

A LIFE TO THINK ABOUT

The Builder of Bolton Town Hall

BACK TO HIS OLD JOB

All but sixty years ago Richard Mosley began to work as a young joiner on Bolton Town Hall, which was then being built at a cost of £166,000.

He had been born in Manchester, but when he was a few weeks old his parents had died, and he was taken to Wem, in Shropshire, to be brought up by his grandparents. In his twenty-first year he was back in Lancashire, busy on the new Town Hall at Bolton.

Seven years later he started business for himself with his savings of £80 as his capital. Now Bolton needs another new Town Hall and civic centre, for the old one is inadequate for its needs. The cost of the new building is to be £570,000, and Richard Mosley is the successful contractor for the undertaking.

Bolton has committed this great work to his care with the utmost confidence, for he has been building houses and shops, mills and schools, in that neighbourhood for half a century, and everyone knows his work is thorough. It is very honourable work.

And everyone knows, too, that Mr Mosley is just the same quiet, kindly, unpretentious but thoroughly sound man, surveying the world with a humorous eye, as he was when he was a joiner working on the old Town Hall, or building his first house on a capital of £80.

In this age of speculation, progressive towns know where they are when they are dealing with such men—men who are most honoured where best known.

We do not hear much of self-help in these showy days, but it is still the foundation of much solid prosperity. We salute Bolton and Mr Richard Mosley with good old-fashioned respect.

FOUR MILLION ACRES FOR FORESTS

Why Not Plant Them Now?

In spite of the good forestry work now being done an enormous amount of British land can yet be made into forest.

According to the best authority there are two million acres in England and Wales and two million more acres in Scotland fit for planting. It is surprising that this work is not more vigorously pursued at a time when so many men need employment.

Time was when the greater part of the British area carried forests. These forests have disappeared through human agency, and it is high time we replanted our country, so much of which is badly used. Thousands of acres now growing merely bracken might be bearing splendid crops of timber.

WHAT TO DO WITH SPARE TIME

An indefatigable worker for humanity, Miss A. E. Hayes, who is about to retire from her position as headmistress at Edmonton, has been working for 20 years on behalf of worn out horses.

At first, with her own money, she bought horses which had grown old and decrepit and sent them to do light work on a sports field. If they were diseased she had them painlessly destroyed. People hearing about this work sent her gifts of money so that more horses could be saved from misery.

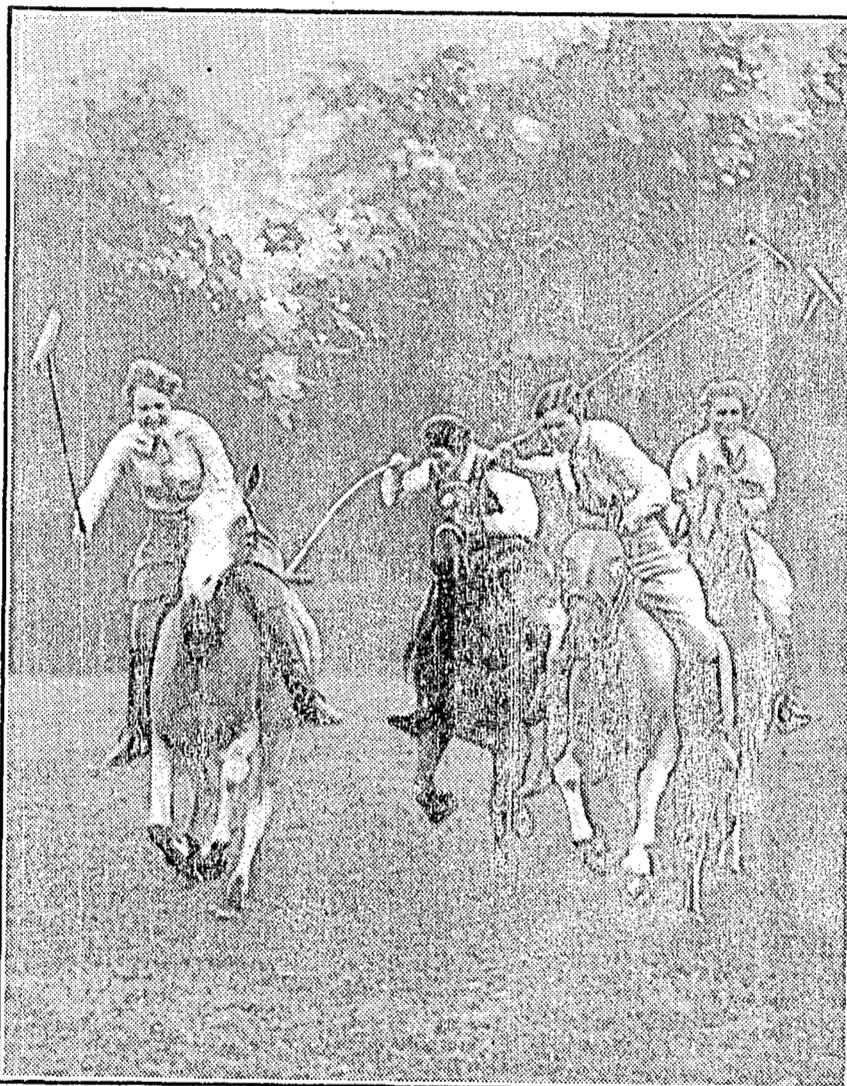
Miss Hayes has often helped magistrates when a man has been brought before them for working a horse in an unfit condition. Probably the man had not been able to afford a better horse. After making inquiries Miss Hayes has often been able to put things right by buying the horse and obtaining a new one.

Her work is a fine example of what any one of us may do with our spare time.

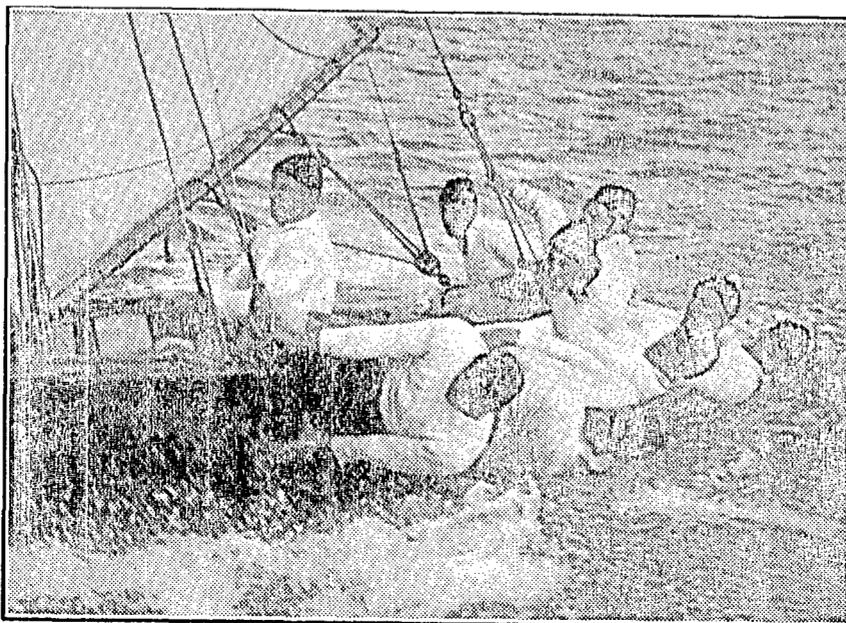
NEWS PICTURES OF THE WEEK



University Rugger—Next Tuesday the Rugby match between Oxford and Cambridge takes place at Twickenham. This year's game has aroused great interest because there is the prospect of a great battle between two good teams.



Polo For Women—Four women members of a riding club formed a polo team, and are here seen playing on Ham Common, Surrey.



Nine Men in a Boat—This picture from Sydney, Australia, shows how a big crew keeps a little sailing boat on an even keel. Five of the men have only their legs in the boat.

A NEW BALTIC PORT

Rapid Rise of Gdynia

THE OPENING OF AN ALL-POLISH RAILWAY

The Poles have always ranked high as an imaginative people. Today they must be numbered among those who put their ideas into a practical form.

The Peace Treaty extended the boundaries of Poland to the Baltic, giving her a tiny strip of coast to the west of Danzig, the Free City placed under the protection of the League of Nations and administered by them jointly with Poland. The purpose was to give Poland a free port for her commerce.

Poland, however, was determined to have her own port on her own territory, with a railway entirely in Poland, and she set to work to convert the tiny fishing village of Gdynia into a great city with dockyards, warehouses, and all the modern harbour equipment.

So rapidly has the work been carried out that last year two and a half million tons of cargo were exported from Gdynia in 1500 ships. In the same year 5400 ships cleared from Danzig.

Gdynia will now make more rapid strides in its rivalry with its ancient neighbour for, with the opening of the new railway from Gdynia into the industrial heart of her country, Poland's wonderful dream has been fulfilled.

150 GREAT PLACES

Possessions of the National Trust

The annual report of the National Trust is full of information for the lover of England. It could almost serve as a guide book for an overseas visitor.

The C.N. has from time to time recorded the Trust's taking over of such famous places as Runnymede, and Friday Street, and in this report we read of over a dozen recent gifts and purchases of ancient and picturesque places to be for ever preserved from the spoiler.

There are now over 150 properties owned by the Trust, and it is interesting to note that almost every building belonging to it may be seen without charge.

The steady rise in the funds of the Trust shows that its excellent work is being widely appreciated, the subscriptions having nearly doubled in the last two years. The Trust is doing a great work, but even now it is only at the beginning of its possibilities, and it needs the help of everyone. The C.N. would be delighted if a thousand of its readers would join, and so help on the noble work of saving the most beautiful country on Earth from the destroyer.

ANIMALS THAT TRUST US

Many animals, and some birds, have the feeling that human beings will help them when they are distressed.

We have had more than one proof that rabbits pursued by stoats will lead the way to men as to a friend. Even the sheep has been known to seek human help when its young were in trouble. Birds that live in friendliness with us will bring their young to be fed, and will show them with pride. Here is an instance of an understanding cat described by one of our readers.

He is a tom, very devoted to his mistress, but jealous of any feline intruder into his domains. The one exception is a neighbouring tabby. She is tolerated. Lately she has had kittens. One day he came home excitedly and searched the house for his mistress. When he found her he gave her to understand clearly that he wanted her to follow him to the garden. Then he led her to where, under a tree, was a small kitten.

How it came there was not known, but apparently its mother had abandoned it. But the cat knew somebody who would take care of it.