



Items of Interest during the Year 1964-65

(taken from Barber's Almanack 1966).

Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.
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December, 1964.

2--The Littleport Red Cross Members' Group organised a coffee morning in aid of local handicapped people. The effort realised £17.

Ely Rural District Council's Housing Committee approved a scheme under which part of the Anchor site at Victoria Street, Littleport will be used for old people's one-bedroom bungalows, with a communal meeting-room and warden's dwelling.

5--Parish Church Christmas Fair. The opener was Mrs. R. Newman, of Australia, daughter of Mrs. W. Dade and the late Mr. W. H. Dade, of Littleport. Mrs. Newman is a teacher at the Victoria College of Pharmacy, Melbourn.

8--Mrs. W. J. Gill was again returned as president at the annual meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. The treasurer, Mrs. C. Easy, reported a balance in hand of £84.

9--Ely Rural District Council adopted a house numbering system for Black Horse Drove, Littleport.

Ely Rural District Council agreed to open negotiations for the use of 1,200 yards of the old river bed along Burnt Fen Bank (Old Bank), Littleport, as a refuse tip.

10--"The Goose Girl", a play based on a Grimm's fairy story, was presented at the County Primary School by members of the Second Form.

Pupils of the Coronation School, Black Horse Drove, presented a performance of the Christmas Story at the Community Centre.

11--Over Sixties' Club Christmas Party. A presentation was made to the retiring treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Hiblin, as a mark of appreciation of her services for the past seven years.

13--Annual Toy Gift Service held at St. John's Methodist Church.

14--Littleport Ladies and Male Voice Choirs held their annual dinner at the Ship Hotel, Brandon Creek.

16--Littleport Women's Fellowship Christmas dinner. A presentation was made to Mrs. J. T. Woods, the recently retired secretary.

17--Messrs. George Comins & Son's Christmas pig show and sale. The championship silver challenge bowl for the best pig in the show was awarded to Messrs. S. Rogers and Sons, of Littleport.

Messrs. A. T. Grain & Sons' Christmas fat stock show and sale held at Ely. A 93 cwt. Hereford cross steer entered by Mr. J. Wilson of Littleport was selected as reserve champion, and went to Mr. J. Barnes of Littleport at £11 7s. 6d. per live cwt.

18--Christmas dinner for employees of Messrs. Hope Brothers factory held at the Constitutional Hall.

20--Mr. and Mrs. Eric Strawson, of Mill Pit Furlong, left Littleport for Australia where, under the League for the exchange of Commonwealth Teachers' Scheme, Mrs. Strawson was to take up a teaching appointment.

21--Funeral Service at St. John's Methodist Church, followed by cremation at Cambridge, of Mr. E. J. Thoday, of High Street, Littleport.

24--Engagement announced between Miss Linda Elsegood, of Ely, and Mr. Richard Dixon, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, of City Road, Littleport.

Mr. and Mrs. Skipper, of Black Horse Drove, announced the engagement of their only daughter, Lynda, to John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Timbers, of Mildenhall Road, Prickwillow.

26--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, between Miss Glynis Burnap, of Ely, and Mr. David Bean, grandson of Mrs Elsegood, of Friars Way, Littleport, and the late Mr. Elsegood.

Mr. and Mrs, J. W. Warren, of 49 Victoria Street, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

31--Salvationists and members of the Independent Chapel joined Methodists in a Watchnight Service held at St. John's Methodist Church.

January, 1965.

1--Engagement announced between Miss Valerie Speed, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Speed, of Queens Road, Littleport, and Mr. David Boreham, of Cambridge.

3--Motor Cycling--Les Ayres Trophy Trial. The winner was B. Chaplin, a member of Littleport Motor Cycle Club. Other local winners were Norman Howe (1st class award) and D. Adams (best novice award).

4--Darts-Peter Scott (Three Horseshoes, Littleport), outclassed the other thirteen competitors in the Ely sub-area finals of the "News of the World" national darts championship at the Club Hotel, Ely.

5--Death, at Peterborough, of Mr. Harry Youngs, a former Littleport tradesman. Until his retirement Mr. Youngs carried on a drapery business at Victoria Street and operated a large fen round. He was 87.

6--A case of a Littleport tenant who applied for a rent rebate by under-stating his wages was reported at a meeting of Ely Rural District Council's Housing Committee. It was agreed that the tenant should forfeit any right to a reduction for the next six months.

7--Death, at his Sutton home, of Mr. Stanley South. Born in Littleport, Mr. South moved to Sutton in 1926. He was 66.

7--The engagement was announced between Miss Helen Cusick, of Wicken, and Mr. Alan Buckingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Buckingham, of Wisbech Road, Littleport.

9--Death, at Wisbech, of Mrs. Florence Patterson, aged 76. Mrs. Patterson and the late Mr. Patterson were former residents of Black Horse Drove.

12--Littleport Women's Institute's New Year Party. The cup awarded to the member gaining most points during the year was presented to Mrs. H. Benton.

14--British Legion Women's Section Group meeting held at Wicken. The "Redhead" standard bearer's cup was presented to Mrs. T. Sallis, of Littleport, the winner in last year's county competition. This was the fourth successive year Mrs. Sallis had been awarded the trophy.

16--At St. John's Methodist Church, a presentation was made to Mrs. V. O. Clarke, who was leaving Littleport, as a mark of gratitude for her services as Sunday School superintendent.

17--Groceries and foodstuffs valued at £164 were stolen from the Ely Co-operative Society's Littleport branch.

20--The resignation of Mr. W. Sparrow, after 18 years as Cemetery Caretaker, was reported at a meeting of the Parish Council. "The way the Cemetery has been kept is a tremendous credit to him", said Mr. J. H. Martin (Chairman). Mr. Sparrow resigned because of ill health.

Littleport Parish Council decided to precept for £2,565 as against the previous year's total of £3,343.

23--In the County A.A.A. boys' cross-country race run at Witchford, David Carter of the Martin School, led from the start and smashed the course record in winning.

24--Death of Sir Winston Churchill.

26--First meeting of the newly-formed Women's Institute Handicraft Guild held at Lincoln's Restaurant. A demonstration on jewellery making was given by Mrs. G. Gaffer.

27--Meeting of Littleport Women's Fellowship. A demonstration was given by Mrs. Henry Crabb on a "hedgehog" cake.

28--Engagement announced between Malcolm, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rains, of Downham Market, and Shane, only daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Thomas Barclay Gordon, of Littleport.

Miss E. A. Crabb, of Silt Road, returned to Littleport, after her round-the-world-tour and three months' visit to her sister's home in Melbourne, Australia.

28--Engagement announced between Miss Audrey Clark, of Haddenham, and Mr. Martin Halford, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Halford, of Whitehall Farm, Littleport.

30--Eighteen-year-old Geoffrey Barber, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Barber, of 69, Victoria Street, Littleport, was a member of the R.A.F. Apprentices' Band taking part in the proceedings in London at the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill.

30--Littleport angler Ryan Tingay caught an 18 lb. 38 1/2 inch pike in the River Lark.

Sgts. G. Levett and A. Leggett, of the local S.J.A.B. detachment, were among those of the Cambridgeshire Division on duty at the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill.

February.

4--Members of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute extended a warm welcome to Mrs. J. Clarke and Mrs. John Skipper, who had respectively taken over the offices of secretary and treasurer.

Messrs. Buckingham and Sparrow, the well-known Littleport builders, were awarded a contract worth £100,234 for the erection of houses and garages at Mildenhall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fletcher, of Hempfield Place, Littleport, announced the engagement of their twin daughter, Shirley, to Mr. Barry Brickwood, of Stretham.

5--A coffee evening held at the Primary School raised the sum of £532 in aid of research for the crippled child cause. The function was organised by the Parent Teacher Committee.

6--The Martin School runner, David Carter, was an easy winner in the Cambridgeshire Schools cross-country junior championship run at Cambridge.

9--Meeting of the Women's Institute. A ballot for a ticket to the Royal Garden Party was won by Mrs. K. Darby.

11--Annual Society meeting of the Methodist Church of St. John, Littleport. The year's work showed progress in all departments a feature of which was the financial help, amounting to £137, contributed to the Methodist Missionary Society.

Members of Littleport Women's Institute visited I.T.V. studios at Wembley for a performance of the popular Hughie Green show, "Double Your Money".

13--Marriage, at St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Chettisham, between Miss Enid Saggs, of Chettisham, and Mr. David Gathercole, first son of Mr. and Mrs, F. Gathercole, of Upton Place, Littleport.

In a competition for the title of "Miss Valentine", held in the Constitutional Hall, the winner was Miss Brenda Malkin, of Upton Place. Miss Sandra Smart, also of Upton Place, was awarded second prize. The event was organised by the British Legion Band.

17--Members of all denominations in Littleport attended a service at St. John's Methodist Church held in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society.

18--It was revealed that the late Mr. James Arthur Purdy, of Hailsham, Sussex, formerly of Littleport, had left £250 to St. George's Church and £250 to St. Johns Methodist Church. Mr. Purdy died on October 30th, 1964.

25--Annual dinner of Littleport Town Cricket Club. Speaking of the previous season,

skipper Norman South strongly rebuked those members who showed lack of interest.

27--Cross-country running--Having already won the County boys' and Cambridgeshire Schools' cross-country championships, David Carter (Littleport) completed a "hat-trick" with a runaway victory in the Isle of Ely Schools' race at Witchford.

28--Members of the Preston (Lancs.) Citadel Young People's Singing Company presented programmes at the local Salvation Army Hall .

March.

1-Detective-constable B. J. Haylett, a native of Littleport, was promoted to the rank of detective-sergeant and posted from Ely to Wisbech.

3--The Martin School inter-house cross-country championships were won by Cromwell House. In the senior race David Carter was first, Peter King second and John Sharman third. The 5th groups' race was won by R. Stubbings with R. Watson second and J. Flack third.

4--Meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute. The 1st prize for most points gained in competitions during 1964 was awarded to Mrs. T. B. James.

5--County Youth Festival of Dancing held at Whittlesey. The Martin School gained a first class certificate in the class for square dancing.

6--Marriage at Southery Methodist Chapel between Mr. Cedric Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs, E. Hart, of Victoria Street, Littleport, and Miss Bridget Webber, of Southery.

Cremation of Mrs. Kate Washington, widow of the late Mr. George Joseph Washington, formerly of Victoria Street. On the death of her husband ten years ago, Mrs. Washington left Littleport for Bedford, where she died. She was 82.

7--In the absence of the Vicar (Rev. J. K. C. Payne) who was indisposed, Mattins and Evensong were conducted by Mr. B. G. Wright at the Parish Church. He was assisted by Mr. Fred Richardson.

11--Two salesmen, who over a period of two months cheated 22 people out of £210 by selling false magazine subscriptions, were each sent to prison for three months by the Ely Magistrates. One of their victims was a 75-year-old Littleport widow, Mrs. E. Myhill, of Hempfield Road. After tricking her of £7 10s. 0d., one of the men stole a further £10 from her purse while she was in the kitchen making them a cup of tea.

Engagement announced between Miss Adrienne Neilson, of Ely, and Mr. John

Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Taylor, of Queen's Road, Littleport.

15--Half a ton of Red King potatoes were stolen from a riddling site on Messrs. F. G. Starling Ltd's. Flanders Farm, Mildenhall Road,

17--Tragic death of Mr. George Dye, a retired smallholder, Mr. Dye, who lived alone in a small wooden hut at New River Bank, died of self-inflicted gunshot wounds. He was 66.

19--Annual meeting of Littleport Town Cricket Club. The secretary (Mr. F. Watson) reviewed an unsuccessful playing season, due, he said, to lack of members' enthusiasm.

20--Death at her sister's home, 2, New Road, Littleport, of Mrs. Lilian Wheatley, aged 67, wife of the late Mr. John Wheatley, of Bournemouth, and second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rayner.

Marriage, at Great Chesterford, between Mr. Geoffrey Walker, elder son of Mrs. W. Goodge and the late Mr. H. Walker, of Hempfield Place, Littleport, and Miss Ruth Peppercorn, of Great Chesterford.

25--The engagement was announced between Mr. Malcolm Anthony, of Whittlesey, and Miss Merrielee Forbes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kennelth Forbes, of The Ship Inn, Brandon Creek.

A recent house-to-house collection in Littleport in aid of the National Institute for the Blind realised over £34. The organiser was Mrs. Monica Frost.

27--Death at Chesterton Hospital, Cambridge, of Mr. A. E. Dobson, for many years a tobacconist at Main Street. Aged 84, he was a member of the Parish Church Choir for over 50 years.

Marriage at Holy Trinity Church, Haddenham, between Miss Brenda Nicholas, of Haddenham, and Mr. John Pettitt, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pettitt, of The Holmes, Littleport.

Mrs. C. S. Creak and Mrs. S. Cowgill organised collections in Littleport for Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The sum realised was £23 17s. 0d.

31--Littleport Parish Council decided that the remaining 89 street gas lamps in the town should be replaced by sodium electric lamps at an estimated cost of £2,817.

Final meeting of the Isle of Ely County Council. The Council's first meeting was in 1889.

Littleport Parish Council were told that collectors for the Churchill Memorial Fund had met with a mixed reception from house-holders. It was stated that a total of £134 Os. 7d. was in hand towards the parish target of £250.

April.

1--Meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute. A warm welcome was extended to Littleport hair stylist, Bernice, and her eight models, showing various styles of ladies' hair dressing.

Death at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, following an accident, of Mr. Reginald Laws, of Cambridge, and formerly of Wisbech Road, Littleport. For some years he carried on an antique business in Crown Lane. He was 68.

3--Littleport British Legion Women's Section's jumble sale. The proceeds were £14.

3--Marriage at St. Peter's Church, Prickwiliow, between Miss Gwendoline Murfitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Murfitt, of Bulldog Bridge Farm, Mildenhall Road, Littleport, and Mr. John Howe, of Ely.

Members of St. John's Methodist Church girls' club held a coffee morning in aid of overseas medical missions which yielded £13 10s. 0d.

7--An outline scheme for 18 old people's bungalows on the old Anchor Inn site at Victoria Street, Littleport, was adopted by the Ely Rural Council Housing Committee. The estimated cost was £41,650.

8--Engagement announced between Miss Maureen Whitehand, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Whitehand, of Padnal Road, Littleport, and Mr. Brian Sennitt, of Little Thetford.

10--A jumble sale and social organised by members of Littleport Bowls Club, realised £23 15s. 0d.

Littleport farmer Roger Stevens, of 77, Ely Road, took part in a Land-Rover competition at a rally in Holland.

Intruders ransacked the home of Mr. Derek Parsons, of 76, Wisbech Road. Nothing was taken.

14--Annual meeting of the newly-formed Littleport Conservative Party. It was reported that as the result of a dance and garden fete, the branch had donated £75 to the fighting fund.

The Littleport members of Ely Rural District Council were instructed to look into the possibility of installing hand washing facilities for the one public convenience at Littleport.

At a meeting of representatives of the various churches in the village, it was decided to re-organise the Littleport and district auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Vicar (Rev. J. K. C. Payne) accepted the presidency.

15--The Littleport Salvation Army Self-Denial Appeal raised £245 19s. 0d.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dixon, of City Road, Littleport, announced the engagement of their daughter, Pamela, to Corporal Arthur Soles, R.A.F., Waterbeach.

16--Members of the Gospel Hall, Independent Chapel, Salvation Army and Methodist Churches, assembled at St. John's Church. The occasion was a united Easter service conducted by the Rev. A. A. Loades.

17--First day of the Martin School Boy Scouts' "bob-a-job" week.

Marriage at St, Lawrence's Church, Wicken, between Miss Helen Cusick, of Wicken, and Mr. Alan Buckingham, third son of Mr. and Mrs. R· Buckingham, of Wisbech Road, Littleport.

20--Guests at the monthly meeting of Littleport Women's Institute were members of the Wimblington branch.

22--Mr. and Mrs. Cowgill, of Wellington Street, Littleport, announced the engagement of their only son, David, to Miss Valerie Cork of Bath.

22--It was revealed that Messrs. S. Rogers and Sons, farmers and pig breeders, of Wisbech Road, were successful in gaining out-standing awards at the recent Letchworth Quality Meat Exhibition.

Engagement announced between Miss Margaret Bidwell, of Ely, and Mr. Michael Howe, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Howe, of Mildenhall Road, Littleport.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Smart, of Upton Place, announced the engagement of their third daughter, Sandra, to Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Goodge, of Friar's Place.

23--At a Littleport blood donor session 115 people gave blood.

24--Members of local Red Cross organisations held a jumble sale at the Odd Fellows' Hall. £54 8s 0d. was raised for the Red Cross fund.

Football--By defeating Girton 7--1, Littleport Town became champions of the Premier Division of the Cambs. League.

25--A "musical hour" at the Parish Church in aid of the roof repair fund realised £10. The organiser was Mr. A. L. Covill, the church organist.

St. John's Methodist Church anniversary services were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Lusty, a former minister of the Church.

26--Twelve Littleport traders met representatives of the Ely Chamber of Trade to discuss possible advantages of becoming members of the Ely Group. Mention was made of the apathy in Littleport towards such matters.

28--Annual meeting of the East Anglia United District of the Royal Order of Ancient Shepherds, held at Ely. Bro. W. Saul, of Littleport, was elected to the Executive Committee.

30--Annual meeting of Littleport parochial Church Council. It was reported that the church roof needed attention and the estimated cost of repairs was £350.

Annual meeting of Littleport and Prickwillow Nursing Association. The secretary, Miss M. A. Peake, spoke of the success of the meals on wheels scheme. The number of visits made by the nurses during the year totalled 9,351.

May.

1--Children of the Coronation School, Black Horse Drove, toured the village with their "May Queen" singing traditional songs.

Marriage at St. Mary's Church, Mil between Miss Pamela Brand, of Burnt Fen, and Mr. David Craft, third son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Craft, of Victoria Street, Littleport.

The Littleport Women's Fellowship jumble sale in aid of the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind realised £14.

2--Members of Littleport Fire Service took part in an exercise organised by the County Fire Service at Chatteris. The purpose was the provision of water to essential services in the event of a nuclear attack.

2--The Martin School Troop of Boy Scouts attended the St. George's Day service held in Ely Cathedral's Lady Chapel.

3--It was reported that eight Littleport traders had joined the Ely Chamber of Trade.

6--The Over Sixties' Club celebrated their ninth annual birthday party. The guest of honour was Lt. R. Ashworth, of the Salvation Army.

Members of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute visited the Southery branch for a combined meeting. The speaker was Mr. Patrick Bowles, of King's Lynn, who was "Brain of Britain, 1960".

Members of the Mothers' Union and the Young Wives' Group, accompanied by Mrs. J. C. K. Payne, attended the Deanery Festival at St. Leonard's Church, Little Downham.

Members of the Littleport Handicraft Guild visited the W.I. handicraft rally held at March. Mrs. Darby, Mrs. Gaffer and Mrs. Smith were each awarded 19 points out of a possible 20 for entries in connection with the annual competition.

8--Cricket-The Littleport club's first match of the season against Westwood Works, Peterborough, ended in an exciting draw. Scores: Westwood Works 107 (for 7 wkts. dec.), Littleport 105 (for 9 wkts.)

13--Littleport Red Cross Cadets were again successful in the annual branch competitions for cadets held in Cambridge. For the second year running Susan Lyons was awarded the cup for the individual first aid test, and in the team events the Littleport group received the cup for the best uniforms. In the 1st aid team test for the Jarman Cup they were placed second and the Unit as a whole were placed third in the Cambridgeshire branch for service.

Recent house-to-house collections in Littleport raised £21 6s. 6d for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The organiser was Mrs. P. Morton, of Victoria Street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Beveridge, of Upton Place, Littleport, announced the engagement of their only daughter, Yvonne, to Mr. Michael Peacock, of Sutton.

14--Miss Diana Cole, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cole, of Parsons Lane, Littleport, received her commission as a Salvation Army Officer, at the Royal Albert Hall, London. She was appointed officer in charge of the Corps at Selby,

15--Isle Of Ely Music Festival--Littleport Ladies' Choir, under their conductor, Mrs. C. R. Browning, were awarded the Phyllis Thompson Memorial Trophy. Individual trophy winners included Susan Sivell, Suzy Smutok and Patricia Horton, all of Littleport

16--Farewell service to Lieut. R. Ashworth held at the Salvation Army Hall. He was leaving Littleport to take up an appointment at Snettisham.

16--Littleport British Legion Band gave their first concert in the newly enlarged band room.

20--Members of the local Salvation Army Corps welcomed their new officers, Lieut. and Mrs. Rowlanes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carver, of Lynton Drive, Ely, announced the engagement of their elder daughter, Jean Rosalind, to Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wicks, of Plains Lane, Littleport.

22--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Welney, between Mr. Colin Robinson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Robinson, of Upton Place, Littleport, and Miss Mary Game, of Hundred Foot Bank, Welney.

St. John's Methodist Church garden fete realised £60. It was operated by Mrs. J. M. White, formerly Miss M. Gotobed, of Littleport.

23--To mark its closure, a special service was held in Victoria Street Methodist Chapel, concluded by the Rev. A. A. Loades. The chapel was opened in 1845.

Over 1,500 people visited the four-day Floral Festival held at the Parish Church. It was organised by Mrs. J. K. C. Payne. The proceeds for church funds amounted to £108.

26--Over Sixties" Club outing to Bedford.

27--200 children from Littleport schools attended an Ascension Day service at the parish church.

29--Cambs. and Isle of Ely County Show, held at Ely. In the cattle section, British Friesians exhibited by Messrs. J. H. Martin & Sons(Littleport) Ltd., gained one first and three second awards.

Cambs. and Isle of Ely County Show--Mr. G. P. T. Peacock's exhibits in the classes for Percheron horses gained one first and one reserve award.

Annual flag day collections in Littleport in aid of the Red Cross raised £45 5s. 3d. The organiser was Mrs. R. W. Howard.

Cambs. and Isle of Ely County Show. Local winners in the floral arrangement classes were Mrs. E. J. Register (Little Ouse) with two first and two second awards and Mrs. J. Gilbert (Littleport), one first and one second award. In the class for clubs, Littleport Flower Arrangement Club was second.

30--Littleport British Legion Band took part in the Ely Hospital Friends' Hospital Sunday Parade.

A service of unity was held at St. John's Methodist Church to join together the members of that church with those of the recently closed Victoria Street Chapel, so forming one Methodist Church in the parish.

31--Mrs. K. Darby represented Littleport Women's Institute at a garden party given by Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace for representatives of Women's Institutes from all over the country. Mrs. B. Allen represented Black Horse Drove and Mrs. H. J. Carter, Burnt Fen. The occasion was to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Women's Institute movement.

June.

2--Mr. Denys Clarke, of Upton Place, was appointed to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. L. W. Fox.

Parish Council meeting. Burial Board records showed that 63 people were buried in Littleport during the past year with an average age of 71.2 years.

Elderly Mrs. Frances Trower, of Hale Fen, Littleport, refused Ely Rural District Council's offer to install an electric washer in her Council house. She preferred her old copper.

"Thoroughfare Yard" re-named "Thoroughfare Way" by Littleport Parish Council.

3--Members of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute celebrated their 17th anniversary. Mrs. B. Allen gave an account of her day at the Royal Garden Party, where Princess Alexandra spoke to her.

Two deer were seen on the river bank near Brandon Creek.

8--Meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. Reporting on the quiz at Wisbech, Mrs. Misson said their team of four, Mesdames A. S. Pennick, K. Lane, R. Ambrose and herself had emerged as winners.

9--Seven candidates were confirmed by Bishop G. Walsh at the Parish Church.

10--Mr. and Mrs. F. Wicks, of Upton Place, Littleport, announced the engagement of their daughter, Beryl, to Mr. Derek Clements, of Soham.

Engagement announced between Mr. Anthony King, of Prickwillow, and Miss

Angela Malkin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malkin, of Plains Lane, Littleport.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clarke, of Hempfield Place, Littleport, announced the engagement of their eldest daughter, Jean, to Mr. Tony Murfitt, of Little Downham.

12--Annual Salvation Army garden party, held in the Constitutional Hall, realised £61.

A united service, sponsored by the newly formed Littleport Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was held in the Parish Church.

13--Following a parade of decorated floats, an open air service at Highfield was conducted by the Rev. Canon J. K. C. Payne. This was the fourth function of its kind in aid of the Swimming Pool Fund. It realized £44.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Simper, of High Street, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

18--Mrs. Joan Lutwyche, from Kingsbridge, Devon, a widely famed authority on floral art, was the demonstrator at a meeting of Littleport Flower Arrangement Club.

19--The entire proceeds of £45 raised at the Black Horse Drove garden fete were given to the Women's Institute in their special Golden Jubilee Year. The function was opened by Mrs. W. J. Gill, President of the Littleport Branch.

19--Huntingdonshire Agricultural Society's annual show. Welsh pigs, exhibited by Messrs. S. Rogers & Sons, of Littleport, were awarded two first and two second prizes.

After 40 years' service as a porter at King's School, Ely, Mr. Albert Marshall of High Street, Littleport, received a suitable token of gratitude from the school. The presentation was made by Mr. B. E. N. Fawcett, the headmaster.

20--Under the National Gardens scheme, over 300 people visited the gardens of Plantation House, the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown. Proceeds amounted to over £52 for the Retired District Nurses' Pension Fund.

Cricket--Littleport defeated Heacham for the first time ever, young batsman Anthony Watson, scoring 62 not out.

21--Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman, of Hempfield Place, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

23--By-election at Littleport--The vacant seat on the Ely Rural District Council went

to Mr. J. H. Cross, well known local builder. Only 11 per cent. of the electorate voted.

24--The engagement was announced between Miss Carol Stoneman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stoneman, of Friars Place, Littleport, and Mr. Maurice Jordan, of Little Downham.

26--Whittlesey Show--Mrs. J. Gilbert of Littleport, gained four 1st prizes in the flower arrangement classes.

A group of young members of the Independent Chapel, calling themselves the "Fenland Crusaders", opened a coffee bar at the Globe Lane Mission Room. They had constructed the bar themselves.

27--Littleport angler Arthur Shipp, became first holder of Ely High Flyer A.C's Harvey and Clarke Cup at Adelaide.

30--Groups of young athletes from sixteen primary schools took part in an inter-sports meeting at the Littleport school's playing field. An exhibition of country dancing was presented by girls of the Littleport school.

July.

1--Three agricultural workers employed on farms at Littleport, were presented with long service awards at the Royal Norfolk Show. They were Mr. George Doughty and Mr. Reginald Bennett, employed by Messrs. J. H. Martin & Sons (Littleport) Ltd. for 40 years, and Mr. Albert Grindling, who received a fifty-year bar to his existing medal. He is employed by Messrs. Henry Thompson (Farms) Ltd.

Mr. Clive Taylor, of Littleport, was successful in gaining a National Sciences Tripos Part I honours degree at Cambridge University, and he was also awarded the Colin Mackenzie prize for medicine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, of Station Road.

3--Lady Legge-Bourke opened a garden fete held in the garden of "Sunnyside", the home of Mrs. A. F. Price. The fete. organised by Littleport Conservative Association, realised £57 16s. 0d.

St, John's Methodist Church Sunday School Anniversary.

5--Ely Urban District Council decided not to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Littleport Riots.

6--Martin School prize giving. The importance of further education and all that it

means to young people today when entering the highly competitive world which lies ahead, was strongly emphasised by Mr. A. R. Goodburn, principal of the Isle of Ely College of Further Education, Wisbech.

7--Death at Alford, Lincolnshire, at the home of her daughter, of Mrs. Emma Thompson, formerly of Hale Fen, Littleport. Aged 79, she was the widow of the late Mr. G. R. Thompson.

An application for outline planning permission for a single storey factory at Padnal Road, Littleport, was accepted by Ely Rural District Council Housing Committee. The application was submitted by Messrs. Camcraft, of Cambridge.

10--Cricket-In a drawn match with Granta (Cambridge), Littleport bowler Eric Barnes took 9 wickets for 31 runs.

Members of Littleport Flower Arrangement Club won prizes at Long Sutton Agricultural Society's show. They were Mrs. W. P, Register--one first and two thirds; Mrs. J. Gilbert--one first and one third; Mrs. R. J. Brooks--one first; Mrs. J. Kerridge--one first and one third; Mrs. M. Lister--one third. Their entry in the inter-club competition was placed third.

Scouts and Cubs from Ely, Stretham and Littleport took part in the annual athletics competitions held at the sports grounds of the Martin School, Littleport. Littleport made a clean sweep of the trophies.

A recommendation that the old disused cemetery at Littleport be taken over and made into an open space was accepted by Ely Rural District Council Housing Committee.

Littleport Parish Church garden fete. It was opened by Lady Legge-Bourke.

Ely Rural Council Housing Committee agreed to the erection of signs advertising "Littleport welcomes light industry" at the north and south ends of the village.

11--The vicar, Rev. Canon J. K. C. Payne, officiated at the baptism of his youngest grandchild, Georgina Mary Darrell.

Special services held at Black Horse Drove to celebrate the anniversary of the Methodist Church.

13--Meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. It was revealed that a recent collection by members in aid of the Cancer Research Campaign had yielded £55 13s. 0d.

Martin School sports. The challenge cup was won by Hereward house.

14--Open Day at the County Primary School. Proficiency badges were presented to 26 young cyclists by Inspector Miller, of Ely.

16--County Primary School sports. The prizes were presented by Miss D. Cross, a former teacher at the school.

Miss Suzy Smutok, of Friars Place, received the title of "Miss Littleport, 1965," at a contest organised by the British Legion Women's Section. Miss Christine Clifton, of Wisbech Road, was runner-up.

Children of Black Horse Drove Coronation School journeyed to London to see a performance of the Royal Tournament.

17--Littleport Horticultural and Foal Show Society's 76th Annual Show. Despite the great efforts of the Society to try to find new events and despite the excellent entries in stock, handicraft and produce shows, only 1,645 people attended, the smallest crowd ever.

At St. John's Methodist Church, farewell presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Calnp who were leaving Littleport for Stamford.

18--A leather-bound library edition of the New English Bible was dedicated at Southwold Congregational Church as a memorial to the late Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Skoulding, a native of Littleport and a member of an old Fenland family.

19--Junior school sports. The champions were:--Form 1, Andrew Thornhill and Judy Clifton; Form 2, Raymond Lee and Linda Chapman.

22--As a mark of appreciation of services given over nineteen years to local schools, a presentation was made to Mrs. J. H. Martin at the Martin School. The occasion was her retirement as chairman of the governors and managers.

Engagement announced between Miss Jenny Hobbs and Mr. Michael Butcher, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Butcher, of Black Horse Drove.

24--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Southery, between Mr. Paul Cox, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cox, of Barkham's Lane, Littleport, and Miss Maureen Gallaway, of Southery.

Mrs. June Smith, of 46, Wisbech Road, won £576 in a pools competition.

Marriage at Stalybridge, Cheshire, between Miss Margaret Atkinson, of Littleport, and Mr. Eric Leigh, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs.

25--Feast Sunday. Friendly Societies' Annual Church Parade - the proceeds amounted to £77 18s. 11d.

Bowls--In the final of the John Clarke Cup, an American triples tournament, the Littleport team, Mrs. J. Gilbert, Mr. P. Jackson and Mr. A. See, beat their Isleham opponents by 13 shots to 10.

27--An entry in the Welsh pig classes by Messrs. S. Rogers & Sons, of Littleport, gained a first prize at Peterborough Show.

28--First meeting of the Tufty Club, organised by Mrs. Lieut. Rowlanes, of the Salvation Army. The object was to teach road safety to children under five.

29--Engagement announced between Miss Susan Hoyland, of Ely, and Mr. Clive Taylor, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, of Station Road, Littleport.

31--Death at the Vicarage, of the Rev. John King Cecil Payne, Vicar of Littleport for 26 years.

The County Health Committee gave approval to the provision of a health centre at Littleport.

The following pupils of Littleport County Primary School succeeded in passing the 11 plus examination: Boys--To Soham Grammar School--Michael Elmore, Michael Bass, James Gilbert, Michael Goodge, John Saul, Graham Spring. To King's School, Ely--Nicholas Lyons. Girls--To Ely High School--Linda Barker, Christine Frost, Gaye Kerridge, Susan Sivell, Celia Watson, Veronica Chamberlain, Teresa Miller, Ann Watson.

At a week's camp for handicapped girls held at Stapleford, Susan Lyons, Cynthia Ware and Susan Adams, local Red Cross cadets, acted as helpers.

August.

3--Death at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of Mrs. Ruth Carruthers, of Granby Street. She was 58.

4--After a Requiem Mass celebrated by the Dean of Ely, and in the presence of many clergy and a crowded church, the Rev. Canon J. K. C. Payne was laid to rest in the family Vault at Hadleigh, Suffolk.

5--Death, at his home at Downham Market, of Mr. Charles William Thornhill, a former Littleport farmer and butcher. He was 79.

Engagement announced between Miss Janet Bowles, of Ely, and Mr. Roderick Gillett, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gillett, of Black Horse Drove.

10--Silence was observed at the opening of a meeting of the Women's Institute in memory of the late Mrs. Ruth Carruthers, a former member.

11--Over Seventies' tea party organised by the Women's Institute. Gifts were presented to the oldest people present. They were: Mrs. L. Hardwick (88), Mr. Fletcher (87), and Mrs. Easy (85). Another recipient was Mrs. Arch, with 23 great-grandchildren.

12--Mr, and Mrs. F. W. Proctor, of Victoria Street, Littleport, announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Judy, to Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Calladine, of Lakenheath, and formerly of Victoria Street, Littleport.

14--Marriage at Holy Trinity Church, Stow, near Downham Market, between Mr. Ross Gordon, only son of Dr. and Mrs. T. Barclay Gordon, of The Herons, Littleport, and Miss Helen Feetham, of Barroway Drove, Downham Market.

16--Tragic death of Mr. William Webber, of Brandon Creek. He was working on a building site at Haddenham when a steel scaffolding pole he was carrying struck an overhead electricity cable and he was killed instantly. He was 24.

17--A tombola session, organised by the British Legion Band, in aid of the Swimming Pool Fund, realised £20.

19--It was revealed that ten-year-old Frances Hatch, and a friend, Miss Jane Parsons, had collected all sorts of curios and built up a considerable museum at the home of Frances' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hatch, of Station Road.

Recent collections in Littleport for the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind realised £19 2s. 5d. The organiser was Mrs. I. Rowell.

22--Farewell Sunday at St. John's Methodist Church for the Rev. A. A. Loades. He was leaving Littleport to become an army chaplain.

Angling--Peter Angel won Littleport Angling Club's Butcher Cup.

25--Eastern Gas Board long service certificates were presented to Mrs. Muriel Butcher, of Queen's Road (25 years) and Mr. Charles Rudderham, of New Road (29 years).

28--Death of Mrs. Agnes Peake, of Hampden House, widow of the late Alderman

Thomas Peake. She was 95.

Police constable Patrick Burton, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Burton, of Ten Mile Bank, Littleport, was married to Miss Avis Langley, eldest grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Warren, of Victoria Street, Littleport. The marriage took place at All Saints' Church, Hilgay.

29--Littleport British Legion Band paid their last visit of the season to Hunstanton.

September.

3--Death of Miss Florence Sarah Cheek, of March. Miss Cheek was appointed headmistress of Littleport Town Girls' School in 1920, an appointment she held for 21 years. She was 75.

4-Cricket-Littleport ended the season with an overwhelming victory over Culford. Scores: Littleport 101, Culford 29.

Marriage at St. Mary's Church, Ely, between Miss Mary Lovesey, of Ely, and Mr. David Sizer, second son of the late Mr. E. Sizer, of Soham, and Mrs. H. Rollitt, of New River Bank, Littleport.

5--Death at Brentwood, of Mr. Frederick Rollitt, a former resident of Littleport, aged 77. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rollitt, of Station Road.

Special visitors to the Littleport Salvation Army Corps were Colonel and Mrs. William Fleming, former leaders of Salvation Army work in West Africa.

7--The Rev. J. R. Burton, newly appointed Methodist Minister to Littleport, and his wife, were accorded a warm welcome at St. John's Church.

9--Eighteen-year-old Keith Harwood, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Harwood of The Crescent, was awarded the City and Guilds Craft Certificate for plastering.

10--Institution and induction, at St. Matthew's Parish Church, of the new Vicar, the Rev. S. G. Cade, by the Bishop of Ely.

11--Fenland Horticultural Show held at Ely--Mrs. J. Gilbert, of Littleport, was awarded two trophies for her exhibits shown in the flower arrangement classes.

Mr. Reginald Rowell and Mr. Gordon Cornwall, both of Littleport, were presented with gifts and thirty years' certificates at Ely Beet Sugar Factory.

13--At a meeting of Ely Chamber of Trade, it was reported that no support from

Littleport traders would be forthcoming in the Ely Shopping Week.

14--Littleport Women's Institute's 43rd anniversary birthday party. Music for the evening was supplied by the British Legion Band Buskers .

15--A meeting of the Littleport Women's Fellowship took the form of a harvest thanksgiving. Miss Ruth Cowgill, of the Salvation Army, conducted.

18--A fete, held at Little Ouse in aid of St. John's Church, Brandon Bank Methodist Chapel and Little Ouse School, realised £154

25--Over Sixties' Club autumn sale. The opener was Group Captain Dhenin, Commanding Officer of the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely.

Marriage, at St. Lawrence's Church, Wicken, between Miss Rosalind Fuller, of Wicken, and Mr. Charles Wright, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright, of Ten Mile Bank, Littleport.

26--Lieut. and Mrs. Rowlanes conducted Salvation Army meetings at the Salvation Army Hall.

Harvest thanksgiving celebrated at St. John's Methodist Church. All services were conducted by the Minister, Rev. J. R. Burton.

28--The County Education Committee adopted a resolution that the Head Master and staff of the Martin School, Littleport, be congratulated on the report of H.M. Inspectors following an inspection last October.

29--The harvest festival service at the Parish Church was conducted by Canon D. G. Hill, of Ely.

Littleport Women's Fellowship meeting. A presentation was made to Mrs. M. Mills, a member who was leaving Littleport.

30--Angling-Tommy Daw, of King's Lynn, won Littleport Angling Club's Ludlow Trophy.

News received of the death of a former resident of Littleport. He was Mr. John Purchase, who in his earlier years, lived at 21, Station Road. He was 74.

October.

2--Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carter, of Soham, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Carter is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Godbold of Little

Ouse, and Mr. Carter is the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Carter of Little Ouse.

6--Eleven years of British Legion work with loyal membership and marked progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Littleport Women's Section, The secretary, Mrs. G. Henshaw, spoke of the passing of the Rev. Canon J. K. C. Payne, a friend of the branch.

7--Mrs. Morton, of Littleport, gave a demonstration of dress-making at a meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute.

7--Mr. and Mrs. F. Fletcher, of Hempfield Place, Littleport, announced the engagement of their twin daughter, Pauline, to Mr. Ronald Badcock, of Stretham.

9--Michael Hunt, Anglia Television weatherman, opened Littleport Women's Institute's old time fayre. Prior to the opening, members paraded the streets in period costume, led by the British Legion Band. Proceeds from the fayre, prize draw and bingo, amounted to £170.

10 Corps Sgt. Major A. Becker from the Middlesbrough Citadel, took a prominent part in local Salvation Army meetings.

Community hymn singing with vocal and organ solos was a feature of the evening service held at the Parish Church.

Angling--Arthur Shipp of Littleport, a member of the Isle of Ely team competing in an inter-counties match fished in the upper reaches of the Ouse, near Newport Pagnell, fished well to get second top weight of 4-10.

13--Ely Rural District Council decided not to introduce fluoride in the rural area's water supply.

Further investigations by means of a television camera into the sewers in Littleport provided clear evidence to support the new Ely Rural District Council sewer improvement proposals. The estimated cost of the work was £20,000.

14--Engagement announced between Mr. Frank David Morton, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Morton, of Victoria Street, Littleport, and Miss Sally Morton, of Lyng, Norwich.

In the recent N.P.B.A. show and sale at Peterborough, in which the major Welsh herds in England and Wales were competing, Messrs. S, Rogers & Son of Littleport, were successful in gaining the award for the supreme champion. The pig which won the award was "Fieldside Snowdrop", a 12 month-old in-pig gilt.

15--Darts-Littleport Ex-Servicemen's Club custodian, Eric Taylor, won the British Legion Band individual competition for the fifth time.

16--Football-Isle of Ely Schoolboys defeated South Northants, by 6 goals to 5 in the third round of the English Schools Shield qualifying competition. John Sharman of Littleport, was a member of the Isle team.

Mr. Eric Underdown left Black Horse Drove to join his wife in Northboro, Massachusetts, U.S.A., where they were to take up a joint appointment. He is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Underdown, of Festival Way, Black Horse Drove.

17--The British Legion Band "Buskers" gave a performance at Hovenden House, Fleet, near Long Sutton, a home for the disabled. A Littleport man resident there is Mr. Derek Crane.

19--Presentation, at a dinner organised by the Littleport branch of Ancient Order of Foresters, of long service medals to four of the Littleport officers. They were:--Bros. H. Newton (senior beadle), L. A. Hughes (secretary), O. Leggett (Court Chief Ranger) and E. Titmarsh (treasurer).

20--Littleport Parish Council decided to ask Ely Rural District Council for warning notices of deep water to be placed at the Littleport and Sandhill bridges.

21--Annual meeting of Littleport British Legion Band. A year of achievement was reviewed. The highlight was the recent extension to the bandroom but £400 was still needed to pay off the arrears of the building account.

Engagement announced between Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Pettitt, of Longfield Road, and David, youngest son of Mrs. R. W. Key, of Parsons Lane, and the late Mr. Key.

The Agricultural Wages Board agreed on a minimum wage of £10 10s. 0d. for agricultural workers and 44 hours instead of 45 in the working week.

23--An autumn fair held at the Primary School, realised £99 for school funds.

Death of Mrs. Rose Bowers, of March. Mrs. Bowers, formerly Miss Barber, was a member of an old Littleport family and lived for many years at Letter "F" Farm, Mildenhall Road. Aged 84, she was the widow of the late Mr. A. Bowers.

A bazaar, organised by members of Black Horse Drove Methodist Church, raised the sum of £45 for church funds.

26--Members of Littleport Women's Institute attended an area Women's Institute

concert at Ely. Their presentation, entitled "The Hat Trick", was a satire on a woman's method of choosing a hat.

29--British Legion Band dinner and entertainment. A surprise visitor was Mr. Stanley Boddington, musical director of the famous G.U.S. Footwear Band.

Mr. Al Morton, of Westlands, captain of Ely City Cricket Club announced his retirement from the captaincy and probably from cricket. He joined the Ely Club in 1941 and became captain in 1950.

30--Littleport Flower Arrangement Club repeated their success of last year by again winning first prize in the inter-club competition at the Chrysanthemum Show held at King's Lynn. Members of the team were Mrs. Lister, Miss Wilson and Mrs. Collen. The Club's president, Mrs. J. Gilbert, was awarded the trophy for the highest aggregate in points in the flower decoration section.

31--The Overseas Mission anniversary was celebrated at St. John's Methodist Church.

At a Salvation Army meeting, Miss Carolyn Cole gave an account of an evangelical holiday she and other young people from the Corps spent, during the summer, at Herne Bay.

November.

6--At the Royal Dairy Show in London, Messrs. S. Rogers & Sons, pig breeders, of Wisbech Road, Littleport, were awarded a first prize for a pair of Welsh porkers, and the reserve championship over all other breeds award.

9--Meeting of Littleport Women's Institute. A demonstration on beauty treatment for the not-so-young was given by Mrs. Prior, of Downham Market.

A verdict that a Littleport woman took her own life the evening before she was due to go into a Cheshire Home was returned at an inquest held at Ely. The inquest was into the death of Mrs. Vera Violet Arnold, aged 44, of Woodfen Road, Littleport.

10--Death, in hospital, of Mrs. Philadelphia Jones, widow of the late Mr. Owen Jones, of Littleport. She was 76.

Ely Rural District Council agreed to provide washing facilities for Littleport's public convenience at a cost of £220.

11--Engagement announced between Mr. Ian Sloan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Sloan, of Parsons Lane, Littleport, and Miss Maureen Taylor, of Londonderry, N.

Ireland.

The Great Ouse River Authority refused to sell part of the old riverbank to Ely Rural District Council for use as a refuse tip.

A National Coal Board scholarship was awarded to M. D. Butcher, of Parsons Lane, Littleport.

13--Marriage at the Shire Hall, Cambridge, between Miss Valerie Brown, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown, of White Hart Lane, Littleport, and Mr. Keith Cliss, of Manea.

Littleport Bowls Club annual dinner. Awards gained during the season presented to:- Mrs J. Gilbert, Mrs. P. Miller, Mrs, D.Hawes, A. See, P. Jackson, A· George, A· Wart, P. Morton and S. Rogers.

St. Matthew's Church annual sale realised £118.

14--The People of Littleport paid their homage to the fallen with a united service at the Parish Church, preceded by the customary parade through the main streets, led by the British Legion Band.

Littleport Angling Club's Ouseman Shield match--Wally Gilbert, of Little Downham was the winner.

15--At the annual meeting of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society, tribute was paid to the retiring president, M. F. G. Starling, for his splendid work in connection with the 1965 County Show.

15--Death at Gosport, Hants., at the home of his daughter, of Mr. C. M. Marsh, of 32, New Road, Littleport.

19--The Rev. J. R. Burton, Methodist Minister, was the special guest at a meeting of the Over Sixties' Club.

20--Salvation Army Christmas Sale. The proceeds were £49.

Meeting of Isle of Ely County Women's Institutes' Executive Congratulations were expressed to four Littleport members who had gained craft workers' certificates-- Mrs. Purkiss and Mrs. V. Everitt for dressmaking and Mrs. Register and Mrs. S. K. Smith for knitting.

21--Death, in hospital, of Mr. Isaac Murfitt, of 35 Friars Way, Littleport. He was 81.

24--Haydn's "The Creation" was presented at the Parish Church by choirs drawn from churches in March and district together with Littleport ladies and male voice choirs.

While cleaning a ditch at Soham, Mr. Horace Rowell, of Littleport, uncovered sixteen 40 mm. shells. He warned Soham Police and a bomb disposal unit was contacted.

25--Cricket-It was revealed that Rodney Watson, young Littleport cricketer, headed both the Youth XI and 1st XI bowling averages for season 1965.

Mr. Percy Dye, accompanied by his Australian wife, returned to Littleport for a six months' visit, after 42 years in Australia. Formerly of Victoria Street, Mr. Dye is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Dye. He is 64.

It was announced that the Rev. Dennis Foulds, Rector of Stretham with Little Thetford, had been appointed to the Benefice of Littleport, in succession to the late Rev. Canon J. K. C. Payne.

26--Annual meeting of Littleport Ex-Servicemen's Club. A presentation was made to Mr. W. Leggett, retiring chairman. He had held the office for many years.

27--St. John's Methodist Church Christmas sale. Proceeds amounted to £77 17s. 0d.

Mrs. J. Gilbert, president of the Littleport Flower Arrangement Club, won both the silver challenge trophies in the decoration section at Terrington St. Clement's Chrysanthemum Show.

30--Mrs. W. J. Gill presented an electric clock to the Littleport British Legion Band for use in the newly enlarged bandroom.

Miss Patricia Hartley gained her S.R.N. certificate. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hartley, of Lynn Road, Littleport.

News received of the death, at Desborough, Northants, of Mr. Lawrence Ashman, a former resident of Victoria Street, Littleport. He was 74.

Sixteen 40 mm. shells, which were discovered at Soham by Mr. Horace Rowell, of Littleport, turned out to be dummies.
