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Annual Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson

Seaside Home Re-named

"Pearson House is to be the new name for our seaside Home at Brighton, hitherto called West House," said Sir Ian Fraser, speaking at the Annual Memorial Service held in the St. Dunstan's Chapel at Ovingdean, on Sunday, December 8th. "Our physiotherapists, supported by other St. Dunstaners, have expressed the wish that the name of the late Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart., should be more obviously identified with the work that he founded, and with general approval, therefore, the oldest and most popular of our Homes has been re-named. Thus is St. Dunstan's honoured by the daily use of so illustrious a name."

"Sir Arthur was our best friend," said Sir Ian. "He taught us to regard blindness not as an affliction but as a handicap that could be overcome. Earlier St. Dunstaners who knew him personally came under his spell, but all St. Dunstaners thereafter, including the last to join us,

benefit by his foresight and selfless work; so does the whole blind world.

"Our old Chief changed the lives of the young men who were blinded in the First World War and left behind him a spirit and a tradition which have inspired the work for the blind in every country in the world."

Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., President of St. Dunstan's, and son of the Founder, read the Lesson, and the Service was conducted by the Padre, the Reverend W. Taylor.

At Sir Arthur's Grave

On Monday, December 9th, the thirty-sixth anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Pearson, Mr. J. Murray, of Friern Barnet, and Mr. R. Cameron, of Wembley, escorted by Mr. R. Willis, went with Mr. A. D. Lloyds, Secretary of St. Dunstan's, to Hampstead Cemetery. Here a wreath was placed on Sir Arthur's grave on behalf of St. Dunstaners in every part of the world.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Listening

IN the "Readers' Digest" Braille edition the other day, I read a review of a book on Listening. Its author pointed out that while you can think at many hundreds and even thousands of words a minute, you can only listen to, say, from 120—200 words a minute, because that is the limit of reading aloud. Accordingly you tend to think of all sorts of things while a man is speaking to you, and if you are not careful, you lose the thread of

what he is saying. I am sure from my experience that this is true. The author suggests a remedy, namely, to concentrate our swiftly running thoughts on some aspect of the matter the speaker is talking about, or even repeat to yourself the phrase he is using, so that your mind does not wander away. Although listening is a slow business compared with sighted reading, you can in the end save time if you have taken in what has been said or read to you, so that it does not have to be re-read. I commend practice at this art, for efficient listening is of great importance to the blind who are engaged in active work. There is, of course, another kind of listening, namely, when you are merely passing the time. I often listen to a Talking Book with half an ear and think of other things at the same time. This I find a restful pastime, say on a Sunday afternoon.

Tailpiece.—A friend said to me the other day, "How can you sit and listen for hours at a time to speakers in the House of Commons?" I said, "I do not sit and listen all the time. Sometimes I only sit. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out through the other." "Yes," he said, unkindly, "and of course there's nothing in between your ears to stop it."

Colonel Mike

Lieut.-Colonel Mike Ansell is a most distinguished St. Dunstaner. One-time crack horseman and show-jumper, now chairman of the British Show Jumping Association and Show Manager of the International Horse Show, he has been appointed Colonel of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, his old regiment, which he was commanding when he was blinded. The Colonel of the Regiment is the head of the regiment, and not to be confused with the Commanding Officer. He is chosen by the senior serving and retired officers of the regiment, and acts as ceremonial head on certain occasions, and as adviser to the Commanding Officer. The appointment is confirmed by the Queen, and it is an exceptional honour for any soldier.

Many and various are the appointments which St. Dunstaners have held, but this is the first time one of our number has been made Colonel of his regiment. Congratulations to Colonel Mike.

St. Dunstaner Newspaperman Dies

Wing Commander W. T. Curtis-Willson, M.B.E., J.P., died early this month, aged 69. As Sergeant W. T. Curtis-Willson, he entered St. Dunstan's in 1916, some two months after me. He recovered a little sight, which later left him altogether. In spite of his handicap, he became a successful political agent. In 1933 he took up newspaper work and subsequently became Chairman and Managing Director of the famous weekly newspaper, *The Brighton and Hove Herald*, which celebrated its 150th birthday last year. During the Second World War he raised and commanded five Squadrons of the Air Training Corps in Brighton. He was a wise and influential figure in the town. He was President of the Newspaper Society in 1950 and travelled widely all over the English-speaking world. He had been a member of the Press Council since its foundation.

Brighton, and St. Dunstan's, and the newspaper world will miss him.

A Happy Christmas

Lady Fraser and I will drink a toast to St. Dunstaners all over the world on Christmas Day.

IAN FRASER.

Presentations

Several St. Dunstaners have written asking me to open a Presentation Fund for Mr. L. Banks on his retirement. I have also been asked to open another Fund for Miss F. Morris. I shall be very pleased to act as Honorary Treasurer to these Funds and will St. Dunstaners who wish to subscribe to either Fund please send their contributions to me at Headquarters, 191 Marybone Road, London, N.W.1.

A. D. LLOYDS.

Rotary

C. J. R. Fawcett is President of Bournemouth Rotary Club for the year 1957-58.

Grandfathers

F. G. ("Geoff.") Ogg, of Natal; G. E. C. Rushton, Northumberland; A. T. Cropley, of Saltdean (a new grand-daughter); F. Matthewman, of Northampton (a daughter for Doreen, in Canada); the eighth grand-child for H. E. Wood, of Bentley, Doncaster.

London Club Notes

To St. Dunstaners and their families everywhere—A merry Christmas and the best of luck for 1958.

SAM WEBSTER,

Chairman.

Annual General Meeting.—The Annual General Meeting of the London Club will be held at the Club on Thursday, January 16th, 1958, at 6.45 p.m. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend.

Bridge.—On Saturday, October 19th, a Bridge Drive was held in the Club for members only. This drive was sponsored by Miss Hensley, who provided the prizes and also a very nice tea, with the addition of a special trifle supplied by Miss Morrah. Our thanks to these ladies for the very great interest they have always taken in our Club.

The Bridge Congress

"A wonderful week-end." This was the comment heard on all sides at the conclusion of the Bridge Congress at Ovingdean, and there is no doubt about it, thanks to the Matron, Commandant and the whole of the staff, who combined to make the week-end one great success. Our thanks, too, to Miss Moseley, at London Headquarters, who was responsible for the correspondence and travelling arrangements to Brighton; thank you very much for a job well done. We are grateful to Mr. A. Field and Mr. C. Stokes, who directed us through our competitions with masterly ease and patience. We are lucky to have two such friends who are always ready to help and give us the benefit of their vast experience. A warm welcome to the new players who took part in the competitions this year and may we have more next year.

RESULTS:—

Pairs:

1st	2nd	3rd
A. Wiltshire	J. Brown	H. Gover
L. Douglas	J. Fleming	E. Van Niekerk

Fours

F. Rhodes	J. Simmons	C. Kelk
E. Carpenter	H. Kirkbright	C. White
H. Gover	G. A. Jolly	A. Craigie
E. Van Niekerk	W. Bishop	A. Macdonald

Sunday Morning Drive

L. Caudle	J. Simmons	A. Caldwell
C. Bulman	H. Kirkbright	F. Matthewman

Parity: Blodwen Simons and Violet Formstone.

Sunday Afternoon Drive

F. Winter	S. Webster	F. Rhodes
C. Thompson	B. Smith	E. Carpenter

Parity—W. Scott and D. Gray

Consolation Prizes

J. Clare	R. Armstrong	G. P. B.
D. Giffard	M. Delaney	

Mr. A. W. Tuke Retires

On Friday, 29th November, 1957, the Council of St. Dunstan's gave a luncheon to express their thanks to Mr. A. W. Tuke, Chairman of Barclays Bank, on his retirement from the post of Honorary Treasurer of St. Dunstan's, which he had occupied for ten years. Sir Neville Pearson presided.

Sir Ian Fraser, proposing the Toast of the Guest of Honour, said:—

"We owe much for his ten years' service. He has guarded and guided our financial interests and investments with skill and painstaking care." Sir Ian Fraser said that for the past twenty years, leading figures in Barclays Bank had been St. Dunstan's Honorary Treasurer, and they were most grateful to them, as well as to the officials of the Bank itself, for the skilled advice and help they had so willingly given. He was glad to say that the tradition would be continued, for Sir Cecil Ellerton, Deputy Chairman of the Bank, had kindly offered to serve and had been appointed Honorary Treasurer in Mr. Tuke's place.

St. Dunstan's (Sutton) Club

The Club had a meeting on November 30th, with an attendance of over fifty, and at this meeting a Committee was elected as follows:—

President: Lady Onslow.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Spurway and Miss Stevens.

Chairman: Mr. E. Dudley.

Treasurer: Mr. B. Giffard.

Secretary: Miss F. Parsons.

Messrs. B. Miller, B. Daw, J. Taylor, E. Cookson and J. Luker.

The annual subscription of the Club will be 10s., which will cover the member, his wife or escort, and children, if any.

The next meeting will be on January 11th, when any new members will be very welcome at the Adult School Hall, Benhill Avenue, Sutton. Owing to the enthusiasm of the members, the Adult School Hall authorities are being asked if the meeting time may be brought forward to 2.0 p.m. instead of 3.30 p.m., so that there will be more time for games. The Club, however, will still close at 6.30 p.m. TED DUDLEY.

Ruby Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Chapple, of Enfield, November 17th; Mr. and Mrs. W. Megson, of Carterton, December 15th. Congratulations.

The Bridge Congress

What enthusiasm! No other Bridge Congress in the world starts at 8.45 a.m.!

Two hands have been selected from this year's Teams of Four event and may afford pleasure in analysis.

Board 2 Dealer West N.S. Vul.

S. 10 3 2
H. K 6 5
D. A Q 10 9 7
C. Q J

S —	N	S. K 8 6 4
H Q 3 2	E	H A J 9 8 7
D K J 8 6 4 3 2	W	D 5
C 10 8 7		C K 6 5
	S	
	S. A Q J 9 7 5	
	H. 10 4	
	D. —	
	C. A 9 4 3 2	

What should be the contract? In practice, nearly all Souths finished in "Four Spades," with West leading Queen of Hearts. South trumps the third round of Hearts. Can he now make the ten tricks against best defence? The answer is No, but work it out after South leads Queen of Spades to trick 4 which East must take, to commence the play to keep South to 9 tricks.

Board 22 Dealer West Game All

S. 7 5 2
H. 8 6 5
D. A Q 10 9 7 5 3
C. —

S K J 10 4 3	N	S A Q
H 9 7 3	W	H Q J 2
D K J 2		D 8 6
C 6 2		C A K Q 9 8 7
	S	
	S. 9 8 6	
	H. A K 10 4	
	D. 4	
	C. J 10 5 4 3	

This one is atomic; some teams struck oil where both NS and EW scored heavily. Examine the legitimate bids that can be (and were) made. West passed, and North in many cases opened Three Diamonds doubled by East. Should West stand this? Some did and North scored plus 670, nine tricks duly made. Some Wests bid 4 Spades; some Souths rudely doubled and NS scored 1100, taking the first seven tricks.

Some Easts and some Wests played in 3 No Trumps. Where it was played by West they were two off, NS taking the first six tricks on a heart lead. Where, however, East played the contract, it can be made! There are so many interesting

points in the play, it is worth a little study before reading on. South leads 9 Spades. Winning tricks are italicised.

S	W	N	E
9 S	3 S	2 S	A S (1)
4 D	J D	Q D	6 D (2)
K H	3 H	8 H (3)	Q H
8 S	K S	5 S	Q S
6 S	J S	7 S	8 D
4 H (4)	10 S	3 D	7 C (4)
3 C	4 S	5 D	8 C
2 C (5)			

Explanations:—

- (1) Must unblock.
- (2) This is the key play.
- (3) North must not play A Diamonds or East will make King plus 5 Spades and 3 Clubs.
- (4) Study East's and South's last 8 cards to see the end play approaching.
- (5) East now plays A K Q 9 of Clubs which South must win and lead from A 10 of Hearts into East's Q 2. A. E. FIELD.

Miss J. Outing

Miss J. Outing, who has been Welfare Superintendent in charge of the Southern Area for the past nine years, leaves St. Dunstan's at the end of the year to enter a Religious Order. Miss Outing has been a firm friend and capable adviser, and all who know her wish her well in her new vocation.

Miss P. J. Rogers has been appointed to assume responsibility for the Southern Area from 1st January next. She comes to us with a wealth of experience gained in both the business and welfare spheres which will stand her in good stead in her new post.

Staff Dinner and Dance

Sir Ian Fraser was the Guest of Honour at the St. Dunstan's Staff Dinner and Dance held in London on the evening of Friday, December 6th. To everyone's great regret, Lady Fraser was unable to be present as she had "Asian" flu.

Proposing the toast, "The Staff Association," Sir Ian said that St. Dunstan's was most fortunate in having a capable and devoted staff, whether at Headquarters, at South Audley Street, in the country or at our Brighton establishments. They not only conducted the affairs of our great society with efficiency but they also contributed to the warm family feeling which characterised it. It was true to say that St. Dunstaners and the staff together were like the members of one great family, giving each other mutual support, friendship and affection.

On behalf of St. Dunstaners as a whole he expressed warm thanks to the staff, past and present.

"Servitas Servitum"

Now there was a feasting in the land, for it was the time of the end of one year and the start of a New Year, and as was the practice, there was eating and drinking and raising the knees to revere the Brown Mother. Now the peoples gathered did say one to the other "A Happy New Year," this being the greeting at such times, but in this year of 1957 there was indeed much warmth and much promise of the New Year's Happiness, for as is written on this tablet there was the reason.

For the Leader of the Dark-Eyed Ones had foregathered with his counsellors at the Great Hall of Albert, where there had been great parley and great resolutions, and supplications to the one of great power in the land, for they did take into the Minister a plea that those of the land whose services had gained them ill, did suffer from Lack of Purchase, and that which did go into the tyres of the transport.

Now the Minister did turn a sympathetic ear and did cry out to the leaders "Fear not, we have the needs of our warriors in constant care." Now this cry did raise up amongst the throng the cry of "Tell me the ancient story." But lo, this time did the word of the Minister speak great truth, and true to his vow, he did make the great declaration in the common house, of great speech but hitherto little action, "We will fill the purse and give unto them almost all which they do ask." For is not eighty and five nigh unto ninety?

And so hasten us to 1958, and our screeds shall be altered and the figures thereon grow more, and at the cages of the payers shall we not have to hold out unto them both our hands?

Now the utterances of the Men of Pension did cease. Instead did go forth a great cry. "Good old Sir Ian! Has he not done his stuff?" For was it not well known that for many years had he cried out in the House of Parley many times; and had he not called upon his fellow-leaders of all those units of those who had served, asking them to rally to his torch and cry again "We want ninety bob."

For it was written that the dripping waters weareth away the stone.

And even now at this time of feasting and merry-making, not only will the knee be lifted to the Brown Mother, but the voices shall rise and say in song "He is truly a jolly good fellow." JOHN A. MUDGE.

From All Quarters

A. Morgan, of York, has recently completed twenty-five years' service with Messrs. Rowntree & Co., Ltd., and on Friday, November 22nd, he was the guest at a party given by the Directors, who have also marked the occasion by a presentation.

Successful entrants at the International Handicrafts Exhibition at Earls Court continue to come in. T. Till, of Lancaster, S. Russell, of Manchester, and Maureen Lees have all received Certificates of Merit. Maureen no fewer than nine—one for every entry she submitted.

C. Roach, of Darlington, took a first prize for his roses again this year.

J. Abbs, of Moorend, Stibbard, won a first prize, seven seconds, a third, and several "highly commended" for his flowers and vegetables at the local Show.

When Messrs. T. Beckett, A. Foster, J. Humphrey, R. McConnell and A. W. Rutledge and Miss E. Wilson attended the Not Forgotten Association's Dinner at the Grand Central Hotel, Belfast, on November 9th. A. W. Rutledge made a most excellent speech on behalf of his comrades present.

It was good to have a line from Clare A. White, of Victoria, Canada. He says the REVIEW is a welcome link with the Old Country.

When Docking and District British Legion paraded at Syderstone on November 10th, our St. Dunstaner, Edgar West, took the salute outside his front door on the Syderstone main road. Also taking the salute was Major David Jamison, V.C., patron of the branch. The ceremony was noted by the *Easter Daily Press* which headed its article, "War-Blinded Man Takes Salute."

Captain and Mrs. Liakhoff send to all Guide Dog owners, past and present, and to those who have been in touch with them regarding future Guide Dogs, their best wishes for happiness and success this Christmas and during the coming year.

Greetings from Brighton

Commandant, the Matrons and staff of the Brighton Homes, send greetings to St. Dunstaners everywhere.

Tales of Ind

The Lonely Well

During the Kaiser's War I was attached for a time to an Indian Cavalry regiment, a few miles from Secunderabad. Every morning, after parade, my charger would make for the stables at a gallop, passing on the way a well. The well was about eight feet in diameter and was surrounded by a stone wall about three feet high. Let into the wall was a plaque, on which was inscribed a tragic story.

It appeared that at the time when Victoria was at the commencement of her reign, a young cavalry officer, of a regiment then quartered there, would each morning jump his horse across the well. The feat became famous throughout the land. One day a General, accompanied by his pretty young daughter, visited the regiment and the General asked the officer to repeat his feat, but he explained that he was not well and begged to be excused. Possibly the appeals of the daughter, reinforced by her bright eyes, broke down the young man's objections, and he agreed to do the jump. The horse took the jump but failed to clear, and horse and rider crashed into the well. The horse was killed instantly but the rider was brought out alive, but died a few minutes later. Before he died he asked to be buried with his horse, and the two lie together, a few yards from the well, inseparable in life, united in death.

When the moon is full and the land is bathed in its white light, when all is clear as day, silent watchers hear the thud of horses' hooves, and a shadow of a horse and rider passes swiftly over the wall and disappears into the shadows of a clump of trees. The watchers whisper to each other "The sahib is riding again."

A sad but strange story, my masters.
DUNCAN McALPIN.

Births

BARRATT.—On November 24th, to the wife of F. Barrett, of East Ham, a daughter—Vivienne.

PRYOR.—On November 29th, to the wife of J. Pryor, of Maidstone, a daughter—Susan Wendy.

Forty-one Years Married

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bocking, of Morecambe, on November 5th. Congratulations.

J. R. Brown

John Dickey, of Boxmoor, writes:
"In the time he spent at Ovingdean, I think Jimmy Brown must have made himself about the best-liked man I came in contact with. His gift for absorbing the most intricate and difficult phases of the training was the envy of all his fellow trainees.

'To fellow St. Dunstaners Jimmy was in a class of his own; his sense of humour was beyond belief, and we could rely on him to keep things moving. Completely without a thought for himself, Jimmy could take knocks that would have finished most men and he always came up smiling. I can only say that he was a real St. Dunstaner and that 'they don't make 'em any finer.'"

Family News

Janet Stafford, King's Langley, won a Silver Medal with Honours (and fifteen marks over) in the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art Silver Medal Examination. ★ ★ ★

Dr. Alison Boyd, Roedean, has obtained her Diploma of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. ★ ★ ★

Margaret Read, Worlingworth, Suffolk, has just passed her State Registered Nurse examination, and so also has Janet Gray, St. Albans. ★ ★ ★

Josephine Cooney won second prize in the Worthing Musical Festival for solo piano playing.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Richard Meader, Whaplode, on November 30th, to Marina Marriott.

Neville Clamp, Bletchley, married Patricia Margaret West on July 18th last.

Points from Letters

"I do not agree with Jack Radford's 'Do you remember?' I only wish I could meet a few old deaf pals to say it to and get a roar of laughter over old times."

G. FALLOWFIELD, *Southwick*.

"Getting into a Groove"

You are not old when your hair turns grey,
You are not old when your teeth decay,
But you are old, and it's useless to weep
When your mind makes a date that your
body can't keep.

BEN HAMILTON, *Thetford*.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out to the following:—

ARMISTEAD.—To G. Armistead, of Shermanbury, near Horsham, who lost his wife on December 4th. She died after a long illness, and leaves a little girl, Doreen, who is nine.

KERR.—To J. W. Kerr, of Widnes, whose wife died very suddenly on Tuesday, November 26th.

ROBINSON.—To W. Robinson, of Welby, Grantham, and to his sister, Mrs. A. Rowe, of Burslem, whose father died on December 2nd, at the age of 89.

"In Memory" (continued from page 8)

Frederick Ashworth, *East African Cycle Corps* (attached South African Railway Services)

S. J. Schemper, *S.A. Technical Services*

Frederick H. Venables, *African Explosive and Chemical Industries*

We have heard with deep regret of the deaths of three of our South African St. Dunstaners.

F. Ashworth, of Johannesburg, served in the First World War with the East African Cycle Corps (attached to the South African Railway Services) and came to St. Dunstan's in 1946. His wife died in 1955 and he has since been cared for by his daughter. He was eighty-eight when he died on October 16th last. Our deep sympathy goes out to his daughter.

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S. J. Schemper, of Cape Town, died on September 9th last from a heart attack. He was fifty-two years of age.

Sam entered St. Dunstan's in the latter days of Tembani, and trained as a basket-maker, but he was forced to give this up for health reasons. He was then trained in sock-making on a hand machine and this occupation he carried on most successfully until his death.

He was a very keen radio "ham" and a very popular personality.

Tom Hart and Jim Ellis acted as pall-bearers at the funeral service at the Dutch Reformed Church in Observatory.

Our deep sympathy is offered to Mrs. Schemper and her daughter, Martha.

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Frederick H. Venables, of North Rand, Transvaal, died on October 1st last, following an operation. He was fifty-one.

He was blinded as a result of an explosion in the African Explosive and Chemical Industries whilst working on munitions in January, 1943. He entered St. Dunstan's in March, 1948.

Although he had suffered for many years, he never allowed his added disability to interfere with his work as a telephone operator at the Modderfontein Estates Hospital.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom our deep sympathy is sent.

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H. H. Ball, *Australian Forces*

Harold Stanley Fordyce, *37th Australian Imperial Forces*

L. J. Good, *11th Light Horse*

Harold John Morrison, *24th Australian Imperial Forces*

James O'Farrell, *25th Australian Imperial Forces*

The deaths of these five Australian St. Dunstaners have recently been notified to us, and we record of them with deep regret.

H. H. Ball, of Castlemain, Victoria, died at the end of August, at the age of sixty-one, and our deep sympathy is offered to his widow.

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H. S. Fordyce, of Olinda, Victoria, died on August 17th. He was sixty-seven. He came to St. Dunstan's in England for training, in March, 1918, and he returned to Australia in April, 1910, to set up a poultry farm.

He leaves a widow to whom our deep sympathy is extended.

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L. J. Good, of Townsville, North Queensland, who served in the First World War, has died at the age of sixty-three, but we have few details of him.

He, too, leaves a widow, and our deep sympathy goes out to her.

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H. J. Morrison, of Melbourne, died on July 24th last at the age of sixty-nine. He served with the Australian Imperial Forces from July, 1915, until May, 1919, when he came to St. Dunstan's and trained in mat-making, netting and boot-repairing. He returned to Australia in December, 1920, to carry on with these occupations.

He leaves no family.

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James O'Farrell, of Brisbane, Queensland, who also died in July last, was eighty-two, and he came to St. Dunstan's in December, 1918. He trained as a poultry-farmer and netting, and he returned to Australia in November, 1919, where he carried on these occupations.

He leaves a widow to whom our deep sympathy is sent.

"In Memory"

Private George Anderson, *Labour Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of G. Anderson, of Brighton. He was less than a month from his seventy-fourth birthday.

He came to us in 1921 and trained in mat-making and boot-repairing, but later gave up boots to continue with mats. Just before the last war he gave this up also and turned to wool rugs. His health had been deteriorating for some time. On November 19th he was admitted to Ovingdean and he died there on November 23rd.

He leaves a widow and daughter to whom our deep sympathy goes.

Private Stanley Ash, *11th Royal Berkshire Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of S. Ash, of St. Thomas, Exeter, at the age of seventy.

He, too, trained as a mat-maker and boot-repairer when he joined us in 1919, but continued with mats alone until 1950, when ill-health forced him to give up work.

Following an operation, he was admitted to West House, where he died on November 26th.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Ash and his family.

James Robert Brown, *Merchant Navy*

We record with deep regret the death of J. R. Brown, of West Derby, Liverpool, at the early age of thirty-seven.

He had served in the Merchant Navy from his enlistment in 1940 until his discharge in September, 1941.

Jimmy came to us in February, 1952, and he trained for industry as a capstan operator, but ill-health forced him to give this work up. He then took a course in joinery and for about a year was able to work for the Stores.

To his widow and her three small children we send our deepest sympathy.

Private Sidney St. Clair McLeod, *Royal Army Service Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of S. S. McLeod, of Cricklade. He was seventy-five.

He trained as a boot-maker and mat-maker, but at the beginning of the last war continued only with boot-making. Two years later he was forced to give this up, too, and he had been in very poor health for a long time. His death took place on December 5th.

He was a widower and our deep sympathy is extended to his children, and especially to Mrs. Giles, his daughter, with whom he made his home.

Private Ivor J. Thomas Nicholas, *23rd Royal Fusiliers*

We record with deep regret the death of I. J. Thomas Nicholas, of Jersey, Channel Islands. He was sixty-three.

He came to St. Dunstan's in July, 1916, and trained as a masseur. He worked in various hospitals and eventually moved to Jersey, where he set up a private practice as a physiotherapist. Since 1945 his health had slowly deteriorated and his son began to take over his practice. He had been seriously ill for a long time and he died on December 1st.

To Mrs. Nicholas and her two sons our deep sympathy is offered.

Sergeant Edwin Richmond, *West Yorkshire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of E. Richmond, of Harrogate, which occurred very suddenly at his home on November 19th.

Enlisting in August, 1914, he was discharged from the Army in 1919, but he did not come to St. Dunstan's until September, 1954, when the state of his health prevented him undertaking training of any kind.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow and her son.

Corporal Frederick William Walker, *11th Rifle Brigade*

We record with deep regret the death of F. W. Walker, of Gosport. He was sixty-seven.

He trained in 1917 as a netter, wool rug-maker and boot-repairer, but later did only netting and a few rugs. His health had been poor for some time, and in September of this year he was admitted to hospital; after treatment he was able to leave and return home, where his wife nursed him until his death on November 28th.

To Mrs. Walker and his family our deep sympathy goes.

Private Ernest Lewis Woods, *8th K.O.R.L.*

It is with deep regret that we record the death on January 6th of E. L. Woods, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire. He was sixty.

He came to St. Dunstan's in May, 1917, and was first a poultry-keeper. He gave this up in 1925 to do netting and rugs. His health, however, had not been good and on December 4th he was admitted to hospital, where he died the following day.

Cremation was at Bristol, the ashes being brought back to Malmesbury Abbey, where a Memorial Service was held; later the ashes were buried in the Garden of Remembrance at the side of the Abbey.

Our deep sympathy is offered to Mrs. Woods and her family.

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