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VARIETY CLUB GO RACING.

Sandown Park was taken over for one day by Show Business. Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers were early arrivals among the stars who gathered on the Course. Billy Butlin and Nat Cohen are Elder Statesmen of Variety Club, which staged the Meeting. American star Jeff Chandler brought a breath of Hollywood, as Tropical King was led into the enclosure, winner of the Billy Butlin stakes. Billy himself presented the trophy.

The Meeting was the second that Variety Club has sponsored for charity. The first raised £12,000. Next race on the card, the Daily Mirror Handicap. And look who's here; Sir Gordon Richards; training winners nowadays. Bernard Breslaw was just in time to see the mile handicap for 3-year-olds. Moral support here by Ronald Shiner.

Riding an outsider, "Dual Role", Jackie Crowhurst won by half a length. The 20-to-one shot was NOT backed, unless appearances deceive, by Lionel Jeffreys.

Anne Heywood presented the trophy to trainer Jack Gosden. Lester Piggott won the Lyons Maid Stakes on Apostle, and there to present the trophy this time was Virginia McKenna. So cheers. A wonderful afternoon.