

THE JACARANDA TREE, by H. E. BATES (Michael Joseph, 9s. 6d., to be published on Monday), is the January choice for Book of the Month, and is reviewed here today by Peter Quennell.

THREE TO READ recommendations

The Jungle is Neutral, by F. Spencer-Chapman, D.S.O. (Chatto and Windus, 18s.) (To be reviewed.) Inishfallen Fare Thee Well, by Sean O'Casey. (Macmil-lan, 16s. January 28.) (To be reviewed.) The Station, by Robert yron. (John Lehmann, Byron. (John Lehmann, 12s. 6d.) (To be reviewed.)

THEATRES

ADELPHI. Tem. 7611. Mon. to Fri., 7 p.m. Sat., 4.15 & 8.15. Tu., 2.30. Second Year of Charles B. Cochran's RLEGE THE SRIDE. ALDWYCH. Tem. 6404. Evez., 7. Mats. W. & Sat., 2.30. Little Lambe Eat Ivy, by Noel Langley. Produced by Charles Hickman. APOLLO. Ger. 2663. Mon. to Fri., 7.0. Wed., 2.30. Sat., 5 & 2. THE MAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. A farce by John Dighton. CAMBRIDGE. Tam. 7040. 7.15. St., 5, 2. Tu., 2.30. Yolande Donlan in Noel Langley's Case Me A Peaceck. London's Gayest Musical. CAMBRIDGE. Tem. 3093. WHERE THE RAINBOW ENDS. Tu., Wed., Sat., 10.30. Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri., 2.30. No Evenings. CASINO. Ger. 6877. Twice daily, 2.30 & 7.0. Vic Oliver, Pat Kirkwood, Richd. Hearne in Emile Littler's HUMPTY DUMPTY.
COLISEUM. Tem. 3161. 7.0. Mon., Wed., Sat., 2.30. Dolores Gray in Emile Littler's ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, with Bill Johnson. COMEDY, Whi. 2578. Evs., 7. Sat., 5 & 8. Tu., 2.30. Hermione Gingold, Walter Crisham, 2.30 Hermione Gingold, Walter Crisham, Stings and Arrows. Dir. by Chas. Hickman, Covent Carden. Today, 2.30 & 7. Mon.. Wed & Thur., at 7. Cinderella. Tues., 7, Alda. Fri., 7, La Travista. Tem 7961. CRITERION. Wha. 3216. Evgs., 8.30 shp. Tu., Sat., 2.30. Yvonne Arnaud, Charles Victor in Traveller's Joy, by Arthur Macrae. DAVIS, Croydon. Cro. 3300. 7.30. W. St., 3.0. BELITA in Tom Arnold's STARS ON ICE. Cairoli Bros., Valerie Moon. Marilyn Telfer. Wed Thurs. & Sat., 2.30. OKLAHOMA.
400 unreserved seats at 3/3 each perf.
DUCHESS, Tem. 8243. Evgs. at 7.0. Mats.
Thurs. and Sats., 2.30. MARY JERROLD
in Miss Mabel. by R. C. Sherriff.

DUKE OF YORK'S. Tem. 5122. Twice dly.,
2.15 & 5.15. Land of Xmas Stocking.
FORTUNE. Tem. 2238: Daily, 2 & 6.
TREASURE ISLAND. Must end Jan. 22.
GARRICK. Tem. 4601. Evgs., 7.15. Mat. W.,
2.30. Sat., 5 & 8. Robertson Hare, Alfred
Drayton in One Wild Oat, by V. Sylvaine.
GLOBE Ger. 1592. Evgs., 7. W. & S., 2.30.
J. Gielgud, S. Thorndike in The Return
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Today (mat. & ev.), Cherry Orchard.
Thur. next, at 7. School for Search.
PALACE. Ger. 6834. Mon. to Fil. Evgs. 7.
Mat. Wed., 2.30. Sat., 5.15 & 8.15. Lee
Ephraim's Musical Romance, CARISSIMA.
PALLADIUM: Ger. 7373. Daily: 2.30 & 7.
CINDERELLA, with TOMMY TRINDER,
BERNARD BROS., and EVELYN LAYE.

Second Year. Off The Record. A Naval Comedy by Ian Hay & Stephen King-Hall. PLAYHOUSE. Evgs., 7.0. Th., 2.30. Sat., 5.15 & 8.15. Sonnie Hale. The Perfect Woman. PRINCE OF WALES. Whi. 8681. Evgs., 7.30. Weds. and Sats., 2.30. SID FIELD in Havvey, by Mary Chase, with Athene Seyler, PRINCES Tem. 6596, BABES IN THE WOOD, Eddie Gray, Jill Manners. 3 & SADLER'S WELLS. Ter. 1672. Opers Ballet. Today, 2.30, Ballet. At 7, Shepherds and Hansel and Gretel. Mon., 7, Butterfly. ST. JAMES'S. Whi 3903. Evenings, 7.0. LISTEN, LADIES ! A New? Comedy. ST. MARTIN'S. Tem. 1443. Evgs. at 7. Mats. Tues. Sat., 2.30. Max Faber's Version of Ibsen's THE WILD DUCK. SAVILLE, Mon. to Fri., 7.0. Sat., 5 & 8.15. SAVILLE, Mon. to Fri., 7.0. Sat., 5 & 8.15.

In., 2.30. Bob's Your Union. Noel Gay tunes.

Vera Pearce, Leslie Renson. Tem. 4011.

SAVOY. Tem. 8868. Last 2 perfs. today.

5.0 & 8.0. Shephard's A LA GARVE.

by A. Melville. H. Baddeley. H. Kendall.

SCALA. Mus. 5731 Daily, 2 & 6. Joan

Hopkins in Peter Pan, with George Curzon.

STOLL. Kingsway. Hol. 3703. Evgs., 7.0. Mon..

Wed. Thur. Sat., 2.30. TOM ARNOLD'S

Aqua-Ice Show. IGE CASCADES.

STRANO. Tem. 2660. Dly., 2.30 & 6.0. The

Wizard of Oz. J. Hunter. R. Dolman, D.

Yardley, S. Cabot. Pop. prices, 2/- to.12/-.

VAUDEVILLE. Tem. 4871. 7 Tu., Fri., 2.30.

2nd Yr. Chiltern Hundreds, by Doug. Home.

A. E. Matthews, M. Fielding. M. Shepley.

VICTORIA PALACE. Vic. 1317. 6 & 8.30.

The Crazy Gang. Nervo & Knox. Naughton

and Gold in TOGETHER AGAIN.

WESTMINSTER. Vic. 0283. Last 2 wks. 7.15.

Mats. Sats. only, 2.30. ALASTAIR SIM

in James Bridle's THE ANATOMIST.

WHITEHALL. Whi. 6692. Evs., 6.30. Th., Sat..

2.30. H. J. Barlow presents Worm's Eve. 10.35. A VIVIAN VAN DAMM PRODUCTION. WINTER GARDEN, Hol. 8881. 7.0. Th., 2.30. Sat., 50 & 8.0. ARTHUR ASKEY IN THE KID FROM STRATFORD, Merry Musical. WYNDHAM'S. Tem. 3028, Evgs., 7. Mat. Th., Sat., 2.30. Clive Brook, Valerie Taylor, THE GIOCONDA SMILE, by Aldous Huxley. TICKETS. All Theatres. Keith Prowse, 159. New Bond-st., W.1. & Branches. Reg. 6000. YOU want best seats. WE have them.

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GAUMONT, Haymarket. Tyrone Power, Anna
Baxter, THE LUCK OF THE IRISH (U).
Showing at 10.40, 1.5, 3.35, 6.0 & 8.30.
LEICESTER SQUARE TH. Whi. 5252.
Gregory Peck, Ann Todd, THE PARADINE
GASE (A), 10.45, 1.0, 3.20, 5.40, 8.5 NEW VICTORIA. Look Before You Levs (A) Pirates of Monterey (Tech.) (U). 11.15-10.30 DEON. Leicester-sq. Whi. 6111 John Mills SCOTT OF THE ANTARCTIC (U) (Tech.) Showing at 10.30, 12.50, 3.10, 5.30, 7.55, ODEON, Marble Arch Pad. 8011 THIRD TIME LUCKY (A), 10.55, 2.10, 5.30, 8.50, CASBAH (A) 12.25, 3.45 & 7.5, PLAZA, Cont 10.30, SEALED VERDICT (A) Hay Milland, Florence Marly, RIALTO, Danny Kave, THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY (U) Tech Progs. begin 12.5, 2.40, 5.15, 8.0.

8TUDIO ONE, 2.10, 5.40, 9.15, Last Few Days, M. Presle, Le Diable au Gorps (A) (Fr.), Man Who Came to Dinner A. 12.30, 4.0, 7.30 TIVOLI, Strand, WARNING TO WANTONS (A), THE LOST MOMENT (A), News, etc. Progs, com.: 12.5, 3.30, and 7.0, WARNER, Ger. 3423, Jane Wyman & Lew Ayres in JOHNNY SELINDA (A), Charles Bickford, At 10.40, 1.5, 3.40, 6.15, 8.50,

SUN rises, 8.2 a.m.; sets, 4.18 p.m. Tomorrow: Sun rises, 8.1 a.m.; sets, 4.19 p.m. MOON rises, 4.44 p.m.; sets, 9.32 a.m. tomorrow. Moon's last quarter, January 21. Lights up, 4.48 Entertainments BERTRAM MILLS CIRCUS, OLYMPIA, Dly., 2.30 & 7. Sats., 3 Shows, at 1.45, 5.0 & 8.15. Shep. Bush 5560, 500 Unres. Seats., TOM ARNOLD'S HARRINGAY CIRCUS. Dly., 2.30, 7.30. Sats., 2, 5 & 8, Jan., 24-28, 5 & 8. Book 62a, Piccadilly Reg. 2891, & Arena, NEW HORTICULTURAL HALL, Westminster, S.W.1. 3CHOOLBOYS' OWN EXHIBITION. 10 to 8 p.m., Jan. 1-15. Adm. 1/-, Adults 1/9, ROYAL ALBERT HALL. HENRY WOOD PROMS, Nightly at 7.30 till Jan., 22, BELLE VUE ZOO & GARDENS (Manchester).
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Peter Quennell's bookshelf

then, to become a trifle discon-nected—with the result that a

number of his sentences demand

Round about pages 98 and 112 I

struck, for example, some ex-tremely foggy patches which,

when his book achieves a second

edition, so painstaking a stylist

would be well advised to clear up.

But they will not seriously de-

and the story, on the whole, is as lucid as it is fast-moving.

more generally respectable novels appear in 1949.

shall be surprised if many

vicar or rector of the

Go up the drive and ring the

woman with red and blistered

Non-stop worker

almost certainly from chilblains.

She will be the vicar's wife. And

also his housekeeper, maid-of-all-

work, Sunday school teacher,

social worker, and general char.

air will strike you with a sudden

chill. There will be a drab dis-

temper on the walls, and in places

In the "study," surrounded by

college oar on the wall, you will

even mittens. There will be no

fire, but there may be a small

In rising to greet you the vicar

will pull a newspaper over the

papers on his desk in front of

State secrets in his care, but

simply because he does not wish

an outsider to note that the main

items of his correspondence are

For the vicar will have been

I myself took an honours degree

on notepaper ruled for cash, gene-

following the usual occupation of

all clergymen of the Church of

England—wrestling with his bills.

at Trinity College, Cambridge.

Altogether, I suppose my educa-

rally with a little note in red ink

This is not because he has

may be wearing his overcoat, and

it will be peeling off.

paraffin heater burning.

If you get inside the house the

hands will open the door.

a careful re-reading.

ences, from a literary point of view, have proved an almost unmixed blessing.

At any period a thoughtful and intelligent writer, with a keen eye, a sensitive ear, and an admirably workmanlike fashion of handling the English language, he seemed well content to limit his explorations to the country road ahead of him—an agreeable road, full of minor surprises, interesting, and pleasantly variegated rather than adventurous. . . .

Since those days he has travelled widely and - much more important — has also felt in-He has witnessed the bleak dramas of an English war-time aerodrome and has visited the Far East. The impressions he gathered have enlarged his literary scope, without, so far as I can judge, either dazzling or con-fusing him.

The East again

HIS new book is certainly remarkable achievement. As in "The Purple Plain," he returns to an Eastern landscape; but on this occasion the characters he introduces are all you will see, standing out of unhappy English people dislodged from the comfortable existence they once enjoyed in Burma, and now fleeing before the Japanese armies towards the Indian frontier line.

There is Mrs. Betteson, for instance, the nitwit of the settlement, an odd, grotesque, clumsily pathetic woman, who afterwards displays an unexpected strain of fortitude; Mrs. Portman, proud of her face and body, mildly con-McNairn, lonely and aggrieved; Miss Allison, the half-caste nurse; besides Paterson, the leader of the party, who brings along his native servant and—greatly to the disgust of his prudish compatriots unacknowledged native

QUARRELS develop as the harassed fugitives grow more irritable and nervous; and before they have reached the frontier disaster overtakes them. A car topples from the jungle path that they are following and plunges down a rocky slope. Death descends in particularly corruption beneath a white-hot sky soon attracts the vultures. Three of the group decide to turn back. At the end only Paterson and his devoted Burman attendants cross the frontier Such are the bare bones of an unusually exciting and shrewdly managed narrative. The Jacaranda Tree is an excellent piece Marie Lohr in Terence Rattigan's Playbill. PICCABILLY. Ger. 4506. 7.0. Wed. Sat. 2.30. of work, inasmuch as it seizes the attention and brings every stage of that disastrous journey, with the accompanying sounds and sights and colours, H. E. Bates has uncommon descriptive skill, and registers even the smallest incident as if he were seeing it for the first time. But

Gaitens. (Maclellan,

by Kenneth

A vigorous story of life between

Recommended to lovers of the

romantic historical novel. A lively

Britain and the United States at

the beginning of the last century,

written throughout with a certain

Chinese Escapade, by Laurance Tipton (Macmillan, 16s.)

WEATHER

and SPEED (m.p.h.)

local light rain in west.

1.49 a.m., 2.12 p.m.

LOUDY, with occasional rain

BAROMETER: London, 6 p.m.,

HIGH WATER at London Bridge:

War-time China seen from

world wars in Glasgow's grimmer

Roberts. (Collins, 9s. 8d.)

Edward

Captain Caution,

across the bottom.

Englishman who, having escaped camp, joined forces with a gueras a story of adventure, and illuminating as a glimpse of be-

tion cost between two and three I realised when I decided to fol-

should move up into the ranks of the dentists, or even be put on Japanese internment Exceedingly readable should inform every one of these

Atlantic

Pity the clergyman with a charwoman's pay

LL over the coun-90,000 parishes, above the houses clustered round it, a parish church, probability, be a large and derelict garden. And in the middle of the garden, at the age house then the parish must end of an overgrown carriage tive profession—even a diocesan bishop gets less than a dentist tocease to be kept on as a separate drive, will be the residence of unit. Because in almost every

day—but I did think I was taking on a job where I could do some and maintain myself and my family in modest comfort. ordained, vicar of St. Stephen's. Hounslow. The Church Commispay me £330 s year, quarterly in arrears, but when they have made their deductions for dilapidations, pension rates bill if his income was £300 HER hair will be prema-premium, and so on, they actu-turely grey. She suffers ally pay me £52 a quarter. When this payment arrived on January 1 I had an overdraft of £62. I began the quarter £10

I am told that clerical poverty is a hackneyed subject. But it is a living problem, affecting at this men, and their wives and I attended a Rural Deanery

meeting in a northern diocese not long ago, and it was proposed present objected that he could not get away on a Monday. "No," said my neighbour to me, "he always helps his wife with the washing on a Monday.

Overhaul needed DOES a barrister have to do his washing before setting out for the Law Courts? Or a doctor? Or even a clerk in

England has no right to continue in existence, and to recruit for the ministry young men who have no idea what they letting themselves in for, unless radically to overhaul the machinery of the Church and see that its servants are paid a living am not asking that they

an equality with the miners. But certain things could be done Council. up under the Enabling Act of

cation, have tears in his eyes when someone has, rather diffidently, given him a ten-bob tip at a wedding. And a ten-bob tip is worth ten bob. If you get it in the Easter Offering it's worth only five. The Treasury takes the

It may be that the Christian Church will have to go underground, to face new catacombs, before it can become again a isation has a right to pay its officers wages on which it would be difficult for a saint to keep

L'EW parsons are self-indulgent. They are, in the main, decent, hard-working, likeable men, and their children from Nelson to Montgomery have been among Britain's finest sons. But the majority of them today, in actual cash, are receiving less pay than a charwoman. And it is hardly necessary to point out that their responsibilities are far greater. They should be paid a living wage, or the organisation closed down. It is a matter for national concern when an income level which spells

a benefice is swallowed up by the outgoings on the monstrous Here at St. Stephen's the rates £50. Is there any same business man who would dream of living in a house with a £50 a year? Yet the parson is compelled by law to reside in the benefice house provided.

SATURDAY SUCCESS STORY

n a nin

come a college boy this week because when he was invalided from the pit last year noticed that his from hospital were always in rhyme.

case half the pitiable income of

I've known a parson, a profes-

sional man with a university edu-

parsonage house.

to spend months at Harlech College, North Wales, developing his latent talent for poetry and literature. It will cost him He was encouraged to go to

college by his wife. Nora, who for self and three children aged five. six, and seven on an income of £2 19s. 6d. a week, made up of Health benefit and National children's allowances. Edward, who has given up his 20 cigarettes a day and is prepared "to live on nothing." marvels at her sacrifice to give him

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TODAY

HOME: 342.1m.

DWARD JONES, 31- a future. From Harlech he sent year-old coalface me his views on his new life: miner from Bar- My footsteps warily I tread, the uth Wales, has be- coalface left behind No sweat and graft can help me now, for I must use my mind No grinding belt to haste me on, or lamps to show me light A harder battle is in front, the Classics must I fight

For I have wife and children three, whose future now I hold Whom pittance of the State must keep, while I my new life mould And sad the day I said good-bye for I, a family man. Was filled with sickness of the heart, to part a bitter plan But parting o'er, neath Snowdon's peak, and lectures to digest My fellow-men encourage me, for all are filled with zest And if I stumble o'er a phrase, so helpful is their aid The future promises to me, no example has been shown Far better here a worker bee, than home a useless drone The miner poet says apologeti-

cally of his verse: "It's poor stuff, maybe, but I hope to be able to do better in 12 months' time."

LIGHT: 1,500m.

and 261.1m.

10.30 Forces Education.

11.00 Dick Barton.

9.00 News. 9.10 Housewives' Choice.

12.00 Theatre organ.
12.30 Sports Parade.
12.50 International Quiz.
1.15 Orch. 2.00 Books.
2.25 Racing: Newent Handicap Steeple-chase, Cheltenham.
2.40 F.A. Cup, Third

Round Replay.
3.45 Orchestra: Janet

4.30 Excerpt from film

Quartet.

5.30 Sports Report. 6.00 Harold Smart,

theatre organ.

6.45 Douglas Houghton. 7.00 News and Newsreel.

7.25 Football.
7.30 Promenade Concert.
9.00 Marie Korchinska,

9.15 Promenade Concert.

6.15 Jazz Club

10.00 News.

10.15 Edmundo Ros
Rumba Band; Cyril
Stapleton Orchestra.

Boccane- 11.15 Gramophone.

11.56-12.00 News.

THROUGH A £250,000,000 - GATEWAY' WILL COME CHEAPER FOOD

by JOHN HALL

DLANNED to put cheaper bread on your plate is one of the biggest jobs man has ever undertaken—a £250,000,000 project to change the face of the earth and have ocean-going ships climbing higher than Blackpool Tower.

Canadian and American engineers are going to take hold of the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes and make alterations that will:

Enable big ships to sail from Britain across the Atlantic and 2,000 miles into the heart of the North American continent, Turn inland ports like Canada's Port Arthur on Lake Superior and America's Chicago and Detroit into major harbours;

Bring huge producing areas of Canada and the U.S., areas which yield wheat, cattle, and timber, into direct contact

with the rest of the world; Provide an all-sea route for shipping iron ore and other vital minerals from Northern Quebec and Labrador to the great industrial centres of Ontario and the American Middle West; Harness the rapids of the St. Lawrence River to produce a great electricity supply. Your daily bread is directly affected because half of it now comes from the Canadian wheat lands. And this project means that the wheat will cost less time

Prairie to Britain

and money to bring here.

INSTEAD of being shipped in shallow-draught lake steamers from the Great Lakes ports to Toronto or Montreal, and then reshipped in ocean-going vessels, 8,000- and 10,000-ton ships will be able to load up on the edge of the prairies and bring the wheat direct to ports in Britain. They call this project the St Lawrence Seaway Plan, and the cost will be shared by Canada and the U.S. It was first mooted many years ago, but there was strong opposition in America. New York was worried because the project would mean that a great many cargo ships instead of calling there with goods for the Middle West would sail direct to American railways, privately owned, were worried because of

Power companies in the New York area were worried. While Canada has always beeneager to go ahead with the scheme, these American interests —they are still worried—held the United States back. Now President Truman is determined that it shall go ahead, mainly because new strategic considerations have want to be able to tap the vast reserves in Northern Quebec and

The strategists see new shipbuilding yards developing on the Great Lakes, remote from the dangers of enemy attack.

Dodging rapids

WUCH of the work of the project — estimated take six to ten years to complete involve widening and deepening canals which already exist to by-pass the St. Lawrence River rapids west of Montreal and Niagara Falls, and the varying water-levels between the Lakes. inland to the Great Lakes is like climbing up stairs. Between Montreal and Lake Ontario there is a 245ft. step, another 320ft, step to get from Lake Ontario round Niagara to Lake Erie, another 35ft. step to reach the lakes beyond. The waters of Lake Superior are 600ft. above draught of 14ft. can sail inland. but the new seaway will take ships up to 25ft. draught and wider beam. New locks will be built, new deep channels dredged. The experts calculate that the new seaway will cut 10s. a ton off the cost of carrying wheat from Canada to Britain.

club root

by Percy Izzard

HE up-and-down weather confar, in mid-January, there has been no serious effect on plant life, unduly for-

On the whole progress with spade work has been excellent and most of us are level with

Time can be saved now for doing the essential tasks of spring a supply of seed boxes, prepare and bundle pea sticks of suitable lengths for the different varieties get labels and bean poles ready implements are in good working

The sites for peas and beans in the season's plan should be dug deeply and manured liberally as soon as possible, the manure going mainly into the lower spit for peas. It is always best to do this

have reached me on the club root disease of the cabbage and other brassicæ. It is a soil disease, and to eradicate a bad infection may take several years. -- These vegetablesmust not be grown meanwhite in the affected ground. In a garden or plot of limited size rotation may be interfered with to some extent, but better that than a vain attempt to grow susceptible crops despite the infection. All diseased plants must be burned and the ground dressed heavily with slaked lime. This may have to be done a second year when the disease is very prevalent. Meanwhile, grow crops other than cabbages, turnips, and allied vegetables on the ground. To keep one's soil regularly limed and cleaned of weeds, especially charlock and others in the same botanical order as the cabbage—in short, clean, good cultivation—is the best way to prevent the disease appearing. But that will not avail if you buy for putting in the garden cabbage and similar plants from an aun-

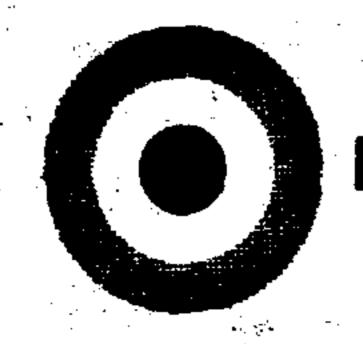
grower's repute. sprayed this week with a tar-oil wash. Calm air and a couple of rainless days gave excellent conditions for this. The currants and gooseberries were treated at the same time and at the same Many people neglect to spray

-their bush fruit, but it pays to do it, though it does not render unnecessary the late spraying of black currants with lime sulphur against the gall mite (big bud).



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Royal Air Force

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6.38 Cinems organ. 6.55 Weather; News. THIRD: 514.6m. 7.10 Programmes. and 203.5m. 7.15 Gramophone. 7.50 Bible Reading. 7.55 Weather; News. 6.00 Talk.
6.20 Russian Songs.
6.50 Wilfred Pickles in Trimalchio's Feast. 8.10 Programmes.
8.15 Music.
8.45 Two Pianos.
9.15 Gramophone.
9.36 Orchestra.
0.15 Daily Service. 7.50 String Quartet. 8.30 Talk. 11.00 Northern Orchestra. West Wycombe of Baron le Despenser.
10.35 Peter Cooper, piano.
11.05 Poetry Reading. 12.25 Stand Easy! 12.55 Weather: News. 11.35-11.55 Schumann. 4.30 Any Questions? 7.00 Popular Concert. 4.00 Down Your Way. 7.30 Grand Hotel.

4.30 Scottish Orchestra. 5.00 Children's Hour. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News; Sport. 6.25 Those Were the 7.00 In Town Tonight.
7.30 Sports Review. 8.00 Musie-Hall. The Truth About Blayds. 10.45 The Litany. 11.00-11.03 News.

TELEVISION 11.00-12.00—Newsreel. 2.10-3.55 app.—Association Football, F. Amateur Cup Ti Ilford v. Hendon. 8.39 - Deen Moray's 9.86 Open Amateur Boxing Tournament at Willesden.
10.00—Newsreel. 10.15-10.30-News (sound

Small animai (5) 9 Rope (6) 13 Strike (4) 15 Contract (5) 16 Observe (4) 17 Widespread (9)

14 Pare (4) 18 Ill-tempered (5) 19 Stringed instrument 20 Take aim (5) 22 Intelligence (4) 24 Angry (5) 23 Endorsement (4) 29 Sword (4) 31 Soak in (3) 25 Jump (5) 28 Unpleasant look (4) Friday's Solution Take in a wrong CLUES DOWN 1 Small (10) 2 Rind (5) 3 Extent (4) 4 Wood (3)

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