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HIGH COSTS THREATEN HOUSING PROGRAMME

NEWS IN BRIEF

M.P. visits Stortford factory

M. DEREK WALKER-SMITH, Conservative M.P. for the Herts. Division visited **Thompson Works**, Stortford, on Monday. He was shown round the works by Mr. H. J. Hudson (works manager) and gave to a number of the employees of Millers Machinery Co., Ltd., a Canon A. R. Davis, vice of Chatterfield, died suddenly in York on holiday. He was vicar of Buntingford for about nine years, and subsequently vicar of Sawbridgeworth.

Much Heatham Women's Institute have written to the Telephone Manager and to the District Surveyor suggesting that a telephone kiosk should be moved from its present position outside the post office, which is in the narrow and humped part of the village High Street.

Patients should be given the choice of obtaining their medicines from the doctor's dispensary or from a chemist, suggests **Much Heatham Women's Institute** in a letter to the Health Executive of the National Health Service.

Ministry warned: Building might cease

MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED

BRANCHING RURAL COUNCIL are to consider modifying council house plans, in order to reduce building costs. The chairman of the council (Councillor G. C. Wilson) said at the meeting last Thursday that the housing committee wanted to reduce costs by £100-£150 per house.

A report of a special meeting of the Public Health and Housing Committee on August 29 stated that the committee had considered very carefully the revised contract prices for the erection of 26 council houses. It was the feeling of the committee that if possible revised plans should be prepared with the hope of reducing building costs.

On a suggestion of Councillor Wilson, it had been agreed to send a deputation to the Principal Regional Officer of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, pointing out the council's serious views with regard to future building operations.

Of the 26 houses, 10 were at High Wyck, six each at Green Eye and Hornedale, and four at Furness Park.

Reporting to the full council on the meeting with the Ministry's representative, Councillor Wilson said that he had explained that they were finding it increasingly difficult to build houses because of the high cost of materials, even if the houses were not up to the present standard, we could not continue to build.

"We stressed the fact that we had tried in various ways to find out the reasons why we had come to this because we felt that they were in a position to tell us how we could build houses which would meet our requirements and the requirements of the Ministry, yet no excessive in cost."

Waste pipe wrenched from house while tenant rested

LEAD THEFT "REPREENSIBLE"

THE crime of stealing lead was described by the Chairman (Alderman E. F. Cooper) at Bishop's Stortford Petty Sessions yesterday (Thursday) as "a very reprehensible one."

Robert Smith, a 34-year-old van driver, of 11, Hazel Road, Writtle, was charged with stealing 15 lbs. of lead, valued at 15s., the property of Sawbridgeworth Urban Council, from a house at Sawbridgeworth on August 29. There was a similar charge in respect of a further 15 lbs. of lead.

Inspector Palmer said that a Mr. Dennis, who lived at 12, Brickwell Cottage, Sawbridgeworth, returned to his home at 11 a.m. and the waste-pipe was then intact. He went upstairs to rest and came down at about 12.30 p.m. During this period he heard a neighbour's dog barking, but took no notice.

When he came down he noticed that the sink waste-pipe, about two feet long, had been wrenched from the outside wall and was missing. Damage to an extent of 80s. was caused. The matter was reported to the police.

WRAPPED IN SOOKS

P.C. Cannon and Sgt. Turner were making inquiries about the lead theft at the Magistrates, and at 1.30 p.m. went to Cuttford Road, where they found a young man who was sitting in the driving seat. An elderly man and a young man were coming from a house.

Told by Sgt. Turner that they were making inquiries about the lead theft, defendant denied any knowledge of it and said the lead had been wrapped in some old socks, and the driver's seat. Defendant said he had bought the lead at 15s. per lb. and would have sold it to a man who lived at 11, Hazel Road, Writtle, on August 29.

Inspector Smith said Smith had no previous convictions.

Fined 50s on each charge, and ordered him to pay 25s. costs, the Chairman said: "This crime of stealing lead is a very reprehensible one, and has been commented on strongly by the Lord Chief Justice in a recent speech. A small master like you, by properly being taken by it."

A case for careful judgment!

First accident in 50 years driving

"ERROR OF JUDGMENT"

A MAN who had built a driving licence with a clean record since 1928 admitted, at Harlow Petty Sessions on Tuesday (Wednesday), that he had caused a first accident on July 16.

He was Ernest Edward Rodwell, a retired master booker, of Oakley, Hatfield Heath, who was fined 25s. and had his licence endorsed. He was represented by Mr. J. C. L. Sharran (Solicitor).

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Sawbridgeworth bus stop proposal was turned down

At a meeting of Sawbridgeworth Road Committee on Monday, the proposal for a bus stop at the junction of the road and the railway was turned down.

Councillor S. T. Wilson-Taylor (the planning chairman) told the members that the Eastern National Omnibus Company and Messrs. Hicks Bros. had applied to the Licensing Authority for approval to a pick-up and set-down stop outside 'White's Garage' on the London Road. He had contacted the police and written to the Licensing Authority. He had also written to the bus company, as he considered it would be advantageous to the bus company to have a stop at the garage, but the Licensing Authority had refused approval to the pick-up and set-down stop outside 'White's Garage' on the London Road. He had also written to the bus company, as he considered it would be advantageous to the bus company to have a stop at the garage, but the Licensing Authority had refused approval to the pick-up and set-down stop outside 'White's Garage' on the London Road.

Sergt. in six years

P. C. MANNING, of Stansfeld, who entered the police force in 1928, has just celebrated his six years' service.

Pat McGrath, of 102, Westmore Road, Bishop's Stortford, fell from her cycle in Bartholomew Road, Bishop's Stortford, on Friday afternoon, and was taken to Haywards Hospital suffering from concussion and abrasions to her left hand.

Mr. M. Sage, of 4, The Terrace, Bovingdon, injured his leg while working at the old stone depot, Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, on Wednesday morning. He was taken to Haywards Hospital and detained.

Marlene and Sawbridgeworth Fire Brigade were called when the broken out in the workshop of the W.M.R. factory at Harlow New Town on Sunday. One timber building was damaged.

Miss A. Green, aged 25, eldest member of Sawbridgeworth River Club, was one of a party who travelled by coach.

Woman cyclist swerved in front of car

"INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE," SAYS JURY

CRITICISM allowed by a motorist in taking a cyclist was expressed by a jury at a trial at Stortford on Saturday, in returning a verdict of manslaughter on a woman cyclist who had swerved in front of a car driven by Mr. Frank Amos, of Grandison Road, Church Common.

Mrs. Perria was 56. Giving evidence of identification, her husband, Daniel Alfred Perria, stated that before his wife left home to cycle to Dunmow on the day of the accident she had tied 10 lbs. of onions to the carrier of her cycle.

At the accident, another cyclist, Robert Edward Reeves, of Rosemead, Bishop's Stortford, who was overtaken by Mrs. Perria as he was riding along the main road from Stortford to Dunmow, was also involved in the collision. Mrs. Perria, who is alleged "to be a 'chick' case."

Mr. Reeves said he saw the car swerve in front of him and "shoot out on to the crown of the road." He continued: "I then heard the collision." Mrs. Perria appeared to come over the bonnet of the car.

Mr. Amos gave evidence that he found a mark on the road, some 20 feet in length. He said it seemed to him inconceivable that the car had struck the cyclist.

When Mr. Amos gave evidence he denied that his car had struck the cyclist. He said that he had seen the cyclist swerve in front of his car and that he had struck her with the bonnet of his car.

Replying to Mr. J. G. Shergold (Solicitor), who represented Mr. Perria, the jury returned a verdict of manslaughter on the ground that the cyclist had swerved in front of the car.

Seen taking wood from railway yard

STORTFORD MAN CHARGED

BISHOP'S STORTFORD Magistrates on Thursday granted a conditional discharge to Patrick King (29), a motor driver, of 'Rye House' Bishop's Stortford, who was charged with stealing 30 lbs. of railway chair posts, valued at 80s., the property of the Railway Executive, at Bishop's Stortford on August 11. He was ordered to pay 15s. costs.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was represented by Mr. A. S. Zee (Solicitor).

Inspector Goodridge stated that defendant was employed by his father, who had a coal business with a dump in the railway yard at about 5.30 p.m. on August 11. Miller saw defendant drive the lorry into the yard and get out, taking a sack with him.

He stopped down near a dump of the wooden chair posts. He put some on the sack, put them on to his lorry and drove to his home.

"TOOK THEM OPENLY"

The officer stopped him and asked him if he had anything that did not belong to him. King denied that he had anything that did not belong to him. He was ordered to pay 15s. costs.

Inspector Goodridge said they were taken to the depot and found a sack of wood. He said that the sack was full of wood and that the wood was taken from the railway yard.

Cyclist "fell into ditch to avoid impact"

MOTORIST FINED

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Man asks to be medically examined

John Turcotte, aged 25, a timber worker of Rose Cottage, Harlow Road, Stortford, was accused at Harlow Petty Sessions on Tuesday of stealing a car, valued at 210s., the property of George Norman Baker, of driving it away without a licence. All the offences are alleged to have taken place in August.

Defendant pleaded guilty to all the charges except that of stealing the car. This charge was withdrawn. Defendant was remanded in custody for 14 days for a medical report. He asked the Bench for an opportunity to be medically examined.

£150 raised for new churches

Proceeds of a fête held at the Manor of Groves, High Wyck, home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Houghton on Saturday, in aid of the Seven Churches Campaign, amounted to £150. The fête was organised by the Parochial Church Council.

A procession of children and adults in fancy dress walked from the village to the Manor of Groves, headed by Epping Silver Band. Entries were judged by Mrs. R. N. Hatley and Mrs. J. Wright.

There were numerous stalls and side-shows, and the band played selections during the afternoon. A concert, organised by Mr. J. Lewis, was held in the drawing room in the evening.

Reasonable scope for reductions

Councillor Wilson added that the chief housing officer of the Eastern Region, who received the deputation, had expressed appreciation of what the council had done in the past in the way of housing. He had hoped the council would not put into effect the suggestion that they might cease to build council houses, for the time being.

A similar architect, who also saw the deputation, told them that the council houses already built in the Buntingford district were of a very good type. He thought there was reasonable scope for reducing certain costs without putting below the standards of the housing market.

Councillor Wilson concluded his report by saying that the members of the council who formed the deputation would like to discuss the matter and bring forward some suggestions to the next council meeting. This was agreed to.

Dog in the case sat quietly through the hearing

WHILE Bishop's Stortford Magistrates yesterday heard a summons against Leslie F. Broad (41), Sawbridgeworth, for failing to keep a dangerous dog under control, the dog in question sat quietly on a table throughout the hearing.

Mrs. Mabel Edwards, of London Road, Sawbridgeworth, said that the dog was a pointer and was a friend in Station Road. When she left she was walking down the passage when the dog came behind her and bit her on the leg.

Mrs. Broad called the dog and it went in. Mrs. Edwards said the dog bit her a number of times, and her leg was bruised.

Nigel John Spratt, aged 11, of 27, London Road, Sawbridgeworth, said that two or three months ago, after he had been shopping at Broad Road, he was turning the corner to go into the back yard when he was provoked, jumped at him and bit his arm.

DOG "FRIGHTENED"

P.C. Fox stated that he saw defendant and told him that he saw defendant. Defendant replied that he thought the dog was a pointer and was a friend in Station Road. When she left she was walking down the passage when the dog came behind her and bit her on the leg.

Mrs. Bertha Reed, of Church Crescent, Sawbridgeworth, said that she saw the dog on August 11, when she was walking down the road. She said that the dog was a pointer and was a friend in Station Road. When she left she was walking down the passage when the dog came behind her and bit her on the leg.

Careless driving

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Death of Mrs. H. P. Matthews

The death occurred at Bishop's Stortford on Sunday, of Mrs. H. P. Matthews, of 11, South Street, Stortford. Mrs. Matthews was born at Bromley, but had lived in the town since she was twelve.

She married in 1915 and assisted her husband in running his nurseries until shortly after his death. Mrs. Matthews was a member of the Bishop's Stortford Operatic Society. The funeral took place at the Crematory on Thursday afternoon.

BREAD FIRST

Mummy, Please!

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Siphoned petrol from railway lorry

A FINE of 25s. was imposed at Bishop's Stortford Petty Sessions on Tuesday, on Roger Pearson (26), of Alderford House, Bibb's Heddingway, who was charged with siphoning petrol, valued at 20s., from the property of the Railway Executive, at Bishop's Stortford, on September 10.

It was stated that defendant siphoned five gallons of petrol from the tank of a railway lorry on the stables yard at 12.30 p.m. on August 10. Defendant told the Court that he was very short of petrol and had siphoned it from the lorry. He was fined 25s. and ordered to pay 15s. costs.

Co-op movement "an unmixed blessing"

EXHIBITION AT WALDEN

THE Co-operative movement, as one of the few changes in modern times that has been an unmixed blessing to mankind."

This description was applied by Mr. R. Southam, a C.W.S. director, in his opening address at the exhibition organised by the Walden Co-operative Society in conjunction with the C.W.S. The exhibition, which closes to-morrow, is being held in the Town Hall, over the station.

Nearly all modern changes had been detrimental to mankind, he said. "They have brought the horrors of modern warfare," he said.

Although Walden had been changed but little, the one change that had been a blessing was the introduction 50 years ago of the co-operative method of trading. "It has brought us a new life and has brought us this exhibition," he said.

"PART OWNERS"

He went on to explain that it was impossible to display a full range of products, because of the limited space. He asked members to think of the exhibition as a "part owner" exhibition that they were part owners.

"You are the people who own and control this exhibition," he said.

It was later conducted round the stands and saw brush, glove and umbrella-making machines in action. The Dames of St. Peter's Church started at Antony House recently.

The funeral took place at Tipton on Tuesday.

Superintendent retires

At Harlow Petty Sessions on Tuesday, the Chairman (Mr. A. B. Osborne) referred to the retirement of Superintendent (Mr. A. B. Osborne) who has been in the force for 15 years at Stansford, where he was built by Mr. J. A. Findlay, of Stansford Hall.

Born in Kent, Mr. Moore served in the R.A.F. for five years during the last war. He worked upon the late King and present Queen at the King's Club, London house last year, and upon Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Kent when they stayed at Antony House recently.

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