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NORTHAMPTON, 1936



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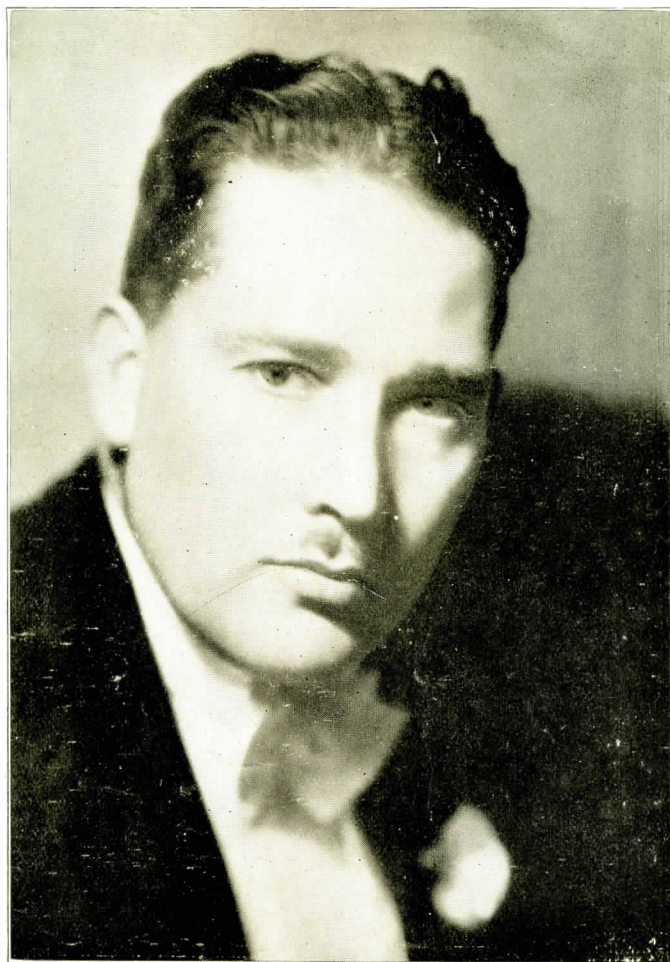
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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

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*A Hearty Welcome and Fraternal Greetings to ALL visiting
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from the following members :*

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Through the kindness of one of our members, Mr. C. Lankester, we have arranged for the Lower Assembly Hall to be a "Welcome" Club for Friday and Saturday, June 26th and 27th, where every visiting member will receive a hearty welcome. An information bureau will be provided with members of the Northamptonshire Magicians' Club in constant attendance, and a writing room with shorthand typist will be at the disposal of members of the I.B.M.

The Club invites all members of the I.B.M., the Northamptonshire Magicians' Club, and all friends and visitors to Tea on Friday, June 26th, in the Lower Assembly Room of Town Hall.



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 June 29 : Queen's, Poplar.
 July 6 : Empire, Kingston.
 13 : O. House, Leicester.
 20 : Met., Bootle.
 27 : New., Cardiff.
 Aug. 3 : Pav., Torquay.
 10 : Alh., Devonport.
 17 : Princess, Yeovil.
 24 : Grand, Luton.
 31 : County, Bedford.
 Sept. 7 : Hipp., Boscombe.

Scottish Tour to follow.



We the undersigned fellows and Members of the
 Institute of Magicians, London, and Members of the
 Inner Magic Circle, London.

Certify

That, together with other independent experts, we attended
 Transport Hall, Smith Square, Westminster, to examine a steel trunk
 used by The Great Levante in his performance. This inspection took
 place on Sunday the 14th of April 1935. The trunk was placed into our
 charge at 5.30 p.m. and remained in our possession until the commence-
 ment of the performance.

We had full power to carry out whatever examination we
 desired with the object of discovering any means whereby The Great
 Levante could substitute himself for the lady who was to be locked
 in the trunk.

At 9.30 we handed over the steel box to The Great
 Levante upon the stage, and after a final examination by a committee
 comprised of members of the audience who securely fastened the lady
 in a sack and placed her in the steel box, which they locked and
 corded, and in the space of only three seconds The Great Levante
 exchanged places with the lady.

We are unable to explain the mystery of how the lady
 escaped and The Great Levante substituted in her place in the
 locked trunk. We are of the unanimous opinion that there was not,
 as far as we could discover, any indication of traps or secret means
 of escape other than the normal means of raising the lid.

We have no hesitation in stating that in our opinion,
 The Trunk Mystery as presented by The Great Levante is The
 Mystery of Mysteries and the most bewildering effect yet
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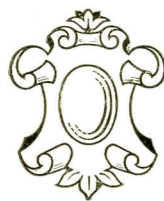


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THE GRAND HOTEL



Secretary's Office - Room 21

PROGRAMME



Members and Visitors are requested to register on arrival at the Lower Assembly Rooms, Town Hall, which will be set aside as a rest room, and where they will be received by a Reception Committee and will receive Convention Badge. Non-members will be charged 2/- for Convention Programme and Badge (free to members).

FIRST DAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 26th

3 p.m. Official Opening by the President at the TOWN HALL (Lower Assembly Room). Tea will be served through the generosity of C. Lankester, Esq. of the Northamptonshire Magicians' Club.

4.30 p.m. Special Outside Attractions (see announcements).

6.30 p.m. The Mayoress will receive members and friends at the Town Hall.
Light Refreshments. Impromptu Entertainment.

8 p.m. SUPPER (2/6) at the Grand Hotel.

(Those wishing to sit for supper would assist by giving their names to the Hon. Secretary during the afternoon).

Menu

CHICKEN CONSOMME
SALMON MAYONNAISE
SMALL DAINTY MIXED GRILL
APRICOT MELBA

9 p.m. CONCERT, at the Grand Hotel :

Part I

*arranged by the Northamptonshire
Magicians' Club*

ARCHIE TEAR - Manipulative Magic
ERIC C. LEWIS - Magic of 1936
PETER DOOLEY - Billy's Clever Son
G. H. TURNER - The Magical Gardener
BILLY MURDIN - Mystery & Magic
WILL VAUGHAN - The Tricky Trickster
ARTHUR VALENTINE - Only a Mystery Man

Part II.

arranged by the British Ring

GEOFFREY ROBINSON - Great
Unexpectations
CARDI - with a Smile and a Cigarette
OSWALD RAE - The Bewildering Humorist
CEDRIC - The Clever Boy Magician
DOUGLAS SWANSON - The Debonair
Deceiver

SECOND DAY - SATURDAY, JUNE 27th



- 10.30 a.m. Outside Town Hall. Official Group Photograph will be taken by Mr. Tom Hayter.
(It is hoped all members and visitors will endeavour to be present for this).
11. a.m. Charabanc Excursion including tour of Messrs. Padmore & Barnes Boot factory.
- 3 p.m. At the Town Hall. Special Matinee for Children.
(Under the auspices of the Northampton Mercury and in aid of local Charities). See Programme.
- 8 p.m. At the Town Hall. GRAND MAGICAL ENTERTAINMENT.
See Programme

It is advisable to book seats for these public entertainments.
Booking Agents : Messrs. Fraser, Son & Mackenzie, Abington Street.

Suppers can be obtained at the Grand Hotel after the evening entertainment at 2/6 per head, and should be ordered at the hotel beforehand. Buffet in Coffee Room and Snack Bar.

THIRD DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 28th

- 10.30 a.m. At the Grand Hotel. Annual General Meeting **for members only**, in the Coffee Room.
- 11.30 a.m. First Appearance Entertainment.
Any member who has not previously appeared at a Ring function is invited to appear at this entertainment.
- 1 p.m. FAREWELL LUNCHEON. 3/- per head.
(Orders should be placed with the hotel manager beforehand).

Menu

GREEN PEA SOUP
SALMON MAYONNAISE
ROAST SPRING CHICKEN, BACON, BREAD SAUCE
CAULIFLOWER, CREAM SAUCE, NEW POTATOES
ASSORTED COLD MEATS & SALADS
PEAR MELBA
CHEESE & BISCUITS
COFFEE EXTRA

Saturday, June 27th : Town Hall, Northampton



GRAND CHILDREN'S MATINEE

at 3 p.m.

ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH RING (I.B.M.)

Under the auspices of the Northampton Mercury and Herald. All proceed in aid of
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OVERTURE The Convention Orchestra under the direction of W. Griffiths

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ERIC WILLIAMS " Wizardry and Wisecracks "

Wm. G. STICKLAND, "THE WESSEX WIZARD " assisted by Poppy Gwynne

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STANLEY CABLE " The Magic of China "

THE KING

STAGE DIRECTION - - HARRY KAYE

Saturday, June 27th : Town Hall, Northampton



GRAND
PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT

at 8 p.m.

PROGRAMME

COMPARE - - WALTER KEMP

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THE KING

PROGRAMME UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HARRY KAYE

SENSATIONAL OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS !



FRIDAY, JUNE 26th

4.30 p.m. At Franklin's Gardens.

PAUL GRAHAM, the man with the Double Vision, will play a game of Tennis — completely blindfolded.

5.30 p.m. At Waterloo House, Market Square.

PAUL GRAHAM, completely blindfolded, will walk the parapet of the building.

CARDI will present his sensational "Death Drop" devised by Brunel White.

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MEMBERS OF THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MAGICIANS' CLUB, AND MANY OTHER
GOOD FRIENDS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.



The Magician's Ten Commandments

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By Douglas Dexter

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- 1.—Never tell your audience what you are going to do unless you have already done it. And never let anyone of your audience even **think** he knows how some feat is accomplished.
- 2.—Never disclose a secret, **method** or principle, either intentionally or otherwise, to anyone who is not a magician.
- 3.—Use dexterity in manipulation as a means to an end, and not the end itself, which is to create before your audience the **magician**. Dexterity alone, however flawless, is mere jugglery; it is not magic.
- 4.—Do not insult the intelligence of your audience. Be logical, use natural articles, talk in a natural way, let every movement be natural. The best way to attain originality is to be perfectly natural.
- 5.—Be suave, graceful, polished and commanding. Acquire a knowledge of psychology and human nature. Develop good style, deportment, showmanship and personality.
- 6.—Find your weakest spot, and strengthen it as much as possible, always viewing the whole effect as a spectator. The cleverer a magician is, the less he thinks of his ability.
- 7.—A short programme well presented is worth far more than a long one poorly handled. New tricks are of less value than the ability to perform perfectly the ones you already have.
- 8.—Remember that your services are worth just as much as you can command, and that giving free shows, or ones for low fees, cheapens your Art.
- 9.—Let nothing be done except according to the first principles of Art. To reveal Art and conceal the Artist is the aim of all true Art.
- 10.—Art is not a thing, it is the product of what you do. Do not try to be greater than your Art, try to be greater than you are.

HOW IS IT DONE
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