

## MARGATE "TAKING OVER" BIRCHINGTON

In 1935 the Pathé News recorded the enlargement of the Borough of Margate on their news reel with the following commentary -

*'Margate grows bigger by the simple process of "taking over" her neighbours of Westgate-on-Sea and Birchington. The Mayor of Margate, Alderman Pitman, appreciates the "swallowing up" of the new territory. The amalgamation of these parishes is further celebrated by the beating of the bounds and the bumping of the mayor - a rather undignified proceeding, but awfully good fun for the bumpers!'*

Whether the commentator was aware of the bad feeling in the two "overtaken" parishes or not, he certainly chose some very odd language for the occasion, if he was not trying to cock-a-snoop at Margate and its pretentious mayor!