Roundabout

Belated honeymoon in Trinidad in the summer is planned by Mr. Frank N. C. Lochan, whose home is there, and Miss Azniv Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. R. Cook, of Sandwich-road, Ash, who were married at Ash-next-Sandwich Parish Church on Monday.

A white satin dress, lace-daisy trimmed, and with a train, was designed and made for this bride by her mother. The wedding was at Lydd Methodist Church on Saturday between Mr. Nigel Pope, of Rye, and Miss Sandra Armatage, of Lydd. The five bridesmaids and the page were all the bride's cousins

ASHFORD

SOUTH ASHFORD TG.—A talk, "Ears and Hearing" was given by Miss Linda Rowe, who emphasised the grievous harm to ears, caused by ever-increasing cacophonous sounds of modern life. Thanks were expressed by Mrs. M. Walker. Two new members welcomed by Mrs. M. Oliver, chairman, were Mrs. Lamberton and Mrs. Petty. A minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Barnes. Mrs. F. Sherrington, secretary, invited members to give views on four motions submitted to National Council meeting by four Federations for May hearing in London. Mrs. Brockhurst and Mrs. Tiltman were representing the Guild. From the proceeds of bring-and-buy sale, £5 would be donated equally between the Cystic Fibrosis Research and Ashford Arthritic and Rheumatic Council. Mrs. Tiltman, Social Studies chairman, who organised a visit to a London theatre, was congratulated on her excellent arrangements. Mrs. Carter won a competition for an embroidered place-mat. Drama Group entertained during social half-hour.

A BURNING rubbish dump in the cattle market on Sunday morning caused some danger to timber huts used by the Women's Institute. The fire was put out within 10 minutes without damage to the huts.

ALDINGTON

ALDINGTON WI.—Members and friends enjoyed a talk by Miss Raikes on "The Chinese Theatre." Short plays were acted by herself and two friends, in illustration. Mrs. J. Burnham, president, reported the annual council meeting at Canterbury and Mrs. Langman was delegated to the London annual conference. Competition winners were Mrs. J. Boulden and Mrs. P. Boulden.

ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH

CLOVER GROUP run informally for more than two years helping handicapped children of the area is being reconstituted and the Reverend Graham Long, Congregational minister, has become the chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Burney continue as secretary and treasurer. A balance of £155 and activities of the past year — outings to seaside and pantomime, Christmas present distribution, and fund raising events — were reported. In future besides helping disabled attempts will be made to educate people to be more receptive to the children and how parents could be eased in their responsibilities. Appeal was made for volunteers prepared to share in the work. Two meetings a year are planned and at the first on October 10 there will be a talk by Mr. D. K. Jones, of the Harbour School, Dover, on work being done there for handicapped children. It is possible swimming pool facilities will be available in the summer and the Old Age Pensions Association promise fund-raising through their concert party.

PARTY arranged by the Congregational Woman's Own to mark the occasion of the golden wedding of their president, Mrs. Winifred and Mr. George Stewart Dunn, of Goldstone, was held at the Congregational schoolroom. Appropriate music was played and a wedding cake was cut. Gifts presented were a pair of golden velvet covered cushions, a golden vase and ash tray and bouquet of 50 flowers in shades of gold, and a card bearing the names of people who had subscribed. The event followed a Women's Own service at which Bishop K. C. Warner, of Canterbury, was the speaker and members of the Parish Church Women's Guild were invited. The Congregational minister, the Reverend Graham Long, and vicar, the Reverend Leslie Wilkinson, were present.

ASH-WITH-WESTMARSH WI.—Some of many garments brought for Save the Children Fund were displayed by Mrs. U. Stretch. Mrs. Gerald Stickells presided. Mrs. J. Pettman reported East Kent Federation council meeting and Mrs. W. Strachan spoke on the Produce Guild and Sandwich Market WI stall. Mrs. Dickinson's group meeting report was read. Miss Linda Rowe, of Folkestone, presented "A Victorian Evening" and illustrated it with piano playing, singing and verse-reading. Decorated Easter egg competition was won by Mrs. Measday and a special competition by Mrs. Gabriel.

YOUNG Farmers' Club had a talk on the work of a probation officer by Mr. Alan Dixon at a recent meeting. Last week there was a talk and films on Farm Safety by Mr. Bishop, Mr. Alcock and Mr. Curtis. At hockey Ash and Thanet branches lost to Ashford branch by seven goals to four.

GIFT DAY at the Congregational Church raised more than £210.

COLLECTION for Vietnam civilian aid, organised by the Reverend Graham Long, Congregational minister, the Reverend Leslie Wilkinson, the vicar, Mrs. Pat Smith, Miss Brenda Spearman and Mr. Bill Owens, raised £75 5s. 8d.

SATISFACTORY financial statement was given by treasurer Mr. W. Warburton at the Parish Church annual meeting on Tuesday. Mr. G. Peattie and Mr. C. Foat were re-elected church wardens and the church council were re-elected with Mrs. E. Hudson and Mr. D. Blaxland to fill vacancies. Sir John Arbuthnot, a member of the General Church Assembly, is to be an ex-officio member. It was agreed four representatives from Westmarsh should be co-opted. The vicar, the Reverend Leslie Wilkinson, congratulated the parish organisations on their work, and said consideration would soon have to be given to the continuance of the Stewardship campaign which had run so successfully for nearly three years. Organist Mr. W. Clarke, now at Margate, was thanked for services, as were Mr. F. Stickells and David Bark who are temporarily filling the breach.

BARHAM

MR. A. J. ROSS and Mr. J. Townsend were unanimously re-elected Churchwardens at the Vestry Meeting at the Village Hall. At the Church meeting which followed the Rector, the Reverend A. B. Richardson said that because of the year's splendid fund raising campaign the woodworm had been treated, the organ restored and work was about to start on the repair of the fabric. Levelling of the churchyard was also proceeding. The experimental Communion Service had been in use since Advent Sunday and seemed to have been well received. He thanked Mr. F. S. Jeffery, the retiring treasurer for his work over the years. Mr. Heaney was re-elected auditor and Mr. N. Hunter was elected treasurer. Messrs. A. Ross, H. Underhill, J. Colthup, M. Penn, R. Pole, F. Price and K. Hammond, Major du Sautoy and Commander W. Smith together with Miss M. Dowling and Mrs. K. Crouch were elected to the council.

BENENDEN

MEMBERSHIP of the Women's Club is now 114 with three honorary members. This was reported at the annual meeting last week, which was attended by 60. During the year more than £45 was given away in donations and gifts. Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Welby; vice-presidents, Mrs. Cattell, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Searle; secretary, Mrs. Watts; treasurer, Mrs. Searle. The committee is Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. D. Beeslee, Mrs. Brown, Miss L. Elliott, Mrs. D. Gilbert, Mrs. M. Goodwin, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. D. Moore, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Strong. Some outstanding flower arrangements were displayed in a competition for arrangement in a teapot. It was judged by Mrs. Purver and prizes went to Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Tritton. Mrs. Purver was thanked by Mrs. A. Man. Captain W. Barnett, in charge of another competition, was thanked by Mrs. Watts.

SEVENTY staff from 12 other hospitals were among those at a Study Day for Sisters held at Benenden Chest Hospital on Wednesday. A short discussion followed each lecture. In the morning the speakers were Miss M. P. H. Albrecht, Nursing Matron-in-Chief of the Prison Service, and Dr. F. Reed, MO at Maidstone Prison, who spoke on drug addiction. Miss K. G. Young, hospital matron, presided. In the afternoon Sir Thomas Holmes Sellors spoke on chest and cardiac surgery, illustrated with slides. Dr. A. Mayer, chief medical officer at the hospital, just back from holiday in Spain, presided.

BETHERSDEN

WHIST drive at the Scout hut raised £6. 7s. 7d. for funds. Mrs. R. Pointer was M.C.

BETHERSDEN WI.—Tribute was paid by the president to the memory of the late Miss Edith Cook, a founder-member. Plans for County Fair were discussed and Mrs. Newble offered to house articles made for the event. Reports were given by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Newble, delegates, on group and half-yearly council meetings, Mr. and Mrs. Millen were to be hosts at a social at-home, for Institute funds, in June. It was decided to have a day-time outing, this year, as well as an evening mystery tour in July. At short notice Miss Tapsell and Mrs. Bugden organised a general knowledge written quiz. For three butterfly cakes Mrs. Stubbs gained most points, 2 Mrs. Bugden, 3 Mrs. Waldie. Easter novelty competition winners: 1 Miss Daphne Dunster, 2 Miss Tapsell, 3 Mrs. Bugden.

AUSTIN mini saloon car belonging to Mr. Gordon Sampson was stolen from outside his house in Chester-avenue on Wednesday night.

BIDDENDEN

NUMBER of communicants last year increased by 197 to 1,842. This was reported by the Reverend Maurice Gilbert, rector, at the annual Church meeting last week. Mrs. P. Scott, who has retired from the church council, was replaced by Mr. W. E. Howard. Reports were given to the meeting by Mrs. T. Richards, Mr. W. P. Agate, Mr. H. Deacon, Mr. R. Bougourd, Mrs. Munday (on behalf of Mrs. Shorey) and Mrs. M. Gilbert. At the annual vestry meeting both churchwardens were reappointed, Mr. W. D. Harrison for the fourth time and Mr. A. W. D. Coppen for the 26th time.

BILSINGTON

BILSINGTON WI. — Mrs. Fanshawe presided and reported EKF meeting at Canterbury. Mrs. Janes demonstrated pewter work. An exhibition of walking sticks brought a large collection, old and new. A competition for flowers made from buttons was won by Mrs. Elford. There was an egg collection for the hospital. Hostesses: Mrs. Fanshawe, Mrs. Bullass, Mrs. Daw and Mrs. Lonkhurst.

BOUGHTON

MRS. C. VANDEPEER and Mrs. M. Keal created a Dutch scene with drawings, Dutch prints and dardells for the cheese and wine party at the Village Hall attended by 70 members of the Parent Teacher Association. During the evening the last draw in a competition was made and the final four winners were Mrs. R. Morgan, Mrs. Wake, Mrs. Bardsley and Miss Roe. The competition which started in 1966 was organised by Mrs. J. Richardson with 25 helpers collecting the money weekly and has raised £555 for the swimming pool fund. Mr. D. Jackson, deputy head announced that work on the pool had started and that it should be ready for use at the end of next month.

MRS. DOROTHY WILLS, 48, died suddenly from natural causes in her home, Crouch Cottages, South Street, on Wednesday morning.

BOUGHTON AND EASTWELL

BOUGHTON AND EASTWELL WI.— More than 100 attended an open meeting where films on Holland were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Watts. "Boughton's Boutique," an exhibition depicting the varied interests and hobbies of members, with contributions from every member, was a popular item. The organisers were Mrs. Laughton and Mrs. McKilliam. Miss Salmon, president, welcomed Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Plume, Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Youell as new members. Mrs. Florance's report of the group meeting was read and Mrs. Winters gave details of the council meeting and a coming fete. The hostesses: Mrs. Beggs, Mrs. Box, Miss Hardwick, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Waghorne and Miss Weston.

BRABOURNE

BRABOURNE WI.—A demonstration of pork pie-making was given by Miss Hannah Pullar, introduced by Mrs. Todd, president. Miss Hills reported East Kent Federation council meeting at Canterbury. A competition for a plate pie, prize won by Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Hickmott. Miss Pullar, who judged, was thanked by Mrs. Howland. Refreshments were served by Miss Powell, Mrs. Macdonald and Mrs. Tucker.

GARDENERS' Society held their annual Spring competition, at the Small Village hall, last week. The highest awarded to the three top exhibits in each of the ten classes will be added to those from the Rose competition, to be held in June, and the winner will be presented with a trophy at the Society's summer show. Mrs. H. N. Kennett, winner of the cup in 1967, came top in the Spring competition with 17 points. Mrs. E. Ranford and Miss E. Arter tied for second place with eight points each. The judges were Mr. E. Stannard and Mr. Gambell, of Canterbury Gardeners' Society.

CHISLET

EASTER services at Chislet and Marshside were taken by the Vicar, the Reverend G. H. Stephens. At Hoath, Canon W. Ball took the services and in the parish overall there were 80 communicants.

DEAL

DEREK E. DUNKLING, 32, of Cavell-square, who admitted stealing about £10 worth of confectionery from a van parked in Victoria-road, was put on probation for three years by the magistrates. Three previous convictions were mentioned.

HUMAN RIGHTS Committee has been formed with the Reverend Albert H. Hodgkins chairman, Alderman Mrs. E. K. Clarke vice-chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Tank, joint secretaries and Mrs. Henson treasurer. This has resulted from a working party elected at a meeting last November. The aim is to encourage organisations and individuals to take an interest in human rights and to keep the public informed. About a dozen organisations were represented at the meeting.

TERENCE M. JENKINS, 18, of Grantham-avenue, who was accused of stealing a purse, a key and £7. 6s. 2½d. from the house of Mrs. Julia Jenkins on February 27, was committed to Kent Quarter Sessions at Canterbury on May 6 by Deal magistrates last Thursday. He was granted a defence certificate and bail.

HANDEL'S Messiah is to be performed in its entirety at the Depot Royal Marines Church on May 9. It will be part of the Royal Marines School of Music winter concert season and Lieutenant Colonel F. Vivian Dunn, principal director of music Royal Marines, will fulfil an ambition in conducting. Forming the choir will be Deal and Walmer Handelians and Dover and Sandwich and District Choral Societies. Doreen Hume (soprano) Jean Allister (contralto), Edgar Fleet (tenor) and Noel Noble (bass) will be the soloists.

MR. HORACE L. HUTCHINSON, 68, of Duke-street, retired RAF wing commander and for some years popular licensee of the seafront Clarendon Hotel, died suddenly on Sunday from natural causes.

ALAN SPEIGHT, 22, of Lindhurst-road, Ramsgate, and his brother Peter, 20, of Delane-road, were each fined a total of £18 and ordered to pay 16s. 9d. witnesses costs, when they were found guilty at the magistrates court last Thursday of taking a motorscooter without consent and driving it without insurance and licence.

FILM Oinbaba Marai has been banned by the town council despite opposition by Labour members. Councillor Tom Vernon said the film was an indictment of war and did not involve cannibalism as suggested. "The whole of censorship is becoming an absurdity" he added. The Mayor, Alderman Alistair Lawton remarked "It is an extremely gruesome film."

DECK chairs belonging to the corporation are now costing ninepence instead of six-pence a session. Daily tickets—transferable between the foreshore and pier—are 1s. At the request of Labour members the question of concessions for old age pensioners is to be considered at the next committee meeting.

LARGE plate glass window of a High-street shoe shop was maliciously smashed with a metal container from a lamp-post litter bin on Saturday night. Nothing was stolen.

MR. Robert Sweby, 70, of Sandown-road, and Mr. George Relf, 49, of Middle-Deal-road were taken to hospital on Sunday after their cars were in collision at Wilson Woods crossroads. Both were allowed home. Mr. Sweby after treatment at shock and Mr. Relf after stitches had been put in a head wound.

DENTON

DENTON WITH WOOTTON AND SWINGFIELD W.I. — This meeting took the form of a Victorian afternoon. A competition, "Victoriana," was won by Mrs. Johnson, who brought a christening robe of the Victorian era. Miss Linda Rowe played Victorian music and her songs were reminiscent of those sung in Victorian drawing rooms. Business included plans for "Shop Window" at Chilham.

DOVER

IAN BRENNAN, 21, of St. David's-avenue, was detained in Buckland Hospital with a broken wrist on Monday after his motor cycle was in collision with a car in Old Folkestone-road. His pillion passenger, Mary Rich, 20, of Knights Templar, was also detained with a knee injury and abrasions.

CAR failed to negotiate a bend in the Sandwich-Eastry Road at its junction with Felderland-lane about 12.20 a.m. on Sunday and hit walls on both sides of the road. Driver Mr. James H. Conroy, 46, of Old Park-hill, escaped with minor cuts and bruising. Passenger Mrs. Vera Gregg, of Longfield-road, was unhurt. The car is a write-off.

AIR Sea Rescue helicopter from Manston rescued two youths cut off by the tide beneath 300ft high cliffs between Dover and St. Margaret's Bay on Sunday. Alan Thrussel, 16, and William Foster, 15, both of Rugby-road, Dagenham, were spending the weekend holidaying in the area. They went for a walk beneath the cliffs but the incoming tide cut them off. The alarm was raised by auxiliary coastguard. Mr. T. Watson, of West Winds, Lighthouse-road, St. Margaret's.

MOTOR CYCLIST Robert Stables, 20, of London-road, was taken to Buckland Hospital and treated for an ankle injury on Saturday after his machine was involved in a collision with a car at the junction of Townwall-street and Bench-street.

MOTOR scooterist Colin Sewell, 21, of Stonehall, Lydden, and his pillion passenger Anthony Gaunt, 17, of Valley-road, River, were slightly injured on Saturday when their machine was in collision with a three-wheeled car at the junction of Barton-road and Frith-road.

THIEVES broke open a gas meter of a house in Folkestone-road on Saturday night and stole £3 10s.

EASTRY

MAKING provision now for ultimate conversion of the primary school to a 10-class, 400 pupil junior mixed and infants school, Kent Education Committee was told about a third of an acre of allotment ground adjoining their present site. The district council planning committeee on Tuesday agreed to the proposal.

EGERTON

MR. GIPSON gave a film show on the countryside around Charing for this month's meeting of the Over 60's club. He showed Charing village, Ospringe, Otterden and Stalisfield. Then he showed the Pilgrim's Way to Canterbury. He will be giving another show in the autumn. Tea helpers were: Mrs. J. Manners, Mrs. R. Pearson, Miss W. Terry, Mrs. S. Miller, Mrs. M. Klouman and Miss J. Sayer.

ELHAM

ELHAM W.I.—From her diary Miss Mary Smith reconstructed events of "The Last 21 Years In Elham," including a film partly made in the square and the modest first event of the now famous Steam Rallies. Mrs. Verney expressed appreciation. May 1 was the Institute's 21st birthday, for which Mrs. Bartley was organising a summer visit to Eastbourne. A mammoth bring and buy sale in autumn also was planned in celebration. Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Boucher had been re-elected to the County Executive. Pewter classes were starting.

EYTHORNE

DETAILS of a nine-classroom new primary school at Elvington, to replace a "temporary" building erected more than 40 years ago, have been submitted to Eastry rural council planning committee for "informal views." On Tuesday the committee decided to raise no objections subject to submission of elevations later.

BAPTISTS from all over East Kent attended the service on Good Friday marking the 418th anniversary of Eythorne Baptist Church. The preacher was Dr. Kenneth Moynaugh. At the annual church meeting Mr. J. T. Best, treasurer for the past 21 years, was presented, on his retirement, with an illuminated testimonial and a gold watch.

FAVERSHAM

CHART gunpowder mills restoration fund has benefited by £40 from an "opportunity sale" held by the Faversham Society in the Fleur de Lis Room, Court-street. Two evenings of slides and films depicting the town's past and present raised another £12.

MR. DAVID JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, of Arden Road, received lacerations to his left arm when the motor cycle he was riding in Seasalter Road, Graveney, on Saturday evening, was in collision with a car driven by Mr. Kenneth Arthur White, of Plantation House, Graveney.

FIREMEN were called to deal with burning undergrowth in Bysing Woods on Saturday and again on Sunday afternoon.

FOLKESTONE

THE last concert of the thirteenth season of the Music Club held in the Leas Cliff Hall recently was given by the Gabrieli Ensemble. Kenneth Sillito, violin and viola; Keith Harvey, cello; Keith Puddy, clarinet; John Streets, piano. The recital included work by Beethoven, Mozart and the contemporary composer Leonard Sulzedo.

FORDWICH

THE rector, the Reverend Owen Bradson reported to the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church meeting that attendances had increased and that the monthly family service had proved popular. Church finances were healthier and a programme of renovations was planned. Parochial Church councillors elected were: Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Crowhurst, Mrs. Palmer; Mr. Bower, Mr. Farbridge, Mr. Goldfinch, Mr. Ashford, Mr. Joiner and Mr. Williams. Mr. A. F. Farbridge was re-elected secretary/treasurer and the number of sidesmen was increased from two to seven. Captain C. W. Bower was elected Rector's Warden and Mr. W. Goldfinch, People's Warden.

FRITTENDEN

FRITTENDEN W.I. — Mrs. Doreen Blunt presided and Mrs. Robb made a jigsaw puzzle appeal for disabled adults. Thanks were expressed by Mrs. Tucker to Mrs. P. Durward and Miss D. Marsh for a successful March evening. Mrs. Bentall sang folk-songs, in which members joined, and Mrs. Fowler thanked singer and pianist. Mrs. Blunt reported the annual conference at Tunbridge Wells. A competition for articles illustrating song titles was won by Mrs. J. Cranmer, 2 Mrs. M. King, 3 Mrs. J. Hougham; special competition: Mrs. Stent. Tea hostesses: Mrs. Pole and Mrs. Maybourne; hostess: Miss B. Mabb.

GODMERSHAM

GODMERSHAM W.I.—Mrs. R. E. Allen, president, elected vice-chairman of East Kent Federation, was congratulated at the April meeting on her appointment. After discussion it was felt that there was not enough general enthusiasm to warrant Godmersham's entering best-kept village competition this year. Pennies for friendship collection last month for The Associated Countrywomen of the World made £1 3s. Mrs. Lusted volunteered to become a pen-friend in response to an appeal by the Association. Mrs. D. Solly, delegate, reported the annual council meeting at Canterbury. Mrs. N. Pilcher, from Blean, demonstrated and spoke on chair-caning, an old craft brought to England in the reign of Charles I. This skill was becoming so rare, Mrs. Pilcher said, that today as much as £7 was charged to cane one small curved-back chair.

GREATSTONE

TWO students from the Royal College of Music gave a short concert to members of the Greatstone Area Senior Citizens' Club of last week. Miss Philippa Thomson sang a number of songs, folk and pastoral, including some from shows of Ivor Novello. Miss Patta Davis played solos on the clarinet ranging from reverie to Mazurka and other items specially arranged for clarinet and piano with Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander at the piano.

HAMSTREET

HOUSE TO HOUSE collection in the village on behalf of the County Association for the Blind, organised by Mrs. E. Hicks, raised £8.

HAWKHURST

MRS. GERTRUDE FANNY PIPER, wife of Mr. Louis J. Piper, of Pine Cottage, Hornsroad, died in Pembury Hospital on Good Friday after a short illness. She was 80. Mrs. Piper was formerly a draper and milliner at The Moor, Hawkhurst. In addition to her husband she leaves a son. Cremation was at Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday.

HAWKHURST W.I. — Mrs. Farthing reported fully the annual meeting at Tunbridge Wells and Mrs. Mosse spoke of a visit to a Rye craft. Mrs. Merritt gave a report of Kent Drama Festival at which the Institute's Drama Group was fifth of 38 entrants. Its play, "The Frozen Heart," gained 78 per cent marks. Mrs. Jackson's talk on puppetry was expert and amusing and she was thanked by Mrs. Williamson. A fatless sponge competition was won by Mrs. Douch; special competition: Mrs. J. Goodwin and Mrs. Mosse. Tea hostess: Miss Jenner. Thirty-six guests from Hadley House were being entertained on May 14.

COLLISION in Horns-road last Thursday involved a car driven by Mrs. B. S. Turner, of Oak Tree Cottage, Streamlane, and a tractor driven by Dennis Gower, of Bakers Cross, Cranbrook. Both drivers were slightly hurt but not detained in hospital.

HERSDEN

TWENTY-FOUR parishioners took Communion at St. Alban's Church, during Easter. The services were conducted by the Reverend P. L. Vaughan.

HOATH

ANNUAL Church meeting of Holy Cross Church was held last Tuesday at Melbury. The Vicar, the Reverend G. H. Stephens presided and Mr. T. Randall and Mrs. Carey were re-elected churchwardens. Mr. A. G. Hummerstone was re-elected secretary of the parochial church council and Miss Lamboll was elected treasurer in place of Mrs. L. Goodfellow who had resigned because of ill-health.

HOTHFIELD

AN Easter egg was waiting for everyone at the Over 60's Club at the village hall last Thursday. The eggs were supplied by the club president Lady Rootes. A member Mrs. Sainsbury, who was celebrating her ruby wedding, gave an iced cake for members to have with their tea.

KINGSNORTH

WHIST in the village hall on Wednesday of last week raised £9 13s. for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

LENHAM

JUNIOR Sapper John Sims, 16, whose parents live at Wheatgratton Farm Cottage, was one of the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers "B" team which came second in the junior soldiers inter-unit race at the recent Army Ski Association Scottish meeting at Aviemore. John is training to be an armoured fighting vehicle driver. He has been in Germany for the cross-country ski races and has also been on an Outward Bound course.

LITTLEBOURNE

MRS. ALLEN was welcomed back after illness by 49 members at the Bright and Happy club in the War Memorial hall last week. Mr. Ferris entertained members with colour films of his holiday. He showed scenes in Devon and Cornwall, a visit to the Peter Scott wildfowl Trust and also pictures of weddings. He and Mrs. Giles were thanked by Mrs. Boucher. A bring and buy stall and competition were held. The club has been invited to Preston Over 60's club on April 24.

TWENTY members of the Mothers' club had dinner last week at a restaurant. Next meeting will be a recipe evening. Members are asked to bring along their favourite.

THE Littlebourne Players gave a fine performance of Ronald Millar's Play "The Bride Comes Back" at the War Memorial hall last week. Among many fine performances were those by Jane Ferris, Rae Reeves, Angela Ferris, Betty Smith, Brian Barnes. But one who really captured the audience's affection with her laughter-raising display of domestic mischief was Anne Browne. Other parts were played by Mary Adamson and Mike Steele and director A. E. Johnstone deserves the plays moved smoothly at the right tempo. Mr. T. Ferris made good use of new lighting equipment and properties and make-up were handled by Pamela Young and Pamela Neill.

AFTER the Sunday evening service at the Congregational Church Mrs. L. M. Allen presented a cheque to the Misses A. and E. Gassan as a parting gift of appreciation for their active work in the church. They came to Littlebourne from London in 1962. Miss Ada had been the leader of the women's Pleasant Hour. Miss Emily had been superintendent of the Sunday school. They had also served on the committee of the League of Friends of Canterbury hospitals. They are moving to Horam, Sussex.

LITTLE CHART

LITTLE CHART W.I. — Report of the 47th annual council meeting at Canterbury was given by Mrs. Hart, delegate. Mrs. Allen, V.C.O., attended to select items of handicrafts for Great Chart Spring Window Exhibition. Members were entertained with jokes, songs and guitar playing by Miss Pat Worth, of E.N.S.A. A competition, for a design in licorice allsorts, was won by Mrs. O. Hitchings. Social half hour was spent in making animals from three pipe cleaners. Hostesses: Mrs. P. Homewood, Miss Jane Spice and Mrs. Bennett.

HOLY WEEK and Easter Services were well attended at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Easter Day the Service at 11 a.m. was a combination of the main elements of Matins with the new Communion Service.

LYDD

LYDD W.I. — Disappointingly only 35 members and a visitor were present at the April meeting. Miss Vinall gave a talk on "Inns and Inn Signs." Miss Spon thanked her. Mrs. Edgar reported the annual council meeting at Canterbury. Mrs. Waylett was delegated to the group meeting at Appledore. The sum of £51. 9s. was sent as the W.I.'s second year's contribution to the National Appeal Fund. There were eight entries in a competition for a poem on "My Most Hated Chore," the result to be given next month.

MERSHAM

MERSHAM W.I.—Forty-six members heard a report of E.K.F. annual meeting, read by Miss Cross, delegate. Market stall annual conference report prepared by Mrs. Webb, was read. Mrs. C. Strange, president, welcomed Mrs. Bates, a new member. A best-painted plate competition was won by Mrs. Turner; runners-up: Mrs. Sole and Mrs. Wilson. For an "Questions session of the point" Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Green, the Reverend Mr. Pollard and Mr. Rathmell, with Mrs. Garner as chairman. Thanks were expressed by Mrs. Nutley for an entertaining and educating contribution. Hostesses: Mrs. Ayres, Mrs. Jephcote, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. McDonagh.

FLAG day in the village raised £15 14s. 4d. for the Royal Lifeboat Institution. Collectors were Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Hales, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Pearce.

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