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'HIST.' THROUGH—'Phil.' Try To-Night "Observer" Tournament

Farmers at Carlow

The Agricultural Society has just benefited from a most informative tour of the Carlow sugar beet factory, where the whole process was seen in action, right from entry of the beet on vehicles into the factory to the emergence of the sacks of sugar. The members also saw the entomology research department which is but one cog of the vast industrial machine that the Irish Sugar Company is operating in this country.

A lively programme lies ahead, with the inaugural address to be read by Mr. P. Read next term, followed by papers dealing with "Ensilage" by Mr. Leonard, "The Problem of Food Quality and the Farmer To-day" by A. Cobham. It is hoped to get the great promoter of organic farming methods, Lady Eve Balfour to speak at this meeting. A paper on forestry will be read by Mr. L. Roche, to which Mr. Childers, Minister for Lands and Forestry, is expected to speak. In addition, many educational trips are being arranged to places of interest to the members.

Evidence of Trinity's activity in the agricultural field may be seen at the John Kells Ingram farm in Co. Louth, where great progress is being made. Land is being reclaimed, old drains cleaned and new ones dug. This work is at present being supervised by Mr. Nick Bielenberg—a Trinity graduate and ex-member of the Society. Next term it is hoped that Senior Freshmen agricultural students will spend a day each week on this magnificent farm, which also provides practical training for forestry students.

THE preliminary rounds of the inter-varsity debating tournament sponsored by the "Observer" are at the moment the main topic of conversation among debating enthusiasts both in Trinity and in other universities. The Irish section of the competition entails two preliminary rounds and a local final; already two teams, those representing the Hist. and the Literary and Historical Society, U.C.D., have, by their performance at a preliminary round held at U.C.D. on Saturday, won their way to the Irish final.

The motion on Saturday was "That small men cast long shadows when the sun is sinking." The standard of debate was reasonably high, although some speakers disappointingly preferred to deliver set orations with varying degrees of competence rather than to debate the motion.

The Hist. representatives, G. B. Holland and M. T. Knight, were fluent and logical, and few could disagree with the opinion that Knight's was the best speech of the evening. The representatives of U.C.D. were a trifle fortunate, we felt, to be placed before the Hist. in the final reckoning; even their own supporters appeared to disagree with the judges' decision.

To-night in the G.M.B., the Phil., represented by K. R. Johnson and J. T. Killen, will attempt to emulate the Hist.'s efforts. They will be speaking on the motion "That sweet are the uses of adversity," and will have as their opponents teams from U.C.D., U.C.G., College of Surgeons and Bolton Street Technical Institute.

ICARUS

We learn that "Icarus" was due to arrive yesterday and should be on sale by to-day. Delays at the printers have held up the publication for so long.

Economists At Cork

Yesterday, three economists—G. Knaggs, G. Prior-Wandesforde and J. Poynton—left Dublin for Cork where they will debate on Irish economic questions at a students' economic conference on Irish economic questions.

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Round and About

Clothes-Conscious

University and King's Colleges, London, competed against each other in a dress-show the other day, in an all-out effort to improve the standard of dress in college.

Keen Types

A certain Professor, who shall be nameless, speaking at a Durham University Freshers' conference, said: "Personally I never do any work after 10 p.m., but, of course, some people are at their most creative in the middle of the night."

The Moderns

A creation in plasticine and wire called "Sclinge in Pleistocene," is reported by "King's Courier" to be on exhibition (unofficial) in the Hatton Gallery in London. The authorities deny all knowledge of it, and, adds "The Courier," "so do the students who put it there."

Spartan Conditions in Inner Mongolia

One of the first rules laid down by college authorities of the newly-founded University of Inner Mongolia: No entertaining in students' rooms at any time.

A La Guillotine!

Paris University authorities recently put a ban on female visitors to men's rooms. About 400 students, filled with righteous anger, bombarded police with an interesting variety of ammunition. In the ensuing battle, three arrests were made.

"PHIL." To-night at 8 p.m.

"Observer" Debating Competition

First Round

Five Irish teams will debate the motion: "That Sweet are the Uses of Adversity."

Tea 8.00 p.m.

Ladies Welcome

Moderation Accepted

The Hist. debated "That Moderation is for the second-rate" on November 27th, and the discussion illustrated perfectly the pitfalls awaiting those embarking upon such a subject. Few speakers thought clearly about the motion, and its chief merit was in providing a convenient basis for each speaker's exposition on his favourite "lost cause" or "bête noire." Thus, Mr. J. Clarke talked about American Presidents, Mr. J. Hunter brought in the Unionists and an illegal organisation, Mr. Knight once again mentioned U.N.E.S.C.O., and Count Tolstoy—no prizes for guessing.

Mr. J. Clark, in proposing the motion, sensibly left aside theoretical arguments and took examples to prove his case from history and literature. Mr. J. Hunter, opposing, made a good logical speech, establishing the moderates as a "third force" in world affairs and on this thesis ranging over such fields as H-bomb production and a favourite Hist. topic, "The Hollow Men."

Count Tolstoy provided himself as the epitome of extremism and, therefore, a good thing. Mr. Edwards was as inconsequential as ever, and gave a quotation which most people had heard somewhere before. Mr. M. Knight gave a brilliant performance in that humorous style in which he is becoming inimitable. Mr. Telfer made a successful maiden speech, as did Mr. Bernstein, who insisted that the private lives of virtuosos are not excused by their "genius." Mr. Mason and Mr. Mawhinney contributed maiden speeches in promising fashion. Mr. Hinchcliffe revealed an ambition to be British amateur golf champion, and Mr. V. Young naturally resorted to bridge as his only medium of communication. Mr. Dickson finished the debating with yet another good "maiden."

Mr. Dockrell, T.D., summed up a debate in which the Society approved of moderation by rejecting the motion.

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GREY-BRICK

IDEALLY, a university is a society devoted to the furtherance of learning and the search after knowledge for its intrinsic value. It is a society, and the fact must be recognised and emphasised, because of the danger of regarding a university as, above all, a collection of buildings; the existence and recognition of such a society implies that no man lives unto himself, and this least of all in the world of learning where discrete division of subjects is impossible, and where most is to be learned by coming into contact with those engaged in a similar search.

Ideals, however, are never fully realised, and in a review of our position in Trinity we must take account of this fact. We have immense privileges: generally, economic pressure is less severely felt here than in "red-brick"—there are few students in College whose parents regard it as anything more than their pleasant duty to give their son or daughter a university education; we are a residential university, and this means that most of us are not only relatively free from parental influence for four years, but that we are free to play as full a part as we wish in the life of College; this residential atmosphere also tends to counteract the inevitable tendency towards excessive specialisation.

But "grey-brick" has its disadvantages. All these privileges can be, and are, abused. The fact that the need to obtain a degree is less urgent may, in conjunction with the atmosphere of freedom, produce a large section of wasters and dilettantes; residence, doing away with any idea of a superficial resemblance to school, may (together with the social life) emphasise this tendency. But if we review the general position of Trinity and compare it with other similar institutions, we shall find that the lack of guidance is good in itself (and produces remarkably few wasters), we shall find that the residential atmosphere, the general relief from economic embarrassment, indeed, even the hostile attitude found in some parts of our country, all contribute to a university which produces, not only useful citizens, but also educated gentlemen and gentlewomen.

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Profile:

DAVE WHEELER — All-Rounder

Dave Wheeler was born about twenty years ago in Dublin, and after an education at Mountjoy School, where, surprisingly enough, he failed to make any mark in sport, he entered Trinity in the autumn of 1955 as an Honors student in Economics and Political Science.

Since then, this cheery little man has made his mark on College sport and with a vengeance; though this might have been expected for his brother George had been a very successful captain of the Soccer Club.

Dave's list of sporting achievements reads like a catalogue. His first love is soccer—in this sport he obtained colours in his first year in College, and he has been on the 1st XI since then. Last year's Secretary, he is doing a tremendous piece of work as this year's Captain—his insistence on training and his own example having contributed very largely to the team's successes this season.

He had had no previous experience of boxing when he entered College, but in 1956 and in 1957 he won the U.A.U. and the Irish Universities' championships as a flyweight and a bantamweight, respectively. It was in boxing that he won the pink which is one of his distinguishing characteristics.

In hockey he has been on the 2nd XI since entering College, being available for any position. He played in the Junior Interprovincial Trial last year.

Apart from these not mediocre achievements, which would be enough for the average sportsman, Dave has dabbled in rowing (having gained his Maiden colours for coxing the Maidens last year) and cricket (playing for Farmers last Trinity term), and claims in addition to find recreation in tennis, table tennis and squash.

In spite of what seems an almost full-time career as sportsman, Dave still finds time for his honor course—he is, indeed, one of the few Junior Sophister Economists who understand what their



lecturers are talking about. Always cheery and friendly, he succeeds in enlisting the friendships and support of all who come in contact with him. His very versatility, combined with thoroughness and a capacity for sustained effort, should bring him success in the larger world beyond the confines of this University.

That Certain Question

"Would you care for some coffee?" A simple question you might say—but oh! the amount of thought which precedes it. To one who has observed the antics of the male species before this important question, such moments are hilarious. Act I, Scene I, begins with the entrance of La Dame. Both parties appear to be totally unaware of each other's presence—or even existence, for that matter. Mademoiselle seats herself with back to the male admirer—who now deems it reasonably safe to glance at her. (He has forgotten all those little friends of hers who even now are mentally taking out their note-books and watching his every move with avid eyes.)

The next scene begins when Monsieur rises slowly and nonchalantly, and strolls casually to the book shelf exactly five feet away from the beloved. A profound interest is fostered in the Greek dictionary, of whose use he has suddenly felt the need (even though he happens to be studying modern languages). He carefully peruses the first ten words (which are indeed Greek to him) and then with a decisive snap closes the lexicon and places it once more on the shelf.

With the beginning of Act II, the plot thickens, for two courses lie open to him. He has the choice of either having an intimate and animated conversation with the chap on her left about absolutely nothing at all; or else he will look over her shoulder and utter such profound statements as "Are you working very hard?" Or "Heavens! Are you doing that dreadful prose?"—followed up by "What's it like?" They then discuss the merits and demerits of the aforesaid prose in which, of course, they are both very interested. A variation to this theme is: "Have you seen Old Pete around anywhere?"—again followed by the same profound discussion about what Old Pete does or does not do with his spare time.

Finally, however, the fateful question is asked and Mademoiselle manifests complete surprise at such a pleasant suggestion (inwardly thinking "Thank goodness—thought he'd never get around to it," or else "That's one in the eye for Mavis"—Mavis being the current rival).

In Act III the action becomes even more intricate, for this is the Omnes Exeunt scene and great care must be observed to take leave of the precincts in a dignified manner, for both players are fully aware that their departure is being watched by not a few spectators and certain difficulties must be surmounted if this is to be successful. One solution to the problem is for the gentleman, having asked the young lady—to make a quick exit, reaching the door of the Reading Room while she is still putting on her coat, and meet her half-way up Grafton Street. The second method is to stand waiting for Mademoiselle—usually with a foolish expression on the face—or else to become engrossed once more in an even more fervent study of the lexicon. The chances are, of course, that he will become so interested in the dictionary that he will have to catch up on her half-way up Grafton Street! In any case, good luck to all you coffee drinkers.

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Looking tiredly through the fog of College life, hungering for facts to twist, characters to ridicule, and a theme under which to combine the melange, I alighted triumphantly on the following motif, "Get out of the rut. Be original. Dare!" Here are a few examples:

David Caskey has flung tradition to the winds and established for himself a new reputation, exciting and entertaining. James Poynton has ceased to lean on an umbrella and literature for social support, but creeps and ("I'm a hoyk") slangs it out with the most notorious. Duncan Forson has finally emerged from "Icarus" back-alleys and from his bed into the adventurous career of a Boat Club and a Squash man. Bob Barton has decided that his beard is long enough and his manners eccentric enough for him to take up art, and has begun "painting cheese-cake." Bill Meek, weary of lounging in the second rank of Players, has finally surged up to the very top rank and now holds his own with the best. Finally, and most dangerous of all, (Iron and Geological) Miss Fionnula Pyle plans to remove the Campanile and excavate to its former glory the ancient All Hallows' monastery beneath.

On this hopeful note, and amidst signs, if not of applause, certainly of relief, I bid you, patient readers, good-bye. To those who have been misrepresented I offer my regret; to those who have performed in this column I offer my thanks, and to you, gentle audience, for not protesting too violently at my blunders, I offer you what will be appreciated most of all—my future silence.

Yours then, for the very last time,
"Pip."

Moderation Accepted

There was a large attendance at the History Society to hear Mr. Rogers, the Spanish lecturer, give a talk entitled "Moors and Spaniards: some Spanish versions." These versions were drawn from literature of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. They were literary fictions not related to facts. Mr. Rogers gave various examples, mentioning Louis di Léon, a ballad writer, and by verbal illustrations brought sixteenth and seventeenth century Spain to life. The renowned Cid appeared in most of the versions, which were mainly chivalric. In the militantly anti-Moorish literature the victory of Don John of Austria at Lepanto was repeatedly celebrated in writings, Cervantes giving a straightforward account of the battle.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Rogers and the proceedings ended with tea in the Society's rooms.

In Book Form

With the first issue of next term, that of 6th February, 1958, "Trinity News" is publishing a "Careers" Supplement. Containing several pages on careers, as well as our usual features, this edition will indeed be a bumper one—and still costs only 3d.

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As the first blush wore off the new week, fourteen of the best people were to be seen sipping bortsch, sniping kebabs and shipping kicktails, secluded at Jill Robbins' chaperone's nifty little get-together for those on the pay-roll of College publications. The candle-lit shadow of James Poynton appeared to be drawn in a creep with Janet Humphreys, till he transferred his attentions to the boss-eyed Siamese cats, sitting hypnotised by Neville Howard-Avison's Apache dance. Bob Barton tried to apply his usual tickle technique on the twinkling Gay Turtle — she escaped, only to cross paths with Martin Mahony, the well-known critical correspondent; turning she fled once more, backing into George Greene who had been putting on the best one-man one-girl act seen recently in these parts. George Patrikios was shanghaied into the kitchen and told to cook because Jan

Kaminiski found it difficult to keep Paula Simmonds' hair out of the soup.

Revelry at Hall

This year, Hall Dance seems to have lost its girls' school atmosphere—I'm a regular and I know. In addition to the customary orangeade, we had the choice of gin, sherry and Martini—and made full use of it. Gate-crasher Duncan Forson (accompanied by his wife) proved that he was not this term's editor of the Miscellany—we refer the few who do not already know who it is to a recent issue of Bray Parish Magazine. Bob Gillen was recalling halcyon days at M.C.B. with Sheelagh Butler, but Pat Bourke and partner spent the evening in a more intellectual way. Patrikios, sober for once, displayed his chivalry with Janet Humphreys, and Brian Evamy wasn't doing too badly either. Incidentally, where did Dick Shiel and Margaret Scott get to?

Letters to the Editor

J. E. L. OUTON MEMORIAL FUND

Dear Sir,—Some of your readers will have known the late Dr. J. E. L. Oulton, formerly Regius Professor of Divinity, a scholar of wide reputation and with many years of devoted service to the College, who died early this year. May I take this opportunity of drawing their attention to the J. E. L. Oulton Fund instituted at a public meeting a few months ago?

The nature of the memorial will depend on the response from subscribers; but among various suggestions made at the public meeting were:—

(1) An annual grant by which men preparing for ordination may be helped to pursue postgraduate studies in the College, or abroad, and

(2) The assisting of parochial clergymen to continue their theological reading in the years after their ordination.

It is intended that the final decision on this matter will be referred to a meeting of subscribers.

Subscriptions may be sent to either the Rev. S. G. Poyntz, St. Michan's Vestry, Church Street, Dublin, or myself. Contributions already received vary from 10/- to £40—Yours sincerely,

E. J. Furlong.

Trinity College, Dublin.

Dear Sir,—It is exceptionally unfortunate that your reporter in his article, "College Tightens Purse

Strings," confused the issue by mentioning that "the West Indian Students' Union has asked the British Council to inquire through the appropriate channels as to the possibility of amending the new regulation before it comes into effect next October."

No such thing was done. The West Indian students in College (and not the West Indian Students' Association), who will be affected by the proposed surcharge of 50 per cent., merely wrote through the appropriate channels requesting some form of assistance in the payment of the surcharge, possibly through grants from their individual Colonial Governments.

No attempt was made, however, to protest against the proposed surcharge as a form of discrimination, as the West Indians realised that their own University (University College of the West Indies) was itself dependent on grants from the West Indian Governments, and that Trinity College was obviously indebted likewise to Ireland and to Great Britain.

I do hope that this letter will be published in your next issue as it may help in some way to clarify the problem from the West Indians' point of view, and to make your reporter aware of the folly of being informed by the misinformed.—Yours sincerely,

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Colours Team Selected

Lansdowne, 28 pts.; Dublin University, 12 pts.

WITH only three days to the Colours match at Lansdowne Road, U.C.D. may be assessing their chances of victory by Trinity's current form; certainly 46 points against any side in two matches looks far from healthy, but the big occasion often produces just that extra determination out of each individual.

It was again the forwards who prevented Trinity from showing their best on Saturday. Scottish international hooker McEwan gave the Trinity pack little hope in the set scrums. In the line-out, Sutton was missed, while in the loose they generally seemed slow and apathetic, Dowse and O'Connor being exceptions. In attack, the backs were supreme, but looked a different proposition in defence.

On each of the four occasions that Trinity penetrated close to Lansdowne's line they collected three points, all from tries. The first of these bursts came after 12 minutes of Lansdowne pressure. After a line-out close to the Lansdowne "25," the full-back was presented with the ball, but was surprised to find Doyle up on him and Trinity thus opened the scoring. Reid-Smith was unsuccessful in a conversion attempt from close to the touchline. They did not hold on to their lead for more than a few minutes, a forward rush starting the Lansdowne scoring spree. The resulting try was converted by Kelly, who himself collected 13 points from his kicking during the afternoon.

The Lansdowne backs always looked dangerous as Trinity failed to repel their attacks convincingly, just preventing further score. A succession of touchline kicks gave Reid-Smith a slender chance of realising a penalty. He was unsuccessful and the ball seemed to be running against Trinity on many occasions.

Just before half-time, Kelly kicked a penalty goal, giving Lansdowne an 8-3 lead as the players changed over. In 12 minutes Trinity found themselves 19-3 down and had rarely been seen in the Lansdowne half. One of the tries found Lansdowne backs scoring with two men to spare, their full-back always coming in. The best try came when half the Trinity side had a hand in sending De Wet over the line. Another penalty for

Lansdowne, however, made the score 22-6. Trinity's third try, another excellent one right in the corner, was scored by Reid-Smith. Again Lansdowne replied with a gift penalty right under the posts. Nisbet scored a try in what virtually proved to be Trinity's final appearance in the opposition's half, Lansdowne pressing for the remainder of the match and bringing their tally up to 28 for the second week in succession.

No Surprises

The Colours team to play U.C.D. at Lansdowne Road (2.30) contains no surprises. It is:

G. R. Henry; A. Reid-Smith, D. J. Steen, T. P. Smyth, N. J. de Wet; W. D. Dornan, M. A. Nisbet; D. J. Fitzpatrick, J. McCurdy, F. B. Doyle, J. E. Lee, P. R. Dowse, K. J. Smythe, L. M. Sutton, H. S. O'Connor.

U.C.D. will be represented by: Gibney; Fitzsimons, Cross, Shortall, Brophy (Capt.), Howlett, Doyle, Byrne, Reilly, McCarthy, Swan, Mulcahy, Bourke, Wall, Wain.

* New Colours.

Close Contests

Trinity acquitted themselves well last week in the inter-club swimming and water polo competition held at Iveagh Baths by losing 22-28 in the swimming and winning 3-2 in the water polo against Dublin S.C.

After the first event, the 100 metres freestyle, with first and fourth taken by M. O'Brien-Kelly and C. Pringle, Trinity were leading by a point. Up against a strong and so far unbeaten team, they were unsuccessful in the other individual events in spite of some hard swimming by J. Lee, J. Gibson and T. O'Loughlin. The flying squad was won in an exciting race by Trinity. The issue was, however, finally decided by Dublin winning the medley squad.

It is in the water polo that praise must be given to the Trinity team, not so much for their win as for their spirit and determination (showed) to fight back.

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Canvas Defeat

AT the Annual Boat Club "At Home," held last Saturday at Islandbridge, the King George V Cup for VIII's was retained by Lady Elizabeth, who beat Trinity A by a canvas in the final.

L.E.B.C. spurted at the top of the enclosure, taking a half length, and managed to hold off the finishing effort of the Trinity crew.

The Trinity B crew was defeated by the A boat in the quarter-final, after beating an experienced Queen's VIII in their heat, whilst the C crew put up a plucky fight against an experienced Neptune crew, winners of the event for Maiden VIII's at Trinity Regatta last summer. This C crew is journeying to Belfast this coming Saturday for novice races organised by Q.U.B.C., and on the strength of their first race should acquit themselves well against Queen's Maidens.

The A crew was successful in winning the "At Home" held at Galway last Thursday by U.C.G., defeating St. Ignatius, Galway, and U.C.D. in the final after beating U.C.G. in their heat. B crew had a bad row, but redeemed themselves by their excellent performance on the Saturday.

Still Unbeaten

Dublin University 7
Eastern Command 1

Trinity maintained their fine unbeaten record with a fine win over Eastern Command in College Park on Monday. The first half was played at a tremendous pace and ended with both sides scoring a goal, Trinity's goal coming from Ryan. After half-time there was a deluge of goals in the Army's net, four of them coming in five minutes, Mumford and Kenny both netting a couple. When No. 6 came from centre-forward Sainsbury the Army looked a demoralised side. Ryan finished the scoring with a well taken header.

In the Trinity defence, goalie Verbyla and full-backs Widdis and Stewart played extremely soundly. The outstanding player for Trinity was R. Prole at wing-half. Sainsbury, Ryan and Kenny shone in the forward line, while Mumford had an extremely good debut on the left wing.

Record Broken

Colin Shillington, the Belfast born Freshman, was among the three runners who broke the record for the six-mile cross-country course in Phoenix Park on Saturday.

After a fast start, Minchane of Civil Service, Ironmonger of Donore, Shillington and Connolly soon led the field in a closely packed bunch. Minchane established a lead after five miles and arrived first in 31 mins. 56 secs., 37 secs inside the record set up three years ago by A. Wood of Aberdeen. Shillington was next home, clocking 32 mins. 1 sec., followed by Ironmonger. Connolly ran well to be placed fourth. McCaughey maintained his standard and took 9th place just ahead of Roe, another promising newcomer to the Club.

News in Brief

There is not a little disappointment from the Boxing Club who have had their tour completely cancelled. Cranwell, Cambridge U. and Belsize all called off their fixtures—they must have got wind of Ronnie Taylor's training programme.

Four members of the Hockey Club—H. D. Judge, J. N. Lavan, J. H. Campbell and A. C. Stewart—played in the Leinster trial. Judge and Lavan were selected for the province.

The sixty strong Badminton Club still complain that they have no facilities for practising in College. The obvious place for them, the Dixon Hall, has been denied them by the authorities.

Here's wishing the lucky forty-five members of the Ski Club a most enjoyable time on and off the snow at Zürs. The party includes 31 men and only 14 ladies, but maybe Oxford and Cambridge, with whom they travel, will be able to even things up a bit. Whose turn for a broken leg this year?

Congratulations to Donald Pratt on his squash victory for Leinster over his Ulster opponent.

Condolences for David Wheeler on losing his fight on points at the Arbour Hill annual tournament.

Goal scorers for Trinity ladies in their hockey cup draw v. Ling P.T.C. were: E. Pritchard-Jones (2), A. Jessop and G. Ruddock. The replay is to-day.

The rejuvenated Gaelic Football Club held its A.G.M. last week. A team was entered for the Duke Cup and a practice match arranged against St. Vincent's at Clontarf for next Saturday. Officers elected were: Chairman, T. O'Neill; Secretary, D. Kenny; Captain, B. Keneally, and Treasurer, T. Burke.

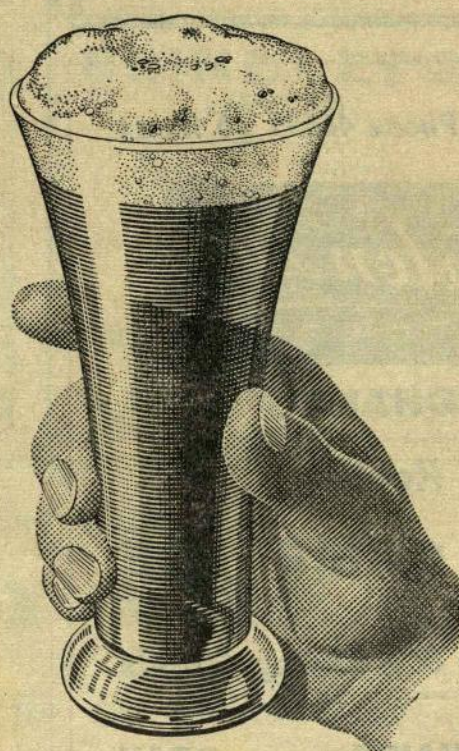
Finally, whether playing or watching, let us hope there is a feast of sport during the vacation for all.

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