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MILK - O.

One does not mind that more one spends,
If National needs demand the rising.
But when for milkmen's private ends
The lactive fluid's price ascends,
 One's wrath is not surprising.
So several 'ones' have now commenced
To see their milk bills are condensed.

The B.P.A. at length arose,
From hybernating all the winter.
And at a meeting did propose
To set about their milky foes ;
 But, (small type please, O Printer.)
Some orators felt out of joint ;
A CHAIRMAN kept them to the point.

They met again, and wasted quite
An hour on things that didn't matter.
But in the end it all came right,
One thing was settled there that night,
 After a lot of patter.
Instead of fresh, condensed they'd try,
So long as prices kept on high.

They've now got circulars galore,
And tins of condensed milk they're showing.
But if they really hope to score,
They'll have to go from door to door
 To get a boycott going.
For people, generally speaking,
Don't act upon a protest meeting.

THE PIERROT.

'Good Stock of Vegetable Seeds for planting *on hand*' (*Horticultural Advert*). All other allotments of course being let.

"Do not take poles or sticks without Mr. Mead's knowledge" (*Ibid.*).
Mr. Mead's knowledge certainly remains.

EVENTS.

Cricket. The Cricket Season began on Saturday, May 6th, with a match at home, against a Munition Workers' Team from Wembley.

The visitors batted first, but gave a feeble display against the bowling of Thompson and Millard, the latter capturing 6 wickets for 10 runs. The Brentham fielding was excellent, Lewis, Goodridge and Hogley effecting fine catches. Against the total of 23, Brentham replied with 51; of these H. Clegg made 22 by good sound batting.

The Club visited Paddington on the 13th. The conditions were far from ideal, with a bad light, soft ground, and constant drizzle. Paddington were lucky to win the toss, and scored 89; Millard again bowled well and took 6 wickets. The Brentham batsmen replied feebly—partly owing to the failing light. Askew, who acted as captain, was top score with 11, and the total was 40.

The Army Pay Office sent a team from Hounslow on the 20th. Batting first, they found the bowling of Thompson and Millard too good for them, and a feeble display ended for 22 runs. Brentham replied with 50, 20 of which were scored by J. Clegg in a fine effort against some very good bowling by Lowe of the visitors. Lowe clean bowled eight batsmen.

At Eastcote, on the 27th, Cavendish collected a strong side, and, winning the toss, ran up 164, chiefly the result of a vigorous display by A. E. Fowler, who made 89. H. Clegg bowled well for Brentham, taking five wickets for 48. Brentham made a good start in their reply, but the later batsmen failing, the total only reached 87; of these, Hogley made 23, Thompson 14 (not out), and J. Clegg 13.

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Bowls. A MOST ENJOYABLE GAME was played against Ealing Conservative on Wednesday, May 24th.

Rink I. Owing to unavoidable alteration in the team at the last moment, Mr. J. Hender played as 3rd man in Rink I. instead of 1st in Rink III. He filled his position very creditably. The fortune of war was with our opponents, who were splendid exponents of the game. (Ealing 32, Brentham 11.)

Rink II. The game went very evenly till the last end, when our opponents obtained the lead by scoring 6 points. The attempt made by the captain to carry the "jack" on to our own woods and so convert a loss of 6 points into a gain of 6, failed by a fraction of an inch. (Ealing 25, Brentham 18.)

Rink III. Here we played a very uphill game. Our opponents obtained and held the "jack" for 7 consecutive ends, and it was quite a good performance to succeed in getting as near to them as we did. (Ealing 32, Brentham 11.)

Mr. Peter Cavan, who "subbed" for Mr. Shuff, showed surprisingly good form, and will undoubtedly gain a position in future match teams.

J. H.

POT POURRI.

Copies of earlier numbers of "The 'Ite" have been sent to the social secretaries of the various co-partnership estates, with a view to encouraging interest in one another's social affairs. We believe that the Reading Room in each suburb should have the magazines of the other estates on its tables.

Hampstead has sent along its "Record," an ambitious journal, which will be placed upon the Pavilion reading table, when that temporary substitute for our once comfortable but now closed reading room is provided.

Three letters of acknowledgment have also arrived. The writer of one, from a suburb that shall remain unnamed, evidently regards "The 'Ite" as by far too serious, for he advises the publication of local jokes, and gives an example (what would not ANON give for a glimpse at it?). Should the "Brenthamite" Board ever succeed in scaling the heights of wit from which this fragrant specimen was obtained, Brentham may expect a humorous avalanche which is likely to bury "The 'Ite" and all connected therewith.

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Brentham's roadway trees have, this spring, been permitted to show us all their glory and to beautify our suburb as never before. This effect is mainly due to the fact that, apart from acacias, the trees have been spared from the pruning knife. The flowering trees—laburnums, almonds, red may, and other varieties rarely used for street growing—have been particularly fine, and it is hoped that in future the trees may be allowed more freedom from the severe attentions of the knife than they have enjoyed in previous years.

Quite a pity it is that it has not been found possible to supply some of our newer streets with trees; these streets give a sensation of bareness foreign to a garden suburb. To an extent, this is balanced by the trees that, planted several years ago, stand in parts of streets where dwellings have not been erected. These trees get rough usage from tradesmen's horses, and some have "supports" that no longer reach the ground. Have we no forestry expert in Brentham?

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An allotment gardener, especially if his plot is on one of the exposed portions of land recently taken over for cultivation, is frequently the victim of inspection by passers-by. People out walking stay perhaps for a couple of minutes looking over the fence regarding with mingled pity and superiority the man whose hobby it is to till the soil.

To the man who loves his work this disdain is allowed to pass by as the idle wind, having no more effect than the good-humoured chaff of a passing neighbour. But when one is spoken to by an irate lady, wishing to buy irises, under the assumption that he is an assistant of a nurseryman whose stall is close by, is it small wonder that a determination to garden in his office clothes in future fills the mind of the victim?

OUT AND ABOUT.

For the present, it seems, the 'buses do not intend to approach nearer to the estate than the Cross Roads, Eaton Rise. For this short lift to and from the Broadway a penny-all-the-way ticket must be taken. For the corresponding stage at the South Ealing end of the route (Plough to Uxbridge Road) a halfpenny ticket may be obtained. Must North Ealing have its Plough before it can expect halfpenny fares, or would a little gentle persuasion of the most respectable Brentham brand be effective? Failing that—— well, Brentham has its head, if not its hands, full with one economic struggle at present, and should take care not to seek its second scalp until it has secured its first.

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The closing of the Institute for a while is an accomplished fact. How long that while is to continue, and when the Institute will open again, are matters for conjecture. Argument fails to produce a satisfactory answer, and so Brentham is turning to the incantation method by which the petals of a flower are picked off to the sounds of: "This year, next year, some time, never." Unfortunately, flowers of the Cruciferae Order are usually chosen for the purpose!

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Crowds of us were present at the opening of the Institute; we have not been allowed to forget that a Royal Duke and Duchess were present on that occasion. But how very few were in evidence when the final click of the latch succeeded the farewell Brentham wink! The inauguration of Summer Time seems to have been the convincing blow that caused the anti-closers to throw up their hands. So they played their last game on the billiard tables (for a while, of course), and raised their voices in extemporised harmony, declaring their intention of delaying their departure for home until the morning. Then, suddenly remembering that the time for putting the clock forward was approaching, thus rendering Brentham time obsolete, they shook the dust of the staircase carpet from their feet, cast glances around the walls they should frown upon them no more (for a while) and WENT.

W. E. R.

PERSONAL.

A Brentham wedding is a very rare occurrence. On May 17th, at S. Peter's, 2nd Lieut. Esmond Lee to Doris Marie Roe. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Roe, of Woodfield Road, and member of a family whose association with Brentham dates from the earliest days of the estate's history.

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Miss Betty McMorran, of Ruskin Gardens, has passed with honours the pianoforte examination of the Local Associated Board (intermediate grade). Congratulations!

ON DIT:—

- That A.J.B., who writes the Horticultural notes, is not the First Lord of the Admiralty.
- That there is no truth in the rumour that the Editor was sentenced to be shot for allowing the fee of the Rifle Club to appear last month as 2/- instead of but the modest "bob."
- That "A First Nighter," who wrote the criticism on the last performance of the Dramatic Society, has been advised to play for safety by missing the next.
- That his "nom-de-plume" has no connection with the initials of his names.
- That a pathetic leave-taking was witnessed at the now defunct Club on May 20th.
- That a member of the Choral Society present on that occasion was quite astonished at the unrecognised musical talent existing on the Estate.
- That many "piercing" questions were put to the Chairman at the second milk meeting of the B.P.A.
- That the Rifle Club are anxious to enrol all men of military age.
- That a prominent member of the Bowling Club has promised to be in attendance with bandages and a bottle of fig syrup, if, and when the Estate Bucephalus gets used as a target.
- That the B.C. are preparing for his absence by providing their regular members with a volume of tall stories in a nice *blue* cover.
- That anyone wishing to have their lawn well mown should apply to Mr. "Peter."

ANON.

WITH THE FORCES.

Additions : Tollett, G. (French Army in training). Brown, W. G. (Pte.), Veterinary Corps. Sadler, J. A. (Carpenter), Royal Navy. Hawtin, J. F. (Pte.), R.G.A. Gould, J. (Pte.), 16th Middx. (Public Schools Battn.); Clegg, W. (Pte.), London Scottish.

Pte. J. Gould landed in France early in November, after a period of training in the Midlands. He has recently gone again into the trenches after several weeks' rest. His old colleagues in the cricket club will remember him with much pleasure.

Sergt. E. J. Ephgrave, we regret to learn, remains in hospital with acute rheumatism. We but voice the general desire in wishing for his speedy recovery.

"Jim" Sadler was until his enlistment "the handy man" at the Institute. His work on the stage with hammer and nails and behind the scenes were much appreciated; when not knocking something up he was to be found helping at the door.

Promotion.—Sadler, W. L., to be Sergeant, R.G.A. (Heavy Siege).

SECTION NOTES AND NEWS.

Hon. Secretaries (outdoor sections) to whom section fees should be sent. (Ground fees are payable to Mr. Bartholomew):—

TENNIS (Fee 2/6)—Mr. Blomeley, 30, Meadvale Road.

CRICKET (Fee 2/-)—Mr. W. Carr, 18, Winscombe Crescent.

BOWLS (Fee 1/-)—Mr. W. G. Brown, 48, Denison Road.

GOLF (Fee 1/-)—Mr. Ridsdale, 37, Brentham Way.

RIFLE (Fee 1/-)—Mr. Carter, 43, Meadvale Road.

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Tennis and Croquet. The Annual General Meeting was held in the Institute, on Saturday, May 20th, and the following were chosen to carry on the work of the Club for the season:—Mr. A. Sansom (Capt.); Mr. W. J. Brown (Vice-Capt.); Mr. Blomeley (Sec.); and Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Foord, and Messrs. Milton, Cobbett, Reid and Cook were elected on the Committee.

The Croquet have arranged two matches with the G.W.R., and with the new Set presented by the Refreshment Committee, *per* Mr. Harry Boxall, they should give a good account of themselves.

Only four tennis courts are at present in use, but should the membership warrant it more will be added.

The fee of 5/- (2/6 Tennis fee, and 2/6 ground fee) should be paid to the Hon. Sec.

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Brentham Rifle Club. The Rifle Club is holding a competition on the open air Range, starting May 21st to June 30th, for the "Bell Medal" (which is well worth winning), and it is hoped that members will make the competition a keen one. Conditions:—Ten nominated shots at a five-bull, and ten shots rapid at a single-bull target. To be fired in pairs at twenty-five yards range. Unlimited entries. No entrance fee.

A special competition has been arranged for Whit-Monday. The "Roberts Medal" will be awarded to the member who shoots the best pair of cards during the day. Conditions:—Ten shots nominated at twenty-five yards, and ten shots nominated at fifty yards. Unlimited entries.

The Committee has decided to invite ALL MEN OF MILITARY AGE to make use of the Range in the Recreation Ground, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, starting at 6-30 p.m. There will be no entrance fee, and all those wishing to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity, should attend as early as possible, so that the Range Officers may know how many men to expect on future evenings.

H.F.C.

B.P.A. The Milk Sub-Committee has got to work, and large quantities of condensed milk have been purchased and resold to residents. A deputation interviewed the local M.P. on the 26th, and urged him to ask questions in the House of Commons, which he has promised to do at once. It would be of great assistance to the Committee if all those purchasers who have not returned the slip (stating the amount of milk they require weekly) would do so at once, so that all demands may be met. Slips should be returned to 40 Woodfield Avenue.

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Bowls. We are getting along very well on the Bowling Green. It is a pleasure to see some of our members, who, in previous seasons have been unable to obtain evening play, joining us for an hour—thanks to the new Summer Time. We would remind some of our old members that the green still exists. We hope that they have not ceased so to do.

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W.G.B.

Golf. The competition for the Charity Cup commences this month, and cards are now to be had from any member of the Committee, or from the Hon. Sec.

The course is in good condition, and several members of the Club have been most energetic in trimming the bunkers and greens. Partly owing to the new summer time, we are getting quite a fair number of players down each evening.

The new members are making good progress in the game.

The new list of members and handicaps has been prepared and posted up on the notice board.

A Knock-out Stroke Foursome Competition on Handicap will take place on Whit-Monday, the 12th of June, commencing 10-30 a.m. Entrance fee, 2d. Prizes will be divided between winning pair. Cards can be had from the Committee or the Hon. Secretary.

J.E.R.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NOTES.

The Hon. Secretary would be glad to hear from the members concerned, and incidentally to receive payment, for the pea sticks which have disappeared from the Rec.

It would appear that a load of sticks delivered recently have all gone, and as far as can be gathered, nobody seem to know anything about them. Will members who have use for the Roller, kindly note that Mr. Copestake has charge of same, together with a wheelbarrow, and that the small fees charged for their use should be paid to him as soon as returned. Respecting the rent due for War Allotments, will members kindly send same to the Hon. Secretary, at 39 Holyoake Walk. Receipts will be duly posted same day.

A. J. B.

Junior Section. Two tennis courts are now available for members. The fee is 3d., and should be paid to me as soon as possible. All juniors using the courts are expected to pay the fee, which goes to keep the nets and poles in repair, and are asked to wear rubber-soled footwear when playing.

H. W. BYCESON.

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR JUNE.

June 3.—Army Pay Office	...	...	home.
„ 10.—Turnham Green	...	...	home.
„ 12.—Cavendish	...	...	away.
„ 17.—Paddington	...	...	home.
„ 24.—Turnham Green	...	...	away.

A BRENTHAM GLOSSARY

(compiled at great risk).

BAR.—The corner of the Institute most difficult of access; more noteworthy for what was barred than for what was served.

BILLIARDS.—The game at which we were such “hot stuff” before coming to Brentham.

COMMITTEE.—A body of members elected to worry the Chairman (*see* Chairman).

CHAIRMAN.—A person elected to bother the Secretary (*see* Secretary).

CRITIC (DRAMATIC).—The gentleman who dare not use a press ticket even if he were to receive one.

(To be continued.)

Small advertisements, at the rate of 20 words for 6d., prepaid, will be inserted here. If desired, replies can be addressed—c/o Advert. Manager.

MOTOR CYCLE AND SIDE-CAR.—“Matchless,” 1914-15, 8-B., 8-H.P., Combination; M.A.G. engine; Watford speedometer; head lamp; tail lamp; electric horn; side-car, fitted with new wind screen and storm apron; new Palmer cord car tyres, 700 x 80, front and rear; perfect order; 65 guineas.—48, Brentham Way.

C. B. FRY'S MAGAZINE.—Fifty numbers, from and including No. 1; perfectly clean, good condition; what offers?—48, Brentham Way.

FOR SALE—INFANT'S WICKER COT, with iron stand; in good condition.—c/o Advert. Manager.

FOR SALE—LAWN TENNIS RACKET; cost 15/-; nearly new; adjustable weight; 7/6.—48, Brentham Way.

All Editorial Communications to be addressed to the Editor, 27 Neville Road, Ealing, W.

All matters relating to advertisements to be sent to the Advert. Manager, 43 Brentham Way, Ealing, W.

All other communications to the Business Secretary, 29 Meadvale Road, Ealing, W.