

NEWS LETTER

YOUNG MEMBERS SECTION

JUNE 1956

EDITORIAL

After a shaky start, our News-Letter is beginning to stand on its own feet. It is getting bigger and bigger with contributions from some of our Members.

Chairman's Report

The activities for the past month have been successful and enjoyable. I am not happy about the attendance rate for the various activities we had organised for your benefit. I would like you all to try and come for our special meeting on June 6th, to discuss various matters such as our future programme for the future etc.,.

HANDICRAFT SECTION

On Wednesday evenings, strange sights may be seen in a certain room on the first floor. Here each week a small group of people collect and with almost fanatical concentration set to work on their individual constructions. These strange monstrosities grow slowly and after some weeks of work, may, perhaps be identified even by the laymen, of whom there can always be found a few peering round the door with startled eyes, or attempting to distract the dedicated from their work, by idle witty stories of the outside world. The ceremonies are presided over by Miss Walker, who was specially trained in an incredible institution to lead others along the twisted byways of creative effort. She could tell many a tale of prolonged battle against fearsome odds, of a few frustrated hopes and thwarted plans, but also of difficulties overcome and of triumphant completion, after long intricate work; and from behind the tangle of dripping cane, or across the acres of under canvas, or out of the depths of pleated silk, or from the intricacies of careful quill, the initiated will scarcely pause from their labours to greet newcomers, unless by some chance he happens to be a new sheep for the fold.

By Miss Walker.

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

During the past month, our section has been extremely successful and interesting. I am glad to say that all our meetings have been well attended by most of our Members.

Last April Mr. Kosky gave a lecture on developing roll films by hand without the use of a usual developing tank in our dark-room. His method was very interesting but I could not agree with him on the ground that the use of a developing tank is better and easier. But Mr. Kosky's argument is based on the fact that you can decide the developing time under a suitable safe-light whether to increase or decrease the developing time due to under exposed or over-exposed film. This method is satisfactory but I consider that it is not necessary for photographers to make mistakes photographing. In other words every photographer must try to take more care in photographing objects more especially from the point of view of exposure timing, with the help of an electric exposure meter or a 'Focal Exposure Chart' which is very good and cheap. Electric exposure meters are very useful and accurate for indoor photography either by artificial lighting or daylight and are very important for colour Photography.

On May 22nd by kind invitation of Mr. Gotlop, we had a marvellous and instructive evening at his studio. We were very fortunate to have a charming photographer's model to help us. (She happens to be deaf, too.) How we blushed and felt hot under the collar at the sight of her. We learned how to photograph under artificial lighting. The model was such a saucy wench, that every time I tried to photograph her, my lens got steamed up a bit, damn it. I advised the Members to use a blue filter for their cameras. They could not understand me, because they could not see my filter in front of my lens. It was only when I pointed it out to them that my filter was hidden behind the lens that they agreed to do so. The purpose of a filter behind is that it is safer and smaller to save expenses. Jack Hart screwed his huge plate reflex camera on a giant tripod which must be at least 8 ft. high. (Gad, he must have spent his time standing on his toes. I'd like to see him buy a pair of high heeled shoes next time with the usual foot high sole and 18 inches high heels, ha, ha, ha!! Mr. Kosky used his Balda on a tiny tripod (Odd isn't it, he must have grown smaller till he had worm's eye view of everything.) Israel Itzkowitz's plate camera got jammed, he blamed the model for this trouble. I am not surprised, he must have felt pretty hot by then, and wished he had not gone at all. David Stellman was a perfect wizard, he seemed to act as a professional photographer, he was the only one to use his Leica camera without the help of a tripod. He must have been enjoying himself, he has been taking photographs from every angle. (I suppose there's something behind it, hum!) The rest of us felt a bit sheepish and our hands were all shaking and sweating with excitement, so we had to use a tripod, (perhaps to keep ourselves steady Myer Solomon took notes of my work, especially on exposure timing as well as the arrangements of lighting equipment. I'm beginning to wonder if he made many a slip through gazing at the model. Such a nuisance models are, they distract our attention and make us feel uncomfortable, interesting phenomena.

After the Studio work was over, Mr. Gotlop showed us his two dark-rooms which are extensively equipped. He showed us a collection of photographs. They proved to be very interesting from the point of sharpness of print, composition, etc., It has been a very highly interesting and instructive evening. How we felt relieved when we got out into the cool air of the evening!!

The Photographic section is closing down during the first week of June for the summer season. The Section's Session will commence next September. But any members of our Section can use the lighting equipment and darkroom for his own use any time.

The Photographic section badly requires a cupboard for storing our equipment. If any of you happen to know of a cupboard for sale secondhand, cheap, let me know, please, and we are willing to buy one. For heaven's sake do make sure that it is well made and cheap.

The enlarger will not be ready till we acquire a focussing unit and enlarging lens. I have tried 35 m.m. Adox 17/10 developed in Promical, for 20 minutes instead of 14 minutes, the result was very good. The gamma was high to improve the resolution power. It seemd that my lens f.2.8.s.c.m. Tessar is coated but it is not. Remember if you increase the exposure or developing time it will increase the grains on the film, consequently, it will reduce the lines per M/M. But if you decrease either of them, it will help to save the grains but the negative will look too thin. The R.P. really has nothing to do ~~with~~ these circumstances. For example the R.P. is to measure the lines per m/m given by a lens which have very short focal length have a high resolution power. 32 lines per M/M is fair; 55 lines is good; 66 lines is very good. This is why all Leicas are fitted with very good lens. Ross Xpres lenses are also very good. If any of you would like to know more about optics, shutters, cameras, materials, etc., you are advised to go to your nearest library. If you want any other advice, please write to me with stamped addressed ~~envelope~~ and I will answer free of charge. For address see end of News-Letter. Try and use Adox 17/10 developed in M & B Promical or Neodyne (made in Germany) and find out for yourself. For 35 m.m. users, 35 m.m. H P.3. is the best of all and ~~fastest~~ for enlargements. On the other hand, slow films are suitable for enlargements for over 6½"x8½".

By Gerald Litman,.

RAMBLE SECTION

On May 22nd we had a very enjoyable ramble in and around Sevenoaks. We were very fortunate to have such fine weather. It was a great pity that not enough Members turned up. We were surprised to notice how beautiful the country is around here. We hope to organise another ramble soon. On May 21st we had a very enjoyable coach outing to Broadstairs for the day. We had 35 Members with us and they had all enjoyed themselves immensely. Some of them went swimming and after lunch we had grand fun playing games on the beach. The weather was magnificent.

On May 13th we had a very enjoyable outing to Southend with Members of our Cricket Section. We were very fortunate to have such marvellous weather. The cricket match was very enjoyable despite the fact that we lost it by a close margin. Anyway, its the spirit of the game that matters whether we win or lose it. The members of the Southend Youth Club were very pleasant to us, and they were very co-operative. They took us round to their Club for the evening.

YACHTING EXPERIENCES

I have been a Member of the sailing section of the Maccabi Club for the past 2 years. It is my favourite sport, every Tuesday I learn the theory of sailing, navigating, cartowrk etc., at the Club,. It seems to me that Yachting is quite difficult for deaf people because when I work on a 12 ft sailing dinghy as a crew, I am unable to hear the helmsman yelling the instructions (aye, aye, aye'.) The crew work must be carried out quickly otherwise we might all get a good ducking and start quacking for deaf life, (perhaps I would not mind it, you never know, you might meet a lovely mermaid) It is similar to driving a car, but is more difficult because of sea currents and wind currents in different directions. One must be a sort of acrobat in order to keep the boat from capsizing. For the deaf it will take a long time to learn sailing, but once mastered can be grand fun. During the summer holiday I joined with some of them and sailed to France in a 32 ft sailing Yacht, mighty tough work, (pew). Our skipper was very kind and helpful to me owing to my handicap of deafness. But I got used to them after some time. The sailing was wonderful. I did a lot of work at the helm, ropework, (blast it, my feet got tangled up and I fell into the water, I nearly shook hands with a mermaid. Cooking, bet : you, her cooking was indigestible) washing up, (including the ladies panties, so slippery and tiny, full of perfume, which nearly knocked me out) and mopping up the deck, which the other Members did in rota. During the night we still worked, sailing on and on, bleary eyed, with visions of lovely mermaids sailing by. We all shared 3 hour sleeping rota every night. I wonder how many mermaids I counted. This adventure lasted 2 weeks The sailing time from Fecamp (France) to the Isle of Wight took 1 1/2 days (approx 80 miles) which was extremely good. Some of you saw my film kindly projected by David Stellman last winter. Last Spring for one week I joined a sailing group and sailed from Chichester Harbour to the Isle of Wight, through the Solent to Lulworth Cove, a very beautiful bay, Weymouth and then Portland Harbour. On the return journey straight to the Isle of Wight, our average speed turned out to be nearly 8 knots, our yacht was 39 ft long and very narrow. The sail area was very big which means high speed. Then we sailed for home. My legs were worn out through constant work and when I landed for the first time, I felt that the ground was swaying under my feet. In other words I simply tottered about as if I was dead drunk. (good thing there were no cops about Made me feel I had better get back to the boat to regain my balance

I will write a short sea yarn about my sailing holidays for next month's number.

By Gerald Litman.

An anonymous Member wishes our News-Letter every success for the future.

Thanks, Editor.

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Chairman's Report.

Hello Everybody!! It's grand to see you all of you back again to our club, all looking so brown and so hale and hearty! All bubbling with mirth while spinning their merry yarns about their unusual holiday experiences.

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3 Two members, namely Gerald Litman and Jack Hart have raised an interesting motion, that we should form a canoe section. Ah, a wonderful suggestion. They spoke very enthusiastically and they both feel that it is an ideal sport for young members to share in equally.

I have a friend who is an expert in the canoeing world, who told me that he will be delighted to come along and give a talk and a film show, to give an idea what canoeing is really like, I will invite him to come round to give a lecture sometime during November.

Now, the big question arises as to who is going to buy the blats? It do happen to know that 2 seater canoe can be obtained in kit form for about £10 each! We, members of the Young Section feel, that this time time YOU must try and raise money out of your own efforts by organising whist drive or produce a short play or any other money making ideas. Come on lads, if you are really keen, roll up your sleeves and fight to raise money somehow. Once you've achieved your goal, then you will all have a grand time messing about in canoes and exploring small creeks and rivers.

So, do keep an open mind and do come to hear what the lecturer will have to say about the joys of canoeing.

4). The discussion then turned to programmes for the future. The

whole thing boiled down to one thing, that is, in the future we must try and organise programmes different from the past, the activities alternating on Wednesday evenings, for example, a small dance on one Wednesday and a sporting evening on the following Wednesday.

Our chairman says it is a wonderful suggestion which we intend to carry out in the future but the members of the Young Member's Committee would like to emphasise the fact that organising activities is hard work and poor attendances are very discouraging for us. Therefore, come on lads, try and make an effort to come to our meetings on Wednesday evenings, more often, never mind your excuses, you are young and energetic, there is no reason why you can't join any of our activities. For some months, the attendance rate has been very bad, so much so that we cannot arrange a good programme for them through lack of support.

5). It was suggested that we should start to hire a swimming pool for a few hours once a week. It's a wonderful idea, but unfortunately we need at least 20 members to make up a swimming section. If you are really keen, then please put your name down on the notice board in the lounge. If we see that more than twenty names are on it, then we will go forward.

Various other suggestions of minor nature were raised and discussed and thus ended a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

Attention to all Members.

We are arranging table tennis, chess, draught and darts knock-out tournaments and to all of you who are really interested please come along and put your names on the notice board in the lounge.

If the response is poor, I will have to arrange a very special meeting and ask you to explain why you do not wish to take part of our activities or shall I say, that you are not interested in our club any more. Our chairman would like to see if you are really keen in our activities by noting the numbers of those who put their names on the notices board for the various sections.

Photography Section.

After hearing some of the members talking about their experiences when they went to Switzerland, I began to wish I had gone after all!!

My exacta was loaded with my first colour film Kodachrome for my two weeks holiday in London. A nice place but the click of the focal plane shutter was not heard owing to cloudy weather. I blamed somebody in heaven or forge tin to turn off the tap. The thunder flash was, of course, caused by the electronic flash trying to arrest the movement of rain drops. No wonder the bath overflowed.

I enjoyed myself very much here with a very old umbrella with holes and was nearly blown away with it by a 9 m.p.h. gale, just after the focal plane shutter passed along its path in the heaven's camera.

Was it Jack? He must have hooked the sun with his hair on for himself to get tanned nice and brown. (Shall I say that he grilled himself in front of it!)

On the 22nd of August we held a meeting in the lounge to discuss when to start our photographic section. It has been decided to start our meeting at the same room every Wednesday commencing on October 3rd. To be continued.

Impressions of the Holiday in Switzerland.

Comment allez vous Lecteur
And to think, I got no reply in French!

It is impossible to put down in writing, the extraordinary slits (eyes almost closed owing to intense brightness of the sun & snow.) of hundreds of magnificent views where ever we went and the fantastic panorama the top of the mountains.

One day, we visited a mountain range called Rochers de Nave. It is a very beautiful place more so when it is fine, which does not often happen, because it is often covered with mist. Queer thing mist must be. Why, because it is there before our eyes but we can't even hold it or feel it. Luckily it turned out to be gloriously clear on that day.

We went creaking up by a strange train with cog-wheel to propel it up the slope. Bet you by the time we got to the top, the poor engine must have been panting pretty hard and glad to have a chance for a breather. Hats me how the Swiss people managed to lay the rails on the slope.

The journey to the top and down was most fascinating with swirling mist all round with no idea of where we were going. We had the whole compartment to ourselves. Then we got to the top, the mist with visibility up to 50 yds. We rubbed our eyes when the mist

gradually lifted as if an invisible brush swept by to reveal a fantastic panorama all round us. Through borrowed field glasses we could see glaciers, lakes, towns, etc. many miles away. It was like looking on a map, only better so because it was real.

Whew! It got hotter and hotter, so I had towped off my scarf and two woolies and sure I felt like a sponge full of water. I saw everybody madly rubbing sun lotion on their faces, arms, and legs. Some of us walked a bit further up the mountain and believe me, it was pretty tough. One side of the mountain sloped gently and the other side was sheer drop for thousand of feet. It was a good opportunity to cure myself of giddiness. After a couple of hours stay, we were very disappointed when we had to turn back for home. (I wonder if he met the admirable snowman by chance! Ed.)

Another day, we went for an excursion for the day to Zermatt then to see a famous glacier and the famous Matterhorn. It took up 5 hours to get to the last named place. To begin with, first we travelled to Zermatt and on the way on the train, we skirted a magnificent raging torrent (Beats me how David Myers and Gerald Lit an could canoe down such a river.) We had to change to a cog-train at Zermatt and it took us for to the Matterhorn, a 1 hr journey. At the top, my eyes narrowed to slits, my mouth gaped open in awe at the fantastic sight all round me of glaciers, distant mountains etc with cloudless blue skies and the sun blazing down mercilessly on us. Never before in my life did I see snow in mid-summer. First thing we did was to eat snow!. How tasty it turned out to be. We staved there about for one and half hours and we returned home sad at thought that we had to leave the place so soon. We did not get home till about 4 pm. A most enjoyable day it was.

Geneva! Geneva! Geneva.

The place of peace and we went there for a day. The weather (Fless hem) was hot too. We went there by coach. Part of the way there, we went along hugging the shores of Lake Geneva. We went through small places such as Vevey, Lansannes, etc. When we got to Geneva, we had a big surprise to see an enormous fountain of water about 30 ft high. It was on show to celebrate the Swiss holiday. We, first of all visited the English Gardens which were beautiful and reminded us of home. We had our usual tea there. Then we visited the U. . . headquarters. We were very fortunate in having a very charming English guide to show us the place. A beautiful place it turned out to be with enormous rooms each donated by a different nation. We visited a Jewish Technical Teachers College and had tea there. We were very impressed with the place. Finally we had to return home nearly leaving Mr Margulies in the process!. We arrived home in time for supper. David Townsend.

11 West Lane Dance, October 2nd Saturday Evening.

Our dance was most enjoyable and unusual because it was held on Saturday for the first time since the youth section was formed. At last we had satisfaction of having the whole of premises for ourselves. A nice lot of members turned up. Various games were played and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We will try and arrange dances on Saturdays as much as possible in the future during the Winter Season.

Co-operative Section.

Loretta Silverman is very disappointed with the response she has received after she sent out letters to all the girls on the mailing list. She will bring the matter before the next M.A.M. which will be held in a couple of months time.

Handicraft Section.

At last our Organiser has secured a very nice lady instructor for our handicraft section. I have some doubts as to whether I have found her a very nice and most helpful. She is very easy to follow and kinhearted. In future, the section will meet on Wednesdays. So come on lads, have a go and have an enjoyable evening making all sorts of useful things for yourselves.

Table Tennis Section.

Our table tennis section is still going strong and very enjoyable. But our sports section leader is not satisfied. We would like to see more of you turn up more regularly so that she can arrange knock out tournament in a satisfactory way. Otherwise she will be unable to arrange matches according to the programmes on the notice boards. So do make an effort to attend more regularly.

History of the J.D.A. Photographic Section.

I would like to express how much we enjoyed the art of Photography by which members of the Photography Section, to extract the maximum enjoyment from the use of a tool to form an image by a camera's lens, the silver bromide laid on the glass plate is reacted with chemicals in suitable formula there fore a negative is then indicated. Projected on the sensitive paper, it is again reacted as the silver bromide developed magically it indicated a photograph. Such is the essence of Photography.

Some members of our section joined us without any experience whatsoever of photographing or processing and though handicapped severely were able to perform the difficult manoeuvres proscribed by

the instructor not only perfectly but without hesitation

We now are almost equipped with darkroom but only temporarily to a few members, most of them have a better darkroom at home with their own equipments as they are more convenient.

We had our first exhibition as a hobby in photography held at the Sevmore Hall last October 1955, during the B.S.P.D.C. 10th Anniversary

An important visitor Mr Gotlop (himself a professional photographer!) came to give us a lecture about studio work with artificial lighting portraits. He took a picture of one of the members with his camera and flash unit, the result was very good. We were invited to visit his studio and 3 darkrooms and showed us his large photograph - very beautiful. Then he adjusted the lightings on the charm model, our cameras on heavy stands he used on her, the sensitive materials recorded, some of them failed because the model was too saucy.

After about 4 weeks, David Stellman showed his colour movies and still transparencies with his two projectors on the screen. It was a wonderful show and my cine-film about sailing also shown. I would like to thank him for his kindness.

Now you know that I have been an instructor for the photographic section since October 1954, and am pleased to say that all of us are getting on well but of course there were lots of difficulties due to my studies in the past year but it was not much. I always tried very hard to keep the section constant owing to two members who retired but I advised them to take a rest.

I am afraid to say that now I must retire as I am leaving in late November this year to see my sister and brother-in-law for a long holiday, I will probably return to England in six months time. I would like to see the photographic section to continue until I return, Jack Hart will take my place in the meantime, hoping there will be good and better programmes.

I would like to thank David Stellman for giving movie and still shows, Jack Hart for assisting me, Myer Solomon as our hard-working treasurer, Israel Itzkowitz for looking after the equipments, Bernard Polchar for a lecture about Compositions and David Myers for transporting.

"LONG LIVE THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION".

Gerald F. Litman

IMPRESSIONS OF A RAMBLE ON OCT 14th.

On Sunday, Oct 14th we had a very enjoyable ramble to visit the famed Silent Pool near Guildford. We were blessed with a most glorious, calm and sunny day. Fifteen members turned up.

At about 9.30 a.m. we caught a fast train, we arrived at Guildford in a short time. We then walked through the town to a river where we walked along the bank. We found the views along the river most interesting. We spotted a huge bonfire for Guy-Fawkes day. We were appalled to notice that some stupid chaps had piled a number of rubber tyres which when burning give a most pungent smell. (I supposed the young rchins will be saying to their parents 'Ah, Bisto Gravy!! Sniff atishoo, sniff, atishoo!!' 'Last my nose..')

We came to a foot bridge and crossed it. We found ourselves back on the road. We went along and somehow Isaac spotted a gap in a fence and we went through it. Up and up we went, up the steep path. We finally reached the top and continued walking through fields, passing a number of farm houses, through woods,. On the way, one of the girls gave me a queer looking bag and asked me to carry it for her. The very look of it made me wonder if it was really a horse-bag!! How perfectly wizard, under her very nose, I stuffed some freshly picked straw (delicious but not Kosher) into the bag, Ha Ha!. You can well imagine how furious she was when she saw the straw. (It was the last straw that made her run after me, trying to rain blows on my head, which I skillfully evaded) We finally reached the foot of a steep hill, and started to climb a footpath up and up, beads of sweat rolling down our faces. We huffed and puffed up the hill muttering a few oaths at our ramble-leader for leading us up this awful path. By the time we were giving up hope, we found ourselves on the top of a bump with a small church on the top. The view was simply glorious. We were thankful to stop and give our feet a chance to rest and have our lunch. It was such a pity that when I gave the 'horse bag' to one of our saucy members, she refused to eat the straw, which I tried to persuade her to eat. I told her that they were especially koshered for her and good for the liver!! It was no avail and naturally she flew at me. Help, help, she was such a demon, that I had to run for my life, Such is the spice of life!

Having eaten our lunch, we started to walk down the other-side of the hill towards a pub to have a drink. Having fortified ourselves, we continued on the way to Aldbury to see the famed Silent Pool. We finally saw it and it is a remarkable sight. The water was absolutely still, so transparent and inviting for a swim which was forbidden. I wish I could push that girl with that bag into the water to see the ripples in the water and give her a

good ducking!! Quack, quack, Quack!

After seeing that strange sight, we started to walk back towards Guilford. On the way, we went through a wild, undulating common and reached a cafe where we had tuppenny worth of char and some tasty morsels which gave us enough energy to carry us back over more undulating common to Guildford.

This ended a most enjoyable ramble we have ever had for a long time. We all thanked Isaac Michaels for the trouble and we hope he will start leading a ramble section again next year.

ECSTASCRIP

Straw!!

What you can't eat you must gnaw.

What you can't gnaw, you must nibble.

What you can't nibble, you must give to the devil.

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WANTED URGENTLY

Our Editor is retiring soon because he is emigrating soon. So he would like to hear from anyone who would like to take over an interesting job as an editor of this magazine. He or she must have a reasonable knowledge of the English Grammar and have the gift of the gab!!

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2) We have unfortunately decided to discontinue our football section for the time being. We have come to the conclusion that we have not enough chaps to make a team. Once we have enough potential footballers, then perhaps we might start again. So let's hope for the best.

3) Two members, namely Gerald Litman and Mack Hart have raised an interesting motion, that we should form a canoe section. Ah, a wonderful suggestion. They spoke very enthusiastically and they both feel that it is an ideal sport for young members to share in equally.

I have a friend who is an expert in the canoeing world, who told me that he will be delighted to come along and give a talk and a film show, to give an idea what canoeing is really like, I will invite him to come round to give a lecture sometime during November.

Now, the big question arises as to who is going to buy the boats? It so happens to know that 2 seater canoe can be obtained in kit form for about £10 each! We, members of the Young Section feel, that this time time YOU must try and raise money out of your own efforts by organising whist drive or produce a short play or any other money making ideas. Come on lads, if you are really keen, roll up your sleeves and fight to raise money somehow. Once you've achieved your goal, then you will all have a grand time messing about in canoes and exploring small creeks and rivers.

So, do keep an open mind and do come to hear what the lecturer will have to say about the joys of canoeing.

4). The discussion then turned to programmes for the future. The

whole thing boiled down to one thing, that is, in the future we must try and organise programmes different from the past, the activities alternating on Wednesday evenings, for example, a small dance on one Wednesday and a sporting evening on the following Wednesday.

Our chairman says it is a wonderful suggestion which we intend to carry out in the future but the members of the Young Member's Committee would like to emphasise the fact that organising activities is hard work and poor attendances are very discouraging for us. Therefore, come on lads, try and make an effort to come to our meetings on Wednesday evenings, more often, never mind your excuses, you are young and energetic, there is no reason why you cannot join any of our activities. For some months, the attendance rate has been very bad, so much so that we cannot arrange a good programme for them through lack of support.

5. It was suggested that we should start to hire a swimming pool for a few hours once a week. It's a wonderful idea, but unfortunately we need at least 20 members to make up a swimming section. If you are really keen, then please put your name down on the notice board in the lounge. If we see that more than twenty names are on it, then we will go forward.

Various other suggestions of minor nature were raised and discussed and thus ended a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

Attention to all Members.

We are arranging table tennis, chess, draught and darts knock-out tournaments and to all of you who are really interested please come along and put your names on the notice board in the lounge.

If the response is poor, I will have to arrange a very special meeting and ask you to explain why you do not wish to take part in our activities or shall I say, that you are not interested in our club any more. Our chairman would like to see you are really keen in our activities by noting the numbers of those who put their names on the notices board for the various sections.

Photography Section.

After hearing some of the members talking about their experiences when they went to Switzerland, I began to wish I had gone there all!!

My exacta was loaded with my first colour film - Kodachrome for my two weeks holiday in London. A nice place but the click of the focal plane shutter was not heard owing to cloudy weather. I blamed somebody in heaven for forgetting to turn off the tap. The thunder flash was, of course, caused by the electronic flash trying to arrest the movement of rain drops. No wonder the bath overflowed.

I enjoyed myself very much here with a very old umbrella with holes and was nearly blown away with it by a 9 m.p.h. gale, just after the focal plane shutter passed along its path in the heaven's camera.

Was it Jack? He must have hooked the sun with his hair on for himself to get tanned nice and brown. (Shall I say that he grilled himself in front of it!)

On the 22nd of August we held a meeting in the lounge to discuss when to start our photographic section. It has been decided to start our meeting in the same room every Wednesday commencing on October 3rd. (to be continued.)

Impressions of the Holiday in Switzerland.

Comment allez vous Lecteur
And to think, I got no reply in French!

It is impossible to put down in writing, the extraordinary sights (eyes almost closed owing to intense brightness of the sun & snow.) of hundreds of magnificent views where ever we went and the fantastic panorama the top of the mountains.

One day, we visited a mountain range called Rochers de Nave. It is a very beautiful place more so when it is fine, which does not often happen, because it is often covered with mist. Queer thing mist must be. Why, because it is there before our eyes but we can't even hold it or feel it. Luckily it turned out to be gloriously clear on that day.

We went creaking up by a strange train with cog-wheel to propel it up the slope. Set you by the time we got to the top, the poor engine must have been panting pretty hard and glad to have a chance for a breather. It tells me how the Swiss people managed to lay the rails on the slope.

The journey to the top and down was most fascinating with swirling mist all round with no idea of where we were going. We had the whole compartment to ourselves. When we got to the top, the mist with visibility up to 50 yds. We rubbed our eyes when the mist

gradually light as if an invisible brush swept by to reveal a fantastic panorama all round us. Through borrowed field glasses we could see glaciers, lakes, towns, etc. many miles away. It was like looking on a map, only better so because it was real.

Whew! It got hotter and hotter, so I had towed off my scarf and two woolies and sure I felt like a sponge full of water. I saw everybody madly rubbing sun lotion on their faces, arms, and legs. Some of us walked a bit further up the mountain and believe me, it was pretty tough. One side of the mountain sloped gently and the other side was sheer drop for thousand of feet. It was a good opportunity to cure myself of giddiness. After a couple of hours stay, we were very disappointed when we had to turn back for home. (I wonder if he met the admirable snowman by chance! Ed.)

Another day, we went for an excursion for the day to Zermatt then to see a famous glacier and the famous Matterhorn. It took up 5 Hours to get to the last named place. To begin with, first we travelled to Zermatt and on the way on the train, we skirted a magnificent raging torrent (Beats me how David Myers and Gerald Litman could canoe down such a river.) We had to change to a cog-train at Zermatt and it took us for to the Matterhorn, a 1 hr journey. At the top, my eyes narrowed to slits, my mouth gaped open in awe at the fantastic sight all round me of glaciers, distant mountains etc with cloudless blue skies and the sun blazing down mercilessly on us. Never before in my life did I see snow in mid-summer. First thing we did was to eat snow! How tasty it turned out to be. We stayed there about for one and half hours and we returned home sad at thought that we had to leave the place so soon. We did not get home till about 4 pm. A most enjoyable day it was.

Geneva! Geneva! Geneva.

The place of peace and we went there for a day. The weather (Flessheim) was hot too. We went there by coach. Part of the way there, we went along hugging the shores of Lake Geneva. We went through small places such as Vevey, Yverdon, etc. When we got to Geneva, we had a big surprise to see an enormous fountain of water about 30 ft high. It was on show to celebrate the Swiss holiday. We, first of all visited the English Gardens which were beautiful and reminded us of home. We had our usual tea there. Then we visited the U. N. headquarters. We were very fortunate in having a very charming English guide to show us the place. A beautiful place it turned out to be with enormous rooms each donated by a different nation. We visited a Jewish Technical Teachers College and had tea there. We were very impressed with the place. Finally we had to return home nearly leaving Mr Margulies in the process!! We arrived home in time for supper.

David Townsend.

11 West Main Dance, October 2nd Saturday Evening.

Our dance was most enjoyable and unusual because it was held on Saturday for the first time since the youth section was formed. At last we had satisfaction of having the whole of premises for ourselves. A nice lot of members turned up. Various games were played and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We will try and arrange dances on Saturdays as much as possible in the future during the Winter Season.

Co-operative Section.

Loretta Silverman is very disappointed with the response she has received after she sent out letters to all the girls on the mailing list. She will bring the matter before the next C.C.M. which will be held in a couple of months time.

Handicraft Section.

At last our Organiser has secured a very nice lady instructor for our handicraft section. I have always wished to be and I have found her a very nice and most helpful. She is very easy to follow and kinhearted. In future, the section will meet on Wednesdays. So come on ladies, have a go and have an enjoyable evening making all sorts of useful things for yourselves.

Table Tennis Section

Our table tennis section is still going strong and very enjoyable. But our sports section leader is not satisfied. We would like to see more of you turn up more regularly so that she can arrange knock out tournament in a satisfactory way. Otherwise she will be unable to arrange matches according to the programmes on the notice boards. So do make an effort to attend more regularly.

History of the J.D.A. Photographic Section.

I would like to express how much we enjoyed the art of Photography. By with members of the Photography Section, to extract the maximum enjoyment from the use of a tool to form an image by a camera's lens, the silver bromide laid on the glass plate is reacted with chemicals in suitable formula there one a negative is then indicated. Protected on the sensitive paper, it is again reacted as the silver bromide developed magically it indicated a photograph. Such is the essence of Photography.

Some members of our section joined us without any experience whatsoever of photographing or processing and though handicapped severely were able to perform the difficult manoeuvres proscribed by

the instructor not only perfectly but without hesitation

We now are almost equipped with darkroom but only temporarily owing to a few members, most of them have a better darkroom at home with their own equipments as they are more convenient.

We had our first exhibition as a hobby in photography held at the Seymore Hall last October 1953, during the R.S.F.D.C. 40th anniversary

An important visitor Mr Gotlop (himself a professional photographer.) came to give us a lecture about studio work with artificial lighting portraits. He took a picture of one of the members with his camera and flash unit, the result was very good. We were invited to visit his studio and 3 darkrooms and showed us his large photograph - very beautiful. Then he adjusted the lightings of the charm model. Our cameras on heavy stands to used on her, the sensitive materials recorded, some of them failed because the model was too slow.

After about 4 weeks, David Stellman showed his colours movies and still transparencies with his two projectors on the screen. It was a wonderful show and my cine-film about sailing also shown. I would like to thank him for his kindness.

Now you know that I have been an instructor for the photographic section since October 1954, and am pleased to say that all of us are getting on well but of course there were lots of difficulties due to my studies in the past year but it was not much. I always tried very hard to keep the section constant owing to two members who retired but I advised them to take a rest.

I am afraid to say that now I must retire as I am leaving late November this year to see my sister and brother-in-law for a long holiday; I will probably return to England in six months time. I would like to see the photographic section to continue until I return, Jack Hart will take my place in the meantime, hoping there will be good and better programmes.

I would like to thank David Stellman for giving movie and still shows, Jack Hart for assisting me, Myer Solomon as our hard-working treasurer, Israel Itzkowitz for looking after the equipments Bernard Polchar for a lecture about Compositions and David Myers for transportin .

"LONG LIVE THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION".

Gerald W. Litman

IMPRESSIONS OF A RAMBLE ON OCT 14th.

On sund v, Oct 14th we had a very enjoyable ramble to visit the famed Silent Pool near Guildford. We were blessed with a most glorious, calm and sunny day. Fifteen members turned up.

At about 9.30 a.m. we caught a fast train, we arrived at Guildford in a short time. We then walked through the town to a river where we walked along the bank. We found the views along the river most interesting. We spotted a huge bonfire for Guy-Fawkes day. We were appalled to notice that some stupid chaps had piled a number of rubber tyres which when burning give a most pungent smell. (I supposed the young rhins will be saying to their parents Ah, Bisto Gravy!! Sniff atishoo, sniff, atishoo!! Blast my nose..)

We came to a foot bridge and crossed it. We found ourselves back on the road. We went along and somehow Isaac spotted a gap in a fence and we went through it. Up and up we went, up the steep path. We finally reached the top and continued walking through fields, passing a number of farm houses, through woods,. On the way, one of the girls gave me a queer looking bag and asked me to carry it for her. The very look of it made me wonder if it was really a horse-bag!! How perfectly wizard, under her very nose. I stuffed some freshly picked straw (delicious but not Kosher) into the bag, Ha Ha!. You can well imagine how furious she was when she saw the straw. (It was the last straw that made her run after me, trying to rain blows on my head, which I skillfully evaded) We finally reached the foot of a steep hill, and started to climb a footpath up and up, beads of sweat rolling down our faces. We huffed and puffed up the hill muttering a few oaths at our ramble-leader for leading us up this awful path. By the time we were giving up hope, we found ourselves on the top of a hump with a small church on the top. The view was simply glorious. We were thankful to stop and give our feet a chance to rest and have our lunch. It was such a pity that when I gave the 'horse bag' to one of our saucy members, she refused to eat the straw, which I tried to persuade her to eat. I told her that they were specially koshered for her and good for the liver!! It was no avail and naturally she flew at me. Help, help, she was such a demon, that I had to run for my life, Such is the spice of life!

Having eaten our lunch, we started to walk down the other-side of the hill towards a pub to have a drink. Having fortified ourselves, we continued on the way to Aldbury to see the famed Silent Pool. We finally saw it and it is a remarkable sight. The water was absolutely still, so transparent and inviting for a swim which was forbidden. I wish I could push that girl with that bag into the water to see the ripples in the water and give her a

good ducking!! Quack, quack, quack!!

After seeing that strange sight, we started to walk back towards Guilford. On the way, we went through a wild, undulating common and reached a cafe where we had tuppenny worth of char and some tasty morsels which gave us enough energy to carry us back over more undulating common to Guildford.

Thus ended a most enjoyable ramble we have ever had for a long time. We all thanked Isaac Michaels for the trouble and we hope he will start leading a ramble section again next year.

POSTSCRIPT

Straw!!

What you can't eat you must gnaw.

What you can't gnaw, you must nibble.

What you can't nibble, you must give to the devil.

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WANTED URGENTLY.

Our Editor is retiring soon because he is emigrating soon. So he would like to hear from anyone who would like to take over an interesting job as an editor of this magazine. He or she must have a reasonable knowledge of the English Grammar and have the gift of the gab!!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE YOUNG MEMBERS SECTION IS ARRANGING

A GRAND DANCE TO BE HELD AT OUR

CLUB ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24th. AT 7.30.p.m.

ADMISSION :- 1s. 6d. FOR MEMBERS.
2s. 0d. FOR GUESTS.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED AT A SMALL EXTRA CHARGE.

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Editorial

The last edition has been the most successful and popular ever written and produced. Not only that, for the first time in the history of the Youth Section of the J.D.A., the previous edition was written, typed and duplicated entirely by the deaf members only. Thanks are due to Valerie Greenfield for her painstaking typing all the stencils, Myer Solomon and her sister for the trouble to duplicate the copies.

For the last time this news letter will be edited by David Myers because he is emigrating to Australia.

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The Chairman's Report.

With much regret, I am writing this report for the last time as already explained above. I would like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed working (and fighting for better conditions) as your Chairman for the Youth Section of the J.D.A.

The past year has been very successful, with the usual monthly dances which are generally well attended and very enjoyable occasional rambles and the usual ordinary meetings at our club on Weds.

Without the help and encouragement of all our members our News Letter would never succeeded. Some of our members have contributed several articles of interest for inclusion in our News letter and thanks are due to them from me personally. There is one thing I can only hope that is our News letter will continue to be published every month in the future during my absence. I will promise to send you articles every now and then while I am down below!

I would like to congratulate Isidore Schleselman on his initiative of organising a play group for our benefit. From what he told me, I can honestly say that they are guaranteed to pull your ribs apart (Ouch!!)

I am very sorry to lose temporarily one of our most popular and hardworking member, Gerald Litman, who is also going to Australia for about six months, stay there. Without his assistance and guidance our Photographic Section could never been succeeded. Jack Hart will continue to carry on the Photographic section for the time being.

I have managed to secure a large piece of plywood for the dart board so that in the future darts will be played in the small lounge.

Mrs Hilton of the J.D.A. committee has promised to secure a very good theatre on our benefit so lets hope it will be a very successful venture.

At last, it is with great pleasure that three members of the Canoe-Camping Club are coming down to give a lecture on canoeing which you all badly wanted. So do make a special effort to come and hear for yourself with an open mind and find out what canoeing is really like. See end of News letter for further details.

Our cricket Section has been very enjoyable for the past season despite difficulties in securing the members for our cricket team. The future of the Cricket Section will be discussed at the A.G.M.

So au Revoir and best of luck to everyone and the Youth Section future. I hope to see all of you again when I return back here in a few years time on holiday.

The Editor has received an interesting letter from Benno Ioungson about his holiday with Emil Magnus's parents. His report is so long and interesting that I have to reduce to a shorter form owing to lack of space, as below.

Last August, Sunday 26th for my holiday I was invited to stay with Emil's parents. So to begin with, I went by boat train from Liverpool St. station to Harwich and after passing through the customs embarked on the ship. The ship sailed to the Hook of Holland. The first half of the trip was very smooth, unfortunately the last part of the trip was very uncomfortable, owing to rough seas. So rough was it, that a few passengers got hurt and chairs were thrown about on board.

At last I arrived at the Hook of Holland and again passed through customs. Then I boarded an express train to Amsterdam. Mr Magnus, Emil and two brothers met me at the station and took me to their home. After a nice supper, I went to bed feeling worn out.

On Monday, Emil and I toured the city of Amsterdam. A very nice city it turned out to be. In the afternoon, we went to see the Queens Palace. It was a beautiful building and we had a most unusual privilege of seeing the interior of the palace.

On Tuesday, we went by car to tour Leiden, Gravenhage and at last arrived at Rottenham. There we had lunch with another friend at their flat and afterwards toured the city. It is a very pretty place. We returned back to Amsterdam in the evening.

On Wednesday, we went to a place called Aalsmeer to see the world famed flower market. I was amazed in the afternoon to see such a variety of flowers in profusion. We returned to Amsterdam and went to see a magnificent synagogue over three hundred years old. The only source of lighting is candles, over 400 of them. It is such a pleasure to see an aged school in a fine city like Amsterdam.

After seeing the school, we went to Emil's old school for the deaf. It is a small and co-educational. It turned out to be a very nice school. In the evening one of Emil's brothers took me to see a small town by the sea called Scheveningen. I remembered the place quite well, because my uncle and auntie took me there about 8 years ago for a holiday.

On Friday we went by train to visit Alkmaar to see the world famous cheese market which is held every Friday. We saw cheese in various colours, such as red, blue, yellow, green, and white being carried on special cheese carriers. We saw a queer looking clock on the top of a tower nearby with moving figures which works at every quarters and hours. Then we visited "The House with the Ball" It was built in 1573. We went inside and admired the fascinating interior which is exactly as it was arranged in those days.

After that we went to see a windmill built in 1874. It is still working and I found it interesting because I had always wanted to see how flour was ground in those days,

On Sunday, Emil's brother and I went to see a circus. The show was far better to what we always have here. On Monday, we went to visit a Geographical Museum which was fascinating.

On Tuesday, we went to see a place called Marken. There we saw Dutch people wear their national costumes which were very pretty, A folklore unique of it's kind. The houses were very interesting too. We then visited a small fishing port called Volendam with its harbour full of fishing smacks. It's charming girls wearing their white lace hats, it's sturdy fishermen and it's little houses so clean which is proverbial.

Finally with much regret, I returned back home. The sea crossing was very smooth. I myself sends my kind regards to all of you members of the Youth Section.

Benno Icigison.

Postscript

The Editor hopes that Benno Icigison will continue to send us reports of his activities as often as possible. All of you may know that he is going to Israel to work on a Kibbutz soon. So, on behalf of the youth section, all wish him every success out there.

Play and Dance Section.

Isidore Schleselman is organising a play for which a theatre is being obtained for our benefit with the help of Mrs Hilton. of the J.D.A. Committee. So David Myers our retiring chairman, would like all of you to try and help Isidore as much as you can to make our venture a success.

Remember, for the first time, the whole thing will be arranged entirely by the deaf members on their own initiative. So, this time we must make a special effort to prove to the members of the J.D.A. Committee, that what they think we can't do, can be done somehow, if they leave us alone as much as possible so long as they encourage us to do so ourselves

Finally, Isidore is arranging a big dance at a large hall, Mrs Hilton will also try to find a hall for us. So lets hope that it will be successful venture which we deserve.

On behalf of the members of the Youth Section, we would like to give our thanks and wonderful co-operation, kindness and encouragement given to us by Mrs Hilton. So lets hope that from now on, we shall get better consideration and help from the J.D.A. Committee and especially Mrs Hilton in the future.

Remember we all must fight for our maxim:- Our club is for the Deaf therefore our club should be run by the DEAF themselves, with the backing of the hearing committee.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WITH GREAT PLEASURE WE PRESENT

A LECTURE PLUS LANTERN SHOW

ON CANOEING GIVEN BY THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE CANOE-CAMPING CLUB

ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th 1956 at 7.30.p.m. SHARP

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PYJAMA DANCE.

WITH GREAT PLEASURE

WE PRESENT

A GRAND PYJAMA DANCE

ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 29th. 1956.

at 7.30.p.m.

PRIZES WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE BEST PYJAMAS WORN FOR BOTH MALES & FEMALES OF THE SPECIES.!

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- 2s.6d. for Visitors in Pyjamas " " "
- 2s.6d. for Members without Pyjamas with refreshments.
- 2s.6d. for Visitors " " " "

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We are having an Annual General Meeting at the Club on Wednesday January 2nd at 7.30.p.m. SHARP

It is most important that all of you will make a special effort to attend our A.G.M. and do please try and be punctual.!

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Anyone, who is willing to serve on the Young Members Section Committee please put his or her name on the space provided below.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Only one name can be accepted with each form. Please send or hand over this form to Loretta Silverman as soon as possible.