

14-Mile Road Race Through Oxney

FOR nine cyclists and tricyclists from Kent clubs, a 14-mile ride through leafy lanes of the Isle of Oxney on Sunday ended a successful season.

Organised by Major W. Barnard (licensee of the Ewe and Lamb, Wittersham) and three cyclists, the riders and their friends decided to end the season in the lanes of Oxney where they had cycled several times during the summer.

The race, not a serious one, took them through Stone to Appledore, Reading Street and Tenterden, and back to Wittersham.

The previous night they met at Major Barnard's inn to fulfil one condition of the race for a silver tankard presented by him—the drinking of ale or similar beverage.

Competitors were handicapped. Winner was a tricyclist, Ted Harrison, of the Medway Road Club, (38 mins, 34 secs). Second was J. Doggett, of Clarence Wheelers, also a tricyclist. Jim Catt (Wittersham) and Gordon Lamb (Beckley) on a tandem tricycle were third.

The race was to have been started by Mr. Frank Gill on his penny-farthing cycle, but illness prevented his turning out.

Eight completed the course and the ninth, J. McLaren, of King's Lynn, crossed the finishing line in a car with his tricycle on the back! He had a puncture at Tenterden.

Harrison, wearing racing shorts and slip, said he thoroughly enjoyed the race although it was one of the hardest courses he had ridden.

FROM SALESMAN TO WHOLESALER

ADMITS £11,595
DEFICIENCY

A deficiency of £11,595 was admitted at Rochester Bankruptcy Court of a Sheerness man who rose from a £2-a-week fruit salesman to a wholesale fruit and potato merchant.

Debtor, Frank H. Lucas (46), of High-st., Sheerness, partly attributed his failure to working too hard in the business.

"I was always in the business, working day and night," he said, "and in the end it got too much for me."

Other causes were lack of capital, had debts, losses on purchase of growing crops and drawings in excess of profits.

Ayrshire Herd Sold

Top price at the sale of Mr. W. Kerr's Bramling herd of Ayrshire cattle at Wingham was 200 guineas for the stock Iekham bull Battle Cruiser. Females made to 160 guineas.

Averages were: 33 cows, £78 3s. 6d.; 43 calved and in-calf heifers, £79 9s. 8d.; 63 young heifers, £21; two bulls, £121 5s. 6d.; 146 head, £58 10s.; 14 Jerseys, £41 17s.

Auctioneers were Thimbleby and Shorland and Arthur Marchant and Son.



Jim Catt, of Wittersham, and Gordon Lamb, of Beckley, starting on their tandem tricycle