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Town Criers' Championship at Hastings 20th Aug. 53

To historic Hastings comes an echo from the past as Town-Criers parade for their ~~annual~~ National Championships. There's a record entry of 23 - from all parts of Britain and soon their battle-cries ~~xxxx~~ thunder across Alexandra Park. SOUND

~~Mr.~~ Ben Johnson of Fowey, ~~xxxxxx~~, seems to have the last word ~~in these~~ ~~contests~~. SOUND.

He wins the title for the sixth time ~~and the first competition trophy~~ ~~shall be~~.

THE SAME DAY ~~Yesterday~~, the Mayor of Hastings started the Road-Walking Race to Brighton, and sent A civic LETTER ~~greetings~~ by C. Megnin - last year's winner - to the Mayor of that town...

An annual event - sponsored by the Brighton Athletic Club - the huge field ~~were~~ was soon on ~~their~~ its way - with 38 miles to go - through the lovely Sussex countryside.

~~xxxxxxxxx~~ The first man home was No. 3 M.N. Guilmant of Belgrave Harriers - who set up a new record time for the course. And that letter was delivered - express greetings from the Mayor of Hastings.

Inland now - to Shrewsbury -where fifty-thousand people gathered for the 66th Annual Musical and Floral Fete. Here, jugglers and high-wire artistes brought balance to a crowded programme.

And just to prove that variety really is the spice of life, two million blooms, of every known species and colour were "top of the bill".

A group of hand-picked beauty on the North-west ~~xxxxxxxx~~ coast, too, as bathing belles compete for the title "Miss New Brighton".

And what a line of lovelies as they parade before the judges which include Miss Joy SHELTON AND ~~Nicholls and Canadian compere~~ MR. Carroll Levis. ~~- the discovery of the famous impressionist - he has yet to find.~~

~~Gathering the judges to their "delightful" opinion~~ - The girls take a stroll round the pool - watched by the "wolf" in the audience. ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ "Oh! Grand-dad - What big eyes you've got!"

The sash of victory goes to Miss Jean Ferguson of Liverpool Joy SHELTON ~~Nicholls~~ calls for a big hand for the winner - ~~Carroll applies it~~...SOUND

~~Then for the losers~~ AND SO another discovery IS SWEPT off her feet - ~~along the road to fame and fortune.~~

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