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DISTRICT NEWS

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

KENT.

AYLESFORD.

QUARRYMAN'S DEATH.—An inquest was held on Monday at the Chequers, Aylesford, by Mr. H. G. Thompson, Deputy Coroner, relative to the death of William Norman, aged 55, who died at the Stone Quarries, Allington. Henry May, quarryman, said he was with the deceased on the morning of the 27th ult. when he complained of pains in his chest. About one o'clock he heard him groaning, and asked what was wrong, but he got no reply, and he went to his assistance and he expired in his arms. He had known deceased over 20 years, and he had always enjoyed good health. George Lindley, manager of the quarries, said the deceased had been in his employ three-and-a-half years, and was a good workman. Dr. T. A. Palm deposed to making a post-mortem examination and finding that the deceased had died as the result of angina pectoris, an affection of the heart.—A verdict of "Death from Natural Causes" was returned.

BIDBOROUGH.

CRICKET CLUB.—A general meeting of the Bidborough Cricket Club was held at the Hare and Hounds on March 25th, when Mr. E. R. Wood presided. It was decided to restart the Club. Mr. H. J. Wood was elected President; the Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Messrs. L. Parex, E. R. Wood, Major Davis and Mr. J. C. Turner. Mr. E. R. Wood was elected Captain; Mr. A. Bird, Vice-Captain. The following were elected on the Committee:—Messrs. J. Tolhurst, T. Pedley, A. R. Smith, A. Webb, W. Cruttenden, J. K. Backham, George Bailey, J. Everest, J. Langridge, J. Tippey, J. C. Turner and L. Parex. Mr. George Everest was appointed Collector and Mr. J. Tippey Umpire. Mr. T. W. Godly, Hollambys, Speldhurst, was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and would be glad to hear of Clubs requiring matches. The ground was reported to be in excellent condition, and with a little timely attention would produce the well-known splendid wickets of pre-war days.

BRENCHLEY.

WHIST DRIVE.—A whist drive was held at Castle Hill on March 26th in aid of Brenchley Parish Hall. There were 15 tables. The prizes were won by the following:—Ladies: 1, Miss Lambert, of Horsmonden; 2, Mrs. Gorringe; Booby, Mrs. Morris. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Taylor, of Horsmonden; 2, Mr. Peckham; Booby, Mr. Geares, of Horsmonden.

CHIDDINGSTONE

A RESIGNATION.—At the meeting of Sevenoaks Rural District Council yesterday, Mr. A. J. B. Hills wrote resigning his appointment as representative of the parish, as he had been appointed Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council.—Colonel Williams said Mr. Hills had rendered valuable service, and suggested that he be asked to reconsider his resignation.—This was agreed to.

COWDEN.

OBITUARY.—The death occurred at Oakdene on Sunday last, after a very brief illness, of Mr. T. Taylor, the greatly esteemed butler of Mr. H. V. Darbishire. Deceased had been with the same family for upwards of fifty years, and was highly respected by all who knew him. The funeral took place on Wednesday last, at the Parish Church, and was fully choral. The hymns sung were, "My God, My Father, while I stray," "Sun of My Soul," and "Abide with Me." The coffin bore the inscription: "Thomas Taylor, Died March 30th, Aged 79." Beside the widow and family mourners at the graveside were noticed, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Darbishire, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Snelling, and the whole staff from Oakdene. Floral tributes were sent from Alfred and Maud; Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Darbishire; Miss Mary Darbishire; the Indoor and Outdoor Staff of Oakdene; Friends at Cowden Cross; All at Claydene.

CRANBROOK.

FARMERS' CLUB.—The monthly meeting of the Weald of Kent Farmers' Club took place at the Bull Hotel, the President, Mr. G. Calcutt, in the chair. There was a crowded attendance. A lengthy discussion took place on the wages question, and after some argument as to the new rates of agricultural pay the following resolution was carried unanimously, being moved by Mr. Cheesman and seconded by Mr. Dixon: "That this meeting of the Weald of Kent Farmers' Club and Branch of the N.F.U. strongly protests against the proposed increase in the wages unless there is guaranteed a corresponding increase in the prices of farm produce, the present corn prices being fixed when the wages were fixed at 25s. per week." It was agreed to support a resolution received from the Bucks and Oxford Chamber of Agriculture urging the reorganisation of the present Board of Agriculture. Mr. Winch gave a report of the proceedings at the Central Chamber of Commerce, and strongly urged his hearers to notice the new Government proposals as to nationalisation of land. Mr. Christie, of the Agricultural Organisation Society, gave an excellent address as to the working of a Co-operative Society, in view of the recent discussion on the subject. He strongly urged a loyal co-operation of members, and that the subscription should not be fixed at too low a figure. In reply to invitation for questions, a number were asked on detail matters, after which a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Mr. Christie.

PETTY SESSIONS.—These Sessions were held yesterday, Major Tylden Pattenson presiding.—Chas. Ransom, of Staplehurst, was fined 10s. for riding a bicycle without lights.—Leslie Manser was fined 5s. for a similar offence at Hawkhurst.—John Reeves, manager to Messrs. Dadswell, of Hawkhurst, was fined £10 for selling bread baked within twelve hours. Mr. Hinds prosecuted for the Rural Council.—Fanny Link applied to vary an Affiliation Order against Michael Owen, of Horsmonden. Mr. Bracher, for defendant, offered 5s. per week, and the Bench amended the Order to this amount.—Mary Martin applied to vary a Maintenance Order against her husband, William Martin, and the Bench made the Order 10s. 6d. per week.—Percy Ellis was charged with deserting his wife, and the Bench adjourned the case for the defendant to provide a home for her, as defendant stated he was only discharged from the Army on March 17th.—William Wells was charged with selling milk at Cranbrook adulterated with 18 per cent of water. Mr. Bracher prosecuted and Mr. W. C. Cripps defended. It was urged in defence that the milk complained of was purchased by defendant to supplement his own supply, which was found on analysis to be quite pure, and defendant was considering what remedy he had at law with regard to the other milk. The Chairman said that the case was a hard one, but the Bench had no alternative but to convict. They would, however, only order defendant to pay the costs. Clarence Pearson was charged with assaulting Alfred Offen and William Ledger, at Biddenden, on March 22nd. The Bench convicted for assault on the first charge and fined defendant £2.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.—The popular Friendly Society for Men, Women and Children. For Sickness and Funeral Benefits, National Health Insurance and Life Insurance. Entrance forms of Mr. J. G. Coles, The Cottage, Cranbrook.

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EAST PECKHAM.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Mr. T. E. Welfear, whose death at Tunbridge Wells was announced in our last issue, took place on Friday at the old Churchyard, when the Vicar officiated, and the Wesleyan Circuit Minister, the Rev. C. Pitt, took the commital service at the graveside. The mourners were Miss Welfear, Mr. and Mrs. Bower, Mr. G. W. Welfear, Mr. Frank Smith, Mrs. George Smith, Miss Apps, Mr. and Mrs. Butchers, Miss Rose, Mr. Edwin Rose, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. H. Rose, Mr. A. Harris, S. A. Collins (maid). Wreaths were sent by the following:—Miss Welfear (daughter); Mr. and Mrs. Bower (daughter and son-in-law); Mrs. Smith (sister) and Family; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Welfear (cousins); Mrs. and Miss Goldsmith (nieces); Mr. J. G. Guest; Mr. and Mrs. Butchers; Miss Rose; Mr. and Mrs. W. Rose; Mr. and Mrs. H. Rose; Mr. and Mrs. T. Else; the Misses Wilkin; Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris; the local Preachers of the Tunbridge Wells Wesleyan Circuit; East Peckham Wesleyan Church; Miss Hatch; S. A. Collins and Elsie (maids).

EDENBRIDGE.

EDENBRIDGE NURSING ASSOCIATION.—The General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th April, at the Church House, at 3 p.m. All subscribers and others are earnestly invited to attend, as several important matters will be under discussion.—AMY M. WILFORD, Hon. Sec.

RECREATION GROUND.—The Committee of the Recreation Ground met on Wednesday evening, and arrangements were settled to enable the Town and Tannery Cricket Clubs to have the use of the ground during the coming season. The Committee decided to prepare part of the ground for practice and matches for the children. The ground will also be available for tennis, if required.

MARTIN'S PICTURES.—Our townsman, Mr. A. Martin, is to be congratulated on the success of his "pictures," given this week on behalf of Mrs Jennings and family. It was the original idea to devote one night, but so great was the demand for tickets that Mr. Martin agreed to give three shows, Monday afternoon and evening and Tuesday evening, and on both evenings the Oddfellows' Hall was crowded. In addition to the pictures, Mr. Martin had secured the services of three ladies, who gave turns in singing and dancing, which were greatly appreciated. As a result Mr. Martin hopes to realise the sum of £40, which is most gratifying.

GOUDHURST.

PROPOSED PEACE CELEBRATION.—A general meeting was held at the Hall on Tuesday evening in order to discuss the question of how best to celebrate the Peace, of which we are so anxiously waiting to hear the announcement. Dr. W. R. Collingridge, who presided (supported by the Rev. Canon W. A. Raikes and Mr. J. P. Burfield), stated that the meeting had been called with the object of finding out the general opinion of the parishioners as to what celebrations they should have on Peace Day. Possibly some people might object to there being any celebration at all, but the celebration was not intended for adults; it was to be a day for the children, the rising generation. He had found a programme of the local festive proceedings at the last Coronation, and it was suggested that the Peace celebration should be arranged on the same lines. A large Committee of ladies and gentlemen was forthwith formed, and this Committee will be sub-divided into different Sub-Committees to carry out the different items in the day's programme, the ladies, of course, being indispensable in the preparation and distribution of the tea for the numerous children. The Vicar assured the Chairman that the parishioners in general were much pleased to see him safe back in the village after his four years' varied and not altogether agreeable experiences in Mesopotamia and elsewhere.

HADLOW.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.—Being the only candidate nominated for election as Rural District Councillor, Mr. W. Palmer, Hope Farm, continues to be the parochial representative, thus saving the expenses of a poll.

HAWKHURST.

KNIGHTHOOD.—On Saturday last the King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace, when Major-General Walter Delamain received the honour of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

CONFIRMATION.—There was a large congregation at St. Laurence's Church on Wednesday afternoon, when the Bishop of Croydon administered the sacred rite to some 60 candidates, made up as follows:—Hawkhurst, 11 males, 35 females; Newenden, four females; Sandhurst, one male, six females.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION.—There are sixteen candidates, and on Monday next the polling takes place at the Victoria Hall. Of the 16 names, three are nominated from Gills Green district, while Highgate, Station-road and New Ground are well represented, as no less than 11 aspirants come from a radius of just over a mile. For the old part of the parish (The Moor) there is only one nomination. No doubt a good deal of private canvassing has been done during the past week, and what is wanted is a good poll of the parishioners, of which there are over 1,200.

OBITUARY.—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Martin, of Woodbury-road, which occurred in the early hours of Friday at the age of 73. It was less than a year ago that her husband passed away. The interment took place in St. Laurence's Churchyard on Tuesday afternoon, the officiating minister being the Rev. F. W. Walbrand-Evans. The family mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Lester, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chantler, Mrs. S. Honeysett, Mr. F. Flint, Miss E. Greengo, Mr. W. Bishop, Miss D. Chantler, Mrs. J. Puxted, Miss Puxted, Mrs. Woodhams. Others present were Miss Maynard, Miss Rudyard and Mrs. Wakeman. Beautiful floral tributes were from the following: George, Alma, Alice and Sister Eliza; Annie and Henry; Edith and Austin; Daisy, Mabel and Lily; Emma and Jack; Miss Maynard and Miss Rudyard; Miss Margaret P. Loyd (Highfield, Hawkhurst). Mr. J. T. E. Davis was the undertaker.

HIGH BROOMS.

ELECTION MEETING.—A representative meeting of working men was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, in support of the candidature of Mr. F. S. Puckett.—Mr. Moore, who presided, said Mr. Puckett had served High Brooms on the Southborough Council for 12 years and had always been to the front in supporting any matter of interest to the district. He was serving on several Committees, including the Educational Committee and the Pensions Committee.—Mr. Puckett said he was a working-man, and the workers' interest were his interests. He had supported in Council a motion for 47½-hour week for the employees, and was doing his utmost to secure a Recreation Ground for the district.—Mr. W. Boxall moved that this meeting pledges itself to support Mr. Puckett. This was seconded by Mr. A. J. Brown and carried unanimously.—Mr. Puckett said he would continue to do his best if returned, and thanked the proposer and seconder.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.—The general meeting of the High Brooms Hospital Committee was held on Wednesday evening at the High Brooms Hotel, when a good number attended, under the chairmanship of Mr. Fred Jarrett, with Mr. E. Fielder in the vice-chair. On the proposition of Mr. Boxall it was decided to hold a parade as usual.—The Chairman gave a brief outline of the work accomplished last year, when a record was reached, the total collected being £37 5s. 10½d.—Mr. Moore pointed out that during the last few years the income had been gradually increasing, and as the outcome some 400 to 500 hospital letters had been brought into the district. The officers were elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr. E. Fielder; Vice-Chairman, Mr. F. Oxborough; Treasurer, Mr. Moore; Secretary, Mr. W. Tippett, 33, Woodland-road. The Committee were re-elected, with power to add. Mrs. F. Cheesman and Mr. F. Jarrett were appointed delegates to the Tunbridge Wells Committee; and Mr. E. Fielder and Mr. Balham to the Southborough Committee.

HILDENBOROUGH.

GIFT SALE.—On March 26th an interesting gift sale took place in the Drill Hall on behalf of the funds of the Church Missionary Society. The sale was organised by Mrs. Fellowes Wilson, of Oak Lodge, and for some weeks she had been canvassing her many friends for gifts in money or kind for this deserving object. The response was splendid, and on Wednesday afternoon the Hall was filled with people intent on buying. Mrs. Wilson's helpers at the various daintily arranged stalls were soon busy and were kept busy until practically everything was sold. It must have been very gratifying that, as a result of the sale and with the addition of gifts of money which she had previously received, Mrs. Wilson was able to hand over to the C.M.S. over £43.

WAR MEMORIAL.—A public meeting was held in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening to consider proposals for a War Memorial. Over 100 persons were present, Mr. G. W. Johnson, J.P., being elected to preside. Various suggestions were discussed, and the general feeling of the meeting was that first a Memorial Cross should be erected to those who had fallen in the war; and, secondly, as far as funds would allow, some provision made for the social and educational requirements of the parish.—Mr. Briar estimated that a Village Hall, such as had been previously proposed, would at the present time cost about £5,000. Such a building would accommodate between 170 and 200 people for socials, with class-room accommodation for the technical education of boys and girls who had left school; and also contain warm baths, etc.—It was resolved to form a representative Committee, consisting of 45 members, who will formulate a scheme and place it before the general meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.—A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Saturday evening last in the Drill Hall, when there were present Mr. G. W. Johnson, J.P. (Chairman), Messrs. E. A. Auld, A. Brunger, T. Bassett, E. L. Panes, E. Hendry, W. J. King and R. F. Hodder (Clerk). A letter from the County Council was considered, asking for the help of the parish in finding ex-Service men with some capital who were anxious to take up cottage holdings, and also asking for information as to land available for hire or purchase in the neighbourhood.—The Clerk was instructed to inform the K.C.C. as to certain land in Hildenborough which is shortly coming into the market; also to advertise in the village for suitable applicants for such holdings.—Mr. Clark, one of the retiring members of the Council, wrote to the Chairman resigning his position on the Fire Brigade.—The Clerk was instructed to point out that the work Mr. Clark was doing, and had been doing for so many years, was much appreciated, and to convey to him the Council's thanks and their unanimous desire that he would reconsider his decision and continue to carry on his useful work with the Fire Brigade. Certain small accounts were passed for payment, and the Clerk pointed out that the balance standing to the credit of the Council was now about 1s. only.—As this was the last meeting of the old Parish Council, the Chairman expressed his thanks and appreciation for the way members had attended and carried out the duties which had been put on them.

HORSMONDEN.

WAR MEMORIAL.—The village Institute, which has always more or less been a source of concern to its Committee, is promising to enter on a more successful era, through the generosity of Mrs. and Miss Austen, Capel Manor; and Mr. William Smith-Marriott, the Beneficiaries under the Will of the late Mr. Austen, who, we may add, was the original founder of the Institute. The presentation of the whole of the freehold is to be made to the parish or to put it more plainly, it is to become the sole property of each and every parishioner and their heirs and administrators for all time. The movement is a very important step towards the permanent War Memorial, and the gift is not only a liberal one, it is an endowment which the highest ambitions could wish to attain. At a well-attended meeting on Wednesday last, Mr J. Lewis, who presided, made an earnest appeal for support to raise some form of Memorial in Horsmonden for the fallen. Mr. P. Manwaring, Mr. Buss and Mr. Morley also spoke, emphasising it as to be considered a public duty, and the sound and patriotic reasons put forward by these gentlemen very favourably impressed those present. The most pleasurable surprise, however, was experienced when Mr. William Smith-Marriott rose to ask the villagers to accept the gift. He remarked that the Trustees were prepared to remove any obstacle towards the conveyance thereof. The proud thrill which this gentleman must have felt in making this announcement was evidently reciprocated by those present, judging by the applause accorded. Mr. Lewis, on behalf of the assembly, passed a hearty vote of thanks to the donors, and proceeded to point out that funds will be needed to finish the job properly; there will be renovations needed internally, additional building to be added, and last, but not least, the Scroll of Honour, in the shape of a marble tablet to be erected on the walls of the building outside, so that the names of those who fought and won "the victor's crown of gold" may for always be inscribed not only thereon, but for ever in our memories. Horsmonden will have just cause to feel proud of its achievement; the site on which this Memorial stands is unequalled in its appropriation, commanding the attention of this old-world village as it does, overlooking the Green, facing The Gun, where Knights in armour have assembled centuries ago, and who, too, possibly went forth to champion the same cause as those whom we now propose to honour. A business Committee has been formed, and it will without doubt receive the financial support necessary.

LAMBERHURST.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.—As there was no opposition, the two sitting members, Messrs. C. W. Morland and P. A. Simpson, have been re-elected.

LANGTON GREEN.

DEMOBILISATION.—Pte. Herbert Carter, son of Mr. H. Carter, arrived home on Thursday after three years in Salonika.

WHIST.—At the whist drive held at the Institute last week the prize-winners were: Ladies—1 Mrs. Streatfeild; 2 Miss Tillman; hidden number Mrs. King; consolation Mrs. Delamar. Gentlemen—1 Fred Tompkins; 2 A. Dean; hidden number M. Pattenden.

SOCIAL.—On Wednesday a social evening was spent by a large number at the Institute, when a special programme of songs and dances, and a farce, entitled "Mechanical Jane," was much enjoyed. The performers of the farce were Miss Blackman, Miss Marks and Miss Baker.

LEIGH.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION.—The contest in this election will turn upon the question whether the parish shall accept the decision of the County Council that the spelling of its name shall remain Leigh. A list of names of candidates who are in favour of putting an end to the present state of confusion has been circulated in the parish, and the electors are invited to vote for them only. It is impossible to go on spelling the name in two different ways, and as for all legal and public purposes the name must be Leigh, there appears no alternative unless the parish goes to the expense of attempting to reverse the decision of the County Council, which is the statutory authority to decide the matter. The main point is the postal and other inconvenience which is at present suffered by the dual spelling.

PROCESSION IN VILLAGE LIFE.—A correspondent writes as follows:—After four years of strenuous work caused by war conditions, I came down the other day from a busy Northern town to a little "sleepy hollow" in the midst of the Garden of England, where I felt sure that a spirit of restfulness would predominate, such restfulness which is priceless, since it gives a new lease of life to city dwellers and restores to them the spirit of tranquility. Imagine my amazement when stepping out at the wayside station to find the modern element of reconstruction, which means often change at any cost, blatantly staring me in the face! Leigh Halt no longer greeted me in the old familiar fashion; instead I had to rub my eyes and wonder at the marvellous progression of this dear little place, which was bristling forth in importance under the appellation "Lyghe Halt"—Lyghe, which must rhyme with piggy. Reconstruction is difficult work to engage in, but names are cheap, and here we have it. True, we ask "What's in a name?" but to the returning warfarer "Everything" is the answer, and I most sincerely hope that other peaceful villages in England will not seize upon this mode of "progression," but will at least leave us the old welcome of the names we have learnt to love and which are really part and parcel of the land. Had Leigh aforetime been spelt Lyghe I could understand the change, but as it is it savours too much of "foreign" manufacture, and reminds one of the efforts of the nouveaux riches Smiths to become Smythes.

OXTED.

PARISH MEETING.—A parish meeting was held on Thursday at the Church Room, Mr. H. W. Matthews in the chair. The report of the work of the retiring Parish Council was read and also the report of the Charities. The question of School Management was discussed. Mr. H. Smith moved, and Mr. Charman seconded, that better accommodation be made for children who were obliged to take their dinners to school. This was carried. Mr. Barralett moved that the money earmarked for a Village Institute, now in the hands of Trustees, be transferred to the parish. Mr. Eeroyd seconded, and it was carried. The Rev. W. E. Rix raised the question of cottage accommodation. He pointed out that men were now returning to civil life, and it was most unfair that the strongest of our manhood should be literally driven from the village because no cottages were available, and he moved: "That this meeting of the Parish of Oxted expresses its satisfaction that the Rural District Council of Godstone proposes to build 24 cottages in the parish, but is emphatically of opinion that this number is insufficient for the needs of the parish, and urges the District Council to take in hand at once the erection of not less than 40 cottages, which shall be placed in convenient situations and supplied with sufficient gardens." Mrs. M. Seyd, in seconding, expressed her indignation at the dilapidated state of houses in Old Oxted, and thought that the whole lot should come down and good houses erected. It was stated that over 40 cases were reported of alleged insanitary houses, overcrowding, and people unable to obtain a house of any kind in the parish. The resolution was carried without dissent.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—An innovation was made at the Congregational Church service on Sunday evening last by holding an open meeting for speaking. The Minister, the Rev. W. E. Rix, opened the subject of "Sunday Recreation," tracing the differences in the old Jewish Sabbath to the Christian Sunday. He declared that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. After having spoken for ten minutes, the meeting was open for either expression of opinion, questions, or a contribution to the subject that might help it a stage further. A good many expressed their views. Mr. Buttle emphasised the great need to retain the heritage handed down to us by our forefathers, and that the Church should resist any attempt to tamper with the sacredness of a day of rest. We had said we must win the war so that we might open the door to a new and better civilisation; was this what our bravest had bled and died for? God help England if our way lies thus. Mrs Rix thought housewives should rest on Sundays and the younger members of the family do what work was necessary, and no one should do anything on a Sunday that caused other people to work. Mr. Stewart urged that Christ laid down no definite rule for Sunday, yet He clearly intended it to be observed as an holy day. Mr. Riley asked if there was any passage in the New Testament expressing strict Sabbatarian views. Mr. F. Paish thought that the best way to keep Sunday and the highest form of service was to do good to someone else. Mr. Stalley urged that, although Christ laid down no rules, yet He laid down great principles, and he had no sympathy with those who tried to differentiate between the sacred and the secular. All good, from whatever source, was sacred, and all bad was secular. Mr. Rix, in summing up, pleaded for a larger charity, and hoped people would try and see the difference between Recreation and Pastime. The meeting, the first of its kind, was quite successful.

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PADDOCK WOOD.

SOCIAL.—On Wednesday the members of the local Red Cross Working Party were entertained to a tea and social given by their President and Secretary, Mrs. Sealy, the occasion being the winding up of the Working Party. For four years this Working Party has done most excellent work, and the interest displayed by all the members, and especially Mrs. Sealy, has, as was anticipated from the first, been a complete success. The cause appealed at once to the ladies; in fact, in all their efforts the people of Paddock Wood have done splendidly. Songs and games were indulged in. During the evening a very pleasant function was performed, and that (which was a complete success) was a presentation to Mrs. Sealy by all the members of the Party, viz., a badge, as worn by the voluntary workers, in real gold and pearls, specially made by A. Taylor, jeweller, Mount Pleasant Tunbridge Wells. Mrs. Guest, in making the presentation, eulogised the work of Mrs. Sealy, and said it was the unanimous wish of all that this gift should be given her, as the success of the work was chiefly due to her strenuous efforts. The time Mrs. Sealy had spent on the work and the trouble taken in the cause could not easily be realised; therefore, on behalf of the members, she begged Mrs. Sealy's acceptance of the badge with every good wish from all. At this juncture the badge was pinned on Mrs. Sealy by the youngest member, Miss F. Andrews. Mrs. Sealy who was visibly affected, said how much she appreciated the gift and the kindly thought of the members, and she should always wear it, and added that she felt she had only done what others would have done under the circumstances. She also referred to the fact that the whole thing had been entirely self-supporting, and spoke in glowing terms of the Committee and members who had stood beside her through it all. It was indeed a pleasant and happy ending to a work which has been so well done by all who have taken part in the village. The catering was excellently done by Mr. Cosham, of Paddock Wood. The programme was carried out as follows:—Pianoforte solo, Miss I. Hunt; Musical Chairs; song "The Skipper," Mrs. Freeland; duologue, "Ancient and Modern," Misses B. Luck and B. Thirkell; pianoforte solo, Mrs. Halberson; recitation, "The Willow Plate," Mrs. Eastwood; song, "Friends Again," Mrs. Leslie Hunt; Snap the Tongs; pianoforte duet, Misses B. Luck and B. Thirkell; song, "God send you back to me," Mrs. Freeland; song, "Rose in the Bud," Mrs. I. Hunt; song, "Blighty," Mrs. Eastwood.

PEMBURY.

SUDDEN DEATH.—The death occurred suddenly, at the Poor Law Institution, on Monday, of Harry Card, aged 74, of no fixed abode. The cause of death was heart failure, and the Coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary.

PENSHURST.

COMRADES.—A meeting of the Comrades of the Great War and those discharged from Service was held in the Village Hall on Saturday last, Mr. George H. Drummond occupying the chair.—Mr. Drummond explained that the object of the Association of the Comrades was to bind together those who had stood together, and for the assistance of ex-Service men and those belonging to them who needed or might need assistance in obtaining what was due in pay, pensions, gratuities or employment.—Mr. Clarke, of Ashford, who has had a very large experience among the Comrades in Kent, explained some of the difficulties ex-Service men experienced, and the ways in which assistance had been given to obtain what was required.—It was decided to form a "Post" at Penshurst, and Mr. George H. Drummond was unanimously elected "Captain."—Mr. W. Rowe, the Village, Penshurst, was elected Hon. Secretary, with a Committee consisting of Messrs. Alfred Constable, Jas. Coomber, George Diamond and H. Lindridge. It is hoped to raise the number of members to at least 100.

RUSTHALL.

V.A.D. HOSPITAL.—The weekly return shows the following figures: Patients undergoing treatment in Hospital, 125; patients admitted, 10; patients discharged, nine.

DEMOBILISATION.—Sapper Percy Lambert, after two years in Mesopotamia, arrived home on Sunday.—Driver Wm. Young came home from France on Monday, and Sapper George Prior arrived home the same day; whilst Private Chas. Allen is also home.

OBITUARY.—On Sunday morning Mr. Walter Wood, of "The Marquee," died after a few days' illness. He was a much respected inhabitant, and had been at "The Marquee" about six years. The funeral takes place at St. Paul's Church, Rusthall, on Saturday.

WHIST.—On Wednesday another successful whist drive took place at the Institute, when the prizes were won by:—Ladies—1 Mrs. G. M. Hughes; 2 Mrs. J. Jasson; 3 Mrs. Johnson; hidden number, Miss C. Branch; consolation, Mrs. King. Gentlemen—1 E. A. Turley; 2 J. Weeden; 3 Mr. Hopkins; hidden number Mr. Standing; consolation A. Pattenden.

R.A.O.B.—The Oak Lodge held its weekly meeting at the Oak Hotel on Wednesday. "Sir" Chas. H. Woodcraft presided, with Primo Bert Roswell in the Marshal's chair. Two candidates, Mr. Alfred Clifton and Mr. George Friend, were duly initiated. The harmony was sustained by Primos Fred Owen, G. Piesley, W. Swallow, Bros. C. J. Saunders, J. Vigar, G. Stevenson and others.

SOCIAL EVENING.—On Thursday evening of last week a number of the members of the Rusthall Working Men's Club were invited to the V.A.D. Hospital and entertained in a very pleasant way. Billiards furnished the chief amusement of the evening in the form of a contest between the wounded soldiers and the members of the Club, in which the latter came off victorious. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable time was spent. A vote of thanks was passed to the Hospital authorities for their hospitality.

OBITUARY.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Pointer, of Rusthall Yews, took place at St. Paul's Churchyard, the Rev. R. Dowsett, of Tunbridge Wells, conducting the service. Deceased was of the good old age of 83, and was the widow of the late Mr. Thos. Pointer, who pre-deceased her about four years ago. The family mourners were Mrs. Tasker, Mrs. Dibley and Mrs. Clifton (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pointer and Geo. Tasker. There were several floral tributes.—On the same day the funeral of the late Harry Wheeler, the 15-year-old son of Mrs. Wheeler, of Gladstone-road, took place at St. Paul's, the service being conducted by the Rev. R. Deane. The lad died on the Saturday previous after about three months' illness.

WEDDING.—At St. Paul's Church on Wednesday the marriage was solemnised of Miss Ada Linda Roser, of 111, Erskine Park-road, daughter of the late Mr. W. G. Roser, to Sergt. Frank Eibelbert Buckland, R.A.M.C., son of Mr. John Buckland, of Kenley. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. R. A. Deane. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Robert Roser, was attired in a dress of crepe-de-chine trimmed with silver embroidery, and wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet. Miss Ella Farmer (niece) was bridesmaid, and wore a dress of pale saxe shantung silk, with black hat trimmed with pink, and carried a bouquet of daffodils and narcissi. Mr. E. Buckland was best man. The happy pair left for Brighton to spend the honeymoon, the bride's travelling dress being saxe-blue gabardine and brown nigger hat trimmed with champagne silk. They received many presents.

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SOUTHBOROUGH.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS HOSPITAL SUPPLY DEPOT closed on Wednesday, March 26th, after being open for 3½ years. During that time more than 176,000 articles have been sent to our own wounded and those of the Allies. At the closing meeting the Rev. T. A. E. Williamson spoke, and an address on "Work" was given by the Rev. J. T. Mumford, District Senior Chaplain to the Forces.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.—An election of District Councillors for the North and East Wards will take place on Monday next. The candidates for two vacancies in the North Ward are Messrs. T. G. Hearnden, P. D. Peacock and E. Plowright, and the Polling Station is the Royal Victoria Hall. The candidates for one vacancy in the East Ward are Messrs. A. E. Bullen and F. S. Puckett.

FOOD PRODUCTION.—A meeting of the Southborough and District Food Production Association took place in the Star Rooms on Thursday. Mr. Jenkins, of the Food Production Department, London, gave an address and advised setting apart a plot of ten rods for experimental purposes for the benefit of all allotment holders. Previous to the meeting, Mr. Jenkins visited the allotments with members of the Committee.

ODDFELLOWS.—The quarterly meeting of the "Hand and Sceptre" Lodge was held at the Bell Hotel on Monday, Bro. G. Hudson, P.G., presiding. Bro. W. Skinner, the retiring auditor, was re-elected, and Bro. W. Moon, the Sick Visitor, was also re-elected. A donation of one guinea was voted to the Southborough Jubilee Nursing Fund. The balance sheet for last year was adopted, and showed the Lodge Funds to be in a satisfactory condition. Heavy sickness was experienced during the year, £277 7s. 4d. being paid out in sick benefit, and the Lodge had lost five members by death.

THE RECENT FIRE.—Some difference of opinion seems to exist in connection with an interesting point which has arisen in connection with the recent fire at Southborough. The Rev. R. A. Bull, whose residence was destroyed, urged that the Local Government Board should be approached with a view to holding an inquiry, but this it was found they had no power to do. The rev. gentleman then suggested that the Coroner should be communicated with, with a view to holding one. At the last meeting of the Southborough Council, however, Mr. Brown stated that he had it on high legal authority that such an inquiry was outside the jurisdiction of a coroner, unless there was a death. In order to get a definite opinion on the point, our representative approached the Deputy-Coroner (Mr. H. G. Thompson) on the matter, and he fully confirmed the statement of Mr. Brown.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.—The death occurred on Thursday of last week of Mr. John Carpenter, of the Almshouses, who died at his son's residence in Western-road, where he removed when he was taken ill. Mr. Carpenter, who was 76 years of age, had lived in Southborough most of his life, and in his young days was a good cricketer. He was a member of Court "Unity," A.O.F., and for 17 years was Secretary.—The funeral took place on Tuesday at the Cemetery, the first part of the service being in St. Thomas' Church, where some years ago he was a member of the choir. The service at the church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. P. Darroch) and the Rev. O. R. Eurich, the committal service at the Cemetery being taken by the Rev. O. R. Eurich. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. C. Carpenter, Mr. T. Carpenter and Miss Game, Mr. D. Carpenter and Miss Edwards, and the Misses Colthup. The Foresters were represented by Mr. J. Christer and Mr. J. Smith. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes from the family and friends.

CRICKET CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the Cricket Club took place at the Hand and Sceptre Hotel on Thursday evening of last week, a good attendance being presided over by Mr. H. R. Brown. At the outset the Chairman remarked that this meeting was convened with the object of reviving the bright and good cricket for which Southborough is renowned. During the war it had been impossible to carry on as so many members of the Club were on active service, playing a noble part in the defence of their King and country. He maintained that the training the men had on the field and in sports in general had, to a great extent, been the means of winning the war.—Mr. W. S. Muggridge read the minutes of the last annual general meeting, held in March, 1915.—The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. N. A. Killick, the balance sheet being very satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £4 14s. 9d.—Mr. Killick reported that a start had been made to put the ground in order, and he hoped it would soon be in good condition again. Most of the playing materials had been sent to the boys in France, and new tackle would have to be bought to replace it, and he hoped subscribers would do all they possibly could to give the Club a good start. He mentioned that the Club would be pleased to hear from any local teams for arranging fixtures for the coming season. He also wished to congratulate their well-known and genial Captain—Lieut.-Col. Frank Harris—on his recent promotion. The balance sheet was adopted.—Mr. J. H. Fielder congratulated Mr. Killick on the excellent manner he had kept and presented the accounts.—A suggestion was made and the hope expressed by the meeting that the Christian Endeavour Cricket Club would join with the Club so that good mid-week matches might be arranged.—The election of officers and Committee was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—President, Sir D. L. Salomons, Bt.; all the Vice-Presidents who remained in the district were re-elected, and several more were elected (subject to their approval); Treasurer, Mr. N. A. Killick; Auditors, Messrs. H. R. Brown and F. D. Draper; Captain, Lt.-Col. Frank Harris; Vice-Captains, Messrs. T. W. Godly and W. Carter; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. S. Muggridge (pro tem.); Committee, Messrs. S. Burchett, E. A. P. Dee, W. Kemp, H. Brown, S. Woodhams, A. Funnell, W. F. A. Cox, E. Twort, F. Tanner, G. Whitten, A. W. Walker, F. Hackett, junr., A. Standing, J. Groombridge, P. F. Pankhurst, J. Barefield and A. Emery; Collector, Mr. N. Bloomer.—It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary be instructed to convey the deepest sympathy of the Club to Dr. and Mrs. Hutchings, in the loss of their son, Mr. K. L. Hutchings, who gave his life for his country.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

SPELDHURST.

WAR NOTES.—Lieut. Edwd. Ainger, 3rd Hussars, has gone out to Rumania on the Staff of the Military Mission.

NEW VERGER.—In the place of Mr. Bundell, Mr. Wm. Groombridge has been appointed as Verger, Sexton, and Caretaker of the Church.

RAT AND SPARROW CLUB.—A meeting was held at the George and Dragon on Friday, when the following points were brought in: C. R. Walker, 1,129; Thos. Langridge, 443; C. Stringer, 150; with smaller amounts making a total of 1,795 (rats' tails, 170).

WOMEN'S WAR DRESSINGS ASSOCIATION.—Two presentations have been made in connection with this Association, the Committee and members having given to Mrs. Masters (the Hon. Secretary) a beautiful pair of silver candlesticks, accompanied by an appropriate address. To Mrs. Winton the members have given a silver clock.

WHIST.—At the School on Tuesday another pleasant time was spent in the form of a whist drive. Miss Bishop was the first prize-winner and also of the special prize. The first prize for gentlemen was won by Mr. Clift, but he passed it on to Mr. W. Walters, the next highest scorer. The special prize for highest score at half-time was won by Mr. Morden; consolation won by Mr. V. Maynard. The Rector (Rev. H. Masters) was M.C., and Mrs. Clift presented the prizes.

RIFLE CLUB.—The season of the above Club finished on Monday night with a match between teams of members captained by J. Swallow and Thos. Langridge, and was won by Swallow's team by 15 points. The Bentham Hill Challenge Cup was won by Mr. E. Turley, junr., the Rev. H. Masters' Cup for boys under 15 was won by V. Godley; second prize (spoon), presented by Mr. E. Mitchell, was won by J. Langridge; the Medals were won by Mr. E. Turley, Mr. J. Still and Mr. Thos. Langridge; Certificates were won by O. Austin and V. Maynard. Spoons presented by the following gentlemen, the Rev. H. Masters, Mr. G. F. Gregor Grant, Mr. W. Taylor, Mr. E. Turley, Mr. H. J. Turley, were won by P. Avery, Thos. Langridge, E. Turley, V. Maynard and J. Still. A snap-shooting competition (spoon presented by Mr. G. F. Gregor Grant) was won by Mr. E. Mitchell; second and third prizes (presented by Mr. E. Mitchell) being won by V. Maynard and Thos. Langridge. The prizes were presented by Mr. G. F. Gregor Grant.

STAPLEHURST.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of Mr. Erskine Piper, of Matfield House, and late of High-street, took place on Thursday afternoon. The deceased gentleman, who was well-known, carried on a business as grocer and draper for about 24 years. He was also a member of the School Management Committee and a Parish Councillor. The service, which was held at the Baptist Chapel, of which deceased was a deacon, was conducted by the Rev. Kirby, and was largely attended. The coffin afterwards was conveyed to the Parish Churchyard for interment. Blinds were drawn throughout the village as a token of respect shown by the inhabitants to the deceased. For some years Mr. Piper lived at Matfield Green, afterwards removing to Staplehurst. The service was attended by the members of the School Management Committee and the Parish Councillors. Mr. Jull, President, attended on behalf of the Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and District Grocers' Association, of which the deceased was a member. There were no flowers, by request.

TUDELEY.

CONFIRMATION.—There was a large congregation at Tudeley on Sunday, when the Bishop of Rochester administered the rites of Confirmation. There were 19 candidates (four males and 15 females) presented by the Vicar from Capel and Tudely parishes.

SUSSEX.

CROWBOROUGH.

WAR SAVINGS.—Mr. F. J. Vine, draper, etc., who has been acting as Hon. Treasurer of the Military Dependents War Savings Association (now demobilised) has become an Official Agent, affiliated to the National War Savings Committee.

ORATORIO.—The members of the Crowborough Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association on Monday evening gave a rendering of the oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers," at the Oddfellows' Hall. The performance was under the direction of Miss Storey. The solos were tastefully contributed by Miss Bray (soprano) and Miss E. Weston (contralto), the choir sang with much sympathy and good expression; while Mrs. J. H. Gilbert accompanied at the piano. Miss Wainwright (the President of the Branch) proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Storey, the choir, and Mrs. Gilbert, which was heartily carried. A collection on behalf of the Branch Funds realised over £3.

WAR SAVINGS.—The local Committee for War Savings met on Saturday at the Badminton Hall, The Croft, Mr. H. E. Sheppard, J.P., presiding. Mr. E. Meade, J.P. (the Chairman) wrote regretting his inability to attend. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. A. Stone) announced that he had received from the various associations the nominations for Auditors, and the same were approved. He also reported that he had received the books and documents relating to the Groombridge Association, which had been closed. He had found that everything was in order. The question of the possible resuscitation of the Association was considered. Attention was drawn to a point raised in a letter from the late Secretary, and further consideration was adjourned.

WAR MEMORIAL.—The Committee of the "Crowborough and District War Memorial" have this week issued their appeal on behalf of the Memorial Fund, and already a very promising start has been made towards the raising of the cost of the selected scheme. Appended is a list of the contributions announced up to yesterday morning:—Mr. R. W. Hunt, £100; Crowborough and District Liberal Working Men's Club, £52 10s.; Dr. J. V. Griffin, £50; Mr. P. Wells, £50; Mr. F. Humphry, £50; Mr. E. Meade, J.P. (first instalment), £26 5s.; Mr. W. F. Rickman, £26 5s.; Mr. W. Troy, £25; the Misses Dodd, £10; Mr. and Mrs. Vine Griffiths, £2 2s.; Mr. E. Brooks, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. J. Chowter, sen., 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. Child, 2/6; Mrs. Moore, 2/-; Master R. Sales, 1/-; Master D. Fuller, 1/-; Master R. Moore, 1/-; Master N. Sales, 6d.; total, £395 4s.

ERIDGE.

WAR MEMORIAL.—The War Memorial Committee have met and considered the following suggestions: A Cross or other memorial in the Churchyard near the road; a drinking fountain, or a gymnasium. They came to the conclusion that the first two suggestion met the majority of the wishes expressed, and they hoped it might be possible to erect both. The Secretary was desired to invite a member of the Church Crafts League to meet the Committee and submit drawings and estimates, after which another public meeting will be held. The cost of the double proposal is put very roughly at about £250.

ETCHINGHAM.

VILLAGE WAR RECORD.—The figures given last week should have read twenty-one for the Parish of Etchingham, excluding Hurst Green, and this represents five per cent. of the population.

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' UNION.—On Tuesday a meeting, convened under the auspices of the National Agricultural Labourers' and Rural Workers' Union, was held in the Parish Hall and was remarkably well attended. Mr. Frank Organ, the Organiser for the district, addressed the meeting, and he was supported in the chair by Mr. Courtney, of Shoyswell Manor. The speaker, in a lucid address, treated with the hours and wages of farm labourers from the dark days of Feudalism. He emphasised the fact that farm labourer were skilled men in a skilled industry, and a man who could do anything on a farm from milking to thatching was even more skilled than a turner or carpenter, and was therefore entitled to receive skilled wages. Several cases of non-compliances with the Minimum Wages Order were cited. Gardeners were receiving 25s. a week, and with 6s. 6d. rent to pay. If it were not for their wives working they could not do what they were doing. He wanted youth for enthusiasm and age for experience, and the two forces combined would make for progress. He would only use the strike as a last resort. He had seen too much of misery to handle the last weapon indiscriminately. He was out for negotiation, not some of the time, but all the time. The results seen to-day were achieved at the round table. He hoped none would be so mean as to take the benefits secured by the Union and not contribute his 3d. per week towards the support of an Organisation which had done so much. A strong branch of the Union was then formed, and the following were elected officers:—Mr. E. Hayward, Secretary; Mr. Horace Chandler, Chairman; Mr. Courtney, Treasurer.

FRANT.

GIRLS' SOCIAL.—Early in the year the girls of the village were invited to combine in forming a Girls' Club, and the result has been an unqualified success in every way. The intention of the organisers was to provide social and educational evenings. Mrs. Woods, who commenced the movement, has been willingly supported by Miss Waters, Mrs. Draper, Miss Paine, Miss Walters, Miss L. Bassett, and a Committee of the girls themselves. The numbers have quickly grown—sure evidence that the enterprise supplies a want in the district. On Tuesday, April 1st, the members provided a social evening. The members arrived in fancy dresses, which reflect the greatest credit upon the girls. Many of the creations were distinctly clever in originality and design, and there was evidence that much care had been spent upon the preparation. The prizes were gained by: Miss Mathewick, an allotment; 2 Miss D. Kerwin, a sailor boy; 3 Miss L. Bassett, a Witch; 4 Miss W. Kerwin, a Dutch boy. Other excellent designs were: Miss I. Bassett, Fairy; Miss N. Bassett, Primrose; Miss Morris, Night; Miss North, a Jap; Miss D. Mathewick, Milkmaid; Miss Cockrell, an Italian Fortune Teller; Miss I. Akehurst, a Dutch Girl; Miss Paine, the Tunbridge Wells "Courier"; Miss E. Akehurst, a Gipsy; Miss Billings, Mother Hubbard; Miss Hentley, a Dutch Girl; Miss Baker, a Nurse; Miss Allen, Shepherdess; Miss D. Cockrell, a Scotch Girl; Miss Youngman, Fish Girl; Miss E. Cockrell, Irish Colleen; Miss Bayfield, Queen of Hearts; Miss Paine, a Hussar; Miss K. Mathewick, Fortune Teller; Miss Hutchinson, Swiss Girl; Miss D. Hutchinson, Shepherdess; Miss Walters, Italian Gipsy; Miss Delves, Italian Girl; Miss Smith, "The Daily Express"; Mrs. Woods, Miss Bassett, Miss Watson, Three Old Maids of Lee. A parade of the competitors gave great delight, after which a concert was given by the girls. Programme: Trio, Misses N. Bassett, I. Bassett, D. Allen; song, Miss B. Morris; trio, Mrs. Woods, Misses Bassett and Watson; recitation, Miss Bayfield; song, Miss Smith; song, Miss L. Bassett; song, Miss H. Paine; song, Miss Walters. During the evening both visitors and members engaged in an advertisement competition, which provided much amusement. The winner proved to be Miss D. Mathewick, who was successful in deciphering 22 out of the 30 tests given. Various games and country dances were indulged in, and proved attractive items to both the visitors and those who engaged in them. The refreshments were generously provided by the girls, who are anxious that all expenses shall be defrayed by their own efforts. The prizes were also given by the girls, and were graciously presented by Mrs. Kerwin, who expressed the gratitude of the visitors for the successful evening provided.

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JARVIS BROOK.

NURSING ASSOCIATION.—A Nursing Association has been formed at Jarvis Brook, and the organisation is affiliated to the Sussex County Nursing Association. Mrs. W. Lindsay-Hogg, of "Haywards Grange," has been elected President, and the Committee comprises the Rev. A. Morgan, Dr. J. V. Griffin, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. G. Smith, and Mrs. C. J. Parris is the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary.

WAR MEMORIAL.—The Committee of the Jarvis Brook War Memorial have decided to recommend the inhabitants to join Crowborough and St. John's in providing a scheme of Hospital extension in the parish. At the same time they hope they will subscribe generously towards the provision of a Parish Room at Jarvis Brook, which is greatly needed, and which it had been decided at a public meeting should constitute the local Memorial. Since the meeting, the decision of the two neighbouring parts of the district has become known, and it is felt that the Hospital extension is a scheme in which the united support of the three places is very desirable. Mr. H. E. Sheppard, J.P., and Mr. J. Booker have been co-opted on the Crowborough and District War Memorial Committee. We understand that the new Public Hall will be the home of a "Red Triangle Club," which it is contemplated organising in Jarvis Brook.

DEATH OF MR. B. MITCHELL.—We regret to record the death of Mr. Benjamin Mitchell, which occurred suddenly yesterday (Thursday) morning at his residence in Station-road, Jarvis Brook. He was having his breakfast, when he complained of pain in the chest, and died a few minutes after being assisted upstairs. Mr. Mitchell, who was about 65 years of age, carried on the business of a corn, hay, straw, seed and manure merchant, which was established by his father 71 years ago. He was well-known among farmers, and attended the Tunbridge Wells, Lewes and other markets, and before the war frequently attended at Mark Lane. He was a member of the Tunbridge Wells Farmers' Club, and was identified with numerous Jarvis Brook movements, including the former Institute and the Rifle Club. He was at one time a member of the Parish Council. Mr. Mitchell was twice married, and his widow is a daughter of the late Mr. S. R. Forfitt, of Crowborough. He leaves two sons (Messrs. Harold and Reginald Mitchell) and one daughter (Mrs. S. Palmer) by his first wife, and one daughter, Miss Marjorie Mitchell, by his second wife. Much liked in the district, his death, so unexpected, is much regretted.

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LIMPSFIELD.

EQUITABLE SOCIETY.—At the quarterly meeting of the Local Lodge on Thursday about 30 discharged members were present. Bro. Perryman opened a discussion on starting a section for married women, and a good discussion ensued, resulting in a resolution being carried to that effect. Sixteen new members were made. This brings the membership of this Lodge to well over 400.

MAYFIELD.

FARMERS AND CO-OPERATION.—Our advertising columns contain notice of an important meeting to be held on Thursday next, at 7 p.m., at the Old Boys' School, Mayfield, under the auspices of the local branch of the National Farmers' Union.

Y.M.C.A. HUT.—A meeting convened by the Vicar was held at the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening to consider the desirability of acquiring a Y.M.C.A. Hut for the village. These huts are being allotted to large villages which are able to show a capable scheme of organising and managing them for the purpose of Clubs for men and lads, and it was the desire of several interested residents that one should be erected in the parish.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The monthly meeting was held at the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoon, the Hon. Mrs. Marshall presiding. A very interesting and instructive demonstration on toy-making was given by Mrs. Barrow. Those successful in the competition were: 1 Miss Eade; 2 Miss Bell-Irving; highly commended, the Hon. Mrs. Marshall. The Entertainment Committee arranged a very fascinating play, which was followed by a tea, the meeting being very successful.

PARISH COUNCIL.—A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schools on Tuesday evening, Mr. E. Coppard presiding. The Clerk read a letter from the Postmaster of Tunbridge Wells stating the question of the pre-war delivery of letters was under consideration at Headquarters. An application by the Assistant Overseer for an increase of salary was duly considered and granted by the Council. It was decided to call the District Council's notice to a defective finger post at the cross-roads near Twitts Ghyll. The annual Parish Council meeting was fixed for Tuesday, April 15th, at 7 o'clock.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—Organised by the Hon. Secretary and Committee of the Conservative Club, a very successful whist drive and dance was held at the Parish Hall, the company present numbering 190. Mr. W. Brown acted as M.C. for the whist and Mr. F. H. Nias, assisted by Mr. Leo Unstead, were M.C.'s for the dancing. The whist drive commenced at 7.30 and finished at 10.30, when the dancing commenced. The prizes, which were given by Dr. and Mrs. Hedges, Miss M. Kirby, Messrs. A. G. Tucker, J. G. P. Moon, F. Taylor, E. T. B. Coppard, H. R. Kirby, and H. Jones, were handed to the successful players by Mrs. Nosworthy, the winners being:—Ladies: 1 Miss Daniels; 2 Miss Coles; 3 Miss Cogger; 4 Miss Stent. Gentlemen: 1 Mr. R. Eaton; 2 Mr. Knight; 3 Mr. Smith; 4 Mr. H. Grinham.

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ROTHERFIELD.

COURT "ST. DENY'S," A.O.F.—At a meeting of Court "St. Denys" it was reported that the Secretary (Mr. J. C. Paige) had been demobilised. It was resolved that Mr. Paige resume his duties as from the 1st April, and that a cordial vote of thanks be passed to Bro. John Weston and others, who had carried out the duties during the absence of the Secretary on active service.

BILLIARD HANDICAP.—The billiard handicap which has been in progress at the Institute was concluded on Saturday evening, when Mr. A. G. Cheal (Jarvis Brook) met Mr. H. Holmwood. Mr. Cheal was the winner of the handicap, but was unable to "take home" the "Burt Challenge Cup," the rules of the competition providing that the trophy, which was given to the Institution by Mr. P. Burt, J.P., should be retained in the Ritherfield district. Mr. A. Holmwood won the third prize.

THE CRICKET CLUB.—It has been decided to revive the local Cricket Club, and the Committee elected at the recent general meeting have invited the members of the Mark Cross and Jarvis Brook Clubs to co-operate with them with a view to having a strong team in the district. Mr. J. W. Sidey, J.P., has accepted the Presidency. The other officers elected are:—Captain, Mr. H. Holmwood; Vice-Captain, Mr. W. Collins; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. M. Smith; Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. C. L. Buckingham. The Committee consists of Messrs. G. Joad, T. and E. Davison, R. Hambridge, F. W. Shaw, O. Muddle, and H. Baldock. The subscription is 2/6, and already a large number of members have been enrolled. The first match of the Club will probably be at Langton on the 10th May.

WITHYHAM.

A ST. JOHN'S D.C.M. WINNER.—Private Bertie John Briggs, Royal Sussex Regt., paid a visit to the district on Wednesday, when it transpired for the first time that he has been awarded both the D.C.M. and the Military Medal. Private Briggs said "nothing to anyone," with the result that until the ribbons were spotted during his visit, St. John's knew nothing of the distinction gained by the younger son of the former headmaster of the Elementary Schools (the late Mr. J. E. Briggs).

WAR MEMORIAL.—As already intimated in these columns, the residents of the St. John's district of the parish of Withyham have decided to co-operate with Crowborough and Jarvis Brook in a Hospital extension scheme as a War Memorial. The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. W. M. Dingwall) in connection with the appeal just issued on behalf of the "Crowborough and District War Memorial Fund," offers, through the medium of his Parish Magazine, to subscribe £100 as a thank-offering (spread over three years) "provided that not less than £10,000 is subscribed." He also promises that "in any case, I will give £50, allocated from Easter offerings, and if the collection for the War Memorial this year exceeds £6,000, I will give an additional £5 for each extra £1,000, which will make my subscription £100, if the total reaches £20,000."

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