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KENT.

BRENCHLEY.

WHIST DRIVE.—A whist drive was held at Castle Hill on behalf of the Prisoners of Home for Blind Soldiers on January 15th. The drive was held in a house kindly lent by Mrs. H. Nooker, and was organised by Mr. Kennett and a Committee. Twenty-four tables were occupied. The prizes were won as follows:—Ladies' first, Mrs. Hardy; booby, Mrs. Pursglove. Gentlemen: Mr. C. Bradford; Mr. Lambert; booby, Mr. W. Woodgate.

WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday evening a lantern lecture, entitled "How the Navy has done," was given in the Schools. The room was crowded. Before the lecture the Rev. P. S. Phillips said that the Association was started in October, 1917. Since then £660 had been subscribed and the Equal Pay Guarantee had been sold. There were now 163 members. The lecture was given by Mr. F. B. Morgan, of Paddock Wood, who is the Chairman of the Association in the district. The lecturer was kindly lent and carried by Mr. Ford, of Goudhurst.

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CRANBROOK.

KENT V. ALL. CRANBROOK HOSPITAL.—Until those Hospitals have been good enough to lend articles to the above Hospital for a meal a claim for the meal is cleaned, if desirous of their return, on or before January 31st. After that date they will be disposed of.—Alice B. Murray, Commandant, Kent B.

THE TRIBUNAL.—On Wednesday, after the festival of Epiphany, a meeting of Guardians a meeting to conclude the business of the Tribunal was held at the Union Workhouse, Mr. W. Nash presiding. A short summary of the work of the Tribunal was given, from which it appeared that 1,527 applications were before the Tribunal, of which number there were 162 appeals to the Appeal Tribunal had upheld the decision of the Tribunal in 67 cases, while of the remaining 45, their decision had only varied to the extent of short increases in the term of exemption. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Tribunal to the Military Representative, Mr. C. M. Hilder, and the Clerk, Mr. J. Ashby.

"COMRADES OF THE GREAT WAR."—On 20th a meeting took place at the George Hotel with the object of establishing a branch in connection with the above, and was well attended. The meeting was called by Mr. Tuson, of Hawkhurst, and the chair was taken by Colonel Joyce, who was supported by Major Wing Clarke, Captain Clark, Hon. Secretary and Organiser for Kent, Mr. Tuson and Mr. J. Miller. The objects of the Society were explained by Captain Clarke to consist of assisting and supporting the interests of those who had served their country, and to be a "Pal's Post" numbered 10 and a Branch 100 members, to form county pensions, a provisional Council, and a Grand Council centralising the Society, which meets annually was 1s. After some little discussion the Chairman resolved, to the Post, Major Eric Clarke being appointed Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Scale, Hon. Secretary. It was agreed to ask Colonel H. C. Horsley to become Honorary Chairman, Colonel Joyce consenting to act in the Vice-Chairman's absence, who also elected. Hearty votes of thanks to Captain Clarke and Mr. Tuson for attended the proceedings.

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MARDEN.

WEDDING.—A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Margaret's Church, Collier Street, on Saturday, the 18th, when Lieut. Paul Dann, late West Kent Yeomanry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dann, Tanyard, Marden, and Miss Cicele Ida Norton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norton, Marden. The Vicar, the Rev. Henry Lee, officiated. The bride was attended by her father, wore a dress of white crepe-de-chine, with a veil and wreath of embroidered net, veil from a wreath of orange blossom, and carried a shower of gold and ruby pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by four maids, Miss Jessie Dann, the bride's sister, (bride), Jennie and Freda Dann, sisters of the bridegroom, in pink and white, with velvet with hats to match, and the bride's nieces, Miss Cicely and Ida Norton, attired in shell pink silk trimmed with Brussels lace, with hats to match, and the bridesmaids carried bouquets, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Ernest Dann, a cousin of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The bridegroom's gifts to the bride, presided at the organ. A large number of guests attended the ceremony, after the bridal party from the church to the residence of the bride's parents, Marbelletti as they drove away. After the ceremony the bridal party sat down to breakfast at Crow Plain, and the guests were entertained at the Bell Inn, tea, where the honeymoon is being spent. Among the presents were the following: crepe Rajah gown, musquash cape, silver tea pot, silver tea pot, silver tea set of the many useful and handsome presents received. The bridegroom, gold seal; Bridegroom to Bride, gold watch; Mrs. Dann, Bridegroom's Mother, house linen; Bridegroom's Father, silver tea pot; Mr. and Mrs. Dann, silver bread board and knife; Miss P. H. Dann, silver pickle cruet; Miss P. H. Dann, sugar sifter; Mr. and Mrs. Dann, silver spoons; Mr. and Mrs. S. Norton, eider-down quilt; Mr. and Mrs. Norton, cheque; Mr. K. G. Norton, cushion (Navy); Mr. and Mrs. Norton, eaters and carvers; Mr. and Mrs. T. Gilbert, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, two dozen table knives; Mr. and Mrs. Bodmarkt, Pearl Necklace; Mr. and Mrs. Bodmarkt, Pearl Necklace; Mr. and Mrs. Bodmarkt, silver sugar sifter; Mr. and Mrs. B. Larney and Evan, carvers; Mr. and Mrs. B. Larney, servers; Miss N. Worsley, tea knives; Miss Ethel Dann, silver tea spoons; Miss Ethel Dann, silver tea spoons; Miss Ethel Dann, silver tea spoons