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EDITORIAL

In our last issue we were acknowledging Xmas greetings so kindly sent in by our loyal band of members to our President and Vice-President and here we are approaching another memory of the pre-war festive season. There is one-thing which stands out beyond any shadow of a doubt and that is the longer the War lasts the better it gets - FOR US - and the worse it gets for that nasty Nazi rat who is the cause of all the trouble.

It is grand to know that with all the disturbances of our normal life, the interest in our Club continues to grow. Where can George Formby be found now, you ask? As we write, George and Beryl are "visiting" their home in Blackpool. Sounds odd, doesn't it - visiting your own home! The fact is that this is only the second time this year that they have found an opportunity to see it and remain there for more than a few days. We cannot attempt to give you details of their many journeys, for as soon as they have finished with the film studios they are off again - going here, there and everywhere in an effort to cheer the boys and incidentally, put in most Sundays at Charity Shows around the country. Just how many miles they have travelled we cannot tell you, but we do know that the number of troops they have helped to entertain is nearly half-a-million. They have also assisted in free shows which have brought in no less than £65,000 to deserving causes.

FILMS.

Time marches on! In our previous issue this year, "SOUTH AMERICAN GEORGE" was just completed. Since then "MUCH TOO SHY" has been made and no doubt most of you will have seen this latest effort of our President to provide a further feast of fun and laughter. Soon now, you will have an opportunity of seeing yet another entitled "GET CRACKING." The story deals with two rival villages and their efforts to be prepared to meet any possible emergency in the event of invasion. Many opportunities are provided for laughable situations in which you will also see Frank Pettingell and Edward Rigby. Dinah Sheridan is the girl this time.

OVER FIVE THOUSAND

Despite the extraordinary difficulties and exceptional conditions existing to-day, we are very proud to report that the interest in the Club shows no signs of slacking off. We mentioned in our last issue that enrolments had reached the total of 4,000. We are prouder still to announce that in the comparatively short interval we have now well passed the 5,000 mark.

PEN PALS

The space for the inclusion of requests in the Pen Pal page has to be constantly increased and is evidently a very popular feature. The results are apparently successful judging by the number of letters we receive. Many members have obviously found firm friends by the exchange of letters. In some cases we believe this has gone further and has even led to romance. If there are any members who have become engaged - or perhaps married - through an introduction from the Pen Pal page in the NEWS, we should like to hear from them as soon as possible.

RECORDS

Here are the latest recordings made by our President:-

MR. WU'S AN AIR RAID WARDEN NOW GOT TO GET YOUR PHOTO IN THE PRESS) REGAL ZONOPHONE M.R.3640
KATY-DID, KATY-DIDN'T FRANK AND HIS TANK) M.R.3619
OUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST SMILE ALL THE TIME) M.R.3624
THEY LAUGHED WHEN I STARTED TO PLAY ANDY THE HANDY MAN) M.R.3648 Both from "Much Too Shy"
TALKING TO THE MOON ABOUT YOU DELIVERING THE MILK) M.R.3645 Both from "Much Too Shy"
THE COOKHOUSE SERENADE YOU CAN'T LOVE TWO GIRLS AT THE SAME TIME)) M.R.3663
HOLD YOUR HATS ON (TOO-DLE-OO-DLE-OO)) THIRTY THIRSTY SAILORS	M.R.3654
FORMBY FILM FAVOURITES (Two Parts) Intro: When We Feather Our Nest, Our Sergeant Major, The Isle of Man, Hitting the High Spots.) M.R.3599

SEASONAL GREETINGS

In the last issue, we were unfortunately very late in acknowledging the hundreds of greetings you so kindly sent to our President and Vice-President for Xmas and the New Year. This time we are able to get in first and send their sincere greetings and good wishes to you all with the hope that at this time next year we shall be back to normal ways, having already celebrated a Victorious Peace. They also wish to thank in advance the many

friends in the Club who will remember them again this year, for never a year passes without so many of their good friends in the Club sending the old old wish.

A GIFT IN YOUR NAME

Although it cannot be said that the amount represents the sum left after paying the necessary expenses of running the Club - there is very little over after paying for the photographs, stationery, postage etc. - you will be glad to know that your President is making a donation of £25 to St. Dunstons, Blackpool and is handing this sum over in the name of the George Formby Club members.

Small boy: "How much is that stick of rock in the window?"
Shopkeeper: "Sixpence"
Small boy: "Well, how long will you let me suck it for a halfpenny?"

Aunt: "Do you help your little brother Tommy?"
Tommy: "Oh yes Auntie, I helped him to spend that sixpence you gave him yesterday!"

Scoutmaster: "What good deed have you done to-day?"
Scout: "Mother had only one dose of castor oil left so I let my little brother have it!"

Diner: "Waiter, this bread has sand on it."
Waiter: "Yes, sir, that's to keep the butter from sliding off."
PETER YARDLEY. BLACKPOOL.

STOP PRESS. Since printing the Pen Pals page a further request has come to hand:-

MARY INMAN) would like girl pen friends of her
Brompton Regis Vicarage,) own age - 21. Her hobbies are music,
Dulverton,) collecting autographs and photos,
Somerset.) reading and the radio and she would
) like to correspond with girls having
) the same interests.

Guest: "My word, I am thirsty."
Hostess: "Wait a moment and I'll get you some water."
Guest: "I said thirsty, not dirty."
JOYCE BAVIN. WELLING.

OUR LETTER BOX

We wish to thank all members who have written to us since the last issue of the NEWS and have pleasure in dealing with some of the letters below. Will those members who require a direct and personal reply to correspondence please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

"Will you please ask the members if they have any spare photos of dance band leaders as I want to start a collection. I will pay all postage necessary." F. NOLAN. "AVONDALE." YEW TREE ROAD. NETHERTON. DUDLEY. WORCS.

"I would be very grateful if I could have the members' help. I am collecting pictures of Errol Flynn and Gary Cooper. If any members have any picture-spreads of Errol Flynn's and Gary Cooper's films which have been in the "Film Pictorial," "Picture Show" or "Picturegoer" I will send them ten pictures of their favourites if possible, if they enclose the return postage." KATHLEEN WILSON. 5, FOSTON AVENUE. BURTON ON TRENT. STAFFS.

"I have started a collection of the following film stars:- Gene Autry, Sonja Henie, Judy Garland and June Preisser, so please ask members to send any if they have some, or any other stars will do." KATHLEEN VERNON. 16, LOWER RD. LEDBURY. HEREFORDS.

Each of the above require photographs and should set you all busy hunting through your collections. We feel sure some of you can oblige these members.

"If any members have any books by Warwick Deeping they do not want, I would like them please." NELLIE SLACK. 13, Lewis Street, Alfred Street, NOTTINGHAM.

Nellie is an invalid and you all know how much books mean to people who are bed-ridden, so if you haven't turned them all out for salvage, how about doing your good deed for the day and help to bring a spot of brightness into the life of this member.

PRIZES OF AN AUTOGRAPHED PHOTOGRAPH
OF MR. & MRS. FORMBY
HAVE BEEN AWARDED FOR BEST CONTRIBUTIONS
IN THIS ISSUE TO:-

CORINNE ILES.
WOLVERHAMPTON.

MALCOLM MORGAN
GOLDERS GREEN.

WALTER WILLIAMSON
TARPORLEY.

PEN PALS

WILLIAM BOOKER
Park Villa, Windsor Road,
Pound Lane, Pitsea, Essex.

) would like a girl pen pal 12-14 years
) old, preferably a brunette. Please
) send photograph. He is interested in
) most sports.

LUCY E. WRIGHT
18, Burns Road,
Fleetwood. Lancs.

) requires a girl pen pal aged 16 and a
) boy pen pal aged 16-18. She herself is
) 16 and her hobbies are playing the
) piano, listening to dance band music,
) going to the pictures and cycling.
) Her preference is for someone living
) in Wales or Scotland.

WINIFRED IRELAND
Grounds Fern,
Water Stratford. Buckingham.

) would like a pen pal of either sex,
) aged 13-16, living either at home or
) abroad. She is 13 and hobbies are
) films, dancing and horse riding.
) Replies guaranteed.

EILEEN DIMECK
Radcliffe Crossing,
Nr. Buckingham. Bucks.

) would like a boy or girl pen pal
) living in England. She is 13 years
) of age and wishes to correspond with
) friends about the same age. She is
) interested in swimming, nursing,
) animals and films.

KATHLEEN RHODES
Co-operative House,
Station Road,
Faringdon. Berks.

) is an evacuee and would very much
) like someone to write to. She is 15
) and prefers a girl about the same age.
) She is interested in all sports, ball-
) room dancing and going to the films.

RITA DAVIS
London Street,
Faringdon, Berks.

) would like a pen pal, preferably a boy
) aged about 16-18. Her special
) interests are sports, dancing, films
) and singing. Her age is 15.

BETTY CHILDS
1, South Street, Hill Road,
Watchfield. Nr. Swindon.

) would like a pen pal, preferably a
) girl, about her own age - 15. She is
) interested in dancing, sports and
) swimming.

D.J. JENKINS
The Royal Orphanage School,
Wolverhampton. Staffs.

) would like a girl pen pal about 12
) years old, interested in nature.

DENNIS CALVERT
20, Hartley Crescent,
Leeds. 6.

) would like a pen pal about his own
) age - 17.

PEN PAIS

WILLIAM KILTY
18, Park Lane,
Liverpool. 1.

} would like a girl pen pal aged 15-16
} interested in films, autographs,
} photographs of film and stage stars.

RONALD MURCH
22, Selborne Road,
Station Rd.
Wood Green. N.22.

} would like a boy pen pal in any part
} of the world, preferably overseas.
} Age roughly 14-16. He is interested
} in reading, films, autograph and
} photo collecting.

RONALD HULSE
Rodenhurst, Greenfield Rd.
Little Sutton. Wirral. Ches.

} would like pen pals 15 or 16 years
} of age who are interested in stamp
} collecting and films. Either sex.

654535 F. WHITAKER
R.A.F. Gordons Tree
KHARTOUM. M.E.F.

} would like a young lady pen pal aged
} 18-20, interested in films, singing,
} sports and writing. His age is 21 and
} he can supply interesting photos of
} the people and his surroundings.

VIOLET HARVEY
Acre House, Oxford Square,
Watchfield. Nr. Swindon.

} is 14½ years old and would very
} much like a boy pen pal the same
} age.

MOIRA DALZIEL
9, Ballochmyle Terrace,
Catrine. Ayrshire. Scotland.

} would like a boy pen pal aged 14-17.
} She is 14 and her hobbies are swim-
} ming, skating, cycling, dancing and
} singing.

ROSE WILLOUGHBY
60, Hart Dyke Road,
Swanley. Kent.

} would like a boy pen pal about 13-14
} and a photograph of him if possible.
} She is 13 and fond of music, dancing,
} (mostly tap) and film stars.

DOUGLAS CLAMP JR.
49, Ashby Road,
Measham,
Nr. Burton on Trent, Staffs.

} would like pen friends - preferably
} girls. He is 23 years old and inter-
} ested in the theatre, films, art,
} autographs, music etc. Was formerly
} a student at an Art School.

DENNIS PERRISS
24, St. George's Avenue,
Newbury. Berks.

} would like girl or boy pen pal aged
} 16 who is fond of films, swimming,
} dancing and film stars. He is a
} cinema projectionist.

ALAN. D. BOARDMAN
11, Birling Street,
Eastbourne, Sussex.

} would like a pen pal, living abroad,
} either boy or girl, about 17 years
} old.

PEN PALS

- NELLIE BEAZLEY) particularly requires a boy pen
583, Liverpool Rd,) friend aged 15-16. She is 15 years
Platt Bridge. Wigan, Lancs.) old and interested in everything!
- DOUGLAS BEWSHER) is 14 years of age and would like a
24, Rutland Road) boy pen pal of the same age. He is
Bedford.) interested in football, swimming and
) boxing - also films.
- GRACE STEWART) would like a boy or girl pen pal
54, Grierson Street,) living in the London area.
Riddrie. Glasgow. F.I. Scotland)
- NELLIE SLACK) would like to write to a Canadian
13, Lewis St. Alfred St.) and Australian soldier serving in
Nottingham.) Gt. Britain.
- J. McCLEAVE) is 16½, interested in dancing,
c/o B.B.C. Bren Castell) boxing, running, collecting photos
Bangor. N. Wales.) and films especially and would like
) pen pals of both sexes but preferably
) girls about 15½ to 17½.
- DOREEN HODGETTS) would like a boy pen pal interested
19, Leake Road, Hillsboro.) in swimming, dancing and films.
Sheffield. 6.)
- C. STEWART) is interested in collecting photo-
Essendon Place,) graphs and stamps. also cycling and
Nr. Hatfield. Herts.) would like a girl pen pal aged 11-12.
- PAMELA HALLIWELL) aged 15, would like a pen pal between
Penrhos College, Chatsworth,) 15 and 17, preferably a boy, inter-
Bakewell. Derbys.) ested in swimming, cycling, films,
) photos, rambling etc. Promises to
) answer all letters.
- LAURIE BORRILL) would like a pen pal about 12 years
61, Wintringham Road,) old - his own age, but not living
Grimsby. Lincs.) in Lincolnshire. He is interested in
) cycling, autograph collecting, films
) radio, gardening aeroplanes and
) autographed photos.
- PATRICIA LONGMORE) would like a pen friend about 17-19.
161, Holly Hedge Road,) She is 17 and interested in most
West Bromwich. Staffs.) sports. Either sex will do and
) Patricia would like a photograph
) of those writing to her.

PEN PALS

DEREK J. WITHERS) would like a pen pal of the female
The Royal Orphanage School,) sex, aged 13, living in Leicester,
Wolverhampton. Staffs.) if possible interested in painting
) and other arts.

TERRY BUTLER) age 13, would like a girl pen pal
"Ardivarna",) 12-14 years old. He is interested
Shankill, Co. Dublin. Eire.) in medicine and general science,
) also autographs, films and stamp
) collecting. Send photo.

EVERETT ALLEN) would like pen pals. He loves to
88, Union Street,) write about different hobbies and
Saint John. N.B.) collects stamps, photos and china-
Canada.) ware.

TO OUR PRESIDENT

We thank you Mr. Formby
For all the work you do.
You always act so funny
And you never miss a cue,

Your songs are always perfect,
Your acting's X.E. Lent,
I'd watch and watch and watch you
Till all my 'dough' was spent!

I don't know how you do it,
You do it all so fine,
You never swank or put on
Natural is your line.

So could I go on writing
Writing of naught but you;
And every word on paper
That praises you - IS TRUE!

Walter Williamson, TARPORLEY

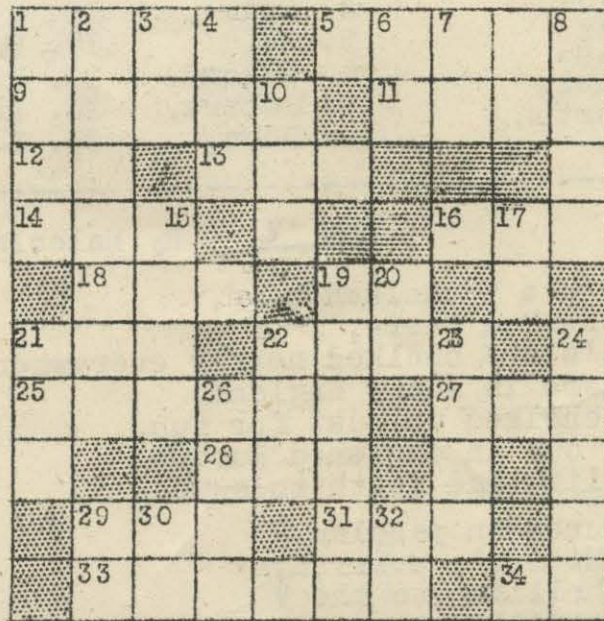
FOG IN THE ATLANTIC

There was a dense fog in the Atlantic. Captain Jenkins of the
Cunard line was tired and fagged, after two days ceaseless
vigil on the Bridge.
A passenger spied a small clearing in the sky and hastened to
tell the Captain. "Look Captain, it has cleared a bit up there!"
"Yes, but we are not going there - just yet."

Margaret Winterton, MIDDLESBROUGH.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Please note, no prizes are given for correct solution.



DOWN.

1. Another month of the year.
2. George plays it well.
3. One of the musical syllables in Guido's scale.
4. Yes with letters mixed up.
6. North East.
7. Same as 34 across.
8. An animal.
10. Finish.
15. Snow does this.
17. Not out.
19. Puzzle.
20. Not out.
21. A mischievous sprite.
22. You catch fish with this.
23. Used to summon people to a meal.
24. Contains many maps.
26. Used for a fire.
29. Same as 7 down.
30. South West
32. Upon.

ACROSS.

1. A month of the year.
5. A slow moving animal.
9. Russian proclomation.
11. Spy.
12. North East.
13. Finish.
14. Kind of tree.
16. To make firm.
18. Kind of fish.
21. Not well.
22. You wear this on your finger.
25. System.
27. Not in.
28. Not even.
29. Donkey.
31. Used for fires.
34. Like.

CORINNE ILES
WOLVERHAMPTON

SOLUTION TO THE LAST CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS.

1. Almost. 16. Doc.
7. Oust. 17. Tab.
9. Un. 18. R.N.
11. Mt. 19. Or.
12. Go. 21. L.R.
13. Nod. 22. Haul.
15. Tom. 24. Carton.

DOWN.

2. Lo. 12. Goal.
3. Mum. 14. D.C.
4. Ost. 15. T.T.
5. St. 19. Car.
6. Sundry. 20. Rut.
8. Sombre. 22. Ha.
10. Noon. 23. Lo.

THE 'V' - By Malcolm Morgan.

There's a V chalked here,
A V chalked there,
There's a V chalked nearly everywhere.
Yet here in sunny England,
It's chalked up just for fun,
While out in darkened Europe
It's life and death to some.

The European peoples,
That Hitler's overrun,
Are thrilling to the V
Yes! thrilling everyone;
For soon they know
The day will come
When they'll hear the boom
Of a British gun,
And the tramp of Nazi feet
They'll hear no more.

In Norway and in Denmark,
(A little way below),
The V is chalked up everywhere
On walls both high and low.
In France and Greece and Holland
The V is chalked on fences,
On sidewalks and the rest

So they'll fight on
And we'll fight on,
We'll all fight everyone
And leave no stone unturned until
The Victory is won.

Waiter to seasick passenger: Your dinner's coming up in a minute sir.

Passenger: So's my breakfast.

MALCOLM MORGAN.
GOLDERS GREEN.

PUZZLE CORNER

The Answer in each case is the name of a fish.

1. An awkward catch.....?
2. A suggestive sky.....?
3. Behead me and then listen.....?
4. A pole.....?
5. Remove my head and my tail is paper.....?
6. So much of me gives rise to sales.....?
7. One way of paying.....?
8. Silly without a head.....?
9. A fashionable colour.....?
10. Makes one think of the village blacksmith.....?
11. What he wants for his best girl.....?
12. A North Briton.....?
13. United I am eleven.....?
14. Here and there a ?.....?
15. The world is mine----!.....?

JACQUELINE, SOUTH AFRICA.

Poor Daisy had a corn on her toe.
Find the hidden nut.

I risked my life in saving little Tommy.
Find the hidden girl's name.

We sent for the car at a quarter past eight.
Find the hidden animal.

It was a mild red sky.
Find the hidden girl's name.

John: "Hitler's broken his leg."

Sandy: "How?"

John: "He fell over a Pole in the Corridor."

DILYS TURNER
CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

SOLUTIONS TO ABOVE ALL ON THE NEXT PAGE...NO CHEATING NOW!

The following is particularly appropriate in these 'Guard Your Tongue' days:-

A wise old owl sat on an oak
The more he heard, the less he spoke,
The less he spoke, the more he heard.
Why can't we be like that old bird.

MARGARET WINTERTON
MIDDLESBROUGH.

Solutions to PUZZLE CORNER:-

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Crab. | 8. Bass. |
| 2. Mackerel. | 9. Salmon. |
| 3. Shark. | 10. Muscle. |
| 4. Perch. | 11. Herring. |
| 5. Bream. | 12. Scotchman. |
| 6. Stock. | 13. Seventy-four. |
| 7. Cod. | 14. Trout. |
| | 15. Oyster. |

Difficult weren't they! We must confess one or two of them even beat us.

Hidden nut.....Acorn.
Hidden girl's name.....Iris.
Hidden animal.....Rat.
Hidden girl's name.....Mildred.

JOKES

Choir boy; "What made you resign from the choir?
Ex-choir boy; "I was absent one Sunday and someone asked whether the organ had been mended."

Mother, to small son who is going to a party:-
"Now dear, what are you going to do when you've had enough to eat."
Son: "Come home."

In a shop, a small boy did not know which chocolate to buy. His mother, tired of waiting, called:- "Hurry Nicobar."
The confectioner seized a pound weight and shouted, "You dare to touch a single bar."

At last the conductor took Sandy's suitcase and tossed it into a river which they were passing. "You ruffian," roared Sandy, "Isn't it enough to try and overcharge me without trying to drown my little boy!"

Little Elsie was being taken to task by her mother.
"You bad child, just look at the jam on your face. Whatever would you think if you saw me with my lips and cheeks all smeared with red like that?"
"Why, I'd think you were going to a dance mummy."

SHIRLEY COVE.
CAPE PROVINCE.

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