

Mr. Manchester's DIARY

Things are
looking
up with
a honey
of a job



THIRTY teenagers have bought 1,000lb of honey to raise money for an observatory they want to build in Cheshire.

Members of Altrincham and District Astronomical Society are busy as bees selling 1lb jars of honey at 2s 6d each for, as 17-year-old treasurer Fred Talbot, says: "We don't believe in asking the public for money."

All the amateur astronomers want is a place to build, and a request for a site is being considered by Altrincham parks committee this month.

Founded by boys

Fred, a Sale County Grammar School sixth-former, of Edale Grove, Sale, and 17-year-old Altrincham Grammar School boy Trevor Smith, of Greenway Road, Sale, founded the society two years ago.

Six members are adults and the others are mainly teenagers. They meet monthly at Park Road Library, Timperley, have a collection of books and slides and publish a quarterly magazine called "Capapus" after the second brightest star in the firmament.

Nights in garden

Fred says £50 would cover the cost of materials for an observatory for an architect has designed it free of charge and the members are prepared to do the work themselves.

A 10 inch reflector would cost them another £20 to build.

Fred specialises in meteors and frequently spends nights in his own and other people's gardens watching the night sky.

This summer he and a few friends will spend 10 days under canvas in Anglesey to watch the stars.

Actress WENDY RICHARDS has become engaged to a fashion expert she met when he called at a men's shop in London where she was working in between acting roles. She is the girl who first became a singer when she teamed up with MIKE SARNE and made the hit record "Come Outside." She then started acting although her aim is to be a comedienne. At 19, she has yet another job — as joint owner with her mother of a London hotel. By the way, she is following fashion with a blonde wig in my picture. Her own hair is short.

propagandist—wore a black axe as its sign, hence the name "Battleaxe."

Band-coming

Mr. Mitton, of Dawlish Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, said: "It was one of the few non-regular divisions to form an old comrades' association. At this year's party we'll be celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the club's foundation."

The old comrades are likely to have music to liven the evening. Lieutenant-Colonel Kevin Hill, CO of the Lancashire Fusiliers, has said he may bring along a section of the regimental band for the occasion.

Thirsty souvenir

WELL over £2,000 has been paid by a financier for a Mercedes once used in London by Nazi ambassador Von Ribbentrop.

The eight-cylinder limousine has a top speed of 87 mph, is 18ft long and weighs over two tons and does only six miles to the gallon.

Notice chalked on a refuse truck: "Always at your disposal."

Her reward

testants by eating a papercake 2ft in diameter "in a matter of seconds."

In seconds

Pressure of work has prevented him travelling from London for tonight's contest, and he has asked Mr Yarwood to defend his title for him.

Said Mike, who is staying with his parents, Mr and Mrs Wilfred Yarwood, at Broadway, Bredbury, Cheshire: "Roy encouraged me to go into the business and taught me a lot of tricks in the early days. This is the least I can do for him."

Next in line

ANOTHER journalist is to join the line of those who have influenced the success of Manchester and District Golf Alliance. Mr Arthur Brown,

Northern editor of the "Sun" is the alliance's amateur captain-elect.

He is a member of Withington Golf Club and has a handicap of 11 (well below the national average) after only six years at the game.

"Like most newspaper men who are sitting at a desk a big part of the night, I took it up for the exercise and then found it fascinated me," he said.

Too little time

At that time he was chief sub-editor on the old "Daily Herald." Now, as an editor, he is not able to play as much as he would like.

He is a great admirer of sports writer Peter Wilson and has arranged for him to be a guest speaker at the alliance dinner at Mere in March.

I spotted an antique shop called: Den of Antiquity.

Maxi-Mini

ACTOR Laurence Harvey has bought a Mini Cooper \$ "personalised" at a cost of an extra £1,000. After two months at a coachbuilder, it has joined his fleet of six other cars, including a new Rolls-Royce, a Maserati and two Pontiacs.

The Mini has electrically-operated windows, a black hide interior, made-to-measure seats, a tape recorder, radio, and a cocktail cabinet.

Mr Harvey changes his cars frequently. So far he has owned 27 Rolls-Royces.

P.S.:

The smaller the head the bigger the dream—Austin O'Malley.

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