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Smoothing the Road for the Traveller

Bumps and Holes in Mallorca's Highways -- The Prospects of Getting Them Rolled Down and Filled In.

EVERY visitor to Mallorca has been bumped over the roads of the island, swearing heartily at some of the routes that pass the loveliest spots and getting no comfort at all from the old timers who can remember at some length how much worse these same highways used to be.

Not so many years ago all the roads were bad. Now the bad ones seem worse by contrast with the few good ones such as the Palma-Sóller route, and many a tourist is inclined to blame the negligence or indifference of local authorities.

The old residents may offer no consolation, but it may be soothing to jounced nerves to know that the Diputación of the Balearics feel much worse about the condition of the roads, which are under their jurisdiction, than any mere traveller over them. Not only that, but these officials are really doing something about it.

As Señor Juan Bauzá of the Diputación explained the situation to THE MAJORCA SUN, it was apparent that the local governing body is working against considerable odds, and — what is a more hopeful — that steady improvement is in prospect.

The great obstacle in the way is the same difficulty that is confronting everybody everywhere these days, lack of funds. The government of Mallorca is one of the few institutions on the island that is not sharing the prosperity which tourist traffic has brought.

A Long Way Round

The Diputación has allotted to it in this year's budget 186, 717.28 Pesetas for construction work, and 220, 150.88 Pesetas for keeping existing roads in good condition and for repairs. Even in a land of

cheap labor and material, these sums do not go as far as the officials would like.

There is, however, another difficulty which is purely administrative. Spain is a highly centralized country, governmentally, and the Diputación must get its funds from Madrid and have its plans approved there.

A contribution from each Ayuntamiento in the Province and the proceeds of the small export tax are allocated to road work. But these taxes are forwarded to Madrid and then the national government divides them up. A round sum is appropriated for the upkeep of secondary roads, which can be expended at the discretion of the Diputación, but each project for a primary road must be approved in Madrid. The result, according to Señor Bauzá, is that many of the secondary roads are in better condition than the main highways.

Good Intentions

In some instances, plans have been approved and work begun, but money has failed and the work has had to be postponed. Piles of stones and drums of tar by the roadside are evidence of suspended undertakings. Señor Bauzá feels even more strongly about the men thus thrown out of work—he says most of the unemployed on the island are road workers—than he does about the discomfort of motorists.

At the same time he realizes that Mallorca's prosperity must be based upon her agriculture and her tourist trade. Both demand good roads. Consequently in addition to pushing repairs and new construction as rapidly as possible, the Diputación is petitioning the Cortes to eliminate some of the red tape by permitting the Diputación to collect and

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expend its own funds. In this way work could proceed more rapidly to the encouragement of tourist trade and for the benefit of the farmer who must send his crops down to the ports. Then there would be more highways like the recently finished Curalluchmayor and Calobra roads.

If the authorities in Madrid can be persuaded to allow local officials to deal with the roads question at their own discretion, within broad limits, the first step towards securing highways that will be an added attraction to tourists will have been taken.

The next advance must be to secure adequate funds. The kind of roads we would all like to have ought to be paid for by the people who use them, and it would not seem unreasonable to very many if the motor vehicles tax were utilized for roads. Or if this were impossible, there should be no overpowering outcry if a slight addition to licence fees was made and devoted to upkeep of highways.

With an increasing number of motorists constantly coming to the Island, Mallorca would soon find herself in the possession of excellent roads, and there is no doubt that the investment would be a good one. The Diputación realizes it as very well, and in that fact lies the best hope for improvement.



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Day of the Sacred Heart

The Day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a rather special day for the Jesuits, and this year it was celebrated in Spain with very little ceremony outside the churches.

In Mallorca, the Civil Governor issued a formal request that balconies should not be adorned as in the past, and to a delegation which called upon him to petition for permission he replied that the old method of celebration was rather political than religious in its effect, and therefore he could not grant the petition.

Those who hung out banners in defiance of this were fined upon refusal to remove them. In Madrid a number of windows from which decorations were suspended were smashed. Locally there were no disturbances.

The Exeter's Passengers

Eight Americans sailed for New York yesterday (Saturday) on the American Export Line's Exeter and two more are making the trip as far as Gibraltar.

Those who are going to New York are Mr. Thomas G. Blakeman, Miss Marion Hayes, Captain and Mrs. W. A. Angwin Mr. L. Parker McKinley, Mrs. Marie Pierce, Mrs. Elsie Alden and Mr. Nicolai Sokoloff.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Doubleday are going to Gibraltar on the Exeter.

BLOOD AND SAND

It will be a sell-out at the Plaza de Toros this afternoon when the President with due ceremony throws down the keys to the corral and the first *bravo* comes out to meet his death.

There will be more English and Americans at this *corrida* than any hitherto held in Mallorca—so many that it has been said that only the foreigners seem to be going. But that ignores the long lines who have stood for hours waiting to buy tickets, long lines of Mallorquins, and in a bull ring which seats nearly 20,000, the few hundred foreigners will be lost among the enthusiasts who were born to the sport.

According to the program, Marcial Lalanda will kill the first and fourth bulls; Vicente Barrera, the second and fifth; Domingo Ortega, the third and sixth. These three toreros are the most famous Mallorca is likely to see this year.

Every taxicab and available private car has been engaged already for the trip to the ring, and those who are going by tram would be well advised to allow themselves plenty of time. The show starts at five o'clock sharp.

Special trains are being run, and during the past week connoisseurs went out to the corral to pass their expert judgment upon the condition and probable bellicose qualities of the bulls. The general opinion was that they were fine fighting animals.

As further ballyhoo for the event, the local papers have been recording in some detail the successes which the toreros have been scoring in other parts of Spain.

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OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There seems to be no way to beat the Short family, even on the Derby. Not only is the head of the house, Mr. F. G. («Fixit Good») Short, the man to whom the bewildered foreigners come with their woes and troubles when they want something arranged, but he is suspected of extending his influence to the English Turf.

His daughter, Miss Carmen Short, won a prize on the Grand National locally, and now she has taken first money for the Derby. It is suspected that her father pulled wires, and with her winnings he will now build several houses on ground he acquired some time ago on the hill above San Agustin.

Miss Short and Mr. Dundas were lucky enough to draw April the Fifth in the Derby; Mr. W. Pulz of Barcelona had Dastur for second money and Mr. Pond took third with Miracle.

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Miss Genevieve Taggard and her sister, Miss Ernestine Taggard, are coming to Palma today for the bull fight. They will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Friede of Genova and Mr. and Mrs. Whit Burnett of Corp Mari. The sisters have been living in Pollensa, where Genevieve, widely known for her biography of Emily Dickinson, is writing a long narrative poem. She is the holder of a Guggenheim travelling fellowship.

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Mrs. J. Seward Cottrell of London arrives in Palma today (Sunday) aboard the Viceroy of India for an extended visit. She and Mr. Cottrell both know the island well, having been here on several occasions. Mr. Cottrell was at the Hotel Victoria for some time during the last winter.

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After a little delay in their plans, Miss Margaret Ellen Bernadette Howse and Mr. Alexander Patrick Luscombe Whyte of England, both of whom have been living in Mallorca some time, were married last week. Mr. Ivan Lake, the British Vice Consul, performed the ceremony.

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Mrs. Piers of Son Rapiña is planning to leave for an extended visit in England on June 14th. She expects to join Mrs. Frederick Chamberlin's party for a tour through France on the way north.

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Mr. and Mrs. U. B. J. ...
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Lady Sheppard closed her house in Fornalutx this week and has moved into her summer home at Mal-Pas. Sir William will join her there upon his return from England later in the season.

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The pupils of the Allen-Rosselló School in Terreno, all English and American children, will give a Spanish playlet at 3:30 on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 15th, for their parents and a few friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Garrigues, Mrs. Frederic W. Tunnell and Miss Martha B. Fortin, all of Germantown, Pa., arrived yesterday from New York on the SS Exeter to visit Miss Mary Welsh of Porto Pi.

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Miss Emily Blackstone Camp and Mrs. R. H. Van Sant, both of Bonanova, will leave shortly in Miss Camp's car. They will drive together as far as the Spanish frontier. From there Mrs. Van Sant will go on to Pau to join her children who have been at school in France for some time. Miss Camp will motor on to Albania where she will resume her official duties in connection with government schools.

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Alexander Tansman, the Polish composer, left Palma yesterday for Paris where he has undertaken some work of film synchronization. He hopes to return to Palma in July to remain until sailing in October for the season in America.

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Mrs. Lilian M. Fredilis, accompanied by Miss Peggy Warr, is leaving for England on Friday. Mrs. Fredilis will return to Terreno in October.

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Because of the illness of their child, Mr. and Mrs. Jacopo Sureda will not be able to leave for the United States on Tuesday as they had arranged.

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Mrs. Claude Boyer of Genova is going to En-

gland next Tuesday.

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It is understood that Lady Constance Matthews will be returning to England in the near future.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Webb Morice sailed for Marseilles last Tuesday after a nine months stay in Mallorca.

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About June 17th, the 80 foot auxiliary schooner Argus will drop anchor in the harbor of Palma. She is on her way across the Atlantic from Bayonne, New Jersey, and is commanded by Captain F. E. Wills.

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The British Vice-Consul, Mr. Ivan Lake, was kept busy last Friday receiving visitors who called upon him in honor of the King of England's birthday. M. Mougin, the French Consul, who flew his flag for the occasion, was one of the visitors.

Picture Competition

A competition to provide an oil painting symbolizing the Spanish Republic for the Hall of Sessions of the Diputación here has been announced. The competitions is open to artists of all nationalities.

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LATEST NEWS

Berlin.—The new German Cabinet of moderates headed by Chancellor von Papen has been sworn in, and its first act was to quiet some fears entertained about the possibility of an immediate financial collapse. The news was spread, after the Chancellor had conferred with President Luther of the Reichsbank, that there will be no new inflation. Von Papen also announced that there will be no change in German foreign policy.

Rome.—The ashes of Anita Garibaldi, first wife of the Liberator, were brought with great ceremony from Genoa to Rome on the fiftieth anniversary of her husband's death. Premier Mussolini and most of the high officials of his government and the diplomatic corps accompanied the ashes from the station to the monument over Garibaldi's tomb where the urn was interred.

London.—As a result of the Senate's adoption of the bill abolishing the Irish oath of allegiance to King George, the British Government will refuse to negotiate during the coming Imperial conference at Ottawa with representatives of the Irish Free State.

Valencia.—Two small boys found a box of detonators designed for the manufacture of bombs and were badly injured while playing with them.

London.—Andrew W. Mellon, United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James, refused to wear court dress when he called at Buckingham Palace, but the other day he appeared in white silk knee breeches at a dinner given by Lady Ellesmere.

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By James Lindo Webb

THE Castle of Alaró, standing on an abrupt rocky height, over 2,500 feet above sea level, less than 20 miles from Palma, existed long before the Conquest, (1229). Its origin is unknown. In 1285, King Jaime II, son of the Conquistador, was dispossessed of his kingdom of Mallorca by his nephew, Alonso III of Aragon.

The Castle was the last fort to resist the usurper. When it fell, Alonso added an indelible stain to an unhonored name by ordering that its brave Captains, Cabrit and Bassá, be burned alive in the market-square of the town of Alaró.

In 1291, Jaime II of Aragon, brother and successor of Alonso, honorably restored the kingdom of Mallorca to his uncle, (Jaime II of Mallorca) who, among many important public works, effected great reconstruction of the Castle of Alaró.

Fall of a Kingdom

Again in 1343, Mallorca was invaded, by Pedro IV of Aragon who dethroned Jaime III, and so made an end of the separate monarchy. The Castle stood siege, but soon surrendered.

On October 25th 1349 Jaime III was killed in battle at Lluchmayor in a courageous but hopeless attempt to regain the kingdom.

December 7th, 1285. Black night! The door has been barred since sundown. The Prior has long retired, to prayer if not to rest. The poor brotherhood of Alaró—there are but three remaining—pass the hours in prayer and in fear, though little knowing of the wild doings without.

The bell rings harshly and one calls as in terror: «Open! in God's name! Come! oh come!»

«But, who are you? What is it you need?»

«Ahi! Ahi! The Catalans have taken the Castle; and they drag our brothers down in chains!»

«But, the Castellan?»

«He is fled; and they bring the Captains down; they will burn them at dawn in the market place!»

«Burn them? They dare not! En Jaume is our King: they are his Vassals, and true to their faith!»

«Nothing of this, Father! Alonso is king. But, open, and come! You must shrive their souls; for none can save them!»

The bar is drawn; the trembling fugitive staggers in; and the friars, headed by their Prior, go forth to their office.

Six centuries are long past; and only the ruined remains of that great castle cling to the verges of its rugged crag.

Today, we may pass through the quiet town of Alaró, view its noble church, cross its deserted market square, and see no sign of past tragedy. We

may traverse a good motor-road, through smiling cornfields among groves of olive, almond and carob trees; by peaceful farms, with their orchards and palms, pines and cypresses; and só, on and up, to the very foot of the huge, ruddy cliff that rises full seven hundred feet above our heads.

Leaving Modernity

Here we lose all trace of today; for the precipitous, stony foot-track is that of ten — may be twenty — centuries past, and winds up through ilex woods to the bare rock-scarp where the frowning ruins stand. Through an outer and an inner gateway, we pass to a level space amidst the wreck of the walls of the keep; then onwards up to the summit-platform where is perched the humble Hospice beside the quaint small Chapel of «Our Lady of the Refuge».

Here is no place, nor is there need for description of scenery, and what else is to be seen and experienced by all who make this enchanting journey.

One is sure of a welcome from the peasant people in charge of the hospice. Even if we speak no Spanish, our needs will be understood. We may eat, simply; we may sleep in clean sheets; but we must expect no luxuries.

To such as have some knowledge of the people and the language, there will be scenes of intimacy open that will call for much sympathetic understanding if we would join in them without the key of mutual speech.

One scene we may recall that will ever remain as the true key-note of a night here spent.

Welcoming the Stranger

In the spacious chimney-corner of the family room, the fire of pine is blazing. Work is over and we are invited to sit with them in the double warmth of hearth and hail. Chairs are given to the strangers, and, one after another, the family drift in and sit on the benches. Restraint soon falls away; and they chat among themselves, always responding readily and civilly to any remarks we may make, slipping cleverly into Castellano from their native Mallorquin. Then the old Father, a gaily humorous fellow, tall and straight as a lance, hawk nosed, and eagle eyed, throws a glance around and catches all eyes. With rapid fluency, he launches into a torrent of versified folk-lore, in old Mallorquin, of which to grasp one half the meaning we must be bright. As he ends, another follows with a «ronday» of native humor, that is punctuated with shouts of laughter from all the party.

So an hour passes, and then Father rises and remarks quietly but firmly, that he is going to lock up.

The visitor is not obliged to go to bed; but, generally, that procedure seems indicated.

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Before George Copeland ever came to Mallorca, he was an admirer of Balthasar Samper whose compositions he has introduced to audiences in Europe and America. At the end of Mr. Copeland's first concert in Mallorca in conjunction with the Chopin festival last month, he and Samper met for the first time and the result of that meeting was that one artist inspired another to attempt a greater piece of work than he has yet done. Samper the composer, is now writing a concerto especially for Copeland, the pianist.

Next Tuesday evening the audience at the Teatro Principal will listen to a varied program in which Mr. Copeland will interpret with his skill and subtle feeling for tonal color and melody, the genius of Corelli, Scarlatti, Ravel and Debussy.

It was Copeland who first taught the public to appreciate the beauties of the *Puck Dance* and *Night in Granada*. He also brought Spanish composers into the concert hall in America and England and proved to his hearers that comparatively unknown men of the eighteenth century had something worth while to say. His programs are always



George Copeland

interesting because he his unorthodox in is selections. He has made his public familiar with music that other pianists failed to recognize as exceptional or beautiful for Mr. Copeland is an individualist. He has never confined himself to selections that are certain to be popular with the average audience for, as the pianist explained, there is no such thing as a discriminating audience and therefore all that the artist has to offer is his musical personality.

«To compare one musician's playing with another's is ridiculous,» Mr. Copeland says. «That may be very well with machinery but the fact that one man plays exactly like another automatically throws him out of the field of artists. He is nothing more than a well drilled performer.»

Another remark of his was equally revealing. He said that he

never attends piano recitals and that he can go for months without seeing a piano. «I don't believe in talking shop all the time; it makes one stale. A pianist should sit down to the piano hungry for what it can give him, not as though it were just a habit that might become a bore.»

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When the English Came To Spain for Luxuries

Half a millenium and more ago, the Englishman who prided himself on living well relied upon Spanish products as his descendants have looked to the Peninsula as a market. The relative roles of the two countries were reversed, and the gentle arts of what was known as Progress flowed north rather than, as we like to think of them now, south.

Leather and dishes and manufactured goods of all kinds were introduced into England from this country even in the days when the Moors were supreme on most of the Peninsula, but the greatest boons conferred were food and drink.

Oranges, for example, seem to have been made popular by Queen Eleanor, the Spanish wife of Edward I. In 1289, her royal husband bought for her a frail of figs from Seville, a frail of raisins, a bale of dates, 230 pomegranates, fifteen lemons and seven oranges. In her last illness the following year, Eleanor of Castille, as she was called, evidently craved the fruits of her native land, and we find in the royal accounts that thirty-nine lemons were bought for her at the astonishing price of twenty shillings.

This is the Queen whose memory has been immortalized in Charing Cross, erected by Edward to her memory, and the less well known crosses at Northampton, Geddington and Waltham.

But for nearly a century after her death the orange failed to appeal to English taste. In 1390 there were only 600 imported but by 1490 the number had risen to 5,000 and from then on was appreciated as fruit and conserve by the gentry.

Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's great minister, received from his factor in Portugal, among other delicacies, marmalade made of quinces and a quantity of *socade* which was what we now mean by marmalade. However, Spain and Portugal had no monopoly of the trade, for the fruits were imported from Italy too.

There was one Spanish product which was in steady demand and still holds its own. This was Spanish liquorice, and entries at the Port of Sandwich as early as 1305 report John of Bordeaux as importing liquorice to the value of 32 pounds, while a consignment of Raymond de la Rocan was worth 40 pounds. All the liquorice was made at Saragossa.

Another great mediaeval luxury was fur from Spain and, if we may judge by the names such as *galignes*, *meligres* and the like, the practice of giving the humble rabbit resounding titles was not unknown.

Even more important was Cordova leather, which was very early and favorably known, and was considered excellent booty by the pirates. It was famous from Moorish times as *Cordwain*, hence the French name for bootmakers.

Medical Congress

Most Important Conference of Its Kind in
Spain Will Be Held This Year
in Mallorca

Some 300 doctors from Catalonia and a representative number from other parts of the Peninsula are making ready to attend the Seventh Balearic-Catalan Medical Congress which will be held in Palma de Mallorca commencing the 27th of June.

The Medical Congress is probably the most important conference of the medical profession in Spain, and although the speaking will be mainly in Catalan, it is expected that nearly every country in the world will be represented.

Many members will have their families with them, and thus combine a professional trip and holiday. It is understood that great preparations are being made in Mallorca to relieve the tedium of an eight day conference and special excursions are being planned for the island's distinguished visitors.

They will be offered the usual sight-seeing tours of the island and, on the day of the last session, a trip by water to Formentor — the justly famous beauty spot of Mallorca — is scheduled. It is even expected, but not yet definitely decided, that a special boat will leave Formentor for Barcelona that night, thus saving those who must return to the mainland immediately after their official business is finished, the extra trip back to Palma.

The Congress will be in session from June 27th until July 3rd. and the discussions will touch upon all branches of medicine, which will be dealt with the leaders in each field.

French Musicians

Two musical organizations from Pamiers, France, are arriving in Barcelona at noon today (Sunday). They are *L'avant Garde Apameenne* and *La Societé Philharmonique*, the former composed of fifty musicians and the latter of sixty.

On Monday morning they will give a concert in the kiosk of the Plaza de la Cascada, Park of Montjuich. The performance will commence at eleven o'clock, that being the only hour available. The musicians will be welcomed by Barcelona officialdom and artists as well as by members of the French colony.

Illuminations at Montjuich

Beginning today (Sunday) the fountains and illuminations at the Park of Monjuich will be functioning. The display commences at 10:30 p.m., and there will be no increase in prices.

Annual Church Meeting

Last Tuesday evening the annual Church meeting of the Church of England was held in the office of Mr. Fraser Lawton, presided over by the chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Grimes. There was a fair attendance of Church members.

Mr. Grimes opened the meeting by giving a short account of the Church's work during the last year. He said he had throughout kept three ends in view. The first was to beautify the Church, and he mentioned certain gifts he had received. The second was to encourage a greater spirit of friendliness among the members, and especially that they do all they can for strangers. The third was to promote the international spirit.

The Chaplain was, therefore, he added, especially pleased that among those present at the meeting was Mr. Jones, a native of Fernandez Pau.

After Mr. Grimes's address, the treasurer, Mr. E. Witty, presented the year's balance sheet. This was not as favorable as it might have been, owing to the general bad times. The meeting was urged to find fresh subscribers.

Mr. Grimes then re-appointed Mr. Henderson Ryder as his warden, and the meeting elected Mr. F. Witty as people's warden. The other members of the committee were chosen as follows:

Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bottomley, Mr. Kendal Parks, Mr. Whittick, Mr. Hedderwick, Mr. Leask, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Loveday and Mr. E. Witty.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Marlowe for his work in training the choir, to Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Frost, Miss Bingham, Mr. Jones and Mr. Hart for their services as organists, and to the choir and members of the Ladies Guild and to Mr. Fraser Lawton.

Among others present at the meeting were Mrs. Witty, Miss Field, Mrs. F. Witty, Mr. F. Park, Mr. J. Park, Mrs. Merks, the Misses Witty, Mrs. Gandal, Mrs. Fraser Lawton, Mr. Jones, and Mrs. Curtis.

Seamen's Whist Drive

Another successful whist drive was held at the Seamen's Mission last Wednesday evening. There were a large number of sailors present from the several ships in port at the time, and after the whist drive was finished one of them entertained the players with several songs.

Among members of the colony who were present were: Mrs. Ferrer, Miss P. Witty, Miss N. Parsons and Mr. Grimes. After the prizes had been distributed the Captain of the Gihilda made a short speech of appreciation on behalf of himself and his companions.

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Of Social Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan gave a reception at their home, Calle Herraiz, Sarriá, last Monday evening from six to eight o'clock. Among those present were:

Mr. Claude I. Dawson, United States Consul General, and Mrs. Dawson; Mr. Norman King, British Consul General, Mr. Richard R. Boyce; of the United States Consulate, and Mrs. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Gwynne, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slade, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. and Miss Deeble, Mr. and Mrs. Braddock, Mr. Sidney Nahon, Mr. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. A. Marx.

Mrs. Harold Mayer, wife of the manager of the Gramophone Company of Barcelona, has been seriously ill, but she is now well on the road to recovery.

Mr. Ronald Joyce of St. Johns Wood, London, spent a brief holiday in Barcelona last week, and is returning home by way of Madrid and Biarritz. Mrs. Joyce and their three children accompanied him.

Mr. Norman King, H.B.M. Consul-General, will pay Mallorca a short visit next week on his regular consulate inspection tour. He expects to leave for Palma next Friday night.

Mr. George C. Peck, American journalist and yachtsman, is coming to Barcelona in a few days for a short visit. During his stay here, Mr. Peck hopes to buy a sailing vessel in which he can cruise these waters.

A book on Catalonia from the traveller's point of view, is expected to follow the recent tour through this region of Miss Isabel Moore, the Birmingham poetess.

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Bridge Notes

By J. C. S. Farquhar

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What does an original Suit Bid of one by dealer Second Hand, convey to partner? To at least 75 per cent. of Bridge players to-day this information means simply this: «I have one or two Aces and Kings floating about, so let us see if by shutting our eyes we can arrive at a game somehow.»

A Suit Bid of one and no more is an offer to contract (with partner) seven tricks and therefore requires a minimum of four playing tricks which must include at least two to two and a half honour or quick tricks.

It is naturally assumed by bidder when declaring one of a suit that his partner will possess «average expectancy.» «Average expectancy» or as we know it here «Esperanza de promedio» means, at least, Q, X, X, or four small in bidder's suit together with three outside playing tricks or, one and a half honour tricks. This constitutes a bid of one, and either materializes or does not after bidder's partner voices his or her opinion.

Supporting or Responding Hand

It would be advisable to give a little attention to the law which more or less governs supporting trick valuation, and by this I mean the count of the number of tricks a hand is probably worth IN SUPPORT of a bid by partner. It is as a rule approximately double the Honour trick value of its high cards in all suits other than suit bid by partner.

It sounds somewhat weak in theory but try it and see how it works out in practice.

(Knotty points in Bridge will be solved by Mr. J. C. S. Farquhar, Auction and Contract Bridge expert, Plaza Cataluña 3, 2.º, Tel. 20630, Box. 213).

New Barcelona Golf Club

Mr. F. Witty is the new club champion, the ultimate victor of the tournament of the New Barcelona Golf Club which was played over the San Cugat course during the month of May, winding up in the finals on Sunday last.

In spite of the season of the year, heavy rain left the course in almost perfect condition for the semi-finals and final rounds. Entries had been limited to players whose handicaps did not exceed 12

The closest match of the entire tournament was that between Mr. Cretchley and Sr. Giró in the semi-finals on Saturday. Both players fought grimly and well all the way around and came up to the eighteenth tee all square. On the last hole, Mr. Cretchley obtained a perfect four, while his opponent just missed a long putt for the half. It was an exciting end to an excellent and well contested match.

Mr. Cretchley did not find his form against Mr. Witty, who holds the championship he won last

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year. The finals, played over thirty-six holes, was not as good golf as the previous day had brought forth. Mr. Cretchley, feeling the strain of Saturday's match, was far from the golfer who defeated Sr. Giró, and retired at the end of the first eighteen holes, the champion having a long lead at that time. The complete results follow:

First Round: Eguillor beat Wihl.

Second Round: Giró beat Eguillor; Cretchley beat Eddy; López Sert beat Cañas; F. Witty beat Battló.

Semi-finals: Cretchley beat Giró; F. Witty beat López Sert.

Final: F. Witty beat Cretchley.

London Club Theatricals

On Saturday, May 28th, two plays were given in the Parthenon Theatre by members of the London Club to a large and enthusiastic audience of both English and Spaniards.

The Club first produced *El Sueño Dorado* in Spanish and then *Half an Hour* by Sir James Barrie in English. After the second performance a dance was held which lasted until the early hours of the morning. The whole affair was taken as an indication of how successful the Club has been in promoting the study of English.

The cast of *El Sueño Dorado* was composed of the following members of the Dramatic Section of the Club:

Doña Basilia . . .	Srta. Maria Luisa Pedro
Prudencia . . .	» Carmen Pedra
Micaela . . .	» Asuncion Lluch
D. Gumersindo . . .	Sr. Santiago Verges
Ramon . . .	» Alberto Delor
Saturnino . . .	» Pedro Sánchez

Barrie's play was presented with the following:

Lady Lilian . . .	Sta. Camille C. Reiss
Mrs. Redding . . .	» Carmen Garriga
Snsie . . .	» Conchita Armisen
Mr. Garson . . .	Sr. Miguel Roca
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First lesson—Certain words which present difficulty.

2nd. lesson—Two forms of present tense.

3rd. lesson—Two forms of past tense.

4th. lesson—Points connected with the future and the conditional.

In Compound or Complex sentences when the principal sentence is in the simple future, the other sentence may be in the present 2nd. past or simple future.

I shall tell you what he said when you have told me what he said.

He will say nothing to you if you tell him at once.

She will speak to you when she has time.

I will tell them where it is if they come here.

We shall speak to her about it in the café tomorrow, if she will be there.

I shall go, if he will go with me.

The simple Conditional is always followed by the 1st. Past in compound sentences.

I should (would) walk to the office if it was not raining.

I should (would) go to the Cinema if I had time.

You would speak English fluently in a short time if you went to England for a few months.

If you were more ambitious you would have more money.

If we had our own house, we would be very happy.

The reader will remember that in Spanish in such sentences the Future and the Conditional are followed by tenses of the Subjunctive mood.

Idioms

No traigo dinero conmigo — I have no money

about me.

El se da importancia — He puts on airs.

Les ví cogidos de brazo — I saw them arm in arm.

Ponga tierra entre Vd. y él — Keep him at arm's length.

Tiene su libro a mano? — Have you your book at hand?

Vuélvese enseguida — Come back at once.

Devuélvaselo — Give it back to him.

Me enfada cuando viene — He gets my back up when he comes.

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The bathing beaches around Palma, especially those most accessible to the city, are rapidly losing a great deal of their charm, and all because of the carelessness of those who use them and those who should care for them.

It is a lamentable truism that wherever there are summer holiday crowds, there is slovenliness. The clean sands and the limpid waters become polluted with the debris of picnic parties until in the neighborhood of big cities the most delightful of summer sports becomes unpleasant if not positively dangerous.

In many parts of the world it is perhaps too late to remedy the situation. But in Palma we are just beginning to suffer from each other's negligence, and a little foresight can preserve to all of us, Spaniard and foreigner alike, the cleanliness of the beaches.

On the sands where the crowds are thickest, it would be a matter of small expense for the proper authorities to provide receptacles for refuse as well as signs, printed in Spanish, English and German, requesting bathers to assist in keeping the beaches clean. At present even those who give such matters a thought are often at a loss for some place to deposit the remains of their lunches.

It has been suggested that the local equivalent of the boy scouts might be enlisted in a campaign to prevent the pollution of the beaches.

It is always easier to make a success of this sort of campaign before the evil has become serious. In the past, Mallorca has not been confronted with this problem. Naturally, it is not one that can be solved by the authorities alone. The co-operation of the people is essential. Restrictive regulations are unpleasant and difficult to enforce, but a popular sentiment in favor of proper disposal of refuse can make the summer more enjoyable for everybody.

Spanish Premier Coming

Don Manuel Azaña, Prime Minister of Spain, has announced that during the first recess of the Cortes, he will pay a visit to the Balearic Islands.

The length of his stay as well as the date are still uncertain, but it is believed that the principal part of his holiday will be spent in Mallorca, where the local authorities are already beginning to plan fitting receptions.

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Stationary dances have their advantages, no doubt, but progressive and non-progressive dancing when practised on the same floor at the same time result in serious loss to both. However, a famous dancer declared not long ago that in the depths of

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BALEAR: (6, and 9) Russian film, LAS GRADAS DE UN TRONO.

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PRINCIPAL: POBRE TENORIO.

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	Mazurca op. 7 no. 1	Chopin
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Wednesday:	Improntu	Schubert
	Lied	Lortzing
	Vision	Canonge
	Carmen	Bizet
	Idilio Azul	Canonge

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The Monte de Piete made a donation of 5,000 Pesetas — the largest gift received thus far. The drive is well under way and extensive plans have been made for swelling the fund in the way of street fairs and fiestas typical of the Island.

Sr. Francisco Juliá Perelló, President of the Diputación, has formally asked the Ayuntamiento of every town in Mallorca to do its share in aid of the campaign, and it is planned to arrange these festivities so that one will not conflict with another in the matter of dates. Therefore, throughout the summer there will be a succession of interesting celebrations — interesting to the visitor as well as to the citizens of Mallorca.

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