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1937 --- Coronation Year --- Gaumont British News cameramen put history upon the screens of the world with the wonderful procession to Westminster Abbey, and these unforgettable scenes filmed inside -- the Crowning of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. But after the pomp and ceremony ^{etc} over, our king remains at heart a family man. Now we recall the greatest steeplechase in the world of sport -- the Grand National. 1937 winner was Royal Mail, ridden by Evan Williams. In the golf world, Henry Cotton won the British Open Championship. At Wimbledon, the Women's Champion was Dorothy Round. And the Derby --- watch how Michael Beary, riding for Mrs Miller, went home to victory on Midday Sun. Tommy Farr bashed his way to a fight for the world title. He met Joe Louis and lost --- but he gave back prestige to British boxing.

Chief among the yachtsmen were Vanderbilt and Sopwith --- Endeavour II tried to regain the America's Cup, but failed. The laurels went to Endeavour I. After the tow-rope had broken in mid-ocean, Captain Heard and his gallant crew brought her through Atlantic storms --- an epic of seamanship. Jean Batten crowned her achievements with a wonderful flight from Australia --- the record girl established another record. Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs Kirby Green broke all records to the Cape and back. The commercial flying boat Caledonia made a magnificent test flight across the Atlantic to New York.