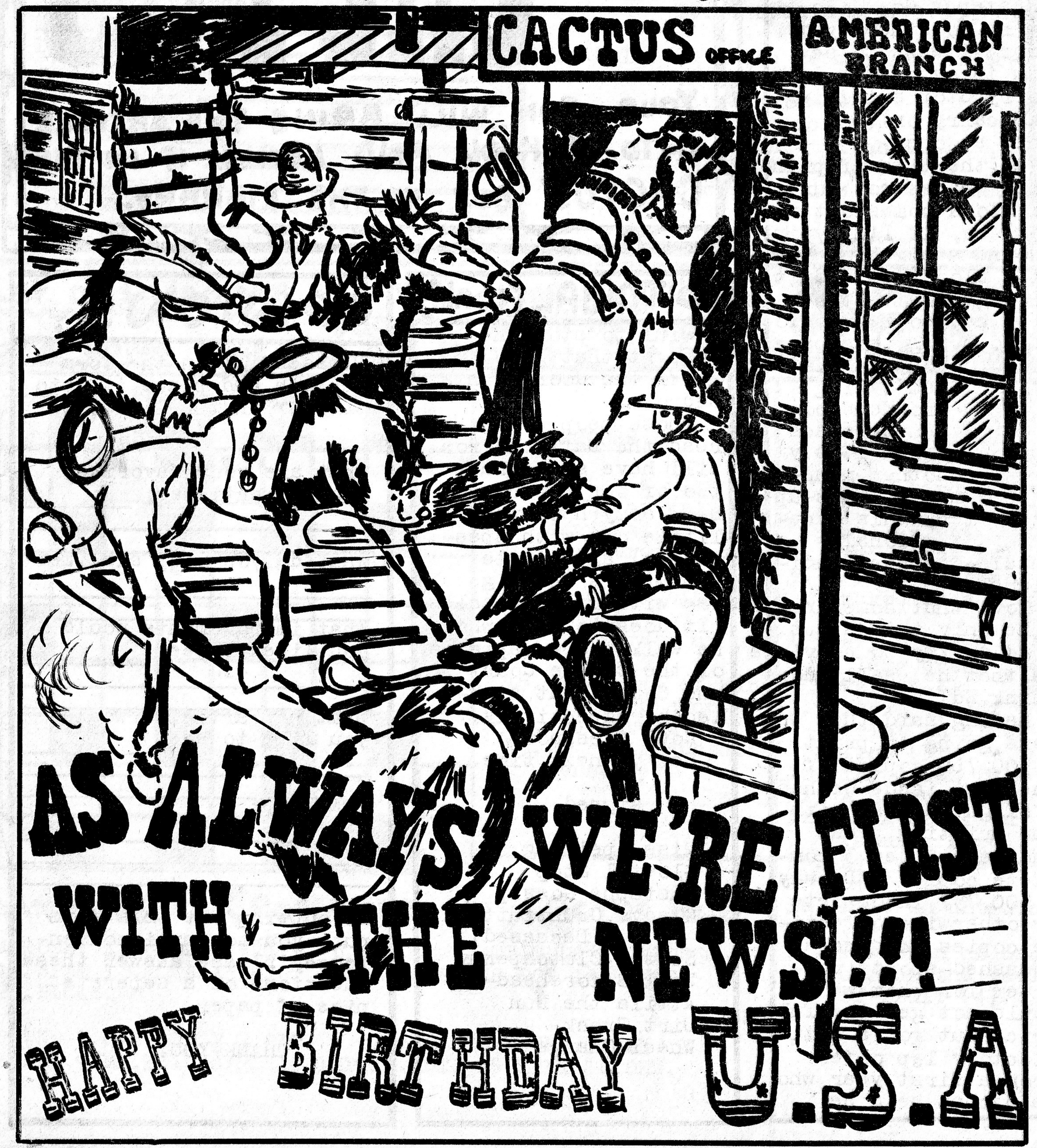
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EDITORIAL

People have told me that my editorials are boring but I cannot see how this izzz pozzzible zzz(snore) zzz(nudge)
Oh, where was I? Oh, yes.
See ya next time.
signed,
Miss Spelling
Glottal Stop
Mustapha Go...(No, we're not there yet)
Sorry(I want to see you in my office later)
Sorry(Stop sniffling and carry on)
Yes, at once...

At the time of printing we are not sure if blood comes out or not, so, if I'm typing around a big blob then it's blood(You didn't realise that we had to sweat blood to bring this paper to you) and if I am typing around a big empty space then it's yet another monumental mess-up by this exceptionally untalented individual.

Now, what comes next?(He only thinks out loud to try to convince us that he really does think.Ed)

Having said that we were going to print 7,500,760 copies of the last issue we had a slight mishap with the printing press and we printed 3 complete copies AND ~~only~~ 7,500,757 incomplete or otherwise defective copies and one squashed sports reporter for whom we could not get the full price but got a satisfactory 1½p offer from a first year who said that he'd be

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EDITORIAL (cont.)

useful to stop the draught that gets under the door of his bedroom.

Those people that read the Daily Mirror will have seen that two of our reporters, Big Jammy(HE8s the little one with spectacles) and Little Jammy(He's the big one without spectacles) (It doesn't show when he walks) are captains of the Centre Court and Court 3 at Wimbledon respectively.

Now? (Yes,now.)

See ya next time.

signed,

Miss Spelling
Glottal Stop
Mustapha Gossip
Gladys Gruntfuttock (Deceased)
Scotch Clutchpenny
Well Beforehead-boy
Attila the Nun
Dirt Track
Wheel Change

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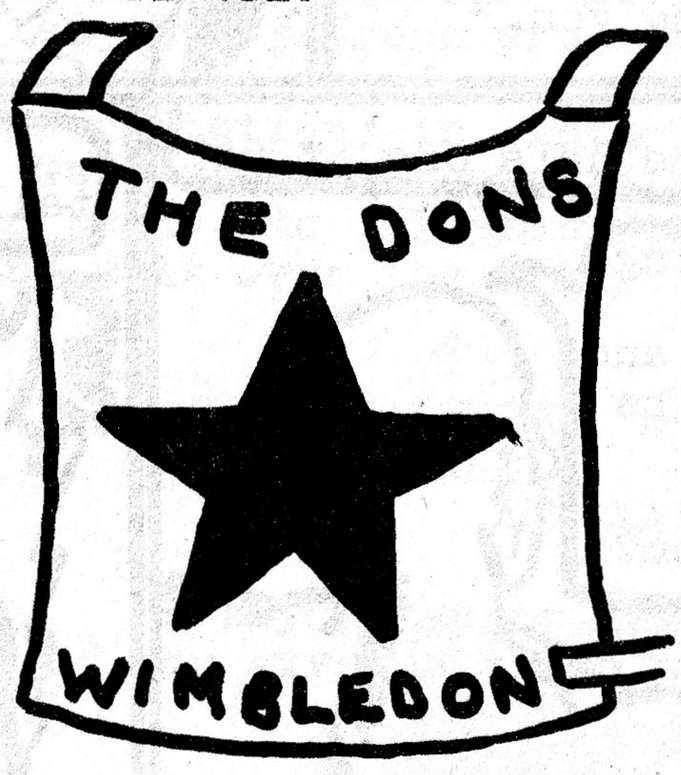
THANK)YOU.

SPEEDWAY AT WIMBLEDON

The Jubilee Holiday Period has been flooded with exciting and sensational Speedway at the Plough Lane Bowl. The highlight of the holiday was the upset at the big prestige event, The Embassy International. Edward 'Roman' Jancarz, the Dons home star streaked home to take the title by a 2pt. margin. To put the icing on the cake the Kiwi King, Larry Ross came second beating the redoughtable digger, Phil Crump, in a run-off. This made a Wimbledon one-two! Jancarz was only headed by the Ipswich riders Billy Sanders the Spring Classic winner and ex-England skipper, John Lewis. But fate had a big say in who finished where. '76 World Champ was dogged by carburetter trouble which restricted him to 7 pts. Billy Sanders looked unbeatable when in front but only managed to win 2 races and got 3pts. from his other three starts. Dave Jessup was most unlucky. He could have so easily come away with a strong placing but he also suffered an engine failure at a vital stage stage in his attempt to annex the title.
Surprise failure was Malcolm Simmons he could only muster 7pts. from his alloted5 rides. LBC REBELS popular Skipper Gordon Kennet started slowly but gained momentum to win his last two races so as to end with9pts.
Final Scorers were;
E. Jancarz I3, L. Ross II, P. Crump II G.Kennet 9, B.Sanders 9, Davis 9, Morton 8, Ashby 7, Collins 7, Simmons 7, McMillan 8, Lewis 6, Boulger 4, Dwyer 2, Lee I.
Teamwise the Dons provided some very good all round team performances at home. Firstly, they shrugged off the mighty challenge of a re-vamped Swindon side. Coming back from the brink of defeat, 6pts down 4 races to go the Dons overhauled the Robins to win by a well deserved Ipt.
Leading Scorers were;
Wimbledon 39
Jancarz I4, Hines IO, Richardson 8.
Swindon 38
Ashby IO, Kilby 6,

Next on the Dons plate were the Reading 'racers'. This was yet another nail biter for the fans. Prior to the 7.45 start the Dons super Pole, Jancarz was still on the way from Poland and Colin Richardson was injured after winning the National League Silver Helmet. But the Dons fighting team spirit shone through. They went 2 pts. clear when the news came through that Jancarz was changed and ready to ride! And and after a pointless first outing he reeled off four immaculate wins to lead the Dons to a 6pt. win. Skipper Hines rode a superb meeting and it was he who inspired reserve Salomonsson to score a best ever II paid I3 point return in the British League.
Main Scorers were;
Wimbledon 42
Hines I3, Jancarz I2, Salomonsson II.
Reading 36
Jessup I4, Davis 7, Leigh 7.
Now the Dons were ready for Wolves and easily beat them with Jancarz scoring his Ist. British League maximum with 15 pts. from 5 rides. Mick Hines weighed in with I6 from 6 rides.
Wimbledon were always cruising to an easy 2pts in the league but they troubled by Mc Millan. One sour moment though when George Hunter, Wolves Captain withdrew complaining at the state of the track. This provoked the crowd immensely and Hunter was barracked by the crowd.
Wimbledon 43
Hines I6, Jancarz I5.
Wolverhampton 35.
McMillan I0, Nielson 8, Thompson 8.

Next issue, Full coverage of Speedway Starcup action between Wimbledon and Bristol.



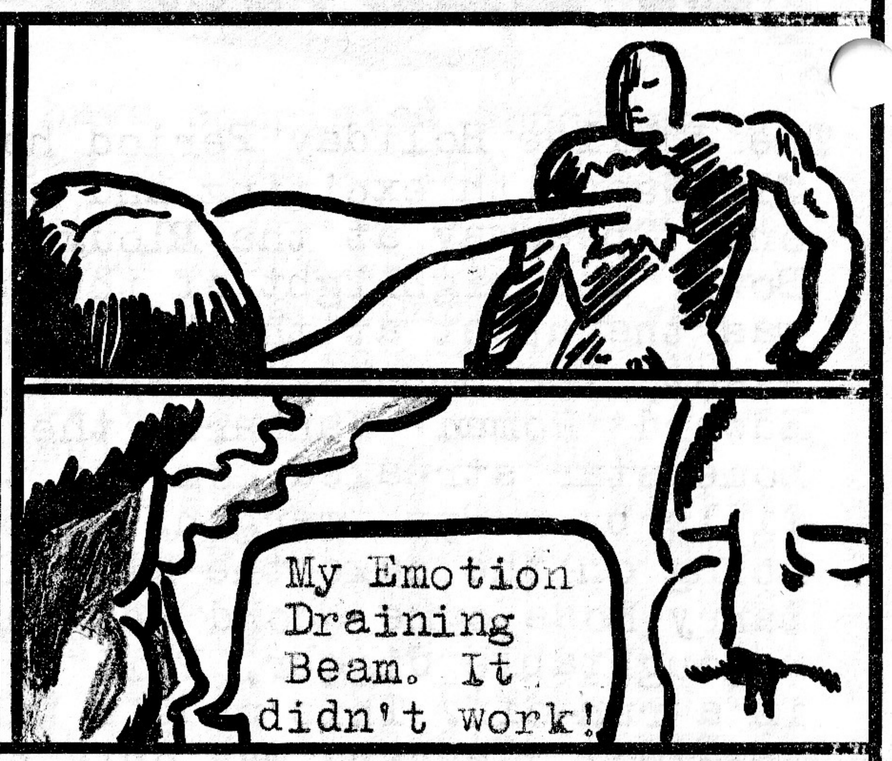
KURT JANSON.

Writers: S. Alan &
S. Manning.

Artist: D. Synmoie.

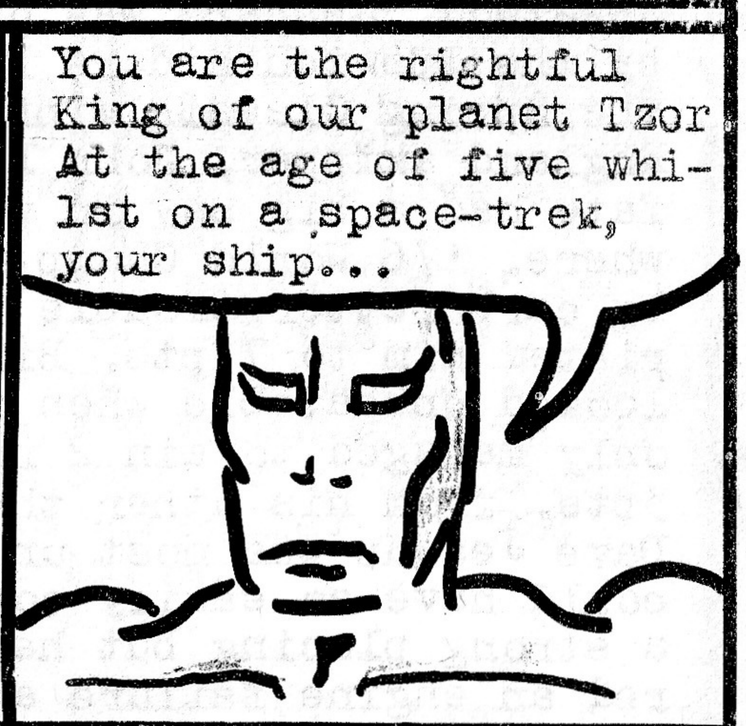


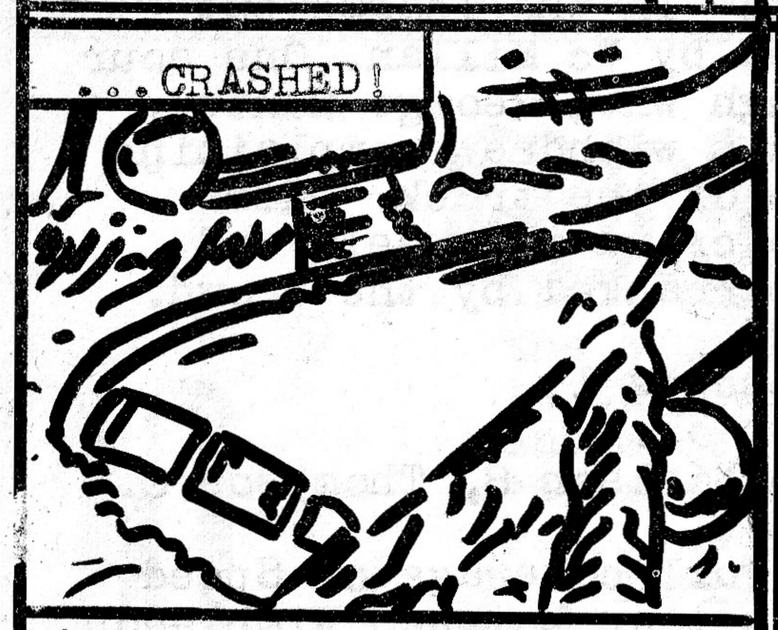








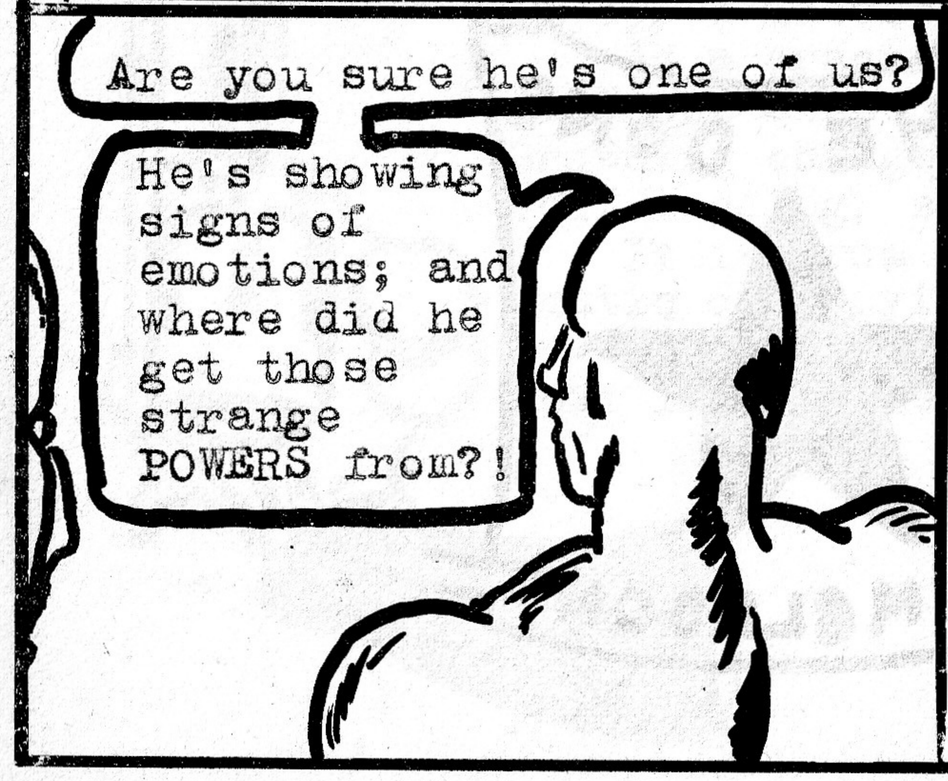


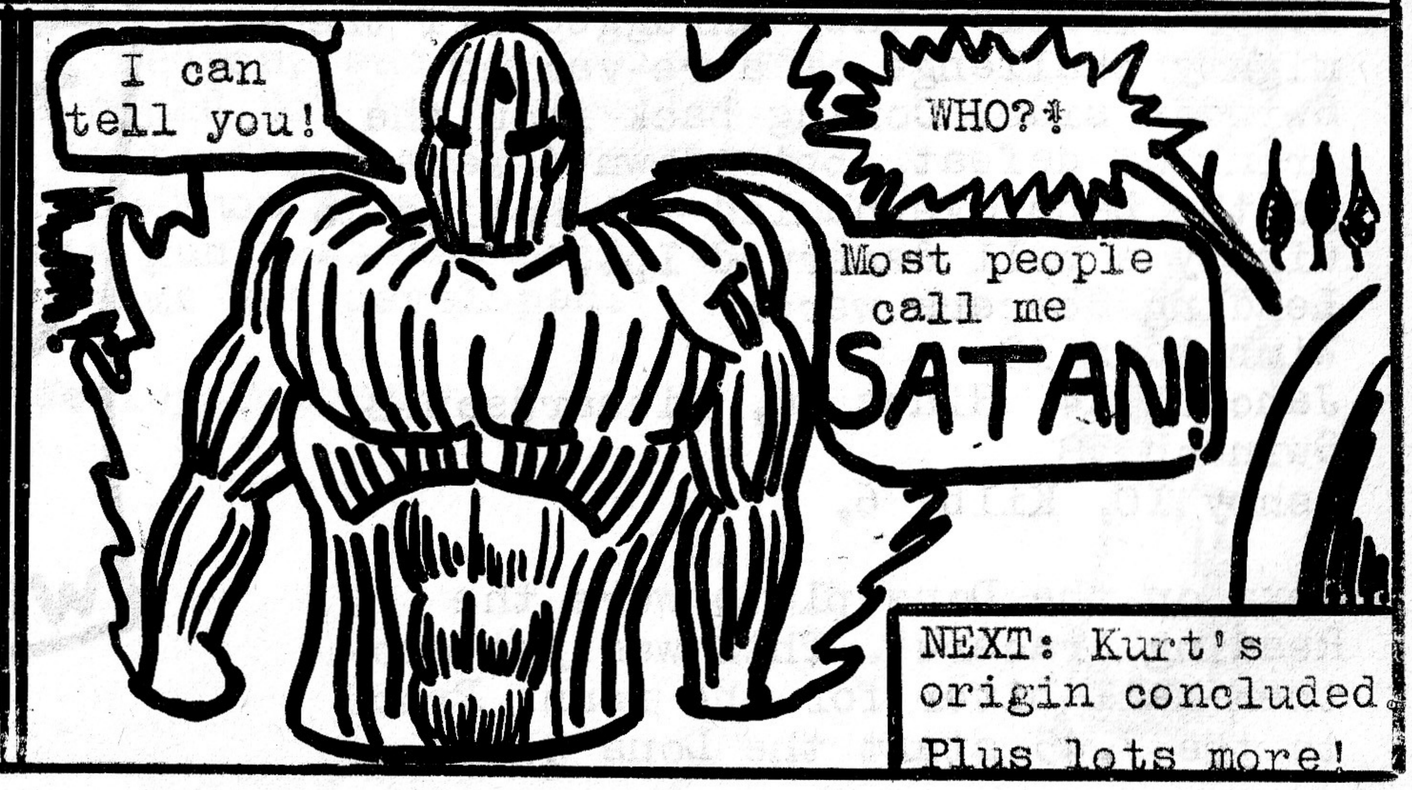


It all seems to fit, doesn't it Kurt Janson. The recognition of the shuttle-craft, understanding their language, and what your parents told you of your past...how they found you wandering in the Peruvian jungle as a boy. You spent 15 years of your life with them in Peru...until a few months ago when you... NO! You didn't mean it, it wasn't your fault!









NEXT: Kurt's origin concluded
Plus lots more!

THE WALLS HAVE EARS

by Mustapha Gossip

The Colah Brothers last concert was a sell outm but disgruntled fans were demanding a refund after refusing to believe that the name Colah was spelt ISLEY as printed on all advamce notices.

Mark Manners was accused of being a half-wit and was quite chuffed as that is half more than he is usually credited fox with.

Patrick Jonathan has started a fan -club for George Polhill. He has'nt so far received so many fans but has got a lot of clubs and several people who are will -ing to help with the clubbing.

The only vacancy in the History Dept. is between Norton Taylor'd ears.

Ron Bedford had a stomach ache which was deemed critical as 9/IO ths. of his body was in pain.



BOREDOM zzz zzz zzz

At school it is boring because I am always walking with my brother to school. We have both been here so long that we have run out of words and then that makes me miserable for the rest of the, day.

My front room at home is very boring because everybody is so miserable and fed up and always smoking like a chimney. Then if you make a joke up, they don't laugh they just grumble to themselves and so I get fed up Igo knocking for my friends for a game of football andone of them comes to the door and says "I am not coming out because my mum won't let me." That's the same old story.

Ian Symes 3epsilon.

I am bored when I am doing nothing at all. When I am bored I read a book or I play with my hamster. When I play with my hamster it looke bored as well as me. When I am home I get bored with a lot of the news on the telly and when there is nothing to do.

At school I am very bored with some lessons like chemistry.

He writes a lot on the board and so does the history teacher.

When I am with my friends I am sometimes bored like standing around and doing nothing and talking a lot.

When I have an idea and I cannot think of it because someone is talking. I can really get bored from thinkingwith someone talking at the same time so I tell them to be quiet.

Colin Harris 3 epsilon.

I am bored at home when we have visitors and they start talking and I am trying to say something. Their voices drown mine and then they start talking about what they did when they were kids.

I am bored at school when I am doing something and really getting ideas. Then the teacher says, "Right look this way." Then he starts to explain how to do the work. By the time he has finished it's time to pack away.

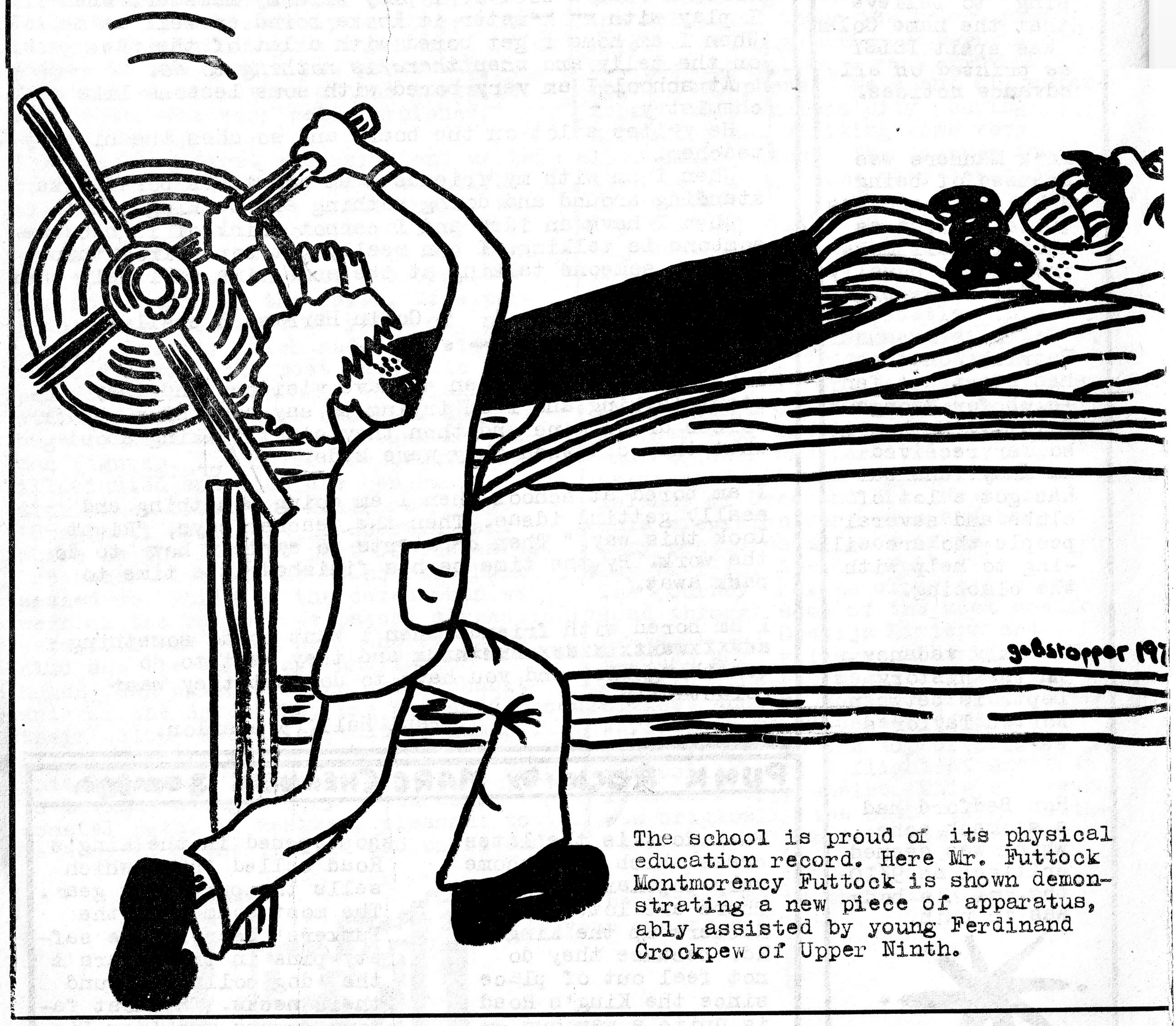
I am bored with friends when I want to do something and they want to do something else and you have to do what they want reluctantly.

Paul Hall 3 epsilon.

PUNK ROCK by MARC CHENNELL 3OMEGA

Punk Rock is the latest craze which has become very popular.
There are lot of Punk Rockers up the King's Rd. because they do not feel out of place since the King's Road is quite a way out place. There is a new shop opened in the King's Road called 'BOY' which sells the punk rock gear. The most common of the Punkers' gear is the safety pins in their ears & the 'dog collars' round their necks. The most famous groups are 'Sex Pistols' and 'The Stranglers

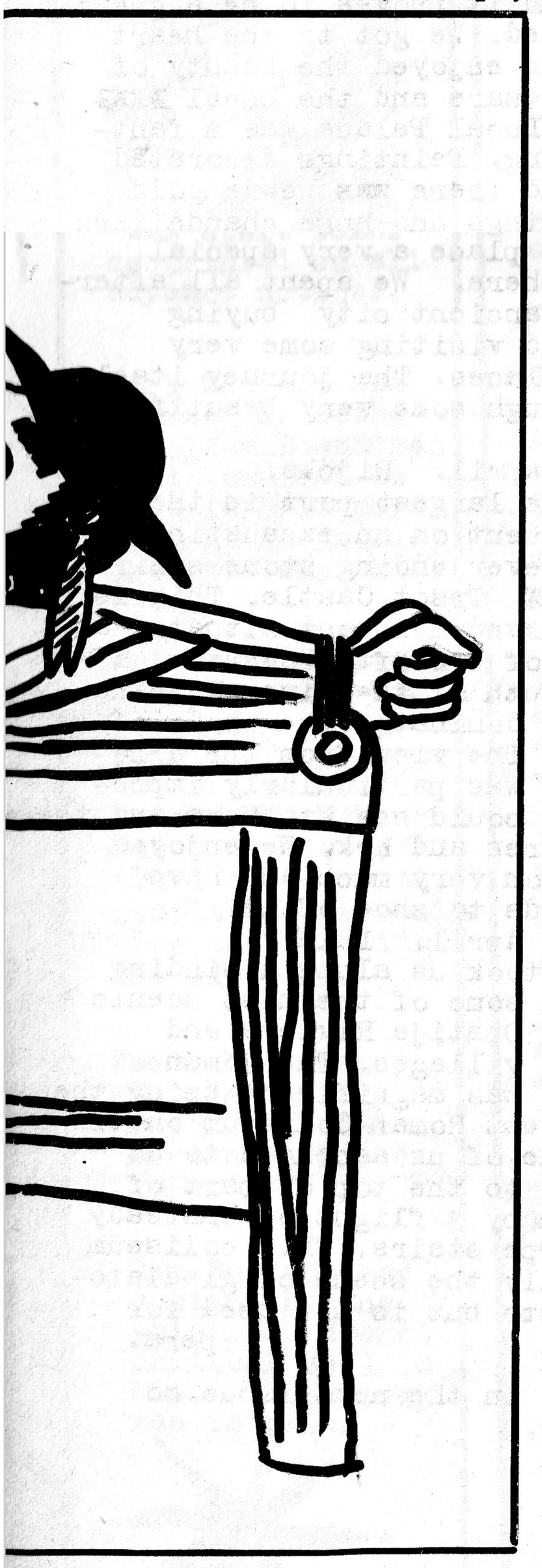
Glad's column



The school is proud of its physical education record. Here Mr. Futtock Montmorency Futtock is shown demonstrating a new piece of apparatus, ably assisted by young Ferdinand Crockpew of Upper Ninth.

THE AMIN FOUNDATION FOR UNDERPRIVILIGED THUGS.

The Amin Foundation for Underpriviliged Thugs was founded by the leader of the Ugandan Society for the protection of crocodiles in the year 1970, Mr. Idi Amin. S.I.C.K. N.U.T. U.S. B.B.C. Knight of the Garter and life fellow of the Grandfuttock order of the Williams Society. The sbhools motto is Ke. ep. de. cro. co. dil. es. hap. py, (untranslated motto). The school is pleasantly situated in one of the most picturesque areas of Uganda. The school playing fields extend down to the Crocodile River. In 1976 the new science block was opened and this includes a purpose built gas chamber and ovens, also there is a delightful new classroom for new students. This is equipped with all the latest educational aids, whips, chains, racks, and a purpose built Iron Maiden.



On entering the school one is struck by the enthusiasm of the pupils. On our visit we were showm one class actively engaged in basic torture. The principal, a Mr. Futtock Montmorency Futtock, assured us that the nail pulling was an important part of the education programme. It instilled a sence of bnutality much needed in this backward looking country.

I witnessed the schools star pupil, Fred de Sade, skillfully withdrawing the toe nails from his teacher, Mr. Pro Britain, America and Israel, Smith. On enquiring why he was screaming so much I was told that he was, in fact, quite happy and was singing the Ugandan anthem, it goes something like this, "Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaa aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa." The anthem is too long to print in full so I have printed only the first line of the first verse. Students come from all over Uganda to study at the school. Usually they are forcibly dragged from their parents at the age of six. Mr. Futtock told us that this is necessary as most parents are still ignorant and do not want their children to be educated at this fine school. The children are allowed to keep pets, and crocodile-rearing is encouraged. Food is provided free of charge by Mr, Amin himself, who kindly donates the odd Bishop or two or three or four or five or six or seven.....

On leaving the school students are presented with a picture of the founder and a free pass to the government torture chambers. Visits are encouraged to the latter as the founder states, "Aa believe dat de young of dis country should be shown what happens to de bad do gooders in my country."

Our visit ended with a display of bishop bashing. The finale was most impressive as some sixty odd pro-British dissidents were fed to the crocodiles. These had all volunteered. On enquiring why the volunteers were marched at gunpoint to the edge of the river we were informed that they were not being marched at gunpoint at all but that they all suffered from itchy backs and that a gun barrel poked into the back brought relief from the torment.

Further information on the Amin Foundation for Underpriviliged Thugs can be obtained from the Fri Friens of Idi Society, care of Mr. H. Himmler, Bertechsgarten.

Special report by 'goBstopper'.

YUGOSLAVIA

After a considerable period of doubt and uncertainty we eventually received the news that our trip was still on. We were leaving on Easter Sunday.

Day I 10th. April.
We left the school at 8.45 am for Heathrow.The reimbursement of our tickets from British Airways for Jugoslavia Air Transport was O.K. but it took upto two hours. We took off at 12.05 pm. and landed at Ljubljana 2¼hrs later. The erest of the day was spent in our rooms at our hostel resting our tired bodies. Our hostel was called Jcici and it was made up of three buildings. The building in which most of us stayed in was just a few yards away from the clear waters of the Adriatic. Our rooms were very well furnished.

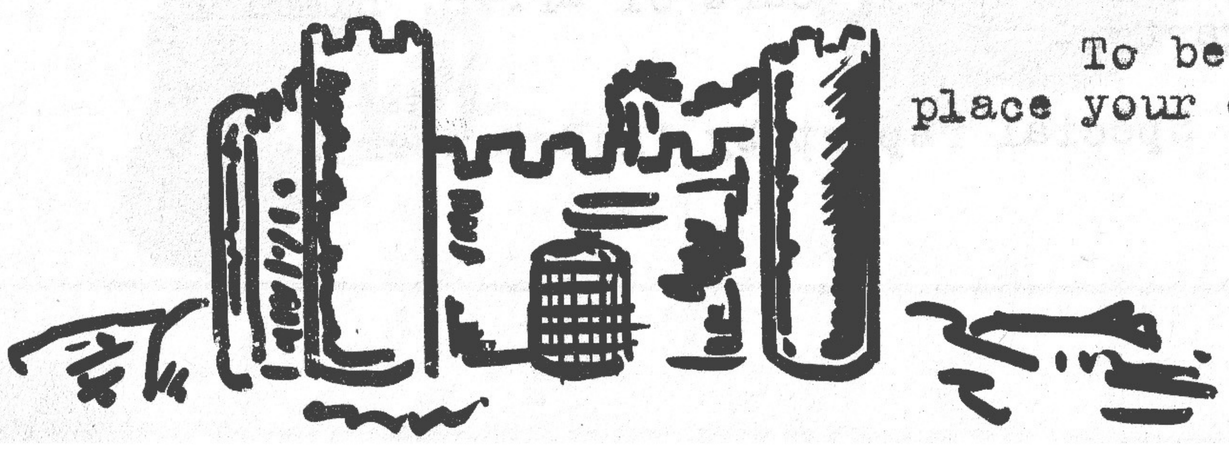
DayII 11th. April.
This was our first excursion and we were thrilled by one of the most beautiful views of caves inthe world. We were taken by an electric railway for about 20 mins into the caves and then walked for about 40 mins. to complete our inspection of the caves, We experienced the thousands of years of natural activity which had decorated the caves with the most fantastic shapes of calcium carbonate - stalagnites, stalagtites, contains canopies and huge columns which often resembled human figures. The caves are beautifully illuminated and some are enormous with names like 'The Ballroom', and 'Spaghetti Hall' and 'Concertin Hall' which is the longest part of the caves. The sheer size of the 'Concertin Hall' amazed us. While in the caves when we were on the railway we passed a spectacular waterfall and steam near the caves.We also saw the very rare and famous human fish which are the only inhabitants of the caves.They are so named because their colour resembles that of humans.

Day iii 12th. April Lovron
This excursion took,the form of a walk to Lovran along a very picturesque coastal path. It was very pleasant to be away from the traffic and noise and the beautiful scenery. In Lovran we saw many Yugoslav Muslims, went shopping for souvenirs and witnessed a few minor cottage industries at work.

Day IV 13th. April Venice.
This unexpected and surprising excursion was put forward by a couple of teachers. And it proved to be a great journey indeed. We got to the heart of Venice and enjoyed the beauty of St. Mark's Square and the Ducal Palace. The Ducal Palace was a fantastic building. Paintings decorated the walls and there were gold covered ceilings and huge chandaliers all gave the place a very special royal atmosphere. We spent all afternoonin this ancient city buying souvenirs and visiting some very attractive places. The journey itself took us through some very beautiful countryside.

Day V 14th. April. Rijcka.
Rijcka is the largest port in the country. We went on an exhausting climb up a never ending stone staircaseto the Trsot Castle. This is a well preserved monument situated at an altitude of 2,000ft. hovering above the mouth of the river Rjecina. Its position dominates the whole of Kuarner Bay. The view from the defender tower was particularly impressive as we could see Mt. Ucka and the islands of Cres and Krk. We enjoyed this excursion very much and have many postcards to show of it.

Day VI 15th. April. Pula
The journey took us along a winding road through some of the most scenic spots in the Opatija Riviera and through some villages. The Roman Amphitheatre was magnificent being the biggest ancient Roman Coliseum on the Adriatic.Some of us ascended to at least 100ft. to the top of part of the Coliseum by a flight of unsteady framework type stairs. This coliseum was originally the scene of gladiatorial contests but is now used for opera.



To be continued in the next issue.so place your orders now.

FISHING ARDUND WANDSWORTH

Here are a few of the record claims that we have received and also a few Qualifying weights;
PIKE..... T. Stickells. 8lbs 3ozs., 4T. EEL... P. Chapman 2lbs. 13½ozs.
Hampton Court. Battersea Park.
Qualifying weights: Roach 1lb. 4ozs, Dace 8ozs., Common Carp 6lbs, Chub 2lbs. Tench 2lbs., Perch 1lbs 4ozs and Barbel 3lbs.

After just finishing a 24 page 4th. year Biology exam, we are in no mood for !@!!**'? witticisms, we feel totally knackered (Ed; what sort of Biology exam) But despite this enormous handicap we'll carry on.

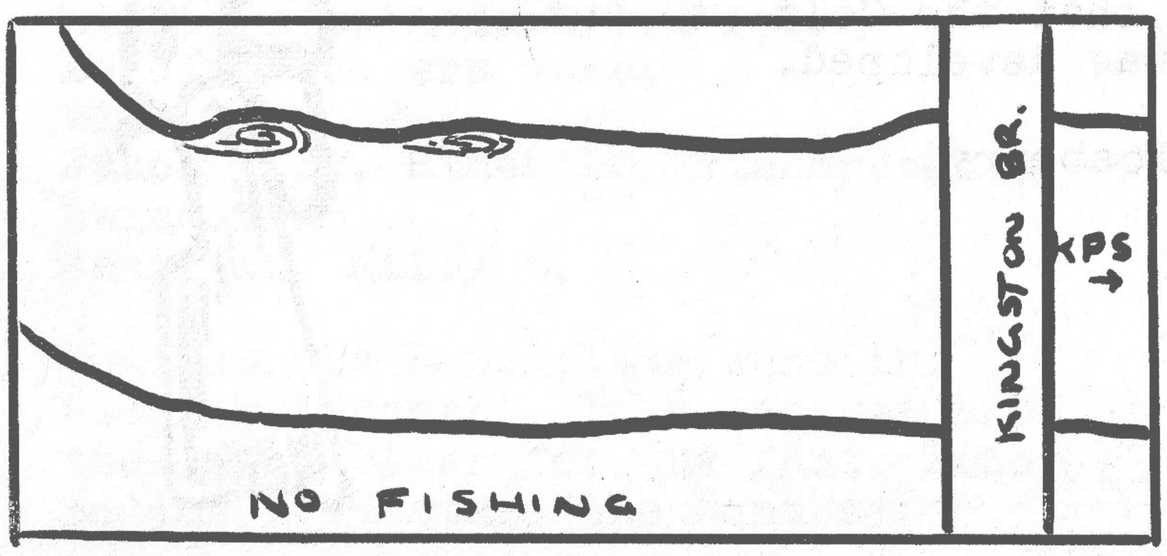
KINGSTON

Basically fishing upstream from Kingston Power Station is predominantly float-fishing. There are occasions when swimfeeding or legering are the most successful methods but these days rarely occur. The main disadvantages of legering are the long periods of waiting for solitary bites. In these long hours boredom or madness sets in, unless the angler indulges himself in the other activities, e.g. placing maggots in your mate's flask, or converting worms to punk-rockers by hammering 6" nails into them! Occasions when legering is predominant is when fishing for eels or if your're after something special like Roach or Dace.

Baits depend on what sort of methods you are using, i.e. with legering use cheese, bread or worms, with floats use hempseed, maggots, casters or bread.

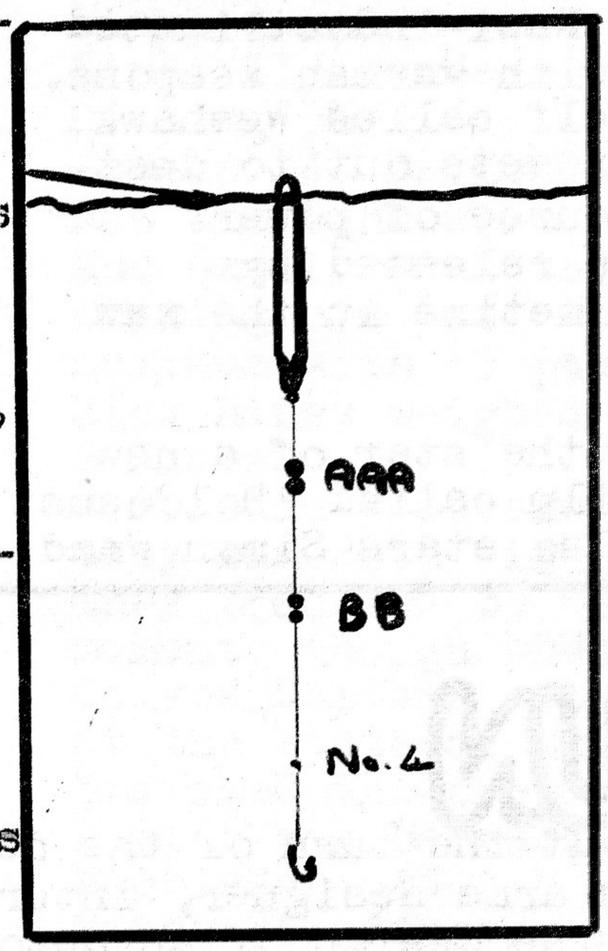
Summer or Autumn are usually the best times to fish, as the large shoals of Roach move into slacker water recovering from the exhausting efforts of spawning (Ed. no comment.) Small bays or eddies are formed on the sheltered bands of the river (see diagram) Here the Roach will lay in wait for succulent mouth watering baits.

The diagram shows the basic method



float fishing , Fortunately, the shoals keep close to the bank, not venturing more than 5-6 rod lengths out depending how long your rod is!!! Depth varies from about 7ft. to 12ft. in the deeper eddies.

The split shot pattern is variable depending on how strong the current is, whether there is weed or not e.t.c. The worse conditions get, the further the shots are moved down. The type of float is also dependant on the conditions(not whether the colour suits all four of your eyes, as an angler in 4K does).



If the weather is really terrible use a Balsa or an Avon, or, in the case of a downstream wind a Waggler, Ducker or Mini-missile.

In the event of conditions being more bearable use small avons or sticks In Winter floods will tend to destroy fishing which is grotty anyway. In fact this area is disastrous after the first Winter storm. If it is possible fish the upstream area in summer and Autumn and the downstream (Kinston Power Station) in Winter.

Get there by train to Kingston Station or by 85 to Kinston High Street. and walk over the bridge.

GLOTTAL STOP
AND
ATTILA THE NUN.

If..

anyone wants maggots please could you give us three weeks notice, ta.

FILM THINGS

by Scott Manning

* 'Survival Run', (originally called 'Damnation Alley'., is to be released soon. The film stars George Peppard, Jon-Michael Vincent, Paul Winfield and Dominique Sanda.

* A new animated film from Ralph Bakshi is, 'Wizards'. The film is about two brothers, Avator and Blackwolf, who are wizards and totally the opposite of each other. Avator rules peacefully whilst his brother seeks to dominate his Kingdom of Scortch.

While searching the ruins of an old European City, Blackwolf finds Nazi propoganda films and sets about making an army of Nazi-indoctrinated goblins, equipped with German weapons. Together with an elf called Weehawk and a girl, Avator sets out to destroy Blackwolf's source of power.

The film willbe released by 20th Cent. Fox, sometime in the year.

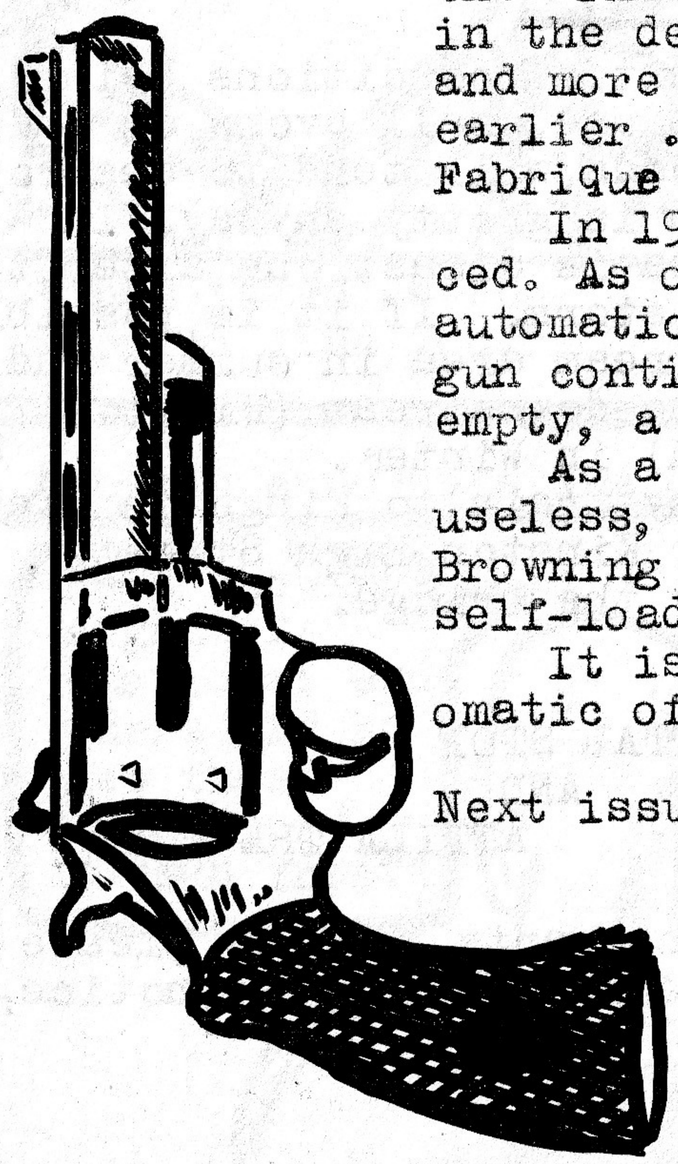
* Kirk Douglas is the star of a new science fiction film called 'Holocaust 2000'. The film also stars Simon Ward

* The BBC have completed shooting on "1990" (see Cactus 3) The series takes place 13 years in the future, in an England where things go from bad to worse. The country is run by a Totalitarian government and the 'Dept. of Public Control, (DPC) Which results in things, such as, pubs only catering for the 'elite', illegal emmigration and Government bugging being a normal event, etc. If you object to anything then you'll more than likely, get picked up by the DPC and sent to health farms for correction or in a bad case you'll become a stateless citizen , having to scrounge for an existence. Then , if you're lucky, you may live as long as three years.

Edward Woodward plays 'Kyle', a journalist for one of the few remaining independent newspapers. Barbara Kellerman plays a woman working for the DPC and Robert Lang, her boss. The series is scheduled for BBC 2 sometime this Autumn.

Next issue 'Star Wars'.

GUN FILE



About the turn of the century, John Browning, the arms designer, interested the Colt company in the design of an automatic pistol heavier and more suited to military needs than his earlier .32 blowback automatic, marketed by Fabrique Nationale of Belgium.

In 1900 the Colt .38 automatic was announced. As originally designed, this was a true automatic; once the trigger was pressed the gun continued firing until the magazine was empty, a matter of but 1.4 seconds!

As a practical weapon, such a device was useless, since it could not be controlled. So Browning changed it to the more conventional self-loading, single-shot specification.

It is from this gun that the Colt .45 automatic of undying fame was developed.

Next issue- The Webley Fosberry.



QUIZ

What is the main currency denomination in the following countries:

1. France. _____
2. Italy. _____
3. Spain. _____
4. Portugal. _____
5. West Germany. _____
6. East Germany. _____
7. Poland. _____
8. Czechoslovakia. _____
9. Austria. _____
10. Norway. _____
11. Netherlands. _____
12. Israel. _____
13. Iraq. _____
14. Saudi Arabia. _____
15. U.S.A. _____
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18. Canada. _____
19. Burma. _____
20. Japan. _____

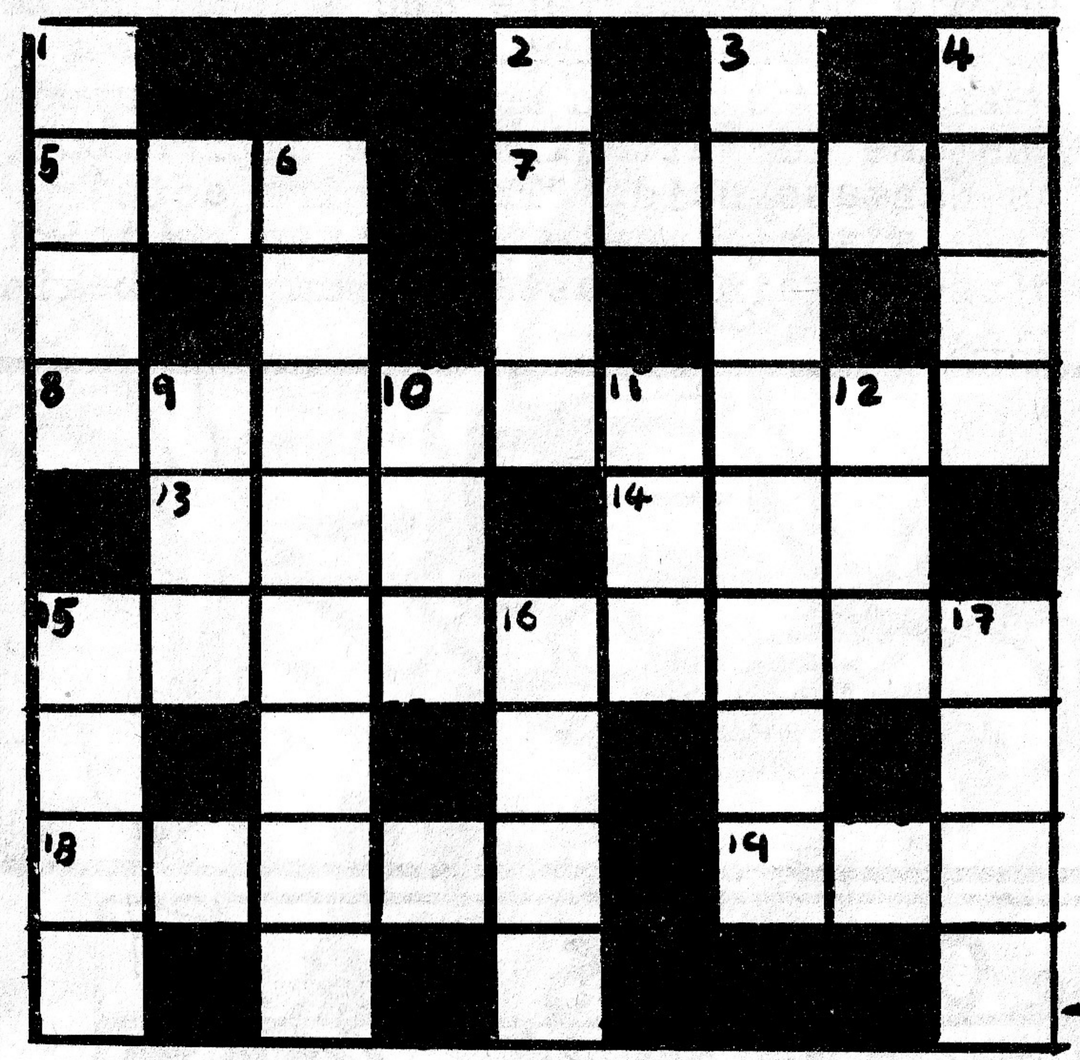
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WANTED: Cliff Richard singles. Will pay a reasonable price. Please make a list and contact: Andy Gray. 2 Sigma - room 11.

For Sale: Bicycle equipment in good condition. All cheap. See Steven Board. 1 Alpha.

For Sale: Subbuteo Teams. (30 different ones).
6 teams for £2.
10 teams for £3.
30 teams + pitch £11.
See S. Manning in the Cactus office after school.

1st and 2nd yrs. IF YOU have any ideas for the Quiz page or anything else in 'CACTUS' then write down your idea and leave it in the 'CACTUS' box in the Library.



ACROSS

5. Strike a blow (3)
7. To be of value or service (5)
8. Glittered or sparkled (9)
13. A drink similar to beer (3)
14. To thrash or hit hard (3)
15. The name of King Arthurs sword (9)
18. To pursue (5)
19. A religious offence (3).

DOWN

1. A sea bird, like a cormorant, but smaller (4)
2. Very quick (4)
3. A kind of hemp, smoked as a drug (8)
4. Very pleased (4)
6. A long dress-jacket (4-4)
9. Slack, or not strict in discipline (3)
10. The ocean (3)
11. A Hebrew name (3)
12. An Australian running bird (3)
15. Everyone separately (4)
16. Told an untruth (4)
17. The skin of bacon, or the peel of fruit (4).

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD IN CACTUS no. 6.

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SPORT

BALL BOYING AT WIMBLEDON

Most people see a Wimbeldon ball boy as just somebody sprintxxing across the tennis court, picking balls out of the net and being sworn at by NASTASE. Its not quite as simple as this.

All the ball boys (or girls) under go vigarous trianing in the months before the big event. Practices usually begin in the early morning and last for a good 2 hours. To each court 6 ballboys or girls are assigned. Two 'centres' collect the balls from the net and four 'bases' bounce the balls to the players and collect balls rolled to them by the centres.

This year is Wimbledon's Centenary Tournament so the standards have to be especially high. Seventy boys and ten girls will man the courts withb 14 reserves. Strict rules will be maintained eveh though the rule about 'not talking to strange girls' will be hard to hold to.

For two weeks hardwork the ballboys and girls get paid very little but they all enjoy the job very much.

NASTASE CONSPIRACY

Last Tuesday at Wimbledon the mens Quarter-finals were played. The gmes were between B. Borg and I. Nastase, J. McEnroe and. P. Dent, V. Gerulaitis and W. Martin and finally J. Connors and B. Bertram. All these matches were well played and extremely exciting, with Connors having an unexpectedx hard time against Bertramp While the unseeded McEnroe surprisingly beat Dent.

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But with all these good games the most interesting game was between Borg and Nastase. The surprises were [redacted] in the way Nastase was set upon xxx by the Umpire, Jeremy Shales. The trouble began as early as the first game when Nastase failed to hear the 'OUT' call. Nastase rightfully complained to the Umpire who refused to listen and ordered Nastase to continue. All through the first set he got angrier and angrier untilx finally he threw a ball between the Umpire's legs.

The first set was over in 16 mins. with Nastase losing it to Borg 6-0. After this set Nastase calmed down until the third set when all of a sudden the Umpire shouted '[redacted]'. 'Nastase, Come here!'. Nastase refused a few times and finally the Umpire called the Referee. However the Referee did not interfere and the Match went on with Nastase losing.

After the match most people blamed Nastase for attacking the Umpire but as Nastase said, "The Umpire acted like a schoolmaster; and was certainly biased against Nastase from the beginning."

CAPTAIN CACTUS vs the OSMONDS part 2.

