Town and Country

Kent and Canterbury hospital is showing considerable improvement.

CIVIC Trust exhibition, to get people of the old town conservation minded, was staged by the society at the Guildhall this week. It closes tonight. Opening the event on Monday the Mayor, Councillor Ralph Satterley, said it gives people food for thought for when the official conservation exhibition was put on by the county council — probably in April.

SISSINGHURST

ENGRAVED silver egg cups were presented by the youth club on Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. O. Skinner in appreciation of his work as chairman for the past eight years. The presentations were made by Janice Cogger, secretary. The new club chairman is Mr. J. Allen.

SHEPHERDSWELL

WHIST drive in aid of the pavilion fund on Wednesday of last week was not well supported. Only a small amount was made for funds. MC was Mr. E. Smith. Prize winners: Mrs. Hewish, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Friend and Mr. Orridge.

CLERK of Dover rural council, Mr. A. Syrett, has agreed to speak at the annual parish meeting on Friday, March 20.

COUNCIL considered the bye-law about the fouling of footways by dogs and is to ask for it to be applied also to the path from the station to the Post Office.

NO APPLICATIONS have been received for the part-time post of groundsman for burial ground and village green maintenance. The post is now to be re-advertised, offering an increased rate of £50 per annum.

CLERK at a recent parish council meeting reported that as a result of two separate incidents the bus shelter and village green railings had been damaged. He thought insurance would meet a large part of the £28 cost of repairing the shelter. Other repairs would cost £30. Go-ahead was given for the work. The council thanked Mr. R. Dixon who has offered to varnish a seat on the village green later in the year.

STAPLE

FUNDS of the British Empire Cancer campaign gained £25 16s from the annual whist drive organised by the village branch of British Legion. Mr. H. P. Vickers was MC. 18½ tables were in play. The 80 whist and competition prizes, all of which were donated, were presented by Mrs. J. G. Jezzard, of Sandwich, the GECC area organiser.

STAPLEHURST

FIFTY Horticultural society members heard Mr. F. Reay, of Goudhurst, speak on fragrance in the garden at the village hall on Monday. His talk was illustrated with coloured slides.

STURRY

CHAIRMAN, Miss K. H. McIntosh, presided at Thursday's meeting of the Parish Council. The clerk, Mr. R. F. T. Taylor, said a public inquiry was to be held at Slater hall, Canterbury, on February 18 to consider the city council's proposal to extend the Sturry-road rubbish tip. The chairman was asked to represent the parish council. Notice was received that the telephone kiosk at Punch Tavern was to be moved to the top of Woodside - road and that the sub Post-Office would, in future, open all day Wednesdays and close Saturday afternoons. The primary school was allowed to use the parish notice board. The council is to erect a notice board at Park View to show the site of the new playing field. Shelter house-to-house collections will be made during June. Concern was expressed at the number of broken street lamp bulbs which had been replaced recently. Street lighting in the parish costs more than £1,000 a year. The council will meet again on February 26 to consider the precept and annual parish meeting on March 26.

THERE was a disappointing attendance at the annual general meeting of the League of Friends of Canterbury hospitals on Tuesday. The chairman, Mr. F. Haines, reported that by holding coffee mornings, whist drives and a garden fete a total of £130 had been spent on amenities for staff and patients at Kent and Canterbury and Mount hospitals during the year. The secretary, Mrs. V. E. Cullen, hoped more young people would take an interest in the league's work. Treasurer, Mr. Farbridge, showed that more than £100 was in the bank. Chairman, secretary and treasurer agreed to carry on the offices for another year. Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Carman, Mrs. Dale, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Weal and Miss Tate were elected to the committee.

AFTER 17 years as licensee of Swan Inn, Mrs. Muriel Roy, is retiring because of ill health. Born at Prospect Inn, Minster, Mrs. Roy first came to the Swan with her parents in 1907. After the death of her father the licence was granted to her mother who was the first woman to hold a licence in the St. Augustine's division. A popular figure Mrs. Roy was well known as one of the first women car drivers and a keen tennis player. In recent years she has devoted much of her time to raising funds for the Kent Association for the Blind. A feature of the house has been the Harvest Festival she has organised with produce donated by customers and later auctioned to swell funds. Mrs. Roy, who plans to live in Canterbury, has one son and four grandchildren.

RECTOR of Fordwich, the Reverend Owen Brandon, gave a talk on Child Psychology to more than 20 members of the Young Wives' group at the vicarage on Thursday afternoon. He was thanked by Mrs. Irene Dunn. Tea was served by Mrs. M. Gausden. On February 12 an officer of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Mrs. J. Cramp, will speak on Accidents In The Home.

CHAIRMAN of the Gramophone society, Mr. Peter Brackley, introduced a programme which included records of Faust by Charles Gounod at Friday's meeting held at Milner Court Barn. The recording was by the London Symphony Orchestra with the Ambrosian Chorus and choir of Highgate school. On February 13 the complete recording of The Kingdom, an oratorio by Elgar, will be presented by Mr. A. Crompton.

BIRTHDAY honours were accorded to Mrs. Beedham, Mrs. Stepney and Mrs. Stocks at Thursday of last week's meeting of the Over 60 club. The chairman, Mr. C. Haggis, reported that sick members, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Thompson, were improving and welcomed back Mr. Drake, Mrs. Stent and Mrs. Welby after illness. A new member, Mrs. Beattie, was introduced and final arrangements were made for a party of 41 to see the pantomime Goldilocks at Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury on Friday. Plans were also made for an outing by rail to Windsor on June 8. Tea was prepared by Mrs. Hawkins after which bingo was played.

ST. MICHAELS

ST. MICHAELS WI.—Sixty-five members and visitors were welcomed by Mrs. W. Forsaith, president. Members agreed to support an April market scheme to be organised by St. Michaels Hall committee. Mrs. Mankte-low was jumble sale organiser. A talk on her work as a courier for continental tours was given by Mrs. J. Hayter, with descriptions of the Austrian Tyrol and passengers' personalities.

STONE-IN-OXNEY

VERDICT of accidental death was returned at the Lydd inquest on Monday on Alan Rickaby, 64, of Ferry Cottage, a worker at Dungeness power station, who was killed when in collision with a car on the station approach road on January 22.

STOURMOUTH

PROPOSED extension of the Dog and Duck caravan park will be the subject of a public inquiry at Eastry rural council offices on March 11.

SUTTON-BY-DOVER

APPLICATION for permission for residential development of about an acre of land on the site of Ashley Farmhouse has been deferred by Eastry rural council planning committee pending consultation with the county surveyor.

TENTERDEN

ONLY 113 have so far joined the envelope offering scheme started by St. Mildred's Church at the beginning of the year. In the current parish magazine an appeal is made for help to double this number.

FINES amounting to £35 were imposed on Trevor Francis Gooch, of Shrubcote, at Cranbrook, on Monday, for stealing a vehicle licence worth 5s, fraudulently using the licence, and for using a car without a licence or test certificate. He was also ordered to pay £12 10s arrears of licence duty. The licence, belonging to another vehicle at Shrubcote, was seen on Gooch's car when he was stopped by police. He told police he had found it lying in the mud.

NATIONAL savings for the town and rural district for the week ending January 24 amounted to £4,267.

UDIMORE

UDIMORE WI.— Eighteen members were greeted by Mrs. P. Newick, president, who had attended a successful Beckley WI party with Miss E. Wence, secretary. Miss Newick paid tribute to the valuable work on Golden Jubilee Scrap Book compilation by the late Miss M. Cannon, who made a year's survey of local weather conditions. Mrs. Spratt thanked members for a gift of two blankets. February birthday party invitation to two members from Rye WI was accepted. Handicraft classes were including patchwork and tapestry. Mrs. C. Laker spoke on her visit to America on a teachers' exchange scheme, during which she visited Rye, New York, and Miss E. Day thanked her. Tea hostesses: Mrs. Buss, Mrs. G. Standen and Mrs. Miller. Trading shilling, organised by Mrs. Butchers, was won by Mrs. E. Buss and Mrs. Williams: February shilling scheme: Mrs. E. Banister.

WALTHAM

PAIR of semi-detached houses is proposed in a planning application made to Bridge-Blean rural council for land next to and east of the village hall.

WINGHAM

YOUNG Wives group jumble sale on Friday made about £9 for funds.

PROSPECTS of a footpath on Preston Hill are brighter and the project might be included in the 1971-72 programme. The county surveyor has told Eastry rural council highways committee that negotiations are to be opened soon for purchase of land needed. He is also looking into the provision of a layby in front of Ashentree-cottages at the top of the hill.

MOTHERS' Union and Young Wives members, husbands and friends enjoyed a colour film and talk on the River Stour given by Mr. B. Gipson, of Rodmersham. He was thanked by Mrs. F. E. Elgar. MU enrolling member, The vicar, the Reverend Henry Voller, opened the meeting with prayer.

APPEAL against Eastry rural council's refusal of planning permission for vehicular access at Bridge House, Canterbury-road, has been dismissed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, it was reported at the highways committee on Tuesday.

WOODCHURCH

WHIST drive on Wednesday of last week, arranged by Mrs. E. Terry, made 12s. 6d. for guide dogs for the blind. Mr. A. Terry was MC.

FUNERAL service took place on Friday at the Parish Church of Mrs. Kathleen S. Poulden, of Millands, who died on Sunday of last week. She was 62. Mrs. Poulden was well-known in the village. She was an active worker for a number of years for the Darby and Joan Club, Women's Institute, gardening society and Women's Voluntary Service. She leaves a husband and daughter.

PLANS for an inter-society quiz to take place later in the year were discussed by 50 members of the gardening society at the monthly meeting on Friday at memorial hall. Competition winner was Mrs. V. Y. Siggers. Afterwards, Doctor Elliott of Ashford, showed slides of Alpine plants from all over the world.

WITTERSHAM

SPEEDING in Tenterden on a motor-cycle on November 10 cost Philip Adrian Maynard, of The-street, a £5 fine at Cranbrook, on Monday.

WOODNESBOROUGH

MRS. L. C. POUPARD was re-elected enrolling member at the Mothers' Union annual meeting on Tuesday when the vicar, the Reverend Wallace Booth presided. Satisfactory reports were given. Membership is about 40. Mrs. P. Thomas was elected treasurer and Mrs. R. Lonsdale secretary. Retiring officers, Mrs. J. Maggs and Mrs. Goulden were thanked for their services. Young Wives' Group report was given by leader Mrs. S. Smith.

NEED for a footpath from the Sandwich boundary to the village has been agreed by divisional surveyor Mr. D. Parker and he is putting it forward to the county surveyor. This was reported at Eastry rural council highways committee on Tuesday. It has resulted from representations by the Women's Institute recently but has been asked for several times previously.

ORGANISED by Miss W. Parry and Mrs. L. R. Smith a whist drive, at which Mr. Don Ash was MC, made over £16 for the Parish Church. The vicar, the Reverend Wallace Booth, presented prizes.

SOL, Ted and Fred (above) all agree that Tenterden football club has "quite a useful side" this season. Coming from Ted, Sol and Fred that is praise indeed.

For the club's three most regular fans are never afraid to criticise the team when they feel it necessary—which can be quite often.

Ted Wenbourne, 80, of Bells-lane, who played football in India while serving with the army in World War I, has always supported the club. He has a double interest now as his son Tony is a club player.

Sol Chacksfield, 72, of Mayorsplace, started playing for the club in 1912 and is still as keen as ever. He was in the team when it included such notables as Gilbert Turner and Ivor Emberson, and he holds three Weald of Kent charity cup winner medals.

Fred Parsons, 57, of Danemore, played his football for Woodchurch and Appledore, but has been watching Tenterden for 30 years.

As the club recently reverted to travelling by coach, the three veterans are now able to support away matches as well.

On Saturday, they saw Tenterden maintain their form and splash their way to a 7-0 win over Hooe in the East Sussex league through goals by Nigel Millen, Peter Ellis, Barry Weller (2) and Denis Packham.

Barring accidents, Ted, Sol and Fred will certainly be lining up on the touchline on Good Friday to watch Tenterden play in the Weald charity cup final for the first time for 15 years — against either Biddenden or Energen.

Police hunt for two bag snatch men

DEAL police are looking for two men who snatched a 69-year-old widow's handbag on Deal seafront about 9.45 pm on Saturday.

The incident occurred when Mrs. Winifred M. Roberts, of Middle-street, Deal, was returning home from a bingo session.

During her walk along the seafront she was overtaken by two men of about 20 who disappeared from her sight. As she turned into Silver-street they came from behind her, wrenched the bag from her hand, and ran off.

She summoned aid from a nearby public house and a man gave chase but without result.

The bag was found about three-quarters of a mile away near the railway station.

Contents missing from it were about £4 in money, 11s. worth of grocery stamps, a purse, cigarette lighter worth about £3 10s., her reading glasses and a telescopic umbrella.

"It's a good job I had not had a good win at bingo," said Mrs. Roberts who is on retirement pension. The men must have hidden because they came up from behind as I turned the corner only about 50 yards from my home. It has scared me and I shall not want to walk home alone again at night."

Sewerage plan is approved

HOUSING Minister Mr. Anthony Greenwood has decided there is a need for improved sewerage and sewage treatment facilities in Tenterden.

This decision comes after a two-day inquiry at Tenterden in October of last year, into the proposed new outfall and extensions to the Rolvenden sewage treatment works.

The council had applied to the Minister for consent to borrow £258,000 for the construction of a new outfall and extensions.

At the inquiry it was revealed that ratepayers of Tenterden might face a rise of 2s. 9d. in the pound as a result of the project.

Mr. John Newey, for Tenterden council, said that the proposed sewage works would be modern and able to meet a population of about 10,000 at a rate per head of 40 gallons a day.

The Minister also points out that he does not regard the area to be served by the proposals a rural area therefore cannot pay a grant towards the scheme under the Rural Water and Sewerage Acts.

Their car is target for hooligans

MR. and Mrs. Christopher Sheepwash are busy hunting for a garage where they can put their car at night. The reason? They keep finding things missing from their car when they go to drive it away in the mornings.

During the last month petrol has been siphoned from the tank, a wing mirror, petrol cap and stickers stolen and a door handle ripped off. Mr. and Mrs. Sheepwash park their car in Blue-lane, Ashford, close to Hollington School. They live in a nearby flat in Parkroad.

"We cannot possibly keep an eye on the car every night." 20-year-old Christine Sheepwash said this week. "We have been searching for a garage but so far we have had no success," she added.

Until they do find a garage Ashford police have promised to keep a special watch on their car.

Forum told 'Build or destroy'

MR. William Deedes, MP, told a youth forum at Tenterden town hall on Friday: "I think the whole parliamentary system is going to be increasingly challenged by your generation.

"Fundamentally I think you have got to make up your minds whether to build or destroy. My own opinion of the future is that there is building to be done."

Due to difficulty in getting back from Manchester, where he had been called for a TV appearance, Mr Deedes was 75 minutes late in reaching his audience of about 50, which included pupils from Benenden school and Bethany school, Goudhurst, and members of Tenterden youth club.

Mr. Deedes said he would rather see the country join the Common Market than become a junior partner to America. He agreed that if the country joined the market it must ultimately expect some form of "political togetherness" for Europe.

Replying to a youngster who had suggested that the reintroduction of some form of National Service would break down the herd instinct, Mr. Deedes said he felt this was a matter which had not been looked at closely enough.

Before Mr. Deedes' arrival, Mr. Robin Coombs, Conservative agent, and Mrs. Ann Finucane, chairman of Ashford Conservative political committee, led an informal discussion on a variety of topics.

There was a surprisingly lukewarm response from the youngsters to the new Act giving them full citizens' rights at 18. One said that the divorce rate would be even higher.

David West, of Hawkhurst, showed a complete mistrust of politicians. He said there was not much difference between the two major parties and both were bad.

"The people who should be running the country are the heads of the most successful

Former kennels help awarded redundancy pay

FORMER maintenance man and kennel assistant on a private estate, Mr. Duncan Wells, who lost his job on the death of his employer, was awarded £168 redundancy pay on Wednesday.

Mr. Wells, of Milton-way, Dover, told a special Industrial Tribunal at Canterbury, that he had been employed by Mrs. M. E. OBrien, at Kenfield Hall, Petham, near Canterbury, for ten years.

He looked after the large house and grounds of 80 acres and helped her with breeding and showing dogs. Mr. Wells said he earned about £12 weekly plus his bungalow on the estate, free heating and lighting and use of a car.

Mrs. O'Brien, he said, died in June 1968, but he stayed on, loking after the property until it was sold and new owners moved in a year later.

He had been employed by her or her executors continually from January 1959 until June 1969. Chairman of the tribunal, Mr. S. J. Wilson Price, said Mr. Wells was entitled to redundancy pay from the estate of Mrs. O'Brien.

Alarm warns of telephone fault

TWO-HUNDRED telephones in Kennington were affected on Monday when water seeped into a pressurised cable carrying 400 lines.

When pressure drops in the cable an alarm bell rings. The alarm rang at 7 a.m. and first lines were clear by 12 noon. All were cleared by 3 p.m.

Mr. Den Stebbing, Press officer at Telephone House, Canterbury, said: "In a pressurised cable we are warned of faults before the lines themselves are cut off. If we had not received this early warning, all 400 telephones would have been affected."

Postman pots first snooker ton-up

A DREAM came true for Cranbrook postman Eric Sharman last Thursday — he achieved his first "ton" break at snooker.

Playing in a friendly game against Sid Green, a colleague at the Cramp Institute, Cranbrook, Eric potted 28 consecutive balls to record a break of 102.

Eric, 36, said afterwards, "I am going on playing more than ever. Now I have got to hope I can do this in a league match."

Head of police division retires

HEAD of F division police centred at Canterbury, Chief Superintendent Albert Hopkins, retires next month after more than 30 years service.

He served as inspector at Ashford in 1959 and first came to Canterbury as traffic chief inspector in 1963.

He is taking up a civilian job with the police recruiting team at Maidstone. His successor at Canterbury will be Superintendent C. Johnson, from Gravesend.

Mini service is run out of business

Since public buses have been running from Newchurch to New Romney very little use of the mini-coach, run by the mothers' March group of Parishes, has been made by mothers visiting the welfare clinic.

As a result, from the end of this month, the Baby Express —as it has been nick-named— will run no more but any mother in difficulty about attending the clinic may still telephone one of the clergy for assistance.

Fitters return to work

Forty-eight pipe fitters at Dungeness B nuclear power station went back to work on Tuesday, after walking out on Thursday of last week when a workmate was dismissed.

The men returned after their employers, Capper Neill Pipes Ltd. agreed to discuss the matter if work was resumed.

Wife was found dead in water-filled ditch

AN open verdict was recorded at a Hastings inquest on Monday on Mrs. Elizabeth Joyce Dennis, wife of a Rye councillor, who was found dead in a water-filled ditch at Ouse Marsh, Rye, last Thursday.

Mrs. Dennis, whose body was discovered by a farm worker, lived at Church-square, Rye.

Coroner Mr. Stephen Clark decided that although Mrs. Dennis wrote a suicide note, the manner of her death could have been accidental.

Council clerk is leaving

MR. John Crompton, who has been clerk to East Ashford council for nearly three years, is leaving. In mid-May Mr. Crompton, who is 41 and lives in Highfield - road, Willesborough, leaves to become clerk to Newcastle-under-Lyme rural council in Staffordshire.

Before he came to Ashford in 1967 he was town clerk of St. Ives borough, Huntington, for six-and-a-half-years.

OBITUARY

Ashford

MR. H. W. LUCAS

CREMATION took place at Charing on Saturday of Mr. Henry William Lucas, who died the previous Tuesday. He was 56.

Mourners: Mrs. Phoebe Lucas (wife); Mr. and Mrs. Lucas (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Apps (daughters and sons-in-law); Mrs. Igglesden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Chapman, Mr. E. Chapman (sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Finch (sister and brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Pope (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. J. Igglesden, Mr. G. Igglesden (niece and nephew).

Flowers: Wife Phoebe; Dawn and Cig, Phoebe and Dave (daughters and sons-in-law); Tommy and Joan (son and daughter-in-law); Billy, Tracy, Carolyn and Sarah (grandchildren); Charlotte (sister-in-law); Lucy and Tony (sister and brother-in-law); Tony, Gary and Carol (nephews and niece); George, Sue and Mark; Joe, Jean and Paul; Vera and George; Harry and Ann; Elijah and Priss; Rita, Chris, Nicola and Clare; Janet, Lyn and Billy; Nan and Dave; George, Kit and family; John Simpson; Smutt, June and family; Fred, Peg and Margaret; Frank, Sally, Margaret and Lore; friends and workmates of Chapmans Quarries; directors of Chapman's Quarries Working Men's Club.

Hawkhurst

MR. L J. PIPER

MR. Louis James Piper, of Pine Cottage, Horns-road, Hawkhurst, who died in the Kent and Sussex hospital on Friday, moved to the village in 1897. He was 80.

In 1924 he took over the grocery business of Alfred Piper from his father. Although he retired several years ago he continued to take an active interest in the business.

Mr. Piper was born at Staplehurst and educated at Cranbrook school, where he has been followed by his son and now by his three grandsons.

He served with the Machine Gun Corps in India in World War I and was in the Home Guard in World War II.

He was a keen member of Hawkhurst British Legion club, where he had won awards for billiards and snooker. He had been treasurer of the local Sir Thomas Dunk's charity for several years.

Mr. Piper, a widower for nearly two years, leaves a son. Cremation was at Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday.

Headcorn

MRS. B. M. SCONCE

MRS. Barbara Margaret Sconce, wife of Major D. A. Sconce, of Shenley House, Headcorn, died on Wednesday of last week. She was 54. Mrs. Sconce will be remembered by many in the village and other parts of the Weald as a tireless worker for good causes.

She organised or helped with various money-raising events in Headcorn and was on the committee of the Gardens for Disabled Trust, which provided a raised garden for the wheelchair patients at the Cheshire Home at Maidstone.

Mrs. Sconce was a member of the Red Cross associate group at Biddenden and an active member of Headcorn Gardeners' Society, with a special interest in flower arrangement.

She was also an enthusiastic member of the Weald of Kent Preservation Society, for which she helped to raise funds.

Coming from a service family, Mrs. Sconce was born in India. She was a well-known figure in Tenterden, where her grandparents once lived at Beech House (now The Tollgate), and her mother at West Cross Gardens, until she died about four years ago.

In addition to her husband Mrs. Sconce leaves a son. About 200 attended the funeral service at Headcorn Parish Church on Monday.

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