

Southport Gorcey

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

(British Ring No. 25)



19th Annual Convention

SOUTHPORT 1955

BRITISH



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**HIS WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR
OF SOUTHPORT
COUNCILLOR A. E. TOWNEND, J.P.**



MAYOR'S PARLOUR
SOUTHPORT
August, 1955.

I was delighted to learn that Southport has again been favoured with a visit of your Annual Convention, particularly in view of the very happy memories by my Council of your previous visits, and it is my privilege to extend to all delegates and their friends a very cordial welcome to our beautiful town.

It will be our endeavour to afford you every possible assistance at the time of your visit. I sincerely trust that all your meetings and other functions will be crowned with success, and that all who visit the town in connection with the Convention will have a thoroughly enjoyable time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'A. E. Townend'.

Mayor.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Returning to Southport, we feel so much at home and recalling the very successful Conventions we held there in 1939 and 1949, we know that we shall have another wonderful time.

The great thing about a British Ring Convention, above all else, is its atmosphere. So real and yet intangible, it arises from the welcome we receive from the Civic authorities and Hotel, our delight at meeting old and new friends and our pleasure in seeing magic and yet more magic, at all hours of the day and night.

I welcome you to this Convention with the sincere hope that everyone of you will have a good time. Remembering that every member is a colleague sharing a common interest in magic, please join in and enjoy the very many events that have been prepared for your interest and entertainment.

Especially do I welcome those attending their first Convention — an experience never to be forgotten. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you all personally.

On your behalf, and mine, my thanks go to the Mayor, the Civic authorities and Hotel for their kindness and hospitality and also to the Convention Committee and all others who have done so much in the organising of the Convention and making it the success I know that it will be.

GEOFFREY ROBINSON.



GEOFFREY ROBINSON

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

It is a privilege and pleasure, as the International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, to address this letter to our large and active British Ring.

With this message goes Greetings from the officers and directors of our great Brotherhood, and its individual Rings throughout the World, to Ring 25, and our magical wishes that your 19th annual convention at Southport may enjoy a record attendance, ideal weather, perfect fellowship and the best of Magic throughout its program.

Rest assured that distance and press of business alone prevent my being with you in person, but I am hopeful that another time I may have the pleasure of attending your conclave.

In the meantime, may I extend to your membership a cordial invitation to be present at the I.B.M.'s convention in June, 1956, in Miami, Florida?

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

CHAS. A. ROSSKAM

International President.



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Southport Sorcery

Whilst a perusal of the history of Ring 25 (The British Ring) of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, reveals the fact that Cheltenham, Northampton, Buxton and Bournemouth have each accommodated two of the Annual Conventions, it is Southport, the 1955 venue, which has pride of place by catering for our magical needs, a third time.

We know that by the co-operation we have so readily received from His Worshipful the Mayor and his Civic helpers that we are assured once again of an hospitable welcome and that the stage is all set for a happy and most successful Convention.

The old stager looking back at the earlier Conventions will be well aware of the change that has come about during the post war stage of the British Ring's growth. He can hark back to the first Southport Convention when the membership was less than three hundred. At the same time he will recall with nostalgia many of the things he saw. In his mind's eye he will see again that great stalwart of the I.B.M., OSSIE RAE performing P. T. Selbit's version of the 'Sawing Through' at the Gala Show, which as it will be this year, was presented at Southport's Floral Hall. Another memory will be that of the Shield winning act of PAUL DUCAINE (Sid. Smith) in which smooth card and coin manipulation went to the making of a delightful silent sophisticated act.

To-day with a membership of more than eight hundred the overall size and attractions have grown so that one unused to these things and making his first appearance as a conventioneer finds a mammoth non-stop programme in which good friendship is allied to the best interests of magic. For this end this year's Convention Committee have laboured with the thought in mind that this Convention shall go one better than its predecessors. Though the programme which follows this little preface details the many events, let us see if we can summarise them and at the same time make a point or two regarding their content.

Commencing on the afternoon of Wednesday the 14th September, so much will be crowded into the space of a few hours. An outside publicity stunt by that famous T.V. magician, DAVID BERGLAS is soon followed by the official opening of the Convention by this year's President, GEOFFREY ROBINSON. With this important ceremony over, an entertainment most appropriate to the occasion will be given. Entitled 'Magic of the North', OSCAR PAULSON, Past President and great Ring stalwart has arranged and will present a cavalcade of magic in which Northern members will take part.

The same evening will see a novelty "Café International". This it is hoped will serve the dual purpose of providing Ringers with a most novel entertaining evening in a continental setting and allowing every chance for getting together and reminiscing. Those who were present at the Christmas Party last year will find this a similar type of entertainment but on a more elaborate scale.

After the business meeting on Thursday morning, a great novelty is in store, for through the good offices of great American Conventioneer, MYSTIC CRAIG, there will be a showing of one of U. F. (Gen) GRANT's magical educational films. In this film, Grant will show some delightfully new tricks of his own and then explain how they are performed. As a necessary supplement a booklet containing full details of the lecture and the methods employed will be available at a most reasonable cost.

After Lunch we shall see a demonstration by our friends the Dealers. This we always feel is one of the high spots of any Convention, and its value to the rural member is priceless, for it allows him a chance of seeing a great deal of new magic, details of which, in the normal way he would only be able to visualise through advertisements.

Thursday evening we shall be entertained in the Floral Hall by His Worshipful the Mayor at a Civic Reception. After the formal presentation of members, there will be dancing, cabaret and the good company of one's fellow magicians. Then comes the Dawn.

Friday the day of the Shield Competition will see all of us watching the competitors, who under the aegis of Oscar Paulson have been banded together, and drawn for place of appearance. Each according to his ability and inventiveness will do his best to achieve the honour of winning the first award and thus earn a place in the Gala show of the following year. All our thoughts will go out towards them willing them to give of their best on this nerve shattering occasion.

Friday evening. The Convention Banquet, which this year sees an innovation for after the conclusion of the meal and its formalities the diners will proceed to another hall for the after banquet show which has been devised by WILFRED TYLER and takes the form of a series of Magic Round the World. This presentation will be given on the stage in the Cambridge Hall, adjacent to the Headquarters Hotel where adequate seating will ensure comfort and easy viewing.

Saturday brings the Children's show and the Gala show, the latter as on the occasion of the previous convention having a matinee and an evening performance. The hard work that goes into the production of an international bill is undertaken by the Secretary BILL STICKLAND, and only his knowledge and friendship with magicians throughout the world makes the building of a truly international bill possible. With us this year are SUZY WANDAS from Belgium who is one of the greatest magical show-women in the world; PAUL ARLAND, whose magical act with live fish is something that lives in one's memory; RENE SEPTEMBRE and his charming partner, a great French artiste who specialises in first rate magic with livestock; ALBERT LE BAS and partner from Ireland and Australia's own magicienne ESMIE LEVANTE. Our National contribution will include T.V.'s own magic man, DAVID BERGLAS; HARRY CORBETT with his famous T.V.

puppet, 'SOOTY'; THE FABULOUS JUNE, another T.V. favourite who will act as commere; PERCY PRESS; RAM DAS & KIM and DERRICK SPEIGHT, the winner of the British Ring Shield in 1954.

Many say that the success of a British Ring Convention hinges on the standard set in the Gala show. With the list of artistes we have mentioned we feel that the hall-mark of success has already been affixed.

Midnight on Saturday will see the NEW ERA COMPANY's 1955 demonstrations. Those on their first visit to a British Ring Convention will in these performances find something that has no counterpart elsewhere.

On both Saturday and Sunday lecture sessions will take place. There will be FRANCIS HAXTON to talk on and demonstrate card

magic whilst LEWIS GANSON will treat his listeners to a talk and demonstration covering a wide field of practical items free from conventional apparatus. PERCY PRESS will rush from the Gala show to give a talk and demonstration interesting to magician and layman alike. Entitled 'Those were the Days', Percy will vividly recall some earlier experiences of his life as a itinerant magician.

At mid-day on Sunday the installation of the new President, EDDIE DEXTER will come as a fitting climax, especially as Eddie is a resident of Southport. Then will come the handshakings, those 'Here's to the next time' and a vast army of magical workers will take their leave of Southport looking forward to the twentieth Convention in 1956.

The Men Who Make Things Tick



W. G. STICKLAND
Hon. Secretary



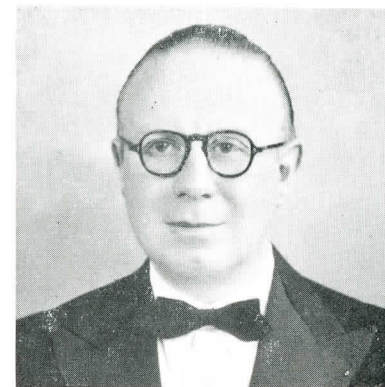
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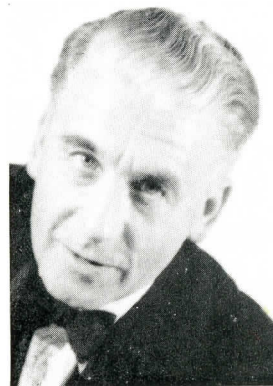
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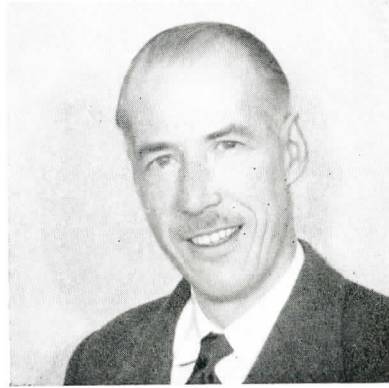
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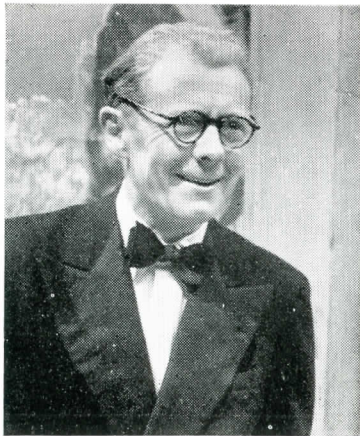
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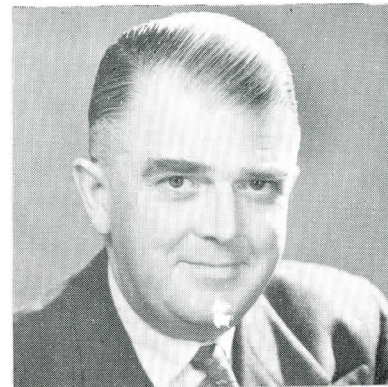
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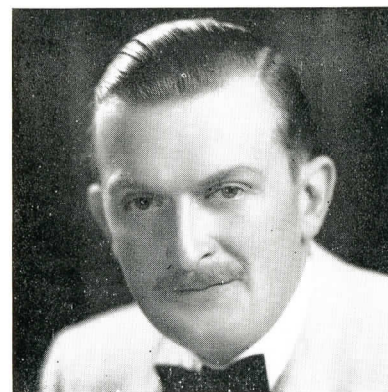
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India



SUZY WANDAS
Belgium



MYSTIC CRAIG
U.S.A.

CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS — PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL

The events will be announced on the fixture boards at the Registration Office, Convention H.Q., 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 24) 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 the 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 badge" will be strictly enforced for convention events.

The Official Photographers for the Convention are:

VAN de WYNT STUDIO GROUP — KING, 59a, Station Road, Southport.

WEDNESDAY, September 14th

12 Noon

Sensational Outdoor Attraction

THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS ——— BRITISH RING
present

DAVID BERGLAS

RADIO AND TV's MAN OF MAGIC

— in —

“Thoughts Out of Space”

a telepathic experiment in a new dimension — with the gracious co-operation of The Worshipful the Mayor of Southport, Councillor A. E. Townend, J.P. — at twelve noon on Wednesday, 14th September on the foreshore flying ground at the corner of Marine Drive and Esplanade.

2-30 p.m. — in the Ballroom of the Prince of Wales Hotel

Official Opening by the President

GEOFFREY ROBINSON, Esq.

The Worshipful the Mayor of Southport, Councillor A. E. Townend, J.P., will be present.
and will extend an official welcome to the delegates.

WEDNESDAY, September 14th

At 3-30 p.m. in the Ballroom of Prince of Wales Hotel

“Magic of the North”

Arranged by Oscar Paulson

BOB LAWRENCE

(York) with his Box of Tricks

GEOFF. GREGSON

(Preston) Magic of the Canes

HAROLD G. BEAUMONT

(Huddersfield) Superior Sorcery

JOE MARSH

(Manchester) Joyful Juggling

SELANCE

(Southport) A Master of the Incredible

GEORGE BLAKE

(Leeds) in Magical Originalities

FRED LOWE

(Liverpool) Gilly, gaily

THE AMAZING

FRANK BAUMFORTH

(Sheffield) Illusionist of Distinction

Stage Managers:

Austin Mitchell and **Charles Haisman**
(Liverpool)

OSCAR PAULSON

WILL INTRODUCE THE ARTISTES

WEDNESDAY, September 14th — in the Ballroom, Prince of Wales Hotel

Peter Warlock presents

CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL

An evening interlude with a continental flavour
8-15 p.m. — 11 p.m.

**DANCING
GAMES
LES GIRLS**
ZINGAREE the romantic
seer of the East

MAGIC on Your Table Top
given by **Francis Haxton and His Friends**

THE CAN CAN
CABARET with an International Flavour

MUSIC
SPOTLIGHT on our Overseas Visitors

HILL-BILLY-WILLY
from Texas
The Return of DAN, DAN the Magic Man
or "Sleighbing" them in the Aisles



The Can Can Girls appear by the courtesy of the Southport Musical Society under the direction of the "June School of Dancing".

Your Master of Ceremonies
BOBBY VOLTAIRE

Marie Philpott's Orchestra

THURSDAY, 15th September

At 10 a.m. prompt — in the Ballroom, Prince of Wales Hotel

Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers

Members only admitted

Chairman — Geoffrey Robinson, Esq.

NOTE—Printed agenda will be handed to each member, and voting papers must be left at the Reception Desk **not later than Wednesday, 14th September.**

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.

THURSDAY, 15th September

At 11-45 in the Ballroom, Prince of Wales Hotel

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS COUNTRY!

TWO SHOWINGS OF THE UNIQUE

U. F. (GEN) GRANT FILM LECTURE

“MAGIC MADE EASY”

By courtesy of U. F. GRANT and MYSTIC CRAIG, to whom our thanks are extended.

New Tricks ★ Tricks you can do ★ Shown as you've never seen them before

Booklets giving a further commentary on the tricks explained will be on sale during the interval.

Also the first presentation of

“AT HIS FINGERTIPS”

Charles Wicks' Colour Film of Geoffrey Buckingham's Grand Prix Act.

THURSDAY, 15th September

At 2-30 in the Ballroom of the Prince of Wales Hotel

GRAND DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

THIS IS THE ORDER OF APPEARANCE DECIDED BY BALLOT :

SCOTTISH MAGIC STUDIO

SUPREME MAGIC

L. DAVENPORT & CO.

MAGICAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

MAX ANDREWS (Vampire Magic)

UNIQUE MAGIC STUDIO (Harry Stanley)

KHARDUNI

THEATRICAL SUPPLIES

JACK HUGHES

GIL LEANEY

THE GRAND DEALERS' EXHIBITION

open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

WHERE YOU WILL FIND THEM:—

THE COLE ROOM—

DAVENPORT & CO.

THE ASSEMBLY ROOM—

KEN BROOKE
SUPREME MAGIC
THEATRICAL SUPPLIES
MAX ANDREWS
MAGICAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

THE GREEN ROOM—

OSCAR OSWALD
JACK HUGHES
GEORGE ARMSTRONG (Magic Wand Publishing Co.)
GIL LEANEY
GEORGE JENNESS

ANNEX TO THE GREEN ROOM—

KHARDUNI
HARRY STANLEY
SCOTTISH MAGIC STUDIO



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. One of the most important features is the Dealers' Trophy presented by MYSTIC CRAIG for the MOST ATTRACTIVE STAND, and this will be awarded during the convention. It is held for one year.

By kind permission of Messrs. Broadbents (Southport) Ltd.

JUDGING FOR THE CRAIG CUP WILL BE AT 9-30 a.m. THURSDAY

by **G. A. HOBSON, Esq.**, their Display Manager.

Present Cup Holders—Messrs. L. Davenport & Co.

WHO WILL WIN IT THIS YEAR ?

THURSDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER at 8 p.m.
AT THE FLORAL HALL, SOUTHPORT

Civic Reception

By invitation of The Worshipful the Mayor of Southport,
Councillor A. E. Townend, J.P., and Corporation

in the
FLORAL HALL — PROMENADE
SOUTHPORT
(Lakeside Entrance)

RECEPTION
by The Mayor and Mayoress of Southport,
Councillor A. E. Townend, J.P. and Mrs. Townend.
Dancing until 1 a.m. (Evening Dress Requested)

REFRESHMENTS

Cabaret:— **GRAHAM ADAMS** **VERCOE** (Comedy cyclist, assisted by VERA)

Entrance only by Official Tickets which will be issued with
the Convention Programme.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

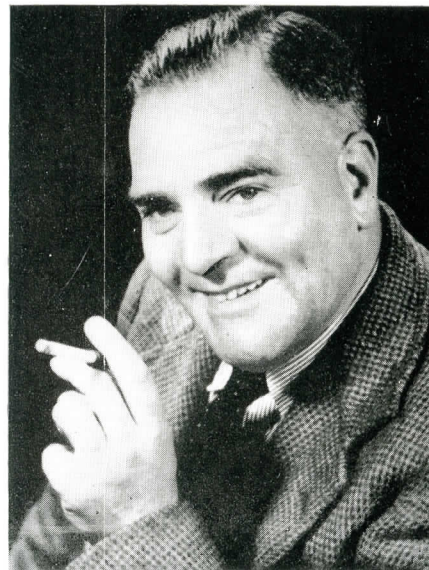
Commencing 1-45 p.m. prompt — in the CAMBRIDGE HALL

OSCAR PAULSON again introduces

The Competition for The British Ring Shield

List of entrants and order of appearance:—

1. BRIAN LE SLIE, Harrogate.
2. MARZINNI, Reading.
3. WALDIN, Northwich.
4. JOHN BLUNT and NAN, West Ewell.
5. TERRY VINCENT, Manchester.
6. JOY, Fenay Bridge
7. THE DIABLOS, Cardiff.
8. FRANK LAND, Scarborough.
9. FRANK RICHMOND, Blaydon-on-Tyne.
10. ARTURO, Hull.
11. ROY DYSON, Birkdale
12. MONTE VESUVIUS, Sydney, Australia.
13. JOHN TODD and JILL, Stockport.
14. S. K. CHAPMAN, Sheffield.
15. DEVOLYN and IRENE, Birmingham.
16. MARJORIE WADDELL, Beenham.
17. HUBERT ROWLANDS, Lewes.
18. DENNIS GARDNER, Nottingham.
19. RITA, Reading.
20. SILKANO, Cheadle.
21. CLAUDE PERRY, Linton.
22. TRIXIE QUEEN, Manchester.
23. GEOFFREY GREGSON, Preston.
24. CHARLIE SPRATT, Prudhoe-on-Tyne.
25. LOUIS HISTED, London.
26. HAROLD G. BEAUMONT, Huddersfield.
27. JOHN HAYWARD, Gloucester.



Musical Director: CHARLES HAISMAN

Competitors should contact him.

Time Keeper: JACK POTTER

Stage Manager: PAUL GRAHAM

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.

For the guidance of competitors a red light will be flashed after nine minutes. See conditions overleaf.

Conditions Relating To Performance in the British Ring (International Brotherhood of Magicians) Annual Competitions

These competitions shall be open to all paid up members of Ring 25 THE BRITISH RING.

There shall be three main awards as follows:—

1. **THE BRITISH RING SHIELD** and Cash Prize £10.
This will be awarded for the presentation of the most entertaining magical act and is held for one year.
2. **THE CONVENTIONERS' TROPHY**
For greatest originality shown either in effect, method or presentation and is held for one year.
3. **THE CRAIG TROPHY**
For the best performance by a lady magician and is held for one year.

In addition there are the

THEO SPEAKER CUP and Cash Prize £5 for runner up.
To be held for one year.

THIRD PRIZE £3.

No bar is placed upon the number of awards that can be obtained by a successful competitor and thus a male winner of the British Ring Shield, could, having presented the most entertaining and at the same time most original act, qualify for two awards.

In the same manner a lady competitor equally successful would be entitled to all three awards.

The length of the act submitted by each competitor should not exceed ten minutes playing time, and to assist him or her, a warning light will be flashed at the end of nine minutes. **Any competitor exceeding a time of ten and a half minutes will be automatically disqualified and such disqualification will be announced from the stage immediately before the appearance of the next competitor.**

The judges would consist of five members of the Ring, the local entertainments manager and the editor of the local paper. This composition might have to be varied according to location. There would be an umpire, a senior official of the Ring, who would have complete powers to accept or reject the judges decisions. If he rejected them, he would be required to place his decision and reasons therefore before the Committee.

For additional guidance, the Instructions to Judges are appended.

ANNUAL COMPETITIONS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES

There are three competitions which require your judgment. The first is for the major award, the BRITISH RING SHIELD.

This will be won by the act, which in your opinion constitutes the most **entertaining** magical act.

In view of this the act should be considered from the point of view of **entertainment**. Imagine you are seeing it in a concert, or dinner or other show, either by itself or with a number of other acts of various types. Does it entertain you?

The following points may assist you in judging:—

A. Consider general entertainment first—that is important—then, if you have several acts which you consider equally entertaining give your attention to the following:—

B. Consider the entrance and exit of the performer, the stage setting and condition of apparatus, his or her dress, deportment and elocution, the nature of the tricks performed and the reaction of the audience. If the act is a silent one note the effectiveness of the mime.

C. You will take into account magical ability, but as you are viewing this from the layman's angle of entertainment with magic, your judgment must not be biased by a display of advanced technical ability which would **only be apparent** to a magician.

The points made above may help you decide. **YOU ARE NOT LOOKING FOR NEW TRICKS**—and if a performer does old ones very well in an ENTERTAINING MANNER—he deserves your marks. Remember that a layman may not have seen that vast repertoire of tricks that you know so well. Naturally the same remarks apply to patter.

The **SECOND AWARD** is for **ORIGINALITY**, and is in the main, the concern of those members of the panel who are magicians.

The merits necessary for this award are:—

1. Newness of effect, so far as is known.
2. A novel presentation employing twists on standard effects.
3. The entertainment value contained in such presentation or effects.
4. An adequacy of mystery.

The **THIRD AWARD** is that given to the best lady performer. This requires no further elucidation, the merits previously stated applying equally in this case.

So as to allow for any disparities in judgment which may arise you are asked to write down the names of what you consider to be the best four acts, adding, if these do not qualify in the first four places, the performers entitled to the second and third awards. Seal your paper in the envelope provided and hand it to the Umpire. **PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS YOUR DECISION WITH ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE JUDGING PANEL** until you have all handed over your envelopes.

STEWARDS

REGISTRATION	Jeffery Atkins	PUBLICITY	Bob Johnson
BANQUET	Francis Haxton	SHIELD COMPETITION	Oscar Paulson
CLOSE UP & INFORMAL MAGIC	Francis Haxton	GROUP PHOTOGRAPH	Tom Harris
SOUVENIR PROGRAMME	Peter Warlock	CAFE INTERNATIONAL	Peter Warlock
DEALERS' EXHIBITION	Eddie Dexter	GENERAL MEETING	Norman Cliffe
TOMBOLA	George Smallwood	LECTURES	Peter Warlock
CHILDREN'S PLAYTIME	Wilfred Tyler	OUTSIDE ATTRACTIONS	Bob Johnson
GALA SHOW	Wm. G. Stickland & Jeffery Atkins	GRANT FILM	Mystic Craig
MAGIC ROUND THE WORLD	Wilfred Tyler	MAGIC FILMS and BUCKINGHAM FILM	
CHIEF STEWARD	Norman Cliffe		Bill Woodford, Will Norman and Charles Wicks
		RETURNING 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 Norman Cliffe.

N.B.— Your Convention Badge admits you to all events excepting public shows and banquet.

GRAND
MAGIC GALA

Floral Hall, Southport

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1955
2-30 p.m. and 7-45 p.m.

Presented by
**THE INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF
MAGICIANS**



(BRITISH RING)



RAM DAS & KIM



PERCY PRESS



THE FABULOUS JUNE



HARRY CORBETT & "SOOTY"

PAUL ARLAND



SUZY WANDAS



PROGRAMM

STARS OF

INTRODUCED BY THE FABULOUS

JUNE

The International Cabaret Star from B.B.C., T.V., etc.

WM

1. **OVERTURE**
JIMMY LEACH and His ORCANOLIANS
2. **THE MYSTIC MAIDS**
(By courtesy of The Great Levante)
3. **PERCY PRESS**
"The Amusing Amazer"
4. **RAM DAS & KIM**
"Mysteries from India"
5. **SUZY WANDAS**
Belgium's International Lady Manipulator
6. The Popular T.V. Personality Teddy Bear
SOOTY with **Harry Corbett**

First appearance in England
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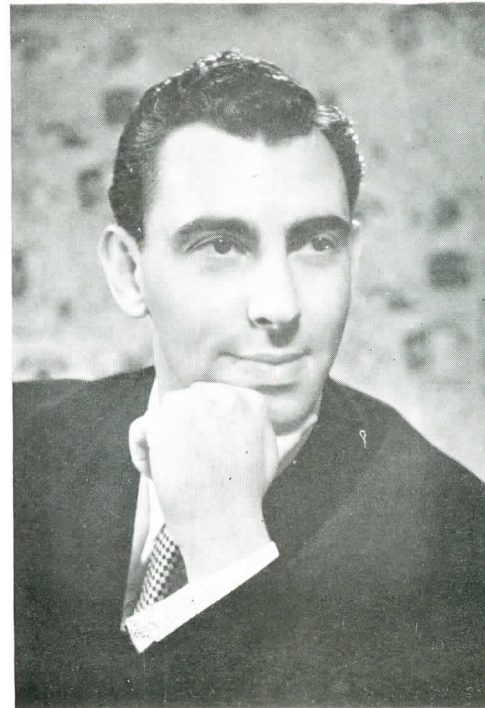
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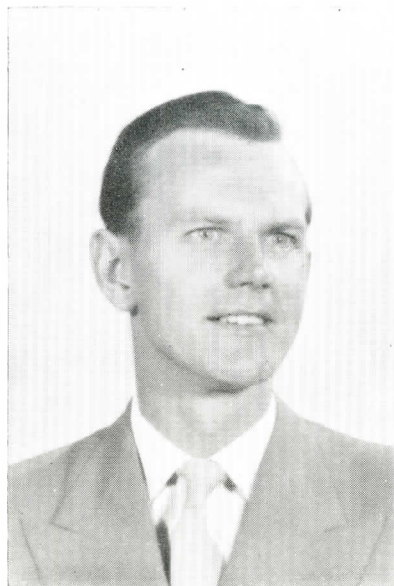
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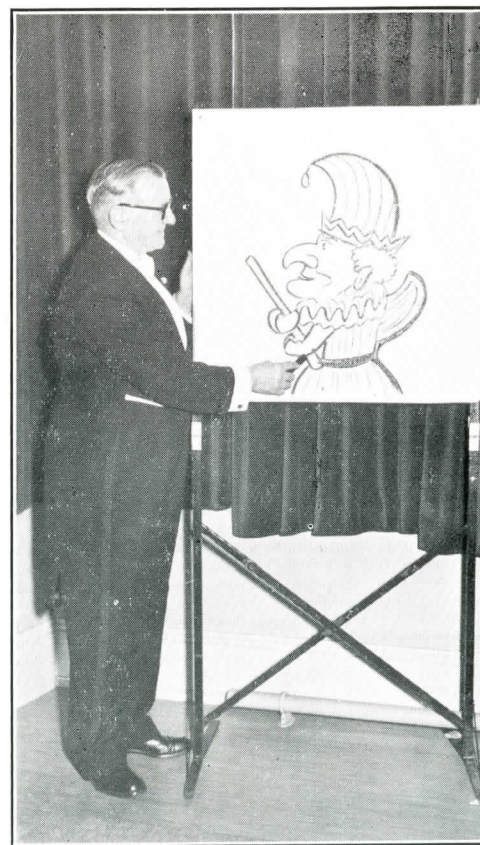


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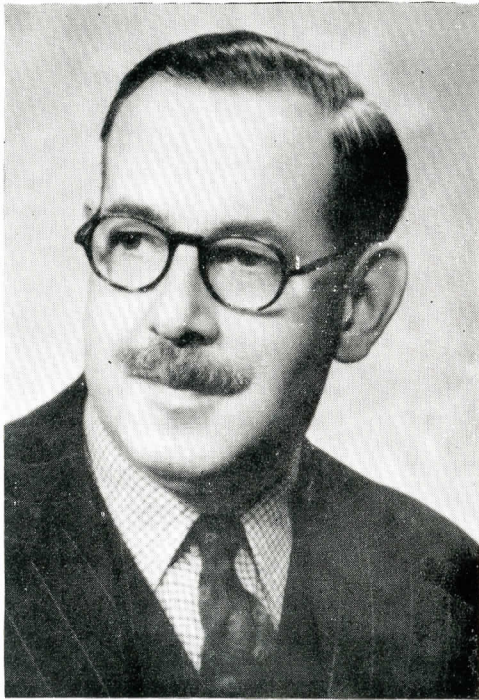
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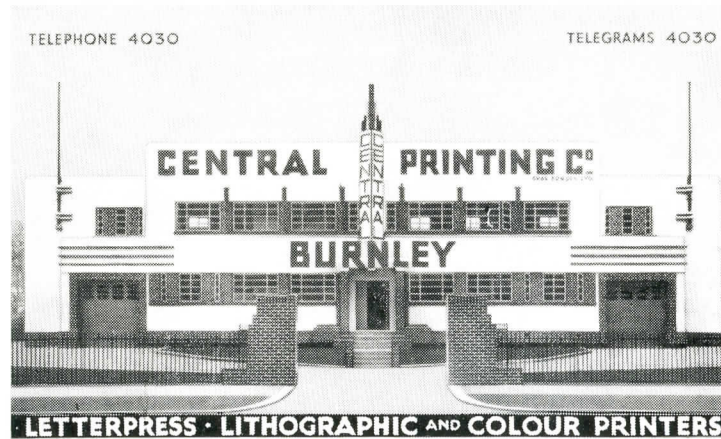
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