

A ROYAL REQUEST



A parcel that left Swansea High Street station at the weekend addressed to Kensington Palace London, was another result of a Swansea businessman's belief that "you have to go out among people to get orders."

The parcel contained six bright but demurely coloured Welsh tapestry coats that had been "hanging on the peg" at the Picton Arcade shop of Mr. Brian Jones, owner of Gwili Welsh Textiles which has its origins way back in the days when big business was done at fairs in the Welsh Valley towns.

Mr. Jones received a request to send samples to the Princess in a letter signed by her lady-in-waiting. It read:

Similar

"You may recall that at the Ideal Home Exhibition this year Princess Margaret obtained Welsh tapestry slip-overs made by your firm. Her Royal Highness has since seen coats made of similar fabric and wondered whether you also produce these. If you do, perhaps you could send one or two to Kensington Palace for Her Royal Highness to see."

Cigar-smoking Mr. Jones, aged 53, who lives in West Cross, told Colour Weekly,

"Of course I'm delighted to oblige. I have selected six coats that I think may please Her Royal Highness. They are all off the peg and are in the eight to ten guinea price range."

"Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon did me the honour of buying a slip-over and a tea-cosy at my stand at the Ideal Home Exhibition."

Stick together

"They were walking along the section where it stood among many Continental rivals, including Russia, when I saw Princess Margaret looking towards us. Then she and her husband came straight to us, passing several other stands."

"While the Princess was making her purchases, Lord Snowdon looked at the name above the stall, saw the name Brian Jones and said, with a smile, 'The Joneses must stick together'."

The parcel for Kensington Palace is but one of hundreds that leave the Picton Arcade shop every year, for the products of the firm go to people living in Welsh communities in almost every country in the world.

Some go to people who have no Welsh connections too, because businessman Mr. Jones loses no opportunity in displaying Welsh-made products wherever possible.

"These days it's no good sticking in one spot and grumbling if trade is not too good," he said. "You've got to go out and look for it. In the old days my father

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FACTORY EXTENSION

could mean 450 more jobs

There is a prospect of 450 extra jobs coming to Mettoy Ltd., the toy manufacturers who have a factory at the Fforestfach Industrial Estate, Swansea. In plans divulged by the managing director, Mr. Arthur Katz, it was stated the company propose a £350,000 extension to their existing premises with the possibility of their present staff of 2,750 being increased to 3,200. In preparation for this large development scheme, six acres of the ground have already been cleared, and tenders for the work required are to be invited.

Mettoy's, who produce the Corgi range of die-cast model cars,

are carrying out these improvements to cope with overcrowding in their present factory, brought about by increased orders for the home, and foreign markets.

Householders are warned!

Check the credentials of anyone who calls at your house to inspect water, gas, or electricity meters, telephones or any other services. That's the warning issued by Swansea detectives this week after a man, describing himself as a GPO official, called at two houses in the Uplands district and stole money from each.

He is officially described as being aged between 20 and 26, between 5ft. 6in. and 5ft. 8in. tall, slightly built, thin of face, with dark hair with a wide parting. He is said to have a "very tidy" appearance, wearing a white shirt, a dark tie and a short dark overcoat.

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SHOCK FOR MUMBLES YOUTH CLUB

Committee members of the Mumbles Rangers Boys' Club were shocked when they found they were no longer heading the list of priorities in future youth service building projects, anticipating further setbacks to the past three years' money raising efforts which have been carried out.

The stir was caused following a meeting of the Swansea Youth sub-committee who decided that a proposed nautical pursuits centre replace the earlier suggested boys' club, which was listed as number one priority, to be erected by the Mumbles Rangers.

Mr. John Budge, vice-chairman of the Rangers stated, "If this news is factual it will be a major disappointment to all connected with the club, especially those who in the past three years have made strenuous efforts to raise funds for our new building. Too long has already elapsed since we left our former premises at Norton Road and moved into a small building in William Street, and we are already embarrassed by the number of Mumbles people who continually ask when a start is to be made in building our club. We have received so many setbacks in the past that many of our plans to provide a thriving, and much needed boys' club in the Mumbles have been affected, and many are left wondering when the talking will cease and actual building operations will start. We have a hard working committee, and loyal members belonging to the Rangers, who have striven

hard to obtain well over £2,000 which in addition to the promise of financial assistance from the Boys' Club of Wales, and grant aid from the Department of Education and Science, would enable us to make a start whenever the necessary formalities have been concluded."

Enthusiasm prevails

Founded 17 years ago by the late Billy Johns, the Mumbles began their contribution to the Youth Service in disused shelters in Norton Road, later moving to an old house in Norton, which was sold over three years ago. In its hey-day there was a membership of 150, and testimony to the enthusiasm that still prevails in the club, despite having to make do in temporary, restricted premises, is that they still have 100 active members on the books, and each weekend field five football teams. The original intention was to find some-

where in the region of £6,000 for the proposed architect designed building, but with increasing building costs, it is probable the club will now settle for less ambitious headquarters.

Not Correct

Mr. Tom Gwilliam, Swansea Youth Organiser, when interviewed about the apparent change in priorities, stated this was not correct, adding, "The list of priorities mentioned relates to the proposed youth service programme for 1968-70. So far as the Mumbles Rangers' Club is concerned their application is still in the pipe line, and the priority that was given them in 1964-65 means they can proceed with their building whenever they have finalised their affairs. There have been a number of difficulties surrounding the club since they left their former premises in Norton. Originally it appeared likely the new club headquarters would be established in Oystermouth Quarry, but this site was not considered suitable owing to lack of a safe access, and protests from local residents. Several alternative sites have been proposed, the one in favour at present being The Orchards, at the end of Underhill Park, Oystermouth. The snag with this proposal again revolves around a suitable access road, which the club would be expected to provide."

Later enquiries revealed estimates for creating this access would amount to £1,400, which would make a considerable hole in the balance held in hand for the building



Miss Geraldine Williams, Middle Road, Ravenhill, Swansea and Mr. Jeffrey Hayes, Gladstone Road, Barry at St. Joseph's R. C. Church, Swansea.

LADIES' PRIVILEGE

The equality of the sexes received a set back, when during a meeting of the Swansea technical education sub-committee, it was revealed that whereas girl students received their text, and exercise books free, some of the male students were compelled to pay for them.

NOT FOR BOYS

It was stated this was due to girls being considered as continuing their secondary

education, this not being the case for the boys.

Following a suggestion by the principal of the Swansea College of Further Education, Mr. T. Isaac, to the effect that an appropriate sum be placed in the estimates for text books to be provided at the college, they could then be distributed to all the students, being returnable after use, it was decided that the recommendation be referred to the education committee for further consideration.

NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. R. W. Farr was inducted as the new president of Swansea and District Christian Endeavour. The induction took place at the Terrace Road Presbyterian Church. Retiring president was the Rev. T. Thomas, of Penlan Baptist Church.

TRY, TRY AGAIN

With a further traffic and pedestrian count having been taken, with a view to establishing a pedestrian crossing on the Guildhall South Road, another application is to be submitted to the Chief Road Engineer, seeking his sanction for the crossing at this site.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR CWMBWRLA

To commemorate the former toll gate at Cwm-bwrla Square, plans have been approved in principle for the erection of a suitable plaque to be attached to one of the buildings on land adjoining the new road. The borough engineer and surveyor have been asked to give detailed proposals at the appropriate time.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND FOR SKETTY

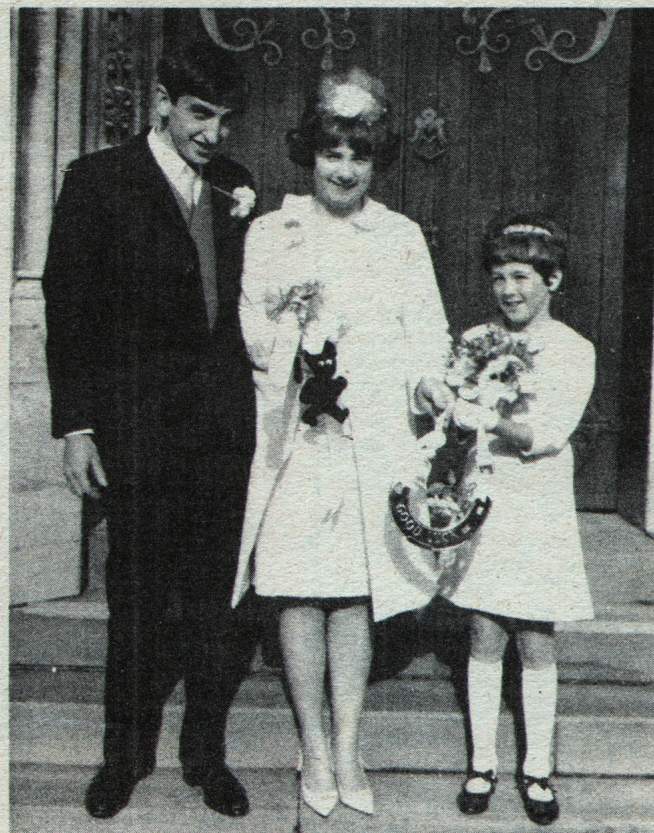
Following a visit of inspection to the Sketty area, when a number of suggested sites, suitable to be utilised as a children's playground, were examined, it has now been decided to develop approximately half an acre of land off Heath Crescent for this amenity. The consideration of an original site of approximately four and a half acres being deferred until the appropriation of the land has been considered by the Swansea Estates Committee.

DRAMA GRANT

Swansea Council have made a grant of £100 towards the Festival of Welsh Drama taking place at the Grand Theatre, Swansea, this week.

Tribute to architect

With the impending retirement of the borough architect, Mr. H. T. Wykes, who has worked in Swansea for the past 19 years, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, Alderman Percy Morris, paid tribute to the loyalty and courtesy he had shown during his years of office. The Council placed on record its appreciation of the services rendered.

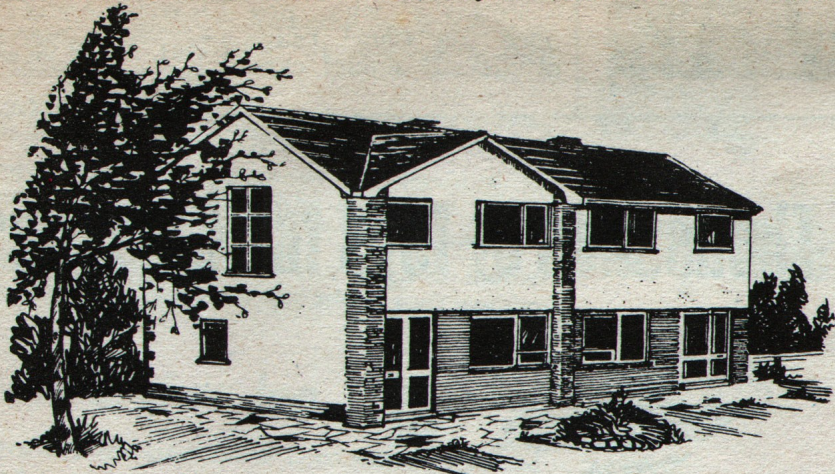


Miss Sandra Mary Titcombe, Penywern, Clydach, Mr. John Keith Jones, Plascadwgan, Ynystawe, at St. Mary's Church, Clydach. Photo by: Western Studios.

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TOOTH DECAY

The writer of the first of a series of articles on "Tomorrow's Teeth" is a well known Dental Surgeon who has studied the subject very widely in the U.S.A.

Readers may have noticed in the first number of Swansea Colour Weekly an article by Mr. Brian Ford on Fluoridation. In this he suggested that tooth decay was such a mild complaint that we needn't feel concerned about it. I disagree with this, and here's why.

You may remember experiencing something like I did — back in our school days. As I lay down on the pillow the tooth began to throb, then my head began to ache; I felt hopeless of getting to sleep that night at all. Then my father poured whiskey over the tooth.

A few years ago some Swansea dentists met — they brought with them treatment figures for their own practices. They calculated that every night toothache disturbed the sleep of 40 Swansea children. The parents shared this anguish — that night and next day.

It is tempting to believe that our own children are immune, until we learn about its occurrence in this country. An 8 year old has had 4 permanent molar (big back) teeth for 2 years; 3 of these teeth out of every 4 are decayed; and 4 out of every 5 of these decayed ones are untreated. 49 out of every 50 get some decay during life, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the teeth that are going to be affected by decay will be attacked before a child is 15. It is a very rare child who does not experience any tooth decay.

Tooth decay happens for a number of reasons, and the process is understood. Ways are known whereby it is possible effectively to reduce it; but let us remember that children are the worst sufferers, and it takes our adult powers of understanding to get over to them the information necessary for them to keep their teeth healthy and they need our help.

Isn't it good to look at the smile of a child with beautiful teeth; how many of us wouldn't do a lot to save our children from unnecessary toothache — and thus save disturbance of our own nights sleep?

Will you join me next week in considering how we may best reduce decay (and other tooth diseases) for ourselves and for our children?

Ebin Roggleston

LETTERS

SIR, — Allow me to express admiration of your excellent production "Swansea Colour Weekly".

Imprint and colour, it is beyond comparison of any other news effort ever produced in Wales, and cannot fail to find favour with the reading public of Swansea and beyond.

This is not idle praise, but an opinion based on long experience as an employee of well-known Daily and Weekly newspapers.

My respects to you and my very best wishes for a long and lasting financial success.

H. W. R. DOUGLAS
14 Brynmill Crescent,
Brynmill, Swansea.

SIR, — I was interested to read that you are willing to consider new writers for the SWANSEA COLOUR WEEKLY. Many people seem to have great difficulties in starting off in this difficult field, and a lot of very capable writers must dwell in our housing estates.

I once knew of a housewife who left Swansea many years ago. But she was a gifted story-teller and had always wanted to see her work in print. Who knows, even Dylan Thomas might have remained unknown to this day if the frustrations of repeated rejection slips had caused him to lose interest and so give up the ambition to write!

I am sure you will have teething troubles, but best wishes to the paper. Let us hope that some new Swansea personalities can evolve through its influence, and bring some individual talent to our weekend reading.

DAVID THOMAS

Mumbles.

NEW IN SWANSEA

An entirely new skin improvement therapy just launched is a face-mask treatment applied only at the New Treatment Centre, 111 Walter Road. A new, safe and effective process against wrinkles and neglected skin. Available for home use is a complete range of these new products, they are freshly mixed for each batch of clients, avoiding the usual preservative chemicals that can irritate sensitive skins.

Swansea is the first town in Britain to have these preparations because the Skin Treatment Centre, now part of the New Treatment Centre — has over 14 years helped to pioneer this work and can help in the all important pricing survey. For one of the main aspects of these new formulae is to make them available at the lowest possible price, and charging only 14s. 6d. for a face-mask treatment involving specially trained therapists is, you will agree, unheard of value.

New Alderman

With the Independent members of Swansea Council withdrawing their opposition, Councillor T. R. Davies, Mayor of Swansea, was unanimously elected an alderman of the borough, a vacancy caused by the death of Alderman P. W. Park.

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REDUNDANT EMPLOYEES AID DISASTER FUND

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Employees at a Swansea factory that is closing down production this week, and where 160 have been given notice, have made a magnanimous parting gesture in deciding to donate to the Aberfan Disaster Fund, between £300-£400, the proceeds of the work's social fund.

When Smith's Crisps, who have produced their products in their Fforestfach plant since June 1948, announced their decision to suspend all further output, it was a considerable shock to the staff of several hundred employed, and out of this total, 130 women, and 30 male operators are to cease work this week, the remainder of the employees, consisting of administrative workers and driving staff, being retained in readiness for the opening of a new distributive depot in Swansea.

Speaking to Mr. Frank Blagden, the assistant manager, he stated the reasons for the factory closing down were mainly due to an extensive modernisation programme planned by the company, which they felt would enable them to compete more favourably with their competitors. "The closure has not been brought about due to increasing competition in our trade but is a result of a gradual change in the public's preference for a specific type of product. Nowadays it is an automated crisp that is dominating the market, which is paler in colour and drier in texture, the demand for the traditional crisp, which we have manufactured for many years, falling considerably. Bearing these factors in mind my company have closed several of their factories, which due to lack of space did not lend themselves adequately to a massive change over to automation, and instead are streamlining

their resources, with additional new plant, in their principal buildings. Even if we proved successful in adopting these new methods in our Swansea factory, a certain amount of redundancy would have been inevitable," he said.

Redundancy pay

Asked what was happening to the personnel who were finishing, Mr. Blagden said, "Redundancy pay is being made to them, even Old Aged Pensioners being included in the payments. I understand that a considerable number of the staff have already obtained alternative employment, and a representative from the Ministry of Labour is visiting the factory to discuss the position with those workers who are still seeking work. We have always prided ourselves on taking an individual interest in our staff, many of whom have been with us since we first opened

and who we have come to regard as much as friends as employees. It is typical of their attitude, that although faced with adversity themselves, when the position of disposing of their Social Fund, amounting to between £300 and £400 was discussed, without hesitating they asked for it all to be donated to the Aberfan Disaster Fund."

At their peak period of production the factory was turning out almost 1½ million packets of crisps each week, in the process using 3,500 bags of potatoes, 6,000 gallons of oil, and half a ton of salt. The firm handles almost 50 different products, including biscuits, in addition to various potato extracts, the output at Swansea being confined to the fivepenny packet of plain, and cheese and onion flavoured crisps, and a jumbo sized 2s. 6d. packet.

Distribution

Mr. Blagden emphasised that although the factory had closed, distribution of their firm's supplies in West Wales and Glamorgan, would still take place, the Fforestfach building being used until an alternative depot was opened in Swansea. Asked what is to become of the disused factory I was informed it would be put on the market for sale, and with 180 square feet of ground floor space, substantial upstairs accommodation, and a flat used by the manager, it was anticipated a number of prospective parties would be interested in purchasing the premises.

Manager of the Swansea factory is Mr. N. J. Newton, who is now in the process of completing arrangements for the intake of his companies supplies from other factories, and in ensuring that satisfactory distribution of these products will continue to be made.

MAYOR LAUNCHES APPEAL FUND

The Mayor of Swansea, Alderman T. R. Davies, has opened an appeal fund to aid the plight of those involved in the Aberfan disaster, stating, "Knowing that the people of Swansea, appalled by the dreadful disaster at Aberfan, desire to demonstrate practically their heartfelt sympathy, I have decided to establish locally a fund to augment that launched by the Mayor of Merthyr Tydfil. Donations addressed, "The Mayor's Aberfan Disaster Fund", the Guildhall, Swansea, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Borough Treasurer. The total amount will in due course be sent to the Mayor of Merthyr Tydfil.

LOOK OUT

An application submitted by the Methodist Society of Swansea University College, for permission to hold a street collection on December 10, in aid of the Methodist Missionary Society Nigeria Project, has been approved.

PEOPLE IN TOWN . . .

Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Minister for Overseas Development, lecturing on African affairs to the Socialist Society at Swansea University College.

Mr. Kenneth Robinson, Minister of Health, was also here — the same day — to address the students.

Herr Herbert Blankenhorn, the German Ambassador in London, visiting several parts of South and West Wales. He lunched at Swansea Guildhall with the Mayor and people who have visited Swansea's twin town, Mannheim.

Mr. John Leonard, national president of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers. — He came to present Mr. T. R. Houkins, the union's Swansea district secretary, with a clock to mark his retirement after 20 years' service.

Dame Joan Vickers, Member of Parliament for Devonport, and chairman of the United Nations Status for Women Commission. She was guest speaker at the tenth anniversary rally of the South West Wales Federation of Townswomen's Guilds at the Brangwyn Hall.

The Rev. G. E. J. Bird, of Ipswich, president of the Christian Endeavour Union of Great Britain and Ireland, guest speaker at the annual meeting of Swansea and District Christian Endeavour Union at Terrace Road Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Christopher Blunt, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquarians, one of Britain's leading experts on old coins, was guest speaker at Swansea and West Wales Numismatic Society.

Mr. T. I. Ellis, one of the representatives of Wales in the radio "Round Britain Quiz" programme, spoke at the Royal Institution of South Wales on "Travellers in Wales".



At St. Nicholas, Townhill, Swansea, Miss Pearl Williams of 83 Conway Road, Penlan, to Mr. Ernest Lee, 46 Heol Trevor, Penlan. Photo: Tancock.

Bilingual school

With the proposed building of a bilingual secondary comprehensive school to be established at Rhos, Pontardawe, in 1968, by the Glamorgan Authority, a request was submitted to the Swansea Education Committee, by the Swansea Welsh Schools Parents' Association, asking that pupils attending the Cwmbwrla and Llonlas Welsh Schools, be permitted to attend the school at Rhos when it is open and when the pupils concerned attain secondary school age.

Following a meeting of the Swansea Education sub-committee, it was decided to defer consideration of this application as it was felt advisable that the Swansea Authority explore the possibility of providing its own bilingual secondary comprehensive school, the attention of the Education Committee to be drawn to this matter, the Director of Education being requested to submit a report on these findings in due course.

XMAS IS COMING!

One of the highlights of the year it is scheduled for December 14, with Father Christmas undoubtedly the annual Christmas Parade arranged by the Swansea Council. This year it is scheduled for December 14, with Father Christmas taking pride of place in the gaily decorated cavalcade.

"CONSTRUCTIVE METHODS BETTER THAN DESTRUCTIVE ONES"

So determined are the recently formed 'Hard-core committee' of supporters of the Swansea Town Football Club, to emphasise the considerable danger that exists of the Third Division Football League club being relegated to a lower section at the end of the season, and to protest against recent playing performances, that present intentions are for members of this rebel group to picket the Vetch Field this Saturday, when Reading will be the visiting club.

Backing this move are 2,000 leaflets reading, 'Survival of Swansea Town A.F.C. Dear Supporter, We, the Hard Core Committee appeal to you to help us save Swansea Town Football Club from becoming another Accrington Stanley.

The only way this can be done is to boycott to-day's match against Reading,' it is signed by Ben Jones, Byron Crescent, Mayhill, Swansea, who during Swansea's last home match, against Watford, presented Mr. Phillip Holden, chairman of the Football Club, with a 'petition' from the committee, asking for the existing board of directors to resign, so that a new board could be installed who had declared their intention to spend money, which was alleged to be available, on strengthening the team.

When Mr. Gordon Daniels, Secretary of The Swansea Town A.F.C., was asked if he would comment on what is expected to take place this week-end, he replied, "I would have thought the committee concerned would have been better engaged on constructive methods, than destructive ones. As for the suggested picketing, I do not think the sporting public will pay too much attention to this, believing that many still retain their sense of loyalty towards the club and are keenly interested in helping it overcome its present difficulties."

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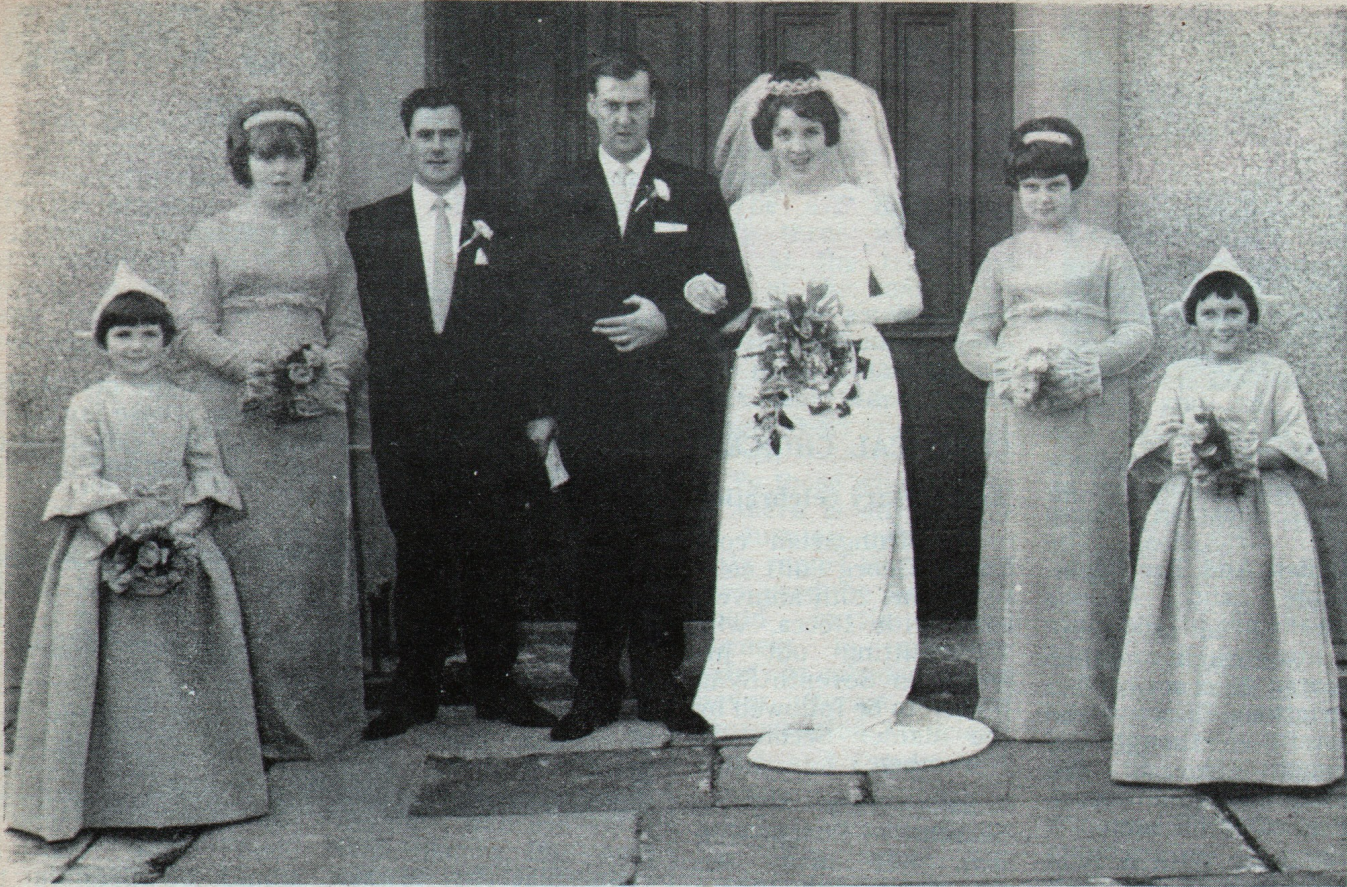
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Miss Anne Stanton, Bonymaen Road, Swansea and Mr. John Richard Price, Catherine Street, Swansea. At Adulam chapel, Bonymaen. Photo by: Western Studios.



Margaret Phillips, Clydach Road, Clydach and Peter Larg, Coomtegnant Ave., Skewen. At St. Mary's Church, Clydach. Photo by: D. J. Photographers.



Haulwen Jenkins, Eversly Road, Sketty and Michael Davies, Globe Road, Loughnor. At St. Paul's Church, Sketty. Photo by: D. J. Photographers.



Miss Margaret Rita Powell, Margaret Road, Llandybie Road, Ammanford and Mr. Ronald Clement, Conservative Club, Pontardulais. Photo by: Western Studios.



Miss Vivienne Hill, Graig Terrace, Swansea. Mr. William Grimshawe, Dove Road, Blaenymaes, at St. Mark's Church, Waun Wen. Photo by: D. J. Photographers.



Jillian Phillips, Finsbury Terrace, Brynmill and Michael Hurlow, Rodney Street, Swansea. At St. Gabriels Church, Brynmill. Photo by: D. J. Photographers.



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Another single from Manfred Mann, called **Semi-Detached, Suburban Mr. James** (Fontana). The scornful title tells its own story, of the girl who infuriates the hipsters by going off with a square, opting for the respectable life.

The number's less a lament than a whoop of triumph over poor Mr. James. An interesting tune, written by Geoff Stephens of "Winchester Cathedral" fame, and one Lennon and McCartney wouldn't be ashamed of.

The opening bars are played on what sounds like an electronic flute. After that the group regale us with a variety of sounds, even including a few bars of pure "4 Seasons".

Happenings Ten Years Time Ago (Columbia). A zany title that fully lives up to its promise. Here are The Yardbirds in what sounds like a kind of oriental "Green-sleeves". Everyone works like mad, and at one point the Yellow Submarine seems to be passing through the studio. Good clean fun, and quite exciting too.

Medieval sound

A typically medieval intro. with strings and lutes for the Ivy League in **My World Fell Down** (Piccadilly). A beguiling melody, done in close, high harmonies that recall The Beach Boys.

But the League have more variety of texture and beat. Few pop numbers change gear as many times as this. Even fewer do it without sounding scrappy. A rich performance.

For tired ears

If your ears ache and your senses are numbed from assaults by high-powered groups, I can prescribe a new Page One single called **Boyfriends and Girlfriends**. A number in the calmest three-four time with the simplest, smoothest tune. It's sung by the low, quiet voices of The Trend. See if you don't agree.

Satisfied Mind, as sung by Bobby Hebb, should mean quite a few satisfied customers. The voice is soft, husky, controlled. The beat is felt

rather than heard. The volume grows steadily higher without becoming raucous at all. (Fontana label).

The insidious voice of a girl called Carla Thomas is heard in **B-A-B-Y** (Atlantic). It slides and shakes, blows hot and cool. You could call her intense — and how!

Folk lore

Seth Davey, a coloured street entertainer, was well known on Merseyside at the turn of the century. Now his compatriots, The Spinners, celebrate his memory in **Seth Davey** (Fontana). Without fuss or frenzy. Just an even, swaying tempo that's mighty satisfying.

L.P. ALBUMS

The third stream

"Jazzing the classics" is a game of long standing. Sometimes it has been more than a game, as in the "third stream" music, practised by people like Gunter Schuller and the Modern Jazz Quartet. This explores the middle

ground between the two forms.

On Verve VLP/SVLP 9137 the jazz pianist Bill Evans plays with a smallish symphony orchestra conducted by Claus Ogerman. Pieces like Granados' **The Maiden And The Nightingale** and Fauré's **Pavane** are played more or less straight and then treated to a set of jazz variations. Effective and tasteful, though I thought two of Bill Evans' own compositions came off better.

Classics With A Beat (Columbia TWO 134, stereo only) is a lesson in how not to do it. To hear the finale of Brahms' First Symphony filleted and sentimentalised is quite appalling. Only a piece of kitsch like Fibich's **Poeme** is anywhere near successful.

Gershwin's **Rhapsody In Blue** and the much finer **American In Paris** are superbly played and recorded by Stanley Black and the London Festival Orchestra on Decca LK 4769/PFS 4098. The works have often been paired, but never as well as this. Here are the pick

of London's orchestral players under a conductor-pianist with the music in his bones.

CLASSICAL CHOICE

Anniversary celebration

The Hungarian conductor Georg Solti celebrates his 20th anniversary with Decca, who are putting out his Bruckner Seventh Symphony, to be followed by the Mahler Second in November.

Solti, now Musical Director at Covent Garden, has made his recording reputation chiefly with the Wagner operas. In sound alone, the Decca-Solti collaboration in the "Ring" has left most listeners gasping for breath. But in the classical symphonic repertoire I think Solti has still to show his real mettle.

In Wagner he is brilliant. But his Beethoven is undistinguished and his Mozart non-existent. Coming to his Bruckner Seventh with the Vienna Philharmonic (Decca MET/SET 323-4) I missed the breadth, the expansiveness, the sheer rapture one finds in the great classical conductors like Furtwangler, Bruno Walter or Klemperer.

Bruckner used to idolise Wagner, but it doesn't follow that a great Wagnerian interpreter will get to the heart of Bruckner's genius. The recording is splendid: so too is the performance of Wagner's **Siegfried Idyll** on side four.

The Berlioz Requiem is a work calling for colossal forces. It can be a recording engineer's dream, and also a nightmare. A new version comes on CBS BRG/SBRG 72400-001, with Eugene Ormandy conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra and Temple University Choirs. This is an all round triumph. One of the most spectacular recordings to come my way, though it does favour the orchestra at the expense of the choir. But what an orchestra, and what a magnificent realisation of Berlioz's masterpiece.

Also recommended, a weighty but sparkling account of Schumann's "Spring" Symphony (No. 1) by Klemperer and the New Philharmonia (Columbia CX/SAX 5269). The sound is rich and bright, the tutti well sprung. The **Manfred Overture** fills side two.

BRIAN J. FORD writes on WHOSE FAULT WAS IT REALLY?

"Buried alive by the NCB," was the cry at the sad, tragic inquest. All right then, whose fault was it? Just who was to blame for the catastrophic movement of the better part of 2,000,000 tons of rock, rubble and coal dust?

Partly of course it was the coal authorities. One cannot doubt this — but how many people did anything constructive to prove the element of danger? It is easy to worry now, after the event, but how much urgency was there beforehand?

Not many people went out of their way to protest. There were petitions, there were muttered beliefs; and there are now limitless men and women who claim that they always knew it would happen. Then why wasn't more done? If you knew that a mammoth coal tip had slid from its original site, down across the fields and near a school in the space of just a few years, wouldn't it surely be obvious to even the most obtuse intellect that it was liable to engulf the school in due course? Some things are a matter of chance; inhabitants of the Swansea Valley are almost conditioned to living under steep slopes from which large crags of rock have been known to fall. This is a 'random chance'.

Evident

But the inexorable progress of a moving wall of millions of tons of slag is not a matter of chance: the eventual fate of the mass is clearly evident to anyone. Certainly the coal authorities, or whoever is responsible, should have realised this simple fact and acted long beforehand. But what if they refused? What else could be done?

I put it to you thus: would you send your child to such a school? I doubt it. I certainly would not. And I don't wish to suggest that this a handy piece of

hindsight; if I saw that a mass of material had moved from one side of the fields to the other, and was now near the school, well I don't think that it would be possible to allow any children near it. It is just too short-sighted; the risks are evident to anyone.

So why was it done in Aberfan? Probably because of the simple conditioning that takes place in the valleys. The tip is something which you live with, which overshadows your entire existence. It is easy to ignore what is so obviously a risk to the outsider. The fault is, then, an occupational hazard, if you like. It lies in the valleys. It lies in the acceptance of danger, and in the subconscious ignoring of hazards that others might decri.

And why did the tip move? This is not so easy; but the glib traditional answers of the specialists who point at pore water pressure and clay lubrication are not good enough. These factors can be eliminated in some examples, and we can show experimentally that high pore pressures are not necessary for a tip to slide. The official view may prove to be too superficial.

And we therefore can begin to see something of the origins of the tragedy. It is not for us to point fingers in a definitive sense; this will result from the enquiry.

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A ROYAL REQUEST

and grandfather — and I remember doing it, too — travelled round the fairs in Wales in all sorts of weather, selling blankets by the yard and materials we made at our mill.

"We went to Llangyfellach fair, Aberavon, Aberdare, Maesteg, Gowerton and fairs all over the place selling in the light of oil lamps. There were so many trading at these fairs in all kinds of weather that we often arrived in a convoy of loaded wagons that but for the cattle looked for all the world like Wagon Train."

Nowadays, Mr. Jones is still an inveterate traveller in search of business, but now it's to the highly organised, sophisticated and keenly competitive exhibitions such

as the Ideal Home, the Dairy, Caravan and Boat shows.

Apart from these, he sets up his display of colourful Welsh tapestry, bedding, coats, ties, shawls and sheepskin jackets at crowd-pulling events in almost every county in England and Wales. This year, for the first time, he has been granted some of the coveted space at Scotland's famous Game fair which attracts people from as far afield as America.

"I do so much travelling in my three-ton van and trailer that I'm away from Swansea for about nine months every year," he said. "Apart from the business it brings I'm always very happy to correct the ideas many people have about we Welsh."

"There are still some who think we are peasants."



Cleo Laine

BOUTIQUES JOIN THE SWINGING GAME

BY JEANNE GRAHAM

OPEN HOUSE

THAT'S A BRIGHT IDEA

IDEA 1

Hints for better housekeeping would fill volumes. There are things which mother passes down to daughter, knowledge learned "in action" in the home.

Yet you seldom find these housewives' hints in a book. Here are some which I have gleaned from my friends. I hope you'll find them useful.

Rub castor oil into furniture scratches and then leave to soak for a few minutes. Polish as usual and the scratches should disappear.

IDEA 2

If starched collars rub and irritate sensitive skin, rub the collar edges with white paraffin wax.

Two or three rows of shirring elastic through the tops of children's pockets helps the pockets to keep their shape longer.

To make jelly set more quickly add a few drops of lemon juice.

Mix batter with a fork, not a spoon, for the mixture to be really smooth.

IDEA 3

Three-pronged attack

Open a tin of condensed milk and pour it into a glass jar with a screw top. This stops a wasteful crust forming.

Until you can take a broken necklace to a jeweller, make a temporary repair knot secure by sealing it with a dab of clear nail varnish.

Tops from men's socks make good replacements or reinforcements on pullover cuffs.

When an oil painting becomes dull, a raw potato (halved) rubbed gently over the surface cleans and restores the colour.

Lighted candles placed in a smoke-filled room clear the air.

For children's parties make banana pancakes. Spread the pancake with raspberry jam, and wrap lightly round a banana

Boutiques 1

Once upon a time boutique fashions were expensive, quasi-couture, but always dignified. The woman who shopped at a boutique expected to buy almost exclusive clothes.

She would have been shocked if she had seen another woman in her dress. She would have been amazed to be offered mini-shirts, jazzy little suits, swinging 'mod' clothes.

But today the Paris boutiques are full of just these clothes. They are quasi-couture and very nearly exclusive, since only one or two copies are made of each model.

Boutiques 2

And they are certainly very expensive. Women like Francoise Hardy, Brigitte Bardot and Sylvie Vartan shop at boutiques like Real, for example.

JAZZY OUTFITS

Celebrities pay a lot for their clothes and don't want them to be duplicated. But they do want their clothes to swing, these days. And whether you are 16 or 60, 24 or 44, if you shop at boutiques, you buy jazzy little outfits — and love 'em!

These are a sample of typically boutique clothes I have seen. Florida fox fitting jackets for sports-

women, with little apricot broadcloth slacks edged in fox. Cap and shoulder bag to match, in fox.

Gloves have watches inserted in the leather — a sensible, shockproof idea, this, for snazzy skiers.

Boutiques 3

Model girls are showing off ensembles like these with enormous gilt cube ear-rings and rings, and granny specs!

Sleeveless wool and nylon cocktail dresses look halter-necked since they are held up by nothing more than a wide, fake jewel-studded dog collar.

FAKE FUN

Two-tone crochet dresses with drawstring waists and elbow sleeves come in the sort of material that can be washed at home. Deep-pile double-breasted "fur" coats aren't fur at all, but fake. Dark fake furs are trimmed with real mink pastel bands on cuffs.

Mauve satin party shoes have buckles trimmed with small silver and pink gems in flower shapes. Orange party stockings have zig-zag designs.

Boutiques 4

Trouser suits for parties are weird, or wonderful, depending on your age! I've

seen slacks and jackets in silk printed with pink, grey, black, cyclamen and green dragons, water lilies, lotus blossoms — a distinct oriental influence. Worn with them were Pucci thong sandals, kept on by willpower and water lilies.

One party dress which a boutiques owner chose for herself was a short yellow crepe silk model worn with a lateral cape. Gilt leather shoes, and golden ring ear-

rings completed the eccentric ensemble.

Boutiques of course, do have less eccentric fashions, albeit gay ones. Like the two ensembles sketched. One idea I've copied is a tartan dress matching a coat's tartan lining.

When I'm feeling specially gay I wear the outfit with a deerstalker cap that has a tartan crown, and brim in the same material as the coat's exterior cloth.



Kaynita Jones, "Donington", Cwmbach Road, Cockett, and Peter McLellan, Retford, Notts., at St. Peter's Church, Cockett.—D. J. Photographers.

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Miss Margaret Coleman, 54, Capel Clydach and Mr. Frederick Miles, Hillside, Cran Road, Morriston, at St. John's Church, Clydach — Photo by D. J. Photographers.

POLICE HUNT FOR POST OFFICE RAIDERS

Swansea police have appealed for information concerning three youths who attacked the sub-postmistress of Pentre Estyll Post Office, between 1.00 p.m. and 1.50 p.m., on October 17, and stole £600 from a safe.

The descriptions given are, a youth, 5 ft. 9 in. to 5 ft. 10 in., slim build, wearing a black leather jacket and thick padded motor cycle type gloves. His face was covered with a scarf. A youth aged 19 to 20 years, 5 ft. 8 in. to 5 ft. 10 in., stout build, wearing a blue sports jacket with a large check pattern. His face was covered with a scarf. A youth aged 19 to 20 years, 5 ft. 8 in. to 5 ft. 10 in., wearing dark clothing. A brown corduroy cap was found near the scene of the crime, and the missing money was taken away in a green canvas bag measuring 18 in. by 12 in., marked 'Post Office, Pentre Estyll'.

HOPE FOR HOMELESS

In a summary of the Swansea Corporations Housing programme up until the end of August, it was disclosed 929 dwellings were in the course of construction, 20 approved dwellings were to be commenced, with a further 218 dwellings included in preparation schemes. The bulk of the new council houses being erected was at Caemawr (305), with Llanllienwen (198), Fforesthall (192), Birchgrove (112), Penfilia 11 (104), and West Cross (18), completing the total.

FOOTBALLER'S HELP FUND

Players from Swansea, Cardiff and Newport Football League clubs will be taking part in a match at Merthyr, on November 7, with proceeds going towards the Aberfan Disaster Fund. They will be meeting a team of all stars, among whom will be Welsh club managers, including Glyn Davies from Swansea Town.

BIGGER BATHS WANTED

Unless Swansea has a bigger swimming baths, it is unlikely that any national swimming competition will come to the town, suggested Mr. Geoffrey Shaw, the Borough's Entertainment Officer, to members of the Swansea Parks and Entertainment Committee.

During a discussion on the municipal baths it was pointed out there was frequently a lengthy waiting list of swimmers, sometimes resulting in an hour before they were able to use the baths' facilities. The principal reason for this stemmed from the inadequate size of the baths, with something like 50 per cent of actual swimming time being lost at peak periods due to clearing the swimmers from the baths, when the whistle blew, and affording them sufficient time to dress.

Second thoughts over school name

With members of Swansea Education Committee, and outside organisations, in sharp disagreement over the proposed name for a new school to be established in a wooded area between Killay and Sketty, it has been decided to postpone an immediate decision and to have second thoughts about what the school is to be called.

Two names put forward, both of which received support, were Olchfa and Glanmor. It was suggested that Glanmor was a natural

choice, as the new school would be replacing the present Glanmor School. When it became known that the present Glanmor School would be continuing for at least five years after the new school was built, it was suggested a revised title be given, calling it New Glanmor.

The opponents of Olchfa, do not think it a suitable name, and with both sections unable to agree it has been left until a later date to finalise the official school title.

ENTERPRISE NEPTUNE

Aimed at raising £2,000,000 to save the coastlands of Great Britain, Enterprise Neptune opened its local appeal with a special photographic exhibition held at the Dragon Hotel, Swansea.

Featuring many outstanding examples of the coastline, with a marked emphasis on the Gower, where the National Trust own 1,300 acres of coast land, the use of maps and diagrams proved equally effective, showing to a marked extent how the beauty of the coastal areas was gradually being whittled away by industrial development.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Following a recommendation of the Civil Defence Committee, the Swansea Parliamentary and General Purposes Committee have agreed to establish an Emergency Committee. This has been convened in accordance with Government policy, which decrees that when circumstances so warrant it, emergency legislation would be enacted to permit Local Government Authorities to delegate in time of crisis, all their powers to an Emergency Committee. It was decided that three members would be elected to fill the three vacant posts.

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CONCERN OVER SINGLETON PARK

Concern has been expressed by the Gower Society in their current newsletter, over the future of Singleton Park, which they wish to see retained as an open space. Sparking off this agitation is recent news of the intention to give a section of the park, near the boating lake, for further building for the University College of Swansea, a move which they feel is a threat to the future of the parks' facilities. Their views have been forwarded to the municipal authorities, but they suggest all concerned with preserving the park should be on the alert to prevent the losing of any more of the open space.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Swansea Secondary School Governors have decided that safety barriers be placed outside the entrance to the St. Thomas, and Mynyddbach girls' schools.

ON THE AIR

Manselton Male Voice Choir, conducted by Clive John, sing songs from their repertoire on the Welsh Home Service next Monday.



Miss Meryl Evans, 26 Rhos Road, Gwdros and Mr. Derek Hewitt, 80 Penfilia Road, Brynhyfryd, at St. Peter's Church, Cockett — Photo by D. J. Photographers.

WILL YOU HELP?

For many people, Christmas is traditionally, one of the happiest times of the year, when the spirit of human kindness is abroad, and the season of goodwill abounds.

But for some the Christmas thrills and excitement are only experiences enjoyed by others, the period of jollity and celebration taking on the mantle of misery and sadness. Among those most often affected by this unfortunate dilemma are the children, not only those still in their infancy, but the teenagers, who through a series of circumstances beyond their control, and frequently, comprehension, find themselves torn from their parents and living in local authorities' residences. Some are orphans, others can still recollect happier days in their lives when home was something more than a cosy sounding word. Sickness, ill health, death, often extract a painful toll that touches the formative years of so many of the young, who deprived of the affection, and love of their parents, live with other children in council maintained hostels and homes.

Christmas for these under privileged can be a harrowing experience, and never more so than on the morning of the great day itself. It is then, possibly more than any other times,

that the real impact of what they have lost strikes hard, and to see any child on such a day denied the infinite pleasures created by a yuletide gift is a pathetic experience.

Children

In this hope, and belief that we can help some of these unfortunates, the Swansea Colour Weekly is introducing its 'Christmas Gift for the Children' scheme. A list of the christian names, and ages, of a number of these children in the Swansea area, will be available at our office, and we extend our invitation to any member of the public, who wishes to participate in the venture and bring a moment of real joy into the lives of these youngsters, to contact us and offer to provide an adopted name with a christmas parcel.

We feel, in all fairness, that to give any child placed in such a predicament a parcel of soiled, second hand toys is not of any real worth, and that one should consider the reaction of such a gift in the same light as one's own children would feel. The cost of any christmas parcel need not be exorbitant,

even a christmas card would undoubtedly be appreciated.

If each parcel was suitably wrapped, and a card with the chosen child's name attached, we should then ensure it was delivered to the person concerned in time for the day of celebration.

It only requires a postcard, or telephone call, to find the youngsters you want to become an Aunt, or Uncle to this festive season, but in taking this initial step you are already half way towards ensuring that others, less fortunate than yourself, will awake on christmas morning and know they are not entirely forgotten or unwanted, and at this time of the year what greater gift is there than a willingness to stretch out a helping hand towards others.

The address to write to is Swansea Colour Weekly, 99 Mansel Street, Swansea, telephone Swansea 52404, it won't take you long, but it could mean so much to someone.

GIVE US LIGHT

Following a report that the generator installed at the Central Police Station, Swansea, used to provide an alternative source of power and lighting during an emergency, was beyond repair, it was agreed that a new generator and certain lighting circuits be installed.

TENDER ACCEPTED

When tenders were invited for the erection of 75 traditional dwellings, and 13 aged persons' flatlets at Waunwen, eight were received, the contract going to the lowest of these, Davies Construction (Severn) Ltd., at a cost of £248,873. In addition there will be cost of Architect's and Quantity Surveyor's charges, printing, Clerk of the works, and furniture commitments, bringing the estimated final figure to £259,939.

CLUB PLAN EXTENSIONS

During the early part of November, it is hoped to make a start on major building extensions and improvements at the Oystermouth Social Club, work expected to last for six months.

Main features of this expensive undertaking include the knocking down of rooms and creating instead a large Concert Hall, complete with stage, bar, and modern fittings on the first floor. On the ground floor it is intended to establish a Ladies Lounge and Main Lounge. The club was founded almost 50 years ago, formerly occupying premises in Langland, where it was known as the Mumbles Workingmen's Club. The present principal officers, chairman George Charles, vice-chairman Eric Stephens, secretary/treasurer, Tom Jenkins, and finance chairman, Bill Thomas, are backed by a lively committee, and are making these big improvements to keep in with the trend taking place in other clubs.

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Gaynor Hoosen, Sunningdale Avenue, Mayals, Swansea and Jeffrey Eley, Hall Lane, Penland, at Murton Methodist Chapel. Photo, D. J. Photographers.

SHE BEAT THE PANEL

GORSEINON WOMAN ON "CLAIM TO FAME"

Viewers of T.W.W.'s "Claim To Fame" programme this week will see a Gorseinon woman beating the panel.

Mrs. Hilda Howells, aged 40, of Brighton Road, Gorseinon, took part in the programme some weeks ago when it was recorded in Bristol. Her prize for baffling some of the best guessers in the business — including the famous Mrs. Olive Stephens — was an engraved compact.

Mrs. Howells' claim to fame was that she once conducted Harry Roy's band on the stage of the old Swansea Empire Theatre.

It happened about 20 years ago when Mrs. Howells worked at the canteen of Grovesend Steelworks. She and two or three of her workmates went for an evening's entertainment at the Empire and during the evening, members of the audience were invited on to the stage to try their hands at conducting the band.

"Go on, Hilda. You have a go", persuaded Mrs. Howells' friends. And they practically pushed her on to the stage. But once there, Hilda Gross — as she then was — performed creditably without winning one of the evening's prizes.

She told the band she wanted them to play "There's an awful lot of coffee in Brazil"; she refused Harry Roy's offer of the use of his baton, and she completely took charge of the orchestra, stopping them from time to time, demanding instrumental solos in places and generally satisfying the piano accompanist, at least, that she would win the night's prize. She didn't.

"But it was a lot of fun and I have talked so much about it since then," said Mrs. Howells, "that my friends at work persuaded me to have a go at the 'Claim To Fame' programme.

"I'm glad they did. It was a very happy experience. Even though I was terribly nervous, everyone was extremely charming and they

TV programme on Friday night. "I'm scared stiff," she said.

But a TV programme she IS looking forward to seeing will be one in the New Year when she expects her 13-year-old son, Robert, to be taking part in Hughie Green's "Opportunity Knocks" programme.

Robert, a well-known boy soprano, has sung in almost every local chapel. He's also a highly skilled drummer and has more than £200 worth of equipment at home.

And he's been an honorary member of the Musicians' Union since he was ten years old.



Miss Shirley Maddocks of Heol Gwrosydd, Penlan, and Mr. Ernest Williams, 26 Solva Road, Close. At Cocket Church. Photo: Tancock.

FUTURE OF OYSTERMOUTH CASTLE

The news that Swansea Corporation are having consultations with the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works about the future of Oystermouth Castle has excited many local people.

Not the least of them are members of the Gower Society who were told in the society's last newsletter that this historic building had been closed to the public for so long that very many local people had never been inside to see how interesting it is.

One of the Society's younger members, 18-year-old Janet Brockbank, of Druslyn Road, West Cross, visited the castle when she was a school-girl and has been aching to get back in there ever since.

Because after her visit, she heard about the legend of the White Lady at Oystermouth Castle.

Said Janet: "According to one of our teachers, the White Lady was the baron's wife. He used to keep her locked up in a room and he whipped her every day until she died.

"Not many people know that there are complete dungeons in the castle. And it's said that if you walk around a whipping post in the large dungeon 12 times and stick a pin in one of the nail holes in the post, the White Lady appears at the window.

"I haven't tried that but ooh — I'd love to try."

Another reason for Janet's interest in the old castle, some of whose walls are in a dangerous condition, is that she's taken up archery. "It would be absolutely marvellous," she said, "if the castle was repaired and the grounds were done up, and our club, The Bowmen of Gower, could meet in the shadow of this old building."

If and when the castle is restored and opened to the public, no doubt many people will want to investigate the legend of the White Lady. But Mr. Harry Holmes, of Oxford Street, Swansea, doesn't want to wait before starting his investigation. "I would like to be locked in

the castle, alone, for 24 hours," he says.

"I believe that a complete day and night in Oystermouth Castle would provide sufficient evidence to prove or disprove the theory about the White Lady."

That's one task most people will say he's welcome to.

NURSERY SCHOOLS WANTED

Requests for the provision of possible alternative accommodation for Townhill Nursery School, for the establishment of a nursery class in the old Cwmrhydyceirw school, and for the need of providing nursery school facilities for children living on Sketty Park Estate, have all been deferred, the Swansea Director of Education being asked to report on these proposals in due course.

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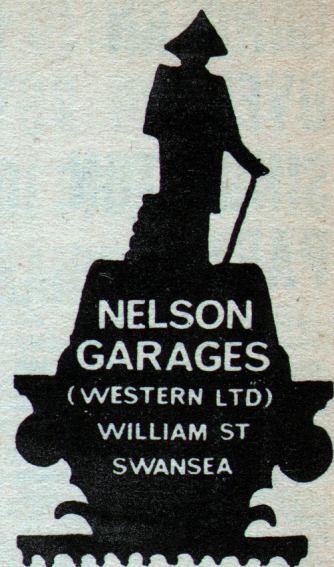
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to the Hillman Imp and could hardly be bettered.

The 875 does have only three wheels — one at the front and two at the rear. It is necessary to state this because once you are in the car and driving, the fact that there is one wheel short is never apparent.

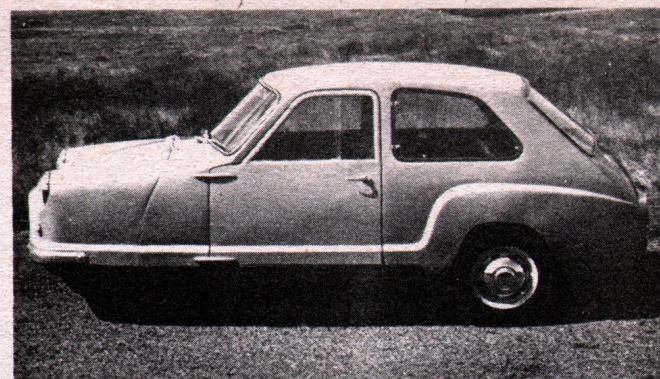
To those who wonder if there is any danger of turning over I can only report that, once I was used to the car, I could hurtle round corners in complete safety at speeds I would never attempt in most four-wheeled vehicles.

Quick and Crisp

The steering is as precise and accurate as Big Ben while the manufacturers have obviously given great care to the Imp's suspension system and completely eliminated any harshness that might have resulted from the weight reduction.

The performance is backed up by a remarkably quick and crisp gear change. It is a four forward speed box with unbeatable synchromesh on all gears. The engine is at the back-end so the healthy burble from the engine does not penetrate the fibreglass body.

Economy is a keynote. First, the engine fitted is the de-tuned



version of the Imp with the 8 to 1 compression ratio. This means that the cheapest grades of fuel are the recommended ones.

The hard, in-a-hurry driver should get a minimum of 40 miles from each gallon.

Three wheels instead of four means there are only three tyres to wear out and this should take a long time as the 875 has Michelin X as standard — they also help the road holding.

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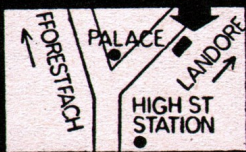
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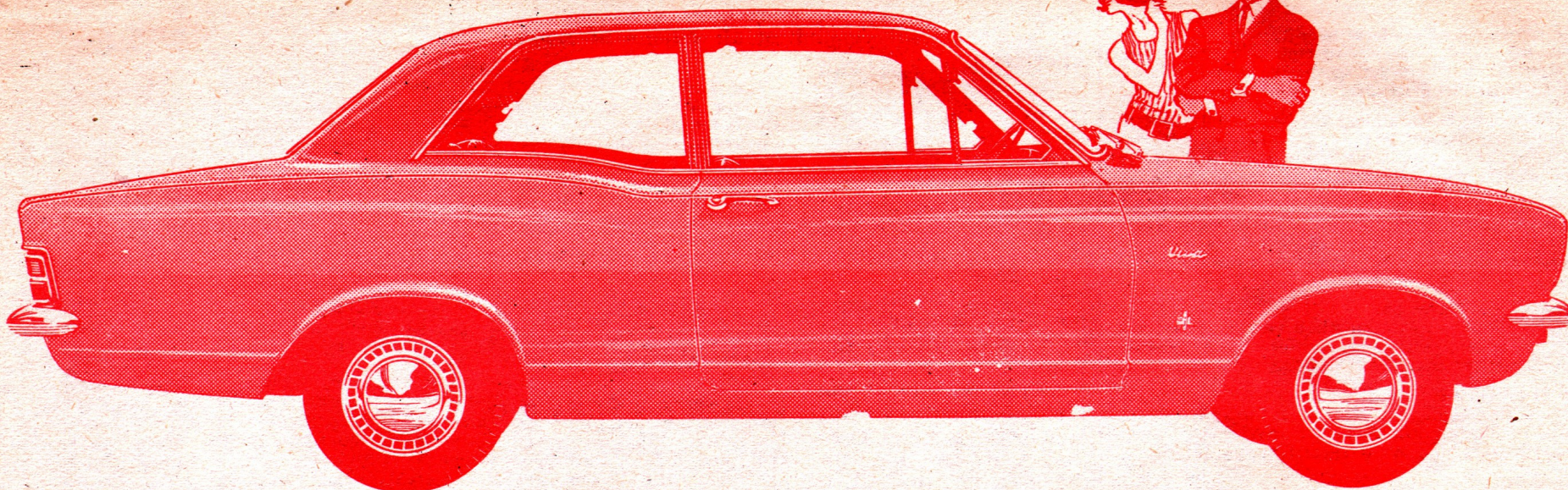
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Your Week in the Stars

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 22)

A new acquaintance will attract you, but beware of confiding too many secrets. Let others set the pace this week. You should catch up on your commitments while you have time.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 to December 20)

One of your plans will face unexpected opposition. This can act as a stimulus and help you to resolve an outstanding problem. The financial picture is bright. Luck is on your side.

CAPRICORN (December 21 to January 19)

You will find it comparatively easy to control events this week and have much to gain from doing so. Think before you speak; the right word at the right time can help you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Stick to routine matters as much as possible. This is not your best time for creative thinking. Domestic life will provide much happiness and you will hear from a distant friend or relative.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Guard against taking too materialistic a view of a friend's problems; it could be interpreted as indifference. A meeting provides the high spot of this rather difficult week.

ARIES (March 21 to April 20)

Try to overcome a tendency to be intolerant of others. Consider both sides of every question before making any judgment. Financial matters may need special care in the next few days.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 20)

An unusual and interesting venture will be proposed this week. Before committing yourself, think very carefully about the consequences. Ignore gossip about a close friend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Over-confidence about one important activity could lead to a fall. Take advice from colleagues before moving ahead. Fair but firm action will be needed to settle a domestic problem.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

You will suddenly become aware of a chain of events prompting you to try out a pet idea. Move ahead carefully and it will succeed. Plenty of interest at work and play.

LEO (July 22 to August 21)

Unexpectedly you will be forcibly reminded that you have neglected an important plan. You will have to act rapidly to save the day, so be ready to adapt to a new situation.

VIRGO (August 22 to September 22)

Don't let others persuade you to give up a small but important plan. Keep pushing ahead and you will reach your goal. A personal problem will be resolved through frank discussion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Although caution is needed where money is concerned, success at work will depend on your readiness to take a risk. Don't let the actions of others distract your attention.

AN OPERATIC TRIUMPH

Mention the name Strauss and immediately one is thinking in terms of gay and wild romantic music made possible by lilting rhythms, swinging melodies and love-notes galore. The "Gipsy Baron" is probably the most famous and indeed the most 'lovingly bound' of all Johann Strauss's operetta's.

The story is an eloquent one of the power of love overcoming the strifes and conflicts between the gipsy tribe and the aristocracy, the truism of love and war that is the heritage of one generation after the other. Listening to the 'Gipsy Baron' story being unravelled by the Gendros Catholic Amateur Society at the Welfare Hall, Fforest-fach was an experience that will live long in the memory, the entire company can well be proud of this yet another success in their sixth operatic venture.

High standard

Chorus work was of a high standard, the disciplined tone volume was dynamic of impact, here was pulsating choral movement made more exciting by the well devised tempos; these choristers sang with a will born of love of singing; there will be nothing I say that will be too high a praise of the choralism that must rank as the best I have heard in years.

The Empire orchestra led by Ivor Morgan with David Alexander at the piano was a powerful medium of accompaniment, I was impressed with their purposeful playing, and it was good to find an affinity as between singers and the orchestra; Lan Clifford Jones directed the forces under his command with a sure beat and deep appreciation of the work.

Confidence

Full marks to a first class cast. One felt that there was not a weak link in any of the rules, indeed, the opposite is the truth for here was a magnificent team of actors. Pride of place must surely go to Bryn Rees for his intrinsic and dramatic depiction of the title role of 'Gipsy Baron'; possessing a light baritone voice of splendid range with a production that was satisfying, his singing at all times was one of confidence, but it was the almost professional touch of the competent histrionics that made his performances an outstanding achievement; this was truly commanding in all aspects of operatic portrayal.

The golden voice of the evening was that of Sylvia Alexander. One was tempted to ask why was such a glorious voice confined to local musical activities only; this sonorous textured soprano voice is unlimited in its vocal possibilities, its glittering silvery tone was a thrill and joy to behold, and as she sang in the many

obligato lines her voice soared above the chorus in a manner that opened the heavens of song. Her defining of the 'lovely gipsy girl' "Saffi" found its vitality in her prowess as a vocalist.

"Zsupan" the Mayor played by Joseph Maguire was true to nature. What a lively character he was; here there and everywhere. "Otto" the ambitious simpleton in love was a highly successful character acting role thanks to the genius of Peter L. Howard.

The more I saw of "Czipra" the Queen of the Gipsies, created by Teresa Collins, the fonder I got of her. There was a rustic grace about her very deportment, and she was as winsome as she was charming.

Basil Woodward as the egoistic Count Kareska was the master-tactician in the science of making words become living things.

Special mention must be made of the elegant dancing of a troupe that had all the

attributes that make for the beautiful and spectacular. Costumes were attractive and picturesque. Entries and exits were excellent manoeuvred, indeed the entire tempo of the whole show was one of slick parade.

Skill

David Stockton, the producer, worked wonders with a presentation that reflects highly of his skill as an operatic architect. Tribute must be paid to Wyn Davies who was in charge of the effective scenery section; Mrs. E. Stockton as choreographer must have been very pleased with her accomplishment. Stage manager Harry Cameron must have been a very busy man while controlling this army of operatics. Musical numbers that made the heart beat faster were "These I have loved"; "Dare I believe my heart"; "The treasure waltz" and "Danube, river of dreams."

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"MERCILESS THUGS" — JUDGE

Three men who broke into an isolated house in Gower and robbed an elderly couple of £85 were described at the Glamorgan Assizes in Swansea as "merciless thugs" and given long prison services.

Mr. Justice Lane told them: "This type of behaviour will be met with just as little mercy as you showed to those two old people."

Leslie Elias Hearne, aged 42, labourer, of The Caravan, Fairwood Common, was jailed for nine years; Keith Melville Williams, aged 26, labourer, of Sandy-lane, Parkmill, was sentenced to seven years; and Donald Donovan, aged 21, labourer, also of Sandy-lane, Parkmill, was imprisoned for five years.

They had pleaded guilty to two offences of burglary and robbery.

Over crowding at Newton

So overcrowded has the Newton County Primary School become, due to the increasing number of housing developments in the area, that prior to the building of the new school, temporary additional classroom accommodation is to be provided. It has also been decided that when this modern Newton school is erected, a house will be built for the use of the caretaker.

POET'S CORNER

The University College of Swansea will be giving poetry a boost in the near future, with the appointment of the Swansea poet, Dr. Vernon Watkins, as Calouste Gulbenkian Fellow in Poetry at the University for the sessions 1966-67, and 1968-69.

During the intervening interval Dr. Watkins will be a visiting professor of poetry at the University of Washington, America. While at Swansea however, he will be concerned with lecturing on modern poetry in the Department of English, and is keen to develop the interest in verse writing in the University.

RIVALS TO DR WHO

The Chief Constable of Swansea has submitted a scheme for the replacement of six police boxes. Estimated to cost a total of £3,453, they are to be established in Port Tennant, Wind Street, Ffynone (Mansel Street), Gors Road, Cockett, St. Helen's Road, (The Slip), and Mumbles, near the Yacht Club, Southend).

LABOUR DEFEATED

By 235 votes to 96 — and with 105 abstentions — Swansea University College Debating Society rejected the motion "That this house believes the Labour Government works for Wales."

For the motion were Mr. James Griffiths, Labour M.P. for Llanelli, and Mr. Alun Williams, Labour M.P. for Swansea West.

Against it were Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Welsh Nationalist M.P. for Carmarthen, and Mr. Hugh Rees, former Conservative M.P. for Swansea West.

NEWS ITEMS

We have received a number of news items for publication in the Swansea Colour Weekly which we are unable to use due to a lack of address from the sender. While we should be pleased to consider for publication all news items received, we must insist that the name and address of the sender be appended.

GWYNFOR TO VISIT SWANSEA

Wales' newest member of Parliament, Gwynfor Evans, the shock winner at the Carmarthenshire bye-election, is the chief speaker during a Day School, organised by the Swansea Plaid Cymru Youth, being held at the Dynevor School Hall, Swansea, this Saturday, commencing at 1.00 p.m.

Among other speakers taking part will be T. R. Owen, Harry Webb, Jack Shepherd and Chris Rees, musical interludes being provided by the television folk singer Dafydd Ewan. Ample car parking space is available, and admission is free.

BLACK AND WHITE SHOW

Owing to the high cost of producing Swansea Town's official guide, extensively used by residents and visitors who want to find out what is taking place within the borough, it was decided to dispense with colour printing, using instead normal black and white.

When figures were mentioned as to what the cost of producing these publications would amount to, during a meeting of the Swansea Parks Entertainment Committee, it was disclosed to be printed in colour would cost £900, the alternative price for ordinary print amounting to £400.

WATCH YOUR STEP

The Swansea Borough Estate Agent reported that investigations had revealed several lessees on the Cwm-gwyn Estate, had made alterations to the rear of their premises without approval from the Corporation, the lessors. The Estates Committee, who discussed the problem, informed the Borough Estate Agent to pursue the matter with the people concerned with a view to securing compliance with the provisions of their leases. If the lessees do not comply the Town Clerk was authorised to take such proceedings as he considered necessary to protect the Corporations' interests.

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Has been to Nationals for the past 30 years

A rueful smile seems enough of an answer to get from Mr. William M. Richards when you ask him how much his music costs him, until he adds, with a chuckle: "A small fortune, I think."

It's certainly a lot of money when you consider that orchestral manuscripts alone cost eightpence a sheet these days, and that Mr. Richards has travelled to and attended every Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales in 30 years, up in North Wales and nearer home in the South.

For the quietly-spoken man who has been a packer at the Bryngwyn Galvanising Works at Gorseinon since he was 19 and is due to retire next year, still has all the enthusiasm and interest in music that started him writing little pieces for the American organ when he was a boy. He was 16 when he started at Bryngwyn, and throughout the long years his love of music has never deserted him.

"In fact it's worse, or better, than ever," he says, with another smile, and that's a statement borne out by his last big triumph — winning first prize in the composition section of the National Eisteddfod at Port Talbot in August with his suite, "Three Excursions for Solo Oboe."

PLENTY OF IDEAS

His adjudicators were the world-known Welsh composers Grace Williams and Alun Hoddinott, and their award of first prize to Mr. Richards followed a similar success at the National at Llanelli in 1962. Then it was for an anthem for choir and organ, and that success followed a run of second prizes in the same contest for seven consecutive years.

Mr. Richards, a widower who lives at Gorseinon, spends most of his leisure time thinking up and working out themes for songs and tunes.

"I get plenty of ideas, even when I'm busy packing," he says. "The real job is to get them out of my mind and safely down on paper."

50 HYMNS

And for that he likes the absolute peace he gets at home, particularly in the "middle room" that houses the piano that plays such a big part in his life. It is here that Mr. Richards, organist at Bethel Congregational Church for 15 years

and one time teacher of the piano and organ, forgets his industrial job and becomes an industrious composer.

More than 50 hymns and countless other pieces of music he has written lie about the house. "I've never published any because it's such a costly job," he says. "But I'd like to. I once wrote out two dozen copies of a piece for a chapel choir to perform, but that isn't the same thing as having music published."

£300 PRIZE

Mr. Richards is already laying his plans for next year's national Eisteddfod at Bala. He will compete again with an entry in the contest for arrangements of two contrasted Welsh airs. And he also intends competing at another eisteddfod in West Wales, where a prize of £300 is offered for a hymn tune.

If he wins composer William Richards intends saying farewell to the cheque straight away. It will go to achieving an ambition he has quietly nursed for a long time — and that's to get a small organ in that middle room — alongside that piano.

WANTED!

— information leading to the recovery of 184 bottles of whisky and 72 bottles of rum, and to the arrest of those responsible for the theft.

It happened when entry was gained to bonded stores in Bath Lane, Swansea.

Police say the haul included 12 cartons of Bell's whisky with 12 bottles in each carton, 40 bottles of Long John whisky in four cartons, and 72 quarter bottles of Lamb's rum in six cartons.



Miss Pamela Powell, Llänerch Crescent, Brynteg, Gorseinon. Mr. Wayne Thomas, Belgrave Road, Loughor, at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon. Photo by: Western Studios.

It might have been worse

Two Tycoch men who got into difficulties when their outboard motor cut out after they had rounded Oxwich Point, failed to row back to the beach and had to put in at a rocky inlet.

One of them, Mr. T. G. Tasker, of Lon Draenan, Tycoch, set off to try and get help but was unable to find another motor. Coastguards accompanied him on the return journey to the boat, where he had left his nephew, Mr. T. A. Durk.

The coastguards forced their way through undergrowth and located the boat in the darkness by using parachute flares.

The two men attempted to row their 14ft. fibreglass dinghy to Oxwich in the light of the coastguards' searchlight, but had to abandon the attempt because of a strong current.

They returned next morning, collected their boat and rowed it safely to Oxwich.

REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Poppy Day this year will be on November 4, when in accordance with previous years the Swansea branch of the British Legion will establish a Garden of Remembrance outside the Swansea Market.

The Armistice parade is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, while a special Festival of Remembrance will be held at the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea.

Threat to Swansea landmark

One of the best known landmarks in Swansea, the pedestrian footbridge spanning the Mumbles Road by Victoria Park, leading on the sands, was threatened with removal, if a suggestion made by Mr. W. T. Wykes, borough engineer, during a meeting of the Swansea Parks Committee, had been adopted. It was stated the bridge cost £2,000 to be painted every three years, and owing to this expense, and the feeling it was not extensively used since the closure of the railway line, the need for it remaining was doubtful.

Comments from committee members made it clear they thought differently, and it was pointed out that with the heavy volume of traffic using the Mumbles Road it was considered necessary for the bridge to remain.

They all got a Ducking

Dockworkers at Swansea — and even a photographer who slipped and got a ducking when going ashore — have been admiring the new dredger that arrived last week for formal handing over to the South Wales docks.

She's the Baglan, 2,000 tons deadweight, and built in Scotland at a cost of £700,000. She has first class accommodation for her skipper, Capt. Paddy Jordan, her five officers and 12-man crew.

The Baglan, a trailing suction dredger that can lift more than 2,000 tons of spoil in less than an hour, is to be followed by another two dredgers. They will all work for the British Transport Docks Board.

TOTE BETTING RETURNS TO SWANSEA

After a lapse of 18 years, Tote betting is due to recommence at the Swansea Greyhound Stadium on Saturday, November 5.

Betting tax

Always a highly popular medium with the betting public at the track, Councillor S. C. Jenkins, the owner, was compelled to dispense with this service following the introduction of a betting tax, by the late Stafford Cripps, which applied equally to the very large greyhound stadiums and the smaller tracks. This tax proved too high an imposition and tote facilities were axed as a result. With the recently revised General Betting Duty, so this equality between payments to be made by all tracks has disappeared, and future payments are based on the size of the Stadium concerned.

Smaller punters

When Councillor Jenkins was invited to comment on what this will mean to the Swansea Stadium, he replied, "Undoubtedly it will prove a boon to the smaller punters, who for an outlay of a few shillings will be in the position to win a substantial sum if successful in their selections. At present the totalisator facilities will be

confined to a forecast pool, where the first and second in any race have to be correctly assessed. With a minimum stake of 2s. allowed, the high return of 91½ per cent is returned to the public in dividends, which are announced within three minutes of the completion of any race. Bookmakers will still operate at the track and have made no objection to these additional amenities."

In accordance with the licensing laws, an independent Chartered Accountant has been appointed to supervise the operating of the electrically controlled totalisator, and with different coloured, and coded tickets issued on both the Tuesday, and Saturday race meetings, what appears to be a fool-proof system of security has been introduced.

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BLOW TO YACHTSMEN

Hopes that the Cambrian Commercial Dry Dock would be converted into a small Marina, or winter lay-up for small yachts, were dashed when the original applicants informed Swansea Estates Committee they were unable to proceed with their proposals.

As a result of this it has now been decided that the dock be filled in, the entrance walled up within the lock gate, certain buildings removed and surfacing work carried out on the yard which would be cleared. When this is completed the site is then to be utilised as a car park, with some of the remaining buildings being leased to an engineering firm.

This latest decision will undoubtedly prove a considerable blow to the ever growing number of yacht owners, many of whom would have welcomed the introduction of suitable berthing facilities for their craft during the winter months.

CALLING SPORTSMEN

Stop knocking Swansea town

LEAGUE SECRETARY'S HARD HITTING REPLY

In your issue of the 21st inst., a letter from Mr. Leslie Mayhew of Carmarthen Road, states that he is getting tired of reading and hearing that soccer is dying in Swansea, and he would like to be cheered up occasionally, and he could certainly do with a tonic.

I feel sure that if he had followed the development of the Swansea Junior Association Football League over the past two or three seasons, he would have found enough evidence that soccer is not dying in Swansea, but is actually thriving and is today very virile. Three seasons ago, the Junior League had to scrape for twenty six teams to form the League, but today, we have 63 teams playing in seven divisions, and if there had been more local football pitches, we could have accepted more teams.

The Swansea Parks Department, knowing that more playing areas are required are rushing ahead with their development of playing fields at Blaen-y-maes, and further fields are to be built in the Morriston Area. With these playing areas available, both the Swansea Junior and Senior Leagues will be able to develop further, and organised football will be available for every boy in Swansea.

SPORTS FORUM

To further improve the knowledge of the game amongst players, the Junior League will this season, be holding a Sports Forum, and a knock out Quiz between teams, on the rules of the game. If Mr. Mayhew or any other person interested in football would like to attend, if they will get in touch with me, I shall be delighted to issue to them a very warm welcome.

We have this season, heard

GOLF

Bringing a new look to schools' sports curriculum, golf has now been introduced at Penlan, when during the lunch break tuition in the basic strokes of the game is provided to over 20 pupils.

Supervised by the school's games master, Mr. D. Rees, coaching is carried out by the Morriston Golf Club professional, Mr. Derryl Rees, the schoolboys paying sixpence a week for lessons.

In the early stages tuition is confined to learning how to handle the clubs in the correct manner, and so apt have many of the novices become that it is confidently expected they will progress into more than useful players by the time they have reached their teens. With a further view to encourage this new sport, the headmaster, Mr. W. H. Ede, has stated they are hopeful of purchasing golf equipment with school funds in the future.

SIX-A-SIDE

Swansea Schools football teams were out in force when three separate six a side football contests took place at the Ashleigh Road playing fields. Showing splendid, consistent form, Bishop Vaughan 'A' defeated Townhill 'A' by two goals to nil in the senior final. Compensation came Townhill's way, however, when their intermediate team defeated Penlan 'A' by one goal to nil.

many unfavourable remarks about the Swansea Town AFC, and I would place on record that the Directors and Management of the Club have done more to foster football in the Swansea Area than the number of persons who have shouted and ridiculed the club. I know from experience that Mr. Glyn Davies has been to many local matches, in all kinds of weather, watching the local boys. I have only to inform him about a player, and either he or one of his staff will watch the boy. If you have no money to buy players, you can only look around to see what can be developed. Further, I can honestly state that every request that I have made to either Mr. Gordon Daniels or Mr. Glyn Davies has received their full consideration, and in every case, I have received their fullest co-operation and assistance. This is the way that a good spirit is developed and fostered between Swansea Town AFC and the local leagues.

As a further sign of the goodwill which now exists, the Directors and Management of the Swansea Town AFC have granted this League permission to play their Inter-League match against the Newport Junior League on the Vetch Field on Saturday, October 29. This match will kick off immediately after the English League match against Reading. I trust that many of the "Swans Supporters" will stay to cheer on the up and coming players.

THE FUTURE

Looking ahead, the Council of the Swansea Junior Football League are International Players will be in attendance, to encourage arranging a Football Festival during the Easter period of 1967, and to date many well

known English clubs have stated that they will be visiting Swansea. Acceptances have been received from London clubs, from Leicester, Nottingham, Yorkshire, West Wales, Kent and Surrey to mention a few. This is the first time that a Festival has been arranged in South Wales. Looking even further ahead, I have this week, arranged with a leading Sports House for an exhibition to be held in Swansea, of all of the jerseys used in the World Cup Matches, and well-known football amongst the youths of Swansea.

I feel sure that the above will give Mr. Mayhew heart to look to the future with confidence that football is not dying in Swansea, and the same with the Swans, they have some good youngsters coming up, but when they withdrew from the London Combination League, the players have not been meeting the right type of opposition to develop their game, and so today, the first team players do not have to fight for their positions, but I feel sure that before the end of the season you will see youngsters, who during the past couple of seasons used to play in the Junior League taking the field with the senior side.

Yours Faithfully,

Jack Jenkins,

League Secretary.

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West Cross,
Swansea.
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EDITOR'S NOTE

This letter has been published in full due to its news content. We thank Mr. Jenkins for his contribution but would ask other readers to refrain from writing at long length. 200 words should be the maximum.

GET YOUR TICKETS! AUSTRALIAN VISITORS

The Australian touring Rugby team play Swansea on Saturday, November 26, and arrangements have now been made by the Swansea Cricket and Football Club for the obtaining of stand tickets. Allocated on the basis of one per member, personal applicants must produce their season ticket at the Club Office in St. Helen's Pavilion, while postal applications must also be accompanied by the season ticket and 15s. for the cost of the match ticket. Applications must be received not later than Saturday, November 5, after which date any unclaimed tickets will be disposed of.

SCHOOLS RUGBY BRINGS OUT THE "MUMS AND DADS"

It is said that little interest is prevalent for amateur sport, because it is being blotted out by the world of commercialised athletes. They would be well advised to look in when the teams of the Swansea Schools Rugby Union are in action. The enthusiasm that emanates from players, and hundreds of spectators, including Mums, as well as Dad's it is evidence that so far as this facet of sport is concerned, it's stock has seldom been higher.

Comprising Senior, Intermediate, First Year, and Junior divisions, over 50 teams, from all parts of the borough, take part in league championships, challenge cup competitions, and various sections of rugby sevens.

Managed by school masters who also take on the Saturday morning role of referees and linesmen, it is a refreshing experience to see matches played without recourse to fisticuffs, wild kicking, and hooliganism. A real rough and tumble is often seen but the young players, always mix it in the best of spirit, with the game far more important than the result.

Team work

With the older players so the years of rugby progression, and coaching tactics, begin to make an appearance, the emphasis is based more on team work than on individual roles, and the thrill of representing the school is still very much in evidence.

A notable feature about these schoolboy encounters is how the selected reserve players turn out in force. They may be disappointed on the day to find all the chosen fifteen fit and well, but still stay to cheer their team on until the final whistle.

Sportsmanship

So long as the real meaning of sportsmanship can be installed in these boys, when still in their teens, hope for the future improvement of rugby will remain, to play well with all ones energy and re-

sources counting more than winning, although that too can be a pleasant experience.

Matches for this Saturday. Bishop Gore 'A' v Llansamlet 'A'. Dumbarton 'A' v Penlan 'A'. Bishop Gore 'B' v Oxford St. 'A'. Penlan 1 v Dumbarton 1st yr. Dynevor 'A' v Emmanuel Gr. 'A'. Dumbarton 'B' v Emmanuel Gr. 'B'. Llansamlet 'B' v Dynevor 'D'. Llansamlet v Bishop Gore 1st yr. Bishop Gore 'C' v Dynevor 'C'. Oxford St. 'B' v Dunvant 'A'. Dunvant 1st yr. v Bishop Vaughan 1st. Dunvant 'B' v Bishop Vaughan. Oystermouth 'A' v Dynevor 'B'. Penlan 2 v Dynevor 1. 1st yr. Penlan 'D' v Bishop Gore 'D'. Penlan 'B' v Townhill 'A'. Penlan 'C' v Townhill 'B'. Danygraig 'A' v Pentrepoeth 'A'. Danygraig 'A' v Pentrepoeth 'B'. Pentrepoeth v Bishop Gore 2. 1st yr.

STAY AND SEE THE JUNIORS

Following the Football League Third Division match between Swansea Town and Reading at the Vetch Field tomorrow, Swansea Junior League side meet their counterparts from Newport at 5 p.m. The Mayor of Swansea, Alderman T. R. Davies, the president of the league, being introduced to both teams before the kick off, and later attending a reception.

The Swansea side, appears to be a formidable combination: G. David (Hafod Brotherhood) R. MacKay (Hafod Brotherhood) M. Wheelan (Clydach) G. Davies (Ragged School) T. Daniels (Swansea Town) R. Meredith (Hafod Brotherhood) B. Morris (Swansea Boys Club) W. Screen (Swansea Town) B. Roberts (Hafod Brotherhood) K. Williams (Swansea Town) and R. Williams (Swansea Town).

A future manager

After an illustrious professional boxing career spanning the past seven years, following outstanding achievements firstly among the ranks of the amateur boxers, Brian Curvis, the 29-year-old British and Empire welterweight champion, has been forced to hang up his gloves, a decision brought about by a strained Achilles' tendon in his right foot.

Medical advice informed him that he would require at least 12 months rest before he was considered fit enough to resume boxing, and even then there was no guarantee the injury would not recur.

Winning his first professional fight in June, 1959, Curvis fought 41 times, losing on only four occasions. During his career he fought most of the leading world welterweights, and defended his home titles successfully, six times, winning two Lonsdale Belts.

Undecided about the future, he still wishes to retain an interest in boxing and has been approached by several boxers who have asked him to act as their manager.

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THE ABERFAN DISASTER



Rescuers clear away the rubble and mud of the wrecked school and neighbouring houses as they search for any survivors on the afternoon of the disaster at ABERFAN.

THE despair, sadness and pathos of the Aberfan disaster crashed on to the national consciousness as though the great murky coal tip had fallen on all of us.

Stunned horror. Passionate sympathy for, and delicate understanding of the feelings of the relatives in their sudden, undeserved misery.

That was the way in which the newspapers handled the grim story. BUT DID TELEVISION?

I was horrified to see an interviewer thrusting his microphone at one of the little girls who luckily escaped. "What about your friends?" he demanded.

The little girl hung her head. Her shocked mother chided the Television gentleman for asking such macabre questions.

Broken leg

Then there was the interviewer Lord Robens referred to. He asked a rescuer to describe how, in order to get a child free, he had broken its leg.

Again, there was the mother with two children missing. She was asked how she felt about it.

How did the interviewer suppose the poor, unhappy woman felt?

IT IS RIGHT to report and picture the facts. IT IS RIGHT to rouse the public conscience.

IT IS UTTERLY WRONG to probe and expose private grief in public as these television interviewers did.

Utter nonsense

The B.B.C. claimed that the mistakes were made because the broadcasts were "live". Utter nonsense.

I have been an interviewer myself. I know that it takes so long to set up the cameras that there is plenty of time to be careful about what you ask and to whom you ask it.

There is a Press Council to keep the newspapers in order. There should also be one to make the B.B.C. and I.T.V. behave decently.

They need it just as much as anyone else.

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By WOODROW WYATT M.P.



The rescue operation becomes more organised over the weekend and this team of volunteers clear away the mucky sludge around the devastated area.