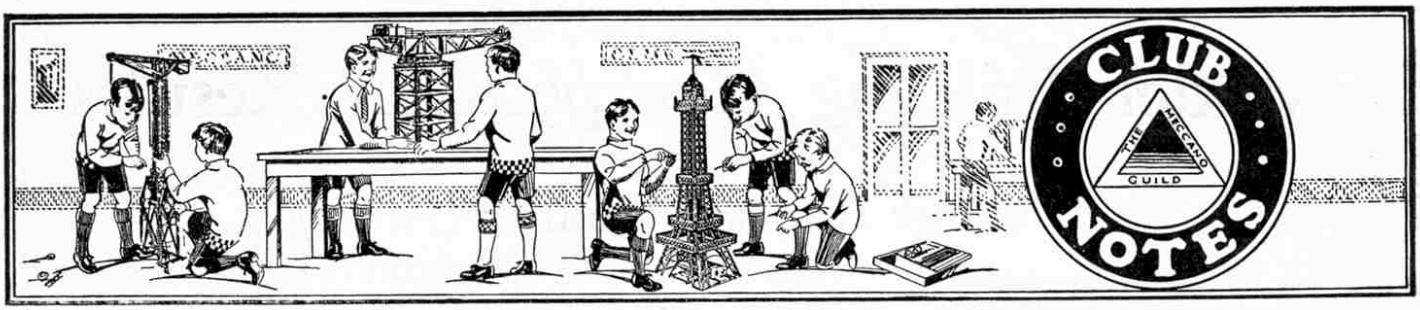


Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School (Barnet) M.C.—The excellent programme now being carried out has so far included a visit to the L.N.E.R. Locomotive Sheds at Barnet, and Lantern Lectures on *"The Story of London Traffic"*; *"The Countryside of London"* and *"The Future is in the Air."* An interesting Talk on Bees has been given by H. C. Francis, Esq., an Old Boy of the school. The session is to be concluded with a Grand Exhibition, for which models are being hired from Headquarters to augment the club display. Club roll: 80. *Secretary:* E. J. Mansfield, "Norfield," 25, Hillside Gardens, Barnet, Herts.

Fraserburgh M.C.—This club has now become affiliated with the Meccano Guild and is making good progress. A successful Autumn Exhibition raised the club funds by £2 10s. 0d. Visitors to the Exhibition were entertained to tea by the members, who provided the refreshments. A Junior Section has been started. The club library has a good stock of books, and is much appreciated. The members are grateful to Mr. William Ritchie, of Rosehearty, for the gift of trestle tables. Club roll: 16. *Secretary:* T. Smythe, Central Schoolhouse, Fraserburgh.

Holborn Senior Boys' School M.C.—It is gratifying to report that most of the members who left the school last July are still attending club meetings, and they have been very helpful in giving advice and assistance to the younger and new members. The chief feature of recent Model-building Evenings has been the construction of a large model of the Quebec Bridge. A visit has been paid to the works of the Ford Motor Co. at Dagenham. Club roll: 30. *Secretary:* L. Phillips, 58, Wigston Road, Plaistow, London, E.13.

Corner House (Corsham) M.C.—Interesting Lectures by the President and members are being given during this session. At a recent Model-building Evening members had to construct a model of a train from parts laid out, and as the job had to be done in a stated time everybody was very energetic! Hornby nights are held once a month, and provide an agreeable contrast to model-building activities. Club roll: 12. *Leader:* Mr. G. Dyke, Corner House, Church Street, Corsham.

St. Stephen's (Saltash) M.C.—Electric lighting has been installed in the school, and the club has benefited along with the other departments. The two groups of members co-operated in building a large model Fair. When it was completed the various roundabouts, etc., were set in motion, and the result was declared to be most realistic. A successful Dance has been held, and the moderate charge made for admission enriched the club coffers by £2. Club roll: 16. *Secretary:* A. Jackson, 5, Jubilee Cottages, St. Stephen's-by-Saltash, Cornwall.

St. Columba's (Sunderland) M.C.—The club has been revived, and under the direction of new and enthusiastic officials is making excellent progress. Great interest was taken in the building of a model of the Eiffel Tower, and this was exhibited, along with many working models built by members, at the Church Bazaar. An attractive Winter programme is being carried out, and a recent innovation that is already very popular is a Physical Training class. Club roll: 25. *Secretary:* R. Howe, Carley Road, Southwick, Sunderland.

Plymouth M.C.—An invitation to exhibit models at a local bazaar last month was accepted, and the display arranged by members provided excellent publicity for the club. Model-building Evenings are being relieved by occasional Lantern Lectures. The club has decided to produce its own Magazine, and a very efficient printing section has been formed for this purpose. It has already printed some neat handbills. Club roll: 69. *Secretary:* R. G. Symons, 47, Lisson Grove, Mutley, Plymouth.

Old Charlton M.C.—On Model-building Evenings members who possess only small Outfits are now given an easier model to build than members with more equipment. For example, on one occasion the chosen models were a windmill and an excavator respectively. The new arrangement has met with general approval, as members with small Outfits no longer feel at a disadvantage. Club roll: 20. *Secretary:* W. Jaques, 60, Gurdon Road, London, S.E.7.

Kendal M.C.—A club-room has not yet been found, but in spite of this handicap the members have a very enjoyable time. The Leader took some of them in his car to Blackpool to see the Illuminations, and a thrilling time was spent there. One member has a model yacht and recently the club accompanied him to Morecambe to join in sailing it on the boating lake. The yacht provided great fun until it grounded near the side, and the owner had to hitch up his trousers and wade in for it! Several members have visited the Lancaster Branch of the H.R.C. and have been impressed by the keenness of the members there. Club roll: 10. *Leader:* Mr. L. Haslam, Middleton, Kirkby Lonsdale, Carnforth.

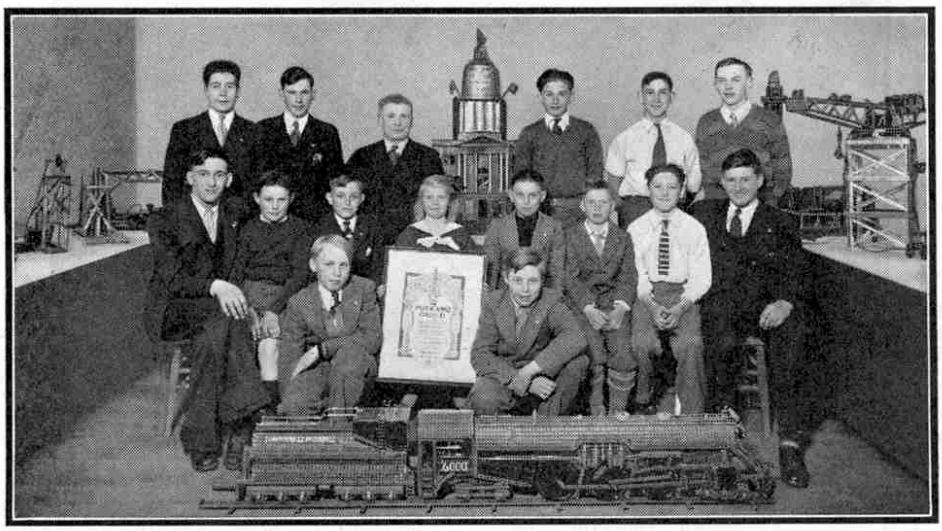
Middlesbrough M.C.—This club is now divided into five sections called the "Aeroplane," "Ship," "Motor Vehicle," "Locomotive" and "Junior" sections respectively. The Locomotive Section meets once a month, and interesting train operations and locomotive speed trials are then carried out. The Junior Section was formed under the guidance of the Leader, and is making steady progress. Energetic recruiting is going on to increase the membership. Club roll: 40. *Secretary:* L. Shepherd, 29, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Sutton Valence Council School M.C.—Interesting competitions are adding to the general enjoyment of model-building meetings. Certain evenings are devoted to chemistry and electrical experiments. The club football team is in good form and its ambition is to defeat the rest of the school. Club roll: 19. *Secretary:* J. Chandler, "Herriard," Chart Sutton, Nr. Maidstone.

Regent Street Central School (Heywood) M.C.—There has been a big increase in membership this session and all meetings are well attended. Recent lectures have included one by Mr. Chaplin, the Leader, on the various activities of the school; a lecture on *"The Preservation of the Countryside,"* and one on *"Malta"* by a gentleman who has visited the island. Games are played on certain evenings, and in a recent Draughts Contest the club beat the school by six matches to four. Preparations for a club Exhibition are well in hand. Club roll: 150. *Secretary:* R. Nobbs, 2, Barker Street, Broadfield.

Enfield Grammar School M.C.—The club has been re-organised and is now divided into four Sections, three of which have been busily engaged in building models of Watt's Beam Engine, the Meccanograph and of a Lift Bridge. The fourth Section has been concentrating on assembling the club track. Meetings have been held on several evenings each week in order to complete the work in hand in time for the club Exhibition to which members are looking forward eagerly. Club roll: 30. *Secretary:* J. H. Pettifer, 31, Goat Lane, Forty Hill, Enfield.

Sid Vale M.C.—The fifth annual Exhibition was a great success. The display covered nine stands, and included models of a fully equipped Aerodrome; a Workshop in which electrically-driven shafting operated a remarkable array of machines; a Timber Mill; and a Fairground complete with roundabouts, traction engines and side-shows, all illuminated and working. A model of Buckingham Palace was lent by the Exeter M.C., and attracted much attention. One table of which members were specially proud was occupied by a display of Medallions, Certificates of Merit and Silver Cups won by the members. Club roll: 20. *Secretary:* L. R. J. Gliddon, Sheffield House, Sidmouth.



A group of officials and members of the Rosemount (Regina) M.C. Mr. J. T. Favelle, President and Leader, is third from the left in the back row; on his right is Mr. J. E. Watson, secretary. This Canadian club was affiliated in August, 1932. The fine models displayed at a recent Exhibition were the subject of complimentary references in the local press.

CANADA

Toronto Central Y.M.C.A. M.C.—Several models built by members were entered in the Broadview Boys' Fair, to which an interesting visit was paid by the club. Mr. Geldart has been compelled to relinquish Leadership of the club, and it is hoped that a successor will soon be found. The club room has been "spring" cleaned and made brighter, and is now the scene of regular and attractive meetings. Club roll: 12. *Secretary:* W. B. Moore, 141, Albertus Avenue, Toronto 12, Canada.

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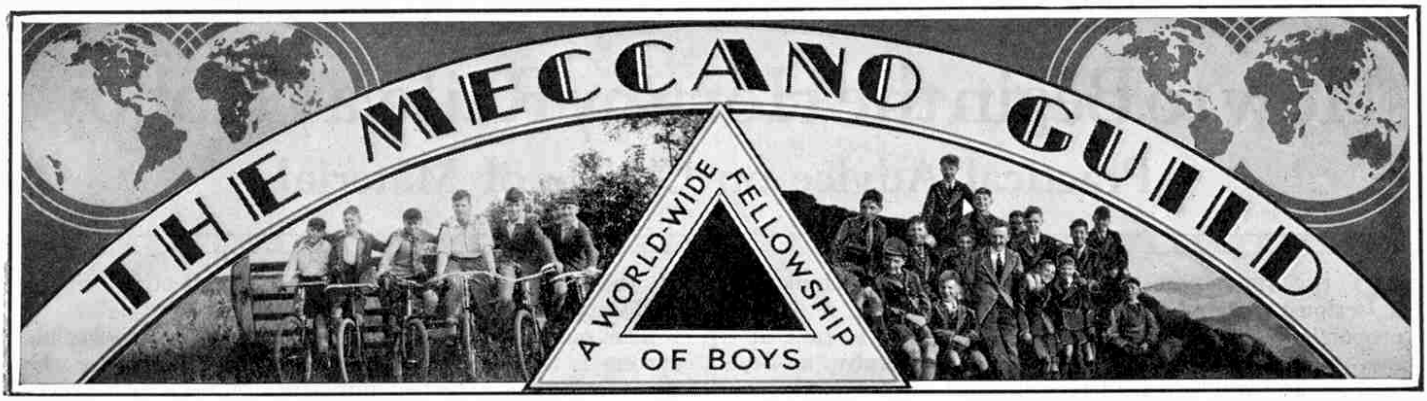
Christchurch M.C.—Lantern Lectures on *"Northumberland"* and the *"Mersey Tunnel"* have been greatly enjoyed. At one meeting the club welcomed K. J. Orams, secretary of the Blenheim M.C., who was visiting Christchurch. He could hardly have chosen a better time to call, as it was a "mystery" evening, during which many new games were played. The meeting was rounded off by an impromptu supper of cocoa and biscuits, which, in the words of the club secretary, "went off well!" Several members exhibited models at the Canterbury Winter Show. During school holidays the club programme consisted mostly of interesting Rambles, Cycle Rides and Visits to Works. Club roll: 22. *Secretary:* L. W. Best, 28, Circuit Street, Strowan, Christchurch, New Zealand.

SOUTH AFRICA

Pioneer M.C.—A recent Contractor's evening proved very exciting. The Committee asked for tenders for a Mechanical Shovel, and specifications submitted had to include the names and quantities of the Meccano parts required. The contract was given to the member whose tender was the lowest, but in spite of his best efforts he failed to construct the shovel in the time stated in his tender! A. Easthope won the competition by completing his model of the shovel in five minutes less than the contract time. Members have expressed appreciation of their continued correspondence with Meccano boys in other parts of the world. Club roll: 12. *Secretary:* A. H. Alley, 461, Burger Street, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, S. Africa.

Clubs Not Yet Affiliated

Tudor (Hanworth) M.C.—Members have been busy decorating the hut, in which meetings are held weekly. The locomotives, rolling stock and track of the club have also been overhauled. A recent Draughts Competition was very popular. Club roll: 6. *Secretary:* R. H. M. Vere, Lynton, Queensway, Hanworth, Middx.



Christmas Greetings!

I always look forward to beginning my December notes, for they give me the pleasure of wishing a Merry Christmas to all members of the Guild and of Meccano Clubs throughout the world. My mail during this month will bring me many reminders that my greetings are reciprocated by thousands of Meccano boys in practically every civilised country. I hope that everybody connected with the organisation will thoroughly enjoy the festive season, and I look forward to hearing of good times spent in Christmas gatherings in the homes of members and in club rooms.

Each year the Guild becomes more firmly established, for Meccano has a wonderful power of bringing boys together. The common enjoyment of the hobby seems to be the surest means of establishing genuine and lasting friendships, and it would be difficult to find a more pleasant sight than that of a group of Meccano boys at work or play.

Best Time for Recruiting

The Christmas season is the happiest time of the year in a Meccano Club because it brings leisure days in which members can indulge in their favourite hobby. Most of them have probably had the good fortune to receive additions to their stock of Meccano, and in conjunction with their fellow enthusiasts they enjoy the thrill of building larger models than they have ever made before.

It is also an ideal time to enlist the aid of new and enthusiastic members, recruited from the great army of Meccano boys who first take up the hobby at this season and are eager to realise how to make use of their newly acquired Outfits to the best of their advantage.

In every Meccano Club throughout the world, therefore, plans should be made to give a cordial welcome to beginners. There is no need to carry on an elaborate recruiting campaign, as satisfied members are the very best agents for a club. If every member determines to persuade at least one new Meccano boy to join the club the result will truly be great.

The D.M.A. Co. Booklet

Many Leaders and secretaries have written to me conveying the disappointment of members at not having received the promised illustrated booklet of speed records from the D.M.A. Co. Ltd. I have made enquiries, therefore, and I am given to understand that distribution has been postponed until early next month.

The edition of the booklet available when I wrote to Leaders and secretaries in October contained a record of 1935 speed achievements up to that time, and therefore was incomplete as a record for the year. A new edition is to be printed in January, and this will include details of racing accomplishments during the period since the first edition.

The D.M.A. Co. Ltd., felt that members would much prefer the complete booklet rather than the incomplete first edition, and when the booklet does reach them I am sure they will find that it has been well worth waiting for.

Special Merit Medallions

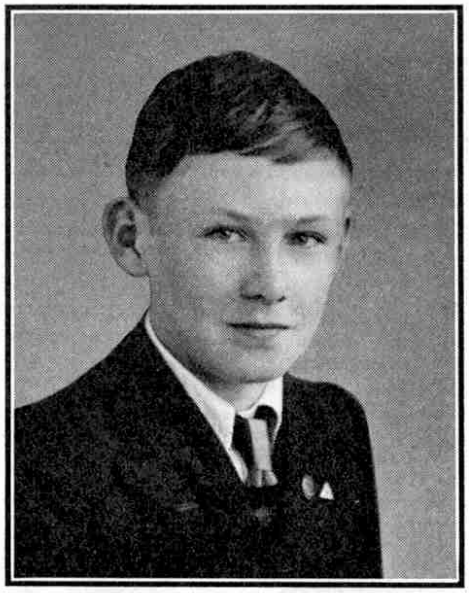
Each February I publish on this page the names of members of Meccano Clubs who have been awarded Merit Medallions during the past year. This list is always an impressive one, but sometimes names that might have been included are omitted because Leaders have, for one reason or another, informed me of them too late. The members whose names are put forward at the last minute receive their awards like those nominated earlier, of course, but it always seems to me a pity that this opportunity of "broadcasting" their achievement should be missed.

I ask Leaders, therefore, to send me their nominations as soon as possible, especially those who desire to present the Medallions at Exhibitions or Social Meetings held during the Christmas and New Year holiday season, for the Medallions must be suitably engraved before being despatched from Headquarters.

There are yet many clubs in which full advantage is not taken of this means of rewarding good work by members, and I am looking forward to receiving recommendations from the Leaders of them. As I have mentioned before, there are no restrictions in regard to the nature of the services for which the Merit Medallions may be awarded, and two are available each session to every affiliated club. The Medallions are always greatly appreciated by the members who receive them.

Meccano Club Secretaries

No. 35. T. W. A. Smith



T. W. A. Smith is secretary of the Exeter Meccano Club, a flourishing organisation affiliated in April 1925. Model-building is carried on extensively and Contractor's Nights are a special feature of this branch of the club's activities. An excellent Costing system has been introduced in connection with them, and a system of "points" covering materials and construction involved has been worked out.

Planning the Second Winter Session

The first of the two winter sessions ends in a few weeks' time, and the officials of clubs will then have an opportunity of taking stock of the events of the session. In this matter, as in so many others, there is scope for co-operation with the ordinary members, and the Leader or Committee should devote at least a part of the final meeting to talking over with them each item of the programme that has been followed. They will then have the definite views of the members for guidance in drawing up an interesting programme for the second winter session.

Proposed Clubs

Attempts are being made to establish Meccano Clubs in the following places, and boys interested should communicate with the promoters whose names and addresses are given below:

INDIA—P. Foster, 85, Barrack Road, Barrackpore, Bengal.
NELSON—T. H. Yoxall, 76, Carleton Street, Nelson.
TROWBRIDGE—James Bros. (Wilts) Ltd., The Parade.
WEYMOUTH—R. S. Hownam-Meek, Old Castle Cottage.

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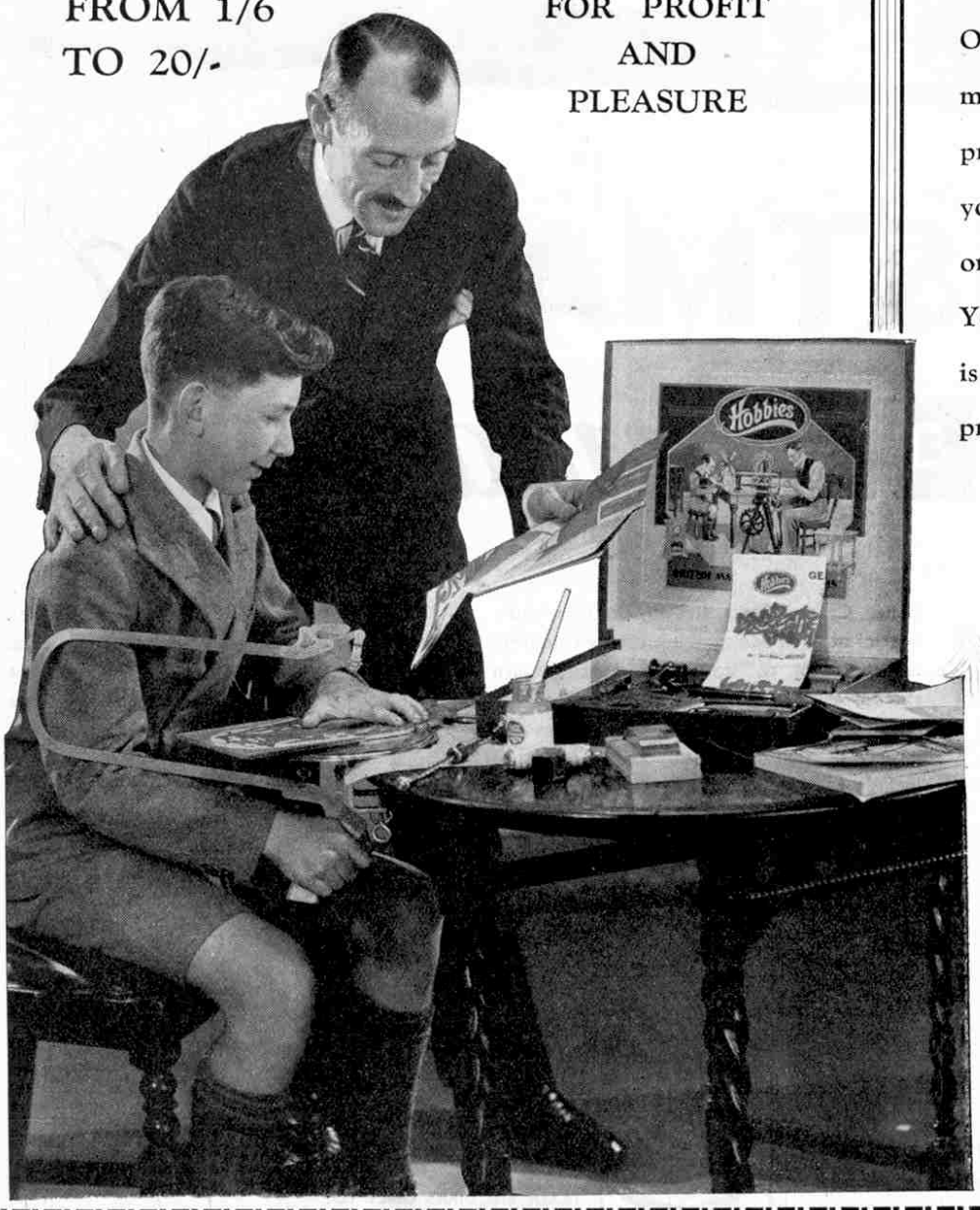

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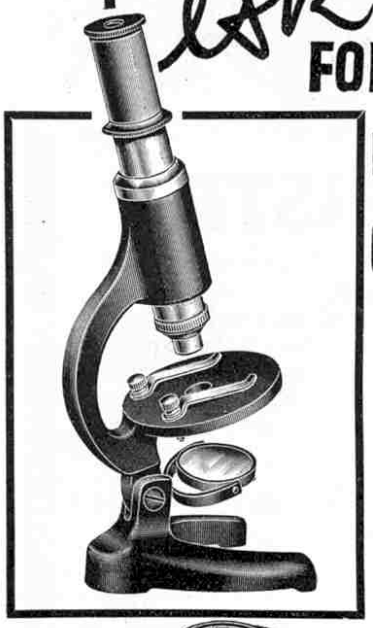

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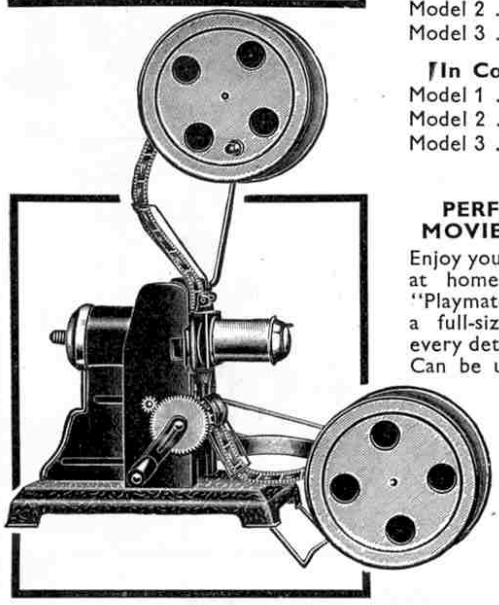

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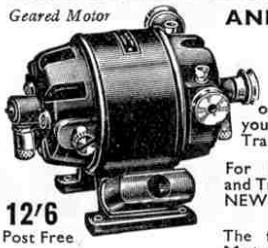

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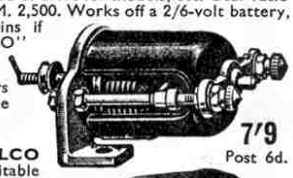

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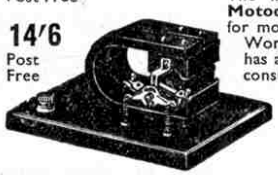

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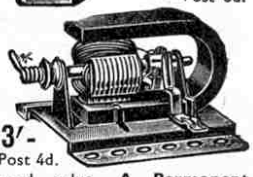

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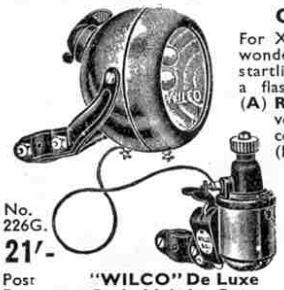

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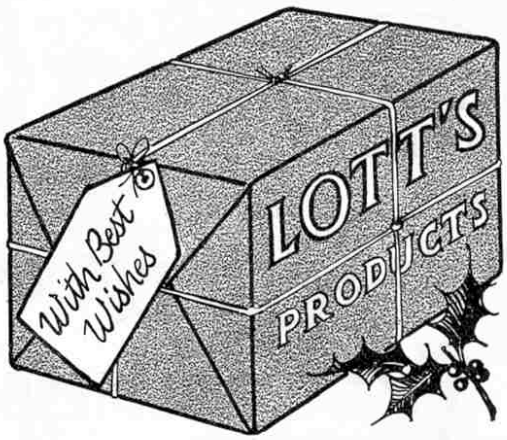

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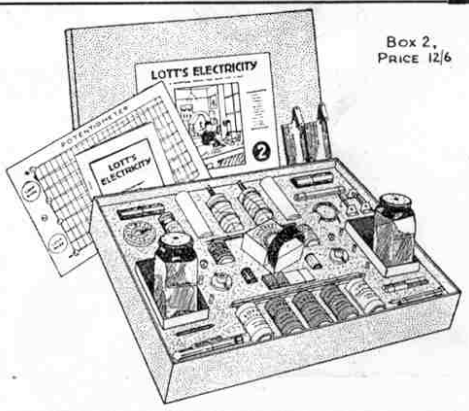

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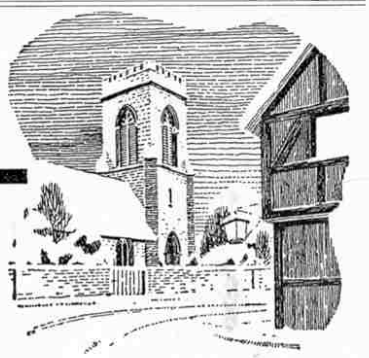

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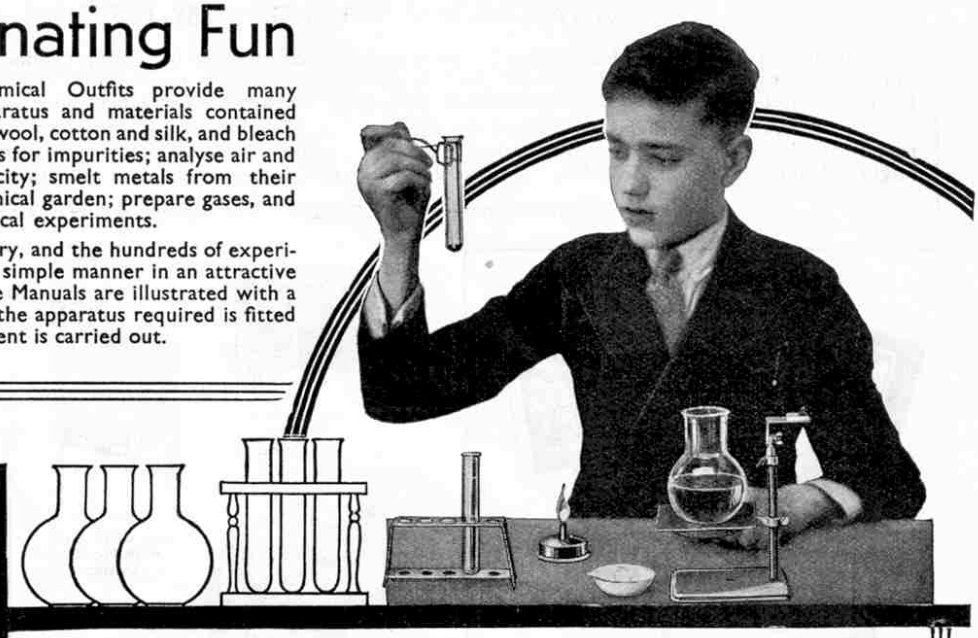

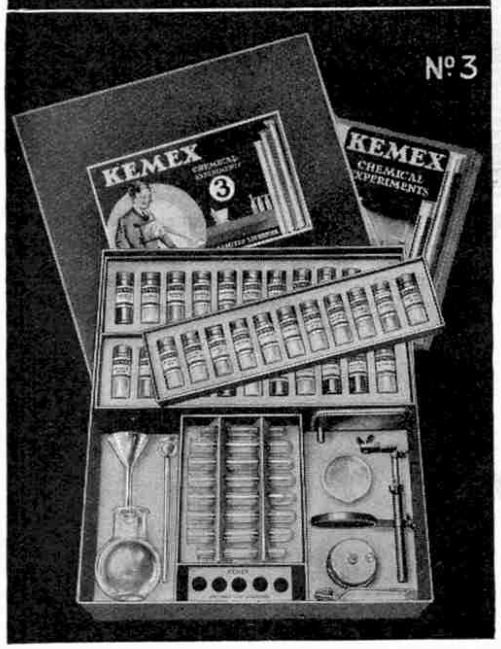

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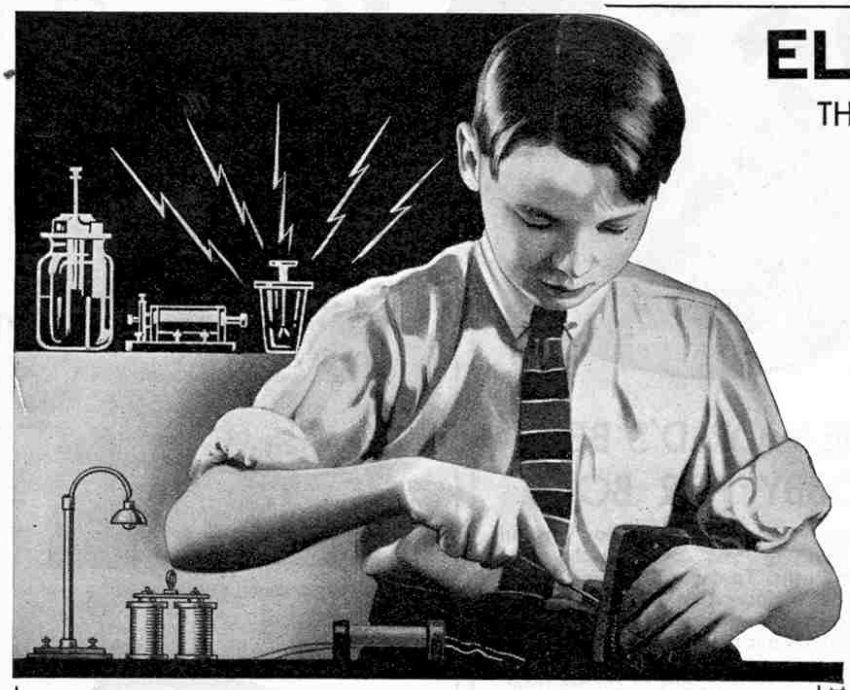

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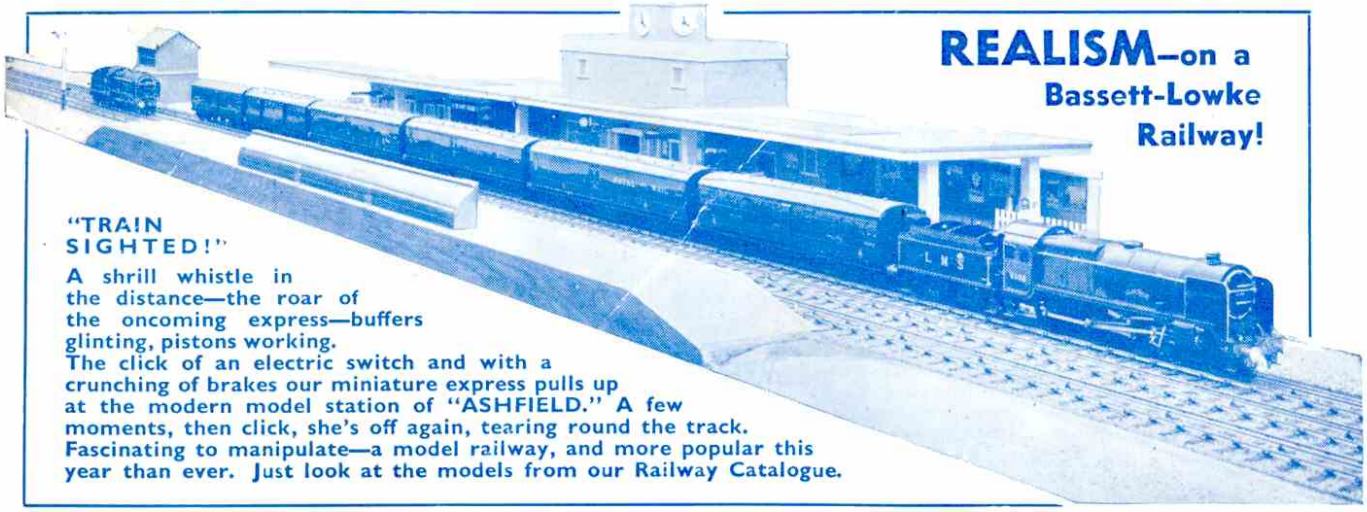

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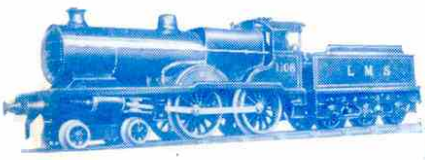

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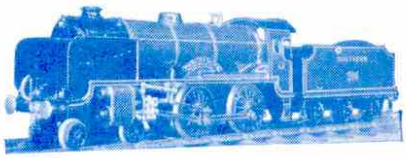

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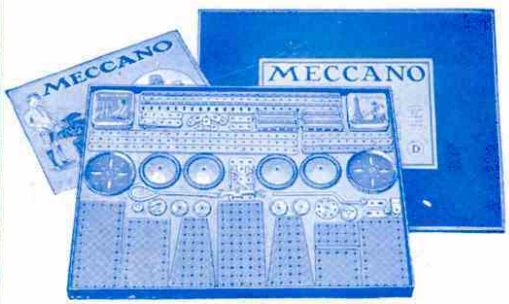

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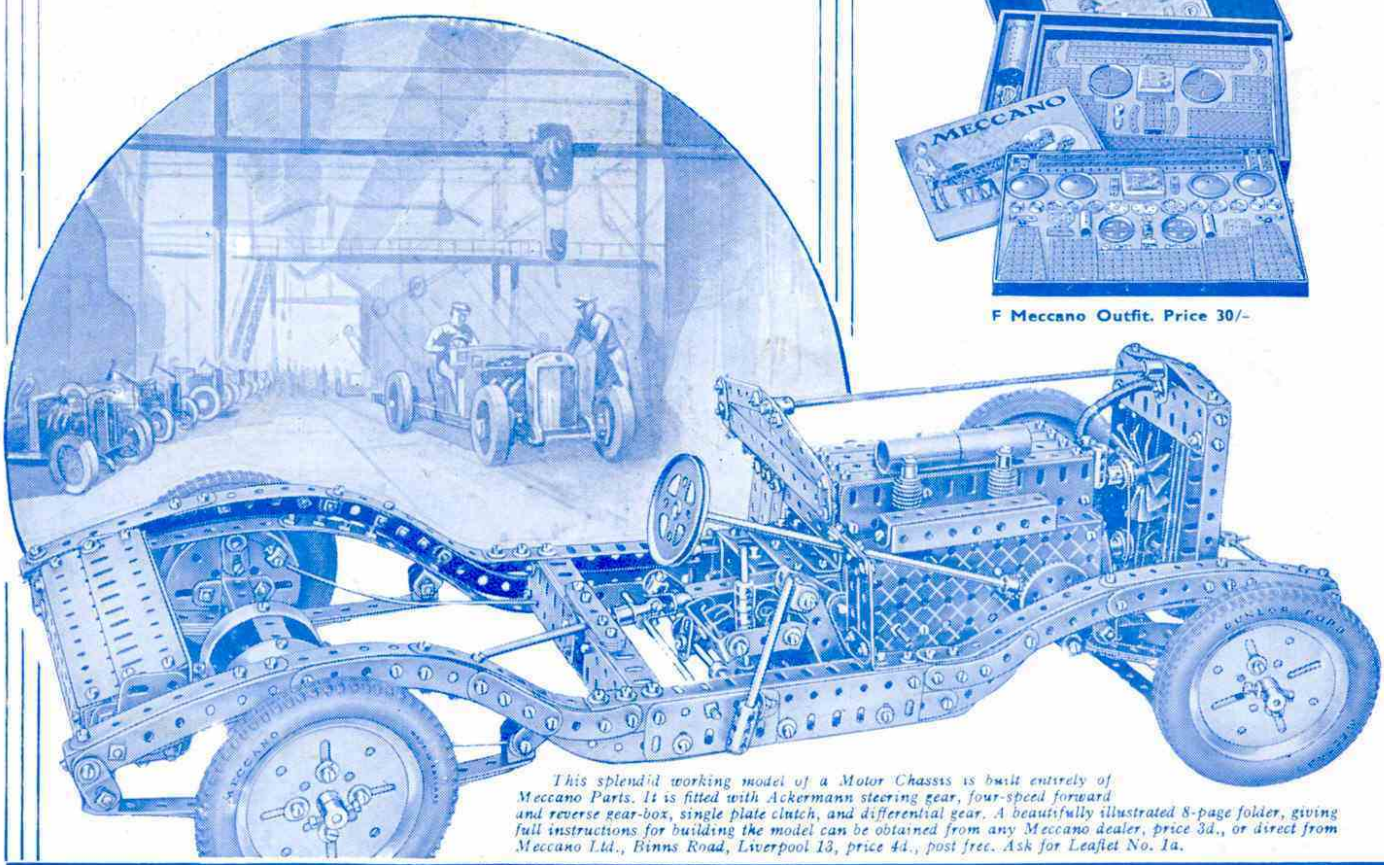

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