

**Letters to the Editor**

# NORTHERN NATIONAL: NO NEED TO WORRY

- says Mr. Francis

Mr. Arthur Francis, of 31 Heworth Road, York, who was previously a member of the Committee of the National Conference and Show, writes:

From Ken Hill's letter to the "A.W.M.," published in the December issue, on the subject of the 1966 "National" being held in Harrogate, one would think that the Northern Clubs were represented by the Northern Winemakers' Federation, and by the Federation's efforts at Manchester in 1963 and Sheffield 1964. This is far from the truth. Three of the biggest clubs in the North, perhaps in England, Leeds, Hull and York, do not belong, and with good reason.

One only needs to inquire into the records of these three clubs, who incidentally work in close co-operation and have their own local. National each year, where we have to restrict entries. because of enthusiasm, to see whether or not they are experienced enough and have the organising abilities commensurate with the demands of the National." We in York are already actively working for the 1966 National, and feel that Ken Hill's fears, while justified from his point, of view, are without foundation. Could we extend an invitation to him to visit us on Thursday, 13 May, 1965, when again Leeds, Hull and York get together so that we can really placate his fears? We only hope that our fellow winemakers from parts more distant will support "Harrogate" to the same extent that we have supported Cheltenham, Brighton and Bournemouth which is greater than Ken Hill's letter would imply.' The awards list will confirm this.