## SMASHING GOAL

**HEARING cries from spectators during the Syston St. Peter's Juniors v. Humberstone St. Mary's Juniors soccer match at Syston, the referee stopped the match and walked to the Syston goalmouth.**

**He found the crossbar broken in two. An energetic spectator had swung on it.**

**The game was held up for five minutes while some string was found, and the crossbar was temporarily repaired. The posts were new this season.**

**DURBAN AND JO'BURG SHOTS**

Some non-European motorists, a European and policeman were injured in Newclare, a suburb of Johannesburg, when police fired on rioting Africans in Johannesburg last night and in Durban early today.

# 300 Leicestershire Hauliers Await Their Fate

**MORE THAN 300 ROAD HAULIERS in Leicester and Leicestershire are anxiously awaiting the issue of licences from the Road Haulage Executives Birmingham area office, which will enable them to carry on their business.**

By next Wednesday (February 1st) every road haulier will be required to be in possession of a licence.

Two kinds of permits will be issued by the Executive—original permits, which will enable holders to carry on business over a radius exceeding 25 miles for one year, and which may then be renewed, and ordinary permits, which might be withdrawn by the Executive at any time.

Unless a haulier has a licence, he cannot go further than a 25 mile radius. There is no appeal if a licence is refused.

Mr. E. Northfold, Leicester branch secretary of the Road Hauliers' Association, told the Leicester Mercury today:

**"A 25-mile limit imposed on road hauliers would ruin their business. The only industrial centre within that limit from Leicester is Nottingham, and an operator would not even be allowed to take a load to Derby, which is 29 miles away.**

"What we are up against is the ordinary licence, which can be withdrawn within one week. Hauliers issued with it will never know where they stand or whether their business will still exist next month.

### 'Indiscriminately'

"There are about 23,000 private enterprise road hauliers in this country, and each one will be under the same conditions.

"The Executive are not investigating each case, and we think they grant and refuse licences indiscriminately.

"Without the private enterprise hauliers, road transport of goods in this country cannot be carried on—there just are not enough vehicles about."



*All that remains of the burnt-out car.*

## Stolen Lorry Found Burnt Out

A 15 CWT. VAN, belonging to Mr. J. Hands, 12, Melrose Street, Leicester, stolen from outside the Red Cow Inn, Hinckley Road, Kirby Muxloe, on Saturday night was later found abandoned and burnt out on the grass verge in Glenfield Lane, half way between Kirby Muxloe and Glenfield.

Although an empty petrol can was found lying near the wreckage of the car, it is not thought that it was deliberately fired.

The police believe the fire started through a shorting of an electric wire. They do not know whether this happened before or after it was abandoned.

## Students' Reunion at Vaughan College

The annual reunion of past and present students of Leicester's Vaughan College on Saturday night was a mixture of drama, music and dancing.

One of the plays was a comedy of errors set appropriately in a centre of adult education. The outstanding performances in "Murder by Request" and "Husbands are a Problem" were given by Reginald Needle, Sybil Richards, Helen Hart and Maurice Willan.

A humorous recitation was given by Joan Lamb, and a character sketch by Sheila Turnbull.

## Lawther's Advice To Midland Miners

A letter from Sir Will Lawther, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, in which miners were urged to continue to support accident relief societies, was read at the 267th quarterly meeting of the Midland Miners' Fatal Accident Relief Society at Derby.

The chairman, Sir Robert E. Martin, stated that the National Coal Board—National Union of Mineworkers' joint scheme started recently whereby for a contribution of a penny a week, members killed in mining accidents could ensure that their widows received £150, with £25 for each child, did not replace that which the Relief Society had operated since 1883. The two schemes were complementary, and while the new one was to be welcomed as providing lump-sum compensation, the old one was still as necessary as ever, for it gave widows and dependants a weekly sum for life.

It was unanimously decided to print copies of the letter together with a message from Sir Robert Martin, and circulate them throughout the coalfields in the district.

## Farmers' Open-cast Mining Claims

Leicestershire farmers affected by open cast coal mining are now more optimistic about receiving adequate compensation from the Government. Mr. A. V. Sheardon (chairman) told the Leicestershire executive of the National Farmers' Union that it now appeared that the Ministry of Agriculture would discuss the question.

"Now we have a much greater chance of getting justice for all our members" he said.

"The Ministry were never ready to talk business before but now they have admitted that we are right in our claim," he said.

## They Remember The Church In The Barn

TWENTY-ONE years ago, with the development of the Braunstone estate, a local church was established in the barn of a farmhouse. Out of this the present lovely Trinity Congregational Church has grown.

On Saturday night a coming-of-age social was held in the church—with 35 of the original "church-in-the-barn" worshippers as guests.

Plans had been made to build a replica of the original barn on a platform in the church. But, said the minister the Rev. C. R. Collingwood, the work had proved too difficult to complete in time.

The 35 guests—all of whom wore a special "barn badge"—travelled from all over the country to Leicester. With the Rev. L. Webb, who was the minister in the barn 21 years ago, they remembered how they prayed together under the oak beams and the light of swinging lanterns.

## Fire Gets 100 Boys Out of Bed

About 100 boys in King George's orphans' hostel were called out of bed early today when fire severely damaged a laundry next door in Stockwell Road, Brixton, London, S.W.

One of the boys saw flames at about 3.30 a.m. and raised the alarm.

Firemen worked by the aid of floodlights and had the fire under control by 4 a.m., when the boys went back to bed. The hostel was undamaged.

## EX-BEVIN BOY AS MINISTER

NEWBOLD VERDON Baptist Church now has a minister of its own—the Rev. Stanley Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Webb, of 26, Scott Street, Leicester.

Mr. Webb, who was called up as a Bevin Boy during the war, and worked in a Nottinghamshire colliery has just completed a two-year course in theology.

He was ordained and inducted to the pastorate of Newbold Verdon Baptist Church on Saturday. The Rev. E. J. Garnham, of Barlestone said the ordination prayer, and the Rev. I. S. Milsted, of Leicester, gave the ordination address. The charge to the minister was given by Pastor G. H. Sutton, of Wigston Fields, and the charge to the church by the Rev. I. S. Milsted. Mr. A. Finnle, of Leicester, presided at the evening service.

At a tea the new minister was welcomed by the Rev. T. O. Morgan, of Earl Shilton Baptist Church, Mr. W. Causon, of Newbold Verdon Baptist Church, the Rev. J. D. Bolton, Rector of Newbold Verdon, the Rev. E. N. Roberts, of Leicester, and other speakers.

## University Scholarship For Coalville Girl

Miss Hazel Hudson, a pupil of Coalville Grammar School, has been awarded an open scholarship tenable at Durham University for three years.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hudson, of Hugglescote. Her father is headmaster of Snibston County Primary School, and her mother a member of the staff of Ibstock Secondary Modern School.

Miss Hudson is a member of the County Junior Orchestra, and at the last West Leicestershire Youth Festival won first prizes for elocution and vocal duet, and was awarded the challenge cup for open pianoforte repertoire.

## Farmers Want More For Pigs

Because of increased costs of feeding pigs, Leicestershire farmers want increased bonus payments at the February price review.

The County National Farmers' Union executive committee approved of this and added that any extra bonus agreed upon should not affect the schedule of overall prices, but be allocated to pigs between seven and eight and a half score.

## 'Very Mean Theft'

Cornelius Christopher O'Conner (34), student male nurse at the Towers Hospital, Leicester, and a former trainee school teacher at Leicester University College, was sentenced to 12 months at Leicester Assizes for stealing 10 guineas from Mrs. Vera Frattaroli, a Leicester hairdresser, when he went to the shop to make an appointment for his wife.

The Lord Chief Justice said it was "a very mean theft."

### RELATIVES TRACED

The police search for relatives of the late Mr. William Henry Hayward who was lodging at 45, St. Bernard Street, Leicester, has been sucessful. Relatives have been traced in Northampton.


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