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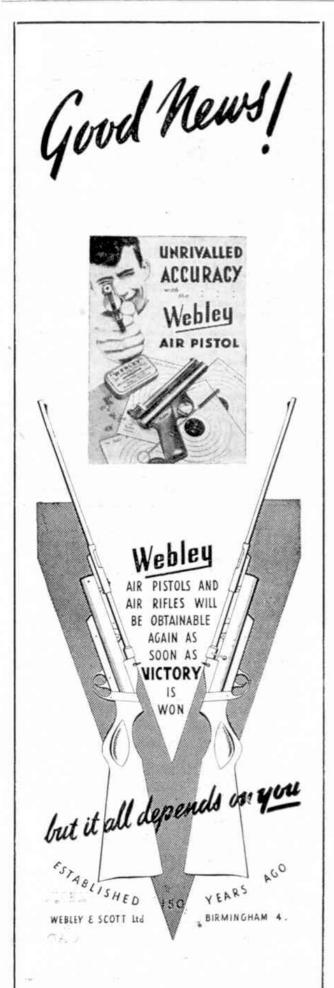
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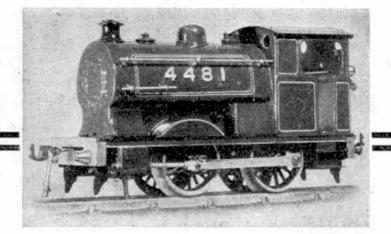
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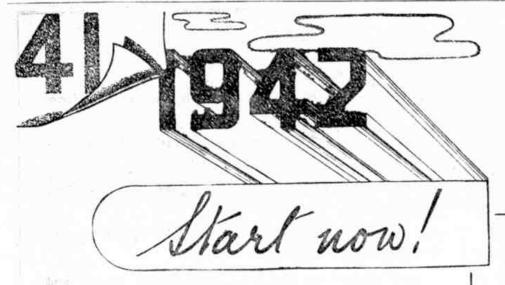


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Our New Size

Well, readers, here is our first issue with the smaller page that I have reluctantly been compelled to adopt. I wonder how you will like it! I imagine that most of

you, after surviving the first shock of the change, will feel as I do-that the result is not so bad after all, and that this plump little Magazine has certain attractive features of its own. When you have looked over your copy carefully I want you to write and tell me what you think of it. In particular I want your suggestions for improvements, especially in the sections in which you are most interested.

A Scottish reader has suggested that I should devote space to the publication of extracts from letters from readers describing the various ways in which they

are helping the National war effort. He says that this would encourage those who are already doing their bit, and give practical help to those who are on the lookout for something really useful to do. I think the suggestion is a good one, and I shall welcome all letters of this kind.

This is the favourite time for making good resolutions. Here is one for you all-

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Leaders in the War XXVI.-Capt. H. D. Margesson

Capt. Henry David Margesson was born in 1890 and educated at Harrow and Cambridge. He served in the 11th Hussars

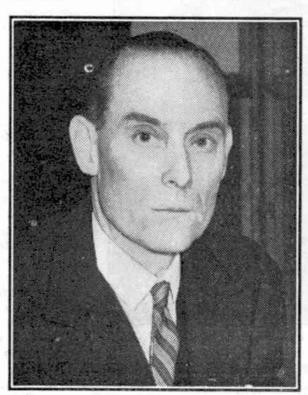
> throughout the war of 1914-18. He became captain and adjutant, was mentioned in despatches and awarded the M.C.

> After leaving the Army Capt. Margesson spent some time on the staff of a large store in the United States to gain business experience. On his return to England he entered Parliament as Member for the Upton Division of West Ham. His earliest Government appointment was that of Parliamentary Private Secretary to Sir C. A. Montague Barlow, Minister of Labour, 1922-3, and in 1924 he became Assistant

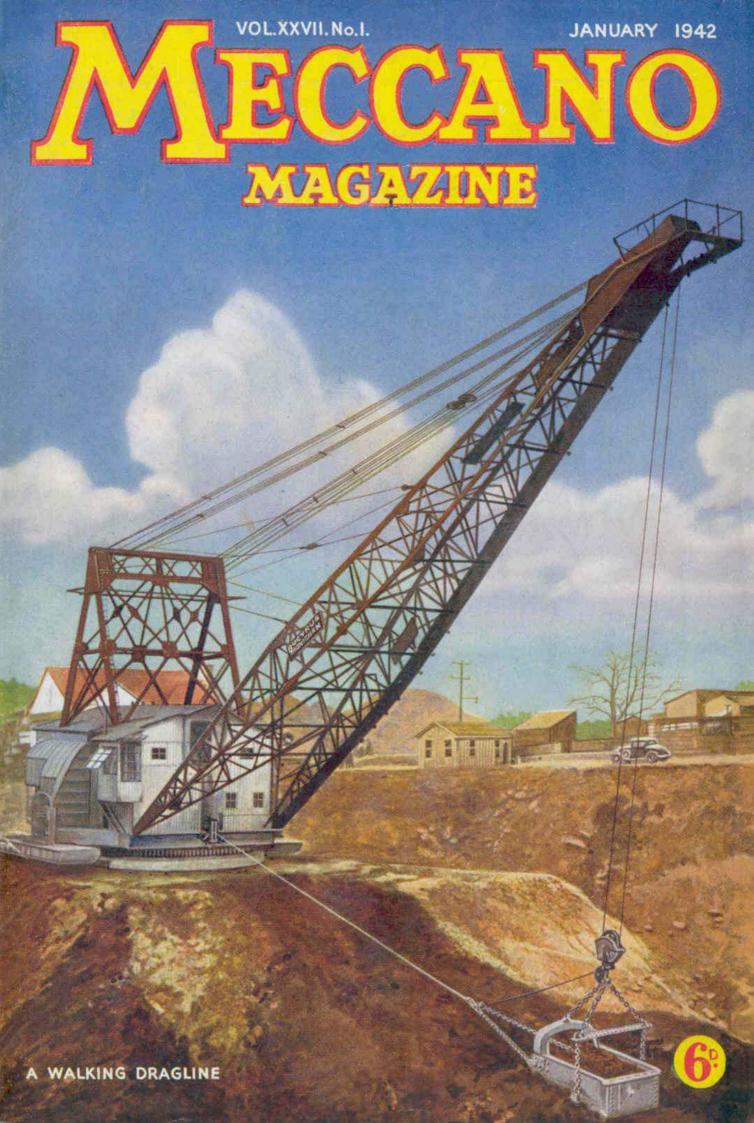
Government Whip. In the latter year he was elected Member

of Parliament for Rugby, and two years later, in the Baldwin Government, was appointed a Junior Lord of the Treasury. Subsequently he became Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, and Chief Whip, when the National Government was formed

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