



# Club and Branch News



## WITH THE SECRETARY

### A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A very happy and prosperous year in 1957 to all members of the Guild and H.R.C.! May it also be a record year for these twin organisations, with more new members enrolled than ever before. This achievement will need the co-operation of every member in bringing into the fold at least one new member before the end of 1957. There is no better time than now to set about this, and I shall look forward to a steady flow of applications for membership of the Guild and H.R.C.

### NEWS FROM INDIA

It always gives me special pleasure to have news of the activities of Meccano Clubs in distant lands. As it was quite a while since I had heard from the two Meccano Clubs in India—the Mysore and the Kota (Rajasthan)—I was delighted recently to receive long letters from both of them; these are summarised elsewhere on this page. Although both Clubs are quite young, as Meccano clubs go, they have already made their mark with some very fine displays at local exhibitions, and the high standard of Meccano model-building attained has won much praise from the great number of visitors.

### MECCANO CLUBS RECENTLY AFFILIATED

**HODDER PLACE (STONYHURST) M.C.**—*Leader:* Rev. A. Powell, S.J., Hodder Place, Stonyhurst Preparatory School, via Blackburn.

**COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL (STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN) M.C.**—*Leader:* Mr. S. H. Middlemiss, County Secondary School, Stourport-on-Severn.

### H.R.C. BRANCH RECENTLY INCORPORATED

**No. 562, COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL (STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN)**—*Chairman:* Mr. S. H. Middlemiss, County Secondary School, Stourport-on-Severn.

## CLUB NOTES

**MILE END (PORTSMOUTH) M.C.**—Work on a Meccano elevated railway structure for the associated H.R.C. Branch is making good progress, the Branch members helping in this job. Variety is given to the Club programme by Games Nights and Film Shows. A surprise visit by an ex-member now serving in Germany was welcomed, and he gave an interesting talk about the railways in that country. Club roll: 30. *Secretary:* Mr. A. J. Nicholson, 213 Sultan Road, Buckland, Portsmouth.

### AUSTRALIA

**MAYLANDS M.C.**—Two new features have been added to the Club programme—Bookbinding and Woodwork—and good results are being achieved.

Model-building continues to occupy an important place in Club activities. The Annual Fete conducted by the Parent's Committee was a great success, and it is expected that the Building Fund will benefit by well over £100. Club roll: 48. *Secretary:* W. Miles, 6 Piaggio Street, Bayswater, Perth, Western Australia.

### INDIA

**KOTA (RAJASTHAN) M.C.**—Two 3-day Exhibitions were held last year, one in the Government Degree College, Kota, at the request of the Principal, and the other in the Government Multipurpose Higher Secondary School, Kota. A series of splendidly-built, power-operated models was the main feature of the displays. These models included a mechanical excavator, a steam marine engine, an automatic biscuit machine worked on the "penny in the slot" principle, a tramcar and a locomotive. Club roll: 10. *Secretary:* Mr. Hari S. Chablani, House No. 4/300, Kota (Rajasthan), India.

**MYSORE M.C.**—The Club have moved into a larger room, and have added Table Tennis to the games programme. As usual the Club took part in the annual Mysore Dasara Exhibition, which was larger even than last year's, then a record. They staged a fine display of working models, had a large Hornby-Dublo layout in operation, and photographs and pictures of scientific and engineering interest, and other hobby displays. *Secretary:* M. N. Radhakrishna, 1096, Chamaraja Puram, Mysore City, India.

### SOUTH AFRICA

**CAPE PENINSULA M.C.**—An annual group competition produced some good models, and two groups of members tied for first place with excellent models of a Meccano loom and a Meccanograph respectively. The Club took part in the annual Hobbies Fair, their impressive display including several big working models. Club roll: 23. *Secretary:* P. B. Simpson, "Sherwood," Newlands Road, Claremont, Cape Province, Union of South Africa.

## BRANCH NEWS

**NEWPORT C. OF E. JUNIOR BOYS' SCHOOL (I. O. W.)**—With the co-operation of the Parent-Teacher Association improved accommodation has been made available to the Branch, and a semi-permanent layout has been constructed. It is planned to add scenery as soon as possible. *Secretary:* P. Keeley, Newport C. of E. Junior Boys' School, West Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

**MILE END (PORTSMOUTH)**—The Branch track, rolling stock, etc., have been thoroughly overhauled. Experiments with different layouts are being carried out. The elevated railway being built by the members of the associated Mile End M.C. will greatly enhance the appearance of the Branch layout. *Secretary:* Mr. A. J. Nicholson, 213 Sultan Road, Buckland, Portsmouth.



Geoffrey Steward, the Secretary of the H.R.C. Branch of the Kidderminster Model Club, is—as he should be!—a very keen model railway enthusiast.