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# NEWS and VIEWS

Donald Pyper. I wonder what the name means, to those present today. Yet that man did as much for Swindon Town Football, as any person I know. Manager, Director, Player or Supporter.

He joined the Supporters' Club when it was formed in the early thirties. Support was at a low ebb and the Football Club struggling for existence. Men like Donald Pyper, Harry Ann and Harry Higginson, worked like Trojans on Fund Raising Schemes, when money was difficult to collect.

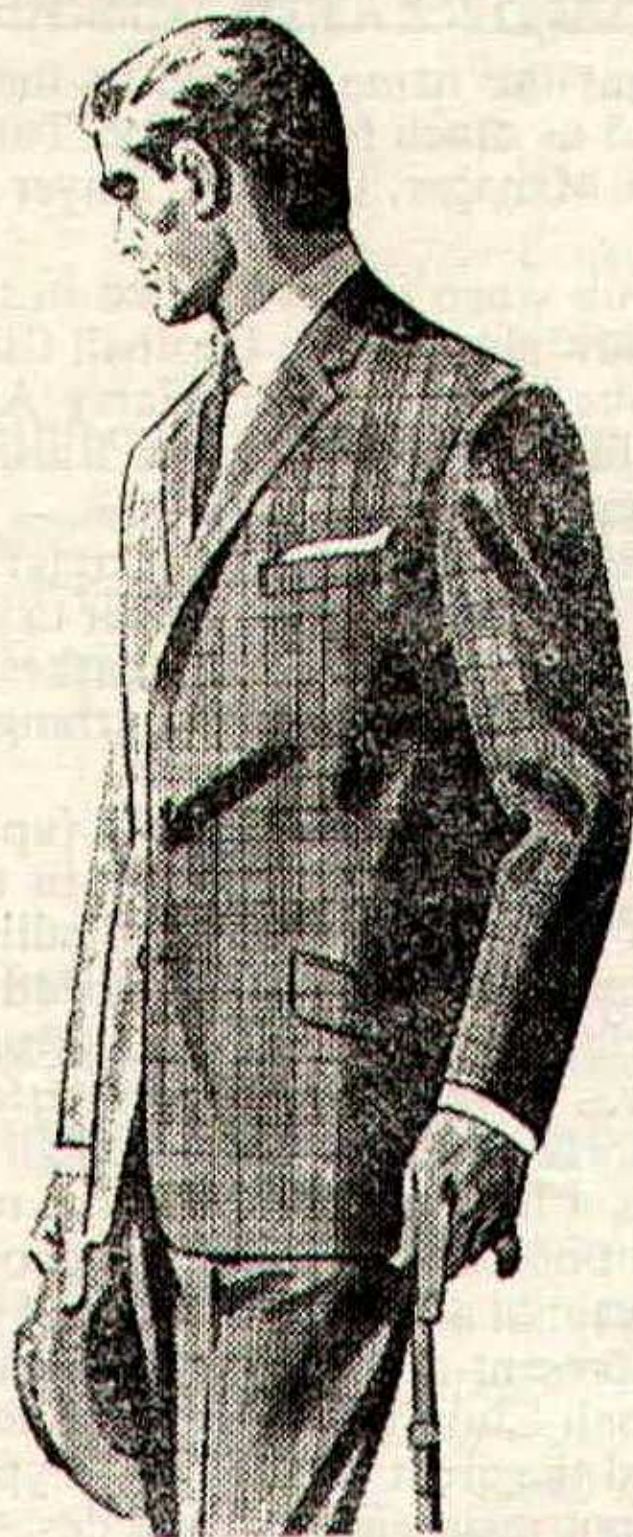
For many years Mr. Pyper and his wife acted as Secretaries to the Supporters' Club. He was a great friend and helper to the players. Anyone injured or ill in hospital, received a basket of fruit, a visit from Donald and also a rota of visitors arranged by him.

I have known Mr. Pyper for almost 40 years, latterly (up to quite recently) by his contribution to the programme, in the form of the "Supporters Notes". He was the finest, kindest and most genuine man I ever knew. A gentleman, a friend to everyone and one with a wonderful disposition. A slight cripple from birth (this impediment was never allowed to interfere with his activities for the Club). He never kicked a football or threw a cricket ball, yet he was a true sportsman, in the real sense of the word. The Swindon Football Club is all the poorer by his death last week. We just cannot afford to lose men of his calibre. Many supporters were present at the Funeral Service, and also members of the Football Club, including the Chairman who I am sure, appreciated the great work of Mr. Pyper.

You may think, why have I put this item first, and devoted so much space? Because it is important. In these days when we hear so much of players transfers and fantastic figures, there still exists behind the scenes (the real backbone of any club)



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men such as this. These men will remain, long after the great players have disappeared—To me they are the salt of the earth.

To continue the sad story. It is with great regret we also record the death of Tommy Davies, a great little outside right before World War I with Swindon Town and Nottingham Forest. After a spell with the latter club, he returned to Swindon and worked in the "Factory". A brother of Mr. Bert Davies, (for many years the Assistant Secretary) he acted as Steward in the "Old Stand" up to two years ago.

I notice our reporter friend from Bristol, has been mentioning Harold Fleming, his bust which stands at the Players Entrance and the fact that Fleming Way is named after him. The only comment I have to make is. Some of us knew Harold personally, a fine gentleman on and off the field. A good living man a leader respected by his colleagues. The greatest player ever for Swindon. We still remember that amazing body swerve, which took him past player after player and that wonderful ball control. I've seen him make the ball go almost in an arc. He was a local lad, a Swindonian and Swindon Town F.C. was his Club, although capped many times and sought after by various clubs. His only fault (according to the critics at that time) was he was too clever for the other members of the team — an individualist.

I'm afraid I shall be accused of living in the past — of the glories of old. These were the men who built Swindon Town F.C. They laid the foundations well and truly.

Much comment has been forthcoming during the past week, regarding transfers, buying of players, wages and overdrafts. What I am going to say, is purely my own. This is no official statement by the Club, because I could not make one. I don't think I am giving away any secrets, as I am no longer a member of the Board of Directors.

This question of overdrafts. Buy players, have a large over-



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draft. Other clubs live on these. The truth is. By virtue of the fact that Swindon F.C. do not own their ground (they rent it from Swindon Corporation) the Bank will not allow them a large overdraft — only something in the nature of £10,000 and that must be guaranteed by the Directors. Money cannot be raised in that way. In these days of 8% Bank Rate that could be all to the good. The interest on that amount would be £800.

Clubs with large overdrafts, are beginning to "draw in their horns", now the rate is 8%. Think of an overdraft of £80,000. It's not easy to raise money or buy players, please give a little thought to the Board. I appreciate what they are doing. As I said earlier, I am no longer a member of the Board. While I may miss the challenge, and not being in the centre of things, I can at least sleep at night, without thinking of £10,000 overdraft. £15,000 outstanding accounts. 3 months wages to be found and no income forthcoming. Such was the position we faced for many years in the month of May and it was not pleasant.

Now to more mundane matters. This afternoon, we set out once again on the "Cup Trail". Can we repeat our success of last year? We sincerely hope so. It looks as if the team has struck form just at the right moment. The win at Oldham was an all round excellent team effort, every member playing well. It would appear a certain amount of strategy is being used regarding the substitute. Choosing the right player for the particular game, and the timing of substitution apart from injury. This away win followed the two to nil victory over Watford, and our two away games of 2—3 and 1—1. So we have conceded only four goals in five games.

Today's tie with Salisbury, is almost a local Derby, both clubs in the same county. We remember the stirring games between the two clubs when we participated in the Wiltshire Professional Shield Competition.



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# SUPPORTERS *CLUB NOTES*

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Today is I believe, a rather unique occasion. It is probably the first time that we have welcomed Salisbury to the County Ground in an F.A. cup tie. Many supporters will recollect the end of season matches of some years ago, when the Wiltshire professional clubs had a competition and I can recall several trips to Salisbury's pleasant ground to watch these cup ties. In the last one I saw, I remember that John Trollope played at left back, for the first time in the first team and he is the only member of our present team who has ever played against Salisbury. Anyway, a warm welcome to Salisbury supporters. I feel for quite a number of our Supporter Club members who live in and around Salisbury and who are regular supporters at the County Ground. They might be said, today, to be in the proverbial cleft stick—but I expect they will support the Town.

I noted in one of the papers the other day, that Salisbury play the conventional game. This I take to be, means five forwards, three half backs, two full backs and a goalkeeper. I have heard many supporters pass the opinion that this type of play could make a welcome return—from the spectacle point of view, as well as for results. The idea being of course, that few of the modern generation of footballers have ever played against such a formation and could find the going as disconcerting as clubs did when Arsenal first produced the stopper centre half as a third full back. For that reason, this afternoon's match will be interesting in more ways than one. I am sure that Swindon Town are not taking Salisbury lightly.

Another bright beam of light is shining after the excellent away win last Saturday—one long overdue, as the ball has not run kindly at times at away matches. This break in the lack of an away win will, I am sure, help to take a little tension



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## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES—continued

from the lads. An away win next Saturday would I feel, justify this belief, as well as improve our League position.

Last Tuesday evening found a goodly number of players, with their ladies, at a social get together in the Social Club. The Xmas decorations have already been hoisted into position and the Clubhouse set the atmosphere for a real good evening. Apart from the music provided by the Pete Lowe Trio, from 7.30 p.m., a short Bingo session was arranged together with a short cabaret entertainment by a local dancer Miss Christine Bolton. During the course of the evening, the players and ladies, all ladies present and as many members as could be accommodated before the bubbly ran out, took champagne with the Supporters Club Chairman and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. Pearce, from the Sunday Mirror Giant Killers Cup, which was displayed by kind permission of the Chairman and Board of Directors of the Football Club, the use of which was very much appreciated by all Supporters present, few of whom had seen the trophy closely before.

During the course of the evening, the Chairman of the Supporters Club, on behalf of all Swindon Town Supporters Club members, handed a cheque for £2,500 to Mr. C. Green, deputising for the Chairman, for the use of the Board of Directors. The Supporters Club Committee has also undertaken to give a monthly cheque to the Directors, which is expected to be in the nature of £600 each month. These cheques are, of course, the proceeds from the Supporters Club weekly competition. The Supporters Club Committee would be delighted if more volunteers to become agents would come and see us. Believe me, this would be of considerable benefit in the fight for promotion.

Perhaps some of the letter writers to the press, advising the purchase of new players, would add weight to their advice by providing, through our Competition, some practical assistance.



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Peterborough United	21	10	4	7	37	31	24
Gillingham	21	9	6	6	29	28	24
Stockport County	21	10	4	7	30	30	24
<b>Swindon Town</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>
Reading	21	10	3	8	32	34	23
Bury	20	9	4	7	45	34	22
Watford	21	9	4	8	39	23	22
Barrow	21	9	4	8	29	23	22
Shrewsbury Town	21	8	6	7	32	32	22
Colchester United	21	7	8	6	28	37	22
Brighton & H.A.	20	8	5	7	25	23	21
Southport	21	8	4	9	33	34	20
Tranmere Rovers	21	8	4	9	36	36	20
Bristol Rovers	20	7	6	7	31	33	20
Northampton Town	21	8	4	9	29	34	20
Bournemouth & B.A.	21	6	7	8	23	29	19
Oldham Athletic	21	8	2	11	28	30	18
The Orient	20	5	6	9	20	30	16
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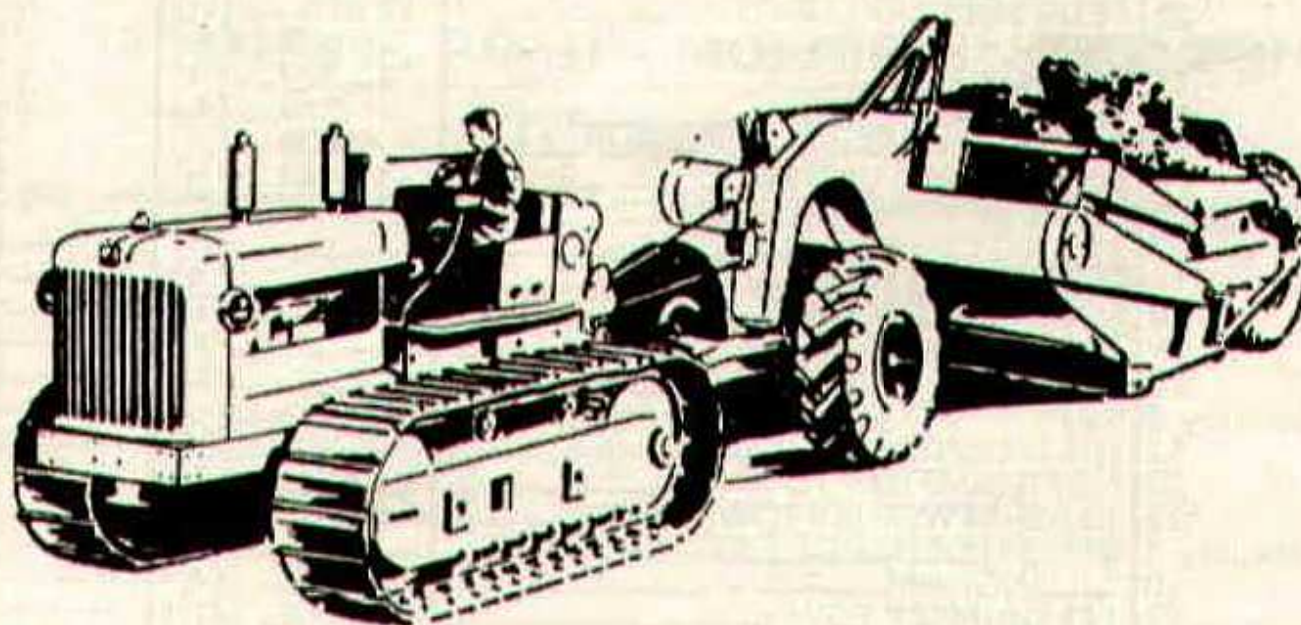
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25	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	9,103 (A)	0—2
29	NEWPORT Co. (League Cup Replay).....	6,537 (A)	0—2
September 2	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	12,152 (H)	3—1
4	BARROW.....	7,352 (A)	1—1
9	THE ORIENT.....	4,722 (A)	0—0
16	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	13,280 (H)	4—0
23	WALSALL.....	9,132 (A)	2—3
26	BARROW.....	13,567 (H)	0—1
30	GILLINGHAM.....	12,983 (H)	2—2
October 4	READING.....	17,867 (A)	1—2
7	BURY.....	8,222 (A)	1—1
14	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.....	11,135 (H)	4—0
21	COLCHESTER UNITED.....	4,907 (A)	1—2
24	READING.....	17,229 (H)	5—1
28	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	12,215 (H)	0—0
November 4	MANSFIELD TOWN.....	4,619 (A)	2—2
11	WATFORD.....	13,327 (H)	2—0
13	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	6,519 (A)	2—3
18	SOUTHPORT.....	5,008 (A)	1—1
25	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	11,944 (H)	2—0
December 2	OLDHAM ATHLETIC.....	(A)	2—0
9	(1) SALISBURY.....	(H)	
16	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION.....	(A)	
19	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	(H)	
26	TORQUAY UNITED.....	(A)	
30	TORQUAY UNITED.....	(H)	
January 6	(2).....	( )	
13	THE ORIENT.....	(H)	
20	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)	
27	(3) SHREWSBURY TOWN.....	(H)	
February 3	WALSALL.....	(H)	
10	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	
17	(4) GRIMSBY TOWN.....	(H)	
24	BURY.....	(H)	
March 2	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.....	(A)	
9	(5) SHREWSBURY TOWN.....	(A)	
16	COLCHESTER UNITED.....	(H)	
23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	
30	(6) MANSFIELD TOWN.....	(H)	
April 6	WATFORD.....	(A)	
12	OXFORD UNITED.....	(A)	
13	SOUTHPORT.....	(H)	
16	OXFORD UNITED.....	(H)	
19	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	(A)	
23	BRISTOL ROVERS.....	(H)	
27	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC.....	(H)	
May 4	BRISTOL ROVERS.....	(A)	
11	GRIMSBY TOWN.....	(A)	
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- F—Brighton v. Southend
- G—Chesterfield v. Barnsley
- H—Grimsby v. Bradford
- I—Halifax v. Crewe
- J—Hartlepool v. Bury
- K—Lowestoft v. Watford
- L—Newport v. Gillingham
- M—Oxford City v. Luton
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- P—Reading v. Aldershot
- Q—Scunthorpe v. Skelmesdale
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- J—Tow Law v. Mansfield
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## FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION III)

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Beat SCUNTHORPE UNITED (Home) 2—0.

Team: Downsborough; Dawson, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Heath, Penman, Terry, Smart, Rogers.

Scorers: Terry and Rogers.

Referee: Mr. A. W. Jones (Ormskirk).

Attendance: 11,944.

Saturday, 2nd December, 1967.

Beat OLDHAM ATHLETIC (Away) 2—0.

Team: Downsborough; Thomas, Trollope; Butler, Nurse, Harland; Heath, Dawson, Terry, Smart, Rogers. Sub: Penman.

Scorers: Terry and Rogers.

Referee: Mr. N. Callender (Richmond).

## FOOTBALL COMBINATION CUP

Wednesday, 29th November, 1967.

Lost to PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Away) 4—1.

Team: Jones; Allen, Jeffrey; Desmeules, Blick, Clark; Mascia, Hubbard, Giles, Bailey, Walker. Sub: Dangerfield.

Scorer: Walker.

Saturday, 2nd December, 1967.

Lost to ARSENAL (Home) 2—1.

Team: Jones; Blick, Fry; Desmeules, Giles, Clark; Mascia, Hubbard, Dangerfield, Bailey, Walker.

Scorer: Walker.

## HELLENIC LEAGUE (PREMIER DIVISION)

Saturday, 25th November, 1967.

Beat HAZELLS (Away) 2—1.

Team: Roberts; Allen, Fry; Blick, Gubbins, Freeman; Mascia, Wall, Dangerfield, Clark, Bailey.

Scorer: Dangerfield.

Saturday, 2nd December, 1967.

Drew with WALLINGFORD (Away) 1—1.

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4. No unauthorised person is permitted to enter upon the field of play. Persons carrying flags, banners, sticks, or any objects likely to cause obstruction or lead to a breach of the peace will not be admitted.

5. With the exception of authorised Press representatives holding official passes, the taking of photographs or ciné-photographs inside the ground is prohibited.

6. Only persons specially authorised are permitted to offer newspapers, periodicals or any other goods for sale on the property of the Swindon Town Football Club Ltd.

7. Betting and the use of radio sets is not permitted in any part of the ground.

8. All persons visiting the County Ground are admitted subject to the above Ground Regulations, the Rules and Regulations of the Football League and of the Football Association. Swindon Town Football Club Ltd. reserve the right to refuse admittance or to remove from the ground any person who shall refuse to comply with them, or whose presence is a source of danger or annoyance to others.



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