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CACTUS DAY OUTING





EDITORIAL

I'm sure that you'll all be very ~~sad~~ glad to hear that, although my school days are now over and I have left, I will still be writing the editorials (screams, pandemonium as people rush for nearest exit!)with the usual touch of Shakespearian-like poetry that consolidates my position as one of the literary giants of my generation.

You will be pleased to hear that our sports reporter, so sadly flattened in the press, has been re-inflated, however (typical of this country), due to over-inflation he has been transferred to Mayfield School where he is settling in well.

The Careers Convention went very well thanks to the enthusiastic work of everybody concerned. One old lady (Mrs. Celia Glibbleglobbe, 73 years) was ~~dragged-in-off-the-street~~ enticed into the hall, and is now training to be a Marine Commando*!

We hope that all of the people who attended were as suitably placed.

Have a nice Summer and pray that when you return I'm not writting this column any more.

signed,
Miss Spelling
Glottal Stop
Mustapha Gossip
Gladys Gruntfuttock
(Deceased)
Scotch Clutchpenny
Well-Beforehead-boy

THIS article is to prove that not everybody at Wandsworth is completely stupid.

Mr. Dyslexia's WHAT-ME-STUPID? QUIZ

Questions:

1. An Eskimo male, even if he and his family are on the verge of starvation, will not attempt to eat a penguin egg. Why?

2. If one's lonely, two's company and three's a crowd, what are four, five and six?

3. If a pretty French teacher says to you, in French, "Don't you like me?" and the fact is that you do like her and want to tell her so also in French, you should answer:
   A. Oui
   B. Si
   C. Da

4. In America a plane crashes on a state line, the nose of the plane lying in Montana, the tail lying in Idaho. According to Federal Aviation Regulations, which state has the legal obligation to bury the survivors?

5. What does a ship weigh when leaving port?

6. Give the first names of the following famous people:
   A. Dante
   B. Rembrandt
   C. Michelangelo

7. If you get an umpire in cricket and a referee in football what do you get in bowls?

ANSWERS TO BE FOUND ON INSIDE→BACK PAGE (p.11)

ADVERTISEMENTS.....

Kittens for sale. Long hair and house trained.
£2.00 each.
See J. Panton 2 Alpha. Between 1 and 3 p.m. any day.

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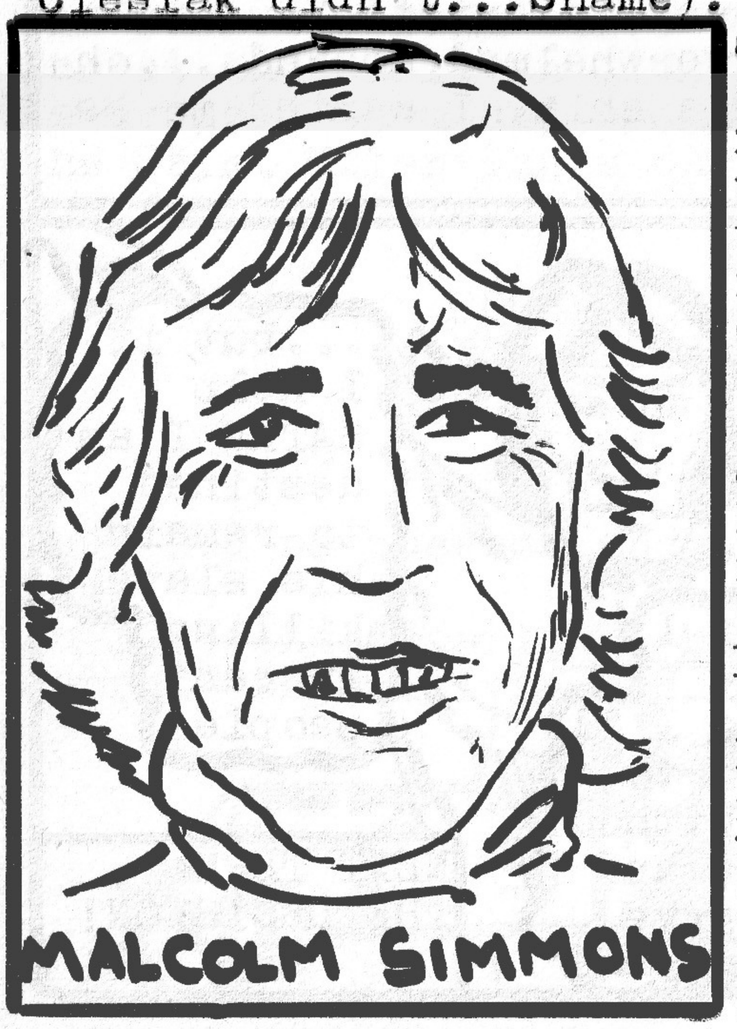
Bike (Gears or not) In rideable condition.
£10 to £20 offered.
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SPEEDWAY AT WIMBLEDON



Welcome to the new-look, new-style Speedway Page. We kick-off with the promised news of the Speedway Star Cup. We should really play the Funeral March because the Dons were crushed into oblivion (not a pretty sight), beaten on aggregate 86-70. The 1st leg at Wimbledon was plain sailing for the Dons (I always thought that speedway riders looked like sailors.Ed) who raced up to a 48-30 lead to Bristol's raceway. But during the meeting Eddie Jancarz was injured when his primary chain snapped and embedded itself in his leg ½ an inch above his tendon(it is believed that there is no truth in the rumour that in the ambulance he was singing a re-vamped version of an old Ray Charles hit entitled 'Take these chains from my leg and set me free.'Ed.). It was a close thing that left the Dons one rider less Then Stefan Salomonsson pulled out of the 2nd leg with an injured wrist(was this sustained in the toilets before the meeting?Ed.)and Richardson was riding for Eastbourne on the same night.It left the Dons 3 riders short and with no replacements. They brought in as guest rider, Bernie Leigh of Reading, but still lost 56-22 on the night.Nuff said

After the Cup catastrophe the Dons had a challenge match against White City LBC Rebels. This was arranged because the Dons now recovered Jancarz and Rebels Marek Cieslak were in Russia in the Continental Final of the World Championships.(Jancarz qualified for the World Final with 11 pts...Hooray.... Cieslak didn't...Shame). The match was an evenly contested, entertaining affair with the Dons winning 40-38 in a last heat decider.



MALCOLM SIMMONS

The next match was a GBL one against Hull and with Jancarz back again after his Russian exploit the now rampant Dons ripped through the Hull Vikings(who are better known for their burning, pillaging and raping,Vikings...get it!Ed.) to win 47-31. Hines dropped just 1pt in 4 rides and Jancarz scored 10. Highlight though was Richardsons first ever GBL paid maximum.

On the International Front it was success all the way for England. Firstly they won the UK. round of the World Team Cup.

England	42
Australia	33
Scotland	13
New Zealand	8

In the World Pairs Final at Belle Vue England won again with Peter Collins and Malcolm Simmons(See illustrations) in fine form. Sweden were second with Michanek and Persson.

As already reported, Jancarz qualified from the Continental Final along with Jan Verner, Egon Muller, Jiri Stancl and Jan Mvcma. Marek Cieslak failed to qualify when he scored just one point.



PETER COLLINS

Well we must shut up shop for the summer holidays. But Speedway will still be going on and at Wimbledon there will be some great racing against Exeter, always great value at Plough Lane. Then Belle Vue will be looking to end Wimbledons unbeaten run at home in the GBL. There will also be the Favre-Leuba LAURELS and on bank-holiday August 29th they ride against White City at White City in the morning and at Wimbledon in the evening. 2 meetings in one day!(I'm sure they couldn't do it without a Weetabix breakfast!Ed.)

ALSO...at White City on August 21st it's the Inter-Continental Final with the remaining places for the World Final up for grabs.

Have a nice Holiday,

Happy Speedwaying,

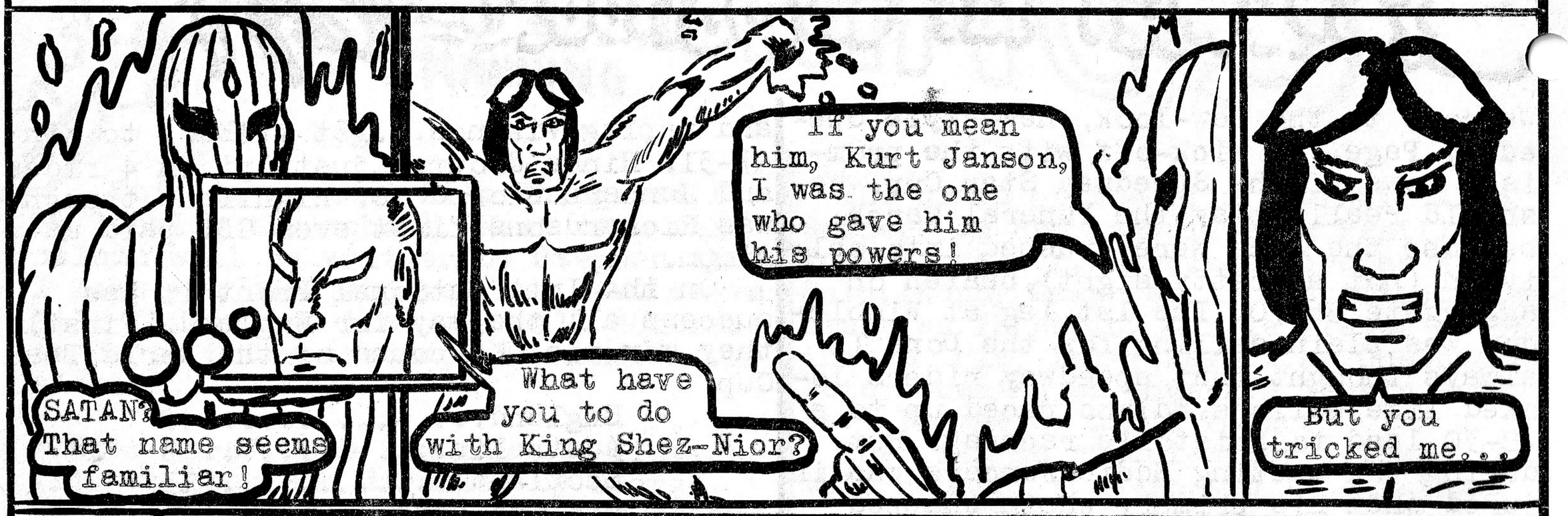
Wheel Change & Pit Stop.

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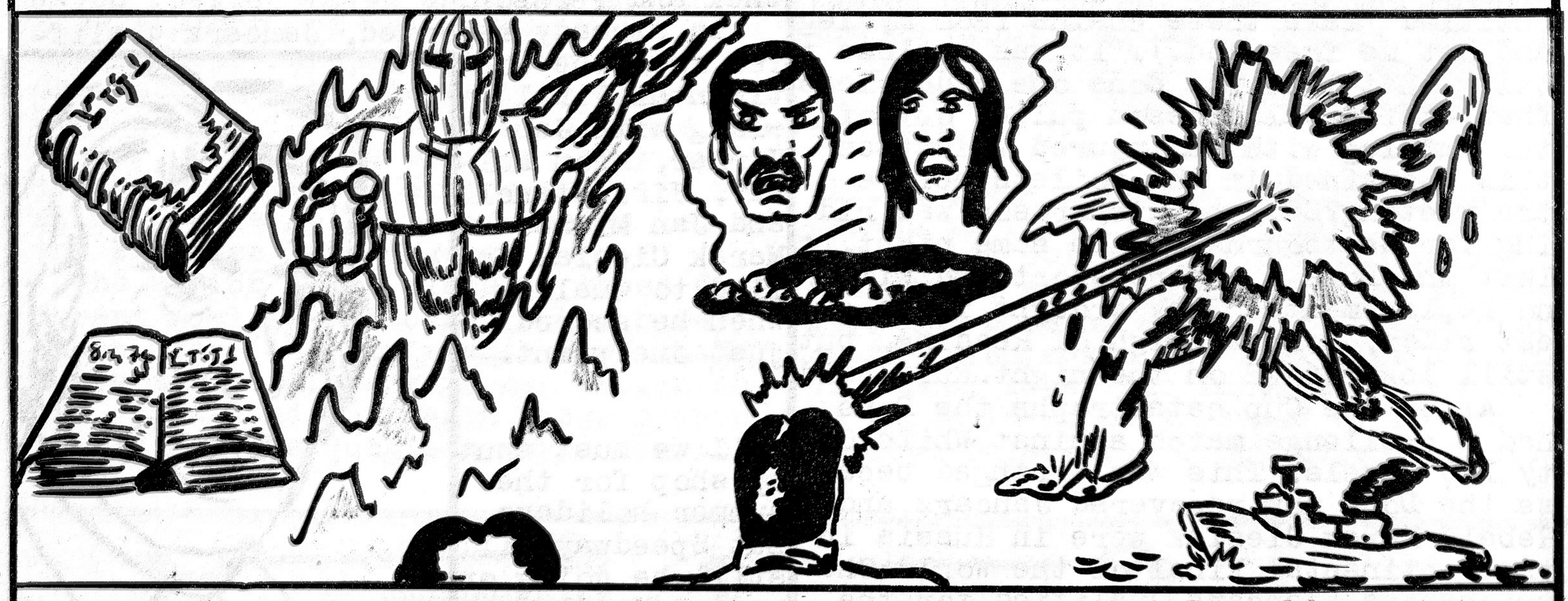
KURT JANSON.

Writers: S. Alan & S. Manning.

Artist: V. Osborne.

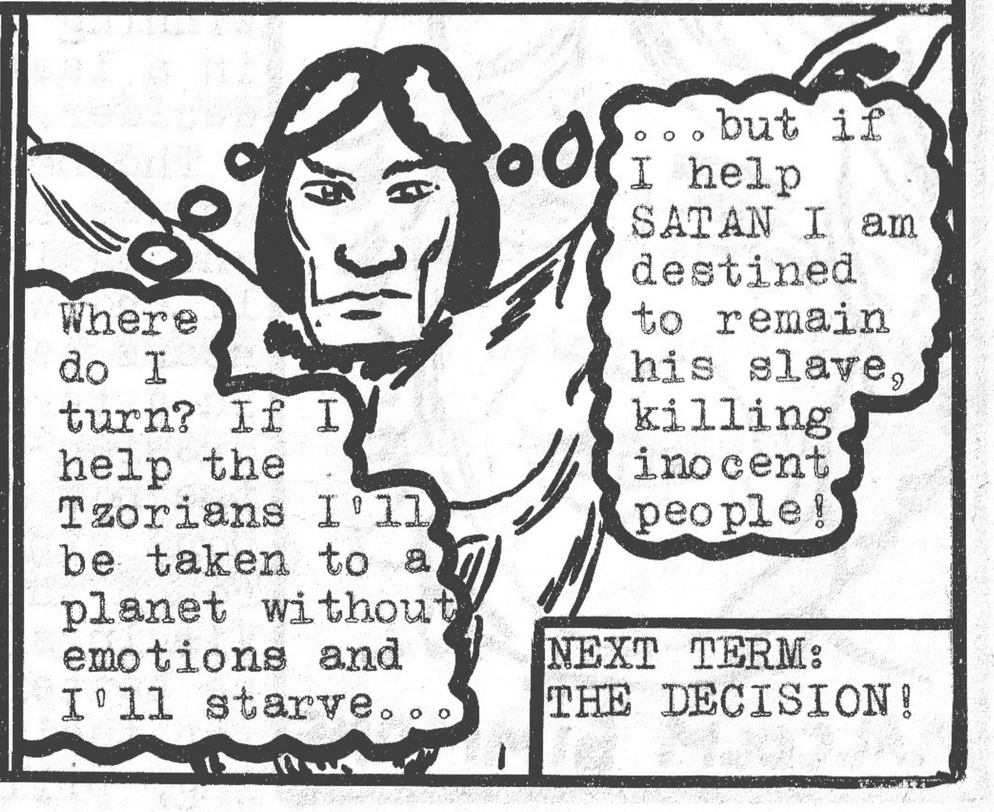


"When my parents came back that day a few months ago, with that book they found in some Inca ruins, I thought it was my first chance to feel part of the Human-race, my first chance to gain emotions. Through that book I gained contact with you. In return for my services, you gave me emotions, but you never told me I would become a human parasite, having to drain the emotions of others to live!

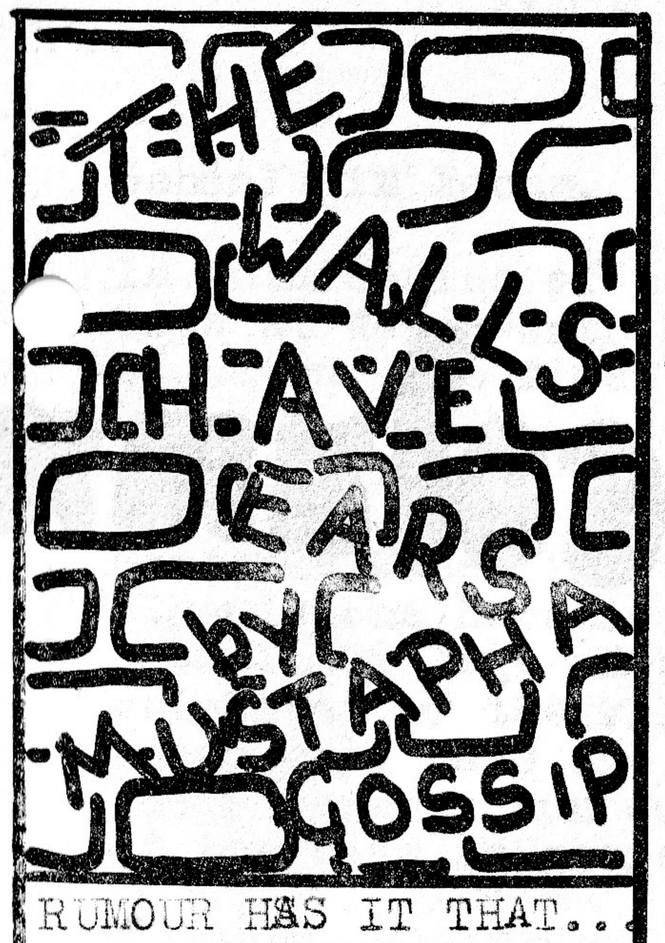


...You gave me extra strength and made me emphatic, so that I would react to the prevalent emotion around me, and if that emotion was ANGER or HATE I would KILL, and in doing so, release the PSYCHIC ENERGY you need to exist! You made me kill my parents! When I saw them arguing the anger overwhelmed me and....oh that accursed BEAM! I fled from Peru and stowed away on a ship. I wanted to be HUMAN, but now look at me!"





NEXT TERM: THE DECISION!



RUMOUR HAS IT THAT...

The sleeves of Mr. Linces summer shirt were caught in a crosscurrent and he was last seen flying towards Orly Airport (Paris) and had been given permission to land on runway 3.

The announcement that he heard on his arrival at Terminal 3 left him rather confused because it asked him to collect his baggage and he couldn't remember taking Mary with him.

Ron Bedford went to the pub wearing just a tee-shirt and shorts, it was the first time that anybody has been seen going to a pub with a hangover (gut) already!

Andy Stratton said during cricket practice that playing an off-drive was as easy as falling off a log. He demonstrated this point by falling off a log-and missing the World!

Overheard in the Swimming Pool...
'Mrs Rock is very forgetful, I told her that one day she'd forget her head and she did, The shrunken head she uses to cast spells on 4k.

NASTASE REPLY

In reply to recent comments on Nastases behaviour in the match against Borg at Wimbledon (Nastase Conspircy), I feel bound to voice the other side of the story, a story that in itself must be patently obvious to anyone who saw the match, Nastase fan or otherwise.

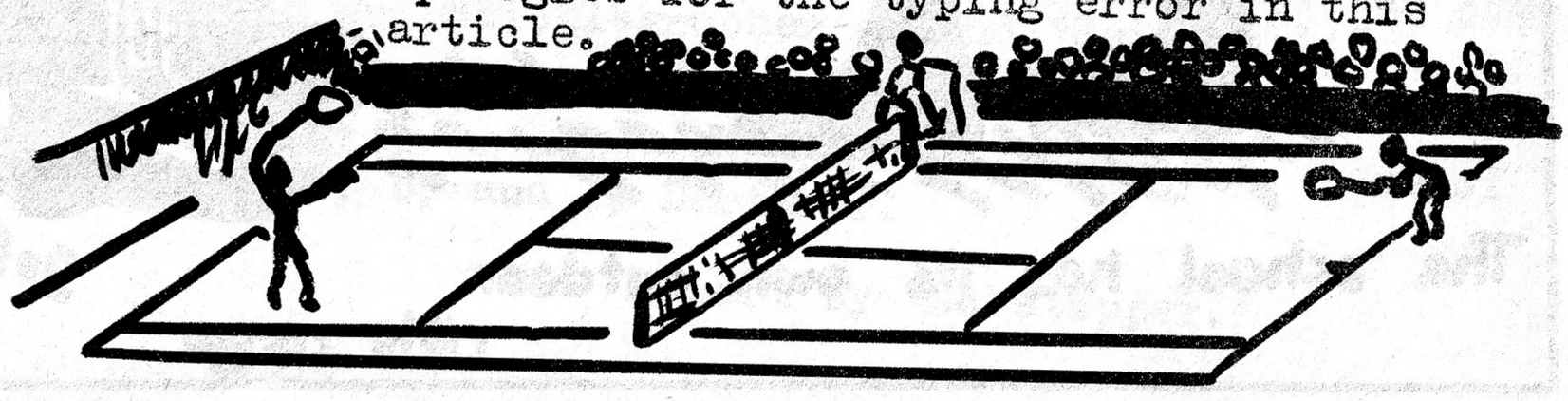
Nastase himself was not breaking any rules but "bending them to suit his own ends" (quote Pattison, a recent Nastase opponent). These tantrums (which by now are so tiringly familiar to us all) are Nastase's deadly weapons that he employs against any unsuspecting star who happens to lose concentration by paying attention to Nastase's childish squabbling withofficials. However this was not the case with Bjon Borg, the current holder of the mens singles title (it was he who beat Nastase in last years final - also in straight sets), who calmly practised his services while Nastase raged at officials, ridiculed line judges and even resorted to swearing at those guilty tennis balls that were obviously in on the conspiracy ~~as such was in Nastase's mind which was becoming increasingly muddled as~~ against him. It is obvious that the only conspiracy as such was in Nastase's mind which was becoming increasingly muddled as he strove to salvage points that were always slipping away from him. It seemed that his biggest enemy was hinself rather than Borg. The reason he 'got angrier and angrier' (Cactus quote) was the simple fact that his unsavoury efforts to stop Borg winning were obviously failing and his actions as such had to become even more bizarre.

Shales, the umpire, was being perfectly reasonable in his requests and his sole objective was to allow the action to flow. Deliberately throwing a ball at the umpire, constantly swearing at and ridiculing officials and repeated time wasting would earn Nastase a sending off on a soccer field and in the opinion of many people, fully warranted Shales sending for the referee. Again, referring to the "Nastase Conspiracy", the reason the referee did not intervene was that only then did Nastase realize the enormity of his crime and modified his behavior accordingly to prevent his imminent disqualification.

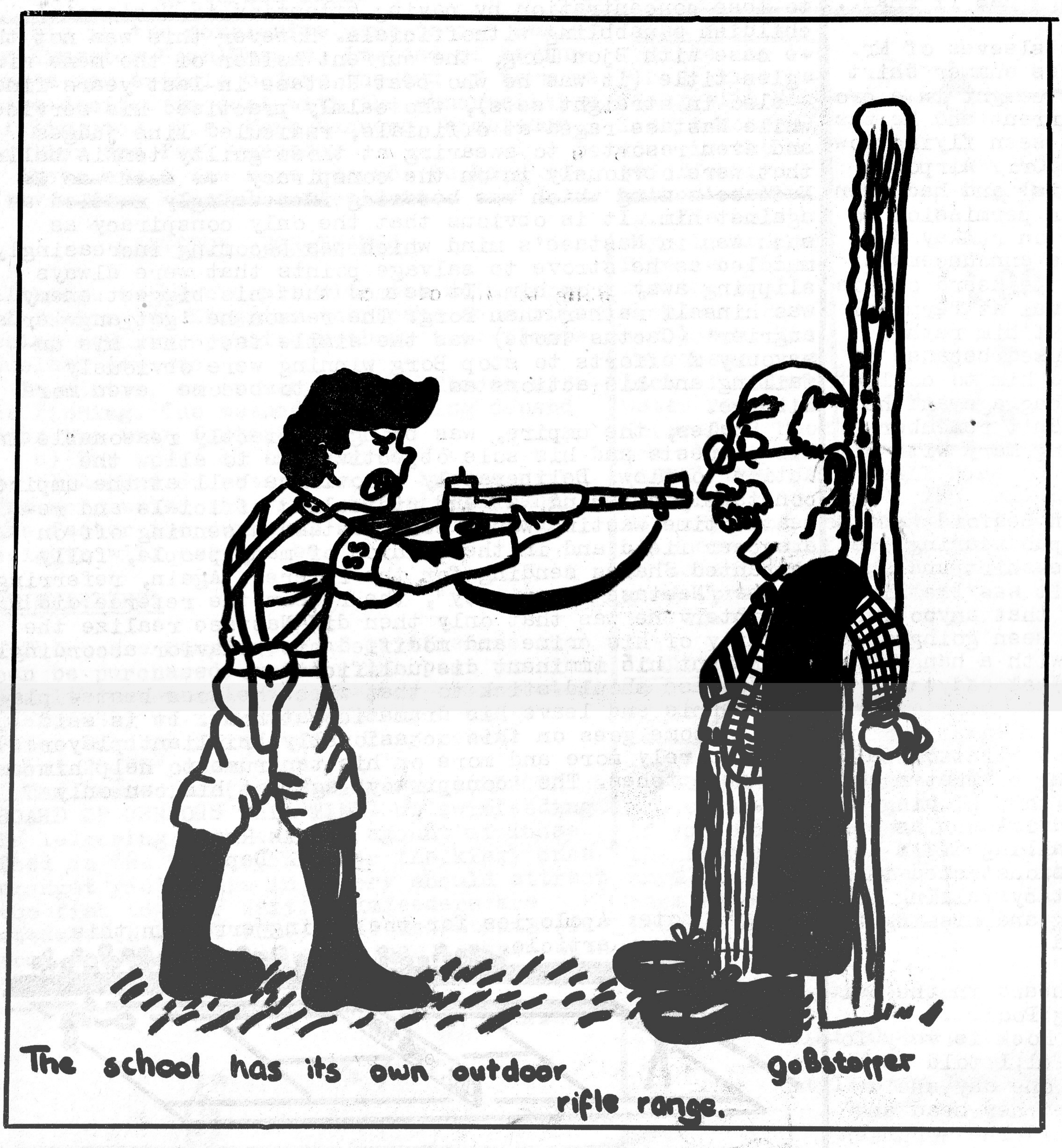
Nastase should stick to that which he does best - playing tennis and leave his dramatics at home. It is said that as tome goes on this occasionally brilliant player seems to rely more and more on his tantrums to help him win his matches. The 'conspiracy' against him can only grow.

Dennis Read
P.E. Dept.

Editor's note: Apologies for the typing error in this article.



Glad's column



The school has its own outdoor rifle range.

goBstopper

Schools in Focus.

In this series of perspectives on schools in England and Uganda it is hoped that boys at Wandsworth School will be made more aware of how otherss are being educated. The first school we will look at is Grotdyke Manor.

Grotdyke Manor for the education of young gentlemen was founded in 1745 by Alyouisious Horatio Cranberry Grotdyke, the second Duke of Grotdyke-on-Bognor a small village whose main claim to fame is it's sewage farm situated on the outskirts of the village. The school motto is 'Cave Dissidii' (Beware of ruptures). Boys are taken at the age of eight and remain in the school until their parents run out of fees and are forced to pay protection. The education of the boys is geared around the following ideas:-

Brutality
Cowardice
Maenness
Downright lying
Extortion.

A copy of the headmasters report is here re-printed.

Report for the Un-academic year by Herman Von Goering Shicklegrabber

In this year of strife and turmoil I am happy to ~~say~~ report that successes at Grotdyke have been beyond my wildest expectations. In school exams all the boys did remarkably well, honours going to our star pupil, Pringle-Fortescue-Montmorency, for his excellent results, especially in basic car theft. No less than 30 types of vehicles were filched from various owners, pride of place going to the RollsRoyce, registration P M 1., complete with 'inflated' tyres. My hearty felicitations to a new member of staff, Miss Eva von Heidelberg CDM. Blue Max and ex Sturmbanfuhrer of the SS. Miss Heidelberg will be taking Class 2 for basic mine laying. Unfortunately we have had one accident this term. Paddy O' Reilly, a new boy, inadvertantly got carried away during hand grenade practice and counted to ten instead of three. O' Reilly will be sent home in the next parcel post at christmas.

And now for the annual Sports Day report. Nine year old Marmaduke Bumstead IIIrd came first again, for the second year running, in the runny nose contest and gets first prize, a mop and a bucket kindly donated by Alyouisious Capone a past pupil of Grotdycke. In the mine laying contest, no less than ten of our old boys were blown up by young William Fotheringay of the Upper 3rd, an excellent score. Fotheringay will receive a time fuse donated by Mr. Sheamus O'Sheamus another past pupil of Grotdycke. Finally I wish to draw attention to our financial position. Protection money is still owing by at least ten of our parents. Not to matter. In this time of economic stress my sympathy goes out to those amongst you who are hard up and to give them succor may I quote a saying of one of our past pupils. "Right youse dirty rats pay up or else!"

My thanks to the headmaster, Mr Shicklegrubber, for kindly allowing us to visit Grotdycke. Our stay was made enjoyable and we were particularly impressed by the gladiatorial contest put on by the Upper 3rd. No less than eight miserable squirming, crawling, honest do gooders from class 4 were sent to the great Grotdycke in the sky. We wish Mr. Shicklegrubber a fond "Seig heil!"

Further information on Grotdycke can be obtained from the Governors, care of H. M. Prison, Cells 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Dartmoor.

Report by 'Gobstopper.'

FISHING AROUND WANDSWORTH

PERCH.
T.Stickells. 2lbs 1oz. 4T.
Hampton Court.

CRUCIAN CARP.
D.Davies. 1lb 0oz. 4T.
Guildford Lake.

SILVER BREAM.
H.Potter. 1lb 6oz. 4T.
Battersea Park.

QUALIFYING WEIGHTS.
Roach 1lb 4oz, Dace 8oz, Chub 2lb
Common Carp 6lb, Barbel 3lb, Tench 2lb.

This is the conclusive part to our series on Kingston-Upon-Thames. Instead of beginning a new article before the end of term we have decided to deal with the abnormalities of Kingston, i.e. Mark Manners, Wimbledon Station and Paul Quesedo.

Above are a few more records we have received from hopeful contestants.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES.

Although we have dealt with the main types of fishing at Kingston there are conditions which require specific methods i.e. floods, Nuclear War etc.

In winter, as in many areas, floods affect fishing. The methods of fishing depend upon two main factors:

a) The speed of the current.

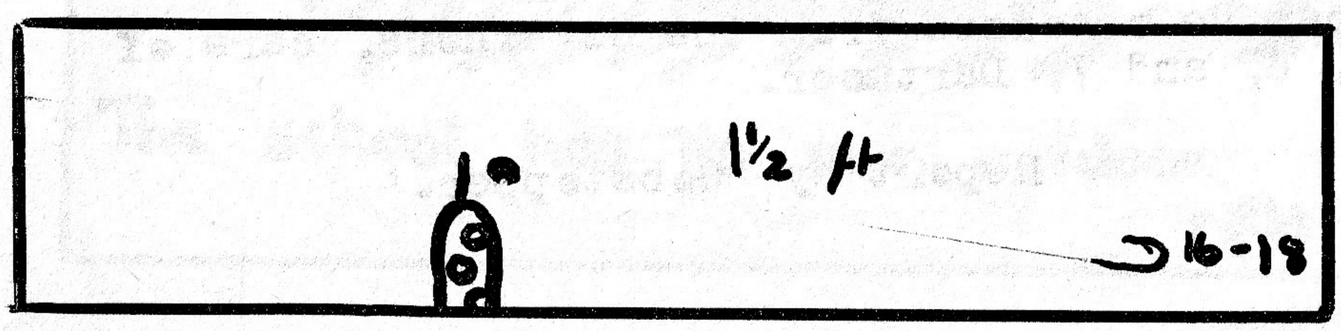
b) Amount of water carried by the river.

The more water the river is carrying and the faster the current, the heavier your weights will have to be.

SWIMFEEDING.

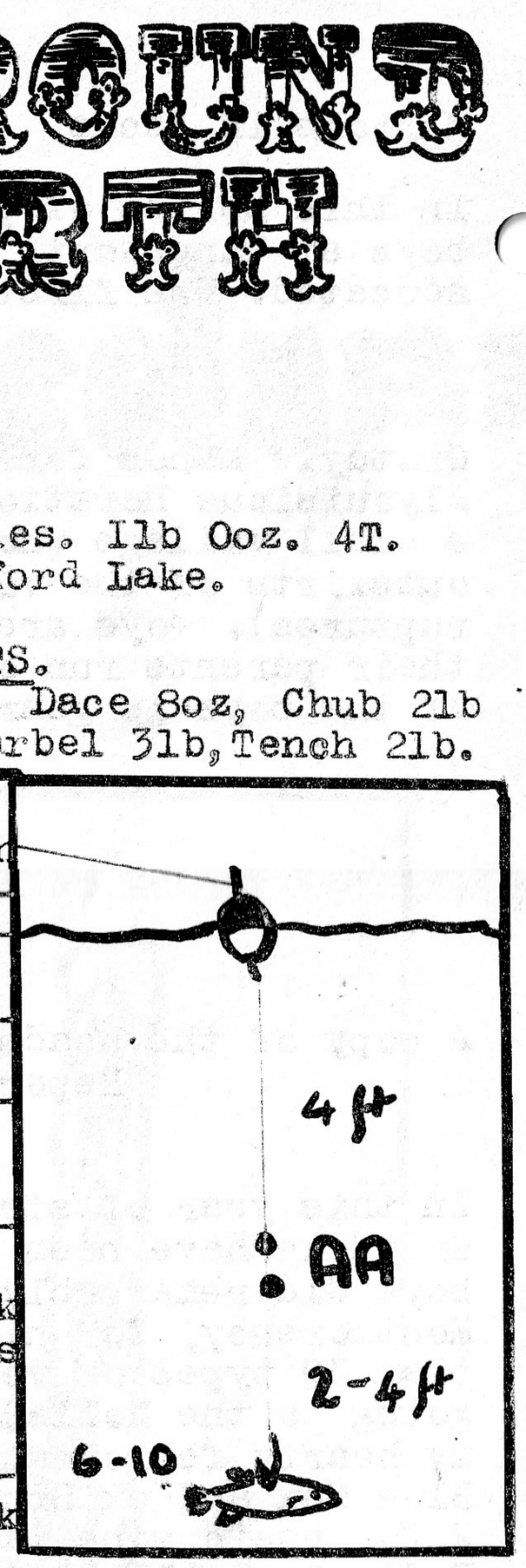
There are many types of swimfeeders that can be purchased, but for the best possible results(~~you should take a lady friend with~~) (CENSORED) we recommend that you use a Peter Drennen Swimfeeder. They retail at about 20-25 pence each.

The basic idea(~~is of fingering~~)(BIGGER BOARD OF CENSORS THIS TIME) of swimfeeding is ledgering with a large amount of loose feed on the bottom(only for the kinky ones amongst you). This in theory should attract the fish to your bait. Swimfeeders are ~~attacked~~(NAUGHTY WORD) attached about 1½ft. from the hook. Swimfeeders can be used with a Quivertip.



PIKE FISHING.

Unlike the Pen Ponds, live baiting with English teachers etc. is the most effective method of Piking. The only way of finding Pike is to locate the small shoals of Bleak and Roach. This is because the lack of underwater vegetation(weeds). Hook your live-bait (OWCH) through a small bone just in front of it's dorsal fin, and um, No! er, (look he thinks)ED.) suspend it under your float in about 6-12ft. of water. Spinning, although not as good, predominates in Autumn, when the shoals begin to disperse.



CARPING.

Over the last 20 years the number of carp caught at Kingston has gradually increased, the largest scaling well over 20 pounds.

All the Carp caught have been captured on either bread or potato. If you seriously want to catch Carp the best way is to fish at night at any time of the year due to the warm water emitted from the Kingston Power Station Outlets.

Tight lines,

Glottal Stop
&
Atilla the Nun.

Police Report

by Lee Kerly
2 sigma

Cody Jarret, Hair brown, eyes green, height 5ft 7ins.
Rocky Sullivan, Hair brown, eyes blue/grey, height 5ft 6ins.
Eddie Cohan, Hair fair, eyes blue/grey, 5ft 3ins.
Nails Rick Nason, Hair brown, eyes hazel, height 5ft 5ins.

EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 1924-1935;

November 10th, 1924-Rocky, Cody, Nails and Eddie walked into the floral shop of Andrew Fenn, Orchid lover and gangland rival of 'prohibitioners'. One gripped Fenns hand in friendship, while the others pumped six bullets into the florists body.

September 20th, 1926-2 caddilacs and 6 pakards paraded single-file through the streets of a Streatham suburb in broad daylight, and produced Thompson Machine Guuns which they then sprayed in an array of bullets into Rocky Sullivans dead-end garage headquaters and nearby buildings, and then disappeared into the traffic. Cars believed to have been sent by the Fenn gang.

February 14th, 1929-Nails, Eddie, and the newly recruited John Dillinger in police uniforms drove up to a warehouse where the Fenn gang were awaiting a shipment of beer. They were lined up facing the wall when Cody arrived in civilian clothes, it is believed that the gang talked to them for a while and then mowed them down with sub-machine guns. The'policemen' then marched the two civilians out in mock arrest and drove off.

John Dillinger File...1931.

The notorious gunman John Dillinger survived numerous attempts on his life, including, in one assault, five bullets wounds, before his enemies finally put a fatal shot through his head.

His body was removed from an Albany, Streatham, boarding house where he was finally 'rubbed out'.

By this time gang warfare was rampant, and relatively small-time operators (Vince the Weasel, Andy the Punk) were getting into the act.

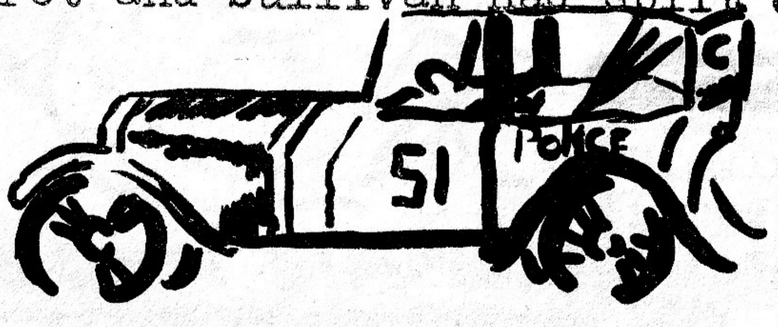
Eddie Cohan File.

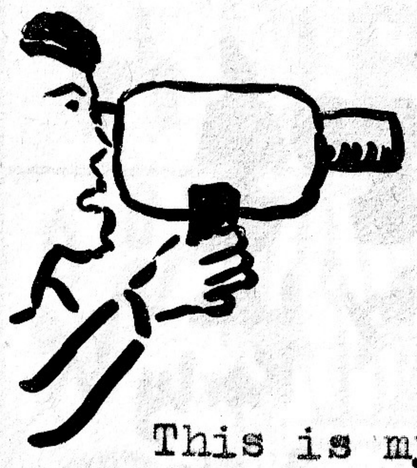
The big-time gangster Eddie Cohan was shot 6 times by g-men before falling to the ground, In an attempt to rub out Judge Lacey who put Nails Nason (a friend ofb the mobster) to the chair a year ago. Today the Judge said, "The Sullivan gang are still big in the Underworld, which is remarkable because only Sullivan and Jarret remain alive from the original gang."
Jarret and Sullivan didn't suspect that one of their Sasparilla operators double-crossed them and brought in his own gang and gave evidence of their part in the Saint Valentine's day massacre in 1934. The police, of course, put a search out for the duow without success, they then issued these posters.

WANTED
ROCKY SULLIVAN? CODY JARRET
FOR MASSED MURDER?, THEFT
ALSO IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMERS
REWARD :- £ 4000 !!!
LAST SEEN IN STREATHAM.



They had no success and they seemed to be lying low.
In 1935 the department had information that Jarret and Sullivan had split up.





FILM THINGS

by S. MANNING

This is my last Film Things as I am leaving the school. Next term this column will be written by Stephen Alan. I hope you have enjoyed the past seven Film Things and that you will continue to do so under the capable hands of Mr. Alan.

*'Star Wars', the new science-fiction film written and directed by George ('American Graffiti') Lucas. is ready for screening. The film is about the exploits of a young farmboy from the planet Tatooine, called Luke Skywalker, who together with two robots, R2-D2 and C-3PO (better known as Artoo and Threepio), a starpilot called Han Solo, an eight foot, fur-covered 'Wookie' named Chewbacca and an old warrior named Ben Kenobi, get involved in a galactic civil-war. The war is between a corrupt tyranical galactic Empire and 'the Rebelion', a large group of rebels led by the Princess Leia Organa.

The action takes place on three different worlds: Tatooine (Lukes home), Death Star, (the EmpiresMAN MADE PLANET, where the ruthless governor Tarkin and his right-hand man Darth Vader govern from)? and the jungle-covered fourth moon of Yawin.

The stars of the film are: Sir Alec Guiness as Ben Kenobi, Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker, Harrison Ford as Han Solo, Kenny Baker as Artoo, Anthony Daniels as Threepio, Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia, Peter Mayhew as Chewbacca, Peter Cushing as Governor Tarkin and Dave Prowse as Darth Vader.

The film is sheduled for release in this country sometime in late Autumn.

*'Blakes Seven' is the name of a new Space Western planned to debut on BBC 1 next January. The series is set in the Third Centuary of the Second Calender (which could be any time in the future), and is about a group of people (four men , three women and an alien), who wage war against an oppressive Galactic Federation.

*Brian Clemens (the writer of the Avengers), is producing another T.V. thriller series called 'The Professionals'. The series stars Gordon Jackson as Cowley, the boss of a special intelligence squad which makes MI5 look like a bunch of school boys. The initial series of 13 shows is to be screened by London Weekend Television sometime this year.

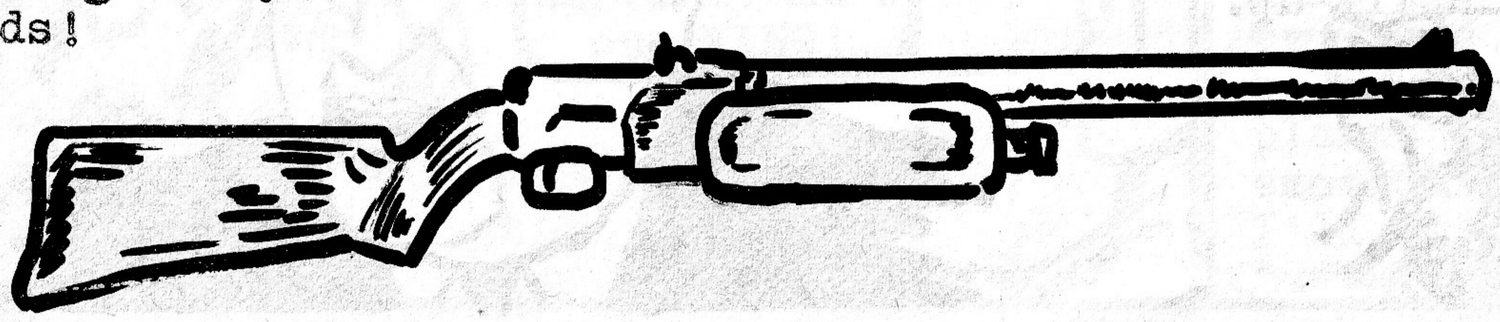
GUN FILE

The Webley-Fosberry semi-automatic revolver, first marketed in 1901, is regarded as a milestone in the development of firearms.

The barrel, receiver and cylinder form a unit which moves backwards and forwards in grooves cut in the frame, these parts recoiling when the weapon is fired.

The pistol is thumb cocked for the first shot, expanding gas being used to recock the action automatically.

Although only an 8 shot weapon, it was claimed 12 shots could be fired in 20 seconds!



ANSWERS TO Mr. Dyslexia's WHAT-ME-STUPID QUIZ

1. Because Eskimos live near the Arctic Circle and penguins near the Antarctic Circle, and it is doubtful that either one saw a specimen of the other.

2. Fifteen.

3. The answer is ~~in~~ B; in French a yes answer to a negative question is Si, not Oui.

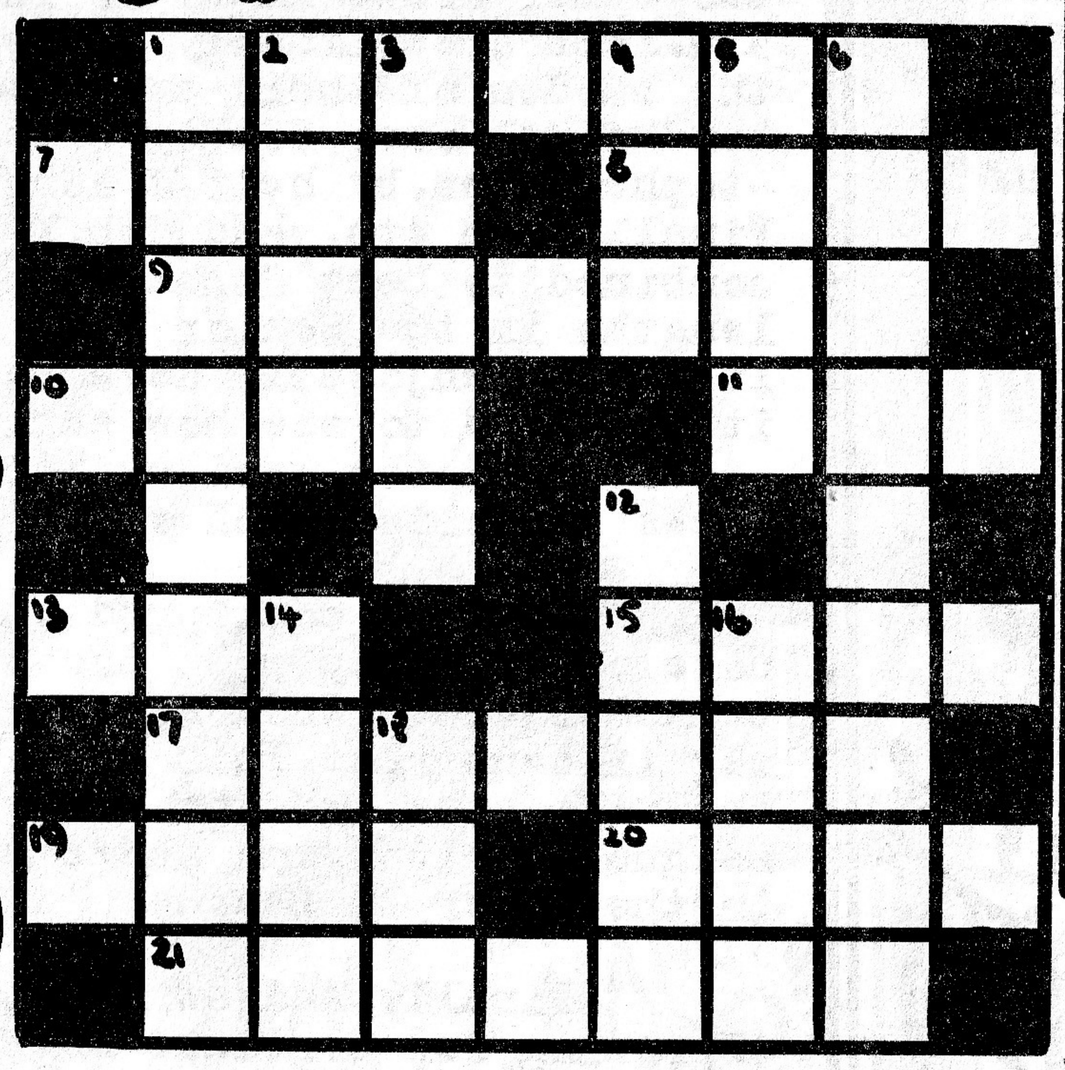
4. You don't bury survivors.

5. Anchor.

6. Those are the first names! Their surnames are Alighieri, Van Rijn and Buonarroti.

7. Goldfish.

CROSSWORD



ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD IN No.7

ACROSS: 5.HIT 7.AVAIL 8.GLISTENED 13.ALE 14.LAM 15.EXCALIBUR 18.CHASE 19.SIN.

DOWN: 1.SHAG 2.FAST 3.CANNABIS 4.GLAD 6.TAIL-COAT 9.LAX 10.SEA 11.ELI 12.EMU 15.EACH 16.LIED 17.RIND.

ANSWERS TO THIS CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1.PROTEST 7.KEEN 8.LEEK 9.NASTIER 10.ISLE 11.S.M.O. 13.COD 15.ARNO 17.NIGERIA 19.VERA 20.ILLS 21.REPOSES.

DOWN: 1.PENSIONER 2.REAL 3.ONSET 4.ELI 5.SEES 6.TERMINALS 12.PARIS 14.DIRE 16.RILE 18.GAP.

ACROSS

1. A statement of disapproval (7).
7. Having a sharp edge (4).
8. A vegetable which is the national emblem of Wales (4).
9. More unpleasant (7).
10. Small 'island' (4).
11. Senior medical officer (3).
13. A fish (3).
15. A river of Italy (4).
17. Lagos is the capital of this West African country (7).
19. Girl's name (4).
20. Misfortunes (4).
21. Lies at rest (7).

DOWN

1. One who is paid from government funds on retirement (9).
2. Not imaginary (4).
3. An attack (5).
4. A Hebrew name (3).
5. Observes (4).
6. Electrical connections (9).
12. The capital of France (5).
14. Very serious (4).
16. To irritate (4).
18. A space between (3).

SPORT

WE ARE SAILING

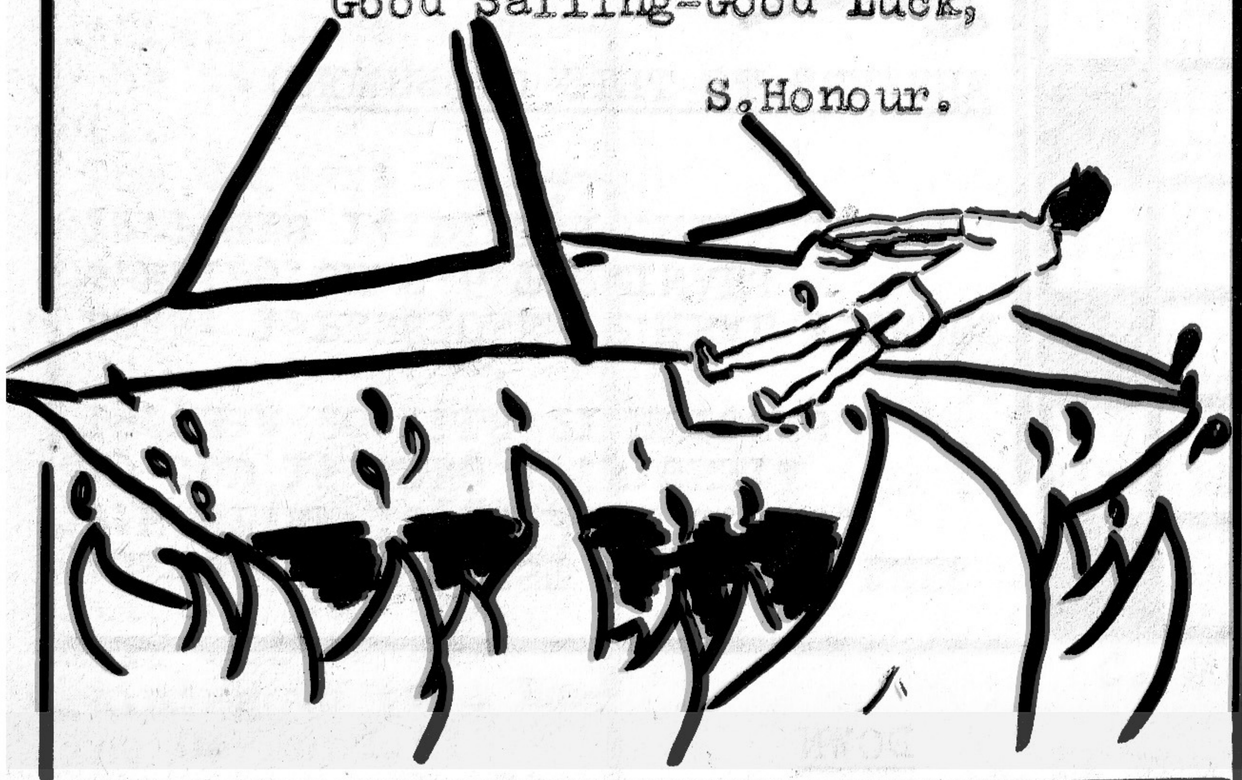
On the 6th. July London Schools will compete at Banbary (North London) in the London Schools Sailing Regatta.

From the Wimbledon Area four boats out of five will be mannedc by boys from Wandsworth School, that is a Helmsman and crew.

In the first week of the holidays, six boys from Wandsworth School will be representing London in the National Schools Sailing Regatta at Queen Mary's Reservoir. They are Dave Robins (Capt) who will be presented to the Duke of Edinburgh, also Peter Mance, Simon Fairclough, Jim Hancock, Steve Brian and Jason Poole.

Good Sailing-Good Luck,

S.Honour.



ROWING

WANDSWORTH OARSMEN ON TOP

Wandsworth emerged as the top boys rowing school at the London Schools Regatta at Barn Elms last weekx, when four out of the six crews ent-ered won their events. The 4th Year crew beat two crews easily in their heat, and then walked awy from St. marks in the final. The 3rd Year tub IV also pulled steadily awy from two other crews in their final. The 5th. Year crew, finally relieved of the burden of their exams, won a very hard final over deadly rivals, Chris-topher Wren, by half a length. Finally, the 4th. and 5th. Year crews combined to beat St. Marks by two lengths in the Senior VIII's final. It was an enjoyable days racing, and it was good to see how enthusiast-ically all the various Wandsworth crews supported each other.

The week continued on a high note on Thursday when the 5th Years beat two crews from Emmamuel in a magnificant race. This result meant that the crew won the Restricted League outright, and share Ist place in the under 16 League.

Finally, Andrew Knutton of 4U, rowing for Mortlake Anglian R.C. won Novice IV's at Molesey Regatta on Saturday.

