



Items of Interest during the Year 1960-61

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1962).

Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.
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December, 1960.

1--Monthly meeting of the Black Horse Drove Women's Institute The meeting was marked by the presence of two visitors Mrs Lester from London, and Miss Reynolds from Sussex '

3--Annual Christmas Fair in aid of church funds held in the Constitutional Hall. It was opened by Captain J. C. Payne son of the Rev. Canon J. K. C. Payne.

A sincere welcome was given to Captain H. Clark, the newly-appointed officer to the Salvation Army. The ceremony took place at the Salvation Army Hall and the welcoming address was given by the Corps S/Major, Mr. W. Storey.

4--At the Black Horse Drove Methodist Church a tape-recording was made of the afternoon service, which was conducted by a party of friends from Burwell.

!!! 6--At a meeting of the Education Committee, Mr. C. R. Browning, Headmaster of the Martin School, reported that new accommodation was required for those pupils who remained at school after the age of 15. A grant of £70 was made to provide a boat house for the protection of the school's canoes and sailing-craft.

7--At a meeting of a Special Sub-Committee appointed by the Isle of Ely Education Committee, it was announced that Littleport Parish Council had offered to hand over the sum of £2,350 if the Committee provided a swimming pool at the Martin School.

Annual Outing to Norwich of the members of the Women's Fellowship Club.

9--Annual Christmas Party of the Over Sixties' Club at the Odd Fellows' Hall. The club chairman, Mrs. G. P. T. Peacock, was presented with a bouquet by Mrs. T. Lythell.

10--Annual Dinner of the Littleport and District Motor Cycle and light car club.

13--At the general meeting of the Women's Institute Mrs. W. J. Gill was

unanimously elected president for the thirteenth year in succession. W.I. spoons were presented to Mrs. J. Gilbert

14--At a meeting of the Ely Rural District Council, the Isle of Ely County Council was criticised for having evicted Mr. R. Laws from the School House in Wisbech Road.

Almost £11 was raised at a Whist Drive held in the school at Little Ouse in aid of the Cricket Club.

14--A Dinner for the employees of Messrs. Hope Bros, shirt factory was held at the Constitutional Hall.

14/15--Three short plays, "Scenes from the Classics", were presented by the pupils of the Primary School, under the supervision of Miss M. Davy and Miss E. R. Gill.

17--Departure to Biggleswade, Beds., of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hooper. Mr. Hooper had been for 4 1/2 years manager at the Littleport Branch of Lloyds' Bank.

Mr. Charles Fletcher, youngest son of Mr. L. Fletcher of 10, Friars Way, and the late Mrs. E. M. Fletcher, was married at St. John's Church, Peterborough, to Miss Monica Stretton, of Peterborough.

18--A charming Nativity Mime was performed at the Salvation Army Hall by the children of the Littleport Corps.

19--150 children attended a Christmas Party organised by the "Hiam" Sports and Social Club for children of Hiam's Estates employees. The function was held at the Constitutional Hall.

20--A Carol Concert was presented at the Primary School by the school choir, under the supervision of Miss M. Bishop.

End of term activities at the Martin School included the fourth year Christmas Party, a series of form-plays, each arranged by the pupils, and a carol service in which the whole school took part.

23--The engagement was announced between Miss Margaret Bishop, of Prickwillow, and Mr. William Ernest Day, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. Day of Plantation Farm, Burnt Fen,

It was announced that the Poppy Day collection in Littleport, organised by Mrs. Ida Rowell, had realised £248, exceeding the total for 1959 by £42.

It was announced that Miss V. M. Taylor, elder daughter of Mr. And Mrs, R. W. Taylor, of 89, Victoria Street, had completed her midwifery training in London, and was a State Certified Midwife.

24--Mr. and Mrs. Horace Harlock, of The Holmes, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

!!! 25--Christmas Day—Overhead cables at Adelaide were damaged by a flying swan, causing the whole of the Littleport area to be without electricity. Repairs were quickly effected by the Eastern Electricity Board and many Christmas dinners were saved.

!!! Miss Patricia Hartley of Littleport, travelling on a late train from Shelford, reached Cambridge to find she had missed the last connection. A two-coach diesel unit was especially chartered to take her to Ely, and from there a taxi took her to her front door.

28--Death of Mrs. Emily Kate Martin, widow of the late Alderman H. J. Martin, of Upton House. She was in her 91st year.

28--Death of Mr. Daniel Laugharne, of Dovercourt. Aged 63 he was the husband of a native of Littleport, formerly Miss Rose Malkin, a member of a well known local family.

30--Mr. T. B. James, Headmaster of the Coronation School, Black Horse Drove, was thanked in a letter from the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind for the money collected by the school children at a Nativity Play and Carol Service.

Engagement announced between Miss Anne Thompson, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Thompson, of Marham House, Hempfield Road, Littleport, and Mr. Michael Ogden of March.

31--Marriage, at Ely, of Miss Heather Beryl Flack, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. T. Flack, of 62, Victoria Street, Littleport, and Mr. Keith Turner, of Ely.

January, 1961

3--The cremation took place at Cambridge of Mr. Edward Hart, aged 80, of Lynn Road.

Ely Police Ball held at the Grange Convalescent Home. The Ball was organised by P.c. J. E. Evison, of Littleport.

It was announced that Miss A. V. M. Calvert, Headmistress of Burnt Fen St. James V.P. School, was to retire.

4--The Annual Tea and Party of Littleport Over Seventies' was provided by the local branch of the British Legion Women's Section.

5--At the meeting of the local branch of the British Legion Women's Section, Mrs. C.

Audus and Mrs. A. Sallis won top points in a competition for the largest potato.

6--Engagement announced between Miss Pamela Covell of Little Downham and Mr. Brian Dodman, son of Mr. and Mrs, Dodman of 13, New Road, Littleport.

!!! Mr. Charles Nunn, of Cross Drain Farm, Black Horse Drove, discovered in a book of stamps, given to him by his wife, an imperforated sheet of threepenny stamps. They were valued at between £50 and £60.

As a result of their carol-singing, the members of the St. John's Church Bible Class were able to send £6 12s. 0d. to the Zambesi Mission.

Mr. Brian Bamber, eldest son of Mr. Ted Bamber, the Littleport Radio and Television Engineer, passed his final examination in Radio at the City and Guilds of London Institute.

8--Motor-cycle trial along the Old Bank—The Lancaster Trophy, which is awarded to the best Littleport member, was won by Mr. John Sparrow.

9--In-the sub-area finals of the "News of the World" individual darts championship, Mr. Joe Murfet of Black Horse Drove was one of the two competitors to qualify for the area finals. Three days earlier, Mr. Murfet had been runner-up in The Guide Dogs individual championship.

!!! 11--A lorry-load of celery, driven by Mr. Terence Woodruff of 3, Saffron Close, overturned between Stretham and Stretham Ferry Bridge. Nobody was hurt.

13--The friends of Nurse Constance Biart, a former Littleport District Nurse, received a vivid account of Nurse Biart's experiences among the Africans of Nyasaland.

14-- Mr. E.E. Bishop of 2, New River Bank, who is the secretary of the local branch of The National Union of Agricultural Workers returned from a weeks course at the Union's school at Clacton.

At the Annual Tea Party of the Church Sunday School, organised by Mrs T B. Gordon, children were entertained by some coloured films shown by Captain J. C. Payne

!!! 19--At a meeting held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, an "Association of Pickling Onion Growers" was formed, covering the Downham Market, Ely and Littleport areas.

Members of the Women's Institute formed a guard of honour at the Parish Church for the funeral of Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Barber, one of their oldest members.

27--An abandoned car was discovered by the Police at Woodfen. Inside was a radio set which had been stolen the previous evening from a shop in Downham Market.

It was announced that Miss Diana Sparrow, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sparrow of Ely Road, had been awarded an Open Exhibition in Chemistry for three years at Westfield College of the University of London.

28--Littleport Wheelers Cycling Club's Dinner held at the Constitutional Hall. The year's awards were presented by Mr. J. H. Martin. Winners were: Peter Baumber (12 hours time-trial record of 233 miles and best all-rounder medal); Patrick Lythell (50 miles handicap senior T.T.); Roy Murfitt (senior 25 miles scratch and handicap, 50 mile T.T. scratch, 100 mile T.T. scratch and handicap, and the Wheelers' best all-rounder cup).

Death at St. Mary's Lodge, Ely, of a former resident of Littleport, Mr. George Peacock.

29--It was revealed that Mrs. J. High, of Lynn Road, had been officially thanked for a donation of over £11 to the British Empire Cancer Campaign which was contributed in lieu of flowers at the death of her father, the late Mr. Edward Hart.

February.

2--At the Annual General Meeting of the Wheelers Cycling Club, presided over by Mr. E. Curtis, concern was expressed over the decrease in club membership.

At the first annual inter-school cross-country championships at Ely, the Martin School gained third place in the senior girls race, largely by the efforts of S. Davies (3rd) and V. Harley (6th).

3--At a meeting of the Over Sixties' Club, the chairman presented Mrs. L Thurling with a certificate of merit awarded in a recent competition by a firm of cake-flour manufacturers.

3--Annual General Meeting of the Primary School Parent-Teacher Association, presided over by the chairman. Miss M. Davy

The engagement was announced between Miss Mary Turner youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Turner of Spaindelph Farm, Burnt Fen, and Mr. Roy Lister, eldest son of Mr H Lister of Plantation Farm, Burnt Fen.

4--Annual Tea Party provided for members' children by the Committee of the Women's Institute. Entertainment was organised by Mrs. T. Misson and Mrs. F. Clack.

7--Annual Infant Welfare Tea and Party at the Odd Fellows' Hall.

8--Meeting of Littleport Parish Council. Estimates for 1961/62 prepared by the Clerk (Mr. J. Sparrow), totalling £2,900 were adopted.

Two Littleport tenants of Council houses who were particularly backward in paying rents were given notice to quit by the Ely Rural District Council.

Mr. J. Flack, until recently the youth leader at Black Horse Drove, was presented with an inscribed cigarette lighter by the deputy leader, Mr. Terry Patterson.

9--Funeral at the Parish Church of St. Matthew's, of Mr. Jack Nunn, of Bell's Farm, Wisbech Road.

12--Following an accident on the Mildenhall Road, a Littleport motorcyclist, Mr. Thomas Ingle, of Plantation Farm, Mildenhall Road, was taken to the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely. He had sustained a fractured femur and facial injuries.

!!! 12--The Littleport Ladies' Choir, with their conductor, Mrs. C. Browning, visited the B.B.C. Studios at Birmingham, where they recorded "The Galway Piper" and "Song of the Shadows" as their contribution to the "Let The People Sing" contest.

Mr. R. E. Law, having become a star T.V. salesman, spent with his wife a fortnight's holiday at Palma, Majorca as the guests of Messrs. Pye Ltd., Cambridge.

14--At a meeting of the Women's Institute, members were given a cookery demonstration by a representative of a firm of Margarine manufacturers.

15--Darts—Cambridgeshire Area Finals of the ' News of the World Individual Darts Championship held at Chatteris. Joe Murfet, of Black Horse Drove, was the winner.

A Supper Party was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall for members of the British Legion Women's Section.

18--Marriage at St.Laurance's Church, Upton, Bucks., between Mr. Victor George Watson, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G.T.Watson of 20, Victoria Street, Littleport, and Miss Judith Sarah White, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. White of Slough, Bucks.

19--Mr. T. F. Ingle, of Plantation Farm, was taken to hospital after an accident involving his motorcycle and a Ford Thames van at the junction of Mildenhall road and Mile End road.

20--Fireman W. H. Chase and Fireman A. G. Goff, both of Littleport were presented with the Fire Brigade Long Service and Good conduct medal. The awards were presented on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen by Mr. T. H. Ellingham, chairman of the County Fire Services Committee.

!!! 24--Members of the Women's Fellowship were each presented with a box of

samples when they visited a canning factory at King's Lynn.

28--A Potato Conference, organised by the Isle of Fly N.A.A S was held in the Martin School.

March.

1--The local Boys' Brigade Company won all three events in the Annual Competition of the Wisbech and District Group. The three events were drill, physical training and first aid.

2--A meeting of onion growers held at Littleport, culminated in the formation of a British Onion Growers' Association.

Monthly meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute. Mrs. T. B. Gordon, of Littleport, gave a talk on home nursing.

3--As the result of a collection among her friends, Mrs. E. Benstead, of Wisbech Road, forwarded £2 5s. 0d. to the Marie Curie Foundation Memorial Fund, London.

4--The Salvation Army Marylebone Band (London), presented musical programmes at the Salvation Army Hall, Littleport.

!!! Mr. Horace Wright, of Hempfield Place, was attacked by an unknown assailant at Black Horse Drove. Mr. Wright, who was making his usual round with his mobile shop, received head injuries but nothing was taken from his van.

6--100th birthday of Littleport's oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Alice Kent, of City Road. Among the many messages of congratulations was a greeting sent on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen. Of Mrs. Kent's family of three sons and nine daughters, eight daughters are living, and there are 34 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

8--Members of the St. George's Young Wives' Group with members of the Mothers' Union attended a special service at the Parish Church. The speaker was Mrs. Bernard Pawley, of The College, Ely.

11--Littleport British Legion Band individual darts tournament. Eric Taylor (holder) was beaten in the final by Joe Murfet, of Black Horse Drove.

The following pupils of Littleport County Primary School succeeded in passing the 11 plus examination:—Paul Carter, John Goodge, James Malkin, John Phillips, Hilton Quigley, Glyn Taylor, Philip Wright, Trevor Smith, Denise Bell, Helen Cole, Theresa Elsagood, Sandra Firby, Linda Law, Janice Lee, Susan Lyons, Lynda Stares, Margaret Sutton, Anne Wyllie, Louise Wyllie.

12--The Rev. V. H. E. Ritson, of Ely, preached at a Mothering Sunday Service held

in St. John's Church, Little Ouse.

13--Joe Murfet, of Black Horse Drove, was beaten in his first game in the Eastern Counties Divisional Finals of the "News of the World" Individual Darts Championship at Great Yarmouth.

14--Monthly meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. "Plan for Warmth" was the subject of a talk given by Miss Larter, of Cambridge.

17--Death at St. Alban's Hospital, of Mrs. Hannah Crabb, a former resident of Saffron Close. Aged 68, she was the widow of Mr. George Crabb.

Isle of Ely Coursing Club's Annual Dinner held at Ely. The chairman, Mr. J. H. Crane, of Littleport, was congratulated on his recovery from illness following a serious operation.

Mrs. Marvin Jackson (nee Peggy Pettengell), daughter of Mr. And Mrs. W. Pettengell, of Black Horse Drove, arrived home from America to spend a holiday with her parents.

18--Wedding, at Welney Methodist Church, of Mr. Trevor Brightley, second son of Mr. W. Brightley, of Friars Way, Littleport, and the late Mrs. Brightley, and Miss Rhonda Sanders, of Welney.

19--Mr. Stephen Seager, of Norwich, was a visitor to the Salvation Army. He spoke of his early memories of General Booth.

23--The Littleport Choirs, conducted by Mrs. C. Browning, gave a Concert in the Countess of Huntingdon Congregational Church, Ely.

24--Mr. Charlie South presented a collection of party and old-time records to the local Youth Club.

The local Branch of the Women's Conservative Association raised the sum of £11 7s. 5d. as the result of a Sale of Goods held at Lincoln's Restaurant.

27--Pupils of the Martin School presented their Annual Easter Concert.

28--The Isle of Ely Education Committee approved a recommendation that additional accommodation for youth centre purposes be provided at the Martin School, Littleport, at an approximate estimated cost of £11,000.

29--Annual Meeting of Littleport Town Cricket Club. The previous season's outstanding player was Norman South, who took the most wickets and scored the most runs.

30--Mr. H. Ducker, Littleport's Station Master, was the recipient of a Long Service Award made by British Railways.

31--Engagement announced between Miss Joan Reeder, of Ely, and Mr. Eric Simper, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Simper, of High Street, Littleport.

The following pupils of the Coronation School, Black Horse Drove, were successful in winning prizes in a competition organised by a well-known Lea firm: Junior handwriting—1 David Rose, 2 Susan Hill; Junior art—1 Richard Murfitt, 2 Wendy Hill; Infants' art—1 Susan McGee, 2 Hilary Langley.

April.

3--Littleport British Legion Band, under Mr. G. Elsegood gained fourth prize in the Class A Hymn Tune at the Annual Brass Band Championships held at Norwich.

The "Saints" Dance Band travelled to Lowestoft, where at the Theatre Royal they took part in an audition for a talent competition sponsored by Anglia Television, The band were successful in being selected to compete in the finals.

!!! 6--Ely Magistrates sent two men for trial to face charges of shop breaking with intent to steal. It was alleged that they had broken into the Littleport branch of the Ely Co-operative Society in Victoria Street on the night of March 18th.

7--Meeting of the Over Sixties Club. It was announced that the sum of £15 had been donated to the club by the Littleport Ladies' Choir.

Brian Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hall, of Globe Lane, succeeded in gaining a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music, London. He entered the examination as a trumpeter.

Miss Sylvia Jephson, a student nurse at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, was successful in passing the February State Final. She was also successful in her Hospital Final Examination, obtaining the only first class pass in her set. She is the only daughter of the late Mr. F. H. Jephson, of Sale, Cheshire, and Mrs. Philip Radcliffe, of Littleport.

Engagement announced between Miss Margaret Fletcher, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Fletcher, of Hempfield Place, Littleport, and Mr. Roger Vince, of Ely.

8--Marriage at Peckham, London, between Miss Frances Sizer, fourth daughter of Mrs. H. Rollitt, of 1, New River Bank, Littleport, and the late Mr. E. Sizer, and Mr. Matthew Taylor, of Peckham.

Miss Linda Woodruffe, of Saffron Close, Littleport, was detained in the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely, with a fractured right leg after the motor cycle on which she was a pillion passenger was involved in an accident outside the White Hart Hotel, Ely.

It was announced that as the result of Christmas and New Year Dances organised by

the local "Saints" Dance Band, the sum of £60 had been raised for the Palace School, Ely.

9--At the close of Evensong at the Parish Church, the Choir presented the Easter Festival of Nine Lessons with Easter hymns.

10--Captain G. H. Robbins, of Little Ouse, was the speaker at the monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union.

11--Mrs J Puntis wife of a former Littleport Methodist minister, attended a meeting of the St. John's Young Wives' Fellowship. Mrs Puntis was the founder of the Fellowship in 1949.

14--Billiards—Littleport Ex-Servicemen's "B" defeated Littleport Ex-Servicemen's "A" in the final of the March and District League's Mond Cup.

Death of ex-Police Inspector Harold Barwell, of Ely, aged 66. He was stationed at Littleport from 1922 to 1930.

14--Engagement announced between Miss Kathleen Timbers daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Timbers, of Mildenhall Road, Littleport and Mr. Keith Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chapman of Lark Bank, Prickwillow.

16--Mrs. William Fowkes spoke to children of the Littleport Parish Church Sunday School on America and the Sunday School methods there, where she has taught. Mrs. Fowkes is the daughter of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. J. K. C. Payne.

19--Nurse Railton, of Littleport, was the speaker at a meeting of Burnt Fen Women's Institute. She spoke of the work of her former colleague Nurse Biart, now on Missionary Service in Nyasaland.

Annual meeting of the Isle of Ely Federation of Women's Institutes. Mrs. E. Gilbert, of Littleport, was awarded a Produce Guild Competition Prize.

Mr. W. R. C. Smith, a former police constable in the Isle of Ely Constabulary, died at Gillingham, Kent, at the age of 53. Prior to the war he was stationed at Littleport and was a member of Littleport Town Football Club.

21--Littleport Over Sixties' Club's Fifth Anniversary Party held at the Odd Fellows' Hall. About 100 members attended.

23--St. John's Methodist Church Sunday School Anniversary. The Rev. Gordon Poole, of Bedford, a former minister to the church, was the special preacher.

28--Annual inspection, display and prize giving of the Littleport Boys' Brigade. The Bugler's trophy was won by Sgt. B. Burling and the Drummer's cup went to Pte. R. Dixon.

!!! Annual meeting of Littleport Angling Club. The speed at which some motor launches travel on the river was a subject which aroused much discussion. It was stated that the launches washed away parts of the banks, disturbed the fish and were generally an unnecessary nuisance.

29--The proceeds of a Spring Fair, organised by members of the Over Sixties' Club in aid of their funds, amounted to £87.

May.

1--Junior girls of the Coronation School, Black Horse Drove, toured the village with their "May Queen". Traditional dances round the Maypole followed.

2--Forty-first anniversary of Little Ouse and Brandon Bank Women's Institute. Mrs. Mavis Mortimer Rose (former president) attended the party.

3--Annual meeting of the East Anglia United District of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds. Bro. W. Saul, of Littleport, was elected to the office of Provincial Chief Shepherd.

The Martin School Choir received high praise for their singing of "The Birthright" in the Schools' Section of the Isle of Ely County Music Festival held at March.

5--Death, at the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely, of Mrs. Flora Roberts, of Ely. She was a native of Littleport, leaving 18 years ago, after her late husband's retirement from farming. She was 83.

Isle of Ely County Music Festival held at March. Prizes were awarded to local choirs as follows: Littleport Ladies', one first and trophy; Littleport Mixed Voice, one first and trophy; Littleport Male Voice, one second. A British Legion Band Quintet gained second place in the class for instrumental ensembles.

Scholars of Littleport Primary School earned praise for their singing and recorder playing at a Concert held at Ely in connection with the Isle of Ely Music Festival.

!!! Mrs. W. Chase, of Ely Road, was the winner of a "Tip-Top Tip" Competition organised by the "Cambridgeshire Times". Her tip was—when wishing to skin sausages (for use in sausage rolls, etc.), simply dip the sausage in cold water, slit the skin, and it will peel off easily and cleanly.

Miss M. E. Sparrow, after forty-six years of unbroken service at Messrs. Hope Bros. Shirt Factory, retired. The manager, Mr. W. Pratt, made a presentation to Miss Sparrow on behalf of the firm.

8--Annual meeting of Littleport and Prickwillow Nursing Association. Nurse Railton was congratulated on having completed 21 years as a Queen's Nurse.

9--Members' Night at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute. W.I. spoons were presented to Mesdames H. Cobbin, S. Clifton, K. Darby, C. Clift, and G. Barrett.

10--Members of the Local Branch of the Women's Conservative Association enjoyed an outing to London. A presentation of a corsage of carnations was made to the Chairman, Mrs. C. Mott and a gift of stationery was handed to Mrs. W. J. Gill in appreciation of services to the branch.

Isle of Ely County Council Winners' Concert held at the Martin School.

11--Special Ascension Day Service held at the Parish Church for school children and teachers.

!!! 12--Dedication of the new British Legion County Standard at Ely Cathedral. The preceding parade was led by the Littleport British Legion Band followed by the Union Jack borne by Mr. G Pettitt Littleport branch standard-bearer. At the service, Brian Halls, a member of the Band, sounded the "Last Post".

It was revealed that local collections for the Royal National Life-boat institution raised £21 11s. 0d. Mrs P. Morton was the organiser. Collections at Little Ouse, under Mr. Register, yielded £2 0s. 6d.

It was announced that collections for the British Empire Cancer Campaign organised by the members of the Women's Institute, totalled £42 4s. 4d.

12--At a recent scripture examination held for children of St. John's Methodist Sunday School, Christine Lemmon gained an honours award. Patricia Borley, Ann Berry, Lesley Crabb and Angela Lawrence were awarded first class certificates.

13--Scouts from Ely and district took part in an ambulance competition at Ely. The 1st Littleport "A" were placed second.

Cricket—Littleport's opening match of the season against Cambridge Y.M.C.A, resulted in a draw.

14--Cycling—In the Fenland Road Racing Association "25," Roy Murfitt, of Littleport Wheelers, gained first place.

17--The visit of Brigadier A. Fensom drew a large congregation to the Salvation Army Hall.

!!! 19--Members of Littleport Cricket Club were seen in action on the B.B.C, television programme "Town and Around". The shots were taken during the Club's away match with Haverhill.

Recent flag day collections in Littleport for the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind

totalled £23 8s. 11d.

20--Although their performance was greeted with enthusiastic applause, the "Saints" Dance Band failed to win a place in the talent competition sponsored by Anglia Television. The competition was held at the Theatre Royal, Lowestoft.

22--A group of ringers from Bishops Stortford rang the bells at the Parish Church.

23--Mr. W. J. Rodwell, aged 77, of 68, Ely Road, received severe head injuries when the rear of his cycle was struck by a van. The accident occurred on the Ely Road, near Highfield House.

25--An athletics coaching session was held at the Martin School by Mr. D. L. Pugh, A. A. A.. National Coach for the Midlands area.

27--A Garden Fete at Little Ouse raised £110 for local School and Women's Institute funds. It was opened by Mrs. J. H. Martin, of Littleport.

Annual Flag Day collection for the Red Cross, organised by the local Detachment, amounted to £50 10s. 0d.

28--Death, at her daughter's home, Black Bank, Little Downham, of Mrs. Mary Summerlee, of 80, Victoria Street, Littleport. She was 80.

Littleport British Legion Band led the revived Ely Hospital Parade. Competing in the Triumph Owners' Motor Cycle Club's All-Britain Triumph Rally, held near Coventry, R. W. Cornell, of Black Horse Drove, won the Concours d'Elegance Cup for the best performance.

31--The roof was completely destroyed, three bedrooms severely damaged and about half the furniture destroyed when fire broke out in Mr. George Murfitt's house at Hale Fen Farm, Littleport.

Mr. F. R. G. Baker, of Wisbech Road, Littleport, was re-elected Chairman of the Cambridge Legion of the Institute of the Motor Industry.

31--Annual meeting of Littleport Parish Council. It was reported that the parish had still to find £71 owing for the provision of a bronze tablet and marble background addition to the war memorial.

In recent Red Cross competitions held at Cambridge, the Cambs. 128 Littleport Branch Cadets won the Fairhaven Cup awarded for home nursing teams. The successful cadets were: Susan Lyons, Christine Rushbrooke, Janet Saunders, Lesley Crabb, Denise Bell, Pamela Dixon and Susan Easy.

June.

1--Monthly meeting of the British Legion Women's Section. A report on the National Conference held in London, was given by the delegate, Mrs. Pope.

2--Death, at the R.A.F. Hospital, of Mr. Robert Butcher, of Wisbech Road. Aged 75, he was a veteran of the first World War, during which he received wounds which disabled him for life.

3--The Martin School Troop of Boy Scouts attended a County Scout Camp at Chatteris.

The Boys' Brigade and Life Boys' Garden Fete raised £86. The opener was Mrs. Heber Martin.

!!! 7--The proposal to spend an estimated £11,000 on the provision of additional accommodation for youth centre purposes at the Martin School, Littleport, was deferred as a result of a recommendation from the Finance Committee of the Isle of Ely. County Council.

!!! It was reported at a meeting of the Isle of Ely County Council that though the present fire station at Littleport was adequate for the time being, steps ought to be taken for the provision of a new fire station in the future.

Councillor H. K. Cross, of Littleport, was re-elected Chairman of the Ely Rural District Council.

8--Ted Tarrant, a Cambridge City professional footballer, gave a coaching session to boys of the Martin School.

9--200 Children of the Primary School journeyed to London by train where they spent the day. It was their Annual Outing.

Mr Elliott Crabb of Black Horse Drove, received the Blood Donors' Silver Award given by the National Blood Transfusion Service for the donation of twenty-five pints of blood

For the third successive year, Black Horse Drove Methodist Sunday School succeeded in gaining the award of a shield on the result of the National Sunday School Union and Free Church Youth Departments scripture examination.

10--British Legion Band Garden Fete realised £98. Mrs. C. R. Browning was the opener.

13--Meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. Mr. P. A. Oldman gave a talk on Old Coins.

15-Concert given at the Martin School by the famous Munn and Felton's (Footwear) Band, National Brass Band Champions.

15--Certificates awarded for Home Nursing Examinations passes were made to the following local Red Cross Cadets: Pamela Dixon, Susy Smutock, Susan Easy, Denise Bell, Lesley Crabb, Susan Lyons and Janet Saunders.

16--Ely Methodist Church Young People's Sports Day held at Prickwillow. Littleport St. John's gained second place.

An appeal by Mr. J Chapman, of Station Road, against the decision by the Isle of Ely County Council to refuse permission for stationing a caravan on land at the rear of his cottage was dismissed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

Engagement announced between Mr. Keith Brumby of Ely and Miss Linda Scott, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S Scott of Friars Place, Littleport.

17--Hunts. Agricultural Society's Annual Show. Mr. F. G. Starling, of Littleport, retained the silver challenge cup for the best Percheron.

18--Poor weights were the unusual feature of the Littleport Angling Club's first match for the Club's Aggregate Trophy. Albert Coleby, who hooked 8 lbs. 13 ozs., was a notable exception.

19--Martin School Sports. The Inter-House Athletics Cap was retained by Hereward House.

21--Tragic death of Mr. Jack Sparrow, the Parish Clerk. He was 47.

24--St. John's Methodist Church Garden Fete realised £90. It was held in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. P. Morton, of Victoria Street.

25--Cycling—Roy Murfitt (Littleport Wheelers) won the Norfolk R.C. "25" at Norwich.

26--Annual meeting of Littleport Town Football Club. It was reported that the balance in hand stood at over £1,000.

27--Farewell Party given by members of the Little Ouse and Brandon Bank Women's Institute to Mrs. E. Hills, who was leaving the village. Mrs. Hills, aged 83, joined the W.I. when it was started

28--Mr S H. Charters, O.B.E., Her Majesty's Inspector of Fire Services inspected the fire station and personnel at Littleport.

29--A boy C. Ward, swam the river at Little Ouse to give warning of an outbreak of fire at Mr. Flanders Morton's Church Farm.

30--National Savings collected in the Black Horse Drove Coronation School Group for the past year amounted to £1,478.

July.

1--Mrs. S. P. Audus opened the Salvation Army Garden Fete. The Marriage at St. Steven's Church, Cambridge of Mr. George Eric Barnes, of Littleport, and Miss Janet Bath, of Cambridge. Mr. Barnes is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Barnes of Black Bank Road.

1--Littleport Parish Church Garden Fete. Mrs. L Albano an American lady from Mildenhall, was the opener About £100 was raised for the Diocesan Quota

2--Littleport Angling Club's Hunt Cup was won by Peter Angel

4--Members of the Women's Institute Visited the Maiden (Beds.)branch

5--Mr. F. G. Starling's "Crofter" gained a first in the class for Percheron horses at the Royal Show, held at Cambridge.

6--Cricket—Little Ouse became the holders of the Mortimer Rose Cup when they gained a comfortable win by six wickets in the final over Black Horse Drove.

At Ely Magistrates' Court, Kenneth Horace William Clift, of Poplar Drove, was sworn in as a constable.

7--Littleport Primary School Annual Infants' Sports. Miss F. S. Cheek, a former headmistress, presented the prizes.

Engagement announced between Albert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ware, of Hempfield Place, Littleport, and Rosemary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Todd, of Peacock's Farm, Burnt Fen.

!!! 11--Monthly meeting of the Women's Institute. An item of unusual interest relating to the branch was a list loaned by an older member, of the officers and committee elected to serve when the Littleport W.I. was first formed, in 1922. The record showed a membership then of 25, which later grew to well over two hundred.

12--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Mr. Colin Crowe, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. J. Crowe, of Station Road, Littleport, and Miss Hazel Wallace grand-daughter of Mr. And Mrs. S. Ward, of Hempstead, Norfolk.

14--Engagement announced between Mr. Benjamin Mitson, of Wisbech, and Miss Sylvia Hobbs, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hobbs, of Crouch Farm, Littleport.

Mr Melvyn J. Chapman, gained his B.Sc.(Eng.) degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Queen Mary College, University of London. Mr. Chapman is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Chapman of 46, Station Road, Littleport.

15--A Garden Fete at Black Horse Drove, opened by Mrs. Geoffrey Peacock, realised £70 for local organisations.

16--Services at the Gospel Hall were conducted by a West Indian, Mr. L. Pottinger, of Jamaica.

17--Primary School Junior Sports. The prizes were presented by Dr. T. B. Gordon.

28--Cricket—Downham Market defeated Littleport by two runs in the final of the Cyril Smith Cup.

20--Sale at Ely, of Messrs. Ludington's Littleport Estate. Included were seven farms, six small holdings, and land covering an area of 2,808 acres. A sum exceeding £300,000 was realised.

20--M. E. Curtis, Chairman of Littleport Wheelers Cycling Club, presented a clock to Mrs. Carol Driver in appreciation of the services she and her husband (Mr Reg Driver) had rendered to the club as joint secretaries.

21--Meeting at Littleport of the Cambridge District Council of the Union of Post Office Workers. The principle guest was Miss E. K. Brown, the Littleport sub-postmistress.

Engagement announced between Mr. John Ferro, of Derby and Miss Margaret Garwood, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B Garwood, of Wellington Street, Littleport

!!! 22--Local postmen cycled on their long distance rounds for the last time. Future deliveries were to be made by mail van.

23--Annual Feast Sunday Parade. The cup-winning vehicle was that entered by the Women's Institute whose theme was "Wedding of the Painted Doll". Collections amounted to £108

25--Open Day at the County Primary School. Cycling proficiency certificates were presented to pupils gained in recent tests carried out by the police.

27--Visit to Littleport from Canada, of Mrs. May Bell, a former resident. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brown, of the old Bridge House Inn (now a private residence). Mrs. Bell left this country several years ago with her Canadian husband and young daughter, Rose-Marie.

28--Death, at Downham Market, of Mrs. Nellie Burrell Morgan, a former well known Littleport resident and proprietress at one time of Messrs. Heygates, of Main Street. Mrs. Morgan, who was 80, was the widow of the late Mr. Frederick Morgan who died 23 years ago.

!!! Burnt Fen School closed down. A presentation was made to the headmistress,

Mrs. M. Calvert, in appreciation of her services

29--Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society's Annual Show. The motor-cycle grass track meeting brought the attendance back to nearly 3500, an increase of 800 on the previous year.

Cricket-17 year old David Clarke, playing for Littleport 2nd XI at Downham Market, became the first player to score a century for Littleport. He scored 106 not out.

31--Mr R. J. Brooks, of Wisbech road was appointed Parish Clerk in place of the late Mr. Jack Sparrow.

August.

1--A serious fire destroyed farm buildings and implements at Mr. Alfred Murfitt's Camel Road Farm

Cricket-Ouse Bridge defeated Littleport Happy Wanderers by one run in the final of the Black Horse Drove Invitation Cup

!!! The proposed provision of Youth Service accommodation at Littleport at an estimated cost of £10,000 was not approved by the Isle of Ely County Council. Isle of Ely County Council.

4--Engagement announced between Miss Eileen Scott elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Scott, of Plains Lane, Littleport, and Mr. Barrie Martin, of Little Downham.

Mr. C. Browning, headmaster of Littleport Martin School, and twelve members of his staff appended their signatures to a letter addressed to Sir Harry Legge-Bourke at the House of Commons deploring that government economy measures should be used to deny teachers once again full financial recognition of the importance of their work in Primary and Secondary Schools.

5--Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Scarf, of Council Houses, White House Road Little Ouse celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

8--Monthly meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. Mrs. G. Law was congratulated on passing a recent cookery test.

9--Monthly meeting of the British Legion Women's Section. This was their first meeting at the new headquarters at Pontois Hill. Grand Tea and Party at the Constitutional Hall for the Over Seventies'. Littleport's oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Alice Kent, in her 101st year, attended. The function was organised by members of the Women's Institute.

A Ladies v. Gentlemen Cricket Match at Highfield in aid of the Littleport War

Memorial Fund realised £5. Score: 55 runs each.

12--The Martin School Troup of Boy Scouts returned from Phasels Wood, Herts., where they spent their Annual Camp.

13--Riding in the Fenland Road Racing Association's 12 hour time trial, Roy Murfitt made club history by becoming the first Littleport Wheelers rider to win the Fenland Best All-round Award.

Miss Sheila Buxton, of Anglia Television, presented a teddy bear to ten months old Julie Chase. Julie is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Gordon Chase, of Mill Pit Furlong.

15--Members of Littleport Women's Institute Produce Guild attended a Picnic Rally at "Broadlands", the home of Mrs. J. Gilbert, the Guild secretary.

16--Cricket—Playing for Cambridgeshire against Lincolnshire in the Minor Counties Championship, Alan Wilson took six wickets for 66 runs.

18--P.c. Evison, of Littleport, was successful in passing a Bronze Cross Examination held in connection with the Royal Life Saving Society at Ely Swimming Pool.

25--Three members of the 1st Littleport Company of the Boys' Brigade attended the Central Council of Physical Recreation's National Centre at Lilleshall, Shropshire, for special coaching in football, cricket and tennis. They were Sgt. Geoff Walker, Sgt. Bernard Burling and L/Cpl. Cyril Benstead.

26--Marriage, at the Parish Church, Welney, of Miss Sheila Scott, of Welney, and Mr. Norman Cox, second son of Mrs. A. Collen, of Friars Way, Littleport, and of the late Mr. B. Cox,

30--Death at the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely of Mrs Penella Flack. Aged 84 she was the wife of the late Mr. George Flack, formerly of Willow Row Drove, Littleport. For the past seven years she had resided at St. Mary's Lodge, Ely.

September.

1--Local collection in aid of the National Children's Home realised £30 11s. 3d. The organiser was Mrs. J. R. Lusty.

2--Mrs. T. B Gordon opened the Little Ouse Church Garden Fete Over £80 was raised.

Marriage, at Yaxley, of Mr. Brian Fletcher, second son of Mr and Mrs. Fletcher, of Parsons Lane, Littleport, and Miss Janet Hart, of Yaxley.

6--The Women's Fellowship Club re-opened after the Summer break! Mrs. J. Gilbert

gave a demonstration on the making of Lampshades.

8--Engagement announced between Miss Janice Brown, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown, of Parsons Lane, and Mr. Brian Mitchell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, of Wisbech Road.

10--Motor Cycling—At a Scramble held at Ayres Farm, an Australian, Roy Fisher, won the Littleport Challenge Trophy.

12--39th Birthday Party of Littleport Women's Institute. Five founder members attended. These were: Mrs. A. Easy, Mrs. S. Dennis, Mrs. J. Peckett, Mrs. H. Harlock and Mrs. S. Hawkes.

!!! 13--Meeting of Littleport Parish Council. It was reported that £68 was required to clear the debt owing for the new war memorial plaque. The County Highways Committee decided to support the Chief Constable in his opinion that the speed limit on the trunk road through Littleport should remain as it is. The Ministry of Transport had suggested that the road be derestricted from Wellington Street northwards.

14--James Proctor Young, a 13 year old American boy, of Sandhill, was involved in an accident while cycling on the Padnal Road, He came into collision with a car driven by Mr. R. J. Fletcher, of Hempfield Place. His injuries were not serious.

15--Engagement announced between Mr. Martin Sallis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sallis, of Ely Road, Littleport, and Miss Gillian Chapman, of Ely.

It was announced that seven pupils of the Martin School, all girls, were successful in General Certificate examinations. They were: Shirley Atkinson, English literature, needlework and dressmaking, mathematics, science; Margaret Butcher, needlework and dressmaking; Shirley Bedford, needlework and dress making; Rosalind Butcher, English literature, Bible knowledge; Christine Hicks, Bible knowledge; Margaret Rolfe, needlework and dressmaking; Sylvia Scott, cookery.

16--Marriage, at St. Peter's Church, Prickwillow, between Miss Kathleen Timbers, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Timbers, of Letter "F" Farm, Mildenhall Road, Littleport, and Mr. Keith Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chapman of Lark Bank, Prickwillow.

Littleport Women's Institutes' "Hill-Billy" Fair. Following the procession the Fair was opened by Dr. K. S. Maurice-Smith, of Ely. £140 was raised

A presentation was made to Mr. J. Bumsted, of Victoria Street to mark his thirty years service at Ely Beet Sugar Factory.

Mrs. B. Lee, of 48, Station Road, celebrated her 90th birthday.

18--Mr. J. Hartley, of Lynn Road, Littleport, employed as cook and head carver at the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely, was made an honorary member of the Corporals' Club.

19--Messrs. Simplicity Patterns Ltd., presented an exhibition of garments at the Martin School. The "models" were girls from the upper forms of the School.

20--The Littleport Women's Fellowship meeting took the form of a Harvest Thanksgiving with a service conducted by the local Salvation Army officers, Captain and Mrs. Howard Clark. Mr. Keith Evans, of Main Street, took part in the Anglia Television Party Game, "I packed my bag".

!!! 21--At a demonstration for pickling onion growers and pickle manufacturers held at Highfield, Mr. Keith Layn, of Littleport, exhibited his "Layn" Onion and Bulb Dressing Machine. The prototype had been made by Mr. Bill Edmenson, a director of Messrs. Littleport Garage Ltd.

!!! A bed of Arum Lilies planted last year by Mr. Robert Coates of Millfield, produced unusual results. The stems had dividend out into beautiful twin blooms.

22--Engagement announced between Mr. Paul Hardingham, son of Mrs. Bell, of Littleport, and the late Mr. Hardingham, Miss Mary Miller, of Ely.

Engagement announced between Tony, eldest son of Mr. And J C Rains "Clackclose", Downham Market, Norfolk, and Judy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sallis, Ely Road Littleport.

23--Marriage at All Saints' Church, New Cross, London, between Mr Michael Levett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Levett, of Hempfield Place, Littleport, and Miss Patricia Heather, of Wisbech.

27--Annual Parish Church Gift Day. The total sum realised was £63 13s. 0d.

29--Engagement announced between Mr. John Gray, son of Mr. And Mrs. Phillip Gray, of The Gables, Littleport, and Miss Shirley Newman, of Bury St. Edmunds.

30--Handicraft exhibition staged by the Isle of Ely Federation of Women's Institutes held at Doddington. In the class for lampshades, Mrs. Gilbert, a member of the Littleport Institute, was awarded two gold stars. Mrs. Gordon was awarded a green star in the class for pottery and woodwork.

October.

1--Catholic Church—Father Guy Pritchard celebrated Mass at the Odd Fellows' Hall.

Following a report on the condition of the Parish Church Organ, the Vicar, Rev. Canon J. K. C. Payne, made an appeal for over £2,000.

3--Monthly meeting of Little Ouse and Brandon Bank Women's Institute. Mrs. H. Baker was presented with her 6th W.I. spoon for points gained.

5--Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grindling, of Victoria Gardens, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married in 1901 at the Parish Church, Prickwillow, where the officiating clergyman was the late Rev. Kingdon.

6--Engagement announced between Joan, first daughter of Mr. And Mrs. A. Game, of Home Farm, Littleport, and Mr. Donald Thorby, of Ely.

Engagement announced between Mr. Charles Barber, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barber, of Victoria Street, Littleport, and Miss Evelyn Diggle, of March.

Engagement announced between Mr. Michael Goodge, son of Mrs. D. Goodge, of Friars Place, Littleport, and Miss Jennifer Nicholas, of Sutton.

Maureen Curtis and David Speed, both of Littleport and pupil of Ely High School and Soham Grammar School respectively, were awarded County Major Scholarships.

7--Mrs. C. R. Browning opened the Over Sixties' Club Autumn Fair The proceeds amounted to £58 12s. 0d.

Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, between Miss Sadie Lackmaker, of Ely, and R.O. Colin Hodson, youngest son of and Mrs. Hodson, of Longfield Road, Littleport. The bride groom is serving in the Royal Navy.

8--Littleport Angling Club's Open Ludlow Trophy Match. Halford, of the local club, was the winner.

The Rev. S. Chambers was celebrant at Holy Communion held in the Centre, Black Horse Drove.

9--Members of the Mothers' Union made a presentation to Mrs, Payne in appreciation of her work for them.

!!! 10--Mr. D. Jefferson, of Messrs. Clarke's, of Granby Street, compared a Fashion Show at the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute. He was thanked for his gift of six pairs of nylons and a girdle for competition towards W.I. funds.

11--Annual General Meeting of the British Legion Women's Section. A presentation was made to Mrs. C. Audus for the highest number of points gained in competitions during the year. Runners-up were Mrs. L. Thurling and Mrs. I. Rowell.

Messrs. J. E. Kerridge & Son, of Mare Fen Farm, gained two first prizes, one second and one third, in the open stacking and thatching competitions organised by the Ely Branch of the N.F.U. The successful stackers and thatchers were Mr. J. Oakey and

Mr. H. Pope. Other prize-winners were Messrs. Morton Bros., of Westlands (thatcher, Mr. G. Bonnett); Messrs. J. H. Martin & Sons, of Upton Farm (stacker, Mr. H. Bent); Messrs. Fredk. Hiam, Letter "F" Farm (stacker, Mr. J. Pendle).

13--Women's World Day of Prayer Service held at the Gospel Hall. The speaker was Mrs. Captain Howard Clark, of the Salvation Army.

14--Local collections by members of the Parish Church Young Wives' Group in aid of the National Institute for the Blind yielded £24 4s. 9d. The organiser was Mrs. T. B. Gordon.

Junior L/Cpl. Stephen Misson, seventeen year old son of Mr. And Mrs. T. I. Misson, of Lynn Road, who a year ago entered the Royal Marine School of Music at Deal, won the School's most important musical contest of the year. He is a cornettist.

15--W. Proctor, M. Lee and H. Lofts, members of the Littleport Angling Club, fished for the Isle of Ely team in an Inter-Counties Match, held at Clapham, near Bedford. The Isle team finished fourth.

The "Key to Life" campaign commenced at St. John's Methodist Church.

17--A Coffee Party was held at the Vicarage in aid of the United Nations Children's Fund. The proceeds amounted to £14 2s. 0d.

18--Mr. and Mrs. James Hodson of Black Horse Drove, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

21--Marriage, at the Roman Catholic Church, Ely, between Miss Valerie Murfitt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Murfitt, of Parsons Lane, Littleport, and Mr. John Satchwell, of Taum, Ireland.

The sum of £92 was raised for the Primary School funds as the result of an Autumn Fair held at the School.

23--Films depicting Missionary Service in Africa were shown at St. John's Methodist Church. Scenes were shown of the station where Nurse C. Biart, a former Littleport District Nurse, is working.

24--Annual General Meeting of the British Legion Band. The finances showed a profit on the year of £73.

25--Mr and Mrs. James Malkin, of Bells Road, Suspension Bridge, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

15--Death of Martha "Grannie" Crane, aged 89. A Londoner, she came to Littleport about 14 years ago to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. G. Baker, of Wisbech Road.

26--At a meeting of the Ely and District Young Farmers Mr. Frank Starling, of Flanders Farm, spoke in favour of Britain joining the European Common Market.

27--Death, at the Tower House, Ely, of Mrs. Hannah Elsagood of Prickwillow, and formerly of Littleport.

28--A Bazaar, organised by members of Black Horse Drove Methodist Church, was opened by Mrs. Edmenson, of Littleport.

Missionary Conference held at the Gospel Hall. Speakers Were from Japan, Malays and Angola.

31--Mr. Cyril Wickens retired after 36 years as Clerk to Ely Rural District Council. As a token of their regard his staff colleagues made him the recipient of an eight-day chiming clock and a shooting stick.

Police Constable John Henry Cox, of the Metropolitan Police was commended for "ability and perseverance in arresting four dangerous criminals". P.c. Cox is a native of Littleport.

November.

1--Captain Howard Clark, of the Salvation Army, conducted a Harvest Festival Service at the monthly meeting of the British Legion Women's Section.

!!! 2--As Mr. Albert Payne, of New Road, was driving a tractor over a level crossing near the Padnal signal box, its engine stalled and he was unable to restart it. Mr. Payne ran up the line to try and warn the driver of an approaching express train but in spite of his efforts the train crashed into the tractor, smashing the front wheels and engine unit.

Reigning county stacking champion, Mr. J. Oakey, employed by Messrs. J. E. Kerridge & Son, of Mare Fen Farm, retained the W. S. Pearson Champion Stacker Challenge Cup.

3--Engagement announced between Miss D. J. Gotobed, of Phoenix House, Littleport, and Mr. J. F. W. Bruhn, of Hampstead, London.

4--Annual Dinner of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds East Anglia United District held at Bottisham Village College. The Provincial Chief Shepherd, Bro. William Saul, of Littleport, presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Crane, of Friars Place, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married in 1911 at the Parish Church, Prickwillow, making the trip by pony and trap

Festival of Music presented at the Salvation Army Hall by the Wisbech Citadel

Band.

7--Members of St. John's Young Wives' Fellowship listened to a tape recording made and sent home by Miss Margaret Atkinson, a member of the Church now serving as a teacher at a Missionary Station in India. The listeners heard Miss Atkinson giving lessons in English and also in Tamil, the language spoken by the native children.

Darts—In the Raleigh League, the Plough and Harrow (Littleport) lost their unbeaten record to the Chequers (Sutton).

!!! A double-decker bus, owned by Premier Travel, overturned on the Black Bank Road. The driver, Mr. C. Greenfield of New Estate, Mill Pit Furlong, pulled to his nearside to allow himself to be overtaken, but the verge gave way and the bus overturned. No one was hurt.

8--Mr. James E. Ward, the new Clerk of the Ely Rural District Council was welcomed to his first meeting of that body by the chairman, Councillor H. K. Cross, of Littleport.

Meeting of Littleport Parish Council. Speaking of the poor street lighting Councillor B. Wright likened Main Street to "Darkest Africa".

Littleport County Primary School's "At Home" Day.

9--A Tombola Drive, organised by the British Legion Women's Section, realised £74 15s. 0d. for Poppy Day.

11--Opening day of the Overseas Missionary Anniversary at St. John's Methodist Church. The special visitor was the Rev. John Head, of Barbados.

12--Remembrance Day took the form of an afternoon parade followed by a Service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev, Canon J. K. C. Payne.

15--Mr. Ernest Clift and Mr. George Smith, both employed at Littleport by the Eastern Gas Board, were presented with 25 year Long Service Awards.

17--Publication of Littleport Cricket Club averages for 1961. The batting was headed by F. Watson who scored 483 runs for an average of 18.57. Norman South, club captain, took 96 wickets at an average of 10.96.

Black Horse Drove Youth Club defeated the Burnt Fen Young People's Social Club in the County Youth Table Tennis and Darts Competition.

18--Marriage, at Ely Register Office, between Mr. Arthur Stebbings, of Mill Hill, Ten Mile Bank, and Miss Constance Bishop, of Mill House, The Chase, Littleport.

Littleport Methodists held their Annual Christmas Fayre in the Constitutional Hall. It

was opened by Mrs. R. Wyllie. The proceeds were £73.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Key, of the Railway Tavern, received a telephone call from their son Charles in Australia, whom they have not seen for twelve years.

18--Annual Sale held in connection with St. Matthew's Church was opened by Mrs. Geoffrey Chandler, of March. The proceeds were £126.

Cambs, and Isle of Ely British Legion Women's Section's Conference held at Cambridge. Mrs. D. K. Henshaw was re-elected treasurer.

Football—Littleport County Primary School and Ely C.P. School played a goalless draw.

19--Boys' Brigade and Life Boy Enrolment Service held at St. John's Methodist Church.

24--School children at Black Horse Drove collected £2 12s. 6d. in aid of the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind.

Engagement announced between Mr. Roger Misson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Misson, of Lynn Road, Littleport, and Miss Sheila Spinks, of Downham Market.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Key of the Railway Tavern, Littleport, announced the engagement of their only daughter Diane, to Mr. Melvyn Harnwell, of Downham Market.

It was reported that Littleport's Poppy Day collections realised £250 4s. 2d.

25--Annual Dinner of Littleport Bowls Club. Club trophies were presented to the following: Mr. S. Rogers, singles; Mr. J. Morton and Mr. W. Scott, pairs; Mr. A. See, Mr. D. Millar and Mr. W. Chase, triples.

Annual meeting of Cambs. Bowling Association at Cambridge. It was reported that during the season Littleport recipients of County Badges were E. M. Kerridge, A. E. Strawson and A. W. Thompson.

26--Driving his car along the Ten Mile Bank Road, Mr. Brian Laws, of Black Horse Drove, came into collision with a pedestrian Mr. Charles Murfet, of Black Horse Drove. Mr. Murfet was taken to the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely, with a suspected fractured skull. The accident occurred in thick fog.

28--Tragic death of Peter Willett, 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Willett, of 33, Main Street, Littleport. He was killed when his vehicle carrying potatoes to Covent Garden Market, was involved in a head-on collision with another lorry at Stevenage, Herts.

29--The Ely and Littleport Red Cross Detachments raised £25 10s. 0d. on their Household Stall at the Cambs, and Isle of Ely Red Cross Christmas Bazaar, held at

Cambridge.

30--David Bean and Peter Calladine, both of Littleport, were each fined £1 by Ely Magistrates for letting off fireworks in public places.
