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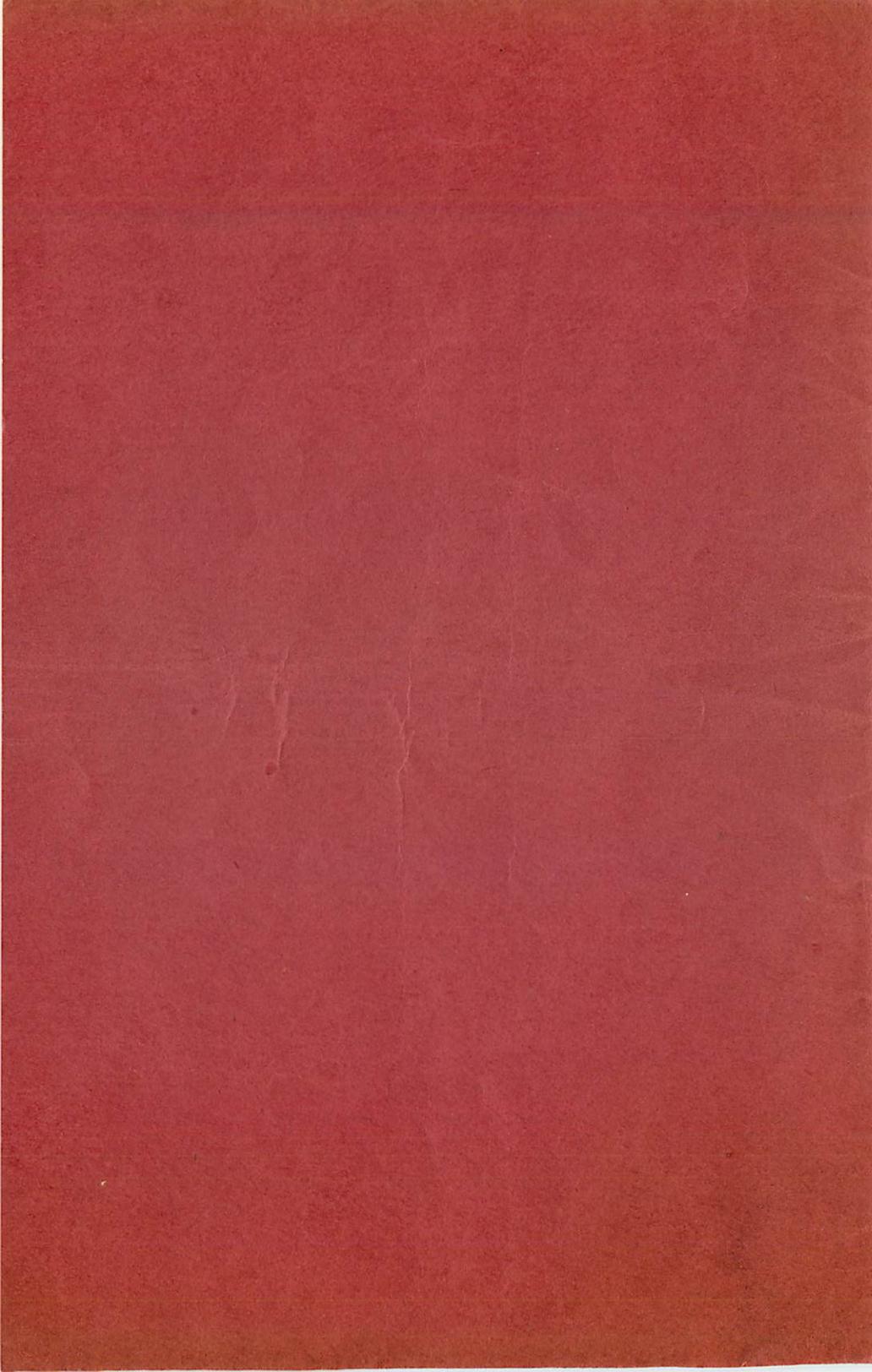
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The Hon. Secretary's Commentary.

It is interesting to note that we are the only Club to have ever held the English cross-country and road-walking titles at the same time. Both Championships are ours at the moment, and we shall be keen to retain these honours next season.

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Congratulations to H. G. Churcher upon winning the A.A.A. 7 miles Walk Championship, and so becoming the first Belgrave Harrier to win an A.A.A. title.

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Our best wishes go to Arthur Penny and his wife on the occasion of their recent marriage, and we wish them a long and happy married life. Arthur, on behalf of his wife and himself, asks us to express their very sincere thanks to all friends who subscribed to give them a handsome present.

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All members are glad to see Frank Thomson about once again and rapidly regaining good health. We trust his recovery will continue speedily and that he will enjoy perfect health for many years to come.

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A hearty welcome to all our many new members, and we trust they will enjoy many happy years with the Club.

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A special word of praise is due to our Social Hon. Secretary, Tom Morrell, upon the excellent arrangements he made for our Annual Dinner-Dance. Everyone attending enjoyed themselves, and the function must be considered a great success.

The performance of Fred Bentley in the 20 miles R.W.A. Championships is worthy of very special mention, for he scored for the South in the Inter-District race for the sixth successive season. No other walker has done this, although Fred Rickards has done this on five occasions in six years.

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Congratulations to Tom Carter upon his fourth place in the A.A.A. 10 miles Championship, and in winning both the Surrey County and Southern Counties Six Miles Championships.

Also to F. A. Walker upon winning the Surrey County 20 miles Championship, and to our team (Messrs. Walker, Lindsey and Footer) upon winning the team title.

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Undoubtedly many of our members will find their sporting activities curtailed by National Service demands; Militia training, Territorial camps and training, and the calling-up of reservists; but we shall endeavour to carry through our programme.

We are sure this is the wish of all our members, and we look to them for the fullest co-operation in difficult times.

This And That.

In the International Cross-Country Race, held in Wales, Arthur Penny ran well to gain a place in England's scoring six. The English team were runners-up to France. Ted Stimpson, wearing his first International colours, had an unlucky break and had to retire from the race.

Arthur has since shown us evidence of his form by finishing a close second to Tom Carter in the Surrey County 6 Miles Championship.

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In the Colchester—Ipswich walk our lads repeated last year's performance by winning the team race. Colin Sutton again led the field home.

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Harry Churcher won an open scratch four miles walk promoted by the Fairbairn Club, Joe Coleman being third.

Stan Botwright scored a useful "double" when he won the Civil Service Sprint Championships.

Five of the first six in the Police Barking—Southend walk were Belgrave Harriers. They were F. Rickards 1st, F. E. Bentley 2nd, A. Readman 3rd, J. C. Bidgood 4th and S. C. Roberts 6th.

Two of our members gained titles in the Inter-Counties Track Championships. They were E. H. Pack (440 yards) and H. G. Churcher (2 miles walk). Tom Carter and Bert Shaw represented their counties in the Three Miles and Two Miles Steeplechase respectively.

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In the County Championships, J. G. Coleman (2 miles walk) and C. A. Melchior (Javelin) won their events in the Surrey meeting. Eddie Pack won the Middlesex 440 yards, whilst Bert Clayton won the Hampshire 2 miles walk.

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Our heartiest congratulations to B. C. May, A. W. Penny and T. Wiley upon the occasion of their recent weddings. We wish them many years of health and happiness.

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It is with deep regret that these notes are concluded with the news of the death of one of our members, R. Archer, who succumbed to an attack of peritonitis. L. G. Bennett represented the Club at the funeral and conveyed our condolences to his parents.

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Members who enter for "Open" events are urged to make sure that meetings at which they compete are recognised by the A.A.A. The meeting must be promoted by an affiliated body, or, if run by an unaffiliated organisation, a permit from the A.A.A. must have been obtained. All entries, of course, must be made on an A.A.A. form. Any athlete who competes at an unregistered meeting automatically loses his amateur status, and must apply for and receive reinstatement by the A.A.A. before being allowed to compete again.

Any member who has any doubts about a meeting should get into touch with one of the Club Secretaries, who will gladly advise.

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It is with great pleasure that the following communication from Ted Stimpson is published below:—

"On the Sunday following the A.A.A. Ten Miles Track Championship we had the pleasure of the company of the winner, Jan Chapelle, the Belgian International. I would like to thank Messrs. A. A. Bird, C. E. Churcher and J. Daly, on Chapelle's behalf, for the wonderful time he had with them. Before leaving he assured us that he will return the compliment if we ever go to Antwerp."

The Southern Cross-Country Championship.

By A. S. Lindsey.

February 25th was a typical drizzly Winter's day, but this was not going to damp the enthusiasm of the runners or the spectators.

At the word "Go" nearly 300 runners plodded up the starting field of stubble, then up the shoulder of a sharp hill to find plenty of mud and heavy going at the top. In spite of the conditions the pace seemed very fast.

After the first lap, things were going favourably for us; Ted Stimpson led the way out on to the second lap, being closely followed by S. Palmer (Mitcham A.C.) and V. Harman (Slough A.C.), Carter and Penny were also prominent, whilst Shields, Patience, Shaw and Jerman were inside the forties.

After two laps it was seen that there would be a hard fight for points between Mitcham A.C., Surrey A.C. and the Bels., our opponents packing well in the 'teens and twenties. Hello! who is this coming up? Not that chap Footer, our reserve man? Surely not! Why, hadn't I heard him saying earlier that he was finished and past it? The passing part was certainly working now.

At the end of the third lap we were a close third. Footer had gained thirty places to become our fifth man, Shields (36) and Walker (37) were having a battle for sixth place in our team, with Shaw (45) and Jerman (46) giving good support.

Then came that wait on the last lap, when a keen supporter would have won first prize at a "Jitterbug Session." The leaders fought their way down the steep slippery finish, Palmer unsuccessfully trying to retrieve those few yards separating him from the winner, L. R. McIntyre (Thames H. and H.), with F. H. Reeve (Slough A.C.) in hot pursuit. Carter and Stimpson ran strongly to finish fifth and sixth, Penny ran solidly throughout to finish 12th. Then came what seemed, to an excited brain, droves of Surrey and Mitcham vests. Footer, with that old businesslike glint in his eyes, fought every yard to finish 27th. Dan Patience (31) soon followed, with Shields (35) holding Walker (39) for our sixth man. Jerman and Shaw maintained their places in the forties. Tobin was 64th and, in view of an injured leg, gave a good performance. Murdock did not have his usual fire, but stuck to it gamely. R. E. Stride (Jnr.), our 12th man (brought in at the last moment) was unfortunately forced to retire. Running in a borrowed pair of rubbers, he found the going almost impossible; this is not surprising as the "field" were finding it difficult enough in spikes. This was not only bad

luck for Stride, for the withdrawal put us out of the running for the "Twelve" cup, of which we were holders.

Then came the result which settled all arguments—Bels, third. So once again we were placed with only a few points in it, but we all came away feeling that we had seen a very fine race, one which had carried excitement for the whole 10 miles.

Finally, a tribute to the fine work by Messrs. Dickenson's, especially the dressing and bathing accommodation on their premises, a pleasure rarely experienced but greatly appreciated on such a day.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		
1 McIltyre (T.H.H.) ...	57	43	35	H. Shields
2 S. Palmer (M.A.C.) ...	57	49	31	D. Patience
3 F. Reeve (S.A.C.) ...	57	49½	39	F. A. Walker
5 T. Carter	58	27	42	A. Shaw
6 E. Stimpson	58	39	44	Jerman
12 A. W. Penny	59	2	64	R. Tobin
27 H. E. Footer	59	59	95	Murdock

TEAM RESULTS.

Mitcham (2, 13, 21, 22, 23, 24)	105	pts.
Surrey (14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 27)	112	pts.
Belgrave (5, 6, 12, 26, 31, 34)	114	pts.

Run v. M.P.A.A.

By H. Parker.

It was disappointing to find on arrival at Imber Court on March 4th, that only 11 Belgrave men were on duty to beat the Police. It is hoped that perhaps next year we shall have more fixtures at this time of the year, so as to foster the interest of the younger brigade and those not interested in the Senior Championships. After all, Belgrave caters for all members, and it must be borne in mind that the teams of to-morrow are found in the matches of to-day.

The distance was six miles—three laps of the reservoirs, and the midday rain had made the going muddy and slippery. Once again we were favoured with a visit by W. Hewitt, who lives some miles outside London, and is showing every sign of being a good Belgravian. It was also pleasing to see Charlie Smart out again.

At the end of the first lap Hengle (Police) was showing Hewitt the way with Smart fourth, Lionel Penny fifth and Marchant sixth. After the second lap Hewitt was on his own, followed by Smart and Hengle.

The finish found Hewitt a comfortable winner in the very good time of 33 min. 43 sec. Smart was second in 34 min. 21 sec., followed by Hengle. L. Penny was fourth, E. Herbert sixth, R. Boyden ninth, L. Marchant 10th, A. Smith 11th, J. Daly 13th, T. Morrell 16th, A. Orton 18th and A. Bidwell 22nd.

With 10 a side scoring we won, scoring 90 to the 120 points of the Police.

The usual tea and social were a pleasant and fitting ending to the event.

The English Cross-Country Championship.

By The Hon Secretary.

Strange, a warm, sunny day in June, to throw one's mind back to March 11th, when a team of nine, one reserve and two Club officials made the journey to Worsley Park, Manchester, for the E.C.C.U. Championships. The day was cold and rainy, the course a quagmire of mud, the dressing quarters typically Northern—let's leave it at that! But from this mixture of Northern weather and Northern mud, emerged a Southern win—a team victory for Belgrave!

A course of five laps had been planned and 43 teams lined up for the start. Our lads were reasonably well away and at $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles Stimpson and Penny were near the leaders, with our other runners well placed. At three miles the same state of affairs existed, but the large field passing in a solid mass of mud and humanity, with the rain pouring down, prevented any very definite conclusions being drawn. We knew that both Birchfield and ourselves were doing well. Mitcham did not seem to be making much of a show, and the Northern shouts were for Sutton Harriers, whose red and white jerseys certainly seemed prominent.

On the next lap (5 1-3 miles) rough calculation showed us to be leading by a few points from Birchfield. Our runners were advised of this and seemed to run with more determination than ever. As they came round again (7 2-3 miles) to start the last lap we still led, but the Birchfield crowd were urging on their team to gain positions.

Then to the finish, to await the arrival of the runners. First home was Jack Holden, of Tipton H., a worthy winner. Our first man home was Ted Stimpson, in fourth position, scoring

3 for team purposes. He had improved from 14th to 4th position over the last lap of 2 1-3 miles, passing seasoned runners as though they were not in the race. His effort was an amazing one, and our team had an excellent start. Then came Arthur Penny (5), another to rise to the occasion on an awful day. A few seconds delay and Tom Carter (17) appeared, followed a little later by our Captain, Bert Footer (28), who had gained place after place in the second half of the race.

We now wanted two others to complete our team, and three claret and gold vests came along together. Harry Shields and Dan Patience managed to catch and beat A. W. Jerman on the run-in, and we had won the "National" for the second time! Jerman was slightly unlucky not to score in a winning team in his first "National," but there can be little doubt that within three years he will have attained International class. Our other two runners, Bert Shaw and Mick Walker, backed up well, and every one of our runners can look back upon this day of days with pleasure.

The congratulations from all quarters flooded in. Our boys, with hundreds of other runners, tried to find a little water to remove the generous layers of mud which covered their bodies—with little success.

Dick Tobin, our reserve, who had given encouragement on the other side of the course, and H. Parker and the Hon. Secretary all proceeded to free themselves of their damp clothes and muddy shoe coverings.

This done, away to a scrambled tea and prize presentation, and then back to London—English Cross-country Champions again, with two members worthily selected for the International team.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1 J. T. Holden .....T.H.	63	33	43 H. W. Shields.....B.H.	67	11.
4 E. S. Stimpson ...B.H.	64	18	44 D. Patience .....B.H.	67	12
8 A. W. Penny .....B.H.	64	36	45 A. W. Jerman .....B.H.	67	13
23 C. T. Carter .....B.H.	66	3	50 A. R. Shaw .....B.H.	67	39
35 H. E. Footer .....B.H.	66	52	65 F. A. Walker .....B.H.	—	—

TEAM SCORES.

1 Belgrave H. (3, 5, 17, 23, 34, 35)	...	...	...	122	pts.
2 Birchfield H. (13, 15, 18, 23, 26, 39)	...	...	...	134	pts.
3 Mitcham A.C. (10, 22, 27, 30, 37, 57)	...	...	...	183	pts.
4 Sutton H. & A.C.	...	...	...	229	pts.
5 Surrey A.C.	...	...	...	321	pts.
6 South London H.	...	...	...	344	pts.

(33 teams closed in).

Ilford Road Relay Race.

On the 18th March we sent a more or less Junior team to Ilford to compete in the local club's Road Relay race.

Coming a week after the "National" it had been decided not to over-race our Seniors, and in the circumstances our performance in finishing 9th out of an entry of 19 teams was very creditable.

Surrey A.C. were winners of the race in record time for the course of 3 hr. 10 min. 13 sec., with Mitcham A.C. second in 3 hr. 14 min. 27 sec., and Woodford Green A.C. third in 3 hr. 14 min. 58 sec.

Our boys' finishing time was 3 hr. 22 min. 10 sec., and their positions in the race are given hereunder.

1st Relay.	14.	L. Marchant	20 min.	12 sec.
2nd "	12.	N. C. Shrub... ..	19 min.	45 sec.
3rd "	11.	W. E. Beard... ..	19 min.	47 sec.
4th "	11.	L. K. Penny	20 min.	37 sec.
5th "	10.	A. Smith	20 min.	52 sec.
6th "	11.	R. Boyden	20 min.	7 sec.
7th "	10.	E. H. Herbert	19 min.	52 sec.
8th "	10.	F. R. Webb	20 min.	25 sec.
9th "	10.	R. W. Tobin	20 min.	36 sec.
10th "	9.	R. E. Stride	19 min.	57 sec.

Club Five Miles Road Race.

On Saturday, March 25th, at Wimbledon, we held our usual 5 Miles Road Race with a sealed handicap in conjunction.

This race is used as a line on our Brighton Relay team prospects, and quite a good field turned out. Arthur Penny and Ted Stimpson were absentees owing to their running for England in the Cross-country International race a week later.

After the first quick break-away, Jerman went to the front and was running in really fine style. Tom Carter had tacked himself on to the leader's shoulder and was also running well. At the bottom of the hill the positions were unchanged, but on the upward climb along Cambridge Road, Tom Carter went ahead and Len Herbert commenced to overhaul Jerman. Charlie Smart and Harry Shields were going well while Les Cohen, running in a sweater, was not far behind them. Hewitt and Shaw were also quite well up and Shrubbs was running with fine style but found the strong wind rather troublesome.

On reaching the Common again Tom Carter was well ahead and, running in strong style, he won fairly comfortably in quite

good time on such a day. Bill Merryman won the Handicap and well deserved it, while Jerman reaped the reward of his spirited effort by gaining second award. E. H. Herbert was placed third, beating N. C. Shrubbs by one second only.

RESULT.

Posn.	Name	Act. Time	Start	H'cap. Time	Posn. in H'cap.
1	C. T. Carter ...	29 32 ...	0 15 ...	29 17 ...	17
2	L. W. Herbert ...	29 41 ...	1 10 ...	28 31 ...	7
3	A. W. Jerman ...	29 55 ...	2 0 ...	27 55 ...	2
4	J. C. Smart ...	30 3 ...	1 15 ...	28 48 ...	11†
5	H. W. Shields ...	30 18 ...	1 30 ...	28 48 ...	11†
6	L. J. Cohen ...	30 25 ...	0 45 ...	29 40 ...	19
7	W. Hewitt ...	30 44 ...	1 45 ...	28 59 ...	15
8	A. R. Shaw ...	30 56 ...	2 0 ...	28 56 ...	13
9	E. H. Herbert ...	30 59 ...	3 0 ...	27 59 ...	3
10	A. Allum ...	31 12 ...	1 45 ...	29 27 ...	18
11	N. C. Shrubbs ...	31 15 ...	3 15 ...	28 0 ...	4
12	R. E. Stride ...	31 27 ...	3 15 ...	28 12 ...	5
13	L. K. Penny ...	32 8 ...	3 10 ...	28 58 ...	14
14	R. Boyden ...	32 17 ...	3 45 ...	28 32 ...	8
15	W. H. Rispin ...	32 25 ...	3 50 ...	28 35 ...	9
16	L. Marchant ...	32 27 ...	3 50 ...	28 37 ...	10
17	W. F. Merryman ...	32 28 ...	4 45 ...	27 43 ...	1
18	F. R. Webb ...	32 44 ...	3 0 ...	29 44 ...	21
19	A. Smith ...	33 13 ...	4 0 ...	29 13 ...	16
20	C. G. Herridge ...	34 28 ...	4 45 ...	29 43 ...	20
21	R. G. Griffin ...	34 29 ...	6 0 ...	28 29 ...	6
22	C. T. Pateman ...	38 3 ...	5 0 ...	33 3 ...	22

The London—Brighton Relay.

At 12 o'clock on Easter Saturday, the Mayor of Mitcham despatched the runners for the first leg of this race which, to the supporters, might well be classed as a Social Event. As usual, there was a keen race for the honour of being first to the changing point. Our coach was caught in a nice "jam" just before reaching Purley, and we saw I. Brown, of Mitcham, lead the field through the tangle of coaches, cars and cycles to give his Club the lead. Our own L. W. Herbert was about ninth. At Coulsdon, Birchfield and Mitcham were having a rare old battle, meanwhile our International, Ted Stimpson, began to peg his opponents back. This he did to good effect, for he handed over to Arthur Penny at Merstham only a few seconds behind Mitcham, Herne Hill just pipping Birchfield for third place.

The third stage is all "ups and downs," but Arthur was unable to gain on his opponent and we were still fifty yards behind when he handed over to Bert Shaw. At Povey Cross the supporters, keenly conscious of the closeness of the race, anxiously awaited

the runners. Mitcham still led, although Bert had slightly reduced their lead.

Charlie Smart overhauled his rival and a ding-dong battle ensued. Thorogood, of Mitcham, and our Charlie fought all the way to the "Half Moon," Crawley, the Mitcham man reaching the change-over one second in front. Smart's effort gained him the distinction of being the only runner to get near to one of the records for the various stages; he just missed beating the record by two seconds.

Climbing up to Peas Pottage, L. Scott was on top of his form and soon opened up a gap on Arthur Allum. Here it must be explained that Arthur was our reserve man and was called upon to deputise for A. W. Jerman, who was unfortunately crooked. Our man stuck to his task gamely, but we had to concede over a minute at the next change point, Handcross.

The seventh is the longest stage and Mitcham's star runner, S. Palmer, almost sprinted down Handcross Hill. Tom Carter, who has run well over this stage before, would have had to run six and one-tenth of a mile in 29 min. 13 sec to have caught Palmer. As this would have meant lopping over half a minute off the record, Tom's task was not a very enviable one. However, Palmer, too, was right on form, and by covering his "leg" a minute faster than our man, gave Mitcham a lead of over two minutes.

Les Cohen managed to cut the lead down over the next stage, but Birchfield were now getting within striking distance. Harry Shields soon climbed Dale Hill, but his Birchfield opponent meant business and began to close up the gap. The rest of this stage which finishes at Patcham, is downhill. Those who have seen Harry running downhill will hardly need telling that he kept his man at bay.

At Brighton the crowds had gathered to greet the runners. Those who had followed the race knew that, barring accident, Mitcham were certain winners. Needless to say they left nothing to chance and D. Brickwood raced to the Aquarium to hand the baton containing the message from the Lord Mayor of London to the Mayor of Brighton. Pat Parker, running over familiar ground, made sure of our gaining second place by finishing over a minute ahead of the Birchfield runner. Surrey A.C., who were much fancied after their record run in the Ilford Relay, were fourth.

Congratulations to our Mitcham rivals on equalling our record of three successive wins, also to our Birchfield friends for their splendid efforts; they always give us a good race, and never acknowledge defeat until the finish. By their clear-cut victory, Mitcham hold the trophy; will they win it a fourth time in suc-

cession? We don't know: we wish them luck next year and promise them that we shall go all out to break their hold on it.

On the return journey, thanks to a brilliant "double" by Stan Blunden, we beat Birchfield at darts.

Ten Years Back.

Looking at a 1929 "Belgravian" we find recorded the Club's fourth win in the National 20 Miles Walking Championship, held at Hayes, Kent. Our team was T. W. Green 6th, R. D. McMullen 11th, J. Rathbone 15th and B. J. T. Knifton 19th. The first three teams were Belgrave H. 51 pts., Surrey Athletic Club 65 pts., Surrey Walking Club 71 pts.

In a track match the L.A.C. beat us by 5½ events to 2½ events. The L.A.C.'s 4 x 440 yards team was Lord Burghley, Vargas, Sheppard and Leigh-Wood. In the Kinnaird Meeting, our only scorer was Perce Cook in the 440 yards. Tommy Scrimshaw was in a winning Junior Relay team.

Among June, 1929, new members who later proved their worth were J. C. Bidgood, J. E. Tosh, F. H. C. White and L. J. Coleman.

With The Juniors.

The Winter Season wound up with the Southern Junior, in which our lads were placed sixth out of 27 teams. The placings of our runners was as follows: W. E. Beard 26th, N. C. Shrubb 31st, L. Penny 49th, L. Marchant 53rd, M. F. Edwards 83rd, and R. V. Reynolds 123rd. A report of the Ilford Relay appears elsewhere, and in this race our team contained many Juniors. N. C. Shrubb deserves special mention for returning the fastest time of our members.

On the track our new member, K. Penney, has already won a Club handicap (sprint) and shows promise as a long jumper. Shrubb has also won a Club handicap (half-mile).

I would like all new juniors to make themselves known, so that arrangements for training and team-selection for matches can be proceeded with; mention should be made of the event(s) in which you are interested.

H. M. QUACKENBOS, Junior Captain,
54, Eaton Terrace, S.W.1.

Track Match v. Polytechnic.

29th April.

On a day which savoured more of Winter than of Summer, we had our first match of the season. We won comfortably, scoring 42 points to the 21 of the Poly, but their Juniors avenged this by beating us, the scores being Poly 26, Hercules A.C. 19, and Belgrave H. 15.

The first race, 100 yards (Junior), got us in arrears, for the Poly had the first two, and Hercules the third, one of our lads was fourth to gain us one point. In the Senior sprint, Stan Botwright led two Poly boys home in 10.9 secs. S. Jones (37ft. 11½in.) and W. Sutton (34ft. 6½in.) gained us maximum points in the Shot. R. Michael and A. Bird continued the good work in the half-mile, the former winning in 2 min. 7 sec. Their performance was rather overshadowed by that of the Juniors in their race, a Poly boy leading L. Marchant home in 2min. 5 sec.

Then came the S.A.A.L. Division II Three Miles Team Race. Arthur Penny and Tom Carter had a glorious dust-up over the last lap, Arthur just heading Tom to the tape. Charlie Smart, fifth, and Harry Shields, ninth, gave us a score of 17 for four men. This gave us a 20 points advantage over the next team, Ilford A.C.

A newcomer, and a Junior at that, won the Club 100 yards Handicap. His name is K. E. Penney (an easy one to remember!). With 8 yards start he won in 10½ sec. from V. Berlemont (9) and A. S. Blunden (3).

J. A. W. Scott showed his opponents a clean pair of heels in the Junior 220, his time being 24 3-10 sec. K. Penney earned us a point in the Junior Long Jump with a leap of 16ft. 7in., Bell (Poly) doing 19ft. 3in. with two Herculeans doing 17½ft. Latham gave Poly. another Long Jump win with 20ft. 6in., T. Wiley and F. Skelley doing 19ft. 9in. and 19ft. 8in. respectively.

L. Cohen gained applause by beating Reeve, Poly's International, in the Mile. W. Lucas, obviously not yet in form, was third.

S. Jones won the Discus with a throw of 110ft. 9½in. Only 11 turned out in the Club Half Mile Handicap. N. C. Shrubbs (62 yards) had a comfortable win. A. H. Orton (50 yards) was second, and, in the absence of a Field Events Handicap, F. R. Webb (45 yards) was third. The winner's time was 1 min. 59 sec. D. L. Mumford was our only Junior to gain points in the "quarter." He won in 56 sec. S. Jarlett won the corresponding Senior race in 54 -10 sec., our Norwegian member, K. Moe, being third. Now we feel that the Track Season has well and truly begun.

Match v. L.A.C. and Dominion Students.

White City, May 3rd, 1939.

This triangular match ended in a dead-heat between ourselves and L.A.C., each side scoring 31 points. The Dominion Students were close behind with 28 points.

In the 220 yards, Stan Blunden came through strongly at the finish to gain second place. In the 440 yards Syd Jarlett and Knut Moe were second and third; our two were only five yards behind the winner, and the latter is now settling down and shows great promise. Dick Michael and Alby Bird occupied similar places in the "half," Bird, with bigger things in view, not being anywhere fit yet. In the Mile, Bill Lucas made the pace, but D. G. Chamberlain, the Cambridge Cross-country runner, eventually ran out winner. Les Cohen fought him gamely, but he finished five yards behind. Lucas was third.

F. E. Norman and Frank Skelley in the Long Jump, and Syd Jones, Bill Sutton and Ron Jeal gained us valuable points in the throwing events.

It will be noticed that none of our men gained a "first," the scoring being 4, 3, 2, 1 for the first four places.

RESULTS.

100 Yards.—1st J. Carmichael (L.A.C.), 4th A. S. Blunden (Bels.).

220 Yards.—1st N. O'Connor (D.S.A.U.), 2nd A. S. Blunden (Bels.).

440 Yards.—1st B. W. Elliott (L.A.C.), 2nd S. Jarlett (B.H.), 3rd K. Moe (B.H.). Time 51 secs.

880 Yards.—1st J. V. Powell (L.A.C.), 2nd R. G. Michael (B.H.), 3rd A. A. Bird (B.H.).

1 Mile.—1st D. G. Chamberlain (D.S.A.U.), 2nd L. J. Cohen (B.H.), 3rd W. E. Lucas (B.H.). Time 4 mins 41 secs.

Long Jump.—1st M. J. Keating (L.A.C.), 21ft. 10½in.; 3rd F. E. Norman (B.H.), 20ft. 9½in.; 4th F. J. Skelley (B.H.), 19ft. 6½in.

Weight Putt.—1st E. H. Bennett (D.S.A.U.), 44ft. 4½in.; 2nd S. Jones (B.H.), 38ft. 6½in.; 3rd W. Sutton (B.H.), 36ft. 1½in.

Discus.—1st C. J. Foord (D.S.A.U.), 2nd S. Jones (B.H.).

Javelin.—1st E. H. Bennett (D.S.A.U.), 3rd R. E. Jeal (B.H.).

Inter-Club Relay Meeting.

The first of this year's series was held at Battersea on Wednesday, May 10th. The rivalry was as keen as ever and the evening's sport found the clubs placed as follows: Belgrave 15 points, Mitcham A.C. 13, Epsom H. 7, and Croydon H. 3. In fairness to the latter club must be added the fact that they only took part in the two shorter relays.

In the 4 x 100 yards Stan Blunden, Alec Mewes, Frank Pritchard and Stan Botwright gave us a good start by winning in 43.2 sec. In the 4 x 880 Alf Orton used good judgment to give the lead to Frank Webb, but Mitcham gained on him and they led at the end of this "leg." On the third "leg" Ted Stimpson

gamely tried to close the gap, but Mitcham, who had their two best men over the last stages, increased their lead. Syd Jarlett tackled an almost hopeless task and had to admit defeat, for his rival left nothing to chance.

Meanwhile, Tom Wiley (rec. 15ft. 6in.) won the Club Shot Putt Handicap, returning 41ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Our Field Events Vice-Captain, L. Jackson, beat one of our older members, C. R. Crawley, by a quarter of an inch for second place. Running in a very businesslike manner right from the gun, W. Beard won our Junior (under 19) 880 yards handicap from 25 yards. Len Marchant ran through from 2 yards to just beat A. H. Lomas (30 yards) in a very close finish. The time was 2 min. 4.4 sec.

Fifteen walkers lined up for Club two miles Walking Handicap. W. H. Jones (550 yards) continued the promising form which he showed on the road to win from Bill True (525) in 14 min. 6.8 sec. Third was Harry Churcher (scratch), whose first appearance at Battersea as an A.A.A. Champion gained him warm applause from our loyal spectators behind the rails.

In the 4 x 300 yards Relay, Tom Wiley handed over a slight deficit to Stan Botwright, who delighted us all by his easy running to give Stan Blunden the lead. Stan carried on with the good work to give Eddie Pack a comfortable run home; time 2 min. 13.7 sec. None of the runners in the One Mile Team Race could match Len Herbert for speed—his time was 4 min. 34.6 sec. Les Cohen was second, Charlie Smart fourth, and Harry Shields fifth.

The Gordon Stewart Trophy Meeting.

Ealing, May 13th.

On a fine day and with a good crowd of supporters we retained this trophy. The first race was the hundred yards, which resulted in a win for A. Liffen (Ashcombe). S. Pearse and R. Jewkes, of Ealing, were second and third, and Stan Blunden opened our score by coming fourth. Our milers, Stimpson and Lucas, ran out on their own to finish abreast in 4 min. 37 sec., with L. Edwards (E) and S. Shirley (A) third and fourth. Our half-milers gained a similar victory, Michael winning from Frank Webb in 2 min. 4 1-5 sec.; R. Hollis (A) and F. Honey (Reading) were next.

Our sprinters gave better accounts of themselves in the furlong, R. Jewkes (Ealing) winning in 23.8 sec. S. Blunden was second, W. Summers (A) third and F. Pritchard was fourth. We gained maximum points in the Two Miles; our lads dominated the race. Shirley, of Ashcombe, attempted to upset them, but fell back over the second mile. Carter, Cohen, Shaw and Shields ran in together in 10 min. 10 sec.

Then came the last event—the One Mile Relay. Len Marchant, one of our promising juniors, showed good pace-judgment to hand over a 25-yard lead to Eddie Pack, who, in turn, was followed by Les Bennett and A. Mewes, who finished off the good work. Thus we ran out easy winners of the trophy, scoring 31 points, Ealing scored 18, Ashcombe 13 and Reading 3.

The Surrey County 20 Miles Running Championship. Mitcham, May 20th.

In this race our marathon runners added another championship to the Club. Mick Walker led the lads home with a performance which will make him a formidable contender for the coming marathons. Our team of three was completed by the two Berts, who ran together throughout the race. Footer, making his début at the distance, ran with his usual tenacity, and we hope to see him again go the full 26 odd miles. Lindsay gave us the best performance of his career, as did Fred White, who was the next to finish.

Bert Mitchell, who has had a recurrence of vein trouble in his leg, ran a plucky race and finished the course. Fred Ford renewed battle with Father Time and beat him by thirteen seconds to gain a County Standard. J. Appleby ran steadily up to half-way but one of his legs gave out and he retired—hard luck!—but everyone is liable to do that in a race of this type.

RESULT.

1 F. A. Walker	1 56 31	7 E. G. White	2 5 52
5 H. E. Footer }	2 9 45	10 A. F. Mitchell	2 9 47
6 A. S. Lindsey }		— F. G. Ford	2 15 36

Herne Hill Jubilee Meeting. Thursday, 25th May, 1939.

Unfortunately, we were unable to turn out a very strong team for the Herne Hill Jubilee Meeting, the competing clubs being Belgrave, Blackheath, Polytechnic and the promoting club, Herne Hill. However, some keen racing was seen.

RESULTS.

4 x 110 Yards.—1st H.H.H., 2nd Blackheath H., 3rd Poly H., 4th Belgrave. (Blunden, Skelley, Bennett, Botwright).

3 x 880 Yards.—1st Blackheath H., 2nd H.H.H., 3rd Poly H., 4th Belgrave. (Orton, F. R. Webb, L. W. Herbert).

4 x 220 Yards.—1st Poly H., 2nd H.H.H., 3rd Blackheath H., 4th Belgrave. (Wiley, Bennett, Blunden, Botwright).

2 Miles Team Race.—1st H.H.H. (1, 4, 8), 13 pts.; 2nd Belgrave (6, 9, 9), Smart, Cohen, Carter; 2nd Poly (3, 7, 10); 4th Blackheath.

3 x 440 Yards.—1st Blackheath, 2nd Poly, 3rd H.H.H., 4th, Belgrave. (A. Bird, N. Shrubbs, S. Jarlett).

High Jump.—1st Poly H., 2nd Blackheath H., 3rd H.H.H., 4th Belgrave. (L. Marchant, L. Harris).

Long Jump.—1st Poly H., 2nd Belgrave H., 3rd H.H.H., 4th Blackheath. (T. D. Wiley, F. J. Skelley).

Weight Putt.—1st Belgrave H., 2nd H.H.H., 3rd Blackheath, 4th Poly. (S. Jones, W. H. Sutton). S. Jones's effort was 40ft. 4in.—a new Club record.

Discus.—1st Blackheath H., 2nd Belgrave H., 3rd H.H.H.

Points: H.H.H. 25 pts., Blackheath H. 24 pts., Poly H., 22½ pts., Belgrave H. 17½ pts.

“Evening Gazette” Trophy Contest.

On Whit Saturday, a coach load of competitors and supporters journeyed to Palmer Park, Reading, to defend the above trophy.

The first event was the hundred yards, and Stan Botwright had only just arrived when they were on their marks. The rush was a little too much and he failed in his heat. In the final, H. Wickerson (Highgate) won and equalled the ground record of 10 seconds. In the five lap steeplechase, Bert Shaw ran in place of Tom Carter. Unfortunately, he came a cropper at the water-jump on the first lap, and was unable to make up the gap, but managed to gain us a point by finishing fourth, Jack Webster, of Birchfield, winning. Tom Wiley jumped in the high-jump, but did not collect any points.

Our hopes were raised in the half-mile when Michael easily qualified for the final. Dick did not produce his usual form in the final, won by the Indoor Champion, A. Morris, in 1 min. 59 sec., and did not gain a place in the first four. We began to get anxious as we had obtained only one point from four events. Eddie Pack showed some of his last year's form to win the “quarter” by about five yards from Russell (Woodford Green) in 50 4-5 sec.—a new ground record. In the One Mile, Len Herbert tucked himself behind the leaders until a furlong from home, he then began to show everybody what a finish he has, but D. A. Percival (L.A.C.) beat him by inches—time 4 min. 27 3-5 sec.—a splendid performance considering the strong wind which was blowing.

Stan Botwright made amends in the furlong and finished inches behind Wickerson, who had a three or four yards advantage when they entered the straight. Wickerson, whose time was 22 4-5 sec., scored a brilliant double for Highgate. Tom Wiley made a great effort in the Long Jump and although he cleared 20ft. 4in., he was beaten by 5in. by the Birchfield man for the one point awarded for fourth place.

With only the 3 Miles Team Race to go, Highgate held a four points lead, so we still had a chance for a tie. Charlie Smart adopted his usual tactics of forcing the pace but the long-striding Hughes (Reading) beat him after a desperate struggle by about four yards in 14 min. 47 sec. Both runners beat the previous

ground record. Ted Stimpson started moderately but went faster every lap and just failed to beat Sowden (Highgate) for third place. Pat Parker, who should soon be back to his old International form, completed the team in fifth position. Harry Shields was our other representative. We won this race, scoring 11 points to Highgate's 16; this, however, made Highgate winners of the Trophy.

After the racing the teams were entertained to tea by the Mayor of Reading at Palm Lodge, followed by the presentation of the awards.

RESULT.

Highgate H. 18 pts., Belgrave 15, London A.C. 13, Reading A.C. 10, Birchfield H. and Woodford Green A.C., 9 pts. each. Poly H. 8 pts., Thames Valley H. 5, Wycombe Phoenix H. and Oxford Y.M.C.A. 1 pt. each.

Inter-Club Relay Shield.

Tuesday, 30th May, 1939.

The second of the series of four matches for the Inter-club Relay Shield was held at Croydon on Tuesday, 30th May. I must say it was one of the worst supported contests we have ever taken part in, not only did we lack supporters but only nine out of 20 members advised put in an appearance. Consequently, every member had to run in two events and Alby Bird worked like a Trojan and ran in 3. However, all who did turn up ran remarkably well and we were able to share the points for the evening with Mitcham at 14 pts. each.

RESULTS.

4 x 100 Yards.—Belgrave 1st, Mitcham 2nd, Croydon 3rd, Epsom 4th. (Mewes, Lyons, Bird, Wiley).

4 x 880 Yards.—Mitcham 1st, Belgrave 2nd, Epsom 3rd. (N. Shrubbs, A. Orton, F. R. Webb and A. Bird).

4 x 300 Yards.—Mitcham 1st, Belgrave 2nd, Croydon 3rd, Epsom 4th. (A. Mewes, A. S. Lyons, A. Bird and T. D. Wiley).

1 Mile Team Race.—Belgrave 1st, 19 pts., Mitcham, 22 pts. (H. Shields 1st, N. Shrubbs 5th, A. Orton 6th, F. R. Webb 7th).

Forthcoming Fixtures.

The Track Season is now well into its stride and, so far, results have been very satisfying from a Club point of view.

I would like to see a few more new members appearing in our club fixtures. We have had many join during the past few months, and I take this opportunity of welcoming them to our ranks. If anyone is in doubt on any point—maybe as regards entering club races, etc.—will he please drop me a line and I will advise him accordingly.

We are always pleased to see new blood. We appreciate that the old ones cannot go on for ever, and a recent addition to our sprinting ranks is L. K. Penney. When selecting teams for the various Inter-club events, we also like to give as many members as possible a chance of representing the Club, but if the newer members do not come forward and, as it were, show their paces we have to rely more or less, on the old and trusted brigade.

In most of these matches we have Field Events, including High and Long Jumps, and here, especially in the former, we are in need of men. Eddie Pack won our championship at 5ft. 5in., so that it can be seen that our standard is not very high.

So don't forget, lose your shyness (or is it modesty?) and let me hear from you if you would like a chance of participating in our many Senior and Junior matches. For the Junior affairs we take the age limit as 19, and here again we need new blood, especially in the Field Events.

In the last issue we gave a list of our Club meetings, and as by now you should have all received your Fixture cards, you will notice that instead of July 26th, at Battersea Park Track, the date is given as Monday, July 31st.

This alteration was necessary owing to the Inter-Club Relays at Mitcham being fixed for the former date, and I trust our members will support this Monday fixture to the best of their ability.

It will also be noticed that we have three fixtures open to Unattached Novices during the season, as follows: July 12th (Wed.), 100 Yards and 1 Mile run, at Battersea Park; and on July 31st (Mon.), 1 Mile Walk at Battersea Park. Entry for these races is free, and should be sent in at least a week before the date of the meeting.

Now, come along, you club members, tell your friends about these fixtures, and if they fancy themselves in the athletic line, challenge them to come along and "do their stuff." We have all met these footballers who could do a 100 in 10 seconds, complete with football boots, while others consider a mile run in 5 minutes as "easy picking."

Well, whatever they can or cannot do, do your best to get them to come along on these evenings and take part in these races. By "Unattached" we mean, of course, those who are not present members of a running or walking club.

For the benefit of new members, may I mention that the entry fee for all club handicaps is 1/-, and this can be paid either when you send your entry along, or can be given to Mr. Webb on the evening of the meeting.

As long as you send your name along, mentioning which event you wish to enter, a postcard will do. As you know, the club meetings all start at 7 p.m. promptly, and it is up to you to arrive at the track as early as possible, in case your race is early in the programme.

Then on July 8th, which incidentally is the day of the A.A.A. Championships at the White City, we have arranged a match with the Kensington Argyll A.C. and this will not start before 7 p.m., so that our members can travel over to Southfields after they have witnessed the meeting at the White City. The home club have very kindly consented to hold a 880 yards handicap race, open to Belgrave and their own members, and I hope as many as possible will come along on this evening. The entry fee is 6d. only, that in itself should attract many, and the prizes are very good. Here, again, early entries will be appreciated, as we have to make arrangements with the home club.

After the match a Dance will be held in the very fine pavilion on this ground, which is quite near Southfields station.

On July 12th we have more club handicaps and this time we give our very young members a chance of showing what they can do, by holding a 100 yards under 16 years of age. We have many young members under this age and I hope they will enter for this event.

From the young to the old, and this time a 100 yards for those over 40. Owing to the Veterans A.C. our numbers have decreased but we still have that lively "youngster," Dick Best, not forgetting that "skittish" fellow, Charlie Cook.

I have previously mentioned our meeting on July 31st, which is the Monday before our Club Championships, but this will give all members a chance of a run, as when we come to the Championship the ordinary member is inclined to steer clear of these and leave them to the "cracks." On this evening we shall be holding the Club 3 Miles Track Championship for the "Griffin" Cup, holder Tom Carter, and in this we award standard medals to all those outside the first three, who finish in the following times: 1st class, 16 min.; 2nd class, 16 min. 30 sec.

August 5th is Club Championship Day and is at Tooting Bec Track, and our idea in moving this fixture from Battersea Park is to give our members a better running surface on which to decide the various races for the club trophies. As you can see from the fixture card, we have a very imposing list, and they are certainly well worth trying to win. Standard medals are given in most of the events, so I hope our members will support these races.

Our final club fixture is on August 16th at Battersea Park, and although this is in the middle of the holiday period, I hope we shall secure better entries than last year, as otherwise we shall

have to consider whether it is worth while holding a meeting at this time of the year.

Any enquiries and all entries should be sent to

E. A. DUFFETT, Running Hon. Sec.,
76, Greenside Road, W. Croydon.

Field Events Gossip.

The Field Events Section is progressing and at present, after 10 events in the Southern Amateur League Field Events Section, we are leading, having gained maximum points from each event.

The match against the Metropolitan Police, which had to be postponed owing to the bad weather on Boxing Day, took place at Imber Court in continuous rain. Although one or two fairly good performances were put up, most of our men were not fit and we lost the match by four events to one. Tom Wiley produced a good performance in the Long Jump, doing 21ft. 1½in.

Congratulations to Syd Jones and Bill Sutton on being selected to represent Surrey in their match against the Police. Syd Jones celebrated this by doing 39ft. 2½in. in the Shot, a personal best.

A further match, in addition to those included in the Fixture List, has been arranged for 28th June at Greenford against the London Passenger Transport Board (Chiswick General) comprising Long Jump, High Jump, Hop Step and Jump, Discus, Shot and Javelin.

The first of the Field Events Handicaps was well supported and it is hoped that the remaining ones will attract as many or more entries. It will be noted that a Hop Step and Jump handicap has been included this season and this event might encourage some of the runners to try their luck at a new event.

T. C. JONES, Field Events Captain,
31 Broomwood Road, S.W.11.

With The Walkers.

We are very proud to have again won both Junior and Senior R.W.A. Championships in one season, and to have performed this in two successive seasons is a remarkable testimony to the Club's strength.

When we remember that all five trophies offered by the Road Walking Association for annual competition are in Belgrave possession, we can indeed feel satisfied—not that we shall allow this sense of satisfaction to impede us in our quest for further honours and distinctions.

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Hearty congratulations to Harry Churcher on winning the A.A.A. 7 miles Championship. His amazing sequence of wins

in Open events is now crowned by the distinction coveted by all amateur athletes; and we trust he will repeat his success in the future and secure Olympic honours for this country.

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Congratulations also to Joe Coleman, who finished third in the 7 miles Championship and was awarded the Fowler-Dixon Medal for Style. He is the first Belgrave Harrier to receive this award.

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In the last month or two, we have been joined by many new friends who are likely to assist the Club to some purpose in the coming season. We are always glad to welcome more and more to the Walking ranks, and *you* are asked to interest your friends and bring them along.

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We hold a One Mile Novice Walk (open to unattached novices), entry free, on Monday, July 31st, at Battersea Park. Please bring this to the notice of your friends and send in their names to the Walking Hon. Secretary.

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On March 11th we visited the Surrey W.C. headquarters for a race over their Banstead and back course of $11\frac{3}{4}$ miles. D. Christie-Murray was the actual winner of the race, but we won the inter-club event, scoring 48 points to the 66 of the home club.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1 D. Christie-Murray			15 L. J. Coleman ...B.H.	106	22
S.W.C.	94	11	21 W. H. Snell.....B.H.	108	8
2 C. E. Churcher...B.H.	95	21	25 R. F. Elson.....B.H.	110	56
3 C. F. Sutton .....B.H.	96	32	28 F. H. Elson.....B.H.	116	23
4 A. H. Pope .....B.H.	98	49	30 W. Ives .....B.H.	117	2
8 P. G. WrightB.H.	101	12	32 W. F. Brunning B.H.	117	33
9 E. C. HeatherB.H.	101	24			
13 G. S. Doubleday...B.H.	105	41			

(37 finished).

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The following week the County Championships were held, and at Mitcham we retained the Surrey County title very easily. Harry Churcher was involved in a motor-cycle accident earlier in the day and although he led the field for about 8 miles, he then almost collapsed. Joe Coleman and E. Heather passed him, but Harry managed to hold on to third place—a plucky effort. Eddie, walking with splendid judgment, found a burst of speed

towards the end and won the individual Championship. Our team scored 11 points (1, 2, 3, 5) against the 48 points of Surrey A.C. in second place.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1 E. C. Heather .....B.H.	83	32	7 D. E. Brown .....B.H.	87	10
2 J. G. ColemanB.H.	83	43	9 G. S. Doubleday ...B.H.	88	20
3 H. G. Churcher ...B.H.	84	43	20 W. G. TrueB.H.	93	50
6 L. J. ColemanB.H.	85	34			

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On the same day the Middlesex Championship took place at Enfield West. Metropolitan W.C. packed extremely well, finishing four men in six places and retaining their title easily. In the early stages of the race, Cadogan A.C. had been on terms, but the disqualification of Colin Sutton in the last half-mile robbed them of second team placing. Percy Wright did well to finish third.

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1 E. A. Staker H'gate H.	78	1	9 F. E. Bentley ....C.A.C.	81	40
8 A. ReadmanC.A.C.	80	57	19 R. F. Elson.....C.A.C.	87	37
3 P. G. WrightC.A.C.	79	2	20 S. GooldC.A.C.	88	13

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The A.A.A. 7 miles Championship must have seemed to the onlookers to resemble a Belgrave championship! As already reported, H. G. Churcher won (52m. 37s.), J. G. Coleman was 3rd (54m. 32s.), P. G. Wright 4th (55m. 44s.), L. J. Coleman 5th (56m. 34s.), and E. C. Heather 7th (56m. 53s.). Five in seven—not so bad!

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Belgrave were well represented in the Inter-Counties Road Walking Championship. Harry Churcher and Joe Coleman, both in the Surrey colours, were first and second respectively. The next arrivals were nearly two minutes afterwards, so their performances speak for themselves! Eddie Heather, making his debut for Surrey, made a well-judged effort over the last three or four miles to finish seventh. Colin Sutton scored in the winning Middlesex team. The following Belgrave men also appeared in the race: L. J. Coleman and D. E. Brown (Surrey), P. G. Wright (Middlesex), B. H. G. Clark and W. A. Treacher (Essex) and deserve congratulation for being so honoured.

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Heartiest congratulations to our war-horse, Fred Rickards, on a series of remarkable performances in recent weeks. To finish

seventh in the R.W.A. 20 miles Championships (at the age of 40) takes some doing, but to follow this up with a win in the Police Barking—Southend Championship, and only two days later to win the Essex Long-distance Championship, is amazing. Year after year Fred has scored in our National teams, and his form is always of the best. His dependability, knowledge of pace and enthusiasm for the Club's good name in Walking which he has largely helped to create) make him a model for all to follow.

Nothing would please all walkers throughout the country more than to see Fred strike his best form again next season, and crown a distinguished athletic career with Olympic honours.

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Our Track season is already well on its way, and members are requested to support all events.

Particular attention is drawn to the Club Championship on August 5th (Standards at 15 min. 30 sec and 16 min.). All entries to be sent to the Walking Hon. Secretary.

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The R.W.A. 50 kilos. Championship will be held from De Bohun's Farm, Enfield West, on Saturday, July 22nd. We expect to field a strong team, capable of retaining the title and withstanding the strong challenge expected from the Metropolitan W.C. The course will be a five lap one, with plenty of opportunity of seeing (and assisting) the race, and we hope as many Belgrave supporters as possible will be present to encourage our men to win their third Championship title of the season.

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All enquiries should be addressed to

Mr. A. A. HARLEY, 39, Roxborough Avenue, Isleworth, Mx.

The R.W.A. Junior Championship.

By The Hon. Secretary.

Junior Champions again—for the second successive year and the third win in four years! The merit of these fine performances is emphasised when it is remembered that the winning team

becomes ineligible for further competition in this race (with other barring clauses); and each win means that new walkers are required year to year to train to Championship standard.

This year's event was held in Manchester and, true to the Southerners' idea of Manchester, it rained heavily. Harry Thaxter was our first man to show up prominently, but unfortunately came under the ban of the judges; a fate which was shared by several of the leaders.

When the walkers finally settled down, our men took command of the race and a team win for us seemed very likely. Surrey A.C., however, decided that they were not yet beaten and over the last four miles they made strenuous attempts to peg back the points. Our team were not to be denied, however, and an interesting race ended in a four points margin in our favour.

Eddie Heather (5) led our team home, with Bert Clayton (10) second man for us. Both did well, but we should not have been surprised to have seen both of these men in even more prominent positions. Possibly the long train journey had some effect on them. Syd Roberts (14) gave solid support to the team, which was completed by our Hon. Editor, Gordon Doubleday, in 21st position. Our four were well pleased to have brought further distinction to the Club, and to have won the title for the second successive year—something we had never yet previously done.

So having brought the "Garnett" Cup along with us, we took it back home again—our seventh win—a record not approached by any other club.

Considering the long journey, we were pleased to have so many supporters present. One party proceeded round the course in a chauffeur-driven car, but this was much too leisurely for Len Coleman. He was seen at various times running, on top of a lorry, emerging from a baker's van—in fact using every possible means (except walking) to be near the interesting part of the race. Prior to the race he had tried to borrow a bicycle from a Police Station but they didn't like the look of him (and who can blame them?), and the Fire Brigade thought they had better keep their engine back in case there was a call!

RESULT.

	m.	s.		m.	s.
1 W. S. Dunn			5 E. C. Heather.....B.H.	82	0
(Lanes. W.C.)	80	49	10 H. G. Clayton ...B.H.	83	35
2 C. Smith			14 S. C. Roberts.....B.H.	85	10
(Suffolk R.W.A.)	81	3	21 G. S. Doubleday...B.H.	86	16
3 W. Stanesby			42 W. H. Snell .....B.H.	89	39
(Lon. Vid. W.C.)	81	31			

TEAM POSITIONS.

1	Belgrave H. (5, 10, 14, 21)	50	pts.
2	Surrey A.C. (6, 12, 16, 20)	54	pts.
3	Godiva H. (11, 15, 18, 35)	79	pts.
4	Leicester W.C.	93	pts.
5	Highgate H.	95	pts.
6	Lancashire W.C.	96	pts.

(16 teams started).

The Club 20 Miles Road Walking Championship.

April 22nd.

Our Police Walkers were in good form for this race, as is shown by their beating the Club by a handsome margin. Surrey A.C. were also participating and, although not counting in the scoring, their presence added to the interest of the race.

At the start, Fred Bentley decided that it was time that his name was inscribed on the trophy, and accordingly led the field. After two miles had been covered he still led, with Charlie Churcher and Jack Rutland close behind.

Fred kept in front but Bob Readman was gaining on him over the last few miles, with half a mile to go they were abreast and in the final burst for home Readman came out best. His time was exceedingly good, especially in view of the wind, which many walkers found troublesome. He deserves full marks for the way in which he timed his effort, and the congratulations of us all for finding that little extra which won him the race.

Charlie Churcher gave his usual good performance to gain third place in the Championship. Colin Sutton, the previous holder, nursed a "gammy" knee all the way and was obviously out of the reckoning. Fred Rickards, now in his twenty-fifth season, was also to the fore; we all wish him many more happy and successful years with us on the road. Jock Martin showed a welcome return to form, whilst Clayton's and Thaxter's performances cause us to look ahead with optimism.

Posn.	Name	Act. Time	Allce.	H'cap. Time
1	A. Readman ... B. & P. ...	2 55 33	... 7 45	... 2 47 48
2	F. E. Bentley ... B. & P. ...	2 56 25	... 3 0	... 2 53 25
3	C. E. Churcher ... B. ...	3 3 21	... 2 30	... 3 0 51
4	H. E. Thaxter ... B. & P. ...	3 4 50	... 11 45	... 2 53 5
5	H. S. Curling ... P. ...	3 4 59	...	...
6	R. Martin ... B. & P. ...	3 6 24	... 18 25	... 2 47 59

7	C. F. Sutton	...	B.	...	3	11	12	...	Scr.	...	3	11	12	
8	H. G. Clayton	...	B.	...	3	11	34	...	11	45	...	2	59	49
9	J. Challons	...	P.	...	3	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	A. H. Bridger	...	B.	...	3	12	27	...	18	25	...	2	54	2
11	J. C. Bidgood	...	B. & P.	...	3	19	45	...	2	45	...	3	17	0
12	G. Winton	...	P.	...	3	19	56	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	G. S. Doubleday	...	B.	...	3	22	26	...	19	30	...	3	2	54
14	S. Goold	...	B. & P.	...	3	24	5	...	24	0	...	3	0	5
15	A. Mead	...	P.	...	3	29	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	S. Clark	...	P.	...	3	29	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	A. H. Brougham	...	P.	...	3	30	28	...	...	...	...	...	...

TEAM RESULTS.

Met. Police A.C.—1, 2, 4, 5, 6,	...	...	...	...	18	pts.
Belgrave H.—3, 7, 8, 10, 13	...	...	...	...	41	pts.

The National 20 Miles Road Walking Championship.

By Percy G. Wright.

This race, held from the Police headquarters at Hendon, was the 26th Championship and was blessed with glorious sunshine. The strenuous nature of the course, coupled with the heat, offered a formidable task to just under two hundred walkers.

Jock Martin did not arrive at the start in time, and Roberts was promoted to the first team.

Every year in this race someone takes it upon himself to set a cracking pace—this year was no exception. Right from the start Fletcher, the 1937 winner, cut out the pace and at three miles was 50 yards ahead of the first bunch. At this stage Leicester W.C. were much in evidence and at five miles they led us by 20 points.

At half-way Whitlock and Christie-Murray were leading with Bentley and Fletcher close behind. Rickards and Charlie Churcher were moving up, but Readman was none too well placed. The race now began to develop in earnest, Metropolitan S.C. led us by a point with Leicester W.C. and Surrey W.C. close behind.

At fifteen miles Rickards and Churcher had gained several places, the Met. walkers, too, had progressed, but we led with 41 points to their 44. Roberts, our fourth man, was having a bad time and was losing places.

At two miles to go our hopes were centred on Harry Thaxter, who had passed Roberts and was after Bert Clayton, who was in the "B" team. Our two lads were having a battle royal with

the Met. lads, and in the race to the finish places changed several times. For a moment it seemed that we had lost the team title, but a check-up proved us winners by two points.

The Met. gained some consolation by Whitlock winning the individual title.

Our lads walked well, especially Clayton, who waited for Thaxter to pass him to gain a valuable point for the team. We should have big things from Tommy Green's protégé. (Tommy, short of training, turned out and gave a good performance). The Club also retained the Nijmegen Shield for the first team of eight to finish. In this we created a record when Jack Bidgood, also short of training, our eighth man finished 38th.

RESULT.

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
1 H H. Whitlock.....	2	51	3	23 A. Readman	3	5	26
4 F. E. Bentley	2	53	38	24 C. F. Sutton	3	5	41
8 F. Rickards	2	57	51	32 J. E. Rutland ...	3	7	56
10 C. E. Churcher	2	59	26	38 J. C. Bidgood	3	9	31
16 H. E. Thaxter.....	3	2	29	41 T. W. Green	3	10	9
17 H. G. Clayton	3	2	32	45 A. H. Bridger	3	11	16
21 S. C. Roberts	3	3	52	86 G. S. Doubleday...B	3	24	49

TEAM POSITIONS.

1 Belgrave H. "A" (4, 7, 8, 13)	...	...	...	...	32 pts.
2 Metropolitan W.C. (1, 10, 11, 12)	...	...	...	...	34 pts.
3 Leicester W.C. (5, 6, 24, 25)	...	...	...	...	60 pts.
4 Surrey W.C. "A"	...	...	...	...	61 pts.
5 Woodford Green A.C.	...	...	...	...	102 pts.
6 Belgrave H. "B"	...	...	...	...	119 pts.

(12 teams closed in).

Inter-Club Walking Contest.

Once again the leading London Walking Clubs supported our Inter-Club Contest and treated us all to an excellent exhibition of fast walking. We again won the contest, being 16 points ahead of our nearest rivals, Surrey W.C.

In the first race, the four miles, two World Record Holders took the first two places, they were A.H.G. Pope (Woodford Green) and F. J. Redman (Metropolitan); L. W. Woodcock (Surrey W.C.) was third. Eddie Heather, fourth, and Charlie

Churcher, sixth, gave the Club a good send-off with 24 points, to lead Woodford Green by one point. The winner's time was 30 min. 33.2 sec.

In the next, the three miles, Harry Churcher led all the way after the first lap to win in 22 min. 21 sec. There was a keen tussle for second place between H. H. Whitlock (Met.) and H. D. Neilson (Poly) in which the Olympic and European champion came off best. Jack Rutland was our other representative and gained us useful points by finishing sixth. We now led Surrey W.C. by nine points with Metropolitan and Woodford Green one point behind them.

In the two miles, E. A. Staker (Highgate) gave the A.A.A. champion at the distance, A. A. Cooper (Woodford Green) a close race, but could not quite match him for speed over the last mile. Don Brown showed us that he is coming back to form by finishing third. Frank Elson, obviously outpaced, stuck to his guns and finished eleventh. Good work, Frank, to finish and score is better than to be "pulled" for a "duck." We still led, but Surrey had cut the advantage down to seven points.

In the last race, the one mile, the ever-cheerful Coleman brothers, either through brotherly love or rivalry, soon found themselves at the head and there was little to choose between them at the end. S. Wright (Woodford Green) was third. Joe's time was 7 min. 9 sec. This gave us maximum points for the event and placed us at the head of the final scoring table.

	POINTS.					Total	Pos.
	4 miles	3 miles	2 miles	1 mile			
Belgrave H.	24	27	20	31	102	1	
Highgate H.	19	10	15	16	60	5	
London Vidarians W.C. ...	3	13	22	13	50	6	
Metropolitan W.C.	19	22	20	8	69	4	
Polytechnic H.	10	14	5	—	29	8	
Surrey A.C.	17	—	7	11	35	7	
Surrey Walking Club	20	22	22	22	86	2	
Woodford Green A.C.	23	18	16	14	71	3	

Finally, our thanks and appreciation to the officials and judges who give us their loyal support every year, also to the Clubs who participated and thereby help to make this meeting an event in the walkers' calendar.

The Club Javelin Handicap held during the evening resulted as follows:—

1, F. J. Skelley (55ft.), 168ft. 5in.. 2, G. H. Powell (25ft.), 167 ft. 6in.. 3, E. A. Duffett (75ft.), 166ft. 4in. C. H. Melchior (scratch) threw 160ft. 8in.

