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### EDITORIAL

To gain their first away victory of the season the County very appropriately chose the first round of the F.A. Cup competition when they beat Walsall 1—0 at Fellows Park. By this victory the County continue to be Walsall's "bogey" team. It was a team victory and the players gave a grand display. Even so the outstanding player in defence was Len Weare who gave a faultless performance and made several "wonder" saves. As for the forwards Colin Hudson was outstanding; he made most of the chances given him by Bill Lucas. He paved the way for Pat Terry's goal after having seen an excellent shot of his own kicked off the line in the first half. Len Staples, making his second appearance of the season, showed that he had not lost any of his touches; his tackling was as keen as ever.

Unfortunately the County have been drawn away in the 2nd Round to the winners of the Gillingham v. Yiewsley replay. On Saturday Gillingham earned the replay with literally the last kick of the match which ran into extra time through injuries—the referee blowing "time" as soon as the ball was in the net. Since Gillingham re-entered the league in 1950, the County have won 3, drawn 1 and lost 2 at Priestfield Stadium.

Congratulations to captain Alf Sherwood for his excellent display in goal for Wales

against England at Wembley last week. Although it is to be hoped that the occasion will never arise, it is gratifying to know that Alf is an excellent substitute in goal. Of course, he is accustomed to the role, as he played in goal on a few occasions for Cardiff City in an emergency and in one match saved a penalty. The injury to Kelsey has once again brought the spot light on the old controversy "Should substitutes be allowed in International matches?" The incident at Wembley strongly supports those who claim that substitutes should be allowed.

The County have a hard struggle next month having to play six league matches (four away) and the cup match. By the time they play home on 22nd December, the half way mark of the season will have passed. May they do well next month and earn the necessary points to keep in the promotion race. The very best of luck County.  
CIVIC.

### SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

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## TODAY'S VISITORS

Our visitors from Swindon are not having a very happy time and are at present near the foot of the league table. Since the war the "Railwaymen" have several times found themselves in a precarious position. Last season they had to seek re-election having finished in last position with only 30 points.

Swindon are a poor team on opponents grounds, last season they scored very few victories away from home, and this season are again following the same pattern. Swindon's best performance against the County was during the 1938/39 Campaign when the County crashed 8-0 at Swindon on Christmas Day and scraped home by 6-4 at Somerton on Boxing Day. Fortunately for the County the shock did not prevent them winning promotion.

Although Swindon have no outstanding scorers several of their players have been finding the target in recent matches, among them Centre-forward Maurice Owen and inside-left Bob Edwards. Newly appointed manager Bert Head has been signing new defenders and likely to be on view today are left-back Stan Earl who was with Leyton Orient last season, centre-half Vincent Jack late of Bury and left-wing Darcy from Wigan Athletic.

It is hoped that the County forwards will find their shooting boots today and thus send their supporters home happy as the result of a good win.  
W.G.A.

## Corresponding match last season—12/4/56

The game should have taken place originally on 4th February but the pitch at Somerton Park was so unplayable that the fixture was cancelled at 9 a.m.

For the re-arranged fixture, the gate was the lowest for the season—2,346. Nevertheless, the County scored their first goal in four games and achieved the first "double" of the season.

Although there was a good service from the wing-halves, the inside-forwards were very disappointing and it was young Colin Hudson who scored the only goal seven minutes from time. The County were the better team in mid-field due to Lucas' quick tackling and intelligent distribution. Even so Swindon were always dangerous. Lever saved two goals by kicking off the goal line.

### County Team :

Weare ; Lever, Hollyman ; Lucas, Wilcox, Docherty ; Hudson, Shergold, Beech, Harris and Brown.

### Swindon Town :

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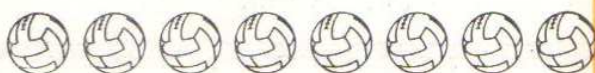


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Brentford ...	19	9	4	6	41	34	22
Shrewsbury ...	19	6	10	3	20	25	22
Bournemouth ...	19	7	7	5	33	22	21
Brighton ...	19	7	6	6	41	30	20
Watford ...	19	9	2	8	32	29	20
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Southend U. ...	19	5	5	9	28	32	15
Aldershot ...	19	6	3	10	34	44	15
Swindon T. ...	19	6	2	11	30	47	14
Walsall ...	19	4	5	10	21	30	13
Plymouth A. ...	19	3	6	10	16	37	12

**TODAY'S COVER**

Today's cover photograph records a scene which should make every County supporter feel very proud as it shows Alf Sherwood the Captain of Newport County at the head of the Welsh Team prior to the game last week at Wembley Stadium, the Headquarters of British Football.

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" 22	Southend United ..	..	A	3	3	26	Coventry City (Boxing Day) ..	A	
" 25	Queen's Park Rangers ..	..	A	1	1	29	Plymouth Argyle ..	A	
" 30	Southend United ..	..	H	2	1	1957			
Sept. 1	Plymouth Argyle ..	..	H	4	1	Jan. 5	Southampton (3)	..	H
" 5	Exeter City ..	..	A	0	2	" 12	Reading ..	..	H
" 8	Reading ..	..	A	0	0	" 19	Watford ..	..	A
" 13	Exeter City ..	..	H	1	1	" 26	Southampton (4)	..	A
" 15	Watford ..	..	H	3	0	Feb. 2	Colchester ..	..	A
" 19	Crystal Palace ..	..	A	1	2	" 9	Norwich City ..	..	H
" 22	Colchester United ..	..	H	1	0	" 16	Walsall (5)	..	H
" 27	Crystal Palace ..	..	H	2	2	" 23	Ipswich ..	..	A
" 29	Norwich City ..	..	A	1	1	Mar. 2	Bournemouth (6)	..	H
Oct. 6	Walsall ..	..	A	0	0	" 9	Aldershot ..	..	A
" 13	Ipswich Town ..	..	H	1	0	" 16	Millwall ..	..	H
" 20	Bournemouth ..	..	A	1	2	" 23	Brighton (S.F.) ..	..	A
" 27	Torquay ..	..	H	3	0	" 30	Gillingham ..	..	H
Nov. 3	Millwall ..	..	A	0	1	April 6	Swindon ..	..	A
" 10	Brighton ..	..	H	0	0	" 13	Brentford ..	..	H
" 17	Walsall (1st Round. Cup) ..	..	A	1	0	" 19	Shrewsbury ..	..	H
" 24	Swindon Town ..	..	H			" 20	Torquay ..	..	A
Dec. 1	Brentford ..	..	A			" 22	Shrewsbury ..	..	A
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