

without delay. The 'Amateur Winemaker' will give its fullest support to the proposal, for, as we mentioned in our letter of encouragement to Messrs. Kidson, it is obvious that at any moment our trade must expect to come under severe pressure from the Brewers Society or other vested interests, and to have to face up to the possibility of unwelcome legislation or taxation. V.A.T., for instance, has brought many problems that the trade could well have mutually discussed. Clearly in such cases it is important that the voice of the homebrewing and wine-making industry should be heard loud and clear, and that it should be able to defend its own interests, which in many cases, will be identical with those of the customers it serves. So we welcome the proposal, and hope that it will soon bear fruit. The initial meeting and its venue have not yet been decided.

NATIONAL'S FUTURE

Talking of Associations, there was great discussion at the National this year as to the form that the National Association should take when it is remodelled, and serious thought is being given to this at executive level. Whilst it is generally agreed that reorganisation is necessary, there is disagreement as to how it should be effected. We have received a great deal of correspondence on this subject, far too much to publish (and from one "gentleman" unpublishable!) but our own view remains unchanged, the one expressed so ably by Ben Turner at the Conference, and that is that a movement which can muster only 155 member Circles out of a potential of well over 800 and only 469 individual members out of a potential million cannot by any stretch of imagination lay claim to be a "national" organisation truly representative of the winemaking movement today. We have always advocated that, instead of the National Executive trying to deal direct with clubs and individual members, what is really needed is a three-tier structure—National, Regional and Circle. What we would like to see adopted is a system whereby each Circle is persuaded to include in its membership fee 5 or 10p (or such sum as shall be agreed) to cover organisational expenses. Half of that sum would go to

the Region to cover its expenses and half to the National to cover its outgoings. Any winemaker joining any Circle would pay the capitation fee as part of his subscription and would automatically become a member of the National and have the right to wear the National badge.

WHY SHOULD IT WORK?

Mr. Elvin Plant challenges us to outline the advantages of such a system. They would be enormous. Firstly, the National would gain tremendously in prestige and influence because of its greatly increased and much more representative membership. Secondly, administration would be greatly simplified because there would be a "chain of communication" downwards from the Executive to the Regions, from the Regions to the Circles, and from Circles to members.—and upwards from members. This would mean that instead of trying to deal with clubs direct the National secretary would have to deal with only a few Regional secretaries, and each Regional secretary would have to deal with only a dozen or so Circle secretaries. But it would greatly enhance the importance of the work of all chairman and secretaries, since they would have a real job to do in the National organisation, and it would give the National Executive a *real* movement to lead. The pressure upon Regions and Circles to join and play their full part in such a set-up would be immense at both National, Regional and Club level, and few Circles or Regions would be able to stand aside.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

A truly National organisation would thus be created that could really serve our hobby efficiently. Fears have been voiced that this would mean that the present really keen "individual members" would be "swamped" but we cannot accept that this would be so. Some form of individual membership could still be devised, with special privileges, for those who wished to make an extra contribution (as is done in other societies) and we cannot see why it is wrong to seek a much larger and more truly representative membership that is available to us. When all is said and done, in almost every move-

ment the great bulk of the members do little beyond paying their subscription and happily pursuing their hobby; only a tiny minority (the "individual members") are prepared to serve on committees and take office, at Club, Regional and National level. Why should winemaking be any different? "Individual membership" is a red herring which has bedevilled the creation of a sensible structure for our winemaking movement ever since the first constitution was drawn up. For years we have struggled to build up a membership that could be regarded as representative of the vast numbers of winemakers in this country. We should face the fact that all that well-meaning work has failed and that the time has come for an entirely fresh approach. The tragedy is that unless old lines of thought *can* be abandoned and such a three-tier structure set up reasonably quickly, the National will be overtaken by events and the Executive will see the lead slip from its grasp. Already some of the Regional Festivals, sensing the needs of the times, have Federated, and their organisation will inevitably grow steadily in power and influence. They, we believe, are sincerely not setting out to "rival" the National, but it is a pity that the National did not take the initiative earlier, and make the creation of such a federation of federations (which is exactly what the National should be) unnecessary.

CAN ANY CLUB BEAT THIS RECORD?

We are indebted to Ken Bilham for sending us this printers error from the Esher News' report of the Bookham Winemakers annual spring wine competition... "A club record of 110 barrels of wine and beer were entered by members in the eight classes..." As Ken says, no doubt the judges used 5-litre beer steins and mammoth balloon glasses for their judging.

—The Editor



TRADE MEETS THE WINEMAKERS AND BREWERS AT HARROGATE



Top: Mrs. Pauline Phillips of Grey Owl Laboratories looks on as visitors to the stand examine yeast cells under a microscope.



Left: Mr. Mawson Morley (right) from 'The Wine Bin', Harrogate, displays his wares to Mr. Ives (Chairman of the York Circle) and Mrs. Ives.

Right: Visitors to the exhibition congregate around "The Amateur Winemaker's" stand in the exhibition Hall at Harrogate.



Harrogate makes amends

When the National Conference visited Harrogate seven years ago it was to find that gracious Spa close in the grip of snow and blizzards which made it a conference never to be forgotten. But this year Harrogate made amends.

The weather was sunny, the gardens were at their most delightful and Harrogate made winemakers really welcome. As the President, Mr. B. C. A. Turner, remarked; "Harrogate is the pre-eminent conference town in the country; it has everything to offer and all that it has to offer it offers gracefully".

Two facts stand out about this conference. First, the entries were many fewer than the gigantic number of 4351 the previous year. This was to be welcomed, and was no doubt a result of the Executive Committee's policy. Worried about the size of the entry, and fearful that they might not be able to cope with it and the judging of it if it became any bigger, the Committee decided to revise the schedule this year to reduce the number of entries. This they were successful in doing, the final entry being in the region of 2,900, from 475 exhibitors. This made judging much more manageable, to everyone's benefit.

The other outstanding fact was that for the first time the Conference linked up with a trade exhibition, Home Brew '73, which was most attractively staged in an adjoining hall.

This was quite well supported by about 20 prominent manufacturers or wholesalers in the home brewing and winemaking markets and provided an additional interest both for the hobbyist attending the conference and for local residents and casual visitors. The trade show opened on Friday and continued until Monday but the conference assembled in the main on Friday night, judging took place on Saturday morning, and it wound up at midday on Sunday.

Quality

Was the general quality any better as a result of the reduced number of entries? Judges' opinions varied widely

from class to class but on balance it would appear there was a slight improvement.

Trophies

The outstandingly successful competitor was K. Gunn of South London who won the Bastin Cup, the Vina Trophy and the Harold Beall Memorial Cup, and who shared the Eric Malin Memorial Trophy with G. Holt of Epsom Downs and Mr. and Mrs. M. Sims of Solihull.

Mr. K. Bilham of Epsom Downs won the enormous Hidalgo Trophy, Shaw Porter cup and Cedric Austin cup and the Bournemouth Master Winemaker cup went to Mrs. F. Botto of the Towers Club, who also won the Roycroft cup.

The "Amateur Winemaker" shield for which Circles always battle was this year won by Nottingham, who thus rested the championship from Epsom Downs.

Questions: Talk

On Saturday afternoon there was a choice of patronising the trade stand or of listening to an "Any Questions" session. This was not too well attended but threw up some interesting queries for the panel, Mr. S. W. Andrews, Dr. P. Dransfield, Mrs. A. Newton and Mr. A. H. Ritchie to answer, under the chairmanship of your editor.

The subsequent lecture by a Master of Wine Mr. B. Wheaton, on the "Technical Treatment of Wine and Quality Control" also created a great deal of interest.

Too hot!

Despite the generosity of the Mayor and Corporation of Harrogate the civic reception and buffet dance in the evening was something of a disappointment largely because it was too popular! The Royal Hall, an old theatre, made a most attractive setting but when a thousand people crowded into it, it was too full and certainly too hot for comfort. The executive freely admitted this but had been faced with the impossibility of finding any other suitable accommodation. Nevertheless, the dance floor was always full and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, the only difficulty being that it was difficult to circulate and meet old friends.

Voting problems

The Annual General Meeting on Sunday morning produced a most unusual situation in that two resolutions concerning the possible reorganisation of the N.A.A.W. structure produced a great deal of argument but it was not possible to take a conclusive vote.

The meeting started smoothly enough, with the President, Mr. B. C. A. Turner, mentioning the fact that the Committee had lost Wing Commander Reg Woodley, and the resignation of its Chairman, Dr. R. A. Webb, and praising Mr. K. Hill for the way in which he had carried on the organisation of the conference since taking over the Chair.

The Chairman in his report mentioned that the Committee had also lost

the services of Mr. & Mrs. Martin, Mr. J. Luker and Mr. S. W. Andrews.

They had run for the first time a Symposium at Oxford at which they had four excellent speakers but unfortunately there was a very poor attendance. The re-organisation of the Schedule had some effect this year, entries having dropped to 2,900. Individual membership had increased from 361 to 469 and Circle membership from 123 to 155. This year they had been able to assist judges with their travelling expenses.

FINANCES GOOD

The Treasurer, Mr. F. Forster, reported that financially it had been a good year for they had made a profit of £814 as against a deficit of over £600 the previous year, "a total saving of over £1400".

The meeting then came to the consideration of three resolutions concerning the re-organisation of the N.A.A.W. (1) proposed by the Executive, in effect said that they thought that some re-organisation was necessary but that they would like more time to consider it. (2) Proposed by Mr. Turner, also said that re-organisation was necessary but set out the types of membership that could be made available, as suggested by a policy sub-committee which had had four meetings to discuss the matter.

Mr. Turner, Mr. C. J. J. Berry and Mr. G. Styles spoke strongly in favour of the second resolution and Mrs. F. Stagg, Mr. S. Baker and Mr. Elvin Plant backed the Committee's resolution. Two or three attempts were made, unsuccessfully, to procure an acceptable card vote, by which time, time was running out and many of those who had long journeys ahead had to leave. Eventually it was decided to put the issue to a postal vote.

"Andy" Andrews was elected the new President, and those elected or re-elected to the committee were:- A. Briggs; R. Butcher; K. Hill; L. Stagg and B. A. C. Turner.

One good innovation this year was that those who came a long distance were able to collect their bottles on Saturday morning before the presentation of Trophies by the Mayor of Harrogate, Councillor W. Rotherham.

HARROGATE: ALL

TROPHIES WENT TO . . .

MARCONI CLUB TROPHY: WELLINGBOROUGH GUILD
ERIC MALIN MEMORIAL TROPHY: K. GUNN, South London;
 G. HOLT, Epsom Downs; Mr. & Mrs. M. SIMS, Solihull.
BASTIN CUP: K. GUNN; S. BAGOT, Wakefield.
VINA TROPHY: K. GUNN, South London;
TURNER TROPHY: Mrs. S. DEWDNEY, Surbiton.
ATCHERLEY TROPHY: J. COTTER, Bexley Heath.
SOUTHERN VINYARDS TROPHY: D. GARRETT, Limbury.
LOTUS CUP: D. GARRETT.
ANDREWS CUP: A. PATTON, St. Albans.
HIDALGO TROPHY: K. BILHAM, Epsom Downs.
SWEET 'N DRY CUP: T. BIRKS, Pressed Steel Fisher.
SHAW PORTER CUP: K. BILHAM.
GORDON INSTONE CUP: D. POVEY, Bexley Heath.
HAROLD BEALL MEMORIAL CUP: K. GUNN.
CEDRIC AUSTIN CUP: K. BILHAM.
BOURNEMOUTH MASTER WINEMAKERS CUP: Mrs. F. BOTTO, Towers.
HILL CUP: K. BILHAM.
ROYCROFT CUP: Mrs. F. BOTTO.
BILHAM TASTEVIN: C. HOLT, Epsom Downs.
ITONA TANKARD: T. WHITEHOUSE, South Devon.
WILFNEWSOM CUP: Mr. H. TOMLINSON, Heathfield.
TEMPLE TANKARD: T. WHITEHOUSE.
"AMATEUR WINEMAKER" SHIELD: NOTTINGHAM.
TILLY TIMBRELL TROPHY: Mrs. B. CROSS, Nottingham.
HOME BEER AND WINEMAKING PRIZE: WAKEFIELD GUILD.

MEMBERS' CLASSES

1. (3 bottles for a dinner): 1 Wellingborough Guild; 2 Twickenham Guild; 3 M.E.L. Guild; 4 Wakefield Guild; VHC Mid Cheshire Guild; HC Liphook Guild.
2. Table, red, dry: 1 Mr. & Mrs. M. Sims, Solihull; 2 Mrs. E. Mountford, Birmingham; 3 V. Goffen, Liphook; 4 E. Beecham, Epsom Downs.
3. White or golden, dry: 1 K. Gunn, South London; 2 N. Bridges, Eastwood; 3 Dr. & Mrs. J. Leadley, Nottingham; 4 D. Garrett, Limbury; VHC A. Stanley, Hemel Hempstead; HC Mrs. J. Smith, Wolverhampton.
4. Table, rosé, medium: 1 C. Holt, Epsom Downs; 2 L. Green, West Kent; 3 B. Cross, Nottingham; 4 D. Clements, M.E.L.; VHC V. Goffen; HC K. Bilham, Epsom Downs.
5. Dessert, red: 1 S. Bagot, Wakefield; 2 L. Piper, Hounslow; 3 B. Cross; 4 L. Argent, Three Rivers; VHC P. Bye, Stourbridge; HC N. Bridges, Eastwood.
6. Dessert, white or golden: 1 K. Gunn; 2 Mrs. R. Golding, Misbourne; 3 E. Mitchell, Wilmslow; 4 P. Delmon, Northampton; VHC Mrs. M. Gregory, Twickenham; HC Mr. & Mrs. F. Scholes.
7. 3 Bottles: 1 Mrs. S. Dewdney, Surbiton; 2 P. Delmon; 3 W. Grainger, West Kent; 4 K. Gunn; VHC R. Brooksbank, Nottingham; HC Mr. & Mrs. G. McWilliam, Hull.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

8. Table, red, dry: 3 E. Wells, Pressed Steel Fisher.
9. Table, rosé, medium: 1 Mrs. J. Harrison, York; 2 Mrs. N. Lomax, Birmingham; 3 T. Birks, Pressed Steel Fisher; VHC Mrs. J. Wheatley, York.
10. White or golden, dry: HC S. Leveridge, Pressed Steel Fisher.

11. Dessert, red: 1 T. Birks; 2 Mrs. D. Moth, York; 3 Mrs. O. Songhurst, York; VHC B. Malliphant, Pressed Steel Fisher; HC Mrs. J. Wheatley.
12. Dessert, white or golden: 1 F. Moth, York; 2 R. Cole, York; HC R. Handoll, Sawtry.
13. 3 bottles: 4 G. Collyer, Pressed Steel Fisher.
- 14a. Flower, dry: 1 Mr. Mrs. & Miss Francis, Andover; Mr. & Mrs. W. Fairholme, Nottingham; 3 K. Davies, Nottingham; 4 Mrs. F. Botto, Towers; VHC T. Hooson, Barnsley; HC W. Curtis, Birmingham.
- 14b. Elderflower, dry: 1 G. Banham, Epsom Downs; 2 R. Brooksbank, Nottingham; 3 S. Clarke, Nottingham; 4 Mr. & Mrs. C. Tubbs, Nottingham; VHC I. Lockhead, M.E.L.; HC S. Price, Bexley Heath.
- 15a. Flower, sweet: 1 G. Conyers, Hull; 2 Mr. & Mrs. W. Fairholme, Nottingham; 3 N. Bridges, Eastwood; 4 Mr. & Mrs. A. Mountford, Birmingham; VHC D. Wiles; HC J. Hill, Three Rivers.
- 15b. Elderflower, sweet: 1 P. Delmon; 2 J. George, Bexley Heath; 3 C. Griffiths; 4 B. Deal, Dagenham; VHC D. Pouey, Bexley Heath; HC E. Barley, Epsom Downs.
- 16a. Fruit, red, dry: 1 J. Cotter, Bexley Heath; 2 J. Greatrex, Solihull; 3 R. Brooksbank; 4 D. Bowler, Twickenham; VHC H. Newman, Liphook; HC Mr. & Mrs. J. Everett, Andover.
- 16b. Elderberry, dry: 1 G. Christmas, Bognor Regis; 2 R. Creasey, Thames Estuary; 3 E. Wells; 4 Mr. & Mrs. R. Wilson, North Tees; VHC D. Stephens, West Kent; HC H. Tyrell, Bognor Regis.
- 16c. Blackberry, dry: 1 W. Grant, Three Rivers; 2 N. Bridges; 3 T. John, Haywards Heath; 4 M. Sullivan, West Kent; VHC Mr. Mrs. & Miss Francis, Andover; HC H. Barnetson, Southend.

THE WINNERS!

16d. Grape concentrate, red, dry: 1 D. Garrett, Limbury; 2 K. Bilham; 3 D. Lees, Solihull; 4 Mrs. S. Dewdney; VHC Mrs. F. Botto; HC A. Stanley, Hemel Hempstead.

17a. Fruit, red, sweet: 1 R. Brooksbank; 2 E. Roycroft, Harrow; 3 E. Greenwood, Enfield; 4 J. Keeley, Atherton; VHC A. House, Basingstoke; HC G. Fowler, Vauxhall.

17b. Elderberry, sweet: 1 F. Pigrome, Thames Estuary; 2 B. Blakeney, Coulsdon & Purley; 3 P. Robinson, B.B.A.; 4 R. Creasey; VHC W. Grant; HC Mr. & Mrs. E. Aylward, Old Woking.

17c. Blackberry, sweet: 1 J. Stone, Horley; 2 Mr. & Mrs. A. Mountford; 3 B. Cross, Nottingham; 4 F. Hulatt, Epsom Downs; VHC Mrs. F. Botto; HC Mrs. H. Cooke, Basingstoke.

17d. Grape concentrate, red, sweet: 1 D. Garrett; 2 W. Lord, Thames Estuary; 3 H. Barnetson, Southend; VHC N. Goodall, Basingstoke; HC K. Bilham.

17e. Bilberry, sweet: 1 J. Chandler, Twickenham; 2 S. Bagot, Wakefield; 3 Mrs. D. Gogerty, Brighouse; 4 L. Denton, Spen; VHC Mrs. G. Nixon; HC T. Hooson, Barnsley.

18a. Fruit, white or golden, dry: 1 B. Wilkinson, Kings Langley; 2 G. Conyers; 3 B. Cross; 4 E. Greenwood, Enfield; VHC Mr. & Mrs. J. Everett; HC K. Davies.

18b. Citrus, dry: 1 Mrs. A. Newton, Hull; 2 Mrs. H. Sanders, Sawtry; 3 Mrs. E. Eaton, Manchester; 4 A. Dransfield, Kettering; VHC Mr. & Mrs. M. Sims, Solihull.

18c. Gooseberry, dry: 1 Mr. & Mrs. T. Richardson, Coventry; 2 R. Blake, Beverley; 3 G. Purton, Southall; 4 B. Temple, Epsom Downs; VHC E. Beecham, Epsom Downs; HC D. Bowler, Twickenham.

18d. Grape concentrate, white, dry: 1 K. Bilham; 2 Mrs. S. Dewdney; 3 Mrs. F. Botto; VHC Mrs. M. Gregory; HC Mrs. P. Wilson, M.E.L.

18e. Apple, dry: 1 A. Patton, St. Albans; 2 A. Briggs, Wakefield; 3 Mr. & Mrs. Francis; 4 J. Carter, Brighton; VHC Mrs. E. Roberts, Crosby; HC R. Cole, York.

18f. White, grape, dry: 1 A. Cooper, Torbay; 2 Mr. & Mrs. R. Ward, Coventry; 3 D. Povey, Bexley Heath; VHC Mrs. M. Cann, Twickenham; HC E. Mitchell, Wilmslow.

19a. Fruit, white or golden, sweet: 1 Mrs. R. Kershaw, Crosby; 2 Miss S. Pearce, Bexley Heath; 3 Mrs. G. Blacklock, Bishop Auckland; 4 Mrs. J. Taplin, Guildford; VHC Mrs. A. Dovey, Wakefield; HC E. Clarke, B.E.A.

19b. Citrus, sweet: 1 R. Blake; 2 B. Maliphant; 3 J. George; 4 Mrs. L. Waters, Witham; VHC K. Barnes, Southall; HC W. Hill, B.B.A. (Cleckheaton).

19c. Gooseberry, sweet: 1 P. Jubb, Crosby; 2 H. Newman, Liphook; 3 Mr. & Mrs. H. Warner, Andover; 4 P. Awbery, Faversham; VHC F. Green.

19d. Grape concentrate, sweet: 1 D. Povey; 2 Mr. & Mrs. A. Mountford; 3 K. Bilham; VHC W. Lord; HC Mrs. E. Parker, Epsom Downs.

19e. Apple, sweet: 1 J. Hill, Three Rivers; 2 Mr. & Mrs. W. Trivett, Beverley; 3 Mr. & Mrs. T. Buxton; 4 A. Moore, M.E.L.

19f. Grape, sweet: 1 E. Collard, Dagenham; 2 E. Mitchell, Wilmslow; 3 Mrs. O. Wesson; VHC E. Roycroft; HC T. Parkin, North Tees.

20. Mead, dry: 1 F. Hawkin, Mid Cheshire; 2 A. Ferris, Hounslow; 3 Mrs. F. Botto; 4 V. Goffen.

21. Mead, sweet: 1 Mrs. V. Nicholls, Surbiton; 2 Mrs. F. Botto; 3 Miss S. Pearce; 4 Mrs. R. Jones, Hemel Hempstead; VHC D. Clements; HC G. Finney, Wakefield.

22. Sparkling wine: 1 E. Roycroft; 2 A. Akroyd, Hull; 3 L. Wells; 4 A. Briggs; VHC Mrs. S. Philip, Norfolk; HC G. Newton, Hull.

23. Circle beer championship: 1 Wakefield; 2 B.E.A. (Silver Wing); 3 Mid Cheshire; VHC Twickenham.

BEER AND STOUT

24. Lager: 1 T. Whitehouse, S. Devon; 2 Mr. & Mrs. K. Simpson, N. Tees; 3 E. Clarke; 4 Mrs. F. Botto; VHC D. Moon, Harrow; HC A. Akroyd.

25. Pale ale: 1 R. Jesson, St. Albans; 2 H. Tomlinson, Heathfield; 3 Mr. & Mrs. J. Everett; 4 G. Banham, Epsom Downs; VHC T. Whitehouse; HC Mr. & Mrs. K. Simpson.

26. Brown ale: 1 H. Tomlinson; 2 Dr. P. Dransfield, Mid Cheshire; 3 A. Buckley, Wakefield; 4 V. Whitehouse; VHC Mr. & Mrs. F. Layzell, Epsom Downs; HC W. Taylor, Manchester.

27. Stout, Irish type: 1 G. Newton; 2 H. Tomlinson; 3 A. Briggs; 4 C. Clarke, Wakefield; VHC W. Taylor, Manchester; HC F. Forster, Faversham.

28. Stout, milk type: 1 D. Moon, Harrow; 2 H. Tomlinson; 3 T. Whitehouse; 4 P. Dransfield; VHC V. Whitehouse; HC M. Green, Oxford.

29. Barley wine: 1 A. Hewitt, S. Devon; 2 D. Clements; 3 R. Down, S. Devon; 4 D. Lees, Solihull; VHC E. Swift, Merseyside; HC B. Cross.

COOKERY

30. Savoury dish: 1 Mrs. J. Smith, Wolverhampton; 2 Mrs. A. Curtis, Birmingham; 3 Mrs. A. Awbery, Faversham; VHC Mr. & Mrs. F. Layzell; HC Mrs. B. Cross.

31. Sweet or dessert: Mrs. B. Cross; 2 Mrs. J. Walton, Wakefield; 3 Mr. & Mrs. F. Layzell; 4 Mrs. M. Walton, Wakefield.

DISPLAYS

32. Winemakers display: 1 J. Meldrum, Nottingham; 2 G. Groome, Kings Langley; 3 Epsom Downs Guild.

33. Item of equipment: 1 Mr. & Mrs. G. Holt, Epsom Downs; 2 Mr. & Mrs. T. Lang, Nottingham; 3 J. Greenfield, Nottingham; VHC D. Turner, Nottingham.

34. Presentation bottle: 1 Mr. & Mrs. G. Holt; 2 Mrs. C. Furness, Epsom Downs; 3 L. Barrow, Manchester; VHC J. Sanders, Sawtry; HC J. Meldrum, Nottingham.

35. Wine label: 1 J. Houghton, Nottingham; 2 Epsom Downs; 3 St. Albans; VHC Mrs. W. Eade, High Wycombe; HC D. Walters, Ebor.

36. Winemaking slides: 1 Mr. & Mrs. T. Lang, Nottingham; 2 A. Cornell, Epsom Downs; 3 S. Clarke, Nottingham.

THE ORGANISERS

The Committee responsible were:-
K. Hill, Chairman; F. Forster, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer; Miss S. Varley, Membership Secretary; P. Awbery, Entries Secretary; A. H. Ritchie, Supplies Officer and Asst. Show Supervisor; Mrs. S. Hill, Programme Secretary; R. Butcher, Schedule Secretary and Asst. Awards Secretary; Mrs. F. Stagg, Chief Steward; F. Bastin, Convenor of Judges; E. Plant, Awards Secretary; G. E. W. Styles, P.R.O. and Social Secretary; B. Edwards, Handbook Editor; D. Rouston, Local Liaison Secretary.

ROTTEN LUCK FOR ULSTER COMPETITORS

The most disappointed men at the Conference were two winemakers from Belfast. They had travelled all the way from Ulster to attend, only to find that their club's 27 bottles, despatched at least a week previously, had reached Leeds, and then disappeared into thin air. All efforts to trace them were unavailing but despite their disappointment the two would-be competitors gallantly helped out with the running of the Show.

Next year the National will be held at Margate on the 3rd and 4th of May.

FOR YOUR DIARY; Wales and the West are holding their Festival this year at Brislington School, Bristol, on Sat., 29th September—and their 1974 one at the Centre Hotel, Cardiff, on 20th April!

SHOW



THE PRIZES

Impressive display of the trophies competed for at this years "National".

THE PRIZEWINNERS

Mr. Ken Bilham of Epsom, winner of the Hidalgo Cup, The Hill Cup, The Shaw Porter Cup and the Cedric Austin Cup pictured with Sheila Dewdney of Surbiton who won the Turner Trophy.



THE PRIZEWINNERS

Mr. Richard Brooksbank of Nottingham, winner of "The Amateur Winemaker" trophy, with Mrs. Brenda Cross also of Nottingham, who won the Timbrell trophy.

SHOTS

JUDGING

Sampling wine from the citrus dry section are, on the left judge's steward, Mrs. D. Clayton and on the right, judge, Mrs. A. Morley.



TOMBOLA

Lucky winner at the tombola, Mrs. Dashwood of Hounslow, accepts her prize from Mr. Tom Hooson. Joining in the fun are left to right, Mrs. Hooson and Mrs. Butcher who helped on the tombola, and Mrs. Hill and Mr. & Mrs. Scott from Hounslow.

THE EXPERTS

The panel of experts answer 'Any Questions'. Left to right are Harold Ritchie, B.Sc., Chairman Burton on Trent; Mrs. Audrey Newton of Hull, one of the prize-winners; Mr. Cyril Berry, Editor of Amateur Winemaker and chairman of the panel; Mr. Andy Andrews, Chairman of the National Guild of Judges and past Chairman of the Association; Dr. Philip Dransfield of Runcorn, member of the National Guild of Judges.

