football team who won the Romford and District League Cup and were top of the Romford and District Division I.

MIRIAM'S GREAT DAY

Applause for 16-year-old Miriam Ali, of the Flat Film department, who won the Essex Women's Cross Country Championship on 19th December. This was a great achievement since the Ilford A.C. ladies' team—several times national champions—was also competing and it is Miriam's first season of cross-country running.



FIREMEN ENTERTAIN

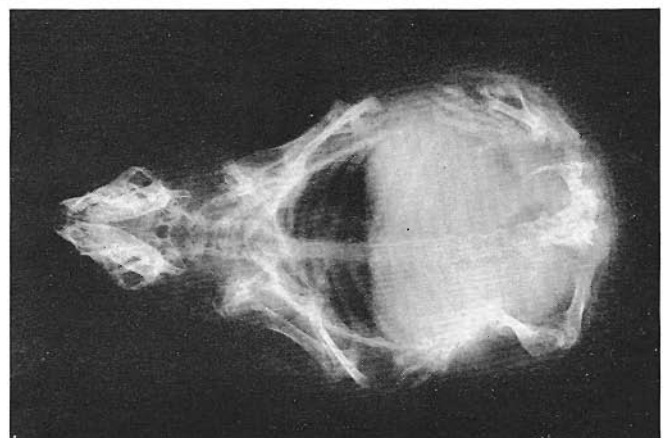
The Works Fire Brigade held its 5th Annual Dinner in the Clubroom on Saturday, 23rd January, and the members, together with their wives and guests, included Mr. and Mrs. G. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Threadgold, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Wootton and Mr. and Mrs. Carter (May and Baker). Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment and, of course, the games, conspicuous for Mrs. Threadgold's success over the males in musical chairs, and Mr. Threadgold's blood-curdling impression of a cat-and-dog fight.

C. F. BAWDEN

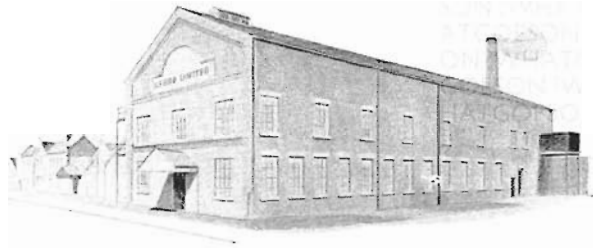
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PRICKLING WITH DIFFICULTIES

Marmaduke came straight from Miss Clark's garden to Tavistock House to have his X-ray examination. Like all good hedgehogs he was shy and much patience was required before he would deign to uncoil and walk across the X-ray film. Over and over again, at the crucial moment, when all was set for the exposure to be made, a door would bang in the distance or some slight noise disturb him and then his head, limbs and tail would all disappear into a prickly ball of defence. But patience was rewarded in the end as you can see from the accompanying reproduction.



MOBBERLEY



What goes on?



FOOTBALL

Geoffrey Eaton, a 17-year-old laboratory assistant, was one of two of Knutsford's young footballers selected to play for Cheshire in the National Association of Boys' Clubs Knock-out Competition. Geoffrey also played at outside left for Manchester United's junior team and netted 32 goals.

Old "Rajarites," we are sure, will find the accompanying photograph of some interest. Can anyone name the whole team?

AD ASTRA

Another laboratory assistant, of whom we are very proud is Ian Shepherd. He came first in a proficiency examination in aircrew training as a cadet in No. 63 Group and has been recommended

for appointment as a Squadron Warrant Officer. Congratulations Ian!

HOCKEY

Evan Prosser represented the factory as goalkeeper for Knutsford Hockey Club 1st XI. Evan played in the Cheshire Juniors v. Lancashire Colts match at Port Sunlight when Cheshire won 6-1. He has also played for Cheshire in two other trials. Best wishes for the future to both Geoffrey and Evan.

FAREWELLS

At the end of November last we said good-bye to Mr. Cash, one of our watchmen, on the completion of 10 years' service, and at Christmas, Mrs. Joyce Bee left the Manufacturing Office

after 11 years with the Company. She has gone to rejoin her sailor husband at Plymouth. All the best to both.

OBITUARIES

We regret to announce the deaths of two of our factory staff. Mr. A. Brookes was a reeler in the Coating Department from 1941-47. He left us for a few years and returned as a boilerman in 1951 until his death on 11th January, 1954.

Mr. H. Groves was employed in the coating department from August, 1943, until he died on 17th January, 1954. In his younger days Mr. Groves was a keen footballer and bowls player. We extend our sincere sympathy to both widows in the great loss each has sustained.

IDLE GOSSIP

During the last few months new blood has been introduced into the Staff Canteen card schools. The new members, all young men from the Research Laboratory, have brought with them a sense of urgency and determination to win. We hope there will not be a serious outbreak of indigestion as the players anxiously scan their hands and snatch their food between deals.

Our factory is not really the Civic headquarters, although recently we received a letter addressed to Ilford Limited, Town Hall, Mobberley.

B. A. PEARS

Two days before Christmas the staff of the Ilford Gallery held their first Christmas party in the West End. All arrangements for the outing were in the capable hands of Mr. Henry Steer and everybody joined in most wholeheartedly to make it a really festive occasion.



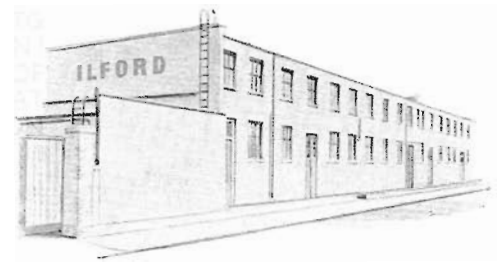
Mrs. Broughton, Mr. Jackson, Miss Ekers and Mr. Giles share a joke.



Mr. W. Holbrook.

What goes on?

CRICKLEWOOD



PARTY TIME

The children as usual had a grand time on the afternoon of 12th December. A Punch and Judy show provided lots of thrills and Father Christmas (Fred Turton) was pulled along by a real "panto" horse, played by Arthur Jackson and Bucky. Our grateful thanks go to Miss Tester's helpers for the tea and presents.

The grown-ups celebrated on the 15th January. Dancing, games and excellent refreshments helped to make it a really enjoyable evening and we were delighted to see several old friends present.

NEWS ITEMS

The 1953-4 Darts Doubles Tournament for the George Dorman Cup was won by Mrs. I. Smith and Mr. G. Austen. Mr. Gaseltine presented the cup to the winners on Mr. Dorman's behalf.

We are all very pleased to see Mr. Donaldson back at work again after five weeks in hospital. Incidentally, there has been a new arrival in his home—a son this time.

Brian Roberts has now completed his National Service, most of which was spent in the Far East, and lost no time

in getting down to his studies. Congratulations, Brian on passing the I.B.P. Prelim. Examination in Photography.

Mr. GASELTINE

It's grand to see the "Boss" back at work and to know he feels so much better. We sincerely hope he will continue to keep well and not have to leave us again.

TWO RETIREMENTS

A presentation by Mr. Illingworth marked the recent retirement of two long-service employees, Messrs. A. Blake and W. Stammer. The former had been 56 years in the Company and it's hard to realise that six years have passed since he celebrated his Golden Jubilee here.



Mr. W. Stammer joined the Imperial Dry Plate Company in 1903 as a boy in the Coating and Cutting rooms. He had seen service in three wars, beginning with the South African war when he was in the Imperial Light Horse. Both have our sincere wishes for many years of happiness.

H. D. J. COLE

TO ILFORDIANS EVERYWHERE

So we come to the end of yet another winter programme of Social Club activities, and in every way a most successful one.

Our enthusiasm for Darts has brought outstanding success in the leagues. In the Ladies' Laundry League our team has "cleaned up" all the Trophies, by winning the Championship, the Challenge Cup and the Triples Competition, and Miss Doris Ashby has won the "Individual Final." The mere males have done nearly as well, winning the Quarto Competition, besides reaching the Final of the Challenge Cup, and Mike Gavin was runner-up in the Individual Final. We won the Inter-Company Darts Cup way back last Sports Day, but the official presenta-

tion, with wallets for all the team, was made at our Town Hall Social at Christmas. And what an evening that was! A full house of 200 enjoyed dancing and games until the small hours, and we were pleased to see many old friends again.

One face we shall miss is that of Mrs. Tilbury, the C.O. of our cleaners, and for many years an enthusiastic Whist-Drive runner on our Social Club Committee. She retired at Christmas, and we wish her every happiness for the future.

And then, three weddings, details of which you'll find on the back page. To the Misses Betty Gooch and Audrey Knight, and to Mr. K. McCreith, we send our congratulations.

Now we look forward to our summer

WATFORD



activities; our cricket team will soon be battling again, there will be outings, our Annual Dinner and, of course, Darts is an all-the-year-round occupation.

C. K. NEALE

P.S. Fred Cressey recently scored a "maximum" 180—any other claimants?

Mr. P. G. HARRIS— Export's Man of Figures

I first met Mr. Harris in March, 1909, in one of the servants' bedrooms of the converted country house that served Wellington & Ward as offices. I had just arrived on the scene; Mr. Harris had been there since April, 1905, and felt himself very much a senior man. More than that, he felt himself a man with a future, for he had been put in charge of the one-man-strong Wellington Export Department and he had visions of that department developing to majestic proportions, with himself in a luxury office and a padded chair.

I did not realise it at the time, of course, but I was really looking at something great, because that back bedroom, with Harris in charge, was the beginning of the Wellington Export Department, which became quite a sizable affair, and the beginning also of a big part of the Ilford Export Department of today which is making such a splendid contribution towards keeping that mysterious thing, "balance of payment," in good shape.

Mr. Harris worked. During all the years I have known him I do not think he ever wasted a minute. On at least two occasions at Elstree he put in shifts of 30 hours—all day and all night in an empty office, and then all day again, figuring, figuring. Well, you can't conquer Everest on seven and a half hours a day, five days a week and in his own field Mr. Harris was out to conquer.

In 1916 he got stopped by the Kaiser and served three years in the Royal Field Artillery, but in 1919 he was back again with more than his old enthusiasm.

Then the amalgamation came and Mr. Harris's department went up the spout. It could not be helped, because the day of the small concern in photography had come to an end and it was a question of one big firm or no firm at all. Still it was tough for Mr. Harris. And when the new jobs came to be sorted out he found himself just where he was when I first met him, boss of a one-man department. You see Harris knew as much about the machinery of export as any man alive, and he was a wonderful figure-man, so he was given the task of getting export statistics into good order and keeping them there.

It was not an alluring job and some men might have shown resentment. But not Mr. Harris. Before a year had passed it was realised that Export Statistics was a key department in the business, and soon Mr. Harris had others to help him and an understudy in case he fell sick. I do not mind

admitting that whenever I heard that he was off colour I experienced cold feet.

At international trade conferences, where in the old days we used to sing small to our big foreign competitors, Ilford Limited began to play first fiddle, largely because we had before us the folios of statistics which Mr. Harris had prepared with so much toil and skill. He never failed us and he never made a mistake.

He and I were once at a conference at Cologne when some new information was needed. While the other delegates were enjoying Cologne by night, Harris worked in his bedroom until four o'clock and presented them, to their amazement, with complete figures at half-past nine the next morning.

Do you notice, I have not said much about Mr. Harris but only about his work? That is as it should be, for his work was Mr. Harris and he was his work. He retired on 31st December, when all of us said "good-bye" to him and Mr. Illingworth presented him with a gold watch in token of our respect and esteem. They came from all over the Company to attend the presentation, because the value of Mr. Harris' work had become known far beyond his own department.

He has done a grand job for the industry and I hope he has some grand years before him. George Robey said recently that he was too old to retire. "You can't," he said, "start a new life at 84." Well, Mr. Harris is still youthful and he will, I am sure, start a new life and make it a success, just as he did after the amalgamation. He did much for many, and from one whom he helped a very great deal,

THANK YOU, MR. HARRIS!
A. J. CATFORD

Editor's Note.—In a personal letter, Mr. Harris has expressed his thanks for the wonderful parting gift he received and for the very handsome table lighter presented him by his own staff. He also wishes to be remembered to those he was unable to see before he left.

Mr. G. W. PRITCHARD

Our best wishes go to Mr. George W. Pritchard who retired last Christmas, having had a long and varied career with the Company.

Mr. Pritchard joined Wellington

& Ward in 1912 from the Leto Company as an invoice clerk but being more interested in the practical side of the business, he attended classes at the Regent Street Polytechnic and in 1913 passed the City and Guilds London Examination in Pure Photography. As a result, he was sent to the Holborn Gallery when it first opened in 1914 but left after a few months to return to the Leto Company.

In 1915 he enlisted in the R.A.M.C. and worked as nursing orderly with a London Field Ambulance in France, Salonika and Palestine. When he found that his return to the Leto Company was uncertain, he transferred to the R.A.F. as a photographer and served for three years in India.

Discharged in 1923, he returned to Wellington & Ward and worked with Mr. Catford. Whilst there he had the good fortune to meet his future wife, Miss Garrod (Garry), marrying her in 1925.

The summer of 1923 saw Mr. Pritchard at Holborn again until the amalgamation, when he went to Ilford on invoice-checking, chiefly in connection with Wellington & Ward products.

Then back to Holborn until 1941 when he was off once more to Ilford to assist Mr. Fuller, in the Industrial Department for five years. In 1946, after handing over to those who had been "demobbed," he returned to Holborn where he remained until his retirement.

From time to time Mr. Pritchard had also acted as relief manager at the Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle and Leeds depots. He was always very happy at Holborn, meeting customers personally and dealing with their little difficulties. And he greatly appreciated the close support given him by all departments at Head Office, particularly the Technical Service Department.

A complete reorganisation of representatives' territories on the Dealer-Professional side has recently been carried out. This has meant the introduction of some new *faces* even if the *places* remain the same. May we take this opportunity then of wishing the best of luck to:—

Mr. K. J. G. Button, N. and N.W. London.

Mr. D. C. Stevens, Dorset, Gloucester, Somerset, Wilts. and Channel Islands.

Mr. R. Rippin, Warwickshire.

Mr. A. Douglas Mitchell, Cambridge, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Mr. J. J. Wood, Cornwall, Devon and the Scilly Isles.

Mr. A. J. H. Kime, Leicester, Rutland, Salop and Stafford.



LEFT

Mr. P. G. Harris.

RIGHT

Mr. G. W. Pritchard.

CENTRE ROW

Mr. D. C. Stevens.
Mr. A. Douglas Mitchell.
Mr. A. J. H. Kime.

BOTTOM ROW

Mr. J. J. Wood.
Mr. R. Rippin.
Mr. K. J. G. Button.



Here's another
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Crossword
BY E. W. L.
(BRENTWOOD LABORATORY)

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LIBRARY LIST

Except under "Missing from Library" each clue comprises separate anagrams of title and author of a work, usually a best-seller of its day, and the answer is one significant word or name from the real title. 8-21 and 19B are translations of foreign titles (19B not quite the most familiar version). A = Across, B = Back, D = Down, U = Up.

ACROSS: 2. Harrow: Secret Bets, by Polly Ann Toother (6). 6. A shot for One's Warts, by Celia Rilmore (5). 8-21. A Monk in Heathminster, by Samuel X. Andrade (4). 15. The Gander A-Callin (Vol. 3 of Wordsworth Cleaned, q.v) (5). 17. This Dream, by Denis C. Shackler (4). 19B. U.S.: Leg Show at Eton: Hearty Tune—Nude Dance, by June Revels (5). 22. Ironclad Lathes, by T. L. Blarneyman (6). 23. Let Drawn Sword Echo, by Cr. Will S. Hutchinson (6). 25B-20D. Constable Abe Coot at Court, by J. S. "Mike" Ingham (7). 28. Demons, by Mary W. Hacket (6). 29. Late Red Heresy, by Prof. Joe Emon-Rice (4). 33A-43B-38A-39B. The Flushed Herb—A Skit on Love, by Nora Lindsey Harcourt (12). 36. Clubmen in Ascot, by Sir E. E. Reeth-Bowater, C.H. (5). 37-44D. Violet's Wit, by Denis C. Shackler (5). 40-44D Tyne Lanes, by Denys H. Morrow (4). 41. Simian Critters, by Isa H. Morgan (7). 44. The Ease of Footmanship, by L. W. S. Legh (7). 47. Canteen's Worst, by E. N. Lyte, C.B.E. (5). 48B. The Bus Driver Feels Lost, by Thora D. Hyams (4). 49-4D. Pat Levene, G-Man, by Sibyl Peet Jr. (5).

DOWN: 1. We Both Sigh, by Peter Marner Nicols (3). 2. Dustier Arsenal, by S. Von Nestler (8). 3. We can Parade, by Lotty Loose (3). 5. The Age for Stays, by Wylson J. Hogarth (4). 6. State Miner, by Iris W. Sillance (6). 7. Yon Gunboat, by L. W. S. Legh (4). 9. Dr. Holt's Towel, by Nora Lindsey Harcourt (5). 11. Hundred on Bet, by Elihu S. Vent (4). 12. Dead Short 't Shenfield, by Sir H. Dicksee (L.N.E.R.) (5). 14. Thengu! by F. Crosstree (3). 16. Stay O.K. with Lavender, by S. Von Nestler (6). 18. A Hot Lad Feels Thirsty, by Rev. R. R. Prothero (4). 23. Snorers All Nod, by Edwin Wiggpacker (3). 27-31A. Oh, Therese! by Lily Agnes Kersch (6). 25. Rev. Fare-Borem, by Athole W. Skinner (5). 26. Attar Bohemienne, by M. J. J. Reeke-Moore (4). 28. Hearts Get Peace, by April Hick-Bull (6). 32. Lips Draw On, by E. W. Rosse-Stringer (5). 34. Essay on British Films Now, by John S. Sawny (5). 39. Fire of Shotgun, by Nora Lindsey Harcourt (4). 42. Ale, the Curse, by Rosina M. Carshalton (3). 44-24A. Cruelty in St. Ada's, by Nora Lindsey Harcourt (5).

MISSING FROM LIBRARY: 10A. Sloppy Sol's Bar at Alcatraz (not the Pelican version) (9). 13A. Red Heart in the Ravine, a popular Western (6). 37A-45D. Double Issue, by Chance (5). 46A. Herons Procedure for Investors (5). 17D Trapped in the Looney House, a penny dreadful (7). 30D. The Bailiff's Temptress, by Sapper (5). 29U. In Debrett (the Letters of Little Lord Tite) (6). 35D Foundation for Make-Up, by Swain (4). 40D. The Listener for the latter part of last year (3).



Miss J. Willis (Ilford Home Post Parcels) married to Mr. K. Hunt on November 6th, 1953.

Mr. I. Deans (Ilford Home Sales) married to Miss J. A. Strudwick (Ilford Personnel Department) on December 19th, 1953.

Miss Freda Clay (Cricklewood) married to Mr. B. A. Coleman on December 6th, 1953.

Mr. Fred Smith (Cricklewood) married to Miss Doreen Whitehead on October 17th, 1953.

Miss Florence Banks (Ilford Equipment and Chemical Sales) married to Mr. Leslie Lloyd on March 20th.

Miss Audrey Knight (Watford Studio) married to Mr. J. Barnett on April 3rd.

Mr. K. McCreith (Watford Advertising Department) married to Miss Juliette Johnson on April 3rd.

Miss Betty Gooch (Watford Azoflex Department) married to Mr. G. Hall on April 10th.

The following  have arrived!

A daughter for Mr. C. Hatton (Mobberley Manufacturing Office) on November 10th, 1953.

A son for Mr. F. D. Lea (Mobberley Emulsion Department) on November 27th, 1953.

A daughter for Mr. S. Mills (Ilford Plate Stock) on December 30th, 1953.

A daughter for Mr. J. Glander (Ilford Glass Store) on September 20th, 1953.

A daughter for Mr. J. V. Dunham (Bower House) on December 27th, 1953.

A daughter for Mr. J. Gill (Manchester Depot) on December 16th, 1953.

A son for Mr. D. H. Cox (Representative) on 23rd March.

A daughter for Mr. A. Horder (Ilford Technical Service Department) on April 8th.

A daughter for Mr. R. E. Starke (Ilford Technical Service Department) on April 6th.

A son for Mr. P. H. Herbert (Ilford Technical Service Department) on April 2nd.

Our New Sports Ground

The news can now be broken that, through the generosity of the directors, the Company has acquired a sports ground in Horns Road for the use of employees working at Ilford. This wonderful gift will be appreciated by all sportsmen and sportswomen at Ilford, especially those who have been tireless in keeping the various sections running under difficult playing conditions.

Who will be able to use our new ground?

1. Members of the cricket, football and tennis sections.
2. Players who can form a permanent section for any other outdoor sport which the Club Committee can recognise.
3. Those wishing to join in inter-departmental "friendlies" with their colleagues.
4. Ilford supporters, whose comfort will be ensured. We hope to provide a Children's corner too.

The possibilities are tremendous, so anyone with ideas please bring them forward to the Club. In particular, we must endeavour to include the ladies in all our recreational activities. So with co-operation and enthusiasm on everyone's part let us enjoy the ground to the full and make it one which will enhance the Company's prestige in Ilford.

C. S. HALL