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CU Archery from Brevandery Sam Moore

CU notes photo
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Sous-préfet honoraire
Directeur général des services

Président de la Chambre de Commerce
de Boulogne s/mer.

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CU from low down archery.

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Eygelshoverweg 32 NETHERLANDS.
WAUBANK Netherlands.

CU Lady Archer from South Wales Pembroke
Miss Rose Heath.

CU Lady archer.
pan up from badge to face.
Miss Rabi Smooy INDIA

Netball match between Lyme Green & Old Boys.

Various shots from
different angles
with Lyme Green
scoring towards
camera
+ Score board.

Lyme Green scoring one or two goals
towards camera.

SV sitting together.

H.P.3. Mr. John Beck of Richmond. M. of Works West.
Table Tennis Sydney Taylor of Birmingham various shots

various shots of the new swimming bath opened today for
the first time.



PARALYSED MEN PRACTISE FOR GAMES MEETING. Some of the 200 paralysed men who are taking part in the International games at Stoke Mandeville, Bucks, to-day, putting in a final practice at the National Spinal Injuries Centre yesterday.

200 PARALYSED PRACTISE FOR "OLYMPICS"

OVERSEAS TEAMS

From Our SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
STOKE MANDEVILLE, Friday.

Two hundred paralysed men and women today put in their final practice at the National Spinal Injuries Centre for tomorrow's "Stoke Mandeville Games." All are permanently confined to wheel-chairs.

Teams have come from Canada, Finland, Holland, France and Israel to compete in these second "Olympic Games" for the paralysed.

Spinal paraplegics were considered "hopeless cases" until nine years ago. The mortality rate of those paralysed by war wounds, industrial injuries or tumours was 80 per cent.

Following establishment of the centre by the Ministry of Pensions in 1944 under Dr. Ludwig Guttmann, the present director, the mortality rate has fallen to eight per cent. Wheelchair netball, swimming, table tennis, archery and darts played with bows and arrows, were going on in this afternoon's sunshine.

KOREA CASUALTY

In the centre's netball team is William Jenkins, 20, of 42, City Gardens, Upper Tumble, Llanelly. A year ago, when a National Serviceman with the Welch Regiment in Korea, he was paralysed by a Chinese bullet. "I have learnt to swim in six lessons here and I have begun to do a bit of machine-tool engineering," he said to-day.

Champion archer of the "Old Girls" team is Miss Audrey Bailey, 21, of 44, William Road, Kettering. After six and a half years at the centre, she is now a secretary in her home town.

Dr. Guttmann, whose treatment develops healthy parts of the body to compensate for paralysed muscles, said: "Over 600 patients have been able to return to their homes from the centre. Of these 70 per cent. now have jobs."

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PLEDGE TO WAR PENSIONERS RENEWED

Distributing prizes at the Olympic Games for Paraplegics at the National Spinal Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, near Aylesbury, this evening, Miss Pat Hornsby-Smith, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, said:

"I would like to join with the Minister of Pensions in all that he has said this afternoon, but I want also to convey to you on behalf of the Minister of Health, Mr. Iain Macleod, the pledge given in the House of Commons recently that war pensioners will continue to receive the full services and priorities in medical treatment which they now enjoy. I know that the Oxford Regional Hospital Board are particularly proud that Stoke Mandeville, with its international reputation, lies within their area of control and now that the Spinal Unit will also come under them, they are as proud as you are of its great work and equally determined to maintain its high standard and status. To those who may have had some misgivings about this new partnership, may I put this point of view? No-one denies that, as the number of war pensioners decreased, there would be a gradual decrease in the demand for all purely pensioner services, which must ultimately lead to amalgamation with the Ministry of National Insurance and the Ministry of Health at some stage. No-one questions the inevitability of that. What has been questioned is whether now is the appropriate moment. I believe it is. To amalgamate now, when the services for war pensioners are wide and comprehensive and of a higher standard than ever before and when your numbers justify a considerable team of eminent specialists, means that you join us with an acknowledged status and a well established priority, which status and priority we intend to maintain. On the other hand, if this amalgamation was delayed and over the passage of years, through lessening numbers, the specialist units and the specialist teams who attend you ran down, as they inevitably would, your importance in an amalgamation would be far less than it is to-day and you would have less opportunity to preserve for war pensioners those great centres of rehabilitation like Stoke Mandeville and Roehampton.

"It is ten years since that far-sighted man, Dr. Guttman, came to Stoke Mandeville. To-day we have witnessed the result of his dynamic work for those with spinal injuries and no-one but the most politically jaundiced could suggest for one moment that any Government would ever wittingly prevent this great work continuing.

"So far as my Minister is concerned I can assure you all that your treatment and care will be given the same priority as it has enjoyed under Mr. Heathcoat-Amory and further in addition there will be more closely linked with the former Ministry of Pensions centres the wide and expanding resources of the whole Health Service."

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