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E D I T O R I A L .

The splendid reception which greeted the first number was encouraging, and the entire issue was sold out almost before the ink was dry; the present issue is greatly enlarged.

I have heard many comments on the first number, but none of them adversely critical, which, unless it means that our members are easily satisfied (which I doubt) is highly gratifying.

The present number, will, I hope, prove quite as interesting as the previous one. I wish, however, that contributions came from a wider circle of contributors. Many of you are willing I know, but hesitate because you don't know what to write about.

Well, study the two magazines already issued and then try something on the lines indicated. There is no lack of conversation on the Club-runs - why then this silence with the pen?

Happy wheeling in the longer days ahead.

The Editor.

MEMBERS' MARKET PLACE .

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Insertions free .

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Lucas 6v. Dynamo set. 304.12/6d. Apply Hinds. Sec.

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WANTED :- Heavy tubular pannier-carrier for tandem. Must be strong and well-finished black. Waller (address first page)

GENERAL SECTION NOTES .

The Derby D.A. has surpassed all previous attempts for Social events this winter. At every Social or Dance it has been "HOUSE FULL".

Many thanks to Mr. B. Bloor for so ably entertaining the Club at "Chase Leigh" on Christmas Eve. (CONTD. PAGE 11.)

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".....they have picked out lines in the road in reflector glass studs....and I found it is possible at night to see the crossing more than 100 yards away....it shines brightly in the weakest light".

-and then in the very next paragraph -

".....with compulsory dipping of headlights cyclists are in more danger than ever of being run into by motorists.....who just do not see the unlighted rear of a bicycle until they are perilously near to it. (Article by W.A. McKenzie, Daily Mail Motoring Correspondent.)

So if you want to be really safe at night you should scrape your half-crown reflector and replace it by a little glass stud, preferably one that has been run over by innumerable lorries etc.; fit it as near to the ground as possible, and then motorists of the same ilk as Mr. McKenzie will see you from a hundred yards away - in the weakest light !

A STORY



The question of compensation to caterers raised at the A.C.U. recalls an almost forgotten incident. It was the annual Church Service at Fressington; three of us had gone on ahead to the tea-table at Lode Hill, and as fifteen hungry cyclists were following we ordered tea to be ready in twenty minutes, and then sat on the hill-side to wait their arrival.

We are still waiting on hour after hour.

The tea-pots were steaming hot and the landlady was loud in her condemnation of inconsiderate cyclists, and we suggested that we should help things by going that we could sit the festive board. Tea for eighteen. We were but three! It was reminiscent of the story of the tea-party in Alice in Wonderland.

We had just moved round for the third time and there was a terrific lull; one of our little party - he is still in the Club - wistfully surveyed the still smoking table, and in a rather thick voice remarked "THE ANSWER TO A CYCLIST'S PRAYER".

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Through a misunderstanding the Club had their tea at Knorex.

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WITHOUT WORDS.



CON MARRIAGE
The motorist views the wide main road,
Through a screen of safety-glass;
And feels not the sun through his sliding-roof,
Or the shadows as they pass.

He judges his speed by a waver-
ing dial,
Knows the hills in terms of gears;
And every mile is an anxious
trial,
When the hour of darkness nears.

He only feels the rougher road,
Through the medium of bouncing
springs;
And hears but the tune of mechan-
ical notes,
That his engine loudly sings.

To him fresh air is a dusty
draught,
If he's not quite hermetically
sealed;
The rain-swept scene is a world
apart;
By his wind-screen wiper
revealed.

But most of all he misses the call,
Of a hearty appetite;
Nor needs the sign of the C.F.C.
To set the matter right.

So he hurtles down that wide main road,
And leaves his neck behind;
With his blatant horn of discordant
note;
And his peculiar one-way mind.

For such a man the time draws near,
When his 'bearings' run less sweetly;
And he takes life's hills in better
gear,
Lest his 'engine' fail completely.

But the man who has steadily pedal-
led himself,
To a really ripe old age;
Can travel the road in glorious
ease,
'Tis the cyclist's heritage.

L. W.

DOGS HAVE NO ROAD-SENSE
(Newspaper Headline)

To teach a doggy horse-sense,
Is like teaching ducks to swim;
But to teach that doggy road-sense,
Is better far - for him.

One careful cyclist -
"Wheel and Wings",
One careless cyclist - Wings.
(No further use for wheels).



ADVICE IN RHYME.

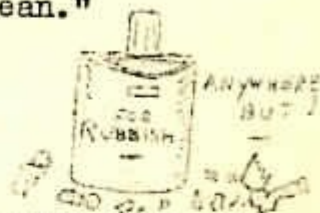
The C.P.R.E. suggests the following notice for display in places where picnickers "most do congregate," and delight to leave their litter of paper, tin-cans, bottles and the like :-



"Resemble not the slimy snails,
Which with their filth record their trails,
Let it be said where you have been,
You left the face of Nature clean."

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PLACE NAMES.



You may like to speculate on the origin of the name of your favourite Derbyshire village with the aid of the following list :-

- BIRCH - "bryce" a place newly cleared of trees.
- BOURNE - "burn" a brook, or stream.
- COTE, COT - "cot" a house.
- DON - "dun" a hill.
- FORD - "ford" a ford.
- GATE - "yeat" a road.
- HAY - "hege" a hedge, and so enclosed land, particularly a division of a forest.
- GRANGE - "grange" the out-lying farm of an abbey.
- GREAVE - "greve" a grove or wood.
- HOPE HOP. - "hop" a valley, a hollow.
- LEY - "leah" pasture land.
- LAND. LAWN - "launde" a forest glade.
- LOW. LAW. - "hlaw" a hill, sometimes a barrow.

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ARE YOU SURE ?

1. Pride of the Peak is a name given to :-

- a. Chatsworth House.
- b. Ashbourne Church.
- c. Tideswell Church.
- d. The Crescent, Buxton.

2. Derbyshire has several dolmens. A dolmen is :-

- a. A standing stone
- b. A wayside shrine
- c. A stone circle
- d. An ancient burial place.

3. Via Gellia is named after Sir John Gell, who was:-

- a. A Victorian Cabinet Minister
- b. A Cromwellian general
- c. An Assize judge under Henry VIII
- d. A local benefactor.

4. Pilsbury Castle in West Derbyshire is :-

- a. An artificial Earthwork
- b. Site of a Roman fortress
- c. A natural mound
- d. A Roman camp.

5. Ashbourne has Derbyshire's tallest spire, its height is

- a. 92' b. 156' c. 180' d. 212'
- e. 220' f. 233'

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6. I bought a tandem for £16 and sold it for £4 more than I lost on it. For what price did I sell it ?

7. A paving-block weighs 9lb. and half a block. What is the weight of a block ?

8. Two cyclists leave Nottm. and Derby respectively (16 miles) at 12 noon, the Derby cyclist rides at 8 mph. the Nottm. man at 24 mph. At what distance along the Nottm. Road, and at what time do they meet ?

9. Two more cyclists leave together on a time trial at 8 a.m. (100 mls.) A's maximum speed is 25 mph and B's 20 mph. Both ride at top speed all the way, at what time did each arrive

10. A cyclist is riding a 72" gear with a 48 T. chainwheel. His 26" rear wheel revolves 5000 times on a 3 hr. run. How many times does his rear sprocket revolve ?

A MESSAGE TO YOU .

The Editor has asked for my opinion of the initial number of the Derby D.A. Magazine, "Awheel". My verdict is "a very satisfactory first issue". Keep it up and it will prove a unifying factor in the D.A., but it cannot be run by the Editor alone. It needs the co-operation of many as I was glad to observe in the first number.

Many problems lie before us. Threatenings of further attacks on our rights as cyclists continue to appear in our sensational press, ~~Pro~~ perhaps, but indicating how the wind blows in certain directions. Cyclists must combine if we are not to be driven off the roads by aggressive speed merchants and when we think that only a small fraction of cyclists are members of an organised body the need for recruitment is evident. The C.T.C. is giving careful attention to this particular matter but only a determined effort on the part of the membership generally can prevent very unwelcome and really unnecessary restrictions being imposed by the powers that be, who are often times, biased motorists and cannot understand any other point of view.

B.C.Young, Councillor for Division 4.

(Mr. Young's donation of 2/6d. is thankfully acknowledged)

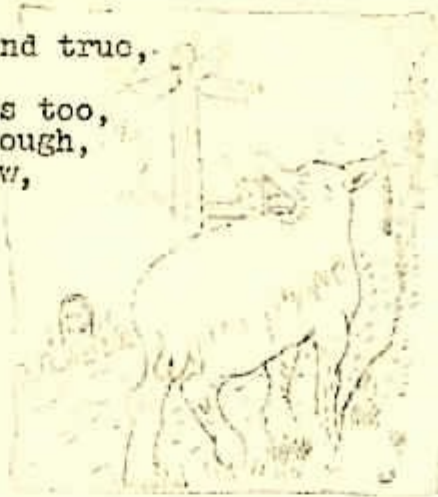
We are glad to publish the foregoing message from our Councillor for Derbyshire and Cheshire. Mr.Young has had the signal honour of Honorary Life Membership conferred upon him by the Council, and we take this opportunity of offering our congratulations to him. He has written the above after perusing the first number of "Awheel". His words, no less than his own personal example, should encourage us all to become better cyclists and club members.

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Mr. Orton, our Vice-President has given us 10/- towards expenses, which has been acknowledged.

LITTLE NARROW LANE .

You've made it broad and straight, and true,
 My little narrow lane.
 A smooth-rolled road, and broad paths too,
 Where once a cart scarce rumbled through,
 Between high banks where daisies grew,
 In the little narrow lane.



It took a thousand years or so,
 To make that narrow lane.
 A sheep track in the long ago,
 A haunt for lovers strolling slow,
 Or smugglers, when the moon was low,
 And dark the narrow lane.

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I see a fine thing man has made,
 Oh ! little narrow lane !
 And your high banks, your strips of shade,
 All gone ! The way is smoothly laid.
 Yet how I wish that you had stayed,
 Dear little narrow lane !



..... From the poem by A. Harrow.

There was a young man of Moorgreen,
 Who was so amazingly lean,
 So flat and compressed,
 That his back touched his chest,
 And sideways he couldn't be seen.

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*Bronze
works*

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A BRONZE-AGE EARTHWORK.

by "Peakrill"

On Beacon Hill in Charnwood - where in olden times blazed one of the chain of warning fires which aroused the countryside when danger threatened, is one of the few genuine Bronze-Age settlements in England. Built about 3000 years ago its earthen ramparts can still easily be traced in a great ellipse following the contours of the hill. A bronze celt (or hammer-axe), two spearheads, and a gouge have been found here. Close by on the South, a lane still follows the line of an age-old Saltway which can be picked up again east of the Soar, leading from Barrow to Six Hills and beyond.

Permission to climb the hill can usually be obtained, except during the breeding and shooting seasons, from the gamekeeper's cottage on the road to the eastern slope.

From the 'Gazette' :-

"FOR SALE :- Single, Spring mattress, rustless double-gents tandem."

What is the man trying to sell ? beds or bikes ?

Are you reading the "Derbyshire Countryside" ? Price 2d. instead of 3d. if bought from Mr. L. Pipes, and it helps the Glass funds.

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An Account of the New-York's Party. By Rotavia.

.....Our contributor, it appears, was not present at the party, but drafted it all after a night poring over the one-inch Ordnance Survey map of Dorsetshire. Hence the curious personallities to which he refers. (ED)

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It is a long time since Hob-Gurutz House rang with such merriment as when Darby D.A.'s party was held there in January. A select company was present among whom we noticed Earl Starn-dale, looking very fit after his cruise to New York and Carolina, also Countess Cliff and Lady Hole (accompanied by Peter Dale) and Sir William Hill, who also brought his two daughters, Win Hill and Hodge Hill. The M. C.'s were Lawrence Field and Anthony Hill. The latter arrived in his Black Carr, the body-work beautifully furnished by Charlot Wood. That popular member Godfrey Hole came along with Tom Heys, they were both conspicuous in Yellow Slacks and eyed marked attention to Agnes Meadow and Daisy Bank. An exhibition of acrobatics by Gimblestick Hill and his Long Hairs was much enjoyed; his feat of "hanging flat" earned prolonged applause - especially from the Wind Ladies near Scotland who had previously criticised the Middledon Molly as that he had lost considerably at Halfpenny Bridge.

As early as midnight interest began to flag and Carol Wood was heard ringing Roger to meet her by the Doctors Gate. I really thought the Vicarwood Knockdown if he heard her. On our way home we saw three near the Hot Allotments and they appeared to be in Paradise. Our sudden appearance made the Lovers Leap spark like a flash, so, apologising, we took them into Rowley Har for a Port-way cocktail made with milk from Chinley Churn. A trip over to Brighton where we watched the Tideswell in the Cold Harbour rounded off a never-to-be-forgotten function.

It was eight-o'clock in the evening, we always turned in early, and one of our party was already in bed taking things easy after a hard day's cycling. The other two, looking from the bedroom window, caught the eye of a little Welsh girl, who happened to be the maid at the hotel: in less time than it takes to describe the tired figure in bed was up and dressed, while the other two dressed as quickly as they could. It was by the side of Llyn Tegid, better known as Lake Bala, where we caught up with the maid and her friend taking a stroll. Just our luck, two with three will not go, but as the pace suited us all we quickly fell into step and soon became well-acquainted.

The chief topic so far had been to tell Jenny, the maid to be sure and see that we had a good breakfast as that was most important; a few pounds of bacon, two or three eggs each, a loaf or two of bread and a little marmalade will do - none of us eat very much. Still talking, we came to a little wall bordering the lake, and it was here that we first learned a little bit of Welsh - Jenny and her friend Freda were very good teachers, and as we were quick on the uptake (intake at meals) we were soon talking like Welshmen - I do 'nt think. If any readers go to Wales this year say 'Bori da' to a native and you will receive an answer, it means 'Good-morning' - but be sure it is a Welshman before you speak; we still said it in Shropshire and I am sure some road-men mistook us for bonny Welsh lads.

It was ten-o'clock when we landed in that night, our heads full of Welsh and our minds full of thoughts of breakfast.

We hope in the future to meet Jenny and her friend again but until then - 'Nos da, cerbydau'.

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" KEEP A TIGHT CHAIN DURING THE YEAR 1933 "

ORTON BROS.

B.S.A.

CORRESPONDENCE

Don. (Stratton). (a) Yours is indeed a weighty problem, Don; if you cannot obtain a large enough saddle-bag locally, we will gladly give you names of suitable firms. You might approach the Authorities at the Dartmoor State Saddle-Bag Works.

(b) You, cyclist, are very welcome recruits in the Territorial Army. You should do well in the Heavy Tank Corps, Reggie R. No. Reggie, we do not think it is possible to buy ball-bearings singly, but perhaps you could transfer one from the front wheel where they are not so important.

Doris (Alvaston) We have agreed your inquiry re purple leggings and Sou'wester to Petronella, who will be writing to you. If the case really is as old as you state, would it not be better to try another colour scheme altogether?

Musicien (Sickleover). Any screw-down attachment should accept it.

UPKEEP AND REPAIR OF TYRES. (C.V. Allen & Co.)

When fitting a new tyre it is advisable to apply French-chalk liberally inside the cover, to insure that the tube will not stick, and to facilitate fitting. In the case of the rear wheel, put the tyre on the opposite side to the chain and avoid getting oil on it. Ease the tyre into the bed of the rim and insert the valve through the valve-hole; a little pressure of air in the tube will prevent it from being trapped. It is far better to start fitting the second side of the tyre at the valve, working round to a point opposite. Remember, always press the tyre well down into the bed of the rim as you fit it - it should not be necessary to use a lever when fitting if this is done. On finishing, go round the tyre and ease it on to the shoulders of the rim, this will centralise the tread, then re-inflate.

Next Issue. Upkeep of tyres.

Many articles are perforated held over owing to late receipt

NUTCRACKER'S SUITE.

A new "orchestration" of an old "malady"

"Sweet Rosie of Sandham, sweet beautiful Rose,
She rides on a tandem, wherever she goes,
But when she gets married, what changes there'll be,
For she'll be "cuddling" the baby, while hubby is
"mashing" the tea."

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Mr. Eric Bettison has informed "Nutcracker" that if there are any more remarks about the condition of his "iron", he will take the "huff" and clean it. That goes for "Nutcracker" too.

"Nutcracker's" Hollywood correspondent cables that Mae West has nine buttons down the side of her latest 'creation', but one is always unfastened. It appears she can only 'fascinate'.

Motto for harassed Hon. Secretaries : "It is a joy to think the best we can of human kind". Trouble is, are cyclists human?

Remember :- A spoke in time saves nine. Well spoken !

Observation : How well the crown of "Kuklos" Fitzwater Wray.

There was a young lady named Psyche,
Who was heard to ejaculate "psycho";
Whilst riding her pbych,
She ran over a ptych,
And fell on a fence that was ppsyche !



Local Epigram

How many of our members have seen the interesting tomb-stone in Longnor churchyard ?

"In memory of William Billinge, who was born in a cornfield at Fawfieldhead in this Parish in the year 1679. At the age of 23 years he enlisted into his Majesty's Service under Sir George Rooke, and was at the taking of the Fortress of Gibraltar in 1704. He afterwards served under the Duke of Marlborough at the ever Memor.able battle of Ramilles, fought on the 23rd. May 1706, where he was wounded by a musket shot in the thigh. He afterwards returned to his native country and with manly courage, defended his Sovereign's rights at the Rebellion in 1715 and 1745. He died within the space of 150 yards of where he was born, and was interred here on the 30th of January 1791, aged 112 years."

"Billeted by Death, I, quatered here remain,
When the trumpet sounds, I'll rise and
march again."

Runs Leaders Beware

A Red sky at night;
Is the cyclist's delight,
A red sky in the morning,
The cyclist's warning.

Albert on the Club Run,
In his single days was seen,
But now he turns the "rollers"
You know the sort I mean.
ANON.

A FRUITFUL ARGUMENT .

Most cyclists are fond of fruit, but none so fond of apples as Adam and Eve seem to have been, for some say Eve 8 and Adam 2, which makes 10. Others say Eve 8 and Adam 82; total 90. But if Adam 81 and Eve 812, the total is 893. Then if Eve 814 Adam, Adam 81242 oblige Eve; total 82,056. Though we admit Eve 814 Adam, Adam, if he 8181242 keep Eve company; total 8,182,056.

All wrong. Eve, when she 81,812 many, and probably felt sorry for it, and Adam in order to relieve her grief 812, therefore, if he 81812420'y Eve's depressed spirits. Hence, both ate 816,208,864 apples. Correct me if I'm wrong.

Proverb :- A rolling wheel gathers no moss .

(continued from page . .) Place Names.

- RAKE - "rake" a path for sheep or cattle.
- TUN. TUN - "tun" an enclosure, also a homestead.
- WORTH - "worth" a farm.

Most of the names are Anglo-Saxon, but 'Launde', 'greve' and 'grange' are Middle-English, i.e., after the Norman Conquest.

VERBS ON A WALL IN KANG.	It is as though I've got	go to
"Friend who art here thirst to	tell,	
Of earthly water stay to think,	And careworn dweller round	
As the stream runs from that	this wall,	
kind flow,	How could they find	count to
With which all things we want	which thirst and life lose	above,
Are pouzing to us from above,	weary tasks."	
A lifelong river fed by love.		AMEN.

ALFRETON SECTION NOTES.

Our Christmas Party was this year held at Hagues' at Matlock, and again it was a huge success.

Mr. Hagues (who is, by the way, a C.T.C. caterer) provided very excellent Christmas fare, and amid seasonable decorations, the party went with a real swing.

A surprise item was sprung upon the party by Mr. E. Holmes of Rowsley, who, with his cinematograph, entertained the company for three quarters of an hour. A feature film being the Christmas pantomime "Cinderella".

The A.G.M. of the Alfreton Section was held on Nov. 28th. at Matlock. A good representation of members was present, and with Mr. J. Hinds as the chairman, the meeting proved most interesting.

The Secretary reported that the Section at the present time was as well supported and conducted as any time in its history. I was again elected as Hon. Section Secretary, and with an efficient committee, look forward to another year of steady progress with unswerving loyalty to the Derby D.A. and the C. T. C.

E. Bettison.

"Most motorists had their idea of an ideal road and in many cases it was a road without cyclists, horse-drawn vehicles and pedestrians, AND WITHOUT ACCESS FROM THE SIDE" -- Derbyshire County Surveyor in an address at Derby.

The world being round of course, the motorist should eventually arrive back at his starting point.

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Answers to Puzzles on Page 5.

ARE YOU SURE . 1.(b). 2.(d). 3.(b). 4.(a). 5(d).
Puzzle No. 6 -210. No. 7. - 18 lbs. No. 8. - 4 mls from
Derby at 12/30 pm. No. 9. Do'nt worry, they were riding
tandem together. No. 10. Just as many times as the wheel.

For the first correct solution (two words) to the following problem, opened at the Club-room on Wednesday March 16th. The Editor will award a copy of the Club's Jubilee Volume - Free. Entries should be taken to the Club-room in a plain sealed envelope with the solution and name of member inside, or posted to the Editor to reach him by March 15th.



"I am rough, I am smooth,
I am wet, I am dry.
My station is low,
My title is high,
The King my lawful master is,
I'm used by all - though only his."

Any number of attempts may be made by a member. BUT EACH ATTEMPT MUST BE IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE OR ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER IF SENT BY POST IN ONE ENVELOPE.



GENERAL SECTION NOTES

The Club-room at the Fox & Hounds, Coxbench is now open. Subscription 1/- for six months, no more to pay. Piano, darts, table-tennis etc. perfectly private and always a roaring fire. Wednesdays until 10 pm.

Starting with a big deficit, the 1957 committee have ended their period of office with a good surplus in hand. It will be put to good use. The annual report is now ready. The Jubilee of the Club is to be celebrated by our D.A. with a Rally in the summer.



"Hey young man, did'nt you read that notice?"
 "Yes constable, it said 'Road Closed', and when
 I came along and found it wide open!"

"Sey, is that fellow over there very fast?"
 "Fast? Why all the other fellows in the
 club have to ride twice as fast as he
 does to even keep up with him!"

"Ye've come a fearful' crash mon,
 did nae body see ye?"

"No".

"Weel, y'ken 'e insured too; d'ye
 mind if I lay doon beside ye?"



"Wot's your name young fellow?"

"William Smith".

"Nor then, none o' your tricks, I wants your
 proper name, see?"

"Well, if you insist, it's -er let us think -
 Oliver Cromwell".

"That's more like it, and next you get it right
 first time in future. You're not deceiving me with
 any of your William Smith business."

