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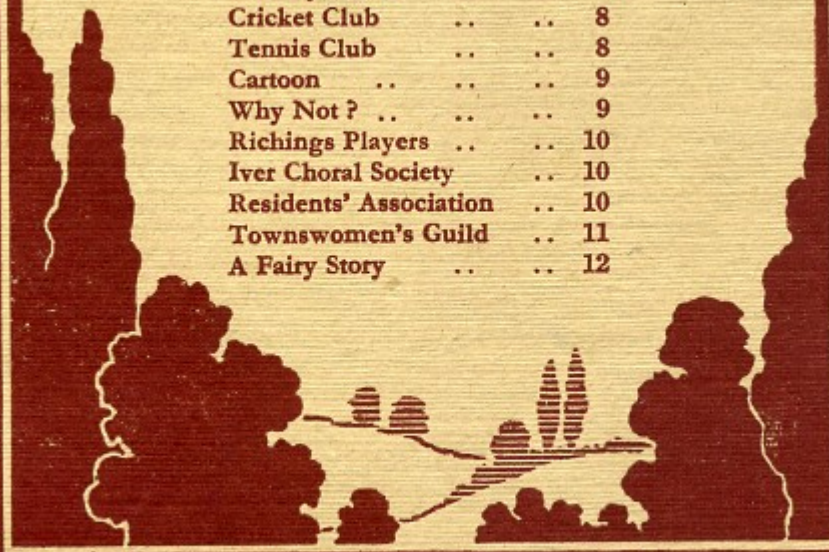
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EDITORIAL

THE Editorial sanctum, *pro tempore*, is a tent, somewhere in "smiling Somerset." Within a stone's throw—a house-agent's stone-throw, perhaps—are far stretching sands.

Life is simple, untrammelled, glorious, and uncomfortable.

These present delights serve but to emphasise the serene joy of a settled home. The warmest summer can last too long. In time, the wettest winter would be welcome.

We are of Suburbia—though we have strayed afield. We come from Balham, from Golders Green, from Birmingham's Edgbaston and Clifton by Bristol. Anyone can tell us our manifold weaknesses. We ourselves admit that it is absurdly snobbish, that B is a spiteful gossip, and C—like B, D, and E—has a mind rotten with jealousy.

But Suburbanism, undisguised and unashamed, has truly advantages which allow us, seeing these vicious personalities in right proportion, to treat them with deserved contempt.

Let us mention only Economy of Effort. Within limits, our aims and problems are the same as our neighbours. They, too, need country air within easy reach of Town; their menfolk must trek daily to the City; their womenfolk need homes which they can make comfortable and attractive without becoming slaves to domesticity. Their younger children need schools near home. All alike need recreation, indoor and outdoor, on a scale not permitted by the accommodation or personnel of the individual home.

The large demand for very similar

needs facilitates the supply. Builders, railways, educationists, sports' organisers, tradesmen, and all those whose business or pleasure it is to cater for these needs feel assured of a steady market.

Here we are especially concerned with the aims and difficulties of our own Sports Club. Much though they have accomplished, the committee could have done more, were they not confronted continually with the apathy of members and of non-members alike.

To give one example, the small "crowds" who watch our matches are usually quite hearty in their support; but players would like to see more than a handful of spectators.

Exclusiveness and insularity are a sin against Humanity—and the Sports Club!

We all love hours of peace and meditation. We have many leisure hour duties in our homes; but it is also our

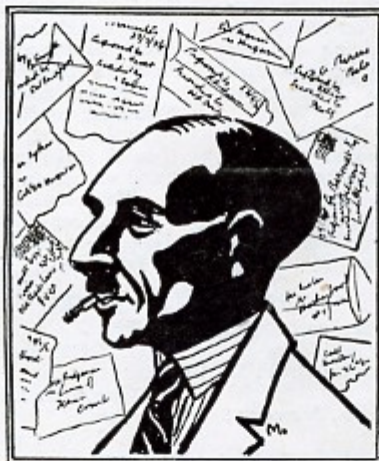
duty to practice the gentle art of "pulling together" with our fellows.

Mankind can afford exclusiveness least of all in those of the best birth and upbringing.

Our magazine might be of real interest if more residents would send us of their best in work of imagination or meditation. All have had experiences which would be interesting to our readers.

To the Secretarial lightnings—on page two—we add this Editorial thunder, with a flash of faith, hope and charity; for when the corporate life of Richings Park is as wholehearted and serene as the home life, we shall be several steps nearer Utopia!

OUR NOTABILITIES



No. 2. Mr. Frank Berendt

RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB

OUR Magazine No. 2!! No. 1 was not quite as large as anticipated, owing to an insufficient number of advertisers, but it was undoubtedly interesting, and we congratulate the sub-committee on its production. We should like to see even more interest taken in this magazine, as in all doings associated with the Sports Club.

Since the last issue we have had the Fête and the Annual General Meeting—the former was favoured by fine weather, and we were glad to see an increase in numbers over the previous year, and to notice the obvious enjoyment of everyone. The net profit was in the neighbourhood of £15.

The Committee wish to offer their thanks to Mr. Friend Sykes for the use of the Park and the lighting, and also to thank those in charge of each show with their helpers, too numerous to mention individually.

The Annual General Meeting, held on 14th June, was attended by about fifty members—this was rather a small number, and though we are inclined to flatter ourselves that we do our work to everyone's satisfaction, we should like a larger attendance than this at our

Meetings. Please come, even if it is only to rag us. We would welcome further ideas.

Our Treasurer's Balance Sheet was a masterpiece, and he is to be congratulated on it; by the way, his name and address was omitted from the first issue of the magazine—it is Mr. R. Smyth, Ashcroft, Wellesley Avenue. He is always pleased to give a receipt, in fact it is worth while paying him money to see his expression and to note his efficiency.

No new names were received for any office or vacancy on the Council; one change only was made in sectional Club representation—Miss Rogers taking the place of Miss Thorp as one of the representatives of the Ladies' Hockey Section.

In conclusion we would like to point out that it is to the interests of everyone on the Estate to support all our local Clubs and Associations, whether Social, Political, or Horticultural. None of us promise ninnepence for fourpence, but we *do* make good use of subscriptions and donations.

We would also like to appeal to parents to instil into the minds of their children not to damage the shrubs, etc., on the Recreation Ground.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.

The Sports Club. Hon. Secretary: F. A. Berendt,
Subscription 5s. "Belvoir," Old Slade Lane.

Crickets Section. Hon. Secretary: F. W. Elliott,
Subscription 25s. "Fair Glen," Wellesley Avenue.

Ladies' Hockey Section. Hon. Secretary: Miss Rogers,
"Rosslair," Somerset Way.

Subscriptions, under 18, 7s. 6d.; over 18, 15s.
Men's Hockey. Hon. Secretary: H. J. Forty,
"Northleach," Syke Ings.

Subscriptions, under 18, 15s.; over 18, 25s.
Tennis. Hon. Secretary: A. J. Bayly,
Subscription 2 gns. "Brendon," Wellesley Avenue.

Table Tennis. Hon. Secretary: R. McGregor,
Subscription 6s. "Maxhame," St. James'.

In addition, there are inclusive subscriptions, entitling members to play in any or all of the present Clubs at the following rates:—

Man and Wife, £5 5 0; Men, £4 4 0; Ladies, £2 12 6.
Richings Residents' Association. Hon. Secretary: F. C. A. Barton,
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Townswomen's Guild. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. E. Lee,
Subscription 2s. "Cavendish," Wellesley Avenue.

Richings Players. Hon. Secretary: P. L. Leah,
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Iver Choral Society. Hon. Secretary: W. H. Weston,
Subscription 2s. "Lorina," Wellesley Avenue.

Infants' Welfare Centre. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E. J. Dodson,
Subscription, 3d. each meeting. "St. Boniface," Richings Way.

Gardening Notes

By "PICKAXE."

SINCE the publication of our Garden Notes last May, the most noticeable feature of the Estate has been the wonderful improvement in the gardens generally. When our first number appeared it might truthfully be said that there was hardly a flower to be seen. Since then roses have bloomed in profusion and lawns have called for the efforts of a corps of odd men. Far be it from us to claim credit for all this. The coming of summer may have had something to do with it, but it is strange, all the same, that it should have followed so closely the issue of our magazine. It was our intention to deal exclusively in this article with pests—garden pests, of course, not the neighbours you dislike—but as August is the month you enjoy your gardens by commencing the annual holiday at the seaside, a general talk would, perhaps, be more appropriate.

We were highly delighted at the reception of our Garden Notes. A reader, whose literary effort is a little confusing, writes:—"I read your Garden

Notes to the wife just before she went for her holiday. Can you tell me how to get rid of my slugs." We know this reader to be a serious individual, otherwise we should suggest he reads the article to his slugs. However! My uncle went seriously into this subject, and improvised an arrangement that, but for an unfortunate accident, would have placed him among the elite of insect destroyers. It was a cute little arrangement of strings and bells. Everytime a slug climbed on to the string he rang a bell, and my uncle used to creep out at the dead of night and hit him with a hammer. Unfortunately the slugs, probably the younger members of the tribe, thought making the bells ring was a fine lark, and one night, after he had made—according to my aunt's computation—about two thousand journeys to the garden, he caught cold, and lost his interest in gardens generally. It was a pity, of course, because had he lived I think he would have triumphed.

Another informative article next year.

Your Side Line—Poultry

By GERALD FOX.

A MAN without a hobby is like a ship without a sail. Why not take up a profitable hobby, one both interesting and remunerative?

In pre-war days it was generally thought that poultry required considerable space, that they were a source of unpleasant odours, and that they made the garden generally unsightly. An even greater objection, perhaps, was that they were considered to be a "tie," so that one could not leave the place for a whole day.

Modern development of the industry, improvements in housing and feeding methods, and the "intensive" system, have done a great deal to minimise these objections; they are, in fact, negligible to-day.

Another objection cited against poultry is that of crowing cockerels early in the morning, disturbing one's neighbours. Egg production is in no way helped by the presence of a cockerel.

One may purchase a perfectly elegant looking poultry house, built on modern

hygienic lines, for a few pounds; then there are wire netting, posts, a dry mash hopper, a water container, and a food storage bin to be procured before selecting the birds. The size of the house will depend upon whether the intensive or semi-intensive system is to be used. For the former one requires about eight square feet floor space per bird, so that a house eight feet by six feet would accommodate six birds. For the semi-intensive system, in which the birds are let out into a limited space in good weather, approximately double the number could be kept in the same sized house. The house should have a wooden floor, and should be erected fourteen inches from the ground upon either logs of wood or bricks. This little extra trouble is very definitely worth while; it not only ensures the floor always being dry, but also it avoids providing a house for rats. There is no need to have these vermin where you have fowls. The writer has three hundred birds, and has not seen more than one odd rat per annum.

