NEWS OF THE WEST

LAUNCESTON.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Eric Frank Youngman, of the Eastern Telegraph Company, son of the late Mr. F. S. Youngman, of Wilby, Norfolk, and Mrs. F. S. Youngman, of Besthorpe, Horsham, Sussex, to Miss Cecilia (Cecilie) Perry Bickford, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the Rev. Walter W. Bickford, of The Sanctuary, Altarnon, Launceston.

LIVERTON.

At a general meetin of the Haytor Vale Cricket Club, on Monday, Mr. T. Dexter resigned his position as hon. secretary. A vote of thanks was passed to him for his valuable services. Mr. Doidge was asked to take over the office. It was decided to hold a whist drive and dance on October 18th. Messrs. T. Hydon W. Setters, R. Cox, S. Warren and S. Woollcott were elected as the Whist Drive Committee.

The Liverton United Footballers' whist drive and dance was a great success, and it is hoped that £4 profit will be the result. The Casino Orchestra played well, and Mesdames Satterley and Parsons catered.

Dougal Waldron did the hat trick against Buckfastleigh.

Miss Booker, of the County Medical Department, Exeter, visited Ilsington Blackpool School in connection with a meeting of the School Parents' and Friends' Association, organised by the Headmaster, Mr. F. C. Doidge. She brought an excellent instructive health exhibition, and after explaining it to the senior children, gave an enjoyable talk to about 35 parents and friends. Miss Booker, who was assisted by the Health Visitor, Miss Walters, divided her exhibition into five classes:- Cripples, teeth, clothes, vitamins, and a chamber of horrors. The result of the competition organised by the Headmaster, prizes for which were given by the Health and Cleanliness Council in London, was announced by Miss Booker as follows: 1, Mrs. E. E. Waldron; 2, Miss K. Squire. Order of importance of points necessary for the successful upbringing of every baby: 1, food; 2, sleep; 3, cleanliness; 4, fresh air; 5, exercise; 6, suitable clothes.

The annual general meeting of the Workers' Educational Association, held in the Hut, was presided over by the retiring president, Mr. L. C. Gregory. A rule was made to the effect that any member of the committee failing to attend three successive committee meetings without a reasonable excuse being received should cease to be a committee member. The following officers for the session 1929-30 were elected: President, Mrs. A. Northway; chairman, Mr. L. C. Gregory; vice-chairman, Mr. F. C. Doidge; hon. secretary, Mrs. D. Setters; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Gregory; hon. librarian, Miss Squire; committee, Mrs. W. Cox, Mrs. Emil, Mrs. Satterley, Messrs. R. Cox, S. Potter, Chas. Squire. The hon. treasurer presented the balance sheet, showing receipts £29 5s 9½d, expenditure £19 11s 4d, in hand £9 12s 4½d, invested £6 7s. Mr. F. G. Thomas, the Tutor Organiser, congratulated the Group on its work during the year, and remarked that the work in Liverton had made it possible for groups to get finance from the Board of Education for community drama. He outlined the scheme of work for the session, and said that the first term would be devoted to the comedy scenes from "The Tempest." The lecture evenings will consist of four talks by Mr. Thomas on "The Way of the World," talks from voluntary tutors, and members' evenings on the first Thursday in each month.

LYDFORD.

Much regret was felt when it became known that Mr. Arthur Petherick, one of Lydford's most respected parishioners, had passed away. Mr. Petherick had been subpostmaster of Lydford for some years, and also carried on the business of a builder. He was highly respected by his neighbours and friends, and a large number gathered at the graveside on Saturday to pay their last respects. Rev. Molyneux conducted the service. The hymns, "Shepherd divine, our wants relieve" and "Rock of ages" were sung. The organist (Mr. M. Down) played the Dead March. Messrs. W. A. Symons, H. Heathman, F. Fry, W. Cooke, E. Stanbury, and S. Howard were the bearers. The breastplate bore the inscription:—"Arthur Petherick, died September 19th, 1929, aged 67 years." The mourners were the widow, W. R. Petherick and C. R. Petherick (sons), May Petherick (daughter), Miss Petherick (sister), Mr. P. J. Petherick, Plymouth (nephew), Frances Petherick (niece), H. R. Petherick and J. R. Petherick (nephews), Mrs. A. R. Petherick (daughter-in-law), Mrs. W. Coles and Mrs. H. Coles (sisters-in-law), Mr. H. Coles (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Blithe (Chillaton), Miss G. Bickle, Mr. E. Dawe (Tavistock), Mrs. T. Bickle (Tamerton Foliot). There was a large number of beautiful floral tokens sent, including a full-length cross from the Widow and Family; Lena and Alfred; Herbert and family; Fanny and family; Little Edna; Mary, Grace and Nan; Polly and the girls; Annie and Harry; all at Ilford; May, Jim and Frances. Others present included Mr. and Mrs. E. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Caston, Mr. E. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, Mr. Hammett, Mrs. Hammett, Alderman Nickolls, Mr. Preston, Mr. J. Hodge, Mr. S. Rice, Mr. Jack Hodge, Mr. Ball, Mr. Paul, Misses Newman, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Atherton, Mrs. Atherton, Mr. G. Clements, Mrs. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. G. Huggins, Mrs. Huggins, Mr. T. Phillips, Miss T. Phillips, Miss Cole, Mr. Alford, Mrs. W. Cooke, Mrs. Mills, Mr. A. May, Mr. F. May, Mr. T. May, Mrs. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. Cartledge, Mr. H. Stanbury, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. B. Bickle, Mrs. Down, Miss Down, Mr. R. Down, Mr. Bradfield, Mr. W. Down, Mr. V. Down, Miss Callwell, Mrs. Stevens, Miss Boundy, Mr. A. Pengelly, Mrs. A. Pengelly, Mrs. Shillabeer, Mr. W. Stevens, Mr. S. Bolt, Mr. W. Lavis, Mr. and Miss Crocker, Mr. S. Clifton, Mr. E. Gilbert, Mr. A. Maunder, Mr. Baker, Mr. H. Pengelly, Mr. P. Sanders, Mr. W. Kennard, Mr. A. Martin, Mrs. E. Martin, Mrs. L. Cole, Miss Cole, and many others. Mr. Howard (Postmaster, Okehampton), Mr. H. T. Radford (Ingo Brake, Lydford), and Mr. Porter (Exeter) were unavoidably absent.

MARWOOD.

Marwood Wesleyan Methodists are celebrating the centenary of their church at Prixford in November, when a thanksgiving day is being held.

MOLLAND.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church on Monday, Rev. E. Bell officiating, the contracting parties being Miss Jane Heal, third daughter of Mr. H. Heal and the late Mrs. Heal, of Brimley, and Mr. A. W. Pook. The bride was neatly attired in a frock of blue crepe de chine, with hat en suite, and was accompanied by her father. Miss Ada Heal (sister) the bridesmaid, wore a dress of primrose silk and hat to match. The bridegroom is the youngest son of the late Mrs. T. Pook and Mr. T. Pook, of Smallacombe, and was accompanied by a friend, Mr. J. Rottenbury, as best man. As the wedding party left the church they were greeted with showers of confetti. The reception was held at the bride's home, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pook were given a hearty send off to Bristol for their honeymoon. Many useful presents were received.

At a meeting of the Higher Education Committee it was decided to hold classes for butter-making and stock judging some time in October.

MORETONHAMPSTEAD.

The harvest thanksgiving services on Sunday at the Moretonhampstead Parish Church were well attended, the sacred edifice being prettily decorated. Messrs. Whitehead and Bartlett, two Missionary messengers, conducted the services.

At Moretonhampstead Baptist Chapel on Sunday the services on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving were well attended. There was a fine display of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Mr. W. G. Heath, of Bovey Tracey, was the preacher. Mrs. W. G. Heath was the soloist at the evening service, whilst Mrs. Squire presided at the organ. On Monday a public meeting was held, at which Mr. Arnold (Newton Abbot) and Mr. Denham (Chagford) were the chief speakers. The Rev. G. W. Hodgson presided. The Congregational Church gave up their evening service on Sunday in order to join the Baptists.

At Moretonhampstead Sessions, on Tuesday, William Saffin, of Tardown Cottage, Drewsteignton, who did not appear but sent a letter pleading guilty was fined 10s for riding a bicycle without lights.

Daniel Aggett of Ivy Cottages, Moretonhampstead, was at the local sessions, on Tuesday, ordered to pay the costs 4/- for not sending his child to school. He was further ordered to send the child to school regularly.

OAKFORD.

The funeral of Mr. Henry Summers, of Oakford, whose sudden death was recorded in last week's issue, took place at Oakford on Friday in the presence of many relatives and friends. The service, in the United Methodist Chapel, was conducted by the Rev. F. Dennis (Tiverton) and the Rev. R. E. Collins (Bampton). Deceased's favourite hymn, "There is a land that is fairer than day," was sung, Mrs. Denner being at the organ. Mr. Dennis, who represented the circuit, referred in the course of a short address to the example set by Mr. Summers' life and work. After the service in the chapel the cortege proceeded to the lych gate, where it was met by the Rev. E. M. Kelly (Rector of Oakford), who conducted the second part of the service. The mourners were Jack, Bert and Charlie (sons), Ethel, Gertie, Phœbe, and Jessie (daughters), Mrs. J. Summers, Mrs. C. Summers (daughters-in-law), Mr. H. Hawkins, Mr. Prescott (sons-in-law), Mr. George Summers (brother), Mr. and Mrs. J. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Bucknell, Mr. and Mrs. S. Summers (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. Tucker and Miss Tucker (brother-in-law, sister-in-law and niece), Master C. Hawkins (grandson). The widow and Mrs. Hawkins (daughter) were unable to attend owing to illness. Among the friends at the chapel and graveside were Mr. and Mrs. Warren (Dulverton), Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Newton, Mrs Chapple (Western), Miss Isaac, Mr. and Mrs. Venner, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Gardener, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Burrows, Mr. Park, Miss Haydon, Mrs. Bromfield, Mr. Green, Messrs. S. and A. Isaac. The coffin, of unpolished oak, bore on the breastplate the inscription:—"Henry Summers, died September 16th, 1929, aged 72 years." The bearers were Messrs. F. Langworthy, F. Grant, F. Bromfield, F. Bastow, H. Quick, and W. Wilson. The floral tributes were numerous.

OTTERY ST. MARY.

There were large congregations at the annual harvest festival services on Sunday, when the church was effectively decorated with corn and choice fruit, flowers and vegetables. The services were of an exceptionally bright character, the singing, led by the choir, being a special feature. Appropriate addresses were delivered by the Vicar.

Mr. William Marks, of Ash Farm, Ottery St. Mary, agriculturist, who died on 18th July last, left estate of the gross value of £2,015 19s 6d, with net personalty £1,686 19s 3d. Probate of his will has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Emma Tabitha Marks, of the same address, the sole executrix.

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PINHOE.

In connection with the Pinhoe Labour Party the first dance of the season took place in the Church of England Schoolroom, Pinhoe, on Friday, there being a large attendance. The arrangements were efficiently carried through by the secretary, Mr. S. Ford, and valued assistance was rendered by Mr. A. Parker. Refreshments were superintended by Mesdames A. Gillard, A. G. Parker and others. Credit is due to the committee for arranging such an enjoyable evening. Music for the dancing was supplied by the Exonian Dance Orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Bert Yelland. Mrs. Jones rendered two solos.

POLTIMORE.

The harvest festival services were held on Sunday last. The morning service was taken by the Rector (Rev. J. H. Hopkinson), and Evensong by Rev. Heal (Vicar of Stoke Canon). The collections were as usual given to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. The sacred edifice was tastefully decorated with corn, flowers, and fruit by Mesdames Hopkinson, Farrant, and Thorne, Misses Wilson, Hopkinson, Holmes, D. Tavender, N. Taverner, J. Taverner. The both services were fully choral.

PLYMTREE.

Harvest festival services were held at the Parish Church last week. The church was tastefully decorated, and there was a crowded congregation. The service was conducted by the Rector of Plymtree (Rev. H. C. Onslow), who also preached an eloquent sermon. The anthem, "Praise the Lord, ye Heavens adore Him," was well rendered by the choir, the soloists being Miss R. Denby, Miss K. Pratt, and Miss E. Pratt. Miss Rosamund Huyshe presided at the organ. The following ladies of the village were responsible for the tasteful decorations: Mrs. Onslow, Mrs. Lee Norman, Miss Sturge, Miss MacClelland, Miss M. Lear, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Smart, Miss A. Potbury, Miss E. Hussey, the Misses Pearcey, Misses D. and R. Gill, and Miss D. Hosegrove. The church bells were rung by the Plymtree ringers. The services were continued on Sunday, when the Rector officiated throughout the day. At the evening service the anthem was again nicely sung by the choir, the solos being rendered by Miss E. Villis, Miss K. Pratt, and Miss E. Pratt. There were large congregations at each service. The offertories were devoted to the local hospitals.

A successful dance was held in the Plymtree Parish Hall last week. The event was organised by Miss K. Prowse, of Clist William Barton. There was a good attendance, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all. Music was supplied by the Cranford Dance Orchestra from Honiton. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. E. Prowse, while Messrs. P. Prowse and R. Saunders were the door stewards. Refreshments were superintended by Mrs. Mulcahay and Miss Prowse, together with a band of willing lady helpers. The proceeds of the dance are to be given to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

PYWORTHY.

The funeral of Miss Turner, whose death we reported last week, took place in the Parish Church, and was largely attended, testifying to the great esteem in which the family are held. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. A. Donaldson), assisted by Rev. Dobson, of Bradworthy. Hymns sung were "Let Saints on earth in concert sing" and "Peace, perfect peace." Mrs. J. Martin presiding at the organ. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. Bowden (daughter and son-in-law), Mr. J. P. Pearse (sister), Messrs. H. J. Pearse and G. Pearse (nephews), Misses Turner, A. Turner, B. Turner and J. Piper, and Messrs. E. Turner, D. Turner and A. Turner (cousins), Mesdames T. L. Bowden, N. Gilbert and C. Andrew (friends). The coffin, of unpolished oak, was covered with choice flowers, and the breastplate bore the inscription: "Mary Elizabeth Turner, died September 17th, 1929, aged 77 years." The bearers were Messrs. J. Yeo, H. Burnard, S. H. Rolman, G. and H. Gilbert and C. Andrew.

Sympathy is felt for the relatives of the late Mrs. H. Honey, whose sudden death took place at Dux. Deceased was well known and highly respected, having resided in the neighbourhood practically all her life. The funeral took place at Bridgerule Church on Monday afternoon, many from this parish attending to pay their last tribute.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday and Monday. The preacher on Sunday was Mr. S. Davey, and on Monday Rev. E. E. Hollis, newly-appointed minister, and Mr. F. Beckly. The collections were for Trust Funds.

The football match between Holsworthy and Pyworthy on Monday resulted in a win for the latter by 4—1.

SAMPFORD COURTENAY.

The harvest festival was held at the Parish Church on Thursday week. A service was held in the afternoon, when the preacher was the Rev. K. A. Lake (Vicar of Heavitree). Tea was followed by a clay pigeon shoot, skittling for pig and sheep. The winners at the pigeon shoot were: First prize shoot—1, S. Harris; 2, A. Watts; 3, S. Wickett. Second prize shoot—1, H. Crocker; 2, T. Watts; 3, E. Horn. Local prize shoot—1, E. Reddaway; 2, W. Frost. Sweeps—1, A. Watts; 2, T. Watts; 3, H. Finnamore. Skittling for pig—1, E. Reddaway; 2, W. Reddaway. Skittling for sheep (ladies)—1, Mrs. H. Sanders; 2, Miss Pike; 3, Mrs. J. Reynolds. A concert was held in the evening, the performers being the Fireflies of Ashburton. The proceeds of the day were given to the Church Restoration Fund. The services were continued on Sunday, when the collection was given to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

Harvest festival services were also held at the United Methodist Church on Sunday and Monday, the preacher on Sunday being Rev. G. S. Westlake (newly appointed minister). On Monday afternoon the service was taken by Rev. W. Butt, of Northlew. A public tea was followed by a meeting, addressed by the Revs. W. Butt, Parry and Westlake. The collections were in aid of Society funds.

SEATON.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ed. Whatley, haulier, Seaton, was proceeding down Queen-street, Seaton, with a load of hay and to pass a stationary motor van outside Mr. N. Leyman's premises, had to pull into his near side. The camber of the road tilted the load in towards the footpath, and caught the sunblind outside Miss Tolman's shop. The blind was wrenched off, the end going through and smashing an upstair lattice window of the adjoining premises of Mr. F. W. Smith. No one was injured.

Large congregations attended the harvest festival services at the Congregational Church, Seaton, on Sunday. Mrs. Penaliggon, with a band of enthusiastic workers, had beautifully decorated the building. The services were conducted by the Pastor, Rev. J. Arthur Penaliggon, and Rev. A. Moorison (Beer, addressed the children in the afternoon. The anthems, "O taste and see" and "O Lord how manifold" were rendered by the choir, with Miss Newton at the organ. On Monday, Mr. C. C. Gould (chairman, Seaton U.D.C.) presided over a public meeting held in the Congregational Hall. This was followed by a coffee supper and the sale of the fruit, vegetables, etc., the proceeds of which will be given to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital and the Seaton Nursing Association.

On Sunday whilst bathing was in progress at Seaton one of the Council's bathing tents on the beach, standing in a row of about 60, was seen to be on fire. Mr. W. Rea, the attendant, took prompt action, but could not prevent another tent becoming involved and the two were destroyed. Had he not been so quickly on the scene the probability is that the whole row would have been burned. The fire is supposed to have been caused by someone carelessly throwing away a lighted match or cigarette end.

SHEBBEAR.

The Harvest Festival services were held in the Parish Church at Shebbear, on Sunday. There were generous offerings of flowers, fruit and vegetables, with which the church was tastefully decorated by Mrs. T. Walton, Mrs. R. Mill, Miss E. Larkworthy, Miss F. Palmer, Mrs. E. W. Bridle, Mrs. F. Brock, Miss M. E. Brock, Miss G. Pett, Mrs. C. Sluggett. The Vicar (Rev. T. Walton) conducted both services. There were large congregations and special singing by the choir with Mrs. W. A. Lock at the organ. The Festival was continued, on Monday, when there was a public tea in the Church Room. The tables were presided over by Mesdames A. Ayre, C. Sluggett, F. Brock, E. W. Bridle, G. Spearman and Miss Batten, Miss G. Pett, Miss M. E. Brock, assisted by Mrs. E. Squire, Mrs. T. Martin, Mrs. W. Squire. The evening service was also conducted by the Vicar. The vegetables, fruit and flowers, also the collections were forwarded to the Bideford and District Hospital.

SHEEPWASH.

The funeral has taken place of Miss Elizabeth Ashley, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashley, of Okehampton. Deceased lived in Sheepwash for the greater part of the last 50 years. She was of a charitable disposition and gave to such deserving causes as Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the Sunday School Union, Temperance Society, Save the Children League, Greek Refugees, Russian Famine Fund, War Relief Fund and others. She came of a family of philanthropists. She was laid to rest in the Baptist Cemetery in ground formerly belonging to the family and near the chapel which her grandparents gave and endowed. Those old people, Mr. and Mrs. Guest, were members of the Church of England. In those days there was only one service in the village on Sundays. Mr. and Mrs. Guest built the chapel so that there might be three services. The only near relations present at the funeral of Miss Ashley were Mrs. Slifield (half sister) and Mr. Slifield (nephew), who, with Mrs. Moast, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery, senr., and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery, junr., Mr. and Mrs. Southcombe, of Wiltshire, sent floral tributes.

The Church of England Harvest Festival took place on Sunday and Monday. The church was tastefully decorated by the choir and members. On Monday tea was laid in the Foresters' Hall, and the preacher at the evening service was the Rev. A. V. Ledbury, A.K.C. (Rector of Meeth). Offertories and tea proceeds were for Nursing Associations.

SHIRWELL.

Mr. F. C. Chichester, second son of the Rev. C. Chichester (the Rector), has paid a visit to his home by aeroplane, landing in Youlston Park, the seat of Capt. F. C. Royle. During his stay he made flights around the district.

SIDMOUTH.

At a meeting of Sidmouth Council on Wednesday evening, a letter was read from the Town Band, asking if the Council could grant them a little more than the £60, in view of increased expenditure in tuition, etc., and it was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

A letter from Mr. Hastings on behalf of Colonel Balfour suggesting that a notice board should be erected near the station, cautioning motorists against excessive speed going down Station-road, was on Wednesday supported at a meeting of Sidmouth Council, who agreed to fix a warning notice.

SILVERTON.

Whilst proceeding to Dunsmore, Silverton, on Sunday, on a motor cycle, Mr. Frank Down, of Hazel Cottages, collided with another motor cyclist at the junction of Hazel-road and the main Tiverton-road. Mr. Down was later conveyed to the Tiverton Hospital suffering from bruises and abrasions.

SOUTH MOLTON.

On Wednesday evening a whist drive at the Drill Hall, South Molton, was organised by "D" Company, 6th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. Mr. W. A. Madge acted as M.C., and prizes were distributed by Miss Hodge to Mr. F. W. Gardner, Mrs. W. W. Holloway, Miss Van Gauge, Corpl. S. Jarvis, Mr. W. Lock, and Mr. W. Voss.

Following an explanatory address by Mr. G. F. Woolfe, area secretary of the Fellowship of Freedom and Reform, at a meeting held at South Molton, it was unanimously decided to form a branch of the Fellowship. Five officers and a committee of eighteen were appointed. It is intended to organise a series of social evenings, and to encourage sports—excepting Sunday sports—by presenting trophies. Since the formation of the branch a number of fresh members have been enrolled.

Southmolton Road auction was attended with an excellent entry of sheep which were practically all cleared. The bullock entry was fair. Prices: Ewes from 53s to 67s, rams £6 6s, fat lambs 61s, wethers 61s to 65s, hogs 51s 6d to 60s, fat ewes 55s, breeding ewes 55s to 77s, slip pigs to 77s, cows and calves £27 to £34 5s, fat cows to £28, store heifers £19 15s, store steers to £23 10s. Messrs. J. Hannaford, Son and Southcombes, Ltd., at their auction, had on offer about 850 sheep, 60 pigs, 20 cows and calves, 35 fat and store bullocks.

STAPLE GREEN.

The harvest festival was held at the United Methodist Chapel, Staple Green, on Sunday, when two services were conducted by Mr. Watts, of Barnstaple. On Tuesday a public tea was well patronised. At the evening meeting the speakers were Revs. G. Isaac and C. Wright. Mr. F. Isaac, of Winkleigh, presided. The chapel had been tastefully decorated and harvest hymns were sung at the services. The organist was Miss P. Underhill.

STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH.

At the Church of St. Mary's, Stockleigh English, on Saturday the Rector (Rev. H. B. W. Hammond) officiating, the marriage was solemnised between Mary Arscott, second daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Thomas Arscott, formerly of Rookbere, and now of Bishopston, Bristol, and Walter Edmund Hammett, fourth son of Mr. and the late Mrs. W. Hammett, of Stockleigh Court. There was a good congregation. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. W. H. Arscott), was charmingly attired in beige georgette, hat, shoes and stockings en suite, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and fern. Her bridesmaid, Miss Nancy Arscott (sister), wore a pretty dress of apple green georgette, with hat to match and a gold necklace and pendant, set with stones, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a bouquet of cream roses. The duties of best man were discharged by Mr. Edward Hammett (brother of the bridegroom). The hymn, "Lead us, Heavenly Father," was sung, Miss Hammett (aunt of the bride) officiating at the organ. A reception took place at Stockleigh Court, a large number attending. There were many useful presents. Later the happy couple left for Exmouth, where the honeymoon is being spent, the bride travelling in a brown coat frock, with hat to match, and a fitch fur, the gift of the bridegroom.

STOODLEIGH.

A meeting of the N.E. branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers took place at Stoodleigh on Saturday, a good many being present. Several good touches of Bob Minor, Stedman, and Grandsire Doubles were rung. The service in the Parish Church was conducted by Rev. F. Molineux, Silverton. Afterwards the members adjourned to the Schoolroom, where tea was served. At the business meeting Mr. Snell proposed the name of Mr. A. G. Selly (Silverton) to fill the post of hon. secretary and treasurer vacated by Mrs. Hanson. Mr. Shepheard said they were losing a good secretary, and they all felt her services should be recognised. Two new members were proposed, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Bower, both of Stoodleigh. Tiverton was the next place for meeting on December 14th.

TALATON.

Harvest thanksgiving services at the Parish Church were continued on Sunday. The special preacher at the evening service was the Vicar of Escot (Rev. Earp), the Rector (Rev. J. H. Bradford) taking the evening service at Escot.

Messrs. Hussey and Son, of Exeter, conducted a sale at Miller's Farm on Tuesday, of the furniture and effects of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Ireland, who died and had lived in the parish all their lives. At one time Mr. Ireland carried on a large wheelwright's business in addition to being the landlord of the Talaton Inn. Satisfactory prices were realised and every lot was sold. There was a large attendance of buyers from all parts.

THELBRIDGE.

We are undoubtedly a thankful people for at the harvest festival on Sunday the church was literally packed, forms in the aisle and even the belfry was utilised for the overflow. Mr. T. Ayre, warden, however, skilfully found seats for all. The sermon by the Rural Dean (Rev. W. J. Bradford, of Chawleigh) was a learned discourse, yet couched in such simple language that it secured the rapt attention of all. The substantial collection will be shared by the Devon and Exeter Hospital and Eye Infirmary. The Witheridge ringers attended and filled the air with sweet music. As there is no room large enough for so many grateful people a marquee was erected for the tea on Tuesday in a field. The goddesses who reigned over the tea urns were Mesdames Ayre, Tarr, Shopland, Pugsley, and Blackford. Then a smart little girl, whom the folks call Pearl, hovered over all like a dream and said to me, "Now Mr. V., you must try our cut rounds and cream." Visitors from far and near favoured us with their company. Amongst them were two young holidaymakers from London, who declared it to be the jolliest party and nicest people they had met. Query: Where is my trumpet? The Rector, the Rev. J. H. Hosegood, who is a proper sort of parson, made it a free tea for all who attend the church. N.B., I paid for mine, "and so did I," said Mrs. Jack Leach. Mrs. Firth brought coin to the cause by tempting anglers to fish in bottles, and Mrs. F. Meecham did equally well with second-hand garments. A happy day finished with a dance in the marquee.

VIGILO.

THORVERTON.

It was with profound regret that the news of the death of Mr. Albert Trump, of Ellerhayes Villa, Hele, at the early age of 22, was heard in the village on Sunday morning. He was present at the carnival the previous evening, and expired suddenly from heart failure soon after returning home. Dr. Hederman, under whose care he had been for a long period previously, was summoned, but could only pronounce life extinct. Albert was of good sporting qualities, and was popular with all his acquaintances. Of fine physique, he was very agile as a goal-keeper for Thorverton Soccer team, and by his death there is left vacant in local football a place that will be hard to fill. He was also a member of the Silverton Town Band.

TIVERTON.

At Tuesday's meeting of Tiverton Guardians it was stated that during the past four weeks 275 tramps, including a number of young men, had been admitted to the Tiverton Institution.

Tiverton Rural Council at Tuesday's meeting decided to accept the County Council's terms for the delegation of their powers in regard to unclassified district roads to the District Council, but to suggest slight modifications.

UPOTTERY.

The ringers' festival has been held at Upottery. A service was held in the Parish Church, and the sermon was preached by the Vicar (Rev. G. L. A. Heslop). Tea was provided in the Manor Hall. The teams represented included Axminster, Colyton, Seaton, Uplyme, Stockland, Luppitt and Awliscombe. Peals were rung during the afternoon.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Newhouse Baptist Chapel on Sunday and Tuesday. On Sunday the preacher was the Pastor, Rev. Prosser. On Tuesday a service was followed by a tea. A public meeting was held in the evening, the chair being taken by Mr. Fry. The principal speaker was Mr. Gregory, who was supported by the Pastor (Rev. Prosser), Rev. Singleton, Mr. Fry and Rev. Brain. There were large congregations. At the close of the evening meeting a sale of the fruit and vegetables took place.

In connection with Higher Education, a course in dressmaking has begun at the Council Schools. The instructress is Miss Z. Sewall, of the County staff.

WASHFIELD.

"The Harvest Home," Washfield's day of rejoicing, was held on Friday. The Parish Church which was crowded for service, was decorated by Mesdames Gilkison, Heard, Wood and Worrall, Misses Britton, Balment, M. and K. Edwards, Mogford, Raymont, Thompson, L. and D. Voysey and Wood. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. Jeffrey Thompson). The special preacher was the Rev. E. J. Barton (Holcombe Rogus). The offertories were in aid of the Tiverton Hospital and the Exeter Eye Infirmary. Sports were held in a field lent by Mr. F. Gill, of Brook Farm, under the direction of Mr. F. V. Voysey, Rev. W. Jeffrey Thompson, Mr. A. de Las Casas, Captain R. Worrall, Messrs. A. Heal, T. Norman, E. de Las Casas, H. de Las Casas, W. Radford, R. E. Heard, F. Gill, T. Squires, J. White, F. Balment. Results:—Boys under 10 years.—1, P. Ayre; 2, J. Worrall; 3, L. Richardson; 4, D. Webber. Girls under 10.—1, E. Kerslake; 2, B. Roberts; 3, J. Heard. Boys under 12.—1, J. Richards; 2, Worrall; 3, G. Squires; 4, G. Voysey. Girls under 12.—1, D. Ayre; 2, E. Kerslake; 3, B. Norman; 4, B. Roberts. Flower pot race boys under 14.—1, B. Webber; 2, R. Worrall; 3, F. Veale; 4, L. Richardson. Ditto, girls under 14.—1, D. Voysey; 2, M. Arnold; 3, L. Roberts; 4, J. Worrall. Children under seven.—1, G. Brewer; 2, G. Squire; 3, J. Heard; 4, T. White. Ladies' egg and spoon.—1, Miss Gilkison; 2, Miss Truscott; 3, Miss Raymont. ½ mile.—1, E. de Las Casas; 2, J. Coggins; 3, J. Bowden. Ladies' balloon race.—1, Miss J. Worrall; 2, Miss Raymont; 3, Mrs. Heard. Sack race.—1, E. de Las Casas; 2, P. Manley; 3, W. Veale. Flat race, men over 40.—1, J. White; 2, F. V. Voysey; 3, Capt. Worrall. Obstacle race.—1, W. Veale; 2, P. Manley; 3, J. White. Tug-of-war.—1, F. Balment's team (men under 30); 2, W. Radford's team (men over 30). Tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the Squire (Mr. Albert de Las Casas). In the evening a large company gathered in the Memorial Hall for a dance, music being supplied by May's Orchestra. At the same time a whist drive took place in the Schoolroom. Refreshments were served by Miss Britton, Mrs. Worrall, Miss Gilkison, Miss Voysey.

The prizes for ladies' skittling were won by the following:—1, Miss E. Voysey; 2, Miss A. Wood; 3, Miss M. Edwards; 4, a tie between Miss Mogford and Miss I. Manley. The prizes for the whist drive were presented at the close by Mrs. Worrall as follows:—Ladies—1, Miss I. Manley; 2, Mrs. E. Greenslade. Gents—1, Mr. Sanders; 2, Mr. F. Mogridge (after a cut with Mr. Marks).

WEEK ST. MARY.

The annual dedication festival of the Parish Church was held on Sunday, when the Rector (Rev. M. V. Hardy, M.A.) officiated at all

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APPLEDORE MOURNS

Impressive Service for Funeral of Mrs. Valentine

Appledore Parish Church was filled to overflowing yesterday afternoon when the funeral took place of Mrs. Annie Valentine, wife of Dr. W. A. Valentine, who passed away at an Exeter nursing home. Mrs. Valentine was well-known and respected throughout the district, and took a great interest in the social work of Appledore. Dr. Valentine is a particularly familiar figure in North Devon generally, being the medical officer to Barnstaple Port Sanitary Authority, chairman of the Appledore branch of the Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution, and vicar's warden at St. Mary's Church, Appledore.

The Vicar, Rev. H. C. A. S. Muller, who officiated, was assisted by Revs. E. de Courcy Ireland (Northam) and G. P. Scholey (Alwington), the latter being for many years vicar of Appledore. In a short address, Rev. Muller paid a glowing tribute to the work of deceased.

The hymns were "Jesu, lover of my soul" and "Peace, perfect peace," whilst Psalm 23 and the Nunc Dimittis were chanted, and the organist, Miss Burrington, rendered the Dead March in "Saul." At the graveside two verses of "Rock of ages" were sung. During the afternoon a muffled peal was rung on the Church bells, and other signs of mourning included the tolling of the bell at the Congregational Church.

The immediate mourners were Major W. A. Valentine, M.D. (husband), Mr. A. W. Valentine, 2nd Devons, Plymouth (son), Mrs. A. W. Valentine (daughter-in-law), Mr. D. F. Valentine, St. Thomas Hospital, London (son), Mrs. Richard Galway, London (sister-in-law), the staff at "Odun Road," Mr. R. Lewis, Mrs. T. Jewell, and Mrs. G. Rendle.

The bearers were Capt. Powe, and Messrs. J. Bailey, W. Bailey, W. Down and T. Harris.

The host of general sympathisers included Colonel T. O'Donovan (representing the Committee of the Appledore Branch of the R.N.L.I.), Captain Buchanan Boyd, Captain J. R. Mead, Major Wren, the Honourable Denys Scott, Rev. G. Payne Cook (Vicar of Northam), Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Brockett, Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Francis (Northam), Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Pearson (Bideford), Dr. C. K. Ackland (Bideford), Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bazeley (Bideford), Mrs. W. B. Seldon, and Mr. G. H. Seldon (Bideford), Mr. T. Oerton, jun. (Bideford), Captains J. A. and B. Lamey, W. Harris, T. Slade, W. Slade, W. Squance, J. H. Hobbs, and W. Crocker, Messrs. J. H. Cock, A. Richards (Sanitary Inspector, Northam U.D.C.), S. G. P. Hannan (Customs Officer), S. V. Ford (Headmaster Appledore Council School), T. G. Parsons (Headmaster Appledore National Church School), Miss M. Kelly (Head Mistress Appledore National Church School), Messrs. R. Smith, P. K. Harris, J. Labbett, F. E. Cork, G. H. Cock, J. Cork (Alwington), N. Dawson, J. Cross, C. Stuart, A. E. Green, H. Tucker, W. Down, F. T. Burgess, Thornton (Bideford), J. L. Richards, J. H. Lang, W. Fishwick, L. H. Uglow, T. R. Bailey, W. Parkhouse, A. Voggers, M. W. Blackmore, M. J. Lamey, R. Harvey (Sailors' Rest), G. Cawsey, E. Beara, E. Hocking, E. W. S. Bartlett (Exeter), E. S. Tattersall, R. C. Russell, W. Stevens, G. H. Radford, A. Reed, J. Popham, F. Cork, E. Smith, W. Barry, and H. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Galsworthy, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hiscock, Mr. and Mrs C. Huxtable, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Beara, Mesdames J. J. Evans, Cousins (Northam), Cawthorn, N. Oatway, W. J. Barnes, E. Barnes (Northam), Misses Cork, Tucker and many others.

The large number of wreaths included those from Mrs. H. Muller, Mrs. Buchanan Boyd, and members of the Appledore Mothers' Meeting; Appledore Church of England Mixed School; Women's Conservative Association, Appledore; Appledore Church Infants' School; Working Men's Reading Club; Teachers and Scholars, Appledore Council Infants' School; Appledore Regatta Committee; Staff and Scholars, Appledore Senior Council School.

FUNERAL OF MR. A. E. TRUMP, SILVERTON.

The funeral of Mr. A. E. Trump, of Ellerhayes, took place yesterday at St. Mary's Church, Silverton, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. The Rev. E. E. E. Heathcote performed the last rites. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. F. Trump, father and mother; Messrs. F. Trump, W. Trump, and R. Trump, brothers; Miss Jennie Dart (Thorverton), fiancee; Mrs. White, grandmother; Mrs. Bishop (Exeter), aunt; Mrs. White (Broadclyst), aunt; Mr. W. B. Dart, Miss Dart, and Miss Minnie Dart (Thorverton). Deceased was aged 22 years. The remains were borne to the graveside by his fellow comrades in the Silverton Town Band—Messrs. A. Selley, H. Dolling, Bending, J. Yeo, R. Bryant, and P. J. Hine.

Amongst those present were Messrs. L. G. Yeo, M. Gooding, R. Bowerman, F. Gooding, W. Lowton (Silverton Band), F. J. Milford, E. Dart, Mrs. Pleace, Mr. H. J. Milford, R. B. Ford, Mrs. Bending, Mrs. Batten, Mrs. Davies, Miss M. Dart, Misses Yeandle (3), Mrs. F. Whyatt, Miss E. Whyatt, Rev. J. H. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dyment, Mr. A. Baker, Rev. H. Wooding, Mrs. and Miss Jefferson, Miss Laura White, Mrs. Rashley, Mrs. G. Hookway, Miss E. Milford, Mr. S. Greenslade, Mrs. Penny, Mr. W. G. Milford, Miss Doris Milford, Miss P. Buckmaster, Mrs R. Milford, Messrs R. A. and G. Langabeer, Mr. C. P. Sage, Mrs. Horsham, Mesdames J. Davey, F. Skinner, W. Dymond, Vittles, E. Gooding, Ireland, Parsons, F. Strickland, Hooper, A. Hooper, R. Bryant, Parsons, Hutchings, Williams, Warren and W. Carpenter. There were numerous floral tributes, among them being one from Silverton Town Band, Thorverton A.F.C., Thorverton Carnival Committee, outdoor staff Bridge Mills women workers, and his workmates at Silverton Mills.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Lord Privy Seal, met at the Treasury yesterday representatives of iron and steel industry, with whom he conversed in the light of his experiences during his recent visit to Canada.

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services. The choir rendered the anthem "Immortal Invisible," Mrs. A. F. Wilkins and Mr. A. T. Calvert being the organists. Merry peals were rung on the bells throughout the day by ringers from far and near, and thanksgiving and revel was observed on Monday, when at 8 a.m. a meet of the South Tetcott Hounds took place in the Square. There was a large turnout of horses, motors and villagers on foot. In the afternoon the annual sports and pigeon shoot were held in the rectory field. The prize-winners were:—Pigeon shoot (open)—1, Mr. Gloyn (Bradworthy); 2, Mr. F. Cleave (Morwenstow); 3, Mr. G. Prowse (North Tamerton); 4, Mr. W. Brewer (Poundstock). Local—1, Mr. L. Hutchings; 2, Mr. F. Orchard; 3, Mr. W. Cann. Mr. J. K. Heard (Bude) refereed. Races: Boys under 9.—1, Harold Ridgman; 2, Eustace Orchard; 3, Russell Hardy. Girls under 9.—1, Winnie Parsons; 2, Ivy Colwill; 3, Joyce Martyn. Boys under 12—1, Arthur Cobbledick; 2, Eustace Orchard; 3, Alfred Martyn. Polo bending (cycles)—1, T. Masters; 2, G. Gregory; 3, N. Penny. Ladies bottle and water race—1, Miss M. Coles; 2, Mrs. Ridgman; 3, Miss H. Lyle. Girls under 12—1, Ethel Parsons; 2, Winnie Parsons; 3, Lillian Orchard. Lads under 15.—1, Arthur Cobbledick; 2, Stuart Ridgman; 3, George Masters. ½ mile (men)—1, N. Penny; 2, W. Medland; 3, G. Reed. ½ mile (men)—1, N. Penny; 2, G. Reed; 3, G. Phillips. Pebble picking (cycle)—1, N. Penny; 2, G. Phillips; 3, H. Morrish. High jump—1, D. Treleven; 2, N. Penny; 3 (equal) F. Leach and R. Sloman. Pillow fight —1, G. Ferrett; 2, G. Gregory; 3, D. N. Coles. Polo bending (horses)—1, G. Hopper; 2, J. Greenaway. Pebble picking (horses)—1, G. Hopper; 2, J. Greenaway. Tug-of-war (nine aside) men—Won by married men. Mr. A. J. Smeeth, C.C., was the referee. A public tea was served at 5 o'clock in the Rectory room to which a large number sat down, the ladies presiding at the tables were Mesdames W. Lyle, H. Rogers, J. Tresidder, W. Ridgman, S. Chidley, R. Badcock, D. N. Coles, T. Colwill senr., A. P. Rowland, R. Hooper, J. Cobbledick, Misses A. Chidley, I. Pooley, D. Colwill, F. Parnell and N. Cobbledick. Cutters up were Mesdames M. J. Parnell J. Brock and Miss A. Chidley. The St. Gennys Brass Band was in attendance and rendered selections throughout the day. The sheep and bullock weight judging will be announced later. A service was held in the church when there was a crowded congregation. The service was conducted by the Rector. The lessons were read by the Rev. F. H. Kingdon (Bridgerule), and Rev. J. Allsopp (Jacobstowe), and the special preacher was Prebendary Melhuish (Rector of Ashwater). A dance was held in the Rectory Room.

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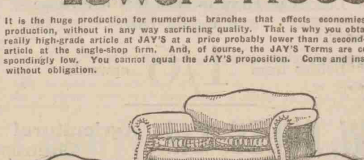

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WEMBWORTHY.

The chapel at Staple Green, Wembworthy, was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival, which was held on Sunday. A plentiful supply of corn, fruit, flowers and autumn foliage was artistically arranged by Mesdames Philp, Tapp, Rice and Dunn, Misses Tapp (2), Cudmore and Underhill and Mr. Holland. Mr. Watts was the preacher. There were large congregations, and the familiar harvest hymns were sung, Miss Underhill presiding at the organ. There was a public tea on Tuesday, those assisting being Mrs. Tapp, Mrs. Huxtable, Mrs. Holland and Miss Underhill. The speakers at the public meeting that followed were Revs. J. Hill and G. Isaac. Mr. Isaac (Winkleigh) presided.

The harvest festival was held at the Congregational Chapel on Sunday, when the special preacher was Rev. F. Hurford of Brayford. On Monday a public tea was served by Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Pinhey and the Misses Cowle and Turner, assisted by Mrs. Southcombe, Mrs. Smaldon and Mrs. Kelly. The public meeting was presided over by the Pastor (Rev. C. Wright), and the speakers were Mr. P. C. Mondon, of Northtawton, and Rev. F. Hurford, of Brayford. The chapel was tastefully decorated, and harvest hymns were sung. An anthem was well rendered by the choir, the organist being Miss Ruby Turner and Mr. C. Southcombe.

WHIMPLE.

A series of highly successful dairy classes, arranged by the Whimple Parish Council have just concluded at Whimple. The classes have been held at Woodhayes Farm through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Mingo who at considerable trouble and expense, provided suitable accommodation. The instructresses have been Miss Bray and Miss Crawter of the Devon County Dairy Department and on Monday the class was examined by Mr. Colin Ross, the County Agricultural organiser, who expressed himself highly pleased with the work which he found exceptionally good. The prizes and certificates were presented by Miss Bolitho, who was accompanied by Miss D. Cameron (of Tasmania) as follows:—Practical work—1, Doris Chard; 2, Grace Mingo; 3, Ethel Martin; 4, Gwen Dew; res., Phyllis Pothbury; v.h.c., Joyce Mingo, Kathleen Chard, Janie Guscott, Dorothy Wakeley. Theory: 1st class certificates.—Phyllis Pothbury, Joyce Mingo, Kathleen Chard, Gwen Dew, Janie Guscott. 2nd class certificates.—Grace Mingo, Ethel Martin, Doris Chard, Dorothy Wakeley. Special prize, given by Mr. Lomas for highest aggregate of marks.—Phyllis Pothbury. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded. A very ready response from the students was forthcoming when a suggestion was made that a cheese class be held in the spring.

WITHERIDGE.

Like the moon, we shine by reflected glory. Some years ago, before he got married, Mr. Comins Mansfield did us the honour of being born here, so we share his triumphs. Like his father, the late Mr. H. Mansfield, he is a county player of chess, and it gratifies us to learn that he has just been proclaimed the Champion of County Gloucester. Punning is out of fashion, or we would say at chess he can hold his own in any Mans'field.

One of our war heroes, Mr. Harry, eldest son of the late Mr. Henry Trawin, District Councillor, was, on Monday, laid to rest in the chapel burial ground. Cut down in the prime of life, as the result of privations and exposure at Salonica. We often had a chat with him, and found him a most intelligent conversationalist, but he never referred to the war.

On Sunday harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Parish Church, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The preacher was the Rev. J. Payne, of Anstey, whose eloquent address held the attention of a large congregation. On Monday there was a public tea, the tables being presided over by Mesdames Barrow, E. Cole, E. Hutchings, and S. Heal. This was followed by a dance in the National School, which invariably attracts a full house, and merrily the gay young party footed it to the inspiring strains of Lyddon's Band.

A Dutchman persists in sending me a catalogue of his bulbs. Here is a specimen of his English: "We hope to hear your further instructions in the next future, and assure you a very prompt execution." It is a comfortable thought to know that it will not be a lingering death.

VIGILO.

Mr. George Bannerman Tucker and Mr. Alfred Gaved, the retiring elective auditors of Torquay, have been nominated for re-election together with Mr. W. E. Jones. This will mean an election by the ratepayers of Torquay on October 1st next. Mr. Tucker has held the position for about ten years.

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