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A·E·R·E NEWS



*Greetings and Good
wishes for Christmas
to members of Harwell Staff and
their families.*

T. D. Coddie

Seasons Greetings

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Wanted urgently: temporary accommodation for one or two weeks from 2nd January 1956. Would A.E.R.E. employees living on site and in Abingdon, Wantage or Didcot who can help please phone the Welfare Officer immediately, Ext. 3061.

PRODUCTIVITY SUGGESTIONS AWARDS

The following awards have been announced by the Productivity Suggestions Awards Committee as a result of their meeting on 17th October, 1955.

<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
616	Mr. O. Hughes	353	£23.	0s.	0d.
641	Mr. T. Darby	35.8	23.	0.	0.
644	Mr. W.G. Oliver	30	1.	0.	0.
659	Mr. G.S. Macdonald	380	5.	0.	0.
661	Mr. F.W. Hatton	347/3	3.	0.	0.
662	Mr. H.A. Nicholls	353	1.	0.	0.
664	Mr. J. Hill	380		10.	0.
668	Mr. P. Mulford	353	15.	0.	0.
669	Mr. P.W. Swindon	7	3.	0.	0.
673	Mr. L.G. Job	35.8	25.	0.	0.

PARKINSON'S LAW

Sir,

I knew Parkinson. We were at Aberystwyth together and as a matter of fact we were both born in Llareggeb, in what the English newspapers would call a small Welsh mining village although no mining had been done there since the 1921 Strike. At the time about which I write, however, Parkinson's Father was, under the auspices of the Labour Exchange and its training schemes, an unemployed bricklayer in Swansea rather than an unemployed collier in Llareggeb. I mention this biographical fact because it may serve to illuminate the dark channels in which Parkinson's thoughts ran.

It was therefore with considerable surprise that I saw recently in one of our most august financial periodicals an edited or revised resuscitation of what we were bludgeoned into accepting as a truism in those penniless thirties. Parkinson's "formula" originally bore reference to the numbers on the staffs of the Labour Exchanges, against which our Celtic contumely was directed at that time: Labour Exchanges with their training schemes and re-settlement schemes, those establishments that transmuted a perfectly good collier into an execrable barber. Parkinson delivered for the first time in public his meditations on this subject at a Union debate one Friday evening in February 19... The fact that he was in no way speaking within his subject was of little importance to him or his audience: he was ripe for delivery and I must say he delivered brilliantly. He had a penchant for misquoting adaptations of famous quotations and quoting adaptations of infamous mis-quotations and I well remember his stirring peroration on this occasion:

"..... and so (and here he used a form of salutation which was quite comme il faut in those days but which I dare not write in the English language here). and so, c.m.r. des, it is an inescapable fact that if the unemployed didn't exist the Labour Exchanges would invent them".

Yours faithfully,

Jenks.

FOR SALE

Walnut Cased Upright Piano - Offers? Walnut Cased Radiogram £5. Ring, Ext. 2412.
 Flute, Boehm System, Metal Embrochure. Piccolo, Simple System, as new £12, o.n.o.
 Phone Harwell 60 between 1 - 2 p.m. or 6 - 7 p.m.
 Fur Coat, attractive musquash, natural colour, $\frac{3}{4}$ length, hardly worn, very warm.
 Ext. 2029 or Abingdon 1193.
 Red Tri-Ang Tricycle for Child 6 - 7 years in almost new condition £5. Ext. 3117 or
 Abingdon 787.
 Electric Train, Accessories £2. Kitchen chairs, small table, tallboy, 4'6" bed,
 4 ft. Dunlopillo mattress, 2 West Drive, A.E.R.E. Aldfield Site.
 Ducks 12/6d, Cockerels 15/-, Geese, (various prices). Child's cycle, almost new
 £5.10s o.n.o. Humphreys, Ext. 2687, Wantage 431 after 6 p.m.
 Gas Cooker, £5. o.n.o. Wringer on Stand £2.10s. Kitchen Cabinet £8. o.n.o.
 Portable Gas Fire £1.10. Stevens, Ext. 2913.
 Phillips Radio, offers. 20 Volumes "International Library of Famous Literature", offers.
 Stevens, Ext. 2913.
 A.J.S. Spring Twin, April 1952. 6,000 mls. Excellent condition £140. Oliver,
 Ext. 3042.
 Austin 12 Saloon, Late 1934. £40. New batteries, smart appearance, mechanically
 sound, taxed and insured July. Bell, Bdg. 30.

WHAT'S ON

A.E.R.E. CINEMA (Rec.Ass.Members Only)

Sun. 25th Closed

PLAYHOUSE, OXFORD

Mon. 26th "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" Pantomime.

NEW THEATRE, OXFORD

Mon. 26th "LITTLE MISS MUFFET" Pantomime.

SUPER CINEMA, OXFORD

Sun. 25th Closed

Mon. 26th "THE WIZARD OF OZ" (Tech.)

J. Garland, J. Haley, also

"THE GLASS SLIPPER" L. Carson

RITZ CINEMA, OXFORD

Sun. 25th Closed

Mon. 26th "THE TENDER TRAP" F. Sinatra,

D. Reynolds, also

"LAS VAGAS SHAKEDOWN" D. O'Keefe.

SCALA CINEMA, OXFORD

Mon. 26th "THE ROAD TO BALI" (Tech.)

B. Hope, B. Crosby.

Thu. 29th "THE BLACK KNIGHT" A. Ladd (Tech.)

REGAL CINEMA, ABINGDON

Sun. 25th Closed

Mon. 26th "GEORDIE" (Tech.) A. Sim. B. Travers.

Thu. 29th "THE PRIVATE WORE SKIRTS" R. Russell.

REGAL, WALLINGFORD

Sun. 25th Closed

Mon. 26th "RAGE AT DAWN" (Tech.) R. Scott.

Thu. 29th "GEORDIE" (Tech.) R. Scott.

NEW CORONET, DIDCOT

Sun. 25th Closed

Mon. 26th "SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN
 BROTHERS" J. Powell, H. Keel.
 (Cinemascope)

Thu. 29th "THE MAN FROM LARAMIE" (Tech.)
 J. Stewart. (Cinemascope)

REGAL, NEWBURY

Sun. 25th Closed

Mon. 26th "WHITE FEATHER" (Tech.)

R. Wagner, J. Lund, also

"RACING BLOOD" B. Williams.

Thu. 29th "THE SEVEN LITTLE FOYS" (Tech.)
 B. Hope, M. Vitale, also
 "HURRICANE ON WINDMILL HILL"
 C. Kellaway.

FORUM, NEWBURY

Sun. 25th Closed

Mon. 26th "TOUCH AND GO" (Tech.)

(6 days) J. Hawkins, also "FRANCIS IN
 THE NAVY" D.O'Connor.

REGENT, WANTAGE

Sun. 25th Closed

Mon. 26th "MY SISTER EILEEN" J. Leigh,

Thu. 29th "YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG"
 D. Martin.