

# The International Brotherhood of Magicians (British Ring)



Edinburgh,  
1953.

Silver Jubilee  
Convention



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# Coronation and Silver Jubilee Convention



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offer loyal greetings to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and her Consort,  
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City Chambers,  
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I am glad to have this opportunity of extending a most cordial welcome to Edinburgh to all those who will be attending the 17th Annual Convention of the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

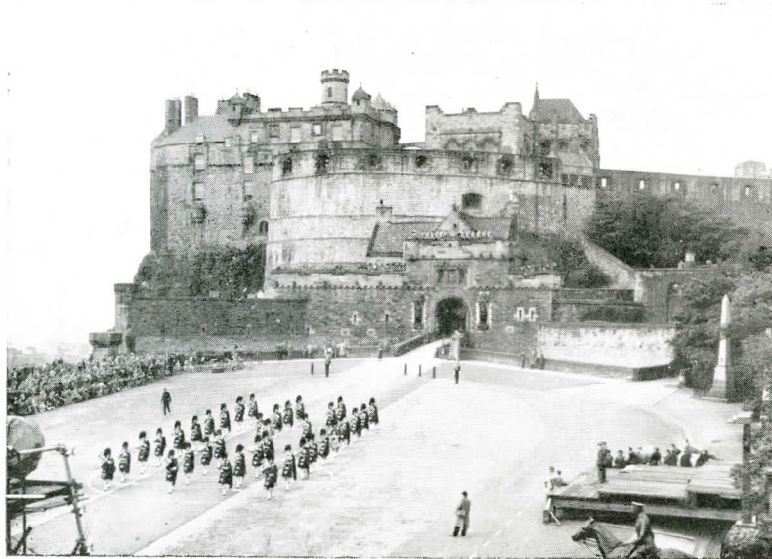
Edinburgh as a cosmopolitan City, welcomes yet another International gathering, and I do most sincerely hope that every success will surround your convention this year.

JAMES MILLER.

Lord Provost.



## EDINBURGH — City of History and Romance.



For conferences, for festival or for holiday, Edinburgh is an ideal centre. In fact with its excellent hotels, and many fine public halls, Edinburgh the worthy Capital and beautiful city is gaining increased renown as a conference centre.

Many magicians, their wives and friends are taking the opportunity of combining a holiday with the convention and Edinburgh offers much in the way of history and colourful romance. It is a City where the historic past lives on side by side with the present, a City for centuries the home of Scottish kings and queens, and one which Sir Walter Scott truly described as "mine own romantic city". One can still savour the romance and the history in the Old Town on a walk down the Royal Mile from the Castle to the Palace of Holyroodhouse which is still a Royal residence.

There is an extensive and imposing list of places holding interest for visitors and the Edinburgh Corporation run regular tours throughout the City. Full particulars may be had from the Corporation Transport Offices in St. James' Square. The position of the city also lends itself to an infinite variety of tours using Edinburgh as a centre. British Railways also provide extensive tours throughout Scotland.

The Castle of course, from which the Old Town grew down the "ridgy back" to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, dominates the New Town and Princes Street. No visit to Edinburgh would be complete without a tour of the Castle.

Princes Street and its Gardens need no introduction, while the classic simplicity of the Royal Scottish Academy and the Scottish National Gallery are also worthy of a visit. Here are housed the finest examples of Scottish Art past and present.

For your additional pleasure Edinburgh has a really fine Zoological Park. The destination boards on the tramcars "To the Zoo" emphasize one of the City's most outstanding attractions.

Opportunities for principal sports are also wide, and Edinburgh has many fine cinemas, theatres and concert halls offering a variety of indoor entertainment.

## **CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

### **CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS:—**

**The Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street.**

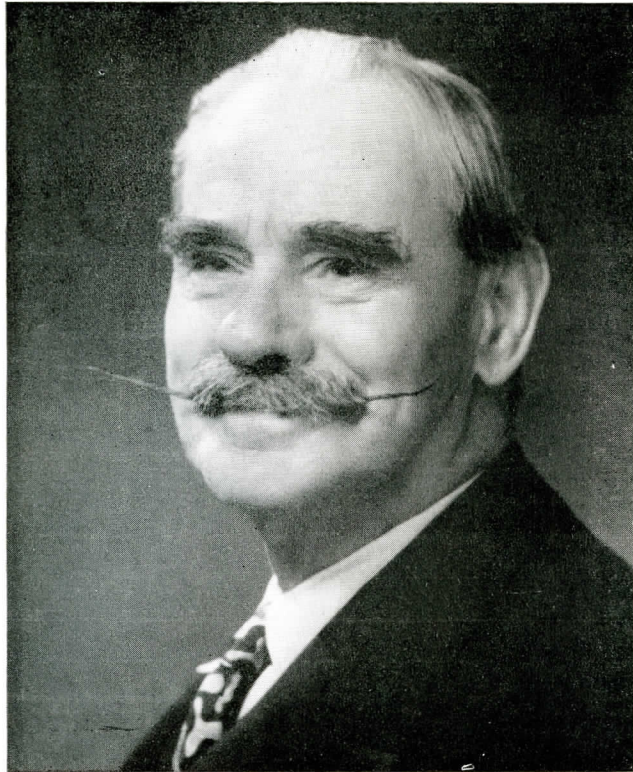
The events will be announced on the fixture boards at the Registration Office, Convention Club, and a blackboard will be provided for any alterations or special announcements. The Convention Club is at your service. Use it as a convention clubroom. Rest and reading facilities include a buffet and licensed bar which will remain open until 2.0 each day (Saturday 11.45 p.m.).

We have official Convention hosts on duty (distinguished by red rosettes) and they are particularly anxious to assist newcomers to conventions, who should make themselves known to the hosts with a view to introductions being effected. The Stewards too (a list appears on page 40) will be very happy to give information regarding any events.

THE REGISTRATION DESKS will be open in the headquarters throughout the convention. There are two desks, one for delegates who have previously registered, the other for registrants at the convention.

Please wear your Convention badge which shows all delegates your name, and the rule "Admission only by registration card" will be strictly enforced for convention events.





I regard it as a great honour and privilege to be President of the British Ring during Coronation and our Silver Jubilee year and to preside over the Ring's first Scottish Convention.

I have no doubt that a Convention held in this beautiful City of Edinburgh will be an unqualified success and will form a fitting tribute to our gallant band of Scottish members who have so loyally supported our past Conventions.

May I express my sincere appreciation to the Lord Provost, who has evinced such interest in this Convention and through him to the City Council and their Officials for the excellent facilities and assistance they have afforded us.

The Convention Committee have worked hard in preparation for this Convention and I join with them in the sincere hope that all members and visitors will have a thoroughly enjoyable time.

I look forward to meeting many old and new friends.

JOHN GAMBLING,  
President,  
British Ring, I.B.M.

**GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
BRITISH RING ON THE ATTAINMENT OF ITS  
SILVER JUBILEE AND BEST WISHES FOR A  
SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION**

from the



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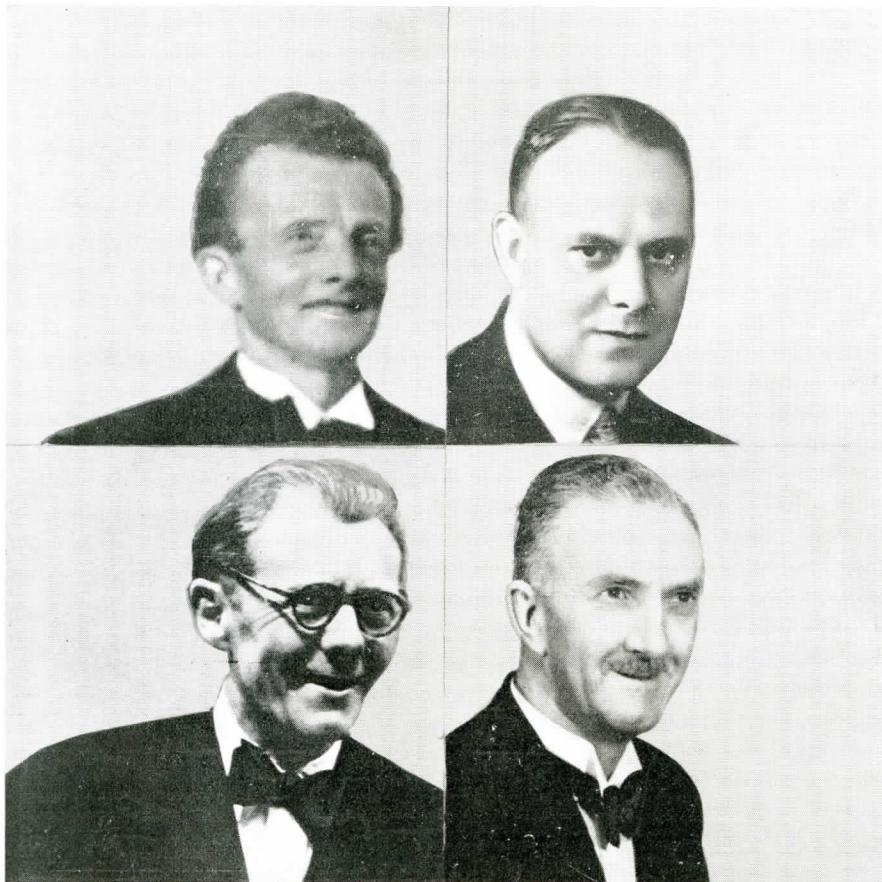
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## TWENTY FIVE HISTORICAL MILESTONES. 1928 — 1953.



### FOUNDER MEMBERS:

OSWALD RAE    WALTER KEMP    L. BOFEYS    JOE RENDELL  
NELSON DENYS    C. DUCAREL    C. H. TURNER

The International Brotherhood of Magicians, British Ring, is this year celebrating its Silver Jubilee.

Twenty-five years is a long time. History has been written over the years as the Ring progressed from a small, but very enthusiastic beginning. Looking back on the records one can always see an active spirit within the Ring, over the Pioneer days, over the ups and downs, and even during the war years when despite the fact that many members were called to active

service, the Ring was kept alive and many functions were organised.

The Ring was founded by Oswald Rae in 1928, and he remained the President until 1947. Names who come to mind in these early days as founder members are: Joe Rendell; Prof. Bofeys; Walter Kemp; Nelson Denys; C. H. Turner and C. Ducarel. Mons Ducarel passed away in 1939, and Nelson Denys gave up magic to enter the Church.

The first annual convention was organised by L. Bofeys in 1931, when the venue was Cheltenham. The next year we were again at Cheltenham, but in 1933 the venue was Northampton. Both in 1934 and 1935 there were conventions at Leamington Spa, then back to Northampton in 1936.

The convention in 1937 at Buxton had some significance for it was in this year that the first printed monthly "Budget" was issued under the Editorship of Levante. Subsequent Editors have been: Harry Kaye; Stanley Cable; Eric Wilson; Howard Denovan; George Blake, and at present Alan Kennaugh.

On through the years, and in 1938 the convention went to Malvern to be followed in 1939 with a Southport Convention. During the war years the membership which numbered in 1945 about 280 was closed, and on the opening again in 1946, the system of having Interrogation Officers was introduced. The result has been a steady increase in membership.

The first post-war convention was held at Hereford, and we subsequently went to Buxton (1947); Bournemouth (1948); Southport (1949); Harrogate (1950); Bournemouth (1951) and Hastings (1952).

The Ring owes a lot to the personalities in organisation. People like William G. Stickland who has been the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer since taking over

from Dleisfen in 1932. He has been an influential figure in the I.B.M. and his work and keen spirit has lifted the Ring onto a high plane. It was a deserving tribute to Mr. Stickland that he was honoured by being elected President in 1950, and through the death of Harry Kaye he continued to act as Acting President.

The death of Mr. Kaye was a tragic loss to the British Ring for he too helped the Ring over a very happy and distinguished course. Since 1947 the badge of President has also been worn by Herbert J. Collings; John Ramsay; E. C. H. Wethered and John Gambling, all of whom are keen workers for the I.B.M. There are other men and women who are too numerous to mention, but all have played a big part in our progress.

The British Ring is noted for the introduction of many schemes and benefits to members, and their value can hardly be computed in only a few words of tribute. There is for example the good work of the Welfare Scheme and Benevolent Fund under the Welfare Officer, Eddie Dexter, a tireless worker in this capacity, and indeed in other spheres of Ring organisation.

The Ring goes on from strength to strength, and on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee it is appropriate that special messages be included here by Mr. Stickland and Ossie Rae.

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## **Mr. STICKLAND, who this year celebrates his majority as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, writes:—**

The first twenty-five years are the hardest, it is said, and indeed, in the life of a human, this is a critical period, a time when character is formed and constitution built up. Having reached the first quarter of a century, the "child" rejoices that maturity has been attained, spares a thought for those who have protected, nourished and cultured at a time such attention was vital and makes useful plans for the future.

And so it is with a Society, and in particular our Society which is at this time celebrating its SILVER JUBILEE — and what better way than with our first Scottish Convention. This would appear to be the time to pay tribute to all those members, many alas no longer with us, who have contributed in so many ways to the society's present strength, but unfortunately the space allotted to me makes it impossible to enumerate. I refer to those members who have given of their best as

committeemen, of the various Editors who have steered our "Budget" from its inception as a collection of hand-written letters to its present well printed form; of the convention organisers and the artistes, lecturers, appearing at same, to say nothing of the workers behind the scenes — all have given of their best to build up to manhood the bonny baby for which Messrs. Rae, Rendell, Bofeys, Kemp, Ducarel, Turner and Denys acted as sponsors 25 years ago. Our four surviving founders have reason to-day to be proud of their Society and our gratitude is extended to them.

A perusal of the convention programmes through the years brings to mind the names of many who did valiant work in the old days and more recently, but I must be brief so will confine my reminiscences to data collated from the FIRST CONVENTION PROGRAMME in 1932, an ambitious twenty page publication for a



society of only fifty-one members. Here we find photographs of our founder OSWALD RAE; our first Vice President, PROFESSOR BOFEYS, in whose garden the convention took place, our present President JOHN GAMBLING and President elect OSCAR PAULSON; T. H. CHISLETT; DONALD CROMBIE; RICHARD ARMOUR; JOE RENDELL; CHRIS CHARLTON, and a number no longer with us including HARRY KAYE and WILL BLYTH.

The various programmes include the names of a number of members still actively associated with us, including: WALTER KEMP; ARCHIE TEAR; JOHN RAMSAY; GEORGE DAVENPORT; GEORGE BLAKE; Wm. G. STICKLAND and Mr. and Miss TREE. Professor Bofeys and I are the sole survivors of the first convention committee which included also: Harry Kaye; W. Jeffries and Dan Bellman. We find Stewart James and Elmer Eckam, both with us at the Edinburgh Convention, among the prize donors.

A glance at the following year's Convention shows ERIC WILLIAMS on the bill and a full page advertisement from the Caledonian Magicians, including:— Armour; Dale; Ramsay; De Vega; Findlay and Duncan, which seems proof enough that it is time the Convention came to Scotland whose members have so loyally supported us since those days.

But what of the present and the future? In more recent years new members have come along to take the place of those taken from us and others whose activities have been curtailed and to-day the Society is most fortunate to have a committee and officers of the calibre of those early pioneers — men to whom work for the society is a labour of love. No one appreciates more than I do the terrific amount of work our Hon. Editor; Hon. Auditor; Hon. Assistant

Secretary; Committeemen; Interrogation Officers; Welfare Officers; Benevolent Fund Trustees and Convention organisers devote to the society and I feel with such stalwarts at the helm the future of the society is a rosy one.

In comparatively recent years our Benevolent Fund has been instituted and thanks to the generosity of members, especially those who have organised annual efforts for it, has increased so that to-day worthwhile aid can be given to those members in need and the more recently instituted Welfare Fund has and is doing splendid work to bring cheer to those laid low with sickness. We really are a Brotherhood in every sense of the word and it is a pleasing thought that despite the tremendous increase in size of our conventions, that same spirit of friendship that characterised those early small conventions in Professor Bofeys' garden still permeates our annual event. As long as this remains I have no fears for the future of our society.

Simultaneously with the growth of the British Ring has been the rapid expansion of the Parent Society and we pay tribute also to those who, by their untiring efforts, nurtured the small acorn to a mighty oak, as symbolised in the I.B.M. badge. Now with over five thousand members and Rings in almost every country in the world, the I.B.M. is the World's Largest Magical Organisation and we are proud to be an integral part of it. Our convention becomes more International each year and it is this International aspect which makes our Society different from all others. To the officials of the I.B.M. in America and to brother I.B.Mers in all parts of the world, especially to the American, Australian, Canadian, Dutch, French, Danish, Indian and Belgian Rings who are personally represented at this convention, WE SALUTE YOU.

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### OSWALD RAE writes:—

I can hardly realize that a quarter of a century has passed since first I founded the British Ring, many changes have happened in those years, but magic like Tennyson's Brook, goes on for ever despite the moaning of the dismal Jimmies.

The little acorn that I planted has grown into a mighty oak, the Ring is one of the leading magical societies, and it is with pride I look back over the past years,

and with happy anticipation I look forward to years ahead.

The good fellowship that exists amongst our members, the stalwarts at the helm who put in so much thought and work, ensures that in the future the Ring will rise to even greater heights.

Greetings to all our members, and special thanks to those who have made the Ring what it is to-day.

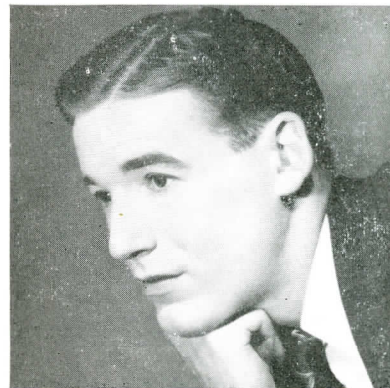
**BEHIND THE SCENES . . .**  
they are Organisers for the British Ring



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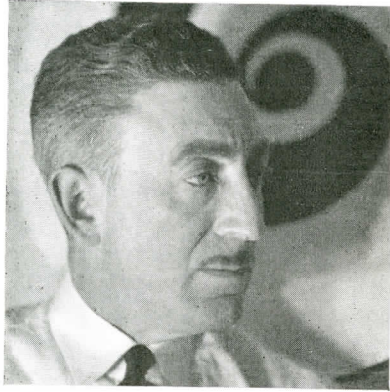


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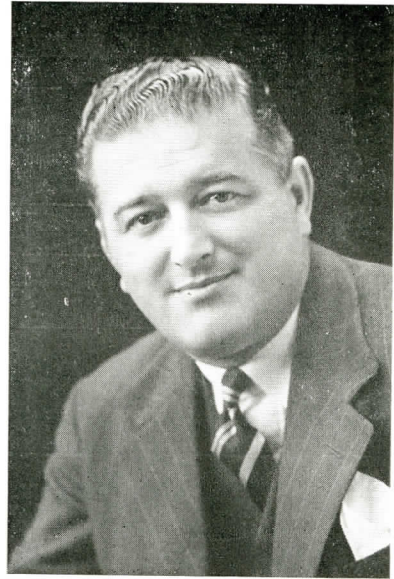


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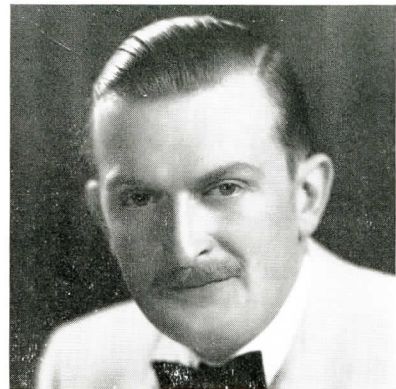
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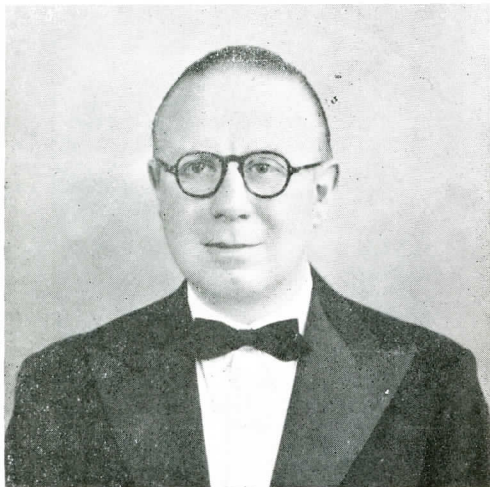


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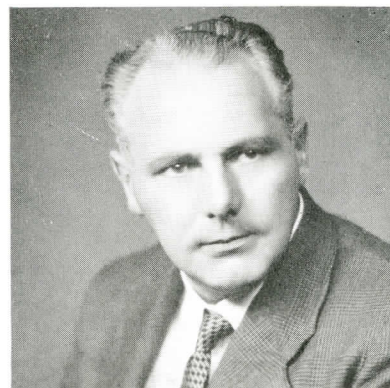
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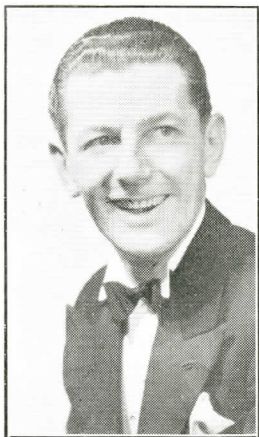
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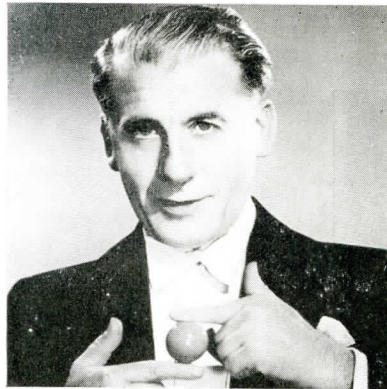


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**PETER WARLOCK** who is featured on the Gala Show is also a member of  
the Management Committee.

## **BRITISH RING CONVENTION**

### **International and Magically Varied.**

The glamour and excitement of another convention is here again, as magicians throughout the country, members of the British Ring and their friends, set the stage for what is really an international and expansive get-together.

For many, the convention is an annual, and their only link between friends in magic placed throughout the country, and even abroad.

That conventions have developed in size over the years is seen at a glance of registration figure; last year at Hastings establishing another record. This year we assemble in Edinburgh, a noble city, and a worthy convention venue for the first excursion of the assembly over the Border.

The fine record of service to magic of the British Ring is too well known to be mentioned again in a brief historical report. Regular conventioners will easily recall the grand spirit of the event. New-comers, and there are many attending their first convention, will judge the Ring on practical methods of organisation. We know they will not be disappointed.

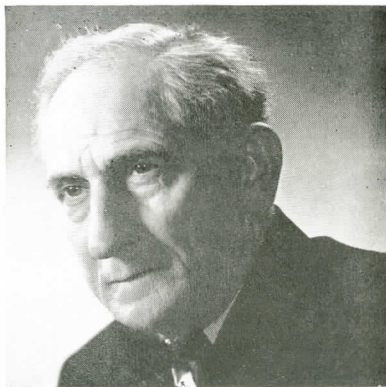
It is, of course, the function of the Ring, to further interests of magic, and with confidence gained and assured, it has moved forward with the times.

A glance over past convention records also reveals a high standard of magic produced, many famous magicians and magiciennes having given of their talents freely at numerous convention shows. Praise for conventions has been sustained over the years. We are justifiably proud, but are not content to rest on any laurels.

Here in Edinburgh, we have another full bill of fare, presented, we hope to the complete satisfaction of the most discerning magician. Original ideas have been introduced; the Gala show programme promises a full bill of diverting magical entertainment, and throughout, many featured International stars will make an appearance.



**MYSTIC CRAIG**



**ELMER ECKAM**



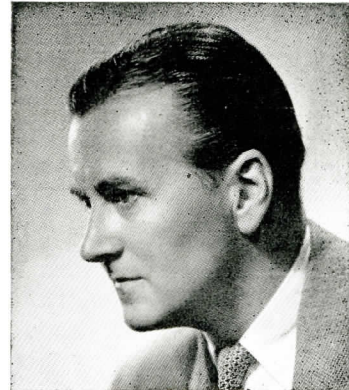
We are indeed international, and it is gratifying to note that many visitors from overseas are with us again. Names like Mystic Craig; Elmer Eckam; Charles Wicks who makes the long journey from Australia; Jean Poisson; Henk Vermeyden; Amedeo; John Platt; Fritz Olai; Stewart James; Jean Marc, come immediately to mind, but there are many more from numerous countries who are always patronising in extreme at our events.

We move on again. The welcome is loud and long. Enjoy yourselves, and help us to add yet another illuminating chapter to our history, appropriately in this, the Coronation and our Silver Jubilee Year.

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**SOME OF OUR VISITORS  
FROM OVERSEAS:**

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**HENK VERMEYDEN**  
(I.B.M. Vice President, Holland)



**JEAN POISSON**  
(European Vice President, I.B.M.)



**FRITZ OLAI**  
(I.B.M. Vice President, Denmark)



**STEWART JAMES**  
(Canada)

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

# Wednesday

September 16th, at 8 p.m.

## NIGHT BEFORE PARTY at the Convention Headquarters.



George Street looking west. Assembly Rooms on the left.

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**THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF MAGICAL SOCIETIES** will entertain the British Ring visitors and you are urged to use this function as an informal "get-together". A grand programme has been arranged, and it will include the Piping in of our President, John Gambling, various competitions, and entertainment by several Scottish magicians. Make your way around headquarters and enjoy this grand prelude to the convention.

### **REGISTRATION:—**

The registration office will be open at headquarters, with separate desks for those desiring to register and those who have already registered to collect their Souvenir programmes, badges, etc. Both desks will be suitably labelled.



# Thursday

**10.00 a.m.** The President and members will visit Piershill Cemetery and lay a wreath on the tomb of Lafayette.

The tomb is on top of a mound facing the entrance to Piershill Cemetery. Trams 5, 15, 20, 21 and 26 pass the entrance. Bus No. 4 passes the side entrance to the cemetery. For motorists: Drive to the East end of Princes Street and carry straight on. Follow road for almost a mile. Cemetery is on right side of road.

**10.45 a.m. at headquarters.**

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

by the President, John Gambling,

when visitors from overseas will be introduced.



**At 11.45 a.m.** in the headquarters (Ballroom).

## A COCKTAIL PARTY

The ladies will be the guests of the British Ring

**AND**

**FRANCIS HAXTON** will introduce another of his famous



## CLOSE-UP SESSIONS

Many well known magicians experienced in the art of close-up performances are expected to appear. Other "names" in magic may make last minute surprise appearances, and among those already scheduled to entertain are:—

**Amedeo**  
**Jack Avis**  
**Andrew Dalziel**  
**Alex Elmsley**  
**Tom Harris**  
**John Howie**  
**Stewart James**

**Jean Marc**  
**John Platt**  
**Jean Poisson**  
**John Ramsay**  
**Gus Southall**  
**Peter Warlock**  
**Ernest Wethered**

**At 2.30 p.m. in headquarters.**

The British Ring are proud to announce the  
appearance of

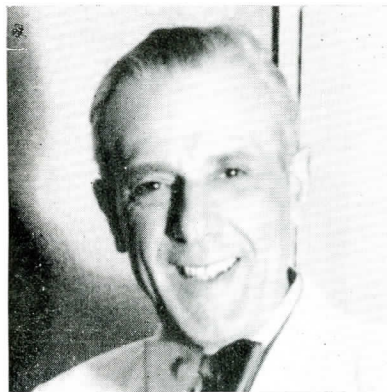
**EDDIE JOSEPH**

(by kind permission of Max Andrews)

The Internationally famous  
magician

I.B.M. Vice President, India.

who will present  
a lecture and demonstration—



**“ PRODUCING MIRACLES  
THROUGH SUBTLETIES ”**

Chairman: PETER WARLOCK



**THE PERFORMER:—**

Eddie Joseph needs no introduction to magicians. Wherever magic is under discussion the name frequently comes up as a “talking point”. The British Ring, in common with other Societies were happy to welcome Mr. Joseph to this country recently, and his appearance with his wife and daughter was a highlight of the annual London dinner. A prolific writer, lecturer and practical magician, Eddie Joseph has given much to the art of magic. He is here in person to give of his knowledge freely in a lecture which holds unbounding interest to magicians.



**At 4.30 p.m. in headquarters.**

## THE DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

The dealers' exhibition will be staged in the EDINBURGH SUITE, and other rooms as stated on the next page.



**MYSTIC CRAIG**  
with the Dealers' Trophy.



Each year dealers go to considerable expense to present their exhibitions at the British Ring Convention, and your attention to their demonstrations is welcomed. All are eager to show you their "latest" and many exclusives will be on show for the first time. Take this opportunity of making a full round of the dealers. You will not regret it. An additional feature this year is that Mystic Craig has presented a trophy for the MOST ATTRACTIVE STAND, and this will be awarded during the convention.



Order of Appearance: (by ballot)

4-30 p.m.	SCOTTISH	5-15 p.m.	MAX ANDREWS
	MAGIC STUDIO.	5-30 p.m.	GEORGE JENNESS
4-45 p.m.	HARRY STANLEY.	5-45 p.m.	L. DAVENPORT & Co.
5-00 p.m.	GIL LEANEY.	6-00 p.m.	JACK HUGHES.

Announcer: Eddie Dexter.

The dealers' exhibition is of course open all day Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning.

# LIST OF DEALERS

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1. **L. DAVENPORT & Co.** Private Exhibition.  
Room on right at main entrance.
  2. **MAX ANDREWS & Co.** Private Exhibition.  
Annexe adjoining main exhibition.
  3. **HARRY STANLEY** Private Exhibition.  
Annexe adjoining main exhibition and an additional stand in  
the main exhibition.
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In the Main Exhibition:  
Proceeding clockwise round the Hall

STAND No. 1

**MAGIC WAND PUBLISHING CO.**

STAND No. 2

**JACK HUGHES**

STAND No. 3

**MAGIC MART. (Oscar Oswald)**

STAND No. 4

**SCOTTISH MAGIC STUDIOS**

STAND No. 5

**GIL LEANEY**

STAND No. 6

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**KAYMAR MAGIC.**



In the magnificent ballroom at **headquarters** — 8 p.m.

## CIVIC RECEPTION

by the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh.

**Followed by—** A GRAND BALL,  
with BUFFET and CABARET.

Music by TIM WRIGHT and his orchestra.

**Artistes to appear:—**

### PETER WARLOCK

presents  
"JOURNEY INTO TIME"



**JACK SALVIN**

### Mr. and Mrs. JACK SALVIN

in

"EXTRA SENSORY PERCEPTION"

### JEAN MARC

A Magical Touch from Paris

**Scottish Country Dancing**  
demonstrated by the  
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Compere: **PAUL GRAHAM**

#### **Peter Warlock's B.B.C. News Prediction.**

Oliver McKenzie will hand Peter Warlock's prediction over to the Chairman of the Edinburgh Press Club for safe custody. It will be on black paper folded twice and sealed between two sheets of transparent plastic. In one sheet will be a large opening for the Chairman of the Press Club to sign his name and make a secret mark, both on the black prediction sheet. The secret mark will be covered with a seal and only the Chairman of the Press Club will know what it is. On the night of the Civic Reception, the prediction will be opened and pinned on a blackboard two minutes before the news bulletin starts. Everyone can see this prediction and it can be photographed before ten o'clock when the bulletin starts.



**Mrs. SALVIN**

# **Friday**

**AT CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS — 10 a.m.**

(MUSIC ROOM)

## **Annual General Meeting and Election of Officials**

**Members only admitted.**

**NOTE**—Printed agenda will be handed to each member, and voting papers must be left at the Reception Desk **not later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, 17th September.**



**GROUP PHOTOGRAPH** at 12.30 p.m.

Outside headquarters.



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EXHIBITION BEFORE LUNCH?**



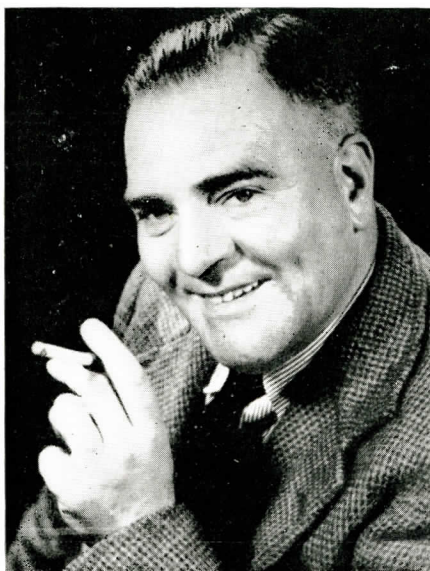
**CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS — Music Room**

**OSCAR PAULSON . . . . . will again introduce**



**The Competition  
for  
The British Ring  
Shield**

**Commencing 2 p.m. promptly  
ASSEMBLY ROOMS**



Order of Appearance of Competitors:

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|---|---|
| 1. Fred Crowson, Newark                   | 13. Elizabeth Warlock, Wallington       |
| 2. Raymond, Leeds.                        | 14. Mystaro and Irene, Swindon.         |
| 3. Drew Masters, Glasgow.                 | 15. Sunshine, Surbiton.                 |
| 4. Ray Silver, Edinburgh.                 | 16. Archie Tear, Wellingborough.        |
| 5. Steve, Surbiton.                       | 17. Savola, Glasgow.                    |
| 6. Alice Maclay, Glasgow.                 | 18. Freddie Carter, Huddersfield        |
| 7. Dennis Gardner, Nottingham.            | 19. Miss Zarena, Glasgow                |
| 8. Yogi, Largs.                           | (Mae Howie).                            |
| 9. Frank Richmond,<br>Blaydon-on-Tyne.    | 20. Charlie Spratt,<br>Prudhoe-on-Tyne. |
| 10. Margaret Stevens,<br>Burton-on Trent. | 21. Billie Francis, Leicester.          |
| 11. Jim Henderson, Edinburgh.             | 22. Johnny Geddes, Dundee.              |
| 12. Radeen and Connie, Edinburgh          | 23. Alex Elmsley, London.               |

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Time Keeper: JACK POTTER.

Stage Manager: PAUL GRAHAM.

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JUDGES:— Frank Baumforth, Esq.; J. Lea Axon, Esq.; John Ramsay, Esq.;  
Stewart James, Esq.; John P'att, Esq.; Fritz Olai, Esq.

## THE AWARDS:

For the most entertaining act:

**THE BRITISH RING SHIELD** — Cash prize of £10. *Elizabeth Warlock*  
(holder: Peter Warlock).

**THEO SPEAKER CUP** and cash prize of £5<sup>0</sup> for *Tommy Rivers*  
Runner-up (holder: Savola).

**THIRD PRIZE:** Cash prize of 3 guineas. *Freddie Cartier*

● **THE CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY** — for the most original trick or routine. Presented by Mystic Craig and the late Ralph Read. *Raymond Maynard*  
(holder: F. G. Cleaver)

● **THE CRAIG TROPHY** — presented by Mystic Craig for the best performance given by a Lady member. *Mar Howie*  
(holder: Marjory Fletcher)

**Joint Donors to the Shield Prize Fund are:—**

JOHN GAMBLING, Esq.

WILLIAM WADSWORTH, Esq.

GEORGE HENRIQUES, Esq.

ARCHIE TEAR, Esq.

JOHN RAMSAY, Esq.

J. LEA AXON, Esq.

**IMPORTANT:** Allowing TEN minutes for each turn, competitors should work out approximate time of appearance and report to the Stage Manager half an hour before time due.

**Band Call:**— 11 a.m. Friday morning.

Signal light time indicators will be in operation for the guidance of competitors. Green . . . amber after nine minutes . . . then red. A buzzer will also be sounded at the ninth minute. Points deducted if time exceeded.



**CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS**

**7.30 p.m.**

# SILVER JUBILEE BANQUET

**Chairman:** The President, JOHN GAMBLING, Esq.

## MENU

—  
Hors d'oeuvre Assortis

—  
Crème de Tomate

—  
Filets de Sole Otero

—  
Dinde Rôti Farcie à l'Anglaise

Choux de Bruxelles au Beurre

Pommes Fondants

—  
Poire Mary Garden

—  
Café



## TOAST LIST

THE QUEEN

Proposed by The Chairman.

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH

Proposed by His Honour Ernest Wethered, O.B.E.  
Response by The Right Hon. Sir James Miller,  
Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh.

THE BRITISH RING

Proposed by Stewart James, Esq. (Canada).  
Response by The President.

THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Proposed by Douglas Swanson, Esq.  
Response by Eddie Joseph, Esq. (India).

THE PRESS

Proposed by Geoffrey Robinson, Esq.  
Response by

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Toast Master: PAUL GRAHAM.



# AFTER DINNER ENTERTAINMENT

by past winners of the BRITISH RING SHIELD  
including:—

Winner of the Shield in 1938:

**JOHN RAMSAY**

“ Sleights and Lights from Ayr.”

Winner of the Shield in 1948:

**GEOFFREY ROBINSON**

in “ Great Unexpectedness.”

Winner of the Shield in 1939:

**SID SMITH**

(is unfortunately unable to appear).

Winner of the Shield in 1949:

**BILLY McCOMB**

*Didn't appear*

Winner of the Shield in 1946:

**LAO TANG**

(Stanley Thomas)

“ Oriental Diversions.”

Winner of the Shield in 1950:

**LOUIS MARTELLE**

The French-Canadian Humourist

Winner of the Shield in 1947:

**GEORGE SMALLWOOD  
and DOROTHEA**

in “ Magical Fooling.”

Winner of the Shield in 1951:

**FRANK BOYNETT**

in “ Sophisticated Subtleties.”

Winner of the Shield in 1952:

**PETER WARLOCK**

in “ Magic, Pure and Simple.”

Compere: **OSCAR PAULSON**



# Saturday

AT HEADQUARTERS.

At 10.30 a.m. A lecture by Scotland's own

## JOHN RAMSAY

Past President British Ring



entitled:

### “ MAGICAL MANOEUVRES ”

Chairman: PETER WARLOCK



#### THE PERFORMER:—

Like Eddie Joseph, Johnny Ramsay is also Internationally known, and is famous for his inimitable close-up work. Watching Johnny at work is a real lesson in magic, and his entertainment has given great pleasure to thousands all over the world.

Sleights with thimbles, coins, etc., are his forte, and indeed any magical assembly in Scotland or anywhere is the richer for his presence. On the occasion of the first British Ring convention in Scotland then, Past President John Ramsay takes the chair to provide yet another service to magicians in an illustrated lecture.



## THE USHER HALL.

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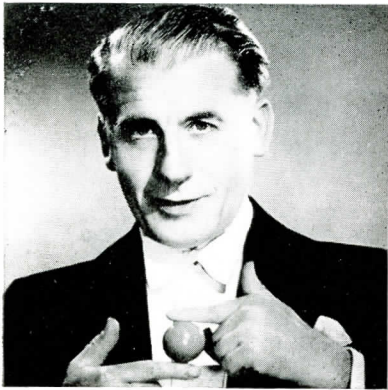
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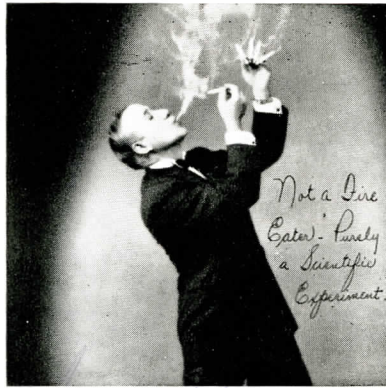
**at 7.45 p.m.**

**ARTISTES** of International repute have been noted for their appearances at British Ring Gala Variety shows. It is the endeavour of the British Ring officials to bring top line magicians and magiciennes, new acts, young performers who have made their mark in the magical world, and others, to these Gala shows. Here we offer another full programme of entertainment, completely packed with magical interest, novelty, and above all variety:—

**FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT—**



PETER WARLOCK



*Amedeo*  
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JOHN PLATT

1 **OVERTURE** — "Theatreland"  
THE MAURICE LITTLE VARIETY ORCHESTRA

MYSTERIES by

2 **ALASTAIR and SHIRLEY-ANN**

3 **GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM**  
THE INTERNATIONAL MANIPULATOR  
(Winner of Grand Prix, Paris 1951)

4 **JEFFERY ATKINS**  
Assisted by Catherine, presents  
" BURNING A WOMAN ALIVE "

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" MAGIC, PURE and SIMPLE "

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THE INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS  
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First appearance in British Isles.

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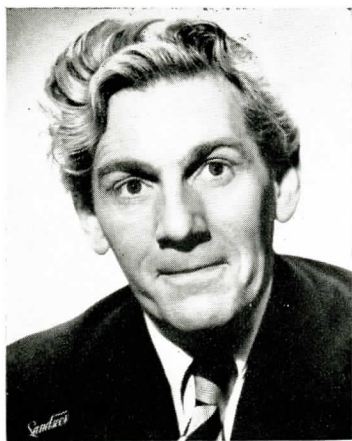
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"Oklahoma" by Rodgers and Hammerstein.



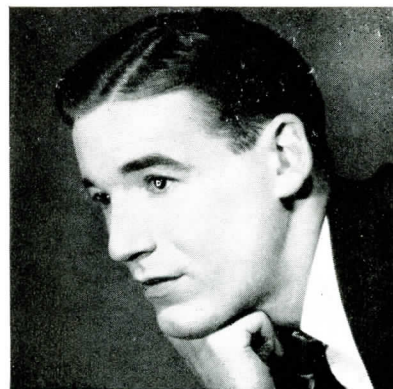
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# Festival Magic

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## PROGRAMME

THE POPULAR DANISH MAGICIAN

7 **FRITZ OLAI**

"A SYMPHONY IN SILK"

A MAGICAL TOUCH FROM PARIS

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THE MAGICAL COMEDIAN FROM  
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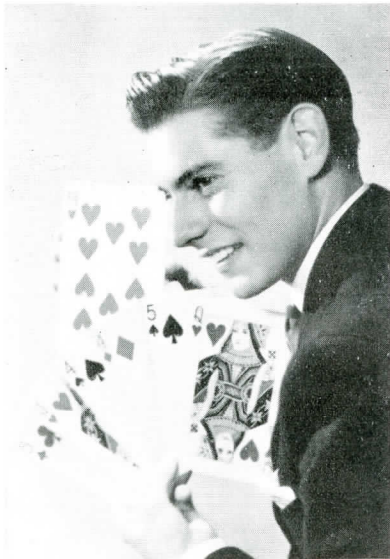
## FESTIVAL OF MAGIC ARTISTES



MURRAY



FRITZ OLAI



JEAN MARC



ALASTAIR and SHIRLEY-ANN

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**Stage Management:** CHICK STRACHAN and PAUL GRAHAM.

**12 noon.** Take your seats please for the

## **POCKET MAGIC DRIVE** **in headquarters.**

**Your Host: FREDDIE CARTER**, will introduce the drive, and explain the procedure. Viewers will watch the pocket tricks performed at each table by artistes who will move around, and points will be recorded after each session. Many ingenious pocket tricks have already been promised, and the feature promises to be a novelty highlight of the convention.

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## **MAGIC FILMS**

by CHICK STRACHAN, CHARLES WICKS, and others.

**Saturday, September 19th – 2.30 p.m. at the Usher Hall**

**WILFRED TYLER**

invites you all to . . .

**CHILDREN'S  
PLAYTIME**



**PROGRAMME**



**WILFRED TYLER**

**Overture** — Selection from " The Wizard of Oz " by Maurice Little's Variety Orchestra.

**Prologue:**

1st Child—Moira Ross. 2nd Child—Irene MacKenzie  
Fairy—Mae Howie.

**Opening Dance Ensemble:** " Me and My Teddy Bear " by the MAUREEN McMAHON DANCERS.

**FRED BARNETT**

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**THE RISTO TROUPE**

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**WILFRED TYLER**

(of Sheffield) " PLAYING WITH MAGIC "

**Interval**

Intermission by Maurice Little and his Variety Orchestra.



## AFTER THE INTERVAL



### ZANDA

(of Edinburgh) and his BOXER PUPPETS.

### GEOFFREY ROBINSON

(of London) the TV Star from "Whirligig"  
with his "BOX OF TRICKS"

### CHICK STRACHAN

(of Sutton Coldfield) in "MUSHROOM MAGIC"

**Tableau and Ensemble:** "The Gnomes"  
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both by the MAUREEN McMAHON DANCERS.

### MAE HOWIE

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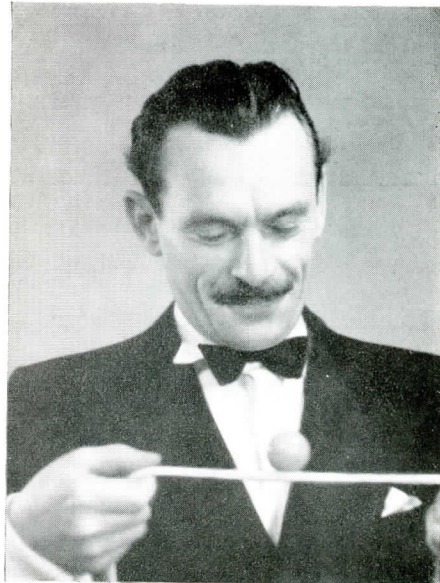
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Marjory Robinson.

Musical Director: Maurice Little.

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GEOFFREY ROBINSON

# Sunday

AT HEADQUARTERS — 10.30 a.m.

INTRODUCING—

## THE CLASSICS OF MAGIC

A varied programme of first class magical entertainment, presenting performers who will present effects for which they are famous.

Those taking part are:—



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“The Coin in Envelope”

**KEN BROOKE**

“The Linking Rings”

**JOHN PLATT**

“Jardine Ellis Ring on Stick”

**FRITZ OLAI**

Hofzinsler's “Floating Cane”

**CHARLES HARRISON**

“The Thumb Tie”

**JOHN RAMSAY**

“Cups and Balls”

**GEORGE BLAKE**

“Cut and Restored Rope”



**Special Sunday Feature** following this programme:—

**OLIVER McKENZIE** will demonstrate his collection of the superb

# MARTIN APPARATUS

**AT HEADQUARTERS — 12.30 p.m.**

**INITIATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT**

**OSCAR PAULSON**

**CLOSE OF CONVENTION**

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**MAGICAL MUSEUM.**

**Room on right of main entrance of Assembly Rooms.**

Ringers and visitors to the convention are invited to inspect the exhibits which have kindly been loaned by Ring members for the Convention Museum. It is hoped that everyone will find at least something of especial interest. One of the outstanding items is the Sword which The Great Lafayette was wearing when he met his untimely end at the Empire Theatre, Edinburgh, in 1909.

Those visiting the Museum are respectfully requested not to touch or handle programmes and other exhibits which may suffer deterioration in the process. Please treat everything in the manner you would wish others to treat YOUR valued possessions.

The Museum will be open after lunch on Thursday, September 17th, and at various times throughout the convention, but it will be closed while the principal events and functions of the convention are in progress.

The British Ring Committee wishes to express its indebtedness to Charles Harrison for organising the Museum and to all those members of the Ring who have helped to make the Museum possible. Sincere thanks are due and hereby expressed to all those who have loaned exhibits, to those who have helped in staging them, to those who have kindly given of their time to act as Stewards and to all who have assisted in any way, including Roy Scott, who kindly took charge of all exhibits not brought personally by exhibitors.



## STEWARDS

REGISTRATION .....	Jeffery Atkins
STAGE MANAGEMENT OF ALL SHOWS .....	Paul Graham and Chick Strachan
BANQUET .....	Francis Haxton
CLOSE UP SESSION .....	Francis Haxton
SOUVENIR PROGRAMME .....	Alan Kennaugh
DEALERS' EXHIBITION .....	Eddie Dexter
TOMBOLA .....	George Smallwood
CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME .....	Wilfred Tyler
GALA SHOW .....	Wm. G. Stickland and Jeffery Atkins
AFTER DINNER SHOW .....	Geoffrey Robinson
PUBLICITY .....	Robert Johnson
COCKTAIL PARTY .....	Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dexter
SHIELD COMPETITION .....	Oscar Paulson
GROUP PHOTOGRAPH .....	Tom Harris
GENERAL MEETING .....	Jack Potter
LECTURES .....	Peter Warlock
POCKET TRICK DRIVE .....	Freddie Carter
CLASSICS OF MAGIC SHOW .....	George Blake
MAGICAL MUSEUM .....	Charles Harrison
BALLOT FOR OFFICERS. Recording Officer .....	Stanley Thomas

Delegates requiring information in respect of any of the above mentioned events should consult the organising steward concerned. Those willing to assist as stewards should offer their services to any of the organising stewards or at the committee room.

**N.B. Your registration ticket admits you to all events excepting public shows and banquet.**

# THANK YOU

**The President and Committee most sincerely thank everyone for their support in this Silver Jubilee Convention at Edinburgh and special appreciation is extended to:—**

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

The Secretary and officials in attendance to the Lord Provost.

The Convention Committee, Messrs. Bee, Dexter, Graham, Tyler and Stickland, also co-opted and local members, Messrs. Swanson, McKenzie and Scott.

The President and Officials of the Scottish Association of Magical Societies for the hospitality and welcome extended at their Night Before Party.

The Registration Officer (Jeffery Atkins).

The Associated Wizards of the South for kindly loaning the "Burning Alive" illusion presented by Jeffery Atkins.

The Artistes appearing on the public and private shows, and stage directors.

The Lecturers.

The Stewards, and Lady Helpers.

The Press.

Charles Harrison for organising the Magical Museum and all those who kindly loaned exhibits.

The Staff of the Assembly Rooms and Usher Hall.

George Smallwood for organising the Tombola and all who contributed prizes for same.

All Prize donors for Competitions, and to Mystic Craig for Dealers' Trophy.

Robert Johnson for publicity.

Messrs. Smedley and Eddie Dexter for gifts for Ladies.

Alan Kennaugh for compiling souvenir programme.

Alfred Gabriel for musical arrangements.

Charles Sowden of the Central Printing Co. and his staff.

The Dealers for their co-operation.

—and all those who have contributed by work in front and behind the scenes to the success of our

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Wednesday, 16th September.

# S-A-M-S

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF MAGICAL SOCIETIES

WELCOMES THE I.B.M. BRITISH RING  
TO SCOTLAND

at the

## **NIGHT BEFORE PARTY**

from 8 p.m. till Midnight.



President Max Raskin, Esq., on behalf of S.A.M.S. extends cordial greetings and a warm welcome to the I.B.M. British Ring through its President John Gambling, Esq., and invites you to enjoy a brief session of lighthearted fun and frolic.

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## **SINCERE GREETINGS**

to all our friends at home and abroad

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Silver Jubilee Year, 1953.



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FROM NEW YORK, U.S.A.:—

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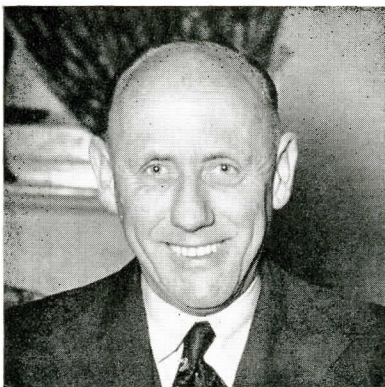
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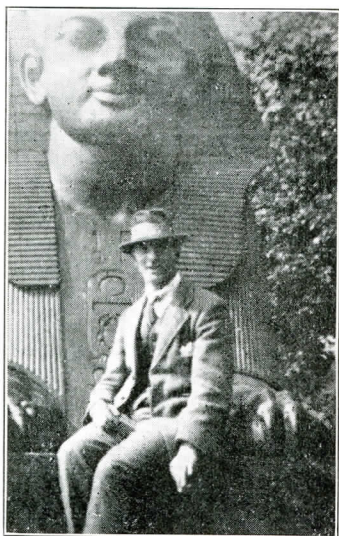


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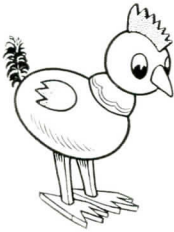
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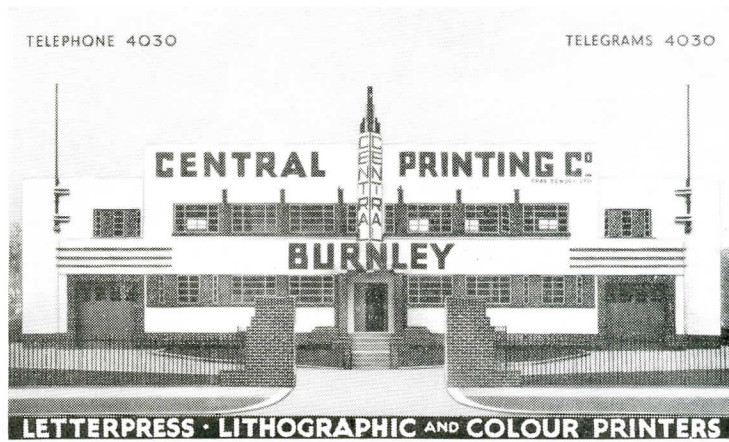
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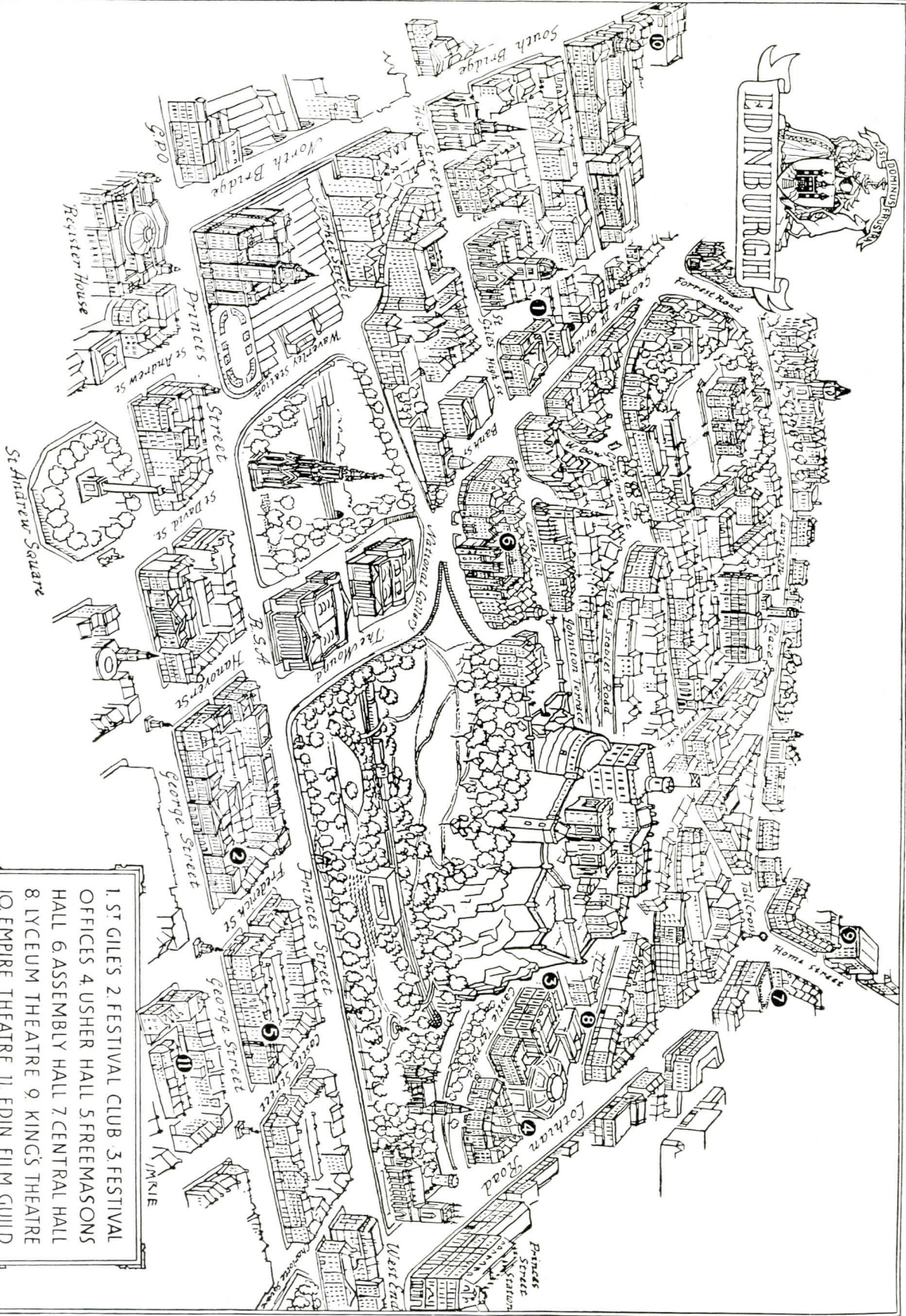


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