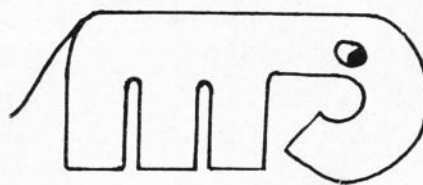


TRUNK-CALL

Cox & Wyman Group News

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Luck of the Draw



By courtesy of The Dereham & Fakenham Times

At least 23 members of the bindery staff at Fakenham had a good start to 1976 when their pools syndicate came up on Saturday, 3 January with a first dividend, 8 seconds, 16 thirds, 32 fourths, and 56 fifths, amounting to a grand win of £47,616.

All members take it in turns to make the selections and that particular week it was Graham 'Nobby' Watts' turn. Ironically it was the Norwich-Rochdale draw in the F.A. Cup that proved lucky, when against all odds Rochdale held Norwich to a draw at Carrow Road.

The handing over of the cheque took place the following Thursday at the Crown Hotel when Mr Jude, on behalf of Vernons (they couldn't get Julie Ege), presented the cheque to Michael Futter who fills in the coupon.

Needless to say a good evening was had by all, when joined by wives and girlfriends they opened up the champagne.

Anglia TV cameras were present to record the happy event and film of the presentation and celebrations went out the following evening on the local news.

The majority of winners are members of the crews operating the folding machines.

Who's for Tennis?



Front page headline in the *Norfolk Chronicle* on Friday, 9 June, 1939 read – *FRYING PAN TENNIS AT FAKENHAM – Audience of over 300 people – News cameraman films players.*

No, sanity had not finally given way at Fakenham – but when the Wharfedale Tennis Club decided to hold a *Frying Pan* tennis tournament amongst themselves, they little thought of the publicity that would follow or that four of their members would become *film stars* overnight.

Following an eliminating tournament Charlie Harrison (still working in the Composing Department) and Jack Beazer qualified to play Reg Cooper (recently retired) and Maurice Lovell in the final.

Due to advance publicity in both the local and national Press, over 300 people watched the final at the Vine Stores (now Peatling & Cawdron), and lengthy shots were taken by a

news-reel cameraman for the Universal Talking News.

When the game commenced, following the spinning of a racket for ends, the court rang with the varied metallic notes of the pans.

Cooper and Lovell started well winning the first two games but Harrison and Beazer fought back and finally won 6-2.

The standard of tennis played, considering the equipment used, was at all times remarkable, and some of the lengthy and speedy rallies drew lusty applause from the audience.

Much amusement was caused later when the players were presented with their prizes – an egg and a rasher of bacon each!

In a short speech afterwards, Mr George Monk (President of the Wharfedale Sports Club and Works Manager), said that the frying pan tournament had brought Fakenham some amount of fame, even though it might not be of a lasting kind and added that if nothing else, it had caused some measure of amusement, and in those dark days that was something.



Top Left: Receiving their Prizes!
left to right: Reg Cooper, Charlie Harrison, Maurice Lovell and Jack Beazer.

Bottom Left: An action shot of Reg Cooper with Maurice Lovell waiting for the return ball.

Safety Corner

LADDERS

Many accidents occur through the misuse of ladders. When placed correctly, the distance between the bottom of the wall and the bottom of the ladder is a quarter the height of the ladder.

Ladders should preferably be tied to some secure point. If this is not possible, get someone to stand at the bottom of the ladder to prevent it from 'striking out' or slipping sideways. Never lean ladders against conduits or pipes that are not securely fixed or against windows.

Make sure the ladder you use is in a good state of repair and has no missing or damaged rungs. Any damage should be reported straight away.

Make sure the ladder is long enough for the job.

If you have to use a ladder near doors or blind corners, get someone to keep a look-out.



'Make sure the ladder is long enough for the job'

VISIT TO AMERICA

America we had seen on our cinema and television screens, read about in books, magazines and papers, but now after seven years of saving we were at last going to see at least part of it for ourselves. A Pan-American Boeing 707 was chartered to wing us across the Atlantic, entertain us with meals and movies, and as a finale circle New York at night to give us a Pan-Amoramic view of the thousands of lights spread out like a giant carnival, and our first glimpse of this new, wonderful, colourful world of America. Landing at Kennedy Airport and setting foot on American soil gave us an exciting feeling of starting an adventure in another world.

During our brief stay in New York between flights we were given a slight taste of the rat race, that we assumed was the American way of life, by a Yellow Cab taxi-driver when taking us to our Holiday Inn, but this we were not to experience again until we returned to New York on our way home. The next morning a Trans-World Airlines Boeing 727 flew us from La Guardia Airport, New York, over Pennsylvania and on to Ohio and the state capital Columbus in Franklin county. Ohio, an Indian word for beautiful, has a population of 9,706,000, covers an area of 41,222 square miles and during our three-week stay more than justified its Indian translation.

We soon became aware of the vastness of this great country, with its wide highways, large cars, and houses spread out to give each individual ample land to plant trees or to have large areas of grass. The houses are designed to give a great variety of style in each block, with landscape, split-level, some with cathedral roofs and spiral staircases. Our first surprise was to see fields and trees of different shades of green as you would see in England, but the continual chorus of crickets and locusts was a pleasant reminder that this was American countryside.

The stores are open until 9.30 p.m., and like the houses and cars are air-conditioned, which we found a bit cool after getting used to the heat outside. The general cost of living is much the same as in England, but the standard of living very much higher. In one store called the Super Duper, which keeps open 24 hours a day, we daily bought 8 pints of Pepsi-Cola for 52p plus empties.

We took a trip back into American history when we visited the Ohio Village, a reconstruction of a typical Ohio country seat as it would have appeared on the eve of the Civil War. We continued our history trip with a visit to Ohio's first capital, Chillicothe, and to the Sugarloaf Mountain amphitheatre to see an epic outdoor drama about the Shawnee Indian chief Tecumseti, who after his people had been defeated by the white American intruders, finally died fighting for the British. Our adventure in history was completed in true Indian style when we went canoeing down the Mohican River with picturesque forest country all around us, giving us a real feeling of what it was like all those years ago. During our trip down the river we encountered a water snake and one huge spider on the bank, but other than that and a few mosquito bites, we were never bothered by insects or bugs all the time we were in America; in fact at dusk fireflies or lightning bugs put on quite a show, flashing like torchlights as they fly from tree to tree.

On our way down to Kings Island, a family entertainment centre just north of Cincinnati, we passed a meeting place of the Ku Klux Klan, which had the roof decorated completely with the rebel flag, but this was the only hint of any type of violence that we saw during our holiday. Kings Island, Ohio's Disneyland, has 1600 acres of rides, shows, music, dancing and wild animals, and on our arrival at 10.00 a.m. we each paid \$7.00 (£3.21) at the entrance which entitled us to as many rides and shows as we could take in until just after the spectacular firework display at 10.15 p.m. All during the day, as we had found everywhere, the service was efficient and friendly, and cleanliness, as always, the order of the day.

One of the main highlights of our holiday was a visit to a farm in the hills a few miles outside Ironton, but before reaching our destination we crossed over the Ohio River for a brief visit to Kentucky and then West Virginia, then back into Ohio and finally wound our way into the hills and to the Wallers' farm. There we met some wonderful people who after just a few minutes adopted us into their family, giving us a barbecued steak dinner followed by watermelon and, just before we left, blueberry pie and ice-cream. During our stay at the farm we were given a tour of the surrounding neighbourhood which took us along the oldest road in Ohio and past *Little Korea*, a row of old broken-down shacks still being lived in, each with its own eventful tale told to us as we went past. The Wallers and our wonderful hosts the Morgans were typical of the American people that we met during our holiday, very friendly and hospitable, very neighbourly and patriotic with national flags and emblems displayed everywhere. Much of the American's leisure time and socializing is still done on the front porch and in many cases still sitting on the swinging seat suspended from the ceiling. We came closer to the tragedy of the Vietnam war and the continual American involvement when we got to know a refugee family, a South Vietnamese helicopter pilot, his wife and two children, who were being sponsored by the Methodist Church to help them make a start in their new country.

A visit to America would not have been complete without seeing the national sport of baseball, so a trip to Cincinnati was organized to see the Cincinnati Reds play the Montreal Expos. A storm just before the game left huge puddles of water on the artificial playing surface, but these were quickly sucked up by two 'Big Red Machines' and the water deposited into the drainage system around the outside of the five-year-old Riverfront Stadium. The 30,660 crowd, all seated, saw an entertaining game with the Reds winning by 11 to 3 in a completely sporting atmosphere with plenty of noise and excitement, but no fights on or off the field, no X-rated songs or abuse, not one policeman in sight or any need for one.

All too soon the sad day of departure came, our goodbyes were said and the final waves of farewell made as the American Airlines Boeing 727 taxied to the runway and finally headed us towards New York. We came across the strict security that has become necessary at the American airports when they would not allow us to carry two toy Kentucky rifles on the plane with us, but instead they had to go with our baggage. The journey between airports in New York was once again made by taxi, a Yellow Cab which threaded its way through the traffic using all five lanes, ignoring all other traffic and speed limits. The last part of the journey became tiring and uneventful and we finally arrived home exhausted, feeling sadly alone but with the marvellous memories of a wonderful holiday and the vow that some day we will go back to that wonderful country of America.

*Bill and Jessie Fisher
Fakenham*

Fakenham Social Club News

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB HOUSE

Saturday, 6 March

GROSVENOR HILL

Saturday, 20 March

IMPACT INTERNATIONAL (DISCO)
ROAD SHOW

Saturday, 3 April

EXODUS

During the dance held on 13 December the draw took place for the 150 Club. The lucky winner of the £200 was Mr Ray Potter (Bindery).

On 21 February the draw took place for the 200 and 150 Clubs. The lucky winners were:
£ 700 (200 Club) – Denis Strange (Production)
£200 (150 Club) – Betty Woodhouse
(Wages Department)

The Committee would like to send its congratulations and best wishes to Mr Stanley Cooper on his retirement. Stanley has been Treasurer of the Club for over 30 years and has agreed to continue until the A.G.M. when he has indicated he will stand for re-election.

Personal Column

FAKENHAM

Engagements

Miss Glenda West (Bindery) to Mr Trevor Ashby on 20 December.

Miss Christine Newall (Bindery) to Mr Phil Riseborough (Maintenance) on 25 December.

READING

Engagements

Miss Wendy Hales (Bindery) to Mr Trevor Lyons.

WENSUM GRAPHICS

Engagements

Miss Joanne Leverington (Negative Spotter) to Mr Alan Hudson on 22 November.

OBITUARY

Mr Guy Broady, who had worked in the office at Fakenham for twenty years, died on Tuesday, 6 January, at the age of 55 years, after a long illness.

Guy joined the Company from the *Norfolk Chronicle* in 1955 and throughout his time with the firm was mainly concerned with the charging and invoicing of work.

He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him both in and out of the works.

He leaves a widow and a daughter.

Children's Christmas Party at Fakenham



Once again the Fakenham Sports and Social Club held two Christmas parties for the children of employees. The first, held on Sunday 11 January, was for the up-to-7-year-olds, and included entertainment provided by Mals Magic Show. An abundance of food and games are a necessity for all children's parties, and this was no exception, although a 'see-through' blindfold meant that the organizer of one game had rather more winners than he expected.

However, not to be deterred, the following Sunday saw an onslaught of 90 over-7's arriving at the Social Club, who in turn were entertained by Doug Swan, with an act which included a little magic, song and even ventriloquism. The gathered crowd soon raised the total consumption of coke for the two parties to 35 dozen bottles, helping to wash down some six boxes of crisps, and all on top of an ample supply of rolls, cream cakes and trifles! The afternoon was rounded off with a selection of games.

The Secretary of the Sports & Social Club would like to thank all the Committee members and helpers who survived the two weeks, and hopes that their headaches did not last quite as long as his.

IT'S ALL GREEK

Recently, I travelled on a 22-seater aircraft with a very mixed bunch of passengers. By birth there were Americans, Italians, Greeks, Swedes, Germans and British. There was an equal number of each nationality and both the sexes were equally represented. At least one of each nationality was married.

All except four of our company were married couples travelling together, but only in two cases were the husband and wife of the same origin, and the national pairings were not duplicated.

I am British and married to the sister of the Swedish film star (recently divorced) travelling with us – both my lady compatriots are also married to Europeans. The party included a German Bishop and two nuns; of the Italians, only two were married – the Contessa to a Swede and her only brother to an American. One of the Americans had an unmarried brother-in-law in the party.

Question: What nationality are the nuns?

Anon – Reading

Children's Christmas Party at Reading

Approximately 60 children attended the annual Christmas party at the Heidelberg Suite on Sunday, 21 December.

Entertainment was in the form of cartoons and a puppet show given by the Buckmaster Puppets. The climax was a visit by Father Christmas.



'Mind if I pinch a fairy cake?'



Laugh with Gordon



Retirements

FAKENHAM

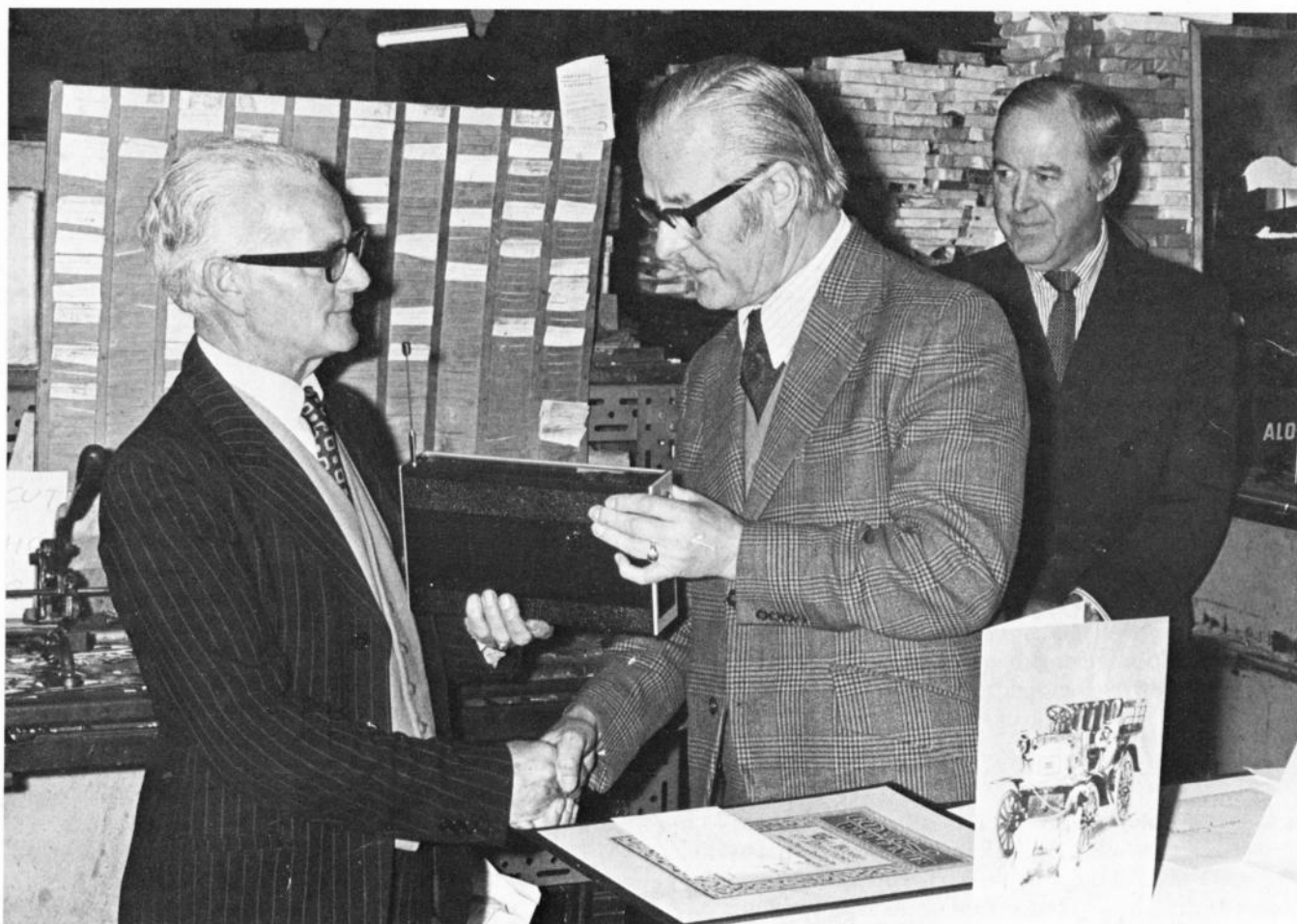


As reported briefly in the last magazine Reg Cooper retired in November after almost 51 years with the Company.

He joined the staff at Fakenham in 1925 as a compositor and when his father retired (after 63 years' service) Reg took over his position as Composing Department Manager. Reg held this post for 17 years until ill health forced him to take things a little easier for the few years remaining to his retirement.

At the presentation in the Composing Room, Mr John Seddon presented Reg with a Long-Service Scroll and cheque from the Company and Mr Jude handed Reg a radio on behalf of colleagues throughout the factory and offices. Gordon Berry, our resident cartoonist, had produced a card depicting Reg which had been signed by all who had donated to the radio.

Mr Seddon, remarking on Reg's 51 years' service and his father's 63 years said the Coopers were 114 for 2, and the innings wasn't over as Reg's daughter Viv was with the firm.



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On 25 December, Stanley Cooper (Production Office) retired after 50 years with the Company.

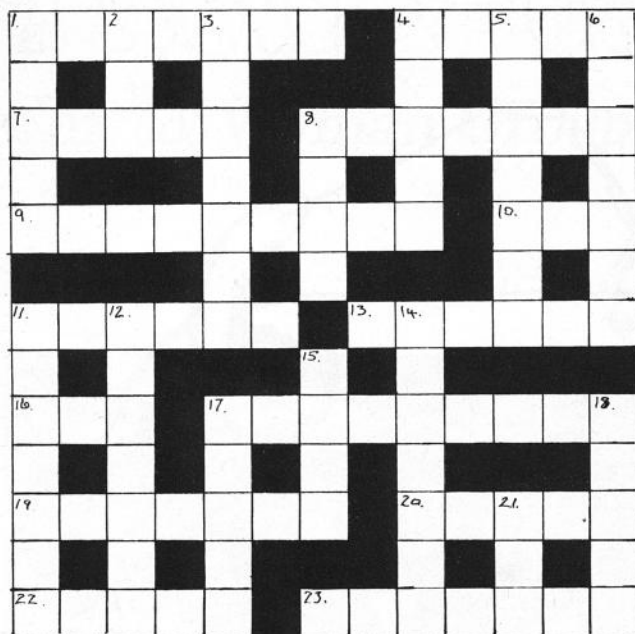
In 1926 Stanley joined the firm of Wyman & Sons with the intention of becoming an apprentice reader, but soon after the General Strike of that year began and Stanley never did get round to signing his indentures.

After spending a time in each department he finally settled in the office where he eventually became responsible for order clerking, advice notes, stock sheets, invoicing, wages and petty cash – all part of the same job!

Stanley has many outside interests including Fakenham & District Horticultural Association of which he has been Treasurer for 22 years, and Fakenham Angling Club, Treasurer for 19 years. But his association with the Social Club makes him the longest serving Committee member. Stanley joined the Committee of the then Wharfedale Sports Club in 1939 and became Treasurer in 1945.

At a presentation in the Composing Room, Mr John Seddon presented Stanley with a cheque and Long-Service Scroll from the Company and recalled that on his first visit to Fakenham Stanley was the first person he saw on entering the office, Stanley looked up and remarked 'Not today, thank you'! Mr Jude presented a radio from friends throughout the factory and offices.

Crossword



COFFEE TIME CLUES

CLUES ACROSS

1. Track support (7)
4. Pick-me-up (5)
7. Female relative (5)
8. Caller (7)
9. Non-working periods (5, 4)
10. Hoot (3)
11. Reinforcements (6)
13. Illicit whisky (6)
16. Tear up (3)
17. Breed of dog (3, 6)
19. Be silent (4, 3)
20. Fruit (5)
22. Perspire (5)
23. Sea creature (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Anatomical cavity (5)
2. Sheep (3)
3. Tense (7)
4. Sample (5)
5. Worthy (7)
6. Drawing (7)
8. Conceited (4)
11. Disputes (7)
12. Full (7)
14. Exaggerate (7)
15. Dutch cheese (4)
17. Send by post (5)
18. Scots dances (5)
21. Small noise (3)

CRYPTIC CLUES

CLUES ACROSS

1. It moves quickly above the line, but remains stationary beneath it (7)
4. Not, in a way, the number the doctor ordered, although it may help (5)
7. She is found in North-East E.C.1 (5)
8. Is it five or thereabout when he calls? (7)
9. Mater may cook pies in it (5, 4)
10. Disapprove in a boorish manner (3)
11. They support what an affected walker does (6)
13. Still produced in parts of Ireland (6)
16. Tear up one's goodbye letters (3)
17. Marxist crossword compiler who leads a dog's life (3, 6)
19. Silently maintain one's parent (4, 3)
20. Not dope, but it caused the first two in the race to lose their place (5)
22. Drops from exhaustion (5)
23. He is well armed after a short month's work

CLUES DOWN

1. Cavity revealed when the sun is rising (5)
2. You sound sheepish (3)
3. Now is the time for a gift (7)
4. A complicated test taken orally (5)
5. Striking absence of furniture (7)
6. That's funny, the box is empty (7)
8. I am transported; by my good looks? (4)
11. Hands off! (7)
12. Fed up! (7)
14. What raw ham may do (7)
15. Cheese made the wrong way (4)
17. Send off the cash for a watch by return (5)
18. Staggers on the dance floor (5)
21. Father is no big noise (3)

FRIENDS OF GRESSENHALL

The Norfolk Rural Life Museum at Gressenhall is intended to be a working museum, where alongside static displays it is intended to have working exhibits showing various aspects of the way people live and work in Norfolk.

It is not only the past that will be on display but from the dawn of history to the age of space exploration; from the earliest industries to those of more recent times; to the fishing industry and the frozen fish fingers in our local shops, and how locally we make some of the complicated electronic equipment that assists men in the exploration of space.

Not all of Norfolk's industries are in the factory, it was in Norfolk that organized farming first began with Turnip Townshend, who developed his four-course shift which is still the basis of farming throughout the world. It was also in Norfolk that Coke of Norfolk held his Sheep Shearings, which were the world's first agricultural shows.

However, to establish this museum, which is still intended despite the present economic situation and the cuts in council spending, the Friends of Gressenhall has been formed to help support the museum by raising money, by practical help in the erection and renovation of exhibits, by taking photographs of the various things that happen around us and recording, in some cases, ways of life that are rapidly disappearing. These are all part of the changes that are taking place and the Rural Life Museum hopes, with your help, to record them for the benefit of us all, not only the people of Norfolk, but anyone that wants to come and have a look. At the Open Day held in September last year 5,000 visitors came to have a look around.

If you are interested in helping, either by joining the Friends or organizing a fund-raising event (a penny trail to raise the £20,000 the Norfolk County Council were going to allocate would be about THIRTY-NINE MILES LONG) I shall be pleased to give you any further information.

Michael Barter
Caster Dept, Fakenham

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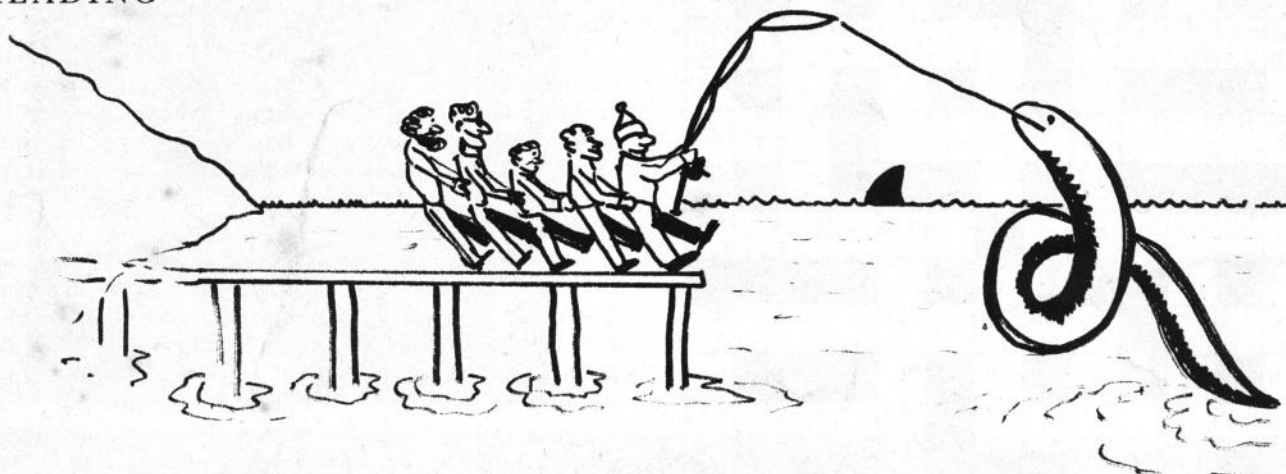
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DOWN: 1 Snakes and. 2 Spotlight. 3 Rapid. 4 Tenor. 5 Nuts. 6 Eerie. 10 Denim. 11 Emits. 12 Sabre. 13 Ferry Boat. 14 Eldest son. 18 Organ. 20 Yeast. 21 Totes. 22 Hope.

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Sports Scene

DEEP SEA ANGLING CLUB - READING



RW

We are very pleased to announce the recent rise to fame of Roy Turner, a member of the Sea Angling Club.

On the occasion of the annual boat festival, organized by the Thames Valley Sea Angling Alliance (of which we are members), Roy managed to catch a 27 lb. 8 oz. Conger Eel.

This proved to be the heaviest weight of fish caught that day by one angler, and out of 56 anglers Roy came away with the trophy for Individual Champion.

Roy's fish was added to the total catch of our team, but we could only manage third place. The team winners were from Oxford with a total weight of 43½ lb.

186 lb. of fish were caught that day, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Roy is now a very strong contender for our own Conger Eel Award, if he can hold it until July.

Ray Lloyd

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FAKENHAM SQUASH COMPETITION

Twenty-eight persons (2 female) have entered their names for the above competition. At a meeting held to discuss the competition it was agreed to split this number into four groups of seven with each person playing every other in their group.

The person with the highest number of points in each group to go forward to the semi-finals, and of course, the winners of the semi-finals to play off in the final.

A trophy will be donated by the Social Club for the winner.

The competition is being played at the Sports Centre and a progress report will appear in the next issue.

The groups are formed as follows:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
T. Futter	R. Medler	D. Hurn	T. Forristal
P. Clarke	N. Mann	D. High	P. Colman
S. Bray	A. Parsell	K. Styles	E. White
G. Houston	G. Lumsden	B. Fisher	J. Settle
N. Harbord	C. Ward	S. Woodhouse	J. Harper
C. Pawley	D. Frost	G. Want	T. Childs
P. Humphrey	P. Woodhouse	J. Musgrove	J. Short

T. A. Forristal

TABLE TENNIS - FAKENHAM

In Division I of the Fakenham League the A team have won 3 and lost 8 and are currently placed in the lower half of their division, Doug Fennell being their most consistent player, having won 15 out of 24 of his singles to date.

The B team in Division II are in sixth place, with 6 wins, 2 draws and 7 defeats. Highest in the averages is John Hoeg with 27 singles wins out of 45.

David Defew heads the averages for the C team in Division III with 23 out of 33 - a very creditable 69%. The C team are at present in fourth place, having won 7, drawn 1 and lost 4.

The D team, in the same division, with 4 wins, 1 draw and 9 defeats, are placed seventh.

In the first senior Inter-League match to be played at Cox & Wyman's Social Club, Fakenham drew 5-5 with Wymondham in a close and exciting match. As 8 of the 10 rubbers went to the decider, a draw was a fair result.

'Topspin'

**KEEP ON
YOUR TOES
PROTECT THEM!**