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NEWS OF THE WEST

ASHWATER.—The Young People's Methodist Guild met in the Schoolroom on Tuesday, Mr. J. Spry (devotional vice-president) opening the proceedings. Mr. H. Sotheby gave an address, and the musical portion was presided over by Mr. S Dockett. Those taking part were Miss M. Veale, Misses P. and M. C. Davey, Mr. A. Petherick, Misses Westaway, Fishleigh, Messrs. A. Petherick and J. Dockett, Miss D. Crocker, and Mrs. H. Luxton and Miss M. Westaway. Supper was served under the supervision of Mrs. Martin (vice-president). Mr. J. Dockett was M.C. for games.

BELSTONE.—The British Legion held a social in the Memorial Institute last week in aid of comforts for the Forces. Competition winners were: Musical arms, Miss A. Pine; darts, Miss Edna Gratton and Mr. Prouse; throwing cards in plant pot, Miss Endacott and Mr. J. Reddaway; tiddlywinks, Mrs. I. Westaway and Mr. A. Jeffery. Mrs. S. Gratton was the pianist. Refreshments were served by the ladies committee, and Mr. W. T. Osborn was M.C.

BLACK TORRINGTON.—The funeral of Mr. Edwin Baily, of The Bungalow, took place at St. Mary's Church last week. Deceased, who was 60, was a native of this village. Rev. T. Dancocks, M.A., officiated, assisted by Rev. R. Adkins. Miss D. Stephens was at the organ. The hymn, "Jesu, Lover of my soul" was sung, and Psalm 23 was chanted by the choir. The mourners were Mrs. Baily (widow), Messrs. R. J. and E. Baily (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (father and mother-in-law), and Mr. Thomas (stepson).

Mr. Winser was the M.C. at the prewhist whist drive on Saturday, when prize-winners were Mrs Batten, Mrs. Stratton, Mr. Batten, Mr. Curnow, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Winser.

BOYTON.—A Sankey meeting was held at the Methodist Church last week, Mr. L. Jones, of Launceston, presiding. Those taking part in the programme were Miss M. Jones (Tower-street), W. Bowland and Miss M. Bowland (Bridgetown), Miss J. Symonds and Miss M. Sleman (Boyton), Messrs. A. and W. Fry and Mr. Chudley (Downicary), Misses Cole and Berthon, Mrs. Gordon Neale (Boyton), Miss Bailey (Lifton), Mrs. T. Burden (North Tamerton), and Miss M. Jones (Tower-street). The accompanists were Mrs. W. T. Horrell, Mrs. T. Hicks, Mrs. W. Colwill and Miss Davey. Supper was served by Mesdames S. Colwill, E. Parnell, C. Webber, W. Sleep, J. Symons, E. Harribal, C. Wheeler, away and A. Green, assisted by Miss B. Dinner, Mrs S. Gregory and P. H. Parnell. Rev. J. E. Angove, of Lifton, thanked helpers.

BRITTON.—Mr. F. Pearce, chairman of the Parish Council, presided at a meeting of about 50 farmers in the Brentor district to consider means of facilitating food production. Among those present were Capt. G. Hallsmith, acting chairman of Area 13, Devon War Agricultural Committee, and Mr. R. P. Rice, Capt. Dallington informed the meeting of the implements the Government were in a position to loan to farmers and the price for hiring. After discussion, it was decided to apply for a corn drill, corn binder and harrow.

BRIDESTOWE.—The Royalty Players ended their fortnightly run on Monday.

BRIDGERULE.—At a meeting in the East Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday, arrangements were made for knitting comforts for the Forces.

CHAGFORD.—Women's Institute have decided to nominate Lady Walley as an executive member of the Devon Federation. Miss Gunnell spoke on "Salads and herbs," a "mixed melodies" competition being won by Mrs. Clive.

CHILLATON.—At the dance in the Public Hall on Saturday, in aid of the Young Men's Club, a guess-the-competition was won by Mr. L. Yeo, and darts by Messrs. G. Gregory and L. Burrows.

Mrs. E. Doidge was the leader at the recent Wesley Guild. The lesson was read by Mr. P. G. Billhan. Solos were rendered by Mrs. E. Brown and Miss P. May, and a duet by Misses Berry Dingwall and Moore Warren. Miss K. Brimacombe read a story, and Mrs. K. Murrain was the pianist.

CHITTLEHAMPTON.—Prize winners at the whist drive organised by the Village Hall Committee in aid of their funds were Misses I. Parkhouse, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Salter, Mr. J. Cosgram, Mr. J. Medland, Mr. M. Jones and Mr. W. Turner (equal). Mrs. Burgess, of Ringwood, presented the prizes.

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The scheme for providing a district nurse has had to be dropped owing to lack of support.

A party from the Darlington Hall Chamber Music Group gave a lecture recital in the schoolroom on Saturday under the auspices of rural extension scheme (University College of South-West).

At a meeting of the Parish Council, Mr. W. Burgess presiding, notification was received of the postponement of local government elections. Forms re ploughing of land at each Farm were submitted by the Clerk.

CHRISTOW.—An entertainment was given in the Y.M.C.A. Hut on Friday in aid of Christow District Nursing Association. Those taking part in the programme were Miss S. Salter, Mrs. F. Ball, Mrs. G. B. Pike, Mrs. W. G. Clark, Mrs. Wills, Mr. R. Stacey and Mr. G. Horrell. A cantata, "The Wings of Peace," was given by the school children, and this was again rendered on Sunday evening in the Y.M.C.A. Hut.

The Women's Institute meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Hut on Wednesday, the President (Mrs. Fellew) presiding, was conducted by four members—Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Bray, Miss Bennett and Miss Hicks. Competition winners were Mrs. Pellew and Miss Hicks, who kindly gave their prizes back for the whist drive which is being held later. Mrs. Jones (Ashton) played for the half-hour's dancing. Tea hostesses were Mrs. G. Bissett, Mrs. A. Salter and Mrs. F. Ball.

CLAWTON.—Rev. T. F. Merritt gave an address on "Home Mission work" of the Methodist Church last week. Lantern slides were shown by Mrs. Merritt.

At the Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday a lantern lecture on "The first Bible in print to the Bible of the present day" was given by the Rev. P. W. Cleaver, of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Mr. J. Fitford Oke (Holsworthy) presided, and Mr. I. Cowling was in charge of the lantern. Collection and donations amounted to £2 12s for Society funds.

COLEBROOK.—Whist drive held on Saturday at Okehampton. The funeral took place at Black Torrington on Tuesday.

COMBE MARTIN.—The wedding took place in the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, Combe Martin, on Saturday, between Mr. Frederick J. Wilcox, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilcox, of Parkcresent, Combe Martin, and Miss Gladys E. Hewitt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hewitt, of Middle Slude, Ilfracombe. The Rector (Rev. H. P. F. Scott) officiated. The bride was charmingly attired in a two-piece suit of brown marocain with gold trimmings, and her hat, gloves and shoes were to match, while she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was given away by her uncle, Mr. W Hewitt, owing to her father's illness. The two bridesmaids were her sister (Miss Doreen Hewitt) and a friend (Miss Peggy Mock). The former was prettily attired in a pink dress, and the latter a mauve, each carrying bouquets of tulips to match. Mr. Charles Wilcox (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The reception was held at Park-crescent.

At the annual public meeting of the Parish Council and ratepayers on Monday, the Clerk of the Parish Council (Mr. W. Goss) reported a large credit balance. Mr. Hancock presented a report of the record takings from the car park for the 1939 season. As a result of the black-out a considerable saving on lighting has been effected.

The County Agricultural Committee have loaned a motor auto-cultivator to the Combe Martin Land Settlement Group.

COPPLESTONE.—A whist drive was held in the Village Hall on Monday in aid of the British Legion, and organised by Mr. G. Hopkins, hon. secretary of the Copplestone branch. Prizes, presented by Mrs. Greenslade, were won by Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Conibere, Mrs. Worwood, Mr. Tucker, Mr. T. Discombe and Mr. W. Coles. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Hopkins and Warren.

CREDITON.—In a Rugby match on Saturday an Army XV. beat a Devonians team by 3 tries to 3.

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Crediton, on Saturday, as the Recreation Field, were opposed by St. Luke's College (Exeter) in a hockey match. A good game resulted in the visitors winning by 2 goals to 1.

Old Haywardians A.F.C. (Crediton) on Saturday played a team from Okehampton in a replay of the second round of the "Express" Cup, and won by 3 goals to nil.

DOLTON.—A talk on poultry was given by Miss McCowan, of Bideford, at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute on Wednesday. The competition hyacinth bulbs, was won by Miss M. Knight. The hostess was Mrs. W. Baker.

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Miss J. Andrew passed away on Sunday morning at the home of her nephew and niece, Mr. F. Allin, Dodscott, St. Giles. She was a regular attendant at the Methodist Church.

EXBOURNE.—In response to the appeal of Exeter headquarters of the Women's Voluntary Services for contributions towards their "Bring and Buy Sale," a house-to-house collection realized £2 17s. Collectors were Miss Blanche Weeks and Miss Audrey King.

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FRITHELSTOCK.—An entertainment was given in Frithelstock Church Hall by Mrs. Peters and her concert party from Bideford. The hall was full. Every item was loudly applauded, and there were numerous encores. The entertainment was arranged by members of the Women's Institute, and the proceeds were devoted to the purchase of wool for the working party to make garments for the troops. Mrs. Williams, who presided, stated that a consignment of goods containing 83 garments had been sent away, and others were in the making. Takings amounted to £6 14s. There were two competitors for the hon. secretary to the Council for the use of the room, to Messrs. F. Clarke and S. Adams for erecting stalls, and to Messrs. W. J. Fulford, J. Daniels and M. Dymond for conveying the party from Bideford and back, to Miss W. Fulford for typing the programmes, and to Mr. Dymond (ticket taker). Miss J. Barrow, youngest member of the institute, presented Mrs Peters with a box of chocolates.

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LEWDOWN.—The funeral took place in Broadwoodwidger Cemetery of the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, of Higher Coombe Park, who died in Tavistock Hospital. Rev. G. H. Arundell officiated.

Home Mission services have been held at Broadwoodwidger and Lewdown, the preachers being Mr Couch and Rev. T. Franklin. Collections amounted to 15s 9d.

LIFTON.—The funeral took place at the Higher Cemetery, Bideford, of Mrs. Eliza Vanstone, who died, after a short illness, at the age of 53. Two of the four sons are serving in the Forces abroad. The chief mourners were the husband, Fred and Frank (sons), Mrs. M. Mitchell (sister), Messrs. Fred and Ascott Rowland (brothers), Mr. Oswell Rowland (step-brother), Mrs. M. Rowland (step-mother), Mrs. F. Rowland (sister-in-law), served by Mesdames Martin and Rundle, R. Rowland (nieces), Messrs. W. Rowland, W. Cook, A. Jeffery, W. Jeffery and Alf. Jeffery (nephews), Mrs. A. Jeffery (niece). Others present were Mesdames A. Mugford, Madge, S. Rowe, Cork, W. Nichols, Colwill, and many others. Mrs. W. Vanstone (daughter-in-law) was unable to attend. There were many floral tributes.

LUSTLEIGH.—Prizewinners at the whist drive and dance in Bovey Conservative Hall on Monday were: Mrs. Moore, Miss Clark, Mr. Prowse, Mr. C. Kemble, Miss J. Amery and Miss H. Amery, Mrs. Allin and Mrs. Cosens.

The death took place at Torquay on March 1st of Miss Hilda White, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elias White, Brookside, Lustleigh. The funeral took place at the Bovey Tracey cemetery on Tuesday, after a service in Torre Congregational Church. Rev. Gregory officiated, and the hymn sung at the graveside was "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus's blood and righteousness." The mourners were Mrs. M. White, sister; Mr. F. White, brother; Mrs. F. White, sister-in-law; Mr. Wilmot White and Mr. Gordon White, nephews; Bridgman and Mrs. Bridgman. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Landsdowne (Teignmouth), Mrs. Palk (Ashburton), Mr. Smallridge and Miss Mary Manning (Newton), Mr. and Mrs. G. Partridge (Lewdown), Mr. and Mrs. Manning (Whitestone), Miss Norcombe and Mrs. Harris (Bovey Tracey), Mesdames C. S. Amery, Daly, Price, J. Tapper, Miss L. Clarke, and Miss Leach.

LYDFORD. — The Young People's Christian Endeavour, at their weekly meeting in the Methodist Schoolroom, Master John Friend presiding, was addressed by Mr. F. Brooks. The children sang two hymns and Miss M. Allen gave a recitation. Miss Brooks and Mrs. Brooks sang a duet.

MELDON.—A Leap Year dance was held in the Village Hall last week. Proceeds were for hall funds.

At the whist drive on Friday prize winners were Mr. T. Knight, Mr. Smith, Mrs. E. Squires, and Mrs. Cole. The Rev. T. Turner Mr. G. Turner was M.C.

MILTON DAMEREL.—At the Emberside Grammar School, Milton Damerel, Rural Deanery the Rev. C. D. Jenkins (Rector of Milton Damerel) was unanimously nominated as Rural Dean in the place of the Rev. A. E. Dobson (Vicar of Bradworthy, who did not offer himself for re-election.

MONKLEIGH.—Rev. B. M. Challoner, Vicar of Bradworthy, will be the special preacher at the Lenten service at the parish church on Friday.

NEWTON POPPLEFORD.—There were 30 candidates for the confirmation service at St. Luke's Church on Sunday, the Bishop of Crediton officiating, assisted by Rev. G. H. Greenslade. Lady members of the church decorated the altar with white lilies. Mrs. Harrison presided at the organ.

NORTHLEW.—The death took place on Monday of Mr. Ernest Bickford Crowden, aged 54 years. Deceased served during the Great War, in which he was seriously wounded. He was a member of the local branch of the British Legion, and a member of the Men's Social Club, and served on the committee of the latter.

The local concert party under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and Mrs. F. J. Baker, visited Germansweek on Tuesday, and gave a show in the village hall. Proceeds were for comforts for the troops. Col. and Mrs. G. P. Tremlett, Halwill, promoted the event.

NORTH MOLTON.—Messrs. Hannaford, Ward and Southcombe, Ltd., held a sale of implements and surplus furniture at Beera, North Molton, on Saturday, for the representatives of the late Mr. J. Thorne. Quotations: Hay rake, £16 15s; tedder, £18 15s; mower, £14; drill, £3 10s; stone roller, £8.

The funeral took place last week of Mr. John Hollis. As a young man Mr. Hollis worked with his father at Molland iron mines, and for over 20 years on the Pollsworthy Estate. He was an ex-Rev. W. J. Drew officiated. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hoile (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hoile, Mrs. Masters, Mrs. Bassett, and Miss Latham (nephews and nieces), Mr. and Mrs. Mathews and Mr. F. Treble (cousins), Mr. G. Treble and T. Priest (friends). The bearers were Messrs. G. Rashleg, G. Smale, W. Lethaby, C. Parkin, W. Bendle and F. Treble. There were many oral tributes.

The death has taken place of Mr. John Hill, of South Radworthy. He was 57, and leaves a widow, one son and daughter.

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TALATON.—First round of the qualifying whist drives, run by Mr. C. Rabjohns, hon. secretary of Sidmouth Fund, and Dishonour Roll Fund of the British Legion, for a silver cup, presented by Major William Forbes, president of the branch, has taken place in the Parish Hall at Talaton. Mr. C. Rabjohns was the M.C. The prizes, which were distributed by Mrs. C. Wilson, hon. secretary women's branch, were won by the following:—Ladies: 1, Mrs. A. Wright; 2, Miss A. Pyle; 3, Mrs. D Wright; consolation, Miss Green. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. R. Vincey; 2, M