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EDITORIAL

There is little doubt that the loss incurred by the Croxley and Rickmansworth Civic Restaurants for the year ended 31st March, 1950, came as an unpleasant shock to the ratepayers. As will be seen from the figures appearing on Page 5, the deficit of £1,444, which will have to be borne by the General Rate Fund, is one ratepayers cannot afford, and whatever action is to be taken will require to be drastic: £1,444 approximates 1½d. in every £ of Rateable Value.

In the twelve months ended 31st March, 1950, business done at the Restaurants had dropped to one-third of that for the years 1944/5 to 1949/50—an alarming decline in any trading concern. And what has proved more serious is the fact that in the subsequent period, 1st April to 29th June, the trading decline continues.

The keenest critic must admit that these restaurants have, in the past, served good purpose, but the issue of their continued existence is one which must now be faced and decision taken; for unless the Council and we, the ratepayers (for the restaurants are Civic ventures it must be remembered), can effect a quick transformation or reorganisation, then they become, on their present cost, a luxury which the Community, as a whole, cannot afford.

We recommend readers to the details in this issue of an abbreviated report of the Rickmansworth U.D.C. Road Safety Committee, which performs extremely valuable work much of which is behind the scenes, and merits greater acknowledgement than it receives.

Events move quickly these days—so quickly that at times it is difficult to keep pace. So, too, has the face of Croxley Green changed; changed in two decades from village to township. Whilst we are still a community we must nevertheless move with the times, and the General Committee has decided to change the name of this journal from the "Croxley Community News" to "The Croxley Resident," which, after all, is the name by which we are so widely known—even far beyond our own district boundaries.

Much forethought was given before taking this step and we trust it meets with your approval.

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There was a time when events in the Far East were something which seemed remote and detached from our everyday lives. The advancement of science with its mixed bag of blessings and regrets, coupled with clash of ideologies, has brought the very world to our doorstep.

In a world ever troubled with the shadows of war and hostile forces, we must once again be on our guard lest our liberty and freedom is endangered.

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The rapid recovery of Mr. H. F. Newton from his sudden and serious illness has been a source of pleasure to his many friends and fellow members of the South Ward, where he has performed such energetic and valuable work as a Committee Member and Street Steward.

We also take the opportunity of expressing our best wishes for a speedy recovery back to full health and vigour of Committee Members, Mr. W. Blanchard and Mrs. R. Crocker.

FAMILY

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A. E. DARVILL

BUTCHER

A FRIENDLY WORD OF WARNING

Boys will be boys the world over, and until the end of Time their super-abundance of energy will lead them into trouble and the periodic disfavour of their elders. In the full knowledge—for we have all been young once—of the attractiveness of any unusual sport or feature to youth we must with reluctance, but insistence, ask for the use of Croxley Green woods as cycle, dirt and speedway tracks to cease.

Several incidents have been reported to us recently of residents, whilst enjoying a quiet stroll in the peace and beauty of the woods, being suddenly confronted by youths cycling along the narrow paths at high speed. And small open spaces have been churned up for "cornering" or "skidding." (We make no comment as to the effect on the machines.)

It would therefore be advisable if parents would bring home to the boys the danger of this practice. So far there has been no report of serious injury, but that is more by luck than good guidance (augmented by the agility of the strollers, no doubt!), and one of these days unlucky parents may find themselves facing a heavy claim for damages as a result of a serious injury sustained in the very last place one should meet cyclists.

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TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

When reading *THE CROXLEY RESIDENT*, it has often occurred to me that there is too much masculinity about it. I do feel that a little of the feminine touch should be applied now and again just to give to the publication that little bit of charm which the female of the species brings to any gathering.

Having thought thus, I wondered how many of the ladies of Croxley Green belong to the Townswomen's Guild, an active branch of which meets at Dickinsons' Guild House the second Friday in each month. The objects of the Guild are "to encourage the education of women to enable them as citizens to make their best contribution towards the common good. To serve as a common meeting ground for women irrespective of creed and party, for their wider education, including social intercourse."

The "social" side covers a very large range: Choral, Drama, Dressmaking, Handicraft, Horticulture, Play-reading, to name only a few.

Gone are the days when a woman's place was in her home; every thinking woman knows that to do duty to her home and family she must take a very wide interest in everyday affairs, and the Townswomen's Guild will help her to do this, and, incidentally, to meet some very charming and interesting people.

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CHILDREN'S SPORTS (Barton Road Recreation Ground)

Many children (and their parents) enjoyed a pleasant afternoon as the guests of the Croxley Green Co-operative Society on Saturday, 1st July, at Barton Way Recreation Ground. Children always enjoy a sports or field day, especially when there is the prospect of winning a prize for doing something better than anyone else, and when there is also the added attraction of having tea or "pop" and buns!

Any effort which serves to unite the children of the district in the enjoyment of the fine fresh air which abounds at Croxley Green is worthy of commendation.

FOUNTAINS OF WISDOM

Speaking recently at Little Green Lane School, the Headmaster stressed the urgent need for drinking fountains in the playgrounds, and intimated that he was taking all possible action to this end, as the children are now limited to a communal mug, the use of which, by so many, is causing concern.

We heartily endorse his efforts and will ourselves press this point, not only for Little Green Lane, but for all other schools.

LITTLE GREEN LANE SCHOOL SPORTS

The well organised inter-house sports, arranged by the staff of the Little Green Lane School, were held on the School ground on Tuesday, 27th July.

There was much competition for the honours and many children were seen to push out their chests ~~to~~ twice normal when they had secured a few points for their "House." "Red House" finally triumphed, but we hear that the other houses have vowed to put matters aright next year.

It is gratifying to see so many parents at these functions—a detail which means so much to the children and the school staff.

Lt.-Col. Goad presented the honours and said a few well-chosen words to the children.

THE GREEN

We are pleased to note the Commoners have now agreed to send a delegate to the Committee Meetings of the Croxley Green Society, a resolution which we feel will not only lead to a full resumption and enjoyment of the Green's amenities, but will at the same time safeguard the interests of the Commoners.

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WATFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

The first HOME game of the new season is against Reading F.C. on 24th August. It is an evening fixture.

Subsequent first team games are:—

Sat., 26th August	...	Watford v. Exeter
Wed., 30th August	...	Reading v. Watford
Sat., 2nd Sept.	...	Bournemouth v. Watford
Thurs., 7th Sept.	...	Watford v. Newport
Sat., 9th Sept.	...	Watford v. Gillingham
Wed., 13th Sept.	...	Newport v. Watford
Sat., 16th Sept.	...	Bristol C. v. Watford
Sat., 23rd Sept.	...	Millwall v. Watford
Sat., 30th Sept.	...	Watford v. Brighton & Hove

Saturday kick-offs are 3.15 p.m.

FURTHER EDUCATION CENTRE

The provisional Autumn programme includes the following September and early October events:—

Thursday, 21st Sept.—Social at Guildhouse.

Wednesday, 27th. Sept.—Country Square Dancing, at Durrants School, 7 p.m.: also every Wednesday.

Tuesday, 3rd Oct. and alternate Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Old Boys' School.—“Natural History of English Countryside.” (Mr. Innocent.)

Thursday, 5th Oct. and every Thursday, 7.30 p.m., at Old Boys' School.—“Art Workshop.” (Mr. Watkinson.)

Tuesday, 10th Oct.—“Current Affairs,” at Old Boys' School, at 7.30 p.m. (Miss Bankart.)

In this issue we can only include a few of the events.

DECORATIONS GENERAL REPAIRS

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CHAIRMAN

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This month of August has continued to maintain its character. The great majority of us who recently have been, are now in the circumstances I am not going to ask you to study a contentious subject affecting our locality! Rather am I glad to include the period following your return from that well

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Doubtless you have many commitments, and when you call against the time available, there may well be a very small venture. Believe me, I would be a very much happier man for my contribution toward making CROXLEY GREEN an even better

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COMING EVENTS

We are prepared to announce and give brief details of any coming events in the locality which are likely to prove of interest to residents and their families.

Any organisation wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should notify the Editor some eight weeks before the event is due to take place, giving details as to the nature and purpose of the function, the venue and the sponsors.

Publication will be subject to availability of space and at the discretion of the Editor and the Committee of the Association.

CIVIC RESTAURANTS

Disturbing Losses

Year ended 31st March, 1950:—

	Ricky	Croxley	Total
Trading loss for year	£460	£345	£805
Repayments of principal on loans raised to finance pur- chase of buildings and initial equipment	£465	£174	£639
Deficit for year to be carried forward to General Rate Fund	£925	£519	£1,444

Period 1st April to 29th June, 1950:—

Trading loss	£256	£181	£437
Net deficit	£372	£223	£595

(See Editorial)

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Whether you are an old resident or a newcomer matters nothing; the especial concern is that both old and new are brought together in communal interest, and what better medium exists than participation in our membership.

My earnest hope is that, when planning your future activities, you will seriously consider joining us as a first and sure step to helping not only your neighbour but yourself. To those of you who feel unable to promise active assistance, let me say that much service can be given by membership alone, but, where an odd hour or two each month can be devoted to active service, then so much the better.

Remember above all that the Croxley Green Residents Association remains, as always, non-political and will take no part in furthering any political activities.

May I now leave this question to your consideration, in the sure knowledge that next year's "planning sheet" will have shown that not only have you been able to complete the details of another holiday, but have also contributed toward making CROXLEY GREEN a worthy place to which to return.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

How many Residents in Croxley Green are aware that the Citizen's Advice Bureau still functions in the Council Chamber, Rickmansworth, every Monday, from 2 p.m. until 4.30 p.m., and every Friday, from 11 a.m. until 12.30 p.m.

This service, started primarily to meet a war-time emergency, is now firmly established as a permanent part of community life. Many people think that these Bureaux should have closed down after the War, but if one looks closely at our everyday life, it is obvious that now, more than ever before, some place is needed where the average citizen may go for advice on the ever-growing legislation of our day.

If you have a problem, don't be afraid to take it to the C.A.B., where you will receive sympathetic hearing and free advice from voluntary workers. It is sponsored by a representative committee free from all political bias and therefore everyone may feel free to seek help without a bar of any kind.

Quoting from a pamphlet published by the National Council of Social Service Inc. "It acts as a clearing house of information, as an interpreter of current legislation and as a liaison between the various statutory and voluntary agencies, referring to the appropriate authority enquiries which are outside its scope."

In plain English—if you want to know anything ask the Citizen's Advice Bureau. They've got all the answers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Space, unfortunately, does not permit publication of letters received following the article "Eyesores and Open Spaces" and Mr. Wilk's letter which appeared in our May/June issue. The Editor wishes therefore to convey his thanks to all correspondents whose communications have been placed before the General Committee as a clear confirmation of the action taken by the Association.

Whilst fully appreciating the difficulties facing the Authorities, it is felt that this is a matter on which a satisfactory solution **MUST** be found. There are too many waste dumping sites in Croxley Green, and they have been allowed to remain too long.

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The accidents reported for March, April and May, 1950, numbered 59, of which 26 resulted in personal injuries, two of them fatal.

The 26 were classified as follows:—

Pedal cyclists, 9
 Motor cyclists, 9
 Car and lorry drivers and passengers, 4
 Child cyclists, 3
 Child pedestrians, 1
 Pedestrians, 0

Croxley Green's share of the above was 3 motor and 1 pedal cyclist—none fatal. Significantly, 5 pedal cyclists' accidents took place in the Scots Hill region.

Expert opinion states that defective driving was the major cause of accidents, and an analysis of 51 reveals that buses or lorries (15) and cars (11) topped this dubious poll—although "dogs, resulting in no damage," had an unwelcome total of 9.

Close attention is given to roads in this vicinity and we cannot praise this too much for the school children of today are the drivers of tomorrow, and there is no school age at which vigilance in the use of the road can be omitted.

Our delegate on the Rickmansworth U.D.C. Road Safety Committee is Mrs. R. Crocker.

SOCIAL SIDE

Have you your diary handy? Make a note of the new season's programme now.

1950 23rd	SEPTEMBER	}	Old Time Dances at All Saints Church Hall 7.45 to 11.45 p.m. Admission 2s. 6d.
18th	November		
30th	December		
1951 27th	January	}	
3rd	March		
14th	April		
26th	May		

The Andre Simone Orchestra has been engaged for all these dances.

Everyone is welcome—beginners and experts alike and the former may be encouraged to know that demonstrations will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Higgs.

One word of warning! These dances are very popular and on a number of occasions last year it was "Sorry, tickets sold out." Moreover, some patrons seeking admission at the door had to be regretfully turned away as the numbers are limited. Make certain you get your tickets early this year and avoid disappointment.

On 20th December there will be a SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE, 7.45 p.m. at St. Oswald's Church Hall admission 2s.

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RAILWAYS

Croxley Green Society has expressed disapproval at the action of the Railway Executive, who changed the name of the "Met" Station to "Croxcley" on the grounds that the "L.M.S." Station, being the oldest, should retain the full title of "Croxcley Green."

The Railway Executive admitted that neither local opinion nor comment was sought, and the decision was made an "inter-railway operation."

This action, following that concerning the "5-day Weekly Season" recently, will certainly not improve the "Executive's" reputation in Croxcley Green.

CROXCLEY GREEN HORTICULTURAL AND ALLOTMENT HOLDERS' SOCIETY

We have long held the opinion that "all the world's a garden" and our perambulations in Croxcley Green confirm that view. It is indeed pleasant, on these summer evenings, to see the attractiveness of local front gardens (we do not presume to mention the gardens at the back) and to realise how much labour and patience has gone into the task.

A reward for this "labour of love" will be forthcoming at the Annual Show of Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables and Honey, to be staged by the above-mentioned Society on Saturday, 23rd September at Dickinson Guildhouse. A study of the catalogue shows that this 1950 Show promises to maintain the excellent standard associated with the Society; beside money prizes there are many special awards including 8 cups and a shield (open to schools), 10 medals, gardeners' first-aid boxes and an array of diplomas and certificates of merit. The classes number no less than 110, and range from roses to rhubarb and dahlias to duck eggs. The ladies' class looks particularly inviting, and includes the time-honoured "Best Home-made Cake." There are children's classes, novices classes, and a special class for the best allotment or garden up to 10 poles. Altogether, a very comprehensive show is promised, and Croxcley Green and his wife (and children) should make a date at "Guildhouse, 23rd September 2.30 p.m."

Catalogues and all details from the Hon. Sec., Miss K. M. Raggett, 39 Watford Road.

BUSES

At a further meeting of the Watford and District Area Council (Bus Services) on 22nd June, consideration was given to a number of suggested alterations to various local bus services. The suggestions followed upon careful observations made by members of the committee and our delegates assure us that the London Transport Executive are being acquainted with a formidable list of public transport shortcomings.

It is apparent that the Area Council are determined to press for much-needed reforms, and we are indeed pleased to hear that the often-criticised 385 Service is high on the list. Now that a united effort is at last being made, we extend to the Area Council our good wishes and unqualified support. May it soon convince the L.T.E., that, so far as the campaign for better bus services is concerned, there can now be no question of a "request stop."

JOINING THE FAMILY CIRCLE

One of the unavoidable results of the country-wide shortage of houses and the consequent search for accommodation has been the necessity for families to leave the area where ties of friendship and good neighbourliness meant so much, and travel to a new locality where they know no-one and where they themselves are complete strangers.

The problem of "settling down" in new surroundings is one that can cause the newcomers, especially the womenfolk, not a little concern, and this is as well-recognised in Croxcley Green as elsewhere.

We cordially extend an invitation to all new residents to membership of this Association which, with wide experience on which to draw, willingly offers advice and assistance in any matter which may be causing anxiety. Not the least of the features of the Croxcley Green Residents' Association is the social side, and participation in its varied programme would soon prove that there is no better way of entering into the life of Croxcley Green.

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