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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Donald McPhee

AN aspect of the story of St. Dunstan's of which we are all very proud is the way in which the spirit of our organisation and its material benefits have spread throughout the British Commonwealth and beyond. An example was recorded at our Council Meeting earlier this month when we accepted the resignation of Donald McPhee, O.B.E., from the office of St. Dunstan's representative on the Blinded Servicemen's Trust Board, and on the Executive of St. Dunstan's New Zealand Blinded Services Association. A warm tribute was paid to him. In his place we appointed Mr. Jim May, M.B.E.

It will be remembered that Sir Clutha Mackenzie, a New Zealand soldier who was blinded at Gallipoli, went back to his home country after training at St. Dunstan's and a year or so later was appointed Director of the New Zealand Foundation for the Blind, an office which he held until just before the Second War; he then went to India and started the Indian St. Dunstan's which he directed throughout the war years.

McPhee, who had been Foundation President of the St. Dunstan's New Zealand Blinded Services Association for some twenty years, followed Sir Clutha and became the virtual head of St. Dunstan's there; his services to his fellow St. Dunstaners, to the civilian blind, and to physiotherapists (he is a leading member of the Physiotherapy Board) also go back many years. He was also closely concerned with the setting up of the "little St. Dunstan's" in New Zealand which took in hand the rehabilitation of those New Zealanders who did not come to England for training.

McPhee tells me that he is in his 70th year and that he now looks forward to less responsibility, although he will continue to practise his profession and will take a keen interest in the work for the blind generally.

This country's and the New Zealand blind, as well as the whole body of St. Dunstaners, owe him a debt for his fine example and his life's work and we will all wish him happiness in his retirement.

Jim May, his successor in office, was blinded in the Second War. On his return home his qualities of leadership were soon realised and he became the first Director of the "little St. Dunstan's," New Zealand, an office which he held for two years until his appointment as Assistant Director of the New Zealand Foundation for the Blind. He came to our Commonwealth Conference in 1960 where he showed himself to be a capable young representative. We wish him luck.

Early Listening

At seven o'clock in the morning there is a radio programme called the "Morning Half-Hour for English Speaking Listeners in Europe" which is introduced by the V-sign played on drums—the one we got used to during the war. There is something nostalgic about these drum beats although now they stand not for victory of the Resistance Movement in Europe but merely as a call-sign, like the Bow Bells of the Home Service or the bar of the National Anthem used by the Voice of America. It is a curious reflection that these drum beats in the form of the Morse code "V"—the magnificent opening bars of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony—will probably mean nothing to our grandchildren, or at any rate, no more than any other call sign.

The programme consists of ten minutes' News Bulletin followed by a very brief weather report, especially for those who may have to cross the Channel by sea, and then items from the editorials of the morning newspapers. Both the News Bulletin and the extracts from the editorials deal more with foreign affairs than home affairs, therefore they give one a slightly different picture from the equivalent Home Service programme; this makes them all the more interesting. Then comes a talk, sometimes scientific, sometimes literary, sometimes a commentary on what people are thinking about in London, sometimes a review of a book, and so on. Altogether, this is a very well read and well produced half-hour programme and I commend it to anyone who happens to be awake at the time. The programme always goes out on the Third Programme wavelength at six o'clock Greenwich Mean Time, that is, of course, seven o'clock, British Summer Time, which we are living on to-day.

I do not recommend waking up at an early hour but I have noticed I tend to do this as I get older and it may also be that it is a habit that I bring back with me from South Africa for that is a country where one nearly always gets up shortly after six, indeed, I am usually out riding on my Basuto pony with a friend at seven.

Another occupation when you wake up early or are sleeping badly is, of course, reading braille and we may remind ourselves that this can be done under the bedclothes when it is cold. If you have a little earphone for the wireless, you do not need to wake your wife up when you switch on in the early hours, and of course, you read braille in the dark. No doubt, she is entitled to as much sleep as she can get, and an extra hour without a husband to bother her.

FRASER.

St. Dunstan's Camp,

H.M.S. Ariel, Lee-on-Solent, Hants.

Friday, August 24th, to Saturday, September 1st. Entries close April 30th. Please note that the address above is the correct one for letters during Camp.

Fete

A Fete will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at the Vicarage, Holmwood, Dorking, in aid of the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Holiday Camp Fund and Holmwood Girl Guides.

Any St. Dunstaner and his wife who can come will be most welcome, and are invited to tea and to the Village Club after the Fete. Please let me know if you are coming because of catering for tea.

AVIS SPURWAY.
At above address.

Derby Sweepstake

You are reminded that the closing date of the Derby Sweepstake is **Wednesday, May 23rd. Every application for tickets, which are 2s. 6d. each, must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.** The name and full address of the sender together with the number of tickets required, must be sent, with the stamped addressed envelope, to the Editor at 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

The Draw will take place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, May 31st. All those drawing a horse will be notified by post.

"In Touch"

The next "In Touch" programme was broadcast on Easter Sunday, April 22nd, on Network 3 from 3.30-4—a new time for this programme. There will be a repeat on May 6th. There will then be another programme on Sunday, May 20th, with a provisional repeat on June 3rd.

Sutton Club

As usual we had a very good meeting in March. We were sorry to see one or two of the members on the sick list and sincerely hope that they will be back on their feet soon.

Games are well on their way and we hope to start bowls at the beginning of the season; Florrie, our Secretary, and I are still negotiating with regard to this matter.

We all hope that Miss Stevens will be well again soon and look forward to seeing her back at the Club.

TED DUDLEY,
Chairman.

Ewell 5½ mile Walk

March 24th, 1962

Below are the results of a walk at Ewell

1. REED, G.	46.59	14.40	61.39
2. MENDHAM, R.	47.21	3.10	50.31
3. YOUNG, R.	49.56	9.20	59.16
4. STAFFORD, C.	50.25	4.40	55.05
5. MILLER, W.	50.28	0.00	50.28
6. WRIGHT, J.	52.10	13.10	65.20
7. DENNIS, G.	52.54	0.20	53.14

The next walk will take place on Saturday, May 5th at 3 p.m.

Windsor, 1962

With the Royal Standard riding high over the Castle and the spirits of the St. Dunstaners and their escorts flying high in the White Hart Hotel, Saturday, March 31st, will be remembered for many a long day, for the older of our brothers a chance to renew old acquaintances, and for us attending for the first time, a chance to meet other St. Dunstaners.

In saying "thank you," I feel sure that I speak for all St. Dunstaners, but in particular for us of the Sutton Club. We would like especially to thank Mr. Wills and Miss Rogers who attended to all the organising and preparation which is so essential a part of any reunion.

Thanks also to our H.Q. staff and all who have our welfare at heart.

Particularly were we pleased to see Miss Stevens who in spite of a very busy day in her own private life, found time to look in on us.

We are thankful to God for St. Dunstan's and for all that, through Him, it means to us.

REG NEWTON.

"The Blinding Flash"

This is the title of a book by John Frayn Turner which has just been published by Harrap. It is the story of Ken Revis, M.B.E., who was blinded while serving with the 12th Bomb Disposal Company, Royal Engineers. To-day Mr. Revis is a qualified solicitor and an assistant Press Officer at the Nuffield Group at Cowley, and, in the words of Sir Brian Horrocks who writes the Foreword: ". . . has raised hundreds of pounds to help in the attaining of guide dogs, has piloted a glider, water-skied, driven an MG at 100 miles an hour on an airfield runway, ridden horses, sung on television and learnt to play musical instruments . . ."

The book recalls Ken's days at Church Stretton and many St. Dunstan's personalities are named in it.

"The Blinding Flash," by John Frayn Turner. Harrap, 18/-.

"Woodbine Willie"

First War St. Dunstaners will remember "Woodbine Willie"—that legendary Padre, the Rev. G. A. Studdert Kennedy.

A biography of him by William Purcell has just been published by Hodder and Stoughton. Here is a passage quoted from the book and spoken by Studdert Kennedy: "I got my presentation copies of the Rough Rhymes this morning and sold them all in about ten minutes for about twice their proper price. So much more for the fund . . ." The author adds: "The fund was St. Dunstan's. Geoffrey's handing over of the whole of the proceeds from his enormously successful book to that admirable organisation for the blind was merely a continuation of the kind of impulsive generosity which, at Rugby, had led him to give away his overcoat and at Worcester one of the family beds."

"Woodbine Willie," Hodder and Stoughton, 21/-.

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E. Montrose, of Lancing, won a bronze medal—the Area prize—for rug-making recently. It was presented to him by another St. Dunstaner, Captain J. Cochrane-Barnett, who is Chairman of the Southern Regional Association for the Blind and West Sussex Association for the Blind.

Reunions

The first of the 1962 Reunions was held at the White Hart Hotel, Windsor, on Saturday, March 31st, under the chairmanship of Mr. D. G. Hopewell, and was attended by 80 St. Dunstaners and their wives and escorts. After lunch, Mr. Hopewell welcomed the guests on behalf of the Council and Mr. R. G. Stanners, in a moving speech, proposed a special toast to Lord and Lady Fraser to mark the former's 40 years as Chairman of St. Dunstan's.

At Mr. Stanners' suggestion a telegram of good wishes was sent to Lord and Lady Fraser from all present at the Reunion and they afterwards expressed their great pleasure at this kind gesture.

On Saturday, April 7th, 32 St. Dunstaners and their escorts attended the Bournemouth Reunion, which was held in the Popular Restaurant of The Pavilion. Sir Neville Pearson presided, accompanied by Lady Pearson, at a very happy meeting and Mr. H. A. Perrett proposed the toast, "Lord and Lady Fraser of Lonsdale." In doing so, he described how 40 years ago he attended the funeral of Sir Arthur Pearson and the meeting which followed, at which Lord Fraser was elected Chairman of St. Dunstan's. Mr. Wills was asked to convey a message from all present to Lord and Lady Fraser wishing them many more years at the helm. A vote of thanks to the staff was proposed by Mr. R. R. G. Lloyd in an interesting and amusing speech.

Great-Grandfathers

T. Noon, of Manchester (for the second time); J. Donnelly, of Aylesbury; S. W. Williams, of Warrington (this was a double event because a great-grand-daughter was born last December and a great-grandson in February). And two more great-grandchildren for W. Roden, of Chorley.

Grandfathers

We also have to report new grandchildren for G. Dalton, of Middlesbrough (the tenth); P. McGloin, of Sligo (the second); T. H. Moorley, of Chaddesden (the third); W. E. Lee, of Moreton, Wallasey, but lately of Waterlooville (a double—a grand-daughter on August 17th and a grandson on December 24th); A. Oldfield, of Walkley, Sheffield (for the fourth time); G. Eustace,

of Kingston By-Pass (a little grand-daughter three months ago); J. Chell, of Eastbourne; D. Fletcher, of Tooting; W. Watkinson, of Croston; C. G. Eighteen, of Reading (the fourth grandchild).

I Remember—

As an apprentice to the building trade receiving the munificent weekly wage of four shillings (increased by a shilling a week on each birthday until my apprenticeship was completed), pocket-money in my youth was in very short supply. However, I joined a club in which boxing was the No. 1 item on the curriculum, and by taking part in local competitions which brought the winner a small monetary award, occasionally eased my financial embarrassment. But largesse was not the only reward this hobby brought me; it also provided me with many an entertaining evening. Especially those evenings on which the "Grand Assault at Arms" took place.

The M.C., after giving the details of each bout, would follow through with, "Whatever you see pass between these two lads, pass no remark and therefore cause no ill-feeling." This always amused me because the audiences never failed to express their disapproval if there wasn't enough fistic activity in the roped arena. For instance, if two boxers continued to clinch, some wag would enliven the proceedings with "stop courting and get on with the fighting." Again, if a boxer persisted in retreating to avoid his opponent's attack, a derisive laugh would be raised by a wit exclaiming, "Don't hit him, tell his mother." Nevertheless there was always generous applause for a clever display.

I remember an incident in connection with the so-called noble art which for me started as a real stomach turner. It happened while on my way to meet a lad with whom I had been matched in the neighbouring town of Halifax, the contest to take place in the Athenium Club there. Arriving in the town on the night of the encounter, we began asking our way to the Club, only to be met with the same blank look and "Sorry, never heard of it." Growing a little anxious we tried once again, only to be met with the same negative expression; then, suddenly, the man's face lit up with a most amused smile as he exclaimed, "Oh, tha means th-ould 'kill

From All Quarters

Apart from a very severe attack of flu a few months ago, all goes well with Archie B. Taylor, of Vancouver, Canada. When Archie retired from service with the Government after thirty-three years, he was presented with a special Certificate signed by the Minister of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. It was a splendid record. ★ ★ ★

J. Stuart, of Barking, is a great admirer of Bing Crosby and Bob Hope and last summer he wrote to them and told them so. To his great pleasure, Bing replied, inviting him to a "shooting" of the film, "Road to Hong Kong." He was there for two hours, having chats with Bing, Bob and other stars. Later he was presented with a fine photograph of himself and Bing Crosby standing side by side on the set. ★ ★ ★

W. McCarthy, of Davyhulme, set sail for America on April 4th with Mrs. McCarthy. They will stay with their daughter in Florida until the 23rd August. ★ ★ ★

In March, Lieut.-Commander Buckley attended a Conference on "Mobility" organised by the North Regional Association for the Blind. One hundred and sixty Home Teachers from the North of England were present. The lecturers were Commander Buckley, Mr. D. G. Carver, of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Training Centre, Bolton, and Mr. Tom Drake, M.B.E., Principal of the R.N.I.B. Rehabilitation Centre, Torquay. Each lecture was followed by questions and a general discussion. ★ ★ ★

R. Finch, of Bartley Green, Birmingham, won First Prize with the mat he exhibited at the Midland Regional War Disabled Home Craft Competition on March 2nd. This is the second time he has received a first class award. ★ ★ ★

J. Huk, of Ramsgate, was awarded a First Prize for Basket Work in the 1961 competition organised by the Kent County Association for the blind. ★ ★ ★

R. R. D. Harding, of Southbourne, won First Prize in the Woodwork Section at an Exhibition held by the Bournemouth, Southampton and Portsmouth Blind Associations. His exhibit was a beautifully fitted work table. ★ ★ ★

one a week' club!" As we moved off my instructor's assurance, "You're all right, you've nothing to worry about" was no more reassuring than the environs of the Athenium, which was at the end of a depressing looking yard and up two flights of rickety wooden steps, with a dangerous hair-pin bend in the middle. However, everything else was soon obliterated by the thought of the job in hand. On going to collect the winner's end of the purse, we asked the promoter, "What about this kill-one-a-week lark?" He laughed and replied, "I'll explain that. You see, this place used to be a branch of the United Irish Land League and some of its members after taking too much stagger juice, used to tumble down those steps, resulting, it is said, in at least one fatality a week! Exaggerated no doubt, but that's the origin of its name."

Despite this morbid explanation, the memory of "th-ould kill-one-a-week club," never fails to brighten my most sombre mood.

T. ROGERS.

School Friends Meet after Fifty-five Years

And Both are at St. Dunstan's

Charles Blackett, of Plymouth, a St. Dunstaner for over forty years, and Bill Lear, of Marytavy, Devon, who joined us in 1960, discovered at the Exeter Reunion that they were at school together in Devonport fifty-five years ago. They both served in the First World War but Bill's sight has failed comparatively recently. He is a well-known figure in Marytavy for he was its postman. ★ ★ ★

The Chester Guild of Handloom Weavers, of which Maureen Lees is a founder member, met the Worcester and Hallamshire Guilds on March 24th. The highlight was the unexpected visit to the Conference of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, of Sydney, Australia. Mr. Robertson is the President of the Australian Guild of Weavers. He will take back with him warm greetings to our Australians from their friends over here. Maureen will be exhibiting during the summer months at various shows, many of which will also have articles made by other St. Dunstaners in the Cheshire area.

Talking Book Library April's Shower

There are seven books released on the good, old-fashioned discs and hereunder I cope roughly with five of them.

"Northanger Abbey," by Jane Austen, reader Derek McCulloch, is a quiet classic, tracing a short spell in the life of a country girl who, after a visit to Bath with a kind neighbour, becomes well and truly entangled in the lives of the son and daughter of a general, owner of the Abbey. *Cat. No. 239.*

"Pilling Always Pays," by Thomas Armstrong, reader Stephen Jack, is the story of a bookie during the thirties. His ups and downs and those of his family and associates makes interesting reading in a Yorkshire setting. *Cat. No. 595.*

"Sweet Adventure," by Barbara Cartland, reader Peter Fettes, is a 16th century piece with a Spanish setting. A little Spanish gamin polishes up into a "golden figure" with a background suggestion of high matters of state. *Cat. No. 636.*

"Three Singles to Adventure," by Gerald Durrell, reader Eric Gillett, is, as it suggests, a three-man expedition to South America in search of birds and animals. Whatever else, one can rely on Gerald Durrell for full entertainment. *Cat. No. 605.*

Also on this record is:

"Zoo Quest to Guinea," by David Attenborough, reader Eric Gillett, the story of an expedition into as ferocious a jungle as there is in the world.

Also released:—

"Murder was My Neighbour," by Guy Cobden, reader Peter Fettes. *Cat. No. 461.*

"We Joined the Navy," by John Winton, reader Andrew Timothy. *Cat. No. 552.*

NELSON.

Letter to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

One of my hobbies is writing letters to magazines and so far this year three have been accepted for publication. But my ambition is to write a short story to send to the BBC for the "Morning Story" programme.

Two letters which were published in previous years have brought me pen friends; one in Sydney, Australia, and the other in Quebec, Canada.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET STANWAY.
Morecambe.

Family News

Their friends will hear with regret that Mrs. J. Loach's father has recently died. He lived a few doors away from our St. Dunstaner and his wife.

Mrs. E. D. Bates, Clacton-on-Sea, has been elected to the Committee of the local Conservative Club.

Terry Brooks, Bedford, has been appointed Senior Classics Master at King's School, Rochester, as from next September, only two years after leaving Cambridge University where he gained an Honours Degree.

Gordon Parker, Grantham, has received the Duke of Edinburgh's bronze medal.

Frank Robinson, Aylesbury, was one of the Boy Scouts' Guard of Honour for Her Majesty the Queen when she visited Aylesbury on April 6th.

Raymond Varley, Birmingham, has passed his Third Grade examination with Honours for accordion playing.

Susan Coupland, Hessle, won the Third Year History prize at her school and Jean has won a cup for drawing.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

On December 9th, Flora Dalton, Middlesbrough, to J. Scott.

Brian Higgs, London, S.W.18., married Jean Murfin, of Manchester, on December 30th last; and on March 3rd, his sister, Margaret, married Anthony Pusey, of Watford.

On April 14th, Barbara Petty, Leeds, to Ian Tomlinson, Royal Marines.

Staff Retirement

Mr. A. J. Price

The Appeals Department lost one of its most popular members last month when Mr. A. J. Price retired after nearly twenty-four years' service with St. Dunstan's.

Mr. Price, who himself lost an arm in the First World War, joined us in the Inner Circle, Regent's Park, in 1938, as an orderly in the Front Hall and many St. Dunstaners will remember his thoughtfulness and help in that capacity. Later he was transferred to the Appeals Department (during the war years he was attached to the Brighton Appeals Office, acting as guide to Mr. Horace Kerr). After the war he returned to the London office where he has been ever since.

His many friends amongst St. Dunstaners and members of the staff will join us in wishing Bert the very best of luck in the future. It has been a pleasure to know him and to work with him.

Brighton News

St. Dunstan's staff at Ovingdean and Pearson House, who are members of the Brighton and Lewes Nurses' Social and Sports Council, entered a team for the Table Tennis Tournament. We heartily congratulate them on winning the Cup.

Guests of the Anglers

One of the highlights of the Brighton year is the Annual Dinner of the Newhaven Deep Sea Anglers Association. Fourteen St. Dunstaners attended this year with their escorts and enjoyed it immensely.

The Association has brought great pleasure to a number of St. Dunstaners in another way. Several of its members have invited some of our younger men for fishing trips on their motor launches, invitations which have been accepted with alacrity and have given great pleasure.

The Cult of Personality

One of the seven deadly sins in some Communist countries appears to be the "Cult of Personality"; that is, unless "sin" has been abolished in such countries as an appendage of a capitalist society. I wish the BBC would abolish it too, I mean the "Cult of Personality," not sin.

For instance, in a programme like "Pick of the Week," why must the name of Gale Pedrick be so frequently interlarded between the items? Who or what, is Gale Pedrick—man, woman or electronic brain? Does it really demand super-brain power to select a few items from the week's broadcasting?

Another thing that causes me to switch off is weekly items that go on and on and are always introduced with the same set of words. Surely there must be someone at Broadcasting House who could occasionally invent a little variation.

S. A. CHAMBERS,
Northfield, Birmingham.

On the Air

H. Bridgman, of Allenton, Derbyshire, recorded recently an item for the B.B.C. Overseas programme, "English Magazine." He spoke about his village, his hobbies, St. Dunstan's and the British Legion.

Births

FAULKNER.—On April 4th, to the wife of W. D. Faulkner, of Erdington, Birmingham, a daughter.

GROVES.—On March 27th, to the wife of D. E. Groves, of Gateshead, a daughter—Wendy Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Groves already have a son, Peter.

Deaths

Our very deep sympathy is sent to the following:

GRAY.—To E. Gray, of Romford, on the sudden death of his wife. Mrs. Gray was rushed to hospital on April 14th but she died there later the same day.

HANCOCK.—To C. Hancock, of West Drayton, whose sister, who lived at Worthing, died last month.

MELESON.—To H. Meleson, of Hendon, whose mother died at the end of March.

PEASE.—To J. R. Pease, of Pudsey, whose wife died suddenly on April 3rd.

RALPH.—To F. Ralph, of Rottingdean, in the death of his wife on April 5th. Mrs. Ralph died very suddenly during the night.

READ.—To W. Read, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, in the loss of his wife on March 19th.

Diamond Wedding

Our very warm, if belated, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Orchard, of Midhurst, who—we have just heard—celebrated their Diamond Wedding last September.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lacey, of Edmonton, celebrated their Golden Wedding on April 8th. Our warm congratulations, Billy and Nellie.

Ruby Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Black, of Gateshead, March 29th. Mr. and Mrs. Black were holidaying at Ovingdean at the time and St. Dunstaners and Staff joined in congratulating them, as we do now.

Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. F. Peacock, of Stokesley, Middlesbrough, April 11th. Congratulations.

"In Memory"

Lance Corporal Albert Walter Ballard, *2nd Sherwood Foresters*

We record with deep regret the death of A. W. Ballard, of Sherwood, Nottingham, at the age of 71. He had enlisted in 1908 and he served with his regiment until 1917, in which year he came to St. Dunstan's. He trained in boot-repairing and mat-making and he carried on with these occupations for some considerable time although his work was interrupted by several long spells of illness. His health, however, had been considerably better recently and his death on April 7th was very sudden and unexpected. He was a widower and we send our sincere sympathy to his family.

Private Clement Henry H. Ellis, I.S.M., *1st Cambridgeshire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of C. H. H. Ellis, of Hove. He was 67. He came to St. Dunstan's in June, 1918, after military service of only four months—he had enlisted in March of the same year. He trained as a telephonist and he continued with this work up to the time of his retirement in November, 1959: when, after forty years' service with the Ministry of Labour, he was presented with the Imperial Service Medal. He moved from Ilford to Hove but shortly afterwards his health began to deteriorate. His condition worsened and he died on March 30th. Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Ellis.

Private Walter Jesse Keen, *13th Devons*

We record with deep regret the death on March 28th of W. J. Keen, of Purton, near Swindon. He was within a week of his 74th birthday. He joined the Army in August, 1916, and was discharged the following year, coming to St. Dunstan's in April, 1925. At that time he had a greengrocery business but his wife died the following year and he gave this up. He then trained as a mat-maker and later re-married. He eventually settled as a poultry-keeper and he carried on this work right up to the time of his death, although his health began to deteriorate in 1961. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Keen and her family.

Leading Aircraftman Leonard Oliver Millard, *Royal Air Force*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of L. O. Millard, of Wolverhampton, at the age of 47. He was a Second War St. Dunstan, serving from 1941 until 1945, but he did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1958. Because of his ill-health, he was not able to undertake any industrial training but he was, however, able to make articles for our Stores. He leaves a widow and family to whom we send our deepest sympathy.

Private James Gustave Moeller, *2nd Manchester Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of J. G. Moeller, of Addlestone. He died on April 15th, a day before his 71st birthday. An old soldier—he had enlisted in February, 1911—he served in the First World War and came to us in September, 1917. He trained in handicrafts but concentrated mainly on baskets. At that time he lived in Dagenham but on his wife's death in 1955, he became a resident at Ovingdean. He re-married in June, 1959, Mrs. Hardy, the widow of a St. Dunstan, and moved to Addlestone. In 1961, however, his health began to fail. Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Moeller and to his grown-up family by his previous marriage.

Private Richard Popple, *1/4th Welch Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death of R. Popple, of Llandebie, South Wales. He was 65. He was serving with his regiment when the 1914-1918 war broke out—he had enlisted in March 1913—and he left the Army in July, 1917, and came immediately to St. Dunstan's. He became a mat-maker and although he had not been quite fit since Christmas, he was able to carry on his craft right up to the time of his death, which took place very suddenly on April 8th. He leaves a widow and grown-up family to whom our very sincere sympathy goes.

Private Eli Courtney Sawyer, *Labour Corps*

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death on March 26th of E. C. Sawyer, of Walthamstow. He was 86. He served in the First World War from 1914 but it was not until 1952 that he came to St. Dunstan's when, owing to his age and the state of his health, he could not undertake any training. He had lived with both of his daughters but his later home was with his daughter, Mrs. Martin, who had devotedly nursed him until it became necessary for him to enter hospital fourteen months ago, where he died. Our deep sympathy is sent to his two daughters in their loss, and to their families who will also mourn him.

Private Charles Frederick Spiers, *1st Berkshire Regiment*

We have to record with deep regret the death on March 24th of C. F. Spiers, of Oxford. He would have been 76 on March 26th. He was one of our earliest St. Dunstaners. He, too, was an old soldier, having enlisted in October, 1904, and he served until February, 1915, coming to St. Dunstan's a month later. He trained as a mat-maker and he carried on his craft until the end of 1952 when his wife died and his health began to deteriorate. He had made his home with one daughter, spending periods with another daughter, and our deep sympathy goes out to them and to the other members of his family, in their loss.