

PATIENT WILL LIE ON PILLOW TO HEAR BOOK

A NEW MACHINE supplied by the British Library of Tape Recordings for Hospital Patients to help bed-ridden patients, has been installed at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, WGC.

The machine, which has cost £85, is a gift from the WRVS.

Mrs. W. Partington, the Hospital librarian, told the "Times-Herald" yesterday (Thursday) that the machine is like a tape recorder and books are put on tape by the British Library, which has a large selection of these tapes covering many books, including classics, adventure stories by Hammond Innes and novels by Daphne du Maurier.

Readings of the various books are placed on tape by famous actors and actresses, including Sir Michael Redgrave.

"There is an excellent cross-section of reading", said Mrs. Partington.

Tapes are borrowed as required. Only two people at a time can use the machine.

There are two ways of using the machine. A headphone is placed in a pillow, about 8 inches by 4 inches, so that a patient who has to lie down can put it next to his ear and listen.

The other method is a tiny headphone which is placed over the head like an ordinary headphone.

If one patient has the pillow and another the headphone, two can listen at the same time.

"We don't find the need at the moment for more than one machine because the demand is not sufficient", said Mrs. Partington.

EXCELLENT

It is an excellent aid for blind patients.

It is to help completely bed ridden people who are disabled and are being nursed in such a position that it is impossible to hold a book.

It is the first machine of its type at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, said Mrs. Partington, and two or three patients only use it each month, but the machine is not used anywhere else.

The Hospital library is part of the Herts County Library Service.

For the future, said Mrs. Partington, they are thinking in terms of having a small projector which would project books on to a small screen to help patients who are bedridden. Beds could be placed close together so that two people could watch the screen.

Other aids include prismatic spectacles for patients who are being nursed lying flat on their



Mrs. W. Partington, hospital librarian demonstrates the tape recorded book machine to Mr. Thomas Maund.

backs.

Reading aids also support books for patients who are lying on their backs.

"We have on loan from St. Thomas's Hospital, London, an electric automatic page turner which has been in use at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for several months by one patient", said Mrs. Partington. "We plan to buy one of those when the new model is manufactured."

'SHELL' SHOCK

WHEN MR. ALFRED Sheffield of Moatwood Green, WGC, opened up an old War Department toolbox he had been given the last thing he expected to see was a two foot long shell.

There, lying underneath a pile of tools was a lethal looking object which Mr. Sheffield immediately took to WGC police station.

A police spokesman later said that the shell was in fact only a percussion cap made up with wood as a replica of the real thing. He added that bomb disposal experts had been asked to have a look at the "shell".

"I didn't think it was really alive but you never know," said Mr. Sheffield. "The thing that bothered me a bit was that the bottom unscrewed."

THE 2 p.m. TRAIN WILL STOP FOR ARSENAL FANS

—at least, for 6 weeks

ARSENAL FOOTBALL supporter Mr. M.A. Caiger of Warren Way, Welwyn travelled to nearly every home game his team played last season on the 2 p.m. train from Welwyn North which stopped at Finsbury Park in good time for a 3 p.m. kick-off.

But this season Mr. Caiger and many others like him found that the scheduled stop at Finsbury Park had been removed from the time-table.

This meant he and other supporters from Welwyn and Knebworth had to leave home an hour earlier to get to WGC to catch the 1.41 p.m. which does stop at Finsbury Park.

When Mr. Caiger contacted British Railways he was told that the 2 p.m. train would not be stopping at Finsbury Park but that a train an hour earlier would stop there for a trial period of four weeks. When he asked if he could complain about this arrangement he

was told "You can but it won't do any good."

This week the "Times-Herald" rang British Railways and was told that the 2 p.m. train also would stop at Finsbury Park for the same trial period.

A spokesman at Welwyn North station said as far as he knew the 2 p.m. train would not be stopping there this season and on being asked again the British Rail spokesman said he had made a mistake and the 2 p.m. train was not included in the trial period arrangements.

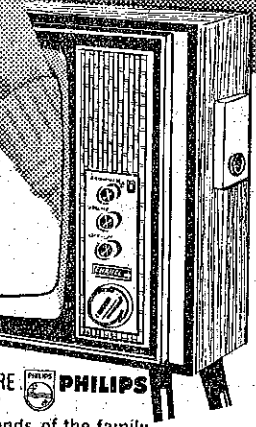
He later rang the "Times-Herald" to say that as they had made the mistake they would include the 2 p.m. train in the experimental period and that it would stop at Finsbury Park for the next six weeks after which the situation would be reviewed.

"Our difficulty is fitting these stops into the schedules and in and out of Kings Cross," he said. "Whether this train continues to stop at Finsbury Park will depend both on the use which is made of it and its effect on the existing services."

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The new Brandon A.D.B. of 5
Heronwood Place, was rushed
to hospital after the accident
on Monday. The van driver
was Raymond Baker, of 29
Oak Tree Garth, Welwyn
Garden City.

ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW

A COMPETITION for the
oldest theatre programme,
organised by the Wild Hill
Women's Institute, Hatfield, at
their August meeting on Tues-
day, was won by Mrs. M.
Lawrence.

Members for the first time
held their annual produce show
at their August meeting.

The president, Mrs. D. K. Jen-
nings, welcomed visitors from
Bayford, Hertingfordbury and
Little Berkhamstead. Mrs. G.
Barber judged the entries.

The class winners were as
follow: Roses, specimen and
hybrid tea: Miss D. Langmaid.
Floribunda: Mrs. E. Croft. An-
nuals and perennials: Mrs.
Sworder. Pansies and sweet peas:
Mrs. I. Taylor. Dahlias, large
decorative and cactus: Mrs. H.
Duncum. Pompoms: Mrs. K.
Dunkley. Chrysanthemums: Mrs.
J. Killick. Soft fruit: Mrs. I.
Langmaid. Peas: Mrs. J. Killick.
Runner beans: Mrs. K. Dunkley.
Other vegetables: Mrs. J. Killick.
Floral arrangement: Mrs. K.
Dunkley. Miniature floral
arrangement: Mrs. K. Clark.
Bottle fruit: Mrs. I. Langmaid.
Jam: Mrs. M. Lawrence. Marma-
lade: Mrs. M. Exell. Lemon
curd: Mrs. H. Duncum.

Contribution to swimming pool

After lengthy discussions at
council and committee meetings,
Hatfield Parish Council has
decided to contribute £1,000 a
year for 40 years towards the
cost of the Hatfield swimming
pool.

At a meeting of the council on
Monday, only two members, Mr.
E. J. Reynolds and Mrs. W. F.
Everard, opposed the move.

There are two
trucks and a factory in the that
leaves and every morning and
evening the road is crowded with
cyclists.

'Exploded'

"This whole question of
limits has exploded in the face
of the council. We suggested
slightly higher limits for those
roads that we thought could
take them, and the Ministry
has over-riden us and decided
to sweep away the limits
altogether.

"I have already ordered the
council officers to lodge an objec-
tion to this proposed de-restric-
tion. Unless we fight this the town
will be ringed with race-tracks."

But time is running out. By the
time the children return to Hens
Lane High School and Attimore
Hall School they may find that
the council, under orders from
the Ministry, has removed the
30-m.p.h. signs from Black Fan
Road and given every car driver
the go-ahead to put his foot
down.

VIEWPOINT

THE name of Gladys Keable
on a Town and Country
Planning booklet, Tomorrow
Slowly Comes, brings vividly
to mind a vicarage in Welwyn
Garden City.

More especially, the porch
of the vicarage, where one of
those new-fangled contraptions
made of silver balls gyrating
on springs, caused visitors to
look up, astonished.

It was typical of Rev.
Geoffrey Keable, now Vicar of
Barnham, Bognor Regis, and
his wife, that together, they
embraced the newest ideas.

Equally, they cherished the
best of the old-fashioned ideas,
and many local residents will
remember the vicar's heroic
appearance in a jacket and
trousers he had made on a
hand loom.

People like the Keables come
and go in Welwyn Garden City
and make the town rich in
recollections.

Books for the patients are her business

WHEN they have been used to the novelty of their
surroundings, patients on the road to recovery
at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden
City, more often than not look round for a book.

That is where Mrs. Wylva Coombs comes in. She is the
newly-appointed hospital librarian, and at this moment she
is busy stocking up the 3,000 volume library at the hospital.
Some books she will buy, but most will come from the
county library circulating stock.

The special books out of the
range of light reading for patients
are volumes on medicine needed
by the staff. Only the best obtain-
able will be considered.

Mrs. Coombs, who comes to
Queen Elizabeth II from the Sur-
biton library, has had 12 years
hospital experience. She was
assistant librarian at the Dartford
hospital, and for five years,
librarian at Pembury Hospital,
Kent. She also served as assis-
tant librarian at the Middlesex
Hospital, London.

For the time being, Elizabeth
II patients are having the

ordinary trolley service of books,
for the room in which the
library is to be situated is a tem-
porary stockroom for the odds
and ends needed in furnishing
and equipping a great hospital.

But within a few weeks, the
library will be established. One
thing is certain—it will have the
spice of variety. Hospital patients
read anything from the Bible to
the adventures of Billy Bunter,
and the aim at Queen Elizabeth
II Hospital will be to supply
everyone with their idea of a
good book.

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P. C. V. Brucciant sai
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The boy's bicycle wa
undamaged.

Mr. Herbert William
father of the dead boy
jury that David had bee
for nine years, and wa
petent cyclist.

Young cyclis

Roger William Jeeve
Hall Grove, Welwyn
City, said that he wa
towards Hatfield in Ase
when he saw a group o
cyclists ahead of him.

"I hooted twice."
"And the boys pulled ov
near side. Just as I wa
one of the boys seeme
out in front of me. Th
nothing to do except pu
brakes."

Mrs. Nellie Cellia J
passenger in her son's Y
"We were not going
when we came up to th
she said. "They pull
and my son pulled out
take. Just as we passe
two bicycles collide, and
fell off in front of us,
could do nothing to
collision. He brake
swerved, but hit the boy

One of the group of
James Cochran, of 6 Mo
Welwyn Garden City,
said that he was in fro
other boys. "I heard