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## EDITORIAL

The R.U.D.C. would now seem to have once more got into its stride, after the early summer elections and the consequent re-shuffling of sub-committee personnel, and the ratepayers generally—and those of Croxley Green in particular—have reason to congratulate the new Chairman, Mr. Pitkin, on the promise he has already shown in bringing sound commonsense and strict impartiality to bear in all his Council tasks. We in Croxley Green are conscious of the honour paid to this community in the choice of Council Chairman; many have wondered just how soon a local man would attain that office, and now that the occasion has at last arisen, we shall watch his progress with real and sincere regard. It is inherent that in a democracy there should be maintained the tradition of "fair play," and we are confident that, given the whole-hearted co-operation of fellow Councilors and Officers, he will invest his appointment with the dignity and right-mindedness of which we know he is capable, and, to that end, he has the assurance of this Association's continued interest.

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The County Council elections in June once again drew our attention to the poor response by the electors, and the local contribution towards support of the candidates must have been one of the lowest on record. When it is realised that the would-be County Councillor, knowing full well the heavy calls that will be made on his already curtailed spare time, still has a sufficiently strong sense of public well-being to decide to seek such an office, it seems odd that his action produces no more than a cursory interest among those very people who seek to be represented and who would quite rightly complain at the denial of such representation. In these days of soaring expenditure in regard to Rates, it cannot be too often pointed out how large a proportion is required for "County" spending, and every citizen who is concerned as to "just where the money goes," and who has a vote to use in sending someone to find out, should most certainly exercise it.

The glamour of seeing one's words in print is very real and is, indeed, one of the cornerstones on which the edifice of Journalism is built, since quite a large part of the printed word may be regarded as propaganda of one sort or another, and is an effort to direct one's fellows toward some particular tenet, system or doctrine. There is no harm in propaganda when it is limited to its literal definition, as no discerning person would fail to detect that it was propaganda, nor be influenced by it against logical reasoning. Thus, so long as it sticks to the facts we cannot have too much of it for, all too often, one dose is promptly cancelled out by another, as contesting parties vie with each other in presenting their "case." Consequently, whilst the fundamental interpretation of Journalism remains the presentation of news and views with truth and veracity, there will always be room for new disciples within its fold, and, after this digression, we return to offer a welcome to a newcomer in local press circles.

A month or two ago a new, small journal made its appearance in this area. Coloured blue, and bearing the title "Day by Day" it proved to be the organ of the Conservative Party for South-West Herts. As a Party magazine one naturally expected it would display a leaning in a certain direction, and we like to feel that readers of its opposite "persuasion" will disdain to regard its advent as in any way challenging to their "Tower of Pisa." We feel sure it will be read by all whom it reaches for, after all, the more one reads the more one should remember, and any editor will admit that his nightmare is the reader with a better memory than his own. The progress of any publication is usually dependent upon the maintenance of interest in the way its news is presented, and not that it necessarily purports to be the views of right, left or centre. So, then, in extending a greeting to "Day by Day" may we express the opinion that only constant endeavour will result in its justified existence—who knows!—"Year by Year."

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## HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID . . .

The weeks pass rapidly and events come and fade, but we make no apology for recalling Croxley's most successful Festival Day—one which will remain in the memory. Our "reporter" was "on the job" and perhaps you were one of the members of the public, selected at random, to whom he said, "What do you think of it?" Below are the replies, and if ever spontaneous public opinion endorsed an event's success we think it did on that occasion.

"As a village festival, one of the best ever; have been round the world, but haven't seen 'Mummers' before. Thanks to the organisers who catered well for all; we thoroughly enjoyed it," was the opinion of Mr. and Mrs. Adlington, 136 Rickmansworth Road. Young Eileen McCormack, 8 Owens Way, may be only 14 but her judgment was crisp and certain—"Continuous interest. Sea Cadets were excellent. Events were, perhaps, widely spaced, but thoroughly enjoyed it, nevertheless. A perfect day."

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 88 Frankland Road, felt—"The organisers must have worked extremely hard to give us this splendid day; their repayment is Croxley's enthusiasm," while Mrs. Warn, 97 New Road, thought it—"A splendid effort. Was pleased with the way people rallied. Having lived here all my life, I feel very proud of this event."

Mrs. Pattinson, 16 Barton Way, had an enthusiastic, "Jolly good show. Was impressed by the suffragettes. Best turn-out Croxley has ever had, with something for everybody. Congratulations." Then we have the opinion of an ex- evacuee, Mrs. Knighton, of Stepney, "You have certainly catered cheaply and well, especially for the children. I have really enjoyed it all." While Mr. Harvey, 94 Baldwins Lane, said, "A most successful day, excelling V.J. Day. Wonderful turn-out—the *pièce de résistance* was the parade of children in fancy dress. Congratulations to the organisers." "Good show," remarked Mrs. Oliver, of 18 Dulwich Way, "what about more of its kind?"; whilst similar sentiments were expressed by Mrs. Tompkins, 79 Baldwin Lane—"Wonderful achievement! Why wait 100 years for another?"

Young Eileen Simmonds, aged 12, of 34 Bateman Road, said, "The procession was splendid and the pageant good and most interesting;" and in the opinion of Mrs. Hemming, of 44 Bateman Road, it was, "The best ever: children's fancy dress parade was outstanding." Three young men of Mill End, Robert Presswell (15), Tony Brady (16), Richard Alnutt (17), remarked, "A fine procession in which we liked the transport display. We are thoroughly enjoying our day here," whilst Mr. S. Johnson, from far away Waterloo, Liverpool, enthused with, "A splendid procession, excellent side-shows, the whole well organised."

Nearer home, stallholder Mrs. Francis, 27 New Road, thought it—"A most successful day, though the weather might have been brighter. A lovely procession. Quite a brisk trade at the stall and everyone friendly." Finally, from the Festival Queen herself—Mrs. Joan Neall, 6 Ludlow Way, "I am proud to have had the honour of being chosen as Miss Festival on an occasion which reflects great credit on the organisers."

And in fitting conclusion, from the Chairman of the Festival Committee, Mr. S. A. Williams:—

"May we express our very sincere and grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make Croxley Green Festival Day such a wonderful success.

We wish we could mention each one individually, but it would be a very long list and it must suffice to say that the success of the Festival was due to the help of many members of all local organisations, to the tradespeople for their most generous assistance in supplying equipment and vehicles, as well as time and labour, and to the public for the grand way in which they entered into the spirit of the Festival. Without the help of everyone the Committee could never have achieved their aims.

Once more Croxley Green has proved what can be done by "combined operations" and the Committee are proud to have had the honour of acting on behalf of the village."

To Mr. Williams and his Festival Committee, Croxley Green says, "Thank you very sincerely for a wonderful day. Your labour and your efforts were prodigious but your success was even greater."

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## DIARY OF GARDENING

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No doubt many of us have “The Show” in mind, and so should get busy with fertiliser or manure. Please use the former as directed by the makers; they have, at least, tested the formula and their advice is expert.

Nip off the dead and dying roses, and get the knife busy cutting out all old wood from the ramblers, thus making plenty of room for this season's growth and revealing the space to be covered next year. In the kitchen garden the battle against pests must be continued. Keep the celery well earthed-up and, if there are any onions showing signs of injury you can hasten their ripening by bending down the leaves.

As September approaches we begin thinking of autumn tasks. This year you really must clear all falling leaves and stack them to form valuable manure when rotted. Tie up dahlias and chrysanthemums, and remove all sub-tropical and delicate plants to the greenhouse to avoid the risk of damage by early frosts. Harvest your fruits carefully and store in a cool, dry place. (No need to “coddle” them). Sow more lettuce, lift onions, plant cuttings of violas and pansies in boxes, and shade from sunshine until they are established. Finally, bed yourself in an armchair with that show catalogue, and dream . . .

## CROXLEY GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

“Bigger, brighter and better” would seem to be the target for this year's Annual Show, to be held at Dickinson Guildhouse on Saturday, September 15th. Scanning the schedule of this, the 32nd local event, we find there is ample opportunity to display flowers, fruits, vegetables and honey with every prospect of reaping well-deserved success. There are again 110 classes, and the Committee are to be congratulated in the wide range of choice being offered to local gardening enthusiasts. It seems likely that last year's record entry will be broken and the Croxley Green public should see to it that the attendance figures will also set up a new record. Interest in gardening is one of our national characteristics and this particular corner of the country is most certainly not behind-hand in horticultural standards. In the circumstances we anticipate an abundance of produce and expect the usual high artistry of display, which makes a tour of the show such a delight, even to the non-competitor.

The awards include 14 cups (8 last year), 8 medals, and the Mrs. H. Wood Challenge Shield for the highest points gained by any school in the R.U.D.C. area. This latter event should prove extremely popular; not only is team-work necessary (and school prestige to be gained or upheld) but individual exhibitors are presented with the prize money. There are also awards of gardeners' “First Aid Boxes,” fertilisers, etc., and the customary diplomas and certificates of merit for outstanding exhibits in various classes. The “Victoria Sandwich” competition will attract an award only if 20 or more sandwiches are received for judging . . . we do not anticipate any lack of entries!

All roads should lead to the Guildhouse on September 15th, to a show that, we are sure, will prove to be “bigger, brighter and better.”

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The Council are to approach the developers with a view to making up Lincolns Way.

In spite of the inability of the Transport Authorities to provide a reasonable bus service required by Croxley Green, they are, nevertheless, able to renew some of the Green Line buses which, as far as can be remembered, appear very serviceable even in their present state. There are rumours that the Transport Authorities might have a change of heart as far as Croxley Green is concerned, but until such time as they cease to treat all reasonable requests by referring them to their professional "putter-offers" there can never really be any hope for cordial relations. If the money spent on the employment of these Public Relation Officers, or if some of them could be turned into drivers or conductors, the public would, without doubt, be much happier and the Transport Authorities would be relieved of even the necessity of considering their employment. It is just another of those examples of where a lot of money is spent on trying to educate the public into believing that they no longer require something which is vitally necessary to their existence.

There would appear to be many doubts as to the value of the signatures obtained in connection with the Lion and Eagle controversy in connection with the Rickmansworth War Memorial. Fortunately Croxley Green has no such controversy or problems.

Much of the local direction with its attendant knowledge of local needs has disappeared through the setting up of the various nationalised undertakings and their regional boards. This would appear to be causing quite an amount of controversy in certain quarters.

#### FESTIVAL PROGRAMMES

There are a few Festival Programmes left and available to those who wish to keep them as souvenirs—price sixpence, from Mrs. T. Pooley, 72 Malvern Way, Croxley Green. Telephone: Rickmansworth 2667.

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The siting of the siren at Croxley Green is to be re-considered. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands . . ."

That the figures revealed by the census show Hertfordshire's population has increased since 1931 by 52% to 610,000. In terms of arithmetic the news is indeed striking, but in other respects it is not "news" for the increase, present and potential, has already been disturbing us for some considerable time. But we are not the only association who are concerned with the serious threat to our economy by the over-spill from London. This "planned" re-housing without thought of the burdens being imposed on the reception areas, the transport difficulties to be met by the uprooted individuals, the loss of food-producing land, and the many other really essential details which are of such prime importance, is indeed planning gone mad. There are many clear-thinking individuals in this country who must wonder where the planners received their training.

That the success of the Croxley Green Society's activities are noted elsewhere was made clear by Mr. J. E. Jones, President of the Rickmansworth Rotary Club, recently. He suggested that it would be a splendid idea if a Rickmansworth Society could be formed of the 40 or more organisations in Rickmansworth, modelled on the lines of the "extremely successful one in Croxley Green." We feel that Mr. Jones' idea is excellent and wish it every success. He realises, no doubt, that a society such as Croxley's, by embracing every shade of activity, and over-riding party and sectarian barriers, gains the support of the whole of the community it represents. Thus Croxley Green shows the way.

FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHS

A few good photographs of the Festival Tableaux, Events, and Procession are available; please contact Mrs. T. Pooley, 72 Malvern Way, Croxley Green. Telephone: Rickmansworth 2667.

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## GOLDEN TRESSES . . .

This Association is always interested in any Movement which caters for the needs of youth, and in this issue we would like to refer in particular to that virile movement—Sea Rangers.

The Rangers cater for girls between the ages of 16 and 21, and have as their aim the teaching and development of these girls into good citizens, with character building, recreation, general knowledge studies and other healthy activities. The Rangers' enrolment promise is such as will inspire all girls to take a deep interest in world affairs generally, develop a broad outlook on life, create that spirit of goodwill and fellowship which is the essence of democratic way of life, and by their teaching of a healthy, wise approach through exercise, they will undoubtedly achieve their object. We can commend to all girls in this age group, this very worthwhile Movement, and we feel sure that membership will not only be beneficial during their years of service with the organisation, but will be an asset to them in later life. It will enable them to appreciate more fully the needs of others and cultivate a tolerance and an outlook which should be the aim of all.

In addition to the instruction they receive, there are ample opportunities for co-operation with other Movements of a like nature in common events, an example being the Festival of Guiding which recently took place at Watford. We understand that when they have enough funds to purchase a boat they will also be able to put into practice the "seamanship" which they have been taught.

The Rangers meet each Tuesday evening at 7.45 at Malvern Way Schools, and information will be freely given at any time by their able Skipper, Miss Liddiard, Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green.

## SILVER THREADS . . .

"I changed a £1 note this morning, and it's gone!" How many times do we pass this remark, and I wonder how many of us, when we pass it, think of what this "shrinkage" of the £1 means to the Old Age Pensioner.

They are a class whose difficulties are rarely expressed who have no strong union nor representation to put their claims, no platform to attract attention to their needs; their sole voice is that of Public Conscience, which is very rarely heard. The "rainy day" against which they may have saved, has turned into a deluge, and their nest-egg has been swept away in the flood water of increased cost of living.

The W.V.S. are doing splendid work with their "Meals on Wheels," for which they receive only voluntary financial assistance, the Herts County Council being unable to give financial support toward providing meals without introducing a "Means Test." Furthermore, as they point out, the Old Age Pensions is being increased. Yes, so it is! 4s. a week!! The "Darby and Joan" Clubs provide another want, but here again the aid is voluntary and the old people do a lot themselves in order that their club may continue. But, is this sufficient? Shouldn't we all try to do something? After all, old age is something which comes to all of us, and in the uncertainty of our times we may find ourselves in a similar position.

Anyone who has contributed to the pleasure of the old folk, seen their faces light up and heard their heart-felt "It's been lovely, we have enjoyed it," will realise how much a little can mean to them.

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The following letter, sent to us by Mr. Ransome Williams, is therefore readily given space:—

### Mass Radiography Unit

For some considerable time my Council have been desirous of arranging for the Regional Hospital Board's Mass Radiography Unit to visit this district, so that as large a proportion of the population as possible may take advantage of the free X-ray facilities it offers.

"As you will be aware, this organisation provides a very valuable public service and naturally is in great demand by many thousands of people throughout the country. I understand, in fact, that it is fully booked for the next few months, though there is a possibility of arranging a visit for a week in September next, providing sufficient response is obtained from local firms, schools and organisations. The endeavour is, of course, to bring the benefits of the scheme to the greatest number in the shortest time, for whilst the service is free it is, nevertheless, expensive to operate and only completely justified as a social service when full advantage is taken by the inhabitants.

"In these circumstances I write to urge your support of a September visit by the Unit—which would be accommodated, if possible, in some central premises—and to ask if you are willing to co-operate by allowing time off to the people within your organisation for the purpose.

"Perhaps you would be kind enough widely to publicise this project and let me know within the next week of the approximate numbers you feel would wish to visit the Unit, together with the day and time most convenient for your organisation. I appreciate that no definite information can be supplied at this juncture, but an estimate would be of great value in making the arrangements and, of course, I could supply you with more definite details and posters, etc., at a later date."

We understand that the week September 13th to 18th has been provisionally chosen, but keep a look out for posters, then make arrangements accordingly. You can be positive that the answer will be "in the negative."

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By the time this article is in print I have no doubt that the "warm spell" will be over, we shall have had our summer and my recipes will no longer interest you. However, "nothing venture, nothing gain," and if you don't use them this summer, you possibly can, when we have another one. Here, then, is something "fruity."

### Grapefruit and Strawberry Cocktail.

3 grapefruit ; 1lb. strawberries ; sugar.

Cut the grapefruit in half crosswise and carefully remove the pulp, leaving the inner skin as lining. Place the shells in cold water to keep firm. Mix the grapefruit pulp with the strawberries and sprinkle well with sugar. Just before serving fill the shells with the mixture, garnish with large berries or cream. Chill before use if possible.

### Apple Sago Mould.

1 lb. apples ; 2 oz. sago ; 3 oz. sugar ; 1 pt. water ; cochineal.

Peel, core and cut up apples. Cook them and sago gently in water. Add sugar and cochineal if liked. Turn into cold wet mould to set.

### A Remedy for Burnt Milk.

Next time you burn the milk, take the saucepan from the heat and place it at once into a basin of cold water. Put a pinch of salt in the saucepan, give the milk a stir, and you will find that the burnt taste has almost, if not entirely, disappeared.

### Another Cleaning Hint.

At the moment there seems to be an epidemic of "house painting" and most housewives I am sure have experienced an "outbreak" of paint-spotted windows during these times, and know how difficult it is to remove after it has been allowed to dry. A cloth dipped in hot vinegar will remove all trace quite easily.

### Cure for Depression.

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At the Annual General Meeting, held at the Old Boys' School on May 10th, the Secretary reported that membership had remained about the same as the previous year. He added that although costs had risen, no increased demands had been made upon the Executive for grant-aid.

The established groups, Local History and Field Studies Club, and Country Dancing continued to be popular. The draft history of Croxley Green, produced by the former, had evoked considerable interest at the Herts Local History Conference, whilst, from the latter had been formed a Croxley branch of the English Folk Dance and Song Society; this is meeting on Wednesdays throughout the summer at the Old Boys' School. Support of the other activities had been variable, the most successful being the Art Exhibition and the plays presented by the Y.W.C.A. players.

The following were elected as officers and committee for 1951-52 :—

- President : Mr. A. E. Jeffery, B.Sc.
- Chairman : Mr. W. Worthy.
- Vice-Chairman : Mr. R. W. Nurse.
- Secretary : Mr. N. Griggs.
- Assistant Secretary : Mrs. Spivey.
- Treasurer : Mr. D. C. Spivey.
- Committee : Mesdames Smith, Clarke, Youngs, Boyce, Gannaway and Miss Gentry ; Messrs. Baker and Harrison.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring committee and Mr. R. W. Innocent, tutor in Local History, who has left the district. It was proposed that, in addition to the continuance of the established activities, the ensuing year's programme should include : Revival of Music Festival, a Play Festival, Speaking Classes, Pottery Classes, and visits to Ovaltine Farm and Denham Studios.

Further details of the Centre's activities may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. N. Griggs, 3 Dover Way, Croxley Green.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Mr. H. Martin, of Grove Gardens, Baldwins Lane, wishes to announce that Wedding Bouquets, Wreaths and Floral Tributes can be made to order. Cut Flowers a Speciality.—Advt.

**TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

There will be a Public Meeting at Watford Town Hall (Committee Room) on Wednesday, September 26th, at 7.30, "To discuss the formation of evening Townswomen's Guilds in Watford area."

Chairman : Mayor of Watford.

All women interested in Topics of the Day, Crafts, Drama, Music, etc., are invited to attend.

**SOCIAL NOTES**

It is always a "seasonal" matter to mark your engagement diary with the Association Dance Dates, and those long, dark evenings can then be anticipated, not dreaded.

Here, then, are some details for your future entertainment :—

OCTOBER 6th, November 10th, December 31st (New Year's Eve). All at All Saints' Church Hall, 7.45 to 11.45 p.m. André Simone Orchestra. Demonstrators: Mr. and Mrs. Higgs.

**CROXLEY GREEN CHORAL SOCIETY**

The Society now closed down for the summer months, but it welcomes applications for membership from both ladies and gentlemen, having special regard to the recruitment of young members, who will be welcomed and encouraged.

The new session commences on September 19th, with rehearsals every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Guildhouse, New Road, Croxley Green. Further information can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Mr. V. Sturman, Barnside, Croxley Hall Farm, Rickmansworth. (Tel.: Rick. 3951).

**GARDEN FETE**

Saturday, September 1st, at Thurlwood House (late "Firs"). All the fun of the Fair; Fancy Dress Competitions, Film Show, Miniature Railway.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Please enrol me as a new/former Member at the subscription of 2/- per annum.

Full Name .....

Address .....

..... Date .....

Post to: Secretary, 140, Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green, or (if old member) hand to Street Steward  
[Membership includes husband and wife]

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