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It is with pleasure that we announce the award by H.M. King Baudouin I to Mr. Robert Kerr, Representative of the J. & P. Coats, Paton and Baldwin Group in Belgium, of the decoration Officier de l'Ordre de la Couronne.

Mr. Kerr and his wife Betty, who have been very active for many years in British community social activities in Brussels, are about to return to the U.K. Their many friends here will miss them greatly; we wish them « bon voyage » and every happiness, and we are certain that they will be popping over from time to time to see us.



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## BRUSSELS

- ★ B.B.S.C. - Football - See page 3.
- ★ B.B.S.C. - Bowling - See page 8.
- ★ British Colony Association - Children's Party - January 12th.
- ★ Caledonian Society - Burns Night - January 25th.

## ANTWERP

- ★ Church of St. Boniface - Whist Drive - January 8th.
- ★ British Legion - Children's Party - January 11th.

## HOLLAND

★ See page 12.

## WE REGRET

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death in Brussels, on December 18th, 1963, of Arthur Oscar Purdon, at the age of 75 years. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, and his son Peter, on their cruel loss.

## TOC H — WHIST DRIVES

Toc H Whist Drives are held every Friday fortnight, at the U.F.A.C., 65, rue de la Régence, Brussels at 8.30 p.m. Fuller details can be obtained from, Mrs. J. Smith, Tel. 13.24.53, or Mrs. P. Turner, Tel. 11.76.60.

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# HERE AND THERE

## TOC H. BALL

The Toc H. Ball held on Saturday December 21st, proved a great success, as in previous years this was a family affair and the children were well to the fore. In fact the twist competition was won by 2 1/2 years old Wendy Cloës and Nora Lion aged ten.

Very ably conducted by the M.C. George Ross the evening passed swiftly; and the exhibition of dancing by Mr. & Mrs. Gillan brought the round of applause it justly merited. An excellent tombola also helped to swell the funds of Toc H, which during the winter months have many demands on them for such things as coal and food parcels for needy old folk. Bravo Toc H., and thank you for once again giving us a very nice evening.

## HONOURS LIST

It is with pleasure we note the following awards in the recent New Year Honours List:

- C.B.E. H.N. Pullar, British Consul-General, Antwerp.
- C.B.E. Dr. Grace Thornton.
- M.B.E. J. Doorbar, Market Officer, British Embassy, Brussels.

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## B.B.S.C. — FOOTBALL NEWS

January 4th, away match against Amicale Sportive. Ground: Usines de Gaz, Brussels. Kick-off: 3.30 p.m.

## QUIZ

1. - Which department of the United States of America Government does the « Secretary of State » control?
2. - Where and what is the Great Australian Bight?
3. - What is sisal?
4. - Why is the English sign for a penny the letter « d » - for example, 10 = tenpence?
5. - A British or German « billion » is still officially a million millions. What is a billion in the U.S.A. and France?

Answers see page 11

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## THE TOM SIMPSON DINNER

On Friday December the 20th, in the warm and friendly atmosphere of the Restaurant Balcaen at Wommel, Tom Simpson, the British cyclist of Tour de France fame, and his wife were the guests of honour of t' Kapelleke Sporting Club.

Even though it was a cold and foggy night with icy roads, more than 50 people were present. There was tremendous applause for Tom when Mr. Van den Houte, the club's president, announced that he had come to the dinner even though he was just back from New Caledonia and had to leave early the next morning for a holiday in England.

Tom looking very fit and wearing a wonderful dark tan acquired on New Caledonian roads and beaches wittily spoke about his trip, his races of 1963 and his plans for 1964. Tom very gracefully submitted to the traditionnal ordeal of posing for photographs, listening to speeches, answering numerous questions and signing autographs. Many toasts were given including one propos-

ed by Mrs Balcaen to Tom's future victories. It was a very successful evening indeed and it was past midnight when Tom and his charming wife took leave of the assembly.

Among those present were members of « Tom Simpson's Fan Club » of Ghent, notably Mr. Haillez, their president and J. Buckley, a young Australian cyclist whose father made a name for himself on Belgian velodromes before the last war. Not to be forgotten is Mr. Albert Beurick who with his mother keeps a boarding house for cyclists only (Den Enngel at St. Amandsberg). Practically all young English speaking cyclists who wish to participate in continental races spend few months there and, needless to say, it is where young Buckley is staying.

Incidentally, part of the success of the evening is due to B.E.N. as one of its readers, Ken Dockray who operates a garage near Ghent saw our announcement of the meeting and notified « Tom Simpson's Fan Club ». G.D.

## THE QUIET ART OF ANGLING

If you go into any of the hundreds of public libraries in Britain, the shelves labelled « Sport » will be long and full; but among the most recent books about every kind of sport you will find one first published in 1653.

The book is « The Compleat (complete) Angler », and its authors, Izaak Walton and Charles Cotton, are consulted by modern fishermen just as avidly as they were by 17th-century enthusiasts.

Not only is it a text-book on the art of angling — fishing with hook and bait — but it has the enviable reputation of being one of the most agreeable books in the English language.

### Delightful

In the fashion of the time the book had a second title, « The Contemplative Man's Recreation », and the principal place where the authors did this contemplation was a delightful valley in the heart of England, the valley of the River Dove.

If the two friends returned to Earth today they would instantly recognise the valley, or dale as it is known locally, for it stays very much as they knew it 300 years ago.

Here, as the river divides the counties of Derbyshire and Staffordshire, the

quiet waters flow among perfect scenery — crystal-clear pools where trout still tease the angler's skills, and jagged rocks jutting through velvet grass amid an air of timeless peace.

It is timeless in another sense, for the authors would find the little house where they stayed still standing, and could visit the cave where one of them, Charles, hid from people to whom he owed money!

### Changes

Although the two men had their troubles, they fished in what many people think is one of the most beautiful rivers in England, for the Dove has not an ugly feature to it.

It alters its character now and then, and changes from a clear but lazy stream in quiet pastures into an urgent and white-foamed torrent as it tumbles through a rocky gorge.

Then, remembering itself, it changes back into the gentle meandering river of Izaak Walton's book.

The towns and villages mentioned in the book are still there on the other side of the river's enclosing hills.

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P. B.

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**AVENUE (Salle B).** — *Peau de Banane.* With Jeanne Moreau & J.P. Belmondo. Children not admitted.

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**Dresses**, whether formal or casual, follow the lines of the body without clinging. The sleeveless shift or chemise is still a fashion favourite for all occasions, but is often gently shaped to the waist rather than straight from neck to hem.

**Coats** are seamed to princess lines. But the perennial country-look coats, particular favourites of the current season, are to remain with us still. Some of them are teamed to matching skirts.

**The Cape** is right for every occasion. It can be full length and diaphanous for evening, waist length in soft and fragile wool for day wear. Sometimes it appears, just covering the shoulders, cut in one with the bodice of a day dress.

**The Suit** line is soft and semi-fitted for elegance or casual wear. Many suits have their own toning blouses whose material is repeated in the lining of the jacket. Dress and jacket suits are popular; so are coat and dress partnerships.

**Evening Wear**: The straight and narrow look is repeated, where the hemline just skims the ankle. The full-length dinner suit introduced for cold weather wear in wool or tweed, reappears for the warmer season in heavy silk or linen or very lightweight wool.

**Neckline** news is the « Peter Pan » collar, featured everywhere. Revers on suits and coats are small and neat; deep mandarin collars and soft cowls are also shown.

**The waist** is gently defined with a narrow or rouleau belt. Alternative versions are a narrow band just under the bosom, or a slotted belt or seaming on the hipline.

There's no change in the hemline on day clothes.

### Fabric Choices

Lightweight British tweeds and wools feature strongly, in a variety of interesting weaves and textures. Some wools have a touch of silk to their surface. Cashmere and lambswool appear in simple dresses and suits.

The British fabric houses also score with glorious slub silks, woven cottons, jersey, and man-made fibres such as « Tricel » georgette, « Terylene », « Bri-Nylon » and man-made shantung. But linen (or the linen look) continues to be the big fabric news for warm and sunny days.

Fabrics are mixed and matched; prints (likely to be very popular) are teamed with plain colours in dress and coat combinations and in suits. One suggestion is a straight-cut coat in multi-colour printed silk worn over a linen dress in a single toning colour.

Splashes of applique flowers or spots are shown on dresses for day and evening wear.

### Basic Colours

Navy and off-white are the basic colours for the season, but pastel shades are everywhere. There is a strong theme of pink from delicate, ice-cool tones to vibrant cyclamens, and including amethyst and lilac.

Bright laburnum yellows deepen to warm mustard shades, and soft, delicate greens and turquoise are also favourites.

Colours are used together cleverly — for subtle contrast, or dramatic effect. One striking alliance is pink and purple, shown in slips or ozenges of brilliant colour. V.S.

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### BRUSSELS MOTOR SHOW

The ever popular motor show will open at Heysel on January 16th, it will remain open each day until 8 p.m.

## B. A. T. S. PANTOMIME

For many years now, that B.A.T.S. have given us — children of all ages — much pleasure in producing a pantomime or Christmas Play and on Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd December, we were all entertained with Vic Hewitt's own Pantomime « The Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe » at the Cercle Artistique.

Vic Hewitt has again proved his versatility — we have known him as an actor, comic and serious, and now he has written his own pantomime which he not only partly produced but took the chief part of the « Old Woman who had so many children she didn't know what to do », and what an attractive lot of children he chose! He was certainly an outstanding success and was aided by a splendid cast... little Janice Howart and Peter Hill, as the children of professor Flying Saucer, played with sweetness and charm. The fairy story of the « Old Woman » was

combined with the spirit of the present age and the introduction of a space man and his trips to the moon, and the second half of the play the curtain rose on an impressive « tableau vivant » of the Moon Maidens, which was much appreciated by the audience.

The scenery and decor were of fairy-like loveliness and the costumes designed by Ron Williams and executed by the Carol Dress Shop and Freda Whitley deserve special mention.

The musical arrangements and piano playing by Marie Crowley and John Royen throughout the play completed a delightful show.

Presented in Antwerp and due to come to Brussels on Sunday, 5th January, the B.A.T.S. pantomime version of « The Old Woman who lived in a shoe » contains all the ingredients of a time honoured tradition necessary to make up a very successful show.

Full marks to the B.A.T.S.

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Too often, during the finger lift, a bowler lets his body get too far in front. The left knee is bent as you deliver. So the body naturally bends forward. Never let it get past the knees. There is no secret to this.

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### B.B.S.C. — BOWLING NEWS

The regular club evening is on Wednesday at the Crosly Bowling, 36, Bd de l'Empereur, Brussels, at 8 p.m., for open bowling.

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Members playing in the Mixed League are reminded that League bowling will be resumed on Wednesday, January 8th, at 8 p.m. sharp.

### SUPER TOURNAMENT

Those of you that wish to see the finest bowlers of Belgium in action should go to the Crosly Bowling, 36, Bd. de l'Empereur, Brussels, where the « Peter Stuyvesant Open League Classic » is being bowled every Saturday evening from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.



**SPINAWAY** - With the fingers sliding off the ball heads for the 1-3 pocket in a hook.

### AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHURCH IN BRUSSELS

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Every Sunday at 10.30 a.m. a Service and a Childrens' Sunday School is held. The Church is situated in the grounds of the International School of Brussels, 19, Kattenberg, Boitsfort, Brussels 17,

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## BRITISH COLONY ASSOCIATION TEENAGERS' PARTY

It was « bread and games » for nearly 90 young people of the British Colony — the 14 to 17 year olders, sons and daughters of members of the Brussels British Colony Association — last Friday, at the Brussels Lawn Tennis Club, so kindly lent for the occasion.

Having all the facilities of the Club once more was a wonderful help. Thanks to the Club's arrangements, the organisers were able to serve a roast chicken supper which preceded the fun and games.

The aim was to please all some of the time rather than some all of the time and careful preparation had gone into the programme to reduce the problem to size of catering for so many guests ranging from 14 to 17 (even in sophisticated 1963 the 14's have not quite caught up with the 17's) and in at least two languages. The best French of the evening was probably that of the bilingual boy who so competently and graciously thanked all who had contributed to the success of the evening.

### B.B.S.C. — CRICKET DRAW

The annual Christmas Draw took place on Friday December 20th, at the Clubhouse Levers. A social evening followed and a very pleasant time was had by all those present.

Most of the 152 splendid prizes have now been claimed but the following unclaimed list might herald a surprise for some of you:— Nos A.303, B.656 (contact E. Robinson, Tel. 11.12.31). Nos G.028, F.252, C.613, B.288, F.229, D.150, G.550, G.685, H.002, G.117, J.673, (contact Bill Skinner, Tel. 70.44.76), Nos D.026, A.574, L.266, D.066, K.620, G.289, A.884, A.793, A.114, A.443, A.355, A.785, F.981, A.265, G.286 (contact Reg Levy, Tel. 70.86.39). Nos. B.184, C.898, F.209, F.020, G.290, D.498, A.126, B.629, B.700, E.608, K.248, C.193, J.314, A.853, A.361, E.198, L.246, B.581, (contact Bryan Evans, Tel. 12.67.90).

Dancing (almost all twist), games and competitions kept most of our guests busy, amused or interested until 11.30 p.m. when a boisterous Auld Lang Syne and « the Queen » brought the proceedings to a suitable end.

Thanks to several firms for generous presents. Those contributing were A.J. Rank, René Gauverit, Ets. Leopold (Hallex), Thibaud and Gibbs, S.A.F.V.S.A. (Crosse & Blackwell), W.H. Smith H.M.V., T.C.A., Bovril, I.C.I., B.E.A., Tootal, Banque de Commerce, Ets Dendauw.

As usual a goodly number of individuals subscribed and they have been thanked privately.

While the Colony Association quite rightly bears the major expense, these individual and Company offerings make it possible to cater in a more ambitious way for our teenagers, and a pleasanter bunch of people you could not wish to meet.

### NEW YEAR'S BALL

The New Year's Ball proved to be the biggest assembly that the Brussels British Colony has seen for some years. Well over 300 people were present, to see the old year out and welcome in the new, at at the Cercle Gaulois which had been most graciously loaned for the occasion.

Things went off at a lively pace set by the band of Alphonse Boehme, who played music to suit every taste.

Mr. and Mrs Gillan were warmly applauded for their graceful exhibition of dancing which was the attraction of the evening.

**Editor's Note :** The success of the British Colony New Year's Ball, is a tribute to the Brussels British Sports Club, who, at the invitation of the Colony Association, organised the function. Had there been a financial loss the Sports Club would have been the loser, happily this has not been the case and we rejoice with the B.B.S.C. on the excellent result of their efforts.

## ANTWERP LOCAL NEWS

### CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

The next whist drive in the Church Hall will be on Wednesday 8th January, at 8 p.m., and will be undertaken by Mrs. A.J. Martin, Mrs. W. Muller, Mrs. Thurston, and Mrs. Ubbelohde.

A church social in aid of the Missionary work undertaken by the Church has been arranged for Friday, 10th January, at 8 p.m. in the Church Hall.

### BRITISH LEGION

Our future programme is as follows:

Saturday 11th January - Childrens Party to be held in the Hall of St. Boniface Church, 39, Rue Grètry. — Time: 15.30 hrs.

Friday 28th, February - Ladies Night to be held at the Billiard Palace, 40, Koningin Astridplein.

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## CINEMAS

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## OSTEND

### VISIT OF H.M.S. WAKEFUL

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As the ship remained in Ostend over Sunday a Special service was held in the English Church conducted by the Rev. Ivor Jones, Hon. C.F. in the morning, at which a considerable number of the Officers and men attended and at which the Lesson was read by Lieut-Comdr Fisher. At the conclusion of the Service Ostend's Legion Chairman gave the men a short address.

### OBITUARY

The Ostend Branch of the Legion has suffered a great loss in the death of one of the Committee Members Mr. Edgard Geirnaert who passed away after a long illness and great suffering a few days before Xmas. The funeral was held on December 24th in bitterly cold weather and was attended by all the Legion Members who were able to attend conducted by the Chairman and Vice Chairman and old Committee Members including Mr. W. Edgerton and many Members of the O.C.A. Belgian Section Royal Navy of which Mr. Geirnaert was President. A considerable number of serving Officers and Men of the Belgian « Force Navale » were also there and the Last Post was blown by their buglers at the Service.

Mr. Geirnaert was also a Past President of the V.O.S.M.O. (The Union des Sociétés d'Anciens Combattants d'Ostende), to which the Ostend British Legion also belongs and their Members

attended in very large numbers together with Fifteen O.C.A. Standards. During the last war Mr. Geirnaert, who was a Belgian Merchant Navy Officer was torpedoed whilst serving in the SS Olympia of the Compagnie Maritime Belge in the North Atlantic and was one of the very few survivors, who after spending nearly three weeks in an open boat during which most of the boats crew died of exposure, was rescued and taken to hospital in England suffering from frozen feet and hands and exhaustion. On discharge from hospital he joined the Royal Navy with the rank of Lieut. and served with distinction in various ships of the R.N. until the end of the war when he joined the Belgian « Force Navale » and finally retired with the rank of Lieut.-Comdr. Our deep sympathy is extended to his Widow and the other members of his family.

### CHRISTMAS AT OSTEND

A large number of British visitors spent the Xmas holiday in Ostend and despite the bitterly cold weather the English Church had a splendid congregation at the Carol Service on Christmas morning conducted by the Resident Chaplain the Rev. Ivor Jones.

At the conclusion of this Service Ostend's Legion Chairman gave a short address to the visitors which included a number of Legion Members from Branches in the U.K. (Mostly 1st War vintage) giving them an account of the History of the Church and other matters of interest connected with it. P.D.P.

### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. - The State Department - dealing with Foreign Affairs.
2. - It is the great bay, including much of the southern coastline of Western and South Australia, from 123 to 136 degrees of longitude. (Bight = a loop, curve or bay).
3. - A plant fibre used for making cord and rope.
4. - From the ancient Roman coin called « denarius ».
5. - One thousand millions (1,000,000,000).