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Town Criers' Championship at Hastings 20th Aug. 53

To historic Hastings comes an echo from the past as Town-Criers parade for their National Championships. There's a record entry of 23 - from all parts of Britain and soon their battle-cries thunder across Alexandra Park. SOUND

Ben Johnson of Fowey, seems to have the last word. SOUND.

He wins the title for the sixth time.

THE SAME DAY, the Mayor of Hastings started the Road-Walking Race to Brighton, and sent A civic LETTER by C. Megnin - last year's winner - to the Mayor of that town...

An annual event - sponsored by the Brighton Athletic Club - the huge field was soon on its way - with 38 miles to go - through the lovely Sussex countryside.

The first man home was No. 3 M.N. Guilmant of Belgrave Harriers - who set up a new record time for the course. And that letter was delivered - express greetings from the Mayor of Hastings.

Inland now - to Shrewsbury -where fifty-thousand people gathered for the 66th Annual Musical and Floral Fete. Here, jugglers and high-wire artistes brought balance to a crowded programme.

And just to prove that variety really is the spice of life, two million blooms, of every known species and colour were "top of the bill".

A group of hand-picked beauty on the North-west coast, too, as bathing belles compete for the title "Miss New Brighton".

And what a line of lovelies as they parade before the judges which include Miss Joy SHELTON AND MR Carroll Levis. - The girls take a stroll round the pool - watched by the "wolf" in the audience. "Oh! Grand-ded - What big eyes you've got!"

The sash of victory goes to Miss Jean Ferguson of Liverpool. Joy SHELTON calls for a big hand for the winner... SOUND

AND SO another discovery IS SWEPT off her feet -

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