DOCTOR'S DEATH

Kingsteignton Road Collision

"Giving evidence at an inquest at Newton Abbot, P.C. Vinton stated that when the collision occurred at New Cross, Kingsteignton, on March 10th, which caused fatal injuries to Dr. Ernest Chas. Jennings, aged 63, of Fishwick House, Teignmouth, it took an hour and three-quarters before the doctor could be released from the car which he had been driving. He was pinned down by the leg in his driving seat by the front of a four-ton lorry laden with five tons of clay travelling over the Teignmouth end of Dr. Jennings came from Broadway.

Mr. Ernest Hutchings (South Devon Coroner) returned a verdict of "Misadventure."

George Bunclark, New Cross House, Kingsteignton, said both vehicles approached the cross road at a proper pace. He attributed the accident to the driver coming out from a blind corner across the road. There was nothing the lorry driver could do to avoid a collision.

BIRD AND PLANT LIFE

Greater Interest Envisaged In Post-War Period

At the annual meeting, at Exeter, on Saturday, of the Devon Bird Watching and Preservation Society, prospects were envisaged of increased interest in the preservation of wild bird and plant life after the war.

In his report, the hon. sec (Rev. F. C. Bittleston) referred to the sustained interest of members at a time when they were shouldering extra responsibility to help on the national effort. Among the rare birds noted in the county were the Glossy Ibis, Spoonbill, Hawfinch, Little Bunting and a pair of Richard's Pipits. Devon bids fair to outrival Norfolk as the mecca of rarities in the country. It would seem," stated the report in regard to post-war planning, "that the Government is alive as never before to the importance of protecting and preserving the rarer forms of fauna, avifauna and flora. These are a precious part of our national heritage. We can look forward to a powerful and enforceable set of aims for which we stand when the war is over. Our fine county should have its full place in the post-war planning calculated to safeguard and maintain and even increase the many rare and interesting species of birds to which it gives sanctuary."

The report welcomed the return to the county on release from the Ministry of Information of Mr. Jas. L. Palmer, who was a "one-man Exeter" of the Society's bird sanctuary at Wembury, and had given an account of the history and amenities of the sanctuary had been curtailed, they would be restored after the war.

Acknowledgment was made of the gift by Mr. M. G. Palmer (Ilfracombe) of the Lundy bird census record published by the Society since its inauguration 15 years ago, and of Mr. E. W. Hendy's services.

Seaton Golden Wedding

Married at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Colyton, on March 21st, 1893, by Rev. M. Gueritz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, of Bryanston, Seaton, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday. Mr. Thomas was born at Seaton, and after marriage lived at Newburgh, near Colyton, for eight years. He then took over his father's business, Seaton House, Newburgh, which he carried on up to about two years ago, when he was succeeded by his son. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have two sons and two daughters, all married, and nine grandchildren.

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OKEHAMPTON AND DISTRICT'S LOSS

By Death of Major B. B. Newcombe

The public life of Okehampton and the district has materially suffered a great loss by the death of Major Brendon Ball Newcombe, of Sherwell, Okehampton, which occurred on Friday after a long illness.

Deceased, the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon Newcombe, succeeded his father in the firm of Messrs. S. Newcombe and Sons, wine and spirit merchants, acquired subsequently by the Plymouth Brewories. Major Newcombe farmed some of his property and one of his daughters is now running a farm.

Deceased gave whole-hearted service to the Territorial movement and to the old Volunteer force in earlier days. He was commissioned in the Devons as a young man, and was a popular officer.

His father was a member of the old and new Corporations, and had been Mayor. Major Newcombe became a councillor, afterwards Mayor, and succeeded the late Lord Carrington as county councillor. For a number of years he was a representative on the Devon Assessment Committee. Okehampton Guardians Committee and Okehampton Grammar School Board, for many years a Houlditch trustee.

He was an executor of the will of the late Mr. Sidney Simmons, who gave Simmons Park and other amenities to Okehampton, and was a life member of the Society. Simmons Park and of the Castle Trust.

Major Newcombe leaves a widow and two daughters. His surviving brother Mr. J. J. Newcombe, Town Clerk of Okehampton. Another brother the late Mr. S. Newcombe, was councillor, alderman, and honorary captain of Okehampton Brigade.

The Funeral

Okehampton Parish Church was filled to overflowing on monday afternoon when people from all over Devon gathered to pay their last respects to Major Newcombe.

The Rev. Canon (Rev. F. Okehampton) conducted the service, which included three hymns, and the interment took place in the churchyard.

The Mayor (Mr. G. H. Gratton), Aldermen and Councillors of Okehampton, with other civic representatives, including the town clerk, together with a detachment of A.R.P. Wardens, under Deputy Head Warden Sutton, and Head Warden Hutchings, of Head Warden H. Brooks, in charge.

Family mourners were: The widow, the Misses J. and L. Newcombe, daughters; Mr. J. J. Newcombe, brother; Misses C. and A. Spooner (nieces); Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe (nieces); A. L. Ellis, brother-in-law; and Miss E. Ellis, sister-in-law.

Others included Messrs. J. B. Humphries (County Valley, representing Mr. Walter Runnalls, Chairman Devon County Council, and Mr. C. Withycombe, Clerk Devon County Council); Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Palmer, S. Coombe, J. G. Taverner, F. Kinsey, W. Chaplin, Sergt. Saunders (manager Okehampton Branch of Midland Bank), R. Kennard, B. Carter, A. Hamlyn, Sergt. Mayne (manager Okehampton Branch of Lloyds Bank), R. Kennard, B. Carter, A. Hamlyn, Sergt. Mayne, G. J. Jones, Hugslake, Evans, Gale, J. Lang, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Crocker, J. W. Ellis, Linscott, S. A. Yeo, Matterford, C. Coombe, Rundle Brendon, G. Brendon, H. Madge, W. Hunter (late headmaster Okehampton Grammar School), A. Cornish, F. Hawken (Clerk Okehampton R.D.C.), F. Dart and F. Bale (representing Golf Company), R. Scott (representing Okehampton Golf Club), Mrs. Williamson (representing Mr. Stone, County Surveyor), Mr. Friend (Surveyor to Okehampton R.D.C.), J. Futener, Ja. Nortoey, F. Ward, A. Ward, Worth, Mrs. Worth, Mrs. Mc-Gee, Broad, Double, Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Manan, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Misses German, Klugh and Mrs. Bell, Okehampton.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes was the family cross, inscribed: "In loving memory of our cherished memory of my sweetheart, loving husband." From his broken-hearted wife ("Mother")—"We nursed him through his suffering, we tried to ease his pain, our loss is heaven's gain." "In ever loving memory of my most wonderful and devoted father." From Joan and Ben. Happy memories treasured the days when we were all together." "In loving memory of my dear dad," from Dorothy." "With deepest sympathy," from the Mayor and members of the Council." "Peacefully sleeping, free from pain, we would not wake him if we could. Rest on as you rest in pleasant sleep, your memory we will keep." From Ted and Edie and Stanley." "In loving memory of Uncle Brent," from Bob and Betty." "In loving sympathy," from Eva." "In deepest sympathy," from Lesie, Gladys and Ann." "In loving memory," from Clara and Ann." "With deepest sympathy," from Mr. and Mrs. A. Overton." "With deepest sympathy," from Mrs. Orchard and Gladys." "With deepest sympathy," from the Misses Carpet Beating Company." "In memory of Major B. B. Newcombe, from members of the 4th V.D.B. Regt. Royal Artillery." "With deepest sympathy in sincerest sympathy," from Mrs. Studdard." "In loving memory," from Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Gliddon." "In loving memory of our dear son and brother." "With sincere sympathy," from Mr. and Mrs. G. Rodgers and Mr. Bright." "With love and deepest sympathy," from Rundle and George Brendon and Family." "With deepest sympathy," from all the children of Mrs. M. M. Spooner." "With deepest sympathy," from Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fullwood." "In loving memory, from the Busy Bees." From Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cawmings." "With deepest sympathy," from Rundle and George Brendon and Family." From the Air Raid Wardens Organisation and Okehampton Legion, Okehampton Branch." "With kind remembrance and sincere sympathy, from A. Weighed and family." "In kind remembrance," from Nurse Whitby." "With deepest sympathy," from Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Keogh and Mary." "With deepest sympathy," from Mrs. Woollcombe." "In heartfelt sympathy to dear Brendon, in deepest sympathy, loving memory," from Amy, Marian and little Joan in Canada." "With deep and most sincere sympathy," from F. Burd." From the Air Raid Wardens and Okehampton Legion." "In memory of a long standing friend." "With deepest sympathy," from A. Bayley; from Mr. F. Wilde." "With deepest sympathy," from Mr. and Mrs. Clutson." In deepest sympathy," from Mrs. Scott Cole and family." "With deepest sympathy," from Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Weaver and Courtney." "In sincerest sympathy," from Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harris; and "With love and Mrs. Spooner's deepest sympathy."

Farmers and Petrol

The Ministry of Fuel and Power has advised Regional Petroleum Officers that in the interests of good production farmers should not be prevented from attending meetings of local and county National Farmers' Union committees through lack of petrol.

GOOD HAY And Plenty Of It

In terms of acreage hay is the most important crop in England. Despite the ploughing up, an area about equal to that occupied by arable and roots together will be reserved for hay. This is a measure of the importance attached to dried grass as a winter food for stock. In terms of money it represents a value of at least 35 million pounds.

WEATHER PROBLEM.

In districts of low or moderate rainfall hay harvesting is generally not difficult. No crop will lend itself so well to mechanisation "when the sun shines." In other parts, where individual acreages run smaller but add up to a greater total, the process is liable to delay and the ever-present shortage of labour and labour-saving machinery in such districts makes much of the nutritive value of hay may be lost.

APPARENT FOOD.

Obviously it is very important that everything humanly possible should be done to conserve the first crop with the minimum of waste. Haymaking machinery has improved. Circumstances vary too much for that. Nevertheless, it is always helpful to know what we are after and shape accordingly. Good pasture grass is a complete food, capable of supporting a cow in full milk or fattening a bullock. Its nutritive value is greatest when it is kept fairly short and prevented from running to seed. The latter stage is the beginning value of hay will be greatest when the crop is cut before it becomes too mature.

QUALITY.

This means starting early, earlier than is customary, if the last field is not to "run away." To make up for shortage of concentrates in this way we want from our meadows and leys fully twice the weight of hay of that in its proper place. It has been proved that leafy grass eight or ten inches high will give a cow nearly the same feeding value as fresh grass. Of course, there is a difference in quality, too, and to attain this we must snub up our hay fields as soon as possible after the first cutting where necessary with a nitrogenous fertiliser.

SAFE FOR WEEKS.

If we are to make really first class hay of all the heavy production of our crops, hay that will closely approach the feeding value of artificially dried grass, we must be prepared for getting some tripods ready. Look out some 7ft. and 8ft. poles, and, to keep them at the top, three together; one foot from the ground and the other two about 6 inches to take a loop of thin fencing wire. Those loops are intended to hold three cords of rope, which should reject lift beyond the straddled tripod. Hay thus cocked will keep safely after it has wilted 12-24 hours, carrying the outside straight up until near the top. Then coax the cocks over to a pointed point, the pitcher using a long handle of the fork and the hay. About 6 such tripods will usually serve for one acre So secured, the crop is safe for weeks and will be found to be safe with nearly all of its goodness intact, including its colour and carotene.

Chagford Notes

The result of the collections in Chagford for the new ambulance to be presented to the Chagford Company by Mrs. Cecil Holmes and Mrs. K. Purves, is: Collectors—Mrs. Boyd Burden, £5 5s; Mrs. Purves, £5 5s; Mrs. C. Holmes £15 9s, Mrs. M. James 18s 9d, Mrs. Sampson £1 1s, Mrs. Hawken (Cleave) £1 1s, Mrs. Walpole £4 7s, Mrs. Whistant £1 16s 8d, Misses E. Pryor £1 11s 10d, E. Reed £1 1s 10d, Dowe £1 1s, A. Rouse £1 15s, I. Ritchie £3 16s 8d, E. Sayres £12 8s 6d, V. Hawken £1 1s, Mrs. Cleave £1 1s, Mrs. Hawken £1 1s, Dart and Bale. Thanks are due to the collectors and subscribers.

The Chagford Cross C.H.S.S. Depot, Chagford (Mrs. Purves officer-in-charge), despatched to Headquarters, Exeter, 82 1965 articles making a total since the commencement in 1939 of 8,424 garments, including 5,604 flannel, 1,000 cotton garments, etc., and 2,336 knitted garments. The statement of accounts presented for the year ending 1942 shows a balance in hand including a bank balance of £33 1s 2d, were £143 6s 6d, and expenditure was: Postage and materials, £102 2s 8d; cheque book, postages, £1 2s; hire of Jubilee Hall for working party £2 2s; Grant to Depot, £2 2s; credit bank balance of £38 1s 10d. Thanks are due to Mrs. Marston and Mrs. Watson, the secretary and regular helpers, and Colonel P. Hart Dyke for his generous financial support. The committee have still to the waste paper campaign.

At the snowball whist drive of Ye Olde Cross Tea Rooms, Fri., the prize-winners were: 1, Mrs. R. Rice (snowball); 2, Mrs. A. Rice; 3, Mrs. Lang; booby, Mrs. Hall. Hostesses, A. Lock, W. Sloman, T. W. Greenwood. Booby winners were Mrs. Kilby and Mr. P. Whitelecombe. Mr. H. Endacott was M.C.

FARM TRACTORS

Relaxation Of Limits On Haulage

An announcement of importance to agriculture and agricultural interests has been made in Parliament. Hitherto an agricultural tractor, registered as such, could only be used for hauling agricultural produce or requisites except between the farm and the railway station. Such tractors may now be used between farms, as well as for hauling agricultural produce of, or articles required for, any farm or farms. It is intended to hold an agricultor is registered in the name of a person engaged in agriculture, or of a recognised agricultural cooperator, and is used primarily for work on land in connection with agriculture. Provision has also been made to facilitate the lending of tractors between farmers, and to help the general transport of food production. The concession must be regarded as a purely wartime measure.

Lights—On and Off

Summoned at Holsworthy Petty Sessions, Alethea Chapman, of The Cottage, Woolfardisworthy, wrote pleading guilty to on February 8th causing a light to be displayed inside the building which was visible from outside and was fined 1s. in costs.

Arthur Jeffery Drury, a soldier, was summoned for riding a bicycle without front or rear lights at Killatree Cross, Pyworthy, on March 10th. Defendant's C.O. wrote pleading guilty on his behalf, and a fine of 10s inclusive was imposed.

H.M.S. Exeter's Chaplain

On Sunday at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Barnstaple, Rev. C. M. Mansfield gave thanks for the safety of Rev. Gerald Fitzgerald, chaplain of H.M.S. Exeter. Exactly twelve months to the day that he was reported missing, believed killed, his mother received official intimation that he was a prisoner in the hands of the Japanese, and well.

Chûlaton Property

Messrs. Ward and Chowen sold by auction at Chûlaton the freehold dwelling-house, Park View, Chûlaton, to Mr. W. R. Heywood, of Liddaton, Coryton, for £910.

YOUNG FOLKS' CHAMPION

George Berry, aged 12, of West Backstone, Rackenford, Tiverton, has won the marks championship in connection with Uncle Fred's Young Folks' League. This photograph was taken two years ago when George was 10. His brothers are also members of the League, are shown with him. Their present ages are: Myrtle, 11; Bob, 7; Michael, 6; Rose, 4.

TOWN & COUNTRY NEWS

ALPHINGTON.

Alphington Women's Institute, Miss Kay presiding, passed a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Saunders on the death of her husband. The county letter was read by Mrs. D. Lee, and Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Hoare gave a report of the Produce Guild meeting; and Mrs. Bowes explained the Domestic Front Campaign. Mrs. McGain was congratulated on her success with the Wings for Victory effort, when the aim was £1,000, and the response £2,102. Mrs. C. B. Heal acknowledged gifts for the Comforts Fund. Mrs. Lockyer read Mrs. Brewer's report of the penny-a-week Red Cross showed £1 19s 4d. The competition was for apron and shopping bag made from old pieces, and a new garment made from new cloth. The workers were awarded for these exhibits to Miss Parkin (coat), Mrs. Gardner (apron), and Mrs. Lockyer (bag). A demonstration on re-modelling hats was given by Miss Carter (Hawkchurch).

ASHBURTON.

For the first time the Women's World Day of Prayer was observed in Ashburton. A united service was held in Methodist Church, when well over 100 women, representing many denominations, were present. The leader of the service, Mrs. Le Quesne, and the speaker, Miss Pearce Gould, were Baptists, the lessons were read by Mrs. Stallard, wife of Rev. L. B. Stallard, Vicar of Ashburton, and by Mrs. Todd, wife of the Rev. Congregational minister and a Methodist, Mrs. Backway.

The funeral of Mr. Geo. Jordan took place on Monday afternoon in the yard, following service, conducted by Rev. F. J. Stedman, at the Methodist Church. Family mourners were Mrs. Sarah Jordan (widow), Messrs. George and Jack Jordan (sons), Mr. Reginald Jordan (nephew), Mr. and Mrs. H. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Manley, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hayman (sons-in-law), Mrs. Hayman (daughter) and sons-in-law), Mr. F. Milman (sister), Mr. E. Milman (nephew), Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Hamlyn and Mrs. Cook (niece), Miss A. Pengilley, Mrs. S. Hodge, Mr. S. Eales, Mr. J. Eales, Mrs. L. Eales and Mrs. Eales (nieces), Mrs. F. Eales and Mrs. A. Norris (nieces).

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CREDITON.

Crediton urban district of National Savings Committee sales for week ended March 13 were: National savings certificates, £644, defence bonds, £775; 3 per cent. savings bonds, £396; deposited in Post-office savings banks £639; a total of £2,454.

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Members of Crediton and district Wings for Victory campaign, a variety concert by Billy Wheeler's concert party was given at Crediton Town Hall. A large company was present, and all items received hearty applause.

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A whist drive in aid of their funds was organised by the women's branch of the British Legion, and held in the Memorial Hall. Mrs. Hodges was M.C., and Mr. J. Mogridge (hon. sec. of the men's branch) door steward. Prize-winners were: Ladies—1 Mrs. Ridgeway, 2, Mrs. O. Bell; 3, Miss E. Diggle consolation. Mrs. Pengelly. Gents.—T. Tulk; 2, Miss Hodges; 3, F. Jordan; consolation, Mr. Hosegood. Hostesses were Mrs. Hole and Miss Kingdom.

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Incubator Lamps

Another incubator season has commenced. Thousands of lamps will be burning pool oil. To reduce fluctuations in temperature to a minimum and to effect a maximum saving in oil it is essential that lamps and burners should be kept clean. Trim wicks daily and wipe off char with a soft rag. Keep all air-holes clear. Cleanliness in storage and handling of oil is equally important. Keep oil-containers clean and attend to a leaking tap at once. Lamps and burners should be thoroughly cleaned before each hatch.

Now Fertile

Before the war a large acreage of neglected and derelict orchards remained unproductive. Many of these have been transformed into useful food producing units by grubbing up the trees and cultivating the land. In Devon alone over 500 acres of land carrying barren and useless trees have been reclaimed.

A Spring Test

Mr. B. Boutflour has told farmers that the approaching grass period will answer the question: "Have I fed my cows properly during the winter months?" If the yield goes down when cows go out to grass, the answer is "Yes." Should there be an increase the reply is, "No, I have still a lot to learn."

Cheshire Cheese-Makers

In the north of England it is difficult to divorce the word cheese from Cheshire, but nowadays cheese-making has almost ceased in that county. There are two main reasons. One is that more and more milk has had to be diverted for direct human consumption; and the other the acute labour shortage. In common with many other counties, labour is one of Cheshire's main problems in the wartime farming. It is one, however, that is being eased by the Women's Land Army. 1,200 of whom are employed on the land. This number will soon be increased to 2,000. Holiday camps for town workers will also help the potential labour shortage. The camps are being set up at strategic points to provide help for the coming harvest, and considerable help is already being given by members of Voluntary Land Clubs.

Early Hay

There is a difference of at least 100 gallons of milk per acre between the feeding value of early and late cut hay. Early cut hay is far leafier and much less fibrous than ordinary hay. It can be fed at a daily rate of 20lb. for maintenance and 1 gallon milk or 1lb. liveweight increase, whereas late cut hay can neither produce milk or fatten an animal. Use of early cut hay reduces the amount of concentrates fed in the daily ration of each milking cow.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Mr. Gordon Ayre, Thelbridge.

The funeral has taken place at the Parish Church, Thelbridge, of Mr. Gordon Ayre, who died suddenly from a heart disease. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ayre, and a most genial, well-liked gentleman. He was a member of the Black Dog and District Young Farmers' Club and was much loved by all, as was shown by the large number of sympathisers present at the funeral. He was often to be met at the parish church for over 20 years. A beautiful wreath was sent in memory of the home Guard.

Amongst those present were friends of deceased, Messrs. C. and R. Gilbard, J. and F. Pugsley, H. Tucker and W. Chapple.

The coffin was of unpolished oak. The engraving on the inscription: "Gordon Francis Ayre; born January 12th, 1945, aged 28 years."

Rev. J. A. C. Chaseborough officiated at the service. Mr. S. Hayes was at the organ and played the usual hymns. As the cortege entered the church hymns were sung and the usual funeral service.

The family mourners were the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ayre (sisters), Messrs. Reggie and Wallace Ayre (brothers), Mr. J. Berry (uncle), Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. Worthy, Mr. and Mrs. Worthy, Mr. and Mrs. d. Worth, Mr. W. Bamsey (uncles and aunts), Mr. H. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton (cousins), and Mrs. W. Pugsley, Mrs. L. Gosney, Mr. and Mrs. Gosney, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ayre (cousins), Mr. Moore and Mr. Goodman (friends).

Sympathisers present included Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilbard, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. and Miss J. Salter, P.C. and Mrs. [illegible], Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], Mr