OLD FOLKS' TREAT. Second Annual Gathering I at Smallthorne. The second annual treat organised by the Smallthorne Old Folks' Christmas Treat Committee, was held in the Play Hall, Smallthorne on Thursday afternoon. About 250 old folks attended, and they spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. During the serving of an excellent tea, selections were played by Miss Freda Pinner's band. and later. there was a varied entertainment. The artists were Miss Ford, Miss Smith. Miss W. Pepper, Miss Dunrley, Miss Mountford. Mr. Dennis Birmingham. Mr. Sutton, Mr. Rushton and Mr. Archie Pointon. Competitions for the best items by old folks provided additional interest. Mr. Turner way the competition for women, and Mr. William Cartwright won the men's competition, with Mr. George Dwyne second. Mr. J. S. Ashman, J.P. presided. Before leaving, each woman present was given a 1/4lb. of tea and 1ib. of sugar, and the men were presented with one ounce of tobacco each. Most of the food served at. the tea was given by business people of Smallthorne, and, in addition, they gave a good deal of support by way of donations. Three members of the Stoke-on-Trent City Police Force were prominently connected with the work of the committee, Police-constable F. J. Eade again acting Sect, Police-sergeant A. J. Penney as acting as Treasurer, and Police constable A. Dillon serving as a committee member. Mr. H. J. Dean was a very efficient Chairman, and others serving on the committee were Mrs. Harvey. Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Clewes. Mrs. H. Mount ford, Mrs. Leigh. Messrs. G. Branmer. G. Birch. J. Farrall. G. Parker, J. Platt, J. Adams. F. Brown, G. Bath. W. Boulton. and A. J.

Evans. Several additional helpers assisted at the tea tables.

