

On parade at Maidstone in Kent --- the band of the Women's Royal Army Corps.

This was a passing-out parade of recruits of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment. And conducting the band was Captain Jean McDowal. She is the British Army's first <sup>Woman</sup> Director of Music.

#### BOSTON TRACK MEET.

In Boston --- this meeting was the opening of the indoor track season; and Bob Richards, known as the vaulting vicar, made a fine start with a leap of fifteen feet, three-and-three-quarter inches. The big race of the evening was the Knights of Columbus Mile --- and this race caused a big surprise. Leading on the last lap was the American champion Freddy Dwyer; but just before the finish, up came an unknown from Denmark --- Gunnar Nielson --- to win.

#### GREEK ORPHAN.

Lt. Donahue flew to Athens and brought home to New York a seventeen-months-old Greek orphan that he and his wife were adopting. A kindly action; but as a rule it's wiser for a husband to take his wife with him if he's going to come back with a baby.

#### RHINE FLOODS.

Floods are reported from many places in Europe. Along the Rhine, from Bonn to Koenigswinter, come these pictures of villages submerged and roads that have disappeared. At Bonn, units of the Border Police were called out to repair walls and dykes; one of the buildings flooded was the West German Federal Parliament.

#### PACKAGING EXHIBITION.

At London's Olympia they held an exhibition of that enormous industry which is known as packaging; and to help demonstrate, they got Tommy Cooper to show what you can do with a parcel; he's the man who put the no in know-how. They also had boxing champion Don Cockell demonstrating the strength of a paper bag made into a punching-ball.

Apart from these human demonstrators --- there were machines showing how to pack up everything from machinery to butter. The

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Post Office tell us that the number of parcels lost or damaged through being badly packed is ~~XXXXXXXX~~ terrific; so the moral is that if you can't pack up a proper packet you'd better pack it up.