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Morecambe's first annual Dance Festival pulled in England's amateur dancers to contest the Obank Trophy for Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep and Tango.

Last to hold the floor are winners Nan Roberts and Alan Jolliff of Liverpool, with their runners up to keep them company. And when it's all over, Mayor and Mrs. Blatten present the winners' 70 guinea trophy.

And up in Scotland Pathe's roving reporter checks on on the 300 year old ceremony of the Selkirk Common Riding. Carrying the flag of the Royal Borough, Standard Bearer Hislop circles the border by land and water. It's the town's big day, and after the shortened ceremonies of the war years, the Common Riding of 1946 brought everybody out to see it. In these parts, they say that Selkirk holds fast to traditions as long as there's water in the Tweed.

The White City Horse Show is still a national affair - rationing and travel restrictions keep the international entries away - but 500 contestants keep the flag flying in spite of Ascot's counter-attraction. And to show you what it feels like to take a fall, the slow motion camera takes over.

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