

to hear all points of view are British characteristics prevalent in all parts of the world.

Honourable dealing in business, and the wealth and strength of British trade and industry are held in respect and regard throughout the world.

I could add considerably to this list, but it will suffice to evoke fresh courage in all who read. Britain is very far from being decadent. She is at the beginning of another Renaissance.



The *Latin of Dagenham*, K.C., during his visit on October 29th, 1928. *Depicted from left to right in the foreground are: Mrs. J. J. Smith, Mrs. J. J. Smith, and Mr. J. J. Smith.*

WHAT BRITISH SKILL DOES.

Montague Burton's have chosen this very time to announce a Challenge Sale. I love the word and admire the act. They say, in effect, that now's the time to prove to Britain what British skill, science, organisation, and resources can achieve. The conditions under which tailoring is done at Montague Burton's set a standard for the whole world. All wool material only is used, and every piece of cloth is scientifically tested. The finest craftsmen are engaged in work-hops designed to give the maximum of light and comfort. In every respect, Montague Burton's are justified of their challenge. And now it is up to us men to make response to the opportunities presented to us in this challenge sale.

WOMAN ASSAULTS NEIGHBOUR

Summoned at Stratford Police Court on Thursday for assaulting Ellen Smith, of 3, Dunnet Gardens, Dagenham, Ivy Pocock, of 4, Dunnet Gardens, Dagenham, was ordered to pay 15s. costs, which included 11s. doctor's fee.

The assault, which was the result of a fight between the two women's children, took place on the 15th November.

Ivy Pocock admitted striking Ellen Smith in her face, with the result Mrs. Smith had to have treatment.

"DAGENHAM CAGE BIRD" SOCIETY

A monthly meeting of members was held on Tuesday of last week at the Trades Hall and Social Club. Forty members were present and four new members. The annual show prize-money and award cards were distributed. A letter from the Union of Cage Bird Societies was read, but members decided to leave this matter in abeyance pending further information.

A rough summary of the annual show balance sheet was read showing a very satisfactory credit balance. Full details will be available at a later meeting.

The Society has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Crawford as judge at the 1929 Annual Show. One other judge has yet to be appointed.

A social, including distribution of cups and medals will take place at St. George's Hall, Rogers road, Dagenham, to-day (Thursday). Tickets are 1s., each ticket admits a member, wife, and family, and are obtainable from Mr. D. Vale, secretary.

WHERE ELECTORS CANNOT READ

When elections are held in India the candidates make themselves known by adopting a distinctive symbol rather than by the use of their names, as a large percentage of the electorate cannot read or write. These symbols take different forms, such as an umbrella, an elephant, or a lion's head, the main thing being that they are easily identified.

During a recently-contested municipal election in Bombay, one of the candidates broke entirely with tradition and adopted as his symbol a Ford V8 30. This apparently being the first time on record such a thing has happened.

Whether or not the voters were influenced by this evidence of a progressive outlook we know not, but the candidate was elected by a large majority.

BICYCLE SHED FOR LABOUR EXCHANGE?

M.P.'S QUESTION.

On Thursday, Mr. John Parker, M.P., asked the Minister of Labour whether he is aware that many of the unemployed persons attending the Dagenham employment exchange from a distance use bicycles to save omnibus fares; and whether he will provide a bicycle shed for their convenience.

Mr. Ernest Brown replied that he could not provide cycle sheds for applicants, but that he would consider the possibility of providing cycle racks in certain places where space is available. The problem, he said, is not confined to Dagenham.

FIFTY KINDS OF STEEL

Over fifty kinds of steel are used in the manufacture of Ford cars and other products at Ford Works, Dagenham. Exhaustive research and practical tests are carried out to determine which treatment and combination of alloys gives the best results under the varying conditions of use. In the early days of the motor-car they were fewer than ten different kinds of steel in common use.

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CHILDREN TREAT

the cinema show, Father
 presented each child with
 a present with his own appropriate
 gift, suitable for the occasion.
 A fancy doll, made and presented
 by Miss N. Clements, was won by
 Brenda Hurlin, and the "tail-less"
 winner was Miss D. Tamplin.
 The sincere thanks of the Branch
 to the Super Cinema for the
 use of the donkeys and to ex-Council
 Mr. H. H. and the Dagenham Branch
 Naval Old Comrades for decorative
 etc. The whole arrangements
 organised by Mr. Twinnan, Hon.
 Secretary pro tem.

**DWELL HEATH
 MOTORIST FINED**

West Ham Police Court on
 Monday, William Gentle, of
 Chadwell Heath, was sum-
 moned for failing to allow free
 passage to pedestrians on a recog-
 nised road, at High Street,
 on November 23rd, and
 fined 20/- and in addition
 to pay 10/- costs.

LOREN'S ANNUAL PARTY.

Upper Junior Department of
 Heathway Central Hall Sunday
 held their annual Christmas
 party on Saturday. They enjoyed
 a plentiful tea, and afterwards took
 part in games arranged by Mr. A.
 and Mr. Maurice Holmes.
 The hostess was Mrs. Withal.

**CAGE BIRD SOCIETY SOCIAL
 PRESENTATION OF CUPS AND
 MEDALS.**

At St. George's Hall, Rogers-road,
 the Dagenham Cage Bird Society held
 a social evening, including the pre-
 sentation of cups and medals, won
 by members during 1938.

The event was extremely well sup-
 ported, about two hundred persons
 being present. This was a great
 gathering of members, wives and
 families.

Among the guests present were Mr.
 Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Rush, Jr., Mr.
 Chittock and Mr. Reeder, chairman
 and secretary respectively of Barking
 C.B.S.; Mr. Cutmore, Romford C.B.S.;
 and Mr. Worth, Romford F.A.

The evening commenced with
 dancing in which everyone joined.
 Later, Mr. Crawford consented to
 present the cups and medals, his
 opening remarks being made in his
 own inimitable style accompanied
 with the spontaneous witticisms one
 usually expects from him.

It was noticed during the presenta-
 tion that it was necessary for Messrs.
 Chittock, Hibbert and Hobbs to visit
 the platform several times before they
 had collected all the trophies they
 had won during the year. These
 gentlemen were given a great ovation.

The high spot, however, was when
 Mr. Vale, the ever-likeable and popu-
 lar secretary, was called upon to re-
 ceive his award. This was met with
 a spontaneous outburst of applause
 accompanied by the lusty singing of
 "He's a jolly good fellow."

Following this a fine variety show
 was put on with further dancing and
 competitions, of which Mr. Cutmore,
 secretary, Romford C.B.S., made a
 very brave effort.

The evening was voted a huge
 success by all present, and the
 Society have to thank their secretary,
 Mr. Vale, once again for a very fine
 show.

**IN HOSPITAL TWO
 MONTHS**

MOTOR CYCLIST FINED

At West Ham police court on
 Thursday, William Arthur Baber,
 of 21, Brengon-road, Dagenham,
 was summoned for riding a motor
 cycle to the common danger of a
 pedestrian, at Royal Albert Dock,
 on October 12th.

He pleaded guilty.

David Barratt, boiler coverer,
 of 458, Barking-road, Plaistow,
 E., stated he was walking from
 the docks with some friends
 when he was knocked down by de-
 fendant's motor cycle. He was
 crossing the road at the time and
 as the result of the accident he
 had spent two months in hospital
 with an injured right knee.

Baber stated that he struck
 Barratt just as he passed a
 stationary motor van. He did
 not see Barratt until he struck
 him.

Baber was fined 25/- and
 ordered to pay 15/- costs.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER FUND.

The Mayor of Dagenham will dis-
 tribute twelve Christmas hampers
 to local crippled children next
 Thursday in the Becontree Branch
 Library.

CHRISTMAS MOTORING

Roads throughout England,
 and Ireland will have an unfeared
 appearance on Christmas Day—
 the Automobile Association's mem-
 bers take a well earned holiday. In
 the land the familiar khaki-clad
 will be on duty as usual, but
 the service will not operate on
 Year's Day—the Scottish New
 Holiday.

Apart from these two days
 roads will be patrolled in the
 way and special arrangements
 been made for an emergency ser-
 vice in case fog, snow, floods or
 other causes interruption to traffic on
 Christmas Day.

As in past years the twenty-
 four hour emergency service main-
 tained at the Association's London
 headquarters (telephone Whitehall
 211) will be available day and night
 in that weather, road and other in-
 formation on all aspects of motoring
 can be obtained by A.A. members
 during the holidays.

**ROYAL NAVAL OLD
 COMRADES**

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The third annual general meet-
 ing was opened by the President,
 Capt. Townshend, R.D.R.M.,
 at the Drill Hall, Halbutt-street,
 on Sunday and was well attended
 by members.

The chairman, Mr. T. J. T. took
 over and proceeded with the
 selection of officers for 1939.
 This was smoothly done by Mr. T. J. T.
 One new member was welcomed.
 The next meeting will be held
 on the 1st January at 11 a.m. at
 the Drill Hall, Halbutt-street.
 A.T.