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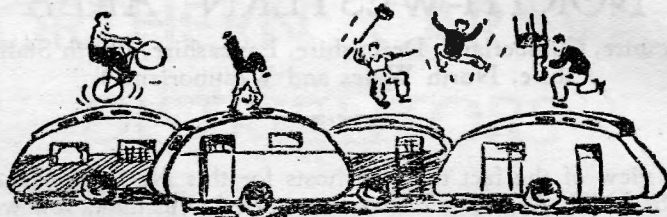
(Cheshire, Cumberland, Derbyshire, Lancashire, North Staffordshire, North Wales and Westmorland)

IN view of the fact that the hosts for this National Meet are the N.W. Area Committee, it occurred to us that a few words about ourselves might not be out of place. Herewith, therefore, is our introduction.

Like many other things in life it all started after a New Year's Day, in 1939 to be precise. A certain member wrote to H.Q. after perusing the fixture list and complained that nothing had been arranged for the North-West. They promptly countered and suggested that he should call a meeting and do something himself to rectify the omission. On March 14th, 1939, a meeting took place and members decided that a committee of three would get things moving and thereupon elected the present Area Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. Marriott-Moore, as Hon. Sec. and Chairman, Mr. C. M. Davies, as Hon. Area Treasurer and Mr. S. Carter of Marple to round off the trio. It was also decided to hold three Area Meets in 1939 and the first one was duly held at a cosy little site near Delamere, Cheshire. In due course a second one was held on July 1—2nd at Halton, near Lancaster, whilst to wind up the year we had decided to hold our third meet at Penrhyn in North Wales on the week-end of Sept. 2-3rd but as one of our members aptly put it "that . . . Hitler spoilt it."

In May, 1945, the Area was asked to see whether the time was ripe for starting post-war activities, but alas there was no support forthcoming and in addition Mr. C. M. Davies decided to resign as he was tied up with added business responsibilities and had sold his van. The remaining committee men then decided to leave the matter in abeyance, try to gather the threads together and stake all on an opening Post-War Meet for Whitsun, 1947. Subsequently, with true Northern impudence, they offered to make it a National Meet if the Executive Council agreed and—well that's all there is to tell except to say that they decided that four heads were better than two and co-opted Mrs. Marriott-Moore and Mrs. Carter on to the Area Committee to look after the interests of the ladies.

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The pleasantly situated market town of Knutsford, standing on Road A50 and sometimes termed the Metropolis of Mid-Cheshire, is of ancient origin although it is possibly better known to non-residents as the original of Mrs. Gaskell's Cranford.

Not far from our site is the little village of Rostherne, nestling alongside one of the largest meres in Cheshire which covers about 115 acres and is very deep in parts. Legend states that a tunnel connects the mere with the Irish Channel and that a mermaid occasionally visits the place.

To the North, lies the City of Manchester and the busy industrial area of the North-West, whilst not many miles away to the East lie the Derbyshire hills, the Backbone of England or should we be more correct and say a part of it.

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AFTER mid-day, you can either join in a game or just laze about and get some fresh Cheshire air into your lungs. Full details of where you can wander are on the Meet Notice Board.

IN the evening, there will be a Social in the Marquee. It may be bedlam, so come prepared and don't forget your pencil. If anything else is required, we will tell you in good time.

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10-30 a.m.

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11-00 a.m.

CLOCK Golf specially arranged for the parents. Prizes will be awarded for the best and (ahem!) worst performances. Bring your own clubs—one will be quite sufficient.

THE afternoon has been left free in order that visitors may have an opportunity of having a look round the old town of Knutsford. Bring your coupons with you—there are several good shops. For those who are so minded, read Mrs. Gaskell's famous novel before you come.

7-00 p.m.

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SUNDAY, MAY TWENTY-FIFTH

IN view of the fact that many members will desire to attend
Divine Service at the place of their choice, nothing
definite has been arranged for the morning although games
will be available for those who wish to stay on the site. Peeled
potatoes will be available for those who intend to cook hot
dinners—this is just part of our B.C.C. service and is intended
to save time and trouble.

12-30 p.m.

MEETING for North Western members in the Marquee—
timed to start promptly and to finish at 1 p.m.

2-30 p.m.

AS many of our members and visitors to the N.W. have
never had the opportunity of seeing some of the beautiful
places in our County Palatine, we have arranged a three
hour drive covering Knutsford, Mobberley, Alderley, Maccles-
field, Gawsworth, Siddington and Chelford.

7-00 p.m.

ANOTHER Social in the Marquee. All are welcome.

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AS far as possible, we have tried to combine organisation with opportunities for individual pleasure and it is our sincere hope that all members of YOUR party have enjoyed themselves. If they have, we are satisfied, and have succeeded in our main object for having brought you together in this beautiful park.

WE are not all keen socialities, in fact many B.C.C. members prefer lonely locations to crowded camps and it is therefore no easy matter to cater for you all and yet merge everything into a smooth running holiday.

HAPPY landings to you all, and a safe journey home with no regrets, is the sincere wish of the N.W. Area Committee. May we soon meet again.

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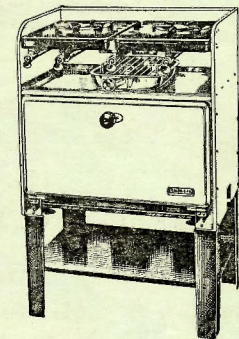
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