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HOP HARVEST CELEBRATED.

Under Canterbury Cathedral walls may seem a strange place for Morris Dancing, but not a bit of it: the men of Kent have danced there every Autumn for six centuries to celebrate the hop harvest.

The Hop Queen reigns over the jollifications, and Hooden Morses, as they're called, also have a say in the matter; that being part of the tradition.

It's evident that hops are extremely important in Kent; quite rightly. What a dreary place the Local would be if the crop failed.

Morris Dancing was introduced into England by John O'Gaunt, in the 14th Century. He brought it from Spain, where it was called the Morisco Dance. And here it is, still flourishing, and more or less holding its own, in the age of Rock 'n' roll.

BELGIUM is a very happy country. King Baudouin is engaged at last. His bride-to-be is Dona Fabiola de Mora y Aragon. Spanish nobility likes names that go on for a long time. Baudouin's father and step-mother, and many others of the Royal Family, were at the engagement party. The King is 30; Dona Fabiola 32. Everybody in Belgium welcomes the match. Baudouin's responsibilities have always appeared to weigh heavily upon him. Now, he seems really happy.

Racegoers wouldn't have recognised Epsom. It was taken over by Girl Guides, and Lady Baden Powell, World Chief Guide - was the much honoured principal guest. The rally celebrated the Guides "Golden Jubilee" Year. What better, than a camp fire on the Downs.

850 balloons were released. Each bore the name of a patrol. There'll be a prize for the one that goes farthest. The famous Grandstand was occupied by 5,000 girls, lighting their voices in songs that have been sung round thousands of campfires in the past fifty years.

What a proud movement the Girl Guides has become. More than half-a-million members in Britain; five million, the world total.