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EDITORIAL

At the time of writing, the worst is yet to come. But already it is possible to see some of the results of the ill-considered decision to continue B.S.T. the year round. Those of us who travel to and from work by private car will know from long experience that the biggest delays - barring accidents - occurred in the past in bad weather, rain, snow or fog, combined with a dark winter evening. Now the evening rush-hour is just as dark, but the mornings are dark as well.

School-children have always travelled to school in the rush-hour, and in the winter have gone home in the dark. Up to now the dangers associated with each have been separate. Can anyone doubt that the effects of their combination - likely to be geometric rather than arithmetic - will be reflected in the accident statistics?

Added to the frustration of the public at the two-tier post, we now have the frustration of the postmen themselves, trying to decipher addresses and find house-numbers in the dark.

The only argument put forward in support of the change is that it will help exporters, as they will now be in their offices during similar hours to their opposite numbers on the Continent. Is the chance of completing a few extra 'phone calls - out of the thousands made daily - worth the risk?

On a more cheerful note, the Editorial staff would like to take this opportunity of bidding all readers of the Bush Telegraph the Compliments of the Season.

Please Note:

Our next issue will be out in February.

Christmas Messages

from the club's PRESIDENT

I seem to remember as a boy that the bush telegraph was considered rather a primitive and inaccurate medium for communication, with the message finally delivered often bearing little resemblance to the one originally given.

The "Bush Telegraph" at Wood Lane gives, of course, the lie to this boyhood memory and I know that this, my Annual Message of Greetings, will be well and truly transmitted to you all with all the warmth that lies behind it.

Looking back on 1968 one recalls the many problems met but, even more so, the encouraging progress made. It is a safe forecast that 1969 will bring many new problems but I am confident that it will also be a year of further satisfactory achievements by the BICC Group.

Towards such achievements the C.R. and E. Division has a vital part to play. For, in a world where competition is becoming more and more international, our success depends to an increasing degree on our technical performance: on holding the right balance between short range and long term research and development: on the introduction of new and improved products; and indeed on the effective discharge of the many responsibilities of the Central Research and Engineering Division.

Thank you all for what you have done in the year just closing. I hope you will relax over the holidays with your families and friends and have a really Merry Christmas and that the New Year may bring to each and every one of you all good fortune and personal happiness.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'The President', written in a cursive style.

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from the club's VICE PRESIDENT

During the past year I have had the privilege of making an unusual number of long-service presentations to our people and this has brought it home to me that we are getting to be quite a mature organization. Old enough, in fact, to have our own history and traditions, and those of us who have been around for a long time may be forgiven for occasionally looking back with pride on our past record.

But, in research, the past is dead; it is only the future which is important and I have the feeling that the coming year is going to be one of the most challenging which we have experienced. Newcomers to Wood Lane may not be able to notice it but the older hands will have observed that, for some years now, our role has been gradually changing. We are no longer required simply to provide research results for someone else to make use of, and we are increasingly participating in the developments which, in earlier years, we left entirely to our factory colleagues. This change is likely to accelerate and it will make new demands on us because we will not only have to produce the correct solutions - which is relatively easy, but we will also need to identify the right problems - which is more difficult.

Therefore, although I wish you the traditional Merry Christmas well laced with plenty of the usual spirit, I trust that you will understand me when I express the hope that your Happy New Year will be well laced with a good crop of bright new ideas.

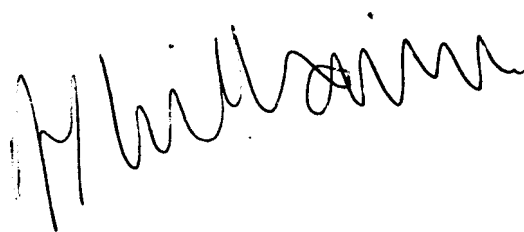


Table Tennis

BICC's first team, in Division IV of the North Acton League, have still not lost a match, though some recent ones were very close. Three matches, against Renault, Chiswick Poly., and Leak were drawn not only on the number of sets won and lost, but also on the number of games - an unusual occurrence.

Mon	28th	Oct.	v	Renault	{Home}	Drawn	5-5
Thurs	7th	Nov.	v	Expandite III	{Away}	Drawn	5-5
Mon	11th	Nov.	v	Censtorians	{Away}	Won	7-3
Mon	25th	Nov.	v	Chiswick Poly	{Home}	Drawn	5-5
Mon	9th	Dec.	v	Leak	{Home}	Drawn	5-5

On Thursday 21st November, the team played one member short against Rockware (a 3rd Division side) in the 1st Round of the G. Elsey Cup, and lost 2-7 (Away). On the same night, the second team played at home against Rockware's second team in the 1st Round of the Junior Cup, and lost 3-6.

The second team (Division VII) have however improved their position in the League table by winning all their recent league fixtures.

Wed	30th	Oct.	v	Curry II	{Away}	Won	7-3
Wed	13th	Nov.	v	Fiat	{Home}	Won	8-2
Tues	10th	Dec.	v	Wesbank II	{Home}	Won	6-4

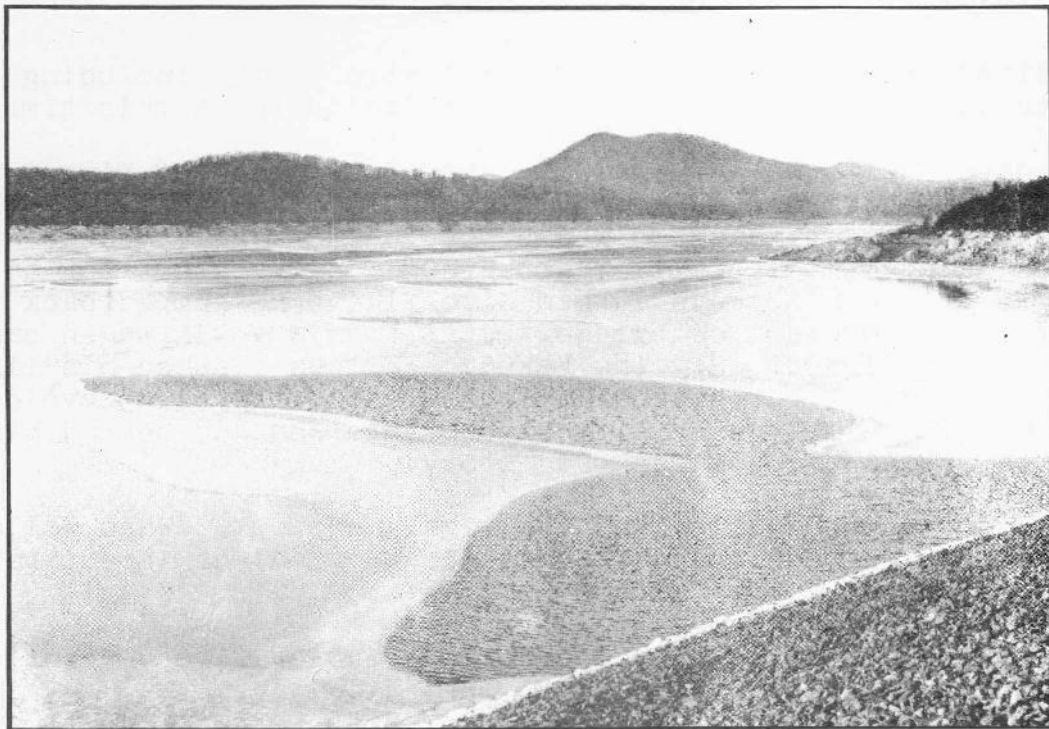
The published League table, covering matches up to 30th November only, shows the 1st team in second spot behind Chiswick Poly., and the second team holding their own in 6th place.

<u>DIVISION 4</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	<u>DIVISION 7</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chiswick Poly.	8	5	2	1	51	29	12	Bardhill II	8	6	1	1	56	24	13
B.I.C.C.	8	4	4	-	49	31	12	Sanderson IV	8	6	1	1	51	29	13
Nalgo	7	5	1	1	44	26	11	600 Club	8	6	-	2	61	19	12
F.Divn. Police II	8	4	2	2	49	31	10	F.Divn Police IV	8	5	-	3	44	36	10
Leak	8	4	-	4	37	43	8	Rockware II	6	4	-	2	34	26	8
Sanderson III	8	3	1	4	32	48	7	B.I.C.C. II	7	3	1	3	32	38	7
Renault	8	2	2	4	31	49	6	Currys II	8	3	-	5	36	44	6
Censtorians III	7	2	1	4	34	36	5	Wesbank II	8	2	-	6	22	58	4
M.O.V. III	8	1	2	5	34	46	4	Eastmans III	7	1	1	5	23	47	3
Expandite III	8	1	1	6	29	51	3	Fiat	8	-	-	8	21	59	0

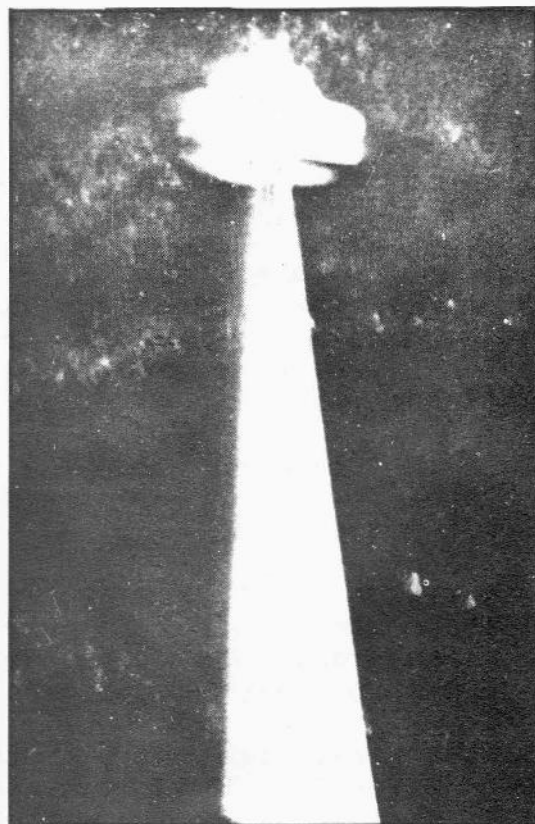
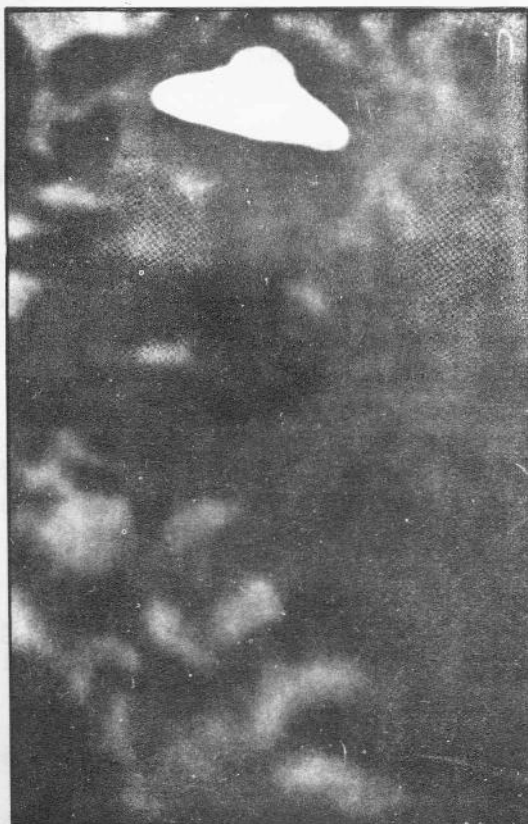
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I don't believe in Father Christmas,
I think it is all a spoof.
But I can't explain the mystery of
The reindeer droppings on my roof.

ROG



Holes in 2 inches of ice where UFO hovered.



Dim background of trees can just be seen in photos claimed to record performance of UFO over reservoir. The original negatives are said to have been confiscated by the government.

RESULTS:-

Main Tournament

1st Round: V.A.A. Banks bt J.M.R. Hagger 15-3, 15-5;
 2nd Round: M.J. Squelch bt P.B. McAllister 15-12, 15-3;
 V.A.A. Banks bt G.C. Taylor 15-6, 15-10;
 K.R.M. Elder bt D. Goff 15-14, 15-10;
 D. Groombridge bt A. Boardman 15-8, 15-3;
 Semifinals: M.J. Squelch bt V.A.A. Banks 15-5, 15-6;
 K.R.M. Elder bt D. Groombridge 15-5, 15-8;
 Finals: M.J. Squelch bt K.R.M. Elder 15-12, 15-10.

Plate Tournament

1st Round: P.B. McAllister bt A. Boardman 21-7;
 2nd Round: P.B. McAllister bt J.M.R. Hagger 21-6;
 D. Goff bt G.C. Taylor 21-12;
 Final: D. Goff bt P.B. McAllister 21-10.

BADMINTON MATCH RESULTS:-

BICC 1st v Oakton (home) league lost 5 - 4
 BICC 1st v Harrow (home) Friendly lost 7 - 2

5TH BICC AMERICAN HANDICAP DOUBLES TOURNAMENT 1968/69

To be held on 27th, 28th, 29th & 30th January, 1969

ENTRY FORM

Name Tel. No.

Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday 30th
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Please indicate the days you are able to play by yes or no.

Entry forms should be sent to M.J. Squelch, Rubber & Plastics, by Friday 17th January 1969.

Matilda says that nothing improves her appearance faster than a man's.

From the Council Table —

At its meeting on October 16th the Finance Committee was presented with details of the Club's expenditure for the first nine months of the year. The indication was that the final accounts could be expected to be in line with the original budget. Grants to the Badminton, Table Tennis and Tennis Sections were approved, together with one for the purchase of a new football if the price was reasonable.

At the Executive Council meeting the Hon. Gen. Sec. reported that, as yet, no one had volunteered to take over his job. The result of the Bush Telegraph Colour T.V. poll was presented and on the basis of the disappointing response no further action was taken. Mr. Tempest promised to look into the condition of the Men's changing room which has been used recently as a paint store.

Horticultural Section

Winter is the season to browse through the various garden pamphlets and plan your garden requirements for the coming year, and a selection of catalogues are available from the secretary, who also has details of discount facilities for most garden requisites.

A bulk seed order will be placed with W.J. Unwin (Seedman) Ltd., at a 25% discount rate, in late January. Those wishing to have items on this order please contact Mr. F.S. Walker as soon as possible.

The section is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and the National Rose Society. Free admission tickets to both the Societies' exhibitions and show grounds are available to members of the section.

F.S. Walker 279.

SNOOKER

SNOOKER TOURNAMENT 1968/69

Name

Dept. Tel. No.

Entries to be sent to M.J. Squelch (R. & P.)
by Friday, Jan. 3rd, 1969.

During Joe's cruising holiday, he knew he was on a boat.
His stomach was always first up.

The Page 8½ Column

A monthly miscellany.



HAPPINESS IS

For those who continually fail to win the Wood Lane Pitch and Putt competition the recently published British Patent Specification No. 1,121,630 should prove invaluable.

In this patent the inventor claims a golf ball which has a smooth surface with a number of flaps normally held flush with the ball by magnetic means. When struck, however, the flaps project outward as a result of centrifugal force and inhibit the ball from spinning sideways. Even then, should one still slice the ball into the rough it can be located easily with a microwave transmitter which homes on the ball's inner structure which just happens to be formed from radio reflective layers. By overcoming these frustrating difficulties, "considerable benefits will have been added to the general happiness of the human race, or at least to those members of the species addicted to the game of golf", says the inventor.

MORE METRICATION

Pounds and pints, feet and furlongs are not the only units which require metric conversion factors. For your guidance we present a few useful ones from the Handbook of Chemistry and Physics.

Bucket (British, dry)	=	1.8184 x 10 ⁴ cubic centimetres
Chaldron (British, dry)	=	1.1638 cubic metres
Clove or Customary Stone	=	3.6287 kilograms
Coomb (British, dry)	=	0.14548 cubic metres
Kilderkin	=	0.081830 cubic metres
Nail	=	5.715 centimetres
Noggin	=	142.06 cubic centimetres
Pottle	=	2.273 cubic decimetres
Puncheon	=	0.31823 cubic metres
Sack	=	0.10911 cubic metres
Seam	=	0.29095 cubic metres
Slug = 1 geepound	=	14.594 kilograms
Strike	=	0.072738 cubic metres

Well, Granny might be interested!

DITCHING THE GASH - '68 STYLE

An article in "New Scientist" for 31 October briefly describes a rocket motor for spacecraft which uses as its fuel waste products from within the spacecraft - including waste products from the astronauts themselves. The headline? PER ORDURE AD ASTRA.

Well! At least they needn't bother to check which way the wind's blowing!

THE GOLDEN DOG COLLAR?

It is one of the functions of the newspaper proof-reader to spot words and phrases which may be liable to misinterpretation or may constitute a double entendre. Inevitably not everything gets noticed, like the front page headline from The Daily Telegraph recently, which must have caused a certain amount of episcopal heart-failure. It read

"LORD PAYS OFF 40 WORKERS"

Someone will be on the carpet for that one, no doubt.

DEPARTMENT OF PROBABLE IMPOSSIBILITY (!)

From the staff entrance of a Regent Street shop.

"Staff are reminded that the signing-on book is intended to provide an accurate record of their arrival and departure. Under no circumstances should staff sign the book before they actually arrive or after they have actually left".

Except for ghost-writers, of course!

DEPARTMENT OF PROBABLE IMPOSSIBILITY (!!)

From The Times Personal Column.

'CANNIBALISM. Author seeks information about any experiences, past, or present. Please write to

Eaters or eaten?

THE OFFICE

Once upon a time there was a pub in Cork much frequented by businessmen. As the years went by, the owner became more and more concerned about the state of his clients' souls; night after night they'd phone their wives to say they were being delayed at the office. Then with one stroke of genius he solved the moral problems. He changed the name of the pub.

It was now called The Office and this worked well for quite a while. Unfortunately, however, it has now recoiled; let any Cork businessman phone his wife and say 'I'm being held up by a couple of fellows at the office' and she sighs and reaches for the Alka-Seltzers.
(from 'PHOTOGRAPHY')

ATTENTION, POETS

Chemistry in Britain have a Christmas competition in which candidates are asked to (a) describe an experiment, or (b) give an abstract of a chemical communication, in not more than 12 rhymed couplets. This seemed an idea worth pinching, so perhaps our readers may like to try this as an alternative to the present form of 'T' report. A small prize will be awarded for the best effort on a Wood Lane theme. While first attempts may be a bit ragged, there is no doubt that in time the experienced scientist will be able to turn out worthy successors to the Shakespearian sonnets.

FROM A RECENT "SUNDAY TIMES":

"Suggestions inspired by Shelley Berman's thesis that the English language divides into CLEANS (the acceptable way of saying something) and DIRTY (the unacceptable way of saying the same thing) include the following fit to print.

A Bun in the Bag is a CLEAN
A Bun in the Oven is a DIRTY

A Tablet a day is a CLEAN
A Pill a day is a DIRTY

A Sexcentenary is a CLEAN
A Centenary of Sex is a DIRTY

TRIPLODIRTYS (one CLEAN plus another CLEAN which equals a DIRTY) produced:

Daddy = CLEAN
Sugar = CLEAN
Sugar + Daddy = DIRTY "

(Our contributor seems to think that Wood Lane-ites can do better than this. All suggestions will be forwarded to him unopened!)

'DECEMBER'

The chill wind brushes empty poplar trees.
A lone seagull, its hunger to appease,
Searches for scraps across the dim car park
And then departs to roost awaiting dark.

On nights when skies were clear and stars shone bright,
Frost came and sparkled, cold. But not tonight.
For now the moon hides from the town below
Behind thick, freezing clouds of sleet and snow.

The floodlights darken on the building site.
The railway yard is silent. Overnight
On freight cars and on cranes the snow flakes fall,
Until, at daybreak, chaos covers all.

Penny Hamlyn

Joe would never mind Matilda having the last word, if only she would get to it sooner.

Film Society

CONTINUING THE HISTORY OF THE FILM SECTION

In the summer of 1964 Ted Morrison felt it was time he retired after eight years as secretary of the Film Section. The success of the section in that time was due in no small part to his untiring effort. For the next year Tom Ruben took over as secretary, and he was followed briefly by Harry Shipley. Stuart Castle then became secretary, and when he left Wood Lane temporarily in 1967 Mike Dennis succeeded him.

At this point it may be as well to say a little about the duties that devolve upon the secretary of the Film Section. Assisted by the other members of the committee, he is responsible for organizing the film shows, starting with programme selection. This can be, and has been, tackled in many ways, ranging from discussions of the whole committee to setting up sub-committees or even leaving the whole thing to the secretary. In the last few years an attempt has been made to take the potential audience's wishes into account by taking a poll on a list of films compiled by the committee. Inevitably a major part of the work of organising this falls on the head of the secretary.

Then he has to book the lecture room or Main Hall on the dates decided for the film shows, and to contact the film distributors to book the selected films. It usually happens that one or two of the films are not available on the dates selected or, worse still, are fully booked for the next year, or have been withdrawn. This sort of thing can lead to last minute changes of programme.

In addition to all this, and to looking after the financial side of the section's affairs, the secretary has to maintain contact with the various bodies to which the film section is affiliated, including the British Film Institute and the Federation of Film Societies, and not forgetting the Executive Council of the Athletic and Social Club. All told, a great deal of hard and unsung work by the secretary goes into the successful organisation of a season of film shows.

The efforts of the Works Engineering Department should also not go unrecorded. They are responsible for putting out the chairs for the film shows, and in order to ensure an equable climate an engineer is always on duty during the show to operate the air-conditioning system.

To continue with our narrative, the 1945 season started with one of the most successful shows held in recent years, when over eighty people crowded into the Lecture Room to see Peter Sellers and Mai Zetterling in ONLY TWO CAN PLAY. The next show turned out to be unexpectedly topical, for on the evening of the day when Mr. Krushchev was ousted from his post as First Secretary of the USSR Communist party, and on the eve of the general election when the Labour Party was returned to power in this country, we showed the cartoon film version of George Orwell's ANIMAL FARM, made by John Halas and Jöy Bachelor. This was supported by our second venture into the science fiction genre, VILLAGE OF THE DAMNED (in our second season we had shown THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME). Then followed our first revival. OH MR. PORTER had previously been shown in 1955, but this Will Hay classic was shown again in a special programme of railway films organised jointly with the Railway Section. The remainder of that season is notable primarily for another attempt to show a silent film, THE CABINET OF DOCTOR CALIGARI. As with INTOLERANCE, some years earlier, a musical accompaniment was provided.

the FILM column

OUR NEXT FILM SHOW

Our next show on January 8th features the first of two films by the Greek director Michael Cacoyannis to be shown this season. This film ZORBA THE GREEK which was very well received on the circuits and is remembered for its musical score and Zorba's dance, also had a high placing in our recent Film Poll. With this background we are hoping for a record attendance!

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE

Those requiring Associate Membership of the B.F.I. for the year 1969 should contact Mike Dennis before 31st December. Associate Membership of the B.F.I. is free and enables the holder to purchase tickets and use the facilities at the N.F.T.

FILM RECOMMENDATION

Of the films currently showing in the London Film Festival, Jörn Donner's BLACK ON WHITE (in colour) has received some acclaim and is also being run at the Cinephone, Oxford Street.

EALING YOUNG ARTS GROUP

Meetings of the E.Y.A.G. are held at Ealing Grammar School on Mondays at 8 p.m. Admission to meetings is NOT by membership only; non-members may attend meetings for 1/- a time. Of particular interest is the showing of the Buster Keaton film "The General" on January 20th for which the admission will be 2/- Details of other meetings up to the end of March are given on the Film Section Notice Board.

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE PROGRAMME SUMMARY

JANUARY			
1	Wed.	6.15 8.30	It Should Happen To You p. 13
2	Thurs.	6.15 8.30	Les Girls p. 11
3	Fri.	6.15 8.30	The Ring PA p. 28
4	Sat.	4.00 7.30	A Star is Born p. 11
5	Sun.	2.00	JOHN PLAYER LECTURE—CARL FOREMAN p. 2 (Full Members free; Associates & Guests 5/- each)
5	Sun.	4.00 7.30	The Victors (complete version) p. 18
6	Mon.	6.15 8.30	So This is New York p. 21
7	Tues.	6.15 8.30	Champion p. 21
8	Wed.	6.15 8.30	High Noon p. 20
9	Thurs.	6.15 8.30	The Men p. 19
10	Fri.	6.15 8.30	The Farmer's Wife PA p. 28
11	Sat.	2.30	BFI OPEN FORUM p. 2 (Admission free; tickets from Box Office. Members & Associates only)
11	Sat.	6.15 8.30	Heller in Pink Tights p. 11
12	Sun.	4.00 6.15 8.30	Let's Make Love p. 12
13	Mon.	6.15 8.30	NEW FILMS FROM THE B.F.I. PRODUCTION BOARD p. 33
14	Tues.	6.15 8.30	They Live By Night p. 25
15	Wed.	6.15 8.30	Rebel Without A Cause p. 22
16	Thurs.	6.15 8.30	In A Lonely Place p. 23
17	Fri.	6.15 8.30	Champagne PA p. 29
18	Sat.	4.00	On Dangerous Ground p. 23
18	Sat.	6.15 8.30	Wind Across the Everglades p. 25
19	Sun.	2.00	JOHN PLAYER LECTURE - NICHOLAS RAY p. 2 (Full Members free; Associates & Guests 5/- each)
19	Sun.	4.00	The Lusty Men p. 24
19	Sun.	6.15	The James Brothers p. 24
19	Sun.	8.30	The Lusty Men p. 24
20	Mon.	6.15 8.30	The Chapman Report p. 12
21	Tues.	6.15 8.30	Funny Face p. 17
22	Wed.	6.15 8.30	The Pajama Game p. 17
23	Thurs.	6.15 8.30	What Lola Wants (unconfirmed) p. 14
24	Fri.	6.15 8.30	The Manxman PA p. 29
25	Sat.	2.00	JOHN PLAYER LECTURE - STANLEY DONEN p. 2 (Full Members free; Associates & Guests 5/- each)
25	Sat.	4.00	Singin' in The Rain p. 16
25	Sat.	6.15 8.30	It's Always Fair Weather p. 16
26	Sun.	4.00	Once More, With Feeling! p. 15
26	Sun.	6.15 8.30	On The Town p. 15
27	Mon.	6.15 8.30	Sylvia Scarlett p. 13
28	Tues.	6.15 8.30	The Marrying Kind p. 10
29	Wed.	6.15 8.30	The Marrying Kind p. 10
30	Thurs.	6.15 8.30	Wild is The Wind p. 8
31	Fri.	6.15 8.30	Blackmail p. 26

* Details in Oct./Dec. booklet. EST denotes English sub-titles.
PA denotes piano accompaniment by Mr. Arthur Dulay, Miss Florence de Jong.

UFOS: Down to Earth

The evidence so far presented has been what we have called, for convenience, Category I and II. These have been sedate reports and photographs of sightings, which present a puzzlement but nevertheless has kept the UFO as something rather aloof and not interfering with us, down here.

The third category is actual physical evidence.

This is where we become more involved.

BEAMS OF LIGHT

It is well known that there are reports of physical effects associated with UFOs ranging from odd smells to the ability to turn off the lights of New York. But considering the vast scope of the human imagination, the variety of these is surprisingly small and the similarity of these effects reported at different times from all over the world is amazing. One of the most widely reported is the ability to interfere with electrical systems (e.g. car ignition and power supplies).

One phenomenon is described below in the following two examples.

The first incident took place in Boyup Brook, Australia, in October, 1967. A shearing contractor named Spargo, a married man with 3 children, was driving home in his car after having paid off his team of men. It was about 9.00 p.m. on a clear night. Suddenly his car stopped and lights and radio went dead. A brilliant beam of light shone on to him, the beam coming from a mushroom shaped craft about 30 ft in diameter about 100 ft up. After just a few minutes the light went off and the craft swiftly accelerated, disappearing within a couple of seconds. He reported the incident to the local constable.

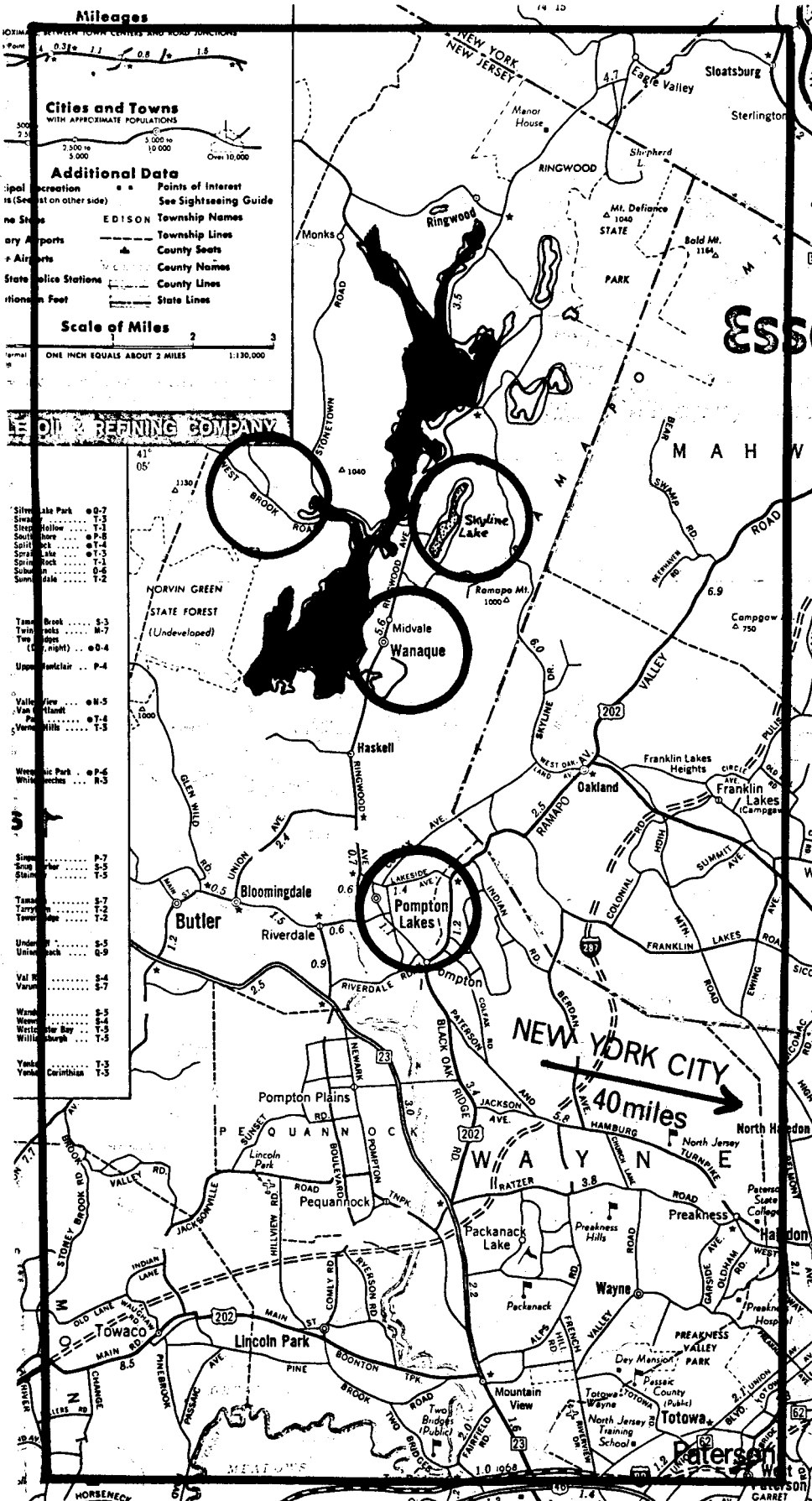
A report of this appeared in THE WEST AUSTRALIAN of 1st November, 1967. A few days later to test out the reaction of local folk to the newspaper report, Spargo, without letting them know that he was the person concerned asked the garage owner what he thought, "My son saw it too" was the reply, "so did two farmers". Another farmer and wool classer had seen an object in the sky but thought it was a satellite.

The second incident took place in the USA in January 1966 over a vast frozen reservoir less than 50 miles from New York City and in the presence of many witnesses. The NEWARK NEWS of 12th January ran the headline: UFO SIGHTED AT WANAUQUE - FLYING SAUCER CASTS SPOTLIGHT AT RAMAPO AREA.

Mayor H. Wolfe of Wanaque was notified by the police that an UFO was circling the Wanaque Reservoir. He, together with his son and two City Councilmen drove to the reservoir where they spotted the object flying slowly and very low over the frozen waters.

The New Jersey police in Pompton Lakes, meanwhile, had been deluged with calls from people reporting a strange light in the sky. Reservoir policeman G. Dykeman was instructed to investigate. Nearing

the spot he was stopped by a group of teenagers who had seen it. They were then joined by Civil Defence Director B. Spencer and his assistant R. Vrooman. At the reservoir, Spencer and reservoir employee F. Steines raced to the top of a dam from where he could see "bolts of light looking



Part of New Jersey in which there have been many reports of UFO activity.

Places ringed are those mentioned in the report.

Area shaded is Wanaque Reservoir.

like beams emitted from a porthole". Several more people including other police and late duty firemen reported similar incidents at this time.

Two days later, on 14th January, Mr. B. Wallach of Ringwood was driving home just after midnight having finished a late shift at work, and was approaching the entrance to Westbrook Road Bridge spanning Wanaque reservoir, when "a huge ball of light appeared". Wallach got out to investigate when it began to move in his direction. He jumped back into his car and drove on towards the bridge. Just then a Volkswagen came at him from the direction of Skyline Lake.. Wallach flashed his lights and hooted in warning. A car behind Wallach's, also trying to avoid the ball of light was being driven by R. Noble of Paterson and he and his girl friend in the car both corroborated this story.

The Volkswagen stalled and its light went out. When Wallach reached the spot the car and occupants had disappeared; he immediately went home and called the Pompton Lakes police.

"We get reports like this four nights out of five", a police spokesman said..

Police in patrol cars sent to the scene reported blue lights across the reservoir, but were too far away.

Almost nine months later - to be precise on October 16th 1966 - Wanaque Reservoir was again the scene of UFO activity. This time hundreds of spectators, including Mayor Harry Wolfe, of Wanaque, lined the banks of the reservoir to watch a glowing reddish object which reportedly zig-zagged around overhead.

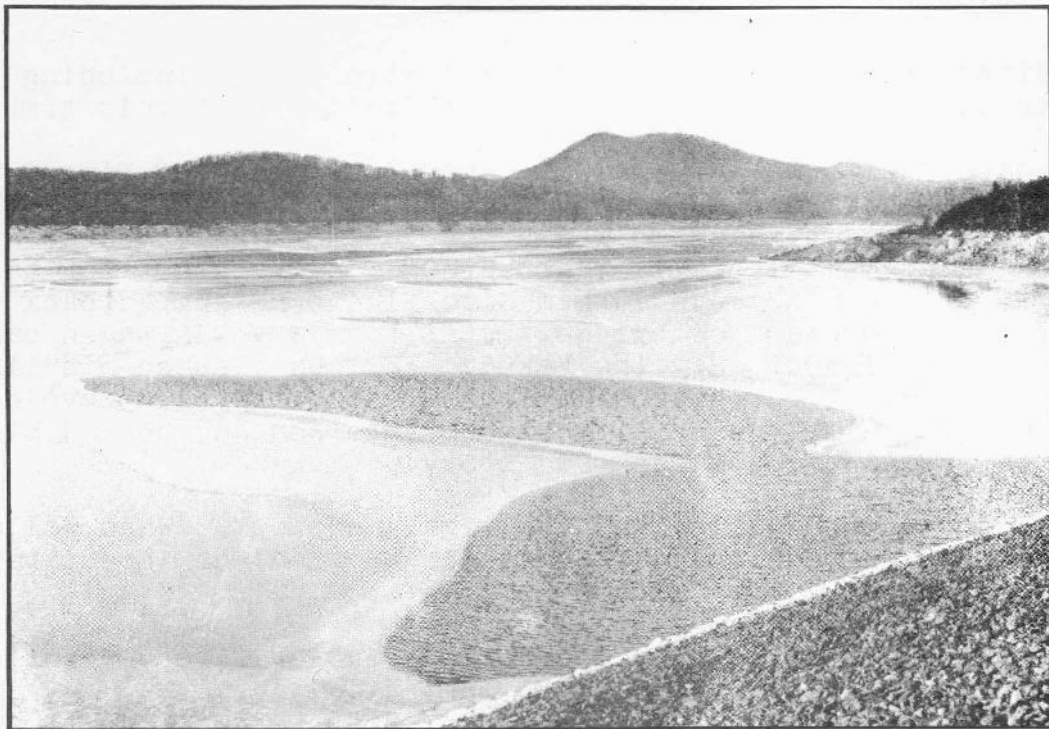
Said the Mayor: "I saw the object. It was hovering over the reservoir. It was red in colour and it was zig-zagging all over the place. It was the size of an automobile".

At Pompton Lakes, the police radio switchboard was reportedly swamped with calls from persons who wanted to report that they were watching - or had been watching - the same or a similar object. Reservoir police reported that hundreds of persons were tramping along the banks of the reservoir hoping for a glimpse of the thing.

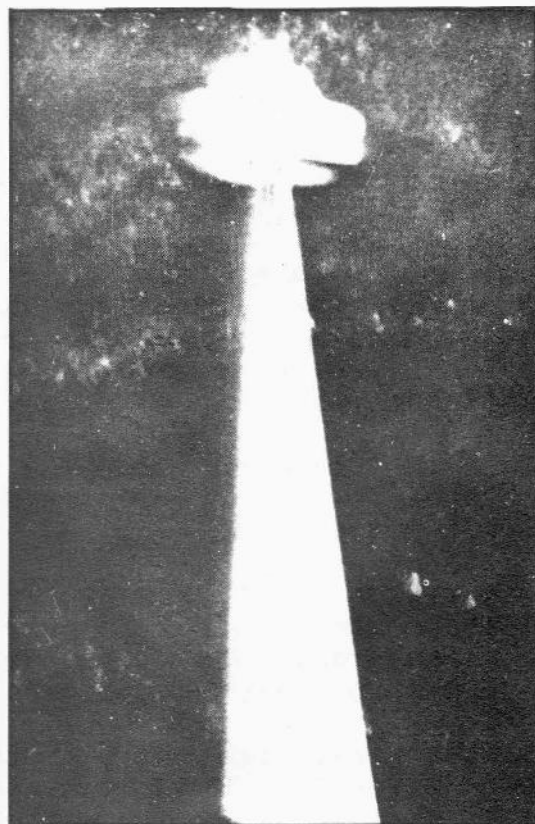
Said the dispatcher for the radio police at Pompton Lakes "Cars are parked bumper to bumper all around the lake. If you don't get there early you don't get a place!".

The reason for this unusual interest in parking space around Wanaque Reservoir stemmed from the fact that on the preceding Monday night, October 10th, many residents of the area, plus four police officers, had spotted the UFO in and around the reservoir.

On the first appearance of the UFO in January 1966, the Air Force at Stewart Air Force Base had blandly assured the news media that the object seen at Wanaque Reservoir was nothing more than "a special helicopter with a bright light on it". This explanation was subsequently retracted when curious newsmen indicated that they were unwilling to accept the statement. The Air Force admitted that there had been no helicopter in that area at that time.



Holes in 2 inches of ice where UFO hovered.



Dim background of trees can just be seen in photos claimed to record performance of UFO over reservoir. The original negatives are said to have been confiscated by the government.

Now, in October of 1966, when the same credible witnesses were seeing a similar object over the same body of water, they did not bother to report it to the Air Force. They told newsmen that since they had been ridiculed by the Air Force investigating teams which conducted a probe of the January sighting, they had no intention of subjecting themselves to the same treatment in connection with the October sightings.

And the Air Force officials assigned to Project Blue Book, the government's UFO investigative agency, told the MORNING CALL of Paterson, New Jersey, that it would not investigate the sightings until someone filed a report - which nobody cared to file, evidently.

THE HEAT

In addition to beams of bright light and interference with electrical systems UFOs are also reportedly associated with intense heat.

One incident relating to this effect will serve to show that for some people, at least, this effect is unfortunately all too real.

It was a quiet clear night at Itaipu, Brazil, the army garrison was asleep; two sentries at the top of the fortification were engaged in their routine duties. What they thought was a particularly bright star suddenly sped towards them, then stopped abruptly and slowly drifted downwards, a bright glow from it casting a strong shadow behind them. The object was about the size of a large plane, disc shaped, and was now hovering.

Then something hot touched the sentries' faces, followed by an unbearable wave of heat. One sentry collapsed and the other screamed out at the same time running for shelter beneath some cannons. His shouts awoke the garrison, which quickly became rather panicked since the lights and communication system throughout the fort had suddenly failed. The emergency system failed to function too. Soldiers and officers ran blindly along in the dark. Then the lights came on again, by then many of the fort personnel had gone outside and saw an orange light climbing vertically above the fort and moving at high speed. One of the sentries was still unconscious, the other was hiding in a dark corner, mumbling and crying; both were badly burned.

To those who find the reports in this issue ridiculous or fantastic, may we particularly suggest you read next month's instalment.

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Members record collections and the local record libraries were scoured for the records listed in the cue sheets, but this time dual turntables were dispensed with. Instead, a tape was prepared to run in synchronism with the films, which eliminated all the hard work during the actual show which had been necessary on the previous occasion. Perhaps this was just as well, for half-way through the evening the projector broke down, with the result that during the last hour the projectionist had to wind the film on to the take-up spool by hand.

To be continued.

Hallowe'en

In the beginning.

It started well over a month ago with the threat of war. An Emergency Defence Sub-committee was formed - Eileen King, Ray Coomber, Dennis Nash and chairman Mike Squelch. Intelligence informed us that November 1st was the likely day for operation "Hallowe'en". Further intelligence reports brought news of a new secret weapon under the disguise of Tony Dee. Our Women's Voluntary Service immediately mobilised, giving out tickets and information warning the population.

And war.

By threatening invaders with Martini and Sherry at 7.45 p.m. it was hoped to stave off attack until 8.30 p.m., but the guards Eileen, Brian, Mike and Ray were overpowered at the entrance to the Main Hall. By 8.00 p.m. the invaders totalled 70. Forming a strong resistance movement the guards removed the glasses and retreated to the stronghold of the bar where Annette, Allen, Dave and Stuart were preparing for battle. With added reinforcement they could hold out no longer than 8.30 p.m., all then deciding "If you can't beat 'em join 'em".

Defeat.

The victors commenced to celebrate the day with much dancing and drinking. After a while the invaders, deciding they were hungry, sent out search parties and found a place in the land called 'Canteen'. Messengers conveyed the news and 130 occupation troops ate everything in sight. Feeling happier they continued their tribal dances and drinking.

Uprising.

At 11.30 an uprising was launched. Led by their generals, Goff and Squelch, the underground movement retook the bar and the gates were closed. With great cunning and feats of heroism the Women's 1st Volunteer Corps invaded the Main Hall and by 12.00 had successfully silenced Sgt. Pepper (with a bribe). Shocked by the unaccustomed silence the invaders fled, plundering as they went such art treasures as the famous Frog, Spook and Bat painting.

And then there was peace.

While the invaders sought refuge at home on a wet and cold night, the mopping up operations began. The debris of war was quickly removed and a firm foundation laid for the rapid restoration of civilised life. By 1.30 a.m. the heroic defenders were able to dim the lights for another year and make for base.

Matilda claims that Joe's method of packing is to strangle his clothes and bury them.

Caption Comp.

(See Last Month's Cover)

The prize (1 dozen chocolate Penguins) goes, after some discussion among the Editorial staff, to John McGrane, Corrosion Department. His caption read "Aw! Come on girls, the Pope will never know!"

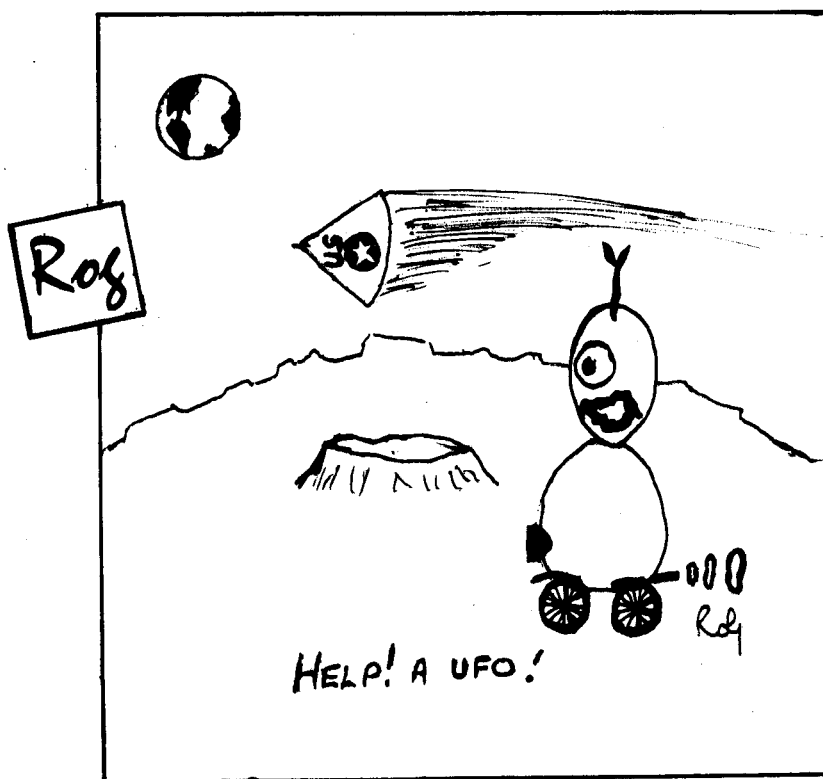
Of the 14 other entries, most were variations on the theme "Even his best friend won't tell him", with a couple of references to a certain serial, running in the B.T. at the moment, and one excruciating pun.

We have another photo crying out for the same treatment - but we're not yet that desperate!

the joys of parking

— 007

I wonder if it's losing face -
Not parking in the proper place?
Or is the place quite full of 'tecs,
Seeking drivers without spec's?
As a 'Scape-goat' ne'er so bold,
I ask "Are others ever told?"
And if finished with the ladies then -
Perhaps they'll start upon the men.



Crossword

A small prize is offered for the first all-correct solution drawn from among those received by Friday, Jan. 10th.

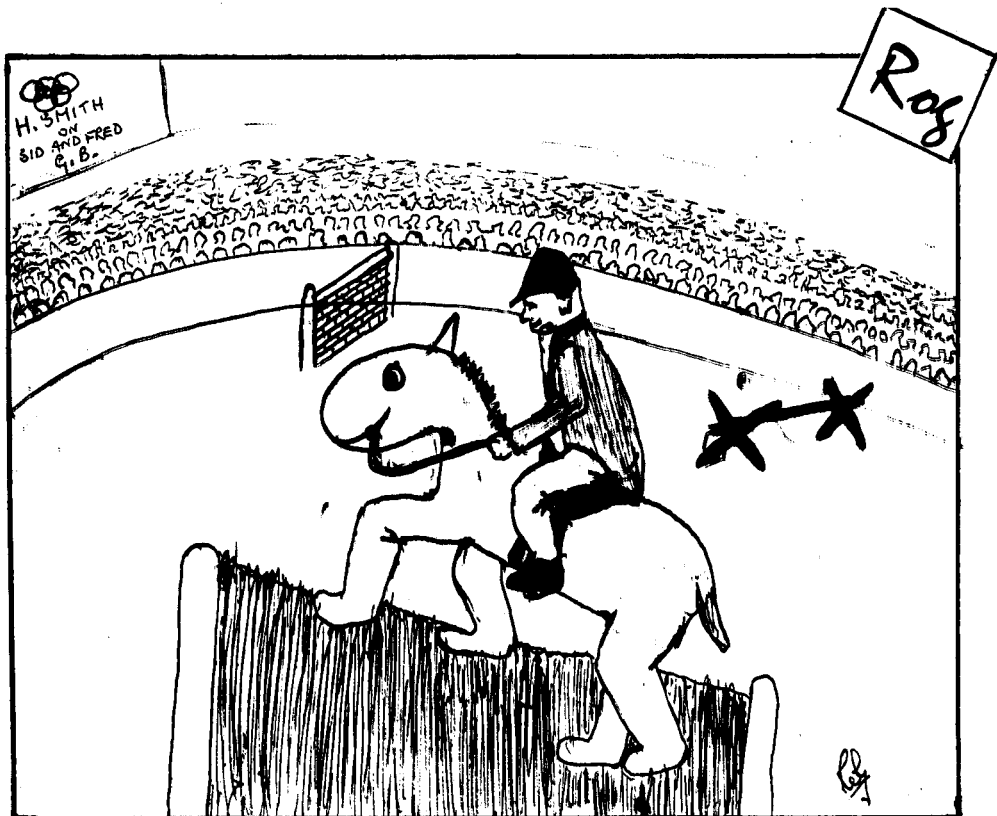
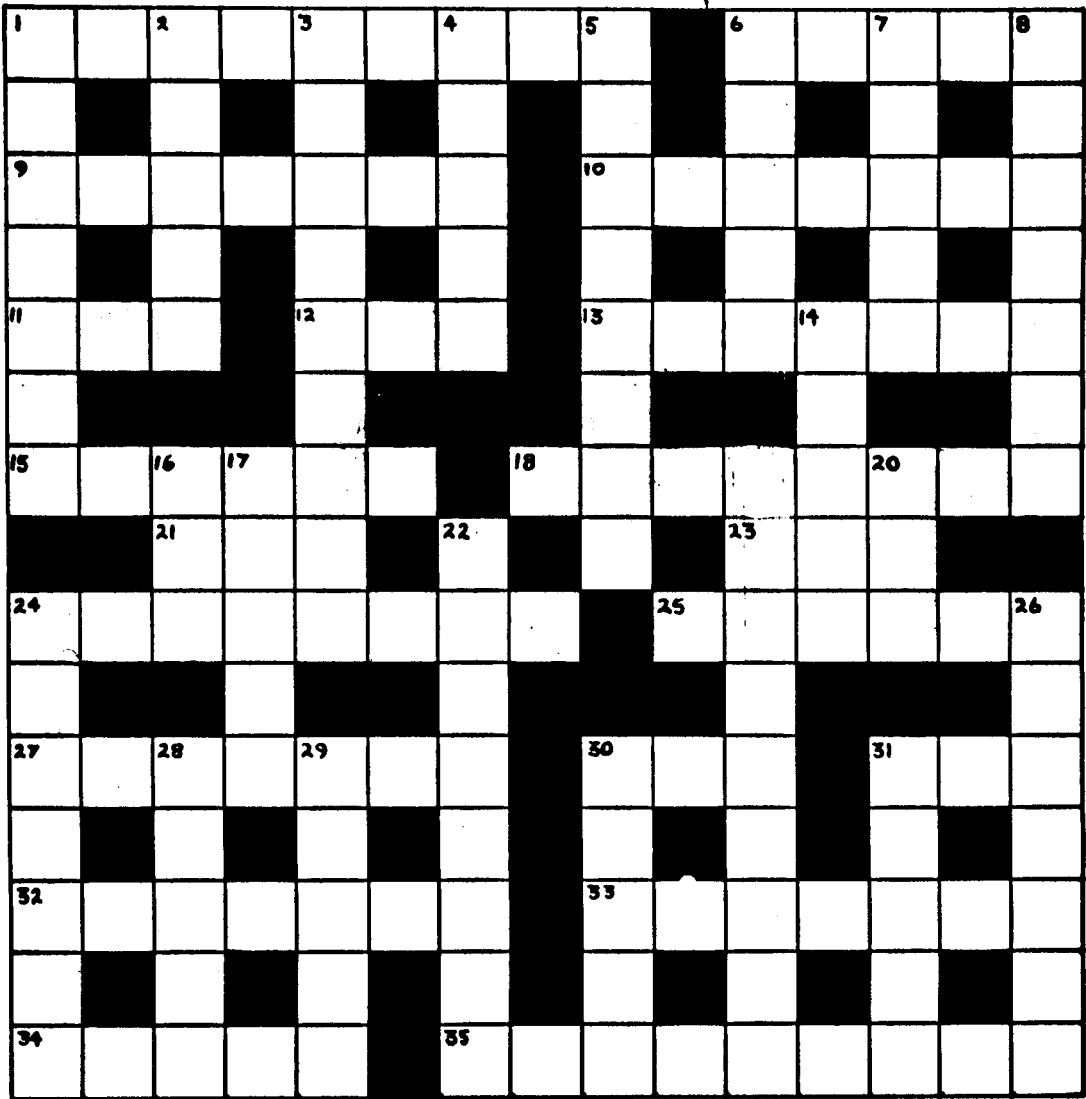
Across

1. The chosen went on horse-back to make contact (9)
6. Regions in the Far East (5)
9. Suggest a soft start or go back to position (7)
10. Ancient Greek mineral, brown? (7)
11. First of all, she has a little of everything (3)
12. Would be blue if hers were pink! (3)
13. Uncle, you are a one! (of seven?) (7)
15. Time to make 3 (6)
18. Gets meal back for a feast (4-4)
21. Such an odd drink! (3)
23. John is partly Caledonian (3)
24. Rush-hour traffic is often, like a sandwich (6,2)
25. Sail with hesitation, into a State of confusion (6)
27. Acknowledge at the beginning (7)
30. Sounds like the cricketers have to pay for it (3)
31. A cyst (like fire, one hears) (3)
32. Take pleasure in eluding (7)
33. Beware the watchman (4-3)
34. If it's looking, you can't see the other side of it (5)
35. A nice finish, we hear, and no longer sour (9)

Down

1. Train to speak clearly (7)
2. Lyric poem (5)
3. Hot to some, but sweet to others (9)
4. Five points below zero for the bakers (5)
5. What the doorstep salesman looks for (4,4)
6. Does such a clock? (5)
7. The woodworker has no complaint, so come in (5)
8. The lad has to get up early, we hear (7)
14. Copper from the E. Lothian town will remove
the obstruction (5)
16. with his long one? (3)
17. Add it up, although there's a thousand missing from the top (3,2)
19. Me Studio's in a muddle, and should be omitted (6,3)
20. An equal quantity of Indian money? (3)
22. Sells fun all over the place, in abundance (8)
24. In cable practice, this needs an extra letter (7)
26. Cold tea, well stirred and accurately placed (7)
28. In the beginning, the country needs assistance to rise (5)
29. The road to them stops short at the water's edge (5)
30. Bugle variations (5)
31. Court club (5)

When Fifinella's new boy-friend suggested they should have a talk with her parents about getting married, she slapped his face.



A Christmas Story

by Brian Pledger.

Old Jim lived on his own in one room. 'Lived?' Well, perhaps the word should be 'existed'. He managed every week just to make his pension last out, to buy the food and pay for the heating. His clothes were old and some of them practically threadbare, but his money no longer went far enough to splash out and buy a new suit. During the day he walked into the park or the reading room of the library. At night - perhaps a pint, or listening to the radio. He lived for this time of year - he lived for Christmas.

Out came his only goodish suit, and he took a great deal of time over his dressing today. When he was sure he looked smart, he picked up his brown paper parcel and walked out of the front door.

Down the road he went with his head held high, until he came to the high street and the big stores.

He looked in the windows and at the gay lights inside. At all the wonderful things for sale.

He looked in the window of the men's outfitters. He had decided, and then waited all year. With the extra money he would get, he was going to buy a new suit. He saw the dark blue one at the back of the big window. "The very colour", he thought, and then strode on.

At last he came to the biggest store in the street. The doors opened automatically as he walked in. He smiled as he recalled that the children often tried to fool the mechanism, never with any success.

Between the laden counters he walked, towards the moving staircase, and up on to the floor where the offices were. Near the end of the corridor he stopped at the familiar door marked 'Personnel'.

He stepped inside. The face in front smiled kindly and then clouded.

He heard the face talking about 'change' 'new policy this year' 'management decision' 'necessary economies' 'not being required'. NOT REQUIRED! His little world came crashing down about him.

Sadly he got up, picked up his brown paper parcel and walked out. Disillusioned, the old man went dazedly back the way he had come, out through the front door.

Perhaps he never saw the car but he stepped off the pavement straight into its path

Out of the smell of starched linen, ether and Dettol, a voice came to him. It was asking if he would help out when he could get up. It droned on, but suddenly he was happy.

He looked across at the parcel by his bedside. The creased red costume may not be needed at the store but in the children's ward he could give real pleasure.

But the new suit would have to wait.



alan BATES

anthony QUINN

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ZORBA The Greek



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