



CLUB NOTES



Great Baddow M.C.—A Bridge-building Competition produced many excellent models, and a working model of a Bacon Cutting Machine constructed by one of the older members aroused great interest. Lectures by the Leader, and Games, completed the programme, a Dart Competition being keenly contested. An excellent programme was arranged for Visitors' Night, at which Mrs. Phillips, wife of the President of the Club, kindly distributed the prizes earned during the session. Club roll: 39. *Secretary*: Miss D. K. French, High Street, Gt. Baddow.

Herne Bay Meccano and Hobbies M.C.—Indoor games tournaments have been completed, and the prizes presented by Mr. J. R. Huxtable, the new President. In the Air-Gun Shooting Contest, the "Stevens" Championship Shield and Silver Medal were won by S. H. Williams. The Amateur Magazine Competition was won by S. Ubsdell, V. Redmond being second. The Annual Picnic was held at Bishopstone Glen, members spending an interesting day in Cliff Climbing, Rambling, Bathing, and playing Cricket, Rounders and other games. Club roll: 46. *Secretary*: C. W. Russell, 4, Clifton Villas, Herne Bay.

Victoria (Glasgow) M.C.—A Debate on "Buses v. Trams" ended in a novel manner, for it was decided by vote that trams were best in cities and buses preferable in the country! An interesting evening was spent in building Clockwork Motor Cars, which afterwards took part in several races. At a joint meeting with Morison Memorial M.C. a Lantern Lecture on the "Progress of Ships from Noah's Ark to the Present Day" was given. In return members visited the Annual Display of the Morison Memorial M.C. Visits also were paid to a Lemonade Factory and the Corporation Gas Works. Club roll: 56. *Secretary*: R. Hannah, 26, Kennedy Drive, Partick West, Glasgow.

Morison Memorial M.C.—The second Annual Display was an outstanding success. The chief attraction was a Model Colliery, in which models of Rock Drills and Coal Cutters were at work, in addition to the usual Pit Head Gear and Engineer's Workshop. A Model Railway was run in connection with the Mine. Other models included a Fairground and a faithful reproduction of a Corporation Tramcar. A Concert also was given at which the Gymnastic Squad gave a display. Instructive talks entitled "A Tour through London" and "Black and White Sketching" have been given and a performance of the Meccano play "Nonsense Nana" was greatly enjoyed. Club roll: 54. *Secretary*: Geo. Gerrard, "Yarrow," Montrose Street, Clydebank.

St. Bartholomew's (Plymouth) M.C.—Membership has increased steadily since the formation of a branch of the Hornby Railway Company in association with the club. The first copy of the Club Magazine, "The Gearbox," has been produced. A visit to Plymouth by the members of the Falmouth Wesley M.C. led to a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon and evening. The club has paid a visit to the Laira Engine Shops, and members were greatly interested in the locomotives on view. Club roll: 45. *Secretary*: K. A. W. Wills, 8, Beechwood Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth.

South Shields Y.M.C.A. M.C.—Is now affiliated and is attracting many new members. Model-building, Lectures and Visits have formed the programme, talks on "Electro-magnets and Motors," "Model Aeroplanes," and "Coal Mining" being particularly enjoyable. Another interesting evening was provided by a demonstration of "X-Rays." Summer sports and outings arranged include a Club Camp. Club roll: 12. *Secretary*: G. H. Blanche, 241, S. Palmerston Street, South Shields.

Wealdstone Locket Road M.C.—The greatest interest of last session was Model-building, and the Competitions were keenly contested. New members are urgently required, and those wishing to join should apply to the secretary. Club roll: 10. *Secretary*: J. E. Skoyles, 28, Aberdeen Road, Wealdstone, Middlesex.

Pershore M.C.—First prize in the Model-building Competition was awarded to an excellent Tractor and Trailer. The Contest was exceedingly close, and only the superiority of the springs of the winning model gained it the prize. A Club Library has been started, members paying 1d. or 2d. for the loan of each book. A Table Tennis match against Evesham H.R.C. has been played. Club roll: 10. *Secretary*: D. Cross, Church Street, Pershore.

Wallisdown M.C.—A Cycle Run, a Paper Chase, and Cricket Matches have occupied attention. Other items included a talk on "Electrical Machinery" by a local electrical engineer, and a Business Meeting to discuss co-operation with neighbouring clubs. Club roll: 13. *Secretary*: G. Hoddinott, Bryant's Cross, Wallisdown.

St. Paul's (Lozells) M.C.—A large Hornby Train Layout is operated on realistic lines, shunting particularly being well carried out. Members are now expert in changing points quickly. A talk on "Armour" by one of the members was of great interest. Other Lectures included one on "British Railways," and a visit has been paid to the Great Western Railway Engine Shops at Tyseley. Club roll: 24. *Secretary*: E. Cunningham, 93, William Street, Lozells, Birmingham.

Wallingford County Grammar School M.C.—A Lecture on "Photography" was kindly given by Mr. Heslop, Assistant Master of the School. Later meetings were devoted to Model-building in preparation for the Exhibition. This was a great success, the room being so full of visitors that there was scarcely room to move about! A Meccano Outfit and extra parts have been purchased for club use. Club roll: 13. *Secretary*: L. M. Allen, Rosemead, The Moors, Pangbourne, Berks.

Carlingford College M.C.—Members paid an interesting visit to the Model Railway Exhibition. Almost every member went for a ride on the model steam railway, after which the free cinema was visited. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to visit St. Paul's Cathedral, where the whispering gallery aroused great interest. Club roll: 30. *Secretary*: E. Martin, 122, White Hart Lane, Tottenham, London, N.17.

Cecil Road (Gravesend) M.C.—Recent meetings included a Colliery Night, when a Meccano Pit-head Gear was placed above a floor ventilator that made an excellent pit. Hornby Trains carried the coal away from an adjacent siding. On Shipping Night the plan of a dock was drawn on the floor, and members built Ships and Cranes, while a goods line was constructed from the wharfside. Another interesting evening was devoted to Aeroplanes, excellent models of R.A.F. Fighting Machines and Junkers All-metal Monoplanes being built. A Pageant concluded the evening. Club roll: 20. *Secretary*: G. N. Cottle, 53, Cecil Road, Gravesend, Kent.

Spilsby Church School M.C.—Lectures are alternated with Model-building Evenings, and every member in turn gives a short account of some interesting topic. Those given have included talks on "Stars," "Locomotive Repairing" and "Aeroplanes." In fine weather Cricket Matches are played on Club Nights. Club roll: 12. *Secretary*: D. P. Dennis, Church Street, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

Harwich M.C.—The Exhibition was very successful, the sum of £8/10/- being raised. Among the working models were a Ship Coaler on loan from Headquarters, on which regular demonstrations were given, a Roundabout and a Bucket Excavator. During the evening members were busy casting toy soldiers, which were sold to visitors. *Secretary*: A. E. Ward, Osborne House, Peppys Street, Harwich.

Fulstow Junior M.C.—Members are entering into Model-building Competitions with great keenness, a contest for the construction of bridges attracting a very large entry of excellent models. The bridges built were used afterwards in an extensive Hornby Train Layout. Recent events have included a visit to a Wild Flower Show, a Treasure Hunt and several Cricket Matches. Club roll: 10. *Secretary*: L. Doe, The Stores, Fulstow, North Thoresby, S.O., Lincs.



Halifax M.C. was affiliated in November 1927, and has made excellent progress under the energetic Leadership of Mr. H. Ramsbottom, who is standing in the back row of our photograph. Model-building is the most popular pursuit, and a special feature is made of large models built by the joint efforts of members

Albert Village M.C.—An interesting talk on the district around Burton-on-Trent was given by the Assistant Leader. The Concert and Exhibition was very successful, chief prizes in the Model-building Competition being awarded for models of Meccano-graph, Beam Engine, Vertical and Horizontal Steam Engines, and Revolving Crane. Other models displayed included Pit Head Gear, Dutch Windmill, Motor Cycles and the Model Workshop on loan from Headquarters. Cricket is the chief summer occupation, and a programme of 22 matches has been arranged. Club roll: 19. *Secretary*: L. C. Adey, 239, Occupation Road, Woodville, Burton-on-Trent.

St. Peter Mancroft (Norwich) M.C.—In a Model-building Competition that aroused great interest the number of parts allotted to each competitor was 35, together with 25 nuts and bolts. Surprisingly excellent models resulted. A Hat Night and a Debate on "The Value of Atlantic Flying" were also exceedingly interesting. A talk by Miss A. E. Steward, Vice-President, was greatly enjoyed. At the same meeting a Gramophone demonstration was given, and Merit Medallions presented. Club roll: 14. *Secretary*: J. Vyse, 51, Cardiff Road, Norwich.

Weymouth Central School M.C.—An interesting programme has included visits to a Printing Office, a Newspaper Plant, the Poole Gas Works, and a Ship Coaling Wharf, where members inspected the engine room of a Coaling Steamer. Members also had Cycle Rides and a Paper Chase. A Camping ground has been arranged where members may spend week ends and occasional nights. Club roll: 30. *Secretary*: R. P. Mogg, 26, Chelmsford Street, Weymouth.