

Gants Hill (one of the seven stations served by the extension) is built to a new design - an example of improved underground engineering.

In America, Pathe News, New York, wanted a new rooster for their trademark. So a call went out for the nation's best birds to compete for the honour. Here are some of the would-be stars.

While the roosters do their stuff, the hens put on a fashion show. For the girls, it's their finest hour.

Earl Kelly's champion "Bill" is "Mr. American-Rooster 1948." From now on in full glory he will announce from the screen America's Pathe News.

Back home, Xmas time brought the circus to town. Champion jockey, Gordon Richards met an unfamiliar mount, but felt as much at home on Sally as on any other two-year old. With the cameras in attendance, the season's most successful jockey launched the elephant act with vintage champagne.

Odds are against Sally ever meeting her rider again. For Gordon Richards, too, it was a strictly off-duty occasion.

It's official that Gordon is going back to horses for next year's Derby.

But the sporting world's main interest was centred on the football association headquarters at Lancaster Gate. 64 soccer teams went into the hat for the third-round draw of the F.A. Cup. 17 survivors of earlier rounds now join battle with First and Second Division Clubs. Chairman Brook Hurst makes the draw - Secretary Rous gives the teams.

From now on, cup interest becomes tense. The other sports event of the week was at Manchester's Belle Vue, where Peter Kane, in light shorts, defended his European bantam-weight title against Joe Cornelis from Belgium. For a championship, it was a tame affair and the crowd didn't see Kane at his best.

Round three found Referee Muir warning the Belgian for punching with an open glove. And that was the only excitement in an otherwise dull bout.

Kane tried to open-out at times - but his dancing tactics didn't upset the experienced Belgian.

The former blacksmith from Golborne showed none of his better punches, 30 year old Cornelis gave as much as he got.

After 15 dreary rounds, Kane got the verdict - on points. For Europe's No. 1 bantamweight, it was not world championship fern.