



Items of Interest during the Year 1938-39

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1940).

Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.

Every care is taken to make the following list correct but no item or date is guaranteed by the publisher.

December, 1938.

9--Annual meeting of Constitutional Club. It was revealed that for the first time in its existence the Club was free from debt.

14--British Legion Band annual dinner. It was announced that a new bass drum had been given by Mr. J. A. de Rothschild, M.P.

16--Miss Muriel Goodge, a pupil of Mrs. W. Gotobed, gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer I.

20--A car, driven by Mr. E. Mortimer Rose, of Plantation House, plunged headlong into a drain near Peacock's Farm, Burnt Fen. Mr. Rose was uninjured.

23--At a music examination, recently held in Cambridge by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Gladys Washington, a pupil of the late Miss Allen, of Ely, and now a pupil of Miss D. A. Moxon, passed the examination for Pianoforte, Grade V. (Higher).

25--Christmas Day-Services at the Parish Church conducted by the Rev. C. F. T. Willis.

£1/10/0 collected at the "Three Horse Shoes" Inn for the British Wireless for the Blind Fund.

31--Successful drawing match held at Black Horse Drove. The winners were as follow; 1 H. Murfitt, 2 Wm. Warren, 3 E. Cornwell. 4 E. Stebbings, 5 P. Crabbe, 6 J. Hudson.

January, 1939.

2--A Christmas collection in the Town Infants' School for the Isle Society for the Blind, yielded £1/13/0.

4--Mrs. E. M. Keatinge, wife of the prospective National Conservative Candidate for

the Isle, presented the prizes at the "Imps" annual whist drive and dance.

7--Messrs H. J. & H. G. Martin awarded a Diploma by the Shorthorn Society in a competition in connection with the milk yields of Shorthorn cows.

8--Death of Mr. John William Sparrow, at Head Fen, Little Downham.

!!! 9--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. Miss D. Rees, of Lever Bros., gave a talk on "Washing Modern Fabrics."

10--Death of Mr. Charles Henry Turner, of Brandon Creek. He was 52.

11--Constitutional Club annual dinner. About 200 members and friends were present.

11--Annual Ely Police Ball held at The Grange. Nearly 400 dancers were present.

!!! 18--Parish Council monthly meeting. £30 was voted towards the expenses of the swimming bath the following summer.

Annual tea for wives and children of members of the Cromwell Lodge of the R.A.O.B.

21--Over 60 children sat down to tea at a party held in connection with the Children's Church in the Parish Room.

22--The Rev. Ashman, B.A., of Wesley College, Cambridge, preached at Victoria Street Methodist Church.

23--A large congregation attended the Parish Church to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. J. K. Cecil Payne), on the occasion of his induction and institution by the Lord Bishop of Ely (Dr. Heywood).

Funeral of Robert Arthur Law, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Law, of Wisbech Road. It was his fifteenth birthday.

Annual meeting of Littleport & District Canine Society. Over £20 had been lost on their first years working.

25--Juvenile members of the Hereward lodge of Odd Fellows held their annual party. It was revealed that their juvenile membership stood at 213.

Death of Mrs. Ann Lizzie Benstead, of Little Ouse, in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

27--Mr. Arthur Edward Oakey, a pupil of Mrs. Walter Gotobed, gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer I.

29--Salvation Army bade farewell to Major and Mrs. Puddicombe, who were leaving Littleport to take up duties at Beccles, Suffolk.

!!! 30--Water in the Great Ouse reached 1937 danger level. Forty houses in Littleport evacuated, water having completely surrounded them.

31--Successful whist drive and dance in aid of the Diamond Jubilee Fund held in St. Matthew's Institute.

February, 1939.

1--Annual party of Littleport Child Welfare Centre. Fifty-seven children and 45 mothers were present.

!!! Strong comments on the failure of the Great Ouse Catchment Board to prevent the repeated flooding of houses in Littleport made at a meeting of the Parish Council.

3--Arrival of the new Salvation Army Officers, Major Keenan and Lieut. Summers.

6--Rev. J. K. Cecil Payne, the newly appointed Vicar, welcomed at the Mothers' Union annual tea.

Meeting of Town Lands Charity. The Rev J. K. Cecil Payne was elected as a trustee in place of the Rev. N. W. Shelton.

!!! 7--Concern over the repeated flooding of Littleport houses was the keynote of a meeting of the Ely Rural District Council.

9--Mr. G. Butcher, of Mill Pit Furlong, awarded a gilt badge by the "News of the World" for throwing three darts in the treble 20 during a competition match. He is a member of the Globe Inn team.

13--Members of the Mothers' Union made a presentation of a canteen of cutlery to the Rev. C. F. T. Willis, late Priest-in-charge of Littleport. Master Edward Cox, representing the Children's Church, presented the Rev. Willis with a walking stick.

!!! Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. Miss Penston, representing Nestle's Milk Products, gave a talk on the uses of condensed milk.

Annual meeting of Parochial Church Council. Rev. J. K. Cecil Payne expressed his thanks to all for the warm welcome given to his wife and himself.

14--Valentine whist drive and dance held in St. Matthew's Institute.

Annual members' tea of Women's Conservative Association. Mrs. Keatinge, wife of the prospective National candidate for the Isle, was present.

15--St. Crispin's Mission annual children's party. Thirty mothers and children were present.

16--Death, at her Ely home, of Mrs. Sarah Jane Collins, wife of Mr. Richard John Collins, at the age of 89 years. Mr. and Mrs. Collins were well-known in Littleport, where Mr. Collins at one time conducted a provision merchants' business in Wellington St.

17--Mrs. Summerlee, of Littleport, gave a demonstration of raised pork pies at a meeting of Prickwillow Women's Institute.

!!! 18--Trial "black-out" at Littleport to test the efficiency of the local A.R.P. Services.

Mrs. C. Mott presented children with boxes of chocolates at the annual party organised by the local Women's Conservative Association.

20--Major G. B. Smith, of Norwich, visited the local Corps of the Salvation Army.

21--Annual District Conference, at Ely, of the East Anglia District of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds. It was revealed that the " Friend-in-Need" Lodge, Littleport, had obtained third prize in the membership competitions.

22--Mr. E. M. Keatinge (prospective National Conservative Candidate for the Isle), spoke at a supper for members of the Constitutional Club. Between Gt. Britain and Germany, he emphasised, there had got to be either co-operation or conflict.

Marriage, at Takeley, Essex, of Miss Elizabeth M. Elsegood, of Littleport, and Mr. J. E. Dewsbury, of Burnt Fen.

24--Mr C. W. Jameson, of Ely Road, qualified as a local Anti-Gas Instructor under the Isle County Council A.R.P. Scheme.

24--A collection, organised by members of the Women's Institute to assist the aged people whose homes were recently flooded yielded over £15.

Death, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of Mr. Elliott May Cheeseright.

27--Diplomas for safe driving awarded to Messrs. P. Starling, B. Lofts and L. Fox, all of Littleport. They are all employed by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company.

28--Presentation, at the Town Boys' School, to Mr. L. Birdsall on the occasion of his departure to Hemsworth Kingsley Senior School West Riding, Yorks.

Joint meeting of the two local Methodist Societies. Rev. S. Oakley gave a lantern lecture entitled "How we got the Bible."

March, 1939.

!!! 1--Meeting of Parish Council. An appeal was made to the public for

subscriptions towards the cost of making the proposed new road between Sandhill and Littleport Bridges.

2--Retirement from his post as a schoolmaster at Leyton of Mr. J. W. Washington, a former Littleport man.

6--Presentation made to Mrs. Morton as an appreciation of her eleven years' work as enrolling member, by members of the Mothers' Union.

7--Meeting of local A.R.P. executive. It was revealed that valuable knowledge for future guidance had been gained in the recent "black-out."

10--Mr. Arthur Oakey, a pupil of Mrs. Walter Gotobed, gained a final certificate for the complete theory of Pitman's Shorthand.

13--Women's Institute monthly meeting. Mrs. Summerlee gave a demonstration on the making of cream horns.

17--Rev. J. Gibbon Pimlett, Vicar of All Saints', New Clipeton, Mansfield, appointed Perpetual Curate of Horrington Wells, Somerset. He held the curacy at Littleport from 1922-1924.

18--Ringers from Hilgay, Dereham, Wisbech and Leverington visited the Parish Church.

C. Thornhill, L. Sallis, D. Thornhill and D. Bell, junior members of the Legion Band, won prizes at an open junior competition for Cambridgeshire. The boys were under Bandmaster R. Dent.

20--Demonstration of new fire-fighting equipment at Littleport arranged in connection with the Fire Brigades Committee of the Ely Rural District Council.

21--Presentation to British Legion Band of a bass and side drum by Mr James A de Rothschild, M.P. The bass drum was given by Mr Rothschild and the side drum by Mr. Cecil Mott.

!!! Parish Council meeting. It was reported that only about £14 had been promised towards the cost of the proposed new road between Sandhill and Littleport Bridges.

23--Special meeting of the local St. John Ambulance Association The provision of new uniforms was discussed and the chairman Alderman H. J. Martin, gave a cheque for £5 towards the funds.

25--Littleport & District Canine Society held their third successful show in the Corn Exchange, Ely.

April, 1939.

1--Dr. and Mrs. Macfie involved in a car accident at Shippea Hill. Faulty steering gear caused his car to crash into a telegraph post, but the doctor and his wife escaped serious injury.

2--Palm Sunday-The old custom of Blessing the Palms observed at the Parish Church.

3--Annual Meeting of Town Lands Charity. Two new trustees, Rev. J. K. Cecil Payne and Mr. B. Washington, were welcomed.

5--Dr. K. S. Maurice-Smith (Ely), County Commissioner, conducted an examination and drill parade of both male and female members of the local St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Elsie Hawes, a pupil of Mrs. E. R. Cross, passed with credit in the primary division for pianoforte playing at an examination held in connection with the Royal Schools of Music, London.

7--Good Friday-Offertories at the Parish Church services given to the Society for the Jews.

9--Easter Day heralded in by the ringing of a peal of Church bells at 6 a.m.

15--Collection in Littleport in aid of the Orthopaedic Hospital, London. Master L. Sallis, a junior member of the British Legion Band, obtained second prize in a solo contest at a musical contest at Fakenham.

16--920 eggs for Addenbrooke's Hospital collected at Parish Church.

19--Annual meeting of Parish Council. It was revealed that a definite promise of improvements in connection with the flooding of the Moors had been obtained from the Ouse Catchment Board.

21--Trophies won in various competitions presented to members of the Conservative Club. The first prize winners were R. Thurlow (darts), A. Simpson (dominoes), J. Sparrow and S. Dix (billiards).

23--The Bishop of Ely (Dr. Heywood), preached at St. Matthew's Church on the occasion of the commemoration of the Church's 60th anniversary of consecration. Seventh anniversary of the Gospel Mission, Camel Road, celebrated.

24--Monthly meeting of Mothers' Union. Mrs. Herbert, of Manea, spoke on Women who had made History.

!!! 26--A resolution expressing concern at the Ouse Catchment Board's failure to take definite steps to prevent serious flooding in the future or to make provision for the protection of Denver Sluice if it were bombed in an air raid, passed at half-yearly

meeting of Littleport & Downham Commissioners.

26--William Redmond, of no fixed abode, charged at Ely Police Court with breaking into the house of Mr. Bert Hatch, of Littleport and taking away money and clothing. He was remanded.

Annual presentation of prizes won in various club competitions at the British Legion Club. First prize winners in the billiards competitions were W. Missin and J. Vinall; darts, E. Taylor; dominoes, H. Gillett.

May, 1939.

2--Visit of the Band and Drums of the Cambridgeshire Regiment in an effort to arouse enthusiasm towards the formation of a drill station in Littleport. Four recruits were enrolled in the Territorials.

3--Salvation Army sale of work opened by Mrs. James A. de Rothschild.

5--It was revealed that Mrs. W. Milne Wilson and Mrs H Rowell had collected £9/12/0 for R.S.P.C.A, funds.

The recent local house-to-house collection for the National Children's Home amounted to £8/9/2.

Annual meeting of Nursing Association. It was revealed that Nurse Page and Nurse West had travelled over 8,000 miles in attending their patients.

6--Open-air concert by British Legion Band in aid of the British Cancer Relief Fund yielded £3/16/6.

8--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. A competition for duck eggs was won by Mrs. A. F. Price.

9--Cambridge Milk Recording Society visited farms of Messrs. Martin Bros, to inspect herds of prize-winning cows.

Special meeting of Victoria St. Methodists. It was decided to re-open the Victoria Street Sunday School.

Mrs. Sally Laws, of Canning Town, London, knocked down by a motor cycle and fatally injured. Mrs. Laws, who was 71, was a native of Littleport.

13--Half-yearly meeting of the Kings Lynn & West Norfolk District of the Ancient Order of Foresters. It was revealed that the Littleport Court had won the Sister Hyner Challenge Shield which is awarded annually to that Court showing the largest percentage increase in juvenile members.

14--It was revealed that Major Keenan and Lieut. Summers, of the Salvation Army,

were leaving Littleport.

19--Mr S. A. Ellingham, of High Street, won a prize in a competition organised by the publishers of the Thinker's Library. The Bishop of Ely (Dr. Heywood), conducted a confirmation service at the Parish Church. There were 9 candidates.

New Salvation Army officers, Captain and Mrs. Booth, welcomed.

22--1st Littleport Company Girl Guides inspected by the District Commissioner, Mrs. Bamford, of Ely.

!!! 23--400 children attended a special showing of the film "The Adventures of Robin Hood," at the Regal Cinema.

24--Empire Day service held at Parish Church. The Vicar (Rev. J. K. Cecil Payne), dedicated a new standard for the Girl Guides, which had been given by Mr. H. P. Peacock.

26--Rifle Shooting--Littleport members of the Ely Club beat the Ely members by one point.

27--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Mr. W. R. Hills, of Ely, and Miss L. M. Gilson, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Gilson of Millfield.

Marriage, at Cambridge, of Mr. C. F. Hutt, of Soham, and Miss W. M. Gilson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gilson, of Millfield.

28--Whit Sunday-120 people attended Holy Communion at the Parish Church. Re-opening of Victoria Street Methodist Sunday School.

June, 1939.

1--It was revealed that the sum of £17/15/0 had been raised in the recent house-to-house collection in aid of the Lord Baldwin Fund for Refugees. The collection was organised by Mrs. J. K. C. Payne.

5--Half-yearly meeting of the "Hereward" Lodge of Odd Fellows. It was revealed that since the last half-yearly meeting 72 new members had been introduced.

7--Thirty-seven members of the Women's Bright Hour travelled to Felixstowe for their annual outing.

10--Red Cross Society's flag day. £10/15/11 was raised under the organisation of Mrs. W. Goy.

14--St. Matthew's Church garden fete. About £35 was raised for Church funds.

15--The recent appeal in aid of Dr. Barnado's Homes yielded £12/3/5.

16--It was revealed that Mrs. J. K. Cecil Payne had received a letter from Lord Baldwin thanking all those who responded so splendidly to his recent appeal for Jewish refugees.

Rifle shooting competition between the Littleport and Ely members of the Ely Club. Ely gained a narrow victory.

Monthly meeting of Little Ouse Women's Institute. The delegate, Mrs. Brand, gave a report of the annual meeting held recently in the Empress Hall, Earl's Court.

21--Parish Church garden fete held on the Vicarage lawn. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. E. M. Keatinge, wife of the prospective National Conservative candidate for the Isle. Miss Gwen Francis won the beauty competition.

Swimming--Littleport defeated at Wisbech. The homesters won three of the four events.

22--Annual meeting of Littleport Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. The treasurer reported that the funds of the Centre had never been better. Mrs. Macfie announced her retirement from the post of chairman as she was shortly leaving Littleport.

25--Rev. V. H. E. Ritson, Vicar of Stuntney, preached at the Parish Church.

Young people's anniversary held in the Salvation Army Citadel.

26--Littleport Butcher's Cricket Club annual outing to Yarmouth.

27--Members of the local branch of St. John Ambulance Association received their new uniforms.

28--Mothers' Union annual outing to Hunstanton. They attended a Church service at Sandringham.

30--Dr. and Mrs. W. G. T. Macfie, of Mow Fen Hall, left Littleport to take up residence at Great Shelford.

July, 1939.

1--Death, while on holiday, of Mr. Porter Barnes, of Southend. At the time of his death he was spending a holiday at the home of his brother, Mr. Thomas Barnes, of 13, Hitches Street.

The local Brigade of the St. John Ambulance Division held their first flag day. £21/9/5 was realised.

2--129th anniversary of St. John's Methodist Sunday School.

5--Amalgamated Friendly Societies' Charities' Committee garden fete held in the

grounds of the Convalescent Home. Ald. T. Peake performed the opening ceremony.

6--Visit to the Parish Church of bellringers of Christ Church, Southgate. They were accompanied by their Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Stainsby, who some twenty years ago was curate at Littleport.

7--Miss Joan Saul, pupil of Mrs. Walter Gotobed, gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer I.

Mr. J. C. Armiger, of High Street, won the first prize of £100 in a "News Chronicle" crossword puzzle competition.

8--Miss F. Youngs organised a daffodil day collection in the town in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, £5/3/9 was collected.

Marriage, at Sedge Fen, of Mr. Bernard Carter, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Carter, of Littleport, and Miss W. V. Fendick, of Decoy Farm.

9--Flower Service held in Parish Church.

10--Marriage, at Ely, of P.c. R. W. Armstrong, of Littleport, and Miss V. L. Cooper, of Ely.

11--Meeting of Parish Council. It was revealed that Littleport and district had narrowly escaped serious flooding on July 8th, owing to water breaking through a new bank about two miles from Denver Sluice.

Swimming--Littleport defeated March before a crowd of over 300.

12--United Sunday School outing to Hunstanton. About 650 children, parents and friends made the journey.

13--Death, at St. Audrey's Hospital, Woodbridge, Suffolk, at the age of 65, of Mr. Robert Henry Laws, formerly of Littleport.

14--Miss Mary Lester, pupil of Mrs. Walter Gotobed, gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer I.

Mr. J. C. Armiger won another prize in a "News Chronicle" crossword puzzle competition. He shared the first prize with nine others.

17--R. W. Cobbin, of Littleport, obtained second prize in a long distance swim through Ely, organised by the Ely Amateur Swimming Club. H. Y. Rogers, also of Littleport, was third.

18--Members of the British Legion Club made a presentation to a fellow member, Mr. G. Pettitt, to mark the occasion of his marriage.

Meeting of the County Education Committee. The following scholars of the Town Schools were awarded minor scholarships : Sylvia Phyllis Barber, June Lilian Bent, Hazel Mildred Fuller, Caitriona Miari Stuart Gordon, Brenda Watkins and Raymond William Spring. The secondary schools at which the scholarships are tenable are Ely High School and Soham Grammar School.

19--Littleport Swimming Club gained second place at the annual inter-club gala held at Wisbech.

21--Presentation made to the Rev. and Mrs. S. Oakley by members of the Women's Bright Hour. The Rev. and Mrs. Oakley were shortly leaving for Cambridge.

Mr. Harry Chapman, the well-known boot and shoe retailer and repairer of Globe Lane, successful in winning a cash prize of £5 in connection with a Phillips' National Window Dressing competition.

Annual meeting of Town Football Club. A balance in hand of £89 was reported.

!!! Monthly meeting of Little Ouse & Brandon Bank Women's Institute. Mrs. W. Hills gave a demonstration on the making of scones.

23--Annual Hospital Parade. £45/19/10 was collected.

26--Annual show of Littleport Horticultural & Foal Show Society. The championship medal for horses and foals was won by Mr. C. Mott, and in the horticultural section Mr. C. Haylock was awarded the cup for the most points. The Canine Society's second dog show attracted over 350 entries.

27--Mr. J. C. Payne, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Payne, sailed from Southampton to Rhodesia to take up work with the Mounted Police for three years.

Swimming Club's annual water sports. A. C. Leigh, of Cambridge, won the Challenge Cup.

28--Miss Doris Spalding, pupil of Mrs. W. Gotobed, gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer I.

30--Victoria Street Methodist Sunday School anniversary revived.

31--Presentations by members of the ladies' and men's sections of the local St. John Ambulance Brigade to Dr. W. G. T. Macfie, who had recently left the town.

August, 1939.

1--Swimming-Littleport v. March. Littleport gained an easy victory.

2--Death, at his home, of the Rev. Charles Herbert Lee, B.A., Rector of Alderton-

with-Ramsholt, Suffolk. In the early years of his career he was an assistant master at the Town Boys' School under the late Mr. J. S. Fendick.

Little Ouse water sports. Much of the entertainment was provided by the Littleport Swimming Club.

8--Presentation by members of the local Maternity and Child Welfare Centre to Mrs. T. G. Richards (Secretary), as a mark of their appreciation of her past services.

9--Swimming--A large crowd watched the Littleport Club defeat Wisbech. Swimming Club's first children's gala. The water polo match-boys v. girls-resulted in a draw.

11--Bowls--F. Pilkington, J. W. Field, C. W. Jameson and H. Barlow selected to play for Cambridgeshire against Bedfordshire,

12--A "Geranium Day," organised by Mrs. J. W. Gill, in aid of the Isle of Ely National Institute for the Blind, yielded over £10.

15--Swimming-Largest crowd of season watched Littleport defeat King's Lynn.

16--Swimming-Ely v. Littleport. The local club gained another victory.

18--Miss Pamela Roakes, pupil of Mrs. W. Gotobed, gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer I.

19--Miss Irene Fisher, youngest daughter of Mrs. J. Nicholas and the late Mr. J. W. Fisher, of Wisbech Road, celebrated her 21st birthday.

22--Swimming gala for children held at the Bath, Wisbech Road. The water polo match, girls v. boys, was won by the girls, 2-1.

September, 1939.

1--Miss Doris Spring gained a certificate for Pitman's Shorthand, Primer I.

Intense activity in Littleport to complete A.R.P. arrangements. The past week had been another of international crises. First batch of evacuees from London arrived in the town.

!!! 3--Great Britain declared war on Germany.

!!! More evacuees arrived from London. This brought the total up to 381.

!!! 4--The Regal and Empire Cinemas closed owing to the declaration of war.

!!! 4--Air-raid siren sounded its first warning of the war at about 2.45 a.m. The "all

clear" was given within half-an-hour.

Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Mr. H. E. Hinckley, formerly of Littleport, and Miss J. Turner, of Brixton.

!!! 6--Two air-raid warnings given within one hour, the first just before 7 a.m. and the second three-quarters-of-an-hour later. The "all clear" sounded at about 9 a.m.

9--Marriage, at Ely, of Miss Phyllis Butcher, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Butcher, of Gladstone Villas, Littleport, and Corporal Bertram R. Bell, of Ely.

!!! 11--Re-opening of Cinemas.

12--Quarterly meeting of Ely Methodist Circuit. A warm welcome was extended to the Rev. G. Smith, who had come to take charge of the Littleport area.

!!! 18--Opening of new British Legion Club. It cost £1,170.

October, 1939.

1--Harvest Festival observed at Parish Church. The fruit and vegetables were sent to the R.A.F. Hospital (The Grange).

3--It was reported at a meeting of Ely Rural District Council that the cost of A.R.P. work at Littleport was about £14 per week.

4--The Amalgamated Friendly Societies' Charities' Committee allocated £65/10/0 to various charities.

Mr. E. W. Smith appointed manager of Ely Co-operative Society in succession to Mr. B. Touch. He had been manager of the Society's Littleport Branch for 24 years.

6--Marriage, at Ely, of Miss I. P. Langley, of Ely, and Mr. Robert Goodge, son of Mrs. C. Goodge, of New River Bank, and the late Mr. Goodge.

12--A motor cycle and sidecar, driven by Mr. Isaac Thompson, of New River Bank, came into collision with a motor car on the Wisbech Road. His lady passenger, Miss Amelia Youngs, of the "Three Horse Shoes" Inn, Wisbech Road, sustained fractures to both ankles. Mr. Thompson received only minor injuries.

13--Missionary talk at St. John's Methodist Church by Mr. C. T. Eddy, M.A., of Kumasi, Gold Coast, West Africa.

14--Flag day in aid of the Lord Mayor's Fund for the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance War Organisation. The local collections, organised by Mr. and Mrs. Goy, amounted to over £15.

15--Marriage, at Dulwich, between Mr. R. F. Linklater, of Wimblington, Kent, and Miss Elsie Winifred Smith, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith, of Dulwich, formerly of Hope House, Littleport.

16--Marriage, at Ely, of Miss Annie Porter, of Friars Place, Littleport, to Mr. E. E. Clift, of Dairy Houses.

21--Marriage, at Bury St. Edmund's, of Miss Mary Ballantine, of Chevington Lodge, Bury St. Edmunds, and Mr. Robert E. Gooby, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gooby, of Lynn Road.

25--Half-yearly meeting of the Littleport & Downham Drainage Commissioners marked the completion of fifty years as clerk by Mr, Heber G. Martin.

27--It was revealed that Seaman Horace J. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs E- Martin, of Burnt Fen, lost his life when H.M.S Royal Oak was sunk by a German submarine.

28--Marriage at Forest Hill, London, of Miss Vivienne Hayward of Forest Hill and Mr. R. J. Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs W Kennedy, of The Herons, Church Lane, and formerly of the Convalescent Home.

29--Mr. and Mrs. Benton Peckett, of the "Plough" Inn, celebrated their golden wedding. Cottenham Salvation Army Band visited Littleport.

November, 1939.

4--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Mr. C. W. E. Mackender, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mackender, of Victoria Street, and Miss J. J. Crick, of Ely.

Marriage, at Cambridge, of Miss Kathleen Rutterford, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Rutterford, of the " Brickmaker's Arms," and Leading Aircraftsman F. Holbrook, of Newport, Monmouthshire.

7--Mr. A., V. Watkins, of Parson's Lane, fell through an asbestos roof at Ely Beet Factory. He sustained a broken thigh.

8--Presentation by members of the staff of Littleport Co-operative Stores to Mr. E. W. Smith, who had recently been appointed manager of the Ely Society.

10--Ladies' working party formed in connection with St. John's Methodist Church to make articles for the R.A.F. Hospital.

It was revealed that Miss Elsie M. Goodge, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Goodge, of Rack Fen, was recently married at Edinburgh to Mr. G. J. Davey, of London.

Staff and employees of the Littleport Gas Co. made a presentation to Mr. W. Porter, former works foreman, to mark the occasion of his retirement after 30 years' service

with the Company. At the same time a presentation was made to Mr. E. Clift, who was recently married.

11--Armistice Day-Sale of Flanders' Poppies in the town.

12--Remembrance Day observed at the Parish Church, which was packed to capacity.

13--Marriage at St. Etheldreda's Roman Catholic Church, Ely of Mr F.J.Arnold, of Littleport to Miss M H. Summers, of Huntingdon

!!! 29--At a meeting of the Isle of Ely County Council, Councillor Armiger asked whether the question of providing air-raid shelters for school children at Littleport had been considered.

December, 1939.

2--Marriage, at Ely, of Mr. J. R. Shearman, of Beechcroft East Molesey, and Miss R. M. G. Glenfield Martin, younger daughter of the late Dr J.F.Glenfield Martin, of Littleport, and Mrs. Glenfield Martin, of Cambridge.

4--Half-yearly meeting of the " Hereward " Lodge of Odd Fellows An ever increasing membership was reported.

Marriage, at St. John's Church, Balby, Doncaster of Dr W H James to Miss B. C. Bolton, of Doncaster. Dr. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. James, of School House, Little Ouse.

11--Prizes given by Mr. Harry Willett, of New Maiden, Surrey, presented by Alderman T. Peake to the best pupils of the Town Schools. The prizewinners were : —Boys' School, Roy Banyard; Girls' School, Irene Easy; Infants' School, Vanessa South and Brian Bumpstead.

15--Keep-fit classes organised by the Swimming Club for boys of 12 years of age and over. Mr. E. C. Chamberlain is the instructor.
