

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

(BRITISH RING, No. 25)



25th Annual Convention
HARROGATE - 1961

**Souvenir
Programme**



**BRITISH
RING**

No. 25

President :

**FRANCIS
HAXTON**



25th

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BRITISH**RING**

No. 25

International Brotherhood of Magicians

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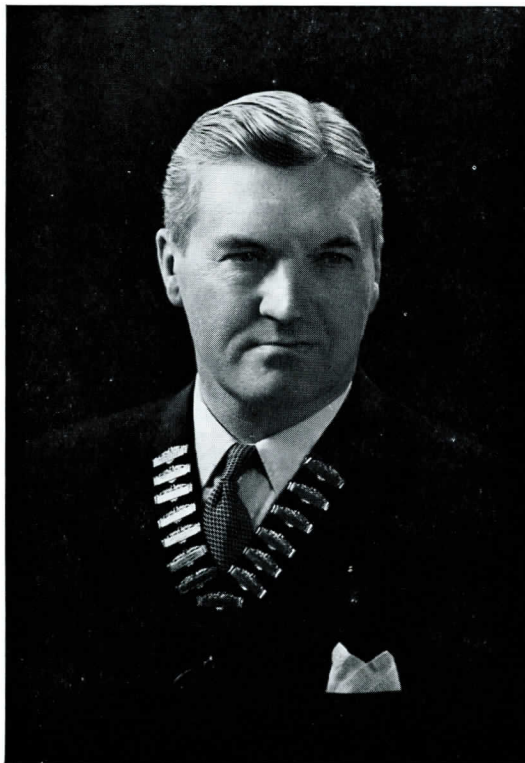
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



FRANCIS HAXTON

Greetings to all members of the British Ring and visitors from here and overseas and a most sincere welcome to our Convention.

I do feel it a great honour to be presiding on such an occasion for the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Over the many years I have seen 'The Ring' grow from small beginnings to the large and successful organisation it is today. This is due in no small measure to the enthusiastic and untiring efforts of our secretary Bill Stickland aided by his committee, and having had the pleasure and honour of serving on this committee for many years I have had the opportunity of seeing the evidence of this. A big thank you Bill and fellow committee members.

A special welcome also to the artistes and organisers, who have come here from all parts of the world to help make this Convention a success.

A thought also for those of our members who are sick and cannot be with us. To them we wish speedy recovery to health.

Finally my warmest thanks to the Mayor of Harrogate, his Council and officials for their kindness in placing before us all the facilities to make our Convention a success.



THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR,
MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
HARROGATE.

June, 1961.

My colleagues and I are delighted to know that the International Brotherhood of Magicians will hold their Conference in Harrogate in September and I am glad to have this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to the delegates and their ladies.

I understand your Conference has been held in Harrogate on a previous occasion so I am sure we can look forward to entertaining old friends as well as new ones. I trust you will have a full programme of magic and I am confident that the visit of such an important International Brotherhood will enhance our position as the leading Conference town in the north of England.

The Mayoress and I look forward to meeting you all on a social occasion and we send our best wishes for a happy and successful Conference.

Yours sincerely,

F. W. ALLUM,

Mayor.

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



C. L. SCHMITT

I am exerting every effort to arrange my affairs so I may be with you in celebration of your Silver Jubilee convention.

In the event fate denies me this great privilege and honour to be with you my Brothers of the British Ring, I send you my very warmest greetings and best wishes, and that of the Officers, Directors and Members of the I.B.M. for the very ultimate in a happy and successful convention.

Judging by those of the British Ring that have attended our conventions in the U.S.A., you are truly a grand group of very fine and wonderful Magicians and I am looking forward to extending the "Hands across the Sea" in person in September.

Yours in Magic,

C. L. SCHMITT,

International President.

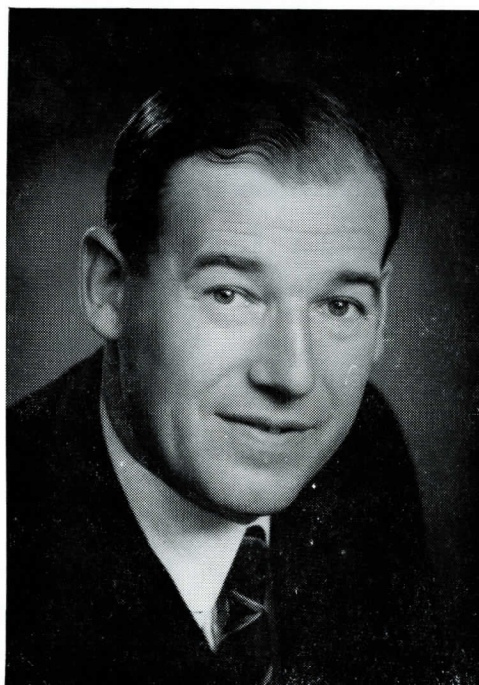


WM. G. STICKLAND

**Hon. Secretary, British Ring
and Organising Convention
Secretary**

JEFFERY ATKINS

Hon. Treasurer.



WELCOME to Our Overseas Visitors

A Hearty Welcome to Our Friends from

AUSTRALIA

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Taggart



Ron Taggart



Charles Wicks

International Vice President I.B.M.

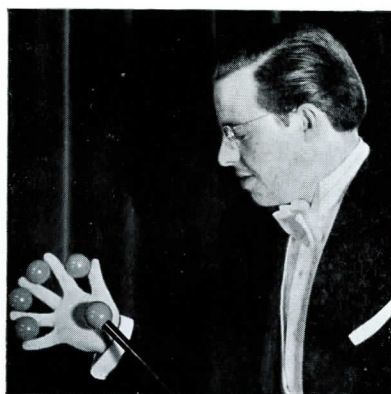
NOTE TO OVERSEAS VISITORS. The Mayor of Harrogate will receive you at the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, Harrogate at 11-0 a.m. on Saturday, 16th September.

Bienvenue a Nos Amis Belges

BELGIUM



Max Henry



Pavano

Vitame Nase Pratele z Ceskoslovenska

CZECHOSLOVAKIA



Eduard & Dagmar Mazakian



Mila Trnka



Lubos Vondracek

Velkommen Til Vore Damske Venner

DENMARK

Miels Staalo



F. H. Pedersen (Finelli)

Bienvenue a Nos Amis Francais

FRANCE



Claude Rix & Marie Thérèse

Wir Heissen Unser Deutschen Besucher

Herzlich Willkommen

GERMANY

Helga & Horst Muller

H. R. Von Heldt

Welkom Hollandse Vrienden

HOLLAND

Nic & Bob Niberco



Henk Vermeyden

Ted Winkel

A Hearty Welcome to Friends from

RHODESIA

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Chatfield

A Hearty Welcome to Our American Friends
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Mystic Craig



Carolyn Trask

First National President MAGIGALS



Dr. Victor Trask



Dr. & Mrs. John Henry Grossman

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hawbecker

Mr. & Mrs. George Boston

Jerry Andrus

Walter E. Cummings

Welcome to our IRISH Visitors



Arthur Jenkins

Hon. Treasurer. Irish Ring No. 85. I.B.M.

INDIA

Welcome to our Visitors from

Mohammed Khalil

(representing his brother H. K. Vakil)



M. F. Gareh

Bienvenidos sean nuestros Compañeros Españoles

SPAIN



Señor & Señora Fernando Maymo

President Circulo Espanol de Artes Magicas.

Señor Jorge Maymo

Welcome to our Visitor from

WEST INDIES

George D. Day

CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS — ROYAL HALL

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 STEWARDS on duty (distinguished by arm bands) and they are particularly anxious to assist newcomers to conventions who should make themselves known to the Stewards with a view to introductions being effected. The organisers too will be very happy to give information regarding any events. Lists of Stewards and Organisers on page 46.

THE REGISTRATIONS 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.

PROFESSOR E. DUPLOYEN, Official Interpreter to the British Ring will be present and his services will be at the disposal of any members or visitors requiring same.

Wednesday : Thursday : Friday : Saturday : Sunday

THE GRAND
DEALERS MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

YOUR SHOP WINDOW

Direction : EDDIE DEXTER

in the Royal Hall Annexe

TIMES OF OPENING : Wednesday 9-30 a.m. until 6-30 p.m.
 Thursday 9-30 a.m. until 8-30 p.m.
 Friday 11-30 a.m. (to allow member dealers to attend the A.G.M.)
 Closing for this day at 6 p.m. to allow attendance at Banquet.
 Saturday 9-30 a.m. until 8-30 p.m.
 Sunday 9 a.m. until Mid-day.

INZANI—HENLEY MAGIC CO.
 OSCAR OSWALD
 HARRY STANLEY
 CLIFF LOUNT
 WIZARDS DEN
 SUPREME MAGIC
 JACK HUGHES

CORINDA
 VAL ANDREWS
 CHAS. FITNESS
 PREMIER MAGIC
 MURRAY
 GEORGE JENNESS
 EAST LONDON MAGICAL SUPPLIES
 L. DAVENPORT & CO.



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 Dealer's Trophy presented by MYSTIC CRAIG for the MOST ATTRACTIVE STAND, and this will be awarded during the convention. It is held for one year.

Present Holders : Corinda.

WHO WILL WIN IT THIS YEAR ?

MYSTIC CRAIG with the Dealers' Trophy

Judging will take place on WEDNESDAY, 13th September, at 5 p.m.

by E. POLLARD, Esq., Display Manager by courtesy of Busby's Ltd. of Harrogate.

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WEDNESDAY, 13th September

Royal Hall

2-45 p.m. Walter Garrard Trio

3-00 p.m.

Official Opening of the Convention

by THE PRESIDENT (Francis Haxton, Esq.)

3-15 p.m.

Cigarette Sorcery

A COMPETITION for the best Trick, Routine or Manipulation

WITH CIGARETTES

Sponsored by Messrs. W. D. & H. O. WILLS, LTD.

who have kindly donated the following prizes :

1st Prize £10

2nd Prize £6

3rd Prize £4

Comperé — ALASTAIR

CLOSE-UP MAGIC

Sessions

with

FRED ROBINSON
KEN DE COURCY
MO HOWARTH
JACK MORRISON



Organised by **FRED LOWE**

and the Two Special Performances by

JERRY ANDRUS

(See separate announcement on page 24)

Wednesday	5-30 p.m.		Crown Hotel
Thursday	3-30 p.m.	JERRY ANDRUS	Lounge Hall
Friday	Noon	”	”
Saturday	11-0 a.m.		Lounge Hall

twenty

WEDNESDAY, 13th September.

Royal Hall

8-30 p.m. to 12-30 a.m.

CIVIC RECEPTION, BALL AND CABARET

given by His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate,
Councillor and Mrs. F. W. Allum.

RECEPTION 8-30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

With the kind permission of the Mayor and Mayoress our Overseas Visitors
will be introduced at this function.

Dancing to the music of the Walter Garrard Dance Orchestra

CABARET compered by HAROLD TAYLOR



SUPPORT THE . . .

GIANT TOMBOLA

arranged by

GEORGE SMALLWOOD

Total Proceeds for the Benevolent Fund



THURSDAY, September 14th
MAMMOTH
DEALERS'
DEMONSTRATION

in the

Royal Hall

Arranged by **EDDIE DEXTER**

ORDER AND TIMES OF APPEARANCE :—

9-45 a.m. INZANI-HENLEY STUDIO OF MAGIC
9-56 a.m. CHAS. FITNESS
10-07 a.m. CORINDA
10-18 a.m. VAL ANDREWS
10-29 a.m. EAST LONDON MAGICAL SUPPLIES
10-40 a.m. JACK HUGHES
10-51 a.m. MURRAY
11-02 a.m. DAVENPORT & CO.

5 minutes ONLY break.

11-17 a.m. SUPREME MAGIC
11-28 a.m. OSCAR OSWALD
11-39 a.m. HARRY STANLEY
11-50 a.m. PREMIER MAGIC
12-01 p.m. CLIFF LOUNT
12-12 p.m. THE WIZARD'S DEN

Announcer : **EDDIE DEXTER**

Owing to the number of Demonstrations and in the interest of all a warning bell will be sounded at 9 minutes; each Demonstrator being allowed 10 minutes. The curtains will be drawn at that time. All performers have been notified of this rule, which we very much regret having to enforce.

This is a Mammoth Demonstration and in fairness to the first artiste please be seated in good time. The curtain rises **promptly.**

THURSDAY, 14th September

2-30 p.m.

Ballroom, Crown Hotel

The Ladies' Afternoon



“Pottery Making”

A TALK AND DEMONSTRATION

by **PAM** and **HENRY**

of the **DE LACY POTTERY, HARROGATE**

BINGO



Afternoon Tea

Entertainment

by

Magiciennes



Thursday, 14th September

Crown Hotel Ballroom

At Midnight

FIRST PRESENTATION IN ENGLAND OF
MYSTIC CRAIG'S LATEST FILM

Bro. John Hammon

in

Micro Card Magic

In colour and sound with close-ups and zoom.

THIS IS ONE OF THE FINEST FILMS YET PRODUCED
BY MYSTIC CRAIG MAGIC MOVIE STUDIO.

Remember you always have a front row seat when you see Mystic Craig's films.

THURSDAY, 14th September

2-30 p.m.

**The British Ring
Entertains the Patients
at
Harrogate Hospitals**

Under the direction of **WILFRED H. TYLER** the following members
have kindly consented to appear :

“ The Yorkshire Home ”

Ken Green, Mo Howarth, Tony King, Harold Vernon,
Marjorie Waddell, Alfred Gabriel and Cecilia

“ The Harrogate General Hospital—Children’s Ward ”

Le Slie, Fred Barton, Reg Hallam, Tom Harris, Cyro,
I.B.M. Clowns led by Will Norman.

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THURSDAY, 14th Sept.
3-30 p.m.

FRIDAY 15th Sept.
12 noon

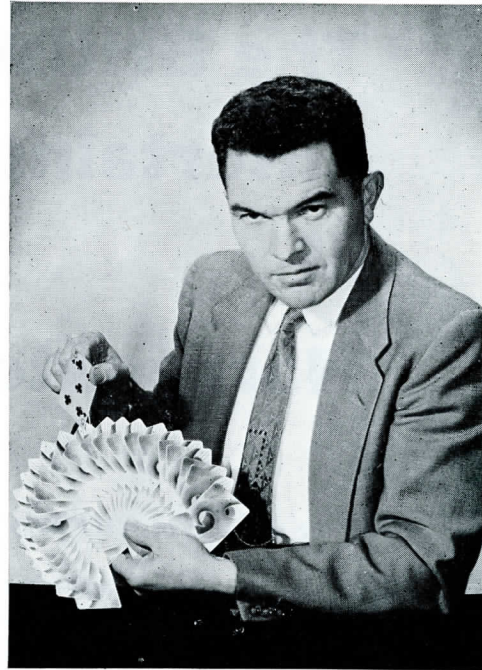
in the Lounge Hall

Jerry Andrus

presents for your delectation

A Session of Close-up Magic

**A Ticket for ONE Session will be
issued to each delegate.**



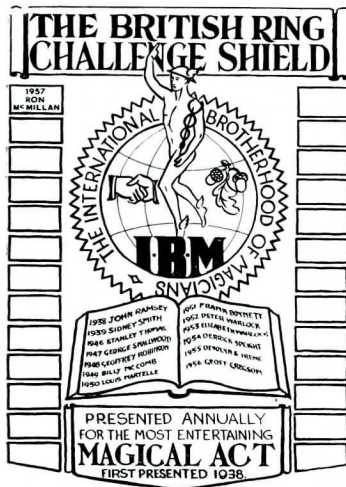
JERRY ANDRUS

YOU MUST VISIT YOUR **WELFARE STAND**

Situated near the Dealers' Trade Fair

**DOZENS OF NOVELTIES AT VERY
REASONABLE PRICES**

You will not be badgered or pressed to buy.



COMPETITION for the

NEW SILVER

BRITISH RING SHIELD

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 NEW SILVER 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 CONVENTIONEERS' 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 of £5 for runner up.
To be held for one year.
- THIRD PRIZE £3.**
TOM HARRIS CUP (Comedy) and Cash prize of £5.5.0 (kindly donated by Tom Harris)

DITTIA SHIELD (Manipulation)

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 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 of 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.

THURSDAY, 14th September
At 7-45 p.m.

Royal Hall

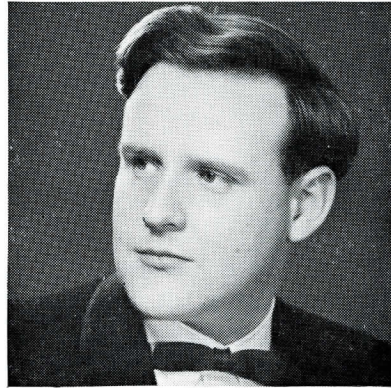
ALASTAIR introduces
The Competition for
The British Ring Shield

JUDGES :

GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM (Chairman)
W. W. BAXTER, Esq.
(Harrogate Conference Secretary)
Dr. J. H. GROSSMAN
MILTON WOODWARD
HENK VERMEYDEN

STAGE STAFF :

Stage Manager — **CYRO**
Assistants — **BILLY RUSSELL, ROY CURRIE**
Musical Advisor—**ALFRED GABRIEL**
Timekeeper—**JACK POTTER**



Organised by ALASTAIR

Entrants in order of appearance :

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| 1. Willane , Kirkby Lonsdale. | 11. Arturo , Hull. |
| 2. John J. Martin , Sedbergh. | 12. Salamander , Douglas. |
| 3. Rita Fearon , Chester. | 13. Maldwyn , Chester. |
| 4. Peter Scarlett , West Worthing. | 14. Charlie Spratt , Prudhoe. |
| 5. Stuart Good , Sheffield. | 15. Brian Le Slie , Harrogate. |
| 6. Peter Riley , London. | 16. A. N. Other , Elsewhere. |
| 7. Roger Martin , York. | 17. Denis Gardner , Nottingham. |
| 8. Yen-Si , Northampton. | 18. Robert Sinclair , Leeds. |
| 9. Robert B. Swadling , Oxford. | 19. Bill Patrick , Chester. |
| 10. Jon and Jo , Harrogate. | 20. Kal Ellis , Kings Lynn. |

IMPORTANT TO COMPETITORS: 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 of every act.

twenty-eight

FRIDAY, 15th September

At 10 a.m. prompt — Royal Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and **Election of Officers**

Members only admitted

Chairman — Francis Haxton, Esq.

NOTE—Printed agenda will be handed to each member. Voting papers must be left at the Reception Desk **not later than 4 p.m., Thursday, 14th September.**

Returning Officer: THE REVEREND MICHAEL SEACOME.



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 as a token of respect and remembrance of our revered late brother Ringer.

**FRIDAY, 15th September,
At 2-15 p.m.**

Lounge Hall

**Peter
Warlock**

introduces



**More Classics in
the Modern Manner**

In these programmes you will see some more tricks
which have stood the test of magical time performed
with modern technique and with modern presentation.

The artistes taking part are

JACK AVIS

FRANK BOYNETT

LOUIS HISTED

EDWARD G. LOVE

JACK MORRISON

CLAUDE RIX

GUS SOUTHALL

CECIL TEBBETT

AT THE PIANO: SAM PATIENCE

ADMISSION BY TICKET

thirty

FRIDAY, 15th September
at 3-30 p.m.

Lounge Hall

Mystic Craig

introduces



MYSTIC CRAIG



WALTER E. CUMMINGS

WALTER E. CUMMINGS

(formerly Chief Instructor at the
Chavez College of Prestidigitation)

presenting

THE SLEIGHT OF HAND CLINIC

Sleights on Cards, Cigarettes, Billiard Balls, Coins
and Thimbles, presented as seen by the audience,
and then explained in detail by this Master
Magician.

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY

FRIDAY, 15th September

6-30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

Convention Banquet

at

CROWN HOTEL

Harrogate

Toastmaster : LES DOWNHAM

MENU

Prawns Cocktail

Crème d'Asperges

Truite Meuinère

Dindonneau du Norfolk

Farci et Roti

Celeris Braisé

Pommes Rissoles

Poire Belle Hélène

Gourmandises

Café du Kenya

TOAST LIST

THE QUEEN

Proposed by The President.

THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF HARROGATE

Proposed by Ron Bishop, Esq.

Response by The Mayor of Harrogate, Councillor F. W. Allum, J.P.

THE BRITISH RING, I.B.M.

Proposed by Dr. John Henry Grossman (U.S.A.).

Response by The President.

THE LADIES AND VISITORS

Proposed by Milton Woodward.

Response by Jerry Andrus (U.S.A.)

At the Piano FAUSTINA HERNANDEZ

The holder of the menu with the lucky number will receive a handsome gift generously presented by Mystic Craig.

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FRIDAY, 15th September **Royal Hall, Harrogate.**
10-30 p.m. (doors open 10 p.m.)

Admission by ticket only.

After Banquet Gala

1. **Overture.**
WALTER GARRARD AND HIS ORCHESTRA
2. **ROBERT SWADLING and VALERIE**
3. **ARTHUR POLLARD**
"Almost a Magician"
4. **THE MAZAKIANS**
(Czechoslovakia) "Magic Appointment"

INTERVAL

during which the President will present
the British Ring Shield and Trophies.

Prize winner in the 1961 Dutch National Congress

5. **TED WINKEL**
"Always in Time"
6. **JOHN TODD and JILL**
"Passing Thoughts"
7. **DEVOLYN and IRENE**
"Phantasy in Feather"



Compere : **ALASTAIR**

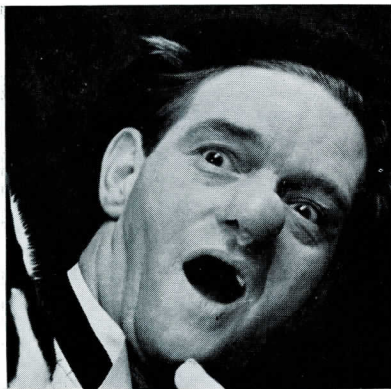
AFTER BANQUET GALA ARTISTES



JOHN TODD & JILL



DEVOLYN & IRENE



ARTHUR POLLARD



ROBERT SWADLING

SATURDAY, 16th September **At 10-30 a.m.**
Summer Pavilion, Harrogate

“CHILDREN’S PLAYTIME”

presented by **WILFRED TYLER**



The I.B.M. Clowns enter the Auditorium to start the fun.

Overture — **The Walter Garrard Trio**

CHARLES BOWYER

your host introduces himself and also the first act
who comes from Northampton

1. **WALLY ASHTON**

and his Living Marionettes

then

2. **ROY DARNLEY**

(of Bristol) that Popular Children’s Magician of the West
next

3. **ARTHUR LEO**

(of Leeds) with his “Chalky Talkie”

followed by

4. **EDWIN**

(of Bideford) in “Supreme Magic.”

INTERVAL

5. Music by **Walter Garrard Trio**

6. **THE MARTINOS**

(of Nottingham) “Trampolinists” start the second half.

7. **THE I.B.M. CLOWNS**

have this spot to themselves

8. **EDDIE DAWES and AMY**

(of Glasgow) “In Magical Make Believe” close 1961 Children’s Playtime.



THE I.B.M. CLOWNS AND FUNNY MEN

Led by **WILL NORMAN** :

MASKO, TRIKO, FRED WILES, TOM HARRIS, TED BAILEY

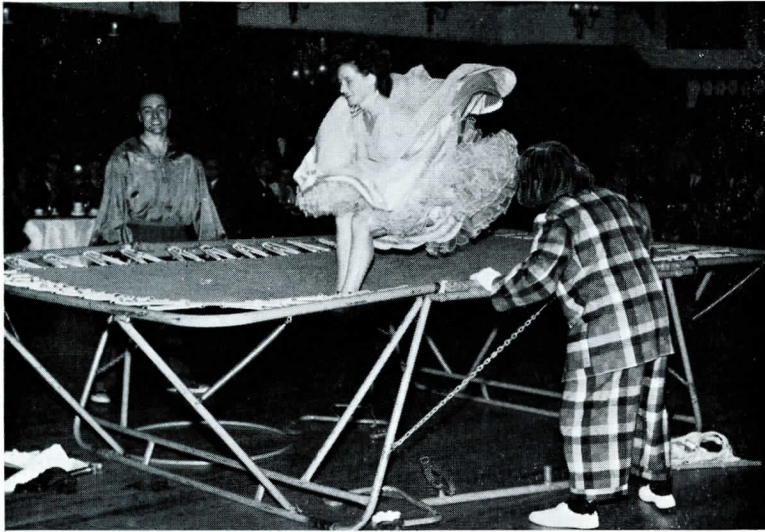


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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES

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Each judge shall keep his own record and no comparison with any other judge shall be allowed. At the conclusion of the competition each judge shall hand his marking paper to the Chairman of the judges and from their findings will announce the name of the winner and the runner-up.

The points which shall decide the judges in their voting shall be :—

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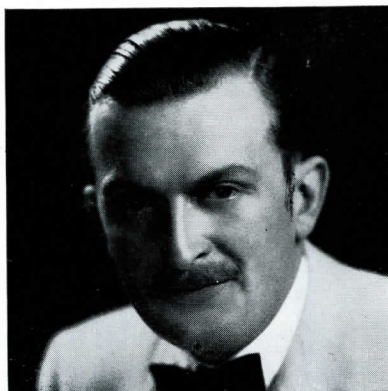
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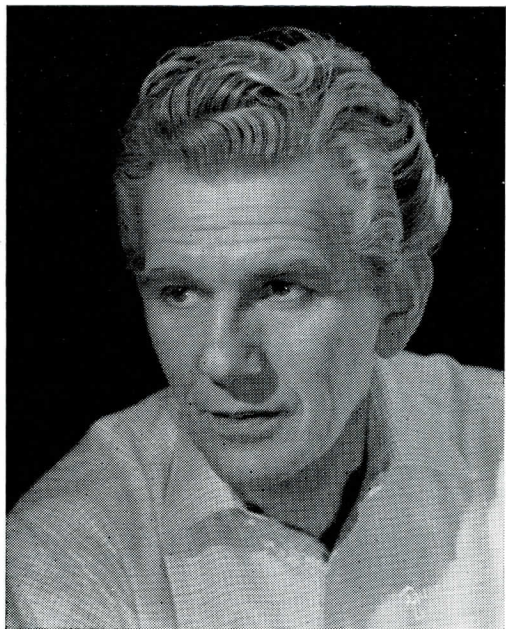


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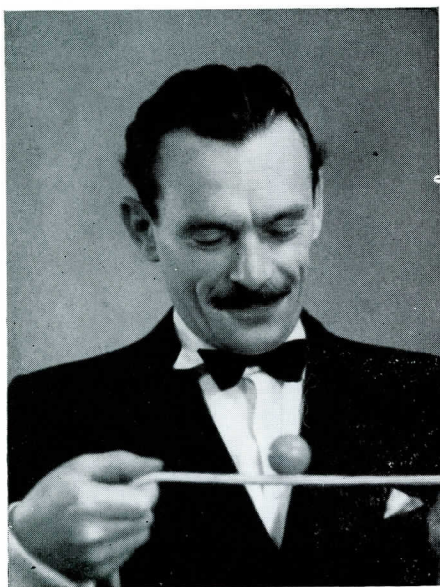
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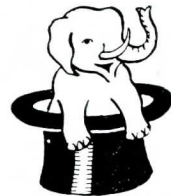
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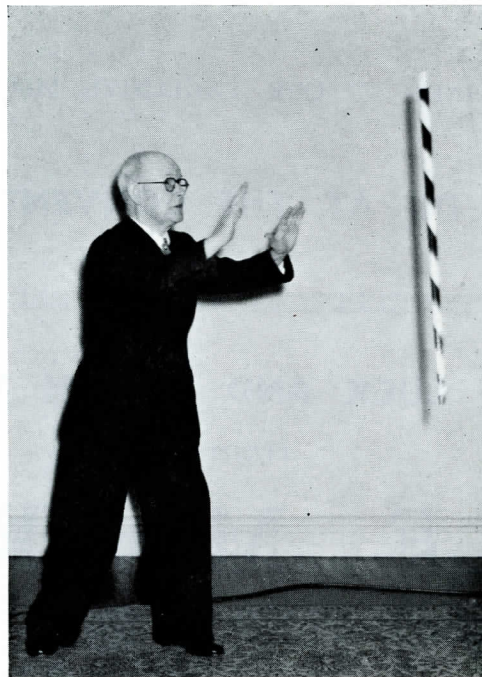
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