

**REFUSE DUMPING PROTESTS.**

**Local Authorities Actions Criticised.**

**Permission of Rural Council Should be Obtained.**

A view of the Hertfordshire authorities' recent protest against the dumping of sludge in the heart of rural Hertfordshire, the efforts being carried out by various urban and rural district councils, to put an end to the practice, are of more than ordinary interest.

The problem of the dumping of refuse in the Home Counties was discussed on Wednesday at a conference of representatives of the County Councils of Essex, Middlesex, Kent, Hertfordshire, and Surrey, at the Middlesex Guildhall, Westminster.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

A local authority should not be permitted to deposit refuse or other rubbish outside its own area without the previous approval of the county council and the district council within whose area it has to be deposited. In the event of the county council or local authority refusing consent, the Bill to lie before the Minister of Health, whose decision shall be final. It was recommended that the same resolution should be considered by the separate local authorities with a view to its being referred speedily to the Ministry of Health.

Mr. H. E. Brooks, chairman of the Essex County Council, who presided, said that as long ago as 1911 the Essex medical officer of health reported that the dumps were insanitary, that they bred rats and flies in very large numbers and that they were undoubtedly a menace to health. Mr. Brooks proceeded:

**"OUTRAGEOUS SCANDAL."**

This is an outrageous scandal. London at the present time is dumping over a million tons of refuse upon the north shore of the Thames yearly. One of the dumps is already 90 ft. high and is the curse of the village of Rainham.

Mr. W. G. White, of the Buckinghamshire County Council, said that the same thing has been happening in Buckinghamshire for more than 40 years. Strong condemnation of refuse dumps was made by Colonel Wood Martin at a meeting of the Maidstone Town Council.

Describing the condition of affairs in the Tovil district of the town, he told how he had found within 30 yards of some cottages a refuse dump from which paper was being blown all over the place. Another dump of stinking garbage was within a gunshot of the cottages.

Speaking of a dump in Postlevy Road, from which "the stench is awful," Councillor Wells said that the rats were a pest.

Fileen Plimmer, of George's Road, Holloway, was knocked down by a bicycle on Wednesday evening. She was taken to the Royal Northern Hospital suffering from head injuries.

**ARSENAL, SPURS & ORIENT.**

ARSENAL fell badly at Birmingham on Wednesday, the famous Aston Villa defeating them wholeheartedly by 5 goals to 2. Brown, the ex-Huddersfield player, had the distinction of scoring three goals against them. It is not to be expected that Arsenal will win every game. There are always circumstances in the human machine that mitigate against that smooth working necessary for sustained success. Jack, we know, is far from well, James is nursing injuries, John is out of action and Baker's knee is keeping him out of action. Then, too, in this game, J. Williams, taking the place of Jones, did not find his right place and we are also told that Lambert disappointed. All this is, in my opinion, counter-balanced by what Arsenal has done prior to this unfortunate happening and here is the brief record, one that I venture to state is cruelly to be proud of.

On four successive Saturdays, Arsenal have wrought two victories. On each Saturday at Highbury in the First League, Leeds United, Manchester City and Burnley have been defeated. Away, Sheffield Wednesday and Sunderland (two famous victories) have seen Arsenal take full points. At the home of Manchester City, Arsenal lost the points, but at Highbury they took both points from Manchester City, some say luckily.

Then look at the fine showing of the Reserves. They are out for a fourth successive championship of the London Combination. To date, the Reserves have captured 13 points out of a possible 14. Portsmouth, at home, capturing the missing point. The teams defeated are Swansea Town, Queen's Park Rangers and Southern, at Highbury; away, Luton Town, Southern United and Cardiff City.

How splendidly Arsenal overcame difficulty can be gleaned when I state that against Sunderland it had been intended to play Alf Baker in the place of the injured John. Baker travelled, but his knee would not permit him playing and Len Johnson filled the breach and played a heroic game in a new position.

David Jack felt sick indeed on the journey from Newcastle to Sunderland on Saturday morning. Yet Jack played and earned the highest praise and Arsenal wrought a famous victory. At Highbury, on Thursday last, Arsenal defeated Notts Forest in the hospital charity match. At the close there was a happy scene in the board room. Our mayor (Alderman Sidney Harper, J.P.), who had presented the miniature silver cup to the Arsenal players, thanked the clubs for their help to the hospitals.

Happy speeches were made and one felt that at Highbury there is at present a fine spirit that means team work. The journey, ere the season finishes, will be a long and trying one, but with a great team and with reserves of the right sort, I can but repeat what I wrote during the period of window-dressing, "We are in for piping times at Highbury." Bolton Wanderers are at Highbury this week-end.

I cannot—and I much regret it—write eulogistically of Tottenham Hotspur. I

saw their games with Bury on Saturday and Millwall on Monday. They lost two valuable home points. It was as if last year was being continued. There was the same want of push and finish. In these two games did not impress in the centre, but it is unfair to lay all the blame on his shoulders. Against Bury, Tottenham ran many more miles, but Bury were always making for goal without frills and over-elaboration. Until Hotspur gives up over-elaboration and infuses first time thrust, I fear the position is without hope. Their half-backs must give up the idea that they are extra forwards. Poynton lacks the ability to hold his wing forwards.

I liked the heroic work of Herod against Millwall. Hotspur, in the first half, had they been content to play as they started, might easily have taken a commanding lead. Millwall, true to tradition, set out to stop the opposition and, being a hefty side—a little too hefty I thought—fulfilled their mission in bringing Hotspur down to their game. The second half was quite good and I thought Tottenham lucky when the referee allowed an obvious offside goal by Osborne to stand. Tottenham needs but the speedy return of Harper and pending his return, I would put Dimmock in the centre. The half-backs must open up the game more. In Crompton, Hotspur have a second "Fanny" Walden. It will be some game at Stamford Bridge this week when Tottenham and Chelsea clash.

Clapton Orient are steadily improving and it is good to hear of the fine team spirit prevailing at Homerton, where, in common with all players, a speedy return to normal ground is the object desired. On Wednesday a leading club manager told me that the hard grounds during the first month of this extraordinary season were seriously affecting all players. Already their muscles are giving out under the great strain.

Just a word in conclusion, of the happy and memorable ceremony at Tottenham on Saturday last. Honour was done to Mr. F. J. Wall, the secretary of the F.A., by his co-association secretaries of Scotland, Wales and Ireland. It was my privilege to see how Mr. Wall was honoured and as one who for years worked side by side with him upon the L.F.A., the M.C.F.A., and as the first hon. secretary of the Retirees' Association, I know of his sterling qualities and his great and lasting work for the game. It was a notable gathering and Mr. Wall was much moved.

**STREET BETTING AT HIGHGATE.**

**Man Who Went Into One House and Out of Another.**

Herbert Mills, 34, an insurance agent, of 143, Dartmouth Park Hill, Highgate, was charged, on remand, at North London, with loitering, for the purpose of betting, at Raydon Street, Highgate, New Town, on the afternoon of September 15. He had pleaded not guilty and the hearing had been adjourned at his request, so that he might be legally represented. Mr. J. Clifford Watts now appeared on his behalf.

It had been alleged by P.S. Turner, 93 Y, and P.C. Hughes, 713 Y, that they kept prisoner under observation and at several places saw him receive from men pieces of paper, which the officers described as betting slips, but no money. Eventually, he went into a newsagent's shop. Leaving there, the officers approached him to arrest him on the charge in question, but prisoner turned into a combined dairy shop and post-office, went through the living room and garden and into the front garden of a house in Raydon Street. He was followed by Sergt. Turner and arrested on the charge, when prisoner remarked: "I don't think you can say street betting." No betting slips were found on him, but £1 4s. 6d. in silver.

Prisoner now explained, on oath, that he took no bets at all, but some money from two men only, owing to his wife in connection with the credit drapery business, and for whom prisoner was in the habit of receiving payments. After coming out of the newsagent's, where he purchased a newspaper and cigarettes, he heard someone shout "Hi! I want you." Thinking it was a man with whom he had quarrelled at a whist drive about six weeks ago and to whom he shouted something unpleasant as he went away on a bus, and the man at the time saying, "I'll have you sooner or later," he went through the dairy shop into Raydon Street, where he was arrested on this charge by the officer whom he had mistaken for the other man.

Mr. Basil Watson convicted and imposed a fine of £5 and five guineas costs.

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**GARDEN FETE TO AID R.N.H.**

**Lady Barratt Performs Opening Ceremony.**

The beautiful grounds of "North Bank," Page's Lane, Muswell Hill, was the picturesque scene, on Saturday, of a garden fete in aid of the Royal Northern Hospital.

Much interest was evoked by the presence of Lady Barratt, who performed the opening ceremony. The Mayor of Hornsey (Alderman Double), who was accompanied by the Mayoress, presided. He said the scene for many good causes, but none was more worthy of sunshine than the Royal Northern Hospital.

The hospital, which was only founded 72 years ago as a single room in York Road, King's Cross, was, unfortunately, very scantily endowed, the income from endowments being less than 5 per cent. of the sum necessary for annual maintenance, which in spite of the most rigid economy, reached the figure of £98,000. So that over £60,000 a year had to be raised by voluntary subscriptions. That the income for last year was over £6,000 in excess of the expenditure, was a matter for congratulation to the residents of North London, but it was principally due to the generosity of an anonymous donor who promised £35,000 for the erection of a hospital for private patients who could afford to pay the cost of their treatment, on condition that a similar sum was raised before the end of that year.

This offer the hospital was able to accept and building on this new block would commence during the next few weeks on a site in Manor Gardens, between the Casualty Department and the Nurses' Home. The Royal Northern was one of the first hospitals in London to provide accommodation of this kind and its progressive policy had now been rewarded by this munificent gift. In this new block, patients would have the same privacy as in a nursing home and at the same time have at their service the most up-to-date equipment possible in a modern hospital. This new hospital would be self-supporting, but the need of the hospital's general work was still a crying one. In addition to having to raise nearly £100,000 a year for this work, the hospital was faced with a debt of over £80,000, due to the increased cost of commodities during and after the war. The Mayor paid a tribute to Mr. Guy Chester for so generously allowing the use of his grounds for the fete and to Lieut. A. E. Spry for his efforts as organiser.

Thanks to Lady Barratt and the Mayor and Mayoress was expressed by Mr. Gilbert Panter.

**DEVELOPMENTS IN WAR ON SMOKE.**

**Important Conferences.**

Two important conferences, which may lead to more definite action against the smoky household chimney, are to be held at the beginning of next month, writes a correspondent.

At the first of these, which will be held in Buxton, from October 4 to October 6, the two principal anti-smoke organisations, the Smoke Abatement League of Great Britain and the Coal Smoke Abatement Society, will be amalgamated with a view to a more vigorous and effective prosecution of the war against atmospheric pollution. The first of these organisations has, for some time past, conducted very active work in the North of England, mainly in the direction of encouraging householders to use electricity, gas, or solid smokeless fuel in preference to raw coal. The latter body has confined its activities chiefly to the London district.

The name of the amalgamated body will be chosen at the Buxton Conference, where its constitution and future line of policy will also be determined.

The second conference is that of the local authorities in the Greater London area and it will meet in the Guildhall on October 15. It has been called primarily, to consider the report of the Greater London Smoke Abatement Committee, which was set up at a similar conference two years ago, to report on ways of applying the Public Health (Smoke Abatement) Act. Among the bodies to be represented are the L.C.C., the City Corporation, the Metropolitan Boroughs, the various Urban Councils of Greater London, the Port of London Sanitary Authority, the Federation British Industries, and the London Waterside and General Manufacturers' Association. The report of the committee exclusively concerns industrial smoke, but in view of the building of tens of thousands of new houses in and around London, in most of which raw coal is burned in the open grate, there is strong feeling among delegates of the Conference that opportunity should be taken of canvassing a definite domestic smoke abatement policy for the London area.

It is suggested that among the steps to be taken are the co-ordination of educational work and the making of recommendations for encouraging the greater use of smokeless appliances and increasing the output of solid smokeless fuel.

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