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### EDITORIAL

No news is Good News. So goes the old saying; and if it be true then the Association's prospects for 1959 are good. No drastic changes resulted from the recent A.G.M.: in fact, after hearing the Secretary report a successful year both in sport and in social activity, coupled with an improved financial position, the delegates voted for 'The mixture as before'. There were, of course, small changes. The endless search went on for a version of .52 that is fast, has plenty of room at the finish and has reasonable shelter for the officials, and we think that the suggested alteration to be tried next season is a good one. We also welcome the conversion of one '25' and one '50' into Short and Longmarkers' events. This is just the incentive needed by slower riders who have been competing too long to have much hope of a handicap prize. On the official side everyone can continue to enjoy the warm feeling of security engendered by the knowledge that Roy Humphrey is able and willing to be the dynamo of East Sussex cycling. This is a happy state of affairs, though we feel that it would be no bad thing if Roy were to leave the district for a year or more, so that the Association would be forced to stand, as it were, on its own feet. Having been entrusted with the social side for another year, we promise to do our humble best; and the troublesome position of Press Secretary has now been filled (most satisfactorily, we think) by Dave Patten, whose contribution to club life does not end at riding a bicycle fast. Yes, no news looks like being good news, and given the same co-operation and enthusiasm by member clubs, should make 1959 another happy year in the history of this most friendly and happy organisation - the East Sussex Cycling Association.

D. N.

Once again we are at the end of another year in the history of the Association, a year in which we can safely say we have consolidated the Association. In the racing sphere we have seen very keen competition even though records have not been broken. In the Best-All-Rounder Competitions interest lasted right up to the last event of the season, P. Crowsley and B. Honess being the eventual winners.

Members of our affiliated clubs have given very good accounts of themselves in Open Competition, the most notable being J. Dutson, Uckfield & District C.C., at 25, 50 and 100 miles, and M. Robinson & D. Patten for their fine rides at the end of the season Hill Climbs.

Our Annual Prize Presentation I think we can say was one of the best ever despite all the difficulties we had to overcome at the last moment. I think an explanation of the reason for the change of venue will not be out of place here. Terms were agreed by our Social Secretary earlier in the year with the Hayworthe Hotel for the Luncheon on November 30th, and all arrangements were made to hold it there, and then out of the blue a few weeks before the date they informed us that they would have to make a 10% surcharge and worse still they were not prepared to get an extension of licence. In the circumstances we had no alternative but to make other arrangements, and we are most grateful to the management of the Chatsworth Hotel, Hastings, for once again accommodating us at such short notice.

The financial position is a little brighter than it was 12 months ago, and the clubs are to be congratulated on the way they have sold tickets for the recent draw, the result being far in excess of what we had expected. Also the response to the appeal for loans to purchase a new duplicator has been very gratifying, donations and loans have more than covered the cost. We are now in possession of the duplicator, and it is a big improvement on our old one.

Looking forward to next year, a full programme of time trials have been arranged, basically the same as this year. Our 25 miles events will be run on a new course which, subject to A.G.M. and R.T.T.C. approval, will start north of Boship Roundabout on A267, and finish near the starting point. It is hoped that the Clubmans Touring Competition will also be run and receive a bumper entry.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your help during 1958, and to wish you all the season's greetings and pleasant riding during 1959.

R. H.

The season 1958 is almost over. Behind us are the wins and losses of a 'poor weather' summer. The social roundabout is with us and will extend into 1959, so let me thank all our ESCA friends who helped us to make our ninth annual dinner and prize presentation such a success. Our close neighbours Southborough and District Wheelers attended in good numbers, D.N. was ably held up by Percy Bliss, and others present came from Uckfield, Central Sussex and Brighton, not forgetting Crow and Co. from the Grinstead. Sheila scooped the pool by inviting Sid Amey to propose the toast of "The Club", which he did in fine style, and Mrs. Amey presented the awards, including some smashing great wooden spoons! (Just the job for Mum's Christmas puds!). Mazzy also got his watch back: the same or similar to the one he pawned to get his breakfast - yes, while competing in the club's Hastings and back time-trial. Ask the boys for more details! Dave collected one or two more awards, but his lay-off during the summer left the hill-climbs as his main target. A second placing to A. Pursey in the 'Catford' by four-fifths of a second was his best performance. Two motorised excursions took parties to the B.L.R.C. climb at Mam Tor, Castleton, and to the R.T.T.C. National Championship at Bath. We wound up with Dave winning the K.C.A. climb and with Gerald Maryan and Roy Martin, the club won the team award. These boys like it tough!

Owing to lack of sleep we missed the last edition of 'Bonk', but would like to refute scandalous paragraphs contained in the Summer issue. "I strode expectantly into the club's H.Q." should have read: "I crept furtively," &c. Reference to chasing one of our members round the billiard tables speaks for itself! Having been 'rocked' by the nifty card players, stunned by ping-pong balls slammed in defence of the club morale, this character was cheered as he left for the coast, but we note that he spells it incorrectly, with "J" instead of "Ch". Having cleared up these small errors, we extend a challenge to all E.S.C.A. clubs. Table-tennis, mixed or straight matches, home or away. 'Richard Bergmann' having resigned from the team, please send your acceptances with confidence. Before closing these notes we regret that we are losing John Terry. Recently demobbed from the R.A.F. John is going to reside in New Zealand. Our best wishes go with him; a good clubman we are sorry to lose. Thanks for a good year's work Mr. Editor; may we have that delayed pint at the Association luncheon?

POP.

Whoooooooooooooosh!!! No, folks, that's not Willcocks beating the hour, or 'Iron Man' Grover rushing to size up the latest ESCA clubgirl; it's just your scribes remembering, as usual at the last minute, that it's again time to review the goings-on of the Lewes tribe.

Firstly, our congratulations to 'Tourist' Agg, who finished the season as club B.A.R. with his picture in the local 'rag' (who said he sent it in himself?), and an average speed of 23.7 m.p.h. - a fine effort. Although so often 'ribbed' by all and sundry, there's no doubt that when Derek really gets down to it he's the keenest rider we have - in marked contrast to certain other unconscionables of the D.N.S. and D.N.F. variety. Pete Burbery rode consistently well, particularly in the Association and S.C.A. 12 hour events, and Mike Carder continued to surprise us with a second place, at inches, in his first League road road, and later an excellent fifth spot in his first hill-climb, the B.L.R.C. National Championship (Junior Section) up the notorious Mam Tor in Derbyshire. However, we regret to say that the general standard of racing has been disappointing, a case in point being the club '30' which had to be cancelled owing to lack of entries - although there was no lack of excuses from the culprits concerned! It looks as if we shall have to start some brainwashing classes in the Social Season in order to get our members mentally, as well as physically equipped for 1959!

Besides providing the best British track meeting for years - one might almost say in living memory - Coppi and Co. actually enticed Grover, Burgess and Russell to risk life and limb by riding with Willcocks in his 'Bomb' to Herne Hill. On the way back the latter's driving shook the usually imperturbable Pearson who had been 'tucked in' for some distance through London, while Grover was heard mumbling what presumably was a prayer for safe deliverance! They were met at Newhaven by the ebullient Mrs. Cornford, who with typical finesse remarked: "The b-----s have come back in one piece then". The long-awaited Burgess baby has arrived at last, and confounding the forecast of at least one club member, we can safely assert that it is human - a little 'dragon' in fact. Never mind, Mick, perhaps there'll be a budding coureur next time (!).

The Social Season hasn't taken long to penetrate the systems of certain Wanderers, judging by the beer-drinking, billiard-playing antics of Grover and Russell of late. Even Mike admits to having temporarily abandoned cycling for the more seasonable pleasures of

'dragonering', but so far all attempts to get him to exhibit his latest popsie have proved abortive. We certainly trust that she is not as weedy as his recent activities would suggest, because he has been observed practising dancing steps while tightly embracing a household broom! He's obviously bent on sweeping this one off her feet (joke), if she can get them from under his!

Before the start of last week's committee meeting at Kingston, Peter Sharp, unknown to the gathering, had switched on his tape recorder, and so was able to play back their unwitting conversation which by some miracle was not as 'fruity' as usual. Respective opinions were that Russell, Willcocks and Peter himself sounded like a trio of East End barrow boys. Chancellor Eldridge was reminiscent of a retired Indian Army colonel, while Cox might well have been taken for a real cider-swilling old rustic from deep down in 'Zummerset'. The whole proceedings were punctuated by snorts and grunts denoting that Grover had once again dozed off, although minus his usual carpet slippers. The 'Burberian' afterwards said that he got such a stitch through laughing that when he started home he was unable to ride up Kingston hill! By the time this edition appears in print we shall have had the Association Luncheon and also that function which already had a "no holds barred" reputation as a solid stodge-up - the Club Supper at Ripe. We had intended to advertise this in the Autumn issue of the 'mag', but arrangements had not then been concluded. We certainly hope that all those who attended enjoyed themselves as much as last year.

So that's it, chums and chumesses, for this time. The Lewes boys wish their Escabod colleagues the best of everything that makes Xmas worthwhile (according to taste!), and we hope to be in attendance at one or two odd functions if we can gain admittance unrecognised by the reigning 'bouncers'.

Tally-ho for now.

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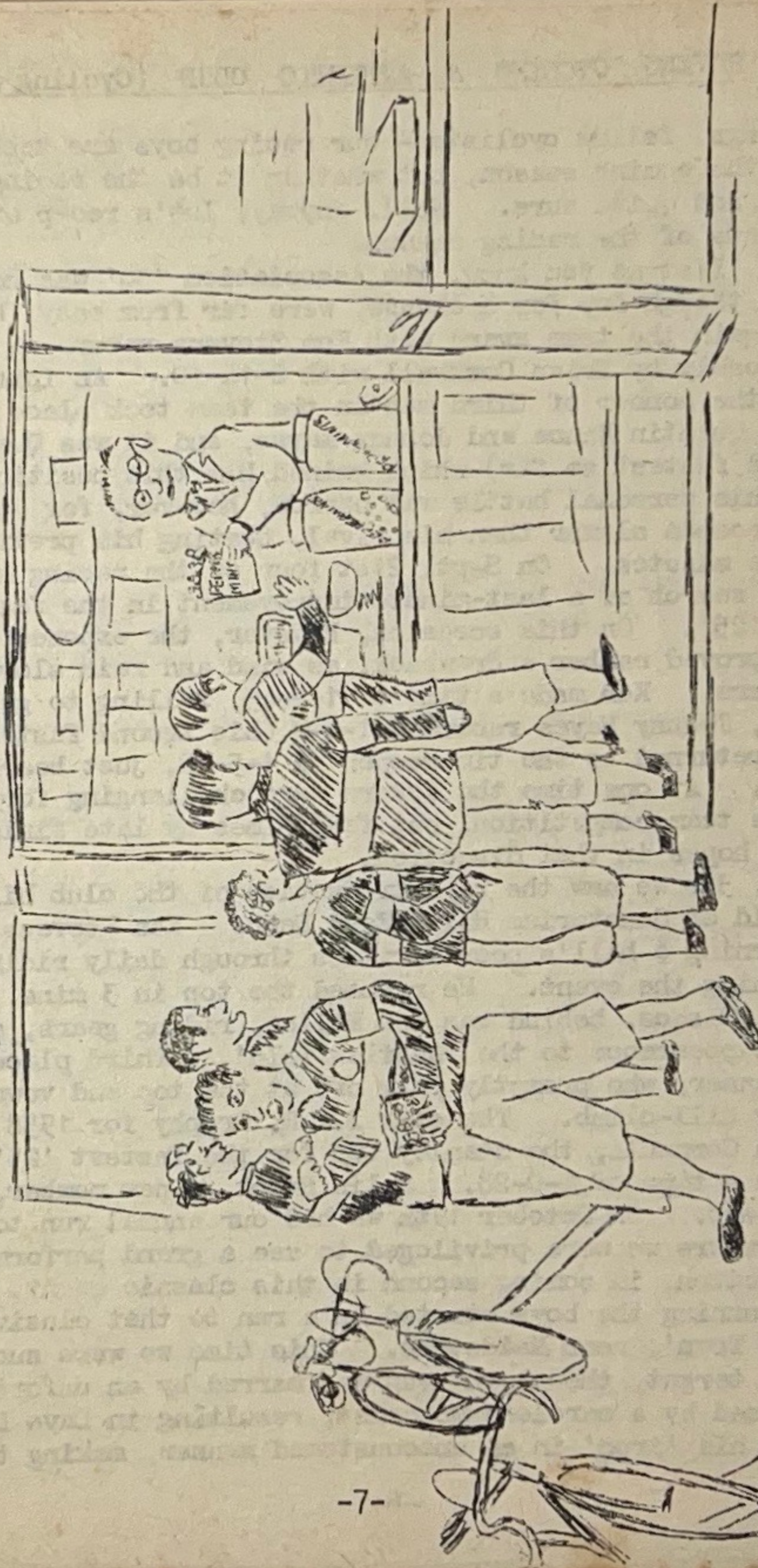
Hello all. Well, by the time you get this edition Christmas will be very close and all will be looking forward to the festive season. First of all it might be as well to study the change of officers in the club which took place at the A.G.M. held on Nov. 28th at the Cambridge Hotel, Hastings:

- President: P.H. Bliss, Esq. Chairman: Mr. J. Southerden.
- Vice-Chairman: Mr. A. Coleman.
- Hon. General Sec.: Mrs. E. Carpenter, The Beacon, Maplehurst Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.
- Hon. T.T. Sec.: Mr. M. Carpenter, The Beacon, Maplehurst Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.
- Hon. Treasurer: Mr. E. Spray, 119, Parker Road, Hastings.
- Hon. Social Sec.: Mr. C. Sinden, 33, Western Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.
- Captain: Mr. P. Bliss, 253A, Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings.
- Vice-Captains: L. Chambers and I. May.

It might interest readers that the Captain said in his report that the year had been quite successful; in fact there had been an official run every Sunday of the year. On the average, ten members had sat down every Sunday to tea. There were approximately 1958 miles of official club-runs in which a total of 466 riders took part, and 912,428 collective miles were covered. An interesting mystery run was enjoyed by a number of members just recently. It was taken by Mr. R. Longley and made it's way through many lanes unfamiliar to all including, I believe, Ron. Nevertheless, it was enjoyed by all. The next social event that may interest you is possibly the Xmas Tea to be held this year at the Ash Tree Inn, Brown Bread Street. Tickets 3/6d., open to members only, of course. The next social event that all readers can take part in is the Annual Dinner to be held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings. Tickets available from the Secretary or members at 12/6d., dinner at 7 p.m. By the way, many present at the E.S.C.A. lunch at the end of last month might wonder how Arthur Coleman managed to extract a pint from the landlord on the house. His secret was this: When the landlord asked him what he thought of the meal, he replied: "B----- marvellous, the best lunch I've ever had". So the landlord said: "You'd better have one on the house, old mate". We have had one resignation of late - that of Miss M. Adams, who is unable to carry on the sport of cycling.

C.R.S.

CONFECTIONER



LIFE WITH THE FARMERS (No. 19).

What was that story Bert Bishop told about Peppermints?

Greetings, fellow cyclists - our racing boys are keenly looking forward to the coming season, but whether it be the racing or social seasons I'm not quite sure. Well, anyway, let's recap on the closing events of the racing season.

On Aug. 31st as you know, the Association '50' was held. The conditions, though dry for a change, were far from easy, but we managed to gain the team award with Ken Stevens returning 2-13-57, followed closely by Brian Cornwall with 2-14-10. An interesting tussle for the honour of third man in the team took place between keen rivals Quentin Rance and Johnny Mayes, and it was Quentin's 2-16-50 (his fastest so far) which gained him this position. The margin in this personal battle was narrow, however, for John came in only four seconds slower than his rival, beating his previous best by nearly three minutes. On Sept. 21st four of the racing men went to the west in search of a last-minute improvement in the fast Bognor Regis C.C. '25'. On this occasion, however, the exposed nature of the course proved rather a drawback, as wind and rain slowed almost all the riders. Ken made a time of 1-2-45, failing to get out of his '2' rut, Johnny Mayes recorded 1-4-7 (his second fastest ever), and 'Yaky' returned to the timekeeper in 1-5-20, just bearing Quentin with 1-5-40. At one time the Rovers were challenging for second place in the team competition, but fast times by late finishers put paid to our hopes in that direction.

On Oct. 5th we saw the re-introduction of the club hill-climb, which is held on Sanatorium Hill, East Dean. Ken Stevens showed that by learning a hill's peculiarities through daily riding can pay off, by winning the event. He reached the top in 3 mins. 1.8 secs. Next man up 10 secs. behind was Ken Miller, riding gears, and making a welcome reappearance to the 'battle-field'. Third place went to 'Whippet' Manser, who promptly fell off at the top and vowed never to ride another hill-climb. The club B.A.R. Trophy for 1958 has been won by Brian Cornwall, the Stanley Cup for the fastest '25' by Denzil de Grey with a time of 1-0-28. Colin Brook, a new member, has won the novices cup. On October 19th we had our annual run to the Catford Hill Climb, where we were privileged to see a grand performance put up by Dave Patten, in coming second in this classic event. For the third year running the boys started on a run to that elusive place 'Wheelbarrow Town', near Maidstone. This time we were successful in reaching our target, though the run was marred by an unfortunate incident caused by a careless motorist, resulting in Dave Dunbar parting with his 'iron' in an unaccustomed manner, making the machine

very unrideable, while Stan and his cycle of nine lives escaped with just one bent crank.

STOP PRESS. 'Yaki' would have it to be known through these columns that his training runs have not been done on British Railways, and that the keen mass-start rider spreading these rumours around is on the wrong track. (He must be confusing you with Willcocks! - Ed.). A reliable agent has informed me that Len Novis is thinking of entering his car in next year's R.A.C. London to Brighton Veteran car run.

Advert: Anyone interested in hiring a cycle for 'rough-stuff' riding please write to Stan Nash, Knocked-Up Cycle Co., Eastbourne.

Well, this is all for now except to say that our club dinner will be held at the Devonshire Lawns Restaurant on Feb. 7th, at 7.30 p.m., and everyone will be most welcome.

COUREUR.

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SPARTAN C.R.C.

Now the end of the Season (the racing one, remember) has arrived, now also has the time for excuses. Our bold bid to have a team in the Association B.A.R. came to a sad end on the morning of the '50'. The start of the dreadful misfortune came at 4-30 a.m., when the driver of the van, one Michael Charles Walker, found that the ignition key had vanished through a hole in his jeans. This meant a mad dash (23 miles) to the start on those precious light 'tubs'. I arrived there with thirty seconds to go and an extremely painful and nicely swollen 'housemaid's knee'. Walker the coward was attacked by a ferocious herd of cows and failed to start. Later on, though, the sun came out when Bernie Dean bagged second place with a 2-12-54. We did not enter a team for the last '25' as this did not fit in with our programme, so our next event was the Hill Climb. Although not gaining any awards, two of our boys showed great promise in this their first attempt at climbing. For Terry Woodley this was his first-ever bike race, and he put up the incredible time of 2 mins. 0 secs., while junior K. Kewell made it in 2-12 3/5 secs. On the whole this, our first season, has been a very successful one with quite a good haul of prizes on road and track, and of course (EASTBOURNE) rollers. Being first and foremost a racing club we do not have much in the way of social activities (only

at Herstmonceux - Ed.), but there is talk among some of the lower types in the club of challenging ESCA clubs to a table skittles and snuff-taking match. If the challenge is accepted by any unwary club, I feel it only fair to warn them that these Spartan boys are in strict training on a diet of beer, skittles and the old brown powder.

A. NON.

SPARTAN SCANDAL (Part Two).

Mrs. Walker would like to know "Who were the two drunken louts who crawled round my lawn on hands and knees in the early hours one Monday morning recently?"

Who has received a police summons requiring him to appear in court at Antwerp, Belgium, on Jan. 21st, to hear a sentence pronounced?

PUBLIC NOTICE

I ANTONI MOORHOUSE hereby declare that if a certain Mint Humbug Pedlar does not stop making clandestine visits to my wife at her place of employ, the said Pedlar of Rock and What Have You will receive a right punch up the old bracket.

RYE AND DISTRICT WHEELERS Drum Beats.

Koom. Let all men know how in Council certain ones arose and cried: "Why was not the Drum beaten a while ago?". And the Drum Beater answered: "What did thou worth the beating? also what if I did beat that which is true of all things?". Whereupon there spake one who said: "Let truth be known for it is not always honey on the lips". Wherefore I tell how Frenchi the Twiddler did lay low the men of Hast-ings and now doth dry "Who is this fagazoni (fellow) Booty, and soon will I join a fast club... Oh Kon!" Also I tell how the Captain of the Impi came to the place of meeting and few were there for some had gone to the place of no thinking called Pic-tures and others to swim in waters that may not be drunk which is against the religion of the tribe. And thus did he so again and again for which the Captain did go to the Council and lay before them his plumes of rank saying "Oh Councillors, take these

and make them into small parts, one for each of the People that they may each take a part and store it in a safe place even as the apes of the trees do nuts! Also I tell how Kempus the long one did take the Impi over the Downs and the Maiden of the Treacle Mines, the Bearer of the Jam Jar did cry: "This is Lush", but certain of the men said: "The going is hard and not like unto concrete", and one other spake thus: "Let us return early to our kraals, for I would worship at the Gabbing Goggle Box, the devil called Old Telly, who's sign is many toasting forks on the roof". And at this the Aged One spake words saying: "Oh pity the small things that come in the night to suck men's blood for in the veins of these is nought but the water of gnats".

Also I tell a tale against the Aged One who went forth into the land and stopped at a hut bearing a shield marked: 'Tamplins', which he did enter and spoke to a maid called 'Bar' who gave him food and drink, and as he made good his strength there came a stranger who wore the marks of En Cee U and Cee Tee Cee, also Yo Ho, and this stranger greeted the Old One as a brother and an equal and spoke of far places known to the Old One and the Old One's heart was glad when the stranger praised the steed he rode saying "It soars the hills like an Aasrogel (vulture) do the clouds and on the veldt it is faster than the Impala (buck) in flight from the hunter". The Old One cried: "Let me but look at this marvel and how is it called and the stranger said it is called 'Heinkel' and doth many miles to the gallon", whereat the Old One strode forth saying: "Oh, Petrol Propelled Prole-Oh Mechanically Motivated Monstrosity - oh Mopedic Moron !!" Also I tell how certain ones went afar off until they came to a desert place and knew not which way was which; but he who led said "Fear not for I have a skin with devil marks called Map which shall tell us", and this he drew forth and looked upon and did cry "Taggatti" (witchcraft) the land has been altered". Whereupon another did look saying: "Oh thou trustless one, this is the wrong skin". Wherefore there is a new proverb in the land which says: "As one who would tour the New Forest with a map of East Kent".  
Walk in peace .....

THE DRUM BEATER.

Things are not too bad in this educated part of Sussex. The Scooter and Motor-Cycle Section is falling and Ganger is in Scotland (who said "hurrah" ?). The boys are starting to do the rounds of the dinners. I believe I am right in saying that 'Opera' was in a fit state after the Tunbridge Wells dinner and rode home !!! David is now our first 'barrow-boy'; he has been instructed by 'Cedge' - a first-rate teacher if I may say so. The racing as far as '25's' were concerned was good, and if we had all ridden together club team aggregate would have been broken. There was no B.A.R. champion this year, as no-one finished a '12'. 'Jasper' or 'Ginger' or sometimes known as Ken crashed in the Poole Wheelers '12'. David Dalziel recorded the fastest official '25' of the year in the 29th Wheelers event on G.9, with 1-2-33, and Robin Russell (now clean shaven again) did 1-3-6, with no third man. Robin Byrnes did a 1-2-30 in a private trial, riding '96' by mistake instead of '84'. There is now much social season talk of 'tuggo' racing next year; everyone seems to be buying mass-start 'irons'. There was a coach outing with Uckfield to London to see a show. The trip was organised by 'Hairy-face' Lowry - it suits him, I will say. A certain young 'Farmer' who was chain-smoking Magnum cigars, said he did not feel well, also a certain clique from Newick who smoked matches in their opium pipes! A train trip was taken to Cambridge by eight members. They went to Ely and Newmarket and back again to Cambridge. I might add that a certain distance man complained at 7.30 a.m. when the bar on the train was not open.

Wedding bells will be heard in Burgess Hill around Christmas time when Sid Stoner and Margaret Bowden will be wed. (NOTE: 'Sid' Thorpe Inc. has been trying to sell them a trailer). We wish you all the best Sid and Margaret. Our Club Dinner will be held at the Hayworthe Hotel, Haywards Heath on December 6th). I wonder if Ed. will come this year with half Shortbridge Corner on his large posterior. (Not likely - I'm riding ratchet treads now - Ed.). We will be holding our Christmas Hilly '20' on the Sunday before Christmas, with the usual 'bun fight' afterwards.

Club trophy winners are as follows :-

Junior Championship	D. Homewood	23.647 m.p.h.
Ladies Cup	Mrs. B. Honess	
Festival Bowl	R. Byrnes	2-11-22
Anniversary Trophy	K. Atkins	4-48-57
Jubilee Trophy	D. Dalziel	1-2-33

Nan's ghost. One of the interesting characters of Sussex was Jack Fuller. He was a rather eccentric man who lived in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and was known as a 'Folly' builder. He is responsible for five of these 'follies'. They are situated in the part of Sussex a few miles north-west of Battle. One is an obelisk on Brightling Down known as 'Brightling Needle'. Another is the 'Sugar Loaf' at Dallington which he built because of a boast that he could see Dallington church spire from his window. He found he could not and ordered the 'spire' to be built so that it just appeared above the trees. It is said that a man once spent a year inside the Sugar Loaf without ever coming out, cutting his nails or his hair, or washing, for a wager. Fuller also built the observatories, and his tomb is yet another 'folly'. He was the M.P. for Sussex and had a great deal of money with which he was very generous. He bought Bodiam Castle to stop it going to ruin. His tomb is a huge pyramid in Brightling churchyard which dominates all the other graves. He is said to be sitting inside in full evening dress before a roast chicken and a bottle of claret.

How many people in Sussex know what a 'grommet' is? Very few, I expect. It is one of the old Sussex crafts. They used to be made at Harting, a little village near Chichester. For the first few years of the last war the Royal Navy was almost dependent on the few cottagers who made grommets. These are small pieces of tape twisted round tiny steel cylinders, and they are a kind of washer. The condensers of liners are made up of hundreds of tubes. On each tube fits a grommet which allows for the expansion and contraction of the tube and also prevents salt water from getting into the boiler. The tape is stitched tightly round the cylinder in a special way, and is then taken off. They used to make three to four hundred a day, but nowadays few vessels are dependent on grommets for a machine-made product is said to be more efficient.

Sussex has many other interesting tales, crafts and people, but I think that these are some of the most intriguing.



possible. Gordon, having more maritime interests, hopes to mix his cycling with yachting. Don says that due to lack of training time he expects to do only short distances. Phil Corby is going to try some track racing and Doughy some more of the bunched game, while Bill will be racing as before. Yours truly, a bachelor now that the 'Ewell Affair' has ceased, (I was threatened with awful reprisals by the club if that wasn't inserted), has said he will do more touring and less racing next year - a remark made every Social Season. So far, three members have bought 'gen mass-start irons' for next season, and several others talk of squipping themselves with the latest in continental accessories. The 'dernier cri', however, comes from Crow, who is now a tricyclist of sorts. Actually it's a conversion fitting to his track bike, which Holdsworth's say is highly unsuitable and tricky, and doubtless accounts for some 'spectacular' descents. The above rider has become a roughstuff enthusiast and has recently discovered a short cut from Punnett's Town to Burwash Common via a couple of farms, four fields, a wood and a doubtful plank serving as a bridge over the swirling waters of the Dudwell.

In the last issue I announced Don's engagement and now there's another, this time Bill Payne (Little Bill) has become engaged to Miss Pauline Bernard of Lewes. Knowing the reputation of some of the Wanderers, no more 'gen' is being given! One item missed out earlier was the Southborough Tourist Competition, in which Crow and Phil Corby rode. It was tougher than last year, but great fun, Crow winning the event by only  $\frac{1}{2}$  point from the Wheelers Hon. Sec. Joe Wallace, with Phil ninth after scoring highest points in the roughstuff section. Finally, the club would like to thank all marshals, officials, and everyone else, especially Mrs. Funnell, for their support during 1958, and wish a Happy Christmas and New Year to the same.

CROW.

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CALLING ALL PRESS SECRETARIES !!!!!

Please note that deadline for contributions to the Spring edition of 'Bonk' will be February 26th, 1959. Vile curses will be heaped on the head of anyone who forgets !!

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FOR SALE.

2 good road frames; 2 pairs sprints (Campag Q/R on Fiamme and Harden 1/4 on Mephisto); Mafac brakes; Titan bars and stem; Gnutti cotterless d/ch. set; Swallow saddle; tubs, &c. Going cheap for quick sale. Apply: Sharp, 'Appletrees', Kingston, Nr. Lewes.

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FOR SALE.

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22 $\frac{1}{2}$ " road frame with preferably 72 or 73 degree parallel angles. Enamel condition unimportant. Also Dunlop 'Competition' or Mansfield 'North Road' saddle. P.J. Crowsley, Mill Hill, Edenbridge. Phone Edenbridge 2393 (evenings).

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Copy of 'BONK' for Spring 1955 in reasonable condition. D. Neeves, 19, East Parade, Hastings.

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SOUTHBOROUGH NEWS.

With the last Quarter now crossing the photo finish and with everything over bar the arm lifting, a backward glance at the '58 racing scene may be of interest. The B.A.R. table shows ten riders having complete sets of figures, exceeding last year's 'high' of seven. Ron Hayward's winning average speed was a club record and now gives him premier place for the fifth time, the last four times in succession, Jack Daniel intervening in 1953 and 1954 to isolate Ron's 1952 win. Apart from Ron's performance this year and with the exception of Les Hayman's 4-29-16 '100', club members performances on time have been of a low order. Nevertheless the competition has paradoxically been the keenest ever with thirty-four riders having competed to a record total of more than 13,000 miles of completed events. The K.C.A. '100' saw eleven riders take part and all

complete the distance, with Pete Cooke gaining second handicap award. Others to win Association awards were Phil Hennessey (1st hcap. in ESCA '50'), Les Hayman (third in KCA '12' with almost an 'evens' ride), team prize in the Kent NCU hillclimb on Boxley (Alan Bathurst, Dick Robbins and Phil Hennessey obliging); and Dawn Hayward's 1st h'cap. in the Oldbury '12' from 6 with an actual 205 miles. Club events have been supported even more than last year's record, with the Racing Secretary having an easy task to find marshals. Here for the record are the Southborough B.A.R. tables :-

SENIOR B.A.R. (Figures in brackets denote previous best placings).

1.	R. Hayward	(1)	1	2	2	2	6	17	4	26	58	235.57	22.511
2.	Les Hayman	(2)	1	3	51	2	11	47	4	29	16	239.69	22.129
3.	Arthur Parks	(3)	1	6	2	2	17	4	4	54	59	223.46	20.891
4.	Reg Smith	(-)	1	6	35	2	21	18	4	52	48	222.73	20.703
5.	Brian Leyland	(-)	1	3	53	2	22	8	5	8	37	225.05	20.696
6.	Ted Boorman	(-)	1	6	39	2	23	18	5	2	10	224.69	20.505
7.	Phil Hennessey	(-)	1	5	48	2	22	39	5	5	16	213.00	20.308
8.	Peter Cooke	(5)	1	6	38	2	26	36	5	1	1	217.10	20.249
9.	Geoff Hayman	(6)	1	8	16	2	27	59	5	8	10	219.69	20.006
10.	George Cheesman	(7)	1	11	6	2	29	32	5	16	29	217.61	19.528

LADIES B.A.R.

1.	Dawn Hayward			28	57	1	13	54	1	32	4		20.193
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JUNIOR B.A.R.

1.	Brian Leyland	(1)		25	2	1	3	52	1	19	51		23.330
2.	John Goldsmith	(2)		25	37	1	5	11	1	23	7		22.697
3.	Phil Hennessey	(3)		25	44	1	5	48	1	22	11		22.671
4.	Howard Dodsworth	(-)		26	39	1	7	9	1	26	17		21.905
5.	Antony Branch	(-)		29	37	1	13	6	1	37	52		19.725

This analysis shows the trend towards distance riding is being maintained. The weather analysis shows a proportion of good mornings in excess of the average, a comforting thought if you believe that what has happened will happen again. March was again poor, with two cold freezing mornings, one rough-house, one average and one favourable. The four September mornings were all favourable as more or less expected, as were the 'banker' week-ends of the last in June and the first in July. Club trophy winners were: '25' Ron Hayward with

1-2-2; '50' Ron again in club record 2-6-17; '100' Ron narrowly in front of Les Hayman in club record 4-26-58; 12 hrs. Les Hayman with 239.69 mls. It seems that as the distance increases so Les comes up from behind to lead Ron, an interesting exercise for graph grapplers. Hill-climb champion for the second year was Dick Robbins. Ride of the year was young Brian Leyland's 225 ml. '12', his first attempt at the age of eighteen. Members were particularly disappointed that there was no Central Sussex Cyclo Cross, as many would have ridden including two ladies, after a night's camping nearby.

For the touring and social side club membership remains in the steady sixties with 90% active membership. Jack Daniel, a past club B.A.R. and his wife Betty, both very active in their organising activities, have unfortunately for the club moved away from the district to take up residence in the Bath Road area. Reg Smith has come to live in the district and is a new intake along with several youngsters. The Tourist Competition was won by last year's runner-up, Crow of the Grinstead, in a photo-finish with Joe Wallace. The attendance competition went to Phil Hennessey, whilst the ladies section went to first-timer Diane Elkington, who is now engaged to our slow-starting Les Hayman! Late tours by members were an October trip in the Lakes enjoyed by Geoff Hayman and Mike Daniel (brother of Jack), and a fell-walking long week-end in the Lakes taken by Diane and Les. The K.C.A. Dinner at Maidstone saw a club record party of twenty in attendance with the aid of a hired coach. Alan Bathurst was our sole representative at the 'Fairies' dinner; while a dozen Wheelers enjoyed themselves at the Tunbridge Wells R.C. 'annual'. Twenty was again the number at the B.B.A.R. Concert, travel this time was by courtesy of the 'steamoil'. Soon all will be set for the Wheelers' own celebration on Dec. 20th at the Social Centre, Tonbridge, and the late end of year celebrations to close part one of the Social Season. So until next year it's goodbye now from the Southborough Wheelers, including .....

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The Great White Chief is said to be wearing a cap purchased for one penny at a jumble sale !

Is it true that the Veteran Car Club has had several applications for membership from Association 'fast men' ?

We hear that ..... an Uckfield member calling at a clubmate's flat found a young lady hammering on the door and calling for Mr. X. When the said gentleman arrived he claimed that he had never met the lady before ?????

It is reported that after the Luncheon, a lavatory seat was found in the middle of the back yard of the Chatsworth Hotel, bearing the Inscription: "LEN PRICE SAT HERE".

It appears that there will shortly be a sequel to Crow's "Cycling in Soho". Doughy Wood, abetted by Pete Tester of the Redhill C.C., is rapidly becoming a connoisseur of Soho 'Art' shops.

Alan 'Rockefeller' Hurst wishes to deny the rumour that he bought up Ron Kitching's entire stand at the Cycle Show in order to have some of his other bikes re-equipped.

Heard at the A.G.M.:-

CHAIRMAN: "Any nominations for Vice-Chairman.

A DELEGATE: "I propose Mr. Price".

Mr. PRICE: "To avoid misunderstanding, I'd like to make it clear that I am Mr. Austen-Price of Northiam".



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