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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Next year, 1986, is the 900th Anniversary of Domesday Book - the first great survey of England. It was begun at Christmas 1085 and thereafter commissioners were sent throughout England asking Jurors the name of the manor or town; who had been the tenant in King Edward the Confessor's time and now: how many hides in it; how many ploughs and men on demesne; how many freemen and slaves; how much woodland, meadow and pasture; how many mills and fishpools; how much land added or taken away since Edward's time and the value then and now.

It is a unique document and great celebrations are planned to celebrate the Anniversary. The book itself, which is in two volumes, is very large and unwieldy as a result of various rebindings over the centuries and so it is being stripped down very carefully and rebound into five volumes for the occasion.

The Book, of course, contains the first ever reference to the village and manor of Swynnerton and to the tenant, Aslen or Alan, the progenitor of our family.

In view of this, Council have decided that we, too, should celebrate, in our own quiet way, this momentous occasion. They have, therefore, decided to POSTPONE the Gathering for this year until September 1986 so that we may combine the two events. A special tankard will be produced with an engraved commemorative certificate for all those who attend.

In case anyone from overseas has already made plans to come this year, there WILL still be a meeting with some talks but it will not be a full scale affair. More details later.

SOME BENEATH THE FURTHER STARS OF ONE MUSTER ALL OF US" (Kipling)

Tom Swinnerton

Thos. Cook, in the thirties, moved me into a dream world. I paid £20, he waved his wand, and six weeks and four days later, some 6330 miles away, I was in Tropical Africa.

From the depth of trade depression to development, from stunted wages to the hope of reward, from cold dampness to the warmth of the Veld, from the security of father's house to a mud hut in the bush, from bedraggled brown sparrows to the strutting glory of reincarnated princesses - the Blue Crested Cranes.

Shoving a railway barrow burdened with a large tool box and a small suitcase, too pink and too white - 'a proper Charlie' - I saw a sign 'Electrical Engineers' and went in and asked to see the manager. A Gnarled One said, rather too enthusiastically, "You a Spark"? "Yes" I said. Then its me you want to see - I am the Foreman". He ignored my proffered papers, qualifications which had taken me years to acquire back in Bushbury in Staffordshire, but asked to see my tools. A Rabone, a Stanley plane and a Neatsfoot-oiled Linesman's belt caught his eye - "Worked on a line have you"? "Yes". "When can you start"? "Now"

A job - within 20 minutes, including walking and talking time, the metamorphosis from the Brummagem Bureau was complete.

The Manager and I did meet some weeks later, at his request. The Gnarled One, a Rhodesian Engineer and a New Zealand surveyor were in attendance. Tea was served, the Rhodesian described the line to be built, the Anzac the route to be taken, whilst the Foreman and I pondered how to do the job - his first, my second (I had worked on the line between Preston and Lancaster, parallel to the A49).

The whole civilised world now lives under a web of transmission lines but this was to be the first for that part of the world.

23 miles (a mere nothing today) thrusting out into the haze following a line of white rags tied to thorn bushes by the surveyor. Dead straight - up Kopje, down Vlei, over Dongas, across five rivers alternating between trickles and torrents - the home of the baboon and leopard, the land of sunshine and green mealies (maize).

The Object of the Exercise (a phrase dear to all soldiers) was to convey electricity to a Citrus estate which, six years later, devoted its entire output to sustain the children of the United Kingdom with concentrated orange juice.

The map showed we were not the first to work in this bush, there was a dirt road, 30 years old, which wandered higgledy - piggledy from kraal to kraal: there was a railway, 25 years old, which twisted hither and thither to avoid the gradients but there was no dodging about for us, it was Go - Go - Slap - Bang - straight through the Bandu to provide light and power to process the citrus products.

The Gnarled One, a Colonial-born volunteer, old soldier (he had Squeak and Wilfred) decreed that the work should be 'halved' - he to stay at home and I to live in the bush! However, this suited me, for neither before nor since, have I been so happy or so confident as I was then.

Two points, for base camps, at about the 6 and 18 mile marks were selected from whence I could work fore and aft. My request to walk the route was endorsed, the company provided a truck, 303 rifle, 12 bore double-barrelled shot gun, camping gear, servant and a cook.

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Off we went for a 'scratch around and looksee' - the O.T.C. at Wolverhampton Grammar School had taught that 'time spent in reconnaissance is never wasted' (Infantry Training Vol.1) I walked the route out and in twice, 92 miles in all, sleeping in the open beside a fire under stars. A log was written up showing, within the swath, big trees, rocks, hard and - yes - soft ground before we returned 16 days later to be gruffly reminded that we were being paid "to run a line, not b...r about the b...y bush". My servant, cook and I all had broad smiles; we had enjoyed ourselves and formed a liaison which continued throughout the contract.

[Digressing - 'Lest we forget' - to reconnoitre or not became vital some years later in Burma where my friend, a Rhodesian, held that time thus spent was always wasted. His leadership was 'Get tore in'. The night crawl: the rush at dawn - he was ahead of us all when he was killed. Our member R.D.S. carries his name which is inscribed in stone at F.B.Chittagong - "He gave his today for our tomorrow" which is written on the memorial at Kohima]

Reverting to stringing up wire in the bush, we were chased back there to build a base camp on a piece of Africa between two white rags! Our stores and huts were built with vertical sticks intertwined with twigs, plastered with mud and roofed with overhanging reeds. These proved to be weatherproof and very snug. Labour began to emerge from the bush and 140 were taken on. They were big, black, bounding scallywags wearing only a smile, a twisted rag below in front and rather less than half of that behind. Each had his working tool - a native axe and offered to work for a shilling a day.

An apprentice from South Africa, who was of the house and lineage of President Paul Kruger, joined our little league of Nations. Piet was 17 years old, gigantic in stature, fit as a fiddle and anxious to learn. He was willing to work from sun-up to sun-down, seven days a week. Five years later he became a journeyman, went voluntarily to war and won a commission in the Sappers. After the war he set himself up as a consulting engineer and constructed thousands miles of 'grid'. He was elected to parliament and was a Cabinet Minister for seven years.. He has now retired to the coast where I hear his main occupation is fishing. God help the fish!

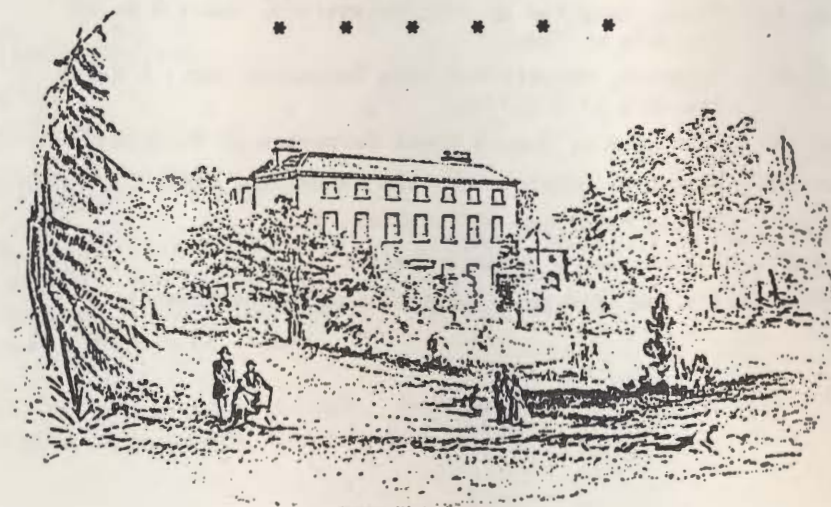
Ours was an intensive labour job, the trail was blazed with the axe: the scrub burnt: old truck springs were used to dig the holes: poles were carried by 24 men for up to 2 miles singing as they jogged: crossarms fitted: poles planted: insulators suspended and wires strained all without any mechanical aids. The baboon can say where our path was, the leopard purred as we passed. We climbed the Kopjes trusting to the stick of the dust - eagles were screaming above and rivers foaming below. Nightly, after

our labours, we ate and slept beside our fires, 142 black and two white men - in perfect peace and harmony, fellows of craft - no more and no less.

My original opinion of the foreman was quickly revised. He had the self reliance of the colonial born, I lacked for nothing in that bush, he anticipated my every need. Poles he bought in the Rain Forest 630 miles away, all else he conjured from 6000 miles away. The ironwork came from Cradley Heath, insulators from Toronto, arrestors from Illinois, copper wire from Bolton, transformers from Cardiff, switchgear from Manchester and meters from Coventry.

Due to his back-up, the line was completed, tested O.K., and accepted ahead of schedule. The handing-over cocktail party took place in a blaze of light with plumes, belts and swords and gloves and fancy hats for the ladies. The manager was very gracious to his guests, dispensing more than just tea! In the back ground were two 'proper charlies', the Gnarled One and I just waiting for the chance to fade into the bush again - he to retirement and I to the lesser latitudes of Darkest Africa.

(With acknowledgements to Rudyard Kipling from whom I have 'lifted' many expressions.)



SIGNAL "OLD HALL" C. 1900

SHROPSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS (14)WHITTINGTON

1745 Mar. 2	John, son of John Swinerton & Margaret, his wife of Daywell	Bap.
1748 Apr. 8	Edward, son of John Swinerton & Margaret, his wife of Daywell	Bap.
1750 Jun. 27	Margaret, daughter of John Swynerton & Margaret his wife of Daywell	Bap.
1752 Oct.15 NS	William son of John Swynerton & Margaret his wife of Daywell	Bap.
1755 Dec. 3	Thomas, son of John Swynerton & Margaret, his wife of Ebnal	Bap.
1755 Dec. 3	Margaret Swynerton of Ebnal	Inter.
1757 Jan. 5	Thomas, son of John Swinnerton of Ebnal	Inter.
1759 Nov. 16	John, son of John Swinnerton of Daywell	Inter.
1762 Apr. 13	John Swynerton & Jane Williams. b. of this p. by Thomas Barrett.	Banns.
1774 May 6	Samuel Daview & Catherine Swinnerton of this p. by W. Roberts	Banns.
1776 Mar. 19	John Swinnerton of the p. of Sellattyn, labr. of a wen on his neck, aged 61	Bur.
1782 Jan. 7	John Swinerton of the p. of Condoover & Sarah Edmunds of this p.	Banns.
1783 Sep. 14	Sarah, daughter of John Swinnerton, labr. & Sarah his wife of Ebnal	Bap.
1785 Sep. 4	Margaret, daughter of John Swinerton Labr. & Sarah his wife of Hindford	Bap.
1790 Dec. 26	John. son of John & Sarah Swinerton of Hindford	Bap.
1791 Mar. 25	Margaret, daughter of John Swinerton, aged 45	Bur.
1797 Dec. 4	Martha Sw(orton) of Frankton, 52	Bur.
1805 Jun 27	William Lee & Sarah Swinarton	Mar.

Notes: John (1) is son of John & Dorothy Swinerton of Oswestry.

ANOTHER SWINNERTON AUTHOR

Derek Palgrave, Chairman of The Guild of One-Name Studies and guest at our Gathering in 1983, in a recent letter says:-

'I was reading the Economic History Review recently when I saw a reference to MARK SWENARTON. Do you know of him? He appears to have written a book entitled 'Homes fit for Heroes' published by Heinemann, London in 1981.'

I assume this is our member Dr. Mark Swenarton but we do not have a copy in our collection of books by Swinnerton Authors.

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COURTS LEET and the COURT LEET of the BOROUGH of TAUNTON
Somerset Arch. & Nat.Hist. Soc. 1909 - H.Byard Shepperd.

A list of persons who have served the office of Constable.

1674 - ANTIPAS SWINERTON
Robert Brailey

1681 - ANTIPAS SWINERTON
Jasper Chaplin

(ex Michael Walcot)

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THE ANNUAL REGISTER 1854

Dec.10 At Butterton Hall, Staffs. Mary Milburn Swinnerton wid. of Sir Wm. Pilkington Bt. of Chevet Hall, Yks. d. & co-heir of Thomas Swinnerton of Butterton Hall & Wonastow Court, Monmouth. Died.

Dec 18 At Swinnerton Lodge, Dartmouth, Mary, relict of Sir Thomas Swinnerton Dyer. Died.

STRAY SWINNERTONS

The Federation of Family History Societies has an index (which is constantly being added to) of persons who were baptised, married or buried away from their normal place of residence.

Recently the following item has come to light:-

'SWINERTON' Geo. d.30 Jan 1780 age 26. Bur. at St.Pancras Church, Middx. (Monumental Inscription Tetbury, Glos. W.of E. Index)

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A SWINNERTON DISSENTER

In the Shropshire County Record Office there are two documents which throw considerable light on the Protestant non - conformity in the late 18th Century in the small market town of Market Drayton.

The first, dated 14 July 1790, records the prosecution (at the instigation of the Vicar of Norton in Hales) and fining of William Coal for preaching in the street at Market Drayton. He was fined £20 - a very large sum of money for those days. He did not pay and fled the district wherupon the Justice of the Peace (Thomas D'Avenant) levied the fine on 9 other men who attended the preaching.

The second document, dated about six weeks later, records the swearing of an oath against Popery by a number of Protestant dissenters from Market Drayton or Drayton in Hales as it was often known. Amongst those listed was THOMAS SWINNERTON of Drayton - a Currier.

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NOTTINGHAM POOR LAW RECORDS

SWINNERTON, Benjamin (bound). 1739 Bastardy Bond at Cropwell Bishop. Botham, Mary (mother of illegitimate son John) of Bingham. Caught and bowled?

THEY SERVED THEIR KING & COUNTRY (5)

In Volume 5 No.6 (Sept 1983), I published the obituary of Sgt Major WILLIAM HENRY SWINNERTON (1870-1929), a great-grandson of Ralph Swinnerton of Betley. In the next issue (Vol.5 No.7 Dec 1983) I published the obituary of his eldest son Gunner NORMAN HAROLD SWINNERTON (1898-1918)

Here now are the war records of three of his other sons, quite a military family,

WILLIAM HENRY SWINNERTON, the 3rd son, was born on the 2nd February 1908 at Chester Castle and enlisted in the Royal Regiment of Artillery in 1941. He served in the 1st Army in North Africa, Italy and Greece reaching the rank of Bombardier (Corporal).

JAMES NESS SWINNERTON, the 4th son, was born on the 24th May 1912 at Shotton, Flints and enlisted in the Grenadier Guards in 1933 at Caterham. He served for 3 years with the Colours in England and Egypt. He was recalled to Active Service in August 1939 and served in France until 1940 when he came out via Boulogne, having attained the rank of Sergeant. He was sent to OCTU for officer training but was invalided out with TB one week before he was due to receive his Commission. which was to have been in the (22nd) Cheshire Regiment, his father's old regiment. He died in 1948.

PATRICK FRANCIS SWINNERTON, the 5th and youngest son, was born on the 5th July 1916 at Connah's Quay. He enlisted on the 31 December 1939 also becoming a Gunner and joined the 122nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. He served in Malaya and Singapore from March 1941 to 15 Feb 1942 when he was taken prisoner at Singapore. having attained the rank of Lieutenant. He was in Thailand from June 1942 to Sept 1945 building the notorious Burma/Siam Railway but fortunately survived and today is a member of our Society.

WILLIAM HENRY
SWINNERTON
b.14Sep1870 N.U.L.
d.6Jul1929 Connahs Quay
(WS.139)
Sgt.Major-Cheshires

= Mary Cleare
b.13Jan1877 Roscleare
d.6Jul1959 Connahs Quay

A SOLDIERING FAMILY

NORMAN HAROLD SWINNERTON b.1Dec1898 Limerick d.on Active Service 21Jul1918 (NS.26) Royal Artillery	JOHN JOSEPH = Eileen McIntosh SWINNERTON 1932 b.8Oct1903 Connahs Quay d. (JS.404)	WILLIAM HENRY = Gwen Roberts SWINNERTON 1936 b.2Feb1908 Chester (WS.140) Royal Artillery	JAMES NESS = Ellen SWINNERTON Elizabeth Owen b.24May1912 Shotton d.16Jan1949 (JS.457) Grenadier Guards	PATRICK FRANCIS = Ellen Elizabeth SWINNERTON Swinnerton nee Owen b.5Jul1916 Connahs Quay (PS.46) Royal Artillery	ADA MARY(AS.160) b.23Jul1900 = Geo Jenkins 1941 Connahs Quay MARGARET LOUISE(MS.237) b.22Jan1902 Aldershot = Hugh Spence HELEN ANN(HS.117) b. Dec1907 India = Neville Griffith 1934 Connahs Quay JAMESINA KATHLEEN (JS.406) b.12Aug1909 Chester EILEEN RUBY(ES.221) b. 1910 d. 1910 Chester HILDA PATRICIA(HS.116) b.21Oct1913 Shotton = Jack McIntosh 1938 Connahs Quay
ANNE McINTOSH(AS.161) b.27Jul1933 West Kirby = Patrick William O'Niell 27Jul1956 Connahs Quay	WENDY(WS.141) MARGARET b. Oct1939 Hawarden = Paedar Mary Carhill 1962 Hawarden	PATRICIA(PS.47) MARY ELIZABETH b.2Jan1942 Hawarden = Norman Graham Michael Wilson 15Jan1964 Liverpool	RICHARD PATRICK = Trudy SWINNERTON Pettiman b.29Apr1942 Poole Frome (RS.143)	OWEN JAMES = Helen SWINNERTON MacCulloch b. Oct1944 1966 Frome Macclesfield (OS.14)	ELIZABETH ANN (ES.222) b.23Dec1945 Frome = Robert Berry 1967 Poole JANE (JS.408) MARGARET b.5May1951 Blandford = Anthony Dale 1983 Stafford
SUSAN GWEN(SS.162) b.2Aug1943 Hawarden = Anthony John Bicknall 1968 Hawarden	MARK D.... SWINNERTON b. 1963 Thanet (MS.340)	SIMON A.... SWINNERTON b. 1961 Poole (SS.233)	RACHEL JANE (RS.232) b. 1968 Bournemouth	ANNA LOUISE (AS.258) b. 1968 Macclesfield	VICTORIA JANE (VS.13) b. 1971 Macclesfield

JUNE 24, 1931.

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This article has recently been sent to me and although the author got quite confused with the earlier generations, I thought it was worth reproducing because of its interesting references to the early Oswestry Branch of the family. As a Swinnerton Dyer, she was descended from Sir John Swinnerton, Lord Mayor of London.

JUNE 24, 1931.

NOTES.

NOTES ON THE FAMILY OF SWINNERTON, OF OSWESTRY AND LONDON.

(Collected by the late Mrs. Martin, née E. M. Swinnerton-Dyer).

The Staffordshire family of Swinnerton, of Swinnerton, sent out several branches, and the late Mrs. Martin put together a very interesting collection of information regarding them, gathered from a great variety of sources. There was a Henry Swinnerton, burgess of Salop in 1681. He was a grocer, and came from Wrexham, and seems to have been connected with John Harwood of Shrewsbury, grocer, admitted as a burgess in 1658. However, in his will, proved in 1693, Henry Swinnerton is called draper. He left legacies to the six children of Mistress Harwood, widow.

SWINNERTON OF SWINNERTON, OSWESTRY AND BUTTERTON.

By E. H. Martin (Swinnerton-Dyer).

Arms, argent cross, pattée fleury within a bordure engrailed Gules.

The motto of the family, "Avancez et arbez bien," was granted in the Holy Wars as a reward for most extraordinary courage shown by an ancestor of the family in killing a Turk on the field of battle.

Barony by writ, 1337 to 1338. (Cokayne).

The account of the family to John Swynerton, father of Sir John Swynerton, has been taken from various printed accounts, "The Story of the Swynerton Family," by Canon Bridgeman, and the "Ancestor," but from this onward, from personal researches of Mrs. E. M. Martin.

In 1086 Alanna held Swynerton of Robert de Stafford. Erdeswick, in his account of

the family, says "this Alan is the ancestor of the Swynnertons." He had issue Robert de Swynerton, Lord of Swynerton, born 1122, died 1154, whose son, Robert de Swynerton, Lord of Swynerton, born 1148, died 1189, and had issue two sons: I. Robert de Swynerton. II. John de Swynerton. The eldest son, Lord of Swynerton, died in 1244. By his wife, Mabel, he had one son, Robert de Swynerton, Lord of Swynerton, who died without issue, 1245-6, and one daughter, Margery, who at her brother's death became his heir, and married as his second wife, her cousin, John de Swynerton. She died 1255, leaving issue Sir Thomas de Swynerton, Kt.

II. John de Swynerton was Lord of Parva Sugnell, by right of his wife, Petronilla, co-heiress of Little Sugnell, who died 1190, and left issue:—

John de Swynerton, Lord of Parva Sugnell and Peshall, by right of his first wife, Eleanor de Peshall, and of Swynerton by right of his second wife, his cousin, Margery de Swynerton. By his first wife he had issue: I. John de Swynerton, died without issue 1248. II. Stephen, died 1276. III. Robert, died 1272. IV. Richard, who took the name of Peshall, living 1270. The above account is taken from "Salop Transactions," Vol. VI., Part II., by the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher.

John de Swynerton was twice Sheriff for Stafford, he died 1254, and was succeeded by his son, Sir Thomas de Swynerton, Kt., Lord of Swynerton, who married Matilda, the daughter of Robert de Holland, and had issue:—

I. Sir Roger de Swynerton.

II. Sir John de Swynerton.

III. Thomas de Swynerton.

I. Sir Roger de Swynerton, Lord of Swynerton in 34 Edward I., 1305-6, had a charter for free warren in all his demesne lands in his manor of Swynerton, keeping a market on Wednesday every week, and a yearly fair on the Festival of Our Lady's Assumption. In 4 Edward II. 1310-11, he was in the wars in Scotland. In 11 Edward II. 1317-18, was Governor of the Town of Stafford, and three years after was made Governor of the Castle of Hardelegh in Wales. In the 15 Edward II. 1321-2, he had the custody of Eccleshall Castle during the vacancy of the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, to whom it belonged. In the 2 Edward III. 1328-9, he was made Constable of the Tower of London. Edward III. created him knight banneret (23 April, 1337), and granted him from the Exchequer £145 13s. 8d. for his wages of war into Scotland and his services in attending Queen Isabel. In the 9 Edward III. 1336-6, he was again in the Scottish Wars. Two years later he was summoned to Parlia-

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ment amongst the barons of the realm (by writ, 23 April, 1337). He married Johanna, the daughter of Sir Robert de Hastange, and dying 1338, left two sons, Roger his heir, and Robert de Swynerton, who was born in 1323. Cokayne says: "The Barony, if indeed such writ created an hereditary one, became dormant." Courthope states his son was Sir Thomas Swynerton.

Sir Roger de Swynerton, Lord of Swynerton, had issue by his wife Matilda, a son and heir, Sir Thomas de Swynerton, Kt., of Swynerton, who married Matilda, the daughter of Sir Robert Holland, Kt., and had issue Sir Robert de Swynerton of Swynerton, Kt., married Elizabeth, the daughter and heir of Sir Nicholas de Beke, Kt., by Joan his wife, the daughter of Ralph, Earl of Stafford, and dying 1385, had issue an only daughter, Matilda or Maud, who succeeded to her mother's estates. See Vol. VI., part II., "Shrop. Trans." She married first her cousin, Humphrey, the son of Sir Thomas Peshall, Kt., of Chetwynd, by his second wife, Alice, the daughter and heir of Roger Knightly. She married, secondly, Sir William de Ipstone, Kt., who died, — Oct., 1399, aged 26. Roger de Swynerton, probably her uncle, was slain by Sir John de Ipstone, — Feb., 1394. (Vol. VI., part II., "Shrop. Trans."). She married, thirdly, Sir John Savage, created knight by Henry V. at the Battle of Agincourt, 1415. Banks says that "An old 'Visitation of Chester' states that the above named Maud married 1st William Ipstone, by whom she had issue William, who died s.p., Christian, aged 6, in 1399-1400 (1 Henry IV.), and Alicia, aged 3. Her second husband was Humphrey Peshall, and her third husband, Sir John Savage, of Clyton."

II. Sir John de Swynerton, Lord of Swynerton (second son of Thomas and Matilda Holland) married Anne, the daughter of Philip de Montgomery, the Seneschal. He died 14 Edward III., 1340-1, and had issue:

II. Thomas de Swynerton, living 1360, from whom the Swynnertons of Buterton descend, and

I. John de Swynerton-Seneschal of Cannock, 16 Edward III. 1343-4. He married Christina, and died in 1380, leaving three sons.

I. Robert de Swynerton.

II. John de Swynerton.

III. Thomas de Swynerton, of Repington, co. Derby, who died 1429.

II. John de Swynerton married Juliana, and had issue, John de Swynerton, who married Clementia, the daughter of John

Mallorie and had two sons, John de Swynerton and Thomas de Swynerton of Hilton, who died 1449, leaving two co-heirs, Anne de Swynerton, married John Mytton of Mytton, by Margaret, daughter of Thomas of Lea, he died 1439, and Alice de Swynerton, married Richard Beauford of Cannock and Bereford, co. Oxon, Forester of Cannock Wood, co. Stafford.

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JULY 8, 1931.

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THE SWINNERTON FAMILY OF OSWESTRY AND LONDON.

(Collected by the late Mrs. Martin, née E. M. Swinnerton-Dyer).

(Continued from June 24, 1931).

I. Robert de Swynerton of Swynerton, married Johana, the daughter of Thomas de la Pipe. Robert de Swynerton died 1410, and had issue:

Humphrey de Swynerton of Swynerton, Sheriff for Stafford, 1450, and married Matilda, the daughter of Henry Appleby, and dying 1478, left issue:

I. Thomas Swynerton of Swynerton, who married Margaret, the daughter of Robert de Tranham, and had issue, Humphrey Swynerton of Swynerton, who married Margaret, the daughter of Sir Thomas Aston, Kt., and had issue Sir Thomas Swynerton, Kt., of Swynerton, who died 1530, and married Alice, the daughter of Robert Stanley, of York, leaving a son, Humphrey Swynerton, who died 1562, who married Cassandra, the daughter of Sir John Gifford, Kt., and left two co-heirs, Margaret de Swynerton, married Henry Vernon, Esq., of Sudbury, and by her father's will inherited the Hilton estate, and Elizabeth de Swynerton, who inherited the Swynerton estate, and married, first, 1552, William, the son of Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, of Norbury, the celebrated judge in the time of Henry VIII. She was the ancestress of Thomas Fitzherbert of Norbury and Swynerton, who was born 30th August, 1746, and married in 1778, Mary Ann, youngest daughter of Walter Smythe, of Brambridge, co. Hants., and niece of Sir Edward Smythe, of Acton Burnell, co. Salop, the widow of Edward Weld, of Lutworth Castle, who was the celebrated Mrs. Fitzherbert, the wife of George IV. It is only within the last few years that the

Swynnerton estate has been sold. In the "Papal Register Letters," Vol. V., page 125, dated 2 Ides of March, 1398, "Richard Dyer, appointed Rector of Swynnerton, in the Diocese of Worcester. In the Church of Shreshill, co. Stafford, the parish of Hilton Park, is a monument to Humphrey de Swynnerton and Cassandra his wife. In the Church of Swynnerton is a cross-legged effigy of a member of the Swynnerton of the time of Edward I.

In the Church of All Saints, Braybrooke, is a remarkable fresco of Maud Swynnerton, who died 1363, the widow of Sir John de Latimer, who died 1340, and there are traces of her two husbands standing on either side.

Elizabeth de Swynnerton married secondly Francis Gatacre of Gatacre, who died 1590, son of William Gatacre of Gatacre, by Eleanor (who died 1577), the daughter of William Mytton of Mytton, co. Salop, Sheriff of Salop, 1544 (who died 1591, aged 100). Richard Mytton, the brother of Eleanor, married, firstly, Anne, daughter of Sir Edward Grey, kt., of Enville; secondly, according to one authority, a daughter of Jenkin Pigot; and thirdly, Eleanor, daughter of George Harborne.

The Rev. F. W. Kittermaster, in "Shropshire Arms and Lineage," gives:—

"Swynnerton. Argent, a cross fleury sable, the arms of Humphrey Swynnerton."

John Swynnerton, Sheriff 1332.

Thomas Swynnerton, Sheriff 1342.

Sir Edward Lyttelton, kt., who died 16th Oct., 1568, married first, Ellen, the daughter of Humphrey de Swynnerton. Elizabeth, the daughter of Roger Swynnerton, married William Moke, of Gunston. ("Visitation of Gloucester")

Nash's "History of Worcester," 1823. Thomas Swynnerton, of Claines, co. Worcester. 1436 John Swynnerton, Bayliff in the time of Worcester.

II. John Swynnerton (second son of Humphrey, 1470), was of Eccleshall, co. Stafford.

III. Robert Swynnerton, third son, married Johane. In the William Salt "Collections of Stafford," he calls him Roger, and says he was the son or grandson of Humphrey Swynnerton. He married Johane—and left issue, Ralph Swynnerton, of Oswestry, co. Salop, citizen and merchant taylor of London. William Salt says he was the youngest son. There are several accounts of the Swynners; in one, the wife of Ralph is given as Mary, the daughter of Fawte, but I think this is an error, as she is mentioned as the wife of his son John, who was the father of Sir John Swynnerton, kt., Lord Mayor of London.

In the Marriage Licences, granted by the Bishop of London, is one for the marriage of John Swynnerton, and Mary Fawte, spinster, of St. Margaret, Lothbury, London, to be married there 29th July, 1563.

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THE SWINNERTON FAMILY OF OSWESTRY AND LONDON.

(Collected by the late Mrs. Martin, nee E. M. Swinnerton-Dyer).

(Continued from July 8, 1931).

OSWESTRY-SWINNERTON REGISTERS.

1587. Feb. 7. Richard Shelvock and Katherine Swinnerton were married.

1614. Feb. 24. James Swinnerton of Trevonnen was buried.

1615. Oct. 1. Richard Swynnerton and Katherine Moody was married.

1620. May 17. Randell, the son of Richard Swyn'ton of Trevelch was baptized.

1622. Feb. 10. John Swynarton and Margaret Allen was married.

1639. Mar. 22. Ales Swinarton of Sweney was buried.

1654. Ap. 23. . . . the daughter of John Swinarton, smith, was borne.

1663. Aug. 13. Jane, the wife of William Swynerton of Gronwen was buried.

1666. Ap. 19. Alice the daughter of John Swynarton blacksmith was buried.

1666. May 18. Hugh the sonne of John Swynerton blacksmith was buried.

1676. Sept. 10. Richard Swinnerton, son of John Swinnerton smith a servant to John Blodwell of Leg Street gent who died suddenly in roft y pistell.

1686. May 2. Thomas Swinnerton and Mary Jones were married.

1688. Oct. 14. Richard, son of Thomas Swinnerton of Church Street and Sarah his wife borne and baptized Be'attyn.

1752. Mar. 1. Elizabeth daughter of Morris Swinnerton and Margaret his wife baptized—buried 7th May..

1753. July 7. John, son of above baptized.

1781. Sept. 19. Morris Swinnerton whose Body underwent an Inquisition at the Eagles.

1798. — Jan. Philip Swinnerton witness to a marriage.

In the fifth part of the Oswestry Register is a long Memorandum relating to John Swinnerton of which the following is an ab-

stract:—

"Memorandu 'that about the 18 Oct. 1608 John Swynarton Esquire late Citizen and Merchant Taylor of London deceased,' in the tyme of his sicknes whereof he died. and about five daies before his death beinge asked by his son Sir John Swynnerton Knt. Citizen and Alderman of London, whether he would perfect a former draught of a will

which in his former sicknes he had caused to be drawn wth some blanke be, the said John Swynnerton the father answered therunto sayinge theis words following vnto— 'I came out of debt and what I have I leave vnto yor mother and you I knowe you will do things better than I would haue you onlie theis poore seruants that haue taken paines with mee I praye you consider well, namelie Pierce Williams, and John Baldwyne, and two maids: for Pierce, he is your kinsman consider him well, wherevnto the said Sir John Swynnerton answered his said father, that he was minded as to doe. And for Pierce, he would give him ten pounds Annuitie soe longe as he lived as the saide Mr. Swynnerton his father did forme lie inced to him. To the which the said Mr. Swynnerton said, he should then doe well. Then the said Sr. John Swynnerton asked the said Mr. Swynnerton his father what other matter he would haue done: and he answered nothinge. but that those thirtie poor which he gaue relief vnto weekelie in the Towne of Oswestrie. where he was borne the same might be continued to the worlds end. And for all other matters hee said vnto his said sonne he knewe his mynde, and lefte it to him to doe what was fitting. Theis things above written weare spoken and said, the said Mr. Swynnerton Esquier then being in good and p'fect memorie in the p'sence and hearinge of us p'me Pearce Williams, the marks of Marie Swynnerton widow the lat wief of the saide Mr. John Swynnerton p'me John Balden.'

Folio 363. Decimb nono die mensis Januarij Anno Dñ'i juxta cursu' et computacionen. Eccleie Anglicane millimo sexcentesimo octavo Emanavit Commissio Dni Johi Swynnerton militi filio n'ralli. et legitimo dicti def' administrand bona iura et oredita eius -dem Def iuxta tenore' et effectu' testamenti sive vltime voluntatis predicti defuncti eo quod nullu' in eodem omnino iominaverit executores de bene ete Jurat Maria Swynarton relic a d'oi defuncti ex certis causis etc. oneri Administraconis bonoru' eiusdem defuncti expresse tenu' ciau.

Concordat cum Regro predicto f'ta collacone p'me Rob'tum Erswell. notarium publicum."

Sir John Swinnerton was Lord Mayor of London in 1612. He was son of John Swinnerton and Mary his wife.

In the will of John Swinnerton, 18 Oct., 1608, he mentions Peirce Williams as kinsman of Sir John Swinnerton. In the will of James Phillips of London, Esquire, Item. I doe give and bequeath unto my lovinge sister Judeth Pierce, and to her heires and assignes for ever. All my Messuages or Tenements with the appertenance situate in Golden Lane London in the several tenures or occupations of Mr. Hinson, and the widow Fowler or their Assignes. Item I do give and bequeath unto my said sister Judith Pierce unto her heire and assigns for ever upon condition that she and her husband shall and do release and discharge my executors hereinafter named of and from the debt or sum of three hundred Pounds which I do owe and stand indebted to her and her husband and daughter. All those my two messuages and tenements with the appertenance situate in New Market in London. To hold to her and her heires and assignes for ever.

In 31 Elizabeth 1688-9, John Swinnerton purchased a messuage at Dudleston, co. Salop, of John Trevor Vaughan. He died in London in 1608, and was buried in St. Mary le Virgin, Aldermanbury, in the Swinnerton vault. In the registers is this entry: 1608. Oct. 24. Mr. John Swinnerton, the father of Sir John Swinnerton Knt. and Alderman, buried.

In the Parliamentary Reports on Charities Mary Swinnerton, the wife of John Swinnerton, and the mother of Sir John Swinnerton, Knt., Lord Mayor of the City of London, said she was born in the parish of Lerdene, and that she settled a charity of £5 4s. yearly for the poor out of the estate of Stanway Hall, co. Essex. It is now paid out of Chigts Hill Farm.

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THE SWINNERTON FAMILY OF OSWESTRY AND LONDON.

(Continued from August 12, 1931).

Sir John Swinnerton, Knt., son of John Swinnerton of Oswestry, was born 1666; was Member of Parliament for Petersfield 1601. Sheriff of London 1602, for East Grinstead

1604 to 1611; created Knight 26 July, 1603 Lord Mayor of London 1612-1613; he was a member of the Merchant Taylor's Company. In his younger days he travelled in Spain and served Queen Elizabeth with all her wines and accumulated a very large fortune. By Indenture dated 3 April 43 Elizabeth 1600-1 he purchased from William Nutbrowne for the sum of £5,000 the Manor of Bellhouse, 1,700 acres, and a moiety of the Manor of

Much Stanway, Little Stanway, and the adjoining parishes and the moiety of the advowson of the Church of Much Stanway, together with the "White Hart," formerly belonging to Richard Nasscott, all in Essex. In 14 James 1., 1616-17, general livery was given him for all his lands in Duddleston, co. Salop.

WILL OF SIR JOHN SWYNNERTON, KNT.

125 Cope. Dated 7 Sept. 1616. I, Sir John Swinarton Knt, being about the edge of one and fiftie yeares, And (thanks be given to God) in perfect health and memorie etc. I bequeathe my soul to Almighty God, My Bodie to be buried in the upper end of the South Ile of St. Marie Aldermanburie Church, in the place I caused to be made there, wherein my beloved father and mother lie buried the ground as I remember, I purchased.

My funerall to be performed christianlie and with all decencie and that there be a sermon made to the congregation by some Godley and learned preacher.

All my debts to be paid, and then my estates to be divided into three equal parts, One full third part, I give to my good, beloved honest wife Thomasine Swinarton, one third to be equally divided amongst my children unadvanced, that is to say: Richard, Thomas, and Robert Swinarton my sonnes, and Thomasine and Anne Swinarton my daughters.

To my wife also all that my messuages, lands, or tenements known by the name of Birche Hall. She to have also, the use of the dwelling house in Aldermanburie rent free, so long as she continue as my widow, She permitting my soone Henrie, and the like familie in number he now hath, to have their accustomed lodgings therein with and under her who I do require and charge to bee dutifull and obedient unto her.

To my wife, the Chaîne of gould that usuallie she was wont to weare with her weddinge ringe and one other round set with diamonds, also one other small diamond ringe with her braceletts of gould given her for token of my love unto her and all her apparell, furniture, etc.

To my lovinge and obedient sonne Henrie Swinarton over and besides all those lands in Stanway and in the Manor of Cokermouth (Cokenhatch) in the county of Essex, which were conveyed to him on his marriage. I do give the mansion house Parke, Game of deare there, and all that warren of Cunneys demised to Henrie flynehe, and fishe and fisheponds all courts etc. in Stanway; woodes, the advowson, and free dispensation of so much of the profits of the church of Stanway as bellongeth to the owner of the Manor to him and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, for lack of such heirs, to Thomas Swinarton my third son and the heir male of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such heirs to my fourth son Robert Swinarton and the heir male etc. and for lack of such heirs to my right heirs.

To my son Henrie Swinarton my Manor of Little Birchard the advowson of the church, except such as I have made over to my wife, for lack of heirs to my son Henrie Swinarton, then to my son Thomas Swinarton, for lack of heirs to my son Thomas Swinarton then to my son Robert Swinarton, for lack of heirs to my son Robert Swinarton, then to my right heirs.

If Stanway comes to any other son than Henrie Swinarton, that son to pay £1,500 to such daughters as Henrie Swinarton may have left.

The part of the house in Aldermanburie I am seized of in fee simple, I leave to my son Henrie Swinarton and his heirs, for lack of such heirs to my son Thomas Swinarton and his heirs.

Henrie Swinarton or any son whose heirs this property to pay to my second son Richard Swinarton £100 per annum; but if Richard go about to alien or sell this—the annuity shall cease.

If Richard Swinarton happen to marry any woman of good name and place, and she outlive him, and have issue by him at his death this annuity to continue and on her death to the children. If she have no children she to have on £50 per annum. The residue of the house and garden I hold by lease—all this to my son Henrie Swinarton. In respect of the annuity to my son Richard Swinarton I give to Henrie Swinarton £500 being the moiety of the legacy I once determined to give to Richard Swinarton, but I have altered my interest owing to the irregular courses of my son Richard Swinarton.

To my son Henrie Swinarton my scale ringe and half the bookes in my study.

To my son Richard Swinarton as his courses have been verie exorbitant and evell to the great grief of myself and his mother and notwithstanding promises no reformation hath taken place, I give him only a customary

part of my estate and the annuity of £100 and so God bless him and make him at last to see his errors and reforme his lief.

To my son Thomas Swinarton those three tenements in Aldermanburie in the occupation of Francis Herdman, Abraham Tompson and Thomas Brorone if he have no male issue then to my son Robert Swinarton and if he have no male issue to him, then to my heirs.

To him a customary part of my personall estate, also the house or tenement in Tottenham and £1,000. This to be paid into the Chamber in London till my son Thomas Swinarton is 21.

If Thomas Swinarton die a minor his share to go to Henrie, Robert, Thomasine and Anne Swinarton.

To my son Thomas Swinarton my Turkey ringe, my signet or seals ringe which was my father's and half the remainder of the bookes in my study. God bless my son with his grace. Amen.

To my lovinge and obedient son Robert Swinarton a customary part of my personall estate and £1,000. If Robert Swinarton die a minor, his share to be divided between Henry, and Thomas Swinarton and my daughter and daughters unadvanced at my decease. I give to him my gem ringe, and the remainder of my bookes in my study. And so God bless him. Amen.

To my lovinge and obedient daughter Marie Miller an annuity of 100 marks out of my lands at Stanway to be paid by my son Henrie and her husband shall not intermeddle therewith and God bless her. Amen.

To my lovinge and obedient daughter Thomasine Swinarton a customary part of my personall property and also £1,563 6s. 8d. when 21 or married, if she die a minor half the money to my daughter Anne Swinarton and the other half between my sons Henrie, Thomas, Robert and my daughter Anne or such as are living. And God bless them. Amen.

To my daughter Anne Swinarton a customary part of my personall estate and £700 at 21 if she die a minor her share half between my daughters Marie Miller and Thomasine Swinarton. The other half between my sons Henrie, Thomas, and Robert Swinarton.

My four youngest children Thomas, Robert, Thomasine and Anne Swinarton.

To each manservant in my house, and to the boy in the kitchen £5 each.

To my maid servants that is to say to Elizabeth Owen my ancient painfull and honest servant £60 towards her advancement in marriage. To the rest of my maidservants 50s. each.

To the Town of Oswestry, where my father was borne accordinge to his will and bequest I give out of my lands in Salop £5 4s. per annum to buy 2s. in bread a week for the poor there.

To the Town of Loxden in Essex accordinge to the will of my mother 2s. a week in bread for 41 years after my mother's decease.

I bind my house called Stanway Hall and demises to answer this

To the Hospital of Christ's Church of which I am a governor, £100.

To the other three Hospitals £10 each.

To four prisons in London £5 each.

To the parish of St. Alphege in London where I was borne £7 per annum for ever to be laid out in twopenny wheaten bread 2s. 6d. each week and distributed amongst 15 of the most honest aged and poore inhabitants. Stanway Hall and Birch Hall to answer this and likewise to pay out of the profits of the said demises for ever one-fifteent. part into the Ringe only wch at anie tyme by parliament the sd. parish is to paye. The house where my Lord Zouch now dwelleth only excepted.

To the poor of St. Mary Aldermanburie £10.

To the poore men and women the numbers beinge accordinge to my age, which I think is about 61, to whom I ordered that 4d. a week should be paid to each, this to continue three months after my decease and then to end.

To my son-in-law Mr. John Miller as a remembrance £20.

To my two grandchildren Robert Miller and Dorothy Miller each £20 at 21 or married. And so God bless them. Amen. To my daughter Swinnerton £20.

To Sir Robert Miller and my lady Miller his wife 30s. each for ringes.

To the preacher that shall make my funerall sermon, £5, and £5 to Mr. Harlande although he preach not and 40s. to the clerk of the Church.

To my wife and children, to my son-in-lawe and daughter-in-law (Marie wife of Henry) my two grandchildren, all my household servants, and my sonnes, and sonne-in-lawe's servants, to five cople of my owne kindred them and their wives, to Sir Robert Miller and my ladie, and Cozen Dorothy, to the preacher Mr. Harland and the clerke, and to one and fiftie men mourninge gowns. My wife and my son Henrie executors. My friends Thomas Jones Esqre. and Hamlett Clarke gent. overseers.

Jesus when this Life in me is ended, grant that my soule may lyve with Thee in Glory evermore. Amen. Signed John Swinarton. Witnesses Thomas Jones, Hamlett Clarke, John Monde, Godhelpe Cooper, John Mog ridge.

Codicil dated 7 Dec. 1616. As regards my daughters, unless they marry husbands that have £400 in lands per annum at the time of their marriage and £400 more in reversion they shall only have such as would have come to them by the custom of the City of London.

To my cousin Rebecca, the wife of John Heneynge £20. Signed John Swinarton. Witnesses Robert Willan, Thomas Morntford, Hamlett Clarke.
Proved in London 13 Dec. 1616.

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OUR EARLY EMIGRANTS

Bill Swinarton of Canada has received a letter from Gretchen Anne Hovemeyer of Cambridge, Mass. who has been sending him a lot of new information on the American family, in which she says:-

Vol.7 page 48 of the Historical Collections of the Essex Institute (Salem, Mass.) has this:

Gleanings from English Records about New England Families communicated by James A. Emmerton and Henry F. Waters.

John Gilbert, of Woodford, Co. Essex, 16 Aug 1615, pr. 31 Aug 1615. The abstract of his will mentions cosen Elizabeth Swynton, wife of James Swynton ..(Rudd L.73)

She says there are a bunch of families in the Gleanings, alphabetically by surname, with abstracts of wills etc from England. The entry is indexed under SWINNERTON!

Bill says he finds this interesting because of the Gilbert connection, as in SFH.2 p.36 there is a mention of another Gilbert will in 1667 to which Jasper Swinerton was a witness.

He says he leaves it to me to make something out of all this!

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PALATINATE of CHESTER Recognizance Rolls II Henry V - Henry VII

1484 Dec 14. Edward Duncalf, HUMPHRY SWYNARTON, John Worth son and heir of Thomas Worth, Thomas Shrygley and Thomas Falowes to the King, recognizance for 200 marks that the said Edward keep the peace towards Thomas Mascy (1 & 2 Ric.3 m.5 (2))

(ex Mrs Anne Cole)

My plea in the last journal has brought a most unusual recipe! Tom Swinnerton, the author of the article on page 22, eventually moved from Rhodesia to South Africa and became a butcher. Biltong is the dried meat which the Boers always carried and on which they were able to live for long periods. It is very nourishing and, I can assure you, very tasty.

SWINNERTON'S BILTONG - PORT ELIZABETH, R.S.A.

Preserving Mixture:-

For 25 Kgs. fresh boneless beef (Tom suggests 1/10 quantities for trial run.)

Dairy Salt	500 Grammes	Essential
Black Pepper	10 "	"
Brown Sugar	180 "	"
Saltpetre	20 "	Optional
Soda Bicarbonate	20 "	"
Aniseed	100 "	"
Coriander Ground	100 "	"
Allspice	4 "	"
Garlic Salt	10 "	"

Method:-

1. Select any good quality beef cuts from a young carcase, minimum fat.
2. Cut meat with grain into strips 50 x 50 mm, any length.
3. Rub preserving mixture into meat.
4. Lay strips in a plastic dish and sprinkle with a mixture of Vinegar and Water 1 & 1.
5. Leave overnight, next day dip into HOT Vinegar/Water mixture and hang up to dry in cool, draughty area. When dry, can be frozen immediately.



BOERS INVADE NATAL:1899

FAMILY NOTES

We were very sorry indeed to hear of the death of our member Mr David Henry Foxcroft Swinnerton on the 22nd Dec. 1984. Mr Swinnerton had not been a member for very long but nevertheless, contributed quite a lot to our knowledge of his branch of the family. We are glad to say that Mrs Swinnerton is continuing the membership and that her son Mr RAYMOND FRANK SWINNERTON of [redacted] [redacted] is also becoming a member. We send our sincere sympathy to them both.

Our Congratulations go to Miss Sheila Swinnerton, elder daughter of our member Hugh Swinnerton of the Chester branch of the family, on her marriage on the 23rd April 1983 to Mr Geoffrey Willetts of Chester and of the subsequent birth of their son, David Geoffrey, on the 17th March 1984.

Double Congratulations to member David Swinnerton of Oakham, firstly on his promotion to Sergeant in the Royal Air Force and also on the birth of his daughter, Jennifer, on the 14th February 1985.

Our PRO, Joe Swinnerton, has been taking his job seriously and has just returned from a tour of New Zealand where he visited our member Mrs Bolitho and also contacted other Swinnertons. We look forward to hearing all about it.

Finally, may I appeal to those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1985 to do so quickly - they are now three months overdue and this is the last journal you will receive until they are renewed. I regret to report that 52 UK members, 21 USA, 8 Canadian, 5 Australian and 1 other have not done so - nearly half the membership!

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