

From the Clubs

HAMPSHIRE AEROPLANE CLUB'S SEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER

For the seventh year the Hampshire Aeroplane Club held their annual dinner at the South Western Hotel, Southampton, on Friday, December 2, the chair being taken by the Rev. E. Bruce Cornford. After an excellent dinner (but why did the junior members of the Senior Service seek to evade the first two courses?) the chairman having proposed the health of The King, the toast of "The Club" was voiced by Lt. Bentley, who said that the seventh year was reckoned to be the worst by superstitious people, but he would prefer a comparison to whisky, the seventh year of which was the best. The Club's flying hours for the year were 1,536, which resulted in 36 "A" licences. The air nowadays was safer than the road, for too many motorists went into a hotel optimistically and came out misty optically. Because a nation was forging ahead with civil aviation she was not, therefore, against disarmament. Mr. O. E. Simmonds, M.P., in replying, recollected the days when he was a member of the Club before the Club existed (Parliamentary logic). Special thanks were due to Mr. Sheppard, of the *Southampton Echo*, and to the Mayor and Corporation who allowed the Club to use their aerodrome, also they must not forget Sir Sefton Brancker, who had overcome the usual Air Ministry rebuff when the Club was being started. "British Aviation" was the next toast, proposed by the Mayor. He thought that a national air sense was essential; British aviation was supreme in the world; he looked forward to the day when the British Isles could boast as many air routes as did the Continent, and the price of aeroplanes was down to £200. The Corporation were glad that the first use to which their aerodrome was to be put was in providing a home for the Club. Com. Perrin, in replying, suggested that it was time they started dancing, and he thought that the success of civil aviation depended on the clubs. Mr. L. S. Keith Jopp, M.A., in the pleasantest speech of the evening, proposed the health of the guests. He welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress and hoped that ere long the Municipal Chariot would leave the sordid paths of the earth and, like Pegasus of old, be seen cleaving its way through ethereal regions. Also he welcomed Grp. Capt. Quinnell and Wing Com. Maclean, who were in the Club's area, they flew the Club's machines but did not return the compliment. Among other welcome guests were Air Com. Barton, Lt. and Mrs. Bentley and Capt. Winters. Air Com. Cave-Browne-Cave returned thanks. The younger members of a club should be cherished, for in their hands was the future of civil aviation. The Rev. E. G. D. Faulkes, M.A., supposed that he had been chosen to propose the Chairman's health on the grounds that it needed a parson to catch a parson. After the Chairman had replied the company retired to watch a really amateur film produced by Mr. ? I. Lansdowne-Wynd and photographed by E. F. Moscham. Dancing followed until well after midnight when the official proceedings ended, though it is rumoured that a certain well-known pilot and his wife entertained a select little band of brighter spirits into the small hours of the morning. Among those present were The Hon. Lady Bailey, D.B.E., the Mayor of Southampton and the Mayoress, Grp. Capt. R. J. F. Barton, O.B.E., Mrs. Beilby, Lt. and Mrs. Bentley, Wing Com. T. R. Cave-Browne-Cave, C.B.E., Rev. E. G. D. Faulkes, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gordon, Mrs. Hammersley, S. Keith Jopp, M.A., Alderman and Mrs. Kimber, Wing Com. Maclean, Grp. Capt. Quinnell, Com. H. E. Perrin, O. E. Simmonds, Esq., M.P., and Mrs. Simmonds, Alderman Mrs. Foster-Welch, J.P., Capt. Winters and Councillor and Mrs. Hector Young.

LONDON AEROPLANE CLUB

If the demand for tickets be any indication, this year's annual dinner and dance should be exceptionally successful. Tickets can still be obtained from the Dance Secretary, London Aeroplane Club, Stag Lane. Saturday's and Sunday's better weather filled the air with club members, and Mr. P. V. Cholmondeley completed his "A" licence tests on the Sunday. Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, the manager of the Craighulg Meat Co., who ship meat direct from their Scottish estates to the consumer's

dinner table, and who personally holds an "A" licence, wished to supply a further shipment of haggis to the Halton mess in time for a Saturday night celebration. A telegram to Scotland put the delicacy on the night express, a car brought it to Stag Lane, and Mr. Ogilvie Forbes flew it to Halton before dark.

HANWORTH CLUB

Dual instruction has kept the instructors busy during the week, as high winds restricted solo flying. On Sunday, November 27, ten machines flew over to Brooklands for lunch. Lord Apsley's "Parnall Elf," G-AAFH, which has been at the workshops for overhaul, was flown back to Bristol on Friday. Mr. D. Llewellyn and Mr. C. P. Dick made several cross-country flights during the week. Mr. E. Teichman successfully carried out his "A" licence tests, and Mr. G. Cannon flew over to Croydon on Thursday to carry out his "B" licence test.

BROOKLANDS

The "Dawn Patrol"—the pre-breakfast enthusiasts—is once more in action, which shows real enthusiasm on these winter mornings. Mr. Opie is the arch enthusiast, and it is pleasing to note that he is making rapid progress. Mr. Rae Griffin has been doing some amateur aerial photography, while Mr. Young is engaged with "B" licence tests. Among recent visitors were Capt. Findlay, Capt. Preston (in the Parker Pen Co.'s "Puss Moth"), Mr. Frogley, and Mr. Olley on an Airway's "Westland"; a D.H.9 and a "Tiger Moth" also visited the aerodrome, while the Fairey night bomber made several circuits, affording everybody an excellent and impressive sight. Capt. Davis has been to Penshurst, and Messrs. Barr and E. F. Walter, returning from Lympe in the gathering darkness, reported that the improved and brighter neon sign is a useful landmark. Pilots should remember that when this sign is lit right-hand circuits must be made; it is a big letter R situated on the Vickers' hangar. The height judging competition was won by Mr. Hawker-Smith, who will receive free flying instruction on December 3. We welcome back Mr. Lowdell from his flying honeymoon.

CINQUE PORTS FLYING CLUB

During the past few weeks the Club has made the best of the fine days that have been available, and Messrs. Blackden, Dodson, Langdon, Holland and Spiers have taken their "A" licences.

The latest lady pilots are Miss Watts and Miss Savage, who completed their "A" licence tests recently and are now working hard on "putting in the hours." Miss Savage is an 18-year-old Canadian girl, who shows signs of being a real enthusiast as well as a good pilot. Both these ladies went solo under the 12-hr. mark, while the average for men is still good at a little under 10 hr. Mr. Baker went solo last week after only 7 hr. dual, and will pass his tests as soon as there is a fine day. Mr. Stewart and Miss Staples-Smith are both near the solo stage, while Mr. French is awaiting a fine day to do his tests.

The Club will be closed from December 24, 1932, until January 13, 1933, inclusive, for the annual holidays. The manager, Mr. W. E. Davis, is taking this opportunity of a honeymoon, which will be spent in search of the sun south of the Mediterranean.

The Club will be holding the 5th annual dinner and dance at the Royal Pavilion Hotel, Folkestone, on February 3, 1933. The tickets for this will be 10s. 6d. single and 17s. 6d. double, and can be obtained from the Club up to January 16, 1933. If the weather is suitable on the Saturday following, luncheon will be served at the Club, and will be followed by the Club "At Home" and various flying competitions.

NORWICH AND NORFOLK AERO CLUB

The Norfolk and Norwich Aero Club held their Annual Ball at the Spring Gardens, Norwich, on Friday, November 25, which was attended by nearly 300, many of whom had flown from the R.A.F. stations at Hendon, Bircham Newton and Grantham. Parties also came from