

SCHOOLBOYS EXHIBITION

Hundreds of small boys make some of the biggest queues of the winter for the National Schoolboys Own Exhibition - and no wonder! There's just about everything here to capture the imagination of a youngster. Want to be a sailor? Well, here's some idea of what life's like on the ocean wave.

John Littleton checks up his reactions to putting on the brakes in an emergency.

For the scientists, here's the heat-ray that lights electric bulbs unconnected by any wires. The man who declared the show opened, Wilfred Pickles, has a go with an artificial miller, which can't chew the cud like some of the audience - it's got udder attractions instead!

A model "Centurion" tank, operated by remote control, is one of the show's highlights. Built by Army apprentices, it is perfect in every detail.

What boy wouldn't swap places with young Martin Perry or his brother Teddy? A retired engine driver shows them just how to work it all. Like most of the stands at the exhibition, this one encourages every boy to become a man - and every man to be a boy again.