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### AN OPEN LETTER

TO ALL CROXLEY GREEN COUNCILLORS

This Association makes no apology for using the medium of a public letter in the course of which comment may be regarded as a little blunt. The time we consider opportune when three of Croxley's eight councillors have just received their mandate to hold office for the next three years. 1954/5 sees our rates reach an unprecedented level; and worse, with no prospect of relief or reduction in the future. It is not an enviable time either to take up or continue office but, having sought election, the responsibility is yours.

There is little evidence, other than in isolated cases, that political grouping has in any way diminished although it was with pleasure that we observed some measure of political independence expressed by five of Croxley's councillors in a matter of particular importance to Croxley Green some months ago.

It is acknowledged that the County is the villain in the piece for soaring rates, but it is your responsibility to ensure that Urban District expenditure is minimised and that no foolhardy or unnecessarily idealistic planning is incurred without due regard to the public purse. We have had a full quota already from the County and we do not expect to see the infection spread to Basing House.

What steps do you as an individual councillor propose to take to keep abreast of public opinion? You may think this question somewhat pointed but we had in 1953 a sad and sorry illustration in Croxley Green of elected representatives voting in direct opposition to the wishes of the ratepayers. Facts? On the question of shops in North Ward there were over 3,000 signatures in the North Ward alone supporting a scheme which was opposed by two of Croxley's eight councillors. Numerically, these signatures were three times as many as the votes cast for the most successful candidate in the 1953 North Ward election.

To the dissenting councillors we ask: Where was your authority? Or was your vote based on a party ticket? There must be no repetition of the ratepayers' views being deliberately discounted and ignored. This Association has on a previous occasion indicated that it would not hesitate to give publicity to individual councillors where it was felt that their actions in Croxley affairs were not in keeping with the interests of the ratepayers whose elected representatives they are. Frankly, it is

a step we should be reluctant to take bearing in mind the fact that a councillor must have a measure of individual freedom in acting to the best of his ability and conscience, but this we will do, notwithstanding our reluctance, should there be a repetition of public opinion being flouted as in 1953. This is no more than the right of electors.

On a somewhat different note we should like to point out to you that, irrespective of the political basis on which you hold office, this Association, being itself non-political and having aims only for the benefit of residents and ratepayers, opens its columns to you. Space will be found in this publication for any matter which you as a Councillor consider is of importance.

May we suggest that a suitable occasion would be an unusual expenditure taking place, the full import of which may not be appreciated by the public through lack of information although the transaction may well be sound? The purchase of "The Limes" is a recent case in point.

In conclusion, we leave with you a few subjects in which we would ask you to use your influence although it is appreciated that the opportunities may be limited.

Can you influence appropriate quarters that expenditure on education be kept within its proper bounds and not fall victim to long-haired theorists? The ability to read, write and spell no longer seems to take first place in educational aims.

Further, the public views with concern the astronomical figures being reached by the Colne Valley Sewerage Scheme—a drain in more ways than one! Any steps you can take to ensure there is no waste of public funds in this project are of paramount importance.

The problem presented by the cost of subsidising council house properties becomes more and more difficult and one which you may well have to face. This and other questions including removal of rental anomalies, purchase facilities of council property, replacement and maintenance of ageing pre-fabs, are issues which can only be solved by individual conscience.

In all these and the many other aspects of local government now in your hands may we reiterate—your first duty is to the electorate who look to you to fulfil your obligations on their behalf. We wish you every success in your endeavours to this end.

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## GARDENING

May — June

At this season there are many jobs to be tackled within a limited time, if we expect our garden to repay us in the future, so let us have a look round and see what should be done between, say, mid-May and the end of June.

First, the jobs that can be done whatever the weather: Border plants should be staked, or otherwise supported, and care must be taken, as growth is very brittle just now and new shoots are easily broken. Use a little imagination and use various types of support—canes, pea sticks, wire netting, for example—using what seems most suitable for the growing pattern of the plant. If you place the support carefully, the foliage will soon hide it from view.

Prune shrubs which have finished flowering, cutting the flowering shoots right back to old wood. You can be quite severe with this pruning, and so promote the growth of more flowering shoots for next year.

Mulch roses, raspberries and fruit trees (if not already done) especially newly-planted subjects. First, hoe gently and not deeply, then give a handful of "Growmore" to each square yard, water well if the ground is dry, then put the mulch on top, about an inch in thickness, using manure, compost or lawn mowings. A good mulch prevents undue evaporation of soil moisture and plants will appreciate having a cool root run during the hot days of late spring.

Give the aubretia a trim with the shears, as soon as the peak of the flowering period has passed; this will produce strong new growths, some of which may be taken for cuttings, which should be dibbed into a box of sandy soil, covered with a sheet of glass and stood in a shady corner.

Plant out sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower, and sow lettuces and radishes between celery trenches. Late crop peas, carrots and turnips may also be sown.

Tomato plants may be safely put out, in their prepared place, about the end of May, but don't be tempted to put them out too soon, and have the stakes or wires already in place.

Complete the planting of main crop potatoes, and earth up the earlies as it becomes necessary, keeping the soil loose between the rows. Whilst the hoe is handy, give the strawberry bed a light hoeing, remove the weeds, then bed with straw if the bed is exposed to possible mid-May frost.

On showery days the summer bedding plants may be put in their flowering positions, and so may chrysanthemums, asters, antirrhinums, stocks, etc.

Pull up old wallflowers. Carefully lift the best of their surrounding seedlings, and replant in a spare corner. Leave until autumn, then move to flowering quarters.

You will find other gardening jobs to do, no doubt, but whenever you have a few moments to spare, use that hoe!

W.F.H.

## EDWARDIAN DAYS IN CROXLEY GREEN

They say that history always repeats itself but if this is really so, the revived history is somehow tainted by contamination with something not quite English. During the past few months I have noticed that Croxley Green's social activities such as dances organised by the youth as a community and such like, have been invaded by youths (and in certain cases female teenagers looking upon them as idols) whose habits are nearer the Chicago gangster whom they are aping than the "Edwardian type" they would give the impression they are copying. Their manners are in keeping with their general appearance and dress, not merely exaggerated but just downright crude and ignorant.

As a person who is extremely fond of young people, I am disgusted that the sensible, well-mannered and thoughtful youth of Croxley Green should have to be contaminated with such useless, arrogant trash. I can think of many very useful jobs which could be allotted to them if only the law was sufficiently strong to give authority to our police to regard such activities as possible causes of breaches of the peace and thus be in a position to bring to these creatures the deserts they so richly deserve. It is indeed deplorable that our youth (and again I repeat that I believe the youth of Croxley Green is certainly of a very high standard indeed) should have no means of redress in combating this contamination. Let us for one moment try and think how their minds must work. Let us think of those clothes, of that hair almost a foot long without even the benefit of a home perm but brought together like a water channel at the back of the head; let us think, too, of the piece of string that is used for a tie, of the carpet slippers that masquerade as shoes and of the drainpipe trousers which, if waterproof, would perhaps be more suitably used for sewage disposal; let us again perhaps think what is a necessary accessory—a knuckle-duster, a discreetly hidden knife to be brought out when thought advisable, or a sock filled with sand. No, these things must not overtake our way of life, and I do implore all decent citizens to impress upon their children that they will lead only to ruination and to an end which must be far from sweet. I believe, moreover, that the cultural organisations in our community are adequately equipped to push this vile thing from our precincts.

We are British and history has undoubtedly revealed us as being a nation with a backbone and a purpose. I am sure our friends overseas never expected to see us portrayed in the form of this rabble and appearing to take no positive action to stop it. Let us press for the arm of the law to stretch far enough to reach this menace to our national good name.

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Visits to Spain, Italy, Sweden, and Holland at specially reduced rates—these are among the benefits which will be enjoyed by local members of the I.F.L. this year—and very nice, too. Furthermore, they are a practical demonstration of the principal aims of the League, to bring young people of different countries into friendly association with one another and to encourage an awareness of the ideals, cultures and problems of other nations and to help them to understand ours.

Founded in 1931, the British Section of the I.F.L. is essentially a movement for young people by whom it has mainly been built up. Co-operation of people of all ages is invited and there is no age limit to membership.

The League is a voluntary organisation, non-political, non-sectarian and non-commercial, and is concerned with the promotion of human relationship in the international sphere and the expression of friendship and understanding in acts of service, however small, to those in need.

A thoroughly enjoyable, interesting and worthwhile experience may be commenced by a visit any Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. to the Dickinson Guildhouse, where the Croxley Green Branch holds its weekly meetings. Speakers and film shows are provided and discussions, social evenings and table tennis supply an ideal atmosphere for the work of the League. It is impossible to have too large a membership, the cost of which is 5s. if under twenty-one, or 7s. 6d. if over that age.

The chairman of the local branch, Mr. J. Bolland, will be only too pleased to answer any enquiry at his home, 20 Lancing Way (Rickmansworth 5168); or, better still, at one of the Tuesday meetings. Why not go along and see him?

There is no doubt that by travels and contacts of the type made possible by the I.F.L. much may be done to break down the artificial international barriers created by statesmen and behind which war and rumours of war are fermented. The man in the street, as an individual of any race, loathes war, and free crossing of frontiers will be a means of securing peace in our time.

## CROXLEY THEATRE CLUB

What is it? What are its aims? What are its ambitions? The Club was formed in 1951—Festival of Britain Year—and as its name implies, it covers all branches of the "Theatre". The purpose of the Club is to study the art of stagecraft in all its aspects and the production of plays. Speech, movement, the portrayal of "character" parts, the making and painting of scenery, preparing and installing lighting equipment, front-of-house management, publicity and the sale of tickets; all these things must receive much careful thought and planning if a play is to be presented worthy of an audience who has honoured it with its presence.

It is, of course, to the producer that the Club looks for the very best to be made of each character in a play and for lead and guidance in the "setting" of the scene. This, then, is a very important role to play and calls for much study, not only of the play as a whole but of each separate part.

To study and learn all these things is the aim of the Club.

Now, what are its ambitions? They are very simple and very clear—to give the best entertainment in Croxley Green. This is not an easy task and can only be done by hard work, but it can be done and that is the goal for which the Club strives.

Also, to increase its activities still further with say, puppetry, stage dancing, etc., and as the membership increases, which we trust and hope it will, all these things could be made possible.

During the three years since the Club was formed, seven or eight plays have been studied, rehearsed and performed and much good experience has been obtained by all the members which will be taken advantage of in forthcoming activities. Coronation year was celebrated by two performances of "She Stoops to Conquer".

The Club looks forward to the support of all Croxley residents and thanks those who have supported its efforts in the past.

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**Shops top of Baldwins Lane.**—It is likely that notwithstanding an existing water main in Baldwins Lane, the cost of providing water to the shops will be in the region of £200 or more.

**The Late Civic Restaurant.**—The ghost of the restaurant in Winton Drive has revived and its revival has cost £163. Reason? Excavations made for the building have necessitated additional brickwork for the houses built thereon. We hope those additional bricks will lay the ghost once and for all!

**Toll of the Roads.**—Approach is made to the Local Education Authority to obtain permission for parents of young children to attend schools when police lectures are given on Road Safety. This is a sounder scheme than first thoughts might suggest. If children see their parents and elders meticulously observe kerb and road drill they are likely to follow suit.

**Salvage.**—Sales last January realised £170—just under £7 per ton. Waste paper collection totalled twenty-four tons.

**Chestnut Fencing.**—The cost of erecting and providing fencing at the rear of twenty-four council houses in Maple Cross approximates £360: £15 per house. One tender for the job amounted, we hear, to £780!

**Buscs.**—The criticisms made by the Association's Chairman in November last of the suggested re-routing of a bus service from The Green via Repton, Sherbourne and Barton Ways have been endorsed by the Council's decision. It is recommended (i) the L.T.E. slightly re-route the 318, via the top of The Green and Baldwins Lane junction, to the Met. Station and thus link North and South Croxley; (ii) the 385 terminus be extended from Manor Way to The Grove. This would ultimately help to serve North Ward children attending the new school at Scots Hill.

Opinion is that the proposals are in the nature of a compromise in view of the L.T.E.'s determined refusal to extend the 385 (via Baldwins Lane and The Green) to the Met. Station. This was the Association's suggestion as far back as 1945. In August, 1950, the L.T.E. Public Relations Officer **promised** to recommend this extension! Of course, nearly four years may not be sufficient time for recommendations to seep through to action levels in such organisations!

**Council Floors.**—Unless and until the cost of timber floors equals or is less than tiled, council housing estates are obliged to continue with tiled floors.

**New School, Scots Hill.**—Herts. C.C. wish to extend the playing field area adjoining the new Rickmansworth Grammar School by another 2.4 acres. Subject to Ministry approval the Council are willing to sell. Two acres of either agricultural land or woodland may disappear. If the latter the cost of clearance, levelling, etc., will no doubt be quite a sum—out of County rate funds, no doubt.

**Still More.**—Until the schools sports ground is complete the County will pay £60 per annum for the use of Scotsbridge Recreation Ground facilities.

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**The Supreme Optimist?**—The Council tenant who wished to affix an illuminated sign to his premises and when refused permission asked the Council to reconsider their decision! He is "no longer in the dark" needless to say.

**Site of Public Hall—Croxcley.**—We watch develop-ments with interest. The claims for the cost of the free-hold of the site—at the rear of 197 New Road—are estimated at £840. The approval of the Minister of Housing and Local Government is, of course, involved.

**Croxley Woods Allotments.**—An L.C.C. suggestion that these allotments be allowed to revert to "open space" has been turned down by the Council. It was felt its present use in the face of the national drive for food production was of greater importance than as an "open space". We applaud the Council's action. A balanced perspective is not always apparent in planning at County levels these days.

**Bus Stops.**—The L.T.E. are to indemnify the Council against any damage to lamp standards on The Green near the "Coach and Horses" which may be caused by affixing "Request Stop" signs.

**Signposts.**—The three signposts for erection at access roads to Croxley Hall Woods are the result of L.C.C. proposals. Several years ago when part of these woods were being despoiled by commercial tipping, this Association raised the question of a warning sign to stop the nuisance. We were given to understand the question of economy precluded this being done. The rates were then 20s. 8d. but now when rates are 26s. 4d. three signs of dubious value can go up. Perhaps there is a moral somewhere, but to us real economy starts with small items.

**Road Bend—Met. Station.**—The Highways Committee opposed a "Slow" sign at Hazelwood Road on the grounds that the nature of the bend prevented vehicles travelling faster than 25 m.p.h. The Road Safety Committee asked the Council Highways Committee to consider erecting a sign "Pedestrian Crossing Ahead" to warn traffic coming round the bend of the somewhat hidden zebra crossing at the Red House. The Highways Committee decision was "no action". Now if it had been an "Open Space—Green Belt", it might have had a different result!

**Council Houses.**—Frost Damage and replacement of rainwater butts and outside w.c. cisterns in council houses are to be recharged to tenants. The decision was largely brought about by tenants' negligence but there was considerable discussion and differing opinion in Council before the proposal was confirmed.

**New Pub.**—Plans for licensed premises to be known as "The Halfway House" at the junction of Baldwins Lane and Watford Road have been approved. Yet both County and Council planners fell over themselves in their anxiety to stress the "danger" of this area when it was proposed to build shops. Clever stuff this planning!

**Thirsty?**—In the County of Herts., December 1953, there were 797 licensed premises, 253 beer-houses, 179 off-licences and 293 registered clubs.

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## HOLIDAY FROM YOUR OWN DOORSTEP

So you just can't manage it this year—the cost of living, rates, new fireside chairs, etc., have put paid to the annual visit to Clacton, Brighton or Margate which you have been able to take as a matter of course. To think that after all these years you will have to spend your long-awaited holiday at home—it won't seem the same, will it?

Of course it won't—it will, in fact, be very different. At the same time it need be none the less enjoyable for being so different if you only decide in good time just how it is going to be spent.

To anybody living in Croxley Green that problem is already half solved, there are so many attractive spots surrounding us and so close at hand. In the Chiltern countryside we have everything, beauty, history, general interest, all within easy reach by rail, bus or foot. What really remains to be settled is how, when and which one to visit. That part is up to you.

The main point to observe in planning a successful holiday at home, as with so many other things, is just—planning. DON'T wait until each morning begins and then wonder what to do. You will only get up late, potter round the garden till dinner time, settle down for a comfortable nap and recover in time for tea. This, followed by an evening spent in exactly the same way as the other 350 evenings in the year, will complete your day, not even a change, certainly not a holiday.

So let's get down to this planning. We must first have a map—one showing footpaths is best for the job—and set to work. The preparation for a holiday of this kind forms a large part of the enjoyment. We begin to notice names appearing in the near vicinity of Croxley Green, names of places we have heard of and thought—yes, we would get there one day. Well, that day is drawing nearer.

And what a wealth of places we find—Whipsnade, Ivinghoe, St. Albans, Stoke Poges, Jordans, Wendover and Aylesbury, each with its own particular interest or associations. Nearer home we find the Chalfonts in

a countryside setting of unrivalled beauty and incorporating such delightful place-names as Three Households, Seer Green, Knotty Green and Latimer, and with the prospect of visiting Milton's cottage at Chalfont St. Giles. If your holiday instincts direct you towards water, you have the Thames resorts of Windsor, Marlow or Maidenhead, or even the lakes at Rickmansworth which attract so many visitors each year.

The most enjoyable way of seeing our local countryside is undoubtedly by a little foot-slogging—not too far or too much at a time. From your own doorstep you can make your way through Whippendell Woods to Chandlers' Cross and either carry on to the neighbouring villages or return by way of Finches Avenue to The Green; or in the opposite direction you may cross Common Moor to Moor Park and Batchworth Heath or go by Hamper Mills to Northwood.

Perhaps the most delightful of all local walks takes you down through Copthorne fields to Loudwater and thence either to Chorleywood and Chenies or continue along the beautiful Chess valley to Sarratt bottom and, if the day is still young, follow the same route through to Latimer. These are but a few suggestions from a whole series of walks, each with its own charm and change of scenery.

Days when the weather is doubtful can be devoted to furthering your knowledge of our capital city and finding out just what attracts people from all over the world. It might even prove to be your wife's red-letter day when she finds that dream hat at a price within her / your pocket. A change of cinema or even a theatre would round off the day and keep you away from everyday routine.

So, with the above encouragement, why not settle down in good time to plan a real holiday from your own home; be sure to take your camera to our local beauty spots and—let's hope it keeps fine for you!

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## DOWN TO BARE BOARDS

Let's hold it at St. Oswald's! For fifteen years local organisations have been only too glad to use St. Oswald's for meetings, socials, dances and other functions in place of the public hall which is still awaited. Moreover, throughout the war years and after the hall was used as a school and subjected to treatment for which it was never intended.

It is little wonder, therefore, that the Parochial Church Council has become alarmed at the results of the abnormal demands upon the building and the floor in particular. The Herts. County Council, conscious of its own obligations, undertook redecoration some three years ago and it was whilst cleaning and smoothing the floor that the real damage came to light. The floor which is tongued and grooved had to be brought down to the first groove to make a level surface, so weakening the boards that two people recently went right through, and the matter was brought to a state of emergency.

In view of its already heavy financial commitments, the P.C.C. recently expressed concern at the expense thus incurred. The charges for hire of the hall have always been moderate and based on covering normal expenses—certainly making no provision for the heavy outlay now found necessary.

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## IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Full details from the Editor

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Well, to a great extent it is up to the rest of us, the organisations who have been pleased to use St. Oswald's and the members of those organisations who benefited thereby, the parents of all those children who were educated at St. Oswald's until the new schools came into being.

This is an opportunity to show our appreciation in a practical way, to help meet an expense in which so many have been concerned. It is understood that any donation made to the Hon. Treasurer, St. Oswald's P.C.C., 26 Malvern Way, will, unless made anonymously, appear on the annual balance sheet, inspection of which is open to interested parties.

So, come on, let's see the name of your organisation or, of course, yourself as a private individual, on the next one.

"GRATEFUL GESTURE"

## LADIES ONLY

The weather has been so beautiful just lately that it makes one think about summer dishes, and then there is the general racking of brains wondering what to make which will be new and palate-tickling.

In warm weather I often think that fish dishes are quite appetising so I'm giving you a couple here which are quite easy to do.

### Crème de Poisson

Half a pound of cod or hake; scrape all flesh from the bone and pound well in a mortar; bind with the following:—

2 oz. flour  
1 pint of water  
1 oz. butter  
1 egg

Put water and butter in a pan, and when boiling add all the flour at once and stir well; add cayenne, salt, and if liked one tablespoon of cream. Then mix the whole with the pounded fish. Grease a fancy mould, decorate with chopped parsley, put in the mixture and steam for one hour (cover with greased paper).

And, now, here is a sauce to serve with it:—

### Sauce

1 oz. butter  
1 egg  
1 pint milk  
Squeeze of lemon juice  
Cayenne  
Salt

Put butter and flour in a pan, and when hot gradually add the milk and the lemon. Allow to cool, add the egg and seasonings, put on the gas again, but do not let it boil. Fry some rounds of bread, dip them in chopped parsley, and place round the dish for decoration.

Here is a nice sweet, and now that eggs are cheaper we don't mind using one or two extra. Tinned or fresh fruit can be used.

### Jelly Cups

One jelly (any flavour). Make as instructed. When cold and just beginning to set add the stiffly-whipped whites of two eggs. Whisk for a few minutes. Pile up in jelly cups, and just before serving decorate with fruit, as jelly flavour or in contrast.

This nice weather also makes one think of spring-cleaning, and even if you've had your carpets cleaned, here's a little hint which will help to keep them fresh and clean-looking. Go over your carpets occasionally with a brush dipped in hot water to which turpentine has been added; and don't come down on to me like a load of bricks about old-fashioned methods, you can always go over with the vacuum cleaner to take up the dust, although the water will stop it lifting too much.

### Wayward Words

Earn a pound, spend nineteen and sixpence—happiness. Earn a pound, spend a pound and sixpence—misery.

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## LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

May 15th, 1954

The results of the local elections in the Croxley Green Wards were as follows:

**NORTH WARD** No change  
Fisher (C) 1,274; Horne (L) 850.  
**SOUTH WARD** No change  
Cox (C) 981; Payne (C) 958;  
Hedges (L) 591; Delderfield (L) 555.

As will be seen, the retiring Councillors in each case were re-elected and a striking feature of the result is the substantial majority obtained by the successful candidates. This is in marked contrast to the results in Mill End, for instance, where only 113 votes separated the four contestants.

So to represent Croxley's interests in the new Council we shall have no "new boys" to cautiously feel their way through Local Government procedure before making their presence felt. The three candidates being returned to office are already seasoned Councillors and the following list shows the committees on which each has served in the late Council:

### MR. PAYNE

Chairman—Rickmansworth U.D. Council, Housing and Public Health—Chairman, Allotments and Open Spaces—Chairman, Highways, Arrears, Finance and General Purposes Committees.

### MR. COX

Highways Committee—Chairman, Road Safety, Finance and General Purposes Committees.

### MR. FISHER

Town Planning and Buildings—Vice-chairman, Allotments and Open Spaces—Vice-chairman, Housing and Public Health and General Purposes Committees, Bus Services Sub-committee.

We feel we may reasonably expect to see the affairs of Croxley Green prosper during the forthcoming Council year 1954/5.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To Secretaries of all Croxley Green organisations—this is primarily intended for you! You may have noticed that this issue of the "Croxley Resident" deals largely with the affairs of various societies, associations, etc., in this locality. As the only local journal confined solely to Croxley affairs, we are anxious to encourage residents to have full knowledge of the organisations existing in our midst and working for our common interests or enjoyment.

You are therefore cordially invited to submit details of your own organisation's aims, programme, etc., for publicity in our columns, subject always to the editor's discretion. Details should be forwarded to the Editor, 140 Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green (Gadebrook 3882).

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## LAST DANCE OF SEASON

On Saturday, May 29th, the Social Committee of the Association will bring a very successful season to its close by a dance at All Saints' Hall. Tickets may be obtained from usual sources and we are asked to extend a warm welcome to all "resident" friends, whether regular dancers or not. We are assured that if they have never danced before, they will after a visit to one of our functions.

The Committee ask us to convey thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Higgs for their demonstrations all through the season, to Andre Simone and his band and last, but by no means least, to Mr. Jack Robinson who has so ably performed the duties of M.C. in his own inimitable style.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This year the Townswomen's Guilds celebrate their twenty-fifth birthday, and the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds celebrates its twenty-first birthday.

To mark the occasion a pageant—or better still—a "Modern Masque", in mime, music and narration, of Yesterday, To-day, and To-morrow, has been written by Marion Jay, devised by Marion Jay and Alison Graham-Campbell, who, as members will know, is the Drama Adviser to the N.U.T.G.

Taking place on June 16th and 17th in the Festival Hall, London, members of Guilds from all over the country are taking part. The music has been written by John Carol-Case, who is the Music Adviser to the National Union.

As may be expected, it deals mainly with woman's place in life and consists of thirty-eight scenes.

The whole conception in the words of Warren Jenkins, the producer, is "something superseding anything I've ever read from a professional pen and certainly never from an amateur."

Federations are each rehearsing their episodes in their own areas, and on May 31st the Federations of this area will converge on London for the first Area Rehearsal, then three very strenuous rehearsals at the Festival Hall.

For any interested in the amateur stage, this is a production which most definitely should be seen, because it really is unique.

Tickets 10/-, 7/6 and 5/- may be obtained from the Festival Hall, and through Guilds.

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S PROGRAMME

A most attractive series of events for 1954/5 has been arranged for the many members and, we hope, the many prospective members, of the Croxley Green Horticultural and Allotment Holders' Society.

On Saturday, May 22nd, a visit will be paid to the R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley at about 1.30 p.m., and a further visit to the Rose Trials at St. Albans on Wednesday, July 14th, during the evening.

Further details should be obtained from the Society's Secretary: Miss K. M. Raggett, 39 Watford Road (Ri.k. 2205). The further programme is as follows:

Sept. 11th: Annual Show, Main Hall, Dickinson Guildhouse, 2.30 p.m.

Oct. 27th: "Floral Arrangement" by Mrs. S. McQueen, Science Room, Dickinson Guildhouse, 8 p.m.

Dec. 1st: "Roses" (illustrated), by Mr. E. E. Baines of the Nat. Rose Society. Science Room, Dickinson Guildhouse, 8 p.m.

Feb. 23rd: Talk and Film by Chase Cloches, Science Room, Dickinson Guildhouse, 8 p.m.

Be sure to keep a note of these important dates in your "horticultural" calendar.