



CLUB NOTES

Herne Bay M.C.—Has added to its long list of successes by a fine Exhibition held at Herne Bay Pier Pavilion. A Hornby Train layout including a large variety of rolling stock proved very attractive and a notable feature was a special display of the coloured New Meccano. Two models were loaned from Headquarters, the Aerospace and Stiff-Leg Derrick, in addition to which there was a good display of Meccano and Fretwork models. Club roll: 36. *Secretary:* C. W. Russell, 4, Clifton Villas, Herne Bay.

Exeter M.C.—Recruiting is carried on continuously. Considerable local interest has been aroused by the sight of a fine Tramcar model made in Meccano and Woodwork, which tours the city with its enterprising builders. It is fitted with electric light and looks a fine sight at night, and it usually carries the club Mascot, known as Master Pax, as driver. Three Football Teams are being run this season. A new rule is established in the Electrical Section whereby every boy must be prepared to deliver a lecture if given one week's notice. A committee of six members and the Leader has been formed. Club roll: 221. *Secretary:* H. G. London, "Homeside," 72, Old Tiverton Street, Exeter.

Castle Douglas M.C.—Activities have been recommenced and a good session is anticipated. New members wishing to be enrolled should communicate immediately with the *Secretary:* Richard Haugh, 26a, King Street, Castle Douglas.

Weston M.C.—A new club-room has been obtained and a special Exhibition of Models is to be held shortly. A Motor Chassis will be loaned from Headquarters for the occasion. Club roll: 22. *Secretary:* Ralph B. Nichols, 3a, Royal Parade, Weston-Super-Mare.

Stockton-on-Tees M.C.—Recent events include a Contractors' Night, Hornby Nights and Games Nights, which have been greatly enjoyed. An Exhibition is planned to take place this month. Club roll: 22. *Secretary:* N. Middleton, 14, Victoria Avenue, Norton Road, Stockton.

Richmond (Surrey) M.C.—So enthusiastic are the members that it is proposed to hold two meetings each week in future instead of one. Members are preparing to dress a stall in a forthcoming Bazaar at Richmond, for which all sections are working hard. A concert is arranged to take place at Christmas. Club roll: 23. *Secretary:* A. R. White, 15, Albert Road, Richmond.

Stationers' School M.C.—The first meeting of the new session took the form of a visit to the Model Engineer Exhibition in London, which proved most interesting. Future meetings will be mainly devoted to Model-building and Lectures. *Secretary:* G. H. Dunkling, Stationers' School, London, S.W.17.

Marsh Street, Conway (London) M.C.—An outing to the London Museums was arranged a short time ago and proved very enjoyable. Lecturers for the Winter Session are being approached and many interesting evenings are anticipated. Club roll: 50. *Secretary:* W. O. Knight, 22, Howard Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17.

Harwich M.C.—Early in the new Session an Exhibition is to be held and members are working hard in preparation. The club is being divided into two sections. On club nights members under eleven years of age will hold their meetings from 6.15 to 7.15, and those over eleven will meet at 7.30 and disperse at 9. The junior syllabus includes Meccano Model-building, Coloured Plasticine Modelling, Bead-making and Games; and that of the seniors comprises Fretwork, Meccano, Raffia Mat-making, Plasticine Modelling, Enamelling and Stencilling. Owing to the unavoidable resignation of the treasurer, Mr. J. Brooks, the post has been filled by Mr. Chas. Jeffries, Deputy-Leader. Mr. House has been appointed librarian. Mr. P. L. Wittingham of the Church Army, the club's former Deputy-Leader, has offered to present a silver cup to the boy who accomplishes the best work for the club throughout the year. The cup will be engraved with the name of the winner, who will be entitled to hold it for one year. Club roll: 100. *Secretary:* A. E. Ward, Osborne House, Pepys Street, Harwich.

Beccles Excelsior M.C.—Members are organising a great Recruiting Campaign. Special leaflets are being drawn up, and the Leader, Mr. Watts, is having them printed for distribution by members. Club roll: 21. *Secretary:* B. Jack Andrews, 30, Station Road, Beccles.

Chalmers Church (Alloa) M.C.—Sound progress is reported. The local dealer, Mr. Stirling, is preparing a fine display of Working Models, with the co-operation of club members, for Christmas. It is hoped to recruit many additional members during the winter. Leader: Mr. John Mein, 1, Hawkhill Cottages, Clackmannan Road, Alloa.

Teignmouth Congregational M.C.—This recently affiliated club is making good progress. The President is the Rev. H. R. Veale, and Mr. W. F. Rowse has accepted the position of Leader. The syllabus includes Model-building, Nature and Wireless Talks, Football and Gymnastics. Club roll: 19. *Secretary:* Donald Ford, 16, Higher Brook Street, Teignmouth.

Haslingden Secondary School M.C.—The new Session promises to be very successful and the membership is increasing. It is proposed to organise a concert in the near future and the story of "Dick's Visit to Meccanoland" may be enlarged upon and adapted as a sketch. Chess, Draughts, and Table-Tennis Tournaments are being arranged. Club roll: 30. *Secretary:* Kenneth G. Tupling, 16, Alexandra Terrace, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancs.

Southport M.C.—The two sections, Nuts and Bolts, have played several football matches. Club-room activities are now being arranged. A Concert is in preparation, an item of which is to be the Meccano play "Nonsense Nana." Club roll: 18. *Secretary:* W. E. Williamson, 10, Delamere Road, Ainsdale, Southport.

Meccano Club Leaders

No. 30 Miss Gertrude Viney



Richmond (Surrey) Meccano Club is justifiably proud of its Girls' Section and above we reproduce a photograph of Miss Viney, the Leader. The club has been in existence since 1924 and Miss Viney first became interested in its activities in connection with its frequent concerts, the success of which has been due to a considerable extent to her voluntary services as pianist.

The Girls' Section was formed in May of this year and Miss Viney immediately undertook the responsible task of organising it. Her enthusiastic efforts have met with well-deserved success, and to-day the section is flourishing in every respect.

Liverpool M.C.—Several successful meetings have been held since the holidays. A Model-building Competition was won by J. Hesketh, with a Locomotive, and other good models included a Windmill, an Automobile and an Ice Yacht. Preparations are being made for an Exhibition to be held at an early date. Club roll: 22. *Secretary:* L. Hodgkinson, 5, Cobham Avenue, Moss Lane, Orrell Park, Liverpool.

Norwich M.C.—A promising club has been formed. The President is the Rev. D. L. Saberton, York Villa, Chapel Field Road, through whose kindness a fine club-room has been obtained, with lighting and heating free of charge. The Leader is Mr. F. Sercombe, 84, Chapel Field Road, Norwich. The secretary and several members are presenting Meccano Outfits to provide equipment for general club use. Club roll: 22. *Secretary:* Lionel H. Oates, 90, New Market Street, Norwich.

Skelmanthorpe Wesleyan M.C.—Has lost its former leader, Mr. Irving Tyas, who has left the neighbourhood. There are four adults controlling and guiding the club, however, and a successful Winter Session is assured. A new Leader will be elected as soon as possible. Local Meccano boys desiring to join should apply to Mr. R. Gordon Field, Pilling House, Skelmanthorpe, Nr. Huddersfield.

St. Mary (Newington) M.C.—Good progress is reported, and the Club is working at high pressure in preparation for the Annual Exhibition. A regular course of model-building is to be followed throughout the session, good models being noted and reproduced for special occasions. The Club has a fine library, and Miss D. Treves has adopted the position of hon. treasurer and librarian. The Model Railway Section is progressing well, under the guidance of Mr. T. A. Denny. Model-building competitions and lantern lectures are well represented in the syllabus. Club roll: 118. *Secretary:* Mr. C. A. Curle, 37, Pullens Flats, Peacock Street, London, S.E.17.

Australia

Waverley M.C.—Is now affiliated with the Guild. A good club-room has been obtained and Mr. F. Worstead is the enthusiastic Leader. At recent meetings activities have included Model-building, the exchange and study of Foreign Stamps, and Mock Trials. Cricket is to be taken up soon and a steady increase in the membership is anticipated. Club roll: 7. *Secretary:* Victor Worstead, 101, Cowper Street, Waverley, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

Hampton M.C.—A sound club has been formed at Hampton and was recently granted affiliation with the Guild. It is proposed to erect a platform in the club-room for the production of "tableaux." Interesting engineering discussions are arranged for the future and the club is to publish its own Magazine, on which the members are working enthusiastically. Club roll: 9. *Secretary:* F. G. Wallis, 9, Kerford Street, Hampton, Victoria, Australia.

Clubs Not Yet Affiliated

Worthing M.C.—A small club is being formed and the first meeting was well attended. Mrs. Knowles, of "Shanklin," St. Thomas Road, has kindly consented to act as Leader and has placed a room at the disposal of the members. *Secretary:* Raymond Knowles, "Shanklin," St. Thomas Road, Worthing.

Cranham M.C.—Is developing well. A recent visit to the London Zoological Gardens proved very interesting and members saw the diving birds and sea lions being fed, and watched the elephants bathing. A Model-building evening was devoted to the construction of a model house. A Woodwork Competition is under consideration. *Secretary:* J. G. Cheshire, Post Office, Cranham, Essex.

Darlington M.C.—Has been inactive for some time owing to the absence of a Leader. Strenuous efforts at reorganisation are being made, however, and Darlington boys are invited to support the efforts of the *Secretary:* A. K. Pankhurst, Beech House, West Auckland Road, Darlington.

Dublin No. 1 M.C.—A promising club has been established. The chief drawback at present is the absence of a proper club-room but steps are being taken to remedy this defect at an early date. Mr. Cockrane is the Leader and is working steadily towards affiliation with the Guild. Club roll: 12. *Secretary:* Mr. G. J. Seymour, 49, Eccles Street, Dublin.

Leytonstone M.C.—Is progressing along sound lines, and promises to become very successful. Boys wishing to join should write to the *Secretary:* Club roll: 16. *Secretary:* G. L. Twelvetree, 1, Grove Crescent, Littlehampton.

Ashburton M.C.—Sound progress is being made by this newly formed club. At a recent meeting the Leader had two small tree trunks brought to the club-room and laid on trestles. The members were required to construct Meccano bridges across the trunks and imaginary water below, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. It is proposed to include a special club parade and display of models in the forthcoming Annual Concert of Ashburton Preparatory School. Club roll: 15. Leader: Miss C. R. Bolt, 131, Anerley Road, London, S.E.20.

Clifton (South Africa) M.C.—Has an adult Leader, the Rev. T. Higgs, and a club-room, and is developing along sound lines. It is hoped that affiliation with the Guild will be effected in the near future. *Secretary:* Hermann Jacobsen, 169, Loveday Street, Clifton, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Proposed Clubs

Bootle M.C.—A keen Meccano enthusiast at Bootle is trying to form a club and invites the support of Meccano boys in the district. Boys interested should get in touch with J. Dempsey, 403, Stanley Road, Nr. Marsh Lane, Bootle, Liverpool.

Rotherham M.C.—A club is in process of formation and boys interested are invited to communicate with the promoter of the movement, A. E. Wood, 26, Norfolk Street, Rotherham.

Sutton-in-Ashfield M.C.—It is suggested that a club be formed, and the gentleman who is promoting the scheme is prepared to take Leadership. A club-room is already secured, and boys interested are invited to communicate with Mr. J. Winfield, 1, Hardwick Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Brixton Hill (London) M.C.—Boys interested in the formation of a Meccano club at Brixton Hill should communicate with H. Astle, 75, Brixton Hill, London, S.W.2.