

three such centres in the country; one in Leeds one in Manchester and one in Birmingham.

The idea came from Inspector Alan Chambers, staff officer to Commander David Mitchell, head of the Metropolitan Police 'F' District, which takes in Hammersmith, Shepherds Bush and Fulham.

Under the scheme, drunks

arrested in the district. Of these 175 were cautioned. Those given one caution in the month totalled 157, those who had two cautions totalled 16 and those who were cautioned on three occasions totalled two.

Only one person came back drunk a fourth time and he was charged and appeared in court.

In August the same number of drunks were arrested. Of these, 189 were cautioned, 169

increase; in 1981 alone 4,625 teenagers appeared before the courts on drunkenness charges, of whom 130 were later jailed for non-payment of fines.

The report discloses that 5 per cent of all drunkenness offences are committed by young people under 18 and the number of drug addicts rises annually by about 10 per cent. Drug clinics are coping with 2,000 outpatients alone.

# 196-pub holiday gallop

By DAVID BROWN

A LOCAL public house promotion could cost an independent brewery in the Midlands more than £1 million for prizes.

The brewery which runs 196 tied public houses, has invited customers to apply for special "passports". The passports are stamped each time the holder visits one of the pubs.

A complete set of stamps qualifies the passport holder to a free holiday worth £500. Other prizes, based on the number of stamps acquired, include a tie, a sweater, a tankard and a champagne dinner for four.

Mr Robin Chadburn, chairman of the Mansfield brewery, Nottinghamshire said yesterday: "We have issued more than 2,000 passports and we have imposed a limit on the number."

"Selling more beer is not the purpose of the exercise. We want to encourage more people into our pubs."

Mr Richard Lewis, the brewery's marketing director, said: "We have considered the commercial risk and taken out insurance. To our knowledge no one has completed a full list of pubs yet."

The brewery's pubs cover an area stretching about 100 miles from Leicester to Leeds and towards the Lincolnshire coast.

Some customers are known to have visited 40 of the pubs in a day.

A Mansfield tenant said: "Thirteen of my regulars have hired a minibus for £125. They have worked out that they can get round all the pubs in a week to qualify for one £500 free holiday each."

Mr Lew Gambles, landlord of the Crown and Woodpack at Sutton-in-Ashfield and chairman of the local branch of the National Union of Licensed Victuallers, said: "Some people are just buying fruit juices or a sandwich and having their passports stamped."

## BIG BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the

# Operation for Aidan Crawley

By A. J. TRAVERS

MR AIDAN CRAWLEY, 75, a Minister in the post-war Labour Government, who was injured in a car crash in which his wife, Virginia Cowles, the authoress, was killed, is to undergo an operation on a smashed vertebrae in a Bordeaux hospital tomorrow.

He said yesterday he was "all right" but could not remember anything about the accident. He and his wife are believed to have been on their way to visit Baron de Rothschild, at his chateau north of Bordeaux.

Virginia Cowles, 73, who was born in the United States, had a successful career as a journalist before turning to authorship. The daughter of a New York doctor, she left America in her early 20s and was soon involved in reporting on trouble in many parts of Europe.

She reported the Civil War in Spain from both sides. She was in Czechoslovakia before and when the Munich Agreement was signed. She covered the Finnish campaign and was in Paris until the Germans had almost reached the suburbs.

During the 1939-45 War she worked for some time as a special correspondent for The Daily Telegraph and the Sunday Times.

She was appointed a special assistant to the American ambassador in London in 1942. In 1947, her work was rewarded by Britain, when she was made an OBE.



Virginia Cowles: Made OBE in 1947

Of her many books—the last of which, "The Great Marlborough and his Duchess," was published earlier this year—the one which perhaps established her reputation was "Winston Churchill: The Era and the Man," published in 1949.

She married Mr Crawley in 1945. They had two sons and a daughter, who survive her.

Mr Crawley was elected Labour MP for Buckingham in 1945 but lost the seat in 1951. From 1950 to 1951 he was Under Secretary for Air. He later joined the Conservative Party and was elected MP for West Derbyshire in 1962. He resigned the seat in 1968 to become the first editor-in-chief of Independent Television News.

## Index-linked pensions stay

By Our Political Correspondent

More than two million civil servants and others employed in the public sector are to keep their index-linked pensions, but nearly half of them will face much bigger contributions over the next two years.

## Overtime ban 'unjustified'

An overtime ban by members of the National and Local Government Officers Association in council-run homes for children and the elderly was described yesterday by the employers as "unjustifiable."

David Chatfield, chairman of the employers' group, said: "These homes are manned by dedicated staff who over the years have put first the interest

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