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Only eight of the 22 entrants even started in the Butlins Channel Race. Diana Cleverley, of New Zealand, was one of the three women who made it. Nobody reached England, though Tom Park, America, got within five miles; the best performance. The general opinion was that in such weather the whole thing should have been called off. Good old August! It was just the day for an armchair and a nice fire.

Dunvegan, oldest inhabited castle in Scotland, saw Dame Flora, 78-year-old Chieftain of the MacLeods, at home to the Clan, ~~to celebrate~~^{to} her grandson John's coming of age. He ~~showed them~~^{escorted} two young American members before he drank a flagon of claret (a bottle and a half) from the historic horn of Rory More. To prove his manhood he had to drink it without a pause ~~and without falling down~~. He did it, too.