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AROUND BRITAIN

These are the fields of "Britain after-the-flood" Spring of 1947. Already weeks late with their Spring sowings farmers now face the threat of ruined harvests. Leading the way with emergency methods is Northampton's flying farmer Josiah Tomkins. From a Miles aeroplane his sodden land is sown with wheat. Twenty acres are sprayed as the plane flies at 75 miles per hour 50 ft above the ground. From the air four bushels are used per acre, against three on land.

Josiah Tomkins says, that on fields like these not even the most modern tractor could have operated. Sprayed from the plane, one ton of seed per trip; is evenly sown in a 12 yard wide lane. It took two hours to finish 20 acres. Many farmers say this sowing method, though revolutionary, is too expensive. If that is the case, why not give government aid, or use service planes, for the job.

Over in Manchester we pick out the event of the day at the meeting of the Buckshee Wheelers. The 1,000 metres international cycle sprint. Taking part - British amateur sprint champion Reg Harris, Holland's champ Ger Bijster, and the two Manchester wheelers Dove and Bannister. At the half distance, Harris was well in the lead.

And that's the way it stays right till the end. Reg Harris comes in first, followed by Bannister, and Bijster, 3rd. To ex-desert rat Harris of Manchester Wheelers another cycling victory.

For a sample Easter holiday story, our cameraman takes a trip around Blackpool. He had a long journey, and all he got was an odd burst of sunshine, a high wind and plenty of rain. Like the rest of Britain's holiday resorts, Blackpool had less than a quarter the visitors it expected. So the cameraman gave people a miss and went up the Tower - just for the view.

Here's how it looked on the holiday without crowds.

There were a few who went through the old Easter routine. A spin on the prem finished up; switch-backing on the Big Dipper.

But even the Amusement Park was almost empty and down on the beach you might have been looking at the Sahara desert. And that was this Year's Easter.