

The Children's Newspaper, March 15, 1952

GIRL PILOT OF THE SAHARA

Among the interesting personalities at Kano Airfield, Northern Nigeria, is Betty Greene, of Seattle, the first woman air pilot to fly a regular service along the borders of the Sahara Desert.

She is there to transport American missionaries, who now find that the quickest way to their remote stations in French Equatorial Africa is by sea to Britain, and then by air to Kano, where one of the small three- or four-seater planes of the Sudan United Mission picks them up.

Betty Greene has held her pilot's certificate for two years, but she has been flying in Africa only a few months. Her light aeroplane, which has room for a stretcher, has a cruising speed of 120 m.p.h. Flying costs are about sixpence a mile.

She recently flew a man with a splinter in his eye over rough country to an eye hospital, and took him back to his home the same day with his eye saved. Her chief flying trouble just now is the Harmatan, a wind which blows for a prolonged period and, by throwing up clouds of sand, upsets visibility.

VICTORIAN NEWS FILMS

A fascinating catalogue recently published by the National Film Library reveals a wealth of early news films.

There are, for instance, pictures of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, Gladstone's funeral in 1898, the South African War, Queen Victoria's funeral, and the first flight by the Wright brothers. Pictures of Dr. W. G. Grace and Ranjitsinhji playing cricket in 1899 are also available.

THOUGHTS ON THE W.P.B.

Without waste-paper baskets our desks—or floors—would soon become reminiscent of a hayfield after a gale.

But in these days one's responsibility for waste-paper does not end at the basket; one should follow its subsequent progress and make sure that it reaches those to whom it is not rubbish, but an important raw material of industry.

Please save all waste-paper for collection—Britain needs it.

SHEETS THAT STAY PUT

Sheets with envelope corners are on show at the Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition. They do not work loose during the night, for the corners of the bottom sheet are pulled onto the head of the mattress, and the top sheet is attached at the foot.

YOUNG QUIZ—answers

- 1 Rudyard Kipling.
- 2 Harrow.
- 3 New York (Haarlem is in Holland).
- 4 147.
- 5 Christopher Wren.
- 6 A calling.
- 7 San Francisco.
- 8 A judge or umpire.

SPORTS SHORTS

PETER ELLIOTT, Tony Turner, and Jimmy Scott, three of our finest divers, are including weight-lifting in their Olympic training, under expert tuition. Weight-lifting has proved a useful addition to the training schedules of many other athletes, including John Savidge, the shot putter.

SWINDON TOWN F.C. spent £700 on floodlighting equipment. The manager claims that it paid for itself within a very short time, for every Tuesday and Thursday some 50 lads are trained and coached on the floodlit pitch, and many of them will make their way into Swindon's various teams.

WITH a partner who had been playing golf for only three months, 14-year-old Garry Gibberton of Birmingham recently won the Staffs-Shropshire Golf Alliance foursomes competition. Garry's handicap is 15.

WALES and Ireland will meet on the soccer field next Wednesday (19th) in a match that may decide the International Championship. Wales have one of their finest sides for years, and, as this is the 75th birthday year of the Welsh F.A., it would be fitting if the Principality won the championship. It is four years since the Welshmen lost to the Irish.

On the mark

E. McDonald Bailey and Geoff Dyson give a demonstration before the television camera in a new series for children. While the famous Olympic sprinter takes up the correct "on the mark" stance, Dyson, chief coach to the Amateur Athletic Association, picks out for the benefit of young viewers points to watch when training.



CHRISTOPHER DAVIDGE makes a habit of rowing in remarkable races. In 1948 he stroked Eton to victory in the Ladies' Plate—an event that Eton had not won for 27 years; in 1949 he stroked Oxford—and lost by the smallest margin on record; the same year he was in the Trinity College boat that broke the record for the Stewards' Cup course; and last year he was in the Oxford boat that sank. He is due to row in the Varsity Boat Race on March 29.

THE Calcutta Cup match will be played this Saturday at Murrayfield, Edinburgh. In this annual match, which has been played since 1871, England have been victorious on 29 occasions, Scotland 27. This season neither side has yet recorded a victory in the international championship.

YOUNG man with a big future predicted for him in cricket is 17-year-old left-arm bowler Leon Hellmuth. Brian Valentine, ex-captain of Kent, says that he shows more promise than any Kent player since Frank Woolley. High praise, indeed!

THE All-England badminton championships open next week at the Empress Hall, West London. Owing to the record number of nearly 300 entries, from seven countries, eliminating contests will be necessary. The favourite for the men's singles title is the Singapore sports goods salesman, Wong Peng Soon, who hopes to win the trophy outright, for he was champion in 1950 and 1951.

The first Canadian entrant for the women's badminton title for 13 years is Mrs. Kay Grant, champion of the Dominion. Since she arrived in England, Mrs. Grant has been practising for 12 hours a week.

STAN COX, of Southgate Harriers, who has had a successful career on the track, is taking up marathon running. His inspiration is Jim Peters, another former track distance runner, who successfully changed to the 26-miles event. Stan averages ten miles a night for six nights a week, but he intends to increase this 60 miles to 100 as he nears the peak of his preparation for this year's marathons.

HOW MUCH SNOW?

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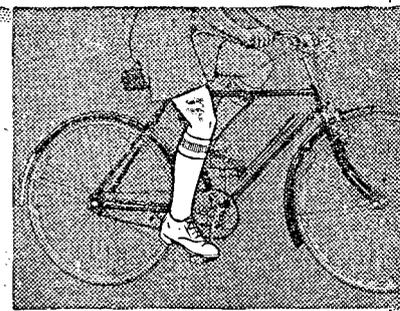
YOUTH IN THE BELFRY

Recently the CN wrote of the Flamstead Church bell-ringers, who are all under 15.

Now a CN reader, Michael Collins, tells us about the ringers of Frodingham Church, Lincolnshire, where he has been ringing the bells for four years. Michael is 13, and with him are three other boys aged 14, two of whom have been ringers for two years and one for three.

It would be interesting to know if there is any church with a younger team of bell-ringers.

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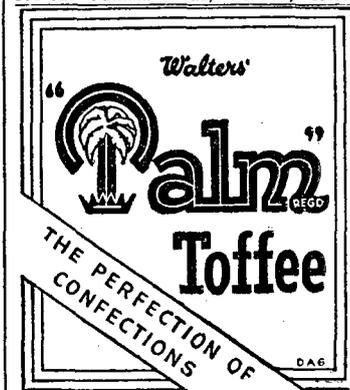
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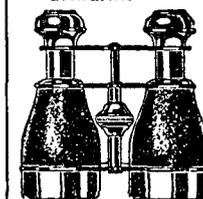
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