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VIEWS and REVIEWS

Bank Holiday Week

WITH the majority of mills, shops and offices closed, Leek has presented a very deserted appearance since Monday. In fact everything seems to indicate that more people have stayed away this time than in many years past. Last week we wrote in these columns expressing the hope that Bank Holiday Week would be glorious sunshine, but it was evidently asking too much! The sun has not reigned quite so supreme as it did in 1938, but the weather has not been of the variety which keeps people indoors. We have had a fair amount of sunshine and showers—and those residents who have been disappointed to spend the week by the sea will certainly feel the benefit of it when they return. They will pour into Leek through-to-morrow and Sunday ready and prepared for their normal duties with renewed interest and vigour. What is more, from the rest and change of surroundings they will be better fitted to withstand the dark, dreary winter weeks which are not very far distant.

While last week-end was a holiday for most people, the fact is that the surrounding districts took advantage of the old adage and "made hay while the sun shone." A short tour through the hills and the other country districts during the week-end saw the farmers, their wives and families busy turning over the hay, a lot of which has suffered considerably as a result of a recent heavy rain. Farming seems to be a seven days a week job, for many of the farmers were busy hay-making on Sunday. The rambles and strolls were not averse to giving a hand with the hay—in fact they seemed to enjoy their voluntary jobs far more than some of the people who are paid to do that kind of work.

It was, indeed, a happy sight watching the farmers working side by side with the hikers, and it was sure that the many jokes and quips exchanged between them made the labour a joy to both the amateurs and the professionals!

A Disappointment

WE wonder if Tiny Bostock, the Leek flyweight, realises how many people he has disappointed by refusing to accept an engagement to fight at Leek this month? Bostock willing, there should have been a fight between the local man and Kid Bonser on that date under the auspices of the Leek Club. But Tiny, we understand, is spending a holiday on the continent and has given his reason for not accepting the contest as the fact that "he did not feel quite up to the spell of training which the fight will entail."

We should like to offer Tiny a few words of advice. He has been looking as a career his fight has been followed with interest by practically everyone in Leek. Hundreds of local people have travelled distances of miles to watch him don the gloves against some of the best and cleverest men at his weight in the world. Whenever the local man has won he has had praise, and the town as a whole has been delighted. Many followers of boxing hold that Tiny is in the championship class, and it is no chance he had to show it was allowed to slip. We know for a fact that his one ambition now is to have another chance to fight for the title, and win or lose he will be satisfied. We are the first to grant that Bostock can take a liking like a true sportsman. But unless he is willing to take on all comers, the chance of having another tilt at the title is remote. The road to the top class is a hard and trying one, and the man who is not prepared to take a difficult climb. Every win is another rung completed, and when he returns from his Continental holiday we hope to see him in the championship ring and the British Boxing Board of Control to recognise him as a rightful champion-ship contender.

The only way to do that will be to win consistently. The time has now arrived when Bostock cannot possibly afford to lose fights. Flyweight boxers are not like heavyweight—they can't take a beating and get away as easily as Jack Doyle and others seem to do.

The West End

IN recent months many alterations and improvements have taken place and are taking place at the West End of the town, and before very long that particular part of the Urban area promises to be one of the busiest in the district. In due course that locality will be one of the most attractive in Leek. The reasons are not very difficult to appreciate.

The widening of Westwood Road is to be continued, and for this purpose the Leek Urban District Council has applied to London for sanction to borrow £74,000 in order that a part of the Westwood

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tional labour has to be sought in Italy, Yugoslavia and other countries. Thus Dr. Lajos presents Germany as a nation brought near to a breckdown by the need of efforts of her rulers to prepare her for a "lightning war" that is possibly succeed. It is a tragic spectacle and one that should undoubtedly give pause to a Dictator who, whatever we may think of him, has always shown that his ambitions were centred on the future of Germany. It must be obvious to a man of his instinctive judgment that if he were to be involved in an unsuccessful war there would be no future either for Germany or for those who profess the Nazi creed.

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Local News

Competing in the trotting handicaps at Newmarket annual sports and horse races on Monday, Mr. J. Hall, of Leek, won the event with his entry "Good Luck."

Among friends who attended the funeral of Mrs. J. Neoham (reported elsewhere in this issue) were: Mr. J. Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bowman (Longton), Mr. and Mrs. C. Dale (Rudyard Hall), Mr. J. Bardsley (Langley), and Mr. A. Hambleton (Leek).

The prices at the Leek Produce Market on Wednesday were as follows: Hen eggs 1s. 4d. and 1s. 5d. per dozen, ducks 5s. 5d. per dozen, rabbits 1s. 4d. per couple, chickens 5s. to 7s. a couple, hens 4s. to 5s. a couple, new potatoes 1d. per lb., kidney beans 3d. per lb., carrots 2d. per lb. onions 2d. per lb., cabbages 3d. each, cauliflowers 6d. and 6d. each, English turnip 6d. per lb., apples 5d. per lb., oranges 3s. for 6d.

A number of members of the Leek Trades and Labour Club took part in a trip to Liverpool and New Brighton on Tuesday. The party passed through the Mersey Tunnel during their stay and on the return journey spent an enjoyable three hours at Chester. They reached Leek at 11.15 p.m. A trip to Southport was arranged for yesterday (Thursday), 37 members taking part.

The Matron at the Leek Memorial Cottage Hospital gratefully acknowledges the following gifts: Mrs. Arundel (magazines), Mrs. Wardlaw (magazines), Mrs. Sheila Rider (books), Andrew Montgomery (silver paper), Hazel and Ursula Brooks (silver paper), Mrs. J. Watson (magazines), Mrs. Michael Veronica Rushton (magazines), Mrs. Jones (lettuce, mint and parsley), Mr. Cartledge (beetroot), Mrs. J. Watson (magazines), Mrs. Dale (mint), Miss Worthington (mint, parsley and lettuce).

N.S.P.C.C.

ANNUAL REPORT

The valuable work which the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children continues to do is revealed in the annual report of the organisation published this week. The report contains a comprehensive account of the activities during the past year and a brief history of the Society's growth from its earliest inception.

During the twelve months ended on March 31st last the Society's 271 inspectors dealt with 121,870 cases which is an increase of 623 over the previous year.

How much has been achieved by the Society in its successful work is revealed in the report. The evils that spring from neglect and ill-treatment are still "enormous and indispensible" and more than one prison juvenile court has been established for the young men who come into his charge, the vast majority have neglected and more than one Magistrate, Juvenile Courts, decide to refer cases to the Society's inspectors.

There may be a disappointment in some quarters that the Society's work shows no signs of diminishing. Such regret is not well-founded. Many forces are at work which together account for the work of the Society is better than ever. In recent years many inspectors in country districts have been provided with small cars and their work appreciated. It is possible a vast improvement in the lives of countless children and the standard of education in the country is being raised and justifiably so—comparatively a high standard than that with which our inspectors were dealing a generation ago.

The Society's supporters therefore have good reason to despair but rather have a greater incentive to continue and extend their efforts. Their opportunity is by no means limited to necessary financial funds. They should see to it that the public knows of the Society's existence and its ability to set right the wrongs of children and to defend the rights of the helpless and high standard by methods of education and training.

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noted for the business-like manner in which they are about run getting, and which are invariably relied upon to pick the fat out of the fire once they get going. It's a great pity they are not of that type. If it did there would be little cause for really serious complaint that the coming year will be a better one.

We sincerely wish some sort of an endeavour to brighten things up a bit. Some of the games are played on Saturdays similar to those on Saturdays. It is a pity that many spectators at Highfield are few and far between. In concluding these comments we cannot refrain from adding that it is amazing that a difference the absence of two or three men can make to a side!

Leek Post & Times

ISSUED WEEKLY ON SATURDAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1939.

Holiday Preparedness

There is every reason to suppose that the holiday season has been as popular as ever irrespective of the unfavourable weather. At any rate there is no sign that the public has allowed itself to be worried by the thought of what the Germans or the Japanese may do, now that Parliament has adjourned. Our people doubtless remember that as the Chancellor of the Exchequer said at Bournemouth on Monday, if the Prime Minister had not made the Munich agreement we should not now be at peace. And the inference is plain: The Prime Minister who saved the peace last September is still striving to prolong it and has a good chance of succeeding, now that our armed forces are immensely more powerful than they were last year.

We are daily reminded that the holiday weeks are being made full by our forces for preparation. The Territorial Field Army, now doubled in strength and full to overflowing, is undergoing its regular training in camp, undeterred by a phenomenal rainfall that has made camp life very uncomfortable. It is good to know that the new recruits have proved to be of excellent physique and that the manoeuvres have given every satisfaction. This week the whole population of the British Isles has shared in the Air Force exercises which have included a black-out over a wide area. The Air Force bombers setting out from France or coming in from the North Sea have conducted raids over the South-east and been met by fighters. The Anti-aircraft Division training their guns and searchlights have tried to detect the bombers, while the Civil Defence volunteers, numbering many thousands have carried out their duties as air-raid wardens, ambulance drivers, nurses, dispatch riders and so forth, that they would perform in time of war. Such a practical demonstration of our ability to face a hostile air raid has been extremely interesting and helpful for all concerned.

We have also been reminded this week of the strength of the British Navy. The Admiralty's decision to call up the whole Naval Reserve of 12,000 officers and men to man the Reserve Fleet of 130 warships was well timed. When the King reviewed that great fleet at Weymouth, the words "I am warned that our active Fleet large and efficient as it is, had very powerful reinforcements ready for any emergency. The British Navy is rapidly increasing in strength. More men are being enlisted, more powerful ships are being built. But, even as it is, the fleet need fear no adversary in Europe or elsewhere. At this moment, what with the Regulars, the Territorials and the Militia, we have more men under arms than ever before in peace time, while our munition factories are surpassing all expectations in the production of guns and planes. Thus Great Britain can make holiday in the sure knowledge that, whatever may happen, we are prepared, and that this very fact reduces enormously the likelihood of untoward happenings.

Danzig and Tientsin

Two danger-points in Europe and the Far East attract our attention, but neither at Danzig nor at Tientsin does the situation appear to have worsened since Parliament adjourned. At Danzig the local Nazi leaders appear to have been warned not to provoke the Poles too far. Poland has the right under the Peace Treaty to share in the control of the harbours and the customs of the Free City, and there is as yet no evidence that the Danzig Senate is disposed to court German propaganda cannot pretend that the Danzigers are oppressed, since they have complete self-government. Indeed they are better off than they would be if returned to Germany, as they share in Poland's transit trade with Gdynia, the only Polish port in the Baltic. And it looks as if the knowledge that Poland, backed by her allies, will resist any interference with Danzig's autonomy, has caused Herr Hitler to reconsider his avowed designs.

In the Far East, unhappily, the Japanese generals appear resolved to harass British subjects, though their Government may wish to make terms with us. The unlawful blockade of our ships has provoked our indignation and Japanese planes in the upper Yangtze valley have deliberately sunk several British merchantmen and apparently tried to bomb one of our river gunboats. Such outrages against which our Ambassador has protested vigorously, cannot continue indefinitely if Japan, as represented by her Government, really wishes to keep on friendly terms with Great Britain. It must be obvious to the Tokyo Ministers that Great Britain cannot be compelled to change her policy of friendship with China by such threats and provocative actions as the Japanese generals indulge in. The time is approaching when Japan must make up her mind whether she is prepared to fight with Britain, and eventually with all the Western Democracies. In view of her failure to overcome Chinese resistance, she would be very ill advised to make new enemies—and Tokyo knows it.

German's War Weakness

A Hungarian book on "Germany's War Chances" that has just been translated into English, excites our interest and gives encouragement to all who hope for peace. For the Hungarian author, Dr. Lajos, has drawn the whole of his evidence from the German Press. The fact that, after the book had had a large sale in Hungary, its circulation has been prohibited at the request of the German Government strengthens the belief that its revelations are very welcome to the Nazis who base their home and foreign policy on the assumption that Germany is invincible because of her advanced armaments. Dr. Lajos, always quoting the German Press as his authority, shows that Germany is bluffing. Her Army lacks officers and non-commissioned officers and is ill trained. Her food supplies are inferior, its aeroplanes are poor in quality, its motor vehicles cannot stand heavy work. The production of munitions has been accelerated in every possible way. The factory workers have a twelve hour day, and skilled labour is very scarce. But the most need fear is the nation and cannot be increased.

Dr. Lajos draws a lamentable picture of Germany's economic conditions, as reflected in her controlled Press. Of the thirty-four raw materials that are essential to produce most of her goods for a war of any length, only four are produced at home. She would be dependent for the rest on foreign countries, and she has no capital with which to purchase them. Her food supplies are already running short, so that the population, underpaid and overworked, is also ill fed. She cannot increase production to produce more because the limit has been reached and added

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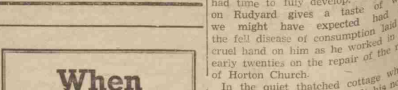
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The detailed scores were as follows—

15 S. Rogers	15 G. Pooles
14 W. Rogers	14 E. Meakin
14 E. Prince	14 C. Williams
14 E. Newbury	14 G. Gulliver
14 E. Newbury	14 H. Skelton
14 W. Rogers	14 W. Haining
21 R. Beardmore	21 Taylor
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