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TAMWORTH HERALD.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1919.

All Communications to be addressed to 14 Silver Street, Tamworth.

Will the Germans Sign?

The great event for which we have all been so anxiously waiting for seven months is near at hand. The Big Council of Four in Paris have completed their labour of considering the counter-proposals of the Germans. Their decision has been, or is about to be, handed to the German representatives, with a definite intimation that negotiations have ended, and that they must be prepared within a week to state whether they will or will not sign the Peace Terms. It is pretty well known, although not through official channels, that the Big Four have recognised the justice of several of the counter-proposals of the Germans, and have made modifications accordingly in the terms of the Treaty. Their action has stirred up criticism in French and American, and even in English, newspapers, who clamour for the Treaty to be signed as it was originally submitted to the Germans. But these newspapers, in their excitement, forget that the Germans were invited to give their opinion of the Treaty, although they were told that in no material particular would the terms be altered. According to the information available the Big Four have agreed that if at the end of 15 years the Germans do not buy back the Saar coal-mines the inhabitants of the valley are to have the opportunity of deciding by plebiscite whether they will return to German sovereignty. They have also decided with regard to Upper Silesia that the inhabitants are to decide by plebiscite whether they prefer Polish to German sovereignty. They further propose to shorten the period of occupation of the left bank of the Rhine, if Germany loyally fulfils the obligations of the Treaty. These are three points which seem fair enough. On two other points criticism has beaten strongly. It is stated that it is proposed to fix a lump sum as indemnity instead of a sum to be fixed after assessment of all damage and injury. What has really been decided by the Big Four is not at the moment known, but it is hinted that the arrangement for the assessment of reparation is likely to be accepted, and Germany given an opportunity of submitting an independent estimate of her own. Then, as to the admission of Germany to the League of Nations, there is a very vocal school against her recognition in any way until she has paid the full penalty for her misdeeds. Elsewhere there is a strong feeling in favour of admitting Germany at an early date, subject of course to some sort of pledge of her good behaviour. We are indebted to Mr. H. Wilson Harris, the acute correspondent of the "Daily News," for his excellent information of the state of opinion in Paris. The great question really is—"Will the Germans sign?," and it is just as well to recognise that at the moment no one knows what they will do. The Big Four are, we believe, doing everything to make it to their interest to sign. But it is quite clear that if they do not sign, a situation will be created which will be serious enough for the Allies but very much worse for the Germans. However imperfect the Treaty may be from the point of view of both the Allies and the Germans, it is better to have it than to have none, or to have it signed by force, for at any rate with mutual good feeling its imperfections can be remedied in after years when the need for alteration is urgent. During the past few days much comment has been made in America that copies of the Treaty were being circulated there, and that no copy was allowed to be available in France, or in England. On Thursday the "Daily Herald," the new Labour paper, stated that it had obtained a copy, apparently from Holland, for which it paid 2s. The "Daily Herald's" comment is: "The complete text holds no surprise," and "nothing which has not been very fairly indicated in the official Summary." Thus the hue and cry against the secretiveness of our representatives in Paris comes to naught. In the same way we are inclined to think the pungent criticism against the Big Four and their assumed truckling to Germany, will be found in a few days to have been without reason.

Correspondence.

HONOUR TO DRAYTON SOLDIER.

To the Editor of the Herald.

Sir,—Could you possibly find spare room in your "Herald" of this week to insert the following? As late Colonel of the 2/4 Leicester Regiment, I am trying to offer all who have won honours in my late regiment my congratulations, and I hope the Drayton people will join with me in offering Mr. C. Forrest, of Drayton Park, Tamworth, our heartiest congratulations on his winning the French Croix de Guerre, and being made a Member of the French Legion of Honour. As a soldier, Mr. C. Forrest was loved by all who knew him. The history of his honour is briefly as follows: When my battalion was ordered to attack the Germans on the morning of October 11, 1918, outside Bohain, the attack was held up, as also were the French troops on our right, under terrible German machine-gun fire. We lost men heavily. I called for volunteers, so had a company to make a final rush of the German machine-gun nest. Mr. C. Forrest volunteered, and under intense German machine-gun and rifle fire, he got the German machine-gun nest, killed six of the German gun crew himself, and took two prisoners. All his comrades were killed in this brave action, Mr. Forrest getting badly wounded himself. The above honour was awarded for his bravery. I myself would only be too pleased to head a subscription, with the Drayton people, in either presenting Mr. C. Forrest with a token of our respect for him, or erecting a monument to his honour and memory. With myself I am sure the Drayton people will be proud of such a loved and trusted soldier.

(Signed),
COL. SIR IAN COLQUHOUN, D.S.O.,
Late C.O. of the 2/4 Leicester Regt.

Loch Glyn, Caithness,
Scotland,
May 30, 1919.

With regard to the above letter, the Rector of Drayton Bassett, the Rev. Lawrence Atkinson, writes:

"Charlie Forrest's friends in the village will very much like to join in giving him some recognition of his good services in the war, and I am writing to his parents to ascertain where he is at the present time, and also to Col. Colquhoun."

Death of Mr. John Matthews.

It is with much regret, which will be shared by all the people of Tamworth, that we have to record the death, on Saturday, at his residence, Upper Gungate, Tamworth, of Mr. John Matthews, solicitor, and Town Clerk of the Borough for a period of 25 years. Mr. Matthews' illness began about four years ago, but he carried on as well as he possibly could with his public duties (of which those connected with the food rationing particularly entailed much arduous work) until about last summer. Since that time his state of health gradually became worse, and on March 27 last he intimated to the Town Council that he was advised to relinquish the office of Town Clerk, and as a matter of fact his resignation became effective on May 31 last. Latterly he had suffered acutely, but was nevertheless able, occasionally, to see his friends, until a few days before his death.

Mr. Matthews, who was 56 years of age, and a native of Tamworth, was the second son of Mr. William Matthews, a leading resident of Tamworth, who died in 1872. He received his education at Tamworth Grammar School, and entered the office of Messrs. Nevill and Atkins, solicitors, Tamworth. In 1893 he was admitted a solicitor. Mr. Michael Atkins was the Town Clerk of the Borough at that period, and Mr. Matthews, who took an especial interest in general municipal law and practice and in the work of the Town Council, had been attending the meetings of the Council and Committees, and had been appointed deputy Town Clerk. When Mr. Atkins died, on June 30, 1894, Mr. Matthews was at a meeting of the Town Council on July 12, 1894, unanimously appointed to succeed him as Town Clerk. In acknowledging his appointment Mr. Matthews said that "it was now 14 years since he began to attend the meetings, and in looking into the records of the Council he found that he had attended about 800 meetings in Council or in Committee."

On July 1, 1894, Mr. Matthews became a partner in the firm of Messrs. Nevill and Atkins, the firm's name becoming Nevill, Atkins, and Matthews, and a few years later Nevill and Matthews.

Throughout his 25 years' occupation of the office of Town Clerk, Mr. Matthews carried out his duties, at all times onerous, and at one particular period of much difficulty, with great skill and fairness, qualities to which the Town Council has recently borne ample testimony. On one thing Mr. Matthews was always insistent—in upholding the dignity of the Borough as it is expressed in the corporate body of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses, and in preserving and maintaining, as far as possible the historic traditions of the town as they have been handed down to us from at least the time of Queen Elizabeth's Charter. The celebration of the Castle Millenary in 1913 appealed strongly to his sympathies as a native of the ancient and loyal Borough.

During his official association with the town, Mr. Matthews necessarily took a leading part in directing the carrying out of various improvements and changes, and in connection with several of these his sympathies were as much those of a citizen as of an official. For example, we may mention the extension of the Borough to include the area of the Albert and Victoria roads; the purchase of the Castle and additional grounds; the Bradford Street Housing Scheme; the installation of the sewerage and sewage disposal scheme; and, a matter in which he took a pardonable pride, his success in obtaining the retention of the name of Tamworth in the description of the North Parliamentary Division of Warwickshire, although the portion of the town from ancient times within that division was excluded and transferred to Staffordshire. The proposal for the further extension of the Borough also met with his support, but he always impressed upon the Council that it would be an expensive and difficult operation, as there were many conflicting interests to be reconciled.

Mr. Matthews held several other offices. As Town Clerk, he was clerk of the Burial Board, which controls the cemetery on Wigginton road. He was clerk of the Tamworth Waterworks Joint Committee; and of the Tamworth Sewage Disposal Joint Committee; and executive officer of the local Food Control Committee. The protracted negotiations and litigation with the Birmingham and District Drainage Board in connection with the pollution by sewage of the River Tame is within the memory of most of our readers. The case for the town and the rural district was in the hands of the Tamworth Rivers Pollution Joint Committee, of which Messrs. Nevill and Matthews were the solicitors, and Mr. Matthews carried through the very heavy legal work which was entailed by the various applications to the Courts, including an appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr. Matthews' tenure of the office of Town Clerk thus coincided with what for a town of the size of Tamworth was a time of considerable progress and change, and it was due to his wise counsel, his mastery of detail, his grasp of the principles involved, and his power of presenting a subject with lucidity at Local Government Board inquiries and elsewhere, that the Council were, under his guidance, able to conduct all the work they did with success, and with the approval of the ratepayers.

As a solicitor, Mr. Matthews frequently appeared, in the earlier years of his practice, as an advocate in the local courts of Petty Sessions, and he argued his cases with acumen and painstaking care. Mr. Matthews was a governor of Tamworth Grammar School, a Trustee of the Earl of Northampton's Charity, and a Past-Master of the Marmion Lodge of Freemasons.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon. The service at the Parish Church was largely attended, and was choral, the officiating clergymen being the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Rosher) and the Rev. J. Reaney. The Psalm, "the Lord is my Shepherd," was chanted to an appropriate setting. The Rev. J. Reaney read the lesson, and the hymn "O God our help" was sung. The Nunc Dimittis was rendered as the mourners proceeded to leave the Church. Mr. H. Rose, who was at the organ, played the Funeral March (Beethoven), "Parting and Meeting" (Mendelssohn), and "Largo" in D minor (Beethoven). The Borough maces, which were draped in black, were placed at the entrance of the Mayor's pew.

The chief mourners were Mr. William Matthews and Mr. Percy Matthews (brothers), Mr. Geoffrey Matthews (nephew), Mr. T. White and Mr. H. Hawley (two close friends of Mr. Matthews), Mr. Robert Nevill, and Mr. G. R. Jennings. Tamworth Town Council was represented by the Mayor (Councillor W. R. Frost), who wore his chain of office, Aldermen G. Hoskison, A. J. Bartle, T. W. Woodcock, and W. Dormer, Councillors F. G. Allton, F. Godfrey, H. C. Goostry, H. W. Harston, J. Heathcote, P. Millington, J. Tildesley, the Town Clerk (Mr. H. R. Briggs), the Medical Officer (Dr. H. J. Fausset), the Borough Treasurer (Mr. J. D. Nixon), the Acting Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector (Mr. G. W. Shelley), the District Rate Collector (Mr. F. C. Pointon), and the Inspector of Hackney Carriages (Mr. J. Marson). Members of the Marmion Lodge of Freemasons attending were—Dr. A. M. Sculthorpe, Dr. A. E. Richardson, Messrs. W. Morton, H. Hicklin, W. A. Sapey, E. E. Colley, W. H. Brown, W. J. Webb, O. H. Sharrott, W. A. Chalmers, H. Hare, L. Mawer, J. H. Whitehead. There were also present—Miss Hare, Messrs. F. Dobson, E. Dobson, E. Argyle (Magistrates' Clerk), F. H. Argyle, F. Alldritt, C.C., J. H. Dewes (clerk to the Board of Guardians), H. J. Cheatle (clerk to the Rural District Council), H. J. Clarson (surveyor to the Rural District Council), W. T. Olver, W. Cripwell, A. E. Smith, G. L. Jennings, W. Kirkham, Dr. Lowson, Major J. H. P. Clarson, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Barford and Miss Barford, Miss Marshall, Inspector Hall, Messrs. J. W. Parker, S. N. Chatterton, J. H. Chatterton, C. F. Marston, T. P. Watton, E. Wheeler, H. Emery, J. Ballard, H. M. Dimbleby, J. A. Dimbleby, F. A. Allsopp, A. Johnson, D. L. Thompson, W. Simpson, H. Keen, W. Broster, J. Longden, G. Shelton, and S. H. Proudman.

The bearers were Messrs. T. Justice, F. Hughes, A. H. Middleton, D. Lathbury, F. Ball, and J. Harrison.

There was a large number of beautiful wreaths, including tokens of respect from the Mayor and Corporation, the Officials of Tamworth Borough Council, the W.M., Wardens and Brethren of the Marmion Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1060, and the Tamworth Butchers' Association.

In the evening a muffled peal was rung on the bells of the Parish Church.

THE LATE MRS. WRAY HUNT.

The funeral of Mrs. Wray Hunt, daughter of the late Sir Joseph Paxton, and widow of the Rev. Wray Hunt, curate of Tamworth from 1874 to 1878, and afterwards Vicar of Wilnecote, took place at Edensor Churchyard on Saturday, June 7. The Rev. W. MacGregor officiated at the service.

LOCAL WILL.

The will of the late Mr. Richard Tolson, of Fazeley, has been proved at £13,883 gross.

The Tamworth and District War Memorial Fund now amounts to over £4,000.

The Hospital.—Return for the week ending June 12, 1919: Admitted 4, discharged 7; in hospital 19.

The Castle.—On Whit-Monday 3,206 persons paid for admission to Tamworth Castle building, while on Tuesday the visitors numbered 1,952.

Concert.—A concert was held on the Vicarage lawn on Thursday evening last week, when there was a fair muster of men. An enjoyable programme was given by Miss Ward, Miss Wimperis, Miss Rose, Messrs. H. Keen, W. Webster, A. Stretton, and Wheeler. Glees were sung by members of the Church choir. Another concert is to be held on the lawn (in College Lane School if wet), on Thursday evening next week. The Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Rosher) is "at home" to men on Thursday evenings, and would be pleased to meet any men of the parish who care to call upon him.

Bolebridge Street Mission.—Sunday school anniversary services were held in the Assembly Rooms on Sunday. In the morning and evening the services were conducted by Mr. James Dabner, of Polesworth, who preached appropriate sermons. In the afternoon a children's service was presided over by Councillor F. G. Allton. Recitations were given by Doris Baker, Gladys Allsopp, Freda Clamp, Annie Hollingsworth, Edith Simmons, and Beatrice Allen; and solos by Miss J. Simmons, Dinah Childs, and Myra Newbury. An anthem was also ably rendered by the choir. The children, who had been trained by Mr. G. Bailey, sang special hymns at all the services. Miss E. Starkey was at the organ, and orchestral accompaniment was given by a band consisting of Messrs. Evans, A. Tomlinson, A. Hucker, C. Meer, and J. Meer. Mr. G. Bailey conducted the musical part of the services. At the evening service a solo was contributed by Miss Lane, of Birmingham. Record collections were taken up, amounting to over £21.

The Palace.—Special arrangements were made at the Palace on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, for the enjoyment of holiday makers, the management providing excellent fare. Of the pictures, Charlie Chaplin in "Carmen," in four acts, was a great success, while there was also an entertaining drama, "the Better Road," and a promising opening of the new serial, "the Mystery of the Double Cross." Harry Lawton, the popular entertainer, made a welcome reappearance at the house. This week-end the Claytons present a singing, harmony, and comedy turn, and Kathlyn Williams acts finely in "Out of the Wreck"—a great picture. Additional interest is given to the exhibition of "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor," next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, by the offer of valuable prizes in connection with the "Pictures" film competition.

The Grand.—A first-class holiday programme was submitted at the Grand, Monday—Wednesday. A remarkable circus picture, "The Biggest Show on Earth," in which Enid Bennett took a leading part, was the main feature. There was also a highly amusing "Sunshine" comedy film, and another instalment of the serial, "the Brass Bullet." Attractive pictures are being exhibited this week-end, including a thrilling spy story, "The Girl from Downing Street," and scenes and incidents of Hawker's attempt to fly the Atlantic.

Cadet Corps: Orders:—The usual weekly parade will be held at the Drill Hall on Wednesday, 18th June, at 7 p.m. Practice for drummers and buglers will be held on Thursday, 19th inst., at 7-15 p.m. All N.C.O.'s and Cadets are requested to give in their names for accommodation in camp. It is necessary that all intending to attend should notify us not later than Wednesday next, the 18th inst.—By order.

ATHERSTONE.

Sunday School Anniversary.—The Congregational Sunday School anniversary was held on Sunday, when the Rev. Thomas Goodman, of Well street, Coventry, preached to large congregations. The collections amounted to about £24.

War Memorials.—The Wesleyans have decided to perpetuate the memory of the fifteen members of their Church who fell in the war by placing a memorial tablet in the sanctuary. The Congregationalists, who lost thirteen of their members, have also resolved to proceed on similar lines.

Motor Accident.—An eight-year-old boy named Wm. Mellor was crossing the road in Long street last Saturday evening, when he was knocked down by a motor car. He sustained slight injuries to the head, and after receiving attention from Dr. E. T. Power, he was conveyed home.

POLESWORTH.

Social and Dance.—A social and dance was held in the Parish Hall on Whit-Tuesday, the proceeds being for Observer A. Walker, R.A.F., who was brought down in an aircraft fight over the enemy's lines on March 11, 1917. He was wounded, and his right leg had to be amputated. Mr. J. W. Stafford was chairman, and amongst those who contributed songs were Mr. Owen Barrs (humorous), Miss E. Hope, Miss E. Till, and Miss M. Bradford. Several prize competitions took place. After the interval a purse of money, amounting to £26, was handed to Observer Walker by Mrs. G. Barrs, sen. There are still a few more pounds to be handed to the Committee for the fund. The M.C.'s were Mr. W. Wright and Mr. G. West, and the refreshments were in charge of a ladies' committee, comprising Mrs. G. Barrs, sen., Mrs. Polo, Mrs. H. Lees, and Mrs. Dolphin.

School Treats.—After an interval of four years the combined school treats were held on Whit-Monday afternoon. The village wore a festive appearance. The scholars and teachers of the United Methodist, Congregational, and Baptist Sunday schools formed a large procession through the village, headed by the Polesworth Brass Band. Afterwards tea was served at the respective schools, an adjournment being subsequently made to various fields, where sports, games, and dancing took place.

ATHERSTONE BOUNDARY EXTENSION.

The decision of the Atherstone Parish Council to make another effort to secure an extension of the parish boundaries will doubtless meet with strenuous opposition from the various interests concerned, as was the case when the last application was made to the Warwickshire County Council in 1904. An additional reason for pushing the matter forward at the present time with all possible speed is that the housing scheme plays an important part in the proposal, because half of the land scheduled for the erection of the 200 houses in the Coleshill road is now in the parish of Merevale, and Atherstone's idea is to annex that portion. Although the scheme has not yet been prepared, it is understood that the proposals will be on such a scale as will cause as little resistance as possible. The present intention is not to ask for so much as was done on the last occasion, when the Parish Council met with quite a storm of opposition at the enquiry from the London and North-Western Railway Company, the Coventry Canal Company, the parishes of Merevale and Grendon, and a number of private residents living over the border. For instance, it will not be proposed to annex any agricultural land in that neighbourhood except what is wanted for building purposes, but to include, as far as possible, the contiguous property which is made valuable by being close to the town.

As is well known, the whole of the railway station, which derives the greater portion of its revenue from the town, is at present situated in the parish of Merevale. It has for many years been considered by the inhabitants of Atherstone to be a great injustice to them that the station and the adjacent property should not contribute their quota to the rates of the town, rather than to a purely agricultural parish. The rates of Merevale, which have increased 100 per cent. this half-year, are still very much below those of Atherstone, so there is little wonder that the railway company should prefer the present geographical position of their premises, and less wonder that Merevale and Grendon should want to lose such a valuable asset to their rates. At the last local inquiry Mr. John Dugdale very aptly summed up the situation for Merevale by remarking that in seeking to take away the London and North-Western station from that parish, Atherstone were robbing them of their best "milch cow."

The scheme which appears to meet with most favour is to take in the railway station and adjoining house property on both sides of the Watling street as far as the canal, and then to make this the boundary up to a certain point in the parish of Grendon, including a length of the railway line.

DORDON.

Sailors and Soldiers Entertained.—On Whit-Tuesday afternoon a "Welcome Home" was given at Dordon to all the demobilised and discharged sailors and soldiers of the village. The men "fell in" in the Square, and were in charge of former officers—Messrs. W. H. Allen, J. S. Smith, and H. Thorpe. There was a procession through the village, headed by the Polesworth Brass Band, a banner of the Demobilised and Discharged Sailors and Soldiers Federation being carried. The village streets were appropriately decorated. Afterwards the men were entertained to an excellent meal, provided by the Committees of the Institute, the Club, Mr. T. Heathcote and Mrs. Congrave, the catering being efficiently carried out by Mr. S. Clifford. The Rev. C. H. Weller presided, and the toasts of the King and Royal Family were honoured. The Chairman also expressed thanks to the promoters of the entertainment, who, he said, must have worked very hard to have arranged it so well. For the Institute, Mr. T. J. Griffin responded, and for the Working-men's Club, Mr. G. Gilbert, Mr. T. Heathcote and Mr. M. Congrave also replying. On behalf of the guests, Mr. E. Lees expressed their hearty thanks to all concerned. An apology for absence was received from Mr. T. W. Allen, who was one of the promoters of the affair. During the meal music was supplied by the Polesworth Excelsior Band. Afterwards a smoking concert took place, and a capital programme was arranged. Mr. W. H. Allen presided, and Messrs. Pat Cohen and George Hyde, entertainers, were the chief contributors. Messrs. F. Garrett and C. Turner took part. Mr. S. Henshaw was the accompanist. The following gave donations towards the fund: Messrs. Morris and Shaw, Ltd., Messrs. J. Eadie, Ltd., Charrington and Co., Davenport and Co., Mr. E. Morgan, Messrs. Hunt, Edmunds and Co. (per Mr. H. Shimeld), Mr. W. Maddocks, M.P., Messrs. R. White, Ltd., and Griffiths and Aviss.

ODDFELLOWS' ORPHANS.

FUNDS TO BE RAISED BY A LEVY OF 1d. PER MEMBER PER ANNUM.

The administration of the recently authorised orphan fund was the chief business before the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows' Conference at Douglas. Appeals were made that the fund should be raised voluntarily, but eventually it was decided on a levy of 1d. per member per annum, supplemented by voluntary thank-offerings.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

The following promotion and appointment to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England was gazetted:—

As Lady of Grace—Lady Leucha Diana Warner.

LOST IN THE BALTIC.

OVERDUE BRITISH SUBMARINE ASSUMED SUNK WITH ALL HANDS.

It is announced by the Admiralty that a British submarine operating in the Baltic is overdue since June 4, and must be assumed lost with all hands.

The relatives and next-of-kin have been informed.

United Methodist Church.—The first draft of stations contains the name of the Rev. Harry Kellett for the Tamworth circuit.

ATHERSTONE COUNTY COURT.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5.

Before Colonel H. S. Staveley Hill (Deputy Judge).

THE LATE JUDGE SMITH.

The Deputy Judge made suitable references to the late Judge Howard Smith, whose death, he said, was a matter of keen regret to him as an old personal friend, and he felt sure that the officials of the various Courts in the circuit, as well as the solicitors practising in those Courts, would also feel deeply sorry at the passing away of a Judge who had always treated them with the utmost kindness and consideration.—The Registrar (Mr. A. H. Sale), and Mr. H. R. Masser, on behalf of the solicitors practising at the Court, associated themselves with the remarks of the Deputy Judge.

COMPENSATION CASES.

Mr. Masser made an application on behalf of Sarah Jane Haynes, widow, Church Row, Baddesley, for the variation of an order made by the Court as to the compensation award paid by the Baddesley Collieries Trustees in respect of the death of her husband while in their employ.—The present order was directed to continue until July 31, to see what transpired with regard to applicant's unemployment allowance.

An application was made by Jane Bartholomew, widow, Birchmoor, for the investment of a sum of £300 paid into Court by Morris and Shaw, Ltd., Birch Coppice Colliery, as compensation in respect of the death of her husband, Wm. Robt. Bartholomew, miner, who was killed at the pit on April 7, 1919.—The Deputy Judge made an order for the payment of £30 forthwith for necessary expenses, and the balance to be invested and paid out to the widow, who was the sole dependant, at the rate of £6 per month.

Mr. Twist (Nuneaton) made an application in the matter of Wm. Key Adams and Jees Hartshill Granite and Brick Company, for the variation of an order made on December 10, 1911, for the payment of the balance of £64 16s. 7s., to enable the applicant to set up in business as a greengrocer.—An order was made accordingly.

Weddington War Hospital.

PRESENTATIONS TO COMMANDANT AND STAFF.

When the local history of the war comes to be written Weddington Hall Hospital, at Nuneaton, will form a very interesting portion of it, and will rank highly amongst the V.A.D. Hospitals which have rendered such splendid service all over the country. It is gratifying to note that the Red Cross workers and the staff at the Hospital decided to recognise the splendid services rendered by the Commandant (Mrs. Fowler) during the time the Hospital has been in use.

A series of presentations took place recently at a dance, which was held in the Griff Ward at the Hospital, and one of the members of the orchestra was Mrs. Fowler, playing the 'cello.

Alderman Melly made the presentations, and first asked Mrs. Clarke, the head cook, to accept a sofa; Miss Carrington, the sister-in-charge, a wristlet watch and brooch; and Quartermaster Fox a salmon fishing rod and a brooch. Mrs. Fowler was then presented by the staff of the Hospital with a pair of beautiful ear-rings set with pearls, and by the Red Cross Corps with an emerald ring, and also a brooch. Reference was made to the faithful and devoted work which the staff had done during the last three years.

COMMANDANT THANKS HELPERS.

Mrs. Fowler, in accepting the gifts, said she did not know how to thank them for those beautiful presents. Whenever she wore them or looked at them it would always bring back to her mind the many pleasant hours they had spent together. She was going to thank everyone for what they had done whilst the hospital had been in use, and if she had left anyone out she hoped they would forgive the oversight.

She wished to thank Mrs. Hopwood and the members of the Red Cross Committee for their splendid gifts to her.

She proceeded to speak in warm terms of praise of Sister Carrington, and said she did not know many hospitals, the size of Weddington, where such excellent work had been accomplished with only one trained nurse. It was wonderful the way they had managed. Quartermaster Fox had also done some very hard work, and Drs. Edward Nason and Wolfendale, along with the Rev. Bracebridge Hall and the Rev. Father Godfrey had been very kind to them. Mr. Baker had given his services as dispenser free, and also all the drugs, a rather big item. Miss Alkin she must thank for her work in massaging the patients. If they had seen the enormous amount of work she had done they would understand. Mr. Potter and Mrs. Jayes she also thanked for their services in entertaining the patients, Mr. Cunliffe the cinema operator, Mrs. Amos, Miss Trye, Mrs. Bruce (Hinckley), and Miss Arnold (Stoke Golding), had also rendered yeoman service.

ALL DONE SPLENDIDLY.

Speaking broadly they had all done splendidly the Commandant said, and although she did not think at first they would be able to pull through owing to the volunteers not being able to give all the time, they had done so magnificently.

The workers had stuck together most loyally. The nurses had come in all weathers, but she had to remind them it was not all nursing, but there was scrubbing and cleaning to do, and the volunteers had done their share of this work. Then there were the housemaids. Theirs was dull work and nothing to show for it. The cooks, too, had had a hard task some times over the ovens in the broiling hot weather and at other times in preparing vegetables in the outside cold. They had all done splendidly, and she heartily thanked them for what they had done.

Rev. Bracebridge Hall moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Melly and alluded to the wonderful work which the hospital had accomplished. This would compare equally with and a good deal better than many hospitals in the country. He alluded to the great help the miners had given in guaranteeing £400 a year towards the expenditure, and so well had the finances been managed that they were able to cease that contribution. He spoke of what Mr. Melly had done in connection with the hospital, and said his name had been put forward to the Minister of War for recognition—(applause).

Dr. E. Nason also added a few words, and Alderman Melly responded.

The Weddington Hall Auxiliary Hospital has a very fine record, of which Mrs. Fowler, the Commandant, and every one else associated with the institution is entitled to be proud. During the three years the Hospital was in use over 1,000 soldiers, not including out-patients, received treatment.

Mrs. Fowler desires to express her very great appreciation of the way in which the various parishes responded to the appeals which she made from time to time as Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society, Atherstone Division.

Weddings.

On Wednesday last week an interesting wedding took place at St. Mary's, Atherstone, the contracting parties being Mr. Herbert Joseph Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson, Innage Terrace, Atherstone, and Miss Chrissie Adcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Adcock, 94 Long street, Atherstone. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. Canon Northcott (vicar), and the Rev. E. A. Barnaclough (curate). The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. E. Adcock, was attired in a beautiful ivory satin gown, embroidered with pearls, and Brussels net veil with embroidered corners, and she also wore a gold bangle, the gift of the bridegroom. There were two bridesmaids, Miss Lily Adcock and Miss Nellie Rose, whose dresses were of pale helio crepe de soie, with hats of pale grey and helio georgette. They were each presented by the bridegroom with gold brooches set with pearls. Lieut. W. E. H. Green acted as best man. Mr. H. D. Worman was at the organ, and played appropriate music. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Assembly Rooms, 94 Long street, Athesrtone. Subsequently the newly-married couple left for Blackpool for the honeymoon, the bride's travelling costume being of navy blue serge, and navy and lemon hat to match. The presents were numerous and handsome.

The marriage took place at St. John the Baptist's Church, Papworth St. Agnes, Cambs, on Saturday (the Rev. O. P. Fisher officiating) of Sergt. Thomas E. John Evans, 1st North Staffs. Regt., youngest son of Mrs. Ashton Travis, 7 Albert road, Tamworth, and Miss Elsie Norah Reed, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Reed, of Papworth St. Agnes, Cambs. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Charles Reed, was charmingly attired in a white voile gown, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom, her bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom, comprising lilies and white carnations, with trails of smilax. The two bridesmaids, Miss Winnie Saddington and Miss Florrie Saddington, friends of the bride, wore tasteful dresses of white embroidery, with black picture hats, and they carried bouquets, gifts of the bridegroom, of pink and white carnations. The bridegroom and his brother, Mr. Alfred Evans, who acted as best man, both wore the Mons Star ribbon. Numerous friends attended the ceremony, and also a reception in the schoolroom. The honeymoon is being spent at the bridegroom's home at Tamworth. The presents were numerous and useful.

The wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Wilnecote, on June 9, of Mr. Albert Oxford, youngest son of Mr. George Oxford, of Polesworth, and Miss Dolly Walters, youngest daughter of Mr. Charles Walters, of Wilnecote. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. John Walters, of Fazeley.

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HOPWAS.

Wesleyan Church.—The Sunday School anniversary was held at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday, the services, afternoon and evening, being well attended. The preacher was the Rev. W. Homer. Special hymns and solos were admirably sung by the children. The collections for the school funds amounted to £12, being in advance of last year.

Marriage.

PARKER—EVANS.—On the 4th inst., at St. Paul's, Balsall Heath, by the Rev. G. H. Harris, Harry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Parker, of Cannon Hill, to Florence Evelyn, youngest daughter of the late Arthur Evans, of Parkfield, Tamworth, and Mrs. Evans, Trafalgar road, Moseley.

Deaths.

GODDERIDGE.—On June 7, 1919, at 28 Sandwell road, West Bromwich, Annie Elizabeth, the dearly-loved wife of Matthew Godderidge (daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Wright Timms, Kettlebrook), passed peacefully away.

HALL.—On June 6, 1919, at 19 Tamworth road, Twogates, William Richard, third son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall, aged 27 years. Interred at Wilnecote Cemetery, June 10.

MATTHEWS.—On June 7, at "Goshen," Tamworth, John Matthews, aged 56 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

CLARSON.—In loving memory of Pte. Alfred Clarson, 11th Sherwood Foresters, who was killed in action June 7, 1917. "Days of sadness will come o'er us, tears in silence flow when we are thinking of our loved one whom we lost two years ago."—From his loving father, mother, sister, brothers.

EVANS.—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband, Peter Evans, of 8 Aldergate, Tamworth, who died June 10, 1917. "Not now, but in the coming years, it may be in the better land, we'll read the meaning of our tears, and then, sometime, we'll understand."—From his dear wife and children.

HAYES.—In loving memory of Rifleman Victor John Hayes, who died from wounds received in action, June 13, 1916, aged 20 years. Ever remembered by his loving father, mother, and brothers.—Wood End, Hurley.

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RAY.—In loving memory of John Ray, of Fazeley, who was called suddenly away on June 3, 1919, aged 6 years.

STOCK.—In affectionate remembrance of Eliza Stock, of Kettlebrook, who died June 15, 1918.—Never forgotten by her loving children and sister.

WEST.—In loving memory of Billie, Corporal W. H. West, who was killed in action in France, June 15, 1918. "A loving brother, a faithful friend, one of the best that God could lend; his name was good, his friendship sound, loved and respected by all around." "Too dearly loved to be ever forgotten," by his loving sister, Alice, at Liverpool.

WEST—In ever loving memory of our dear brother and brother-in-law, Corporal W. H. West, who was killed in action on June 15, 1918. "Far away from those who loved you, comrades laid you down to rest, a noble hero, true and brave, peacefully sleeps in a soldier's grave."—Ever remembered by his loving brother Jack, and sister-in-law, Olive. 12 Bolehall, Tamworth.

WILLISCROFT.—In ever loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Jane Williscroft, who departed this life June 9, 1918.—Ever remembered by her loving son, Horace, in France, and daughter Lily, and grandchildren, Cathie and Evelyn.

MR. and MRS. HERBERT DEWIS wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their help and kindness in their great loss; also Glascote Club for the wreath.—30 New street, Glascoe.

MR. and MRS. A. J. HARTLESS wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for their sympathy shewn them in their recent sad and sudden bereavement; also for floral tributes.—1 Mill lane, Fazeley.

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