

**Brighton
Magic**

**September
1954**

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
OF MAGICIANS

(British Ring No. 25)



18th Annual
Convention

BRIGHTON
1954



Message of Welcome from the Mayor of Brighton
(Alderman Walter G. Dudeney, J.P.)

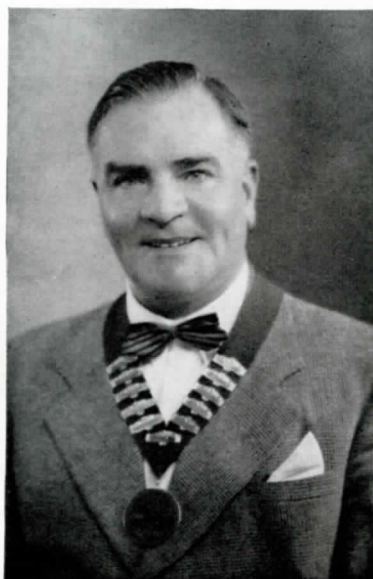
September, 1954.

May I take this opportunity of welcoming to Brighton all the delegates of the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (British Ring).

I am particularly pleased to be able to have this chance of meeting and of extending hospitality to so many representatives of an organisation which has always formed so fascinating a part of the world of entertainment.

It is my sincere hope that the Convention will be a complete success and I hope too that all those who are visiting our town for the Convention will find some time to enjoy the many and varied attractions which Brighton has to offer.

W. G. DUDENEY,
Mayor



Well here we are at the throbbing threshold of another milestone in the history of our convincing and convivial Conventions.

Especially satisfying this year is your tremendous enthusiastic support, which has inspired our hardworking Committee, Artistes, and Organisers to machinate a veritable maelstrom of mystical matter for your masterly mastication.

Thank the workers you see around you, and consider their loyalty and skill.

Thank also the munificent Brighton authorities for their wholesome hospitality, and for introducing new bye-laws to ensure our homegoing without a character on our stains.

Spare a thought too for the less fortunate, deprived of attendance here by illness and other reasons. May they be with us in full bloom next year.

Help yourselves to the grand fare available in such abundance, and remember THE GREATS are proud to rub shoulders with YOU, so keep those shoulder pads busy, and carry back to your homes, the thrilling memories of our Brightest Convention at Brighton.

OSCAR PAULSON,

President,

British Ring, I.B.M.

**GREETINGS TO BRITISH RING No. 25
IN ITS
ANNUAL CONVENTION AT BRIGHTON**



As International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, may I send official Greetings from our world wide organization to one of our largest and finest Rings.

You are now holding one of the many sectional and territorial Conventions which are so necessary for our far flung organization to hold so that our Brotherhood can meet in different groups, it being impossible for us to ever have a Convention accessible to all members of our truly world-wide organization. We, the Brotherhood, look with pride on the steady and consistent growth and constant and dependable durability of our British Ring No. 25. You have truly a fine magazine "The Budget", and you have been fortunate throughout the year of having the continued service of many faithful wives and dependable leaders, best un-named, as you know them well.

We sincerely appreciate the hospitality you extend to your brethren from other countries, and we look forward eagerly to the exchange of these visits, not only with us in the United States, but with our other branches in other lands.

May we confidently hope the Brighton Convention will be a tremendous and outstanding success.

Cordially yours,

C. JAMES McLEMORE,

International President I.B.M.

Brighton Magic

Written by ALAN KENNAUGH

The big parade is on. From all over the world, magiciennes and magicians are assembling for the eighteenth annual convention. Make no mistake about it. This is a great occasion, and you may like to meet some of the personalities in magic, the few who organise for months ahead, behind the scenes, and the lesser lights who sparkle in this panorama of magical festivity.

You will see them all at Brighton. The stars who shine on the big shows, the odd groups of magicians who have made a speciality of one branch of magic, and are content to make their appeal for it's good in odd corners. They are no less distinctive for that, and do in fact add lustre to an already brightly organised programme. The people who have been working throughout the year to bring you this feast are there too, but you may not distinguish them. They are often content to preside happily over each event—to see that it is the success they planned it to be. People like **Wm. G. STICKLAND**, known to us all affectionately as "Bill". He has been the inspiring force at so many conventions and even when the final programme has been passed, he is never at rest, dashing here and there, ensuring that everything is to order. So many tributes have been paid Bill, all thoroughly deserved, that it seems incongruous to add that he is here once again, happy I am sure, in the knowledge that during his long service conventions have grown beyond all measures.

GREAT PROGRESS

Yes, we have made great progress since the days when small groups assembled for organised conventions. How many of us remember the initial convention at Cheltenham in 1931? Through the years membership has grown, and now it has become a question of which town can accommodate such a grand assembly. It is all a tribute to the pioneers that have enabled us to make such progress, and progress it indeed has been. Look at the array of stars presented for your viewing over the past few years. Take a look at this programme, and the choice variety of magical talent available during the few days.

It is difficult to pay tribute to all the pioneers. But let us first dwell on the pres-

ent day organisers. **GEOFFREY ROBINSON**, our President-elect, has done great service as a committeeman, and looking over past programmes, at conventions, dinners, and other small events during the year, one is certain to see his name somewhere on the list. As an artiste he has always been to the forefront, ready to give his services, and due to his many commitments in other spheres, it must have caused inconvenience at times. But Geoffrey is like that. The immaculate compere over a magical function at one hour, the next, descending (written in no derogative way) to the basement for his clowning episodes with the New Era Magical Company.

THEY WHO CLOWN

Here too you will find people like **WILFRED TYLER** who also divides his time between committee activities and organising a 'Children's Matinee'. Believe me, arranging artistes of suitable calibre to increase the standard of this show is no mean achievement. But Wilfred does it, and more in that he is ready to lend a hand in other functions at the convention. **EDDIE DEXTER** is down in the basement too, but upstairs he will be directing the undoubted success of the Welfare scheme—one of the most important recent developments in our organisation. A glance over the pages of the monthly "Budget" will testify, but only in a small way, to the value of this scheme in our Brotherhood.

They clown downstairs, but often I know they have come from strenuous periods of work looking after necessary duties. Take the registration desk for instance—Here you will find **JEFFERY ATKINS**, another Ring stalwart, sincere, but modest in his approach to the work. He is also a very competent performer, and with his wife Catherine has been seen at many of our functions.

PERCY BEE, our hon. treasurer is here too. I have been having a look at his record of service for the Ring, and it seems a little out of place to dismiss it in a paragraph. But there it is. Percy, a well known performer, has been among our official list for some time now—that his work is appreciated by members is obviously shown at election times.

BEHIND THE SCENES . . .

they are Organisers for the British Ring.



W. G. STICKLAND
Hon. Secretary



H. J. ATKINS
Assistant Hon. Secretary



PERCY BEE
Hon. Treasurer



ALAN KENNAUGH
Hon. Editor

WORTH SEEING

If you take a look at the close-up sessions—as you most certainly will during the course of the convention—you will probably meet **FRANCIS HAXTON**, an unassuming gentleman whose quiet approach to the work does not give any indication of the wealth of detail it requires. Francis has long been a friend of mine, and I am always amazed at his ability to get things going in his own field, without fuss, but also without the complications that always arise in such a difficult event from staging points of view. You may see him in the role of performer, and if this is so, I can assure that it is something worth seeing.

I can strike my way through the list of officials easily, but in rather a disappointed manner when I can not allot each member a column of his own. Take **PETER WARLOCK**, for instance. Much could be written on this noted committeeman, inventor, writer, and former Shield Winner. He is yet another who might equally be seen at any convention as the detailed performer on a sophisticated cabaret show, or in totally different guise as a clown, entertaining the children.

JACK POTTER, taking time off from his gigantic job of working out "Potter's Bar", now a "Budget" essential; **ERIC WILLIAMS**, and **DONALD CROMBIE** will be here too.

ANOTHER FEATURE

Past President **HERBERT J. COLLINGS**, who we are happy to welcome this year as the President of the Magic Circle. **JOHN RAMSAY** and **ERNEST WETHERED** will also be with us and will show that they are magicians of no mean degree.

Eric has been noted for his performing abilities at many shows, as also has Donald, the latter also giving service as our hon. solicitor.

One man you really must meet. But don't be surprised if you see him in full evening dress one minute, and shirt sleeves the next. It is **PAUL GRAHAM** who really is a live wire as far as conventions are concerned. If you have ever taken part in one of the shows, the value of his advice and help will easily be appreciated.

"Have you seen this one" — will probably be the introduction given you by **GEORGE BLAKE** my predecessor in the editorial chair. Be sure to take it up, for a veritable feast of something really different in magic will surely follow. George is really busy at these affairs. It would be difficult to imagine one without him.

The headlines have been letting the public into the magical secrets of Brighton. More space in newspapers and magazines throughout the world will give accounts of our proceedings. Thank **ROBERT JOHNSON** for the distinctions it certainly brings our organisation.

BEDROOM SESSIONS

One valued member who may not be present for the whole convention, due to a Summer season, is **VOLTAIRE** who is lively in debate on all occasions, and skilful in his interpretation of really novel magic in the electrical field, on the stage. But it is usual with Voltaire and Gwen to pop up anywhere, so look around for them.

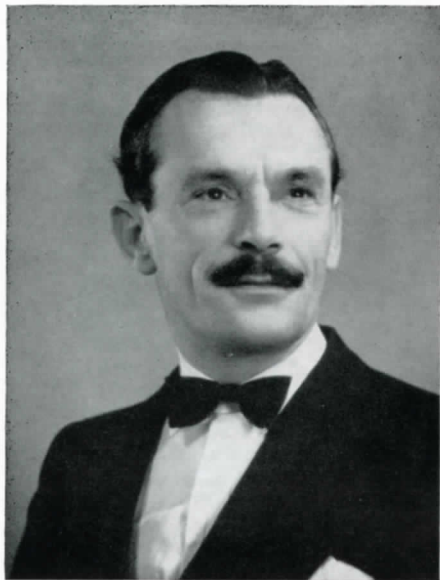
Bedroom sessions are always a feature of our conventions. It is likely that here you will see **EDWARD LOVE** expounding his inimitable card theory, or another prominent member of the Ring organising team, **TOM HARRIS** with his fund of stories and pocket effects. Look around too for **WILL AYLING** our Librarian, and **FREDDIE CARTER** who will want to talk to you about pocket effects, particularly the drive he is running here in Brighton. Our hon. auditor, Freddie will be diverting his interests away from accounts for a few days.

The Ring was founded by **OSWALD RAE** in 1928, and he remained our President until 1947. Now he is an active member of the Committee and he must be indeed proud to see the climb up the ladder of the British Ring. Here, names who come to mind as founder members are Joe Rendell; Prof. Bofeys; Walter Kemp; Nelson Denys—C. H. Turner and C. Ducrael. Mons. Ducrael passed away in 1939, and Nelson Denys gave up magic to enter the Church.

How **JOHN GAMBLING** would have loved to be present in Brighton. This wonderful old man, our past president, passed away during the year, but his presence was always felt at conventions, and despite his illness, he always took a keen interest in every event, even those held past midnight. **HARRY KAYE** too, who died in office as president, would marvel and delight at the growth of the organisation. Their pioneering spirit lives on.

I spoke of the "lesser lights" in Brighton. But often they are the ones who really matter. Those who come from all over the world to take part in the assembly. They are no lesser lights for not being officially chronicled in the organising list, and are often seen as stewards, or in some other capacity, filling the breach at the last minute.

OFFICERS



GEOFFREY ROBINSON



VOLTAIRE



JACK POTTER



WILFRED TYLER

The Brotherhood is indeed International, and many famous stars from overseas will again be present.

Hear the cry "Good Eh" and be sure that **MYSTIC CRAIG** from America is present. What a lively fellow he is, and how much a big part of any convention he has come to be. At the time of writing other visitors from overseas will probably include **CHARLES WICKS** (now a really important regular); **JEAN POISSON**; **STEWART REVERS**, **LI KING SI**, **PAUL DALTON**; **Dr. ZINA BENNETT**, **ELMER ECKAM** and **FATHER KELLY** (U.S.A.). **H. M. VAKIL** and **EDDIE JOSEPH** (India), **GUY BERT** (France), and many others who will appear at the various shows.

HOW'S TRICKS

Genial **OSCAR PAULSON** our President who gives you his special message earlier in this programme will be presiding again over the **SHIELD** competition and adding gaiety to the other proceedings.

"If the convention is in Brighton or South Africa — I'll be there!" **THEO SPEAKER** will tell you, and this colourful personality from Scotland will surely keep his promise. What a grand spirit echoed

by so many regulars. **JOHNNY GEDDES** is walking from Dundee, and there are hundreds who will make the journey from all parts of the country. Good luck to you all. The glamour and excitement of another convention is here again. For many, it is an annual, and the only link between friends in magic placed throughout the country and abroad.

You may have wondered why I have missed one name from my list. I refer to **LES LEVANTE** who is to top our big gala show. Always a great worker for the I.B.M. and the British Ring in particular, Les has recently arrived in this country again with his "How's Tricks" show. I have left his mention to the end because I now want him to give you his special message on magic and magicians. I am sure it will express the sentiments of us all on this grand occasion.

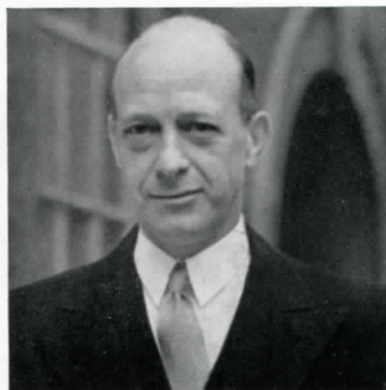
"Delighted, hardly expresses my feelings at being able to attend another I.B.M. Convention. During the years of my sojourn in Australia, I spent many hours, thinking of my magical friends, overseas. Always at Convention time, I would be with you in spirit. Gladys and Esme, also derive pleasure from again, being able to say hello, to our many friends, in the world of magic".



TOM HARRIS



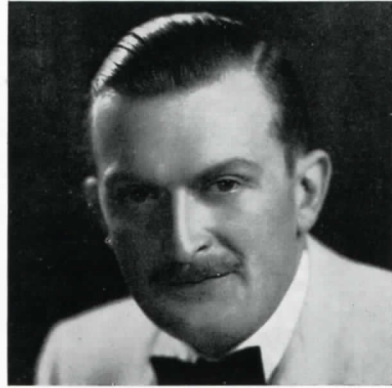
ROBERT JOHNSON
Publicity Officer



E. G. LOVE



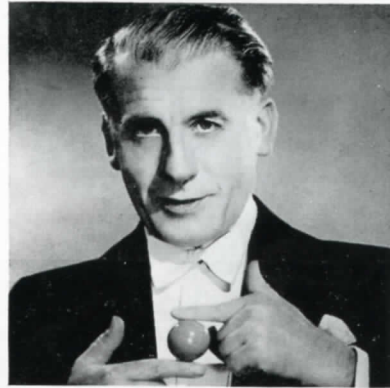
FREDDIE CARTER
Hon. Auditor



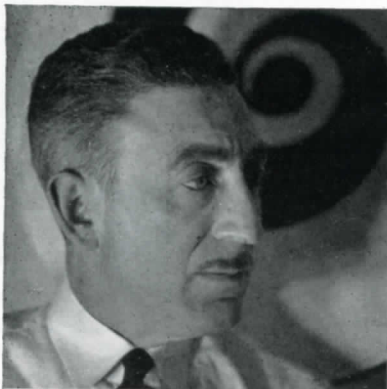
PAUL GRAHAM
Convention Committee



ERIC WILLIAMS



PETER WARLOCK



EDDIE DEXTER



OSWALD RAE



FRANCIS HAXTON



GEORGE BLAKE



WILL AYLING
Hon. Librarian



DONALD CROMBIE
Hon. Solicitor

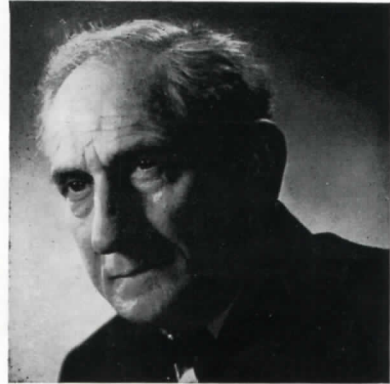
Welcome to our
**Overseas
Visitors**



JEAN POISSON
(France)



MYSTIC CRAIG
(U.S.A.)



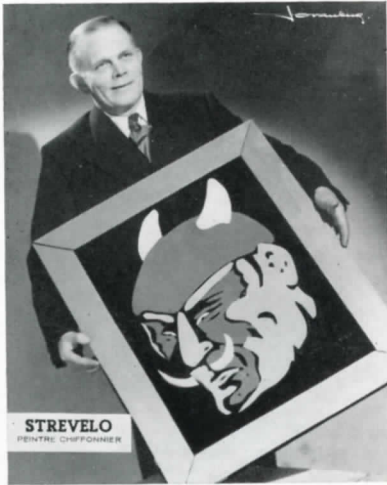
ELMER ECKAM
(U.S.A.)



Dr. ZINA BENNETT
(U.S.A.)



H. M. VAKIL
(India)



STEWART REVERS
(Belgium)



CHARLES WICKS
International Vice President I.B.M.
(Australia)

Visitors from Overseas



EDDIE JOSEPH
(India)



GUY BERT
(France)

CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS :— METROPOLE HOTEL.

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.

We have official Convention hosts on duty (distinguished by 'Ask Me' 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 26) 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.

The Official Photographers for the Convention are:
Messrs. Gifford Boyd, 36, Robertson Street, Hastings
in conjunction with Souvenir Snaps of Brighton.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, September 15th

2-30 p.m.—GRAND OUTSIDE STUNT,

SENSATIONAL MANACLE DIVE

Convention activities will start with a splash when . . .

ESME LEVANTE

DIVES FROM THE PALACE PIER

Miss Levante will wear two pairs of regulation handcuffs, a set of leg-irons, three padlocks and seven feet of chain, all of which can be examined

3-30 p.m.—in The CLARENCE ROOM, Hotel Metropole

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF
THE CONVENTION**

By the President

OSCAR PAULSON, Esq.

and Introduction of our Overseas Visitors

7-45 p.m. — HOTEL METROPOLE

GET - TOGETHER

Dancing (8 — 12 p.m.) in the Winter Garden
Buffet.

**Wednesday, September 15th
9 p.m. Clarence Room**

International Magic

Compered by **FREDDIE CARTER**

1. **WILL AYLING** (Great Britain)
2. **JEAN POISSON** (France)
3. **STEWART REVERS** (Belgium)
4. **PAUL DALTON** (Australia)
5. **EDDIE JOSEPH** (India)
6. **Dr. ZINA BENNETT**, (U.S.A.)

INTERVAL

7. **GUY BERT** (France)
8. **H. M. VAKIL** (India)
9. **ELMER ECKAM** (U.S.A.)
10. **CHARLES WICKS** (Australia)
11. **FATHER KELLY** (U.S.A.)
12. **MYSTIC CRAIG** (U.S.A.)



H. M. VAKIL



JEAN POISSON

THURSDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER —

THE GRAND DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

in the "Octagon Room" and adjoining corridor
at the Metropole Hotel.



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.

JUDGING FOR THE CRAIG CUP WILL BE at 10 a.m. THURSDAY
by **F. COOK, Esq., Display Manager.**

(By kind permission of Messrs. Hubbards Ltd. of Worthing).

(Holders: Davenport and Co.)

THURSDAY—THE DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION
Clarence Room, Metropole Hotel.
at 10-30 a.m.

In order of appearance (By Ballot):

10-30 a.m.	Magical Exchange.	11-30 a.m.	Harry Stanley.
10-40 a.m.	Jack Hughes.	11-40 a.m.	Theatrical Supplies.
10-50 a.m.	Val Andrews.	11-50 a.m.	Supreme Magic.
11-00 a.m.	Carlos.	12-00 noon	Scottish Magic Studio.
11-10 a.m.	Max Andrews.	12-10 p.m.	Davenport & Co.
11-20 a.m.	Gil Leaney.	12-20 p.m.	Elmer Eckam.

(Announcer — EDDIE DEXTER)

In the Winter Garden at 12-35
“AN ACT WITH A PUNCH”
 By **HUGH CECIL**

The DEALERS' EXHIBITION is of course open
Thursday, Friday and Saturday

VISIT THE DEALERS' OCTAGON ROOM where you will find at ———

Stand No.

1. HARRY STANLEY UNIQUE MAGIC.
2. SCOTTISH MAGIC STUDIO.
3. GIL LEANEY — MAGIC TO DESIGN.
4. MAGIC WAND PUBLISHING CO. (George Armstrong)
5. VAMPIRE MAGIC — (Max Andrews).
6. GEORGE JENNESS.
7. JACK HUGHES.
8. OSCAR OSWALD (THE MAGIC MART).

Adjoining the Octagon Room THE DEALERS' CORRIDOR ANNEXE,

Stand No.

1. THEATRICAL SUPPLIES.
2. MAGICAL EXCHANGE SERVICE.
3. ELMER ECKAM.
4. CARLOS MAGIC STUDIO.
5. VAL ANDREWS.
6. SUPREME MAGIC (Edwin the Magician).

VISIT DAVENPORTS PRIVATE EXHIBITION

**THE MAGIC OF BRIGHTON — and the magic of
TELEVISION**

at 2-30 p.m. in the Clarence Rooms of the Hotel Metrople

**CLOSE-UP MAGIC
ON TELEVISION !**

presented by **GEOFFREY ROBINSON** and **FRANCIS HAXTON**



MARCONI will present the outstanding attraction of the television performances on the closed circuit television screens.

Many famous performers in close-up magic will be taking part, and this special feature of the convention provides an opportunity for magicians to study the presentation over television.

With arrangements by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company Ltd.



Francis Haxton performing before the Television Camera.



Artistes (in alphabetical order) —

Will Ayling, Jack Avis, Frank Boynett, Arthur Culpin, Alex Elmsley, Charles Harrison, Levante, Bertram Millidge, John Ramsay, Gus Southall, Archie Tear, Cecil Tebbett, Elizabeth Warlock, Peter Warlock, Ernest Wethered.

LECTURE SESSIONS

Arranged by and under the Chairmanship of
PETER WARLOCK

ON THURSDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER at 5 p.m.

J. F. ORRIN

Member of the Inner Magic Circle
The Subject will be :

MECHANICAL MAGIC'

Mr. Orrin is famous throughout the magical world for his inventiveness — "MILK-EAU", "THE SPIDER'S WEB", "RIDICULOUS RUPERT", and "UPLIFT" are just a few of his marketed effects used by magicians everywhere.

He is the author of "Conjurer's Vade Mecum", "Ring up the Curtain", "Put it Over", and "On with the Show".

in the **CLARENCE ROOMS,**
METROPOLE HOTEL



J. F. ORRIN

ON SUNDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, at 10-30 a.m.
in the **CLARENCE ROOMS, METROPOLE HOTEL**



GUS SOUTHALL

GUSTAVE SOUTHALL

The Subject will be :

'CARD MAGIC'

One of the finest card workers in the country, with a very individual technique, Mr. Southall has shown by his contributions to magazines like the "GEN" and "PENTAGRAM" that good card magic is within the reach of all. His lecture to-day will exemplify this theme.

— followed by —

"THE THUMB TIE" A Lecturette and Demonstration
by **THE GREAT LEVANTE**

**THURSDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER,
AT THE GRAND HOTEL BRIGHTON**

8 p.m.—8-30 p.m.

RECEPTION

by the

MAYOR and MAYORESS OF BRIGHTON

(Alderman W. G. DUDENEY, J.P. and Mrs. DUDENEY)

8-30 p.m. —1 a.m. **DANCING**

Percy Warden and the
Grand Hotel Orchestra

Light Refreshments.

Evening Dress.

CABARET



DELVIN

The Royal Command Magician

DELVIN
and Sally

THE VOLTAIRES

LET THERE BE LIGHT

BILLY SINCLAIR

Ventriloquist.



THE VOLTAIRES

FRIDAY —AT CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS
10 a.m.

**Annual General Meeting
and Election of Officers**

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 Thursday, 16th September

FRIDAY 12-45 p.m. — GROUP PHOTOGRAPH
at THE DOME

All Members and Visitors are requested to be present to ensure as complete
a pictorial record as possible.

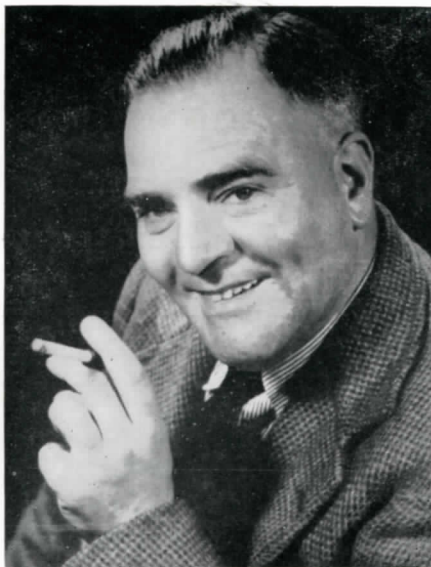
**THE HARRY KAYE
MEMORIAL ALBUM**

This album will be on view at the Registration Desk
and all members and visitors are invited to
record their names in it.

FRIDAY, September 17th

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AT BRIGHTON'S
FAMOUS -THE DOME
OSCAR PAULSON . . .
. . . . will again introduce
**The Competition
for
The British Ring
Shield**

Commencing at 11-30 a.m.
and 1-45 p.m. promptly



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Order of appearance of Competitors:

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| 1. Devolyn and Irene,
Sutton Coldfield. | 16. Uno, Lewisham. |
| 2. Dr. W. Hutton Scobie,
Tywardreath. | 17. John Salisse, London. |
| 3. Charlie Spratt,
Prudhoe on Tyne. | 18. F. G. Gregson, Preston. |
| 4. Billy Watts, Kentish Town. | 19. Les Manterfield, Sheffield. |
| 5. Silkano, Cheadle. | 20. Arturo and Yvonne, Hull. |
| 6. Hal Feben, Horndean. | 21. Michael Bailey, London. |
| 7. Yvonne, Southsea. | 22. Alastair and Shirley Ann,
Glasgow. |
| 8. Dennis Gardner, Nottingham. | 23. S. K. Chapman, Sheffield. |
| 9. Elmer Eckam, U.S.A. | 24. Mystaro and Irene, Swindon. |
| 10. Hubert Rowlands, Lewes. | 25. Margaret Stevens, Nuneaton. |
| 11. Sandy Jordan, Wolverhampton. | 26. Horace King and Betty,
East Molesey. |
| 12. John Hayward, Swindon. | 27. Terry, London. |
| 13. Ram Das, London. | 28. Devano, Bexley Heath. |
| 14. Frank Richmond,
Blaydon on Tyne. | 29. Helene Strachan,
Sutton Coldfield. |
| 15. Trixie Queen, Manchester. | 30. Derrick Speight, Nottingham. |

Judges: J. Lea Axon; Arthur Culpin; T. H. Chislett; Levante;
Fr. Kelly; Dr. Zina Bennett; Frank Baumforth.

THE AWARDS :—

For the most entertaining act:

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

THEO SPEAKER CUP and cash prize of £5 for
Runner-up (holder: Tommy Rowe).

THIRD PRIZE: Cash Prize of £3.
(holder — Freddie Carter).

●
THE CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY — for the most
original trick or routine. Presented by Mystic Craig
and the late Ralph Read.

(holder — Raymond).

●
THE CRAIG TROPHY — presented by Mystic Craig
for the best performance given by a Lady member.

(holder — Mae Howie).

Time Keeper : JACK POTTER. Stage Manager: PAUL GRAHAM.

Joint Donors to the Shield Prize Fund are :—

W. Wadsworth, Esq.; Frank Baumforth, Esq.; Ralph Chart, Esq.;
Voltaire; Frank Richmond, Esq.; Martini; T. H. Chislett, Esq.;
Pauli Graham, Esq.; Norman Cliffe, Esq.; W. G. Stickland, Esq.;
Oscar Paulson, Esq.

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

Band Call:— 10 a.m. Friday Morning.

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

STEWARDS

REGISTRATION	Jeffery Atkins
STAGE MANAGEMENT OF ALL SHOWS	Paul Graham
BANQUET	Francis Haxton
CLOSE UP SESSION	Francis Haxton
SOUVENIR PROGRAMME	Alan Kennaugh
DEALERS' EXHIBITION	Eddie Dexter
CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME	Wilfred Tyler
TOMBOLA	George Smallwood
GALA SHOW	Wm. G. Stickland and Jeffery Atkins
AFTER DINNER SHOW	Geoffrey Robinson
PUBLICITY	Robert Johnson
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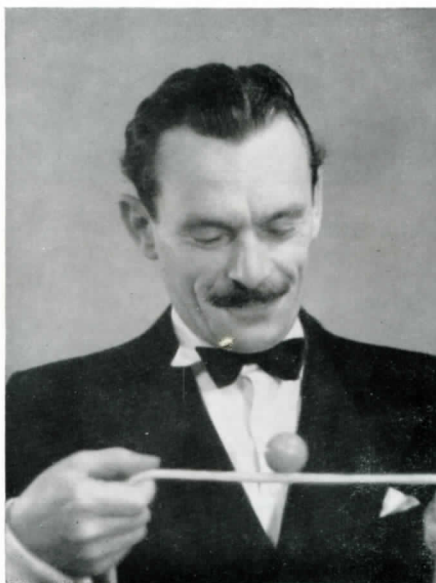


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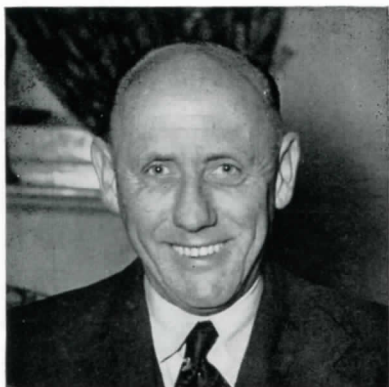
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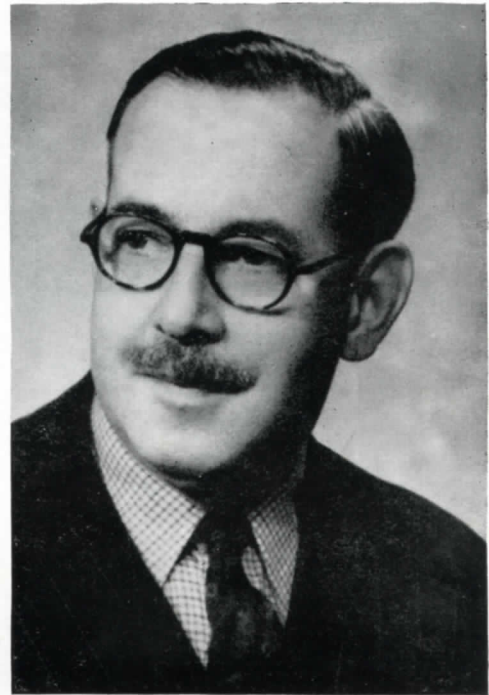
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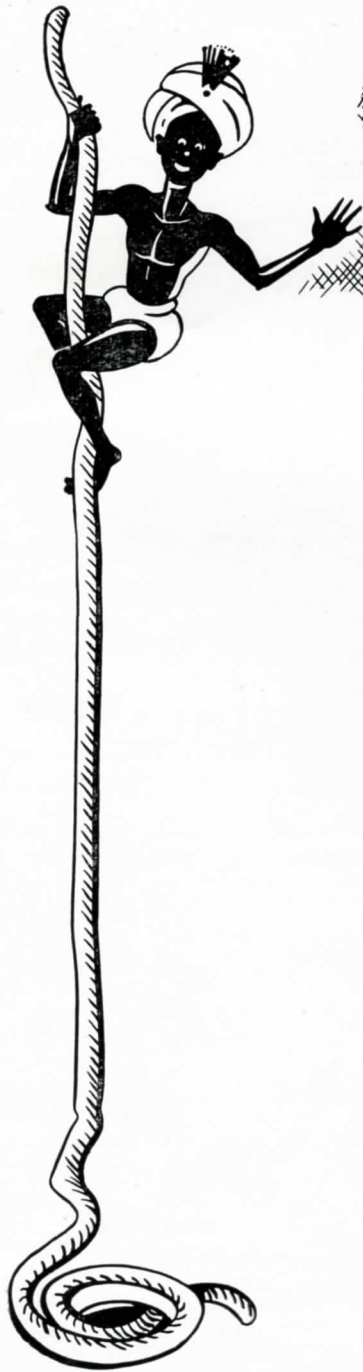
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