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PROMISING RIDE

The third category race over 20 miles saw Geoff Steer (Farnham R.C.) turn in a very promising ride to finish fourth behind Brian Swallow (Kingston Wheelers) who won in a time of 47 mins. 13 secs.

Naturally, the greatest interest was held until the last event—the 25 miles top category race, which was won by John Bromley (South Western R.C.) in a very creditable time of 56 mins. 58 secs. Dragon R.C. (London) won the team event.

HEATH END RIDER

As far as local riders are concerned, the only other Farnham rider to capture the limelight was Dave Wigmore from Heath End, who helped the Camberley Wheelers to take second place behind Barnet Quinta in the Team Pursuit. This was a very commendable ride by the Camberley club.

Mr. C. E. J. Sprinks, secretary of Farnham R.C., spoke of the Farnham R.C. Weekend as being most successful. "You have only got to look at the comments in 'Cycling' to get the picture," he told the "Herald."—J.G.