

GUILDFORD BASQUE CHILDREN'S HOME

JULY 12TH 1937

BASQUE CHILDREN AND MAGI

TRADITIONAL FESTIVITIES AT GUILDFORD

The Basque children at Guildford, joined by others from Dorking, had their own Christmas Day on Thursday—the Feast of the Three Wise Men. Numbering 60 in all, the young refugees celebrated the festival according to their national traditions.

They went to the Orphanage Hall, Guildford Park-road, for lunch, for which they had chosen the menu—special Spanish dishes, with garlic soup and coconut. They also danced their national dances and conducted the festivities as if in Spain. A marionette show was also given by Miss Gill.

After tea the children left the hall for their home at Ardmore House, Stoughton, where the Three Wise Men appeared. These were impersonated by Dr. J. K. Milligan, Dr. P. Milligan and Mr. Ronald Smoothey, assisted by Mr. Leslie J. Skinner (secretary of the Guildford fund for the Basque children) and Miss Peggy Jamieson, and each child received a present. There were further dances, and the children from Ardmore House and Dorking both performed Spanish plays. Music was provided by Mrs. Patrick and Mr. R. Bunsell.

The festivities were provided for by people outside the home through Mr. F. G. Price. The Railway Orphanage local committee assisted in the arrangements.

BASQUES

As I mentioned recently the Basque child refugees are having a presumably carefree and happy time at the settlement in Ardmore House.

Christmas is fast approaching, and one wonders whether this festive occasion is going to revive heartrending memories in the minds of these brown-skinned, merry-eyed youngsters.

Preparations are being made by their public-spirited guardians for a really joyous celebration, and the children should have good cause to remember Guildford.

I am sure that Guildford wishes them that time-honoured wish—"A merry Christmas and a happy New Year!" On Boxing Day at Stoughton Recreation Ground the refugees will play the Co-operative Junior Guild at football. Mrs. Croke will kick-off, and an interesting game should take place, for the Spanish "Alec James" have been putting in a good deal of practice.

'THREE HOLY KINGS"

The boys are to take part in a football match on Boxing Day, and on January 6 all the children will observe their official Christmas—the festival of the Three Holy Kings.

Twenty members of the Dorking colony will attend, and after having lunch and tea at the Orphanage Hall in Guildford Park-road, by invitation of Mr. F. G. Price, the children will return to Ardmore House to 'strip' another Christmas tree. Dancing will follow, and the dance, of course, will be—the tango.

Also on January 6, the children will place their shoes in the windows of the house, and the task of filling them will be carried out by the Three Holy Kings.

Visits are to be paid to London, and in addition to taking part in the Odeon Theatre party the children have been invited out to tea by the women's branch of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, to the Cockyolly Company's presentation of "Red Riding Hood" and to a party to be given by Boy Scouts at the Congregational Hall.

These Basques will certainly remember this Christmas if they fail to remember any others.

The Basque children at Guildford are to have two Christmas celebrations—one English and one Spanish. Two turkeys have been presented to the home to augment the Christmas fare, and on Christmas Day the children and staff will sit down to dinner together to be waited on by a number of voluntary helpers. The children are giving a play in the afternoon. Godalming friends are providing a Christmas tree, which they are bringing over on Sunday afternoon. Father Christmas will visit each bed early on Christmas morning, and it is hoped that his bag of gifts will be adequate for the demand. On Monday morning the Basque boys are playing a Guildford boys' team at football.

The Spanish celebrations of Christmas fall on January 6th. Children do not hang up their stockings for gifts from Father Christmas, but place their shoes in the window for gifts from the three Kings from the East. On that day Mr. Fred Price, a very good friend of the home, is arranging for lunch at the Orphanage Hall for the Guildford children and also those at the Basque children's home at Dorking. A Christmas tree is being provided on this occasion by Miss Jamieson.

This week two of the children from Bilbao returned home, and another party are due to travel early in the New Year. Two of the Guildford children—a boy and a girl—will not share with the others the Christmas festivities; they are in the Warren Road Hospital. Two friends of the home have provided special treats. One was to take a party of senior boys to London to get a glimpse of the city in its Christmas hustle and bustle, and the other was to arrange a similar outing for some of the senior girls.

VEAL AND GARLIC PREFERRED TO TURKEY

Basque Children Entertained

In Spain, January 6th is observed as the day of the three Holy Kings, and is looked upon as being of more importance than Christmas Day. It is also the occasion for the receipt of presents. To celebrate the festival, the Basque children at Ardmore House, Guildford, with those at Dorking were entertained at the Orphanage Hall, Guildford Park Road, Guildford.

The gathering, organised by the district committee of the Southern Railway Orphanage, of which Mr. F. G. Price is the hon. secretary, was attended by 57 children, 37 being from Ardmore House, and the remainder from Dorking. Faces wreathed in smiles indicated the enjoyment obtained. For dinner, served at midday, the children selected their own menu, which comprised garlic soup, veal with bay leaves, onions, potatoes and sprouts, and cokernut. This they preferred to roast turkey.

Games, singing, dancing, for which Mrs. Patrick and Mr. R. Bunsell supplied the music, a gipsy dance by a seven-year-old girl from Dorking, and a marionette show by Miss Gill, followed. Tea was also served. Members of the Orphanage Committee waited table. Gifts for the party were sent by Miss H. Crower, Woking, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. A. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Smith, Mr. Freeland, Miss Lloyd Carter, Mrs. Pullen, Mr. H. Jarrett, Mr. H. O'Niel, and Guildford Co-operative Education Committee. Part of the cost was borne out of the proceeds of the football match between the Basque boys and the Co-op boys on Boxing Day.

Later in the evening at Ardmore House the children received gifts from the Christmas tree provided by Miss Jamieson, Dr. J. K. Milligan, Dr. Peter Milligan and Mr. David Milligan, attired as 'The Three Holy Kings,' distributed the presents. The children performed a Spanish play.

HOW THE LITTLE BASQUES CELEBRATED

Although the Spanish people observe January 6th as Christmas Day, the children at the Basque refugees' home at Guildford celebrated December 25th with a real English Christmas dinner, the turkey and other special food being given by friends. Early on Christmas morning members of the staff distributed presents among the children, and during the afternoon a concert, including a mock bull fight, a Spanish comedy, and a display of dancing, was given by the children to a number of guests. After a "high tea" the children danced and sang, and they retired to bed late in the evening after a very happy day. On Sunday they again gave their concert, and they had a visit from a conjuror and two step-dancers, and also from Father Christmas.

On Monday morning a team of boys from the home defeated the Co-op Boys' football team at Stoughton Recreation Ground by 4—0 in a very interesting and sporting match. Mrs. A. E. Croke kicked off.

The Basques attacked immediately, and after only five minutes' play Josi Luis Frastona, the inside left, scored a neat goal. He followed it with a number of well-aimed shots, which, with a number of good attemps by Garcia, severely harassed Macfarlane, the Co-op goalkeeper. In the second half Adolfo Navo scored after a nice piece of combined play by the Basque forwards, and towards the end of the game Josi Luis Frastona scored his second goal from a pass by Garcia, who also scored just before the final whistle. After the match the crowd, led by the girls from the home, rushed on to the field to congratulate the teams on an excellent match. The teams were:—

Basque Boys.—Angel Mayor; Ramon Rodriquez, Rodolfo Vela; Alfiro del Cimo, Elisto Redondo, Pedro Fernandez; Jesus Garcia, Marcelino Fliarrolo, Adolfo Novo, Josi Luis Frastona, Josi Luis Fliamla.

Co-op Boys—J Macfarlane; D. Murray, E. Morton; F. Culver, F. Loosley, J. Meredith; P. Blunden, B. Powell E. Wedgwood, D. Palmer, E. Hill.

Mrs. Croke gave the children ten shillings, with which they intend to buy a present for the Southern Railway Orphanage, Woking. Over £2 18s. was collected by boys who went among the crowd with collecting boxes.

In the afternoon the Rebels' Concert Party gave a concert to the children, who were having ten days' holiday from school.

















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BASQUE CHILDREN'S HOME.

ARDMORE HOUSE,
MANOR ROAD,
GUILDFORD.

Tel. 2485.

Mr.F.G.Price
6 Gardiner Rd
Guildford.

3rd November 1937.

Dear Mr Price,

At the meeting of the House Committee last evening Miss Dixon told us of some of the many,many things ybu are doing for our little Spanish guests, and I have been asked to express the committees' extreme gratitude to you for the many ways in which you are helping us.

Both Miss Dixon and I would like to add our own personal appreciation - for were it not for your great interest our work would be much harder at Admore.

All good wishes,

Very sincerely,

Leslie J. Skinner

Hon. Sec.









Christmas fare.

BASQUE CHILDREN LIKE OUR CHRISTMAS

They Acted and Danced

The 40 Basque children who are staying at Ardmore House owing to the civil war in their own country were not forgotten; they experienced an English Christmas for the first time—and voted it far better than the Spanish Christmas!

Santa Claus paid his first visit to the Home, which had been decorated by Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Price, on Christmas Eve, and at 1.30 a.m. on Christmas Day the children were unpacking their stockings.

At lunch and tea they sat down with the staff. The turkeys were carved by Mr. W. Jamieson, and the meals were served by Mrs. Milligan, the Hon. Mrs. Jamieson, Miss Jamieson, Mr. John Ward and Mr. L. J. Skinner. The menu was the same as that which normally figures on English tables at Christmas except that as the children are not keen on Christmas pudding, they had a sweet more to Spanish taste.

After tea the children acted a 13th Century Spanish play before an audience of friends, including the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress (Cclr. and Mrs. Laurence Powell). This was followed by an amusing mock-bullfight, and the youngest child in the Home sang a lullaby. Then there was dancing to music provided by Mr. Cyril Jackson and Mr. L. J. Skinner. The tunes included 'Valencia,' to which the kiddies appeared ready to dance indefinitely, and tangos, which they dance with great gusto and grace.

A SPANISH CUSTOM

On Sunday, the children opened the day by carrying out a Spanish custom of walking all over and around the house beating tins. Later the Godalming friends of the Home, led by Mrs. Clive Mellersh and Mrs. R. Mackinnon Wood, took charge. Santa Claus paid another visit and found time to sit down to tea with the children. After tea he distributed presents from a Christmas tree given by Mrs. Birley, of Charterhouse. After tea Mr. Haig-Brown gave a conjuring exhibition, and then the children gave a repeat performance of their play and bullfight.

On Monday, the Ardmore House football team played the boys of the Co-operative Guild and won 4—0. Over £3 was collected for the Home at the match.

The visitors have not yet finished their Christmas celebrations. On January 6th they are going to celebrate in the Spanish way. More fun!

BASQUE CHILDREN'S HOME.

ARDMORE HOUSE,
MANOR ROAD,
GUILDFORD.

Tel. 2485.

30th November 1937.

Mr F.G.Price
4 Gardiner Rd
Guildford.

Dear Mr Price,

My committee at it's meeting last evening appointed a small sub-committee to arrange the Xmas fare for Ardmore, and wondered whether you would be kind enough to serve on this committee.

We realise that this is somewhat of an imposition on your already overfilled time-table, but further realise that your experience and ability would be most available - in addition to the fact that you understand our Spanish guests so well.

May I also thank you for providing such a splendid collection of lockers - they have already done much to gladden the hearts of both boys and staff.

All good wishes,

Very truly yours,

Leslie J. S Kemmis

Hon. Sec.

Dear friends:

Thank you very much for the post card which you have sent us and we also wish you a happy 1938.

Rodolfo Vela

and.

José Luis Irastorza, Ramón Rodriguez







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The resignation of Miss Dixon as principal of the Basque Children's Home at Ardmore House, a position she has filled for the last six months, takes effect to-day. Since she had the misfortune recently to be knocked down while crossing a London street, she has suffered in her health. Miss Dixon has made many friends during her association with the home. A resolution expressing appreciation of her services was passed by the house committee on Monday. Miss Jamieson, a prominent Red Cross worker in the district, is to fill the vacancy as hon. principal.

How well the Basque children have been fed and cared for generally during their six months' stay is reflected in the results of a medical examination which Dr. F. A. Belam has recently carried out, compared with those when he examined them shortly after their arrival last July. All the children have put on weight, and most a very considerable amount, and the height generally has increased from a half to one and a half inches. One child's weight has increased in the six months by 25lb. Of the 27 re-weighed, the gains can be summarised as follows: Over 20lb. five, 15 to 20lb. two, 10 to 15lb. nine, 5 to 10lb. five, and 1 to 5lb. six. There has been very little illness among the children.

THEY FOUND PEACE



Ardmore House, Guildford, has been a haven for forty Basque refugees.

HELPING THE BASQUE REFUGEES

How the Children Have Progressed

To help along the funds of the Basque Children's Home at Ardmore House, the committee organised a very successful 'bring and buy' sale at the Home on Wednesday afternoon. The sum of £20 was raised.

Besides helping the Home, those who 'brought and bought' had an excellent opportunity to see how the Home is getting along. Out of the original 40 children 18 months ago, there are now 21 left (14 boys and seven girls), and these are the ones who have no homes to which they can be repatriated at the moment.

To those who knew the children when they first came to Guildford, the progress they have made is astonishing. They have all grown, which is only natural in healthy children; they are all plumper and neater; they are also much better disciplined; and they are happy and just as full of high spirits as ever they were. Probably the most surprising thing about them is the progress they have made in English. Every one of the children can give an intelligible answer to a question put in English, and each has a different story he or she can tell in English.

Of their physical progress some idea can be gained from figures which the committee have recently got out. Most weight among the girls has been put on by 14-year-old Encarnacion with 31½lb.; she has also gained two inches in height. None of the girls has grown less than two inches, and Matilda, now nine years of age, has actually grown four inches in the time. The youngest girl, Rosita, now eight, has put on 10lb. and gained two inches in height.

Among the boys, Rodolfo, who, at 15, is the oldest in the home, has put on 32½lb. and five inches, but Jose Luis has beaten him by adding no less than six inches to his height. Jose Lopez, who is nine and the youngest of the boys, has put on 12½lb. and three inches in height. These are just samples of what the children have done.

Visitors on Wednesday had an interesting time chatting to the children, and they were also able to examine drawings, paintings, maps, and English compositions by the boys and girls which hung on the schoolroom walls. There were also on show examples of needlework of various kinds by the girls and evidence of their ability at the wash tub. At intervals during the afternoon the children sang Spanish and English songs, the latter including 'Tipperary,' a favourite of theirs.

The sale was organised by Mrs. J. K. Milligan, Miss D. M. Lester, Mrs. A. J. B. Green and Mr. L. J. Skinner (hon. secretary of the committee). The senoritas who look after the children, Herr Kluthe, the interpreter, and some of the older children, also helped in the arrangements, the girls being especially useful with the teas. During the afternoon, Mrs. Lawrence Powell, wife of the chairman of the home, expressed the committee's thanks to those who had helped the sale by gifts, purchases and work.

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For Ms..
PRICE, WILLAM and URBANO and FOX;

Dear Ms :

Now that I am in Paris, when I am very far of you, I will to said you, my good freinds, in name of Spanish mothers, Thanks you very much to English men that love, like you, to the Spanish children that the warm had been arrived to Guildford and that you make all that is possible for that the are very happy.

With my remembers for your wife, Mr. Price and your son, for all you, Ms. Good bye,

Purita's sister

Miss Joan Hudson, who writes from Kingston, Jamaica, has received delightful letters from the Basque children at Guildford, and one of them, of which she sends us a copy, gives a description of a visit to London by a 13-years-old boy. He knew no English when he came to Guildford last July, so his letter, as Miss Hudson says, is "rather a good effort.' "I know the principal grammatical rules and I have only to improve myself in correspondence and literature," says the modest Michael. He is certainly an observant lad.

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He wrote: "We went from home to the station and afterwards went in the train till the station of Waterloo. It is a big station. Afterwards we went to the river and near the river we saw the building of the County Council. After that we went to see the Parliament.. ... Afterwards, we went to the other side and went into a house and saw on the floor many flowers in memory of a dead." Michael continued: "Later we went to see the monument of the unknown soldier and the Trafalgar Square in which market-place is the monument of Nelson." It is easy to identify places he later explored: "the street of the advocates and the streets of the factories of news-papers."

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And how does this appeal as a refreshing description?—"After that we went to a train which crosses half London under the land, and we went to a pavilion in which we saw the most famous men..... In the same pavilion we were nearly an hour. Later we went to a castle to see the jewels of the Kings of England, but it was closed. Near there was a restaurant and we took tea. Afterwards we went to the Waterloo station and took the train and came to the home; it was a pretty travel." There is a hint of pathos about the letter. "We have a good time this week. When the war is over and we shall go to Spain we shall write to you from there," says Michael.

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SO THIS IS GUILDFORD!



Some of the party of 40 Basque children arriving at Guildford Railway Station on Monday. Their home while in Guildford is at Ardmore House, Stoughton.
[Photo: D. E. H. Box.

JULY 12TH 1937

The Basque refugee children, who arrived in the town early this week, are settling down very well in their new home at Ardmore House. The fund for their support continues to swell, and yesterday the Mayor expressed himself as very satisfied with the way the money is coming in. At present the total is about £250, a sum which includes a certain amount of adoption money. A collection among the employes of the Guildford Co-operative Society realised £12 2s. for the fund. Godalming's effort towards the scheme is also progressing favourably. Dennis Male Voice Choir and the Guildford Co-operative Society's Orchestra are hoping to give a concert in the Borough Hall on September 12th, at which the Mayor will make an appeal for continued support.

Ardmore house
Albana Road
Guildford 15/3/38.

Aby dear Mr Rica.

We have to write a letter in English for you by order from our interpreter.

We must do many exercises to practical ourselves in English.

I hope that you will come next Saturday to play football in the park.

I am very well, only I have gone to the clinic this morning to heal myself but now I am allright.

I wish that you have many letter from the other boys, who have gone to Spain. I am sorry if you have not letter, but I believe that they have no money for stamp breause there are very dear.

Give my kind regards to Mrs Price and Peter.

Your sincere friend
Rodolfo

REFUGEE CHILDREN 'SEE SPAIN AGAIN' AT FEAST OF THE THREE WISE MEN

REFUGEE Basque children in England had their own Christmas Day yesterday—the Feast of the Three Wise Men. Stockings were not hung up overnight "because the Three Wise Men mightn't like it," but slippers were put on window sills, according to custom, for presents —and the Three Wise Men did not forget them. . . . These pictures were taken at a Guildford party yesterday for about sixty young Basques.





Encarnacion Cuberos (above) was at the party. She is thirteen. Father was killed at Guernica. Mother works at factory in France. Encarnacion has scar of bullet wound on her chest. . . . Ramon Rodriguez, fourteen, and Rosa Nova, sixteen, dance to "Valencia"—of all popular tunes the one that most recalls a happier Spain.



Eduardo Lopez (ten) and Julio Garcia (nine) take the floor. Sing "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" with emphasis on "Farewell Lessstair Scu-uair."



Maria Carmen Diaz, eight years old, sings a gipsy song and dances.

ORPHANAGE HALL
JAN 6TH 1938

DORKING GIRL

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PLEASE QUOTE THIS REFERENCE:

TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE,
WATERLOO STATION, S.E 1

14th September, 1937.

Dear Price,

I got your most interesting letter, but before this I had heard what a father you were making yourself to these poor kiddies at Guildford and quite frankly I think you are better occupied than if you were on Orphanage work, because these poor children do need a helping hand, whereas of course, we are in smooth waters.

When times are more peaceful and the Spanish trouble is over I feel sure that you will again give us the support and help at our Board meetings which we have had in the past.

I am enclosing a small amount to help on the splendid work you are doing.

With all good wishes,

Yours truly,

H O'Neill.

Hadmore at 7-2-32

My Dear protector.
Thank- you very much for your letter;
I am very happy for to write you, because you are very kind with us, and we must be good with you;
To- morrow, I shall ~~loved~~ thank you, my father's photo who is in fascist Spain;
I like very much to take a walk with you;
now, as Miss Dixon is not here we are better with other young lady; we did like very much to go to London last Sunday with Urban, because he is very kind, and we like very much him; I am staying in home with all my friends; now I am in class: I have also two my mother's photo from Barcelona; I write in English badly, but I believe that you understand me; yesterday, did give us, new combs, and to-day you come; for to make something;
When I receive a letter from Spain, I am very happy, because it is from my father or mather;
Your sincere friend
God bye
Rachel Till I see you again

The Basque Children.

No doubt you read the paper
Of the Civil War in Spain,
You very much would like to hear
That all was quiet again.

Perhaps you favour Franco,
Or perhaps the so called Reds,
But while these groups are fighting
Their bairns sleep in our beds.

Miles away from shot and shell
Safe in an English home,
Enjoying the beautiful countryside
Our hills and dales they roam.

Spanish boys and Spanish maids
Committed to our care.
Would you like to help them?
Have you naught to spare?

Many things are needed,
Boots and clothes and food,
Furniture and blankets
Welcome them we should.

Winter games and pastimes,
Many are our needs,
You will ne'er regret it
Sowing these good seeds.

Money would be welcome
Why not make a splash,
We would spend it wisely,
Send a little cash.

The home is labelled (H)ardmore
You'll find it Stoughton way.
So,please do send us something
And take the 'H' away.

BASQUE CHILDREN RETURN

BUT TWENTY-ONE REMAIN AT ARDMORE HOUSE

The little Basque refugees at Ardmore House are a depleted "family" this week-end. On Thursday morning 11 of them left for Bilbao, returning on the application of their parents or responsible guardians.

Children returned by the National Joint Committee for Spanish Relief are taken by the committee's representatives to Bilbao and handed over to their parents in the presence of a member of the British consulate. The parents of the remaining 21 little Basques at Guildford have not yet been traced, or are themselves refugees in France, and the children will remain in this country until it is certain that there is some responsible person to whom they may be returned. At the moment many of the Basques are in Catalonia, where the food shortage and war dangers would probably deter them from asking for their children to be brought from the safety of England.

The six months of her appointment having elapsed, the warden has left Ardmore House and has been succeeded in a voluntary capacity by Miss Peggy Jamieson, who has taken up residence at the home. The children are taking part in a concert in aid of the funds of the home at the Stoughton Church Room next Friday.

WOMEN ABSTAINERS









Dear benefactors Mr. and Mrs. Price,

My wish is that you may keep this little letter as a souvenir. You have been so good to us that I shall never forget you for all the great favours you have done to us, so great that I shall never be able to do the same for you what you have done for us, though I should like that very much.

We shall remember those agreeable and entertaining walks with you, those afternoons we had tea in your house and those dances we had, and those times have gone. My parents will be very grateful because you were so good to us.

Kind regards for Pedro and your wife. I beg you to keep this little letter with much affection. With kisses and love we say good-bye.

Rosa Novo, Jose Luis Novo, Adolfo Novo.

I beg you to keep this letter.

15/2/38

Queridísimos bienhechores Mr Price y Mrs Price mideseo sería que estas pequeñas letras las guardarían como si sería un recuerdo an asia Pas buenos para nosotros que nuca me olvidare de ustedes por los favores tan grandes que por mucho que quiera hacer yo por ustedes nunca llegare hacer lo que ustedes an echo por nosotros

Nosotros nos recordaremos aquellos paseos tan agradables y diberdidos que pasabamos con ustedes y aquellas tardes que tomabamos el te en su casa y a quellos bailes que teniamos y aquellos tiempos an terminado. Mis padres les agradecieron muchísimo por lo bien que se an portado ustedes con nosotros

Recuerdos para Pedro y su esposa y despido que estas pequeñas letras las guarden con mucho cariño Con besos y abrazos se despiden de ustedes

Rosa Novo

Jose Luis Novo

despido que guarden estas letras

Adolfo No





CONSCRIPTED AT 14

Fate of Repatriated Basque Boy

News has reached the Basque children's home at Ardmore House, Stoughton, that Eliseo Redondo, a 14-year-old boy who was repatriated last January, had been conscripted into General Franco's Army.

In a letter received from a 16-year-old girl, who was a member of the last party repatriated, she states: 'Eliseo cannot write to you any longer because they have taken him to the barracks of the Falage (Fascists). He will not come home before the war is over.'

Eliseo was undersized for his age, and was a general favourite with the many friends of the home at Guildford.

Letters from the Basque children who have returned to Bilbao recently from Guildford indicate that conditions are far from normal. One girl writes that her father was in the same position as two other children's fathers—in prison, and they had no money and nothing to eat. The letters contain expressions of deep appreciation for the friendliness of Guildford people, and asked for news of the political position.

A request was submitted to the Guildford Committee from the National Joint Committee that they would keep the local home open beyond the end of March. The Guildford committee decided this week to keep Ardmore House open for another quarter, in view of the fact that there was no immediate prospect of the repatriation of their children. This will mean the raising of additional funds, as the income in hand is barely sufficient for the present month. The weekly cost for foodstuffs for last month was 3s. 11½d. per child.

CONSCRIPTED AT 14



Eliseo Redondo, the 14-year-old boy from Basque children's home at Stoughton, who within a month of repatriation was conscripted for General Franco's army. His sister returned recently and informed Guildford friends that her mother was without money and had little food.

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ENTERTAINING BASQUE CHILDREN.

During the holidays we were happy to entertain again the Basque children from Guildford. About 50 of these unfortunate youngsters came over with Mr. Price of Guildford Loco., who devotes his leisure to their welfare. Tea was taken with our children, a feature of the meal being the plates piled with doughnuts, a delicacy of which our visitors are particularly fond. The evening was spent in singing, dancing and games. The dancing of the Basque children is specially beautiful to watch, their lithe bodies swaying with typical Spanish grace. At the close their "eep eep oree" was an herioc attempt to show their appreciation in proper English fashion.

BASQUE CHILDREN ENTERTAIN

At Guildford Park and Stoughton

A large company, present by invitation, was entertained at the Orphanage Hall, Guildford Park Road, on Wednesday, when a concert was given by the Basque children at Ardmore House, with the assistance of a number of friends. The proceeds were devoted to the upkeep of the Home. The organisation was in the capable hands of Mr. F. Price and Mr. F. Pullen.

Colourful Spanish and Basque dances were given by the Ardmore House guests as well as a number of songs. 'Tipperary,' sung by Edvardo Lopez and Antonio Cuberos, and 'Little Old Lady,' in which Trinidad Perez was joined by an English comrade, Peter Price, were joint favourites. Miss Jamieson, hon. warden at the Home, arranged the grouping of the dancers. Variety was added by the contributions of Miss Shackleton (soprano), Miss Ivy Parnell (song and tap-dancing), 1st Guildford Cub Pack, Mr. J. Webber (songs at the piano), Mr. J. J. Ellames (tenor), Mr. R. Jones (conjuror), whose dog also displayed tricks, and Mr. W. S. Lockerbie (monologue). Accompaniments were played by Mr. L. J. Skinner and Mr. E. Kent, the latter joining with Mr. R. Bunsell (drum) in supplying incidental music.

During an interval Ald. L. Powell (chairman of the Basque Children's Fund Committee) said by means of the collection those present would be making it possible to support the children at the Home a little longer. He thanked the artistes and Messrs. Price and Pullen, who with the help of a number of other people had organised that interesting concert.—The collection amounted to £5.

BASQUE CHILDREN'S CONCERT AT STOUGHTON

A concert for the Basque Children's Fund was held in the Stoughton Church Room on Friday last week, under the direction of the Rev. B. G. B. Fox and Mrs. Andrews. Items were given by the Basque children, consisting of Spanish traditional folk songs and dances, their dresses providing an artistic setting; their songs and dances were greatly appreciated. The rest of the programme was given by the Marguerite School of Dancing, under the direction of Miss Madge Andrew, and sketches by the Ryde's Hill Women's Institute. During the interval music was provided by the Guildford Accordion Band. The proceeds amounted to £7.

Guildford 14/3/38

Dear Mr Price:

I hope that you are very well. I am very well. You have been very kind with us and we must aknowledge. I dont know English very well but enough to write to you and to speak with you. I hope that you answer my letter and when I learnt more I shall write to you a long. We thank for very much you have done to us. I ~~[illegible]~~ wrote to you believeing that you ~~[illegible]~~ would not come but you have come already. I dont write much

Your affectionate friend

José Mari Fernández

Dear benefactors Mr. and Mrs Price,

I wish to leave you this little dedication as sign of affection and gratitude for everything you have done for us.

We shall never forget our life in England and the walks we have taken with you. We have been here as in our fatherland, missing nothing but the love of our parents. But you have been so kind and good to us that we felt as if we were with them.

I shall write to you from Spain.

Kind regards for Pedro.

We shall never in our life forget you.

Maria Victoria Rodriguez and Pedro Rodriguez.

Very many thanks for everything you have done for us. We shall never in our life forget you.

Queridísimos bienhechores Mr. Price y Mis Price.
Quisiera dejarles esta pequeña dedicatoria en prueba de cariño y agradecimiento de lo que Uds han ecbo por nosotros.
Nuestra vida en Inglaterra no se nos olbidará nunca, y los paseos que hemos dado con Uds aqui hemos estado como en nuestra Patria no careciendo de nada, masque del cariño de los padres, Pero han sido Uds tan amables y tan buenos para nosotros que nos ha parecido que estabamos con ellos.
Yo le siguire escribiendo a Uds desde España
Muchos recuerdos para Pedro
No les olbidaremos nunca en la vida estos que lo son Mª Victoria Rodriguez, y Pedro Rodriguez

Muchísimas gracias por todo lo que han hecho por nosotros

No le olbidaremos nunca en la vida

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Price,

As we must leave you to become reunited with our dear parents, and having nothing to leave you as a souvenir, I write you this letter that you may keep it.

We are very grateful for everything you have done for us, and we shall never forget it.

Though we are absent, we shall never forget you, and one day we shall know how to pay you back all you have done for us.

We shall write to you as soon as we can, and we hope that you will come to see us after the war, because it would be a great pleasure for our parents to know you.

I shall always remember the nice walks we took with you.

Never in our life we shall forget you.

Maura Mayor, Carmen Mayor, Angel Mayor.

Queridísimos Mr and Mrs Price

Como ya le vamos a tener que dejar a usted para unirnos con nuestros queridos padres, y no teniendo nosotros nada para dejarles de recuerdo le escribo estas cuantas lineas para que usted las guarde.

Estamos muy agradecidos de todo lo que han hecho usted por nosotros, y nunca se nos olvidara.

Aunque estemos ausentes nunca les olvidaremos, y algún dia sabremos pagarle todo el bien que han hecho pa nosotros.

Nosotros ya le escribiremos lo que podamos, y espero que cuando acabe la guerra vaya usted a visitarnos, pues seria un gran placer para mis padres el conocerle a usted

Siempre me acordaré de los gratos paseos que hemos dado con usted.

Nunca en la vida les olvidaremos.

Maura Mayor Angel Mayor Carmen Mayor

PROGRAMME.

1.	Boga-Boga.	Basque Song.
2.	En el campo nacen flores.	Spanish Song.
3.	Makil-dantza.	Basque Dance by Boys.
4.	Sagar-dantza.	Basque Dance by Girls.
5.	La pareja de pavos.	Eduardo & Matilde.
6.	Itxasoan.	Basque Song.
7.	Miss Shackleton (Soprano).	
8.	Four Little Fellows.	1st. Guildford Cub Pack.
9.	Song & Tap Dance.	Ivy Parnell.
10.	Peter & Trinidad.	

Interval.

1.	Comic Songs at the Piano.	Mr. Webber.
2.	Mr. Ellames (Tenor).	
3.	Mr. Jones (Conjurer).	
4.	Pobre Simon.	Spanish Song.
5.	Aldapeko.	Basque Song.
6.	Espata-Dantza.	Basque Dance by Boys.
7.	El panuelo rojo.	Basque Song.
8.	Tipperary.	Eduardo Lopez & Antonio Cuberos.
9.	Jota.	Basque Dance by Girls.
10.	Una morena una rubia.	Dolores, Trinidad, Marcelina & Jose.
11.	Bizi ezta.	Basque Song.
12.	Mr. Lockerby (Monologues).	
13.	Comic Songs at the Piano.	Mr. Webber.
14.	Finale.	Basque Children.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

We thank you very much for your kind support.

Guildford 14-3-17

My dear Mr Price

I hope that you are very well, and I believe that you will come on friday to go to the grammar school.

We must write do many letters to learn English well.

You are very good with us, and I am very thankful.

We play foot-ball in the garden.

I am learning englis with a good teather.

I am delighted with the progres I have made in the study of english

I am very glad to know that all my family are very well

I like very much to play foot-ball.

Give my kind regards to all your family.

I remain

Your affectionate Friend

José Luis Irastorza







We request the pleasure of the company of

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Cars at 9.30 p.m.

To the House Committee of the Basque Children's Home, Ardmore House, this week the information was given that all the children who had homes to which to return have been repatriated. Some 21 children are now left in the home out of a total of 40. In the case of the 21, the parents are either in prison or refugees in another country, so that for the time being they will have to remain as Guildford's guests. Sufficient finances are in hand to cover the expenses of a few weeks. An effort on behalf of the fund will take place at the Borough Hall on April 21st, when Senorita Emma Marques, the world-famous exponent of Spanish dancing, will give a display.









Manor Road
Ardmore Road
Guildford

Guildford 14/3/38

My dear Mr Price

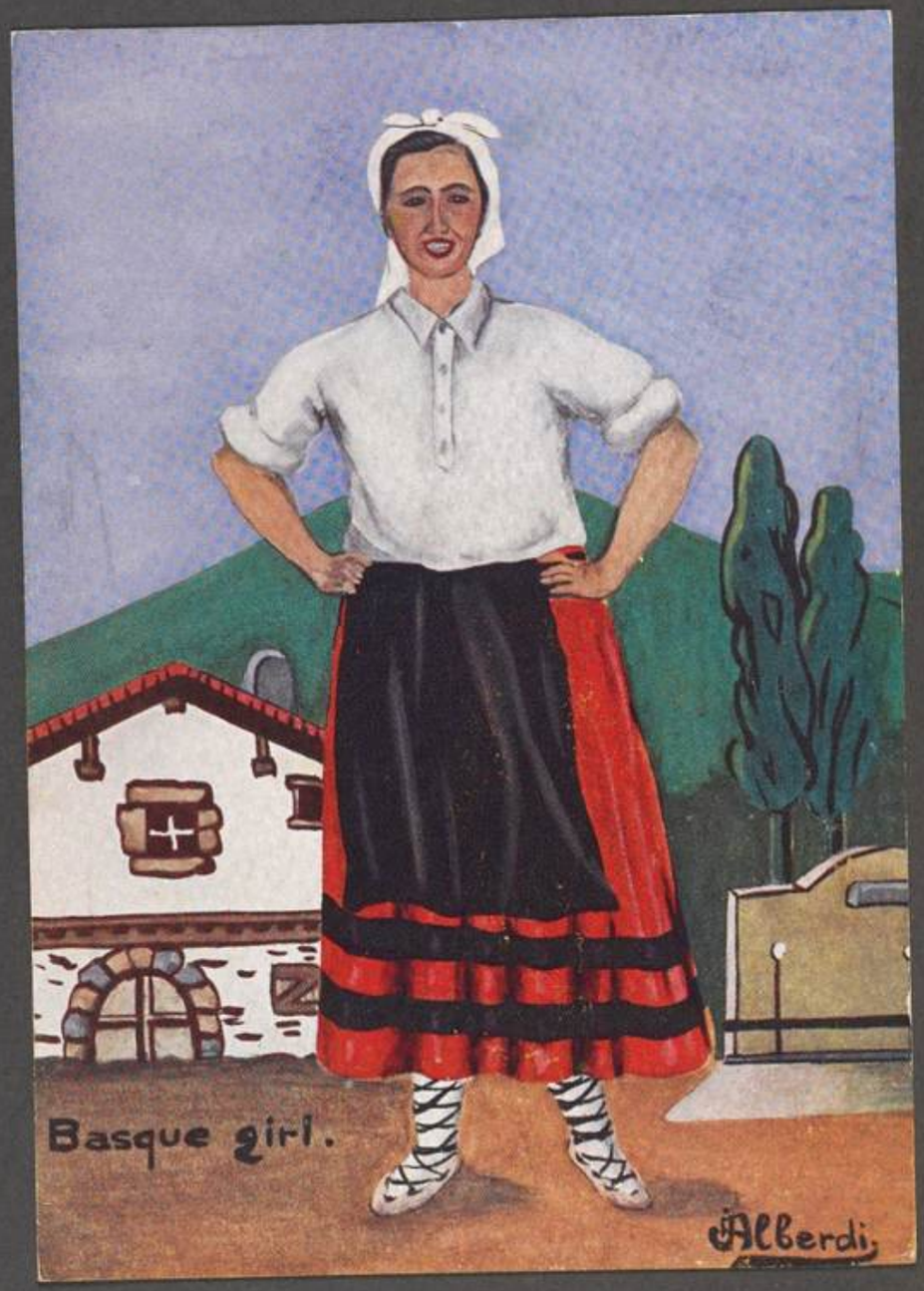
We are very well and glad in Guildford.
Guildford is a very nice city and I like it very much
You have been with us a very good man and we shall forget never.
We play foot-ball in the garden of our home.
We learn English with Mr White
I am delighted with the progress I have made in the study of English
The days in this season are very nice but they are not good for the health

I remain
your affectionate friend

Peter

Pedro

MR SANCHEZ
XMAS 1938
BRAY COURT



Fedmore at 14-2-38

My dear friend;
Thank-you very much for your letter,
We are very sorry, because after to-morrow;
go to Spain eleven boys and girls;
To-day snow, and we are very happy seing
snow; I saw you my fothers fahoto;
When we came here, we was, 40 and now,
when go eleven, the day after to-morrow
we shall be twenty one; We shall not play
more foot-ball ounle between us, because we
are not good for to play now;
Now we are in the school learning but I
am not learning, I am writeing to-you;
I am whishing that you come here to-morrow
with the photos;
Your sincere friend
Rachel

Till I see you again.

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BASQUE CHILDREN'S VISITOR

Tributes to the Home's Running

Some fine tributes to the way in which the Guildford Basque Children's Home is run were paid yesterday by Senora de Azcaracete, wife of the Spanish Ambassador, and Dr. Camp, an inspector of the Basque National Joint Relief Committee, who visited Ardmore House yesterday.

Senora Azcaracete brought with her her six-year-old daughter, who is at school in London. This little lady speaks about four languages and was very popular with the refugees; a 'Surrey Times' reporter saw her dancing and chatting with them. For the benefit of the visitors, who had tea at the home, the Basque children sang songs in Spanish, Basque and English, including three national anthems.

Senora Azcaracete expressed surprise that the children were able to sing to her in English, though regular visitors to the home have known it for some time. Many of them are both surprised and amused at the confident way in which the kiddies greet one with "'Allo!'

On behalf of herself and the Ambassador, Senora Azcaracete expressed gratitude to the people of Guildford for what has been done and is still being done for their compatriots; she described the home as 'a miniature League of Nations' in that its staff includes Swiss, Spanish, German, English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish people.

Dr. Camps told the officials that the home, according to the Ambassador, was one of the very best in England.

Senora Azcaracete brought gifts for the kiddies which delighted them. She was received by Miss Jamieson (hon. warden), Mrs. J. K. Milligan and Mr. L. J. Skinner (hon. secretary).





The boys of the Basque Children's Home, Guildford, have this week been sampling the delights of a spell under canvas at Hayling Island. They have been in the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price. Collection of funds to defray the expenses was arranged by Mr. Price, so that there was no call on the local fund.

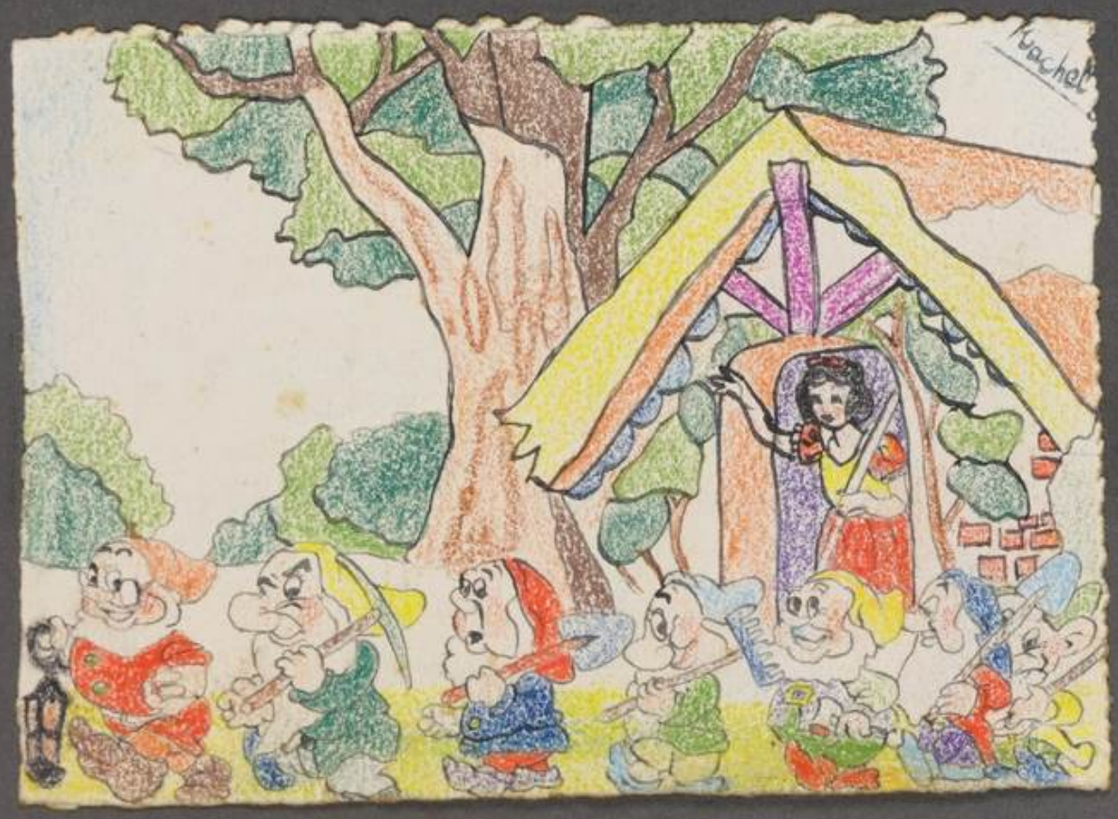




BASQUE BOYS ARE GUESTS AT HER WEDDING

These Basque boy refugees were invited to the wedding yesterday at St. Nicholas's, Guildford, of Mr. Ion George Wakely, Colonial Legal Service, to Miss Joan Hilda Violet Hudson *(right)*. The bride was secretary to the Basque Relief Fund in the Guildford area.

CHILDREN XMAS 1938



Magnificent Spanish Dancing

DISPLAY BY SENORITA EMMA MARQUES

ON BEHALF OF GUILDFORD BASQUE CHILDREN'S HOME.

It is not often that Farnham people have the chance of seeing a London artiste in the town, and those who took the opportunity, offered them at the Church House on Tuesday, were well rewarded by the magnificent performance of Senorita Emma Marqués, who is regarded as the greatest living exponent of Spanish classical dancing and has been called "the second Argentina." Spanish dances are full of interest and have a fascination all their own. As portrayed by Senorita Marqués, they are particularly delightful, her radiant charm, her graceful movements and the sympathetic rhythm of her castanets all contributing to produce an exquisite effect. To say her audience on Tuesday were charmed and thrilled would be underestimating their emotions, which could be best gauged by the sustained applause which followed each dance.

At the age of four years, Senorita Emma Marqués showed exceptional aptitude in dancing and would often imitate gypsy dances seen during the national fiestas. At eight years she became a solo dancer and on reaching the age of 14 was a fixed star appearing with great success in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Paris, Vienna and elsewhere. Her success is due to a combination, rare in Spain, of an inborn genius for her native dances with a thorough classical training. Since her arrival in England in 1937 she has made many appearances in the West End and also on television programmes and she has won the affection and gratitude of the Basque children in this country by her untiring efforts to raise money for their maintenance. She has also earned thousands of pounds for other Spanish relief work and medical services in Spain. No small part is played in her dances by her superb dresses with their wide variety of gay colours.

On Tuesday the Senorita had a disturbing experience on her way down from town which delayed her arrival at the Church House. She was being driven by her husband and their car came into collision with a bus the offside being bady damaged. Fortunately, neither sustained injury, but they suffered to some extent from shock. The audience were not slow in showing their appreciation of the Senorita's dancing under such conditions.

ORGANISED BY THE REGNAL CIRCLE.

The occasion was a variety entertainment on behalf of the Guildford Basque Children's Home, Senorita Marqués being the star performer. She was ably supported by the 21 children from the home in national songs and dances, Mr. Dan Maloney (baritone), of Shackleford, and "Hans," a young German refugee, who is an adept at conjuring. The Farnham (Victoria Road) Regnal Circle, of which Mr. I. C. Patrick is steward and Mr. H. R. Biggs hon. secretary, were responsible for the organisation of the show, in conjunction with Mr. Leslie J. Skinner, secretary of the Guildford Basque Children's Committee, which manages the home. The stage had been draped by Mr. A. A. F. Dale with black curtains, which formed a perfect background for the colourful dresses of the Spanish performers, and the floral decorations on each side were the work of Mr. Evans, with plants kindly lent by Messrs. S. Bide and Sons. The lighting effects were provided by Mr. T. Hill. Members of the Regnal Circle on duty in the hall were Messrs. H. R. Biggs, I. C. Patrick, H. Martin, S. C. Hall and R. A. Gates and the programme sellers were Mrs. H. R. Biggs and Miss K. Bundock.

Assistance on the stage was given by Mr. F. Price; Mrs. Mumford and Miss Tucker helped with the children's make-up; and refreshments that had been provided by Mrs. Payne, of Tilford, were served by Mrs. Milligan.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE HOME.

During an interval, Mr. H. A. Powell, formerly Mayor of Guildford, who is Chairman of the Guildford Basque Children's Committee spoke of the home. In these days, when the refugee problem was becoming so large and international, he said, it might almost be forgotten that in the spring of 1937 4,000 Basque children were brought over to England by the National Committee for Spanish Relief. The people of Guildford decided that they would like to do what they could to help and they were fortunate enough to secure the loan of a house free of rent. The house was dilapidated, but in a few weeks, owing largely to voluntary work, it was repaired and redecorated, and on July 12th last year 40 children arrived in the care of two Spanish adults. At first the situation was not without its difficulties amongst which were those of staffing the home and of language. These difficulties were progressively overcome, thanks to a great deal of voluntary help in Guildford and Godalming, the loyal co-operation of the Spanish adults, and the extremely good conduct of the Spanish children. (Applause). Very soon the Basque Home in Guildford became one of the most happy in the country. The children were being educated in the house, under the extremely able care of Senorita Juanita Aizpuru. The school had flourished, and recently the children had held an exhibition of their school work, which had surprised everybody connected with education in Guildford. They started with 40 children and now there were only 21, the other 19 having been repatriated to Spain.

Mr. Powell also expressed the thanks of his committee to Senorita Emma Marqués for her voluntary performance, to Senorita Juanita Aizpuru for training the children, to the organisers and to all of them who had helped in any way to make the show a success, including the members of the audience.

CHILDREN IN RED AND GREEN.

The children opened the programme with a dance, "Saludo a la Bandera" (Salute the flag). They were accompanied in this and the other dances by Joseba Badiola playing a txistu, a kind of flute, and a drum. The girls were dressed in green, red and black blouses, skirts and aprons and the boys in white trousers and shirts, with green and red sashes and neckties. The boys, who did most of the dancing, also had green and red ribbon round their legs with bells on them in the style of the Morris dancers. On the whole they presented a colourful appearance. Following two songs by Mr. Maloney and magical moments by "Hans" the children again took the stage. They sang "Itxasoan," a love-song of the French Basques which runs "There is a frog on the sea around Bayonne. I love you more than a bird loves his brood or a fish the water." Given the note by Senorita Aizpuru, the children sang this and all their later songs without any accompaniment whatsoever.

The old Basque Folk Dances which followed have their origin in remote times, but still embellish the festivals of the Basque people. They were "Bana Baneko," "Espata Dantza I.," "Esku Dantza," "Launeko" and "Arku Dantza," red and green half hoops being used in the latter. The first of the three songs which concluded the first part of the programme was "Una

BASQUE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

The Basque children refugees at Ardmore House, Guildford, celebrated an English Christmas last week-end although the principal Spanish festival of the season is the visit of the Three Wise Men on January 6th.

Several of the children went to Mass on Christmas morning and later in the morning they gathered in the dining-room where, in the presence of Ald. L. Powell (chairman of the Homes), Mrs. Milligan and Mr. F. Price, they each received a gift. They then sang carols in English and Spanish. Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Milligan and Mr. David Milligan had lunch with the children.

For lunch they had turkeys provided by Ald. Powell, and in the afternoon games were organised by Mr. Price. Christmas tea was followed by dancing.

On Boxing Day Mr. A. Lockwood provided a film show at the Home. On Tuesday they all went to tea as guests of Mr. F. Price and Mr. W. Pullen at the Southern Railway Orphanage Hall; on Wednesday afternoon they went to a cinema on the invitation of Mr. S. Thresher, and in the evening, on the invitation of Miss D. M. Lester, they attended the Nativity play at St. Mary's Church. Ardmore House was decorated for the occasion by Mr. F. Price.

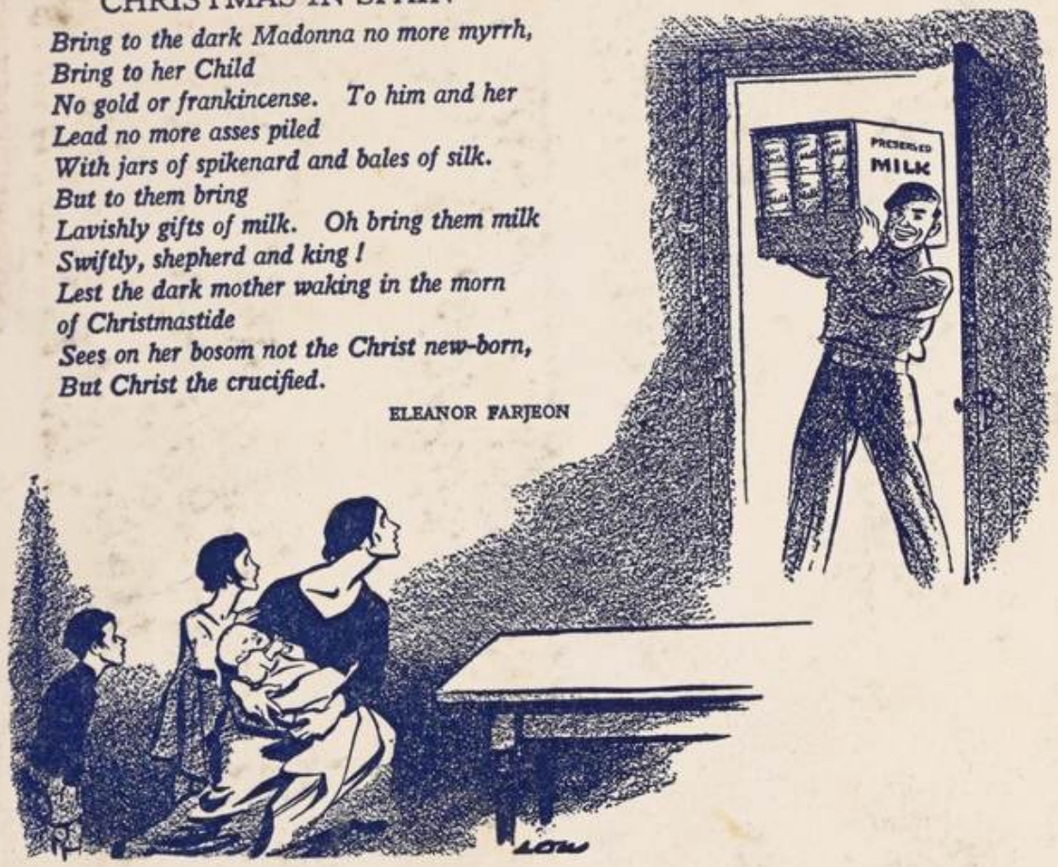
Many gifts of Christmas fare and gifts for the children were received from friends of the Home, and the committee wishes to express its thanks to those people.



CHRISTMAS IN SPAIN

Bring to the dark Madonna no more myrrh,
Bring to her Child
No gold or frankincense. To him and her
Lead no more asses piled
With jars of spikenard and bales of silk.
But to them bring
Lavishly gifts of milk. Oh bring them milk
Swiftly, shepherd and king!
Lest the dark mother waking in the morn
of Christmastide
Sees on her bosom not the Christ new-born,
But Christ the crucified.

ELEANOR FARJEON



THE DAY OF THE THREE KINGS

Message To Basque Children From Home

Yesterday the Basque children at Ardmore House celebrated the day of the Three Kings —the Basque equivalent of the English Christmas—and it was marked by a message from the president of the Basque Government, Jose Antonio de Aguirre. The message read :—

'This is a message to you from the President of the Basque Government. He sends you loving greetings on this day of the Three Kings, and he says "though your dear country still suffers, I want you all to be as happy as you can be to-day. Enjoy the good things and the love which the kind British people have bestowed upon you and thank the good God for bringing you to this peaceful and lovely country. You must all be hopeful and brave. Pray to your God for your mothers and fathers, your brothers and sisters, so that He may bring comfort to them. It was this day, many hundreds of years ago, when the Three Kings came to the Baby Jesus to adore Him and bring gifts. He will help our dear Basque homeland. He will hear your prayers and give us peace, freedom and happiness once again, which would be the greatest gifts of all."'

In a message to Ald. Lawrence Powell (chairman of the committee of the Basque Children's Home), the President wrote: 'May I also express to you our sincere gratitude and thanks for your generosity and the loving care which the people of Guildford have bestowed upon the children for so long?'

When the children awoke yesterday morning they found that the 'Three Wise Men' had visited the home and placed presents in their shoes, which had been put on the windowsill over-night. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Clive Mellersh and Mrs. R. Mackinnon Wood, after which each child was presented with a gift by Mr. Clive Mellersh. The celebration included entertainment by a conjuror and dancing.

BASQUE FOOTBALLERS.

REFUGEES DEFEAT DORKING BOYS.

The Dorking Co-operative Education Committee was responsible for a football match between teams representing the local Co-operative boys and the Basque boys from Guildford, which was played on the Meadowbank Recreation Ground on Saturday. Mr. J. F. Somner kicked off before a large crowd and the Basque team were easy winners by eight goals to one.

The Basque boys were not long in getting into their stride and a good combined run by all the forwards resulted in Machel Ibarrola, their outside right, scoring, much to the delight of their supporters who had come from the Guildford and Reigate Basque Children's Homes. This was followed by three goals by Jose Lois Irastorza, and A. Priest scored one for the Dorking lads, making the half time score 4—1. It is interesting to mention that the Basque boys learnt the game only since they had been in this country, but they certainly played as a team and not as a collection of individuals. The second half found both teams tiring, owing to the heavy ground, but the Basque boys continued to have the upper hand and scored further goals through Machel Ibarrola, Jose Ibarrola, Pedro Fernandez, and Jose Irastorza. Several of the spectators expressed the view that a team representing the best of the schools teams in Dorking would make an interesting match with the Basque boys. The collection amounted to £1 0s. 7d. and this has been forwarded to the Basque Children's Fund. The Dorking team was:—P. Bravery; W. Crane and J. Flanagan; L. Crane, J. Robinson and S. Carpenter; G. Carpenter, J. Copas, R. Douglas, A. Priest and L. Tobin. Referee:—Mr. S. Wright.

After the match, 36 Basque children, with their teachers and the Dorking team, went to the Co-operative Hall, where Mrs. Albery, and her band of helpers, had prepared a substantial tea which was provided by the Co-operative Education Committee. After tea, the Basque children entertained their hosts with games, singing and dancing. English and Spanish songs were sung, including "Tipperary," and "Daisy Bell" was sung in both English and Spanish. English folk dancing and Spanish dancing, intermingled with "The Lambeth Walk," "The Chestnut Tree" and "Horsey Horsey," helped to make the time go too quickly for the children. Mrs. Francis, at the piano, helped to make things go with a swing.



MAYORESS KICKS OFF.—There was a keen football match at Stoke Park, Guildford, on Saturday, when boys from the Guildford Basques' Home met the Odeon Boys' Club, the result being a 3—3 draw. The Mayoress (Mrs. R. H. Tribe, jun.), who kicked off, is seen in the picture between the Mayor (Ald. R. H. Tribe) and Mr. E. Rhodes (manager of the Odeon, Guildford). The Mayor, always interested in boys' athletics, saw the match through and said it was the finest boys' game he had seen for a long time and both teams played as sportsmen. A return fixture has been arranged for April 15th.

[Photo: R. Thorpe.

SANG WITH HEAVY HEARTS

Basque Children Worried About Parents

YET CARRY ON ENTERTAINMENT

With hearts heavy with anxiety for their parents and relatives who were in the path of Franco's victorious armies in Catalonia, Guildford's Basque children refugees danced and sang at the Borough Hall on Tuesday night to help provide money to keep themselves in safety.

'They feel the events of the last six weeks in their country very keenly indeed,' Ald. Lawrence Powell (chairman of the committee of the Basque Children's Home) told the audience. 'They feel them very much more keenly than would children of a similar age in this country. You have to remember that they were rescued from Bilbao just in time and brought to England. At that time, when the conqueror was at the gates of Bilbao, their parents found safety mostly in the friendly country of Catalonia and in Barcelona.

'Now they have seen Barcelona and Catalonia also swept away, and I am sorry to say so, but it is quite true, that they cannot know the fate of their friends and relations. Up to two or three weeks ago the children in this home wrote about 20 letters a week to parents and relatives. During the past few weeks that number has fallen to two or three only. You can hardly imagine sadder circumstances than those under which the children are performing this evening.'

Ald. Powell also explained why the concert was necessary. He said when the children, then numbering 40, had arrived, no one could have foreseen that they would have remained in England as long as 19 months. At the moment nobody could prophesy that it would be less than another six months before they returned to their native land. Financially, they had always been able to see their way eight or a dozen weeks ahead, but last week they had fallen lower than ever before and they could only see their way for three weeks. He thought the public, who had supported them so well in Guildford and Godalming, would continue to support them.

A BRILLIANT DANCER

For the third time Senorita Emma Marqués, who is in the front rank of Spanish dancers, gave up her time to perform with and in aid of her little compatriots in the Guildford Basque Children's Home, and took part in the concert. Once last year she appeared in Guildford with them, and once in Farnham. From the time she was four years of age Senorita Marqués showed herself a born dancer, and imitated gipsy dances she had seen at fiestas; at eight she was a solo dancer, and at 14 she was appearing as a star in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Paris, Vienna and other Continental cities. She came to England in 1937, has made many appearances in the West End and on television, and has raised thousands of pounds to help Basque children refugees and for other Spanish relief work and medical services in Spain.

Her success as a dancer is due, probably, to an innate genius and love for native dancing in combination with a thorough classical training. She has all the fire and life of the gipsy and the gipsy's natural grace and rhythm. Her dancing, too, has the spontaneity of the gipsy, yet one can detect the studied poise of the artist who has mastered her technique. With flashing eyes and charming smile she can put a world of meaning into a flick of the hips or a pirouette. Her colourful costumes, too, are unusual and well-chosen, and lend an admirable finishing touch.

On Tuesday she danced 'Cordoba' (Albéniz), a dance from Andalusia in which Albéniz's music blends Europe and Africa in rhythm and movement as the Spanish people themselves blend them; 'Lucena del puerto' (Gravina), a modern version of the fandanguillo, one of the oldest dances in Spain; 'Bolero de 1830' (José Paltré), based on the original bolero from Majorca, for which she had a saucy period costume in flame and silver; 'En un Rincon Granadino' (Romero), in which the fingers are used in place of castanets and a trailing dress is shown to great advantage; 'Figaro' (Rossini) to music from the 'Barber of Seville,' a blend of classical ballet and Spanish dancing; and finally 'Por las Montanas' (V. Romero). The last is a burlesque of a peasant dance from the mountains of Santander. It shows a peasant girl who has come from over the mountains to join in a fiesta. It takes her some time, and a tumble, to muster up confidence to join in the fiesta dancing. Senorita Marqués brought it a peculiar naive charm and a dainty humour which called for an encore.

BASQUE CHILDREN SING AND DANCE

The Guildford Basque children were, of course, also important persons in the programme, and their native songs and dances had plenty of fresh charm. Particularly appreciated was a duet in Spanish by two of the older boys, and, as a novel touch, 'Tipperary.' The boys did nearly all the dancing for the children, and they had a really remarkable accompanist in one of their number, who played a pipe with one hand and a drum with the other.

Phil Lunn, complete with a microphone, gave some fine impressions of famous voices, his principal successes being with a well-known news reel commentator, Mr. C. H. Middleton, Oliver Wakefield and Kenneth Western. Miss Laurie Hill, accompanist to Senorita Marqués, gave piano solos between Senorita Marqués' dances, and Frank Conway sang 'Bois Epais' (Lully), 'The Road to the Isles' (Kennedy Fraser), 'The Two Grenadiers' (Schumann) and 'Sea Fever' (John Ireland).

The thanks of the organisers of the concert were expressed to Senorita Marqués and the other artistes for their voluntary performance; Senorita Juanita Aizpuru for training the children; Messrs. T. Andrews and Co. (Guildford), Ltd., for booking facilities; Guildford Repertory Company for the loan of curtains; the Cockyolly Company for the loan of staging equipment; Guildford Borough Division of the British Red Cross Society for selling programmes; Guildford branch of Toc H for providing stewards; Mrs. Milligan for providing refreshments for the artistes; Miss Lester, who, with Mrs. Milligan, arranged floral decorations for the stage; Mrs. F. Price for looking after the refreshments for the children; and Mr. F. Price for helping with the stage arrangements.



Five Nationalities at the Orphanage.
The children, left to right, are Basque, Spanish, French, German, and English. At rear are Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Price.

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ENTERTAINING BASQUE CHILDREN.

During the holidays we were happy to again entertain the Basque children from Guildford, to whose welfare Mr. F. G. Price, of the Guildford Loco. Dept., devotes so much of his leisure. There is always a warm welcome for these youngsters at the Orphanage, and many friendships between the dark-eyed southerners and our children have developed in consequence.

After a substantial tea the visitors were entertained with excerpts from our Christmas programme, and reciprocated by entertaining us with folk songs and dances.

Accompanying the party was Dr. F. A. Belam, Medical Officer of Health for Guildford, on his first visit to the Orphanage. Dr. Belam made a tour of the premises, and his impressions are conveyed in a letter to Mr. Price. The doctor writes:—

"I am writing to thank you very much indeed for giving me the opportunity of visiting the Southern Railway Orphanage at Woking on Tuesday. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and also the entertainment and tea provided. You have a lot of talent among the population.

"I should also like to say what a splendid place I think the Orphanage is and what excellent accommodation is provided. I repeat what I told you verbally that the accommodation provided is equal to that of any Public School that I have seen and a great deal better than most. In fact, only the most modern Public School has such accommodation as is provided at the Southern Railway Orphanage.

"I was also very pleased to see also that the institutional element has been kept out as much as possible and that the children are made to feel at home and have not got to wear a hideously ugly uniform, as is the case in so many orphanages. I was particularly impressed by the very nice velour hats and brown coats of the girls and also with the very nice cubicle accommodation provided for the elder girls, instead of a long dormitory. It is so nice to feel that the children are considered in this way and are made to feel that they are individuals and not a mere unit in an institution.

"I am so glad that you gave me this opportunity because I have for a long time wanted to see this Orphanage. I shall now know what is being provided for these unfortunate children, although I must say that I do not think they are unfortunate any longer once they enter that Orphanage".

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February, 1939.



MIDGETS & THE MAYOR



Basque Boys v Midgets 1938 (Dec)

B. Boys won 4-0



CHILDREN AT THE ORPHANAGE

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BASQUE CHILDREN LEAVING FOR HOME



Ardmore House, the Basque Children's Home, was the scene of a pathetic ceremony on Sunday, when five of the children left for their native country after spending nearly two years at Guildford. Those who said farewell amidst tears to their fellow refugees and kindly hosts were Matilde and Ramon Rodriquez and Marcelino and Jose Luis Ibarrola, whose home is at San Sebastian, and Gumersindo Gonzalez, who left for Bilbao.

All the children were popular at the Home, and Matilde, aged 10 years, was one of the best-liked in the concert party. Their departure will be a loss to the concert party as all played in it. The four boys were members of the football team. One of the boys—Marcelino Ibarrola—was the best English-speaking child at Ardmore House and was familiar with the language when he arrived.

Ald. L. Powell (chairman of the committee) and Mrs. Powell saw the children off on Sunday afternoon, and they travelled by car to Victoria Station accompanied by Mr. L. J. Skinner (hon. secretary of the committee), Mrs. Milligan, Mrs. Burrows and Mr. F. G. Price. At the station they joined some 400 other Basque children who are being repatriated. A curious coincidence was that the children left Bilbao for England on May 21st, 1937 and they departed from England on the same date two years later. Naturally, the children were upset by their friends' departure, but Mr. R. Blossett stayed at the Home to keep their spirits up.

A party was held at the Orphanage Hall, Guildford Park Road, on the previous evening. It was a jolly, though somewhat sad, affair organised by Mr. F. G. Price and provided by house girls of the Southern Railway Orphanage, who have been friends with the children since their arrival. There were 21 Basque children and seven house girls at the party. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Price, Mr. Leslie Skinner, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Milligan, Miss D. Lester, Mr. A. Kirsch, Mr. J. T. Long and Mr. R. Blossett. All sat down to sausages, new potatoes and salads. Afterwards songs, dances and games were enjoyed. Two of the boys who were leaving rendered a delightful duet.

The five children arrived home on Tuesday to find their parents alive and happy to greet them.

Our picture was taken previous to the departure and includes not only the children but members of the committee, the staff and some of the helpers at Ardmore House.

[Photo: A. B. Williams.



Basque boys at Ardmore House, who have learnt to play football since arriving in Guildford, have scored no fewer than 46 goals against their opponents' five during the last six months. On Saturday they defeated the Odeon Boys' Club by 6—2, and after the match they were among a company of 60 children entertained to tea by Mr. E. Rhodes, resident manager of the Odeon. They were all invited to a performance at the theatre.







FAREWELL TO BASQUE CHILDREN.—Five more of the young Basque refugees who have been staying at Ardmore House, Guildford, returned to Spain on Sunday, leaving 16 whose parents have not yet been traced. The group shows the children with members of the committee and helpers who gathered to bid farewell to those who were leaving. Seated (left to right) are Senorita Aizpuri, Miss Lester, Mrs. J. K. Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Powell, Mrs. A. J. B. Green, Senorita Vela and Mr. L. J. Skinner, and Mr. F. Price is standing to the right of the picture.

[Photo: A. B. Williams.

THEIR FIFTH FAREWELL

Guildford's family of Basque children have attended no fewer than five farewell parties. The last was held at the Orphanage Hut, Guildford Park, on Saturday, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Price. For the past four months the last Guildford contingent—numbering eleven—have been at Camberley. News has now been received that their stay in England is definitely drawing to a close—at any rate, everything is ready for their sailing, including new clothes. There was a large party of Guildford friends present on Saturday, among them being Mr. Lawrence Powell (chairman of the Guildford Committee) and Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Milligan, Miss Lester and Mr. Leslie Skinner. One boy, Rodolfo Vela, is to remain in England. He is working in Guildford.

ORPHANAGE GIRLS AT GUILDFORD

The guests of Mr. and Mrs. Price included about a dozen girls from the Southern Railway Orphanage at Woking, who are now in private billets in Guildford. The fine orphanage buildings at Woking have been commandeered for hospital purposes, and the principal informed a 'Surrey Times' representative that the children have been moved to different centres, among them being Basingstoke and Brighton. Six of the girls living in Guildford are attending the domestic subjects course at Stoke Park Technical College. In their dark frocks and white Puritan collars the girls looked very neat.








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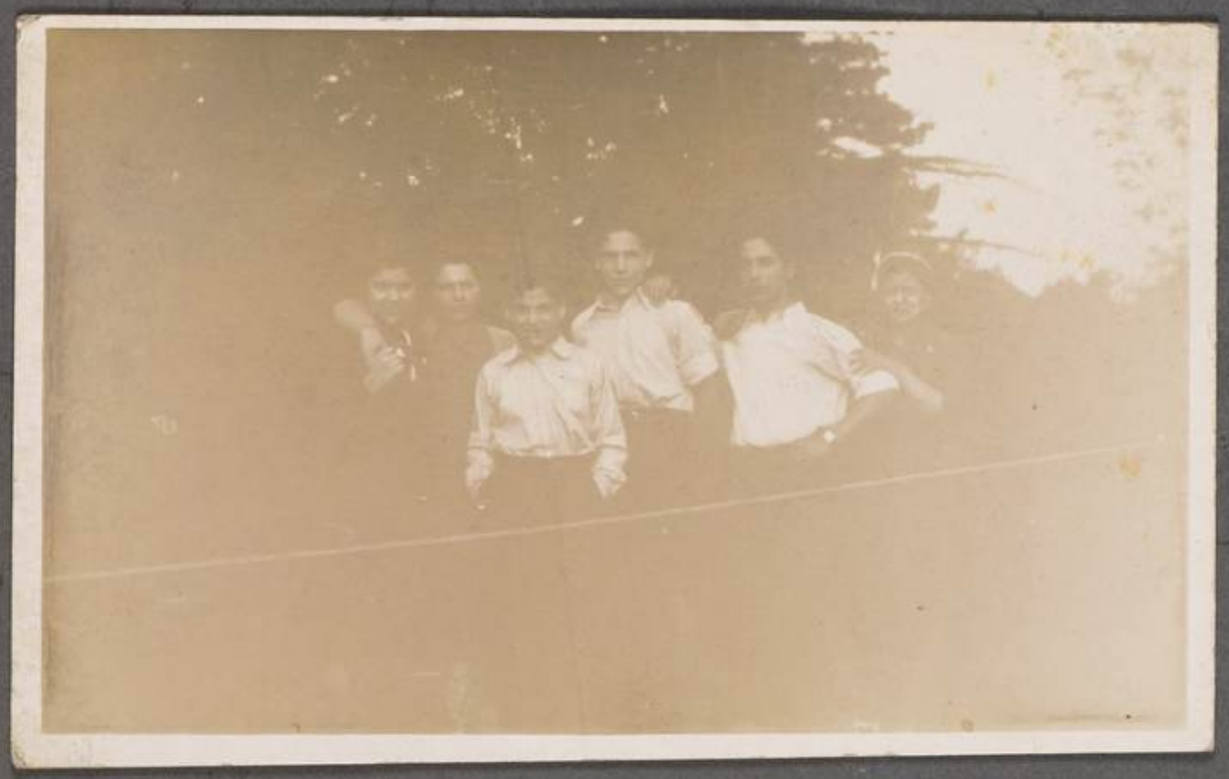





CHAIRMAN OF CHILDREN'S HOME DIES

CHAIRMAN of the management board of the Southern Railwaymen's Home for Children, Mr. Frederick George Price, died recently

Mr. Price lived at 14 Stocton Road, Guildford. He had been suffering from ill-health for about two years and recently spent several weeks as a patient in the care of the National Heart Hospital, London, W.1. Mr. Price collapsed and died during the early hours of July 26th.

After a service held at Stoke Church, Guildford, on Tuesday, cremation took place at Woking Crematorium, St John's.

Mr. Price became the honorary secretary of the Guildford district committee of the London and South-Western Railway Servants' Orphanage during 1921. The district committee area extended from Guildford to Byfleet, Bentley, Haslemere, Horsham, Redhill and Worcester Park.

Like other district committees, its main function was to see that the services of the home were offered to the families of railwaymen living or working in the district: to obtain the support of railwaymen: to raise additional funds and to watch over the after-welfare of children brought up in the home.

Mr. Price joined the board of management of the homes in 1922 as a representative of his district committee. He was elected to the chair of the board of management in 1951 and was re-elected annually without opposition.

AWARDED B.E.M.

He was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1956 in recognition of his public service.

During the Second World War Mr. Price played a part in the management of two houses which were rented in Guildford on behalf of the homes to accommodate 24 boys and 20 girls respectively. He organised foster homes in Guildford including taking a number of children in his own home.

These arrangements were necessary because the children's home at Woking was used as a war hospital. Throughout his membership of the board of management Mr. Price played an active part in the planning and development of the homes and was particularly keen on anything to do with the welfare and happiness of the children.

During the Spanish Civil War Mr. Price was involved in the arrangements for housing Spanish children who were refugees and had much to do with the running of the home for refugees in Guildford.

He was a keen member of his trade union — The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen—and represented railway supervisory grades on Sectional Council No. 1—a consultative and negotiating body between railway management and representatives of the supervisory and clerical grades.

Mr. Price was born in South Africa but spent most of his youth in Devonshire. He started life in the railway service as a boy: engine cleaner: graduating to fireman and driver and eventually to running foreman at the Guildford motive power depot.

Mr. Price's only son, Mr. Peter Price, lives at 74 Agraria Road, Guildford.