

AUGUST SUNSHINE AT HASTINGS. JUST A HOLIDAY BY THE SEA — OR THE

~~haggling~~ beginning ~~of~~ of better things for Britain? Have we found the silver lining after years of post-war struggle when everything seemed topsy-turvy for us, too...? (2)

Now the black clouds have gone. Cowes Week opened under blue skies that brought happiness to Britain's holiday coasts. ~~second~~.

~~But in this year from the sea the~~

~~restful scene - a sleepy symphony of sail... you may think... BECALMED YACHTS, MAKE~~

But come aboard the Hon. Max Aitken's yacht - "Lumberjack" and watch the busy scene - as long-practiced hands strive to trap every vestige of ~~XXXXX~~ a light-westerly breeze.

The Duke of Edinburgh is gracing the occasion for the whole week of ~~Regatta~~ Regattas, ~~to~~ race the "flying fifteen" Coweslip ^(Suez/1953) or the yacht "Bluebottle" ~~on the water as a wedding present~~

~~Back to the Lumberjack~~ competing in the ~~regatta~~

And again, we see how "light" weather tests the helmsman's skill - ~~the~~

~~So far as is happy~~

While there's an added thrill for the holidaymakers, as the Liner "Queen Mary" steams by - another graceful greyhound of the sea...

At the famous resorts in the Isle of Wight - it was the same Bank Holiday story - a story of crowded beaches - ~~usually told~~

Among ^{other} week-end attractions was a Test Match at Arundel Park, Sussex... where the Home Skipper, the Duke of Norfolk, lost the toss to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Then, before a test-size crowd of twenty-five thousand, Prince Philip, with Australian acumen, put his rivals in to bat - and took up position in the slips. The Match was played on behalf of the National Playing Fields Association - of which ~~the~~ is ~~the~~ President.

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~~When the rival skipper came in to bat~~ - ^{Seen} The Duke of Edinburgh decided to put himself on - bowling leg-breaks - and enthusiastically fielding his own bowling, too.../

After the Duke of Norfolk had made four ~~runs~~ - a cunningly-flighted ball pierced his defence. / ~~the Duke of Norfolk~~

The Duke of Norfolk declared the innings closed at 204 for six ~~runs~~ - leaving the visitors two-and-a-half hours to make the runs.

And to their credit - the Duke of Edinburgh's side made a brave effort to get them... The Duke, himself, hit three boundaries, in a merry knock of eighteen. ² Though he was missed once - by a ^{quick} ~~long~~ throw-in. /

The Duke was finally bowled by George Cox of Sussex. The Duke of Norfolk's eleven won by seven runs, but the best total of all was well over £2,000 for a worthy organisation. /

There was hectic sport, too, at Brands Hatch, Kent, where sixty famous ~~Formula F1~~ drivers burned up the track in ten races for baby cars...

All the thrills were there - from massed starts - to single cars cornering at break-neck speeds ³.

E. Lewis Evans in his Cooper (No. 43) was placed in both the principal races, which were won by Don Parker in a Kieft. /

A record crowd ~~watched~~ watched the events - including a demonstration run by veteran racing cars. /

~~The oldest car competing was a 1905 Rolls Royce.~~ The winner was a Sunbeam - driven by J. Sears. ¹ The prize was Double-X spirit - enough to revive any veteran. /

Two crowded days of athletics, when Great Britain met France at the White City. The start of the Three Miles. Record-breaker Gordon Pirie and Freddy Green (in white vests) running for Britain.

Soon after the start - Pirie shoots ahead...

And he comes home alone - winning by eighty yards from Green - in 13 minutes 36.4 seconds. A time that shattered all his own records, and was only four seconds slower than the world record. /

~~The 800 yards - with Roger Bannister - (the world's fastest-miler) running for Britain...~~