



Mr. & Mrs. Shipp at the Wilton Hunt 1951

From America

Among those I met at the Wilton Hunt point-to-point meeting at Well House Farm were a popular young couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. K. Shipp, who formerly lived at Homington, but are on a brief visit to this country from the U. S. A. Their stay of a few weeks is being spent as guests of Mrs. Egremont at New Court Farm, Downton.

They had arrived at London Airport only two days earlier, but already they had noticed the rise in the cost of living in the U.K. since their departure for the U.S.A. a year ago. But apparently we are less worried about the possibilities of another war than are the people of America.

Mr. Shipp - Bill to his friends - was head of the civil aircraft testing department at Boscombe Down until March of last year. Now he is in charge of the West Coast office of the British Joint Services' Mission, and his work covers the whole of the western seaboard. The Mission, he told me, co-ordinates all the military activities of our two countries. He and his wife reside at Pacific Palisades, a part of Los Angeles, in California.

Good Hunting

He and his wife are keen *Journal* readers, and a copy is mailed to them weekly. When an issue arrived at their home minus its wrapper shortly before they returned to this country. Mrs. Shipp asked the postman how it was known to whom to deliver the paper. The postman replied that as only one copy of the *Journal* from England arrives at Pacific Palisades Post Office, the sorting office knew for whom it was intended!

For Mr. Shipp this is a business visit, but his parting words on the course were: "We shall both get some hunting in while we are here." I gather that they have since done so - both with the Wilton and the Portman.

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