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RINGERS FAIL IN RECORDED BID.

At a bell foundry at Loughborough in Leicestershire Mr. Shirley Burton, the umpire, starts a team off on an attempt at a new bell-ringing record. Pulling with a will are Eric Critchley from Doncaster, Cliff Barrow from Birmingham, Mr. Jesson from Leicester Cathedral and Mr. Allen from the same Cathedral. Doncaster's William Jackson and Mr. Harding from King's Lynn are two more. A Wakefield man, Wilfred Harton, and a Coventry man Peter Border complete the team. They aim to ring a world record of 40,320 changes. Every change is carefully marked up. Then a wrong call sends their hopes tumbling. With only a few sweets to keep them going they have rung for nearly ten hours - only minutes short of the record. Next year they're going to try again.