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EDITORIAL

Many members of the N.U.T.S. have asked me from time to time when a newsletter would be started. Well, here it is - the first issue.

This inaugural number is devoted almost entirely to a "Who's Who in the N.U.T.S." The information has, for the most part, been collated from the questionnaires which I sent to each member. My idea is for members to get to know each other a little better.

I trust this newsletter will fulfil a long-felt need. With the N.U.T.S. being a nation-wide organisation, it is unlikely that all members can ever gather in one place at any one time. Thus, it is only through a broadsheet like this that members can keep up to date with the activities of the N.U.T.S. as a body and of individual members.

This first issue has been compiled entirely by yours truly, but future "Nuts' Notes" will comprise articles, stats, quotes, etc., by any member who cares to send them to me. Don't hesitate to let me know of YOUR ideas. The newsletter will, I hope, be produced on a quarterly basis to start with.

MELVYN WATMAN

WHO'S WHO IN THE N.U.T.S.

Such has been the torrent of information resulting from the questionnaires that I am obliged to hold much of it over to the next issue. Here, to begin with, are a few personal facts and figures. Talk about the Rogues Gallery! The last four items of information are school/university; hobbies (athletics can usually be taken as read!); year in which athletics interest started; and club(s) most closely connected with.

Bale, John Richard (member for Wales); 76 Ty-Mawr Ave., Rumney, Cardiff & (in term) c/o Newland Park Training College, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks; Cardiff 14.1.40; 5'11¾" 148 lb; single; student teacher; Howardian H.S. & Newland Park T.C; training & racing, dancing, cinema; 1952; Roath H.

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Boulton, William Arthur (London); 33 Tresco Gdns., Ilford, Essex (SEVen Kings 9975); Ilford 12.10.28; 6'1" 169 lb; married (1955) - 1 daughter (2 mths); insurance official; Sevenoaks School & Queen Mary College, London; classical music (discs or concerts) & live opera - especially fond of Gilbert & Sullivan; 1945; Blackheath H. & Ilford A.C.

Breese, Roger Alan (E.Anglia); 2 Creffield Rd., Colchester, Essex (bus. Colchester 5091); Stratford St Mary, Suffolk 4.10.34; 5'9⅞" 148 lb; single; life assurance official; Colchester H.S; actively in many other sports (indoors and out), theatre, cinema, music, art; 1948; Colchester Garrison A.C.

Brian, Patrick Edward (London); ~~5 Lancaster Ct., West Norwood, London, S.E.27~~ 52d Granville Park, S.E.13 (bus. ~~FLEet St 7474~~ WAT. 2070 ~~ext 3308~~); Leytonstone 28.5.36; 6'4" 176 lb; single; merchandise statistics clerk; St Joseph's College, Beulah Hill & Archbishop Tenison's G.S; sports statistics, cinema, theatre, collecting athletic photos & programmes, travel, meeting people; 1948.

Brisley, Royston Sherrard (London); 26 Dafforne Rd., London, S.W.17 (BALham 5729); Wandsworth 23.7.32; 6'3" 217 lb; married - 2 daughters; officer of Customs & Excise; Bec School; "no time for anything besides athletics"; 1944; Hercules A.C.

Crouch, Leslie Joseph (Midlands); 7 Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. (S.C. 2082) & (bus.) c/o 6 Bell St., West Bromwich, Staffs. (W.B. 2634); St Pancras, London 15.7.30; 5'8" 147 lb; married (1958); transport manager; St Clement Danes Holborn Estate G.S; all sports, especially gymnastics, soccer & cricket; 1944; Birchfield H.

Elliott, Charles (London); ~~68 Thornhill Gdns., High Rd., Leyton, London, E.10;~~ 15, Ashley Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey Sparkhill, Birmingham 8.8.32; 5'11" 138 lb; single; shipping clerk; journalism & photography; 1953; Polytechnic H.

Gebbett, Leonard Frank (London); 14 Yarrell Mansions, Queens Club Gdns., London, W.14 (FULham 6908; bus. WATerloo 5000, ext 7180); Walthamstow 30.11.22; 6'2¾" 172 lb; single; computer programmer; Dulwich Central School (1934-9), Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge (1947-50, M.A.) & Chelsea Poly (1950-2, M.Sc.); chairman L.C.C. film society, sport in general (played soccer for Cambridge Univ., captained College XI, member of Pegasus), Associate of Institute of Linguists (German, Italian, French), balletomane, music lover; 1936.

Greenberg, Stanley (London); ~~1 Shacklewell Lane, Hackney, London, E.8 (CLIssold 1395~~ 13, Ferncroft Ave., Friern Barnet, N.12 bus. FLE 7474, ext 3016); London 8.7.31; 5'8" 150 lb; single; tariff expert in economics dept. of Unilever, Ltd; Hackney Downs G.S. (formerly Grocers' Company School); badminton, music, reading, most sports (but not cricket); 1948; formerly Grafton A.C.

Hook, Reginald A. (S.Coast); 118 Springfield Rd., Brighton 6, Sussex;(Brighton 59767); photographer; Brighton A.C; no further details available yet.

Huxtable, Andrew (London); 78 Toynbee Rd., London, S.W.20 (LIBerty 7412); Merton Park, Surrey 29.11.38; 5'8" 140 lb; single; student; Rutlish School & University College, London; photography; 1952.

James, Martin Harcourt (London); 161 Robin Hood Way, Kingston Vale, London, S.W.15 (KINgston 8639); Birkenhead 9.10.31; 5'10½" 140 lb; single; bank clerk (cashier); Birkenhead Inst. & Tiffins School, Kingston; railways (incl. photography), football (played until last year), reading (esp. non-fiction on World War II subjects); 1947.

Kyle, John Noel ("always called Sean")(N.Ireland); "Kilkenny", 36 Leighinmohr Ave., Ballymena, Co.Antrim (Ballymena 6471; bus. Ballymena 2424); Ballymena 28.12.26; 5'10" 168 lb; married - 1 daughter (4½), small son died in 1957; secretary of Co.Antrim Agricultural Society & insurance broker; Ballymena Academy; golf, swimming, rugby; 1940; Ballymena A.C. & L.A.C.

Lindsay, Christopher A.(London); 55 Star St., London, W.2; London 28.8.33; single; Queens Park H. & Anglo-Scottish Club; no further details available yet.

McNab, Tom (Scotland); 39 Longford St., Glasgow, E.3; Glasgow 16.12.33; 5'10½" 170 lb; single; physical education teacher; Whitehill S.S. & Jordanhill Training College; journalism, film criticism, athletics history; 1946; Victoria Park A.A.C.

Martell, Frederick John (London); 128 West Barnes Lane, New Malden, Surrey (MALden 6038; bus. MONarch 9611, ext 34); Wimbledon 18.8.17; 5'11"; married - 3 young children; bank official; Rutlish School, Merton; gardening; 1932; Old Rutlish-ians A.C.

May, Peter Edmonds (London; treasurer); ~~6 Templeton Place, Earls Court, London, S.W.5 (bus. VICtoria 3858, ext 158)~~; Edgware 6.12.28; 5'11½" 156 lb; single; public health engineering; Building College, Willesden; astronomy, Cinema, reading; 1946; Wigmore H.

Montague, Patrick McCabe (Oxford Univ.); 53 Heaton Rd., Withington, Manchester 20 (Didsbury 4443) & (in term) c/o Balliol College, Oxford; Withington, Manchester 28.6.39; 5'11" 143 lb; single (until 22.8.59!); student; Manchester G.S. & Balliol College, Oxford; musicals (à la Hammerstein, Hart, etc.); 1951; Manchester & Dist. Lads Club & Oxford Univ. A.C.

Morbey, Edward Keith (S.Coast); ~~20 Castlemain Ave., Southbourne, Bournemouth, Hants (Bournemouth 47046)~~ Flat 3, The End House, Akehurst St., SW15; Urmston, Lancs. 16.12.36; 5'9½" 156 lb; single; actor; Bournemouth School; all sports, languages, music, literature; 1948.

Pearson, Simon (Scotland); Hollow Way Croft, Sea Lane, Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex (M-o-S 3253) & (in term) c/o Mrs J.Tainsh, 1 Leamington Terrace, Edinburgh 10; Reading 30.1.40; 5'9½" 162 lb; single; student (hoping for Honours Degree in English); Hurst-pierpoint College & Edinburgh Univ; nearly all sports, motor rallying; 1955.

Roberts, David Jenkins (Road Runners Club); 7 Winestead Colony, Hull, Yorks; Toronto 12.5.12 (to Cardiff, 1919); 5'7½" 168 lb; married - 2 daughters (19 & 13); male nurse, mental division; Cardiff elementary schools; Group Scoutmaster of a troop of 40 mentally sub-normal youths, gardening; 1929; Mitcham A.C. & Road Runners Club.

Scott, William H.(N.Ireland); 43 William St., Milford, Co. Armagh; Armagh 10.9.37; articled to chartered accountant; Royal School, Armagh; no further details available yet.

Sparks, Robin("Bob")(London); 4 Tryon House, Mallord St., London, S.W.3 (FLAxman 0257); Huddersfield 13.11.37; 5'10½" 161 lb; single; student; Sloane School, Chelsea & University College, London; soccer, table tennis, music, books (science fiction, thrillers, etc.), films (mainly comedies); 1951; Polytechnic H.

Taylor, Roy Frederick (S.Coast); ~~34 Clarendon Rd., Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex~~; Brighton 7.4.37; 5'2½" 114 lb; single; progress clerk; general reading; 1950; Welwyn A.C. & Brighton A.C.

Varah, Clifford (Newcastle); 1 Bankside Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne 5 (bus. Newcastle 65-5737); Newcastle 8.1.28; 5'6" 140 lb; single (until 30.7.59!!); schoolteacher - engineering subjects; junior technical school & Rutherford School of Technology, Newcastle; motoring (to sports meetings); 1937; Benwell H.

Vivian, Enid, Mrs (nee Harding) (London); 30 Waldeck Rd., London, W.13 (PERivale 3872); 1932; 5'6" 117 lb; married; Drayton Manor G.S; 1950; London Olympiades A.C; further details not available yet.

Waldron, Eric William (Channel Is.); Gwenwood, Charroterie, St Peter Port, Guernsey, C.I. (Central 462 by day, Central 2596 by night); Guernsey 6.7.38; 5'9" 148 lb; single; men's outfitting salesman; Elizabeth College, Guernsey; swimming, most sports; 1954.

Warmington, William J. (Loughborough Coll.); "Somerton", Ashby Rd., Loughborough, Leics; student at Loughborough College; no further details available yet.

Watman, Melvyn Francis (London; secretary); ~~39 Bethune Rd., London, N.16 (STAmford Hill 7849)~~; Clapton, London 26.5.38; 5'9½" 145 lb; single; journalist; Hackney Downs G.S.(formerly Grocers' Company School); travel, cinema, classical music, literature (esp. contemporary American), politics, sport in general; 1950; Grafton A.C. & New York Pioneer Club.

Wilkins, Alfred Percy (London; chairman); 83 Langdale Mansions, Cannon St Rd., London, E.1 (ROYal 4697; bus. LANgham 2449); London 20.9.31; 5'7¾" 144 lb; single; chartered accountant; keeping fit, supporting West Ham Utd. F.C., everything connected with athletics, stamp collecting; 1946; Grafton A.C.

Young, Colin Alfred (London); 296 Sheppey Rd., Dagenham, Essex (bus. Purfleet 5555); Barking 20.1.35; 5'9½" 134 lb; sales clerk with Thames Board Mills, Ltd; all other sports, music (partic. traditional jazz); 1945; Essex Beagles.

On occasions, various "nuts" have been called "armchair critics". The following section, dealing with members' active careers, proves the falsity of that accusation.

John Bale: Started at school in 1952 as a walker; East Glamorgan Schools 440 champ 1957; best marks - 11.1(1958), 24.7(1957), 54.4 (1958/9), 2:01.0(1958), 4:40.0(1958), 10:26.0(1958), 16:35.0(1958), 1500mST-5:08.0(1957), 1MST-5:33.8(1957); greatest thrill - 4th in 1958 Welsh junior 880 in personal best; targets: (immediate) 53.5, 1:58, 4:30, (all-time) 1:54, 4:15.

Bill Boulton: Joined Blackheath H. 1945; 25.0, 60.0, 2:10.0, 4:46, 16:26; thrill - assisting Queen Mary College to win 1950 University of London CC champ. for first and only time by 1 point from Imperial; target - to have a successful 1959-60 CC season after 5 years inactivity on medical advice.

Roger Breese: Participated with average success until contracting serious illness in 1957; county rep; 52.3(1952), 2:00.6(1954), 4:28(1954), 2MST-11:15(1954); target - to beat 2 min.

Pat Brian: After leaving school, semi-retired until Army service in 1954; ran in mile for Unit (somewhere near back over 5 min.); gained team runners-up medal in 1955 Salisbury Plain Dist. CC (won by Stan Eldon); kept out by knee injury since 1956, although trained in 1958; 440-sub 60.0, 4'10"; thrill - competing against Eldon; target - to make a comeback & win at least one race.

Roy Brisley: Joined Hercules A.C. 1944; Surrey junior HJ champ & record holder 1949, All-England Schools HJ champ 1951, London HJ champ 1953; 6'0", 10'6", 21'0", 42'0"(HSJ), 40'3"(SP), 130' 10", 154'(JT); thrills - winning All-England schools event & jumping 6'.

Les Crouch: "I have never won a race and don't ever expect to!"; 2:05.6m(1957), 4:40.6(1957), 10:08.5(1959), 16:10.2(1958); thrill - clocking 4:40.6 after not having beaten 4:49 in 4 races; target - 2:00 & 4:30, "but I fear that they are beyond me".

Charles Elliott: Joined Poly H. 1953; won Shipping AAA mile novices race 1954; 11.0, 23.8, 53.1, 2:01.8, 4:40; thrill - taking 2nd place in first race for Poly, a 4:44.6 mile; target - "believe it or not, I still have aims of 1:55 & sub-50.0".

Len Gebbett: Career restricted to occasional races between playing an excessive amount of football & cricket; from 1942 to 1944 specialised in finishing 1½ yds back in 100 yds won in 10.6 on bumpy grass tracks in the remoter parts of Herts., Essex and Suffolk; 10.8, 5'2½".

Stan Greenberg: Retired in 1957; (A useful sprinter, partic. in relays, for Grafton A.C. Stan has been too modest to send details - ed.).

Reg Hook: No details available yet.

Andrew Huxtable: "Active career almost non-existent".

Martin James: Won one race; ran for bank; retired 1958; c.26.0, c. 56.0-57.0 in relay, 2:08.0 in relay, 5:10.

Sean Kyle: Lack of facilities (nearest club 35 miles away) & business obligations combined with injury to limit after-school activity to two or so appearances in Irish & N.I. Champs. and country events; chose to concentrate on rugby & played for Ballymena RFC 1st XV 1944-53; 10.3, 23.9, 5'8", 20'4"; target - revival of Irish male athletics & establishing strong female tradition.

Chris Lindsay: In 1958 - Middlesex & AAA rep., injured at crucial stage of season & thus lost chance to represent Scotland in Empire Games; in 1959 - 3rd inter-county 440, 1st British Games 440, Middx. 440 champ and record holder, 2nd Southern 440, 2nd for Britain "B" v Norway (injured), England reserve v East Germany; 10.1(1959), 22.4(1959), 47.7(1959), 1:53.4(1957); no further details available yet.

Tom McNab: Scottish schools HSJ, 2nd 1951, 1st 1952; Scottish junior HSJ champ 1952; Scottish HSJ champ 1954/6/8, 2nd 1955/7; 10.6, 24.1, 53.5, 2:12, 5:12, 5'8", 22'3", 48'11", 38'9"(SP), 116'(DT); targets - 50', 43'(SP), 130'(DT).

John Martell: Active pre-war for Old Rutlishians A.C., winning club champs. at 880, mile & 3 miles; won 123 Lt.AA Regt. 800m (July 1945) & 100 AA Bde. 800m (Aug. 1945), both at Harburg, Germany; 2:05.7, 4:53.4.

Peter May: Middle distance runner with Wigmore H; no further details available yet.

Pat Montague: Won various events in very early youth (mainly CC) but in last year or so won 1958 Northern & AAA junior mile titles, 6th inter-county 3000mST 1959, steeplechase reserve for England v East Germany, to represent Britain "B" v Holland; 52.8, 1:58.7, 4:14.9, 9:01.3, 13:53.7, 3000ST-9:13.0, 220H-27.4 in relay, 4'7", 18'2", 27'(SP), 153'8"(JT); thrills - winning AAA junior mile, "beating all the boosted Southern track (as opposed to CC) fiends"; alternatively, running "like a dream" (sub-9:10) in 1959 Northern steeplechase until the fatal 5th water jump; finally, having my javelin throwing on form; targets - Rome 1960, Tokyo 1964, and try to become Britain's best ever steeplechaser.

Keith Morbey: Won school & RAF station titles; now retired; 10.4, 19'6", 38'6"(HSJ); thrill - "my last race at school. Running the last leg of a 4 x 220 relay I had to make up 7 yds to win. If I won our House won the title after being 2nd 3 yrs running. I caught my rival & was slightly ahead 10 yds out from the tape. However, I lost my balance and fell. We had still failed to win the title but I like to think it was the best race of the day!"

Simon Pearson: "Mostly a matter of keenness & enjoyment without the winning streak"; 10.6, 25.0, 55.0, 4:58.4, 18'9"; thrill - "leading in the school CC until about half-way. I then cracked up completely but it had made a great change not to see anyone in front of me!"; target - to go on taking part in athletics & to reach 20'.

Dave Roberts: Active 1929-35; club standard CC, road & miler with Roath H; rep. Glamorgan v Monmouth 2 miles 1930; established News of the World relay record (1935) running some 6 miles from Cowbridge to Bridgend in 31:55 - "although this event was stopped after 1939 that time for what it is worth still stands"; 4:25.0; thrill - winning mile h'cap off 150y at Pontypool Pk before 20,000 in the then fastest ever h'cap mile in Wales with 4:08.2 (1935); severe achilles tendon trouble ended career in 1936.

Billy Scott: No details available yet.

Bob Sparks: 10.4, 23.2, 56.2, 20'9¼" (all 1956); thrill - first 10.4; target - to get active.

Roy Taylor: Welwyn A.C. 1952-6, Brighton A.C. 1956-9; Herts. & Beds. Boys Clubs senior CC champ 1955, 8th 1957 Herts. senior CC, rep. Herts. in 1957 inter-county CC at Rugby; 10th RAF 3 miles 1957, injured all of 1958, best mark in 1959 equivalent of 4:33.5 in h'cap mile; 2:05.6 (1956), 4:36(1957), 9:50(1957), 15:05(1957), 31:36(1957).

Cliff Varah: Started club athletics 1945, not active now; 11.4m (1954), 23.2(1954), 52.9(1954); thrill - beating Alan Lillington in first leg of 4 x 220 relay by 4 yds in 1951; meeting by chance Sydney Wooderson in a bus at the 1948 Northern CC.

Enid Vivian: Southern 880 champ 1950-2, mile champ 1953; WAAA mile champ 1953; won 800m for Britain v France 1952; set British (& unofficial world) 880 record of 2:14.4 in 1952; set British mile record of 5:09.8 in 1953; 2:14.4(1952), 4:38.4m(1956), 5:09.8(1953); no further details available yet.

Eric Waldron: 10.8, 25.5, 54.7, 2:07.9, 4:56.5, 10:27.1, 16:11, 120H-20.8, 4'9", 16'9½", 20M walk - 3:23:15.

Bill Warmington: All-England Schools & AAA Junior 440 champ 1953; 50.4(1958); no further details available yet.

Melvyn Watman: N.E.London Grammar Schools under-16 440 champ 1954 (57.7), 1st Grafton A.C. 4 miles road h'cap 1957; 11.2(1954), 26.2(1955), 57.7(1954), 2:15.8(1957), 4:57(1956/7), 11:17(1958), 17:54(1958), road-17:29(1956), 17'7"(1954), 38'4"(1958); thrill-breaking 60.0 for the first time in May 1954 & breaking 5 min. in my first mile race(July 1956); targets (next 3 yrs) - 55.0, 2:05, 4:35, 10:00, 15:30, 40'(HSJ).

Alf Wilkins: First race 1945, last 1958, still semi-active; as a junior 58.4, 2:10e; 10M (road)-60:30; thrills - breaking 60.0 for first time; first leg of relay in Borough Sports, beating 55 sec. athlete in process and coming in first "in what was probably my best time"; targets - to be able to reproduce junior times and to beat Stan Greenberg in sprint race.

Colin Young: Walker; Essex junior track champ 1952, National junior 5 miles champ 1953, 1st 4-day 100 miles 1955, Essex long distance champ 1958; 7:15, 13:44m, 14:50, 54:46, 48:36m, 1:41:42 (road), 2:53:05(20M), 4:43:50; thrills - winning national junior title, beating Stone (world record holder) in 4-day 100 miles, finishing 2nd in 1956 5 hours track race and 3rd in 1959 3 hours track race; targets - Olympic 50km title, international vest, London - Brighton win, 24 hrs track record.

Thus, the N.U.T.S. "club records" would appear to be as follows:-

100: 10.1-Chris Lindsay; 220: 22.4-Chris Lindsay;
440: 47.7-Chris Lindsay; 880: 1:53.4-Chris Lindsay;
Mile: 4:14.9-Pat Montague; 2M: 9:01.3-Pat Montague;
3M: 13:53.7-Pat Montague; 6M: 31:36.0-Roy Taylor;
3000ST: 9:13.0-Pat Montague; HJ: 6'0"-Roy Brisley;
PV: 10'6"-Roy Brisley; LJ: 22'3"-Tom McNab;
HSJ: 48'11"-Tom McNab; SP: 40'3"-Roy Brisley;
DT: 130'10"-Roy Brisley; JT: 154'0"-Roy Brisley.

Please notify me of improvements to your personal bests.

N.U.T.S. POSTAL POLL

Greatest male athlete of all-time: Neck and neck between two quadruple Olympic gold medallists, Emil Zatopek and Jesse Owens, with the Czech emerging the winner by 10 votes to 9. Third place at 2 votes went to Rafer Johnson. Other nominations: Parry O'Brien (1 1/3), Paavo Nurmi (1), Herb McKenley & Glenn Davis (½), Herb Elliott & Vladimir Kuts (1/3). A total of 25 of our 31 members voted. Note: where a member has voted for more than one athlete his vote is split into the corresponding fraction.

Greatest woman athlete of all-time: Again a four-time Olympic winner topped the poll. Fanny Blankers-Koen, who paid a welcome visit to last week's WAAA Championships as Dutch team manager, attracted 15½ votes compared with 4 for the next best Iolanda Balas. Others: Stella Walsh, Galina Bistrova, Nina Otkalenko & Aleksandra Chudina (1) and Shirley Delahunty (½). 24 voted.

Greatest British male athlete of all-time: A close tussle between two brilliant middle distance runners, with Gordon Pirie (10½) kicking home ahead of his diminutive rival Sydney Wooderson (8). Others: Roger Bannister (1½), Harold Abrahams (our President-Elect) and Brian Shenton (1), Arthur Rowe, Jim Peters, Peter Allday & Godfrey Brown (½). 24 voted.

Greatest British woman athlete of all-time: Very much the jumpers' preserve. Dorothy Tyler (still going strong with 5'3" this season!) scored 10½ against 7 by Mary Bignal and 4 by Thelma Hopkins. Others: Heather Young (3) and Diane Leather (½). 25 voted.

Athlete most admired: No fewer than 13 athletes were selected by the 16 members to vote. The order was Emil Zatopek (3), Rafer Johnson (2), Gordon Pirie (1 5/6), Adolfo Consolini (1 1/3), Maeve Kyle ("without reservation or false modesty" by guess whom), Derek Johnson, Jesse Owens, Frank Sando, Parry O'Brien, Manfred Germar & Hal Connolly (1), Chris Chataway (½) and Mal Whitfield (1/3). What, no Miss Bignal!

Joint winners of the Inter-county Championships forecasting competition were Bob Sparks, Keith Morbey, Stan Greenberg & Colin Young, each with 14 winning selections out of the 21 events. Equal fifth were Les Crouch, Cliff Varah & Len Gebbett (13); while bracketed at 8th were Roy Taylor, Eric Waldron, Pat Brian, Bill Boulton, Alf Wilkins & Melvyn Watman (12). Six others picked between 9 and 11 winners.

"British Athletics 1959", the fruit of our first year's labours, has attracted favourable comment from the Press, the athletics administration, the fans and not least the athletes themselves. I am pleased to report that the booklet is selling steadily. We can all feel satisfied with our first really co-operative venture. Mistakes have been made, but with the experience gained we shall be able to do an even better job next year.

On behalf of the organisation, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Harold Abrahams, who was very much the driving force behind the project, and the British Amateur Athletic Board, which sponsored and published the booklet.

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