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Children's Cinema Club Sat. at 2.15 p.m. Stewart Erwin in THE GREAT MIKE (U) SAINTS AND SINNERS (A) ADVENTURES OF FRANK MERRIWELL (Episode 3).

TO-DAY (FRI.) & SAT. Cont. 1.15. RICHARD ATTENBOROUGH and SHEILA SIM in THE GUINEA PIG (U) At 1.10, 3.35, 6.5, 8.35. YEOVIL v. BURY NEWS & PICTURES And FULL SUPPORTING PROGRAMME.

SUNDAY, MON., TUES. Cont. 2.30. WILLIAM BENDIX, DENNIS O'KEEFE in ABROAD WITH TWO YANKS (U) At 2.55, 5.35, 8.15 (U) Also Joan Hall and Ritz Johnson in MIDNIGHT RAID. At 4.15, 6.55, 9.35.

MONDAY, JAN. 24th, FOR SIX DAYS. CONT. 1.00 p.m. LAST PROG. 7.15 p.m.
IT'S AN ALL-NEWSPAPER 4 STAR PICTURE!

London Films Present ROBERT DONAT in THE WINSLOW BOY (U) with CEDRIC HARDWICKE, BASIL RADFORD, KATHLEEN HARRISON, FRANCIS L. SULLIVAN and MARGARET LEIGHTON. Directed by Anthony Asquith. From the play by Terence Rattigan. Produced by Anatole de Grunwald. DISTRIBUTED BY BRITISH LION

At 2.20, 5.20, 8.15

Also THE DRAGSMAN. At 1.30, 4.25, 7.30, and NEWS ITEMS.

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TO-DAY (FRI.) & SATURDAY. CONT. FROM 2.10 p.m. NORMAN EVANS, NAT JACKLEY, DAN YOUNG in DEMOBBED (U) and DENNIS MORGAN, ELIZABETH ALLAN in THE FLAMINGO AFFAIR (A). At 4.01 & 6.54 p.m.

MONDAY NEXT, JAN. 24th. For SIX Days. Continuous from 2.05 p.m.
DENNIS MORGAN
In Warner Bros.' Musical Jubilee of Joy,
MY WILD IRISH ROSE
In Colour by TECHNICOLOR. (A)
With ARLENE DAHL, ANDREA KING and GEORGE O'BRIEN.
At 2.50, 5.32, 8.05 p.m. Last Programme At 7.11 p.m.

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TO-DAY (FRI.) & SAT. COMMENCE 1.50. LAST PROG. 6.55. DANA ANDREWS, MERLE OBERON in NIGHT SONG (U). THREE ON A TICKET (A) with Hugh Beaumont and Cheryl Walker. Also YEOVIL v. BURY NEWS REEL PICTURES.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23rd CONT. 2.30 p.m. TO 10 p.m. GINGER ROGERS, JEAN PIERRE-AUMONT in HEARTBREAK (A). Laurel and Hardy in BLOCKHEADS (U).

MONDAY, JAN. 24th, FOR 3 DAYS. COMMENCE 1.30. LAST PROG. 6.50.
JAMES STEWART in CALL NORTHSIDE 777 (A)
With RICHARD CONTE, LEE J. COBB, HELEN WALKER. At 1.35, 4.50, 8.10.
Anthony Wager, Ivor Bowen in SECRET TUNNEL (U). At 3.50 & 7.10.

THURSDAY, JAN. 27th, FOR 3 DAYS. COMMENCE 1.50. LAST PROG. 6.50.
ANNE CRAWFORD and JIMMY HANLEY in
IT'S HARD TO BE GOOD (A) At 2.0, 5.10, 8.25.
Sabu, Joanne Page in MAN EATERS OF KUMAON (A). At 3.45 & 7.6.

Huge Demand for Cup-Tie Tickets

Hundreds of Yeovil Supporters Disappointed

Allocation System Criticised

[BY R.G.K.]

"Where are the tickets for Yeovil Town's forthcoming fourth round F.A. Cup-tie against Sunderland?" hundreds of regular supporters in the town and surrounding district are seeking the answer to this question. The Cup-tie—the only one to be played in the West Country on January 29th—has resulted in a demand for tickets greater than ever before.

Although ten thousand tickets have been distributed by the Club there has been a complete sell-out, without a single ticket finding its way to a number of factories and works employing upwards of a hundred people. The disappointment felt by hundreds of the Club's regular followers has led to disorderly scenes both in the town and at the ground.

While the Club have limited the sale of tickets to postal applicants to a radius of only 15 miles it is evident that some agents have made the mistake of selling abnormally large blocks of tickets which have gone into the further afield. For instance it is understood that two coaches are to be run from Loughborough.

SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Club's 21 years old secretary, Mr. F. Ross Rendall, in a statement said: "It is very disheartening that after all the efforts we have made to achieve an equable distribution of tickets in the town and immediate neighbourhood that we should now learn that there are so many of our regular supporters without tickets. Ten thousand tickets were sent out, the same as was handled the Bury tie—about 40 in all—and we hoped that as a result of their personal contact, the demands of the 3,000 or 4,000 regular supporters would be fully met. The whole trouble is that 35,000 people want to obtain admission to a ground which is limited to 18,000," he added.

Most dissatisfied section of the community is the Supporters' Club, to whom apparently no allocation has been made through a responsible official. Although 2,585 tickets have been issued to Committee members for distribution, some members, including ground season ticket holders are still without. Other disappointed supporters include town officers and conductors, who have threatened not to operate special 'buses on the day of the match.

SITUATION MAY EASE.

The absence of tickets in circulation has caused much inquiry at the Club officials as to the followers of the game. Directors and officials to whom I have spoken are hopeful, however, that the situation will be eased next week, possibly by the returns of unused tickets under tie by the Sunderland Club.

There is no foundation for the supposition that a syndicate have bought up tickets in the hope of reselling at a considerably profit a few days before the Cup-tie, although a Sunderland Club official told me a Yeovil man who had offered to buy up every surplus ticket that had been sent to Roker Park.

Extraordinary scenes were witnessed at the ground on Tuesday when applicants for a limited number of ground tickets began queuing in the morning. Among those who arrived at Barwick Park, No. 59, Garden City, Langport, who, arriving at 11 a.m., waited eight hours to obtain a ticket for her 18 years old son who plays for the Langport team. Hundreds who waited throughout the afternoon, including elderly women and children, were served with tea by women members of the Supporters' Club.

Trouble brewed in the early evening when factory workers swarmed into the ground from all directions, and people who had been waiting in the queue for several hours found themselves in a heaving, swelling crowd of 2,000, with no hope of obtaining tickets. There were angry scenes and threats as a result of which the police made a rush for the ticket office, and police reinforcements had to be sent to the ground.

POLICE APPEAL.

When police and club officials were finding difficulty in holding the angry and disappointed crowd in check, Supt. J. S. Hanham made a timely intervention and appealed to them to go home quietly. "I am disgusted and ashamed," he said. "I have seen occurrences like this in other towns, but I never thought it could happen in Yeovil." The Superintendent promised some hope for disappointed supporters when he said: "If the ground capacity should be extended and more tickets are printed I will do what I can to help everyone to get a ticket."

As early as Monday morning there were queues outside leading news paper offices, where several hundred people were disappointed when all available tickets were sold within 20 minutes. Promised quotas of 1,500 had been reduced to only 500.

At one office the crowd refused to disperse, and when, at another there was a shrill cry from the British Lion.

There was a further demonstration at the ground in the evening, when a directors' meeting was in progress. The following official figures were afterwards issued: Tickets printed, 13,700; allocated to Sunderland, 1,500; postal applicants, 7,485. Supporters' Club members, 2,585; Yeovil Town, 2,600. The balance, I am informed, were distributed among directors, officials and selling agents, as well as to licensed premises and other traders.

An official of the Sunderland Club telephoned yesterday (Thursday) appealing to the Yeovil public not to send to their Club for tickets. Well over a thousand applications have been received from Yeovil, the Sunderland area only yesterday morning, the Sunderland Club's postbag contained another 300. He pointed out that no tickets would be issued by them to the West Country, but that all cheques and postal orders were being returned. He further stated that the balance of unsold ground tickets would be returned to the Yeovil Club.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB STATEMENT

Writing on behalf of the Yeovil Town Football Supporters' Club, Mr. R. White (hon. secretary) states that his Committee wish him to say definitely that no official allocation of tickets was made to the Supporters' Club for the Sunderland game. What happened, in effect, is that the majority of the members of the Committee, in addition to acting on the Supporters' Club Committee, have also acted in the capacity of selling agents for the Parent Club. These members have now received allocations of a portion to their selling capacity for the Romford and Bury matches. Previously, a similar allocation has been received over and above any allocation made to the Supporters' Club. For the matches with Romford and Bury I (as secretary of the Supporters' Club) received a definite allocation of 1,500 tickets for distribution to members. No such allocation was made on this occasion. The Committee wish to point out to members of the Club that, in the March with Bury match the Board of Directors granted everyone the privilege of being assured of a ticket if they produced their membership of 2,000 availed themselves of this opportunity. This had a direct bearing on the method of distribution this time.

READERS' COMPLAINTS.

Letters of complaint concerning the allocation of tickets have been received by the Editor of this paper. Colonel Bros., 21, Cheltenham-ave., Yeovil, write:—May we use your columns to express our disappointment and, we feel, the disappointment and disgust, of scores of regular supporters of Yeovil Football Club, who have failed to get tickets for the Cup-tie against Sunderland. The utter confusion and indiscriminate distribution—especially after such smooth running for the Bury match. Why couldn't arrangements have been made, as before, for tickets to have been sold on Saturday prior to the Worcester match, when regular supporters would be present. Tickets could have been issued at the turnstiles, which would have saved many tickets for regulars have given country supporters a chance, resulted in an increased gate receipt and have prevented any criticism.

"Regular Supporter," writes:—It is indeed a sad state of affairs that so many of the Yeovil Football Club that they cannot secure tickets for one of the most interesting games in the history of the Club, and quite naturally all are eager to know the reason. Long queues of men and women who, for many years, have given their time and money and their faithful support to the together victors or vanquished have been turned away with the unsatisfactory remark, "No tickets on sale." It is regrettable that those members of the club in authority could not display a little courtesy and gratitude to the waiting Yeovil public.

Reprints

Now that it is possible for readers to obtain all the copies of this newspaper which they require, orders for reprints of special reports can no longer be accepted.

Readers requiring extra copies of the paper should hand their orders to their newsagent, or send direct to the Head Office at Yeovil.

Local & District News

YEOVIL

CHIMNEY SWEEPING, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. 25 years' experience.—Winter, 151, Westland Grove, Yeovil.

WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELLERY.—For Expert Repair Service consult Herbert J. White, 13, Princes Street, Yeovil. Tel. 936.

TYPEWRITERS FOR HIRE.—Shorthand School, 65, Middle Street, Yeovil. Tel. 1138. Individual Training Position Found.

YEOVIL SCHOOL.—Meeting of the Parents' Association on Thursday, January 27th, 7.30 p.m., Clothing Exchange; 8 p.m., Dance.

WANTED, Artistes for Concert Work, resident in Yeovil essential.—Write, giving full particulars, to A7363, *Western Gazette*, Yeovil.

EXCLUSIVE Ladies' and Gent.'s Tailors, Customers' own Materials Made. Also Alterations a speciality.—Garfield's 12 and 13, Wine Street, Yeovil.

FURNITURE, Household Furnishings, &c., Purchased for Cash. Good storage facilities.—Palmer, Removal Contractor, Golderoft, Yeovil. 'Phone 437

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, any Second-hand Gold Rings and Jewellery. Will Send Diamonds &c. Good quality.—Edgar Vincent & Son, The Jewel Casket, Yeovil.

YEOVIL UPHOLSTERY (H. SLINKIN), Pitter's Yard, Sherborne Road, Yeovil. Upholstery of any description. Mattresses Remade. Loose Covers Fitted. First-class workmanship guaranteed.

FOR SALE.—Coal Delivering Year Service in Yeovil. Trains and buses met. Weddings, maternity cases, Day or night. Distance no object.—Cox, Coal Merchant, 20 Camborne Grove, Yeovil. 'Ring Yeovil 422.

FURNITURE.—Visit Berkeley's Large Showroom, Preston Road New and Second-hand Bought and Sold. Top prices paid.—Berkeley Removal Contractor, Roping Road Yeovil. 'Phone 513

A CONCERT by the Paramount Variety Company, of Bristol, will be given in the Unity Hall, on Wednesday Next, at 8 p.m. Free admission programmes are obtainable from all Co-op Shops.

NEWTOWN METHODIST CHURCH, Eastland Road, Sunday Jan. 23rd: Choir Sunday, Special singing by the Choir. Solos and solo artistes, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Singing of Come and sing your favourite Hymns.

HIGH-GRADE TAILORING, by Sidney E. Low of North Lane House, North Lane (off Princes Street), Yeovil. Book your spring suit now. Ladies' and Gent.'s own materials made up. Personal attention to all enquiries. 'Phone Yeovil 1666.

NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION.—Poultry Film Show. Two talkie films. "Hen Batteries and Pedigree Poultry Farming." Thursday, 27th January 27th, 7.30 p.m. Secondary Schools, Yeovil. Introductory Talk and Full Discussion. Open to all. Admission Free.

THE YEOVIL CENTRAL TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD.—Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 25th, 7 p.m., Unitarian Church. Speakers: Mrs. J. Presland, N.U.T.G. Organiser, on Entertainments Controlled. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Winsor, Lower Stone Farm, Mudford Road.

GIBBS, REED, & WOODS, Agricultural Engineers. Please forward enquiries to the temporary address, Over Compton, Sherborne. 50c are Sole Agents for David Brown Tractors and Implements. Repairs to All Tractors and Machinery undertaken under personal supervision.

INDEPENDENT TRADERS' ALLIANCE, Yeovil and District Section.—Important meeting of members, where possible, to close their establishments from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock on Saturday, the 29th January, 1949, to enable their staff to see the Cup-tie between Sunderland and Yeovil.

NATIONAL SAVINGS for the week ended January 15th, £21,474 brought the total savings for 42 weeks to £3,616,616.

MR. ALBERT JOHN CROFT, proprietor of the Mermaid Hotel, who died on January 14th, 1948, aged 62, left £3,876 gross, £1,123 net.

ADULT SCHOOL.—Mr. H. Seymour was the speaker on Sunday, his subject being "Pictures of the Modern World." Mr. H. D. Brooks presided.

A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER John Herbert Miller, 8, Chilton-grove, Yeovil, was fined 15s at Axminster on Tuesday for obstructing West-street with his car.

CONGREGATIONAL THURSDAY GROUP.—The second half of the session opened on Thursday with a talk by Rev. F. K. N. Marsh entitled "My trip to Africa." Miss Marsh was thanked by the Chairman, Rev. John McIntyre.

THE LEAGUE OF YOUTH New Year social and dance in the Unity Hall on Tuesday attended by over 300 guests, who included members of the Radstock League of Youth. Games and novelty dances were organised by Mr. A. Monahan and Mr F. Mason (League chairman).

V.A.D. DUTIES.—Saturday afternoon, W. Purchase, C. Long, A. Foyle; Sunday morning, S./Ldr. Hurford, W. Brooks; Sunday morning R. Darke, S. Thomas, E. Bevan; afternoon, G. Herrin, Mrs. James, S./S./L. Green; evening, A.Q./M. L. Janes. Duty officer, T./O. H. Dinnett. Duty nurse, Mrs. Andrews.

FIREMEN, under Station-Officer N. F. Richards, on Sunday, answered a call to 55, Matthews-road, in the occupation of Mr. C. Gerundale. There was an accumulation of soot amongst rubble at the rear of a fire-grate and it would become ignited, and after removing the surround quickly extinguished the outbreak. No other damage was caused.

A QUALIFYING WHIST DRIVE in connection with the Divisional Conservazione Competition was held during the week by the North Ward Committee, was held at Odd Fellows' Hall on Thursday. Winners were:—Ladies—Miss A. Cooper, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Tucker; Mrs. Jarvis. Mr. Arnold. Mrs. Evans, Mr. J. K. Spencer. Mrs. H. Wise was M.C. and Mrs. R. Burge distributed the prizes.

OFFICIAL'S NEW APPOINTMENT

Mr. S. H. A. Abbott, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., formerly on the Roads and Bridges Section of the West Riding County Council, has been appointed Grade IV. technical assistant in the staff of the Wiltshire County Surveyor and is likely to take up his new duties in March.

CYCLING CLUB

The Wednesday evening run, led by Mr. R. Gee, was to Trent, Sandford Orcas, Corton Denham, Blackford, Charlton Horethorne and Sherborne. Sunday's run was to Baltonsborough, West Pennard, Dinder and Compton Martin for lunch, then on to Barrington and Martock for tea. At the latter place the party were joined by two other members. Sunday's run is to the Fry Drivers Museum, commencing at 9 o'clock.

LITERARY AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

At their weekly meeting on Wednesday "Badger's Green," the comedy by R.C. Sherriff and Jeanne de Casalis, was read under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Grindey. Taking part were:—Mesdames Jackson, M. Young, H. Ash and Grindey; Messrs. Davies and Etchells, and Messrs. J. Turner (Junior), Grindey, Smith, Simpson, Poole, G. Waterfield, and P. Hillard. The President (Mr. S. Trask) presided.

LADIES BOWLING CLUB

The annual meeting was held on Thursday, the President, Mrs. Latham, presiding. Mrs. L. Essery (secretary) read the annual report and presented reports, both of which were adopted. Officers elected were:—President, Mrs. F. B. Young; Secretary, Mrs. L. Essery; Treasurer, Mrs Y. Cook; Committee, Mrs. R. E. Elliott; Vice-Captain, Mrs. F. Mipson; Committee, Mrs. A. E. Dimond, Mrs. P. W. Hicks, Mrs. and Mrs. A. E. Ellis.

SON FOUND MOTHER DEAD

Mrs. Mabel Griffin, 71 years old widow of Mr. Frank Griffin, formerly a stone-cutter at the factory of Messrs. Whitby Bros., Ltd., collapsed and died in her home 17, Bruton Park, yesterday (Thursday) morning.

Mrs. Griffin normally called her son, Mr. Frank E. Griffin, every morning in time to catch a train to Dorchester, where he worked. Yesterday he discovered that he had overslept and, on entering his mother's room found her lying on the floor. Dr. R. H. Beggs was called, but death had already taken place. Only the previous afternoon Mrs. Griffin had gone to the cinema.

METHODIST GUILD

A Literary Section meeting of the Vicarage-street Methodist Guild, on Monday, took the form of the publication of the first issue of the "Methodist Guild Gazette." The Editor of the magazine, Mrs. Miss M. Hodges, and various manuscripts were submitted for publication. There was an article on "Theology and Philosophy" by Rev. Norman Robinson, and a news and views page in charge of Mr. C. Brown. A musical article, which included some of his own amusing personal reminiscences, was given by Mr. Edmund Templeman. Other features included a Jan Stewer story, a humour column contributed by Mr. J. Milsom, and an editorial. A Junior corner was in charge of "Auntie" Margaret Bidgood, and those taking part were Jean Maidment (piano solo), Peter Fry (recitation) and Enid Milsom (solo).

TRAINING COURSE FOR LIFE BOYS

Twenty-five delegates from Life Boy companies in the Wessex area attended a one-day training course, arranged by the Area Secretary (Major Parsons), at Yeovil, at the Life Boy School on Saturday and Sunday. Subject, included religion, physical training, and handicrafts. The staff of instructors included Mr. F. H. Hartnoll (supervisor Bristol area), Mr. A. C. Riggs (captain 1st Yeovil Company), Rev. W. Byrt (minister Yeovil South-street Baptist Church), Miss M. Brownridge (major 1st Somerset and Yeovil Battalions, G.F.B.), Miss D. Davis (captain, 3rd Yeovil Company, G.F.B.), and Mrs. M. Trask (physical training instructor).

MUSIC GROUP

At the Art School, on Saturday, 17 members enjoyed a gramophone record programme arranged as a symphony concert. The programme included "The Wasps" overture (Vaughan Williams), with Malcolm Sarzent conducting the Halle Orchestra, Menuhin's playing of Paganini's No. 1 violin concerto in D, With the Orchestre Symphonie de Paris, conducted by Pierre Monteux; Haydn's "Miracle" Symphony, Bruno Walter conducting the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, and Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," played by the Boston Promenade Orchestra, conductor, Arthur Fiedler. Arrangements were made by Messrs. John Knight and Edgar Kinsman, ably assisted by Miss Barbara Gawthorpe.

MESOPOTAMIAN VETERANS MEET

Hope that membership of the Yeovil branch of the Mesopotamian Veterans' Association will be increased was expressed at the annual meeting at the Coronation Hotel, on Monday. All who served in Mesopotamia or Iraq in the last war will now be considered. There are, at the moment, about 40 members in Yeovil.

The local branch is not too strong financially, but during the coming year a series of weekly whist drives is to be arranged. The annual dinner will be held at the Coronation Hotel, on Saturday, April 2nd.

Officers elected were:—Chairman, Mr. G. Hart; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. Berry. General Committee, Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Ratcliffe, Capt. F. Mills, Messrs. V. Ball, T. Noakes, E. Ford.

T.A. MOBILE EXHIBITION

A Territorial Army Mobile Recruiting Exhibition will be visiting Crewkerne, Yeovil and Gillingham during January 22nd and 25th. The exhibition consists of a 60 foot long trailer which, when fitted out, will display models, show pieces, &c., representing the various corps in the Army. The show will be under the direction of 663 Super Heavy Regt. R.A. (T.A.) and 1st Battalion Dorset (T.A.) Yeovil A.C.F. band will play at Crewkerne and the Crewkerne A.C.F. will also be represented.

The exhibition will be open to the public as follows:—Tuesday, 25th: To-morrow (Saturday), Crewkerne, Market Place, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Yeovil Borough, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, Yeovil South-street Market, 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Castle Cary, Squibb's Paddock, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THE LATE MRS. M. A. TRUMP

The funeral took place at the Yeovil Cemetery on Wednesday of Mrs. Mary Ann Trump, of "Rosehill," Michael-road, who died, aged 87. Wife of Mr. Walter Trump, a manager of the Yeovil Co-op Society, who died in 1935, and for 30 years a draper in various parts of the country, until he retired from the trade, Mrs. Trump had recently come to Yeovil, but had been living with her son, Mr. Frederick Trump, at Bonar-Terrace, Newbury, Gillingham. One of her keenest interests was the Congregational Church.

Family mourners at the funeral, conducted by the Rev. J. Sculthorpe (Congregational minister), were Mr. and Mrs. B. Patridge (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Trowbridge (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. A. Jewell (half-brother and sister-in-law).

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Lester & Co.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE

Colonel J. E. F. Paton, of Sherborne, who is directing the work of the Overseas League in the South-western area, presided at a meeting of the League held at the Cadena Cafe on Tuesday.

The local branch, of which Mrs. Lee is secretary, has been re-formed and re-establishment during the last year. Its aim is to foster sympathy and understanding within the British Commonwealth and to create an informed and public opinion. Special effort is being made to interest younger people, over 21 of age. During 1948 the war numerous contacts were made with Overseas Service personnel through British children evacuated to the Colonies. Last year the League helped 60 of these children to return to live in the Colonies.

The speaker was Mr. L. E. Johnson, of the Central Office of Information, who outlined the recovery Britain had made during the year.

VISIT OF WELL-KNOWN S.A. BAND

Large congregations, which included visitors from Southampton, Weston-super-Mare and Dorchester, attended the Yeovil Salvation Army Temple to hear a programme of music by the "Rosehill" Band of the Salvation Army Assurance Society, Reading, on Saturday and Sunday, conducted by Mr. Ward, which has broadcast many times, was Ernest Ward, a well-known composer of brass band music. Chairman on Saturday was Mr. H. Dorchester, attended the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Admiral of the Fleet Sir James Somerville, who accompanied by the Mayor (Ald. B. Denlay).

On Sunday the music included three pieces as yet unpublished—a cornet solo by Bandsman Derek Smith, "Jubilee," and two band selections. Individual contributors included Senior Capt. William Chilshaw, Bandsmen Dennis Smith, Percy Burgess, and Peter Hinkley.

THE LATE MRS. L. HANSFORD

The death occurred on Friday of Mrs. Mary Hansford, wife of Mr. Reginald Hansford, of 12, Bond-street, Yeovil, aged 65. Mrs. Hansford was a native of the town, but lived for a number of years in Sheffield before returning 17 years ago. The funeral took place at the cemetery on Tuesday, Mr. P. Sealy, of Vicarage-street Baptist Church, officiating. Family mourners were:—Mr. Hansford (husband), Mr. and Mrs. H. Hansford, Sheffield (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. Roy and Miss Doris Wimor (nephew and niece), Mrs. Sing (sister), Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown (nephew and niece), Miss J. Brown, Weymouth (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. Pitcher, Bridport (sister-in-law).

The relatives of the late Mrs. Hansford wish to thank all who kindly expressed sympathy and sent flowers.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs G. H. Cook & Son.

HISTORY AND FOLKLORE

The series of lectures arranged by the University of Bristol's Department of Adult Education, in association with the Corporation's Library and Museum Committee, opened on Tuesday in the Council Chamber, which was filled to capacity.

The subject of the course is South-East Somerset and the Dorset Border in History and Folklore, and the first lecture was by Mr. Joseph Fowler, of Sherborne, a well-known geologist and one of the editors of "Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries," on the physical features and geology of the district. Mr. Fowler explained in great detail the evolution and natural forces which had produced the well-known outlines of the hills and valleys, and especially that of the Blackmore Vale. Fossils, he said, much more remained to be done.

Alderman A. H. J. Stroud, the chairman of the Library and Museum Committee, in introducing Mr. Fowler, explained the objects of the course, and on behalf of the audience expressed the thanks of those present to him.

The lecture for February 1st is by Mr. L. C. Hayward, of Yeovil School, who will deal with the district in pre-historic and Roman times.

BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

A large audience listened to a lecture entitled "Come stories, experiences grave and gay," given by Rev. Ernest Thompson to the Baptist Fellowship on Monday. Mr. Vesey Thompson is the son-in-law of the late Rev. F. W. Gummer Butt and Mrs. Butt, and he and his wife have become well known in Belgian Congo. Mr. Thompson told of many of his experiences, and added many varied to the spice of life. While in college in England a missionary society had a bicycle-building class in his work overseas he was called on to gain a working knowledge of motor-cycle house-building, and even superintending the laying of pipes for local water supply as well as being able to act as a motor mechanic.

Mrs. Winifrid Pickles to put the question to him "If you had your life all over again what would you wish to do with it?" Mr. Thompson said he would reply "I would say still—I will be a missionary."

Mrs. G. W. Byrt, who presided and welcomed the speaker and the Church at South-street always took an especial interest in the work Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were doing on the mission field. The speaker was thanked by the Rev. A. B. Allwick.

A collection was taken and a cheque for £5 5s has been sent to the Baptist Missionary Headquarters in London, to assist the work on the Congo.

The next meeting, at the Park School Hall, the Fellowship is presenting John Trevor in his own words, questions of famous and original plays.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT

A WHIST DRIVE will be held in the School Room, on Wednesday, January 26th, at 7.30 p.m. Admission, 1/6. Refreshments. Proceeds to the Organ Fund.

EAST COKER

CONSERVATIVES.—A Meeting to form a Polling District Committee for East Coker will be held in The Hall, North Coker, on Wednesday, January 26th, at 8 p.m. All Conservatives are asked to attend.

EAST COKER CEMETERY.—The Parish Council invite applications for the part-time work of Caretaker and Gravedigger at the above Cemetery. Wages, £46 per annum, plus grave-digging fees and the use of a cottage. Duties, to keep and maintenance of graves. Applications in writing, should be submitted to the Clerk to the Parish Council, Gunville House, East Coker.

WEST COKER

THE RECREATION CLUB COMMITTEE entertained about 120 children of the village to their New Year party. This, prepared by the Social Committee, was followed by games, &c., and a very enjoyable tea. Entertainment was given by Major and Mrs. Gawne. Later, the children received gifts from the Christmas tree, presented by Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Gawne. A vote of thanks was accorded the helpers who had made the party a success.

LEGIONARIES AT DINNER

Almost one hundred ex-Servicemen sat down to the annual dinner of the Yeovil Branch of the British Legion, comprising the village of West Coker, East Chinnock and Hardington, held at the Somerset Hotel on Thursday. It was the first event of its kind to be organised since before the war—and was obviously very successful. The Vice-Presidents present were Col. J. E. Clutterbuck, Major D. H. Gawne, Mr. R. Bridges, Capt. Hall and Mr. Smith. Mr. E. G. Nathan and Mr. A. R. Gould.

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WEST COKER

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ILCHESTER

PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY.—Mr. J. S. Cox (chairman), and Mr. H. Jones were co-opted members. All vacant seats had been completed, and Mr. H. Jones was appointed to arrange for their transportation.

The Clerk (Mr. K. F. Dimon) reported that there were 16 applications for the 16 new allotments, and that the plots had been allocated by ballot. It was hoped to have the plots staked out by the next meeting, after which applicants would be notified that they could take over the land.

The Rural Council reported that they were still awaiting the necessary fittings required to enable a start to be made on laying the new water main from Chilthorne Domer.

The Clerk reported that the Superintendent of Police had informed him that nothing could be done to stop the parking of heavy vehicles on the grass verges at Northover. It was decided to erect a "No Parking" notice.

The District Council have reported that they were investigating the blocking of the footpath in Publicdeclaye by the new cottages.

The former Secretary of the Youth Club wrote asking for a grant to enable sailing for Australia, all money receipts and equipment belonging to the Club had been deposited with the Council. It has been decided to grant £2 for each of the teachers, in these days when Sunday School teaching is not an asset.

In response to a request from the local trustees of the Village Hall it was decided to hold Parish Council meetings in future on the first Monday in the month.

CHILTHORNE DOMER

A WHIST DRIVE was held in the School on Friday during which £3 6s. was raised for the Village Hall Fund. Prize-winners were:—Ladies—Miss Smith, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Gillett. Gents—Mr. Batstone, Mr. M. Stephens, Mr. C. Brown. The proceeds of a dance held in December amounted to £3 6s, which has been added to the Village Hall Fund.

YEOVILTON

A WHIST DRIVE, held at the School on Friday, in aid of the Parish Fund, realised £10 12s. Prize-winners:—Ladies—Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Barge, Mr. S. Hutchings, Mr. H. Hutchings, Miss Holland, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Hallet, Mr. Bridges. Mrs. Hillier acted as M.C. and Mrs. Phillips. The M.C. was Mr. Grant, and Mr. H. Hutchings was door steward. Refreshments were arranged by Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Bithell, Mrs. Elford and Mrs. Martin.

MONTACUTE

PARISH COUNCIL

"HONOUR OF MEMBERS INFRINGED."

At a meeting of the Parish Council on Monday, the Chairman (Mr. W. H. Cushnier) referred to the retirement of Mr. R. W. Taunton from the position of clerk to the Council after nearly 15 years and said how much they had appreciated his efficient service. He welcomed Mrs. M. M. Workman as the new clerk.

Reference was made to a letter in a recent issue of the *Western Gazette* regarding the provision of a