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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Mr. Haley's Case

THERE has been widespread interest amongst St. Dunstaners about the case of Mr. Haley, the blind civilian who fell down a hole while walking alone and suffered grievous damage. A number of letters have appeared in the St. Dunstan's REVIEW on the subject, and all expressed great sympathy with Mr. Haley. I share this sympathy and can say, without hesitation, that if Mr. Haley had been a St. Dunstaner, we would have given him every possible legal help as is our custom for St. Dunstaners generally who need it. Some writers in the REVIEW have taken me to task, if not directly, then by implication, for having explained the law and the judgments hitherto made in this case in my Notes. I would like to make it clear that I was not expressing lack of sympathy with Mr. Haley or taking sides on the merits of the matter. What I sought to do was to point out the law as it is at present, as interpreted by the judges who have hitherto tried the case.

The legal question is whether the law as it stands places a duty upon a local authority or a contractor to take precautions for special groups in the community such as the blind or the crippled or children, or whether they only have a general duty to take reasonable precautions for ordinary persons.

We now learn that permission has been given to Mr. Haley to appeal to the House of Lords, and to that extent the matter is now *sub judice*.

I much hope that when the House of Lords considers the matter, the Judges will find in Mr. Haley's favour, but if they cannot do this, we might consider trying to secure an amendment in the law. We have got to face the fact that an amendment in the law could not, unfortunately, help Mr. Haley, because it would only operate for the future and that it might be extremely difficult to make such an amendment because one would have to decide where to draw the line as to the responsibilities of contractors. It may be that the present general duty is not strong enough. On the other hand, it would be quite impossible for every contractor in every place to provide safeguards against every accident that might occur to every class in the community; therefore there must be some limitations and the extremely difficult question is what are the limitations to be?

Since the House of Lords is mentioned, I should explain that this is not the Upper Chamber of Parliament; it is the special element amongst the House of Lords composed of Law Lords who act as what might be called the equivalent of the Supreme Court in the United Kingdom. I am not a Law Lord and am, therefore, not part of this court, but I will take a very keen interest in this matter; indeed, I have already done so.

Reunions

I have just been looking at the programme of Reunions for this year and considering with Sir Neville Pearson and my colleagues what special Reunions or other celebrations we might make for next year, which will be St. Dunstan's fiftieth anniversary or Golden Jubilee. Sir Neville and I and other members of our Council do our best to attend a number of Reunions each year, and we have been greatly impressed with the friendly, cheerful atmosphere of these gatherings. It appears to give great pleasure to those who go to them to meet old friends amongst St. Dunstaners and on the staff, and the meetings also provide a most valuable opportunity of contact between our organisation and our members for discussion of general and personal difficulties.

I look forward to meeting as many St. Dunstaners as possible at the Reunions which I shall be going to this year.

Long Braille Books

Though I am getting older—as we all are—I still continue to read braille very regularly and with great pleasure. The more I read, the easier it becomes.

It is, I think, an interesting observation that certain prejudices which we may feel for many years, perhaps for half a lifetime, will suddenly disappear in the light of experience. Such an occasion has arisen in connection with my braille reading. Ever since I was blinded, I have thought that I could never tackle a long book of ten volumes, such as a Dickens, or a Scott, or a Trollope. Lacking a good literary education, I have also thought that the old-fashioned books of the kind I have mentioned would not appeal to me and, accordingly, in nearly fifty years of blindness, I have avoided reading these classics. It happens, however, that last November I started reading Trollope's "Orley Farm" which, believe it or not, goes into ten volumes. I have read six of them with the very greatest pleasure and, to my surprise, far from finding it tiresome on account of its old-fashioned, dated and even stilted style, this has in itself given me great satisfaction. The leisurely, detailed unfolding of the story seems to suit braille reading, for me, at any rate. I record this experience to encourage those who have avoided books of this kind to have a go at one of them, and I hope they will get as much enjoyment as I have.

Typewriting

Almost every St. Dunstaner has learned typewriting, because it is relatively easy to reach a standard for ordinary letter-writing. I am surprised and pleased to receive so many letters from St. Dunstaners, many of whom must have learned their typing forty or more years ago and who still do it so well. It is obviously a relief to the family if a man can type his own letters, as well as a pastime, especially for those who are retired, and there is a lot of interest to be had by conducting correspondence with friends in different parts of the world.

FRASER.

Sickness Benefit under National Insurance Acts

It has come to our notice recently that several St. Dunstaners in full-time employment who are Class I contributors under the above were not aware that they are entitled to claim benefit for their wives when away from work through sickness. The allowance payable is £2 1s. 6d. per week, but is subject to the deduction of the Ministry of Pensions' Wife's Allowance of 10/- per week.

C. D. WILLS.

Mayor-Elect

Colin Beaumont-Edwards was, on March 11th, presented with an invitation signed by all the members of the Borough Council, asking him to be the next Mayor of Sutton Coldfield.

Colin has been on the Council for ten years, having successfully contested the seat on four occasions. He, with his wife as Mayoress, will be formally elected to the office at the Annual Meeting of the Council on May 20th.

Ovingdean Notes

The Commandant writes from Ovingdean: "Although we have, as yet, had only a limited response to the proposed Sports Weekend at Ovingdean, we are still hoping to make arrangements for it to take place. Any St. Dunstaners still wishing to take part, who have not written to me, please note that the final date for applications will be 15th May. To those of you who have already sent in your names, I will be writing shortly after that date.

For those who may have missed the original announcement, plans for the Weekend include Swimming, Fishing, Ten Pin Bowling, a St. Dunstan's Walk and other Field events, plus a special Car Rally being organised by the local Institutes of Advanced Motorists, in which St. Dunstaners will act as guides and navigators from sealed braille route instructions.

It has been said in the past that we have catered mainly for those who are interested in indoor recreation, or racegoers. This is an opportunity for those who like to get out and about to make themselves known!"

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The Summer Outing organised by the Grocers' Association will be held on Wednesday, July 8th.

The Summer Outing organised by the Brighton and Hove and Southdown Bus Companies will take place in August. The date will be notified shortly.

The Derby Sweepstake

You are reminded that the closing date of the Derby Sweepstake is *Wednesday, May 20th*. Tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and are limited solely to St. Dunstaners or St. Dunstan's trainees.

Each application must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

The name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, should be sent, with the stamped addressed envelope, to the Editor, St. Dunstan's Review, 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

The Draw will take place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, May 28th. All those drawing a horse will be notified.

From All Quarters

Our President, Sir Neville Pearson, read one of the Lessons at the Easter Morning Service televised by the B.B.C. from Chelsea Old Church on Easter Sunday.

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Albert Collier marched through the streets of Bolton on April 18th with the Loyal Regiment when the Regiment received the Freedom of the City. Albert lost his sight through mustard gas while serving with the Loyal North Lancashires, as they were known then, in May, 1918.

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H. F. Goodley, of Diss, took First Prize with his hyacinths at the Diss Blind Club recently, and First Prize for tulips at another local Blind Social.

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A. Hobson, of Hastings, has won the Individual Cup for his performance in a one-act play for the second year running. Mrs. Hobson and several others also took part, but our St. Dunstaner took the Cup.

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A. T. Turrell, of Clacton-on-Sea, won First Prize at Chelmsford Blind People's Show, for his string bags.

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Broadcasting recently in the "In Touch" programmes—J. Doubler, of Brighton, who talked about his pigeons; Norman Perry, of Humberston, Grimsby, in conversation with Miss C. E. Barraclough, Secretary of the Association of Blind Chartered Physiotherapists; and W. S. Scroggie, of Dundee, who, as many St. Dunstaners will know, was also the subject of the B.B.C. Television programme, "This is Your Life," on April 2nd.

Golden Wedding

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins, of Worthing, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on April 4th.

Silver Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. H. Frost, of Manchester, March 11th; Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Veness, of Edgware, March 13th; Mr. and Mrs. F. Thame, of Luton, March 25th; and Mr. and Mrs. P. Spring, of Chessington, April 1st. Congratulations to them all.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

Some months ago you printed my story of the way in which I first met Guardsman Doy. You may like to have a sequel to that meeting.

I found him in the lounge at Longmynd alone soon after and he suggested we go for a drink. He thought he knew the way. O.K. said I, and off we went. The things that had led me into baffles description but eventually we finished up on the Brockhurst road. Hearing approaching footsteps, we enquired the way to the Plough. After instruction the footsteps disappeared but not before we heard a female voice say, "Who *are* those men?" and a male voice reply, "They are blind men from St. Dunstan's". Then came an aggrieved voice: "Fancy allowing them to be out in the black-out!"

There must be hundreds of such humorous stories going around. Why not invite more of them for the "REVIEW?"

Yours sincerely,

E. H. NORTH,
Taunton.

Why not indeed? There will be a guinea for (each one published.) ED.

DEAR EDITOR,

I have just been listening to our own programme, "In Touch", broadcast on the Third Network this afternoon and, although I have been ill in bed all day, I felt I just had to write to you and tell you how much I have enjoyed it.

The whole programme has been one of achievement to those taking part and, I am sure, of inspiration to those listening to it. I met Miss Robinson when I went to the Guide Dogs for the Blind school at Leamington Spa.

Norman Perry took me right back to South Africa during the war. I well remember him, just for fun, describe a key used for winding up a clock as if it were a bone of the body. Every year since then I have heard Norman speak at our Annual Conference and it was always the same calm confident voice that used to measure and weigh every word before it was spoken. And again today, I admired the calm efficient way in which he described his work as Superintendent of a hospital Physiotherapy Department.

What a pity that this programme cannot be heard on the Light, Home and Television, for if it were, I'm sure that many thousands of people would feel a sense of peace and security by listening to the voice of Norman Perry.

Yours very sincerely,

JOCK INNESS,
Dewsbury.

(Jock's letter arrived too late for insertion in the braille issue of the REVIEW but it will appear next month).

Home Topics

Are you making the most of your fridge? If you have your grocery orders delivered, try and take frozen food packs home yourself, wrapped in several thicknesses of newspaper to ensure they are in good condition when you put them in your ice compartment.

Never overload the shelves of your cabinet. Air must circulate properly inside, otherwise cooling efficiency is impaired.

Moisture-proof caps, aluminium foil and plastic containers are not only handy extras to use with your fridge but necessary to preserve flavour, prevent flavours being absorbed by different foods, and stop the surfaces of solid food like cheese becoming dry and unpalatable.

When you are defrosting, clean shelves and walls at the same time. Soaps and detergents are not good for this job, for their smells can transfer themselves to food. Instead, use warm water and add a teaspoonful of bicarbonate to each pint.

You haven't got a fridge? Then did you know that a pinch of bicarbonate will keep a bottle of milk fresh in the hot summer days we hope are ahead?

Women St. Dunstaners! Have you any special tips you would like to pass on to your friends? If so, send them to the Editor, marked "Home Topics".

Chess

Congratulations to Norman Russell, of Leicester, who has won third prize in the Braille Chess Association's "Best Played Game" Competition, Class II. Norman is one of a number of St. Dunstaners who are members of the Association.

Liverpool Club Notes

On April 4th we held our Annual General Meeting for the election of Officers for the coming year, 1964/5. The following were elected:

Chairman: Mr. F. Brooks.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. J. C. Owen.

Secretary: Mrs. V. Formstone.

Treasurer: Mr. J. Blakely.

Committee Member: Mr. T. Kinder.

We deeply regret the death of our Games Master, Mr. Harry Formstone, the husband of our Secretary, Violet. Although not a St. Dunstaner, he had held this post since the beginning of the Club, and has been of the greatest assistance to us all. Always cheerful and ever ready to help anybody he could, his sudden passing will be felt for a long time by the members of the Club.

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Last Tuesday the coach for the Blackpool Reunion left our clubrooms and we were glad to meet St. Dunstaners who we do not see for twelve months. Some used to be members of the Club but moved too far away to be able to get to it and it was nice to meet them again.

To any St. Dunstaners who live in the district we extend a warm welcome to them to come and join us.

JOSEPH BLAKELY,
Hon. Treasurer.

Diplomatic Lines

Some years ago I met a Home Teacher (a blind girl) who told me that a number of the men she had to visit who had lost their sight late in life were very despondent because they could no longer work in their gardens. For this reason she had invited a blind gardener to go to one of her get-togethers and tell them how he ran his garden and allotment. When I again saw this girl I asked the outcome of the talk. She said it had been a great success and he, the gardener, had been asked to go again and give another talk. Apart from the value of his talk, he had started off on the right foot by saying, "Now, if I suggest aids to assist you in your work, do not dismiss them as gadgets. After all, even the poor sighted people have to use lines."

C. TAPLIN,
Trowbridge.

How to keep fit sitting down by a doctor

Dr. William Evans, of London Hospital, has warned sluggish, inactive business executives to take more exercise if they want to escape the current epidemic of coronary disease.

Walking is the simplest and safest way to exercise, but a short walk with the dog each day is much more effective than a fierce burst of activity at the week-end after a quiet week at the office.

But what about the man who is too busy or simply can't exercise because of some disability?

It is not necessary to stride out into the country—or the city—to build up a better blood supply for your heart and tone yourself up.

You can do it sitting at your office desk (or table).

Tense the muscles of the arms, buttocks, thighs and legs ten times on three or four occasions a day.

If you haven't the knack of tensing your muscles, you can do the same thing by pushing or pulling an immovable object.

One such exercise: Place the fingertips under your desk or table and press upwards for ten seconds three times daily.

Another is to push the fist of one hand into the palm of the other.

If you're concerned about a bulgy tummy, try drawing in the abdominal muscles as far as they will go, and holding for ten seconds. Repeat three or four times daily.

Alternatively, inhale deeply while pushing out the belly as far as possible and remaining that way for one second.

Or else breathe out by pulling the abdomen in as far as you can and holding it thus for six seconds. Repeat six times a day.

Older people, for whom walking is too exhaustive, can also profit by these simple dodges.

Evening News

Grandfathers

A. Reagen, of Hastings; A. J. Woollen, of Saltdean (a daughter for Hazel—the seventh grandchild); J. C. Owen, of Liverpool (for the seventh and eighth time, as twins have been born to one of his family).

St. Dunstan's Camp

St. Dunstan's Camp, H.M.S. Ariel, Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire, will be from Friday, August 21st, to Saturday, August 29th. (We said the 28th last month, but this was a mistake.)

Campers old and new should apply as soon as possible. Entries close on *Monday, May 4th*.

Fares over £1 repaid in Camp. Camp fee: £2, payable on arrival.

MRS. SPURWAY,
*The Vicarage,
Holmwood,
Dorking.*

Family News

Angela Goodhead, Sheffield, has recently obtained a Silver Medal, with honours, for dancing.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

On April 3rd, Gloria Dennis, Thornton Heath, to Richard Cherer.

On March 28th, Dorothy Hocking, Bacup, to Brian Monks.

On March 21st, Nicola Claydon, Hendon, N.W.4, to John Hugen-Tobler.

On March 28th, Claudette Beard, Hove, to Trevor Sewry.

On March 28th, Tom Cunningham, Liverpool, to Miss Alice Harvey, of Litherland.

On April 4th, Pamela Shallcross, Mouldsworth, nr. Chester, to Clive Pinnington.

On April 4th, at St. Benedict's Abbey, Ealing, James Rosling, West Meon, to Miss Jennifer Anne Edwards, S.R.N., C.M., of Perivale.

The two sons of J. Coupland, of Preston, were also married in March—Raymond, on the 7th, at Blackburn; and John, on the 28th, at Preston.

Stanley Rowley, Canterbury, on April 4th, to June Margery Hadlow.

Monica Kemp, Porkellis, in April, to Wallace Collins.

On March 28th, Wendy Whitley, East Wellow, Romsey, to Kenneth Paulley.

Old Friends Meet After 46 years

While in Bolton recently for the wedding of his grandson, Arthur Bramson of Woodingdean met an old school friend whom he had not seen since 1918. Arthur had been trying to trace him for years, even through a Wilfred Pickles request programme, but without success. He knew that after being badly wounded at Mons in 1914 he had married a Bolton girl in 1920, and with the help of his son-in-law he traced him through the Bolton register of voters. Needless to say it was a very happy reunion of two very old chums.

NUFFIELD TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

Additional Tape Titles

Cat. No.		Playing time Hours approx.
610	ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS and CORINTHIANS I and II Read by Alvar Lidell.	3½
611	ST. PAUL'S EPISTLES TO THE GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS, THESSALONIANS I and II, TITUS, PHILEMON and HEBREWS Read by Alvar Lidell.	3
612	EPISTLES (General) of JAMES, PETER I and II, JOHN I, II and III, and JUDE	3
613	ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL Read by Alvar Lidell.	2
614	ST. MARK'S GOSPEL Read by Gabriel Woolf.	3½
615	ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL Read by David Brown.	2
616	ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL Read by Andrew Timothy.	3
617	ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Read by David Brown.	1½
618	THE BOOK OF REVELATIONS Read by David Brown.	

Miss Elsie Downing

First War St. Dunstaners will hear with deep regret of the death last month of Miss Elsie Downing who was Quartermaster at West House (now Pearson House), Brighton until the Home closed in August, 1938, pending the opening of the Ovingdean Home.

Miss Downing had worked with Matron Thellusson until Matron's death, and when she left the following year, had completed over twenty years' service for St. Dunstan's—at the College, the Ilkley and North Berwick annexes, and at Brighton.

Birth

BOOTH.—On March 3rd, to the wife of P. Booth, of Yeovil, a daughter—Evelyn Jayne. Mr. and Mrs. Booth have three other children—Pauline, Philip and David.

Deaths

Our deepest sympathy is sent to the following:—

COWES.—To W. Cowes, of Kippax, near Leeds, whose sister-in-law, Mrs. Harrison, died on April 7th after a serious illness. Our St. Dunstaner had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and they have cared for him for many years.

DURRANT.—To M. G. Durrant, of Rochford, who mourns the loss of his mother on April 11th.

FORMSTONE.—To Violet Formstone, of Liverpool, in the sudden death of her husband on March 27th. Mr. Formstone was known to many St. Dunstaners,

particularly in the Liverpool area, for he had given most valuable help in connection with the Liverpool Club.

HARMAN.—To H. H. Harman, of Chew Magna, Somerset. Captain Harman's wife died very suddenly on February 28th.

KEMMISH.—To Vera Kemmish, of Leyton, whose mother passed peacefully away on April 7th. She had been in poor health for the past two or three years. It is only three years ago since Vera's father died.

LIPSCOMBE.—To F. T. Lipscombe, of Exeter, whose aged mother died on April 7th. Mrs. Lipscombe had nursed her devotedly, visiting her every day, for she was blind and helpless. Our St. Dunstaner has suffered other bereavements recently.

ROBSON.—To J. K. Robson, of Hartlepool, in the tragic loss of his wife in a car accident on February 27th.

SMITH.—To D. W. Smith, of Worcester, whose father died on March 18th.

TOWNER.—To R. Towner, of Maidstone, who has suffered a double bereavement in the death of his mother on December 14th and of his sister on February 29th.

TWOMEY.—To J. Twomey, of North Kensington, W.11, whose sister has recently died. She lived in Ireland. Our St. Dunstaner is also mourning the loss of a cousin.

"In Memory" (Continued from page 8)

Stoker William Wells, Royal Navy

We have to record with deep regret the sudden death at Pearson House on April 8th of W. Wells, of Finedon, Northamptonshire. He was 68.

He served with the Royal Navy from 1915 until 1918 and was admitted to St. Dunstan's that same year when he trained as a boot repairer and mat-maker. He carried on the latter occupation right up to the time of his death. His wife predeceased him in 1960. Although he had not been too fit of late, his death was nevertheless sudden and unexpected.

To his niece and other members of his family we send an expression of our sincere sympathy.

Sapper Harry Wignell, Royal Engineers

With deep regret we record the death of Harry Wignell, of Brighton. He was 77.

His First War service was from April, 1917, until April 1919. He came to St. Dunstan's in April, 1928. He trained in basket work and continued with this until 1941 when he had to give up since he suffered so badly with rheumatism. In January, 1958, he moved to the south of England from Market Harborough as his health was poor and he hoped for a warmer climate. On March 5th, he was admitted to Pearson House and Mrs. Wignell entered a nursing home as neither was very well. Our St. Dunstaner's condition deteriorated very suddenly and he died at Pearson House on March 24th.

To Mrs. Wignell and her married daughter we send our deep sympathy.

"In Memory"

Private Arthur Rander Spence, 26th Canadian Regiment

It is with deep regret that we record the death on February 8th of A. R. Spence, a permanent resident at Ovingdean. He was 81.

After serving with the 26th Canadians, he came to St. Dunstan's in June, 1917. He was twice married, losing both his wives, and he spent many periods in our Homes. He was resident at Ovingdean when he died quite suddenly. He had been in poor health, but his death was unexpected.

He leaves children from his two marriages, some of whom are in Canada, and our sincere sympathy is sent to them.

Private George Lawrence Edwards, 6th Cheshire Regiment

We have to record with deep regret the sudden death at his home on Wednesday, March 18th, of G. L. Edwards, of Davyhulme, Manchester. He was 53.

He served in the 6th Cheshire Regiment from 1929 until 1945 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1945. He was wounded whilst serving in Italy.

He trained for industry and only gave this up in 1956 owing to ill health. He had been in indifferent health for some time past, but his death nevertheless was sudden and unexpected.

To his widow we send an expression of our very sincere sympathy.

Donkeyman Alfred William Gittos, B.E.M., Merchant Navy—S. S. Nailsea Meadow

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home on March 11th, of A. W. Gittos, of Dagenham. He was 81.

He was serving in the *S. S. Nailsea Meadow* and was blown up in the ship when it was on the way to Durban in 1943.

He was awarded the B.E.M. for his services. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1946 when on account of his age, he did not undertake any training. He resided in Australia from 1952 until 1955 when he returned to England.

His wife predeceased him in 1962 and we send our deep sympathy to his daughter, Mrs. Wilson, with whom he lived, and to the other members of his family.

Private David Hatter, Royal Garrison Artillery

It is with deep regret that we record the death of D. Hatter, of Thornton Heath. He was 67.

He served in the First War from November, 1916, until March, 1919, but did not enter St. Dunstan's until October, 1958. Owing to his age then, he did not enter training but he was a frequent visitor to Ovingdean and enjoyed joining in social activities. He was admitted to hospital for an operation which was not thought to be serious but the day after the operation was performed, he died quite unexpectedly. Although the hospital telephoned his wife to say that he seemed to be slipping away, she was not able to reach the hospital in time.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Hatter and her daughter who lives with her.

Private William Joseph Smith, Royal Army Service Corps

With deep regret we record the death of W. J. Smith, of Exeter, at the age of 68.

He enlisted in November, 1914, and served throughout the First War, being discharged in 1919. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's benefits in September, 1952. Owing to his age he did not take any training but on the few occasions when he went to Ovingdean, he much enjoyed his visits. He was essentially a family man and up to a few years ago both he and his wife enjoyed good health. Then Mrs. Smith became ill and during the summer of 1963 was admitted to Exe Vale Hospital. Our St. Dunstaner then became ill and was admitted to hospital also; when he came out he stayed with some very good friends, Mr. and Mrs. King. After a time he accepted our invitation to go for convalescence at Pearson House but his condition was deteriorating rapidly and he died there on March 15th.

Our deepest sympathy is sent to Mrs. Smith, who is still a patient in hospital, and to his many friends in Exeter, several of whom travelled to Brighton for the funeral service.

Frederick Edwin Walker, Civil Defence

It is with deep regret that we record the death of F. E. Walker, of Portslade, at the age of 59.

A Civil Defence member from 1939 to March, 1945, he came to St. Dunstan's in October, 1952. He became a joinery worker at home sending in work to our Stores Department, and he was still doing this work up to the time of his death. He spent the evening of April 9th at Ovingdean and died suddenly at his home that same night after a heart attack. Although there had been slight signs of ill-health, he was generally speaking fairly fit.

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

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