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THEY DIG FOR VICTORY

A busy programme lies before volunteer archaeologists this summer. Over 200 of them—including sixth-form schoolboys—are to undertake one of the most extensive "digs" into the Roman period ever organised in this country. One team has already started an important excavation of Hadrian's Wall, which is to continue until early in August. The volunteers are to explore a Roman fort at Haltonchesters, and a Hadrianic bath-house.

Another team is now working on a six-week excavation at the Romano-Celtic temple at Shorden Brae, near Corbridge, in Northumberland, and next month digging is to be resumed at the Roman fort and settlement at Caerleon in Monmouthshire. The site of the Roman city of Verulamium, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, where volunteers will sleep under canvas, will be worked on in July, and at the end of that month another temple site at Brean Down, near Weston-super-Mare is to be explored.

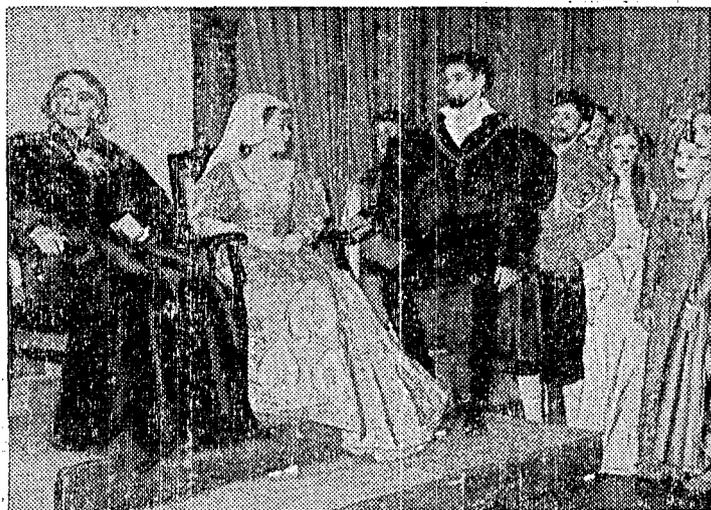
At some of the sites the volunteers are offered small grants to help them with their expenses.

Tall story

A basket-ball manufacturer wanted to know how high the balls would bounce if they were dropped from the Empire State Building in New York. There were obvious objections to practical tests from the building itself, but the U.S. Navy authorities were approached and they arranged for a dozen of the balls to be dropped from a plane at the same height—1472 feet.

Down went the balls and up came the answer: 22 feet 9 inches.

Coventry school plays Hamlet in Germany



Young Germans in the ancient Hansa city of Lübeck heartily applauded the boys of King Henry VIII School, Coventry, who produced Hamlet there during the Easter holidays.

The boys made excellent ambassadors. "Lübeck would welcome more such distinguished productions from England," said Dr. Wendt, deputy-headmaster of the grammar school where the play was performed.

Some members in the audience could hardly believe that Ophelia and Gertrude were played by boys! Most praised, however, was the young Hamlet, whose talent and clear diction diminished whatever language difficulties the audience may have experienced; though these in any case were few, for no play is more popular in Germany than Hamlet, and the pupils are excellently schooled in English.

SLATE-SPLITTER WANTED

Jet black slate from a quarry in British Columbia is now very much in demand for courtyards and fireplaces, and it has been suggested that it should be used for roofs. But the quarry-owner is doubtful. "If we got a contract we would have to get a man from Britain to do the splitting," he says. "Roof slate splitting is a lost art in Canada."

Great cricketing days

Denis Compton was always one of the liveliest of cricketers, and he has now proved himself no less lively as an author.

End of an Innings (Oldbourne Press, 15s.) is the story of Denis Compton's cricketing days since the war, a period which has seen England's return to greatness.

He himself played a vital part in that rise, and his story is largely a flashback of the Tests in which he played all over the world. But it is the background to the Tests rather than the matches themselves that he writes about, and he relates dozens of anecdotes about incidents "off stage."

He can tell a story against himself, and mentions, for instance, the "unpredictability" of his calling for a run. "My first call, it has been said, is an invitation to treat; my second, a basis for negotiations; the third is too late, anyway, for by then the other chap has been run out."

END OF A LINE

Train-spotters travelled in force on the last Middlesbrough to Whitby coast train when the 75-year-old line was closed recently.

At every station the spotters—members of the Railway Correspondence and Travel Society from Hull, Leeds, Northampton, and other centres—scrambled down and took photographs. The 15-mile stretch between Loftus and Whitby West Cliff has some of the finest coast scenery in Britain, but the line has had to be closed as being uneconomical.

Appropriately, the name on the engine of the last train was The Economist.



For safer riding at night

As stated in C N recently, some New Forest ponies have been given luminous collars so that they may be more easily seen at night. Here we see both ponies and riders wearing bands of reflecting fabric at Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

Result of the CN National Handwriting Test of 1958

Prizes Worth £1000 Awarded to Schools and Pupils

CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER has pleasure in announcing the result and principal awards in the seventh great C N Handwriting Test.

Many thousands of schools in Great Britain, Ireland, and the Channel Islands took part. This impressive total is a measure of the interest in the competition, and the Editor extends his thanks to schools and teachers for the ready co-operation which ensured its success. He is also grateful for the many letters paying tribute to the value of these Tests in encouraging the cause of better handwriting.

Once again, the examiners were gratified to see an improved standard of work. Teachers are congratulated on this improvement, which indeed was particularly marked in some cases.

Listed below are the winners of the chief awards, and the 100 special consolation prizes. The remaining awards will be notified by post, and all schools which took part in the Test will receive the full list of prize-winners as soon as possible.

Group A . . . for Pupils under 9 Years

FIRST SCHOOL PRIZE of £50 and PUPIL'S PRIZE of £5:
MARY ILLING, of CRESCENT SCHOOL, RUGBY.

SECOND SCHOOL PRIZE of £25 and PUPIL'S PRIZE of £4:
PAMELA JOHNSON, of CHOLMONDELEY COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL, MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THIRD SCHOOL PRIZE of £10 and PUPIL'S PRIZE of £3:
ALFREDA PURDY, of CROSSROADS PRIMARY SCHOOL, MARKETHILL, ARMAGH.

Group B . . . Pupils aged 9 to under 12

FIRST SCHOOL PRIZE of £50 and PUPIL'S PRIZE of £5:
JANE PATERSON, of ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL, BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

SECOND SCHOOL PRIZE of £25 and PUPIL'S PRIZE of £4:
JOHN IMMINS, of COLEMAN JUNIOR SCHOOL, LEICESTER.

THIRD SCHOOL PRIZE of £10 and PUPIL'S PRIZE of £3:
GARETH JOHN DAVIES, of BOYS' COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BRECON.

Group C . . . Pupils of 12 to under 17

FIRST SCHOOL PRIZE of £50 and PUPIL'S PRIZE of £5:
ARTHUR RICO, of MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, SPINKHILL, SHEFFIELD.

SECOND SCHOOL PRIZE of £25 and PUPIL'S PRIZE of £4:
JOHN F. B. PINE, of THORNTON B, CHRIST'S HOSPITAL, HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THIRD SCHOOL PRIZE of £10 and PUPIL'S PRIZE of £3:
PAULINE CAMPBELL, of BROUGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL, EDINBURGH 7.

The 100 SPECIAL CONSOLATION PRIZES of Wrist-watches or Concise Oxford Dictionaries, allotted in proportion to the entry totals in the three age groups, are awarded for next best attempts to the following:

GROUP A. Anna Boal, Letterkenny; Melanie Campbell, Carrickmacross; Susan Carruthers, Bedlington Stn.; Susan Cousins, Colchester; Christopher Eccleston, Yeovil; John R. Irvine, Ballynahinch; Bridgette Flynn, Dover; Margaret Glasson, Redruth; Corinne Green, King's Lynn; Christine Jolley, Wicklow; Lynda Large, Dublin; Maureen McKinney, Larne; Angela Menagh, Newtownards; Graham Morrison, Gilnockie; Ann Neighbour, Lewes; Valerie Orrock, Basildon; Patricia Rough, Glasgow; Leonard Spieremburg, Sutton; Charles Stallard, Wednesfield; George Strickland, Glasgow, S.2; Wendy Whistlercraft, Beccles.

GROUP B. Elizabeth Barnes, London, S.E. 26; Margaret Biswell, Bushey; Malcolm Brockman, Hawkhurst; Beryl Brooks, Hanwell, W. 7; Mavis Broome, New Barnet; David Bryant, Leeds; Valerie Burgess, Bristol; Hermione Clarke, Leicester; Phyllis Clarke, Belfast; John Connell, Leeds; Susan Crosland, Doncaster; Susan Dickens, London, W.2; I. Ebbage, Highgate, N.6; Spencer Fagg, Cranbrook; Elizabeth Fallows, Louth; Lyn Fell, South Normanton; Fenny Field, Reigate; Dorothy Flott, Clarkston; Barbara Forsyth, Carrickfergus; Patricia Foster, Faversham; Hilary Freeman, Abingdon; Jennie Pullylove, Ecclesfield; Diana Goodwin, Chelmsford; Marilyn Gorvin, Southsea; Paul Grant, Sheffield; Jennifer Griffin, Bristol; Jennifer Herbert, Blackrock; Honor Hetherington, Lisburn; Patricia Hillier, Bath; Amanda Holloway, Welwyn Garden City; Lynne Jarvis, Bedlington Stn.; Peter Lawrence, Bletchley; Beryl Lindop, Malpas; Liam McCarr, Chatham; Evelyn Mackenzie, Inverness; Angela Martin, Worthing; David Martin, Wallasey; Tom Moore, Coleraine; Janina Nachilo, Holyhead; Elizabeth Nicolson, Wick; Jill Parrish,

Brackley; Christopher Pearce, Palmers Green; Stewart Pennells, Leeds; Patricia Phillips, Romford; Brian Pickard, Daybrook; Jacqueline Powell, Bristol; Anne Rollic, Bo'ness; George Rutherford, Canonbie; Helen Smith, Salisbury; Christine Swindells, Carshalton; Hazel Turner, Glastonbury; Mary Vinsen, Bristol; Mary Waddington, Kenilworth; Hilary Walton, Halifax; Linda Watts, Leicester; Brenda Wheeler, East Finchley, N.2; Isobel Wilkinson, Glasgow; Susan Williams, Hanwell, W.7; Judith Winn, Hampton; Douglas Wright, Dunfermline.

GROUP C. Paul Binding, Hammersmith, W.6; Rosemary Burfoot, Chichester; Ann Cooney, Acton, W.3; Nesta Elliott, Brighton; Robert Fisher, Formby; Daphne Giles, Carshalton; Brenda Griffin, Bath; Yvonne Harman, St. Helier; Andrew Jackson, Bristol; Guy de Jonquieres, Purley; Jane Kendall, Ealing, W.5; Claire Longbotham, Acton, W.3; Anna Lyons, Coleraine; Joan McCormack, Newcastle; Jennifer Merry, Lichfield; Elaine Kennie, Paisley; Colin Robinson, Exeter; Angela Steer, Cheltenham; Kenneth Wright, Challey.

2000 OTHER PRIZES of special "exchange point" Fountain-pens have also been awarded on a proportionate basis within the three groups. It is regretted that all winners' names cannot be included here, but as already stated, the full list will go to all schools in due course. The list may also be seen at the C N Competition Office at 3, Pilgrim Street, London, E.C.4.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS. Many hospital and other special schools also joined in the Test, and their entries—in some cases completed under great handicaps—reflected credit on entrants and teachers alike. Extra prizes have been given in a number of such cases.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT. These have been awarded for the best attempt from each school submitting 10 or more attempts, and not represented in the prize list—and in certain additional cases.