



Items of Interest during the Year 1947-48

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1949).

Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.
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December, 1947.

6--Christian Mission sale of work. Over £31 was raised for the new building fund

8--A collection taken at the Girls' School for the Hospital for Sick Children, London, amounted to £13

Members of the Women's Fellowship handed £5 from the proceeds of their recent sale of work to the St. John Ambulance Maintenance Fund

Annual meeting of Women's Institute. In her report, the secretary (Mrs. Price) revealed that the membership had increased from 86 to 109. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Philpot, of Australia

20--A Christmas Fayre, organised by the Women's Bright Hour of St. John's Methodist Church, yielded over £15

Salvation Army sale of work realised just over £37

26--Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Wilderspin, of Victoria Street, celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. & Mrs. Wilderspin are natives of Histon

A collection taken among audiences at the Regal Cinema amounted to over £.10 for the Crippled Children's School at the Palace, Ely

28--Children's service at the Parish Church. Large quantities of toys and gifts were brought by the children for the Church of England Children's Society (formerly Waifs & Strays)

30--Through the generosity of Mrs. R. G. Fisher (manageress) a free Christmas matinee for children took place at the Regal Cinema

Death, at Wollescote (Worcs.), of Miss Eliza R. Crabb, a former resident of Littleport

31--Annual Y.M.C.A. Youth Club Party. About 120 young people attended. Mr. R. Shelton, Club Leader, was presented with a leather writing case from the members in appreciation of the work he had carried out during the year.

Rev. T. G. Rogers, M.A., son of the late Rev. F. E. Rogers, a former Littleport vicar, appointed an honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral

Engagement announced between Mr. Keith Hobbs, of Ely, and Miss Esme Butcher, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Butcher, of Wisbech Road, Littleport

January, 1948.

2--Children at St. Matthew's entertained to a wonderful tea party in the Institute. £33 had been raised to make the party a memorable One

!!! 3--In the course of ploughing operations on land adjoining Whitehouse Road (part of the Luddington Estates) a skeleton was unearthed. It is believed to be the remains of a man of the Bronze Age

Marriage, at All Saints' Church, Hilgay, of Mr. Ronald Murfitt, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Murfitt, of 83, Wisbech Road, Littleport, and Miss Doris Butcher, of Hilgay

47 primary scholars attended the Christian Mission Sunday School party

5--Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Isle of Ely Farmers' Union held at March. Mr. E. Mortimer Rose succeeded Ald. L. Childs to the chair

7--Christian Mission Sunday School party (senior section) was attended by 97 scholars. After tea parents and guests, including members of the P.O.W. Camp, Ely, assembled for games

11--Service of dedication of the new ambulance of the Littleport St. John Ambulance Brigade held at the Parish Church. The ambulance was dedicated by the Dean of Ely (Very Rev. L. E. Blackburne)

12--Women's Institute monthly meeting. Three new members—Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Harwood and Miss Pope—were welcomed

16--Annual Mothers' Union party. The new piano was unveiled by the Vicar (Rev. J. K. Cecil Payne). Members of the Sewing Guild were responsible for the purchase of the instrument which was bought from the proceeds of their Christmas Sale

Mr. R. Fielden, of the Research Department at the Conservative Central Office, addressed a meeting of Littleport Young Conservatives, His subject was " The Party System "

Miss Margaret Howard, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. Howard, of Burnt

Chimney Drove, Littleport, gained the distinction of being the first holder of the "Alan Atterbury " Cup, which is to be awarded each year to the best student nurse at King's Lynn Hospital

20--Marriage, at Lubeck, Germany, of Sgt. William Jones, 10th Royal Hussars, of Connah's Quay, N. Wales, and Miss Freda Mary Doreen Allen, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Allen, of Black Horse Drove

22--Parish Church choirboys entertained to tea at the Vicarage. Later, through the kindness of Mrs. Fisher, they visited the Regal Cinema to see " Black Beauty "

St. Crispin's Sunday School annual party. A delicious tea was enjoyed by nearly 40 children

28--The new clerk (Mr. A. S. Harlock) welcomed at meeting of the Parish Council. Mr. Heber G. Martin, the former clerk, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of the late Mr. Albert Wright

30--Retirement, after more than 39 years as assistant teacher at St. James' School, Burnt Fen, of Miss A. Laycock. Miss Laycock formerly resided at Littleport

30--It was revealed that National Savings contributions of the employees of Messrs. Hope Brothers' shirt factory amounted to a little over £560 during the past year

31--Marriage of Mr. Anthony Beard, of Burton-on-Trent, and Miss Joan Smith, of Littleport

February.

1--Salvation Army—To mark the 60th anniversary of the Corps, the services were conducted by Major Leslie Drummon, a former commanding officer

!!! Meeting in mid-air. Two English ladies crossing on the Pan-American, Airways' route from San Francisco to Sydney (Australia) started up a conversation and to their astonishment discovered that their. " globe-trotting " had originated from the same starting point— Littleport ! They identified themselves as Mrs. K. A. Clifton, sister of Miss A. Benton, of " Wood Fen Corner," Littleport, and Mrs. M. E. Mitchell, mother of Mrs. R. Eastwood, of Lynn Road, Littleport

5--To mark his retirement after 14 years service to the British Legion Band, during which time he trained the members to a prize- winning standard, Mr. Rayner Dent, former Bandmaster, was presented with a handsome barometer

!!! 7--A party given by husbands of Women's Fellowship members, who had enjoyed themselves so much at a recent party given by the ladies, was a great

success. The process of washing-up was carried out. by the hosts without a single mishap

9--100 members of the Women's Institute made merry at their annual' party. During the evening Mrs. Crabb, of Ely Road, was presented with a parcel of groceries, given by Mrs. H. Benton, for being the oldest member of the W.I. present. Mrs. Laws and Mrs. Feetham were runners-up

10--Bellringers and members of the Parish Church choir were entertained to supper by the Vicar and Mrs. Payne

13--Engagement announced between Mr. C. W. Thornhill, younger son of Mr. R. E. Thornhill, of Victoria Street, Littleport, and Miss Sylvia Brown, of Southery

Annual party of the local B.R.C.S. Detachment and Cadet Union. Pamela Easy received a prize for putting in most attendances during the past year

16--Annual meeting of Littleport Women's Conservative Association, Steady progress and a satisfactory balance in hand was reported to a large attendance

Mr Joseph "H. Martin appointed a member of the permanent Agricultural Executive Committee by the Minister of Agriculture

!!! 18--Representatives of drainage authorities from a wide area of the Fens gathered in the Littleport and Downham Drainage District's Ten Mile River pumping station near Hilgay to see. a new £8,000 diesel engine set in motion by the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Land Drainage Division. The engine has a lifting capacity of 150 tons of water per minute

20--Prompt action by the Littleport formation of the N.F.S. averted a serious fire at the printing works of Mr. G. T. Watson, of Victoria St. Although the siren was found to be defective Section Leader Barnes quickly collected a crew and the blaze was soon extinguished

21--At the opening show of the Ely & District Rabbit Club the best Rex Ermine was shown by P. King, of Littleport. Other local prize winners were H. G. Taylor and J. W. Mears

29--Over 40 volunteers attended a session of blood donors at the Girls' School

March.

1--Annual meeting of " Hereward " Lodge of Odd Fellows. Bro. J. Atkins paid tribute to the honour bestowed on the Lodge in the appointment of Bro. H. Stimpson as Provincial Grand Master of the Wisbech District

3--Meeting of Ely R.D.C. Councillor B. G. Wright was appointed a governor of Soham Grammar School in place of his father, the late Councillor A. Wright

4--Billiards—Mond Cup, Final. Wisbech Legion defeated Littleport Legion "A." Scores—Wisbech 1,199, Littleport 878

5--Billiards—Riley Junior Cup, Final. Littleport Legion " B " defeated March United Services, 821—806

7--Mothering Sunday—The Vicar of Wilburton (Rev. H. M. Boswell) addressed mothers and children at the Parish Church

8--Women's Inst. "Member's Night." Mr. Barrow, of the N.S.P.C.C., was the special speaker for the evening

10--A barn and straw stack at Mildenhall Road, belonging to Mr. Percy Murfitt of City Road, destroyed by fire.

12--It was revealed that a bring-and-buy sale organised by the local Nursing Association to raise funds for the Jubilee Appeal of the Queen's Institute realised over £56

14--Band concert—A packed audience enjoyed a programme of " Family Favourites " given by the Legion Band at the Constitutional Hall

17—S.J.A.B. cadets inspected by the County Cadet Officer (Mrs. A. Ettridge). A Home Nursing Certificate was presented to Nursing Cadet Lily F. Easy and Re-examination Certificates to Ambulance Cadets David Crabb and Reginald Driver

20--Marriage, at St. John's Church, March, of Mr. Clifford Nunn, of Littleport, and Miss Vera Dorothy Plume, of March, and formerly of Ely

24--Rev. I. A. Reynolds (Vicar of Little Ouse), cycled the 29 miles to Wisbech to attend the funeral of a former Vicar of Little Ouse, the Rev. M. P. Shipman, M.A.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Green, of 42, Wisbech Road, received a parcel of food from Princess Elizabeth. The accompanying letter stated, " Many kind friends overseas sent me gifts of food at the time of my wedding. I want to distribute it as best I can and to share my good fortune with others. I therefore ask you to accept this parcel with my best wishes—Elizabeth." A similar gift from the Princess was received by Mrs. T. Jackson, of Mill Pit Furlong

25--A resolution urging the Minister of Health to sanction the building of more houses in Littleport was passed at the annual assembly of the parish in the Town Hall. Following a strong appeal by the Vicar of Little Ouse (Rev. I. A. Reynolds) a further resolution was carried asking Ely R.D.C, to include that parish in their building programme

Meeting of the local branch of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers. It was decided to make an appeal to all local workers to join the Union

27--First open members' show of the season organised by Littleport and All England Fur and Fancy Society. 105 animals were exhibited

28--Easter Day—Over 140 communicants attended the Parish Church Death, in the Princess Beatrice Hospital, Kensington, of Mrs. Ellen Dagleish, formerly of Littleport

29--Easter Monday—The British Legion Band, under conductor J. H. Hawkes, gained first prize in its section at the East Anglian Brass Bands Association's contest, held at Norwich, The Band was awarded a magnificent silver trophy—the Heacham Challenge Cup

31--National Savings "Silver Lining" target of £150,000 passed by Ely Rural District. Mr. W. Goy, acting chairman of the District Savings Committee, received a congratulatory telegram from Baron Mackintosh, chairman of the National Savings Committee

April.

4--The Isle M.P. (Major E. A. H. Legge-Bourke) was the special speaker at a P.S.A. Service held in Victoria Street Methodist Church

!!! 9--A public inquiry concerning the Sunday opening of the Regal Cinema was held in the Constitutional Hall. Fifteen different speakers aired their views

Mrs. Ruby Ford, of 48. High Street, won no less than £518/8/3 in Vernon's football pool

12--Women's Institute monthly meeting. Mrs. R. Smith and Mrs. A. Bell, new members, were welcomed

13--Outbreak of fire at First Westmoor, Wisbech Road, on property occupied by Mr. Edward Gilbert, destroyed two buildings and their contents. Other buildings were severely damaged

14--Funeral, at Hendon, of Mrs. Hannah Jewson, second daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. H. Goodge, of Littleport. Mrs. Jewson was 61

18--Major Cox, of Worksop, a former Commanding Officer, conducted Salvation Army services

St. John's Methodist Church anniversary. The special preacher was the Rev. D. S. Taylor, a student of Wesley House, Cambridge

19--Several rooms at "Sunnyside," the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Price, of Wellington Street, damaged by fire

20--Dr. Moran paid his farewell visit to the Child Welfare Clinic, He brought with him Dr. Coggin-Brown, his successor

20--Celebrations of St. John's Methodist Church anniversary continued. Rev. Norman Tetlaw (Mildenhall) was the visiting preacher

!!! Annual meeting of Parish Council. Unilateral parking in High Street was discussed and it was decided to apply to the County Council for such parking. In reply to the resolution pressing for more houses in Littleport and district, passed at the annual meeting of the parish in March, a letter from the Ministry of Health pointed out that more than 50 per cent, of the R.D.C.'s building quota had been allocated to Littleport. It was revealed that 114 permanent houses had been started in the parish

22--Annual meeting of Littleport Angling Club. Following a discussion as to the kinds and sizes of fish in the Club's waters, it was decided to approach the Ouse and Cam Fishery Board for permission to net parts of these waters to see what they contained

Members of the Women's Fellowship and St. John Nursing Division gave a party in honour of Sister Hart who was shortly leaving the district to take up nursing duties elsewhere

23--Engagement announced between Mr. Derek Thornhill, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thornhill, of Victoria Street, and Miss Brenda Key, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Key, of Parsons Lane

24--Women's Institute jumble sale yielded £75 for Cancer Research and the R.S.P.C.A.

A fire at Messrs. Hiam's Estates Ltd , Apes Hall, destroyed a 50-ton straw stack and farm buildings

!!! 28--It was decided at a meeting of the Isle of Ely Highways Committee that unilateral parking for vehicles in High Street, Littleport, was not necessary

May.

1--Football—Littleport St. John Ambulance Cup—Final. Ely City Reserves defeated Stretham, 6—3

2--First day of Littleport and District Youth Week. 170 members of local youth

organisations attended a County Youth Service at Ely Cathedral

3--Boxing contests held at Ely in connection with the County Youth Week resulted in victories for 6 boys from the Littleport Y.M.C.A. Youth Club. They were Gordon Butcher, Terry Turner, Ronald Gill, Brian Lee, Bernard Gillett and G. Mackender. The Ruane Challenge Cup was won by the Littleport team for gaining the highest points during the evening

4--Football—Final of the Bedford Charity Cup competition between Littleport Reserves and Shippea Hill ended in a draw, 4—4

Mrs. Davy introduced to members at a meeting of the Women's Institute

7--Football—Littleport Reserves defeated Shippea Hill, 2—1, in the replayed final round of the Bedford Charity Cup

Mr R A. Sell, Stationmaster at Black Bank, appointed to a similar position at Elsenham. He was appointed chief clerk at Littleport Station in 1943

!!! It was revealed that as a result of the public inquiry he conducted in Littleport, on April 9th, regarding the proposed Sunday opening of the Regal Cinema, the Inspector appointed had come to the conclusion that public opinion in the rural district was in favour of the cinema being open

8--County Youth Boxing Championships held at March. B. Gillett, a member of the Littleport Y.M.C.A, boxing team, was awarded the W. E. H. Rowe Cup for the best performance in the finals

9--Final rally in connection with the Youth Week held at the Y.M.C.A. Rev. G, I, F. Thompson, Vicar of Hilgay, was the speaker Major Mabel K. Phillips, Commanding Officer of the local Salvation Army Corps, conducted her farewell services at the Citadel. She was to take the command of the Corps at Wadhurst, near Brighton

12--Annual presentation of trophies at the British Legion Club. Mrs. Cecil Mott, wife of the late President, presented the Cecil Mott Billiards Cup and first prize to Mr. C. Spalding

13--Parish Council meeting. Recommendations were made that the swimming bath should be disposed of and the proceeds put towards the erection of a new bath

14--It was revealed that Mr. Leonard Thomas Tucker, of Camberwell, second son of Mrs. G. Tucker, of 12, Lynn Road, had dived into the Grand Surrey Canal, Old Kent Road, and saved a six-year-old boy from drowning

Annual meeting of the Littleport & Prickwillow Nursing Association. It was revealed that Miss Biart and Miss Railton had accepted the posts of district nurse midwives in place of Miss Else and Miss Hart, whose resignations had been received with regret.

An appeal was made for the continued support of donors and subscribers as the Association would be responsible for both the welfare of the nurses and for providing the best possible nursing service

!!! 16--Thieves broke into the Littleport Co-operative Stores in the early hours of the morning and took approximately £100 worth of clothing, cigarettes and other goods. While on the premises they changed into new shoes and later, apparently, changed into new clothing in the Littleport churchyard. Entry into the building was made through one of the glass panels in the front door

Adjutant Rosenthal, the Corps' new commanding officer, was given a great reception at the Salvation Army Citadel

19--Service of dedication of special gifts made to St. John's Restoration Fund conducted by the minister (Rev. J. J. Lewis). It was announced that just over £172 had been given

Candidates from St. Matthew's and Little Downham were confirmed by the Bishop of Ely at Littleport Parish Church

20--Major E, A. H, Legge-Bourke performed the official opening of the new Community Centre at Black Horse Drove

21--Alleged to have ransacked the various departments of the Co-operative Stores in Victoria Street, Littleport, three London youths were, at a special court at Ely, sent for trial at the next Quarter Sessions

21--Mrs. G. Turner, of 29, City Road, who sent a letter of congratulation to Their Majesties on the occasion of their Silver Wedding, received a reply from the Private Secretary to H.M. The King conveying the sincere thanks of the King and Queen for her good wishes

28--A petrol tanker travelling along the road between Southery and Littleport, in pulling off the road to allow an overtaking lorry to pass, went on to the earth verge, which collapsed. The vehicle toppled down the 20 foot embankment and the driver, Mr. Alan Smith, of King's Lynn, was pinned beneath the cabin and killed

29--Horses and turnouts belonging to Mr. F. G. Starling and Mr, G. C. Bedford gained prizes at the County Show, held at Ely. In the cattle section prizes were won by cattle owned by Messrs. H. J. & H. G. Martin

31--Members of the local branch attended a united Mothers' Union service in Ely Cathedral. The speaker was the Rt. Rev. T. W. Stainton, Assistant Bishop of Bloemfontein, South Africa

Presentations made to Miss F. E. Lee, headmistress of the Infants' School, to mark

her retirement

June.

3--Annual meeting of the Ely District Girl Guide Association. Demonstrations were given by the Littleport Sea Rangers under the leadership of Miss M. Davy

4--The County Cadet Officer of the S.J.A.B. (Mrs. A. Ettridge) made the following presentations at a special ceremony in the Odd Fellows' Hall: Sgt. Fletcher, Clerical Ability Certificate ; Amb./Cadet Murfitt, Amb./Cadet Jackson, N./Cadet B. Easy, N./Cadet M. Gent, N./Cadet Handley and N./Cadet R. Crabb, Preliminary First Aid Certificates ; Amb./Cadet Driver, Amb./Cadet D. Crabb, Amb./Cadet Benton, N./Cadet L. Easy, N./Cadet J. Clack, N./Cadet Sparrow, N./Cadet Murfitt and N./Cadet Rudderham, annual Re-examination Certificates

10--Methodist Circuit Rally held at Ely. The special speaker was the Rev. B. H. Owen, of Raunds, formerly of Littleport

12--Women's Fellowship first birthday party

At the Norfolk Band Festival held at Fakenham, Littleport British Legion Band secured second prize in Section B

13--First Christian Mission Sunday School anniversary. Collections and donations during the day amounted to £58/10/6

Mr. E. Youngs, of Littleport, conducted Sunday School anniversary services at Steam Engine Methodist Chapel

14--Last night of payments towards Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund

Final meeting of Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund Committee. The Committee had rendered service since 1931

At a meeting held in the Community Centre it was decided to form a branch of the Women's Institute at Black Horse Drove

14--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. A demonstration on French polishing was given by Miss L. Crouch, of Ely

19—B.R.C.S. flag day realised the sum of £51/15/6

!!! The remains of a small Romano-British settlement found on New Farm, Bells Drove, Littleport. The site is situated in the two fields which lie between the farm house and the channel of the extinct Old Croft River

20--St. John's Methodist Sunday School anniversary. At the evening service, before a

large attendance, the children gave an effective demonstration entitled " God made my life "

26--A flag day for the blind, organised by the Women's Fellowship, realised over £68

Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Turner, of The Hythe, celebrated their golden wedding. A service of thanksgiving was held in Victoria Street Methodist Church

Marriage at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Mr. David William (Bob) Newton, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. D. Newton, of The Crescent, Littleport, and Miss Jean Nancy Mulley, of Ely .

27--Mr. Ernest Bevan, the Foreign Secretary, accompanied by Mrs. Bevan. paid an informal visit to the Convalescent Home

30--Meeting of E.R.D. Council. Ald. H. G. Martin deplored the lack of progress with the Littleport sewerage scheme

!!! At the Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions, held at Wisbech, sentences were passed on three London youths who ransacked the Co-operative Stores at Littleport on May 16th. Two were sent to Borstal and the other to an approved school

July.

3--Messrs. H. J. & H. G. Martin gamed first prizes for their horses and cattle at the Royal Norfolk Show, held at Norwich. Mr. F. G. Starling's "Monarch " was awarded the first prize in the Percheron gelding class

Seventy-two-year-old Mr. William Summers, of 108, Victoria Street Littleport, was among those presented with Royal Agricultural Society's long-service medals by His Majesty The King at the Royal Show. Mr. Summers, a horseman, has been employed at Flanders Farm for the past sixty years, starting work at the age of 12

4--Rev. G. Smith, a former minister, took part in anniversary services held at Victoria Street Methodist Church

7--Parish Church gift day. Over £40 was given for the quota

9--It was revealed that local collections for St. Dunstan's amounted to over £80

Sister Olive Chapman, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., Q.N., elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H. Chapman, of Globe Lane, Littleport, succeeded in passing Part I. of the Midwife Teachers' Diploma examination held in London

Engagement announced between Mr. Terence Crabb, only son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Crabb, of The Crescent, and Miss Phyllis Spalding, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. F.

Spalding, of Dairy Houses

10--Mr. F. G. Starling again figured prominently among the prizewinners at Haddenham Young Farmers' open show. His successes included a championship award of a silver challenge cup and the Shire Horse Society's bronze medal. Other local prizewinners were Messrs. G. C. Bedford, H. Wilson, J. Wilson and Messrs. H. J. & H. G. Martin

Marriage, at the Countess of Huntingdon Church, Ely, of Mr. James W. Kerridge, son of Mr. & Mrs. F. Kerridge, of Bush Farm, Littleport, and Miss Mildred A. Chambers, of Little Downham

11--Special flower service held in the Parish Church. The Vicar of St. Matthew's (Rev. S. Chambers) gave the address. Lessons' were read by David Norman. The organist was Audrey Fuller

12--Women's Institute meeting. One new member, Mrs. Collins, was proposed and seconded

13--Members of the Mothers' Union spent a memorable day at Windsor

!!! 14--At a parish meeting it was disclosed that Littleport's proposed war memorial for which £1,100 had already been collected was no longer to take the form of a playing field, the County Council having turned down an application for a grant. At a previous meeting of subscribers it had been agreed that the money already subscribed for the war memorial should be used towards the cost of erecting a swimming bath in Camping Close

14--Angling match for schoolchildren arranged by the Angling Club. The prizewinners were : 1, Peter Firby ; 2, E. Middleton ; 3, C. Sallis ; 4, P. Whitehand. Special prizes were awarded to Peter Firby (aged 6) and P. Stevens (aged 4)

An "At Home " for all Girl Guide Officers was held at Highfield House by Miss S. M. Martin, Division Commander

16--Engagement announced between Mr. Ronald Angel, youngest son of Mrs. Angel, of New Road, Littleport, and Miss Mabel Harris of Ely

20--Meeting of Parish Council. It was decided to purchase and equip the Camping Close as a playing field

21--St. John's Methodist Church garden fete opened by Mrs R Wyllie of Mow Fen Hall

23--For long service in agriculture, Mr. E. Butcher, of Mill Pit Furlong, was awarded a bronze medal. The award was made in connection with Peterborough Agricultural Show

Two local girls—Maureen Palmer, a pupil of Ely High School, and Sheila Smith, a pupil of Littleport County Primary School, succeeded in obtaining scholarships to the Cambridge Technical School

Engagement announced between Mr. Reginald Hare, eldest son of Mrs. V. B. Hare, and the late Mr. A. Hare, of Parsons Lane, Littleport, and Miss Ruby Howe, of Hundred Foot Bank, Little Downham

24--Annual Church garden fete opened by Mrs. Geoffrey Peacock. The financial result was over £113

First garden fete organised by Black Horse Drove Community Centre was an outstanding triumph. Over £90 was raised

Marriage, at Maddington Church, Wiltshire, of W/O. S. E. Pollyn, of Littleport, to Miss Audrey Scruse, of Shrewton

Annual house-to-house collection for National Children's Homes amounted to £29/5/8

Fifteen members of the Y.M.C.A. Youth Club spent a week under canvas in the Lake District. Mr. R. Shelton (Club Leader) was in charge

25--Annual Feast Sunday parade. At the church service Rev. Peyton Burberry (Rector of St. Mary's, March) gave the address

27--Farewell presentation made to Rev. J. J. Lewis, Methodist Minister of Littleport, by members of the Ely Circuit Youth Fellowship

28--Horticultural and Foal Show Society's annual show attended by over 4 000 people. In the horse section Mr. G. C. Bedford won the silver challenge cup for the best foal in the show. Mr. A. W. Thompson gained most prizes in the horticultural section The rabbit show, organised by the Littleport and All England Fur and Fancy Society, attracted nearly 200 entries

28--Half-yearly meeting of the Wisbech District of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows' held at Wisbech. Prov. G.M. Harold Stimpson presided

30--The following pupils of the Town Schools were successful in passing the Entrance Examination to Ely High school for Girls and Soham Grammar School : — Girls, Jean Atkinson, Mary Butcher, Doreen Clarke, Norma Clarke, Dorothy Crane, Beryl Easy, Jean Gotobed, Maureen Handley, Margaret Harwood, Mary Lofts, Sylvia Neve, Marilyn Rutterford, Grace Strafford, Barbara Taylor. Boys, Robin Baumber, Lionel Criddle, Brian Easy, Ronald Sallis, Peter South, Terence Stevens, Frederick Thurling, William Norman (Little Ouse)

A party of sixteen officers and cadets of the S.J.A.B, left Littleport for a week's

camping holiday at Heacham

Engagement announced between Mr. John Goodge, youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Goodge, of Littleport, and Miss Irene Easey, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Easey, of Parsons Lane

Miss Kathleen Spooner, younger daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Spooner, School House, Docking and late of Littleport, passed the Final State Nursing Examination after a three year's course at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London

31--More successes for Littleport farmers at Soham show. Mr. F. G. Starling and Mr. G. C. Bedford were both awarded silver challenge cups for their champion horses. A rose bowl for the best horse in the show also went to Mr. Starling, who in addition, took the special championship prize given by the British Percheron Horse Society.

Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Mr. Jesse W. Rushbrook, of Ely, and Miss Irene M. E. Powell, daughter of Mrs Powell and the late Mr. J. Powell, of Friars Place, Littleport

Annual Y.M.C.A. Youth fete held in the grounds of Highfield House. The Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.C.) performed the opening ceremony. Over £90 was taken

August.

4--Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Gillett, of Black Horse Drove, celebrated their silver wedding

6--Resignation of Mrs. T. Richards, Infant Welfare Secretary, owing to ill health. Previous to her illness she had never been known to miss a Welfare Tuesday afternoon

7--Mr. F. G. Starling awarded the championship prize in the Percheron class at Newmarket Horse Show

9--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Welney, of Miss Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Mott, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Chas. Mott and Mrs. Mott, of Welney (formerly of Orchard House) and Mr. James S. Sangster, of Aberdeen

12--Ninety-eight of Littleport's older residents, all 70 years old or over, were entertained to tea and a social by members of the Women's Institute. Prizes were presented to the four oldest guests present, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Oakes, Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Wrighton. As the oldest member of the Littleport W.I. Mrs. H. Crabb also received a gift

14—15--Brigadier & Mrs. Moss, missionaries in India for many years, were responsible for Salvation Army services

16--Rev. J. J. Lewis, Methodist Minister, left Littleport for Knottingley. He had been two years in the town

18--Eighteen Red Cross cadets with their Commandant (Mrs. H. Rowell) and Cadet Officer (Miss S. Leggett) spent a happy day at Hunstanton

21--Marriage, at Stuntney Parish Church, of Mr. Derek Frederick Hobbs, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hobbs, of Ely Road, Littleport, and Miss Doris Irene Garner, of Stuntney

Mr. Arthur Deakin, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, visited the Grange to open a new. annexe to the Convalescent Home

22--Major Johnson, of Thornton Heath, conducted Salvation Army services

29--Friends from Soham were welcomed at the Salvation Army Citadel

September.

!!! 1--At a meeting of the Rural District Council Alderman Heber G, Martin commented on the slow progress being made with the construction of the sewage disposal pumping station at Littleport. He said, " that at the rate things are going the work will not be completed this century "

3--Meeting of Little Ouse Women's Institute. Mrs. Morton was elected as President and Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. James as Vice-Presidents

5--Large congregations attended the harvest services at St. John's Methodist Church. The preacher at both morning and evening services was the Rev. Jack Puntis, the newly appointed minister

8--Representatives of all religious denominations in Littleport and from other parishes congregated in St. John's Methodist Church to give a great welcome to the new Methodist minister, the Rev. Jack Puntis, successor to the Rev. J. J. Lewis

8--Death, at Soham of Miss Bertha Crowe, a former resident of Littleport Miss Crowe, who was 76, left Littleport about 40 years ago

10--Engagement announced between Mr Cecil Belsham, second son of Mr and Mrs Belsham, of Dairy Houses and Miss Irene Gudgeon, of Prickwillow

10--Engagement announced between Mr. James Pope, youngest son of Mrs. W. Pope and the late Mr. Wm. Pope, of 62, Victoria Street, and Miss Margaret Butcher, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Butcher, of 52, Victoria Street

Mr. D. E. Law, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Law, Berry House, Wisbech Road, obtained a First Class Pass in Radio 1, and a Pass in the Radio Amateurs City and

Guilds of London Institute Examinations taken at Farnborough Evening Technical College

11--Death, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Mott, of Wellington House, of Mrs. Constance Louisa Townsend. Mrs. Townsend was 79

Littleport Cricket Club completed a successful season by defeating Soham Town at Soham

12--A large congregation attended the Christian Mission harvest thanks-giving services

Angling—Wood-Barrett Cup won by Mr. S. Graves, of Soham

13--Mrs. Stidden, Sister Railton and Sister Biart, new members, were welcomed at the Women's Institute monthly meeting

14--Victoria Street Methodist Church harvest sale yielded £49/10/0

16--Annual meeting of Littleport British Legion Silver Prize Band. It was revealed that Bandmaster J. H. Hawkes had been granted a musical diploma entitling him to the coveted membership of the National Association of Brass Band Conductors

17--The final of the table tennis tournament for the challenge cup, presented by the Rotary Club of Ely to Littleport Y.M.C.A. Youth Club, was won by J. Saul

At an examination the following members of the S.J.A.B. Cadet Division passed for their proficiency certificates in fire-fighting: Passed with honour, C./Sgt. Clifford Fletcher; Passed with credit, Cadets Brian Cross and Reginald Driver ; Passed, Cadets David, Crabb, Anthony Murfitt, Brian Ayres, John Key, Christopher Halliday and Edward Bowles

18--Mr. F. G. Starling's prize winning Percheron gelding, "Monarch," was sold to the St. Cuthbert's Co-operative Society, Edinburgh, for 180 guineas

26--Members of the Y.M.C.A. Youth Club visited Hilgay Parish Church to take part in a B.B.C. broadcast service

October.

3--Harvest thanksgiving services at the Parish Church At evensong the Rector of Southery (Rev. W. H. Woodhouse) preached to a full church

5--While driving his motor cycle through Milton, Mr. Norman Vince, of Wood Fen Littleport, came into collision with Mrs. Julia Butler, aged 87, of Milton. Mrs. Butler died shortly after admission to Addenbrooke's Hospital

6--It was revealed at a meeting of the E.R.D. Council that the hold-up in connection

with the construction of the sewage disposal pumping station at Littleport was due to an acute shortage of labour

8--Mr. Norman Vince, the Littleport motor cyclist who was involved in an accident at Milton resulting in the death of Mrs. J. Butler, was exonerated at the inquest held at Addenbrooke's Hospital

Engagement announced between British Constable Derrick W Stimpson, only son of Mr. & Mrs. H. Stimpson, of Church Lane, Littleport, and Miss Beryl Day, of Codicote, Herts.

9--Mr. & Mrs. A. Barber, of Parsons Lane, celebrated their golden wedding

11--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. It was announced that at the Isle of Ely County Federation of Women's Institutes' handicraft exhibition, held at Wisbech, Mrs. Gilbert had been awarded a gold star and Mrs. Goy a red star

Death, at Sudbury, Suffolk, of Mr. Walter W. Howe, a native of Littleport. Mr. Howe left Littleport nineteen years ago. He was 74

15--Engagement announced between Mr. George Spicer, of Folly Farm, Prickwillow, and Miss Violet Wilding, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Wilding, of Friars Place, Littleport

Engagement announced between Mr. Neville Lawrence, second son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Lawrence, of Hale Fen, and Miss Myrtle Fletcher, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Fletcher, of Ten Mile Bank, Littleport

16--Various teams of boy and girl members of divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Cambridgeshire gave displays at the first annual S.J.A.B. Cadet Day, held at Cambridge. Littleport Ambulance and Nursing cadets were complimented on their efficiency

17-18--Coming-of-age celebrations of St. John's Methodist Church Women's Bright Hour. Collections were taken by Mrs. Law and Mrs. Harley, both of whom had been members since the inauguration of the Bright Hour meetings

20--Members of the Women's Fellowship paid a visit to Burnt Fen Women's Institute. A demonstration on how to bone a chicken was given by Mrs. Thompson, of Littleport

22--Presentations made to Miss Maud Hopkins and Miss A. Tabcart at the Town Infants' School. The presentation to Miss Hopkins was to mark the occasion of her retirement. She had been a member of the teaching staff for the past 50 years. Miss Tabcart, who had been on the staff for 19 years, was going to college for a one-year course, returning to Littleport School after its completion

29--Engagement announced between Mr. H. Gipp, of Little Ouse, and Miss E. R. Bonnett, of Burnt Fen

30--Four men, each of whom had given over 40 years of unbroken service in the employ of Mr. Joseph Martin, had a real "field day" in London. At a special luncheon they were presented to Earl Halifax and received long service medals. The men were : Mr. George Harley, who had served for 48 years; Mr. Richard Thomas Nichols, 42 years ; and Mr. Arthur Turner, 41 years. Mr. Charles J. Ayres who had also served over 40 years went too, but unfortunately Mr. George Turner, who had a similar fine record was prevented by illness from going. After the luncheon and presentation, the four men attended the special harvest festival service in Westminster Abbey where they had excellent reserved seats and were quite close to their Majesties the King and Queen

30—31--Visit of the Rothwell Salvation Army Band. £10 was raised for the Littleport Band scheme

November.

3--The Littleport Addenbrooke's Aid Committee held a dinner to mark the winding-up of the Hospital Contributory Scheme. It was revealed that Littleport's average for contributions was the highest in the county

4--St. John's Methodist Church Guild Rally. The Rev. H. J. Martin, B.D., of Cambridge, gave the address

6--Marriage, at Welney Parish Church, between Mr. A. Loveday, of March, and Miss Joan Taylor, twin daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Taylor, of Home Farm, Littleport

Marriage, at Romsey, Hampshire, of Mr. John Robert Bell, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bell, of Bixley House, Littleport, and Miss Nita Philpott, of Romsey

7--Ex-servicemen of both wars were among the large congregation which packed the Parish Church for the Service of Remembrance

9--While he was at work at the Ely Beet Sugar Factory death came with tragic suddenness to Mr. Percy Leonard Norman, of 9, Friars Place, Littleport. Mr. Norman was taking a break from work at 3-30 p.m., when he suddenly collapsed and died. His work-mates attempted to revive him by means of artificial respiration, but their attempts proved unsuccessful

11--Meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute. Mrs, James, of Coveney, gave a demonstration on soft toy making

12--Collections organised by Mr. C. W. Flunder on behalf of the Forces' Help Society and Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops totalled £33/7/7

14--Death, at Sheringham, of Mr. Frank Cross, second son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Jabez Cross, of Littleport

20--At the East Anglian Brass Band Association's annual quartet contest, held at Thetford, Littleport British Legion Band gained third prize in Class A.

24--Meeting of the Parish Council, When the question of the disposal of the swimming baths came before the meeting it was disclosed that the baths were not the property of the Council. They were the property of the Swimming Club. It was agreed to await action on the question by the Swimming Club

Mr. A. S. Harlock announced his intention to resign his position of Clerk to the Parish Council

!!! The new canteen for school dinners was opened at Littleport Schools. The scheme had been under consideration for eight years

The Cottenham Salvation Army Band paid a visit to the Mission Hall, Camel Road

26--Engagement announced between Mr. Gilbert Hatch, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hatch, of " Ashdown," Ely Road, Littleport, and Miss Joan Margaret Thurlow, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Thurlow, of 71, Ely Road, Littleport

27--A jumble sale, held in the Girls' School in aid of School funds, realised over £41

Marriage, at the Parish Church, Prickwillow, of Mr. Ernest W Rodwell, only son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Rodwell, of Mildenhall Road, Littleport, and Miss Joyce P. Taylor, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, of Branch Bank

30--Mr. Albert Harley and Mr. William Bye, both in the employ of Messrs. H. J. & H. G. Martin, were awarded second prizes in stacking and thatching competitions organised by the Ely Branch of the National Farmers' Union

Nursing success—Miss Doreen Atkinson, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Atkinson, of The Crescent, obtained her S.R.N. certificate
