

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths are inserted in this column without charge. In Memoriam Notices, 50c and 10c per line additional for poetry.

DIED

**SMITH** — At the Guelph General Hospital, May 7th, 1944, Thomas Smith, beloved husband of the late Emiline Selina Donaghy, and dear father of Mrs. Clare Pickett (Helen).

Brevities

- Mothers' Day on Sunday.
- Miss Hume has rented her home on Martin Street to Mr. Noble of the Milton Lumber and Coal Co.
- The nice yellow road maintainer was on Highway 25 again this week. Never knew a yellow wagon could be so attractive.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ford and Teddy of Acton are moving to Milton next week. Mr. Ford has recently obtained a position as turnkey in the Halton County Jail.

FRENCH LOAN—AT ROMMEL'S EXPENSE

For having recounted, in a shop, a "political pleasantries" Frau Margarete Schroder, aged 56, was condemned by a special court to nine months' imprisonment, according to a report in a Stettin paper of last October. The president of the court said it mattered little whether Frau Schroder really intended to mock certain officials or not. What mattered was the effect that such jokes could have.

A few days later the Rhein-Mainische Zeitung at Frankfurt published a statement that it was the duty of everyone to bring to account any person who, in view of the gravity of events, repeated political jokes. Those who invent such jokes ought to be considered as saboteurs and condemned to death, in the opinion of that paper.

Threats do not, however, prevent such jokes from circulating in Germany. As evidence, here is one about Rommel which had a vogue, and was broadcast in the BBC's French transmission:

Rommel, in Paris, found himself short of money. So he got in contact with a banker and asked for a loan. The banker consented at once and spread out a bundle of bank notes. A little astonished, Rommel took them and remarked: "But you haven't asked me for guarantees! Do you want a receipt?" "Oh, that isn't necessary, Monsieur le Field Marshal," came the answer, "you borrowed Lybia, Tunisia, Sicily and you returned them."

HUNTERS SEEK MOOSE AVOID BLACK BEAR

Noting a fair amount of moose being handled by trains of the Canadian National Railways at the St. Catherine Street Station of the Canadian National Railways, and a complete absence of black bear, which in past seasons were much in evidence, L.P. Bourbonniere, the local agent, organized a modest Gallup poll to ascertain the reason. A quiz of hunters revealed that because of the scarcity of sporting ammunition they are centering their sights on Moose and Deer to provide something substantial for the family larder. Thus they pay no attention to Mister Bruin when he comes in sight. Friend wife will accept venison, but bear meat is not a general favorite with housewives. Quite a story Mr. Bourbonniere developed.

TRAIN EXPRESS CARRIES QUANTITIES OF SEAFOOD

Approximately six million pounds of fresh sea food have been shipped to Montreal from the Atlantic, Pacific and inland waters by fast trains of the Canadian National Railways, during the last year, such shipments being handled as express deliveries. This total represents a substantial increase over the previous year. The largest proportion, 3,971,000 pounds came from Atlantic fisheries, while the second largest amount, 1,200,000 pounds came from Pacific waters and was shipped from the Canadian National facilities at Prince Rupert. Manitoba fresh water fisheries yielded 375,000 pounds and the balance came from various inland sources. To handle these important fish shipments at Montreal a special platform is being constructed at the new Central Station.

HANGED—OR ELSE

An Ottawa lady is very anxious to see a group formed who will see that Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Himmler, Mussolini, Count Ciano and all others of the gang in Germany, Italy and Japan are hanged. We do not think it necessary for unless they are, the public will demand that capital punishment be abolished. — Pembroke (Ont.) Standard-Observer.

"YOU CAN'T LIVE ON LOVE"

The old adage was confirmed last week by Sgt. Wilf. Barbeau, of the Military Headquarters, and his brand new bride the former private Belle McLeod of the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

Off to a quiet cabin on Lake Louise for their honeymoon, tragedy struck that night and temporarily ended the idyllic situation. They'd both forgotten their ration books.

—Colborne Express

Obituary

**MARY JANE McTAGUE**  
Mary Jane McTague, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ivan Gould, Mill Street, Milton, on Friday, May 6th, 1944, in her 88th year. Mary Jane Trimble was the widow of the late James McTague.

She has been a invalid for a number of years, but she bore her affliction with a cheerful spirit and a smile. Mrs. McTague was born in Milton and after her marriage moved to Drumbo, where interment was made on Saturday May 6th. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Bella Staples of Boston, U. S.; one son, James of Drumbo, 6 daughters, Annie of Hamilton; Ella Morley and Alice Gould, Milton, Lilly, Reg. N., Kitchener, Ont. Emma Pauptz, of Milton, Minnie Pickering of Waterloo, sixteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Her passing ended a long and useful life.

What Made England

What made England? Here is the answer of Rt. Hon. Lord Queenborough, president of the Royal Society of St. George in a recent statement: "The history of the English has been one of sturdy self-reliance in the individual members of the race, fostered and nurtured through the generations. The early Empire of the Elizabethans was founded and has been, through the centuries, maintained by a race taught to rely upon the personal initiative and qualities of the individual, and not to rest upon the State. Freedom of political and religious conscience was established after many bitter struggles and that freedom tended to give the English their extraordinary variety, which has been part of the secret of the national greatness."

The planners of a new world should bear that in mind. Mankind, along with all other animal and plant life, pays an enormous price for security and safety when it is guaranteed by others.

The forward steps in mankind's history have been those periods in which individuals, self-reliant and free in mind and body, have had the daring and energy, and the privilege of using that daring and energy, for their own and for the public weal.

Womb to tomb security plans must not forget that basic fact.—Financial Post.

POSTERS DEPICT HEROES OF BLITZ

LONDON (CP) — Portrait posters depicting ordinary citizens who stayed at their posts during the great raids on London have been posted throughout tube stations over the title "Seeing It Through." Four posters—two more will complete the series later—show a policeman, a bus driver, a bus conductress and a railway motorman.

The policeman is John Woodgate who twice had narrow escapes from heavy explosions, was near the Cafe de Paris when it was demolished by a bomb in 1941, and had his home bombed out.

Mrs. Mary Morgan, the conductress had two children on her bus when a nearby school was bombed. She pushed them beneath a seat, crouched over them and told a humorous story to allay their fears.

The bus driver, Albert Coe, had his bus sink beneath him during a heavy raid through which he drove. He jammed on the brakes, found the bus on the edge of a bomb crater.

Motorman Frank Clarke was driving a tube train when a bomb demolished the station he had just left. Suffering from shock he nevertheless helped passengers along the track to the next station.

SHOPPING NOTE

It is comfortable to know that the R.C.M.P. are right on the job, but occasionally they may be a bit too zealous. Take the recent case in a Western city. A Mountie entered a drug store and asked, "That soldier who was in here — was he after dope?" The druggist shook his head. "Well," said the Mountie, "he's been in half a dozen drug stores along the street. He acts suspicious. That haggard, anxious look is a sign of wanting dope." The druggist laughed. "Sure the soldier is haggard and anxious," he said. "The poor fellow is afraid he'll lose his girl if he can't turn up with a box of chocolates, but no store along the street has any. The chocolate shortage is making things tough for young fellows engaged in wooing."—The Printed Word.

LONDON — For many months before the security wraps were removed from the new six-ton "factory buster" a team of men in a Royal Ordnance factory in Northern England kept it a dark secret. They were hemmed in by rules, which if broken might have meant a sudden and terrible death. They handle enough explosives to wipe out a town in a split second. To give an idea of the bomb's terrific destructive power, it is reported that when a bomb is released, the aircraft jumps into the air due to the loss of the 6 ton weight and the explosion will rock a plane several thousand feet above it, lighting the sky up like daylight.

JEAN BATTEN'S RADIO ORDEAL

"Sheer will power" was Leslie Bailey's admiring comment on Jean Batten's broadcast in "Traveller's Tales." He and a few others associated with her program in this BBC overseas feature series had just seen an example of the iron determination that carried her through her lone record flight from England to New Zealand. That morning she had come up from the country to the studio against doctor's orders. She had flu and was running a temperature. Once she collapsed but insisted on staying. At the rehearsal she was so unfit that an understudy was provided to take her place in the broadcast if necessary. She spent the day wrapped up in blankets in a fire watchers' bed adjoining the studio. She rose for a quick run-through at the final rehearsal, then went straight on the air and did the broadcast perfectly with no hint of how ill she was feeling. Immediately afterwards she was taken by taxi to her hotel.

VITALITY OF WEED SEEDS

When embedded in the soil, the seeds of most annual weeds retain their vitality for several years, the National Weed Committee points out. The seeds of the mustard family and others, when ploughed under soon after ripening, seldom germinate the following year or until they are brought near the surface by further cultivation. Light surface cultivation during the early autumn usually serves to stimulate germination in freshly ripened weed seeds and a considerable number of them may thus be destroyed. With deep ploughing, the difficulty is simply deferred to succeeding years.

The generation of weeds, as well as of other seeds, is affected by heat. Many kinds of weed seeds, such as grasses and mustards, will germinate in the late autumn or early spring when the soil is quite cold. Others, such as buckwheat and lamb's quarters, require a warmer soil, and the seeds of foxtail and purslane continue dormant until stimulated by the heat of summer. Late autumn or early spring cultivation is not effective in destroying the seeds of weeds that will not germinate unless the soil is quite warm.

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DODO LACKED DEFENCE

The bird life of many oceanic islands is seriously endangered to-day. One wonders whether some kinds can survive the direct and indirect competition with man and his works. Will they join the ranks of the Dodo?

Perhaps some persons will assume that the term 'Dodo' designates a mythical creature. This is not so. The Dodo once lived on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. It was, in a sense, a ponderous pigeon, approximating a swan in bulk. It had a large, hooked beak; heavy, short legs; and wings too small for flight. One may see these creatures for oneself by examining the splendid skeleton specimen preserved in the Royal Ontario Museum. Additional facts about the Dodo are preserved by historic record. During the seventeenth century several live Dodos were brought to Europe where drawings and paintings were made of them by various artists. From these we can see that the Dodo was covered with down-like feathers, that it was curiously rounded at the stern, and that its tail was a mere tuft of feathers carried jauntily.

About the middle of the seventeenth century colonizers introduced dogs and swine to the island of Mauritius and by 1681 the Dodo was no more. Its rapid extermination may not have been due so much to the bird. In addition to its inability to fight or flee, it laid its lone egg in the grass on open ground where it was easily destroyed.

Bones of the Dodo were found in considerable abundance during the nineteenth century in a swamp on Mauritius. Nearly complete skeletons, such as the one in the Museum are rare.

POCKET-JITTERS

"Now I'm going to pretend that I found this first jump of mine — or rather the moment of waiting for it — was just a piece of cake. To look at it with complete indifference would need the emotional equipment of a cod. By the way I remember a story told me by one of the instructors. Just at the last moment when one of his pupils was bracing himself for the jump he saw him hurriedly extract his dental plate and shove it in his trousers pocket. Then down he went. Later on the instructor met him on the ground and asked him how he had felt. 'Sir,' said the man, 'even me ruddy teeth were chattering.'" — Major Lewis Hastings in a BBC talk, "Parachute Jump".

NOVEL MENU NOT NEW

Suppose you sat down to a dinner consisting of tomato cocktail followed by lima bean soup. Next comes roast turkey, sweet potatoes, scalloped potatoes, baked squash, stewed corn, and trimmings such as pepper jelly, guava jelly or chili sauce. After the inclusion of an Alligator pear salad, let's top it off with fresh pineapple, maple syrup or vanilla tapioca pudding, and cocoa or mate, peanuts, pecans and brazils.

If you are still interested in food, you may like to know that all the items on the above menu, and many more, are strictly of New World origin. A visit to the Royal Ontario Museum will disclose that many of these items were prepared by American Indians. Their recipes were different from ours, but the articles are the same. The menu given above is in a sense borrowed from the Indians of the Southwest, from the Iroquois group, and from the natives of Peru. It is novel but not new.

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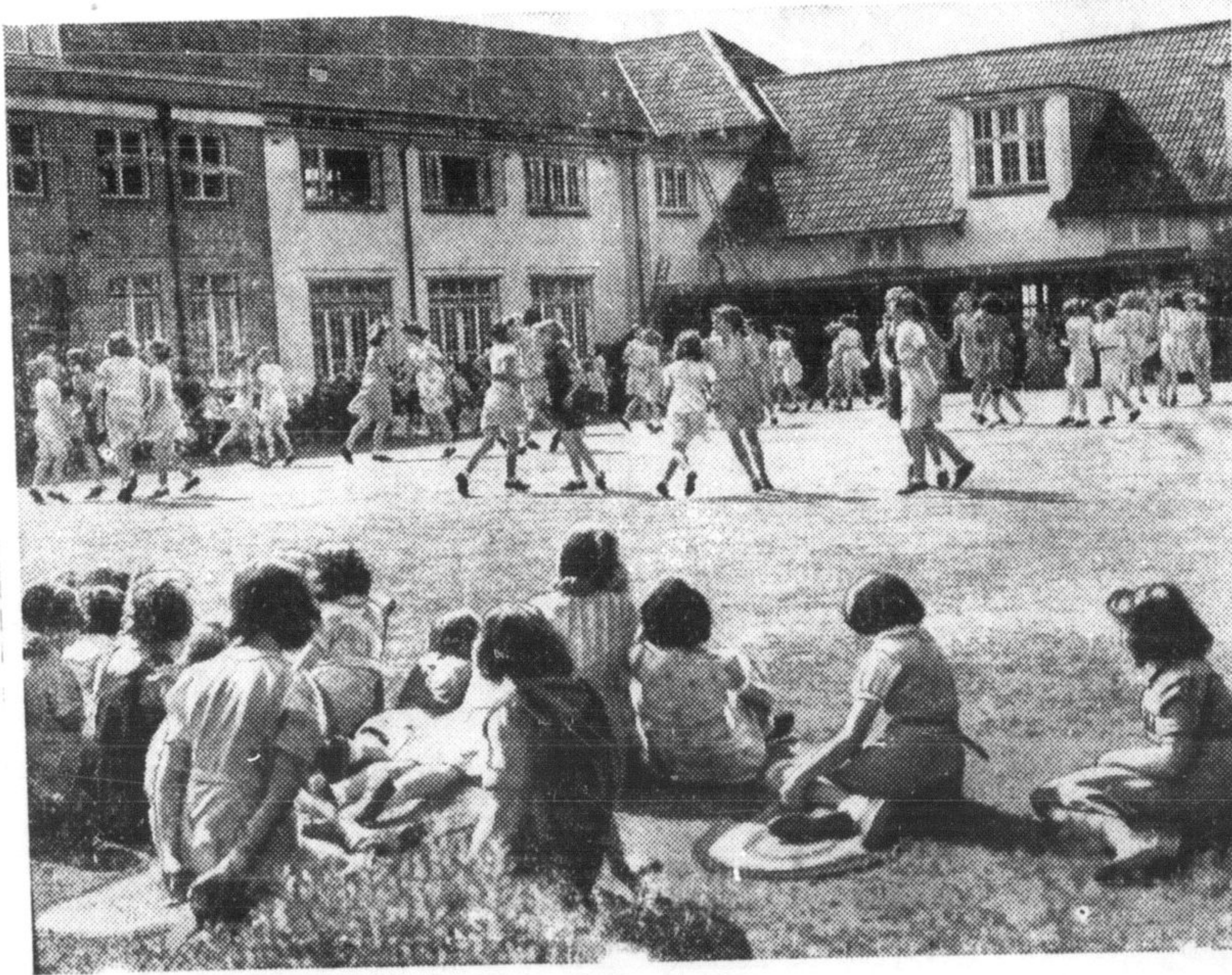
Beryl Davies, popular young vocalist who is often heard in the British Broadcasting Corporation overseas programs, as well as starring in her own program for the forces, "Appointment with Beryl."

Though only nineteen years old, Beryl has been singing in British radio for a long time. She first broadcast at the age of eleven when she sang with Oscar Rabin's band. At fourteen she went on tour on the Continent with the Hot Club de France, and sang in France and in the Scandinavian countries. Her mezzo-soprano voice impressed all who heard it as being unusually rich and powerful for one so young.

She was fifteen when war broke out, and since then she has toured Britain with Oscar Rabin's band (her father, Harry Davies, is guitarist in the band); and she sang with Gerald's orchestra for a year. She has also appeared in cabaret, and in pantomime and revue. In "Black Velvet," she deputised for Pat Kirkwood for a week, playing opposite Vic Oliver.

Both her father and mother are professionals, and Harry Davies says his daughter began as a "croonerette" at the age of three. She is heard regularly by overseas listeners in "Tommy Handley's Half Hour."

Freedom and Sunshine in "Pattern" School for Young Britain



A model of the sort of education which young Britains of the future will be getting is seen at the North Ashford Central School run by the Kent Education Committee for elementary school boys and girls of Ashford and the surrounding district. The modern buildings made to trap sun and air, stand in 27 acres of lawn, field and garden where healthy youngsters find friends in their teachers and fun in their lessons. Gardening, dancing and all kinds of open air activities play a large part in the curriculum. Picture shows: Pupils of North Ashford Central School dancing in front of their school buildings.