



CLUB NOTES

Louth M.C.—Has held a highly successful Exhibition, and the membership shows an increase. M. Spurr delivered a very interesting Lecture on "Loco Types." Club roll: 15. *Secretary*: H. Bell, 10, Dyar Terrace, Charles Street, Louth.

Garstang and District M.C.—One of the members recently gave a fine Cinematograph Display, which was enjoyed by all. The Football Team is distinguishing itself. Club roll: 12. *Secretary*: J. T. Berry, Victoria Terrace, Garstang.

Holy Trinity (Barnsbury) M.C.—After the Exhibition a general review of the past session was held, and the officials are full of schemes for the new session. Members recently took part in a Church Sale of Work, in conjunction with the Holy Trinity Radio Club, and the net proceeds for two days realised £4 2s. 6d. Club roll: 30. *Secretary*: R. Clarke, 77, Richmond Road, London, N.1.

Great Baddow (Chelmsford) M.C.—An Exhibition of Models was recently organised and prizes were awarded for the best attempts. A Motor Tractor, Plough, Automatic Weighing Machine, Motor Car and two types of Cranes were among the models exhibited, and a fine model of a Workshop with electric motor was loaned from Headquarters for the occasion. *Secretary*: J. Boreham, Post Office, Baddow Road, Chelmsford.

Luton M.C.—A Lecture dealing with various Types of Aerials was delivered some time ago, and a general Wireless Evening has also been held. An Arts and Crafts Exhibition was held in the town and instead of holding a meeting the entire club visited this interesting Exhibition. *Secretary*: W. Goldsmith, 69, Tennyson Road, Luton.

Pinxton M.C.—This newly-affiliated club is doing excellent work. An exhibition was recently held and the proceeds were presented to the Pinxton Wharf Chapel trustees in recognition of their kind support in giving the use of the club-room free of charge. Club roll: 37. *Secretary*: Harold Elliott, 150, Wharf Road, Pinxton, Nottingham.

Skelmanthorpe Wesleyan M.C.—Mr. F. Heeley delivered a Lecture on "Curiously Shaped Coins" and exhibited interesting specimens from his collection. A Lecture on "The History of London's Underground" was loaned by the Underground Railway Co. and was supplemented by lantern slides, providing a very interesting evening's entertainment. Club roll: 23. *Secretary*: R. G. Field, Prilling House, Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield.

Pitsea and District M.C.—Recently held a very successful Exhibition extending over three days. The membership is steadily increasing and the spirit of the club is very enthusiastic. Club roll: 10. *Secretary*: Edward Knight, Stamford House, Vange, Pitsea.

Queen Elizabeth's School M.C.—At a recent Exhibition models of the Forth Bridge, a Meccano Theatre fitted with electric light, and an Aeroplane won distinction. Many other interesting models were displayed and a Hornby layout was operated by several members. A Magazine will shortly be circulated and is to be published each term. Club roll: 15. *Secretary*: A. Sprague, Queen Elizabeth's School, Crediton, Devon.

Diss M.C.—A fine Christmas party was enjoyed by all, and the club re-commenced activities with a business meeting on January 2nd. A Lecture on "Wireless" is keenly anticipated. Club roll: 10. *Secretary*: J. J. Maling, 15, Heywood Road, Diss.

Blackpool M.C.—Lectures on Wireless have been enjoyed and an interesting talk on "The History of Railways" was delivered by a member. Model-building Competitions have been organised and prizes awarded. Club roll: 30. *Secretary*: Maurice Naylor, "Dalesford," St. Annes Road, Blackpool.

High Wycombe Royal Grammar School M.C.—An unusual and interesting Lecture was given by the Leader, Mr. Grant, on "Building a Gramophone," various types of gramophones being discussed and some records played. Lectures on "Moths and Butterflies" and a demonstration of Gaslight Printing provided further attractions. A Lecture on "Enlarging," by Mr. Grant, was greatly appreciated. Fretwork is a popular section of the syllabus. Club roll: 59. *Secretary*: H. R. Foden, Tavium, Cophall Lane, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.

Richmond (Surrey) M.C.—The membership has increased so greatly that it has been found necessary to take another and larger room, and more enrolments are now expected. A Concert was held with great success. Club roll: 40. *Secretary*: A. R. White, 15, Albert Road, Richmond.

St. Mark's M.C.—A successful Exhibition was recently held. The Display of Models included a Loco, two Coaches, Motor Chassis, Weighing Machine and an Anti-aircraft Gun, while a Miniature Railway provided a further attraction. A second Exhibition and Concert held in January were highly successful. Club roll: 22. *Secretary*: Geo. C. Green, 21, Hafton Road, Catford, London, S.E.6.

Accrington M.C.—An interesting Lecture on Bridges was delivered by Mr. Denner, a patron of the club. A "Story Evening" has also been held, on which members brought interesting stories along and read them aloud. Club roll: 20. *Secretary*: V. Waterhouse, 45, Ramsbottom Street, Accrington.

1st Herne Bay M.C.—Has started the new Session very well indeed. The syllabus has been printed in every membership card, through the courtesy of a local firm. This is well punctuated with "Musical Jollity Evenings," and Socials, Games Tournaments, and Model-building and Hobbies evenings feature prominently. Club roll: 24. *Secretary*: C. W. Russell, 4, Clifton Villas, Herne Bay.

Holy Trinity (Blackburn).—A Whist Drive proved a huge success, and realised a substantial sum. The Football Team is establishing a good record, having won all but three of its matches this season. An Exhibition is being held this month and a Working Model has been loaned from Headquarters for the occasion. *Secretary*: Tom Donald, 6, Camden Street, Blackburn.

Meccano Club Leaders No. 24. Mr. F. Craven Broad



Mr. F. Craven Broad is Leader of the Cheltenham Grammar School Meccano Club. This club was formed in October 1924 and was affiliated in the following month. Under Mr. Broad's capable leadership the membership has grown steadily and a splendid spirit prevails throughout the club. Mr. R. R. Dobson, M.A., Headmaster of Cheltenham Grammar School, is President of the Club and takes a keen interest in its progress.

In addition to his Meccano Club activities, Mr. Broad is Assistant County Commissioner for the training of the Scout Officers for Gloucestershire and is also District Commissioner for Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Winchcomb.

Beverley Road (Bolton) M.C.—A fine Hornby Train Layout in the club room proved a great success and members spent a very jolly evening. A club library has been organised and patrons in the district have given it a good start by contributing a number of excellent books. The membership has been increased by means of a Recruiting Campaign. A Meccano outfit has been offered by the Leader, Mr. Cooper, for the best Essay on the Meccano Guild. Club roll: 20. *Secretary*: H. Henshaw, 35, Kendal Road, Bolton.

St. Mary (Bourne) M.C.—In order to attract new members the secretary has had leaflets distributed by local shop-keepers, and many interested enquiries have resulted. A similar recruiting plan is being arranged for neighbouring villages. The Exhibition recently held was highly successful, and a fine working model of a Derricking Crane was loaned from Headquarters for the occasion. Club roll: 20. *Secretary*: D. L. White, "Rosedale," Stoke, Near Andover, Hants.

Italy

Siena M.C.—This newly affiliated club holds regular meetings in a room in the house of the Leader, Mr. Alfredo Bruchi. Model-building evenings are held in the winter, and for the summer months games and outdoor amusements are arranged, to be held in the large garden of the Leader's house. Football and Cricket teams are being formed, and a course of Gymnastics is an attractive feature. Philately is a popular hobby with members. *Secretary*: Valentino Bruchi, 39, Via Ricasoli, Tuscany, Italy.

South Africa

Observatory Meccano and Wireless Club.—One of the Members delivered a Lecture on the Giant Block-setting Crane, Titan type, and was recommended by his Leader for the award of a special Merit Medallion. Many new schemes have been devised for the coming session. *Secretary*: J. Wilson, 6, Irwell Street, Observatory, Cape Province, South Africa.

Australia

Glenelg (Australia) M.C.—An interesting Lecture on Locos was given by the Leader and was greatly appreciated by the members. For a Hornby Railway night members brought their train sets and a very fine display was made, the Leader supplying a large layout with points and turntable. A Loco Drawing Contest was enthusiastically received by members. A visit to the South Australia Gas Company's works was made recently, and a photograph of the club was taken on that occasion. Club roll: 43. *Secretary*: Keith Holmesby, 22, Partridge Street, Glenelg.

Unaffiliated Clubs

Wyggeston Grammar School M.C.—Is making excellent progress under the Leadership of Mr. Reynolds. An Exhibition was held at the end of the school term with great success. Club roll: 20. *Secretary*: G. W. Darly, 30, Kimberley Road, Leicester.

Bridge Street (Barnsley) M.C.—Is progressing well under the Leadership of Mr. Cooper, who is assisted by a committee of six. A Savings Bank has been formed and a Club Magazine is in course of preparation. *Secretary*: J. H. Norman, 1, Bridge Street, Stairfoot, Barnsley.

Poulton-le-Fylde M.C.—A club room has kindly been provided by the President. It is interesting to note that the membership has been increased by means of local advertising. *Secretary*: G. A. Nickson, Strathdene, Derby Road, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Skirbeck (Boston) M.C.—Members have suffered a loss in the departure of the Rev. B. Stokes for Singapore. Two meetings are held weekly, one for the older boys and the other for younger members. *Leader*: Mr. J. E. Sharman, 11, Glebe Terrace, Skirbeck, Boston.

Napier (N.Z.) M.C.—This enterprising club held a successful Exhibition at Christmas and also performed a Play. The Leader is Mr. F. Drew, and the club roll is 18. Applications for membership will be welcomed by the *Secretary*: Noxley Pickering, 48, Shakespeare Road, Napier.

Middlesbrough M.C.—This is the third attempt made to establish a Meccano Club in Middlesbrough, and it promises to be highly successful. An adult Leader has not yet been obtained, but regular meetings are well attended, and Competitions and an Exhibition of Models have been organised. "Five-minute Speeches" formed the attraction at a recent meeting, each member drawing a slip of paper from a hat and speaking for five minutes upon the subject written thereon. Publicity is obtained by the insertion of notices in the window of the local Meccano dealer. *Secretary*: A. Bradley, 23, Laurel Street, Middlesbrough.

Bellahouston M.C.—An adult Leader has been obtained for this Club, which is progressing very well. Two highly successful Hornby Train evenings have been enjoyed, besides many Model-building meetings. Every effort is being made to advertise the club and attract new members. Club roll: 15. *Secretary*: Ninian Ralph, 9, Torbeck Street, Bellahouston, Glasgow.

Summit (New Jersey) U.S.A. M.C.—A small band of enthusiasts are working to organise a good club at Summit, meetings being held at the homes of members until a suitable club room is procured. Applications for membership will be welcomed by the *Secretary*: Ralph Fisher, 91, Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Haslingden M.C.—Excellent progress has been made and a substantial increase in membership is a welcome feature. Two interesting Lectures were given by local gentlemen, whose kindness was much appreciated by members. A Hornby Night proved highly successful, and it is hoped to introduce a Chess Section. A Club Magazine is being prepared. Club roll: 22. *Secretary*: K. G. Tupling, 16, Alexandra Terrace, Haslingden, Manchester.

Edinburgh Castle (Bow) M.C.—Interesting Model-building and Social Evenings have been spent and an Exhibition is planned to take place shortly. A number of members visited the exhibition held by Christ Church M.C. recently, and spent a very enjoyable time. *Secretary*: E. Wedon, 173, Turners Road, Bow, London, E.3.

Proposed Clubs

Kew (Melbourne, Australia).—A Meccano Club is being formed by Geoffrey Cane, 23, Adeney Avenue, Kew Melbourne, and local Meccano boys are invited to join.

Southampton M.C.—It is proposed to inaugurate a club and all those who are interested should communicate with N. A. Jevons, 80, Shaftesbury Avenue, Southampton. A Leader has not yet been obtained but it is hoped to remedy this deficiency before long.

Wallasey M.C.—A strong endeavour to form a club in Wallasey is being made. Meccano boys in Wallasey who wish to support the project should write to Master Ronald Linares, 84, Rowson Street, Wallasey, who will be glad to have their views and suggestions.