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Notes on News.

MEMORIAL TO KING GEORGE V.

A warm-hearted and generous public can be relied upon to respond in a noble way to the appeal which has been made by the Lord Mayor of London for funds for a Memorial to King George V. To make the appeal far reaching in its effect Mayors of all towns and cities have been asked to co-operate, and in this direction the Mayor's call to the people of Tunbridge Wells, published in another column, should fall on fertile soil, for part of the funds to the memory of one of the finest monarchs of all times will be devoted to playing fields for children. The young people had a very warm and tender place in the King's heart, and for this reason no memorial could be more appropriate than that of providing playing fields. As the Prime Minister said in his fine broadcast address, it is an appeal that must go straight to the hearts of every one. No matter how small or great are the contributions all will be received by the Mayor in the spirit that they are given—as a thankoffering to the reign of a great gentleman whose motto could well be translated as service and happiness to others. Contributions should be sent to the Mayor at the Town Hall, and these will later be forwarded to the Lord Mayor of London.

THE DRIFT FROM THE CHURCH.

Under this heading last week we commented on the Church of England Men's Society conference at Tunbridge Wells and made allusion to the comparison drawn by Sir Maurice G. Simpson between the enthusiasm of congregations sixty years ago and the indifference which is shown by the majority of people towards the Church at the present time. We concluded with a growing conviction that the Church must re-interpret its message to meet the needs of a generation which is growing up under conditions which can be in but few ways compared with those which prevailed half a century ago. In our correspondence column will be found an interesting and thought-provoking letter from Mr. J. F. Winterbourne, who claims that the Church is on its trial and asks if the Church as a whole is presenting her message to the world so that it rings true in the ears of the rightly sceptical present generation. If all the accounts which reach us are true congregations are dwindling in very many districts, and one task which confronts the Church is that of getting into touch with the people who appear indifferent to religion and who prefer spending their leisure time in the open air, either in healthy recreation or in travelling. To some the appeals which are being made for funds to build new Churches in Kent and Sussex to meet the needs of the growing populations must sound a little incongruous in view of the fact that some of our sacred buildings are now only half filled.

Tunbridge Wells News.

VIOLIN REALISES £90.—The effects belonging to the late Mr. E. E. Rimell were disposed of by Messrs. Brackett and Sons yesterday (Thursday), when an old violin, by Pressenda, dated 1834, realised £90.

COLLAPSED IN PUBLIC LIBRARY. — Miss Fairbrother, of 14, Culverden Park-road, collapsed in the Public Library on Wednesday and was conveyed home by ambulance.

LADIES AND ROTARY.—At the annual meeting of the Inner Wheel, held at Saints Hill Farm House, Penshurst, the residence of Rotarian and Mrs. B. T. Stevenson, on Monday, the President's badge was presented by the President of the Tunbridge Wells Rotary Club (Rotarian W. C. Raiswell). In making the presentation to Mrs. H. Featherstone, who presided, Rotarian Raiswell said the Rotary Club was proud of the excellent work which had been performed by the Inner Wheel, and felt sure that their progress would be even more pronounced in the future. Mrs. Featherstone suitably replied. An interesting address on the "Education of Children in relation to National Peace" was given by Miss M. A. Payne, Principal of St. Christopher's Nursery Training College, who was thanked by Mrs. Stevenson. Tea was provided by the hostess and among those present were the Mayoress (Miss Weekes). Mrs. C. A. Easton was elected as the new president and Mrs. W. C. Raiswell as vice-president, whilst Mrs. A. Fuller was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer. Thanks to the retiring President (Mrs. Featherstone) and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mrs. J. Lister) were expressed by Mrs. T. S. Fox, to which Mrs. Lister briefly replied.

BATHING IN FULL SWING?—Not yet, but we have every reason to believe that before this month is out, all keen bathers will have had their first dip. SIBTHORPES remind you that they have a larger and better assortment of bathing costumes than ever, and you will want to see them in order to choose your 1936 suit. It makes all the difference as to how you enjoy [illegible] your costume is right.—SIBTHORPES, CALVERLEY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES. — At the local [illegible] by the London College, [illegible] First Class Honours, [illegible] Hylma Knight, of [illegible] First Class Theory, Primary [illegible] Miss K. Garner, 11b, [illegible]

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MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN MARY.—Mr. N. V. Hopkins, of 28, Mereworth-road, informs us that at 8.4 a.m. on Sunday he picked up a message from the giant liner Queen Mary by means of a short wave adapter which he fitted to his wireless set.

THE BRITISH LEGION.—With reference to our report of the British Legion group conference at Goudhurst, Mr. J. Hanmore, of 32, Weare-road, High Brooms, writes:—"What I actually said was: 'There is an idea abroad that the British Legion was created solely for those men who served during the war only. I myself used to have that idea, but since joining the Legion I have found that this was not so.'"

TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOMING SOCIETY.—Owing to rain the race birds were held up at York until Sunday morning, when they were liberated at 7.15 a.m. in a strong north-west wind. Some of the birds flew the distance of 203 miles in just under four hours. Result is as follows:—Mr. A. E. Godley, 1,623 (two birds); A. J. Westow, 1,537, 1,471; A. Ransom, 1,438; G. Amsden, 1,333; W. C. Raiswell, 1,270; H. Ashby, 1,133, 1038; T. Peers, 1,038; J. Coleman, 1,019; W. Pown, 960. South Coast Federation results to hand:—Bexhill, 1,645; Lewes, 1,562; Tunbridge Wells, 1,623.

EQUESTRIAN STATUES. — Writing in "The Times" on Wednesday on fine statues, Mr. Andrew W. Arnold, of Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells, said: — "I think that we have, in that beautiful statue of Marshal Foch in Grosvenor Gardens, one that any city might be proud of. The anatomy of the horse and 'tout ensemble' of the whole are perfect. It is comforting to think that whatever monstrosities modern sculptors may perpetrate as regards the human form, in some of our public places the 'cult of the hideous' has not yet begun to caricature and degrade or have any effect on that noble animal the horse."

TRI-CAR OVERTURNS.—The occupants of a tri-car had remarkable escapes when it overturned near the High Rocks on Monday. The tri-car was being driven by George Alexander, a waiter at a Tunbridge Wells hotel, and his companion was another waiter from the same hotel. As they were approaching the railway bridge a Southdown motor-coach carrying a party from Eastbourne to the High Rocks came from the opposite direction. The coach driver pulled up, but as Alexander swerved to avoid a collision his car skidded and turned completely over. Neither man was hurt, and shortly afterwards they were able to drive the car away.

LOCAL GIRL'S SHORTHAND SUCCESS.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tedham, of 13, Lonsdale-gardens, have every reason to be proud of their 20-years-old daughter, Margaret Joyce, who at the National Gregg Association Conference at Hastings during the Whitsun week-end was awarded first prize. Miss Tedham, who was the only competitor from Tunbridge Wells, was successful against candidates from all over the country and receives a silver cup, which she holds for one year, a gold medal, and a cheque for £5. Miss Tedham informed a "Courier" representative that she started learning shorthand at the Technical Institute day classes in 1930 and, although now in business, still attends evening classes four evenings a week. She spoke lightly of the 180 words a minute test in which she competed, and said that next time she hoped to be writing 200 words a minute.

SALVATION ARMY.—There were large congregations at the Salvation Army Citadel, Varney-street, throughout the week-end, when a three-day programme of music and song was given by the Boscombe Citadel Band. On Saturday the Mayor (Councillor E. B. Weekes) presided and was supported by the Mayoress (Miss Weekes). He extended a cordial welcome to the Boscombe Band and expressed the hope that their visit would be one of many to the town. Adjutant Wood proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress. The programme contained a variety of selections by the Band, and individual items were given by Bandmaster H. Walker, Bandsmen R. Tubbs, H. Walker, C. Hayes and Deputy Bandmaster S. Henning. Vocal items were presented by the Boscombe Male Voice Party, and Bandsman Legg gave the Scripture reading. In his remarks on Sunday, the Chairman, Alderman R. H. Burslem, referred to the progress which had been made by the Army since its inception, and added that when they looked back over what had hapened since the Army movement was founded he considered the progress wonderful. The programme commenced with a congregational song, "Who is on the Lord's side," which was followed by a march, "Bless our Army," by the Band. A monologue, "The lesson of the Watermill," was contributed by Bandsman L. Stringer, and part songs were sung by the Male Voice Party. Others who contributed included Bandsman B. Edmunds and members of the Tunbridge Wells Citadel Band. The Scripture lesson was read by Bandsman W. Trimby and a vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by the hon. treasurer (Mr. P. Crothal). On Monday afternoon an open-air meeting was held on the Common, at which members of the Tonbridge and Crowborough Corps were present. This was followed by the final evening concert, at which the Rev. W. Grist presided, supported by the Rev. H. Fairchild Huxtable.

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B.I.W.F.—Two addresses were given in Christ Church Parochial Hall on Wednesday by Mr. H. W. Sherriff, of the B.I.W.F. Training College. The chairman at both meetings was Mr. A. C. Currie, J.P.

WOMEN'S GUILD. — An interesting address was given by the Rev. J. L. Clough to the members of the Camden Road Women's Guild at their meeting on Tuesday. The soloist was Mrs. Smith.

LOCAL SUCCESS.—At the London College of Music Examinations the following gained First Class certificates in the elementary sections:—Pianoforte Playing, Pamela J. Beer; Theory of Music, Pamela J. Beer and Edward H. Fermor.

GROSVENOR SCHOOL.—With the Education Committee having no objection to the sale of Grosvenor School the premises will be closed on the breaking up for the summer holidays. Arrangements have been made to accommodate the displaced children in other schools in the town.

MANOR HOUSE ENTERED.—A quantity of food was stolen by intruders who broke into Manor House, Bishops Down, the residence of Mr. J. W. Pearson, secretary of the Spa Golf Club, on Whit-Sunday. They gained an entrance by slipping a catch of the kitchen window during Mr. Pearson's absence.

FIRE BRIGADE WHIST.—Sub-Officer Stanford was M.C. at the Borough Fire Brigade whist drive at the Town Hall on Tuesday. The prize-winners were: Mrs. Honour, Mrs. Maddock, Miss K. Goodwin, Mr. E. S. Price, Mr. J. Cocozza and Mr. G. Tuppeny; mystery, Mrs. Ovenden and Mr. L. Prime; Mrs. Goldsmith and Mr. Mead (cloakroom); Mrs. Earle (fruit).

WEDDING OF MISS W. L. LONGHURST.—The wedding took place at St. James' Church on Monday of Miss Winifred Longhurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Longhurst, and Mr. George Pilbeam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pilbeam. The bride, given away by her father, was in rose pink floral silk, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Irene Pilbeam, Pauline Pilbeam and Joan Bareham. Mr. Victor Longhurst was best man.

STAFF OUTING.—On Wednesday about 20 members of the staff of Messrs. Louis G. Ford, of the High-street, spent a pleasant day at Whipsnade Zoo. The party, under the direction of the Manager (Mr. B. V. Parker) was met at Whipsnade by one of the Directors (Mr. Eric Ford), who provided tea for the party in the Cloisters.

NO 'BUS STRIKE.—As was anticipated, there was no 'bus strike in Tunbridge Wells over Whitsun, the reason being that after a lengthy conference in London among delegates from all garages owned by the Maidstone and District Motor Services, Ltd., it was decided to accept the agreement offered by the Company. Tunbridge Wells' busmen, however, voted against the agreement.

HOT AND COLD.—Members of the Borough Fire Brigade had a cold reception on Wednesday when they were summoned from an air raid protection meeting at the Town Hall to a fire at the Tudor Cafe. They found that the motor of an ice cream cooler had burnt out! A passer by noticed smoke coming from a window and called the Brigade, but beyond the burnt out motor no damage was done.

CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.—A meeting was held on Wednesday at which reports of the work were given by Mrs. P. K. Allen (Vice-President) and three of the branch workers, the chairman being the Rev. W. Grist. The special speaker was Princess Despina Karadga, who emphasised the need of work on spiritual lines in these critical days. An offering was taken amounting to £34 15s. 4d., bringing the total result of the gift day to £71.

TEWSON SCHOOL OF DANCING.—It is interesting to record that dancing is reaching a very high standard in Tunbridge Wells under the instruction of Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Rose, who are now in partnership as the Tewson School of Dancing. Every pupil entered from the school for the recent examination of the Operatic Association of Great Britain passed the various grades in Greek and operatic dancing with distinction. Eleven pupils were entered, including one who passed the Associate of the Imperial Society in Revived Greek at the minimum age for this examination.

SCHOOLS' OUTING. — On Tuesday a party of 520 children from the Tunbridge Wells schools, accompanied by about 50 adults, visited Windsor and Hampton Court. Leaving the West Station at 8.40, the party reached Windsor Castle by noon. They were welcomed in St. George's Chapel by the Dean of Windsor, who pointed out items of interest to which the party might direct their attention. The Castle grounds were also explored by individual parties, accompanied by official guides, and the historical connections of many interesting features were explained. The party moved up the Thames by steamers and tea was served in the cabins later in the afternoon. This phase of the outing made a great appeal to the children, who enjoyed the changing scene, the activities along the river and the passage through the locks. At Hampton Court a visit to the Palace proved a splendid break for all. The grounds were generally admired and contained an excellent display of flowers and shrubs, several pretty fountains and a celebrated maze in which some of the older scholars evinced great interest. The party returned by train and arrived home just before nine o'clock. The tour was organised locally by Mr. J. Allwood, headmaster of St. Barnabas' School.

WOMEN'S PROTESTANT UNION.—On Friday a meeting took place at the C.A.W.G. Rooms, when a Deaconess of the Protestant Church in Austria gave an account of work among the poor and degraded, the sad and the ignorant. Many people know of George Muller's Orphan Homes at Bristol, she said, but few had heard of the Orphan Homes at Halle, established 100 years earlier by Professor Francke and carried out in the same simple dependence on God alone. Francke's faith inspired Muller, and now others followed the same path, including the workers at Friedensart and the Deaconesses of the Protestant Church in Austria. Their ministry embraced the care of idiots, the destitute, the sick and orphans—in fact, all poor creatures who seemed wanted by nobody. But the work was larger than that, and much evangelistic work went on, with centres also for Bible teaching among old and young. There had been a great movement towards Christ and His simple Gospel since the February Revolution of some two years ago. The Government, having suppressed the Socialists and Communists, made an order that everyone must belong to some religion, and then the Protestant pastors were beseiged by men and women begging for instruction. Acknowledging that they knew nothing of religion and believed nothing, they yet were eager to hear and to read and understand the Bible. This great opportunity was not lost, and Bibles were distributed in thousands, while great meetings for instruction took place. The children, too, were brought in, but here the authorities interfered and removed many children of Protestant parents to place them under the Romish priests for instruction. It was such interference with personal and religious liberty in Austria that induced the younger men to look to Hitler rather than to Italy for leadership. They were ignorant of Nazi rule, and thought that religious liberty was secure in Germany, while they dreaded the power of the Pope in Italy. The meeting, presided over by Mrs. Grist, closed with prayer.

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THE DUCHESS OF KENT

TO VISIT AGRICULTURAL SHOW WITH THE DUKE

The public generally in and around Tunbridge Wells will be delighted to know that H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent will accompany the Duke on his visit to the Tunbridge Wells and South-Eastern Counties Agricultural Show on the opening day, July 14. This will be the first occasion that Her Royal Highness has visited the town, and a great welcome awaits her and her Royal husband. It is of interest to recall that on the birth of her baby son Her Royal Highness was attended by a nurse who was closely associated with St. Christopher's Nursery College in Pembury-road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Duke of Kent has signified his approval of a Guard of Honour being furnished by the 4th Battalion Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief, when he visits the town next month.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The attention of your readers is invited to the letter which has appeared in the daily press from the Lord Mayor of London intimating that he is opening a fund at the Mansion House for a National Memorial to commemorate for all time the glorious memory and reign of His late Majesty King George V.

The proposal is that the Memorial should take the form of a statue of His late Majesty to be erected on an area of ground immediately opposite to the Houses of Parliament and in close proximity to Westminster Abbey, and a scheme for the provision throughout the length and breadth of the land of recreation grounds to be known as King George's Fields.

I am sure the object of the National Memorial and the method in which it is to be established will appeal to the inhabitants of Tunbridge Wells and I shall be glad to receive at the Town Hall any subscriptions which they care to make towards this object. These subscriptions will be remitted to the Mansion House, London.

Yours faithfully,
E. B. WEEKES,
Mayor,

Mayor's Parlour,
Tunbridge Wells,
June 5, 1936.

TERRITORIAL ARMY SERVICE

MAYOR'S LETTER TO EMPLOYERS

At the request of Sir Derrick Watson, the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells (Councillor E. B. Weekes) is sending the following letter to employers of labour in Tunbridge Wells:—

Dear Sir,—Having regard to the present international situation, I think you will agree with me that it is essential for local units of the Territorial Army to be brought up to full strength. Not only is full strength of the units essential, but also that they should be fully trained.

With the advance of science, the training of these forces is a much more technical matter than it was 20 years ago, and it is much more difficult to improvise an army than it was then. It is, therefore, of vital importance that this Force should be brought, at the earliest possible date, to a high standard of strength and efficiency.

One of the great difficulties in the past which has faced men desirous of enlisting is their inability to afford the loss of wages involved in their attending the annual training for the full fortnight. In some cases men have been granted leave, but no pay, and have thus been prevented from attending camp for more than half the period.

You will appreciate that the annual camp is one of the few occasions on which a unit can obtain the attendance of all its members, and its importance cannot, therefore, be over-estimated.

As Mayor of the Borough, I am, therefore, appealing to you to use your influence with your employees to enlist in the Territorial Army, and in order to encourage them to do this to grant them leave, with pay, during the full period of the annual training.

Men in the Territorial Army give up a very considerable amount of their leisure for training during the course of the year, and if, in addition to acceding to the foregoing request, you could also grant to your employees a few days' holiday at some other time of the year, it would be a considerable incentive to men to enlist.

I know that if this appeal is granted it will involve your firm in some financial sacrifice, but I think you will agree with me that such a sacrifice is well worth while in view of the importance of the issues involved.

Yours truly,
E. B. WEEKES,
Mayor.

Mayor's Parlour,
Tunbridge Wells.
June 5, 1936.

TERRITORIALS' CAMP

BUT WITH DEPLETED RANKS

With very depleted ranks the local Territorials—"D" Company of the 4th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment under Captain Sir Derrick I. Watson—will go into camp at Falmer on Sunday. Efforts are being made to encourage recruiting, but when the Company marches to the West Station at 10.45 they will be 50 short of their full strength.

As will be seen in another column, an eloquent recruiting appeal was made by Councillor J. B. Elliott at the Tunbridge Wells Town Council on Wednesday.

The Secretary, Kent Territorial Army and Air Force Association, has received an intimation from the following firms and business houses that they are prepared to grant facilities in the way of pay and leave to attend camp for those members of their staffs who belong to, or contemplate joining, the Territorial Army: The Bank of England; Westminster Bank, Ltd.; Barclays Bank, Ltd.; National Provincial Bank, Ltd.; The Phoenix Assurance Company, Ltd.; The Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd.; Rochester City Council; The Mid-Kent Water Company; The South-Eastern Gas Corporation, Ltd.; The Kent Brewers Union; Messrs. Style and Winch; Messrs. Shell-Mex and B.P., Ltd. May other firms follow this lead.

OLD VIC PERSONALITIES AT BROADWATER COURT

Interest grows apace in the forthcoming open-air production of "Twelfth Night" at Broadwater Court on June 19 and 20. Dorothea Smith-Wright, who will play Viola, has spent two years at the Old Vic. She was seen in a students' show and earned the praise that "she made a spirited and eloquent Rosalind." She recently played the lead in a new play produced by the Playwrights' Club at the Rudolph Staines Hall, where she gave a delightful performance. The part of Olivia will be taken by Simone Pakenham, who, playing Ophelia, gave an intelligent and interesting performance. Orsino—the love-sick Duke—will be acted by Guy Haslewood, who played Cyrano de Bergerac at Harrow, and was afterwards president of the Magdalen Dramatic Society at Oxford. He then went to the Old Vic as a student.

John Franklyn, who plays Malvolio, acted in every play produced at the Old Vic last season, including "Peed Gynt" and "St. Helena." He has played Malvolio before in a students' show, when his performance was mature and impressive. The part of Feste the Fool will be played (and sung) by Frank Cutler—who is well known locally for his School of Singing. Other Old Vic players will be Elizabeth Thackeray, Mary Leftaich, Janet Folkard, Fiona Coningham, Michael Kennedy, Denis Carew and Alan Foss. The play will be directed and produced by John Franklyn; the stage manager will be Bridget Phelps, of Five Ashes, who has been assistant stage manager at the Old Vic during the past season.

JUNIOR IMPS. — The annual speaking contest for the cup given by Councillor P. A. Godfrey Phillips was held at Broadwater Court on Tuesday. Mr. R. King was the winner, the judges being Mr. Robertson, Councillor A. Hargreaves and Mr. E. Nuttall.

SCIENTISTS MEET AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS

MAYOR WELCOMES FRENCH MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

DISTINGUISHED COMPANY AT TO-MORROW'S GARDEN PARTY

Distinguished scientists whose names are renowned throughout the medical world will meet at Tunbridge Wells this week-end.

They are members of the Medical Association of the International Clinic, the English headquarters of which are at Sherwood Park, Tunbridge Wells, where they will be entertained at a garden party on Saturday afternoon.

Within a few hours of leaving Paris by air on Friday, Madame Joliot-Curie, of the Radium Institute of the University of Paris, arrived at Tunbridge Wells and was welcomed at a reception by the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor E. B. Weekes, J.P., and Miss M. E. Weekes) at the Earls Court Hotel.

In welcoming Madame Joliot-Curie, the Mayor said Tunbridge Wells was honoured, as indeed was the country, by her presence, especially as she had recently had another great honour conferred upon her by being appointed Minister of Scientific Research under the new French Socialist Government.

When they considered the career of Madame Joliot-Curie, and that of her distinguished parents, they would find it most gratifying to think that Tunbridge Wells was the first place in England to welcome her since receiving her new title, and the town deeply appreciated her visit.

They were aware of the great services which her family had rendered, and he understood that on no fewer than four occasions had the Nobel prize been awarded to her parents, to Professor Joliot-Curie and to herself.

The discovery of radium, which was a great boon to humanity, was made by her parents, and therefore they welcomed her most sincerely and hoped that her visit to Tunbridge Wells would prove to be a very happy one and the first of many more to the Royal Borough.

Of Tunbridge Wells, he might say that it was a well-known watering place which had had the honour of catering for the queens of England on many occasions, and the fame of their celebrated waters was known all over Europe.

The Association will hold its conference in London, and this (Friday) afternoon they will be welcomed at another reception at the Wigmore Hall.

FIVE MINUTES WARNING FOR AIR ATTACK

TUNBRIDGE WELLS' POSITION IN THE EVENT OF WAR

PRECAUTIONS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN

Tunbridge Wells would have only five minutes' warning in the event of an air raid by hostile war 'planes.

This alarming fact was disclosed at a meeting convened by the Air Raid Precaution Committee of the Home Office at the Town Hall on Wednesday.

Comdr. Steel Perkins, one of the speakers, declared that a town like Tunbridge Wells would not have more than five minutes in which to prepare for an air attack, although London would probably have about seven to ten minutes. Therefore they would appreciate that they would have to be on the very top line of preparation, and no delay could possibly be brooked.

Comdr. Steel Perkins went on to speak of the precautions which were being made to minimise the dangers of air attack, and added that these were not being undertaken because of the present international situation, but had been going on for about ten years. He pointed out that similar steps were being taken by other countries, and therefore this country, too, would have to be prepared.

After describing the types of respirators which would be issued to public officials and civilians to combat the effects of gas, Comdr. Steel Perkins went on to stress the importance of the part which local authorities had to play in the preparations for resisting air raids. The respirators, he said, would be 100 per cent. efficient, and no one had any real cause to worry.

Lighting restrictions in the next war would be far more severe than they were in the last, and the public would have to be prepared for a complete "black out."

Comdr. Steel Perkins concluded by describing how local authorities could play an important part by so organising the essential services of the community that they would be ready to cope with any emergency.

A vivid description of how the danger from bombs could be minimised if the public were properly trained was given by Major STUART BLACKMORE. In a modern air raid they had to contend with three types of missile, or a combination of all three. There would be the high explosive bomb, the incendiary bomb and the gas bomb, and the effects of the latter would be far more serious if an unprepared public were allowed to get into a panic. Actually the danger was far less than many people imagined, and it had been proved that if proper precautions were taken the effectiveness of a raid could be very materially lessened.

WHITSUN HOLIDAY IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS

FUR COATS TAKE THE PLACE OF SUMMER FROCKS

The Whitsun week-end in Tunbridge Wells was robbed of much of its characteristic brightness.

In common with the rest of the country it experienced one of the coldest Whitsuns on record, and fur coats took the place of the usual bright summer frocks.

Holiday makers, however, refused to be daunted, and hundreds of cars passed through the town every hour, whilst on the main Brighton, Hastings and Eastbourne roads there were continuous streams of traffic. The railway and 'bus companies reaped a good harvest

DISAPPOINTING BAND ATTENDANCES.

The chill wind also affected the audiences at the Corporation band concerts in the Calverley Grounds and on the Pantiles. Even on Sunday the attendance was greatly below what had been anticipated, and on Monday it was diminished even further.

This was all the more disappointing as the Bands and Entertainments Committee had shown considerable enterprise in booking Ida Santarelli and her "Ladies of Spain," the well-known broadcasting orchestra. Their programmes, although a little too classical for the modern public taste, were delightfully varied, and included some of the finest works of Mendelssohn, Garcia and Ferraris. The individual items maintained the high standard of the concerted numbers, and Beryl Thornycroft's mandoline solos and Muriel Harvey's songs were greatly appreciated.

Crowds visiting the fair on the Common saw a young woman fall from the popular "Noah's Ark Speedway." She was Miss Katherine Richardson, of South-street, Mayfield, who became faint whilst travelling on the speedway and fell to the ground, injuring her head. She was taken to the Kent and Sussex Hospital suffering from concussion.

CYCLIST KILLED BY FIRE TENDER.

The most serious accident, however, was one in which a cyclist was killed by one of the Tunbridge Wells Fire Brigade tenders which was going to Sittingbourne to take part in the annual Fire Brigade competitions.

The cyclist, Victor Dungey, of Gate House Farm, Matfield, was involved in a collision with the tender near the Green, and he died from his injuries. A report of the inquest appears on another page.

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WEDDING.—The wedding took place at St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Bedford Park, London, on Monday of Miss Margaret Watts, daughter of Mrs. Watts, and the late Mr. H. W. Watts, of Folkestone, and Mr. Charles Lawrence Raiswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Raiswell, of the Mount Edgcumbe Private Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. The bride, who was given away by her father, was in a fawn two-piece suit with brown hat to match, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and white heather. Mr. Jack Raiswell was the best man.

DEATH OF MISS EDITH COULSON JAMES

A LADY OF INTENSE LOYALTIES

Miss Edith Coulson James, who died at East Court, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday, was in many ways a remarkable character. Her life of 75 years was shared between two intense loyalties: first, to her moher, early left a widow, whose inseparable companion she became till well past middle life; and, after her mother's death, to Italian antiquities and art. Each loyalty in its turn absorbed the entire devotion of a rarely staunch and single-hearted nature. Her mother was of Kentish stock through both parents, being the elder daughter of Henry Rosher, of Bedford Square, and later of Cunningham House, St. John's Wood. Roshers were settled in Rotherhithe from early in the 17th century. The names indicate Puritan leanings; for more than three centuries the name Jeremiah passed from father to son; the last, who died only a few years ago, Lilburne Rosher, of Trewyn, in Monmouthshire, used his second name, which was the maiden name of his mother, a daughter of Admiral Lilburne. The Manor of Trewyn, with its interesting and ancient manor house, came to the family by a marriage with an heiress. In the next generation, too, marriage with an heiress brought considerable property between Northfleet and Gravesend, where the Thames leaves the London clay and cuts its way through the chalk. Some of this land was bought by an enterprising builder and developed as an extension to Gravesend, to which was given the distressing name of Rosherville; the name, however, came to be happily familiar to Londoners in the middle of last century through the ingenuity of a speculator, who created out of the chalk quarries a picturesque pleasure garden—the famous Rosherville Gardens, "the place to spend a happy day," which became successor to the older Vauxhall and Cremorne.

Henry Rosher, a younger son, married Sarah Gladdish. The Gladdishes of Chalk were old yeoman stock. Tracing back through another line of Kentish yeomen, Nunns of Northfleet, to a certain George Lauder, who died Rector of Ifield and Nursted in 1720, a cadet of this ancient Scottish house of the Lauders of Bass. A family tradition says that George Lauder was implicated in a Jacobite plot against William III and, being offered the choice between having his head cut off and Anglican orders, preferred the latter! The reconciliation seems to have been complete, for the Rector was riding with William when his horse stumbled and threw him—the accident which caused his death.

GREATLY ATTRACTED TO BOLOGNA.

When her mother died in 1902 there was a risk that the daughter might, like so many devoted Victorian daughters, find herself stranded, with the bottom knocked out of her life. But Miss James had always been an eager student—she was for a time at Queen's College, Harley Street—and during travel in Italy with her mother had been greatly attracted to Bologna, a city, which so many travellers visit and so few know, and to the art of the great painter Francia. There she now settled for several years, burrowing with untiring diligence into its copious and fascinating archives. In 1912 she published with the Oxford Press "Bologna, Its History, Antiquities and Art." In this book she condensed a wonderful amount of information about this most interesting town. Her researches brought her into touch with most of the leading people of Bologna—university professors, librarians, clergy, and the Anglo-Italian community—with many of whom she formed lasting friendships. The warm-hearted and courteous Bolognese gave a generous welcome to the Englishwoman's studies, and honoured her with marks of public approval.

For some years Miss James had lived with her mother at Broadwater Down. When her Italian work was finished she settled again in Tunbridge Wells. She was a keen supporter of the Woman's Movement, and held meetings to forward the claim to the vote. At the Forum, and later at the Lyceum Club, she delighted to gather her friends and relatives, and was an active member of the Italian Circle. Her brother, Henry Rosher James, did most valuable work for Indian education, first at Patna University, and later as principal of Presidency College, Calcutta, acting for a time as Director of Public Instruction in Bengal. He published many works on Indian educational problems, and after his retirement wrote "Our Hellinu Heritage" and "Mary Wollstonecraft, A Sketch." A second brother, a young Royal Engineer officer, was killed in Burmah in an attack on a stockaded village in the Chin-Lushai campaign of 1891—cutting short a career of great promise which might have reached its fulfilment in the Great War.

LATE MR. C. A. WARE

The funeral took place at the Borough Cemetery on Friday of Mr. Charles A. Ware, of Guildford House, Grove Hill-road, Tunbridge Wells, whose death occurred on the previous Tuesday in his 78th year. Mr. Ware was a well-known sportsman and member of the Grove Bowling Club.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. S. Porterfield, and the immediate mourners were Mrs. Ware (widow), Mrs. Pass (daughter), Mr. Reginald Ware (brother), Mr. Charles Spencer (nephew), Mr. A. Bailey, Mr. Gates Warren, Mr. E. K. J. Winterton, Mr. Harry Dewdney and Mr. D. Miller. Among others present were Councillor W. T. Huggett (Chairman of the Grove Bowling Club), Mr. Harry Dadswell, Mr. H. Belcher, Mr. T. Bird Woods, Mr. D. Semadeni, Mr. W. A. Romary and Mr. J. G. Winters (representing the Grove Bowling Club), Mr. W. J. Woolacott and Mr. R. Vigor (representing the Calverley Bowling Club), Mr. J. Price (representing Rusthall Bowling Club), Mr. Aubrey J. Pelton, Mr. Fred Barton (Chairman of the Kent and Sussex Club), Mr. A. P. Aubin, Mr. W. J. Golding Taylor (representing the Tunbridge Wells and South-Eastern Agricultural Society), Mr. J. Taylor (Kent and Sussex Club) and Mr. and Mrs. G. King.

Wreaths were sent by: His loving Wife, Rose; Evelyn; Katie, Cissie and Charlie; Reginald and Eleanor; W. L. Goldings (Penshurst); Archie H. Bailey; Mrs. Pain and Mr. and Mrs. Hart; Mr. and Mrs. H. Dewdney; Mr. and Mrs. F. Stanbridge; Hilda and Kirby Pain; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Belcher; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and Family; Miss Norton; His Fellow Directors and Members of the Grove Bowling Club; Staff of G. Ware and Sons, Ltd., Frant; Mrs. Work and George; W. A. and J. W. Romary; Mr. and Mrs. Costard; the Council and Members of the Tunbridge Wells and South-Eastern Counties Agricultural Society; Vera, Elsie, Nevill and Jimmie; the President of the Kent Bowling Association; Members of the Kent and Sussex Club; Mr. J. Huggett; Mr. and Mrs. Gates Warren; Mr. and Mrs. E. K. J. Winterton; George and Sophie; Kent Bowling Tourists.

Messrs. F. Stanbridge and Son were the undertakers.

THE LATE MRS. MAXWELL

The funeral of Mrs. John Maxwell, of "Nithsdale," Queen's-road, Tunbridge Wells, took place on Saturday, the service being conducted by the Rev. I. Maldwyn Jones, of Mount Pleasant Congregational Church. The principal mourners included Mr. John Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. Frankling, Mr. J. Moffat, Mr. H. M. Stewart (President, London and Home Counties Ironmongers' Association), Mr. Harry Gregg (Ironmongers' Federated Association), Mrs. F. King, Mr. G. F. Frankling, and members of the staff of Messrs. S. E. Haward and Co., Ltd. Many other friends attended the interment at the Borough Cemetery.

Among the numerous floral tributes were wreaths from: — Her sorrowing Husband; Bruce and Hilda and Family; Frank and Leila; Molly and Family; Mr. J. C. Moffat; Mr. and Mrs. G. Frankling; Mr. and Mrs. Howis; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Howis; Mr. and Mrs. A. Frankling; Mr. and Mrs. Fred King and Gertie; Miss M. M. Rose; Doris and May; Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and Derek; Mr. H. M. Stewart; Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Cooper; Mr. and Mrs. Maclaren; Mr. and Mrs. Ragau Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hurd; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Burslem; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Downes and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Gladys and Doris; Mrs. Bryce-Chalmers; Mrs. A. and Miss Oliver; Mrs. J. A. Pilling; Mrs. Alex Fraser and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Luck; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strange;

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CANON OLIVER'S DAUGHTER BEREAVED

DEATH OF MR. E. H. KING

Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. E. H. King in the loss she has sustained by the death of her husband, Mr. Edward Hamilton King, of 49, Grosvenor Square, London, which occurred on Wednesday.

Mrs. King is the youngest child and third daughter of the Rev. Canon Oliver, who for nearly 30 years was Vicar of the Church of King Charles, Tunbridge Wells.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at the Borough Cemetery, following a service at King Charles' Church at 11 o'clock.

WIDOW'S TRAGIC DEATH

FOUND WITH THROAT CUT AT PADDOCK WOOD

That she had a dread of going blind was a cause put forward for the tragic death of Mrs. Frances Walls, aged 73, widow of Mr. William Walls, a carpenter, of Melrose Bungalow, Church-road, Paddock Wood, who was found unconscious with a wound in her throat. She died before the ambulance reached the Pembury Hospital. At the inquest on Wednesday afternoon Margaret Walls, a daughter, said her mother had been depressed since the death of her husband, and more so of late because she had a dread of going blind. In March she had an operation for the removal of a cataract. On Monday her mother went out into the garden at about 11 o'clock, and two hours later she discovered her sitting near the door of a shed. She saw blood and immediately called for assistance. A blood stained table knife was lying on the ground.

Dr. A. C. Anderson gave evidence of finding Mrs. Walls with a severe throat wound.

The Coroner (Mr. A. H. Neve) returned a verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity."

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

CRANBROOK.

Mrs. Edgar Watts presided at the monthly meeting, when a talk on jam making and fruit and vegetable bottling was given by Mrs. Derrick.

LAMBERHURST.

The monthly meeting was to have been held in the grounds of Oak Lodge by invitation of Miss Pearse, but owing to the showery weather the Memorial Hall was used. Mrs. N. W. S. Halsey presided and Mrs. H. C. Morland reported on the annual meeting of the N.F.W.I. There was an interesting variety entertainment, consisting of piano-accordeon solos by Mr. K. Williamson, graceful classic dances by a talented lady visitor and songs by the W.I. Choir. Mrs. Wilson acted as accompanist. Particularly enjoyable was the clever exhibition of tricks by the troupe of Professor Martin Russell's performing dogs. In appreciation of her work in training the choir for the musical festival Mrs. N. Marshall, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. Wadie with a baton. Mrs. Halsey expressed thanks to the artistes.

SANDHURST.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, with Mrs. Watkins (president) in the chair. After an excellent demonstration of sandwich-making, the Hawkhurst W.I. gave a delightful and amusing variety entertainment, winding up with Hadyn's "Toy Symphony." An egg and flower collection had been organised by Mrs. Foster, with the result that six and a half dozen eggs and 13 bunches of flowers were sent to the Hawkhurst Hospital. Mrs. Charles Burt took the prize for the largest egg.

CROWBOROUGH ST. JOHN'S.

A party in the President's garden was planned for Wednesday, but owing to bad weather 60 members met in the Women's Institute Hall at Crowborough St. John's, as the President's guests. The secretary gave a good account of the Albert Hall meeting of delegates and a sister of the President spoke on the work of the League of Nations for the Health of the World. It was decided to send flowers fortnightly to a London Infant School.

JARVIS BROOK.

At the June meeting on Tuesday Mrs. Parris gave her report on the annual meeting at the Albert Hall, London. A talk on "The care of the feet" by Miss Grinham was much appreciated. The competition for a buttonhole was won by Miss Heasman. The choir, which obtained one merit and two passes at the recent Lewes Music Festival, sang their festival programme, and Mrs. A. Muddle was the tea hostess.

ROTHERFIELD.

The June meeting was held at the Institute on Wednesday, the president (Mrs. Latham) in the chair. Miss Goffey reported on the N.F.W.I. meetings in London, and the proceedings also included community singing and an address on "Music" by Miss Nettleship. The competition for the best work from a yard of material was won by Miss Hogg after the "cut" with Mrs. Redman.

STONEGATE.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday at the Oast House by invitation of the President, the Hon. Mrs. Howard. Unfortunately the day was wet so that members were unable to enjoy the garden. Miss Edith Baker, delegate to the annual meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes at the Albert Hall, gave a clear and interesting report, and Lady Rogers spoke on "Then and Now," describing the changes that had taken place in England during the last hundred years, especially in relation to the daily life of women of all classes. The tea hostesses were the Hon. Mrs. Howard, Miss Gorgosilitz, Miss Bannister, Mrs. Piper and Mrs. Turner. A competition for the best snapshot taken by a member was won by Miss G. Geer. There was also a competition in guessing celebrities, the prizes being provided by the Hon. Mrs. Howard. Mrs. C. Smith won the first prize, and Mrs. Bickerton and Miss E. Baker tied for second prize.

LEIGH.

Mrs. W. Twitchell presided at the meeting on Wednesday, in the absence of the president (Miss Smith). Mrs. Nightingale, of Reigate, gave an address on wild life of the country-side, and after tea the members were entertained by Mrs. Humpherus, Mrs. Twitchell, Mrs. Berkley, Mrs. Benjamin, Miss Sturgess and Miss Crawford with songs in costume, and monologues by Miss Hunt. A competition for toffee was won by Miss Peto, and that for a love-letter in ten words by Mrs. Pucknell.

HILDENBOROUGH.

Mrs. Bryan-Smith was hostess on Wednesday. Mrs. Drayton reported on the London meeting. Miss Davies taught how to cover eiderdowns, mend carpets, fix washers on taps and glass in window frames, and make and apply French polish. Mrs. Simpson, the district craft representative, spoke about craft clubs and urged more of the members to join them. The competition for a dress costing 2s. 6d. or less produced nine charming frocks. A remnant day after the monthly meeting realised over £9.

ETCHINGHAM.

Miss Holland presided at Wednesday's meeting, and Mrs. Killick lectured on "A day in London without a purse." Miss Calcroft reported on the London conference. The tea hostesses were Mrs. C. Donovan, Miss J. Payne and the Misses Donovan.

MATFIELD.

The Matfield branch gave a party to a number of old folk at Brenchley Memorial Hall on Wednesday, entertainment being provided by a band organised by Brenchley school children. Songs were rendered by Miss Harlow and Mrs. Neal. Miss MacFarlane presided.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hillman; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crookes; Mr. and Mrs. S. Payne Jenkins, Doris and Roy; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Bird; Alderman, Mrs. and Miss Siggars; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hatherall; Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw; Mr. and Mrs. Malpas; Mrs. Doig; Donald Jones and L. Williamson; Miss Wetherall and May; All at 5, Newcomen-road; Mr. F. W. Hollamby; Mr. and Mrs. A. Payne Jenkins; Staff, Goods Station-road and Crowborough; Staff and Employees, Alpha Works; London and Home Counties Ironmongers' Association; Mount Pleasant Congregational Church; Hawkenbury Congregational Church; Dorcas Society; Committee, Maternity Home; Matron and Nursing Staff, Maternity Home.

Mr. Maxwell and Family thank all good friends for flowers and expressions of sympathy in their bereavement.

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