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127 TO CONTEST 55 SEATS

The Borough Council Election on May 12

LABOUR, TORY AND COMMUNIST CANDIDATES IN LEWISHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MAY 12 WILL SEE 127, POSSIBLY 128, CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE 55 SEATS VACANT IN LEWISHAM.

Apart from the 55 Labour, 55 Conservative, 13 Communist and four Liberal candidates, there was one Independent nomination handed in at Lewisham Town Hall on Tuesday, nomination day.

It was that of Mr. Charles G. Weller, who is nominated to stand in Lewisham Park Ward. It is understood, however, that Mr. Weller may withdraw before polling day.

There will be a straight fight between Labour and Conservative candidates in thirteen of the Borough's eighteen wards.

Four Liberal candidates will stand with Socialists and Tories in South Lee Ward, and the Communists will oppose the two major political parties in Lewisham Park, Bellingham, Grove Park and Sydenham East Wards.

There are 26 women among the 128 candidates.

In Grove Park Ward the three Tory candidates are Young Conservatives. It is thought that this is the first time in London, and possibly the whole country, that the Young Conservatives are providing all the candidates for a Borough Council Ward.

Notable absentees among the candidates are Cllr. Fred Copeman (Lab.), chairman of Lewisham Housing Committee, and Cllr. Henry Price, L.C.C. (Con.), prospective Parliamentary candidate for West Lewisham.

They have decided not to stand because of pressure of other political work.

Here is a full list of nominations, by Divisions and Wards, with party labels:

N. Lewisham

MANOR, LEE
(3 Seats)

Labour:—
BERTIE ATKINS
MRS. CHARLOTTE HAYES
JOHN C. HENRY
Conservatives:—
MRS. NELLIE L. BUNCE
DONALD A. J. DRAPER
EDWARD L. OLIVER

LEWISHAM PARK
(3 Seats)

Labour:—
MRS. DAISY J. BASSETT
MAURICE R. BUTLER
ALFRED W. J. PETTITT
Conservatives:—
ALAN W. BLOOM
HENRY C. G. HOUSDEN
JOHN E. V. PERRY
Independent:—
CHARLES G. WELLER
Communist:—
DONALD D. FILTNESS
PATRICK GIBBONS
JAMES O. MACDONALD

LADYWELL
(3 Seats)

Labour:—
MRS. CATHERINE B. BAMFORD
HERBERT F. F. REDGRAVE
ARTHUR W. SMITH
Conservatives:—
MRS. MAUD SMITH
CHARLES F. POPE
JAMES H. TUTT

SOUTH LEE
(4 Seats)

Labour:—
JAMES G. HATTON
FREDERICK B. PAGE
ROBERT W. PAGE
CYRIL G. RANGECROFT
Conservatives:—
MRS. SIGRID R. ARMSTRONG
DENIS W. HOWARTH
PETER E. STOFFEL
THOMAS C. WHITMORE
Liberal:—
STANLEY G. FEATHERSTONE
KURT E. KORN
HERBERT S. PACEY
ALBERT W. H. VINCENT

LEWISHAM VILLAGE
(2 Seats)

Labour:—
WILLIAM O. BRIDLE
MRS. ALMA G. JOHNSON
Conservatives:—
CHARLES J. DEAVE
GEORGE T. HARMAN

BLACKHEATH AND CHURCH LEE
(3 Seats)

Labour:—
MISS KATHLEEN D. BUTLER
MRS. MABEL J. FLOAN
LESLIE A. HARLAND
Conservatives:—
LEONARD G. COULSON
WILLIAM J. W. FISHER
STAFFORD W. MOYS

S. Lewisham

BELLINGHAM
(3 Seats)

Labour:—
JOHN J. COX
EDGAR F. INCH
ARTHUR W. WALKER
Conservatives:—
JOHN F. COLLEY
MRS. D. M. REYNOLDS
MISS MARJORIE O. WHYMAN
Communist:—
ERIC G. MOIR
CHARLES W. PADBURY
HERBERT A. WOOD-THROMPSON

WHITEFOOT
(2 Seats)

Labour:—
THOMAS C. BROOKS
FREDERICK E. G. HAWES
Conservative:—
ARTHUR H. MUNRO
DUDLEY J. NEW

CULVERLEY
(2 Seats)

Labour:—
MERVYN A. JEFFREY
ARTHUR RICHARDSON
Conservative:—
ALBERT D. BARTLETT
CYRIL W. WELLS

RUSHEY GREEN
(2 Seats)

Labour:—
WILLIAM J. MCDANNON
JAMES E. W. OKES
Conservative:—
MRS. ELSIE M. CHURCH
WILLIAM J. STOFFEL

ST. ANDREWS
(3 Seats)

Labour:—
MARIAN E. RAPLEY
MAURICE E. WHATTON
WILLIAM A. WOOD
Conservative:—
CHARLES T. BRAITHWAITE
MRS. GEOFFREY K. EPPS
RALPH SCOTT

SOUTHEND
(3 Seats)

Labour:—
DENNIS CASEY
MRS. BEATRICE M. DRAPPER
FREDERICK A. FISK
Conservatives:—
FREDERICK C. HARRISON
HERVIE JOHNSON
MRS. VIOLET B. MUNRO

GROVE PARK
(3 Seats)

Labour:—
GEORGE A. ARKLE
WILLIAM HOLMES
FREDERICK W. WINSLADE
Conservatives:—
CHARLES J. BRAITHWAITE
MISS T. A. BRATBROOK
MISS PAMELA E. HEDGES
Communist:—
MRS. DORIS EVANS
MISS E. ROBINSON
RICHARD W. WATERHOUSE

W. Lewisham

HONOR OAK PARK
(4 Seats)

Labour:—
HUGH G. ADAMS
FREDERICK A. KITSON
LEONARD W. LEGG
ALBERT W. SMITH
Conservatives:—
WALTER K. CHURCH
KEITH G. W. GRAINGER
MRS. GLADYS W. LAND
GILBERT H. SCOBIE

BROCKLEY
(4 Seats)

Labour:—
MRS. ZILLAH E. BELL
FREDERICK W. GRIFFIN
MRS. ROSE W. SANFORD
GEORGE W. THURLEY
Conservatives:—
FREDERICK L. BROCK
ERNEST F. HARLING
FREDERICK W. O'REILLY
CEDRIC P. TURTLE

SYDENHAM WEST
(3 Seats)

Labour:—
JOHN H. BOND
MRS. MAUD D. GIFFORD
FREDERICK O. SIBLEY
Conservatives:—
ARTHUR O. CARTER
ALFRED E. COOK
MISS WINIFRED A. TRICKEY

SYDENHAM EAST
(4 Seats)

Labour:—
ARTHUR HATCHER
ERNEST G. MASON
LEONARD A. NAVORY
WILLIAM J. TUCK
Conservatives:—
MRS. BEATRICE BEARDWELL
EDWARD A. BEARDWELL
GEORGE B. D. BRADFIELD
HAROLD M. PINNELL
Communist:—
ARTHUR C. BROWN
WILLIAM J. HALL
DESMOND P. STARRS
LEONARD C. STEWART

FOREST HILL
(4 Seats)

Labour:—
MRS. IVY A. BOND
MISS AUDREY M. DAVIS
ALFRED A. FRANKLIN
EDWARD C. SHEEHAN
Conservatives:—
MISS MABEL S. HALSEY
LIONEL J. MAY
CYRIL E. C. SMITH
JOHN A. SPENCER

DOWNHAM CAFE FINES

Before the Greenwich Magistrate on April 20, Sidney and George Kent, of the Central Cafe, Bromley-road, Downham, were summoned for obtaining margarine beyond the permitted quantities in two quarterly periods.

It was contended that the margarine was for the cafe only and some of it went outside.

Fines of £3 with one guinea costs were imposed on each of two summonses.

On a summons for obtaining sugar and margarine for purposes other than the manufacture of ice cream in the cafe, a fine of £10 with two guineas costs was imposed.

£105 Window Boxes For Town Hall

Window boxes are to be provided at Lewisham Town Hall at an estimated cost of £105.

A POSTMAN GETS 9 MONTHS

Theft Of 10 Letters Containing Money

ATTACHED TO CATFORD SUB-DISTRICT

William Outtrim (23), temporary postman, of Rignold - road, Camberwell, attached to the Milford - road, Catford, sub-district office, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at the Old Bailey on Tuesday.

He pleaded guilty to stealing a postal packet containing £6 in notes and a postal order worth 5s. on January 26, and stealing a postal packet containing £2 in notes on February 2.

In addition he asked for four other offences to be taken into consideration. Detective-Inspector was stated, Outtrim had stolen ten letters containing money and postal orders to the value of £15 10s. 0d. Five of these were registered letters.

Det.-sergt. A. Hood said Outtrim had not been previously convicted. From May, 1944 to October, 1947 he served in the East Kent Regiment. He rose to the rank of corporal and bore a very good character. Since his arrest he had obtained a job as a barman.

Passing sentence the Recorder (Sir Gerald Dodson) said "Only your good character saves you from a long term."



The Rev. Roy Hicks, Vicar of St. Swithun's, Hither Green, who has been appointed Rural Dean of Lewisham. He succeeds Canon Wilfrid Hall, who is retiring after 37 years as Vicar of St. Mary's, Lewisham.

"That's my Christianity."

NEW LADYWELL BATHS PLAN

Efforts To Buy A 4-Acres Site

A proposal for building a new Ladywell Baths has been submitted to the Ministry of Health by Lewisham Borough Council, although it is unlikely that it can be put into effect for some time.

New site may be at the rear of lockup shops, houses and flats proposed in sketch plans, approved by Lewisham Planning Committee for the development of part of a four-acres site in Ladywell-road, fronting on Lewisham High-street, together with certain land adjoining.

Lewisham Council decided to buy the four acres of land in Ladywell-road in April, 1946, owing to the changes affecting land values introduced by the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, the L.C.C. was unable to approve, for loan sanction purposes, the purchase price of £32,500.

Negotiations are now taking place to agree a price for the land based upon the principles laid down in the Act.

If further action can be taken until it is known if the land can be obtained.

STREET TRADER'S 40 SUMMONSES

"Moving On Saves The Situation"

Several street traders were again before the Magistrate at Greenwich on Monday at the instance of Lewisham Borough Council for trading without having the required licences, and in each case the plea was that applications for licences had been submitted.

One trader, appearing on three summonses, was fined £5 at Catford, was said to have been previously summoned about 40 times and to have engaged on paying old fines at about 5s. per week.

"Are there any more summonses coming along for you?" asked Mr. W. J. Howard, the Magistrate.

"I do not think so," he replied, "as I keep on moving."

The Magistrate: "So it is keeping on moving that saves the situation." (Laughter).

The defendant said that Westminster Council had made arrangements for about 300 street traders to be granted licences. And it would seem that provision might be made for a dozen or so of them who wished to trade at Catford.

It was stated for Lewisham Borough Council that defendant was at the corner of a one-way street and the site was unsuitable and there were objections by the police. He was trading in a market twenty yards away, where on a vacancy occurred it had been offered to the defendant and refused by him.

He was fined 2s. 6d. on each summons.

Another trader, who was said to have a mobile fish and chip shop on a pitch near Bellingham station, had the case dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act on payment of 10s. 6d. costs.

9 ATTEND LEWISHAM UNA ANNUAL MEETING

"Unpopular" Movement

Only nine members out of a membership of 80 turned up for the annual general meeting of Lewisham branch of the United Nations Association at Lewisham Town Hall on Monday evening.

Said the Chairman, Mr. C. A. Edwards, M.B.E.: "Judging from the number of people here there is no enthusiasm for the meeting than an A.G.M., and no more unpopular Movement at present than U.N.A."

He described this as regrettable and "there is no doubt that several times we have been very near the spark that might have set another war in motion.

"There is no doubt, too, that the presence of the United Nations Organisation has turned the scale more than once.

Poor Progress

"It would be a sad loss and would indicate another war if the Organisation were to fail.

"I feel that it is within the power of the people to prevent another war, but the more of them would realise that.

"Unfortunately, in spite of the work we are doing, we are unable to show the progress that ought to be shown for this country.

Mr. Edwards said he was unable to give a very cheerful report, but let us see where we chiefly because of the loss, due to domestic circumstances, of several valuable members of the Committee.

Officers elected or re-elected for the ensuing year were Mr. Edwards (chairman), Mr. Percy Waller (secretary) and Mr. W. H. Malin (treasurer). The Committee was re-elected en bloc.

Two Worlds

Mr. E. Livesey-Fowler (a speaker from the B.B.C. Home Service), said the meeting that the last must be faced that, between them could make the entire world, people must be shielded from the evils of Communist and Capitalist.

People must be prepared to live in peace until there could be a mingling of these two ways of life.

After referring to the Atlantic Pact he said: "Don't let's get cocky to Russia now because we think we are stronger.

"This is a chance for us to stretch out the hand of friendship."

SYDENHAM BETS CHARGES

Denials By 4 Men And A Woman

REMAND UNTIL MAY 16

George Killick (34), street trader, Portcawe-road, Lower Sydenham; Charlton Hedley (29), warehouseman, Kent House Buildings, Winchfield-road, Lower Sydenham; Eva Florence Hedley (37), housewife, of Kent House Buildings; Henry Killick (28), plumber, of Sydenham-road, Lower Sydenham and William Ronald Croft (22), die caster, also of Kent House Buildings were before the Magistrate at Greenwich on April 25.

They were charged with, on dates between April 15 and 23, being persons using flats and a garage at 20, Kent House Buildings, Winchfield-road, for the purpose of betting.

All of them pleaded not guilty to any betting offence.

It was stated that it was desired to have a remand till May 16 for the defendants as well as the police could be ready. It was agreed and this was granted.

Each entered into a recognisance of £5 to appear at the hearing.

Alfred Fuller (64), labourer, of Kent House Buildings, who was alleged to have been found betting, was also said to be sent for hearing on April 23, was bound over on his undertaking not to indulge in any form of street betting.

LETTING OF THE TOWN HALL

Lewisham Town Hall is to be let to Lewisham Arts Council for 26 Saturdays from September, 1949, to 1950, for dances and dances and eleven for plays.

The eleven other Saturdays will be reserved as follows:—

One to the Girls' Life Brigade; one to the Boys' Brigade; one Amateur Boxing Club; one family to the Invalid Youth Welfare Association; one to the Brockley Girls' Choir Club; one to the National Playing Fields Association; one to the Lewisham Hospital and Orphan Fund; one to the British Red Cross Society and one each to the Conservative and Labour organisations in the three divisions in the Borough.

While staying at 11, Montacute-place, Forest Hill, Mr. Wilson Rodgers (54), of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, collapsed and died on April 24.



The Mayor of Lewisham and Rear-Admiral James Figgins during their inspection on Sunday of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' parade at Catford. They are seen passing through the ranks of the Sea Cadets. Report on Page 8.

"Nothing up that Yellow River. . . ."

POLICE BELOW STAIRS FOR LEWISHAM TOWN HALL COMMUNIST MEETING

Below stairs at Lewisham Town Hall on Monday evening, a group of policemen waited. In the main hall above the local Communist Party held a "peace" meeting to introduce their Borough Council candidates and explain Communist policy, local and national.

Other police were held in reserve at Catford Police Station and police officers sat in plain clothes in the audience of several hundreds.

But there was no "Plymouth incident" although the Amethyst affair was mentioned. Perhaps the audience had been lulled by Professor Jaffery's played over the loudspeakers before the meeting started.

At the end of the meeting the Communists sang the "International." Up in the balcony a group of young people broke into "Rule Britannia." Then they left the hall two young men here and refused to pay for copies of the "Daily Worker" offered by Communists at the door.

Before she launched into a scathing indictment of the Labour Government's "Tory" policies, main speaker, Miss Isabel Brown, spoke of the bitter anger the British working people, and particularly lads in the Navy, felt about the loss of life on the Yangtze river.

Mr. D. Starre, secretary of Lewisham Communist Party, and Borough Council candidate, said it was quite clear that the Government had forgotten the Socialism that William Morris fought for. He believed "this selling-out of the working class" was being carried out on the local government level as well.

8s. Dustbins

"Our local Council raises the rent of the pre-war properties—and there is no real opposition from the Tories. Now they are considering charging their tenants 2s. a year for their dustbins—and not even a private landlord can do that."

Communists, said Mr. Starre, would prevent the exploitation of the suffering of the homeless in Lewisham by increasing the direct labour force until it was in a position to supply all the houses needed in the Borough.

They would fight to reduce the interest rate to two per cent. and to ensure that there were no further rent increases in Council properties.

"We want to see the bombed sites cleared up, more facilities for children in the parks, better street lighting and travel facilities, including the end of the tram.

"Working class politics should be heard in the Council chamber. At present they're just one big happy family."

"Real Criminals"

"It was an affair of the Chinese people, not our affair. The Americans, being realists, have pulled out of China. But Bevin decides to take on the 400 million Chinese on his own and a small craft is ordered up the Yangtze, allegedly to evacuate British nationals.

"But they were all safe in the Embassy at Nanking—and, any case, British nationals had no business to be there. There's nothing up that Yellow River that is in your interests.

"The real criminals are not the fighting armies on either side, but those who ordered those lads in the middle of a major battle to risk their lives.

"The people who are now showing concern for the officers and ratings killed and injured on the Yangtze used not to weep crocodile tears when there was a big mining accident in this country."



This contraption attracted some attention outside Lewisham Town Hall last week. It was erected by Alexanders, Fulton engineers before a test in the new Town Hall to see whether the hall was sufficiently fireproof. The test was carried out successfully, a boxing tournament being staged at the Town Hall on May 21 by the Sydenham Boys' Club will be held.

CATFORD PILOT KILLED

WHILE INSTRUCTING TRAINEES

Even as a boy, Pilot Two Albert Sydney Haupt, R.A.F., 28-years-old elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Haupt of 43, Dansomwood-avenue, Catford, had his eyes on the skies.

Volunteering for the R.A.F. on the day war broke out, he served as a bomber pilot over Germany, Austria and the Middle East without receiving a scratch. But on April 21, one month to the day before his wedding to an ex-W.A.A.F., Pilot Haupt was killed in a plane crash.

He and two other airmen, one a trainee, were coming to land in a Proctor training aircraft at Hendon aerodrome, when their plane crashed in Colindale, if the local Metropolitan Police Colleen.

The accompanying were rushed to Scott.



Pilot Haupt's interest in flying went back to the days when he was a pupil at Lyndale, L.C.C. School, Shelling-beam. He joined the A.T.C. Cadets and after the war he was formed he became a member of 1921 (Lewisham) Squadron.

Bombing Raids

After volunteering in September, 1939, Pilot Haupt had to wait impatiently for several months before he could begin to train for his highest ambition—to fly. Even when he was finally called up he still had to wait a while—he was too young.

Then came a posting to Canada, where he was trained as a pilot. Returning to this country he took part in bombing raids over the Continent while still in his 'teens, and later saw service over the Western Desert. He ended the war in Transport Command, carrying V.I.Ps to and from the Middle East.

His turn came for "demob" but Pilot Haupt rejected the idea of civvy-street, and served on for a further six months before he was finally released, he could not set his love of flying from him. He trained for and won his "A" and "B" civilian flying licences, and took a job at the Air Ministry, waiting for a posting to some civil flying job.

Became Instructor

Waiting was no fun for a young man who loved to fly. On January 1, this year he joined R.A.F. blind again, and began training others. One of those was Pilot Two Haupt, whom him was a young A.C.1., whom Pilot Haupt was instilling with some of his own love of the air.

Even in his choice of a bride Pilot Haupt could not escape the R.A.F. On May 21 he was to have married Miss Daisy Wilson, of Perrybill, Durham, whom he met when she was a Corporal in the W.A.A.F.

In addition to his parents, Pilot Haupt leaves a sister, Miss Muriel Haupt, and a brother, Pte. Pearson Haupt, Gordon Haupt, who will maintain the family link with the former service. He is a R.A.F. navigator.

Honor Oak Estate Boy Injured

While riding a pedal cycle Robert Burgess, age 15, of 20, Stifford-road, Honor Oak Estate, collided with a pole motorcycle on April 21 at the junction of Manwood-road and Kirkstall-road, Brockley.

He sustained injuries to his head and concussion and was detained in Lewisham Hospital.

The rider of the motorcycle, Basil Roach of Thoraton Heath, suffered concussion and was also kept in hospital.

13-years-old George Lane of 26, Brandon-crescent, Lee, fell while climbing a tree in St. Mildred-road, Lee, on April 21 and sustained injuries to his arms and was detained in Lewisham Hospital.

KOWALSKI'S NAME AGAIN

Allegation Of Flat "Key Money"

TRIBUNAL REDUCE RENT £7-11 A MONTH

Allegations that £22 key money was asked for a flat in Lewisham by a Mr. Kowalski, were again made at a Lewisham Rent Tribunal hearing on Tuesday.

Mr. Kowalski was featured recently in other cases in which key money was alleged to have been passed.

On Tuesday, Mr. L. Horton, agent for London and Westcliffe Properties, Ltd., said information had been received that Mr. Kowalski was now in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Thacs of 38, Essendale-road, Lewisham, told the Tribunal that they paid £22 key money for their flat to Mr. Kowalski in February last year.

He promised them a better one without any additional expense in a few weeks' time, but they had never heard any more about it.

Mr. Horton said the Westcliffe office had never received any money above that for the letting, but it seemed that the key money had been passed.

Reducing the rent from £10 10s. 5d. to £2 5s. a month, the Chairman, Miss L. Cooper Willis, said:

"There is no doubt in our minds that key money has been taken.

"We are not suggesting that the company have been privileged of it, but we think the company's staff have knowledge of it, and it should be investigated."

CAR RAN INTO POND

Two Brockley Boys Injured

Ray Holford (13), of 23, Upper Brockley-road and Brian Silvery (10), of 55, Upper Brockley-road, were two of three children treated at Farnborough Hospital on Tuesday afternoon last week for injuries sustained when a car driven by a woman steered in Whitgoods-road, Keston, collided with the guard rails and went into the pond. At that point is very shallow.

The two boys were not detained in the hospital.

It is stated that with other boys they were playing in the road which runs alongside the pond. One boy—not one of the three taken to hospital—is said to have run across in front of the car and the driver, Mrs. Beatrice Constance of Keston, had to swerve to avoid him.

The guard rails were broken and the car was damaged.

5,000 FEWER FAMILIES TO HOUSE

The recent revision of Lewisham's Housing Register to avoid duplication, has cut the list of applicants waiting for accommodation by 5,000 families.

Total applications as at the end of February were 8,116.

The number of man hours involved in revising the Register was 2,113.

A fine and mosquitoes campaign is to be organised in Lewisham between May 2 and October 1 this year.

PAYING THROUGH THE NOSE

Hether Grove Flats Delay

LEWISHAM HIT BY RENT LOSSES

"Every week that goes by without Hether Grove flats being completed, the people of Lewisham pay through the nose," said Lewisham's Housing Committee Chairman, Cllr. F. B. Copeman, O.B.E., at the meeting of Lewisham Council on Wednesday.

Cllr. Copeman was referring to the Council's first post-war scheme of 156 flats in Hither Green-lane, Lewisham, which should have been completed last June.

The Housing Committee report showed, in fact, that at the end of March that year only 38 flats were completed, while the others were in varying stages of construction.

Cllr. Copeman emphasised that every penny, shilling and penny that was not being collected in rents from those flats had to be paid by the people of Lewisham in the form of £200,000 had been drawn and there was no income.

£100 Sanctioned

It was on these grounds that he had to say to a conference held by Cllr. S. W. Moys, J.P. (Cons.) concerning a claim for £365 submitted by the contractors for expenses due to extra work in frame-clearing and tarring up paint work, alleged to have been incurred by the opening ceremony of the 38 flats in December.

But, commented Cllr. Moys earlier, the Ministry of Health had sanctioned a sum not exceeding £100 for the opening ceremony and that this £365 was additional, he was wondering whether the Cllrs. would be surcharged and would have to find this sum out of their own pockets.

In support, Cllr. Henry A. Price maintained that this extra charge had been incurred due to a degree of irresponsibility.

He was under the impression that it had been agreed at the meeting for fixing the date of opening for the opening of the scheme, and suggested that if this claim was to be supported the ceremony could have been held without incurring this additional expenditure.

"Very Dirty"

Cllr. F. W. Winslade, J.P., leader of the Council, commented that "this is part of a very sordid story of political electioneering."

He could say without fear of contradiction that the contractor would not be able to substantiate his claim.

It was suggested that the matter should be investigated at the next meeting of the Housing Committee because the work involved in this claim for £365 was part

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LABOUR'S MAY DAY RALLY

Sunday is May Day. Lewisham Labour Party is again celebrating the event with a mass rally at the Town Hall, and for the third year in succession the main speaker will be Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, for East Lewisham.

In the past Mr. Morrison has used the occasion to make an important speech.

Main supporting speaker will be Dr. Stephen J. L. Taylor, M.P., for Darwen. Mr. J. Gillinder, L.C.C., will preside at the meeting, which begins at 7.30 p.m.



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LEWISHAM DANCERS' HAT-TRICK

Wally Fryer and Violet Barnes of 35, Loampit-hill, Lewisham, completed their hat trick and achieved a record when they won "The Star" Ballroom Championship for the third year running at the Empress Halls, Earls Court, on Monday evening.

The champions (in private life Mr. and Mrs. Wally Fryer), received their prizes of £100 and trophies from Miss Gracie Fields.

No other couple has ever before won the championship for three years in succession.

Mr. Fryer and Miss Barnes are also holders of the British Professional Dancing Championships for two years running and hope to complete their second hat-trick at Blackpool in May.

PROPOSED NEW WING FOR THE TOWN HALL

Building of the new wing at Lewisham Town Hall at the earliest opportunity is being pressed by Lewisham's General Purposes Committee.

Plans were in being before the war for the extension of the Town Hall to include a Register Office and other urgently needed accommodation.

In the meantime the Register Office will remain in Lewisham High-street. The South-Eastern Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board want the Council to vacate these premises as soon as possible in order that a major development scheme for Lewisham Hospital can be proceeded with.