

FLOWER CARNIVAL.

13/6/55.

This is the time of year when the towns of sunny Italy, compete with each other to put on the most attractive carnival ; and; laying a claim to a high place, is the Flower Festival of Salsomaggiore. More than forty flower floats ~~made~~<sup>make</sup> up the procession; and in case you don't much care for flowers --- they throw in the extra attraction of beautiful Italian girls.

ANNAPOLIS.

This is the annual Colour Ceremony at the American Naval Academy at Annapolis. And it shows why the Navy of the United States has no shortage of midshipmen.

After the Colour ceremony, the U.S. Navy Secretary gave out diplomas to more than seven hundred graduating officer-cadets.... followed by the traditional throwing of caps ~~into the air.~~

Graduation day ends a four-year ban on getting married; so some graduates start learning all over again.

PRINCESSROYAL.

At the annual meeting of the Girl Guides Association at St James's Palace, the Princess Royal handed over a portrait of herself, to be hung in the Council Chamber of their Headquarters. On the same day, Her Royal Highness inaugurated the new van, purchased through the King George Memorial Foundation, to be used for training senior Guides in the remote villages of Britain.

SPASTIC CHILDREN.

Mine host of the White Hart Hotel at Hornchurch thought of a good use for the pennies in the customers' change --- and the customers co-operated to build them up in the various bars. Then the newly-elected M.P. for the constituency came in and completed the job. As a result --- they were able to send a cheque for £75, to the Eastern Area of the National Campaign for Spastic Children.