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Soccer Season Opens on Saturday

WELLS CITY SIDE TO MEET CHIPPENHAM TOWN

Last season enthusiasm for football in this district reached new heights, with Wells City turning professional and a new junior club, Wells Amateurs, being formed, a Youth Club being inaugurated and several villages starting up again and competing in the Cheddar Valley League.

It seems only a few weeks ago that we watched all these teams battling for league points.

The all too short cricket season is nearing its close and on Saturday next the big ball will come into its own again.

If the enthusiasm of the fans and the attendances at the trial games are any indication, soccer is in for an even greater boom this coming season.

Supporters of the local clubs are keenly speculating on what the fates have in store for them in the months ahead. We wish all of them the best of luck and we hope many trophies will find a resting place in Wells at the end of the season.

Wells City held their first trial match on the Recreation Ground pitch on Tuesday evening and there was a large crowd present to see the players in action. Their opening league fixture is against Chippenham Town on Saturday and Wells will do well to pick up a point, for Chippenham is one of the strongest teams in the Western League. The Citizens will have plenty of vocal support, for several coaches have been booked by the Supporters Club for the trip to the Wiltshire town.

Owing to the number of coaches going to Chippenham, the picking up point will be at the Princes-road Car Park and not in the Market Place as originally arranged.

The majority of last season's players turned out for the trial game, the notable absentees being S. Adams, (who has transferred to Street), Jack Paul, Wilcox, who has signed for Bridgwater and Grant, who is still suffering from an injury sustained last season but hopes to wear the City colours in the very near future.

The trial confirmed that Ernie Jones, the City's player-coach has made some very useful additions to the club's strength, and it appears that Wells should be able to field a side capable of holding the best of opponents.

The new players on view included Nuth (Trowbridge Town) who played well at back, Hill (Soundwell) who, playing at centre forward, looked to be a man of ideas, Maddocks (Bristol St. George) who can show an unexpected burst of speed and should improve the forward line, Bain (Bristol club), a burly right back, Green (Bristol) who played at outside right, and Dale (Chilcompton).

The old players appeared fit and ready for action. Watts and Lloyd, the goalkeepers, both earned applause for their saves.

TEAM TO MEET CHIPPENHAM.

After the trial the team was chosen to meet Chippenham Town, and as expected three new-comers are included in the side.

The team is: Watts; Nuth, Marsh; R. Dodkin, Jones, Davey; Paul, O'Connor, Hill, Maddocks, F. Dodkin. Reserves to travel, Stokes and A. Cribb.

SELECTED TEAMS.

Glastonbury (v. Cheltenham Town Res., home): Taylor; Tucker, Fitz; Norris (capt.), Collis, Bowers; Starr, Barry, Gibson, Spiring, Owen. Reserve, Williams.

Street (v Clandown, away): Franckom; Elliott, Allen; Jennings, Smith, Caple; Miles, Baker, Tadman, Barnes, Jarvis. Reserve, Fudge.

AWAY TO PEASEDOWN

Wells City's second Western League fixture will be away to Peasedown on Wednesday next, August 24th. The Supporters' Club will run a coach trip to Peasedown. Those wishing to go should make immediate application to Mr. P. Marshall, Tucker-st. Leave Princes-road Car Park, 6 p.m. Fare 2/9.

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WELLS MOURNS ITS MAYOR

Large Congregation at Ald. E. E. Sheldon's Funeral

The large congregation at St. Cuthbert's Church on Thursday afternoon, for the funeral of Alderman Ernest Edwin Sheldon, Mayor of Wells since November, 1947, whose passing, at the age of 75 years, was reported in our last issue, demonstrated in eloquent manner the widespread sense of loss which Ald. Sheldon's death aroused both in the City and the County generally.

Many old friends travelled long distances to attend the service, which preceded the interment at the Cemetery, and the late Mayor's colleagues on the City Council, together with the Mayor and deputy Town Clerk of Glastonbury, attended in State.

The service was conducted by Preb. H. A. Barnett, vicar of St. Cuthbert's, and the Bishop of Taunton (the Rt. Rev. Harry Thomas), who represented the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. H. Bawtree-Williams was the organist, the hymn "Peace, perfect peace," being sung.

In a short address, Preb. Barnett said they had known the late Mr. Sheldon to be a kindly friend and a typical Englishman, who would long be remembered as a good citizen, ready to help forward any cause which could benefit his fellows. As Mayor, he had been zealous in all the duties attaching to his high office and had shown that he had that gift of seeing the many sides which there might be to a problem or to a dispute, giving them all full consideration before arriving at a judgment which was invariably characterised by kindly tolerance, no less than fair-mindedness. To many of them, he would perhaps be best remembered as a sportsman, and it was true to say that on the playing field he learned that self-discipline for the good of all, which was so characteristic of his life.

The family mourners were Mrs. Sheldon (wife), Mrs. R. H. Boddington and Mrs. G. H. Gibbs (daughters), Mr. Boddington and Mr. Gibbs (sons-in-law), Colonel Clifford Sheldon (nephew), Mr. George Sheldon (nephew), Mr. Jack Morgan (great nephew), Mrs. Wyatt (niece), Mrs. Cuthbert Sheldon and Mr. Richard Sheldon. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Taylor, Sir Arthur Reed, Mr. Edgar Reed, Mr. Herbert Reed, Capt. and Mrs. Ronald King-Smith (also representing Mr. and Mrs. Philip King-Smith), Mr. Henry Tabb and Mr. Hugh Tabb.

The many friends at the Church included Lieut.-Col. D. C. Boles, M.P. for Wells, the Mayor of Glastonbury (Coun. A. C. Goodson), and deputy Town Clerk (Mr. A. H. Wyllie), the deputy Mayor of Wells (Ald. H. Sealey, C.C.), and Aldermen H. W. Reakes and G. W. Hippisley, Councillors E. de M. Kippax, L. A. Woods, Mrs. F. Melrose, W. G. Purchase, T. H. Reeves, H. Paul, C. F. Coles, E. W. Mogg, T. P. Harris, H. Golden-Hann, J. D. Duncan and E. S. Dyke, with the Town Clerk (Mr. H. J. Dodd), City Surveyor (Mr. S. Kelvin Johnson), Chief Financial Officer (Mr. J. G. Deming), Sanitary Inspector (Mr. H. C. Birch), Treasurer (Mr. J. W. Comins), and Sergeants-at-Mace (Messrs. M. H. Mason and W. Coombes). The City Bench of Magistrates was represented by Miss E. M. Barnes, Mrs. A. F. Ritchie (also representing Preb. A. F. Ritchie), and Mr. R. T. Hiscox, with the Clerk (Mr. F. N. Wyatt), and Police Inspr. R. E. Crocker.

Mr. H. T. Nurse (chairman), Mr. C. Loxton (vice-chairman), and Mr. J. H. Whitfield (assist. Clerk) represented the Wells Rural District Council, Mr. A. Beresford (the County Justices), Mr. G. F. Hawkins (Shepton Mallet U.D.C.) Messrs. F. S. Carpenter (chairman), F. H. Holloway (secretary), R. W. Durnford (Youth section secretary), W. J. Bissex (referees' secretary), and T. C. Gunning, representing the Somerset County Football Association, Mrs. O. W. Berry, Mrs. Wisdom, Mrs. Angell and Mrs. Stringer (British Red Cross Society), Messrs. T. C. Whatley and E. Allen (St. John Ambulance Brigade), Lieut. E. Dyer (representing the Officers and other ranks 4th Batt. A.C.F. Somerset L.I.), Divisional Officer Mitchell (representing the Chief Fire Officer, Somerset County Council) and Station Officer W. A. Wheeler (Wells Fire Service, also representing Wells Amateur Swimming Club), Major J. L. Portal (Wells British Legion and Wells branch United Nations Association), Lieut.-Commander A. T. Wilson, V.R.D., R.V.N.R. (Wells Division Conservative and Unionist Assn. and King George's Fund for Sailors), The Dean of Wells (The Very Rev. R. H. Malden), Mr. Peter Hincks (also representing Dr. A. C. Hincks and the Wells City Cricket Club), Mr. W. S. Gore (captain) and Miss W. M. Armstead (secretary), representing Wells Lawn Tennis Club, Mr. J. W. Davies (Wells Golf Club), Mr. B. W. Van Trump (captain) and Mr. H. Van Trump (vice-captain) representing Enmore Park Golf Club, Mr. A. L. Coles (also representing Mr. A. J. Clare, J.P., and Mr. Roy Clare), chairman, and Mr. A. C. Cook, secretary, Wells City Football Club, Mr. F. Walker, Wells Amateurs F.C., Mr. E. S. Dyke, Wells Youth Football Club, Mr. H. E. Reynolds, Wells Badminton Club, The Rev. C. H. Buckingham, chairman, Mendip Local Assn. Boy Scouts.

Miss Bowring (W.V.S.), Mr. R. Viveash (Regimental Assn., Somerset L.I. and Toc. H. Mr. J. C. J. Toomer (Bridgwater Area Employment and Regional Appointments Committees), Mr. A. G. Bottomley (Ministry of Labour), Mrs. H. J. Collins (Wells Edwardians Club), Miss Balch (Wells Central Schools), Mr. R. H. Sturman (representing the Managers of the Evening Schools) and Mrs. Sturman, Messrs. J. P. Underdown (Wells Chamber of Trade), J. Glass (Wells and District Young Farmers, also representing Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Webb) M.L.G. Hindle.

Messrs. H. J. Gould, H. R. Sweetingham (directors), G. E. Curtin (secretary) and a large number of employees of Messrs. Alfred Sheldon and Sons, Ltd.), E. A. Spiller (Messrs. E. A. Spiller and Co., Bristol), A. C. Bodinnar (St. Anne's Board Mill Company, Bristol), and P. and T. Wills (Messrs. W. and F. Wills, Ltd., Bridgwater), D. Farley (St. Cuthbert's Paper Works, Ltd., also representing Mr. T. G. Cunane), S. J. West (Engineering and Allied Employers' Assn.), J. E. and W. G. Sheppard (J. E. Sheppard and Sons, Ltd., Chilcompton), G. Cupper (Royal Exchange Assurance), G. Taunton (Wilts United Dairies, also representing Mr. J. McDonnell), A. Nicholas (Messrs. Scophony-Baird), C. W. Ilett (Messrs. W. S. Hodgkinson and Co., Ltd.), J. G. Allwright (Fisher and Co., Wells), G. E. Finucane ("Wells Journal," also representing Messrs. C. H. Barnes, H. C. Baker and R. Welsford, Glastonbury), R. Andrews, W. Govier and F. Chinn (Building Yard, Mendip Hospital), H. E. Southwell (Messrs. Crease, Son and Co., Ltd.), E. Dicker (representing Mr. A. J. Benjafield), H. Clavering (British Road Services), H. G. McEwan (also representing Mr. T. G. Bincham, Maidstone), F. R. Brown (Clare's Textiles), H. J. Collins (Clare's Social Services), G. C. and J. P. Luff (Messrs. John Wainwright and Co., Shepton Mallet), P. Plumb (Bristol Tramways and Sports Club).

Preb. J. E. Fyffe, Mrs. Sealey, Mrs. F. Peacock, Miss Grant (also representing Mrs. Grant and Miss S. Grant), Mrs. Barnett, Miss H. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. R. George, Mrs. Bowring, Mrs. Brine, The Misses Reakes, Mrs. J. C. Collins, Mrs. C. G. Francis, Mrs. S. K. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ballance, Capt. and Mrs. Stoyle, Mrs. Manning, Miss Buxton, Mrs. Coombes, the Misses Smith, Mrs. Fudge, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crees (Swanage), Mrs. A. J. Collings, Miss Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. A. Miller, Mrs. Tidball, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Goodall, Mrs. F. Beer, Mrs. Hagan, Preb. K. Haworth, Mrs. R. Snook.

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Mr. N. L. Bartlett, Chairman of Street U.D.C. was unable to be present owing to a previous engagement.

THE FLORAL TRIBUTES.

There was a profusion of floral tributes, sent as follows: Mummy, Russell, Ursula, Gordon and Peggy; Clive, Guy and Penny; Sister Alice (South Africa); Clifford, Rodney, Lynette and Martin; Marie, Mark and George; Margaret and Richard; Ralfe, Pam and Marjorie; Pat and Derek; Muriel, Mollie, Brookie, John and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Gibbs; Lottie; Deputy Mayor and members of Wells City Council; Officials and Staff of Wells City Council; The Lord Bishop, Mrs. and the Misses Bradfield; Mr. N. G. Coward; Kay and Godfrey Hecht; Wells Swimming Club; Employees Sheldon's Engineering Dept.; Employees Sheldon's Milling Dept.; Directors and Staff A. Sheldon and Sons; Sheldon's Sports and Social Club; M. W. Devonshire, M. L. Dowell, G. G. Oatley, W. J. Gould, S. N. Davies; St. Anne's Board Mills; The Gunning family; Associated Co. of Albert E. Reed and Co., Ltd.; Albert E. Reed and Co.; Philip Walker; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Heilbron (Samuel Jones); Mr. and Mrs. Glad Bincham; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burridge, Mr. and Mrs. Watson and Christopher; Mr. and Mrs. Philip King-Smith; Members of the Wells Golf Club; Wells Cathedral School Old Boys' Association; Wells Lawn Tennis Club; St. Cuthbert's Paper Works; Technical Section of the Paper Makers' Association; Wells Edwardian Club; Dorothy, Joan and David; Auntie Pips, Tony and Babon; The Adlington family; Arthur, Edgar and Herbert Reed; Mrs. Dyke, Peggy and Borry; Jack and Gladys; Bruce and Geoffrey Brickwood; Eric Pollock Richard; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Walter and family; Vere and Henry Crease; The Directors of F. S. Fisher and Co.; Sister Williamson; Mr. and Mrs. Ballance; Mr. and Mrs. Woodhams and Joy; Janet and Joe Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Tibbs; John Snow and Co.; Wells City F.C.; St. John Ambulance Brigade; Charles, Ronald and Philip King-Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Toomer; Mr. and Mrs. Farnham; Bertie Clapperton, June and Lyla; Henry, Mango and the boys; Mr. and Mrs. Tincknell; Sheila and Peter; Officials and members of the Somerset County F.A.; E. A. Spiller; Birdie; Hilda and Bern; Wells Amateur F.C.; Alister and Janet Miller; George and Betty Hindle; Mr. and Mrs. H. Paul and family; Reg and Wendy; Wells Cricket Club.

Many people have written to the family saying they did not send wreaths but have given the money to charity.

Found Drowned in River

A GODNEY FATALITY

The fully-clothed body of Austin Robert John Jones, a 36-years-old smallholder, of Fir Tree Farm, Godney, was recovered from the river Sheppey at the rear of his residence, by his brother, on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Jones, a single man, lived with his three brothers at Fir Tree Farm.

We understand that an inquest will be held at Street on Friday morning.

Shirley Hole, as "In the Local News" and dressed in copies of the "*Wells Journal*" gained first prize in the original class at Wookey Carnival and Fete.

NEW DIVISIONAL LABOUR AGENT

APPOINTMENT OF MR. RICHARD WEVELL

Mr. Richard Wevell, of Liskeard, Cornwall, has been appointed as Agent for the Wells Divisional Labour Party, and will commence his duties on August 22nd.

Mr. Wevell, who was formerly an insurance official, has been a member of the Labour Party for many years. Besides being secretary to the Liskeard Local Labour Party, he was auditor to the Bodmin Divisional Labour Party, delegate to the Cornwall Federation of Labour Parties, and editor of "Labour's Cornish Voice."

An experienced speaker, Mr. Wevell, who is married and has a son and a daughter, has felt an increasing urge to devote his full time and talents to the Labour Movement, and is looking forward to touring the villages in the Division with the microphone during the coming months.

LOCAL VICAR'S DAUGHTER IN RIDING FATALITY

Inquest Verdict of "Misadventure" Recorded

"It is quite a mystery as to what did happen," commented Mr. C. J. P. C. Jowett, Deputy Assistant Coroner for S.E. Somerset, at the Yeovil inquest on Miss Rosemary Beatrice Ruth Hill, daughter of the Rev. G. P. Oakley Hill, vicar of North Wootton, Shepton Mallet, who was killed as the result of a fall from a horse.

The Coroner added nothing gave rise to any comment about lack of care. "It was one of those tragic things that happen and there it is."

Mrs. Mary Gertrude Ford, of the North Hill Training Stables, West Camel, said Miss Hill and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hill, went to the stables by appointment on Monday morning. It was their first visit.

Although both had ridden before, witness put Miss Hill on the horse she considered was quietest. "All the horses were perfectly quiet and well trained." Both riders seemed quite capable when they began the exercise. They rode up over Sturt Hill and Miss Hill appeared to handle her horse quite well.

At the top of the hill, Miss Hill's horse seemed to be walking rather quicker, and so witness thought it advisable for Miss Hill to dismount and ride the horse which witness had herself been riding.

After mounting the second horse, Miss Hill rode on up over the hill. Neither witness nor Mrs. Hill saw her again.

Questioned by the Coroner, Mrs. Ford said they had no trouble of any kind with that horse before. She did not hear the sound of hoof-beats galloping down the hill towards home.

Mrs. Hill said the horses seemed all right when they started.

HORSES PERFECTLY QUIET.

Mr. John James Ford, owner of the stables, said all the horses were perfectly sound and quiet.

About 15 minutes after the party set off, he heard a horse galloping past. It was riderless. He saw Miss Hill lying in the road with her head on the grass verge. A doctor was called and witness sent a stable lad to bring in the horse, which was found at Babcary.

John Webb, the stable lad, said he rode the horse home after it had been recovered and it was perfectly quiet.

Mr. Hill said his daughter was 24 and a State-registered nurse. She was on holiday from St. Thomas's Hospital and was of very cheerful disposition.

She had received riding lessons about nine years previously and thought she was a good rider. "I don't think any blame attaches to anybody. She was used to riding school hacks only, and thought she could manage anything."

In his summing-up, Mr. Jowett commented that they would never know what really happened. He was satisfied the horses were quiet and steady.

A verdict of "Misadventure" was recorded. Miss Hill died from a fractured skull and laceration of the brain.

More Support Needed for Rugby Club

LOSS ON LAST SEASON REPORTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Presenting his annual report at the annual meeting of the Mendip Rugby Football Club, held at the Railway Hotel, Wells, on Tuesday evening, Mr. Ralph Britten, the hon. secretary, stated that he was rather disappointed at the way the Club had been supported at home matches, very often, for their opponents had more supporters than they had themselves.

"It is not a case of bad rugby, for the Mendip side have been complimented on their sportsmanship wherever they travel," said Mr. Britten, who appealed to the sportsmen of Wells to come along and support the Club if they wanted rugby to stay in Wells.

Mr. Britten said the club last season had a very unlucky time in all departments, the foremost being injuries, and secondly so many players leaving the district during the season. At the commencement of the season the Club could boast of 45 playing members but at the end of the season the number had dropped to 18 regular players. The Club were indebted to Messrs. K. Oatley, Peter Tyley and George Dennis who had an extremely difficult task in raising a team. Unfortunately the "A" XV had to be abandoned, an action they all regretted.

The match results were; 1st XV, played 26, won 11, drew 2, lost 12, with 134 pts. for and 200 against. The "A" XV played 10 games, winning one, drawing one and losing eight.

Mr. Britten said the financial side was one of pluck and determination on the part of the Club. Expenses were heavy, especially travelling, and they were very grateful to Mr. W. Barnard, who kindly loaned his ground to the club with no obligations, and the many others who helped the Club in various ways.

The Club was again represented at the County Trials at Bridgwater, this time by Messrs. De Wolf, R. Longstreet, P. Tyley and W. Pears.

Collections on the ground had not been very high and they hoped for better support next season.

The social side had, as usual, been a success. The annual trip to Twickenham was arranged when they saw England defeat the heavy French side. They now had an annual match with Bristol Hospitals XV, with a dinner to follow, and they were grateful to Dr. A. C. Hincks, their staunch President, for providing the first dinner.

It was with regret he reported the the death of two of their Vice-Presidents, Admiral Sir James Somerville and Mr. C. Durie, both of whom showed a keen interest in Mendip's performances.

Mr. Britten concluded by saying that on looking back the 1948-49 season had not been a great success or a dismal failure, but had it not been for the "old 'uns" the Club might not have survived.

Thanks were expressed to Capt. and Mrs. Woods for their invaluable help in providing changing quarters, and the local Press for their help in making rugby known to the public.

The report was adopted with thanks to Mr. Britten for all his work on behalf of the Club.

BALANCE WIPED OUT.

Mr. W. Shepherd, the hon. treasurer, who was also voted to the chair in the absence of the President, Dr. A. C. Hincks, M.C., presented the financial statement which showed that total receipts amounted to £204 12s. 1d. which included an opening balance in hand of £36 19s. 4d. Total expenditure amounted to £205 18s. 9d. and the statement disclosed a deficit of £1 6s. 8d.

Mr. Shepherd said the loss of about £38 on the season was chiefly accounted for by the heavy cost of travelling and equipment. The running of an "A" XV also added to the increased expenditure.

The accounts were adopted after the meeting had discussed ways of increasing the revenue, and thanks were expressed to Mr. Shepherd for his work as hon. treasurer, and Mr. Miller, who had audited the accounts.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Dr. A. C. Hincks, M.C. was unanimously re-elected as President, and the secretary was instructed to write to the President wishing him a speedy recovery from his serious illness.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

Mr. Ralph Britten was unanimously re-elected as hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Shepherd was re-elected, pro tem as hon. treasurer, Mr. Shepherd intimating that he was retiring from business at the end of the month and it may be found necessary to appoint someone in his place before the end of the season.

Mr. Peter Hincks was elected as team secretary, with Mr. Derrick Hallett as captain, and Mr. Reg. Longstreet as vice-captain.

Messrs. J. Edwards, K. Oatley and G. Dennis were elected to serve with the officers as the general committee.

It was stated that the first game was with Combe Down, away, on September 10th, and it was agreed to hold a practice match on September 3rd. Any players interested and wishing to join the Club will be welcomed at the trial game or may get in touch with Mr. Britten, the hon. secretary.

Various matters affecting the preparation of the ground, etc., were discussed, and the meeting closed with a warm vote of thanks to Mr. Shepherd for presiding.

Wells Boy Loved Swimming

SO STOLE BATHING COSTUME

An 11-years-old boy who was fond of swimming was unable to go to the Swimming Pool as he had no costume. Playing in the Recreation Ground he saw a pair of swimming trunks hanging on the line in the garden of Mr. S. K. Johnson, the City Surveyor.

That night Mr. Johnson found that the swimming trunks were missing.

Two days later he was at the Swimming Pool and saw the 11-year-old wearing a pair of trunks similar to the trunks he had lost. He communicated with the Police.

This led to the lad appearing at the Wells Juvenile Court on Tuesday, when he admitted stealing the costume, valued at 9/-, from the line in the Surveyor's garden.

Mr. Seymour Kelvin Johnson, giving evidence, said the swimming trunks belonged to his son. On Wednesday, July 6th in the evening he hung the trunks on the clothes line in the garden. At 10.30 p.m. he found the trunks missing.

On Friday, July 8th he was at the Swimming Pool and noticed a boy wearing a pair of trunks which were similar to those he placed on the clothes line.

P.C. Sandy said he questioned the lad, who said, "These are the trunks I took from Mr. Johnson's line." He then made a statement in which he said, "Last Wednesday I was playing around by the Surveyor's house, and as I was sitting on the wall I noticed the costume on the line. I got over the garden wall and took the costume." The lad added "I did it because my mother said she had not enough money to buy me a costume, and I like swimming."

The lad's mother said she was sorry for what the boy had done. She did not think he intended to keep the costume but to borrow it to have a swim.

It was stated that the lining of the trunks had been removed.

Ald. H. Sealey, the chairman, said they could not accept the mother's statement that the lad only borrowed the costume, as he had cut out the lining. The Bench had decided to give the lad another chance and had decided to place him under the care of the Probation Officer for a period of two years.

The Bench made an Order for the trunks to be returned to the owner.

Mr. Johnson said he was sorry for the lad in many ways and added that he would like to make a present of the swimming trunks to the lad if the Bench had no objection.

Ald. Sealey said it was not for the Bench to agree to such a suggestion. The owner could do what he liked with the costume.

B.B.C. EDITOR DID NOT HAVE RADIO LICENCE —FINED £5

Summoned for using a wireless set without a licence, Patrick Beech, of Oakfield-road, Clifton, and formerly of North-road, Wells, the B.B.C. West of England News Editor, was fined £5 and ordered to pay £1 costs by Bristol magistrates.

It was stated by the prosecution that Beech admitted using the set for three years without a licence and he explained that the matter had slipped his memory since he moved to Bristol from Wells.

Twenty-one other persons were fined from £1 to £5 for similar offences.

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	Weymouth	12/6	9.00	12/3	9.15
	Bournemouth	10/–	9.00	9/9	9.15
	Bristol Zoo	4/9	2.00	5/–	2.15
Mon. 22.—	Lyme Regis	9/3	9.15	9/–	9.00
	Dawlish & Teignmouth	15/3	9.15	15/6	9.00
Tues. 23.—	Budleigh Salterton & Exmouth	14/9	9.15	14/6	9.00
	Minehead	9/9	9.15	10/–	9.00
Wed. 24.—	Burnham and Weston	5/6	2.15	5/9	2.00
	Ilfracombe	17/6	8.15	17/9	8.00
Thur. 25.—	Bournemouth	10/–	9.00	9/9	9.15
	Weymouth	12/6	9.00	12/3	9.15
	Portsmouth & Southsea	14/6	8.00	14/3	8.15
Fri. 26.—	Torquay	18/3	8.15	18/–	8.00
	Seaton & Sidmouth	12/3	9.15	12/–	9.00
Sun. 28.—	Wye Valley	15/–	8.00	15/–	8.15
	Bournemouth	10/–	9.00	9/9	9.15
	Clevedon & Portishead	6/9	2.15	7/–	2.00
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	Portsmouth & Southsea	14/6	8.00	14/3	8.15
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