

A TREAT BY TAXI

58 taxis all raring to go were at Norwood Homes, waiting to take about 180 orphan kiddies to Brighton for the day. London taxi-drivers, many of them owning their cabs, give this treat every year. You can imagine how the young shavers at Norwood count the weeks, then the days, then the hours, till at last they're on the way. Three to a taxi, with a grown-up in each one, to look after them. Well, you know, all kinds of things are likely to happen when excited children have a car ride.

Hove Town Hall was the first stop. For some of them, not a minute too soon.

There was a lovely big meal laid on. London adults, waiting in the rain for the taxi that never comes, sometimes say harsh things about the drivers, but to the Norwood kiddies, they're Santa Claus come true. And if we hadn't been on hand to film the expedition, the general public wouldn't have known anything about it.

The drivers played the role of Uncle for the day, and afterwards took home two sore feet to prove it.

If grown-ups did that, the balloon would go up.