Ruardean War Memorial and Playing Fields

THE third Annual Carnival and Fete was held on Saturday was the first to be held in the prospective Playing fields which the committee hope to have in a fit state to play on by next summer.

There were record entries for the Carnival and a record crowd at the Fete.

The Carnival assembled in the Square and was preceded by the Ruardean Silver Band and led by the "Lord Mayor" and his Officers, the ex-Queen, Miss Jane Smith and her attendants, and the Queen, Miss Heather Watkins, and her attendants and crown and sceptre bearers.

Entries varied considerably, including historical, victorian, topical, comical, beautiful and original characters giving the judges a very hard job.

On the field the fete opened with the crowning of the Queen by Mr. M. Philips Price, M.P., who was welcomed by Mr. B. Knight, Chairman of the Committee. The Queen in a charming and well delivered speech thanked Mr. Price and the organisers and declared the Fete open.

The judges of the Carnival were Mr. and Mrs. Russell of Lydney and Miss P. Drew, Cinderford.

The Queen presented the prizes to the winners.

Attractive displays were given on the field by "Hill Dene" Jazz Band and an exceedingly amusing and well delivered play "The Family Group", by the "Ruardean Players". Great amusement was caused by the ankle competition, especially for men, the winners being Mrs. C. Humphries and Mr. C. Watkins.

Winners of other competitions were cakes Mrs. J. Harper, Mrs. V. T. Scott, Mrs. S. A. Scott; skittles (men) Mr. E. Parsons, (ladies) Mrs. H. Sims, Miss M. Duberley; Doll, no one guessed the correct name "Imoger" so the doll was auctioned; handbag, Mrs. A. Beard; towels, Mrs. Little; weight of sheep, two correct guesses, Mr. A. Dunkley and Mr. W. Andrews.

Refreshments were served by the Women's Section of the British Legion, ice cream by committee and produce and carnival novelties by Ruardean W. I., who had also organised a jumble sale in the social centre previous to the sale. A very successful dance was held in the Social Centre in the evening with Mr. P. Drew, of Cinderford, as M.C. Sonny Matthews' orchestra supplied the music and refreshments were again served by British Legion members. Competitions were won by Mr. L. Jones and Mr. S. Edwards.

As a result of the day the funds of the committee will have benefited considerably.