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## 'Palm Court' dies a sudden death

'WE MUST CUT OUR LOSSES'

THE series of Sunday night *Palm Court* concerts at Worthing Pier Pavilion came to an end immediately as the result of an Entertainments Committee decision this week. They will be replaced by "ordinary" concerts by the Municipal Orchestra, with "celebrity" or "semi-celebrity" soloists.

Coun. Edward Bradley, chairman of the Entertainments Committee, told the *Herald*, "The idea of *Palm Court* has evidently not met with the approval of the Worthing public. As a result, the committee has decided to revert immediately to ordinary Sunday evening concerts similar to those run last year.

"We believe that the better the artists we can invite to these concerts, the bigger the audience.

"After all, we are business men and we must cut our losses."

Coun. Bradley added that the committee fully appreciated that there was a desire in Worthing for a lighter type of Sunday evening entertainment. Unfortunately, the Lord's Day Observance Society bound the committee to a certain type of Sunday entertainment and to provide anything of a lighter nature might only cause trouble.

Note: Last week the *Herald* published figures showing that average attendances at *Palm Court* had dropped to 240. In a leading article, the *Herald* asked: "How much longer is *Palm Court* to be allowed to drag on its unsuccessful way at the Pier Pavilion? . . . If nothing else can be offered it would be cheaper and better to close the Pier Pavilion on Sundays."

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