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SALTASH & DISTRICT NEWS

SALTASH

"Geranium Day" street collections in Saltash for Carrick Children's Hospital realised a net total of £56 9s. 6d. Collections were made by district Troop H men and women. P. Hodge spoke on "The Atonement" at Saltash Baptist Christian Endeavour Society on Monday evening. Miss E. Hodge presided.

Mrs. J. J. Gerry presided at the meeting on Monday of Saltash Townswomen's Guild, when a talk on "Social insurance" was given by Mr. E. J. Hannaford, of the Ministry of Social Insurance.

The vicar of St. Stephen-by-Saltash, Rev. W. B. Hodge, received telegrams telling him that the services recently broadcast from the Saltash parish church heard in New Zealand, America, Egypt, Nairobi and Cape Town.

Mr. Charles Deacon, a native of Saltash, who has been in Canada for 35 years, writes from his Vancouver home to say that he hopes to visit Saltash in August and stay in the borough for two months.

The names of some relatives attending the funeral of Mr. Ernest Hodder, reported last week, were omitted. They were Mr. A. Hodder, brother-in-law; Mrs. Kitt and Mrs. Gladys, sister-in-law and niece; Mr. Gerald Spear, nephew, and Miss Ula Hodder, friend.

The social studies group of Saltash Townswomen's Guild has arranged a meeting of the respective candidates for the borough council election in May. Questions should be forwarded to Mrs. Trevanion, 8, Kimberley Terrace, Saltash.

Presiding at Saltash Town Council on Tuesday, the Mayor, Mr. C. E. Underhill, welcomed Ald. R. Hobbs, who had been ill for some months. "I hope your health will allow you to continue to be amongst us in this chamber for a long time," he added. Ald. Hobbs responded.

It is understood that Mr. Fred Smith, of Lower Pound Park, and Lieut.-Com. E. J. Goodwill, will contest the Saltash division in the County Council by-election made necessary by the election of Mr. W. S. Rashleigh as county alderman. At the election last week Mr. Rashleigh defeated Mr. Smith by 249 votes. Mr. Goodwill having withdrawn his nomination.

Saltash parish church was almost filled last night, when the augmented choir of Saltash Methodist church sang Maunder's cantata "Olivet to Calvary." The soloists were Messrs. Herbert Foster, baritone (Calstock), and Ronald Hunkin, tenor (Rodmin). Mr. L. J. Parkes conducted and Mr. Cecil Pearce was the organist. The vicar, Canon W. H. Prior, officiated.

News has been received from Vancouver, Canada, of the death on March 30 of Mr. Herbert Pittman, eldest son of the late Alfred and Mrs. G. Pittman, of Saltash. Mr. Pittman, who was 69, served for many years as foreman in the staff of Messrs. Dingle and Co., Saltash, printers, and played for the old Saltash Eco Football Club. He left Saltash several years ago to start a printing business in Vancouver.

A hundred young chicken escaped practically unharmed when their foster-mother died, destroyed by fire at Lower Pound Park, Saltash, on Friday evening. The premises belonged to Mr. Fred Smith and the Saltash fire brigade, under Sub-Officer Jack Counter, saved some timber and asbestos stored in the building. Mrs. Gerry, of Higher Pound Park, gave the alarm and helped to fight the fire until the firemen arrived.

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Date for the Saltash Community and District Annual Week Public Meeting at Saltash Guildhall on Thursday, April 21st, at 7.30 p.m. Chairman, Mr. F. T. Tregoss. Speakers, Mr. Duncan Campbell, National Organiser, N.S.A. Headquarters. Admission free.—Advt.

DRAMA GROUP GAINS FIRST PLACE

Saltash Co-op. Club's Success at Paignton

The Saltash drama group of Saltash Co-operative Society's youth club gained first place at the South-Western national Co-operative third annual youth festival at Paignton on Friday and Saturday. Seven West Country drama groups competed.

The adjudicator, Mr. Roger Woodward, praised the Saltash producer, Mrs. Kathleen Tabb, for her timing and for her attention to detail. The group presented A. Scott's one-act farcical comedy "The Deaf Man."

The cast were Misses Joan Calvert, Maureen Tabb, Grace Crocker, Irene Watkins, Mesdames Robert Walker, David Screech, Brian Prideaux and Ivy Chaplin and Mrs. C. Tabb acted as stage manager.

In the same festival Saltash Co-op. youth club's leathercraft group secured a certificate of merit. A writing case, note cases, pocket wallets and purses were exhibited by Mrs. Phillips, Misses Lilian Beale, Joan Sims, Irene Heathcock, Messrs. Ivan Gerry, Frank Watkins, Lionelle Horsham, Misses Dorothy Hunt, Grace Crocker and Joan Corby.

The Tuesday evening was accompanied by several other club members.

CALSTOCK FREEMASONS

The Festival of St. John was celebrated at Cotehele Lodge No. 2168 of Freemasons, at Calstock on Thursdays, when Mr. Verner H. K. Preston, S.W., was installed into the chair of Master by his predecessor, Mr. R. H. Green. Also present were Messrs. C. B. Spencer, P.G.D.; G. H. Gardner, P.A.G.D.C.; A. J. Roberts, P.A.G.D.C. and Provincial Grand Secretary; W. J. Rowe, P.G.S.W.; A. Phillips, P.G.D.; J. Batten, P.G.D.; W. J. R. Pobjoy, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Job, P.P.G.J.W.; L. Reid, P.P.G.Reg.; A. Broad, P.P.G.S.D.; P. B. Martin, P.P.G.D.; G. Tate, P.G.Asst.Sec.; C. H. Pillar, P.P.G.A.D.C. (Devon); P. B. Reid, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. W. J. Tresidder, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. C. J. Body, P.P.G.S.B.; C. W. Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; J. B. Bickle, P.P.G.Std.Br.; F. O. Davy, P.P.G.A.D.C.

The following officers were appointed: Messrs R. H. Green, P.P.M.; S. J. Pearce, S.W.; W. J. Jane, J.W.; F. O. Davy, chaplain; A. Broad, treasurer; R. Pethebridge, secretary; J. A. Harry, D.C.; J. A. Easterbrook, S.D.; J. H. Duke, J.D.; W. J. Honey, M.O.; J. Jannin, almoner; W. I. C. May, organist; T. H. Dawe, Asst. Sec.; J. E. Brown, I.G.; J. C. Eastick, B.S. Kitt, C. G. Thomas, C. R. Millman, L. M. Prideaux, R. C. Tucker, D. C. Davey, F. A. J. Woodland, H. Studden and F. G. Cradick, stewards; T. W. B. Cock, tyler.

SMALL-POX SUSPECT

Dr. P. J. Fox, medical officer of health, said on Tuesday that a case of suspected small-pox had been admitted to the Liskeard Isolation Hospital from outside the area. He said: "There is no occasion for concern at all, of any kind, as the case came from outside S.E. Cornwall and was sent to the hospital under the Regional Board scheme.

THOUGHTS FROM SALTASH

APPORTIONING THE BLAME

By "Onlooker"

Saltash men and women have been publicly accused of having shown no interest towards the borough's war memorial fund. To date, 95 donations made since the appeal was launched last November—there is a net total of £49.20, towards the target of £4,000—it would seem that such an accusation must not be laid at the most disappointing response by men shared by the memorial committee?

Formed more than a year ago, this body of men and women, representative of most Saltash societies and organisations, has made considerable local interest. Saltash men and women welcomed its formation and were in the mood to give financial support. But instead of taking advantage of this interest by making an immediate appeal and house-to-house collections, committee members went into huddles for months on end to decide how best to spend £4,000 when enough was to be asked to provide. By the time they formulated a plan—incidentally, it was a very good plan, which will now be wasted—public interest had waned and apathy had taken its place. To top it all, the decision to make an appeal was announced just before Christmas, a time when the ordinary men and women of the town were concerned for how best they could celebrate Christmas with limited means.

The men and women on the committee have been so busy in their voluntary work for the town that it is hard to criticise them in any way. Perhaps the next appeal—if one is made—can be better timed.

ST. GERMANS RURAL COUNCIL FINANCES

"SERIOUS AND ALARMING," SAYS MR. K. G. FOSTER

"Serious and alarming," was the phrase used by Mr. K. G. Foster, at Thursday's meeting to describe the financial position of the St. Germans Rural Council. It was pointed out that the council's debts were already £10,676. The chairman, Mr. J. H. B. Harris, said that the position was serious.

Some members thought it possible, into that discussed by the council, had not been paid for, or had not been paid by contractors.

The clerk (Mr. W. Brook) however, said there was no way means of checking whether this had happened before his appointment. It was certain that loans sanctioned by the council since his appointment had been applied for and received.

Answering Mr. W. Bond, the surveyor, Mr. P. B. Govett, said it was true that it had been necessary to raise subsidy levels—usually about ten per cent.—on nearly all housing schemes.

Mr. Foster urged that a careful inquiry should be made into every loan sanctioned by the council during the past two years. The vice-chairman, Mr. J. C. Tamblyn, said that this he does. This was seconded and carried.

The New Rates

The council approved a general rate of 9s. 2d. in the £ with increases varying from 1d. to 5d. for ten of the fifteen parishes. The approved rate is an increase of 1s.—equivalent to the additional county rate.

Additional parish rates approved were: Calstock, 3d.; Cargreen, 4d.; Beer-Alston, Landrake, Lanlivery, Lanreath, Millbrook, Pillaton, Warne and St. Germans, 1d. each. Lighting rates approved were: Calstock, 3d.; Gunnislake, 4d.; Landrake, 2d.; Maker, 2d.; Millbrook, 3d., and Rame 2d.

Questioned by Mr. Foster, the clerk said it was his personal opinion that a slight rate increase would be inevitable for the latter half of the financial year.

A letter was read from the Commonwealth Fund centre stating that a case of 448 bars of soap was being sent. The letter added that this was a gift from the South Australian country women's association and asked that distribution be arranged by Tideford Women's Institute. It was agreed that this method of distribution be adopted.

A letter was read from the Ministry of Health recommending the council to evict squatters at Higher Crafthole and Rame, so that the farm could be returned to the War Office.

Mr. J. E. Rundle was very pleased to hear that at long last something was being done to deal with squatters. "It has been a disgrace for a long time," he said.

On the motion of Mr. K. G. Foster, the clerk was instructed to take action.

"No Responsibility"

Asked by Mr. E. W. Bolt what would happen to the people evicted, the clerk replied that the council had agreed to take no responsibility for the rehousing of the squatters and the Ministry of Health has been informed of that fact.

Mr. F. Buckingham was re-elected to represent the council on the county district town and parish council's planning committee.

Landulph Parish Council wrote pointing out that the number of hydrants in the village needed to be increased as a safeguard against fire. The letter was referred to the county fire service committee.

The council approved a £1,300 scheme for Callington car park, and agreed to apply for a loan of £1,500.

Mrs. G. M. Mitchell said she was pleased to learn from the area medical officer that nine analgesia machines were in use in the St. Germans rural area and that nurses were being trained to use them for midwifery purposes.

It was reported that the county planning officer had written to ask whether the council objected to land at Downderry being leased to the Red Lion Hotel for the commendation of the public health committee. It was agreed to object.

Mr. G. C. Foster commented: "The site in question is about the only level piece of land in Downderry."

HOUSING CONDITIONS IN CALLINGTON

REV. H. BOLITHO CALLING A PROTEST MEETING

Posters appearing in Callington shop windows this week have an invitation to ratepayers from Rev. Herbert Bolitho, retired Methodist minister, to organise a demand for a development plan worthy of the town's best traditions and possibilities. Mr. Bolitho, who recently protested against "patchwork" building, is calling a meeting next Wednesday to institute a petition about local housing conditions.

He holds that too many houses are being built on the site in Launceston Road, in which area the council houses at Callington are confined. The surrounding lanes, he says, are such that the houses are depressing, and the roads are "a disgrace to civilisation."

Mr. Bolitho proposes also to suggest making representations for the revival of proposals for the construction of a road bridge across the Tamar at Saltash.

SALTASH RATE IS UNALTERED

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' SATISFACTION

Value of Relief from Ferry Profits

Despite an increase of 1s. on the County precept, Saltash Borough Council has maintained an unaltered general and water rate of 9s. 2d. in the £ for the half-year. This has been possible, mainly, because of a reduction of 4d. on the water rate—which had to be increased by 10d. suddenly last year to meet revised Ministry of Health charges—and by the provision of £1,800, equivalent to about a 9d. rate, from the ferry profits.

This was revealed at a meeting of the council on Tuesday, when a half-yearly general rate of 9s. 1d. in the £, an increase of 4d., and a half-yearly water rate of 2s. 3d., a decrease of 4d., were approved. Members appeared pleased. One remarked to a "Guardian" man Mr. E. J. Goodsell suggested they could deservingly pat themselves on their backs.

Moving the adoption of the rates, Ald. O. Burnett, chairman of the finance committee, said he did so with more pleasure than for many years past.

More Traffic Expected

On the ferry undertaking, he said, the committee had estimated for a rise in the figure received for the last twelve months. This was higher than it had ever been before, but in view of the fact that the basic petrol ration from July slightly increased during the summer months the committee felt justified in estimating for a rise figure would be received in the next twelve months.

The expenses of running the ferry undertaking were getting higher, but after making provision for all estimated repairs and expenses, the committee estimated to end the year with a balance of £2,255, from which it is proposed to take £1,800 in relief of rates.

The sanitary and waterways committee had achieved a saving on last year's estimated expenditure, partly because there was no expenditure or capital on new road construction.

"It is not anticipated," he said, "that the council will be permitted to proceed with any large road reconstruction in the next year and the committee is asking for estimating only for maintenance and repairs of existing roads. As a result, the sanitary and waterway committee have asked for approximately £1,300 less than last year," he said.

The works committee, however, was asking for nearly £2,000 more for maintenance work. Then the committee intended to relay the floor in the Guildhall.

Mr. Deacon explained that amounts to be found for the County Council and the Assessment Committee amounted to just over £19,000. Half of the borough expenditure for the year was £9,554. He proposed taking £900 for the half-year from the ferry account, which together with £2,255 would then be raised by general rate.

The water committee had found it possible to recommend a reduction of an 8d. rate on the year.

"It was a great credit to the council to be able to make a reduction in any form of rate, and more especially in a year in which even increasing the general rate by the amount of the County precept. All committees had brought their expenditure to the bare minimum.

Comparisons

After expressing pleasure at the stabilisation of the overall rate, Ald. Goodsell said the water rate should have been approved earlier.

Saltash rates would compare favourably with those of other West Country towns, said Mr. E. Webber, who recalled that when he joined the council 30 years ago the rates were 4s. 2d. in the £ and the water rate was then earning 22s. to 24s. a week. "If I were on the same job today I should be getting £5 or £5 10s. a week," he said, "but the borough rates have certainly not increased so considerably."

Mr. C. Kellow paid tribute to council officials who, he said, had done much to help keep the rates as low as possible. Mr. Kellow, for instance, had volunteered to prepare a scheme for the development of the ferry beaches, although such work was "outside his orbit."

STRUCK BY TRAIN

SALTASH MAN KILLED NEAR KEYHAM

Mr. William Henry Rowlands, aged 32, of 26, Tamar Street, was struck by a train and killed near Keyham Station shortly after 8 a.m. on Monday morning.

Keyham stationmaster told the "Guardian and Gazette" on Monday that Mr. Rowlands was working with a gang of maintenance men on the Keyham side of Camel bridge at the time of the accident. He apparently stepped to one side to avoid the 7.30 a.m. train from Liskeard and was struck by a train approaching from the opposite direction and was killed instantly.

Mr. Rowlands leaves a wife, Mrs. Ann Rowlands, a native of Saltash, and twins, Ann and Jean, aged two years and four months.

He completed twelve years' service in the Royal Navy in 1945 and joined the railway service as a platelayer the following year.

LIBERAL EFFORT AT POLPERRO

First For Many Years

A successful bazaar and social evening, organised by the Liberal Entertainments Committee, took place at Polperro last week, when the Foresters' Hall on Friday. Many kinds of gifts were given, and found a ready sale.

Stallholders were Mesdames O. and V. Libby, F. Coffin, M. Leary, Misses J. Libby and J. Oliver, Mesdames D. Gould and J. Gilbert, Mrs. J. Libby, S. Minard and B. Toms. The door steward was Mrs. J. Barlett.

Mrs. H. D. Lawry, who opened the bazaar, mentioned that it was the first Liberal bazaar at Polperro for many years, and thanked Mrs. Guy Libby, her committee and all who had supported the effort.

Mrs. Lawry also read a message from Mr. John Foot, who was unable to attend, being at the Liberal rally at Exeter.

An enjoyable concert was given in the evening. Solos were sung by Mrs. J. Libby, J. Oliver, Doreen Puckey; sketches were given by Mesdames O. Curtis and J. Libby; vocal duets by Misses J. Libby and J. Oliver; pianoforte solos by Miss B. Libby; monologues by Mesdames O. Curtis and F. Oliver; and piano and band duets by Messrs. L. Beale and H. Ritchie. Games and dances were supervised by Mrs. O. Curtis.

LISKEARD YOUNG TORIES BEAT BODMIN

Beating Bodmin Young Conservatives last night by 22 points to 20, Liskeard Young Conservatives won the S.E. Cornwall Division general knowledge competition.

Question-master was Mr. F. W. Eddy, of Millbrook, vice-chairman of the South-East Cornwall Young Conservatives, and timekeeper was Mr. C. Roberts, chairman of the St. Keyne Young Conservatives.

Saltash Town Clerk Resigns

BOROUGH COUNCIL'S REGRET

The resignation of the town clerk, Mr. C. McDonald, was accepted with regret by Saltash Town Council on Tuesday. In a letter, read by the Mayor, Mr. McDonald, who was appointed to the council in February, 1938, recalled that he tendered his resignation a year ago, but withdrawn it at the council's request to assist with the question of boundary revision.

Since then the demands on his time, through his private practice had, he wrote, increased considerably. He added that it was with deep personal regret to him to break off an association with the council which had been pleasant for many years by his father and himself.

The resignation was considered in committee and formally accepted in open council.

Letting Tennis Courts

A resolution from the works and water committee that the four grass tennis courts of the borough be let to the Saltash Tennis Club from May 1 to September 30 for £50 was adopted. Mr. F. C. Kellow, who said the letting would mean that other tennis clubs and private players would be excluded from use of the grass courts, said the fair rental charge for the season for £50 was "rather giving things away," he said. "The courts would be let at 1s. 1d. a day, a very small sum."

He moved, as an amendment, that two grass courts and two hard courts be let to the club for £40. Mr. Webber seconded.

Mr. Canning Vosper said it would not be practicable to let grass courts to private players. There was no attendant at the grass courts.

Mr. E. J. Goodsell said that as only £40 was collected on the courts last year from private players, the letting of the courts for £50 for the season seemed good business."

The resolution was carried, only three voting for Mr. Kellow's amendment.

Proposed by F. Smith, Mr. J. F. Ashton, chairman of the water committee, said piped water supply will be available at Trematon and Longlands in about six months time.

Ferry Incident

Reporting for the ferry committee, Mr. Kellow said there was an "unfortunate incident" on March 16. At 10.30 a.m. the ferry was about a quarter-way across from Saltash when there was a sounding of car horns. It was noticed that the Saltash ambulance had arrived on the Saltash ferry stage and the ferry staff, thinking that a patient was being carried, stopped the ferry and returned to Saltash. There was a rush of cars trying to board the ferry with the ambulance, and in the confusion a fast sloping tide left the ferry grounded. Because of this the ferry was out of order until 2.30 p.m.

"This long delay was caused by misdirected motorists trying to get a quick trip," he added.

He reported that recent repairs cost a total of £2,023.

Road Safety Work Dropped

The council declined to contribute a penny, less than one-fifth of a penny rate, for the continuation of the road safety scheme.

A proposal that road safety work should continue was moved by Mr. H. J. Roden, who was supported only by Mr. E. J. Goodsell and Miss E. M. Pearnside, and his motion was heavily defeated.

Mr. Roden said: "If it is worth £70,000 a year to save my sons from fire, then surely it is worth the spending of less than a farthing rate to save human lives. Even if only one life is saved it would be well worth while."

Warfelton Rents

A deputation from the Warfelton Estate Residents Association will be met by the council in the next few weeks to discuss the rent increase of 5s. 3d. a week ordered to meet the cost of the £22,900 miscellaneous work on the rural estate. The order has been ignored by about 90 of the 123 Warfelton tenants.

MEMORABLE DAY

LOCAL PREACHERS MEET AT CALLINGTON

Many men and women who, Sunday by Sunday, occupy Methodist pulpits in the East Cornwall Mission area, met at Callington, gathered at the West End Methodist Church, on Tuesday, last Tuesday for the centenary celebration of the Methodist Local Preachers' Association which helps preachers and their dependents who find themselves in need of financial aid.

A preaching service was conducted by a London journalist (assistant editor of "The Methodist Recorder") who was born in Plymouth and educated at Truro Cathedral School.

Mr. W. Sanders, Callington branch chairman, presided at the tea which followed. Over 100 were present and they were welcomed by Rev. T. C. Brown who had a special word for each guest and their wives who were the guests of the branch secretary, Lieut. O. Williams, R.N. retd., and his wife.

The ladies who served tea, under the leadership of Mrs. F. G. Crown, were thanked by Mr. Isaac Foot, who described the day as a memorable one. He paid tribute to Lieut. Williams's zeal and enthusiasm for the association of which he had been branch secretary for 20 years and to his service as a local preacher for over 50 years.

Lieut. Williams, in reply, referred to the loyalty and support accorded him by his wife and family in his work for Methodism.

Eleven local preachers occupied the West End pulpit at night. Mr. Walter Dennis, Launceston, presided and appealed to preachers to realise the great responsibility resting upon them in their lay ministry.

Further prizes were paid to Lieut. Williams by Mr. W. F. Lawry, branch treasurer, and by Mr. Sanders, who presented Mrs. Williams with a cheque for £23 2s. subscribed by members as a token of their appreciation.

Helping The Needy

Lieut. Williams, expressing thanks, said: "If there is anything I love more than any other kind of work, it is helping the needy. I count it a privilege to do it." He reported that 130 lay men in the Callington area were members of the association and said that day he had received a donation of ten guineas for the fund.

The congregation listened to a challenging address from Mr. Burnett, who spoke of the difficult, anxious and critical days in which they lived. Methodist and other churches, he said, could point the way that would bring social and other problems falling into their proper place and that would provide a whole outlook become transformed.

A cantata, "The Last Supper," was sung by the Harrowbarrow Choral Society, under Mr. Herbert Jane with Mr. R. Pooley as organist.

Thanks to those taking part were moved by Mr. Ewart Sutton, of Plymouth.

As a result of the day's effort, the fund for Homes for Aged Local Preachers will benefit by £12 8s. Arrangements were made by Lieut. Williams as secretary and Mr. S. C. W. Annear, assistant secretary.

ROUND ABOUT LISKEARD

National savings last week: 21 per cent. defence bonds £850, certificates £768, post office savings £1,410, total £3,128.

Messrs. Collings and Hicks sold cows and calves from Bury farm at the cattle market on Monday. Calves made from £3 to £7 17s. and store cattle from £40 to £50.

A talk was given to the Pathfinders Boys' Club on Wednesday last by Brig. J. A. L. Hunter on his experience in the Middle East. He told some interesting and amusing stories of his personal experience in Salonica and Constantinople, where he was responsible for the army network in the last World War.

The Liskeard Happy Hour children enjoyed the visit of one of Plymouth's versatile comedian Mike Cook to the Guildhall on Saturday. It was the first of a series of summer entertainments for the children and many of them joined in the show.

Liskeard Athletic "play Halls" Engineers in a friendly match tomorrow (Good Friday) at Lux Park. Liskeard team: J. Williams; J. Pink, W. Harris; C. Collings, T. Williams, W. Kemp; E. Collings, O. Collings, A. Kolberg, D. Snell, F. Goodland.

No bids were forthcoming when Messrs. Collings and Hicks on Monday offered for sale by public auction ten freehold dwelling-houses, 1 to 10, Cook's Court, Barn Street, Liskeard. Each cottage contains bedroom, living-room, pantry and coalhouse, and has a garden. Only a few people attended the sale.

A sacred concert was given in the Liskeard Methodist School-room on Monday by Mrs. M. Oliver and her party from Polperro. Soloists were Misses Joan Oliver and Joyce Libby and Mr. Libby, supported by other artists. The items were given by Mrs. A. Oliver and accompanist was Mrs. Olive Polperro. Rev. W. O. Luke presided and the collection was for the Young Men's Guild.

Liskeard and Gunnislake county primary schools became joint holders of the Ellis football cup on Saturday. Playing in the final at Callington of the S.E. Cornwall Schools' sports league on Saturday, both teams had failed to score after extra time. Each team will hold the cup for six months.

Rev. R. N. Hunt and Miss Hunt were hosts at the meeting of Liskeard ministers at 3, Manley Terrace, on Monday afternoon. Encouraging reports of progress and development, especially in the rural districts, were given. Special missions had been held, with a good response, particularly from many young people. Future events were discussed and plans for meetings and services were arranged.

After the War Memorial service and evening thanksgiving at Saltash on Sunday, the total collection was £18 3s. 9d. The aforementioned collection of £36 8s. 3d. was for the war memorial fund, and £5 for the memorial in the evening service was for the diocesan ordination fund.

On Thursday last the women's guild branch of the British Railways Staff Association held a jam competition. Twelve entries were judged by Miss S. Trant, who complimented the exhibitors on Mrs. Jam's high standard. Prize-winners were: 1, Miss T. Pickard; 2, Mrs. J. H. Pitts; 3, Mrs. J. Brooks. Miss Trant afterwards gave a talk on jam-making.

Liskeard juvenile magistrates on Thursday granted an application for a 16-years-old boy, sent by the court to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, in Canada, to be returned to his father. It was stated that employment on a farm had been found for the boy, who should have stayed at a public school until he was 18, but no objection to the revocation of the order was offered by the N.S.P.C.C., Dr. Barnardo's Homes, or the probation officer.

The Liskeard church choirs of Liskeard presented Bach's Matthew Passion last night, under the direction of Dr. C. E. G. Bushbridge, in the Methodist Church. The soloists were Harry Barnes (tenor), Kenwin Bartolbaum (baritone), Margaret Phear (soprano), Joan Gray (contralto), and Leslie Piper (bass). The organ was played by Dr. O. Gerrard Woodward, and the orchestra leader was Kathleen Sturdy.

It is reported that Constable A. L. Moate, aged 22, formerly of the Cornwall County Constabulary, has died of gunshot wounds in Salisbury, Rhodesia. He joined the force in March, 1948, and was stationed at Liskeard for some time. Then he joined the Rhodesian Police. His father works at Antony. Con. Moate was buried in Rhodesia with military honours.

The Liskeard Women's Liberal Association held their fortnightly "At Home" on Friday. Mrs. P. G. Tank presided and Mrs. R. D. Lowry gave a brief resume of the main resolutions passed at the recent Liberal Women's conference, and compared them with the present legislation of the Tory Government. He said that after talking with other agents he found that the progress made by the Liberalism in S.E. Cornwall was greater than that made by any other agent in the country.

Liskeard and Looe residents were interested this week to read that the £12,000 robbery at the Blandford, Dorset, head post office. Head-postmaster at Liskeard, Looe and Looe was Mr. F. Clarke, who for several years before 1947 was head-postmaster at Liskeard. The Blandford post office, raided during the week-end, is reported to have been entered by a window, and the thieves used gelignite to blow open the strong room, which was protected by a foot-thick steel door.

Only five people in fancy dress attended the first fancy dress ball of "C" Coy., 4-5th Bn., D.C.L.I., held in the Public Hall, Liskeard, on Friday. Judges were Messrs. James Bond, Lionel E. Moore and Hutchinson, and the first prize, £5, was shared by Mr. K. Cowling (Oberon) and Miss E. Smith (Bath Night). The other three entrants were Miss E. Martin (Spanish girl), Mr. H. Tucker (Joker), and Mr. D. Gidley (smuggler). Mr. G. F. Nicholas was M.C. and Arthur Couch and his band played.

"We don't want this to be taken as an encouragement to anyone else," said the chairman, Mr. H. C. Williams, at Liskeard magistrates' court yesterday (Wednesday), when a case against a Common Moor farmer was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act. Alfred Woodward, of Minestones, Common Moor, was summoned for allowing an identification mark on a motor vehicle to become not easily distinguishable. The chairman said that some of the moorland roads were extremely muddy, and number plates were often covered by splashes.

Easter church services will be as under: Good Friday, Liskeard Parish Church—8, Litany: 10.30, morning service; 7.30, Three Hours' Devotions, conducted by Rev. Canon O. R. M. Rowby (sub-Dean of Truro Cathedral); 8.30, Evensong. St. Keyne Parish Church—7.30, Evensong, conducted by Rev. J. R. King. St. Peter's, Dobwalls—3 p.m., One Hour's Devotion, conducted by Rev. W. J. Lamplough. Easter Sunday: Liskeard Parish Church—7, 8 and 11, Holy Communion; 11, Rev. W. J. Simmons; 6.30, the vicar. St. Keyne Parish Church—8, Holy Communion; 6.30, Mattins and Holy Communion; 6.30, Rev. J. R. King. St. Peter's, Dobwalls—11, Mattins and Holy Communion; 6.30, Rev. W. M. J. Laundy. Lamellion House—3 p.m., Mr. R. Maddern.

Messrs. Veaper and Kivell had an entry of 80 store cattle at

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CALLINGTON

"Witness" was the subject of an address given by Miss Freda Coombe at the Sisterhood on Monday afternoon. Mrs. T. Coffin, Mrs. Brown presided and Mesdames W. A. Peters and H. Taylor sang a duet. The pianist was Miss M. Dennis.

Winners of the Callington Grammar School annual cross-country run on Monday, over a two-miles course, were: Senior—1, A. Sturtridge, Hingston house; 2, G. Stride, Calson house; 3, D. Hicks, Hingston house. Junior—1, A. Easterbrook; 2, B. Bolt; 3, C. Paul; all of Calson house. The Three Houses scored 40 points each.

The distribution of rewards to children of the West End Sunday School took place on Sunday afternoon. The presentations were made by Mrs. M. J. Leverton and an address was given by Mr. A. J. Scott. Miss Freda Coombe, superintendent, presided and the pianist was Mrs. W. R. Lovell.

On Thursday, before breaking up for the holidays, the staff and pupils of Four Winds Private School presented wedding gifts to their teacher, fruit set, clock and a case of fish knives and forks to Miss Mavis Smith, the assistant teacher, of Tutwell, Stoke Climsland, whose marriage takes place next week.

Twenty senior pupils returned to Callington County Primary School on Monday for the start of their Easter holidays yesterday to sell goods collected from scores of homes in the town. Members of the recently-formed Parents'-Staff Association organised the sale, and the £35 proceeds are for school funds.

Fifty singers, drawn from St. Mary's and the three Methodist choirs of Callington, gave Stainer's Crucifixion in Callington Wesleyan Methodist Church last night. The conductor was Mr. Harry Pollard, and the organist was Mr. G. B. Jane. The soloists were Mr. Ewart Edwards, of Calstock, and Mr. A. Roberts, of Tavistock. Rev. M. de Jersey Lark presided.

On Palm Sunday at the parish church there was a celebration of Holy Communion, when palms were blessed and distributed by the rector, Rev. R. W. Marsh. The rector conducted matins and again distributed palms. At evening service the preacher was Mr. H. F. D. Monk. Mr. Henry Chapple was the organist. At Kelly and St. Sampson's Church, South Hill, was conducted by the rector, who distributed palms.

BOLVENTOR

All the children who competed in the recent Scripture examination at St. Luke's Church have been successful. They are: Eileen Brown, Gwendoline Muriel Sleep, first-class certificate; Anne Sleep, Derek Smith, second-class certificates; and Maurice Bunney, third class.

Residents were sorry to learn that Mr. Fred Wills, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wills, of Lewdown, mary, had met with an accident at Hawks Tor Clayworks. Early on Friday morning he was pushing a skip along the rails when he slipped and fell, injuring his right back, pushed him along the rails and injured him. He was taken home by Cornwall Hospital at Bodmin.

LINKINHORNE

A whist drive and dance, organised by the Linkinhorne Unionist Association at Upton Cross on Friday, was attended by Mr. Douglas Marshall, M.P., Mrs. Marshall, Miss Jill Marshall, and the Unionist Agent, Mr. P. J. Newton-Clare. Mr. Marshall, who was introduced by the parish chairman, Capt. A. E. Pilling, gave an address. The Ampro orchestra, Tavistock, played for a record number of dancers. Members of the committee decorated the hall and a profit of £27 was made.

TREWIDLAND

The Trewidland and St. Keyne Women's Institute held a successful whist drive in the village hall on Wednesday last. Prizewinners were: 1, Mesdames E. Powell, R. Woodman, W. Worden and Rawlings; 2, Mesdames E. Grigg, L. Worth, E. W. Crabb and F. Tamblin. A competition was won by Mrs. Worth. The M.C. was Mr. L. Old and Coy steward, Mr. H. Morgan. Refreshments were served by Mesdames E