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FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

SATISFIED

The general verdict on this year's "National" at Bognor seems to be that it was an exceptionally good Conference in many ways; everyone seems to have enjoyed it. Several people, indeed have already (I write this during the week after the show) taken the trouble to write to the general secretary, myself, or others on the committee, simply to express their appreciation of the excellence of the arrangements. This must be a great recompense to those who on the committee, tackled such Herculean tasks this year. With 1,000 people booking for the week-end, the general secretary, Wing Comd. Woodley, faced a colossal task, as did Mrs. R. Martin, who found herself dealing with well over 3,000 competition entries, and both of them will readily admit that they could not possibly have coped without the loyal help of their families, who found their homes turned into booking offices in the final period!

FOR AND AGAINST

A conference at a Butlins' Camp has many advantages, of course, the principal one being that everything one needs is "under one roof," or, at least, within short compass. Full advantage was taken of this this year, and exhibition hall, lecture theatres, bars, coffee bars, dining hall and chalets were all conveniently adjacent. This made for a compact and friendly conference. Other big advantages are the low cost and the fact that there are facilities for children (nearly 90 came this time) which makes the week-end possible for families, who might find it more difficult in hotels. There are disadvantages, of course, principally the fact that mass catering is not always of the standard that one would wish, and secondly that the holiday camp atmosphere is not to everyone's liking, but on the whole the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, and if 1,000 people book in for a week-end clearly the idea of a week-end at Butlins is popular with **someone!** (We are reminded of the analogy of newspapers: No-one will admit to reading the "Daily Mirror," which has the biggest sale on earth, but **everybody** claims to read the "Times," which has a small one!) In any case, if the conference continues to grow at its present extremely satisfying but slightly alarming rate the problem will soon be not how to persuade enough people to attend, but finding a venue with accommodation sufficient to take us. Only the larger conference centres or a holiday camp will be able to do so.

JUDGING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

Judging was rather difficult this year, partly because of rather crowded conditions and partly because all judges were up against the clock,

with big classes. Judging a red wine class and conducting a Guild examination under these circumstances was by no means easy and I could not help feeling a twinge of sympathy for the candidate, who clearly felt it even more trying. Luckily (for him) our class proved to be not at all typical of the National in that instead of all the wines being much of the same standard, a few really superb ones stood out head and shoulders above the rest, which did simplify the judge's task. I was most impressed this year by the interest shown during the "judges at the Bar" session; and by the keenness of exhibitors to have a detailed appraisal of their wines, even if it was not always favourable. From the judge's point of view, too, I find this session intensely worthwhile, for it is a most useful check on one's palate. This year, for instance, it was most encouraging, after I had ventured the opinion that one wine was made with Demerara sugar, that another had been cask aged, and that yet another had had grape concentrate added, to have it confirmed by the makers that this was indeed so. But I am still very cautious in hazarding such guesses: nothing is so destructive of one's self-esteem — or reputation! — as to be wrong.

WANTED, A TASTE

These chats with winemakers who had exhibited in the class I had judged proved one of the most rewarding periods of the whole conference, they were so genuinely interested and so keenly in search of the clues to success, which some of them had missed by only one or two marks. Over and over again I found myself regretting that it was not possible to give these "near-misses" a taste of the top three wines, so that they could better appreciate just what the winners had that theirs lacked. It seems so inadequate sometimes to say: "Yours was good, very good, but not as good as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, H.C. and C.!" Yet, if the wine is sound, well-balanced, of good flavour, and with no obvious faults, that is all one can say. Perhaps we should make it a rule that the prize-winners should be "at the Bar" too, prepared to dispense (at the judge's discretion) tastes of their prizewinning wines to near rivals. This would make these sessions really meaningful. I am afraid that I told several competitors to ask the winners of "my" class for a taste of their wines after the show, to see how they were better than their own, and can only hope that by now those winners have forgiven me!

— The Editor

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BOGNOR WAS THE

When the ninth Amateur Winemakers' National Conference and Show assembled at Butlins Bognor camp on the second week-end in April it was the largest gathering of winemakers ever in this country, or indeed in the world. The Grand National that same week-end may have come a cropper but our "Spring Sunshine" National certainly did not!

One thousand people (all but four!) arrived to support a record-breaking show of 3,320 exhibits. That it was possible to stage such a show at all is largely due to the stalwart efforts of Mr. R. C. Lucas who provided additional staging at short notice, and the small but willing band of advance guard volunteers. No entries secretary has ever faced a task of the magnitude of the one so magnificently carried out by the Martin family, and no accommodation secretary has ever worked so hard as W./Cdr. Woodley who dealt with those 1,000 bookings, many of which necessitated two and even three letters. The pity of it is that many of these would have been unnecessary if intending participants had kept to the published arrangements.

The vast entry meant that extra judges had to be rounded up at the last moment and "Andy" Andrews was hard put to it to cover all requirements. We publish the full show results.

We all soon settled down to make the most of the camp facilities and the events of the conference programme were well attended.

The first of these showed the transparencies entered in the photographic classes. Jim Luker ran the show and gave the judge's comments on the entries. This was immediately followed by an extremely funny and very well-produced short film by Bob Deal of Harrow. It would seem that Bob will be very busy for quite a while if he is to satisfy the many demands for him to show the film to Circles.

BATTLE

At lunch the Conference was welcomed by the chairman, Mr. C. J. Berry, and afterwards came the "Battle of the Champions" between teams from York and Harrow Circles, ably chaired and adjudicated by Eric Malin, working without the assistance of his co-programme secretary, Dr. Webb, who was prevented from attending by sickness. Some very nasty questions were flung at both teams but they dealt with them nobly and Harrow emerged victorious from the ploy with 150 points to York's 125.

BIG PARTY

The evening of Saturday the 8th of April saw nearly a thousand winemakers making merry in the Princes lounge and disporting themselves on the floor of the adjacent ballroom. Everyone seemed to be having fun and such good old drinking songs as "The Yellow Submarine" and "Ikley Moor" were plainly heard rolling out now and then.

After the conviviality of Saturday night, Sunday dawned cold and clear. By breakfast time, signs of life were appearing and by ten o'clock the Playhouse Theatre was packed to hear Mr. John Mitchell of Showerings deliver a most interesting and expert illustrated talk on "The care and attention necessary during winemaking and afterwards." This is reported in detail elsewhere and is commended to the attention of all serious winemakers.

Eric Malin then introduced our "Any Questions" panel, consisting of Mrs. S. Tritton, "Andy" Andrews, Ken Hill and Mr. John Mitchell, ably chaired by Ben Turner of Harrow. Pre-submitted questions were put to the panel and summarily dealt with, much to the appreciation of all present.

The highlight of the Conference, for many, was the presentation of trophies.

All those gleaming "pots" made a fine sight against the gold back-drop including, as they did, a fine new trophy presented by Messrs. Southern Vineyards which will be competed for next year. In fact, there will be two new trophies next year as Messrs. Loftus have also promised one.

West Kent took the "Amateur Winemaker Shield" and Kentish Circles did remarkably well in carrying off at least a share in six different trophies.

The trophies were presented by the Vice-Chairman of the Bognor Urban District Council, Cllr. A. G. I. Anderson, who was introduced by Mr. Berry and thanked by Mr. A. C. Boyles, Chairman of the Epsom Downs club. Mr. Boyles also voiced the Conference's thanks to the organising committee for a wonderful week-end.

After lunch, the greatest-ever show had to be dismantled and it is a great tribute to the hard work put in by Bill and Renee Martin and Les Stagg and his merry men that so many bottles were disposed of so quickly and with so little confusion and argument.

Not everyone stayed for the evening meal, but most, and certainly the last committee member to get away, felt that a good job had been done and a day's paid work would seem like a nice rest!

WINE SHOW HAD OVER 3,000 ENTRIES

Unprecedented numbers of entries and the last-minute loss of judges made "Andy" Andrews job of Convenor of Judges a difficult one. Some masterly juggling ensured that all classes were adequately covered even if judging had to start before breakfast and go on rather a long time!

To add to the task of some of the judges, an examination for entry to the Guild was held, as has become the practice at recent Nationals. There was considerable variation in the judges' reports from class to class, it was very difficult to put a finger on any pattern or trend of variation in the quality of the various classes but it was refreshing to see very favourable comments from the judges of the aperitif classes. Some judges reported a high standard of entry, up to 80% of National standard. Others could find only eight worthy of mention in a class of nearly 60.

Scoring for all the trophies, of course, is now a vastly complicated affair, and Jim Luker and his assistants were working until late on the Saturday night in order to have everything finalised in time for the prizegiving on Sunday morning—they did a magnificent job.

BIGGEST EVER

Report by
Bernard Brown

TROPHY WINNERS

Shaw Porter Cup (fruit wines, most points Classes 4-13): F. W. Forster (Faversham) 18 points.
Bournemouth Master Winemakers' Cup (most points, general, Classes 1-26): F. W. Forster (Faversham) 24 points.
Andrews Cup (fruit wine, white or golden, dry, Class 9): Mrs. J. Bailey (Manchester) 9 points.
Turner Trophy (three bottles of wine for a dinner, Class 27): W. B. Smith (Bishop's Cleeve) 9 points.
Amateur Winemaker Shield (Member Association winning most points): W. Kent Winemaking Club 107 points.
Hill Cup (2nd highest points, General Classes 1-26): Mrs. B. M. Barker (West Kent) 19 points.
Atcherley Trophy (restricted to those who have not won an award at a previous Conference, Classes 29-35): E. G. Geer (Epsom Downs) 12 points.
Cedric Austin Cup (Judges and Judges' Stewards, Classes 36-39): D. G. Sayers (Bexhill & Hastings) 9 points.
Gordon Instone Cup (display or original artistic exhibit, Classes 52-53): B.E.A. (Silver Wings) 9 points.
Lucas Cup (Bournemouth member gaining most points): W. B. Aggas 10 points.
Marconi Club Trophy (Member Association Championship, Class 28): Birmingham & District Amateur Winemakers' Circle.
Wilf Newsom Cup (beer classes, most points Classes 48-49): K. Hill (Merseyside), F. Russell (Totnes) 9 points.
Roycroft Cup (wines by purpose, Classes 18-26): Mrs. B. M. Barker (W. Kent) 11 points.
Eric Malin Trophy (table wines, member classes, most points Classes 43-45): F. Russell (Totnes) 18 points.
Bastin Cup (dessert wines, members' classes, most points Classes 46-47): L. E. Williams (Faversham), A. H. Ritchie (Burton) 9 points.
Beall Trophy (Middlesex Festival affiliated club member gaining most points): W. G. Barnett (Southall)
Vina Vouchers: M. A. Watts (W. Kent).

FULL LIST OF RESULTS

Flower, sweet (judge, Mrs. Saunders): 1 M. Watts (W. Kent), 2 J. Morgan (W. Kent), 3 Mrs. M. Elmsmore (Nottingham), 4 Mr. and Mrs. T. Buxton (Cleveland), v.h.c. Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford), h.c. Mrs. M. Mannakee (Hertford).
Elderflower, sweet (judge, Mr. W. Harvey): 1 Mrs. J. Evison (Leeds), 2 H. Cooke (Liphook), 3 E. Bell (Twickenham), 4 Mrs. F. Handy (Birmingham), v.h.c. E. Etheridge (Croydon), h.c. Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford).
Rose petal, sweet (Mrs. G. Skelton): 1 J. O'Connor (Crosby), 2 C. Featherby (King's Lynn), 3 Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunkley (Hertford), 4 Mrs. V. Gwyer (B.E.A. (Silver Wings)), v.h.c. F. Dotter (W. Kent), h.c. W. J. Edwards (Croydon).
Fruit, red, dry (Mrs. P. Baker and Wing Comd. Woodley): 1 F. Forster (Faversham), 2 W. Smith (Bishop's Cleeve), 3 T. Tester (Hounslow), 4 T. Richardson (Coventry), v.h.c. W. Barnett (Southall), h.c. Mr. and Mrs. E. Lilley (Manchester).
Elderberry, red, dry (Mr. H. R. Chandler): 1 Mrs. E. Norman (W. Kent), 2 T. Howard (Fareham), 3 Mrs. J. Siddle (Tally Ho), 4 K. Walker (Hull), v.h.c. C. Massey (Luton), h.c. V. Goffin (Liphook).
Fruit, red, sweet (Mr. L. Gilbertson, Mr. W. Martin): 1 F. Forster (Faversham), 2 C. Langford (Guildford), 3 W. Barnett (Southall), 4 J. O'Connor (Hoddesdon), v.h.c. K. Gunn (S. London), h.c. Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford).
Blackberry, red, sweet (Mr. K. Bilham): 1 Mrs. A. Dovey (Wakefield), 2 Mrs. B. Barker (W. Kent), 3 W. Barzycki (Battersea), 4 R. Teather (Harrow), v.h.c. Mr. and Mrs. A. Mountford (B'ham), h.c. Mrs. A. Reynolds (Guys Marsh).
Elderberry, red, sweet (Mr. D. Rouston): 1 L. Ginger (New Haw), 2 F. Wells (So'ton), 3 D. Bowler (Derby), 4 Mrs. H. Bruce (Faversham), v.h.c. Mrs. B. Barker (W. Kent), h.c. Mrs. M. Stead (Manchester).
Fruit, white, dry (Mrs. J. Nicholls, Mrs. S. Hill): 1 Mrs. J. Bailey (Manchester), 2 K. Hill (Merseyside), 3 Mr. and Mrs. G. Instone (Hove), 4 Mrs. J. Owen-Jones (B'mouth), v.h.c. Mrs. R. E. Dodds (Wickford), h.c. C. Gething (Sarum).
Citrus, white or golden, dry (Mr. G. Woore): 1 H. Maddison (Cleveland), 2 Mr. and Mrs. E. Lilley (Manchester), 3 Mrs. E. Sullivan (Tally Ho), 4 G. Daplyn (W. Kent), v.h.c. H. Baxter (Falmouth), h.c. W. B. Smith (Bishop's Cleeve).
Fruit, white or golden, sweet (Mrs. T. Timbrell and Mrs. Wedhams): 1 H. Wadsworth (Southend), 2 T. Staerck, 3 R. Jaques (Hull), 4 Mrs. H. Bruce (Faversham).
Apple, white or golden, sweet (Mr. D. Hebbis): 1 C. Howden (Croydon), 2 A. Hedges (Bookham), 3 E. Clarke (B.E.A. (Silver Wings)), 4 W. Harris (Hove), v.h.c. Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford), h.c. A. Garton (Fareham).
Citrus, white or golden (Mr A. E. Rowland): 1 R. James (Bishop's Cleeve), 2 E. Maynard (W. Kent), 3 Mrs. W.

Butler (Wickford), 4 Mrs. N. Thomas (W. Kent), v.h.c. Mr. and Mrs. C. Tubb (Nottingham), h.c. F. J. Hopgood (Bournemouth).
Blended, dry (Mr. A. N. Brooksbank): 1 Mr. and Mrs. G. Instone (Hove), 2 Mrs. J. Siddle (Tally Ho), 3 W. Aggas (Bournemouth), 4 Mrs. G. Blacklock (Heighington), v.h.c. R. Sims (Reading), h.c. D. Mudway (Crawley College).
Blended, sweet (Mrs. G. S. Golding, Mrs. D. Kempson): 1 T. Burns (N. Lindsey), 2 K. Gunn (S. London), 3 J. Brewer (Cleveland), 4 G. Brown (Croydon), v.h.c. Mrs. E. M. Taylor (Lindsey), h.c. D. Bowler (Derby).
Mead, dry (Mr. L. Hender): 1 Mrs. M. Mannakee (Hertford), 2 Mrs. M. Murgatroyd (York), 3 Mrs. R. Dodds (Wickford), v.h.c. C. Howden (Croydon), h.c. S. Wright (Bexhill).
Mead, sweet (Mr. L. Hender): 1 Mrs. F. Saunders (Andover), 2 E. Hill (Kidderminster), 3 Mrs. R. Jones (Hemel Hempstead), 4 Mrs. M. Mannakee (Hertford), v.h.c. S. Wright (Bexhill), h.c. Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford).
Aperitif, dry (Mrs. Stanley): 1 H. Harper (Grantham), 2 Mr. and Mrs. C. Tubb (Nottingham), 3 W. Haldane, 4 W. East (Bishop's Cleeve), v.h.c. W. Coleman (Croydon), h.c. L. Radley (Greenhill).
Aperitif, sweet (Mr. A. C. Pickering): 1 Mrs. B. Barker (W. Kent), 2 W. Aggas (Bournemouth), 3 E. Maynard (W. Kent), 4 R. James (Bishop's Cleeve), v.h.c. S. Bowbrick (Godalming), h.c. W. Kane (Bishop's Cleeve).
Table, red, dry (Mr. W. S. Trivett): 1 E. Phillippe (Shoreham), 2 Mrs. E. K. Ramsay (Guildford), 3 E. Miller (Epsom Downs), 4 P. Buck (Epsom Downs), v.h.c. B. Cothill (Guys Marsh), h.c. Mrs. I. Boyles (Epsom Downs).
Table, red, med. sweet (Mr. H. W. Beall): 1 F. Nesbitt (Merseyside), 2 Mr. and Mrs. D. Morgan (B.E.A. (Silver Wings)), 3 D. Bowler (Derby), 4 N. Maddison (Cleveland), v.h.c. S. Buckley (Luton), h.c. Mrs. M. Mannakee (Hertford).
Table, rosé (Mr. E. A. Roycroft): 1 W. Barnett (Southall), 2 S. Bowbrick (Godalming), 3 Mr. and Mrs. E. Lilley (Manchester), 4 Miss H. Sims (Merseyside), v.h.c. R. James (Bishop's Cleeve), h.c. Mr. and Mrs. D. Morgan (B.E.A. (Silver Wings)).
Table, white or golden, dry (Mr. J. Toule, Mr. J. Whiteman): 1 T. Walder, 2 F. Forster (Faversham), 3 B. Cothill (Guys Marsh), 4 T. Marshall (Merseyside), v.h.c. S. Bowbrick (Godalming), h.c. D. Mudway (Crawley College).
Table, white or golden, med. sweet (Mr. M. Chase, Mr. J. Capon): 1 M. Watts (West Kent), 2 J. Day (Addington), 3 D. Thompson (Godalming), 4 Mrs. L. Harvey (Andover), v.h.c. A. Rawlinson (Hoddesden), h.c. F. Benton (Bournemouth).

Dessert, red (Mr. F. Haswell, Mr. E. Hickson): 1 Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mountford (Birmingham), 2 K. Gunn (S. London), 3 Dr. J. Harrison (Wembley), 4 E. Maynard (W. Kent), v.h.c. Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford), h.c. Mrs. F. Harbert (Croydon).

Dessert, white or golden (Mr. F. Spark, Mr. J. Whippy): 1 A. Ritchie (Burton), 2 Miss D. Eades (Leeds), 3 S. Hadlow (Faversham), 4 J. Brewer (Cleveland), v.h.c. Mrs. B. Barker (W. Kent), h.c. A. Hedges (Bookham).

Three-bottle (Mr. R. Skelton, Mr. G. D. McWilliam): 1 W. Smith (Bishop's Cleeve), 2 Mrs. W. Butler (Wickford), 3 Mrs. M. Gregory (Twickenham), 4 A. Ritchie (Burton), v.h.c. Mrs. I. Boyles (Epsom Downs), h.c. I. Radley (Greenhill).

CIRCLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table, white or golden, dry (Mrs. L. Lucas, Mr. P. Delmon): 1 Birmingham, 2 Wood Green, 3 Wickford, 4 Southampton.

RESTRICTED CLASSES

Fruit, red, dry (Mr. D. Lancaster): 1 F. Russell (Totnes), 2 A. Hedges (Bookham), 3 P. Buck (Epsom Downs), 4 R. Teather (Harrow), v.h.c. F. Benton (B'mouth), h.c. R. Sandon (Hove).

Elderberry, red, dry (Mr. E. Malin): 1 Mrs. E. Norman (W. Kent), 2 Mrs. A. Newton (Hull), 3 A. Rawlinson (Hoddesdon), 4 G. Rutter (Luton), v.h.c. C. Livesey (Ilford), h.c. Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hixon (B'mouth).

Fruit, red, sweet (Mr. E. F. Adcock): 1 Mrs. M. Shelley (Wickford), 2 F. Benton (B'mouth), 3 L. Steele, 4 W. Barzycki (Battersea), v.h.c. E. Geer (Epsom Downs), h.c. A. Breakwell (Wolverhampton).

Elderberry, red, sweet (Mr. C. Berry): 1 W. Barnett (Southall), 2 Mrs. A. Reynolds (Guys Marsh), 3 J. Stevens (Nottingham), 4 P. Awberry (Ashford), v.h.c. H. Parr (Ross-on-Wye), h.c. R. O'Neill (Bishop's Cleeve).

Fruit, white or golden, dry (Mr. G. Newton): 1 E. Geer (Epsom Downs), 2 A. Hyde (Notts.), 3 Mrs. N. Thomas (W. Kent), 4 B. Dennis, v.h.c. P. Awberry (Ashford), h.c. Lt.-Col. Addis (Luton).

Fruit, white or golden (Mr. W. H. Cridge, Mr. W. Grainger): 1 Mrs. W. Bamkin (Nottingham), 2 A. Garton (Fareham), 3 Mrs. J. Lancaster (Bookham), 4 R. Davis (Southampton), v.h.c. J. Hadlow (Faversham), h.c. E. Geer (Epsom Downs).

Flower, white or golden, sweet (Mr. C. Rickman): 1 Mr. and Mrs. A. Sims (Birmingham), 2 F. Putland (Shoreham and Southwick), 3 T. Pernu (Croydon), 4 P. Awberry (Ashford), v.h.c. S. McNeill (W. Kent), h.c. W. Fairholme (Nottingham).

JUDGES' AND STEWARDS' CLASSES

Table, red, dry (Mr. A. T. Moore): 1 Mrs. S. Hill (Merseyside), 2 E. Adcock (Harrow), 3 W. Granger (W. Kent), 4 Mr. and Mrs. R. Skelton (New Enterprise), v.h.c. Mrs. H. Timbrell (Harrow), h.c. Mrs. R. Golding (Amer-sham).

Table, white or golden, dry (Mr. R. C. Lucas): 1 D. Savers (Bexhill), 2 R. Gostling (W. Kent), 3 H. Beall (Enfield), 4 Mrs. S. Addinall (York), h.c. A. C. Boyles (Epsom Downs).

Dessert, red (Mr. B. C. A. Turner): 1 Mr. and Mrs. J. Luker (Guildford), 2 E. Roycroft (Hemel Hempstead), 3 Mr. and Mrs. R. Skelton (New Enterprise), 4 Mrs. E. L. Gold v.h.c. P. Delmon (Northampton), h.c. J. Whiteman (Hull).

Dessert, white or golden (Dr. G. Paxman): 1 D. Hebbs (Twickenham), 2 Mrs. S. Addinall (York), 3 E. Malin (Bishop's Cleeve), 4 Mr. and Mrs. W. Trivett (Nottingham), v.h.c. A. Boyles (Epsom Downs), h.c. G. Newton (Hull).

FORTIFIED WINES

Sherry type, dry (Mr. J. Toule): 1 Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford), 2 A. Atkinson (Perivale), 3 N. Jackson (Leeds), v.h.c. Mrs. R. Dodds (Wickford).

Sherry type, sweet (Mr. E. Hickson): 1 Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford), 2 N. Jackson (Leeds), 3 H. Barnes (Croydon), v.h.c. Mrs. R. Dodds (Wickford), h.c. A. Ritchie (Burton).

Port type (Mr. P. Delmon): 1 W. Barzycki (Battersea), 2 Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford), 3 Mrs. A. Dobson (Bournemouth), 4 S. Bowbrick (Godalming), v.h.c. N. Jackson (Leeds), h.c. C. Kent (Harrow).

MEMBERS' CLASSES

Table, red, dry (Mr. F. A. Whippy): 1 F. Russell (Totnes), 2 Mrs. A. Newton (Hull), 3 Mrs. R. Dodds (Wickford), 4 L. Harris (Southend), v.h.c. Mrs. A. Baker (Hounslow), h.c. T. Marshall (Merseyside).

Table, white or golden (Dr. A. Avison): 1 F. Russell (Totnes), 2 Mrs. J. Smith (Wolverhampton), 3 F. Nesbitt (Merseyside), 4 Miss C. Hitchin (Birmingham), h.c. Mrs. P. Gough (Hounslow).

Table, white or golden, med. sweet (Miss V. Clapham): 1 C. Howden (Croydon), 2 J. Pitt (Totnes), 3 I. McDoughall, 4 Mrs. P. Farmer (Wickford), v.h.c. C. Featherby (King's Lynn), h.c. G. Brown (Croydon).

Dessert, red (Mr. B. Brown): 1 I. Williams (Faversham), 2 Mrs. H. Bruce (Faversham), 3 F. Forster (Faversham), 4 Mrs. D. Salmon (Guildford), v.h.c. Mrs. V. Moore (Croydon), h.c. Mrs. E. Taylor (Lindsey).

Dessert, white or golden (Mr. F. Bastin): 1 A. Ritchie (Burton), 2 Miss H. Sims (Burton), 3 Mrs. M. Elsmore (Nottingham), 4 S. Bowbrick (Godalming), v.h.c. Mrs. W. Butler (Wickford), h.c. Mrs. H. Bruce (Faversham).

Beer, Burton type (Mr. W. Newsome): 1 F. W. Russell (Totnes), 2 D. Leroy (Harrow), 3 S. Pollard (Manchester), 4 Mr. and Mrs. N. Hixon (Bournemouth), v.h.c. E. Clarke (B.E.A. (Silver Wings)), h.c. H. Wadsworth (Southend).

Stout, Irish type (Mr. W. Newsome): 1 K. Hill (Merseyside), 2 T. Maynard (W. Kent), 3 Mrs. D. Moon (Harrow), v.h.c. R. Smart (B.E.A. (Silver Wings)), h.c. H. Wadsworth (Southend).

THE ORGANISERS

The Conference was organised by a committee consisting of Mr. C. J. J. Berry (chairman), Mr. S. W. Andrews (vice-chairman), Wing Cdr. R. W. Woodley (hon. sec.), Mr. R. C. Lucas (hon. treas.), Mr. K. Hill, Mrs. L. K. Lucas, Mrs. D. R. Martin, Mr. B. S. Brown, Mr. C. W. Martin, Mr. E. A. Malin, Dr. R. A. Webb, Mr. I. Morgan, Mr. F. G. Bastin, Mr. J. C. Luker, and Mr. L. P. Stagg.

COOKERY

Savoury dish (Mrs. L. Lucas): 1 Mrs. H. Deal (Harrow), 2 E. Plant (Thurrock), 3 E. Kempson (Birmingham), v.h.c. Mrs. J. Shapland (Bookham), h.c. Mr. and Mrs. R. Skelton (New Enterprise).

Sweet dish (Mrs. L. Lucas): 1 Mrs. S. Addinall (York), 2 Mrs. F. Stagg (Birmingham), 3 Mrs. H. Timbrell (Harrow), v.h.c. Mrs. V. Taylor (York), h.c. Mr. and Mrs. J. Luker (Guildford).

DISPLAYS

Display, 2ft. x 2ft. (Mrs. J. Adcock): 1 B.E.A. (Silver Wings), 2 Epsom Downs.

Artistic exhibit (Mrs. J. Adcock): 1 C. Gething (Sarum), 2 Wickford Association Guild, 3 R. Simms (Reading), 4 W. Harvey (Bournemouth).

Invention (Messrs. Gilbertson, Cridge, Grainger): 1 J. Bedford (Hove), 2 T. Cousins (Malden and Coombe), 3 G. McWilliam (Hull).

Bottle for presentation (Mrs. Adcock): 1 S. McLoughlin (Harrow), 2 W. Harvey (Bournemouth), 3 R. Simms (Reading), 4 K. Bilham (Epsom Downs), v.h.c. F. Russell (Totnes), h.c. Mrs. F. Harbert (Croydon).

Wine label (Mrs. Adcock, Mr. Bastin): 1 W. Smith (Bishop's Cleeve), 2 F. Rose (Harrow), 3 J. O'Connor (Hoddesdon), 4 Chichester Circle, v.h.c. F. Russell (Totnes), h.c. T. Cousins (Malden and Coombe).

Colour transparency (Mr. J. Dine): 1 E. Maynard (W. Kent), 2 A. Akroyd (Hull).

Set of transparencies (Mr. J. Dine): 1 A. Ackroyd (Hull), 2 J. Owen-Jones (Bournemouth).

Firms who took trade stands at the wine show were: Grey Owl Laboratories Ltd., Leigh Williams & Son, W. R. Loftus Ltd. and Utilities of Southampton. Another feature was the tombola kindly set up by Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Morgan in aid of the funds.