IN A FEW LINES

RECORD OF 109 YEARS

THE last page in the vestry book at Daventry Parish Church, begun 109 years ago, was filled on Monday night with the entering of the names of members of the newly-elected Church Council.

An appeal is being issued for funds to purchase a site near the Dockland Settlement, Canning Town, for a memorial to Earl Beatty.

The late Earl's decorations and medals have been sent to the Royal United Services Museum, where they have been placed near those which belonged to Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe in the special exhibition—"Admirals All"—now showing there.

Mr. Halford W. L. Reddish, of Welton House, near Daventry, managing director of the Rugby Portland Cement Co., Ltd., who is well known in Northampton business circles, has been confined to bed for the past three weeks with an attack of jaundice following influenza.

Although he is now making steady progress towards recovery, it is not expected that he will be able to undertake any business engagements for another fortnight.

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At a dance in connection with Kettering Hospital Carnival Queen Competition the following were selected for the final of the competition: Misses Joan Abrahams, Sybill Tyrrell, Hilda Long, and Molly Haiser.

The fact that Kettering Urban Council has renewed the lease of its offices for another three years suggests the authority is not contemplating the erection of a Town Hall just yet.

Mr. F. Marriott, of Broughton, has been elected people's warden for the Parish Church for the 25th time.

Lord Willoughby de Eresby, M.P. for Rutland and Stamford, has presented a silver championship cup to the Stamford and District Push Penny League.

Lord Willoughby praises push penny as a game which develops a spirit of comradeship so essential in every-day life

Captain R. L. Taverner, son of the Rev. F. J. Taverner and Mrs. Taverner, of Wing Rectory, Oakham, has been appointed General Staff Officer, third grade, Southern Command.

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Sir Josiah Stamp, president of the L.M.S. Railway Company, has promised to address the Wolverton Brotherhood at the opening of their next session in October.

Irthlingborough is to have its bandstand and seats re-decorated for the approaching season. This was decided at Tuesday's meeting of the Urban District Council, when a tender for the work was accepted.

In their 100th annual report, the Board of Management of the Boot Trade Benevolent Society state that the income for 1935, although not a record, has been well maintained.

The Society has been able to distribute by way of annuities, grants, and allowances for children £6,152 8s., £600 more than in 1934.

The Board places on record its thanks to Mr. W. T. Sears for the "personal generosity and service he has so freely rendered the Society during his year as president."

The Daventry Division Conservative Association are to hold an ambitious garden sale and fair at Delapre Park, Northampton, on June 13. The Duchess of Marlborough will declare the event open, and the chief speaker will be Mr. W. S. Morrison, Financial Secretary to the Treasury. Lord Hesketh will preside.

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The Rev. H. J. Blackmore, resident minister of Irthlingborough Methodist Church, has been appointed to take charge of the Finchley and Hendon circuit.

Mr. Blackmore, who has been at Irthlingborough four years, will be leaving the town at the end of August.

Dr. Henry Coleman, organist of Peterborough Cathedral, is to give a chamber organ recital from the Song School in the Chapel of St. Thomas a Becket adjoining the Cathedral on Sunday, May 10.

The achievements by five ringers in ringing a full peal of 5,040 changes at Whiston Church in three hours and seven minutes, has recalled to Mr. Harry Fowler, of Castle Ashby, two finely-struck peals which he has conducted at the church since the previous record of three hours and 15 minutes for the full peal was set up 31 years ago.

The last conducted by Mr. Fowler was on October 5, 1912, and it was completed in two hours and 57 minutes—an excellent achievement.

Miss Betty Draper has been elected the hospital carnival queen at New Bradwell, after a second ballot at a concert.

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Mr. G. B. Cuthbertson is a passenger on the Bremen, now on the way to New York. It is hoped that he will be able to play cricket for Northamptonshire in the second half of the season.

The Shrove Tuesday dance arranged at Northampton by Mr. Aubrey Jeffery, Mr C. H. Brown, and Mr. W. H. Smith resulted in £45 being raised for Northampton General Hospital.

A donation of £250 has been given by Mr. W. F. H. Timpson to Rothwell Congregational Church in memory of his wife, the late Mrs. Florence Timpson, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Butlin, were actively associated with the church.

A large entry is expected for the Daventry Bowlers' Hospital Challenge Shield Competition, organised by the Daventry Town Bowling Club.

The date of the semi-final and final has been fixed for August 22, the games to be played at Daventry.

BRAUNSTON

A WHIST DRIVE and dance for funds of the Northampton Town and County Blind Association was held in the Memorial Hall, Braunston, organised by the Women's Institute. Music was provided by Mr. Reg. Hargrave's band, and the M.C. for whist was Mr. Rex. Hargrave. The M.C. for the dance was Mr. W. Hall. Prize-winners were Mrs. F. Berry, Mrs. T. Hall, Miss E. Potts, Mr. W. T. Darby (Welton), Miss Hough, Mr. J. V. Sanders, Mr. H. Haynes, and Miss M. Berry.

PARISH COUNCIL.—The annual meeting was presided over by Mr. F. M. Waite. Mr. Waite was appointed chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. J. W. Berry vice-chairman. A lengthy discussion took place on the Memorial Hall, and a resolution was passed that a solicitor be appointed for the transferring of the deeds to the Parish Council. Members present were: Messrs. F M. Waite, J. V. Sanders (clerk), C. B. Rushall, F. Green, W. Hyde, F. Nurser, F. Clarke, S. Archer, and Thomas.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The annual tea and social was held in the Hall. Tea was served by Mrs. W. Slade, Mrs. F. R. Rushall, Mrs. Calloway, sen., Mrs. Calloway, jun., and Mrs. G. Hollowell. Mrs. Humphreys presented a purse and notes to Mrs. Harris, on behalf of the members, in appreciation of her many years as hon. secretary. The Rector, the Rev. W. E. Humphreys, gave an amusing reading. Whist prize-winners: Mrs. S. Hall, Mrs. Taylor, Misses Hough and Calloway. Games and competitions were won by Mrs. Kendall, Mrs Griffin, Mrs. S. Begley, Miss H. Hargrave, and Mrs. J. V. Sanders. Music for dancing was supplied by Mr. Reg. Hargrave and Mr. S. Nurser. The M.C. was Mr. F. Hall. Prizes were given by the committee and members.

BADBY

BRITISH LEGION.—A successful whist drive and dance, organised by the Badby sub-branch in aid of the British Legion Benevolent Fund, was held at Badby. Music was supplied by Beckett's Band. The M.C. for whist was Mr. C. W. Grundon, assisted by Mr. A. Sheppard, and for dancing Mr. Kenning. Prize vouchers were presented to Mrs. Carvell (Newnham), Miss Grundon (Badby), Mrs. Hodgins (Badby), Mr. D. Jarvis (Badby), Mr. Warren (Newnham), and Mr. Chapman (Badby). Spot prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. P. Higham (Badby) and the door prize by Mr. T. Warnes (Stockton). Mr. Walker, of Daventry, gave a pork pie for a competition, and this was won by Mrs. Jarvis. Mr. Golding, of Daventry, also gave a prize. Members' wives had charge of the refreshments.

BRACKLEY

PARISH CHURCH.—Brackley Easter Vestry was held at the Church Schools, followed by the annual Church meeting. The Vicar (Rev. H. W. P. Danter) presided at both meetings, and at the vestry meeting appointed Dr. G. N. Stathers and Mr. W. J. Winkles as his churchwardens for the ensuing year. Mr. E. A. Kendall was elected parish churchwarden for St. Peter's and Mr. J. W. Gibbard for St. James's. At the annual parochial church meeting which followed, the accounts for the past year were presented and passed. The following were appointed to act as sidesmen for the ensuing year: St. Peter's, Messrs. J. Lathbury, F. Turvey, W. Knibbs, and H. Wilding. St. James's, Messrs. J. R. Gooding, H. Hawkins, G. W. Newbury, and W. H. Watkins. The Church Council was re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Major W. A. Ramsay, Mrs. Ramsay, and Mr. W. H. Watkins. Complaints having been received of dogs causing damage and annoyance in the churchyard, it was decided to erect a notice stating that dogs must not be taken to the churchyard in future. The secretary to the Church Council (Mr. J. W. Gibbard) presented the electoral roll, showing a decrease from 356 to 343. The meeting was poorly attended.

BLAKESLEY

A dance in aid of Blakesley parish church outing fund was held in the school on April 16. Over 100 people were present. The Black Diamond Band (Banbury) played. Mr. H. J. Harris was M.C. and assistance was given by Messrs. J. Franklin and J. North. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Martin.

BOUGHTON

Boughton branch of the British Legion has procured a standard, which will be dedicated at a service to be held at the parish church next Sunday.

BRIXWORTH

Brixworth Easter vestry meeting was held in the Verdun Chapel of the Parish Church. The Vicar, Rev. J. A. Palmer, presided, and nominated Mr. J. S. Thompson as his warden, and Mr. Fred Rose was unanimously elected people's warden.

BROUGHTON

The question of providing a tennis court for Broughton was discussed at a meeting of the Parish Council. It was decided to communicate with the Rural Council on the subject of numbering the houses in the parish and matters affecting the cemetery and allotments were considered. Mr. H. Riggall was elected chairman and Mr. R. W. Waterfield was appointed vice-chairman.

BUCKINGHAM

FOOTBALL CLUB. — The Town Hall dance room was decorated with the club colours of red and white for the club's dance. Judges for competitions were Mr. D. Tolland and Mr. J. McGuire, Mrs. Puddefoot, Mrs. Gormlie. Winners were: Waltz, Mr. Carter and Miss Andrews; one-step, Mr. and Mrs. Holder; fox-trot, Mr. Carroll and Miss Hollis. The Northampton and Buckingham teams were present with the 200 dancers. Mr. J. Tew was M.C. Proceeds of the match and dance were for the Northampton Town Supporters' Club and Buckingham Town Football Club.

BUGBROOKE

PARISH CHURCH. — The vestry and parochial meeting was held in the Church Schools. The Rev. J. C. R. Creagh-Coen presided, and appointed Mr. J. Poole as rector's warden. Mr. A. R. Heygate was elected people's warden, and the following sidsmen were appointed: Dr. White, Messrs. A. White, Barford, F. Barnes, H. Belgrove, Dowson, S. George, J. Heygate, H. Harrison, H. Higginbottom, and D. Lovell. Ruri-decanal representatives appointed were Mrs. Harrison and Mr. A. White. The Church Council was elected as follows: Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Creagh-Coen, Mrs. W. Gilkes, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. P. Howard, Miss Lovell, Dr. White, Messrs. H. Bates, F. Barnes, — Dowson, W. Nightingale, and P. Sutton. The treasurer (Mrs. E. Harrison) presented the church accounts, and pointed out that at the end of 1935 there was a deficit of £4 12s. This had since been cleared by the efforts of Dr. White, Mrs. Creagh-Coen, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Sutton, and Mrs. Holt, who organised entertainments to raise funds.

DISTRICT NEWS

FROM "MERCURY AND HERALD'S" OWN CORRESPONDENTS

DAVENTRY

Mr. C. Purnell, steward at the Daventry Conservative and Constitutional Club, has been awarded an Association of Conservative Clubs' clasp after six years' service. The presentation was made by Mr. L. G. Wooldridge (acting chairman). Mr. Purnell is already the holder of a pendant awarded by the Association for meritorious work.

A SMALL BALANCE in hand was reported at the meeting of Daventry Thursday Cricket Club, held in the Fox and Hounds, Daventry. Mr. S. Collett presided. The election of officers resulted: President, Mr. S. Collett; vice-presidents, re-elected en bloc; hon. secretary, Mr. E. G. Burfoot; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Robinson; captain, Mr. F. Scarf; vice-captain, Mr. E. Shirley; committee, Messrs. J. Thorne, C. Haynes, S. Collett, F. Robinson, and E. G. Burfoot; groundsman, Mr. S. Atkinson.

COURTEENHALL

CONSERVATIVE WHIST TOURNEY. —Promoted by the Roade and Courteenhall Women's Conservative Association, a qualifying whist drive in connection with Daventry Division Conservative tournament was held in the Grammar School, Courteenhall. Mr. J. Harris (Roade) was the M.C., and Mr. W. Masom (Courteenhall) was door steward. Prizes were given by Sir Hereward Wake, Bt., Mrs. Clulow, Mrs. T. Westlake, Mrs. Plomer, Miss Cozens and Mr. F. W. Lea. Mrs. Clulow (president of Roade and Courteenhall Women's Conservative Association) presented the prizes. Those who won prizes and qualified for the final were Mrs. E. Sturgess (Blisworth), Mrs. Cockerill (Collingtree), Mrs. Lane (Collingtree), Mr. S. Robinson (Roade), Mr. A. Bailey (Roade) and Mr. W. Masom (Courteenhall). Mrs. H. Surridge and Mrs. Stockford supervised refreshments. The general arrangements were carried out by the committee of Roade and Courteenhall Women's Conservative Association, with Mrs. Plomer as hon. secretary.

CRICK

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The monthly meeting was held in the Old Schools. The Vice - President, Mrs. Clement Jones, presided over an attendance of about 30 members. Mrs. Roseblade was elected delegate to the Spring Council meeting at Northampton. The egg collection for Rugby Hospital is taking place this week, and volunteers for collecting were: Mrs. Hatherly, Miss E. Worlay, Mrs. D. Lewis, Miss Loydall, Miss C. Fox, and Miss W. Hancock. Mrs. Cockerill, of Dunchurch, gave a talk on motherhood. Mrs. Sparshott proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Cockerill, who judged the cold supper competition, and awarded the prize to Mrs. Sparshott. Miss E. Fox played for dancing. Mrs. D. Lewis and Miss W. Hancock were hostesses.

DEENE

WHIST.—The Women's Institute organised a drive at which prizes were won by Mrs. S. Day (Deenethorpe), Mrs. L. Gutteridge, Mrs. Bloodworth (Easton), Mrs. Brookes, Messrs. F. Baker, R. Streather (Deenethorpe), Thornton, and Hudson. The M.C. was Mr. H. Wright. Prizes were given by Mrs Brudenell, Mrs. Currall, Mrs. H. Wright, Mrs. Sansom, Mrs. Kingston, and Mr. R. Bryan and were distributed by Mrs S. Day. The proceeds were devoted to the summer outing fund.

DENTON

PARISH CHURCH.—The annual vestry meeting was held on Friday, the vicar (the Rev. H. C. Robinson Eltoft) presiding. Mr. W. Denton was again nominated vicar's warden, and Mr. J. T. King re-elected people's warden. Sidesmen elected were: Mr. Edgar Knight, Mr. Minney, Mr. Frost, Mrs. J. King and Mrs. Billingham, the last-named also undertaking to be parochial lay representative for the bishop's evangelical campaign. The accounts showed a good credit balance. On the completion of the formal business, the vicar recommended in the name of the vicar and churchwardens, that the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure of 1921 be adopted. There has not yet been a parochial church council at Denton, but the way had been paved by the formation of an electoral roll. The recommendation was adopted, and a council was elected, comprising Mrs. Ingram, Mr. S. Smart, Mrs. E. Robinson, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Minney and Mrs. Billingham. Mrs. Denton, elected as representative to the Ruri-decanal conference, has a seat on the council ex-officio.

EARLS BARTON

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Women's Section of the Earls Barton Branch of the British Legion, held in the Church Hall. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. E. White; vice-president, Mrs. P. Coleman; secretary, Mrs. P. Coleman; treasurer, Mrs. Mackintosh. The Ideal Five played for the dance which followed. Members of the committee served refreshments.

EVERDON

Mr. J. Fogell was re-elected people's warden and Mr. Tom Bodily was appointed rector's warden at Everdon Church vestry meeting. The Rector, the Rev. J. J. A. Stockton, presided. A satisfactory financial position was reported.

GRAFTON REGIS

A VARIETY CONCERT organised by Mrs. Fred Marchant in aid of the Alderton belfry fund was given in the school. The following artists assisted: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Annand, Mr. Alec Annand, Mrs. R. N. Beasley, Miss Davy, Miss Stella Taylor, Mr., Mrs. and Master Chartor. Mrs. Marchant was accompanist, and Mr. Marchant acted as M.C. and stage manager, assisted by Mr. Jim Richardson. During the interval the Rector warmly thanked Mr. and Mrs. Marchant for so kindly helping such a good cause. A sum of over £4 was realised.

GREAT HORWOOD

PARISH CHURCH.—The Rev. R. M. Davis presided at the annual vestry meeting. Mr. W. Elmes was re-appointed as Rector's warden, and Mr. E. Sear (for Horwood) and Mr. W. Viccars (for Singleborough) were unanimously elected as people's wardens. The sidesmen were all re-elected. The accounts showed a satisfactory balance, which will be needed for payment of installation of electric light in the church. A sum between £20—£30 is still needed, and a special fete for this will be held in June.

KETTERING

Mrs. Tebbey, wife of Mr. H. Tebbey, a member of Kettering Urban Council, is suffering from a fractured thigh caused through a fall in Sheep-street.

Mr. Arthur Traynurn, the well-known Kettering bass singer, took part in a short concert broadcast from the West Regional wavelength.

A whist drive in aid of the Hundred Steps Scheme in connection with St. Mary's Church, Kettering, was won by Mrs. L. Joyce, Mrs. A. Jacques, Mr. E. Goodman, and Mr. C. E. Goode. Mr. A. E. Mandeville was M.C., and refreshments were served by Mrs. Cave, Miss I. Turner, and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. B. J. Bagshaw gave an address on "Road Transport" at Kettering Rotary Club's weekly luncheon. He gave the estimated total of the goods carried on the roads of this country last year as 241,500,000 tons, and the number of authorised vehicles for carrying these goods as 460,000. Commercial vehicles alone paid in taxation about £27,000,000 per annum.

OFFICERS elected at annual meeting of Kettering Radio and Physical Society were: President, Mr. E. T. Cottingham; chairman, Mr. A. J. Thompson; secretary, Mr. Frank Thompson; assistant secretary, Mr. R. J. Pankhurst; treasurer, Mr. F. Loasby; assistant treasurer, Mr. R. Brooks; committee, Messrs. W. H. Elmore, E. Finney, B. Ashley, L. Waller, F. Swain and H. Benford.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Organised by Mr. F. Sharp, an old-time dance in aid of St. Peter's Church organ fund, was held at the schools on Friday. Mr. F. Sharp was M.C. Mr. W. Simmons' Band supplied the music.

A social and dance promoted by the women's section of the Irthlingborough Branch of the British Legion was held at the Legion headquarters. Mr. F. R. Cobb was the pianist. Refreshments were served by the committee under the supervision of Mrs. E. Neville (secretary).

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL

PARISH CHURCH.—The Rev. W. Stewart, rector, re-nominated Mr. T. C. Chalk as his warden at the vestry meeting. Mr. G. Culley was re-elected people's warden. The rector extended thanks to all churchworkers for the generous Easter offering. Mr. Chalk presented the church statements and the rector the charity accounts. Sidesmen chosen were Mr. Dancer and Mr. Collett. The 1936 parochial church council was elected as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Culley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Collett, Miss Prust, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Bunce, Mr. T. C. Chalk, Miss Chalk, Miss Sansom, Miss Warner, the latter four also being ruri-decanal representatives. The cost of heating the church by radiators is being considered.

CHURCH SOCIAL.—At the social held in the church room in aid of the parish church clock, the winners of a short whist drive were: Miss Ridgway, Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Collett, Mr G. Culley; consolations, Mrs. Harrison and Mr. G. Dancer. Mr. Dancer was M.C., and Mrs. J. Culley, of Oak Farm, Lillingstone Dayrell, presented the prizes.

MAIDS MORETON

At Maids Moreton Parish Church vestry meeting held in the schools the Rev. E. W. Yates appointed Mr. E. H. Small as rector's warden. Mr. William Culley was re-appointed people's warden. The sidesmen were re-elected en bloc.

DANCE.—Lew George's Band played at the dance held in Maids Moreton parish hall on Saturday. Mr. G. Watts was M.C. Refreshments were supervised by Miss Culley, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Allen. Mr. W. Allen and Mr. Walton were door stewards.

NASH

PARISH CHURCH. — The Rev. E. A. Selby-Lowndes vicar of Whaddon, re-appointed Mr. Coulton as rector's warden at the vestry meeting. Mr. A. Harrup was re-elected people's warden. The Vicar extended thanks to the churchwardens for their faithful duties, especially now that they were more onerous owing to the vacant living at Nash. Mr. Warde, lay reader of Nash and Beachampton, was also thanked. The church statements were presented by Mr. Coulton. The Council proposes to erect a tablet in Nash Church in memory of the late Rev. D. C. Dawson-Smith, who was rector for 38 years. A tablet is erected to his son, who was killed in the war. A letter of thanks from the Council will be sent to Mrs. C. Dawson-Smith for her service as voluntary organist at the church during those 38 years of her late husband's ministry. Mr. Reggie Watts was re-elected sidesman, and Mr. Bowden and Mr. W. Bailey were also elected to serve. Representatives of the Parochial Council to the Ruri-decanal Conference at Wolverton are Miss Phillips, Mrs. J. Weatherhead, Mrs. A. Hamp, and Mr H. Coulton. Other members of the Church Council are: Mr. A. Hamp, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Bertram Smith, Mrs. Bowden, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Wall, Mr. Harry Illing, and Mrs. Stead. The sexton, Mr. F. Smith, has served for 43 years. Mrs. Bailey is now church organist.

NEW BRADWELL.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.—The Rev. A. Newman Guest (vicar) presided at the vestry and parochial church meeting at Bradwell. The church accounts showed a balance of £8 13s. 11½d. Mr. W. T. May and Mr. T. Tapp were re-appointed vicar's and people's wardens respectively. Mr. W. T. Scott resigned the post of church secretary, but consented to continue for a month until a successor is appointed. Mr. W. T. May, Mr. W. T. Scott, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Huckle, Mrs. Dodd, and Miss B. Guest were elected representatives to the ruri-decanal conference. A discussion took place on alleged rights-of-way, and the Vicar mentioned that parishioners had been ordered off from what was at one time an old Roman road leading to Stanton Low Church. It was decided to ask the local council to speed up their survey of the rights-of-way with a view to declaring them in the parish of Bradwell.

NEWPORT PAGNELL

THE EASTER VESTRY and annual parochial church meeting were held in St. Paul's Church School, Newport Pagnell, on Friday. The vicar (the Rev. H. Adeane Byard), who presided, spoke of the impending departure of the curate, the Rev. E. Powell, who had been appointed to a living in Suffolk. The Vicar again nominated Mr. N. S. Cole as his warden and Mr. J. E. Clare was re-elected people's warden. The Vicar expressed thanks for his Easter offering, which amounted to over £30.

OLNEY

MRS. W. WRIGHT organised a whist drive to raise funds for the pound stall at a fete in connection with the church hall fund. The drive was held at her house, and prizes were given by herself and friends. A sum of £1 10s. was raised. Prize-winners were Miss Freeman, Mrs. H. A. Freeman, Mrs. Leeson, Mrs. S. Morgan, Mrs H. Horne, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Johnson.

Winners at another whist drive in connection with the same fete were Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. W. Mynard. A competition was won by Mrs. F. Jones and Mr. Maynard. A sum of £1 16s. was raised for the sweet stall.

FREE LIBRARY.—A sound financial position was reported on at the annual meeting. It was decided that some of the money received in fines should be spent in the purchase of new books, and it was decided that the library should open from 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. The chairman, Mr. E. W. Ashley, moved a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Thomas Wright in her recent bereavement. This was adopted, and the meeting stood in silence.

THE FUNERAL took place at Olney on Saturday of Mr. Alfred L. Timpson, of Bridge-street, Olney, who died at the age of 46, after a long illness. His wife died a year ago, and his three daughters are left orphans. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Chapman. The chief mourners were: Miss Dorothy Timpson (daughter), Messrs. W. Timpson and S. Timpson (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. R. Timpson (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. J. Aldridge, Mrs. S. Smith, Mrs. J. Longland, Mrs. H. Scott (sisters), Mr. H. Powell (brother-in-law), Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Daniells, Miss B. Slater, and Miss J. Slater (sisters-in-law).

OUNDLE

PARISH CHURCH.—There was a good attendance at the vestry meeting. The Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Cartwright, presided. Mr. W. B. Wood was re-appointed vicar's warden, and Mr. H. H. Markham was unanimously re-elected people's warden. Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. G. White, with the churchwardens, were appointed as representatives to the ruri-decanal conference. Sidesmen appointed were: Messrs. P. W. Amps, R. B. R. Ashworth, J. Barton, F. G. Davidson, E. H. Goldsmith, E. Grant, R. Groom, W. Montgomery, G. S. Selby, H. Taney, W. G. White, and T. Cunnington. Mr. T. W. Curwain and Mr. C. W. Vessey were appointed sidesmen for Jesus Church. The Church Council was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. C. F. Laughton and Mr. T. W. Curwain. In his annual report, the Vicar referred to the considerable amount of repairs done in the church and the improvement effected in the churchyard by the planting of daffodils. He spoke of the work of the secretary of the Church Council, Mr. J. Barton, and welcomed the Rev. E. Leo

PATTISHALL

A PARISH MEETING was held at the Schools to discuss a water scheme which had been prepared for Pattishall, Blisworth, and Tiffield, and which will cost between £11,000 and £12,000. Mr. A. G. Cockerill, chairman, introduced Mr. Gimson, who explained the scheme from a prepared plan. After several suggestions and a long discussion, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting is of opinion that no water scheme is necessary if the Council houses are built near the existing water supply." Seventeen voted for and 12 against the resolution. A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Judkins, concluded the business.

POTTERSPURY

A SOCIAL and dance in aid of Potterspury W.I. funds was held in the Red Triangle Institute. The programme, which had been prepared by the entertainment sub-committee, consisted of games, competitions, and novelty dances, and two sketches, in which the following members took part: Mrs. Jefcoate, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. A. Owen, Miss Pratt, Miss J. Brown, Mrs. W. Tapp, Mrs. George Tapp, Mrs. A. Tapp, and Miss B. Walker. The M.C.s were Mr. L. Tapp, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. C. Meakins, and Mr. A. Owen. Mrs. A. Owen gave assistance. Mrs. J. Hobson (vice-president), assisted by the refreshment sub-committee, was responsible for the catering arrangements.

RUSHDEN

A CIVIC SERVICE was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday morning, in thanksgiving for the restoration of the 500-years-old roof of the church and the completion of the new organ, and another thanksgiving service took place in the evening. At the morning service the congregation included Alderman C. W. Horrell and Mr. F. J. Sharwood, members of the Northamptonshire County Council, and Mr. A. Allebone, C.C., the chairman, and the members and officials of the Rushden Urban Council. The church was crowded. The rector, the Rev. Travers S. Stoney, welcomed County and Urban Council representatives, and said they were appealing for the last £50 of the £1,300 needed for the work that had been done, and had £13 3s. 9d. already in hand. Canon Guy Rogers, M.C., rector of Birmingham, and a cousin of Mr. Stoney, was the preacher. The £50 requested was exceeded by more than 50 per cent., the collections throughout the day exceeding £76.

RUSHTON

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION. — There was a large attendance at the annual tea, social, and dance of the Rushton Conservative Association. A welcome was given by the president, Mrs. Gompertz, and the chairman, Mrs. Willows. Mrs. Burditt, the hon. secretary, and the committee had made the arrangements, and tea was served by Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Wetherall, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. H. Kendall, Miss F. Woolmer and Miss Downs. Mr. J. F. Eastwood, M.P. for the Kettering Division, gave an address.

TIFFIELD

At Tiffield annual vestry and parochial church council meeting, at which the Rev. W. L. Pritchatt-Shaw (rector) presided, Mr. T. L. McColl was appointed rector's churchwarden and Mr. J. E. C. Hornsby was appointed people's warden and hon. treasurer. The sidesmen were re-elected en bloc. The church accounts were read and adopted.

ROTHWELL

BRITISH LEGION.—There was a large company at a tea and social arranged by the women's section of Rothwell branch and held in the Church House. Mrs. G. Lewin, Kettering, gave a demonstration of dressmaking, many of the members taking part, and afterwards musical items were given by Miss M. Beasley, Miss N. Bull, and Mrs. E. Joyce. Mrs. H. Berry played for dancing. Mrs. Waddington presided and spoke of the loss to the branch in the departure from the town of Mrs. Mallory, one of their active vice-presidents.

THE WEDDING took place at Rothwell Parish Church of Miss Eva Dora Essex, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Essex, of Market-hill, Rothwell, to Mr. Frederick Hawkins, fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins, of Boughton, Northampton. The Rev. Canon Smalley Law (rector of Thorpe Malsor) conducted the service, and Mr. T. Buckby, at the organ, played the "Bridal March" (Wagner) and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." The bridesmaids were Miss Stella Brown and Miss Phyllis Allison, and Mr. J. Hawkins, Finchley (brother of the bridegroom) was best man.

STONY STRATFORD

DR. J. E. RATTENBURY, national president of the Free Church Council, was the preacher at the annual meetings of Stony Stratford and District Free Church Council, held in the Baptist Church. He stressed that the churches were not built primarily for the sake of providing social entertainment. It must be a place of healing first. The Rev. L. W. S. Curwood presided, and introduced the incoming president, Mr. H. Olney, of Castlethorpe. Mr. Olney remarked that he had been in the district for nearly 78 years, and should know something about it. The summer meetings were fixed for Potterspury, and mention was made of the impending departure from the village of the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Bolton. Tea was served by representatives of the Free Churches of the town, with Mrs. H. Calladine as convener.

STOKE ALBANY

WOMEN'S CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting, tea and social under the auspices of Wilbarston and Stoke Albany Women's Conservative Association was held at the School, Stoke Albany. Mrs. Wentworth Watson welcomed the members from the surrounding villages, which included Dingley, Brampton Ash, Sutton Bassett, and Ashley. Mr. T. H. Cockerill, of the Northampton Junior Imperial League, gave an address. On the proposal of Mrs. Charles Berry, seconded by Mrs. Alfred Harding, a vote of thanks was accorded him. Mrs. Watson added her thanks, and the evening concluded with games. Mrs. Wilford (hon. secretary) and the committee had charge of the arrangements. Among those present was Mr. Campbell-Robertson, agent.

SPRATTON

THE VESTRY MEETING was held in the school, the Rev. G. Raw, M.A., vicar, presiding. The financial statements for the year showed a total income of £149 10s 9d., and a balance in hand of £4 5s. 11d. in the church expenses fund. The following officers were elected: Churchwardens, Lord Erskine and Mr. F. Bates; representatives on ruri-decanal conference, Mr. G. J. Voss and Miss Wood; Church Council, Major Flint, Mr. T. A. Harris, Mr. C. Kench, Mr. E. Moore, Mr. G. L. Shaw, Mr. W. J. Thornton, Mr. T. H. Tite, Miss Bevan, Mrs F. Bates, Mrs. G. Cooper, Mrs. A. G. Gilby and Mrs. Bosworth; sidesmen, Major Flint, Mr. A. Bates, Mr. T. A. Harris, Mr. C. Kench, Mr. G. Payne, jun., Mr. G. L. Shaw, Mr. W. J. Thornton, Mr. T. H. Tite and Mr. E. T. Wiggins.

TOWCESTER

THE PARISH COUNCIL, with many facetious comments, re-appointed the streets watering committee and congratulated them on the efficient way they had carried out their duties in the complete absence of any equipment whatsoever except for the clouds in the heavens. On the question of the appointment of a chairman the Rev. J. Willis moved that in future the vice-chairman should automatically succeed to the chair. The motion was carried. Mr. J. Jenkinson was appointed chairman and the Rev. J. Willis, vice-chairman, and the various committees were re-appointed. Arrangements for a flag-day under the auspices of the Council, in aid of the Empire Cancer Campaign Fund, were placed in the hands of Mrs. Jenkinson and wives of other members. There were present: Mr. J. Jenkinson (chairman), the Rev. J. Willis, Messrs. L. F. Dunckley, J. T. Williams, W. H. Marlow, R. D. Rutherford, W. G. Rainbow, T. E. England, G. Leather, and S. C. Simmonds (clerk).

TURVEY

PARISH MEETING.—Air Commodore T. C. R. Higgins presided at the annual parish meeting. A precept was passed for a seven years' contract with the Gas Company for street lighting at £53 per annum. The question of a recreation ground was discussed. It was stated that a plot of two acres or more had been offered as a gift to the parish from the Turvey Abbey Estate by Mrs. Longuet Higgins, and that an adequate sum of money was at the disposal of the Council to put the ground in order for football, cricket, and tennis. However, such a lack of interest had been shown by the young people of the village that it was decided to let the matter drop for the present. The same lack of interest was shown in connection with the forming of a bathing club for the village, and the Council decided they could not support the scheme.

WEEKLEY

MOURNERS at the funeral of Mrs. Clarke, wife of Mr. J. Clarke, of Weekley, were: Mr. J. Clarke (widower), Mrs. P. Hughes (daughter), Mr. E. Clarke (son), Miss L. Clarke and Miss G. Clarke (daughters), Mr. P. Hughes (son-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Allen (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. R. Smith (sister), Mr. P. Coe (brother), Mr. A. Clarke (father-in-law), Mrs. E. Berry (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. B. Clarke (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. T. Clarke (sister-in-law), Mrs. Cooper (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. J. Clow (uncle and aunt), Mr. A. Cox, Mrs. E. Hudson and Mrs. J. Clipston (aunts), Mr. and Mrs. A. Vincent (cousins), Mrs. F. Coe and Mrs. Denton (friends).

WEEDON

MR. G. W. ABBOTT has been presented with a silver cigarette box by the ringers and congregation of St. Peter's Church, Weedon, in appreciation of his services as a bellringer for 45 years. Whilst Mr. Abbott was captain of the ringers they won many bell-ringing competitions for church bell-ringing, and gained considerable proficiency as hand bellringers. Mr. Abbott was instrumental in raising funds to purchase a sixth bell added to the peal as a war memorial. Under his leadership the ringers also raised funds to purchase a chiming apparatus. Ill-health has prevented a continuance of his work.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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BIRTHS

DUNBAR.—April 17, at St. Matthew's Nursing Home, to Dr. and Mrs. C. [illegible] Dunbar—a son.

WARD.—April 16, at Brooke Farm, [illegible] brooke, to Mr. and Mrs. J. [illegible] Queenie Ambler)—a daughter (Blanche).

MARRIAGE

SCROGGS—ARCHER.—April 18, at Trinity Church, New Barnet, by the Rev. R. H. Tadman, Rector of [illegible] George, son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] teridge, to Kathleen Betty, younger daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. [illegible] Northampton.

DEATHS

BARKER.—Harry, beloved brother of [illegible] and Fred, accidentally killed [illegible] 19.

BARSBY.—On April 20, Pamela, [illegible] wife of the late Samuel Fred Barsby, [illegible] years, loving mother of Beat, Walt and Flo, Will and [illegible] sleeping.

CONNOLLY.—On April 17, at General Hospital, James Connolly, aged [illegible] husband of Jean Connolly, passed [illegible] fully away. R.I.P.

MAY.—April 19, Louie, beloved sister [illegible] and Mrs. B. C. Smith, 15, Ivy-road [illegible] Rest after weariness.

SWEENEY.—On April 18, at Northampton General Hospital, following [illegible] Violet Maud, dearly beloved [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. P. Sweeney, [illegible] ville, Weston Favell, aged [illegible] months.

WELLS.—April 18, at the General [illegible] Wallace (Shadow) the beloved [illegible] William, 47, Junction-road. Rest [illegible] ness.

WOOTTON

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The [illegible] nightly meeting was held [illegible] Memorial Hall. Mrs. William [illegible] vice-president, presided. [illegible] social afternoon and the time [illegible] in community singing. [illegible] presented to Mrs. W. J. Penn [illegible] of all the members of the choir [illegible] ciation of her assistance in [illegible] practices and in the recent [illegible] tival. The presentation was made [illegible] Williams, and Mrs. Penn [illegible] Mrs. Williams was tea hostess, [illegible] Mrs. Mobbs and Mrs. Robinson.

A WHIST DRIVE promoted by [illegible] Hospital Committee was held [illegible] Memorial Hall, and prizes [illegible] P. Fairbrother, Mrs. H. Fairbrother, [illegible] Inns, Miss Copson, Miss [illegible] Mrs. White, and Mrs. Fletcher [illegible] by Mrs. G. Adams, Mrs. Harris [illegible] F. Adams, Mrs. [illegible] Cockerill, Mrs. Newcombe, [illegible] and Mr. Taylor. The [illegible] made by Miss Gladys Fletcher [illegible] ments were served by Mrs. [illegible] White, Mrs. Pragnell, [illegible] Fletcher, and Mr. White and [illegible] were the stewards.

WELLINGBOROUGH

A whist drive organised by [illegible] borough East Ward Women's [illegible] Association was held in the [illegible] Room. The Divisional [illegible] M.C. Winners were: [illegible] land, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. [illegible] Cockayne, Mr. Harris, Mrs. [illegible] Arrangements were made [illegible] ments served by members [illegible] Committee.

WELDON

A successful tea and social [illegible] by the Weldon Women's [illegible] Unionist Association took [illegible] Schools. Mr. J. F. Eastwood [illegible] the Kettering Division, gave [illegible] on the political situation. [illegible] Elliott, Market Harborough, [illegible] enjoyable marionette entertainment. [illegible] Wright, the hon. secretary, [illegible] mittee made the arrangements.

WOODFORD HALSE

THE VICAR, the Rev. Dr. [illegible] combe, assisted by the Rev. [illegible] conducted the funeral of [illegible] of Mrs. E. Bennett, who [illegible] The chief mourners were: [illegible] (husband), Mrs. E. H. Longley [illegible] Mr. E. H. Longley [illegible] Joan and Miss Muriel [illegible] daughters), Mr. E. Bennett [illegible] law), Mrs. Wright (sister) [illegible] (sister-in-law), Mr. E. G. [illegible] in-law), Mrs. Childs, [illegible] in-law), Mrs. J. Lawrence, [illegible] H. Lovesey, Mrs. S. White, [illegible] Johnson, Mr. J. W. Settle, [illegible] and Mrs. W. Spencer, [illegible] Mr. H. Lovesey, Mrs. [illegible] Nightingale, and Mr A. Howes.

A WEDDING AT SPRATTON

MR. J. W. MABBUTT AND [illegible] V. LEESON

Mr. John William Mabbutt, [illegible] son of Mr. and Mrs. Mabbutt, [illegible] grave, was married to Miss [illegible] beth Leeson, eldest daughter [illegible] H. Cook, at Spratton Parish [illegible] on Saturday.

The service was conducted [illegible] Rev. G. Raw (vicar of Spratton). [illegible]

The bride, who was given [illegible] her step father (Mr. H. [illegible] dress of blue satin with [illegible] She carried a bouquet of [illegible] tions.

She was attended by [illegible] maids, Miss M. Buckby, [illegible] Cook, and Miss Daisy Mabbutt [illegible] Mr. Ernest Mabbutt (brother [illegible] bridegroom) was best man.

LAZE AT THE [illegible]
BY THE SEA
WALTON ON THE NAZE
GOLF
BOWLS
YACHTING
TENNIS, BATHING
FINE BOATING MERE
LARGEST MARINE LAKE IN [illegible]
Illustrated Guide from Sec., [illegible] of Commerce, or any L.N.E.R. [illegible]
MONTHLY RETURN TICKETS AT [illegible]
A MILE ISSUED ANY DAY
IT'S QUICKER BY [illegible]

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