

10 JAN 60 YEARS 1936 AS SHEPHERD AND HOP-DRYER

The funeral of Mr. Richard Wilmshurst, who died at Bethersden on the previous Wednesday, aged 85, took place at Goudhurst on Monday.

Mr. Wilmshurst was born at Bockingford, Goudhurst, and with the exception of one year at Horsmonden and the past two years



Mr. R. Wilmshurst

with his daughter Mrs. Skinner at Pauls Wood, Betherdsen, had spent the whole of his life in Goudhurst.

He had been in the employ of Mr. T. Levett, of Etchinghill, and his father the late Mr. W. Levett, for 60 years as shepherd and hop-dryer. He was one of the best hop-dryers in the district and had taken ten prizes in 12 years at the Brewers' Exhibition, for hop drying.

The family mourners were Messrs. Arthur, Albert, Ernest, Charles, Amos and William Wilmshurst (sons), Mrs. G. Skinner (daughter), Mrs. C. Wilmshurst, Mrs. Amos Wilmshurst and Mrs. William Wilmshurst (daughters-in-law).

Others present were Mr. T. Levett (late employer), Mr. H. V. Levett, Mr. S. Levett, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. S. Kemp, Mr. W. Burd, Mr. F. Chantler, and Mr. H. Brown. The Wesleyan Chapel where he used to attend was represented by Mrs. A. Apps and Miss Apps, and the Kildown Wesleyan Chapel, of which he was a member for nearly 40 years, was represented by Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Stanbridge.

Floral tributes were sent from Polly and the children; Ernie and Babs, Albert, Sister Esther and family; Charles and family; Amos and Annie; Ernest and family; Frank Agnes and family; Edith and family; Lilian and Bert; Arthur and family; Kate; Alice and family; William and family; Albert; Mrs. Levett and family; Mr. Thomas Levett; Alice Constable; the Employees at Etchinghill; and Mr. and Mrs. W. Burfield and Mr. J. Burfield.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. H. BROWN,
Nov BETHERSDEN 1934

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, of New Town, Betherdsen, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday at their home.

Mr. Brown, who is 76, formerly farmed Chequer Tree Farm, Betherdsen. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, of Betherdsen. Mrs. Brown is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Watson, of Betherdsen, and is 71 years of age.

They were married at Great Chart on October 27, 1884. Mr. Brown is a member of the Betherdsen Lodge of the Ancient Order of Foresters. A few days before the anniversary Mrs. Brown had the misfortune to slip downstairs and break her arm.

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MR. R. T. HEIGH, Headmaster, Murston Council Mixed School for 13 years, and former headmaster at Betherdsen. Secretary, Sittingbourne, Milton and Murston Nursing Association for 6 years. Secretary also of Sittingbourne School Sports Association. Keenly interested in sport. Organised sports and dances at Betherdsen, by which means he raised the funds for building its parish hall. Did invaluable voluntary work during the big depression in organising a club for boys.



Having drawn Depression's stings and
Done his bit in gloom dispersing,
His hand's turned to other things and
Does great work in "nursing" nursing.

INTERESTING FAMILY RECORDS

BETHERSDEN RESIDENT'S
Nov 83 DESCENDANTS 1932

It is said that only one thing can make one happier than having a child—and that is having a grandchild. The reason being that one has all the fun, all the affection—and the responsibility is once removed!

If that is true, Mr. George Cowell, of Bridge Farm, Betherdsen, must get a considerable kick out of life. He has twelve sons and daughters, all living and all married, forty-five grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Cowell is eighty-eight years of age, and when our representative called to see him he found the old man hedge-brushing! Mr. Cowell enjoys good health, and has worked on Bridge Farm for about sixty-eight years. He is a native of Betherdsen, being born there in 1844, and is proud of being the oldest inhabitant.

There are four sons and eight daughters, who are all married and all have children, with one exception. They are:—John, aged 48, Gravesend; George, aged 46, Harvel; Frank, aged 38, Southern Railway employee, Maidstone; Thomas Edward, aged 33, farm labourer, Betherdsen; Esther, aged 60, Ashford; Alice, aged 58, Hythe; Louisa, aged 57, Maidstone; Florrie, aged 55, Ashford; Ellen, aged 50, Ilford, Essex; Lucy, aged 44, Marden; Ruth, aged 40, Maidstone; Bessie, aged 35, Willesborough.



Mr. G. COWELL.

GOLDEN WEDDING Nov 1932

MR. AND MRS. T. RING,
BETHERSDEN

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ring, Maple Cottage, Betherdsen, celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday, having been married at Trinity Church, Cheshunt, Herts, on November 2nd, 1882.

Mr. Ring was born at Wissenden and has lived in Betherdsen all his life and Mrs. Ring was born in London. There are four children—two sons and two daughters, and five grand-children living.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ring are seventy-seven years of age, Mrs. Ring being only one day older than her husband. They are both constant readers of the "Kentish Express."

A GAY GARDEN IN SPRING

assured by planting strong transplanted plants of Wallflowers, Forget-me-nots, 6d. doz., 4s. 100; Brompton Stocks, Sweet Williams, Canterbury Bells, Hollyhock, Coropsis, Pansies and Violas, 1s. doz., 6s. 100; assorted collections for 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s.; cash with order; orders over 2s. 6d. carriage paid; under 2s. 6d. extra.

Oct 1919
H. F. HALL, Court Nursery, Betherdsen.

FATAL BETHERSDEN ACCIDENT

BROTHER'S VIVID DESCRIPTION

July 1934

A vivid description of what happened when his brother's motor-cycle came into collision with another machine near Bethersden on July 18 was given by the pillion rider, Charles A. Allcorn, at an inquest conducted by Mr. Rutley Mowll at Ashford Hospital on Saturday.



G. W. ALLCORN.

As the result of the accident, George William Allcorn, of Westwood Drive Charing, a ganger employed by the Mid-Kent Water Company, died in Hospital on July 19 from a blood stoppage caused by a clot in the blood system. The other motorcyclist was Harry B. Burden, of Pear Tree Farm, High Halden.

Allcorn's other injuries were a fracture of the right collarbone, a fractured right thigh, complete destruction of the right knee joint, internal injuries, a crack at the back of the skull and congestion of the brain.

Charles M. Allcorn (20), of Westwood Drive, Charing, a jointer employed by the Mid-Kent Water Company, said that he was riding on the pillion behind his brother from their home to their work near Bethersden.

"We were approaching a bend," he said. "I was not quite certain of our position but we were about a quarter of the way across the road, perhaps a little more. As we were rounding the bend, where it was impossible to see for any distance. I saw another motor-cycle coming in the opposite direction directly in front of us. My brother appeared to turn towards the hedge on our left, but there was insufficient time for me, on the back, to feel any swerve. The other machine struck us slightly at an angle and, as far as I can remember, we stopped dead. The other motor-cycle and rider slid past out of my sight, my brother was thrown sideways into the hedge and I was thrown a yard or so behind."

"Both my brother and the other rider appeared to be travelling at a moderate speed for the class of road. I have ridden many thousands of miles behind my brother, and I have always found him a really competent driver, ready for any emergency."

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that Burden appeared to be cutting the corner.

Police Sergeant Jestico (Bethersden) said that from measurements taken from tyre marks on the road, Burden rounded the corner in the middle of the road, which was 17ft. wide. The point of impact was a yard and a half from Allcorn's near-side.

Burden was wheeled in from the hospital, but in reply to the Coroner said he did not wish to give evidence.

The jury, after retiring for seven minutes, returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

The funeral was at Charing on Monday when a part of the service was held at Mr. Allcorn's house and completed at the graveside by Mr. P. Chapman of London, one of

"Jehovah's Witnesses," a body whose chief aim in life is to spread the gospel, and of which Mr. Allcorn was a member.

DEC 1931 LATE MR. W. MILLEN

WELL-KNOWN FARMER DEAD

The funeral took place on Wednesday of Mr. William Millen, of Lovelace Farm, who passed away after a long illness at the age of 64 years. He was a son of the late Mr. Alfred Millen, and was born in the parish, where he was well-known and much respected. His father and he had successfully carried on Lovelace Farm for over 42 years, and his loss will be much felt in the parish. Mr. Millen had no time to take any active part in local affairs, but could always be depended on for a good subscription on behalf of any fund for which an appeal was being made. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. N. Bligh Hill, M.A., and attended by many parishioners. The family mourners included Mr. Arthur Millen, Brother; Miss Alice Millen, sister; Misses Alice and Grace Millen, nieces; Mr. Harold Link, nephew; Miss Kate Jarvis, cousin; Miss B. Kingsnorth, cousin; Misses Francis and Ada Millen (Tenterden), cousins; Mr. Jack and Albert Millen (Tenterden), cousins; Mr. Alfred Millen (Frittenden), cousin; Mr. and Mrs. Hope; Mrs. F. Millen (Tenterden), cousin; Mr. Louis and Mr. John Collier (Hothfield), cousins; Miss Kate Millen, Mr. R. Millen and Mrs. S. Millen (Woodchurch), cousins; Mr. and Mrs. L. Millen (Charing), cousins; Mr. P. and Mr. S. Millen, cousins; Mr. and Mrs. Biddles (Woodchurch), cousins; Mr. Witherden (Guestling), cousin; Mr. H. Millen (Woodchurch), cousin; Mr. Ira Kingsnorth (Gt. Chart), cousin; Mr. B. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. H. Batt; Mrs. J. Gower and Mr. W. J. Gower (Chilham); Among others present were Mr. G. Ring; Mr. P. Ring; and Mr. C. Jarvis, employees; Mr. A. R. Cook; Mr. A. L. Adams; Mr. J. Adams; Mr. G. Holmes; Mr. J. Batt; Mr. W. Lee; Mr. R. H. Padgham; Mr. L. Dunster; Mr. A. Jarvis; Mr. W. Dyke; Mr. J. Jarvis; Mrs. T. A. Padgham; Mrs. T. Jenner; Mrs. Nickells; Miss E. Morris; Mrs. Watkins; Mrs. H. Coleman; Mrs. S. Capeling and Mrs. Murrell. Floral tributes were sent by Alice and Polly; All at Runsell; All at Little Engham; Leslie and Mary; Cousin Kate; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boorman and Nellie Bishop; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Batt; Mr. A. R. Cook and family; Miss Morris; Mrs. Taylor and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Roots and Willie; Mr. and Mrs. G. Ring and Percy; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hammond; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hukins and Ernest; Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunster and Daphne; Lottie and Boys; Two friends, London; All at Ashbourne, Tenterden; Mr. and Mrs. J. Jarvis and family.

NOV 1932 FOUND DEAD COLLAPSE OF OLD CRICKETER

Mr. Walter Digby Fisher Dyke, aged 75 years, was on Wednesday morning found dead in a hut in which he lived at the Sawmills, Bethersden. The discovery was made by Mr. A. Jarvis, the timber merchant, who, not seeing any smoke coming from the hut chimney—as was usual—looked inside the building and saw the occupier lying on the floor.

Apparently Dyke had died from natural causes some hours before his body was found.

He was well-known in the village, for which he played cricket many years ago; indeed, he was one of the best cricketers in the district. His father, after being a stationmaster, took the Bull Inn at Bethersden and Dyke was also at one time a railway official.

FEB BETHERSDEN 1931
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the first meeting for 1931 in the Village Hall Miss Marshall gave a talk on Florence Nightingale, which was very much appreciated. The members started the New Year well, there being a number of entries for the competitions. The first prize for a bowl of three white hyacinths grown in fibre was won by Mrs. Drysdale, with Miss Drysdale second and Mrs. W. Kingsnorth third. The prizes for blue hyacinths grown in water were won by Mrs. Curwen, with Miss M. Webb second. The largest number of things packed in a match-box proved most popular. Mrs. Jennings winning by having packed 130. Miss Parker being second with 116 and Mrs. Woodcock third with 115. It was agreed to enter for the Community singing competition in May. After tea the entertainment committee provided games, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

DEATH OF MR. G. HOWLAND.—Bethersden loses a well known and much respected parishioner owing to the peaceful passing away last week, after a prolonged illness, of Mr. George Howland, of Rose Cottage, in his 88th year. For many years the deceased successfully carried on Chequer Tree Farm, and on his retirement, after residing some time at High Halden, he came to live in the village. Being keenly interested in gardening his fine display of lovely roses throughout the summer attracted much attention. Much sympathy is felt with his widow in her sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Friday, when among the mourners there were present Mrs. Elizabeth Howland (widow), Mr. and Mrs. R. Howland, Mr. A. Howland, Mr. R. Howland, Mr. J. Howland, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Jordan, Mr. T. Crust, Mr. G. Crust, Mr. Keeler, Mr. and Mrs. E. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barten, Mr. B. Barten, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Roots, Mrs. S. B. Hyland, Mr. S. Philpott, Mr. W. Philpott, Miss E. Philpott, Miss I. Philpott, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart, and Mrs. Capeling. The brass-mounted oak coffin was surmounted by floral tributes from: His devoted Wife; Mrs. S. B. Hyland; Emily, Jane, Bill and Abraham; Mary and John; Bob and Nance; George and Ernest; Alice; John and Flossie; Annie and James; Arthur and Robert; Jane and Hetty; Richard and Louie; Mr. and Mrs. Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Roots; Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe; Mr. W. Philpott; Elsie and Ivy; Mr. and Mrs. S. Philpott; Mr. and Mrs. Oxley; the family of the late John Howland. The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. N. A. Bligh Hill, M.A.) and the funeral arrangements carried out by Mr. J. Jarvis. On Sunday evening the mourners attended divine service at the parish church when two favourite hymns of the deceased, "Abide with me" and "Jesus, lover of my Soul" were sung. **FEB 1931**

MR. A. G. KINGSNORTH, JULY BETHERSDEN. 1934

The funeral took place at Bethersden on Saturday of Mr. Albert George Kingsnorth, aged 48, partner of Messrs. H. and A. G. Kingsnorth, of Bethersden. He died of a nervous breakdown following an accident.

The mourners were: Mrs. M. A. Kingsnorth, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kingsnorth, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. T. Birch, Mr. and Mrs. L. Millen, Mr. S. Kingsnorth, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jarvis, Mrs. C. Dungey, Mrs. Holdstock, Mr. A. Jarvis, Mr. W. Murrell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Buckman, Mr. and Mrs. G. Burden, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mannerling, Mrs. J. Hukins, Mr. W. Hukins, Mr. L. Mannerling, Mr. and Mrs. G. King, Mr. W. Possle, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. L. Woodcock, Mr. J. Holmes, Mr. N. Batt.

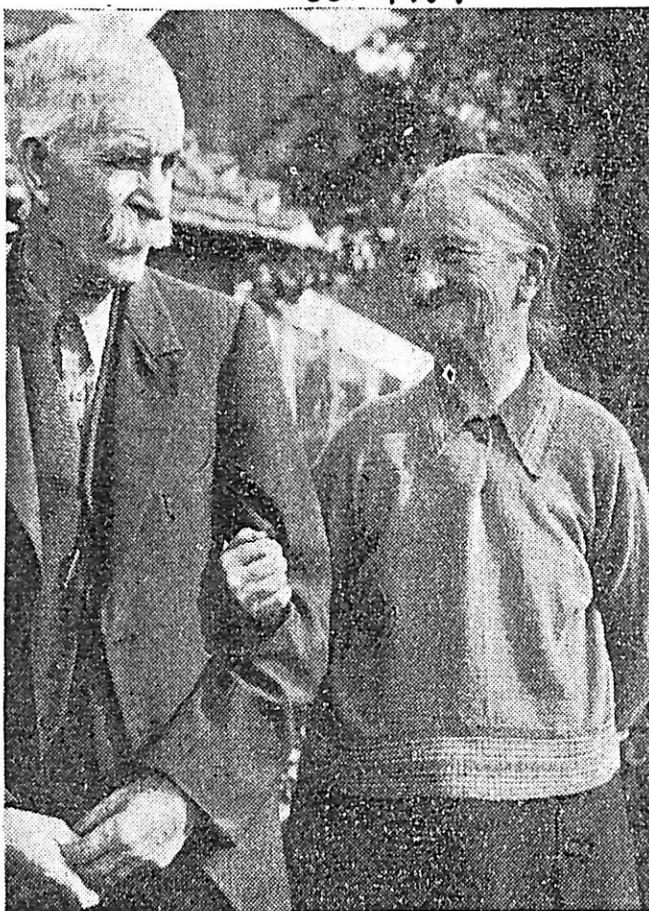
Wreaths:—His broken-hearted Mother; Harry and Ada; Fanny and Len; Agnes and Tom; Mary and Les; Beant; Evelyn and Pete; Auntie, Uncle Jim and Walter; Anne Rose, Uncle Albert and Bert; Aunt Nell and Uncle Will; Aunt Liz and Uncle Steve; Lillian; Rose, Anne and Edna; Aunt Emily and all at Sittingbourne; Rose, Bill, Dick, Ken and Tom; Mr. and Mrs. Burden and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilcox; his close pals, Charlie, Sara and Mrs. Buss; Mr. and Mrs. Norris and Winnie; Mrs. Hukins and Bill; Mr. and Mrs. T. King and Fred; Mr. and Mrs. W. Possle; Mr. and Mrs. Filmer and family; Mr. Buck and family; Edwin; Mr. L. Woodcock; Mr. and Mrs. G. King and family; Mr. and Mrs. P. King; Mr. & Miss King; Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Moore and family; Gwen and Edna; Aunt Polly and Uncle Tom.

BETHERSDEN JUST THE SAME

Fifty years ago on October 16, Mr. Henry James Mannering and Mrs. Sarah Jane Mannering were married at Ashford Baptist Church. So last Saturday they celebrated their golden wedding day, and as a special anniversary treat Mr. Mannering went to Charing to watch the football match.

"Bethersden is just the same as it was when we were first married," they said.

During their first years of married life Mr. Mannering brought home 10/6 a week. Later that was increased to 30/-, and on that a family of nine was brought up. Asked what she thought about being married 50 years, Mrs. Mannering replied, "Wait until you have been married fifty years and you will know."



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MR. G. J. SPRINGETT (Bethersden)— MISS B. M. CHANTLER (Egerton)

The wedding took place at Egerton parish church on Saturday of George John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Springett, of Bethersden, and Beatrice Mary, daughter of Mrs. Chantler, of Hazeldene Lane, Egerton.

The bride, whose brother, Mr. R. Chantler, gave her away, wore a blue silk dress with a hat to match; whilst her bridesmaids—the Misses Joyce Chantler (sister) and Ethel Springett (bridegroom's niece)—were dressed in pink floral silk, with pink ribbon headbands trimmed with rosebuds. Both carried pink handbags.

Mr. E. Bolton, the bride's brother-in-law, was best man.

After a reception at Egerton Parish Hall, the couple left for Brede, Sussex, the bride wearing a blue coat with a hat to match. Many beautiful presents were received.

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BETHERSDEN 1928

WEDDING.—A pretty wedding took place at the parish church on Saturday, the happy couple being Miss Ivy Adeline Rose Hukins, younger daughter of Mr. Fred Hukins, of Jones Cottage, and Mr. Alfred Walter Hewett, of Weston Zoyland, Somerset. The bride, who was given away by her father, was tastefully attired in white, with veil and orange blossoms, and was attended by three small bridesmaids. All carried handsome bouquets of lilies and carnations. The Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A.) officiated, and Mrs. Morris presided at the organ, the hymn "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden" being sung.

MR. A. COWELL AND MISS M. E. VENNER

The wedding took place on Saturday at Bethersden Parish Church of Mr. Arthur Cowell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cowell, of Harley Dene, Bethersden, and Miss Margaret Ellen Venner, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Venner, of The Forge House, Bethersden.

The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. G. J. Venner, wore a gown of hyacinth blue silk marocain, with a hat to tone, and carried a bouquet of lemon carnations, sweet peas and lilies of the valley—the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Betty Venner, who was dressed in biscuit-coloured floral silk, with a hat to match. Her ruby and gold brooch was the gift of the bridegroom, and she carried a bouquet of mixed sweet peas and lilies of the valley. Mr. John Cowell was best man to his brother. A reception was held in the Village Hall.

SUN 1934

BETHERSDEN.

WEDDING.—A quiet but pretty little wedding took place at the parish church on Sunday, the contracting parties being Mr. Percy Alfred Ingram, a gunner in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and Miss Caroline Agnes Kingsnorth, daughter of Mr. Albert Charles Kingsnorth, of "Hope Cottage." The bride, who was given away by her brother, Albert George Kingsnorth, wore a dress of pale blue silk, with hat to match, and carried a sheaf of white carnations and maidenhair fern, as did also her sister, who acted as the only bridesmaid. Another brother of the bride (Mr. Harry Kingsnorth) acted as best man. The vicar (Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A.) officiated.

SEPT 1918

MR. B. ROOTES AND MISS H. JOHNS, FOLKESTONE

The wedding was solemnised at Christ church, Folkestone, on Saturday, between Mr. Bernard P. Rootes, of Winter Farm, Bethersden, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Rootes, of High Halden, to Miss Hilda C. Johns, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Johns, of Folkestone. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. C. Stonehouse. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of printed velvet in autumn tints, with hat to match, and an opossum fur, the gift of the bridegroom. Her bouquet was of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss B. Castle, of Elham, was attired in a plain bronze velvet dress with brown hat, and carried a bouquet of dark brown chrysanthemums. Mr. H. S. Jarratt, of Ramsgate, carried out the duties of best man. A reception was subsequently held at the Skelmersdale Hotel, Folkestone. Mr. and Mrs. Rootes were the recipients of over one hundred handsome and useful presents.

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1929

MR. F. GROOMBRIDGE AND MISS E. M. LAWS. 1931

The wedding took place on the 7th instant at St. Margaret's Church, Bethersden, of Mr. Frank Groombridge, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Groombridge, of Dynes Farm, Bethersden, and Miss Elsie Margaret Laws, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Laws, of Bethersden. The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Bligh Hill) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of ivory satin, with a veil and coronet of orange blossom (kindly lent by a friend), and carried a bouquet of pale pink and white carnations, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were the Misses D. E. Laws (sister) and D. F. Groombridge (sister of the bridegroom), who wore blue dresses trimmed with white frilled collars and cuffs, and jabots and hats to match. They carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums, and their pearl necklaces were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. A. G. Burchell was best man. A reception was held at the Village Hall, Bethersden, after which the happy couple left for Seabrook, the bride travelling in a blue coat, with a hat to tone. The following is a list of presents:—

Bridegroom to bride, sewing machine; bride's parents, eight-day clock (oak); Miss D. Laws, Primus stove; Mr. and Mrs. F. Laws, set of jugs; Masters G. and L. Laws, sideboard cloth; Mr. and Mrs. W. Laws, tea service (21 pieces); Mr. and Mrs. A. Leonard, oak table; Mr. and Mrs. G. Swain and family, silver teapot; Mr. and Mrs. Cook, salad bowl and servers; Mr. and Mrs. Yorke, Daphne and Boy, silver-mounted oak biscuit barrel; Mr. and Mrs. Overill, linen pillow cases; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, afternoon tea cloth; Miss D. Groombridge, rugs; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hyland, Witney blankets; Mrs. Lamport and Mrs. Bensted, stainless carving set in case; Miss Joy Lamport, bread board and knife; Master Tony Lamport, "Neverdrip" teapot; Mr. A. Bensted (Sittingbourne), cash; Mrs. Partridge (Maldstone), pyrex casserole and measure spoons; Miss Wood (Dover), vase; Mrs. Birch, hemstitched pillow cases; Mr. and Mrs. Fensome, towels; Mr. and Mrs. P. Millen, pillow and bolster cases; Mrs. J. Millen, towels; Mrs. Butler, tapestry cloth; Mrs. E. Hanley, afternoon tea cloth; Miss L. Tanton (London), bumper; Mrs. Buss and Sara, sideboard cloth; Mrs. Mitchell, jam spoon; Mrs. Boulding, rose bowl; Mr. and Mrs. W. Bensted, cut glass dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Bird and baby, teapot; Mr. F. Moore, coal cauldron; Mrs. J. Mannering, table cloth; the Misses Drysdale, Primus tripod; Mr. and Mrs. Harling, tea cosy; Mr. R. Jarvis, linen table cloth; Master V. Skinner, afternoon tea cloth; Mr. J. Stanley, sugar sifter; Mr. and Mrs. Tidy, copper kettle; Mrs. B. Wilcocks, duchesse set; Mr. and Mrs. C. Oxley, two table cloths; Mr. and Mrs. P. Ring, wool rug; Pat, rose bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Mills, stainless tea spoons and bedspread; Miss N. Springett, present; bride to bridegroom, motor coat; bridegroom's parents, household requisites; Miss M. Groombridge, easy chair; Miss D. Groombridge, pair brass candlesticks; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Groombridge, wedding cake and crystal glass butter dish and knife; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Groombridge, dinner service; Misses H. and E. Groombridge, stainless spoons and forks; Messrs. L. and W. Groombridge, stainless knives; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Groombridge, present; Mr. and Mrs. G. Burchell, senr., and cousins, cheque;

JULY 1933



"SMILE, PLEASE!" And they did. Our Bethersden Kent Nuts

JUNE BETHERSDEN 1933

PREVENTED BIG BLAZE.—But for the prompt action of Mr. A. S. Tidy, manager of Messrs. Boorman's Stores, in using a fire extinguisher on an outbreak at 3, Peter's Row on Friday, it is possible that the row of cottages—principally wooden constructed—would have been involved in a serious fire. The outbreak occurred in a chimney and the flames were confined to the roof and eaves. Ashford Fire Brigade were called, but the fire was under control by the time they reached the village. The cottage belongs to Mr. W. G. Roots, and is occupied by Mr. James Penfold. The damage is estimated at £10.

FARM SALE.—Extremely good prices were realised at "Wissenden Farm" on Friday last by Messrs. Gearing & Colyer, selling on behalf of Mr. E. J. Softly, who is shortly leaving for Canada. 11 cows realised a total of £521/10/0, the highest figure being £70 for a cross bred shorthorn in full profit. Two others realised £55 and £56 respectively and 7 others made well over £40 each. Other items of interest included a dung cart, £27; 2 horse wagon, £31; Bamford 2 horse mower, £23, milk van, £23, milk churns from 25/- to 60/- each, iron roll, £14; York harrow, £7 and an old horse rake £13. All of the other items sold well and the furniture also made high prices.

AUG 1930

SLATE CLUB.—The annual dinner of the George Inn Slate Club was presided over by Mr. L. Mannering, supported by Mr. G. W. Link. The secretary, Mr. P. H. Murrell, reported an income of £91 13s. 11d. and that payments for sickness and administration amounted to £18 7s. 9d., leaving a balance of £72 16s. 2d. to be shared among 59 members at £1 4s. 8d. each. A smoking concert followed, songs being rendered by Messrs. G. W. Link, T. Vanner, F. Ring, A. Potter, T. Fielder, L. Mannering, D. Mannering, P. Murrell, F. Moore, A. Moore, G. Nash, and others. Mr. Hemsley, of Ashford, was the pianist.

SCHOOL BAZAAR.—Over £15 was taken at a bazaar held in the Council School on Friday in aid of the School Sports, Electric Light and Wireless Funds. These stallholders were:—Messrs. Leo (handwork), Mrs. Buss (needlework), Mr. V. Hammond (woodwork), Mesdames Hammond, George, Kerr and Misses Norris and Sharp (tea and gifts), and the School House Captains ("Haig" and "Beatty" stalls). A cake, given by Messrs. Boorman, of Bethersden, was won by Mrs. Moody-Smith; a doll, given by Mrs. Lee, won by Mrs. W. Kingsnorth; miniature rock garden, given by Mrs. Wilson, of Ashford, won by Vera Gasson. The recently installed electric light was in use for the first public occasion.

DEC 1932

AN EXCITING DESCENT.

AEROPLANE DISASTER AT BETHERSDEN

AUG — 1912

After creating an aviation record by crossing the Channel on an aeroplane with two passengers, Mr. Will Moorhouse came to grief at Bethersden on Sunday. The party, which included the wife of Mr. Moorhouse, started from Douai at 6.29 in the morning, and having crossed the Channel sighted the land near Dungeness two hours later. They passed over Romney Marsh and reached Bethersden between eight and nine o'clock. Owing to a strong gale of wind the aeroplane had to descend, and the engine failing at the critical moment the machine dashed into a large tree and was badly damaged. The passengers escaped unhurt, but so great was the force of the impact that the tree was torn up by the roots. The descent was made on Mr. J. Baldwin's land at Hartlands Farm, and throughout Sunday the place was visited by a constant stream of spectators. Mr. Moorhouse's mechanic was summoned from Brooklands to dismantle the aeroplane prior to its removal, and the three passengers proceeded to London by motor car.

BETHERSDEN BENEFIT SOCIETY
WILL hold their ANNUAL DINNER at the GEORGE INN, on THURSDAY, JUNE 7th, 1934. Dinner on the table at 3 p.m. sharp, when the company of friends will be entertained. Singers are engaged. A Good Band and Comedians. C. SCARF, Proprietor.



WITH PIPE AND GLASS.—MR. CHESTER BEATTY, M.F.H., AND MR. E. RHODES CROSSLEY (OF SELLINDGE), DISCUSSING THE DAY'S PROSPECTS AT THE OPENING MEET OF THE ASHFORD VALLEY FOXHOUNDS ON MONDAY AT BETHERSDEN.

MARCH

BETHERSDEN. 1923

PARISH NURSE.—A meeting was held in the Schools on Tuesday evening to consider the possibility of raising sufficient funds to maintain a nurse in the parish. The meeting was well attended, the chair being taken by Col. Hescoe on behalf of his wife, who is keenly interested in the matter. Others present being Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Morris, Captain and Mrs. Martin, Mrs. S. B. Hyland, Mr. and Mrs. Hambrook, Miss Adams, Miss Roots, Miss Cook, the Misses Padgham, Mr. R. H. Padgham, Miss Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Link. The chairman made suggestions for a scheme which was well discussed, among the suggestions was one for quarterly subscriptions given by those interested, which met with approval, it being thought that those with an income of 30s. a week might be asked for an annual subscription of 8s., those with larger incomes giving 10s. and upwards proportionately. A small temporary Committee was formed for the purpose of canvassing the parish for subscribers, this to be done during the next fortnight, when a meeting would be called to hear the results. Those agreeing to act on this committee were Mrs. Hescoe, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. S. B. Hyland, Mrs. Geo. Batt, Mrs. Hambrook, Miss Cook and Miss Parker. The services of the nurse would be available to all subscribers free of charge for all illnesses other than maternity cases for which a scale of charges would be fixed, also to all old age pensioners and those receiving old relief.

APRIL

BETHERSDEN. 1919

DEATH OF MR. A. C. KINGSNORTH.—A well-known and much respected resident of the parish passed away last week in Mr. Albert Charles Kingsnorth, the managing partner of Messrs. H. and A. C. Kingsnorth, steam sawyers and thrashers, a firm well known within a thirty mile radius of the parish. The funeral took place on Monday amid every token of respect. A considerable number of mourners were present and some beautiful floral tributes were sent.

PARISH COUNCIL.—The annual meeting was held on the 16th instant, when Mr. J. T. Adams was re-elected as chairman, and Mr. G. J. Harrison as vice-chairman. Messrs. William Philpott, George Jarvis, and Alfred Norris, were appointed as overseers for the year. It was decided to distribute 20s. received from charities to eight poor persons, as usual. Mr. Harrison again raised the question of repairs to the cided to form a sub-committee, to meet on the spot, and give the necessary orders for the work to be carried out. Mr. Harrison asked if any steps had been taken to raise funds for the erection of a war memorial in the parish. He suggested that three or four lamps for lighting the village street would be a suitable thing. After some discussion it was decided that a parish meeting be called on Wednesday, May 7th, to obtain the views of the parishioners on the subject.

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THE RUINS CAUSED BY THE DISASTROUS FIRE AT OLD SURRENDEN, BETHERSDEN, ON SUNDAY. INSET:—MR. T. BATT, THE OCCUPIER OF THE PREMISES, PART OF WHICH WAS USED BY HIM FOR THE REPAIR OF MOTORS AND MACHINERY.

SERIOUS LOSS AT BETHERSDEN.

Serious loss was sustained by Mr. Thomas Batt, haulage contractor and motor-car dealer, in a disastrous fire at his repair shops at Old Surrenden, Bethersden, on Sunday afternoon. A lad, playing with a blow-lamp, accidentally set fire to some straw, and the outbreak quickly got beyond control and involved the repair shop, store, cowsheds and an oasthouse. Several stacks adjoining were seriously threatened by the flames, but Mr. Batt and helpers succeeded in preventing these catching, and the prompt arrival of the Ashford Fire Brigade, under Mr. H. A. Shorter, ensured the safety of the stacks. Pumping from a pond 250 feet away, the firemen threw jets of water on to the burning oasthouse near where the stacks were built, but they found it impossible to save the galvanised-iron buildings used as workshops and store. In the latter was valuable machinery, including three large lathes, engineering and motor tools and accessories, dynamos and magnetos, household furniture and three sewing machines, etc. A cask of home-made wine exploded with a terrific report, but casks of cider and other inflammable material were saved. The total damage is estimated at several hundreds of pounds, and, although the premises, belonging to Mr. A. Piper, solicitor, of Cranbrook, are insured, the value of much of the contents, belonging to Mr. Batt, is irrecoverable by insurance. Mr. Batt, in a chat with a "Kentish Express" representative, expressed his appreciation of the remarkably smart arrival of the Ashford Fire Brigade and his thanks to neighbours and others for the valuable assistance rendered by them.

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LINKS WITH THE BETHERSDEN BELLRINGERS

JAN ————— 1937

For many years the Bethersden bell-ringers have been entertained during the break in the New Year ringing by the Link family.

On New Year's Eve one of the family's younger members—Mr. V. J. Link—carried this custom a stage further when he was host to the ringers between the evening and midnight ringings.

"There is no one else to take any interest in them—our bellringers are neglected," he said. There are now seven men, all of whom have been enthusiasts for at least ten years.

Mr. Link's great-grandfather, grandfather and father have all been sextons and connected with bellringing. Mr. J. Link, the grandfather, was sexton for more than forty years. The father, Mr. G. W. Link, started bellringing before he left school.

IT is with regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Dunster, of Forre Hill, Bethersden, who passed away at Hawkhurst on Wednesday, November 6th. The funeral will take place at Bethersden on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, by request.

1929

BETHERSDEN BELLRINGERS

Sir,

We should be grateful if you can allow us space to clear up some misunderstandings about the so-called "Bethersden Bell Ringing Bother" report in the Kentish Express.

We receive no remuneration from the church for our services, except for ringing at confirmation services, when some of us have to lose time from work to attend. At the time of the Jubilee in 1935 it was suggested that if the ringers wanted to be paid for ringing at the Jubilee, as at confirmation services, there should be no bellringing. We resented this and returned the money paid for the confirmation ringing.

We apologise to the parishioners, who appreciate our services, but we feel that an apology is due to us before we can recommence our duties. We are still willing to give our services and for all national occasions, as in the past.

MAY 1937

D. BURDEN, J.
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VIS, L. DUNSTER,
V. LINK, G. W.
LINK.

BETHERSDEN

ELECTRICITY.—The electricity scheme has now been definitely launched and the number of applications for lighting, heating, etc., has been found sufficient to warrant a cable being laid from the Ashford Electricity Works. The work is now in progress, and it is hoped to have everything ready by October.

AUG 1929

BETHERSDEN PARISHIONER GIVES CHALICE

A beautiful silver and gilt chalice for use at Holy Communion, has been presented to Bethersden Parish Church by Mrs. G. L. Roots, in memory of her late husband and son.

It was consecrated and used for the first time at the 8 a.m. service on Ascension Day, May 14.

An inscription at the base of the chalice records this and also that the gift was made in the Coronation year of Queen Elizabeth II. An impression of Her Majesty's head appears in place of the usual lion hall mark. **MAY 1953**



MR. AND MRS. R. J. C. NICHOLLS.

BETHERSDEN

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the monthly meeting on the 5th instant, Mrs. Clowes gave a lecture on "The Ideals of a Women's Institute," which was very much appreciated by the members. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker on the proposition of Mrs. Stephenson, seconded by Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Clowes judged the competition for the best embroidered camisole, Mrs. Roberts being the winner. After tea Mrs. Wallace gave a very interesting lesson on the making of rush mats, which was very much appreciated. It was decided by the members to start a "gift box," and Mrs. Wilson kindly agreed to be in charge of it. Miss Roots, Miss Parker and Mrs. Weekes read their reports on the conference held at Godinton Park. A "Fruit and Vegetable" competition was won by Mrs. Martin.

A PUBLIC MEETING, to re-form the Gardeners' Society, will be held at the George on Wednesday, May 18th, at 8 p.m. Will all those interested in gardening please attend? **MAY 1927**

JUNE BETHERSDEN 1927

OBITUARY.—Much sympathy is felt with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Penfold, owing to the death of their little daughter, aged 16 months, who was buried at Bethersden on June 4th. Floral tributes were received from: Mummy and Daddy; Granny and Grand-dad; Grandma and Auntie Mabel; Aunties Glad, Violet and Beat.; Auntie Sue and Uncle Arthur; Uncle Reggie; Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Ashbee; Mrs. Buckman and Mrs. Bullock; Mrs. J. Hukins; Willie; Mrs. Jarvis; Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Venner; girls and boys of Beacon-cottages; Mrs. Springett and family.

OCT 1933

MR. R. J. C. NICHOLLS AND MISS S. LORDEN.

A wedding of unusual local interest took place at the Baptist Chapel, Bethersden, on Saturday, when Miss Susie Lorden, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lorden, of Manor Farm, Ken-



ardington, was married to Mr. Robert J. C. Nicholls, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, of St. Pinnock, Liskeard, Cornwall. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a beige georgette dress with hat and shoes to match, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Lorden (niece of the bride) and Miss Betty Pandary (niece of the bridegroom), who wore ankle-length dresses of rose pink crepe-de-Chine, large hats to match, and pink satin shoes. They carried posies of cream carnations, and wore wristlet watches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Lester Barling was best man. Many friends and well-wishers attended at the chapel and part of the service was choral, whilst the happy couple left between a guard of honour of members of the Appledore branch British Legion, of which the bridegroom is chairman. The reception was held at Manor Farm, and later Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls left for a motor tour in Devon.

PRESENTS:

Bride to bridegroom, gift; bridegroom to bride, necklace; bride's father, cheque; bride's mother, house linen, etc.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hook, arm chair; Mr. and Mrs. H. Lorden, inlaid mahogany coal cabinet; Miss M. Lorden, egg cups and stand; Mr. and Mrs. the Misses Pandary, dinner service; Mr. R. Nicholls, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. J. Tamblyn, cheque; Miss M. Nicholls, cheque; Mr. C. and Miss M. Nicholls, fruit dish on stand; Mr. and Mrs. C. Tamblyn, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pearson, fireside chair; Mrs. A. Jemson, table cloths, bellows and saucepans; Miss E. Lordeu, gold and pearl brooch; Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, stuffed bird in case; Mr. and Mrs. Lobb, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pearson, meat safe, kettle and saucepan; Mr. and Mrs. K. Ashby, tea wagon; Mrs. Barber, Mrs. W. Wilmshurst and Miss Pearson, hand embroidered tablecloth; Mr. A. G. Lorden, mirror in oak frame; Miss A. Pearson, silver candlesticks; Lady Millais, —; Mr. John and Mr. and Mrs. Northcote, toast rack; Mrs. G. and Mr. L. Barling, fitted picnic case; Colonel L. C. Dorman, cut crystal bowl; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Richards, fruit set on stand; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Terry, Ted and Jack, case of carvers; Miss Henry, clock; Miss M. Hendry, ornamental jug; Mr. B. Barling, jun., sandwich set on stand; Mr. and Mrs. F. Barling, case of carvers; Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Lindsay, silver condiment set; Mr. and Mrs. T. Cruse, fruit set; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Chisman, bread saw; Mrs. J. and the Misses Batt, Lloyd loom linen basket; Mrs. W. Cann, tea knives; Mrs. Larby and John, stainless jam spoon; Mrs. G. Watts, silver cake basket; Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Watkins, meat paste stand; Mr. and Mrs. F. Wey, case of silver coffee spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Miss T. Hook, set of Pyrex dishes; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Batt, pickle fork; Miss M. Relf, tea cosy; Miss A. Brown, oak tray; Mrs. J. and Mrs. C. Price, silver jam spoon; Mr. and Mrs. T. Palmer, case of tea knives; Mrs. C. Bridger, fruit server; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Green, tablecloth; Mrs. J. Oliver, sen., towels; Mr. and Mrs. Relf, jardiniere; Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver, lemonade set; Mrs. Jenner, duchesse set; Mrs. W. Jarvis, table centre; Miss Springett, Irish embroidered bolster set; Mr. and Mrs. Stapley, cushion; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hendry, fancy tablecloth and

plaque; Mr. and Mrs. A. Noakes, celery glass; Mr. J. Samuel, set of brushes; Mr. and Mrs. Polden, toast rack; Mrs. and Miss Gillett, biscuit casket; the Misses G. and M. Davey, breakfast set, tray and tray cloth; Mr. and Mrs. H. Atkinson, eight-day clock; employees at Manor Farm, Swan fountain pen; Mr. Coleman and Mr. T. Wimbles, Aladdin lamp; Miss Jarvis, Miss Nicholls and Mr. R. Oliver, fireside stool; Mrs. P. Jarvis, hand embroidered tray cloth; Mrs. D. Dapson, tea cosy; Mrs. and the Misses Woodgate, afternoon tea cloth; Mr. J. Aldworth, sen., cushion cover and original verses; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hicks, duchesse set; Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Ticehurst, oak dining-room clock; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, lemonade set; Mr. and Mrs. Burbridge, O'cedar mop; Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Ashby, cut glass salad bowl and servers; Mr. and Mrs. T. Cornwall, set of table spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeland, lacquer vases; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Catt, pair brass toast forks; Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, hand-worked chair backs; Mrs. R. W. and B. Godden, silver cake basket; Mrs. Hickman and Mr. Duster, cake stand; Mr. G. and Miss M. Denne, pottery bowl; Miss M. Downe, marmalade jar; Mrs. Waller, tea caddy; Mr. and Mrs. E. Aldworth, sideboard cloth; Mrs. E. Pearson, china fruit bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, serviettes and work basket; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baldwin, clock; Mr. and Mrs. W. Knapp, salt cellars; Mr. and Miss Carmichael, car cushion; Miss E. L. Paddham, glass bowl; friends at Appledore Methodist Church, books; Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunter, tea knives and table mats.

SEPT BETHERSDEN 1929

A FORTUNATE MEETING.—Through the kindness of a peer the Bethersden Senior school children, who had their outing on the 29th ult. were enabled to visit the Houses of Parliament. As Mr. R. M. Kedward, M.P., was away from home they had been unable to obtain a permit, and they were being turned away by the policeman on duty when they were observed by Lord Rowallan. He enquired who they were and what they wished to see and promptly volunteered to guide the party around the Houses. The children spent a most enjoyable time and, among other things, saw the seats of Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Kedward's place in the lobby.

DANCE.—In aid of the School Children's Outing and Sports' Fund, a dance was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, there being well over a hundred present. Mr. Percy Boon was M.C., and music was provided by the X. L. Band, of Tenterden, whilst the room was tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns lent by Mr. S. B. Hyland and arranged by Mr. T. Bird. Mrs. Tidy presented competition prizes given by Mr. and Mrs. Tidy, the winners being: — spot waltz, Miss Woodcock and Mr. West; lucky number tickets, Miss Drury and No. 58 (unclaimed). Mr. V. Hammond, headmaster, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Tidy for arranging the dance, for presenting the prizes and for their interest in the children generally. On behalf of the scholars he also thanked those present for their splendid support. Mr. Tidy suitably responded and added his thanks to those of Mr. Hammond for the support given to the dance.

GEORGE INN SLATE CLUB.—The annual dinner and share-out took place on December 17th, when sixty members and friends sat down to an excellent spread, provided by Host W. Philpott. Mr. L. Mannering presided and amongst those present were Messrs. G. W. Link and W. E. Carter. After the tables had been cleared the secretary, Mr. P. H. Murrell, submitted the accounts. The income from all sources amounted to £67 5s. Sick benefit and other expenses amounted to £10 6s. 6d., leaving a balance of £56 18s. 6d. to be shared between the forty-three members, each receiving £1 6s. 5d. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, the following singers contributing, Messrs. G. Springett, senior and junior, W. Blackford, T. Venner, J. L. and D. Mannering, F. B. Ring, G. Burden, T. Fidler, A. Luxford, E. Miles, J. Mannering, P. Murrell, O. Hart and others. Glee songs were sung by a quartette, Messrs. J. Moore, G. Nash, F. Ring and S. Adams. Mr. O. Dall, of Ashford, amused the company with some excellent conjuring tricks and Mr. E. Hemsley, also of Ashford, accompanied on the pianoforte. **DEC 1930**

PICTURESQUE HOSTELRIES OF KENT

SPECIAL PEN AND INK SKETCHES BY X. WILLIS

NO. 4—THE BULL, BETHERSDEN

July 1931

Halfway on the main road between Ashford and Tenterden is "The Bull," standing on the top of the hill as you leave Bethersden to travel on towards High Halden. "The Bull" has evidences of being at least some four centuries old, for the massive oak beams that run through the house and those in the cellar which support the building are of great age. The floor of the cellar is mostly Betherden marble, which in days gone by was a famous product of the parish, being quarried at Tunesode, and used in many churches and houses in Kent. In the room which is now used for billiards, it having been modernised to meet present demands, was a fine old fireplace and chimney corner, where in the "good old times" bacon was smoked. "The Bull" has many rooms upstairs, some leading into others, and in nearly all of them fine oak beams can be seen. The rooms are mostly low-pitched.



The Bull
BETHERSDEN

many, who, since the advent of the motor, have had to find other means of earning their daily bread.

Adjoining "The Bull" is an ancient

barn, built practically of oak, the beams of which are very massive, its rafters giving it an air of great age. The landlord of "The Bull" used the barn in the better times of farming for storing his grain, and later built some pig-styes, but these did not pay, and all that this grand old barn houses at the present day are relics of old motor cars!

LAWN TENNIS

Sept 1932

BETHERSDEN v. GRASSHOPPERS.

The Betherden Club as at home to the Grasshoppers on Saturday and won by 11 sets to 5. Mixed Doubles—W. L. Stiles and Miss W. A. A. Jones beat Padgham and Miss Norris 6-1, Curwen and Mrs. Curwen 6-2, Marshall and Miss Standen 6-4, and lost to Barlow and Miss Drysdale 8-10; H. C. Ractliffe and Mrs. Ractliffe beat Padgham and Miss Norris 6-1 and lost to Curwen and Mrs. Curwen 2-6, Marshall and Miss Standen 4-6, and Barlow and Miss Drysdale 4-6; S. H. Stiles and Mrs. Stiles beat Padgham and Norris 6-4, and lost to Curwen and Mrs. Curwen 7-9, Marshall and Miss Standen 6-6, and Barlow and Miss Drysdale 3-6; E. Howland and Mrs. Howland lost to Padgham and Miss Norris 5-7, Curwen and Mrs. Curwen 0-6, Marshall and Miss Standen 4-6, and Barlow and Miss Drysdale 4-6.

Sept BETHERSDEN 1937

CRICKET.—A supper for members of the men's cricket club and the newly-formed ladies' club was held in the Village Hall, when Miss Kirt Martin (ladies' captain) made presentations to Mr. V. Skinner (umpire), Mr. T. Poile (scorer) and also to Miss Mercy Jarvis (ladies' vice-captain), on her coming marriage. A social was organised by Mrs. Jarvis and Miss Padgham.

BETHERSDEN FOOTBALL CLUB

GRAND BENEFIT DANCE

for F. Dowle,
who was injured while playing,
to be held in

VILLAGE HALL, BETHERSDEN,
THURSDAY, MARCH 15th, 1934,
8 p.m. till 1.

PUCK-A-PU DANCE BAND

Tickets 1/6. At Door 2/-
Obtainable from the Bull Hotel,
Bethersden.

MIXED CRICKET AT BETHERSDEN

JUNE 1937

A ladies v. gentlemen cricket match was played at Bethersden on Wednesday and resulted in a win for the ladies by 45 runs. The gentlemen bowled and batted using their left hands. Batting first they made 87, A. Jarvis being top scorer with 31. The ladies replied with 132, Miss K. Martin carrying her bat for a faultless 81. One of her hits, which sailed over the pavilion, realised seven runs!

The ladies and the gentlemen have each won a match—the gentlemen having been victorious on Coronation Day—so a third and deciding game is being arranged.

Gentlemen	
E. J. Ninn, c E. Barton, b Martin	5
G. Dear, lbw, b Martin	3
O. Weston, b B. Jarvis	11
W. Jarvis, run out	2
P. Harrison, b B. Jarvis	7
V. Skinner, st. G. Jarvis, b Ingram	1
A. Jarvis, run out	31
T. Poile, b B. Jarvis	7
F. Amos, run out	9
S. Mason, not out	0
C. Bridger, lbw, b B. Jarvis	7
Extras	4
Total	87
Ladies	
K. Martin, not out	81
D. Ingram, b Ninn	6
M. Heathfield, b Ninn	0
G. Jarvis, c A. Jarvis, b Weston	0
B. Jarvis, b Poile	19
E. Barton, b W. Jarvis	3
M. Jarvis, b W. Jarvis	1
L. Heathfield, c A. Jarvis, b Poile	2
J. Carter, b Poile	2
G. Holmes, c A. Jarvis, b Poile	1
K. Barton, c Poile, b Ninn	3
Extras	14
Total	132

BETHERSDEN v. SOUTH WILLESBOROUGH ADULT SCHOOL.—Played at Bethersden on Saturday. P. Holmes, 7 for 7; J. Bromfield, 8 for 35.

Bethersden.		Adult School.	
D. Holdstock, c Bromfield, b Randall	0	Back, c Heathfield, b Holmes	0
P. Holmes, b Bromfield	14	Hogben, b Holmes	4
F. Jarvis, c and b Bromfield	1	Randall, b Holmes	4
K. Heathfield, b Bromfield	44	Currah, c Skinner, b F. Jarvis	3
C. St. Ruth, b Bromfield	6	Hodge, b Holmes	0
H. Sabbage, b Bromfield	17	J. Bromfield, b F. Jarvis	0
C. Dowle, Currah, b Randall	0	Dixon, b Holmes	0
P. Harrison, b Bromfield	10	Martin, b F. Jarvis	0
T. Polle, b Bromfield	6	Stipples, c Heathfield, b Holmes	3
C. Buckman, c Martin, b Bromfield	7	C. Bromfield, not out	2
V. Skinner, not out	1	Shilling, c Sabbage, b Holmes	0
Extras	13	Extras	5
Total	119	Total	21

AUG 1933

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BETHERSDEN v. MR. DODD'S XI.—Played at Betherden on Sunday. R. Russell, 7 for 21; T. Dodd, 3 for 6; C. St. Ruth, 3 for 14 (including hat trick).

Bethersden.		Mr. Dodd's XI.	
P. Holmes, c Crust,		R. Russell, b Brenc-	
ley		loy	
J. Holmes, b Russell	1	S. Culling, c Ring,	6
A. Jarvis, b Russell	2	b Brencley	
F. Jarvis, b Russell	1	D. Scott, run out	32
K. Heathfield, b Rus-		T. Dodd, b F. Jarvis	4
sell	6	T. Crust, c Heath-	
C. St. Ruth, c Dodd,		field, b F. Jarvis	6
b Russell	18	T. Barry, b Sabbage	4
H. Sabbage, b Dodd	10	B. Matley, b Sah-	
W. Brencley, not		bage	1
out	1	G. Tilley, not out	10
P. Harrison, c Cull-		B. Dade, b St. Ruth	9
ing, b Dodd	0	F. Howland, b St.	
C. Dowle, b Dodd	0	Ruth	0
E. Ring, b Russell	0	W. Atkins, b St.	
Extras	2	Ruth	0
Total	46	Extras	16
		Total	88

AUG BETHERSDEN 1887

A WAGER.—Last week Mr. W. Durey, aged 80 years, undertook to cut an acre of wheat in a day. He was, however, obliged to give up at about mid-day. Mr. Link was the backer of time, the wager being for £1 aside.

LIFE'S WORK WELL DONE

RETIREMENT OF MR. R DIXON OF BETHERSDEN.

AUG 1920

Quiet of demeanour and pleasant of speech, Mr. Robert Dixon, of Bethersden, impressed a representative of the Kentish Express, who recently called upon him as being a typical North countryman. Mr. Dixon, who has just retired from his position as headmaster of the Bethersden Council Schools, carries his three score and three years remarkably well. Born at Rossendale Valley in Lancashire and educated in the North, he received his first scholastic appointment at Waltham, near Canterbury, where he stayed for three and a half years. He then went to Bethersden and stayed there until his retirement.

Mr. Dixon possesses that characteristic trait of a North Countryman who "takes all in and says nowt," that is so noticeable. Slow of speech but with strength and meaning in every word, Mr. Dixon could not resist remarking how much he felt the idea of leaving his children. "My other regret is that I'm afraid I cannot ride my cycle again," added the retired schoolmaster. Mr. Dixon has been a keen cyclist all his life and recalled with pride



Mr. R. Dixon.

his week's cycle tour to the Isle of Wight. He kept to the road until two years ago, when owing to a mishap to his foot, he was obliged to give up his beloved cycle. Mr. Dixon is also keen on all matters appertaining to sport and for many years was secretary to the Bethersden cricket club. Whilst in that capacity he was mainly responsible for collecting the £23 that was required to build the pavilion.

"I always impressed upon my scholars the benefit that is derived from sport both physically and intellectually," remarked Mr. Dixon. As an example of the keen interest that he took in his scholars, he recalled the time when he formed the cricket team in the school and it was his pleasure to escort the boys to their matches.

Mr. Dixon has been "the silent man behind the scenes" in many projects connected in the village. For about ten years he was the secretary of the local Gardeners' Society and took a keen and helpful interest in all things necessary for the welfare of the villagers.

Mr. Dixon has three sons and one daughter and has been associated with six Inspectors whilst being at the School.

In connection with Mr. Dixon's retirement from the Schools an interesting ceremony took place recently, when, as a token of appreciation, the managers, teachers and some past and present pupils presented the much respected headmaster with an arm chair in tapestry. Mrs. Dixon was also the recipient of a silver tea set.

SIXTY YEARS AGO.

A BETHERSDEN MAN'S REMINISCENCES.

MARCH 1923

We have received the following from Mr. Frank Kingsnorth, of Croydon, a native of Bethersden, who writes:—

As a boy, at that time living in the parish of Bethersden, I well remember the rejoicing and excitement occasioned by the marriage on March 10th, 1863 of T. R. H. the Prince of Wales (the late King Edward VII) and Princess Alexandra of Denmark. I remember that in the evening of that day my father took us children out to a spot from where we could see bonfires and various illuminations in nearly every direction, one of the most conspicuous objects being a very bright light on the summit of Tentorden church steeple, which us children were told could be seen for some miles out at sea; which our young minds imagined must be nearly the far end of the earth. I recall to mind that our schoolmaster told us that it was of so rare an occurrence for a Prince of Wales to get married that although some of us children might live to witness another such event it was not likely that he, himself, would survive so long. But as a matter of fact, he lived for some few years after the marriage of the next Prince of Wales.

In casting my memory back to that period, I can but think of the many alterations which have taken place during the sixty years, especially in the state of the highways.

At that time, I, with my parents, brothers and sisters, lived in a farm house on the road (as we used to describe it) leading from Bethersden to Smarden, past the "Bull Inn," Buck Hall, Tong's Corner, Ternden, Odiam, Harnden and Haffenden Quarter. The so-called "road" from Tong's Corner to Harnden was, during the winter months, nothing but one long puddle of mud, with a side track for travellers on horseback or on foot. The axles of vehicles venturing through this puddle generally dragged on the mud, the wheels having sunk in to the depth of the axles; and it was not an uncommon occurrence for some poor travellers to get hopelessly stuck in the mud and come to my father for tools wherewith to dig out their conveyance. I remember on one occasion two ladies who were attempting to drive from Bethersden to Harnden, on a visit, getting stuck in the mud near Tong's Corner, when their horse jibbed and they had to get down and take their horse out of the carriage which they left stuck in the mud, whilst they led their horse on the side track as far as Ternden, where they obtained assistance to get their carriage out on terra firma again, but they were in a deplorable state, being covered with mud from head to foot.

From Harnden to Haffenden Quarter, the "road" had just been made hard at that time, but the stones were very roughly broken, and the hardened strip of road so narrow that it was impossible for heavily laden vehicles to pass one another. I remember my little sister falling down on the rough stones near Harnden Bridge and badly cutting her knee, the blood being visible on the stones for several days afterwards, there being very little traffic to obliterate it. I also remember, that at times, after heavy rains, the road on each side of the bridge above mentioned, was covered with water for a considerable distance, and as I had to attend a daily school at Smarden my father occasionally sent a lad with a horse to carry me through the flood.

On one occasion a tramp was waiting to get across, and asked the lad if he would give him a lift. As it happened on that morning we had a rather unreliable horse, the lad said I had better get down and let him take the tramp across first, so I dismounted and the tramp took my place behind the lad. All went well till they got into the deepest part of the water, then the horse reared up on his hind legs and shot the tramp off over his tail into the deep water, which caused the said tramp to utter some very forcible remarks, which I must not mention here. After having thus made an intimate acquaintance with the water, and expressed his opinion thereon, he walked off at a great pace and we saw him no more. After this we put the horse against a gate,

I remounted behind the lad, and being of much lighter weight than the tramp, we went safely through.

The road from Harnden Bridge to Haffenden Quarter was quite passable, but soon after passing that hamlet, instead of following the main road to Smarden "Town" as it was called, I had to branch off to the left to reach the school, and face a length of soft road which had no side-track for foot pads, but to compensate for the want of a track there was a path on the inside of the hedge, with a stile at each fence dividing the fields. At the end of this piece of soft road stood our school, which consisted of a room in an old farm house belonging to the "Tilden" estate, the minister of the old "Tilden" chapel acting as Schoolmaster also.

If any of my old schoolmates should read these lines they will doubtless remember the old school, also the disgrace which we occasionally fell into with the adjoining farmers, through trespassing on their land and damaging hedges and fences. But the old school, the schoolmaster and the farmers which I so well remember, have long since passed away and a new generation has taken their place, a generation who enjoy the comforts of good roads, motor cars, bicycles, and a whole catalogue of modern improvements; but the question as to whether they are any happier than we were sixty years ago is open to doubt.

In conclusion I would like to wish prosperity to all the present generation in the neighbourhood mentioned, also to the old "Kentish Express," which I remember even in the days of long ago.

JUNE 1929



MRS. CATHCART BRUCE, of Old Surrenden Manor, Bethersden, who is being presented at the third Court of the season next week by her elder sister, Lady Clinton-Baker.

MARCH BETHERSDEN. 1923

VILLAGE NURSE.—A meeting was held in the School on Tuesday evening for those who were willing to subscribe to a village nurse to hear the result of the canvassing which had been done during the previous two weeks. Colonel Hessee, who was in the chair, regretfully stated that as only about £60 had been definitely promised, out of the £150 necessary, the idea would have to be abandoned for the present. Mrs. Morris had made efforts to find out if Great Chart would share a nurse, but found that to be impossible. It was then suggested that nursing help might be secured from Tentorden, and Mrs. Morris was asked to obtain further particulars so that perhaps later on something may be done. It was stated that unfortunately a few houses were not visited, being overlooked owing to arrangements for the canvass having been arranged hurriedly after the first meeting.

FIRST WEDDING IN CENTURY OLD CHURCH. 1926

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT BETHERSDEN.

A wedding of more than usual interest was solemnised at the Union Baptist Church, Bethersden, on the 14th instant, between Mr. Kenneth Albert Ashby, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ashby, of Dean Court, Brooklands, and Miss Bertha Pearson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pearson, of Kenardington Place, Kenardington. Although the little church was erected in 1815, the ceremony was the first of its kind to be performed in the precincts, the licence for marriages only having been issued on August 7th this year. This fact alone was sufficient to give a peculiar distinction to the event, which was made even more noteworthy as the ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Kemp, of Biddenden, who married Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pearson, the bride's father and mother nearly twenty-nine years ago in the Biddenden Church.

Mr. T. H. Pearson and Mr. J. Ashby are well-known farmers of the district. Mr. Pearson has never lived in any other village, but Kenardington, and comes from an old-established family which has had an intimate connection with the Union Baptist Church. Himself, chairman of the Trustees, his father, Mr. T. H. Pearson (senior), was also a trustee, while his grandfather, Mr. James Pearson, was one of the Church's early pastors.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly dressed in white and included the following:—crepe georgette, trimmed with hand-embroidery and silver and crystal beads. She wore a circular lace veil with orange blossom and carried a sheaf of white lilies and heather, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, Miss Susie Lorden (cousin of the bride) and Miss Ruby Ashby (the

bridegroom's sister) were prettily attired in Biskra heavy silk marocain, with hats of bronze red velvet, and carried showed bouquets of bronze red chrysanthemums. Miss Lorden wore a gold bangle and Miss Ashby a pendant and chain, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bride's mother was dressed in satin beauty of a pinky-wine shade with panels of broché velvet. She wore a velvet hat to match. Mr. Hugh Ashby, the bridegroom's only brother, was the best man.

After the ceremony about sixty guests were invited to Kenardington Place, where a reception was given in a specially erected marquee, beautifully decorated with autumn tints, by Miss S. Lorden. An imposing feature of the bridal table was the three-tier wedding cake, supplied by Messrs. Buszard, of London. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in London, the bride making the journey in a fawn dress and wedgewood blue coat.

Bride to bridegroom—Secretaire bookcase.

Bridegroom to bride—Skunk fur.

Bridegroom's father—House.

Bride's father—Cheque.

Bride's mother—Sheraton china cabinet, house linen, etc.

Bridegroom's mother—Dinner service and cheque.

Bride's father and mother (to bridegroom)—Cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cornwell—Armchair.

Miss R. Ashby—Tea service and present.

Mr. H. Ashby—Dessert spoons and forks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stapley—Elderdown and hand-worked afternoon tea-cloth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stapley—Jacobean fireside stool.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lorden—Aladdin lamp.

The Misses C. B. and L. Ashby—Dining-room clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Burton—Cheque.

Mr. and Mrs. Uridge and family—Travelling rug.

Mrs. and the Misses Vine—A present.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ashby—Silver teapot and hot water jug.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ashby—Cheque.

Mr. E. and Ewart Ashby—Cheque.

Mrs. M. A. Manktelow—Antique tea service (40 pieces).

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bridgland—Inlaid mahogany nest of tables.

Mrs. and Miss Pearson (Croydon)—Pair Doulton vases.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Cornwell—Case fish knives and forks.

The Misses H. M. and M. Burton—Silver toast rack.

Miss S. Lorden—Hand-painted morning set.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hook—Case of silver initialled teaspoons.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lorden—Glass cruet.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cornwell—Brass jug.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ashby—Barometer (oak).

Mrs. W. Barber—Doulton bowl.

Miss L. Nicholls—Bronze flower bowl.

Mrs. M. Nicholls and Miss Jarvis—Marmalade pot.

Miss N. White—Bread board and knife.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weeks—Silver fruit dish.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibb—Oak curb.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Botterill—A present.

Mr. Clement Ashby—Brass extending toasting fork.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitchell—Book.

Mrs. Mitchell and Miss E. Gibb—Afternoon tea-cloth.

Mrs. K. Jarvis—Carver rests.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bridgland—Afternoon tea-cloth.

Miss R. Bridgland—Duchesse set.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilmshurst—Framed water colors.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Buss—Chippendale salt cellars.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew—Afternoon tea-cloth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilbert—Silver initialled serviette rings.

Miss S. Hicks—Set of carvers.

Mrs. S. Hicks—Plated teapot stand.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Pilcher—Silver egg stand.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibbs—Silver candlesticks.

Mrs. Weeks—Silver-mounted bread board.

Miss M. Weeks—Dinner gong.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Kemp—Silver nut dish and crackers.

The Misses Paffard—Pair framed water colors.

Mrs. Price and Mr. C. Price—Case silver tea knives.

Miss M. Dowse—Case fish knives and forks.

Mrs. C. Watts—Pair vases and dessert set.

Mrs. M. Batt—Hand-worked tea-cloth.

Mrs. Dean—Half-dozen stainless knives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Love—Pair vases.

Messrs. Bourne and Son—Tiled curb.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bourne—Silver toast rack.

An old friend—Jacobean toast rack.

Mr. B. Payne—A present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledger—Silver sugar castor.

Mr. and Mrs. Miss Dennis—Serviettes.

The Misses R. and H. Stapley—Oxydised jardiniere.

Miss H. Stapley—Book.

Mrs. and Miss Honeysett—Bread fork.

Miss Corke—Art pot.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldworth—Rose bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Oliver—Jam dish.

Mrs. J. Oliver—Double preserve dish.

Miss L. Tanton—Plated butter knife.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Burch and family—Carpet sweeper.



Mr. W. L. Hemming—Silver-plated nut cracker.
Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson—Case of teaspoons.
Miss Catherine Burt—Jewel casket.
Mr. A. Parsons—Pastry board.
Mr., Mrs. and Miss Jarvis—Bread fork.
The Misses Mummery—Pancake tray.
Mr. and Mrs. Jenner—Silver sugar tongs.
Mr. A. Bean—Silver jam spoon.
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dunster and family—Brass inkstand.
Messrs. F. Ovenden, H. Addy, S. Smith and S. Rye—Pair silver vases.
Mr. and Mrs. Care—Half-dozen tumblers.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Bridger—Silver-plated tea tray.
Mabel and C. Bridger—Glass jug.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Homewood—Chippendale glass jug.
Mr. W. King—Hand-made pastry board, soap dish, clothes rack and steps.
Miss M. King—Glass dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. Hyder—Salad bowl.
Miss Ethel and Vera Hyder—Lemon squeezer.
Mrs. Brown and Bob—Silver-plated butter dish and knife.
Miss M. Smith—Cut-glass dish.
Mr. and Mrs. Elliott—Pair of jam dishes.
Mrs. Cheal and boys—Pair of glass jugs.
Mrs. Apps—Set of jugs.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Newton—Biscuit barrel.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Hart—Chippendale glass dishes and cucumber dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. Knight—Pair of glass dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith—Jacobean cake stand.
Mr. R. King—Glass dish.
Mr. and Mrs. Gillett and family—Teapot and water jug.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Sorrell—Tea cosy.
Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jarvis—Tray cloth.
Mrs. B. J. Pye—A present.
Mr. and Mrs. Osborne—Glass dish.
Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell—Glass dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark—Pair of pictures.
Mr. and Mrs. Dorman—Set of jugs and hot water jug.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Jarvis, jun.—Chippendale crease dish.
Mrs. Shaw—Brush and crumb tray.
Mr. T. Pope—Pair of blankets.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Ovenden—Eversharp pencil.
"Nibs"—Enamel measure and potato peeler.
Mrs. A. Weaver—Fruit bowl.
Miss M. Farmer—One pair d'oyleys.

MR. R. H. FIDLER AND MISS E. M. PHILPOTT

Mr. Reginald Harry Fidler, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fidler, of The Black Horse, Pluckley, was married at St. Margaret's, Bethersden, on Thursday to Miss Elsie Mary Philpott, third daughter of Mr. William Philpott, and the late Mrs. Philpott, of the George Inn, Bethersden. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. N. Bligh Hill and Mrs. P. Ring was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Philpott, wore a gown of white satin, with an Indian net veil and wreath of orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations, and was attended by her sister, Miss Ivy Philpott, who was dressed in rose beige crinkle crepe, with hat and shoes to match. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. H. Millgate was best man. Over fifty guests were entertained at the reception held at the George Inn. Later the happy couple left for Folkestone, the bride travelling in a dress of brown crepe-de-Chine, with hat and coat to match.

—APRIL 1933

MARCH BETHERSDEN. 1908

MINE HOST AT THE BULL.—On taking over the proprietorship of the Bull Inn at Bethersden Mr. Alfred Norris has been the recipient of many congratulations for his success from a wide circle of friends in East Kent. For a period of sixteen years Mr. Norris held a position of considerable importance at Folkestone, which brought him into personal contact with the county gentry, but his affability and kindly disposition won for him many friends amongst all classes, who have in several ways during the past few weeks showed their appreciation and good wishes for success in his new sphere in the most tangible manner.

DEATH OF MRS. M. A. LINK.—After a long illness Mrs. Mary Ann Link, widow of the late Mr. H. Link, sen., of Wisenden House, passed away on Thursday week at the advanced age of 89. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the Rev. D. H. Creaton officiating.



MISS D. M. JULL & MR. F. W. BLACKMAN, married at Bethersden church on Wednesday.

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MR. F. W. BLACKMAN AND MISS D. I. M. JULL.

St. Mary's Church, Bethersden, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday when Mr. Frederick William Blackman, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Blackman, of Press Cottage, Park Street, Ashford, was married to Miss Doris Irene May Jull, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jull, of Brissenden Green, Bethersden. The Rev. Bligh Hill officiated. The bride wore a charming ankle-length dress of white satin, with a veil and coronet, and carried a bouquet of red and white carnations. She was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Beatrice Jull (sister of the bride) and Miss Elsie Blackman (sister of the bridegroom), who wore long dresses of powder blue crepe georgette, with blue silk crinoline hats, and carried bouquets of narcissi and daffodils. The best man was Mr. J. Hopkins. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and later the happy couple left for Folkestone, where the honeymoon is being spent, the bride travelling in a dress of blue georgette, with a fawn coat and hat to match.

—APRIL 1931

MARCH BETHERSDEN. 1900

HOW THE NEWS OF THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH WAS RECEIVED.—On the receipt of the news of the relief of Ladysmith the Board School children were assembled in the boys' playground round the flag staff, and as the Union Jack was being hoisted three hearty cheers were given for the Queen, Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, Sir R. Buller, Sir George White and Lord Dundonald, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. They were then given a holiday for the day. Immediately the following twenty boys formed in marching order, headed by the Union Jack, and paid a visit to several residences singing patriotic songs, collecting on behalf of the War Fund the sum of £1 13s.—Graham Terry, Horace Brown, Harry Hicks, William Murrell, L. Farrance, A. Brown, Tom Taylor, R. Hukins, R. Kemp, L. Woodcock, A. Woodcock, S. Millan, R. and A. Dixon, E. W. Ring, F. Terry, W. Skinner and E. Scarff. The children of the schools have collected for the War Fund in all £5 11s.

THE "LAST AND BEST" SALE OF THE SEASON will commence on Thursday next at CHAS. CLEMENTSON AND SON'S, General Drapers, Ashford. The "last and best" opportunity of getting Drapery below Old Prices. See front page.—Adv.

SEEDS! SEEDS! !—New Seeds for vegetable and flower garden; also for agricultural use at lowest prices, consistent with finest quality, at MARSH'S old-established Seed Stores, 36, High-street, Ashford.—Adv.

RINGER AND SEXTON OF THREE GENERATIONS.

JAN — 1927

Early risers at Bethersden on Christmas mornings may see a small group of men wending their way from the church in the opposite direction to the village. Their destination is Pearson's Land, where live a lovable old couple, and their object is a refreshing cup of tea, etc., before they resume their ringing of the church bells. The old couple are Mr. and Mrs. James Link, a well-known name in the locality, and quite recently celebrations were held in their home to mark the attainment of the husband's eighty-first birthday.

Born in Bethersden, Mr. Link has hardly ever been away from the village, his longest absence being no more than six weeks. His father was village sexton and after he relinquished the work (although not immediately), the present Mr. Link took up the duties, which he continued for about forty years. His son, Mr. George Link, now performs the work previously done by his father and grandfather.

These three representatives of the family have all been bellringers. Mr. Jas. Link has rung practically since his boyhood and on Christmas morning he proved that he could handle a rope with skill. He was road foreman for the district council for many years and gave up the work only a year or two ago. Mr. and Mrs. Link, who are both hale and hearty, have had a family of nine.

OCT BETHERSDEN. 1908

HOP DRYERS' SUPPER.—The annual hop dryers' supper took place at the George Inn on September 30th, when about fifty sat down to a substantial spread prepared by Host W. Philpott. Mr. Beale, of Pluckley, took the chair, and Mr. A. W. Buss the vice-chair. Among those present were Messrs. P. E. Collins, E. Weller, R. Fergusson (and many others from Pluckley), Jas. Batt, E. J. Ninn, A. E. Norris, Moon, P. Brunger, E. Filmer, Jas. Link, J. Moore, T. Ring, H. Ring and many others from the adjoining parishes. The usual toasts were honoured during the evening. Mr. Beale also gave some fine selections on an excellent gramophone, and the singers included Messrs. A. Link, W. Hukins, T. R. Padgham and others, Mr. Elliott, of Ashford, acting as accompanist.

CHEAP Second-hand Silver Watches from 5s. Silver Chains, 3s. 9d.; Clocks from 1s. 6d. each also genuine value in Second-hand Clothing Overcoats from 5s.; Jackets, 3s.; Vests, 1s. Geo. Herbert and Co., 15, Bank-street, Ashford.—Adv.

ADVERTISER is forming a pack of Foot Beagles, to hunt hares in parts of the district which are not already hunted over by Lord Cornwallis or other packs of beagles or harriers. He would be most grateful if those who are fond of hare hunting and would welcome hounds on their land, would spare hares when the shooting season begins. He would also be glad of assistance (other than financial) from any one interested.—H. C. Hessey, Oakhurst, Bethersden. AUG 1927

THE BETHERSDEN WAR FEB MEMORIAL. 1920

As mentioned in a former issue the parish of Bethersden has been canvassed with a view of ascertaining the wishes of the parishioners with respect to a war memorial, and to ascertain the amount of money promised for each of the various suggestions made. At a meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday last week the results of such canvass were considered, this being somewhat different than was expected at one time. Fifty-nine were found to be in favour of a monument in the churchyard, the amount promised for this purpose being £93/15/6. Fifty were in favour of a new burial ground with a suitable monument erected therein, the amount promised being £52/14/6. Twenty-three were in favour of a tablet in each of the three places of worship in the parish, offering for this purpose £32/18/6. Nineteen were in favour of two additional bells to be added to the present peal of six, the amount promised being £10/1/0. Twenty-one were in favour of a recreation ground being opened in a suitable position in the parish, the amount offered being £9/15/6. Two were in favour of a monument being erected on Bull Green, promising 16s. for this purpose. Two were in favour of a monument in the churchyard built of Bethersden marble, offering 10s.

The following petition was also handed to the Chairman at the meeting:—"We, the undersigned, who have lost husband, son, or brother in the Great War would prefer a permanent memorial to be erected to their memory, and consider that the most suitable site would be the south-eastern corner of the churchyard." This was signed by M. A. Kingsnorth, S. B. Hyland, E. Hyland, H. Guess, L. Guess, G. Guess, E. M. Bourne, George Ring, Mr. and Mrs. Murrell, Mrs. G. Vanner and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Millen. In reference to this petition it was felt that the wishes of those who had lost relatives should receive the first consideration, and it was therefore decided to erect a monument such as they suggested, the Committee feeling sure that those in the parish who had promised money for other schemes would fall in with their wishes, and those of the majority of the parishioners and give their money for that purpose. It was left with the Chairman to write to several firms inviting tenders for the work, and a further meeting will be held to consider these, and to go further into the question of funds on Thursday, the 19th.

The deepest sympathy is felt in a wide district with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hyland, of Bethersden, upon the death of their youngest and only surviving son, Lieutenant Herbert Bright Hyland, who was killed in action in France on Wednesday in last week. Lieutenant Hyland, who was only in his twenty-second year, was one of the many gallant young fellows to join H.M. forces for full service directly after the war broke out, and he first enlisted in the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles. Later he took up a commission in the Machine Gun Corps, and he went to the western front only a few months ago. His loss will be felt all the more by Mr. and Mrs. Hyland, as their eldest son died some three years back immediately on landing in Australia. Both were very promising and highly-respected young men. **JULY 1916**

Mr. Horace Ring, of Bethersden, has received news that his youngest son, Private B. L. Ring, Queen's Royal West Surrey, was severely wounded on September 22nd and has been sent to England. He has undergone several operations, having had severe bullet wounds in his right side. He enlisted just after he was eighteen years of age. Last December he had trench feet and was gassed early in the summer. He is going on as well as can be expected and is at Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot. Mr. Ring has two other sons shortly going to France and two sons-in-law in France. One son-in-law, Private A. F. Cobbett, has just died of wounds in France, leaving a widow and one child. **1918**

MAY BETHERSDEN. 1919.

WAR MEMORIAL.—A parish meeting was held at the schools on Wednesday, May 7th, to obtain the views of the parishioners as to the advisability of erecting some kind of a war memorial in the parish. The chairman (Mr. T. Adams) having explained why the meeting had been called, Mr. Cook proposed and Mr. Pugham seconded that some form of memorial should be erected, the resolution being carried unanimously. Mr. Handley said that he saw by the report of the Parish Council meeting, that lamps for the lighting of the village had been suggested, but in his opinion this would not be sufficient as a memorial. He suggested a monument on which all the names should be recorded. Mr. Harrison said he thought a few lamps erected in suitable positions, together with some form of tablet bearing the names of those who had fallen, would prove a useful form of memorial. Mr. Cook spoke in favour of a new burying ground and a monument on which should be inscribed the names of those who had been killed. The Vicar suggested that two extra bells might be added to the present peal, failing this that a lych-gate be erected at the principal entrance to the church, with panels inscribed with the names of all those from the parish who had joined the colours. Mr. Beazley thought that a monument might be erected in the churchyard, similar to the one already erected at Pluckley. Mr. T. A. Padgham suggested three cottages in a central position in, or near the village, and in connection therewith a tablet, or small monument, built of Bethersden marble, or Kentish Rag with a suitable inscription, the idea being to purchase the site and erect the monument at once, and build the cottages later as circumstances permitted. In the meantime funds could be raised to meet the cost. The property would be managed by trustees appointed for that purpose, each cottage to be let at a nominal rental of 3s. a week to a wounded soldier or the widow of one who had fallen. The annual profits about £20, to be distributed on the anniversary of the signing of peace in each year in the way decided upon by the trustees. This would probably require about £500, but would prove of great benefit to the parish. Mr. Allright said he thought to form a complete memorial the names of all those who have assisted in any kind of war work, such as Special Constables, Girls of the Land Army, etc., should be recorded. Mrs. Morris was strongly of the opinion that the names of all who have taken any active part in the war should be recorded on any monument erected, and Mrs. T. A. Padgham agreed with Mrs. Morris in this. Mr. Cook proposed, and Mr. Jarvis seconded, that a committee be formed to further consider the suggestions made at this meeting, the resolution being carried, and the following proposed as members of such Committee:—Captain J. D. Cameron, Rev. E. H. Morris, Messrs. A. R. Cook, J. T. Adams, T. A. Padgham, G. J. Harrison, S. A. Beazley, H. C. de Lafontaine, W. Philpott, H. Handley, G. Jarvis, G. Newby, A. R. Davies Cook, B. Branfill, A. W. Nash, D. Farrance, Mrs. E. H. Morris, Mrs. S. B. Hyland, Mrs. G. Guess, Mr. J. T. Adams, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. C. S. Baker, and the Misses Japp and Parker, with Mr. W. Geo. Roots as hon. secretary.

FEB BETHERSDEN. 1920

DEATH FROM WAR EFFECTS.—Much sympathy is felt with the relatives and friends of Mr. John E. A. Briggs, late a private in the 15th Buffs, who died on the 4th instant through the effects of gas poisoning while on active service in France and Belgium. The funeral took place at the parish church on Tuesday, when the deceased's remains were followed to the grave by his late Commanding Officer and many ex-soldiers belonging to the parish. It is much regretted that a military funeral could not be arranged, but this was impossible, as there were no troops stationed nearer than Canterbury. A muffled peal was, however, rung on the bells in the evening. Among the floral tributes were the following:—From Mr. and Mrs. B. Branfill; Mr. and Mrs. Norris and Winnie; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Moore; Mr. and Mrs. J. Mannering and family; Tom and Annie; Lionel and Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunster and family; Charlotte, Marion and Edith.

FEB BETHERSDEN. 1915

Adams, G.—5th Buffs.
Atkins, C.—5th Buffs.
Atkins, F.—5th Buffs.

Bourne, A.—5th Buffs.
Bird, D.—5th Buffs.
Buckman, G.—5th Buffs.
Burden, G.—5th Buffs.
Batt, A.—5th Buffs.
Batt, G.—5th Buffs.
Bowden, P. J.—5th Buffs.

Claringbold, G.—5th Buffs.
Cole, L.—5th Buffs.
Cowell, John—2nd Buffs.
Cowell, C. H.—H.M.S. Chatham.

Dann, F.—2nd Buffs.

Farrance, T.—Royal Field Artillery.
Farrance, H.—5th Buffs.

Greenway, F.—Royal Naval Division.
Guest, S.—Royal West Kent Regt.

Heathfield, E.—5th Buffs.
Hicks, J.—5th Buffs.
Hicks, A.—5th Buffs.
Hicks, C.—5th Buffs.
Hukins, S. R.—5th Buffs.
Hukins, A.—2nd Buffs.
Holmes, J.—5th Buffs.
Holmes, H.—Royal Garrison Artillery.
Hyland, H. B.—East Kent Yeomanry.

Jarvis, H.—5th Buffs.

Kingsnorth, O.—5th Buffs.
Kingsnorth, A.—5th Buffs.
Kingsnorth, H.—5th Buffs.

Lee, W.—Expeditionary Force.
Luxford, A. K.—Army Service Corps.

Moore, C.—Royal Garrison Artillery.
Moore, L.—Royal Naval Division.
Manning, P. E.—5th Buffs.
Manning, J.—5th Buffs.
Manning, John—Corporal, 5th Buffs.
Millen, C. W.—Queen's Regiment.
Murrell, Percy—5th Buffs.
Miles, C. A.—21st Lancers.

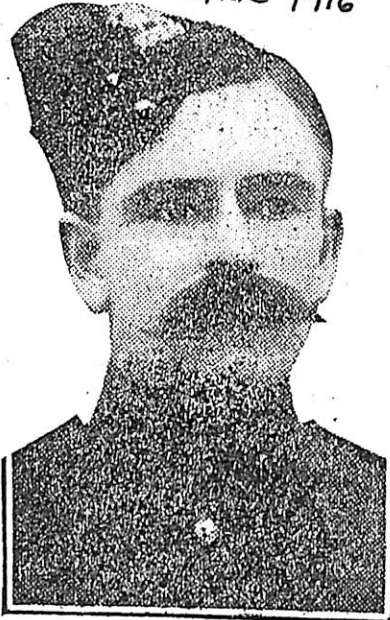
Philpott, J. E.—Royal Army Medical Corps.

Ring, G.—5th Buffs.
Ratcliffe, A. J.—5th Buffs.

Woosey, E.—H.M.S. Forward.
Woodcock, A. F.—Army Service Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mannering, of Beveden-cottage, Great Chart, have received news respecting their son, Corporal W. J. Mannering, Territorial Buffs, who was wounded on January 7th, and is now in hospital at Kamptee. Corporal Mannering was wounded in the leg, and it was unfortunately found necessary to

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Corpl. Mannering, 5th Buffs.

remove the limb. His brother, Private Mannering, was wounded in the same fight, but not so severely as his brother, and has since re-joined his battalion for duty. Corporal Mannering is twenty-seven years of age, and was born at Bethersden. He joined the Territorial Buffs five years ago and was made a corporal while in India.

FOR THEIR KING AND COUNTRY.

First Steward H. Norris, who lost his life on the ill-fated Bulwark, was brother to Mr. A. Norris, of The Bull, Bethersden.

DEC 1914

News has been received of the death, in France, on October 22nd, from wounds received in action on the same day, of Major Owen Reginald Schreiber, commanding a battery R.F.A. The youngest son of General A. I. Schreiber, of Claydon, Ipswich, he was twenty-three years of age, and served in France with distinction with the Royal Horse and Field Artillery since the commencement of the war. He had been previously wounded, mentioned in despatches, and twice awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action. He was well-known in the hunting field as a fine and fearless horseman, and recently won the army riding cup for his division. Major Schreiber was a kinsman of Mrs. Somerset Webb, of Hengherst, Woodchurch.

NOV 1917

Lance-Corporal Geo. Thos. Millen, of the Buffs, who was killed in action on October 12th, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Millen, of the Cot, Wisendon, Bethersden. Lance-Corporal Millen enlisted in the 5th Buffs in November, 1914, and gained the rank of Sergeant, but such was his keenness to be on active service that he gave up his stripes and transferred to another battalion of the Buffs that he might go again on service abroad, as he had already been on foreign service, having been sent to Gallipoli in July, 1915. In the following month he was wounded and sent home to hospital and made a satisfactory recovery. He volunteered on several occasions for active service but while with the 5th Buffs there seemed no chance of his wish being acceded to and ultimately the transfer was made, and he was sent to France in August of this year as private. He, however, quickly regained one of the stripes he had so pluckily given up in order that he might serve his country in the way he desired. Previous to joining the army Lance-Corporal Millen, who was twenty-three years of age, was in the employ of Mr. Softly, of Wisendon.

NOV 1917



Lance-Corpl' G. T. Millen, Bethersden.

YOU WANT YOUR CIDER BETTER than ever this year. Also made cheap. "Ledgers" can deliver you the best sugar that sweetens better than others at prices to please. You will not be dry with good cider, but you will always keep dry in our Wellingtons. OCT 1936. Advt.

Mrs. P. Ingram, Hope-cottage, Bethersden, has received official news of the death of her husband, Gunner Percy A. Ingram, Canadian Field Artillery, who died of wounds received near Cambrai on October 8th, at the age of 23, having only been married a month. He was at Boileau, south of

DEC 1918



Gunner P. A. Ingram, Bethersden.

Arras. The officer commanding the platoon, in a letter to Mrs. Ingram, says:—"We were in a position near Cambrai just behind Sancourt, when some ammunition was being brought from one gun to another, about 3 p.m., when three shells landed in our position, the first one seriously wounding your husband in the left side and he died before reaching the Casualty Clearing Station. He was one of the best men in the sub-section and liked by all." Gunner Ingram was awarded the Military Medal.

Mr. H. Batt, Bass Farm, Bethersden, is anxious to receive news of his son, Private W. H. J. Batt, Royal Fusiliers, (attached to the Manchester Regiment), who is officially reported missing after an engagement on July 23rd. Mr. Batt last heard from his son on July 21st, when he was in the best of health.

1916

Private F. Atkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Atkins, of Shrubbery-lane, Bethersden. He was born at Bethersden eighteen years ago, and at the time of joining the battalion in August, 1914, was employed by Mr. Hager at Swanton Court, Mersham.

FEB 1916

POIGNANT SEQUEL TO WAR SERVICE.

As a result of war wounds, the death took place at Hastings Hospital, on Sunday, of Mr. George Adams, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Adams, of Little Oak-hurst, Bethersden. Mr. Adams was wounded in 1918 and after several years' treatment he appeared to be making slight headway but since last December had had to undergo further treatment at Hastings Hospital. He was married two years ago and is survived by his widow and daughter, born three days before his death. The funeral took place at Bethersden, on Thursday, the Rev. E. H. Morris (vicar) officiating. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and among the mourners were Mr. and Mrs. L. Adams (father and mother), Mrs. G. Shorter (sister), Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams (brother and sister-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. Bing, representing Messrs. Stagg, of Tonbridge, by whom deceased had been employed.

AUG

1927

MEN HOME FROM GERMANY. 1919

FEB BETHERSDEN MAN SEES THE CROWN PRINCE.

Private A. W. Heathfield, 1st Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, who resides at Wisendon-cottage, Bethersden, has returned home, after having been a prisoner of war in Germany for fifteen months. Enlisting in September, 1916, he proceeded to France in the following December and was taken prisoner at Ypres on September 25th, 1917. They were put to the horrible task of carrying the bodies of dead Germans to a furnace. The prisoners had to march five miles with their gruesome burdens, and at the end of the journey they were only given a glass of water. At the furnace the bodies were burnt and oil extracted from them.

Marching into a field close by the prisoners were inspected by "Little Willie." Immediately after the inspection a number of mounted Germans rode up, and the prisoners, who were already overcome with fatigue and hunger, had to commence another long tramp. Hurried along by the Uhlans many of the men dropped out, and after practically running eight miles the fainting batch of prisoners arrived at Ingolmancy. Here they were stripped of all their belongings, but Private Heathfield, who is possessed of a very cheery disposition, hid many of his treasures in the lining of his trousers, so that the German soldier that eagerly searched him received very little reward for his exertions. Their trench helmets were taken away, and a small portion of black bread served to each prisoner, but most of them were too ill to eat it. For breakfast the next morning they were given a little German soup. Private Heathfield remarking that he would not think of giving it to his pigs.

Marching on to Dentymond the prisoners were shut in a dungeon with no light of any kind and very little ventilation. After spending two nights in this dark hole they were sent to a large building, which in pre-war days had been a mat factory. Here they were allowed to walk round the building for an hour, both morning and afternoon, but many of them were too weak to move. Remaining here about three weeks the prisoners were hustled into cattle trucks and three days' travelling brought them to Gustrum Camp. From here they were sent to Birkenmoor, where they were employed in constructing a light railway.

Food was still scarce and many of the prisoners were too weak to lift their shovels and picks. Going to work one morning in three feet of snow many of the poor fellows were frozen stiff and they had to be carried into hospital, where they were given a pill, and as soon as they came to they were sent out to work again. If the prisoners refused to work the Huns would knock them down with their rifles, and they would be sent to prison and fed on bread and water. Private Heathfield remained here nine months, and for this work was paid threepence halfpenny a day. On November 5th, after the hoisting of the red flag at Kiel, the prisoners were free once more.

During the latter months of their captivity parcels of food and clothing were sent regularly to them from the Red Cross Society. Unless these parcels had been received many of the men would not have been alive to tell the tale to-day, and a deep debt of gratitude is felt towards the Society.

Private Heathfield is now enjoying a well earned rest with his wife and four children. In spite of the innumerable hardships that he has endured, he is looking well; no doubt his cheery motto "keep smiling" has helped to bring him through.

Miss R. E. Bird, of Bethersden, has also been awarded the Order of the British Empire (Military Division). Miss Bird is a native of Bethersden and enlisted in the Women's Legion in March, 1917, as assistant cook, and in October, 1917, was transferred to the W.A.A.C. In August, 1918, she was promoted for woman cook. Whilst serving in France Miss Bird was posted to a signal unit at Rouen.

FEB 1920

MR. R. OLIVER AND MISS C. M. OCT NICKOLLS 1933

The wedding took place on Monday at Unwin Chapel, Bethersden, between Mr. Reuben Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Oliver, of Rose Court, and Miss Caroline Mary (Lena) Nickolls, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Nickolls.

The bride, given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Jarvis, of Croydon, was attired in ivory satin, with veil and wreath of orange blossom (lent by a cousin). She carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations. The bridesmaid, Miss Mabel Oliver, wore lemon floral silk, with black hat, and she carried a bouquet of lemon and pink chrysanthemums, and wore a necklace, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. I. Oliver, jun., acted as best man. The service was conducted by Pastor H. Dawson.

A reception was held at the O.P.O., the residence of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Oliver left for Bournemouth, the bride travelling in a grey costume, with hat to match.

List of presents:—

Bridegroom to bride, fireside chair; bride to bridegroom raincoat; bridegroom's parents, bungalow bath; Miss E. Jarvis, curtains; Grandma Nickolls, ivory paper knife and tea-cloths; Grandma Oliver, cash; Mr. and Mrs. W. Oliver, set of jugs; Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver, lemonade set; Miss M. and Master S. Oliver, celery dish; Mrs. K. Jarvis, cash; Mr. and Mrs. J. Jarvis (Croydon), coffee percolator and dinner knives; Mr. and Mrs. H. Jarvis, cash; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jarvis, barometer; Mr. and Mrs. E. Jarvis and Miss O. Jarvis, damask table cloth; Mr. and Mrs. A. Jarvis and family (Spencers Wood), table cloth; Mr. and Mrs. A. Jarvis and family (Arboretum), half dozen linen tea-cloths; Mr. and Mrs. O. Tanton, cushion; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Nickolls, two table cloths; Mr. and Mrs. J. Nickolls, bronze fire screen; Mr. and Mrs. E. Jarvis (Hawkinge), chrominum plated tea pot; Mr. and Mrs. P. Nickolls, bedspread; Mr. and Mrs. G. and Mr. S. Oliver, cheese knife; Mr. and Mrs. H. and Master P. Oliver, set of saucepans; Mr. and Mrs. Joo Oliver, cash; Mr. and Mrs. G. Buss and family, lemonade set; Mr. and Mrs. T. Oliver, fruit bowl and stand; Mr. and Mrs. E. Oliver and family, art bowl; Mr. and Mrs. B. Oliver, fruit dish and table runner; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jarvis, oak biscuit barrel; Mr. David Jarvis and Miss Hopkins, clock; Messrs. L. and E. Jarvis, cash; Mr. and Mrs. J. Dix and Ken, egg stand; Master John and Miss Averil Jarvis, table cloth; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hooker, tea tray and dish mats; Mr. E. Nickolls and Miss Strudwick, companion set; Mr. F. Nickolls, egg stand and fern bowl; Mr. S. and Miss D. Nicholls, sardine dish; Miss C. Nickolls and Mr. G. Brooks, cheese dish; Mr. and Mrs. R. Tanton, banana dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley, table cloth; Miss L. Tanton, cash; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tanton, hot water jug; Mr. C. Oliver and Miss M. Hopkins, fish eaters; Master F. Oliver, rose bowl; Mr. C. Buss and Miss A. Ransom, companion set; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ledger and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ledger, doormat and cash; Cousins at Croydon and Redhill, silver plated tea pot; Mrs. J. Lorden and Mrs. R. Nickolls, cash; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pearson, cash; Mr. and Mrs. K. Ashby, fruit plate on silver stand; Mrs. W. Hook and Mrs. H. Lorden, cut glass marmalade pot; Miss M. Lorden, afternoon tea cloth; Miss A. Pearson, silver vase; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Heathfield, aluminium kettle; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jarvis, pair hemstitched sheets; Miss K. Jarvis (Chatham), cash; Mr. and Mrs. W. Jarvis, table centre; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jarvis, cushion cases; Mr. Fred Jarvis, wheels; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jarvis and family, electric reading lamp; Mr. Reg and Master Ray Jarvis, glass bowl; Master Henry and Miss Everal Jarvis, salt cellar and spoon; Miss Earl, clothes baskets; Mr. and Mrs. H. Dawson, framed text; the Misses Dawson, paste pot stand; Master David Dawson, pokerwork tray; Directors of H. Boorman & Co. (Messrs. Allen and Wright), screen; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Tidy, elderdown and bedspread; staff at H. Boorman and Co., and P.O. staff (Bethersden), dinner service, sandwich set and hot water jug; Miss Midmer, fruit bowl; the Misses Palford, cash; Mr. and Mrs. L. Hopkins and family, preserving pan; Miss A. Hopkins, dish; Mr. and Mrs. V. Pearson, set of jugs; Mr. and Mrs. Houdley, apples; Miss M. Houdley, tea pot, cosy and tray cloth; Mrs. and Miss Bolton, pillow slips; Mrs. R. Brooks and family, table cloth; Mr. Aldworth, sent, pair glass dishes, and framed verses; all at "Longberry," pair pictures; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hicks, set of jugs; Mr. and Mrs. J. Aldworth, framed text; Mr. and Mrs. Penfold, cheese dish; a friend, cash; Miss Pay, cash; Master Eric Aldworth, jelly moulds; Miss L. Wood, bread saw; Mrs. Queen, early morning set; Miss Adams, tea knives; Mrs. W. Burch, table centre; Miss H. Burch, cash; Mr. and Mrs. Cockram, pair bath towels; Miss R. Watts (Auton), pair pictures; Mrs. Eveling and Mrs. Thirkall, table cloth and serviettes; Mr. and Mrs. T. Cowell, towel, handkerchiefs in sachet; Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, cash; all at Turnden, tea tray; Miss Clarke, casserole; Mr. Oxley, joint of beef and sausages; Mr. and Mrs. Nash, half dozen cut glass tumblers; Miss Morris, egg stand; Mrs. B. Brown, butter dish and knife; Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Watkins, meat paste stand; Mrs. and Miss Farrance, bread saw; Miss W. Bear, sugar castor; Mrs.

Fidler, fruit plate; Miss Philpott, cheese stand; Mrs. A. Buss, sugar tongs; Mrs. J. Bourne, biscuit jar; Mr. R. H. Padgham, canteen of cutlery; Mrs. J. Mannerling, jugs; Mrs. J. Hukins, art bowl; Mr. and Mrs. P. Ring, fish servers; Mrs. Cathcart-Bruce, nightdress case; Mr. Barber, cash; Mrs. Springett, tea cloths.

APPEAL AGAINST COUNCIL'S DECISION

BETHERSDEN WOODLAND

AUG SITE 1934

"It seems to me if you want to come into this village you must buy your ground or else keep out, as the whole of the building plots seem to be on one man's ground," said Mr. R. E. Ashbee, of Croydon, at a Ministry of Health inquiry at the Fellowship Hall, Ashford, on Friday, when the Inspector, Mr. Dodd, heard an appeal by Mr. Ashbee against the decision of West Ashford District Council who refused an interim development order for the proposed erection of a tool shed on a site at Lamberden Wood, Bethersden.

Mr. Ashbee went on to say, "The Council houses and the air beacon are on one man's land. I claim my site is as dry as the one where the Council houses are erected. The whole state of things is brought about by one or two individuals who do not want these woods developed. These woods have been useful in the past for some persons to fox hunt through."

APPLICANT'S INTENTION.

Mr. Ashbee, who said that he intended to build a private residence on the plot, referred to correspondence from the council clerk (Mr. W. H. Carter) and stated, "I take it he was trying to frighten and intimidate me." He then commented on a letter written by Mr. Carter to the Minister of Health, in which he said sewerage and water services were not available on the site. That, said Mr. Ashbee, was entirely wrong, as he had promised to put water in and to build a cesspool. He could see no objection to a cesspool, as he had plenty of room on the site.

Replying to Mr. Carter, appellant said that the Town Planning Act was of use, but it was not a restrictive measure. He intended to build one residence on the site. As to the water, he had had correspondence with the Mid Kent Water Company and in a letter of June 16 they stated that they were asking their local foreman to look into the matter. He had not signed a contract with the company.

The inspector asked whether the railway coach or shed would be removed if the house were erected, or did he intend to keep the railway coach as well as the house.

Mr. Ashbee: If the Council have no objection I would keep the railway coach as a shed.

COUNCIL'S CASE.

Mr. Carter, opening the case for the Council, said that the application by the appellant was really for the development of the whole of the wood—it would have been difficult to refuse other applications. The Council had no desire to favour individuals; they had a duty to perform in the interests of the ratepayers and the Town Planning Act gave them that right.

Mr. John Joynt, the late sanitary inspector of the district (now with Cookham Council) said that the whole of the wood was low lying, and any system of land irrigation to deal with the surface water was impracticable. The subsoil was clay, and the wood was flooded in times of rainfall. He had paid visits to it in winter and had been compelled to wear gum-boots.

Mr. E. G. Culpin, the Council's town planning expert, who advised the refusal of the interim development order, said that in his opinion the land was not suitable for building purposes, because of the absence of the necessary services and of the inherent nature of the soil.

EXTENSION.

In Bethersden, under the zoning plan,

Mr. Culpin said that in the free entry area there was provision for 240 houses, and in the permissive entry area for 540 houses, or room for extension for the next 80 years. There was no feature of the land in question which constituted it as building land.

Mr. L. P. Ellicott, assistant to Mr. Culpin, said that the zoning plan made provision for a free entry area of 40 acres (with all services) and a permissive area of 90 acres.

Dr. McDougall, the Council's medical officer, considered it a water-logged site and not a healthy one. In the West Ashford district they had many buildings put up on woodland sites which had given enormous difficulty. At the moment there were over 20 buildings in respect of which it was proposed to recommend demolition orders. He did not consider the site a satisfactory one for the appellant to rely on rain water, or for cesspool drainage.

Major C. F. R. Weston, of Bethersden, corroborated as to the water-logged condition of the wood; and Mr. W. G. Rootes, clerk to the Bethersden parish council, said that other building land was available in the village.

After appellant had finally addressed the inspector, the enquiry was closed, and the inspector visited the site. The decision of the Minister of Health will be announced at a later date.

APPEAL CONDITIONALLY WITHDRAWN

"I think we may say we won our case, and that, almost, or entirely, owing to the energy and brains of our Clerk," said the chairman (Mr. J. T. Adams) at Wednesday's meeting of the West Ashford Council, when the clerk (Mr. W. H. Carter) reported on the outcome of the enquiry.

An agreement, he said, had been signed with Mr. Ashbee to the effect that the Council would permit the erection of a tool shed, not to be used for human habitation. The Council would also permit the erection of a dwelling-house with usual outbuildings, provided main water was carried to the site, a water-tight cess-pool installed, the gross area of the site increased to 5 acres, and the appellant to clear an acre of undergrowth immediately surrounding the house. The development was to comply with the bye-law, local Acts and general statutory provisions.

The appeal had been withdrawn subject to plans in accordance with these conditions being approved by the Council.

The Council expressed satisfaction with the agreement, the chairman remarking that the enquiry had established their case that main water and sewerage must be available on proposed building sites, and that not more than one house could be built to 5 acres of land.

"It may have the effect of frightening off would-be erectors of railway carriages," said Capt. Gascoyne.

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JAN ——— 1920

ANY TIME OR DISTANCE.

ANY FORM OF CARTAGE.

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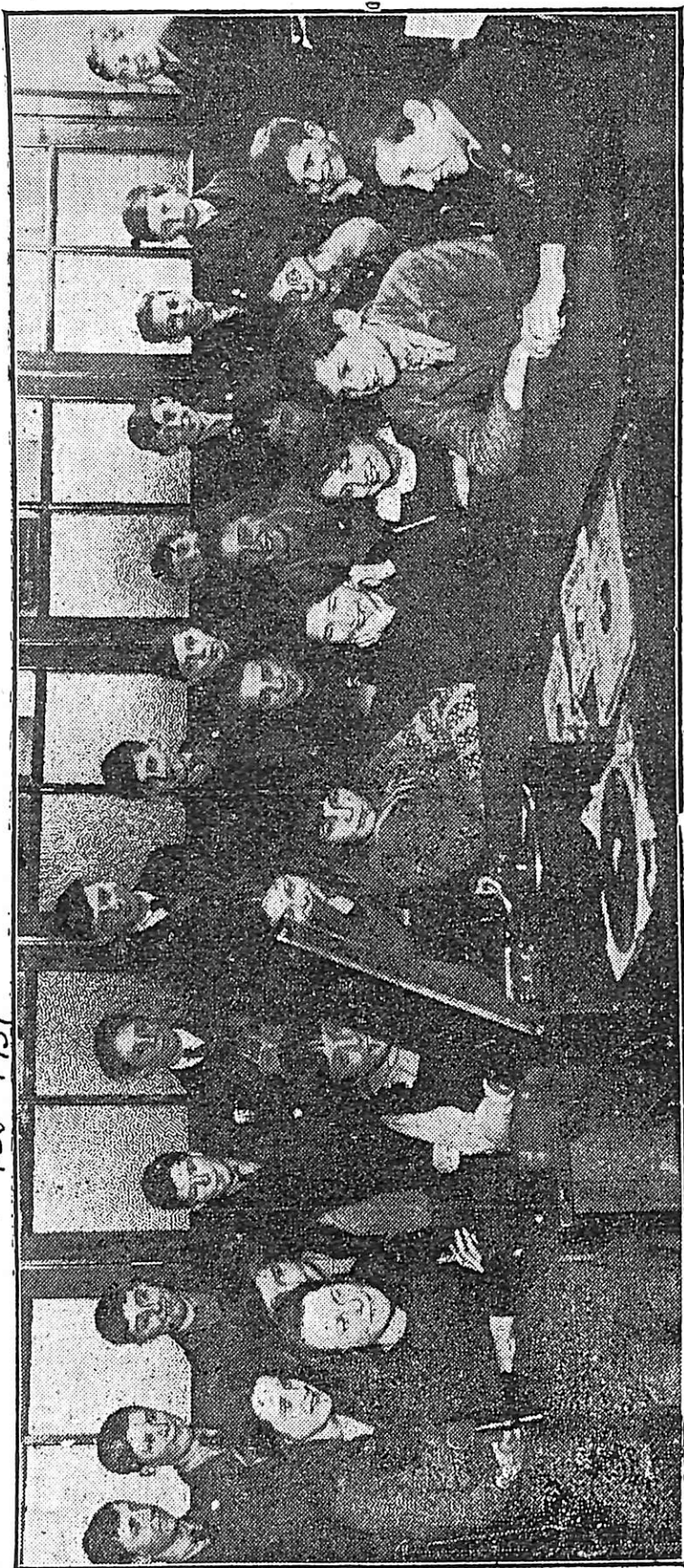
APPLY.

T. FULLAGER.

PLURRENDEN COTTAGES, BETHERSDEN.

Or Telegrams: Fullager, Plurrenden, Woodchurch.

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Kentish Express photo

THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE of the gramophone demonstration at Bethersden school.

NOV BETHERSDEN. 1900

AN ATTRACTION.—The proceedings at the annual show in connection with the Mid Kent Chrysanthemum Society, which will be held at Bethersden on Friday, November 16th, will be made extremely interesting by an exhibition of revolver-shooting during the afternoon by Mr. Walter Winans, the champion revolyer shot of the world.

GRAND DANCE 1953
CORONATION NIGHT, 2nd JUNE
VILLAGE HALL, BETHERSDEN
9—2 a.m. Admission 1s. 6d.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOT AT BETHERSDEN

AUG ————— 1932

PRESENTATION TO MR. H. B. AMOS

An interesting presentation was made on Saturday to Mr. Henry B. Amos, who has been connected with the committee of the Ashford Valley Foxhounds for over twenty years, and who has resigned from the secretaryship of the Poultry and Damage Fund of the Hunt.

The occasion was that of a clay pigeon shoot given by the Master of the Oakhurst Beagles, Colonel Hessey, and Mrs. Hessey, at Oakhurst, Bethersden, to a large number of farmers and others over whose land the Beagles hunt. Colonel Hessey, as chairman of the Hunt, made the presentation, which took the form of a framed hunting print, "Taking off the Road."

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Amos expressed his pleasure that at last a working agreement had been arranged with the Mid-Kent Hunt.

Thanks to Colonel and Mrs. Hessey for an enjoyable afternoon were proposed by Mr. H. Beadle.

The result of the clay pigeon shoot was: 1 Mr. C. Buss, 2 Mr. D. Batt, 3 Mr. Blatchford. All three prize-winners shot seven out of ten, and in a shoot off were placed as given above.

DEC 1923 FARMERS' SHOOT.

On Boxing Day a large assembly of local farmers mustering 30 guns had a good day's sport over the farms in the Bethersden and Smarden District. Jays and Magpies were the chief objectives but rabbits and partridges were included. Every credit is due to Messrs. V. and B. Millen, H. Batt and E. Batt for the arrangements which were carried out without a hitch, though the drives covered a large area. Luncheon was served at Turnden Farm, after which good sport was enjoyed until dusk. Over 100 jays and magpies were accounted for and the bag included 14 brace of partridges and 8 brace of rabbits.

SHEEP WORRYING AT BETHERSDEN

AUG ————— 1931
FOUR FOUND IN POND

When Mr. W. Philpott, licensee of the George Inn, Bethersden, went to feed his sheep in a field on Tuesday morning, he found five missing, but upon further investigation saw four of the animals in a pond, one of which died. Apparently they had been worried by dogs, for seven sheep were found to have been badly bitten.

A dead lamb belonging to Mr. Homewood was recovered from the river in a field at Kingsnorth on Thursday morning. The animal had been badly bitten by a dog and it is thought that the dog was with a party of night poachers.

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ANNUAL church sale in the village hall on Saturday raised a record £155. The Rev. Hugh Albin hopes to purchase a new carpet for the sanctuary of St. Margaret's Church soon.

JULY BETHERSDEN. 1906

WEDDING FESTIVITIES. — Mr. J. T. Adams gave a dinner to his tenants and workmen on Saturday evening, when about 45 assembled at the George Inn, where they spent a very pleasant time. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Mr. H. Dixon gave the health of Mr. and Mrs. Adams, remarking that although he was not a tenant of Mr. Adams and only a junior member of the ringers, it gave him great pleasure to offer Mr. and Mrs. Adams the congratulations of himself and the assembled company. Continuing, he said Mr. Adams had always been a good friend to him, and he was sure the parish would gain a good friend and helper in Mrs. Adams, and on behalf of the company he wished them both every happiness. Mr. Adams proposed the health of the tenants and workmen, coupling with the toast the names of Mr. Geo. Murrell, sen., and J. Buckman, as his oldest tenants. He said many of those present had been tenants and workmen of his father and himself for a great number of years, and he thought that during that time they had always been on friendly terms. His motto had always been "A fair day's work for a fair wage," and if they still continued to follow this motto he was sure they would always continue on friendly terms to their mutual benefit. Mr. James Busa responded, saying he had worked for Mr. Adams and his father for the last 24 years, and he did not wish for a better master, as during that time he had always found him an upright, straightforward man and a thorough gentleman. Mr. T. A. Padgham proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Adams on behalf of himself and the company for their kindness in inviting them to partake of their generosity that evening, and he wished them every happiness in the future. He had heard how much the parishioners of Lindfield, the former home of Mrs. Adams, felt her loss, but for this he could not feel altogether sorry, as Lindfield's loss would be their gain. On Monday a tea was given for the wives of the tenants and workmen, and a treat for the school children. About 200 children and adults sat down to tea, many more being present during the evening. The Rev. R. Palmer, M.A., gave the bride a hearty welcome, as did also Mr. Dixon. Mr. Adams, in replying, said that on behalf of himself and his wife he wished to thank the parishioners most heartily for their kind wishes on the present occasion, as well as at the dinner on Saturday and for their reception on their return. A programme of sports was carried out during the evening. An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. Adams, by the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Padgham, of a bouquet of flowers. Before leaving for home each of the tenants and workmen's wives were presented with ½ lb. of tea, and each child with a bag of sweets.

BETHERSDEN FLOWER SHOW. — Cycle Parade, open to Bathersden and adjoining parishes. Prizes value £1 1s., 15s., 10s., 7s. 6d., 5s. and 2s. 6d.—Advtd.

MR. A. LEONARD AND MISS I. F. LAWS.

The wedding took place on Wednesday at Bathersden parish church of Mr. Ashley Leonard, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Leonard, of Bateman's Corner, Bathersden, and Miss Ivy Frances Laws, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Laws, of Dynes Farm, Bathersden. The service was conducted by the Rev. N. A. Bligh-Hill. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle-length gown of pink georgette, with a silver belt and a hat to match. Her bouquet was of cream chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss Daphne York, was in a dress of lemon silk, and wore a wreath of silver leaves on her head. She carried a Victorian posy. Mr. G. Leonard (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The honeymoon is being spent in Folkestone and the bride travelled in a navy blue ensemble.

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HAY Stack for Sale, 1936 late gathered, in good condition, 10 to 12 tons; accept reasonable offer.—Bates, Wren's Nest, Bathersden. 1937

MR. L. N. KERR AND MISS S. S. WEBB

The wedding was solemnised at St. Margaret's, Bathersden, on the 15th instant, of Mr. Leslie Norman Kerr, youngest son of the late Mr. Kerr, and Mrs. Kerr, of Holmla, Wolsley-road, Ashford, and Miss Stella Sydney Webb, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hartnell Webb, of Blierry House, Bathersden. The service was conducted by the Rev. N. Bligh-Hill. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white georgette, with a crinoline hat trimmed with orange blossom, and carried a white prayer book. The bridesmaid was Miss Mildred Broadbridge, of Rochester. Her dress was of Wedgewood blue crepe-de-Chine and she wore a black hat and carried pink carnations, which, together with her necklace, was the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. T. Kerr was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride, after which the bride and bridegroom left for Brighton, where the honeymoon is being spent, the bride travelling in a black and white costume, with a hat to match. The following is a list of presents:—

Bridegroom to Bride, gold wristlet watch; Bride to Bridegroom, gold sleeve link; Mrs. Kerr, drawing room clock; Bride's parents, piano and linen; Mr. and Mrs. T. Kerr, sideboard; Mr. and Mrs. A. Kerr, biscuit barrel; Mr. and Mrs. H. Weeks, salad bowl and servers; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webb, bed spread; Alderman and Mrs. A. E. J. Price (Rochester), cheque and silver toast rack; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Webb (Hoo), dinner service; Mr. and Mrs. T. Matthews (Hoo), flower bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Upton (Canterbury), coal cabinet; Mrs. Bigg (Elham), table cloth; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hill (Strood), silk cushions; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Price, tea cloth and serviettes; Wilmot and Vernon, Pyrex dish and stand; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hammond, set of Pyrex dishes; John Hammond, tea caddy spoon; Miss M. Webb, lemon squeezer; Miss K. Webb, glass dish; Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hambrook (Horne Bay), drawing room table; Mr. and Mrs. Skinner, ink stand; Mr. and Mrs. W. Marshall, bookcase; Mr. and Mrs. T. Lewis, tea cloth and serviettes; Mr. and Mrs. C. Latham, silver; Mr. and Mrs. L. Lewis, Japanese cloth; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Broadbridge (Rochester), silver cake basket; Miss M. Broadbridge (Rochester), cut glass jam dish; Mr. and Mrs. Garner (Rochester), set of carvers; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Marsh, embroidered bolster set; Mr. and Mrs. Norris and Winnie, wicker chair and cushion; Mr. and Mrs. E. Tidy, silver tea knives; Misses G. and M. Padgham, set of glass dishes; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weeks and family, set of oak trays; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Williams, cheese knife; Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris, set of jugs; Mr. and Mrs. T. Relf, tea spoons; Mrs. Gould, brass paper knife; Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. Kerr, sandwich set; Mr. and Mrs. Bower, fruit set; Mrs. Handcock, bread saw; Misses A. and G. Millen, brass salver; Miss F. Millen, Pottery ware; Mrs. F. Bingham, tea service; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bath, china cruet; Mr. and Mrs. Morris, table cloth; Miss Mercer and Miss Gates, glass fruit set; Norman Carter, tea spoons; Miss W. Bear, pin cushion; Ashford, Faversham and Tenterden Depots of the Maidstone and District Bus Service, dining room clock; Bathersden Women's Institute, choice; Mr. and Mrs. F. Ring, egg set; Mr. and Mrs. Southam, tea service; Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, barbola mirror; Mrs. E. B. Hyland, linen cloth.

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MR. Y. D. KINGSNORTH, BETHERSDEN

At the recent funeral of Mr. Young Donald Kingsnorth, youngest son of Mrs. M. A. Kingsnorth, of Hope Cottage, Bathersden, we unavoidably omitted the floral tributes sent and which were from:—

His sorrowing mother and brother Albert; Henry and Ada; Fanny and Len (Bickley); Agnes and Tom; Mary and Les (Charing); Auntie Fauny, Uncle Jim and Tot; Uncle Steve and Auntie Lizzie; Auntie Rosa; Nell and Pollie; Uncle Albert and Bert; Evelyn and Dulcie (nieces); his little nephew and godchild, Cecil; Rosa, Annie and Edna (cousins, Ashford); Tom, Rennie, Rose and Bill (cousins); Aunt Emily (Sittingbourne); Owen and Edna (cousins, Elythe); Ern and Mina (cousins, Norton); Mr. and Mrs. G. Burden and family (High Halden); Mr. and Mrs. G. Burden, jun. (Sandaway); Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and Frank; Mr. and Mrs. G. Willcox (Pluckley); Mr. and Mrs. G. Murrell, sen., and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. Ring; Mr. and Mrs. W. Possee and Douglas; Mrs. B. H. Brown; Mrs. Buss and Mr. and Mrs. C. Buckman; A.F.R.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Ring and Percy; Miss Millen and Miss Gower; Rose and all at Rippers Cross; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Moore and family; Mrs. E. Hinkins and Mrs. Claydon; Mr. R. H. Padgham; Mr. E. Birch and family; Elsie and Ivy; little Lillian (niece); all at Rose Cottage; Mr. and Mrs. L. Woodcock and family; Mr. and Mrs. Filmer and family; Mr. and Miss King; and his little pet, Rub. JAN 1934

MR. A. LEONARD AND MISS I. F. LAWS

The wedding took place quietly at St. Margaret's Church, Bathersden, on September 30th, between Mr. Ashley Leonard, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Leonard, of Bateman's Corner, Bathersden, and Miss Ivy Frances Laws, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Laws, of Dynes Farm, Bathersden. The Rev. N. A. Bligh-Hill officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of pink crepe georgette with silver belt, and beige hat with shoes to tone, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and fern. She was attended by Miss Daphne York (cousin of the bride) who wore a lemon silk dress with cap to match, and wore a silver wreath and silver shoes, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. Mr. Geoffrey Leonard (brother of the bridegroom) was the best man. Later the happy couple left for Folkestone. The presents included the following:—

Bride's parents, clock; bridegroom's parents, lamp; Mr. G. Leonard, wicker and glass tray, with mat to match; Mr. and Mrs. F. Laws, cheese dish; Miss D. Laws, Primus stove; Miss E. Laws and Mr. F. Groombridge, set of carvers; Mr. and Mrs. W. Laws, bread board; Masters G. and L. Laws, lemon and tea strainers; Mr. and Mrs. Yorke, Daphne and Boy, oak and silver biscuit barrel; Mr. and Mrs. R. Cook, silver salad bowl and servers; Mr. and Mrs. F. Baldwin, oak tray; Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, silver jam spoons and butter knife in case; Mr. and Mrs. Overill, linen pillow slips; Mr. and Mrs. Swain and family, silver teapot; Mr. and Mrs. A. Leonard, Dorothy and Dick, work basket; the Misses Chapman, present; all at 31, L Road, present; Miss Cox, silver butter dish and knife; Mr. and Mrs. Mills, silver vase and cushion case; the Misses Drysdale, silver jam pot and spoon; Mr. Groombridge, set of jugs; Mrs. Groombridge, table cloth; Miss D. Groombridge, aluminum kettle and pegs; Miss M. Groombridge, pair towels; Mr. B. Smith and Miss E. Lihk, cut glass rose bowl; Miss L. Elvy, linen tablecloth; Mr. Knight, ebony clock; Mr. and Mrs. Harlow, handmade woollen rug; Mr. T. Hall and Mr. E. Austen, chenille tablecloth; Miss N. Pile, pair vases; Mrs. Swinard and May, pair cut glass vases; Mrs. Mitchell, bread knife; Miss Joan Mitchell, sideboard cloth; Mrs. Buckman and Mr. Bullock, pair cut glass dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Horton and family, pair curtains; Miss W. Marab, hand-worked toilet cover and butter knife; Miss F. Marsh, fancy tea cosy; Mr. and Mrs. Springett, aluminum teapot, glass jug and sugar basin; Miss A. Springett, pair towels; Miss R. Springett, two plated trays; Miss N. Springett, butter dish; Mr. G. Springett, fruit bowls; Miss Ethel Springett, cake dish; Mr. S. Smith, jugs; Mr. and Mrs. B. Payne, pair towels; Mr. and Mrs. Shorter, set of jugs; Mr. and Mrs. Oxley, two tablecloths; Friend, present; Trickle, glass ash tray; Pat, glass water bottle; Mr. Skinner, blue bowl with bulbs; Friend, present; an old Friend, hot water jug; Friend, present.

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MR. J. A. J. OLIVER (Bathersden) — MISS D. M. MOODY-SMITH (Pluckley)

At Ashford Registrar's office on Saturday, John Albert James, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oliver, St. Peter's-row, Bathersden, married Diana Muriel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moody-Smith, "Barador," Spar Hatch, Pluckley.

PRESENTS

Bride's parents, mangle; bridegroom's parents, vase set; bride's sister, cooking utensils; bride's brother and his wife, bread board and knife; bride's Gran, cheque; Aunt Ethel, wooden sugar bowl; Aunt Win, pastry board, roller and spoons; bride's brother, cushions; Mrs. Reid, tea set, etc.; Ciss and Gill, tablecloth and blue glass set; Mr. F. J. Ledger, wedding cake; Ledger's Stores' staff, ornamental 8-day clock; Mrs. Stephens, overmantle mirror; Miss K. Springett, willow pattern tablecloth; Mrs. Springett, butter dish; J. Hodgson, tea set; Mrs. H. Colman, egg-cups, jug, cakestand and glass bowl; Mrs. G. Davis and Ena, kettle; Mrs. L. Woodcock, tea tray; Mrs. Smith, knives; Mrs. Waterman, cheque; Mrs. Beale, silver sugar tongs; Miss King, silver sugar strainer; Mrs. G. Springett, pillowslips; Mrs. F. Hinkins, butter dish; Mrs. Miles, bread saw; Mr. A. Carter, cheese dish; Miss Farrance, towels; Mrs. A. P. Colman, fancy tablecloth; Mrs. J. Beale, fruit set; Mrs. F. Wood, clothes basket and pegs; Mrs. Carter, tablecloth; Mrs. L. Woodcock, glass jam dish; Mrs. A. Colman, tablecloth; Mrs. Luxford, glass jug and tumblers.

JUNE 1937

1937 CORONATION
BETHERSDEN.—United service, sports, mugs for children, tea for all, dance.

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MR. A. F. GARSIDE AND MISS I. CHANTLER

The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's, Bethersden, of Miss Irene Chantler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chantler, of Snoad Hill Farm, Bethersden, and Mr. Arnold Frederic Garside, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Garside, of Halifax, Yorkshire. The Rev. N. A. Holt, rector of Great Chart, conducted the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin with a diamante ornament. Her veil (lent by her mother) was held in position by a wreath of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink roses. The bridesmaids were the Misses Leah Chantler (twin sister), Nellie Davis (cousin) and Irene Garside (niece of bridegroom), who were dressed in powder blue georgette, with beige hats and shoes to match, and carried bouquets of sweet peas; their crystal necklaces were the gift of the bridegroom. Masters Dennis and Junior Garside (nephews of the bridegroom) who attended as pages, were dressed in blue velvet knee-breeches, with white satin blouses, each wearing a pink carnation. Mr. F. Chantler, the bride's brother, was best man. A reception was held at the Village Hall, after which the happy couple left by car for Babacombe, Devon, the bride travelling in a brown and beige ensemble. The presents included the following:—

Bridegroom to bride, travelling case; bride to bridegroom, ring and Rolls razor set; Bride's mother, house linen and trousseau; bride's father, cheque; bride's sister, Leah, fireside chairs; bride's brother, Fred, electric iron and ironing board; Edith, Irvine, Irene and Dennis, bedroom rugs; Eveline, Wilfred and Junior, elderdown; Auntie Nellie, early morning tea service and cake stand; Auntie Maria and Uncle Percy, rug; Auntie Charlotte and Uncle Harry, silver jam container; Auntie Leah and Russell, cushion; Cousin Nellie, biscuit casket; Auntie Emily and Uncle Albert, tea and coffee heaters; Auntie Ada and Uncle Arthur, set of jugs and baking utensils; Uncle Ted, cut-glass dish; Aggie, condiment set; Millie, cut-glass jug and tumblers; Ethel and Jim, cut-glass salad bowl and servers; Ted and Doris, oxydised silver companion set; Leslie and Gladys, bread dish and knife; Edith, Ella and Alf, bolster and pillow-cases; Miss French and the scholars at Brackenwood, reading lamp; Nurse, Betty and Violet, two cushions; Miss Doe, chair-back covers; Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, fruit set; Miss M. Maynard, early morning tea set; Betty, Willie and Harry, wooden spoons; Messrs. James and Kithier, cushion; Mr. and Mrs. Wicks, tablecloth and napkins; Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, cucumber dish; May and Joe, glass jug; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hewitt, oxydised silver curb and rug; the Rev. and Mrs. N. A. Holt, silver toast rack and butter dish; Captain and Mrs. Bradley, photograph frame; the manager and staff, Bromley district L.V.F. Society, cheque; the manager and staff, Gravesend district, grandmother clock; the

manager and staff, Ramsgate district, canteen of cutlery; the manager and staff, Wimbledon district, fish knives and servers; the manager and staff, Worthing district, dinner service and picture; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. James, cut-glass biscuit barrel; Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Munday, upholstered slipper cabinet; Miss M. Crothall, two silk cushions; Mr. J. Crothall, cut-glass salad bowl and servers; Lily and friends in the I.O.M., linen tablecloths; Messrs. J. Walsh and J. Briggs, fish knives and forks; Mrs. Cramp, bolster and pillow cases; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Pearson, bedspread.

APRIL 1937

MR. K. G. TONG (Brighton)—MISS M. C. TALBOT (Bethersden)

St. Margaret's, Bethersden, was the scene of the wedding on Thursday of Kenneth Gordon, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Tong, of Woodingdean, Brighton, and Mary Constance Talbot, niece of Mr. and Mrs. T. Coleman, of Snoad Hill Farm, Bethersden.

The bride, given away by her brother, Mr. A. Talbot, wore a medieval gown of ivory satin, and orange blossom secured her embroidered net veil. The bridesmaids—Miss Iola Tong (bridegroom's sister) and Miss Ida Cooper—wore turquoise velvet picture frocks, and turquoise halo caps of twisted velvet and net.

A reception was held at Snoad Hill Farm, and afterwards the couple left for Bournemouth, the bride wearing a slate blue suit and hat to match, with a three-quarter-length Persian lamb fur coat.

FEB BETHERSDEN. 1919.

WEDDING. — On Sunday afternoon a pretty little wedding took place in the parish church, the contracting parties being Private Albert William Nash, son of Mr. G. W. Nash, and Violet Mabel Philpott, daughter of Mr. William Philpott of the "George" Inn. The bride, who was attired in a dress of white charmesuq trimmed with white georgette, with veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carrying a bouquet of white flowers, was given away by her father. She was attended by her two small sisters, who acted as bridesmaids, these being prettily dressed in costumes of electric blue, trimmed with pale pink, with hats to match. During the service which was conducted by the vicar (Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A.), the hymn, "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," was sung and before and after psalms were rung on the bells. After the ceremony a reception was held at the "George" Inn, when many guests were present. The wedding presents were numerous and useful, including several cheques for substantial amounts. P. Greenaway, Q.S.M., of the Royal Engineers, acted as best man.



MR. A. G. GARSIDE and MISS I. CHANTLER.

WEDDINGS

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1929.

MR. F. C. BIRCH AND MISS G. E. BUTLER.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, Newnham, on Saturday, when Mr. Frederick Charles Birch, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Birch, of "Furner," Bethersden, was married to Miss Gladys Emily Butler, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Butler, of Newnham. The Rev. A. B. Cole officiated, and Miss E. Sellen was at the organ. The bride was given away by her father and wore a dress of ivory silk broche, with a veil and orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of lilies, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss E. Birch (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss E. Butler (sister of the bride), who wore dresses of apricot silk and head-dresses to match, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried bouquets of mauve and pink sweet peas; and Miss E. White (niece of the bride), who wore powder blue silk, with a head-dress to match and carried a basket of pale pink carnations, the gift of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. E. Birch (brother of the bridegroom). A reception was held at the Village Hall. The following presents were received:—

Bride to bridegroom, silver cigarette case; bride's parents, tea service; bridegroom's parents, blankets; Miss G. Birch and Mr. W. Laws, silver biscuit barrel; Miss E. L. Butler, teaspoons; Mr. E. Birch and Mrs. Ingram, cutlery and basket; Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Laws, set of jugs; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwards, silver sugar dredger and dusters; Miss M. Birch, Treasury note; Masters G. and L. Laws, meat dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ertler, sheets; Colonel and Mrs. Hessey, Treasury notes; Mr. and Mrs. S. Foster, cucumber dish and tea cosy; Mr. and Mrs. F. Watson, glass dishes and duchesse set; the Rev. A. B. Cole, pictures; Mr. R. Butler, teapot and glass dish; Mr. and Mrs. C. White, set of saucepans; Mr. and Mrs. F. Kennard, glass cruet; Miss O. Chittenden, tablecloth; Mr. P. Barton, set of fruit dishes; Mrs. Stenning, marmalade pot; Mrs. Butler, trinket set; Miss Butler and Mr. Butler, set of jugs; Miss E. Stay, cushions; Miss J. Stay, cake knife; Mr. J. Muzzard, bread fork; Mrs. W. J. Chapman, silver-mounted salt cellars; Mrs. Stay, Treasury note; Mrs. Chittenden, tablecloths; Miss N. Chittenden, tablecloth and dusters; Miss F. Chittenden, dusters; Miss S. Hole, pillowcases; Mrs. Hole, bolster case; Miss Harris, companion set; Mr. and Mrs. Abdy and family, bread board and knife; Mr. Curd, silver-mounted salt cellar; Mr. and Mrs. H. Wigg, tray; Mrs. K. Hills, tablecloth; Mrs. Hughes, china biscuit barrel; Mrs. E. Hills, tray; Mrs. Dixon, tumblers; Miss F. Dixon, marmalade pot and spoon; Mrs. Sellen, flower bowl; Mr. A. Baker, sugar tongs; Mr. Mayo and Miss Foster, rose bowl; Miss Rye, silver-mounted vases; Mr. and Mrs. W. Sears, clock; Mrs. Sears, glass jug; Mr. and Mrs. H. Foster, silver-top sugar dredger; Miss Mann, duchesse set; Mrs. Mann and Miss Rook, tablecloths; Mr. Vine, salad bowl; Mrs. Spice, salad bowl; Miss D. Butler, cress china; Miss J. Butler, tablecloth; Miss K. Watson, glass dishes; Mrs. W. Anderson, pillow cases; Mr. P. Ring, carving set; Mrs. Tyrrell and sons, present; Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Hyder, present; Miss B. Court, traycloth; Mrs. Gamble, teaspoons; Mrs. Higgins, butter dish and marmalade pot; Mrs. Cooke, butter dish; Mrs. J. Baker, duchesse set; and Mr. and Mrs. Mannering, rose bowl.

DEC BETHERSDEN. 1918

WAR WEDDING.—A very quiet wedding by special license, was solemnized at the Parish church, on December 4th between Miss Lily Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams, of Green Lane, Bethersden, (late of Pluckley), and Company Quartermaster Sergeant Frederick Austen, of the Buffs, home on leave from Salonica, youngest son of Mr. D. and the late Mrs. Austen, of Clap Hill, Aldington. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a simple frock of white voile, with very old beaded trimming. She also wore a gold wristlet watch, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums, tied with the Buffs ribbon, the gifts of the bridegroom. She was attended by three bridesmaids, the Misses Lizzie and Grace Adams, (sisters of the bride), and Miss Eva Harris (niece of the bridegroom). All three wore gold bracelets, the gifts of the bridegroom. The duties of best man were ably carried out by Mr. James Harris. The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. E. H. Morris. The presents were numerous.

DOUBLE DEATH AT MAY BETHERSDEN 1933

THE MISSES DRYSDALE'S BEREAVEMENT

Much sympathy is felt with the Misses Drysdale, well-known in amateur dramatic circles in the Ashford district, in the bereavement they have sustained by the deaths, within a week, of their parents at Bethersden.

Mr. George Wright Drysdale passed away at their home, Brushwood Haugh, on Tuesday, aged 84 years, whilst his wife, Mrs. Florence Anne Drysdale, died the previous Saturday aged 76, and was buried at Camberwell, on the day of her husband's death. Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale were born in London, coming to Bethersden 14 years ago.

Mr. Drysdale will be interred with his wife in Camberwell Cemetery this Friday. The chief mourners at Mrs. Drysdale's funeral were the Misses M. and E. Drysdale (daughters), Mr. Elverston (representing Major and Mrs. Robb, brother-in-law and sister), Mr. A. Drysdale (brother), Miss Strype, Mrs. Carpenter (nieces), Mr. J. Fletcher (nephew), Mrs. Dighton, Mrs. Fester and Mr. and Mrs. Pinch. Wreaths were from the Misses M. and E. Drysdale; Major and Mrs. Robb; A. Drysdale; Mr. and Mrs. Curwen; Colonel and Mrs. Cameron; Mr. Fletcher; Dr. and Mrs. Hale; Mrs. Burden and family; Dr. Gray and Dr. Hodgson; Mr. and Mrs. Bodenhams; Mrs. and Miss Strype; Mr. and Mrs. Packard; Mr. and Mrs. Bright-Hilland; Miss D. Laws; Mr. and Mrs. Soper; Mr. and Mrs. Lee and family; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis; Mr. and Mrs. Pinch; Mrs. Alexander; Mrs. Beck; Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter; Mr. and Mrs. McGregor; Miss Dight; Mrs. Colt; Mr. and Mrs. Buggat.

DEATH OF MR. C. LINK:

MEMBER OF OLD BETHERSDEN OCT FAMILY. 1927

The death has occurred in London, at the age of seventy-two, of Mr. Charles Link, the fourth son of the late Mr. H. Link, of Wissenden House, Bethersden, and the last surviving member of an old Kentish family. In his younger days he was a chorister and ringer at Botherden church and served in the Hastings Artillery Volunteer band. His cremated remains were buried in the family grave at East Ham, the mourners being Mrs. C. Link (widow), Mr. E. C. Link (son), Miss E. S. Link (daughter), Mr. F. C. Link (son), Mrs. E. C. Link and Mrs. F. G. Link (daughters-in-law), Mr. C. Link (nephew), Miss L. E. Link (grand-daughter), Master E. H. C. Link (grand-son). Wreaths were sent by the Widow; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Link; Miss E. S. Link; Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Link; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Link; Charles, Harold and Norman Link (nephews, Botherden); Master E., Miss Link and F. Scutts; Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Berry; Mr., Mrs., and Miss Connes; Mr. and Mrs. Olive; Mr. Hammond and family; Meadames Abrams, Pearton and Rumsey; Mrs. Sales and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bell; Miss Talbot; Officers and Members East Ham Liberal Club; All the Neighbours, Beckton-road; Mr. I. J. Storey; Mr. and Mrs. W. Salmon; Mr. and Mrs. Sims; Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd; Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

DEC BETHERSDEN 1932

WESLEY GUILD.—The weekly meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Cheesman. A portion of Scripture was read by Miss L. Farrance, and Pastor A. G. Dorman gave an address on "God's Pictures." Mr. A. Brown also spoke on the subject.

DEC BETHERSDEN. 1927

SHARE OUT.—The annual share out of the Bull Hotel Christmas Club was held on the 14th of December, when 98 members each received £1 9s. 8d. A smoking concert followed, when Mr. W. Weeks presided, with Mr. C. Martin as vice-chairman and Mr. W. Clifford (Ashford), as pianist. Others who gave songs included Messrs. G. Springott, L. Mannering, G. King and B. Miles.

WHIST DRIVE.—A whist drive and dance were held in the Village Hall, on Friday evening, in aid of the Not Forgotten Association, the arrangements being made by the local branch of the British Legion. The M.C.'s for the drive were Captain R. B. Caton (chairman) and Mr. W. S. Weeks (secretary); the results being—Ladies, 1 Mrs. Abdey, 2 Mrs. Stenning, 3 Miss Borton; consolation, Mrs. Martin; sealed number, Mrs. Baker. Gentlemen, 1 Mr. Edmunds, 2 Mr. H. Holmes, 3 Mr. A. Millen; consolation, Mr. P. G. Summerfield; sealed number, Mr. W. Abdey. Lucky ticket (222) may be claimed from Mr. W. S. Weeks. Mr. Wheatley's orchestra provided the music for the dance and Mr. G. Link was the M.C. Captain Caton thanked those present for their support and Mrs. Caton presented the prizes.

THE LATE MRS. E. S. WATTS.—Owing to the death of Mrs. Eliza Sarah Watts, the parish loses another prominent parishioner. Since the death of Mr. William Watts, which took place in 1917, deceased had very ably filled the position of sub-postmistress, in connection with which she will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. Formerly, Mrs. Watts took a keen interest in all work in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday School. The funeral took place on Monday, when a special service was held in the Wesleyan Chapel. The Rev. G. Riley Mallinson, of Tenterden, conducted the service, and deceased's favourite hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus lover of my soul," were sung. The family mourners were Mr. R. W. Watts and Mr. B. Watts (grandsons), these being her only near relatives, as her only son is at present filling an important position in Africa: Mrs. Highwood, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Luxford, Mr. and Mrs. W. George Roots, Mr. and Mrs. J. Allright, Mr. Drucary (Great Chart), Mr. D. W. Farrance (Frittenden), Mr. F. Ring, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Nash, Mrs. Chainey, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver. Among others present were Mr. C. W. Clarke (head postmaster), Mr. J. T. Adams, Mr. A. R. Cook, Mrs. S. B. Hyland; Miss Adams and Miss Earl (representing the Council School); Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. R. Jarvis, Mrs. Davis, and Mr. G. Mackleden (representing the Wesleyan Chapel). The interment took place in the churchyard, where the vicar of the parish (the Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A.) joined with the Rev. Mallinson in the committal and other prayers. Mr. J. H. Jarvis carried out the funeral arrangements, and the polished brass mounted coffin was borne to the grave by members of the local post office staff. Floral tributes were sent by:—Son and grandson; auntie and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. George Roots; Willie and Nellie; Nell and Arch; Mr. and Mrs. Bransill; Mr. and Mrs. J. Turk-Adams; all at the Nurseries; Botherden post office staff; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Drury; old friends at Ashford; Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin Lowwood; Captain R. B. Mrs. and Miss Caton; Harriet; Bright and Nellie; Mr. and Mrs. A. Luxford; and members and friends of the Wesleyan Chapel.

BETHERSDEN.

DEATH OF MR. G. S. BROWN.—The parish loses its oldest inhabitant through the death of Mr. George Steel Brown, of Great Barton Farm, who passed peacefully away on August 23rd, in his 92nd year. Mr. Brown, who had been the tenant of Barton Farm for over 40 years, was greatly respected by all with whom he came into contact. The funeral service took place at the parish church on Thursday week, being conducted by the vicar, Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A. In addition to the family mourners many parishioners were present in token of respect. The brass mounted coffin of polished oak was surmounted with floral tributes, among which were the following:—In loving memory, from Miss Gurr; to dear grandpa, from his sorrowing grandchildren; in loving memory of our dear father, from his sorrowing family. Sept 1920

MAY BETHERSDEN. 1920

OBITUARY.—Two old inhabitants were borne to their last resting place in the churchyard last week, one being Mrs. Sophia Padgham, widow of Mr. Thomas Padgham, builder, who died on the 17th, at the age of 87 years, after a prolonged illness. The funeral took place on May 20th, when the vicar, Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A., officiated, and many mourners were present. The coffin of polished oak was covered with floral tributes bearing the following inscription:—With deep sympathy from Henry and Lizzie; In loving memory of our dear mother, from Jack and Bessie; With love and sympathy, from Jennie and Lizzie; In loving remembrance, from Tom, Louie and family; In remembrance of Mrs. Padgham, from Mr. and Mrs. Hyland; With kind remembrance, from Oscar and Ada; In fond remembrance, from Melville House; Harry and Harriett, in loving memory.—The other funeral was that of Mrs. Mary Adams, widow of Mr. Charles Adams, who for many years carried on business as a miller and farmer in the parish. Mrs. Adams died at Pluckley, to which place she removed on giving up the business some years since, passing peacefully away on May 17th, at the advanced age of 89 years, and being interred at Botherden on Saturday. The Rev. Dr. Springott, rector of Pluckley, joined with the Vicar in conducting the service. There were no flowers by request.

SUSSEX GROUND OATS. Dry Chick Feeds, Groats, Poultry Grit (shell and flint), Biscuit Meals, Dog Biscuits, Thorley's Goods, Karswood Poultry Spice and all kinds of feeding stuffs.—W. Hicks, Pluckley Station.—Advt.

MRS. H. A. PAFFORD, BETHERSDEN.

Mrs. Pafford, wife of Mr. H. A. Pafford, "Bovrons," Bethersden, passed peacefully away last week after a prolonged illness. The funeral took place at Bethersden last Friday.

The family mourners were Mr. Pafford (husband), Mr. Allott (cousin), Misses G. and E. Pafford (sisters-in-law), Sister Bolton and Nurse Westwell (Ashford Hospital) and Mr. W. Hammond.

Others present at the church included Major Weston, Colonel and Mrs. Hessey, Mr. A. S. Beazley, Mr. O. E. St. Ruth, Mr. A. R. Davis Cook, Mrs. Bligh Hill, Mr. T. A. Padgham, Mrs. Hambrook, Mrs. Stenning, the Misses Roots, Miss B. Millen and Miss Norris.

Floral tributes were from: The sorrowing Husband; Mrs. Allott and Mrs. Weatherhead; Misses G. and A. Pafford; Rev. and Mrs. Harcourt Hetherden (London); Edith and Charlie Birdport; Rev. N. A. and Mrs. Bligh Hill; Colonel and Mrs. Hessey; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Curwen; Sister and Nurses, Ashford Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. A. Stenning; Mr. and Mrs. V. Hammond; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tidy; all at Bean Place; Mr. and Mrs. O. E. St. Ruth; Misses M. and F. Jobson; Captain and Mrs. de Medeiros; Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Watkins; S. J. Davies and relatives; Mr. and Mrs. P. Ring; Botherden Nursing Association; Botherden Men's Club; Botherden Football and Cricket Clubs; 1st Botherden Group Boy Scouts; Botherden Gardeners' Society.

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FEB BETHERSDEN. 1914

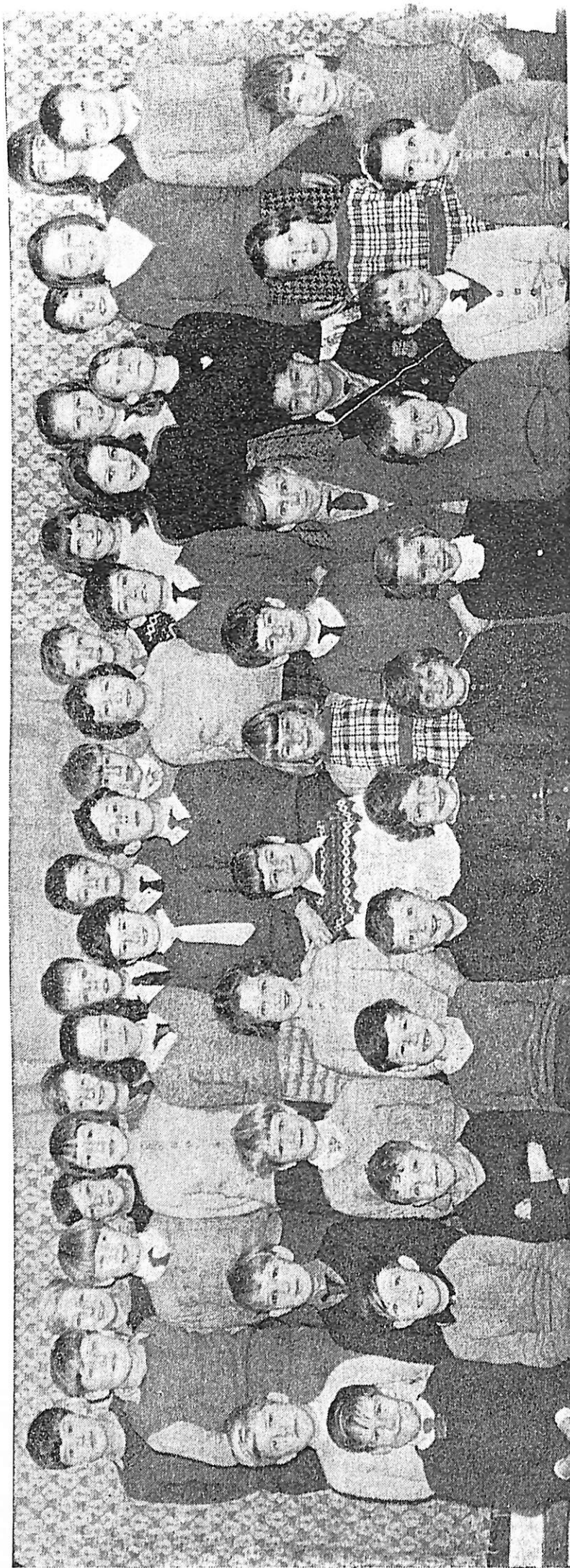
DEATH OF MR. J. B. ROOTS.—The funeral took place at the parish church on Thursday week of the late Mr. John Benjamin Roots, who passed away the previous Saturday after a prolonged illness. Mr. Roots had for many years owned and occupied some land at Green Lane and was therefore well known in the neighbourhood. The funeral arrangements were carried out in the old-fashioned way, the deceased being borne to the grave in a farm waggon, with four of the neighbouring farmers in attendance as bearers. The deceased was seventy-seven years of age. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. H. Croton (vicar of the parish).

WHIST DRIVE.—A very successful whist drive was held in the Parish Room on Wednesday evening with 38 players. The prizes were carried off by Miss Una Padgham with 176, and Mr. C. S. Baker with 172.

EDBROOKE AND SON'S Gigantic Clothing and Boot Sale now proceeding. Bargains in all Departments.—31, High-street, Ashford.—Advt.

Sweet voices of young carollers

THE WEEK
IN PICTURES



Bethersden Primary School rang with the sweet sound of carols when the children gave a recital last Friday to parents and friends.

JULY BETHERSDEN 1932

A record-breaking show, as regards attendance, was the annual one arranged by the Gardeners' Society, and held in Mr. S. B. Hyland's field on Saturday. Welcomed by Mr. R. S. Beazley as president and by Major C. F. Weston as chairman, Lady Doreen Knatchbull, who was accompanied by Commander Bahin, performed the opening ceremony. She was presented with a bouquet by Mary Philpott. During the evening the prizes were distributed by Mrs. E. Marshall, of Mill House. There was a splendid array of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Although the entries were not quite so numerous as last year and the quality not so good, yet, considering the dryness of the season the exhibits were well up to standard. During the afternoon numerous attractions were provided, these including sideshows and athletic sports. The goal-running competition for the silver cup given by Mr. Beazley was again won by Dymchurch (holders), who beat Pluckley. The Ashford British Legion Military Band played in the afternoon and for dancing in the evening. Teas were in the hands of the Women's Institute, who also ran a stall. Messrs. Parson, Love and Bond acted as judges, while the organisation was in the hands of Mr. V. Hammond (secretary), Mr. W. Abdey (assistant secretary) and the committee. The awards were:—

Cottagers.—P. Ring, 6 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds; C. B. Miles, 2 firsts, 9 seconds, 4 thirds; H. A. Prior, 6 firsts, 4 seconds, 3 thirds; T. F. Smith, 5 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds; A. Stenning, 1 first, 1 second, 4 thirds; H. Bushman, 1 first, 1 second, 1 third; G. T. Holmes, 3 firsts, 1 second, 3 thirds; W. Abdey, 2 firsts, 3 seconds, 2 thirds; C. H. Farrow, 4 firsts, 2 seconds, 2 thirds; W. Benstead, 4 firsts, 3 seconds; J. Jarvis, 1 third; J. Brazill, 1 second; D. Batt, 2 thirds; F. Bingham, 2 seconds, 3 thirds.

Amateurs.—W. Jull, 9 firsts, 9 seconds, 5 thirds; T. Padgham, 9 firsts, 8 seconds, 4 thirds; H. Webb, 1 first, 3 seconds, 2 thirds; J. Fensom, 2 firsts, 1 second, 1 third; S. A. Tidy, 2 firsts, 1 second, 2 thirds; V. Hammond, 2 seconds, 2 thirds; T. Bird, 1 first, 2 seconds; W. S. Weeks, 3 seconds, 2 thirds; Rev. N. A. Bligh-Hill, 1 second, 4 thirds; S. H. Philpott, 6 firsts; A. D. Elliott, 3 thirds; S. L. Bodenham, 1 first, 1 second; H. J. Sabbage, 2 firsts; E. A. Drysdale, 1 first, 1 third.

Open.—S. B. Hyland, 4 firsts, 3 seconds, 2 thirds. Members' wives and Women's Institute.—Table decoration, 1 Mrs. G. Padgham, 2 Mrs. Lukyn, 3 Mrs. W. Norris; boiled potatoes, 1 Mrs. T. A. Padgham, 2 Mrs. Jennings, 3 Mrs. P. Ring; fruit cake, 1 Mrs. A. E. Millen, 2 Mrs. E. Padgham, 3 Mrs. T. A. Padgham; home-made jam, 1 Mrs. W. Abdey, 2 Mrs. Elliott, 3 Mrs. E. L. Padgham; boiled beetroot, 1 Mrs. Stenning, 2 Mrs. P. Ring, 3 Mrs. H. Buckman.

Children.—Wild flowers, 1 B. Jarvis, 2 D. Mitchell, 3 G. Holmes and E. Springett; vegetables, 1 A. Venner and J. Jarvis, 2 R. Woodcock and N. Jull, 3 C. Bridges and R. Miller; cabbage, 1 H. Burton, 2 R. Millen, 3 C. Bridger; leaves, 1 M. Lounhurst, 2 G. Holmes, 3 B. Lee and B. Jarvis; grasses, 1 C. Jull, 2 R. Bourne and L. Jarvis, 3 G. Oliver.

School Garden Challenge Cup.—H. Barton and W. Holmes.

Open to all parishioners, largest number queen wasps.—1 W. Prior, 2 P. Ring.

THE SPORTS

School children's events.—60yds. boys, under 10 years, 1 John Curwin, 2 Ronny Bourne, 3 John Tyler. 60yds. girls, 1 Kathie Barton, 2 M. Abdey, 3 B. Jarvis. Egg and spoon, girls, 1 J. Farrance, 2 M. Abdey, 3 B. Jarvis; over 11 years, 1 E. George, 2 J. Morris, 3 D. Engram. 80yds. skipping race, girls under 10 years, 1 K. Barton, 2 M. Abdey, 3 B. Jarvis. Boot and shoe race, boys under 10 years, 1 W. Tyler, 2 S. Mason, 3 B. Owen. 100yds., boys 11 years and over, 1 D. Goslin, 2 G. Hopkins, 3 B. Burton. 100yds., girls 11 years and over, 1 J. Carter, 2 N. Brown, 3 E. George. Potato race, ladies, 1 Mrs. W. Ring, 2 Miss N. Springett, 3 Mrs. J. Ring. 80yds. egg and spoon, ladies, 1 N. Brown, 2 D. Engram and Miss Chalmers dead heat, 3 Mrs. Skinner. 50yds. sack race, boys 14 and over, 1 R. Holmes, 2 J. Graves, 3 C. Bridger. 100yds. three-legged race, mixed, 1 Miss Chalmers and R. Holmes, 2 Miss Morris and G. Holmes. Baby show, boys and girls under 1 year, 1 Wratten, 2 Stenning, 3 Birch; under 2 years, 1 Ring, 2 Abdey, 3 Fumlinger, consolation Mania. One mile flat, open, 1 Edwards, 2 Fredway, 3 Mannering. Half-mile flat, open, 1 Rush, 2 Mannering, 3 Fredway. Goal running competition for a silver challenge cup. In the final Dymchurch (10 strokes, 6 points) beat Pluckley (7 strokes, 2 points). Mrs. N. Batt won the weight guessing (5lb. 13oz.). Lucky programme numbers were No. 10 (Mrs. A. Farrance), No. 153 (not claimed).

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BETHERSDEN 1932.

STORM DAMAGE.—A sheep and two geese belonging to Mr. S. Bright Hyland were killed by lightning in a field at Court Lodge Farm during Friday afternoon's storm. The lightning made three holes, of considerable size and about a foot deep, in the grass.

THE LATE MRS. D. COWELL.—The Rev R. M. Boys, rector of Little Ellingham, Norfolk, conducted the funeral service at the parish church on Wednesday, of Mrs. Dorcas Cowell, whose death at the age of 51 years occurred at "Harleydene" on Saturday. Mrs. Cowell was born in Bethersden and had lived there all her life. She leaves a widower, Mr. Arthur Cowell, two sons and a daughter. The chief mourners were Mr. A. Cowell (widower), Messrs. J. and A. Cowell (sons), Mr. and Mrs. F. Elso (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. M. Jarvis (mother), Mr. A. Jarvis (brother), Misses F. and N. Jarvis (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. A. Leonard (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. F. Hukins (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr. H. Cowell (brother-in-law), Mr. S. Davies (nephew), Miss M. Venner and Miss F. Buckman. Floral tributes were sent by:—Husband, Alice and Fred; Mother, Susie, Laddie, Fan and Nell; John, Ida, Keith and Maurice; Arthur and Maggie; Arthur, Lizzie and family; Dorothy and Dick; Gladys and Sid; Kate Oliver; Mr. and Mrs. A. Elso and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. Kingsnorth; Mrs. J. Hukins; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hukins; Ernest and Doris; Mr. and Mrs. T. Venner; Mr. and Mrs. Filmer and family; Mr. and Mrs. Mackledon; Mrs. J. Buss; Mrs. Buckman and Tommie; Mr. and Mrs. Springett and family; all at Charing.

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THE LATE MR. A. J. FARRANCE.—The funeral took place at the parish church on Tuesday of Mr. Arthur John Farrance, who died on Saturday aged seventy-three years. He was a well-known farmer. The family mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. D. Farrance and Mr. and Mrs. A. Farrance (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs. H. Bridgeland and Miss L. Farrance (daughters), Gordon and Joan Farrance (grandchildren), Mr. D. W. Farrance (brother), Mr. W. Wood (brother-in-law), Mrs. W. Wood, Mrs. E. Homewood and Mrs. J. Reeves (sisters-in-law) and Mr. Richard Hughes (cousin). Floral tributes were received from the widow and family and Miss Earl; Emily, Edith and Bessie; Will, Flo and Muriel; Alice, John and family; all at Bubhurst; Bert and Mable (Folkestone); Dick (Charham); all at Harlackenden; L. G. Whitehead; Mr. A. R. Cook and family; members of the High Halden branch, N.F.U.; Biney and Arnold (Hove); Mr. and Mrs. Miles and Mr. and Mrs. Farrow; Miss K. F. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown and family; Mr. and Mrs. Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Hart and family; Mr. and Mrs. William Young; Mr. and Mrs. Hammond.

THE LATE MR. H. SKINNER.—The funeral took place at Pluckley recently of Mr. H. Skinner, aged 89 years. Formerly a brick burner at Pluckley Brickfields, he had resided at Bethersden with his daughter since his retirement sixteen years ago. Floral tributes were from Harry and Rachel; Arthur and Louie; Mercey; Elsie, Bill and Victor; Fred; Ben, Mildred and family; Rose, Albert and family; May and Billie; May, Bert and little Billie; Edith and Ethel; Mrs. Langelier (Cliftonville); Mrs. Asker (Motttingham); Ern, Lucy and Joy; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ledger; a friend; little Jean; Mr. and Mrs. Mannering and Derek; Mr. and Mrs. Filmer; Mrs. Mitchell and Joan; Jack Murrell; Mrs. T. Moore; and Nellie Springett.

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BETHERSDEN 1934

MR. HARTNELL WEBB.—The death has occurred at Rochester of Mr. Hartnell Webb, aged 61, who for a time farmed at Bethersden. A great sportsman, he was a regular attendant at county cricket matches. He was Master of the St. Andrew's Lodge of Freemasons at Rochester. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

A' BETHERSDEN FARMER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

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Mr. C. D. Murton, the Cranbrook coroner, held an inquest at the Royal Standard Inn, Bethersden, on Monday, on the body of John Adams, a farmer, aged 71 years, who died from heart failure on the previous Friday. — Sarah Adams, the widow, stated that her husband was in his usual health until a fortnight ago, when he had a fainting fit and was unconscious for a few minutes. He had remained upstairs ever since. He was going to get up again on Tuesday, but she persuaded him not to do so, on account of the cold. He did not seem to have any more of the fainting fits and on Monday slept well. Several times she had wanted to send for the doctor, but he had asked her not to, as he did not think he was ill enough.—Annie Luxford, a neighbour, stated that she was called in on Friday by the last witness. She found deceased lying on the bed and put some brandy to his lips. Deceased was unconscious and drew his last breath as Mrs. Adams, who said she would send for the doctor, went out of the door.—Dr. Ballard, of Smarden, stated that he had attended deceased last in September for symptoms of apoplexy. He had made a post-mortem examination and found that deceased had fatty degeneration of the heart so marked that it would be difficult to conceive any person living for long with a heart in that condition. That was the cause of death.—The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

MRS. C. BAKER, BETHERSDEN.

The funeral took place at Bethersden on Tuesday of Mrs. Catherine Baker, widow of Mr. Charles S. Baker, of Beacon Cottage, Bethersden, who died on Friday after a short illness. Mrs. Baker was well-known and much respected in the parish where she had resided for many years, and has taken keen interest in work connected with the church and parish, being also a prominent member of the Women's Institute.

In additions to the family mourners there were Colonel and Mrs. J. S. Cameron, Mrs. S. B. Hyland, Mr. and Mrs. Checksfield, Mrs. T. A. Padgham, Mr. and Mrs. H. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird, Sergt. Jestic, Misses Roots, Mrs. Carter, Mr. R. H. Padgham, Mrs. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jarvis, Mrs. A. Jarvis, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. G. Link, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. F. Brown, Mrs. Penfold and Miss B. Guess.

Flowers were from Louie, Frank and Dolly; Sister Flo and family; Julia, Florence, Fanny and Louie; Kate, Walter; Dorothy and Eddie; Oscar and Ada; Mr. and Mrs. Prior and family; May and Charlie; Harry and Lily; Mrs. Guess and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Paffard; Colonel and Mrs. J. S. Cameron; Sergt. and Mrs. Jestic; Bethersden Women's Institute; Mr. and Mrs. P. Ring; Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge and Ron; Mrs. Ninn, Muriel and Percy; Miss Cameron; Mrs. Elmslie and Marjory Elmslie; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird; and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Padgham and family.

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CROONING CONTEST.—A crooning contest was a feature of the dance on Wednesday, organised by the Football Club in aid of their funds. Mr. Bob Ward jud, of the efforts which caused much fun, and Mr. C. Lambkin (Smarden) was the winner. A programme of music was supplied by the Weald Follies Band, and Mr. R. Miller and Miss G. Maria won the spot prize. Mr. F. Jarvis and Mr. C. B. St. Ruth were M.C.s, and Mrs. Abdey managed refreshments. The decorations and balloons added to the jollity.

BANDSMEN DINE.—Through the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Batt and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Possee and friends, the members of the Bethersden Brass Band and friends, numbering between thirty and forty, sat down to an excellent repast on Wednesday evening. The number presents shows that this annual event becomes more popular every year. After the band had played some lively selections outside the residence of Mr. Jas. Batt a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present in harmony, the vocalists being ably accompanied by Mr. G. Batt.

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BETHERSDEN SCHOOL CHILDREN enjoy Playtime

Kentish Express Photograph

SEPT BETHERSDEN 1931

VISIT TO METROPOLIS.—Elder children attending the Council School were taken to London by the Headmaster (Mr. V. Hammond) on Wednesday, when they enjoyed a very pleasant and instructive day. On arrival the party was met by a guide, who took them for a motor tour, explaining all places of interest, and afterwards conducting them over the Zoological Gardens, the remainder of the time being taken up by a visit to the Hippodrome.

SCOUTS' CAMP.—The 1st Bethersden Scouts, who gained second place in the Commissioner's Shield Competition at Godinton Park, were P. L. R. G. Holmes and Scouts G. Graves, P. Hukins, J. Woodcock, C. Bridger and K. Woodcock. Fourteen Scouts, under Scoutmaster V. Hammond, have just spent ten days under canvas near Rochester, where visits were made to the Cathedral and Castle, Short's Aeronautical Works and to London. The Scouts thank all who helped to make the camp such a success, especially Colonel Hessey, the Rev. N. A. Bligh-Hill and Messrs. A. S. Beazley, H. Webb, W. Weeks, A. Jarvis and Scoutmaster V. Hammond.

OLDEST INHABITANT.—Bethersden loses its oldest inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Fanny Pile, wife of Mr. George Pile, of Bateman Corner, in her ninety-second year. Deceased, who was well-known and respected in the parish, was buried in the parish churchyard on Thursday last week, when the mourners included Mr. George Pile (husband), Mr. and Mrs. Luckhurst (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Freed (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. Mount. (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Cripps (granddaughter), Mr. W. Freed (grandson), Mr. and Mrs. O. Kingsnorth (granddaughter), and Freddy Kingsnorth (great-grandson). Floral tributes were sent by the husband; Dora, Bert and Bertie; Mr. and Mrs. Bourne and lodger; L. and G. Mount; Ethel, Oscar and boys; Mr. and Mrs. Springett and family; Alf and Clara; Mary and George; great-grandchildren; Alice, Fred and family; Fan and Jim; Mr. and Mrs. Filmer and family; and Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingsnorth.

JAN 1929



A CONCERTINA WITH A HISTORY.

The concertina in the above portrait is the property of Mrs. J. C. Oliver, of St. Peter's-row, The Street, Bethersden. It has been in the family for at least eighty years, her father, Mr. J. Buckman, having used it for over sixty years. The latter used to play it in the Wesleyan Chapel and at Christmas time used to take it with him when carolling in the neighbouring villages. Mr. Buckman purchased it second-hand from a Mr. Atkins, and often after playing it at home put it on the floor for his daughter (who is now sixty-five years of age), to use as a stool.

AUG BETHERSDEN 1930

GOAL RUNNING.—The winners of the goal running at the flower show were Pluckley, not Sellindge, as stated last week.

THE LATE MRS. A. KINGSNORTH.—The funeral took place on Friday of Mrs. Alice Kingsnorth, of 1, Essella Road, Ashford, widow of Mr. Henry Kingsnorth, a native of the village, who was at one time proprietor of the Bull and a partner of the firm of Messrs. H. and A. C. Kingsnorth, steam sawyers and corn threshers. The deceased passed away at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. The principal mourners were Mr. and Mrs. C. Dungey (son-in-law and daughter), Miss A. Kingsnorth and Miss B. Kingsnorth (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. F. Caulton (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Raynor (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. W. Hazell (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. A. Kingsnorth (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Jarvis (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. Holdstock, Mr. Rother, Mr. Moodie, Mrs. Thornby, Mr. T. Raynor, Mr. J. Dungey and Mrs. Murrell. Wreaths were received from Rose and Cecil, Anne and Horace, Edna and Bob; Mr. and Mrs. F. Caulton and family (Winhill); Mr. and Mrs. G. Raynor and family; Nell, Will and family (Dulwich); Ted, Daisy and Evelyn (Dulwich); Frank and Mildred (Winhill); all at Hope Cottage; Harry and Ada; Rose, Albert and Bert; Mr. and Mrs. S. Kingsnorth; Mr. and Mrs. Bates and family (Shortlands); Betty (Aldington); Betty (Dulwich); all at Forge Hill and Beach Cottages; Mr. and Mrs. Moodie (Ashford); Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Harmer (Park Crescent); Mr. and Mrs. Le Marchant (Knightsbridge); Mr. and Mrs. Holdstock and family; Mr. J. Dungey (Sandling); Mr. and Mrs. Henry and family (Epsom); Mr. and Mrs. Duruz and family (Hythe); Mr. and Mrs. Banvard, Ern and Dot; Mrs. Walter, Alice, Bob and Ella; Cookie and Lily; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Theobald (Throwley); Miss Shipstone; Mr. and Mrs. Law and family; Mrs. Cripps; Miss H. Bates; the staff of New Town Infants' Department; and the Aldington Women's Institute.

JAN BETHERSDEN 1936

BETHERSDEN FOOTBALL DANCE.—Tuesday, January 7th; Puck-a-Pu Dance Band; tickets, 1/6.—Advt.

APRIL BETHERSDEN 1931

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES.—During Lent, lantern services were held in the Parish Hall after the usual church service. All the services on Good Friday were well attended, especially the lantern service in the evening. The Easter services were enlivened by merry peals on the bells throughout the day. There were as usual three celebrations of the Holy Communion, commencing at 7 a.m., the Communicants numbering ninety-one. In the evening "The Watchers and the Holy One" was well rendered as an anthem by the choir, with Miss Parker at the organ. The Lent savings envelopes brought in £3 14s. 5d. for the parish quota, and the Easter offerings amounted to £6 14s. 11d.

DEATH OF MRS. M. A. LINK.—Many in Bethersden heard with regret of the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Link, widow of Mr. James Link, who was for many years sexton of the parish, who passed peacefully away on April 1st, aged seventy-eight years. Mrs. Link was especially well-known by the chimneys and ringers of the parish, who much appreciated her hospitality at Christmas and on other festive occasions, when she always invited them to supper. Her cheery greeting will also be missed by many who paused to admire her well-kept garden, which always attracted attention during the summer months. The funeral took place on Saturday, the Rev. A. N. Bligh Hill (Vicar) officiating. Many parishioners were present to show their last respects. The family mourners included Mr. G. W. Link (son), Mrs. Coleman, Miss L. Link, Miss B. Link, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. J. Batt and Mrs. Throwers (daughters), Mrs. G. Link (daughter-in-law), Mr. P. Watkins (son-in-law), Mr. W. Throwers (son-in-law), J. Watkins, N. Batt and A. Batt (grandsons), Mrs. H. Lorden and Mrs. S. Burbridge (granddaughters), Mr. H. Lorden, Mr. W. Bates and Mr. G. Bates (brothers), Mrs. London (sister), Mr. London (brother-in-law), Mrs. W. Bates (sister-in-law), Mrs. Beall, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. A. Wood, Mrs. A. Coleman, Mrs. Kedwell and Miss Buckman. Among others present were Mr. J. T. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Nash, Mr. F. Ring, Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Roots, Miss Morris, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hukins, Mrs. C. Buckman and Mrs. L. Woodcock. The coffin was surmounted with lovely floral tributes from Mill; George and Marie; Lou; Bertha; Els and Picton; Alice and family (Sevington); Amy and Beal; Vic; Jim; Ethel, Gladys, Stan and Henny; Nor, Lill and family; Ash and Eva; Bill, Alice and Nor; Liddle and family; Eliza; Jane, Arthur and Harty; Bert and Jim; Mr. Philpott, Elsie and Ivy; all at Brushwood Haugh; Beryl and Ambrose; Mr. and Mrs. C. Lonkhurst; the Misses George (Woldingham); Mr. and Mrs. T. Vanner; Bethersden bell-ringers; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woodcock; Mr. and Mrs. Durling; Carrie and Arthur; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton and family; C. and M. Oxley; Percy and Millie; Mr. and Mrs. W. George Roots; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Tidy; Jim and Flora; Mr. and Mrs. Springett and family; Edith M. Morris; F. E. Ring; G. and A. Nash and Dolly; Nan and Vi (Woldingham); Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Padgham; Mr. and Mrs. Mason; Mrs. Coleman and family; Beat; Mr. and Mrs. A. Joy (Ashford); Mrs. Guess. Miss Parker presided at the organ, the hymn "On the Resurrection Morning" being sung. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. T. A. Padgham.

MR. D. W. BATT, BETHERSDEN.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church, Bethersden, on Monday of Mr. David William Batt, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. D. Batt, of Maple Cottage, who died at the Ashford Hospital on Friday.

Among the mourners were Mr. and Mrs. D. Batt (father and step-mother), Mrs. H. Stewart, Miss Gladys Batt (sisters), Mrs. C. Buss and Mrs. H. Millen (aunts), Mr. and Mrs. A. Batt, Mr. T. Batt, Mr. R. Batt, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Holmes and Miss Maurice.

Wreaths:—Dad and Lill; Winnie; all at Brighton; Hattie, Steve and Glad; Doris; Percy and family; all the children; Grannie Thomas; all at Buss Farm; Mr. and Mrs. T. Ring and Fred; Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard and family.

JUNE 1934

BETHERSDEN MAN'S ROAD DEATH

WHILE ON WAY TO VISIT FIANCEE Oct — 1933

How a motor-cyclist received fatal injuries through colliding head-on with horses led by a man carrying a lighted torch was on Friday related to Mr. Rutley Mowll, coroner, at Ashford.

The motor-cyclist was Edward J. Oliver, aged 23, a baker's roundsman, of St. Peter's-row, Bethersden, and he was on his way to see his fiancée at Smeeth.

Walter Mant, of Folkestone, said that at about 7.30 p.m., on Monday, October 9, he was leading three horses along the Willesborough by-pass towards Ashford, on the near-side of the road, in the customary manner, when he noticed the motor-cycle heading straight for him. The motor-cycle had not very powerful lights. He shouted to the motor-cyclist, but he came on, crashed into the horses and was thrown violently.

Mr. J. C. E. Oliver said his son travelled over the road almost every night. At the time of the accident he was on his way to visit his fiancée at Smeeth.

On arrival at Ashford Hospital the injured man was suffering from facial injuries and a scalp wound and was unconscious. He died about midnight on Wednesday, death being due to cerebral compression due to hæmorrhage following injury to the scalp.

The jury, the foreman of which was Mr. Alan Blackford, returned a verdict of Death by misadventure.

The Coroner said:

"I cannot see why this accident need have happened. The road was very familiar to the motor-cyclist and perhaps he did not look where he was going at the moment. The leader of the horses was certainly not to blame."

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place on Monday at Bethersden, the chief mourners being Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver (father and mother), Messrs. T. and D. Oliver (brothers), Miss C. Oliver (sister), Mr. H. Buckman (uncle), Mrs. S. Buss (aunt), Mr. A. Buckman, Mr. J. Buckman, Mrs. C. Buckman and Mrs. Munnering (cousins). Others present included Messrs. H. Dawson, H. Hawkins, E. Roots, the Misses Palford, C. Woodcock, Mr. J. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ledger, Messrs. S. Weekes, A. P. Coleman, R. Holmes and J. P. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wood, Mr. W. Filmer, Mr. R. Waterman (representing the Ancient Order of Foresters), Mr. and Mrs. Bull, Mrs. E. Roots, Miss Webb, Miss Clark, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Barden, Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Waterman, Mr. J. Buckman, Mrs. Hukins, Mr. F. Hukins, Miss A. Luckhurst, Mrs. Dunster, Mr. Hickmott, A. Taylor, Miss Kinsley, W. Read, Miss Partridge, Mr. Woodcock, H. Luxford and Miss Springett.

Floral tributes were from Father, Mother and family; Gordon; Dorothy; Lily, Paddy and Peter; Diana; aunt and cousins; all at Louvain (Smeeth); Bert and Rene; D. Kingsnorth; Jack and Jim Jarvis; Mr. and Mrs. Filmer and family; all at Brabourne Lees; Mr. and Mrs. Buckman and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. Ring and family; uncles and aunts; N. Jarvis and A. Cowell; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton and John; Mr. and Mrs. A. Leonard and family; Man of Kent Slate Club; Mr. and Mrs. Read; Mrs. Bishop; Mr. and Mrs. F. Ledger and Francis; Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Doris and the boys; Mr. and Mrs. E. Ledger; staff of Ledger's Stores; all at Sunnydale; Home stall Farm (High Halden); M. Vanner and A. Cowell; Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock and family; Mr. and Mrs. Tidy and family; M. Shaw; Rofe and Sons and staff; Mrs. Beale and Mrs. Coleman; S. Davies; all at St. Peter's-row; J. Hukins; Mr. W. Hukins and Percy; Mr. and Mrs. J. Carpenter; Mr. and Mrs. Vanner and family; Mr. and Mrs. Palford; Mr. and Mrs. E. Clayton; Mr. and Mrs. Springett and family; and Mr. and Mrs. Moore and family.

BUFFALO'S FUNERAL.—The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. Ernest Hukins, aged 58, a member of the local branch of the Ancient Order of Buffaloes. The coffin was borne by brother members, and the special service of the Order was read after the church service conducted by the Vicar. JAN 1933

JULY BETHERSDEN 1931

THE LATE MR. W. H. WATSON.—The funeral took place on Friday of Mr. William Henry Watson, aged seventy-three years, of 76, Killowen Avenue, Wood End, Northolt, Middlesex, who was knocked down by a car after he had alighted from a motor coach at Sandhill, near Tonbridge, when about to pay a holiday visit to his sister, Mrs. G. Fox, of 39, William-road, Ashford. He died as the result of his injuries and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned at the inquest. Mr. Watson, who lived for many years in the village, as a youth, was a clerk in the employ of Messrs. Derridge and Company, of Oxford-street, London. He was a prominent member of the Ancient Order of Druids, being a founder of two Lodges and a Past Arch. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. N. A. Bligh-Hill, and the mourners were the widow, Mr. T. Watson (son), Mr. and Mrs. S. Harrison (son-in-law and daughter), Messrs W. and P. Watson (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. A. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fox (sisters and brothers-in-law), Miss B. Harrison (grand-daughter), Mrs. Hambrook and Mrs. Shorter. Wreaths were sent by:—Widow and Son; Sam, Dorothy and Bernardine; Walter; Aunt Dora and Uncle; George; Aunt Alma and Alfred; Harry and Meg; Alice and Perc.; Mrs. Hambrook; Mr. Mayal and Charles Danish; Miss Sibley; Captain Pocock; Royal Kensington Lodge, Druids; Weald of Kent Transport Company; and the Little Kid (grand-daughter).

JUNE BETHERSDEN 1932

THE LATE MRS. G. BATT.—The funeral was held on Saturday of Mrs. G. Batt, of Fridd Farm, the pastor (Mr. L. James) officiating. The chief mourners were:—Mr. G. Batt (husband); Mr. A. R. Batt (son), Mr. and Mrs. J. Batt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Batt, Messrs. H. Batt, E. Batt, D. Batt, M. Batt (brothers-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. Millen (sister-in-law), Mr. N. Batt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Offen, Mr. T. Batt, Mr. A. Batt, Mr. P. Hooker (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. E. Chantler, Mrs. S. Chantler, Mr. and Mrs. S. Burbridge, Miss Louie Batt, Miss Mary Batt, Mrs. J. Day (nieces), Mr. S. Chantler, jun., Mrs. Munn, Mr. and Mrs. C. Buss, Mr. C. Maitum, Mr. and Mrs. Harnett, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jarvis, Mrs. Drury, Mrs. Houdley, Miss White and the Misses Padgham. Many floral tributes were sent by relatives and friends.

THE LATE MR. S. H. PHILPOTT, BETHERSDEN.

The death occurred suddenly on Wednesday, of Mr. Sidney Harding Philpott, who for many years has carried on business as a butcher at The Street, Bethersden. This is the second bereavement the family have sustained within a year, for only eleven months ago Mr. Philpott lost his father, Mr. William Philpott, of the George Inn, Bethersden. Mr. Sidney Philpott, who was 38 years of age, was formerly employed by Mr. James Batt, of Sevington, from whom he took over the business soon after the War. During the War he served in France, with the Army Service Corps, and went into Germany with the Army of occupation. He was a member of the British Legion, and also of the Bethersden Gardener's Society. He leaves a widow and three children.

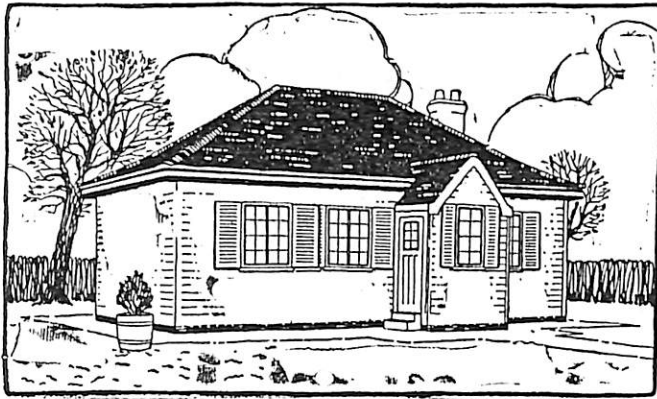
MAY 1934

NOV BETHERSDEN. 1915

DEATH OF MRS. A. MILLEN.—Much sympathy is felt with the husband and family of Mrs. A. Millen, who passed peacefully away on the 19th instant, after having been in failing health for some years. The deceased was the wife of Mr. Alfred Millen, who for upwards of 40 years has been the tenant of Lovelace Farm, and was consequently well known in the parish. The funeral took place at the parish church on Wednesday, when the vicar (Rev. D. H. Crenon, M.A.) officiated. The coffin was of polished elm, with brass furniture, and bore the following inscription, "Betsey Brooks Miller, died 19th November, 1915, aged 82 years."

MAY 1931

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**WINTER'S FARM,
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SALE BY AUCTION of the Valuable
LIVE and DEAD**

FARMING STOCK,
including
130 SHEEP AND LAMBS,
57 HEAD OF HORNED STOCK
(2 in-calf cows, 55 heifers and steers),
82 HEAD OF SWINE
(5 sows, 2 with litters, 41 porkers, 18 stores),
2 EXCELLENT CART HORSES,
130 HEAD OF POULTRY,
harnesses, 2 dung carts, 2 waggons, timber
tug, spring market van, 5 poultry houses,
4 pig huts;

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,
large quantity useful timber, builder's
material; also the valuable antique and
modern

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
including handsome walnut and inlaid bed-
room suite, Chippendale mahogany circular
table in two sections, Chippendale Pem-
broke table, Hepplewhite sofa, antique cir-
cular wall mirror, mahogany hall stand,
oak sideboard, set of 6 oak cane panelled
chairs, and miscellaneous effects.

Messrs. GEERING & COLYER

in conjunction with
Mr. E. J. PARKER

ARE INSTRUCTED TO SELL THE
above by AUCTION on the premises
(in consequence of the Farm being Let), on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1929, com-
mencing at 11 a.m.

Catalogues of Mr. E. J. Parker, 18, High
Street, Maidstone; and of Messrs. Geering and
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SNOADHILL FARM, BETHERSDEN.
2 Miles from Pluckley Station. 1 Mile
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**SALE BY AUCTION OF THE
VALUABLE LIVE AND DEAD
FARMING STOCK,**

Including:—

96

KENT SHEEP,

10

EXCELLENT DAIRY COWS,

3

CART HORSES,

300

HEAD OF POULTRY,

Quoiler, Chain and Plough Harnesses, 2
Dung Carts, 2 Waggons, Ford Touring Car,
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,

Including: Ploughs, harrows, hoes, mow-
ers, horse rake, gloom roll, drills, 5-h.p.
PETER JUNIOR OIL ENGINE, chaff cut-
ters for hand and power, root pulper for
power, iron saw bench.

11

PORTABLE POULTRY HOUSES,
hurdles, pig and sheep troughs, corn bins,
husbandry tools, coops, foster mothers, wire
netting, 6 wheelbarrows, lawn mower, gar-
den roll, ladders, stack poles, Stewart sheep
shearer, rick cloths, tubs, bricks, tiles,
drain pipes, etc., etc., also surplus
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
and Miscellaneous Effects.

Messrs. GEERING & COLYER

(Having Sold the Property).

ARE INSTRUCTED TO SELL THE
ABOVE BY AUCTION, on the PREM-
ISES, on **FRIDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 1925,**
commencing at 11 a.m.

On View Morning of Sale.

Catalogues may be had on the premises,
at the principal Inns in the neighbourhood,
and of the Auctioneers, as above.

UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.—Mr. R. Murrel,
of Forge Cottage, was the victim of an
unusual accident at Gable Hook Farm on
Saturday. As he was tying up a cow the
animal slipped and fell on him, and Mr.
Murrel, who has an artificial right leg,
sustained a fracture of the left leg below
the knee. He was conveyed to Ashford
Hospital by the ambulance and detained.

MAY 1929

**SALE FRIDAY NEXT.
POTTEN FARM.
BETHERSDEN NR. ASHFORD.**

R. FOORD THORPE & CO.

(Mr. F. Neate, F.A.I.)

HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS
from Mrs. F. Farrance, who is retir-
ing from farming, to **SELL BY AUCTION,**
as above, on **FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, 1934,**
the whole of the valuable Live and Dead
FARMING STOCK,
Comprising:—

18

HEAD OF HORNED STOCK

viz: 9 Heifers and Cows in milk and in calf,
Cow with 2nd Calf, 1 Barren Heifer, 2
Heifer Buds and 4 Heifer Calves.

55

HALF-BRED TEGS.

2

UPSTANDING CART HORSES.

About 30 HEAD OF POULTRY,
the **FARMING IMPLEMENTS, MACHI-**
NERY, etc.,

Including 2-horse wagon, 3 dung carts,
spring van, pony cart, 2 Bamford mowers,
swathe turner, ring roll, iron gloom roll,
horse rake, brush drill, various harrows,
extending shim, 2 chain drags, 2 cake
crushers, 2 wheel cutter boxes, 2 cleaning
machines, root pulper, grindstone on frame,
2 platform scales, sheep shearing and horse
clipping machine combined, wheelbarrow,
sack barrow, quoiler, van and chain har-
nesses, ladders, 30 qrs. sacks, 3 iron hay
racks, wagon and sail cloths, fowl houses,
sheep stocks, tubs, 1,500 good bricks and
tiles, sundry tools, etc., etc.; also Part Stack
of Hay, and the surplus

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & EFFECTS.

Including beds and bedding, Windsor,
cane seat and other chairs, Deal leaf and
other tables, oak hall stand, oak gate leg
table, dressing table and washstand, wringer
sewing machine, commodes, swing glasses,
pewter tea service, etc., etc.

Sale to commence at 11.30 a.m. prompt.

Catalogues may be obtained from Mrs.
Farrance at the farm, or from the Auc-
tioneers, 22, Bank Street, Ashford.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY

**BAMFORD PARAFFIN ENGINE AND
ENGINE HOUSE.** Grinding Mill,
Chaff-cutter, Saw Bench, Stone Mill, Shaft-
ing and Belting.

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sden, 4 miles from Pluckley Station, 6 miles
from Ashford and Tenterden.

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Prettily placed, standing well back from
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OAK BEAMS and TIMBERS, and having
Entrance Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, good Do-
mestic Offices, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom (h.
and c.), and large Storage Space in Roof;
Company's Water. Electric Light. Tele-
phone. Pretty Gardens and Grounds.
Garage, Stabling, Farmery, 4-Roomed
BUNGALOW and

SOUND PRODUCTIVE MEADOWLAND,
in all about
MAY 20 ACRES. 1927

Solicitors: Messrs. Beaumont and Son,
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BETHERSDEN

FOR THE HOSPITAL.—The amount col-
lected for the Ashford Hospital in the
parish under the household box scheme for
the year amounted to £80, while £3 was
also collected under the Hospital Saturday
scheme.
MAY 1929

VINE HALL FARM, BETHERSDEN.
10 minutes from motor 'bus services (Ash-
ford-Tenterden route), 4 miles from
Pluckley Station.

**SALE BY AUCTION OF THE VALU-
ABLE LIVE & DEAD FARMING STOCK,**
including

32

HEAD OF HORNED STOCK

(4 good Dairy Cows, 10 15-months-old Heif-
ers, 9 Yearlings, 5 Buds and 4 Calves);
POWERFUL BAY CART GELDING,
THREE PORKERS,

230 HEAD of POULTRY (mostly Light
Sussex),

Quoiler and chain harnesses, **FORDSON**
TRACTOR, DUNG CART, 2 WAGONS, 2
VANS, ploughs, harrows, expanding shim,
mowing machines for horse and tractor,
rin. roll, horse rake, corn drill, corn mill,
threshing machine and winnowing machine
for power, root pulper, chaff cutter, lad-
ders, wheelbarrow, husbandry tools, dairy
utensils; 5 Sectional Portable **POULTRY**
HOUSES, foster-mothers, Hebditch incu-
bator, coops, and poultry appliances, wire
netting, fencing and barbed wire, 2 grind-
stones, cow chains, drinking troughs, corn
bins, lawn mower and garden tools, car-
penter's bench and tools, etc.; also Valu-
able Surplus **HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,**
including handsome mahogany **SIDE-**
BOARD, massive mahogany **DINING**
TABLE, kitchen table and chairs, oak
DAVENPORT, plated goods, dinner ser-
vice, oil stoves, lamps, 3-burner Valor Per-
fection stoves, etc.

Messrs. GEERING & COLYER

(Having Let the Farm)

ARE INSTRUCTED BY W. F. CROSS,
Esq., to **SELL** the above BY **AUC-**
TION, on the Premises, on **WEDNESDAY,**
28th SEPTEMBER, 1927, commencing at
11 a.m.

On View Morning of Sale.

Catalogues may be had on the Premises;
at the principal Inns in the neighbour-
hood, and of the Auctioneers, as above.

SALE ON WEDNESDAY NEXT.
BETHERSDEN: "POTTERS FARM,"
Situate on the road leading from Brissen-
den Green to High Halden and about
mid-way between the former place and
the "Standard" Inn.

**NOTICE OF SALE BY AUCTION of the
LIVE and DEAD STOCK, comprising**

42

PIGS.

Including one Large White Pedigree Boar,
ditto Gilt, 8 ditto Sows (in and with Pigs),
30 Stores, 2 Middle White Sows (one in
pig);

200

HEAD OF UTILITY POULTRY.
Light Sussex, White Leghorn and Wyand-
otte (first cross), Rhode Island Reds, etc.;
SEVEN KENT LAMBS.

PIG and POULTRY APPLIANCES, com-
prising: Iron pig stocks, pig hurdles, pig
netting, dry feeders, galvanised tanks and
mixing tubs.

4 SECTIONING FARROWING HOUSES
WITH RAILS.

6 DITTO POULTRY HOUSES,
Brooders, drinking fountains, two 100-
egg "Gloucester" incubators, 2 ditto Hoov-
ers, egg boxes, crates, about 200 yds. of 1 and
2-inch mesh wire netting, mowing machine
and knives complete, quantity of tools, lad-
ders, 2 pairs steps, kiddler by Bentall, 2
wringing machines, 8 sheets of corrugated
iron (new), etc., etc.

1912 "STAR" 16 h.p. MOTOR CAR,
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tyres, etc., complete, in good running or-
der, which

Messrs. GIFFORD & PILCHER

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TION, on the Premises, on **WEDNES-**
DAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1927.

Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock.

No catalogues.

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Telephone: Ashford 209.

BETHERSDEN SCHOOL SPORTS 1929

The ninth annual sports in connection with the Bethersden Council School, which took place on the Bull Green on Saturday, resulted in keen competition in all the events. Beatty House gained the house championship, whilst the individual championships went to R. Holmes (boys) and H. Morris (girls). The former won the medal presented by Mr. A. S. Beazley, and the latter the cup presented by Colonel and Mrs. Hessey. One of the best performances was by B. Barton, a boy aged ten, who cleared 4ft. in the high jump and easily took premier honours. The officials were:—

Judges, Colonel H. C. Hessey, the Rev. E. H. Morris, Major C. Weston, Messrs. J. T. Adams, A. S. Beazley, J. Allright, A. H. D. Cook, H. A. Paffard and C. E. J. Weston; starter, Mr. W. S. Weeks; clerks of the course, Messrs. V. Hammond and T. Padgham; recorders, Miss D. K. Baker and Miss E. E. Weeks; marshals, Miss F. G. Earl, Miss C. E. Gristwood, Miss L. Farrance and Miss D. Perigo. During the evening the scholars gave maypole and country dancing, under Miss F. G. Earl and Miss D. K. Baker. Various side-shows were arranged, the helpers being: Cake guessing, Miss M. Webb and Miss S. Webb; bowling for hens (given by Mr. W. Millen, Lovelace Farm), H. Holmes and K. Allright; ski-ball, C. Buckman and S. Davies; ball-in-bucket, D. Holdstock and H. Webb; darts, Mr. G. Burden, senior and junior, and Mr. F. G. Laws; bean board, Mr. and Mrs. Bonstead; football, Mr. H. S. Norris; black and white, Mr. W. Abdey; J. in bath, Mr. E. Ring; roulette, Mr. G. T. Holmes; teas (provided in the schools), Mrs. T. Padgham, Miss Parker, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Venner, Mrs. Coenman, Mrs. Abdey, Miss Weeks and Miss Guss. Results:—

100 yards, boys, 11 and over, 1 R. Holmes, 2 J. Roots, 3 S. Jarvis; girls, 11 and over, 1 H. Morris, 2 E. Filmer, 3 E. Barton. 60 yards, girls, 7 and 8, 1 M. Day, 2 V. Ring, 3 J. Morris; boys, 7 and 8, 1 H. Abdey, 2 K. Woodcock, 3 E. Filmer; 100 yards, boys, 9 and 10, 1 B. Barton, 2 D. Allright, 3 A. Benner; girls, 9 and 10, 1 K. Martin, 2 N. Brown, 3 J. Carter. 440 yards, boys, 11 and over, 1 R. Holmes, 2 C. Bridger, 3 J. Graves. Skipping, girls, 11 and over, 1 M. Brazill, 2 J. Day, 3 H. Morris. Three-legged race, girls, 10 and under, 1 K. Martin and D. Ingram, 2 D. Summerfield and N. Brown, 3 B. Jarvis and B. Ring; boys, 10 and under, 1 A. Venner and D. Allright, 3 K. Woodcock and H. Abdey, 3 B. Holmes and L. Mannerling. Sum race, mixed, 1 E. Filmer and D. Jarvis, 2 J. Day and G. Venner. High jump, boys, 10 and under, 1 B. Barton, 2 D. Allright, 3 W. Holmes. Threadneedle, mixed, 8 and under, 1 G. Farrance, 2 H. Abdey, 3 R. Filmer; 11 and under, 1 K. Martin, 2 D. Ingram, 3 M. Weeks. 220 yards team race, girls, Beatty House. Relay race, boys, Beatty House. Egg and spoon, girls, 10 and under, 1 D. Summerfield, 2 D. Ingram, 3 K. Martin; 11 and over, 1 H. Morris, 2 M. Dunster, 3 P. Burden. High jump, boys, 11 and over, 1 R. Holmes, 2 S. Summerfield, 3 B. Holmes. Potato race, boys, 10 and under, 1 W. Roots, 2 D. Allright, 3 A. Venner; 11 and over, 1 C. Bridger, 2 J. Murrell, 3 B. Holmes. 100 yards boat race, girls, Haig House. Obstacle race, boys, 10 and under, 1 C. Bridger, 2 G. Farrance, 3 W. Holmes; girls, 10 and under, 1 E. Hogben, 2 D. Summerfield, 3 M. Weeks; boys, 11 and over, 1 R. Holmes, 2 J. Roots, 3 S. Summerfield; girls, 11 and over, 1 D. Mason, 2 E. Filmer, 3 J. Dav. Slow bicycle race, mixed, 1 J. Graves, 2 C. Bridger, 3 S. Jarvis. Tug-of-war, boys, Haig House; Mothers' race, 1 Mrs. Kingsnorth, 2 Mrs. Ring.

Open Events—Decorated cycle parade, 1 V. Skinner, 2 Lewis Mackelden, 3 A. Abdey. Shoe race, girls, 1 E. Filmer, 2 K. Barton, 3 J. Day; boys, 1 L. Martin, 2 B. Weeks, 3 G. Graves. Potato cycle race, girls, 1 E. Filmer; boys, 1 G. Graves, 2 C. Bridger. Mother and child race, 1 Mrs. Ring, 2 Mrs. W. Ring. Sack race, 1 Miss Goodwin, 2 Miss Norris, 3 Miss Andrews. Pig sticking, single ladies, 1 Miss Norris; married ladies, 1 Mrs. W. Ring, 2 Mrs. Abdey. Balloon race, single men, M. Weston; married men, Mr. Abdey. Gretna Green race, 1 Miss Goodwin and Mr. F. Groombridge. Tug-of-war, single (Mr. F. Jarvis' team) beat married; ladies (Mrs. Stenning's) beat a team of four gentlemen.

Competitions—Cake, given by Mr. R. H. Padgham (weight 5lb. 9oz.), Mr. W. Millen, Mrs. T. Padgham, Miss Finn (Lydd) and Miss B. Weston, who all guessed 5lb. 10oz.; bowling for hens, Mr. W. Filmer and Mr. H. Norris; ski-ball, Mr. F. Treadway; balls in bucket, Mr. B. Burden; darts, 1 Mr. H. Sabbage, 2 Mr. A. Farrance; beans, Mr. E. Treadway.

SCHOOL SPORTS AT BETHERSDEN

JULY 1930

The Bull Green, Bethersden, was the scene of an animated gathering on Saturday on the occasion of the Bethersden Council Schools annual sports. The officers were:—Judges, Mr. J. T. Adams, Mr. A. S. Beazley, Rev. E. H. Morris, Colonel H. C. Hessey, Messrs. W. E. Marshall, J. Allright, T. A. Padgham, H. A. Paffard, C. E. J. Weston and Hartnell Webb; starter, Mr. W. S. Weeks; clerks of the course, Messrs. V. Hammond and A. R. D. Cook; recorder, Miss D. K. Baker and Miss E. E. Weeks; marshals, Miss F. G. Earl, Miss C. E. Gristwood, Miss L. Farrance and Miss D. Perigo. Side shows and dancing on the Green also helped to provide a very enjoyable day. The sports results were:—40 yards infants—

Class 1, 1 L. Solly, 2 P. Miles, 3 B. Mears. Class 2, 1 R. Holmes, 2 M. Millen, 3 B. Morris. 100 yards, boys, 11 years or over, 1 J. Roots, 2 Watkins, 3 J. Kilner; girls, 11 and over, 1 E. Filmer, 2 E. Barton, 3 A. Seakings. 60 yards, girls, 7 and 8 years, 1 B. Jarvis, 2 M. Abdey, 3 J. Holmes; boys, 1 R. Filmer, 2 K. Moore, 3 R. Bourne. 100 yards, boys, 9 and 10 years, 1 H. Abdey, 2 W. Roots, 3 W. Holmes; girls, 1 J. Barton, 2 J. Lloyd, 440 yards, boys, 11 and over, 1 J. Roots, 2 J. Watkins, 3 J. Abdey. Skipping, 11 and over, 1 E. Barton, 2 K. Martin, 3 P. Burton. Three-legged race, girls, 10 and over, 1 W. Mears and G. Fellows, 2 J. Morris and T. Mears, 3 V. Ring and S. Mears; boys, 1 K. Woodcock and H. Abdey, 2 C. Mills and H. Millen, 3 B. Holmes and S. Millen. Skipping, girls, 10 years, 1 S. Mears, 2 M. Abdey, 3 B. Jarvis. High jump, boys, 10 and over, 1 H. Abdey, 2 W. Roots, 3 W. Holmes. Thread-needle, 1 K. Moore and J. Farrance, 2 V. Miles and E. Aldworth, 3 P. Philpott and G. Laws; mixed, 11 and under, 1 W. Roots and W. Merrillier, 2 S. Miller and G. Holmes, 3 W. Woodcock and D. Summerfield. 220yds. team race, girls, Beatty House beat Haig House. Boys' relay, Haig House. Egg and spoon, girls, 10 and under, 1 J. Morris, 2 V. Ring, 3 G. Holmes; 11 and over, 1 P. Barton, 2 D. Summerfield, 3 D. Ingram. Boys' high jump, 11 and over, 1 H. Burton, 2 B. Holmes, 3 G. Graves. Boys' potato race, 10 and under, 1 W. Roots, 2 J. Mackelden, 3 R. Woodcock; girls, 11 and over, 1 K. Martin, 2 M. Brazill, 3 M. Brown; boys, 11 and over, 1 F. Murrell, 2 J. Roots, 3 J. Kilner. 100 yards boat race, Beatty House. Obstacle race, boys, 10 and under, 1 W. Holmes, 2 H. Abdey, 3 W. Roots; girls, 10 and under, 1 B. Jarvis, 2 M. Abdey, 3 V. Ring; boys, 11 and over, 1 J. Roots, 2 L. Murrell, 3 A. Abdey; girls, 11 and over, 1 E. Barton, 2 M. Brazill, 3 E. Brown. Slow bicycle race, 1 E. Buss, 2 G. Graves, 3 J. Watkins. Tug of war, Haig House. Mothers' race, 1 Mrs. Ring, 2 Mrs. Fellows. House points, Beatty 158, Haig 88. Senior boys championship, J. Roots; senior girls, E. Barton and K. Martin; junior boys, H. Abdey; junior girls, J. Morris, M. Abdey and B. Jarvis; senior boys, jumping champion, H. Burton.

SCHOOL SPORTS AT BETHERSDEN

JULY 1931
BOY BEATS HIS OWN RECORD

Some keen running was seen at the Council School Sports at Bull Green, Bethersden, on Saturday. Besides the sports there were side shows and competitions and all combined to make the afternoon a great success. The maypole dancing by the children reflected great credit on their teacher, Miss Eady. Beatty House gained the Inter-house sports cup for the third year in succession, having gained 152 points. The senior boys' "Stuart Beazley" medal was won by C. Bridger and the senior girls'

"Oakhurst" cup by E. Barton. D. Luxford won the junior boys' cup and B. Jarvis the junior girls' cup. H. Burton, in winning the "C. E. J. Weston" high jump cup, beat his own record of 4ft. 5ins. by 3ins. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. J. T. Adams, who received a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. V. Hammond (headmaster). Mr. Adams, responding on her behalf, highly complimented Mr. Hammond and his efficient staff for the good work during the year and the children for their keenness in work and sport. The officials were Messrs. J. T. Adams, A. S. Beazley, W. E. Marshall and C. E. B. St. Ruth, Colonel H. C. Hessey, the Rev. N. A. Bligh-Hill, Messrs. J. Allright, T. A. Padgham, C. E. J. Weston, L. Wilson, H. Webb, W. Lee and A. R. D. Cook, judges; Mr. W. S. Weeks, starter; Messrs. V. Hammond and G. T. Holmes, clerks of the course; Miss D. K. Baker and Miss E. E. Weeks, recorders; Miss F. G. Earl and Mrs. L. Buss, marshals; and Mr. W. G. Roots, enclosure steward. The results were:—

40 yards, infants, class I., girls, 1 Dulcie Everett, 2 Margaret Millen, 3 Jean Moore, 4 Rhoda Oliver; 40 yards, infants, class II., boys, 1 Kenneth Burton, 2 Billy Philpott, 3 Lawrence Laws; 40 yards, infants, class II., girls, 1 Isabel Adams, 2 Jean Lonkhurst, 3 Rene Skinner; 40 yards, infants, class II., boys, 1 Gordon Batt, 2 Jimmy Bridger; 100 yards, boys (11 and over), 1 J. Jarvis, 2 H. Burton, 3 C. Bridger; 100 yards, girls (11 and over), 1 E. Barton, 2 A. Seakings, 3 J. Carter; 60 yards, girls (7-8), 1 R. Barton, 2 C. Woodcock, 3 J. Farrance; 60 yards, boys (7-8), 1 R. Bourne, 2 C. Jull, 3 R. Bridgeland; 100 yards, boys (9-10), 1 D. Luxford, 2 E. Lloyd, 3 K. Woodcock; 100 yards, girls (9-10), 1 V. Ring, 2 B. Jarvis, 3 B. Batt; 440 yards, boys (11 and over), 1 J. Jarvis, 2 W. Weeks, 3 A. Venner; 60 yards three-legged race, girls (10 and under), 1 V. Ring and B. Jarvis, 2 B. Batt and C. Woodcock, 3 W. Mears and G. Holmes; 60 yards three-legged race, boys (10 and under), 1 K. Woodcock and D. Luxford, 2 H. Millen and C. Miles, 3 R. Filmer and E. Aldworth; sum race, E. Barton and G. Buss; thread needle (8 and under), 1 K. Barton and R. Bourne, 2 R. Bridgeland and V. Miles, 3 E. Lonkhurst and N. Philpott; thread needle (11 and under), 1 B. Batt and R. Filmer, 2 G. Oliver and K. Brown, 3 A. West and V. Ring; sack race, boys (11 and over), 1 C. Bridger, 2 W. Roots, 3 J. Woodcock; sack race, girls (11 and over), 1 A. Seakings, 2 E. Barton, 3 D. Mason; 80 yards egg and spoon, girls (10 and under), 1 B. Jarvis, 2 W. Philpott, 3 W. Merrillier; 100 yards egg and spoon, girls (11 and over), 1 D. Summerfield, 2 D. Ingram, 3 P. Millen; 100 yards slow bicycle race, 1 G. Buss, 2 E. Barton, 3 N. Brown; relay race, girls, 1 Haig, 2 Beatty; relay race, boys, Beatty; potato race, boys (10 and under), 1 K. Woodcock, 2 D. Luxford, 3 F. Millen; potato race, girls (11 and over), 1 D. Mason, 2 E. Barton, 3 R. Crocker; potato race, boys (11 and over), 1 C. Bridger, 2 W. Weeks, 3 W. Roots; 50 yards boat race, girls, R. Crocker; 100 yards skipping race, girls (10 and under), 1 W. Mears, 2 B. Jarvis, 3 K. Barton; 100 yards skipping race, girls (11 and over), 1 E. Barton, 2 A. Seakings, 3 D. Mason; high jump, boys (10 and under), 1 M. Mason, 2 D. Luxford, 3 K. Woodcock; high jump, boys (11 and over), 1 H. Burton, 2 A. Venner, 3 C. Bridger; obstacle race, boys (10 and under), 1 D. Luxford, 2 F. Kingsnorth, 3 G. Farrant; obstacle race, girls (10 and under), 1 V. Ring, 2 J. Farrance, W. Merrillier; obstacle race, boys (11 and over), 1 J. Woodcock, 2 C. Bridger, 3 W. Holmes; obstacle race, girls (11 and over), 1 D. Mason, 2 E. Barton, 3 D. Summerfield; tug-of-war, boys, 1 Haig, 2 Beatty; 50 yards mothers' race, 1 Mrs. W. Ring, 2 Mrs. Everett.

Open events—Decorated pram parade, 1 D. Ingram, 2 C. Woodcock, 3 L. Solly; shoe race (boys under 15), 1 G. Graves, 2 J. Woodcock, 3 B. Weeks; shoe race (girls under 15), 1 H. Martin, 2 E. Barton, 3 J. Crocker; 100 yards old scholars, boys, 1 R. Holmes, 2 L. Martin, 3 J. Roots; 100 yards old scholars, girls, 1 K. Martin, 2 P. Burden, 3 B. Weeks; 60 yards sack race, gentlemen, 1 R. Holmes, 2 J. Roots, 3 E. Miles; 40 yards sack race, ladies, 1 Mrs. Goodwin, 2 Mrs. W. Ring, 3 Miss B. Weeks; 80 yards fathers' race, 1 Mr. P. Miles, 2 Mr. Holmes, 3 Mr. C. Miles; pig sticking, single ladies, 1 Miss Goodwin; pig sticking, married ladies, 1 Mrs. W. Ring, 2 Harlow race, gentlemen, 1 Mr. G. Springett, 2 Mr. G. Millen; Gretna Green race, 1 B. Weeks and R. Holmes, 2 W. and J. Filmer; obstacle race, 1 J. Roots, 2 R. Holmes, 3 A. Abdey; tug-of-war (married v. single), married.

BETHERSDEN.

THE HOSPITAL FETE.—The nett takings of the fete held at Oakhurst last week amounted to £132 8s. 10d. This sum has been handed over to the Ashford Hospital Appeal Fund.

JUNE 1926

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Bethersden Bell Dedicated

FIRST PEAL RUNG

At evensong on Sunday, the re-cast treble bell of Bethersden Parish Church, was dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Parr.

During the singing of the second hymn, "When morning gilds the skies," the choir proceeded to the belfry, where the ringers had taken the ropes. Then the Tower Keeper, Mr. Harry Jarvis addressed the Vicar: "Reverend sir, I pass to you from the Founders this treble bell which has been re-cast" (here the Vicar took the rope from him) "and I commit to you, also, the work done on the other bells, that all may be dedicated to the glory of God."

After replying, the Vicar dedicated the bell and handed the rope to the Captain of Ringers, Mr. W. Ring, who rang a few strokes.

Prayers were said, the choir returned to their places and a peal on all six bells was rung.

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NOV Bethersden 1964

MR. J. J. FREESTON is to be the new head teacher of the Primary School. He comes from Patrington Church of England primary school, Hull, and starts at his new school on January 1.

Bethersden Players in a scene from "Murder In Mind," a three-act play they are presenting in the Village Hall this week

Village will appear on TV

B.B.C. 2 has chosen Bethersden as a typical village in which to carry out a sociological survey. The programme featuring the village is on November 30 at 9.15.

The programme will look into the drift from the land to the towns, the difficulties of getting a living from the land, commuters, and the integration between newcomers and local people.

Many residents have been interviewed, including Mr. Timothy Stubbs, of Street Cottage, a church warden and a commuter.

B.B.C. cameramen have climbed to the top of the church tower to take shots of the village.

NOV 1964

Preliminary Announcement.

BETHERSDEN GARDENERS' SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL

FLOWER SHOW

will be held on
SATURDAY, 25th JULY, 1953.
Open at 2.30 p.m.

In a Field kindly lent by Mr. P. Ring.

Prizes will be given for the exhibits of Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables. Athletic Sports and Goal Running. Side-Shows and Amusements.

R. G. P. Wyatt's Loudspeaker Equipment will play during the afternoon and evening. Refreshments and Teas.

Adm. 1/-; Children 3d. Schedules from Secretary, Haffenden House, Bethersden.

Goal running secretaries please write to Mr. L. Mannering, Prospect Cottage, Bethersden.

OCT Bethersden 1964

FORGE Corner Cottages are infected with dry rot and not worth preserving, the rural council has been told. Repairs would cost at least £1,670. This means they may have to be replaced.

VILLAGE HALL, BETHERSDEN

THE BETHERSDEN PLAYERS present

MURDER IN MIND

by REX HARTLEY

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 26th, 27th & 28th NOVEMBER, at 7.45 p.m.

Seats may be booked at Ledger's Stores, Bethersden.

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ON FRIDAY NEXT.

By order of the Trustee in Bankruptcy—
re E. Batt.

WISSENDEN LODGE FARM, BETHERSDEN.

1 mile from 'bus service (Ashford-Smarden),
2½ miles from Pluckley Station.

SALE by AUCTION of FARMING STOCK,

Including: Drake and Fletcher plough, 2
hop shims, hop powderer, McCormick
mower, swathe, turner by Nicholson, Mc-
Cormick self-binder.

1-Horse Wagon.

DUNG CART, MARKET VAN.

Quailer and Chain Harnesses,
Bamford root cutter and Bentall chaff cut-
ter for powder, tanks, ladder, sailcloth,
hop bins, 4 rolls lewing, husbandry tools,
corn bins, 50 gallons treacle, barrel tar,
cow waterers, troughs, cow chains, Lister
milk cooler, Alpha Laval separator, double-
barrel self-ejecting B.S.A. Sporting Gun, 40
loads dung, 13 poultry house, 4,000 hop poles,
etc.; also certain

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

including gent's wardrobe, washstands, chest
of drawers, bedroom chairs, WALNUT
BEDROOM SUITE, Oriental and other
carpets, deal tables, music stool, occasional
tables, mahogany cheffonier, WALNUT
SIDEBOARD, EBONISED DAVENPORT,
2 sets walnut and mahogany dining chairs,
Windsor chairs, 4ft. corner cupboard, meat
safe, Green's lawn mower and miscellaneous
effects.

Messrs. GEERING & COLYER

ARE INSTRUCTED TO SELL THE
above by AUCTION, on the premises,
on FRIDAY, 22nd JULY, 1932, commencing
at 1.30 p.m.
On View Morning of Sale. No Catalogues.
Auctioneers' Offices, as above.

SALE ON THURSDAY NEXT.

SNOADHILL FARM, BETHERSDEN.

About two miles from Pluckley Station. Mr.

ALFRED J. BURROWS,

amalgamated with Messrs.

KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY.

WILL SELL BY AUCTION, ON THE
Premises, on THURSDAY, 23rd
JANUARY, 1930, at 12.30 o'clock, by order
of Captain W. Roland Rogers, who is giving
up Dairying, the Entire Herd of

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DAIRY COWS AND HEIFERS,

2 YOUNG BULLS,

34 KENT EWES,

1 SOUTHDOWN RAM,

YOUNG CART MARE,

LARGE BLACK SOW.

Fordson tractor, 2-furrow self lift Oliver
tractor plough, tractor cultivator, tractor
ring roll, 2-cylinder two-horse roll, iron
plough, set zig-zag harrows, two wooden
shims, Bamford two-horse mowing machine
for horse or tractor with reaping attach-
ment, McCormick's hay rake, Blackstone
swathe turner and side delivery rake, Bam-
ford's clipper chaff cutter for power, root
pulper, oil cake crusher, nearly new plat-
form scales by Avery, 2½-h.p. Petter Junior
oil engine, new circular saw bench, narrow
wheel dung cart, army wagon, hay tug,
market van, milk float, four 17-gallon rail-
way milk churns, milking pails, harnesses,
wheelbarrows and miscellaneous effects;
ABOUT 40 TONS OF MANGOLD.

PART STACK OF MEADOW HAY,

QUANTITY OAT STRAW, etc.

Catalogues of the Auctioneer, Alfred J.
Burrows, F.S.I., P.P.A.I., as above.

HAY! HAY! HAY!

£3 10/- TON DELIVERED.

DEC SEED HAY for Horses 1937

D. A. BOYD,

BETHERSDEN

Tel. 234

THE FORGE, BETHERSDEN STREET.

About four miles from Pluckley Station and six
miles from Ashford.

SALE BY AUCTION, OF THE ENGINEER'S AND SMITH'S MACHINERY AND STOCK-IN-TRADE.

Including two iron vices and bench, stocks and
dies, wrenches, caps, horse shoes, frost studs,
bolts and nuts, spring hooks, TWO IRON AN-
VILS, SMITH'S TOOLS, TWO PAIRS BELLOWS,
tongs, iron troughs, sledge and hand hammers,
ratchet braces, round and flat files, spanners, cold
chisels, jacks, punching bear, two bottle jacks,
cramps, counter sinking machine, 12FT. TURN-
ING LATHE, with centre head rest and 8ft. bed;
HAND DRILLING MACHINE, box of drills, shaft-
ing, belting and pulleys; quantity wrought iron,
mild steel sheet plate, TWO TUBE EXPAND-
ERS, SHOEING PLATE and TYRE BENDERS,
emery wheel and stand, two mower springs, quan-
tity mower sections, pump buckets, numerous car-
penter's tools, naves, spokes, pair chain pulleys,
three heavy skid pans, cart springs and axle,
boxer engine, Whitworth stocks and dies, knife
grinder, wheelbarrow, chain traces, grafts, shovels,
quantity scrap iron. Also HOUSEHOLD FURNI-
TURE, including bedsteads and bedding, night
chair, linen chest, washstands, toilet glass, cane-
seated and Windsor chairs, toilet ware, TWO
ANTIQUE MAHOGANY CHESTS OF DRAWERS,
MAHOGANY LEO TABLE 3ft. ANTIQUE MA-
HOGANY INLAID BUREAU, MAHOGANY TWO-
LEAF DINING TABLE, two circular tables, quan-
tity Kidder carpet and cocoa matting, fender and
fire-irons, pair brand irons, meat safe, metal skil-
let, double cupboard, quantity glass, dinner and
tea ware, kitchen utensils and miscellaneous
effects.

Messrs. GEERING & COLYER

ARE INSTRUCTED BY MR. E. FILMER (WHO
is retiring from business) TO SELL the above
by AUCTION, on the Premises, on THURSDAY,
16th NOVEMBER, 1916, commencing at 12.30 p.m.
sharp.

On View Morning of Sale.

No Catalogues.

Auctioneers' Offices: Ashford and Rye.

"GASCOIGNE," BETHERSDEN.

About a mile from the villages of Botherdsden and
High Halden, just off the main road from Ash-
ford to Tenterden.

Mr. ALFRED J. BURROWS

BY INSTRUCTIONS FROM R. CROSBIE HILL,
Esq., who is leaving, will SELL BY AU-
TION, on MONDAY, 6th NOVEMBER, 1917, the
excellent quality and nearly new FURNITURE &
HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

Comprising:—Two 3ft. black and brass com-
bination bedsteads and bedding, blankets & linen,
mahogany and satin walnut washstands, mahog-
any framed toilet glass, cane-seat and Windsor
chairs, toilet ware, mahogany and brass-bound
cabin chest of drawers, a BORDERED AXMINSTER
PILE CARPET, reversible carpet, two Oriental
pile rugs, quantity best quality cork linoleum,
small ANTIQUE OAK SIDE TABLE, a
well-made enclosed sleeping bunk in stained wood
casing, an antique 8-day GRANDFATHER CLOCK,
in oak case, with painted domed dial and chim-
ing movement, by Manwaring, of Burwash; three
old brass pillar candlesticks, reading lamp, oak
dinner wagon, tasteful suite of OAK DINING
TABLE & CHAIRS, wicker arm chairs, fenders
and fireirons, cocoa mats, plated spoons and
forks, part dinner service, china breakfast ser-
vice, kitchen requisites and culinary ware and
utensils, and miscellaneous effects; also the

OUTSIDE ITEMS, including 13-inch Green's
lawn mower, galvanized wheelbarrow, two 20-gal-
lon japanned corn bins, carpenter's oak bench and
vice, quantity carpenter's tools, garden tools, new
Salter's spring balance to weigh 200 lbs.; about
700 YDS. WIRE NETTING, nearly new, portable
chicken house, 4 hen coops, netted runs and nest-
ing boxes, grit crusher, maize mill by Hunt, 3
rolls tarred felt, use and fencing poles and sund-
ry effects.

Also included, by permission, several further
lots of FURNITURE, a 29-stale ladder and a
DOG CART.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

On View Morning of Sale. No catalogues.
Auctioneers' Offices, as above.

NOTE.

JULY BETHERSDEN 1934

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The vice-pre-
sident, Mrs. Curwen presided and gadgets
for sewing machines were demonstrated.
The results of a competition for the best
crochet or knitting from sixpennyworth
of wool were, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Padgham,
Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Newman (equal).

PARISH COUNCIL.—Mr. J. T. Adams
presided at the Friday meeting, when Major
Weston, Messrs. R. H. Padgham, A. S. Beaz-
ley, T. J. Jarvis, A. Stenning, E. T. Moore
and W. Roots, clerk, were present. It was
decided to adopt the resolution suggested
by Sevenoaks U.D.C. regarding the de-rating
of sewers and send copies to Mr. W. P.
Spens, M.P., and the County Council. Also
the clerk was asked to write to the respective
owners of Lamberden Wood to cut back the
underwood.

"BRUSHWOOD HAUGH" BETHERSDEN.

Mr.

ALFRED J. BURROWS

amalgamated with Messrs.

KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY.

HAVING SOLD THE PROPERTY, IS
instructed by the Misses Drysdale,
to SELL BY AUCTION, on MONDAY,
16th OCTOBER, 1933, at 11 a.m., the bulk
of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
mahogany, oak and brass bedsteads, bed-
ding, combination dressing chests, wash-
stands, chests drawers, walnut, oak and
mahogany wardrobes and other bedroom ap-
pointments, Turkey carpet, rugs, carved oak
sideboard, extending dining table, set 8
chairs, couches, easy chairs, occasional
chairs and tables, oak breakfast double
cupboard, walnut secretaire bookcase, man-
tel clocks, bronze marli horses, 8-day grand-
father clock, oil paintings, pictures, books,
glass, china, canteen of plate and other
plate, fireproof safe, kitchen utensils, OUT-
SIDE ITEMS, 2 ladies' bicycles, garden
seats, roller, Atko motor mower, wheel-
barrows, garden frames, wire netting, bee-
hives and bee appliances, 4 portable poul-
try houses, 22 pullets, Hearson's 100-egg in-
cubator, night ark, foster mother, hen
coops, hoppers, corn bins and miscellane-
ous.

On View Morning of Sale.

Catalogues of the Auctioneer, Ashford.

SHORT NOTICE OF SALE.

ON MONDAY NEXT.

ROBSCOT, BETHERSDEN.

2-mile Betherdsden Village and 'bus route
(Ashford-Tenterden), 5½ miles Ashford.

SALE by AUCTION of the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

including oak and brass rail Bedsteads, bed-
ding, toiletware,

OAK & SATIN WALNUT BEDROOM SUITES,

oak dressing chests and washstands, antique
oak chest of drawers, baby's treasure cot,
mahogany commode, and other bedroom
furniture; Axminster carpet, rugs, linoleum,
oak hall stand, barometer and ther-
mometer, antique copper warming pan, wall
mirrors,

FULL COMPASS IRON FRAME UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE

by Stroud, in oak case; Wireless set and
loud speaker, wing easy and lounge chairs,
pair of oak Drawing Room chairs and sofa
en suite, antique Yorkshire ladder back
chair, occasional tables,

2 SETS OAK DINING CHAIRS, MODERN OAK DRAW-LEAF TABLE,

mahogany and inlaid China Cabinet, Oak
Bureau, oak dinner wagon, oak dresser,
pictures, books, ornaments, clocks, Singer's
sewing machine, Aladdin and other lamps,
brass and plated goods, Worcester tea ser-
vice, dinner and teaware, cutlery, kitchen
and culinary utensils, kitchen tables and
chairs, store cupboards, home-made jam,
eggs in water glass, washing tub with
mangle attachment, box churn and mis-
cellaneous effects.

Messrs. GEERING & COLYER

ARE INSTRUCTED BY MRS. CARPEN-
TER TO SELL the above by AUCTION,
on the Premises, on MONDAY, 9th OCTO-
BER, 1933, commencing at 11 a.m.

On View Morning of Sale.

Catalogues on the Premises, and of the
Auctioneers, as above.

NOV BETHERSDEN 1929

A GOOD "CAP."—Poppy selling resulted
in the sum of £16 9s. 1d. being collected.
The collections in the parish church amount-
ed to £2 12s. At the meet of the Oakhurst
Beagles, Colonel Hessey arranged a "Cap"
in aid of the above fund. In spite of
the very bad weather a number of enthus-
iasts attended the meet and were hospitably
entertained by Colonel Hessey. The amount
collected was £5 16s. 6d. This amount will
be allocated to the Haig Fund to relief in
Kent.