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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

The Haley Judgment

I THINK all St. Dunstaners, and specially those who habitually walk alone with a stick or guide dog as an aid, must have followed with interest the progress of the case in which Mr. John Haley, a blind man (not himself a St. Dunstaner), brought an action for damages alleging negligence against the London Electricity Board. As long ago as October, 1956, Mr. Haley was walking along the pavement in Charlton Church Lane, Woolwich, in the early morning on his way to catch a bus to Greenwich where he worked as a telephonist, when he fell over an "obstruction" placed across the pavement by the Board's employees with the object of drawing attention to the fact that they were digging a trench further along the pavement.

This "obstruction" was an implement known as a punner hammer, a simple tool used for beating down loose earth and similar work; it consists of a wooden shaft about 5½ft. long with a 10 lb. iron weight at one end. The punner hammer had been wedged more or less horizontally across the pavement so that the shaft was only a short distance above the ground. Mr. Haley's white stick passed over it, he tripped and fell and, as a result of his fall, subsequently suffered loss of hearing which meant, of course, that he has since been unable to continue his employment.

On 28th July the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords, in a judgment reserved from the hearings early in June, reversed the decisions of the two lower courts which had heard this case and thus Mr. Haley's appeal succeeds. This was a unanimous verdict by the five Law Lords who heard the case argued before them, and it has now been sent back to the original trial judge for assessment of the actual amount of damages to be paid to Mr. Haley. I have followed this case with keen interest, and was present with Commander Buckley, our Appeals and Publicity Officer, in the House of Lords on 28th July to hear the judgment. Indeed, Commander Buckley, who himself travels every day with his guide dog to and from his home south of the river to our Headquarters at Marylebone Road, attended the whole of the hearings, and took an expert and enlightened interest in the case, for which we are all grateful. I am delighted at the result as, indeed, I am sure all my St. Dunstan's friends will be, and will try to summarise in the following notes the more important aspects of this decision.

"I can see no justification for laying down any hard and fast rule limiting the classes of persons for whom those interfering with a pavement must make provision," said Lord Justice Reid, Chairman of the Judicial Committee. In saying this His Lordship took note of the fact that one in every 500 of our population is on the list of registered blind persons, and he thought it was reasonably foreseeable that an unescorted blind man or woman might come along the pavement in our cities or towns or residential areas. Although Their Lordships upheld the view of the trial Judge that, as a matter of fact, the punner hammer placed as it was, gave adequate warning to ordinary people with good sight in the daylight conditions prevailing at the time, they held that for a blind person, a low obstacle in an unusual place constituted a grave danger and, therefore, the punner hammer placed as it was in this instance, was a trap rather than a warning.

Lord Reid said that blind people in the streets were expected to show a high degree of skill and care, and I would like to underline the point. The law does expect that blind people walking alone on the public highway should observe continuously all reasonable measures to ensure their own safety and the safety of other road users. It was not alleged at any time in this case that Mr. Haley had been negligent and it was held that he had been using his white stick in a proper manner. Their Lordships considered that light fences, about 2ft. high, such as those used by the General Post Office to fence excavations in the pavement or open manholes, act as a sufficient guard for a blind person exercising reasonable care and that the setting up of guards of this type should not involve the operator in any unreasonable trouble or expense.

The significance of this verdict at Common Law is that, for the first time, a responsibility has been laid on the shoulders of authorities undertaking work in the streets or on the pavements to protect not only ordinary sighted persons but also the blind and other handicapped people who are themselves exercising reasonable care. I consider this a notable milestone which will be welcomed by all blind persons and all who are interested in their welfare. I congratulate Mr. John Haley, his leading Counsel, Mr. Edward Terrell, O.B.E., Q.C., who worked with dogged determination on behalf of his client, and his other advisers on a splendid victory, and Their Lordships on a humane and enlightened judgment.

A Doctor's Story

When I visit Durban, I meet Dr. Struan Alexander and his wife, and they came to lunch with us in London the other day.

A qualified Doctor before the War, he is now a St. Dunstaner but carries on as an important consultant in the Natal Provincial Administration. He is a distinguished personality in the medical life of Natal, and I asked him to write his story for this issue of the REVIEW. I am grateful to him for sending it and I am sure those who read it will feel that this is an outstanding example of successful rehabilitation.

Another "Fisherman's Prayer"

I went to dinner the other night with Lady Buckmaster ("Lady B"), whom many St. Dunstaners who were at Church Stretton and elsewhere will remember with affection. She presented me with another Prayer for Fishermen in braille. Fortunately, I was able to read it, and I reproduce it here:—

"God grant that I may fish until my dying day
And when it comes to my last cast
I humbly pray
When in Lord's safe landing net
I'm peacefully asleep
That in his mercy
I be judged as good enough to keep."

FRASER.

The "Archie Brown Memorial Cup"

From Lady Onslow:

I feel it should be placed on record that Mrs. Archie Brown was present at Ewell, on Saturday, June 27th, when she presented the "Archie Brown Memorial Cup" for the best aggregate points for the walking season to Ray Benson.

Mrs. Brown's speech on presenting the Cup, was both graceful and moving. I hope she feels her visit to Ewell was justified by the pleasure it gave to all St. Dunstaners, their families and friends, who were there on that day.

We were all happy and proud to have her with us: not only those who knew and remembered her husband, but others to whom Archie Brown's name has already become something of a legend. A magnificent walker, a fine man, and one who was held in high regard and affection by all who came into contact with him.

I wonder, if I might, through these columns, express appreciation, not only for the Cup, which will do much to maintain a lively interest amongst St. Dunstaners in Race Walking, but to Mrs. Archie Brown for her presence with us that afternoon.

PAMELA ONSLOW.

Sutton Club Notes

The Club met at the Red Cross Hall, Cheam, on Saturday afternoon, August 22nd.

In spite of it being the holiday season and the Lee-on-Solent Camp week, it was well attended. Chess is under way, but we could do with more players.

Anyone interested, whether Chess players or not, can get information on Club activities by ringing Ted Dudley at Croydon 0596.

JOHN TAYLOR.

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Ted Dudley writes:

"We of the Sutton Club would like to thank Miss D. Hoare for the really fabulous afternoon and evening's entertainment and tea which she gave us on Saturday, 15th August, 1964, and that she may be assured that everyone had a wonderful time."

B.E.A. Travel Concession

As a result of representations made by the National Federation of the Blind, British European Airways have agreed to grant concessionary fares to registered blind persons for certain domestic air journeys undertaken with an escort, within the United Kingdom.

A blind person and attendant making a journey for one of the undermentioned purposes will be allowed a rebate of 50 per cent of the normal tourist or first class fare for each person:—

- (a) Business purposes, including journeys to an organisation for the blind to discuss a change of employment or training facilities for employment.
- (b) Journeys to hospitals or specialists for consultation or treatment.
- (c) Journeys between the blind person's home and centre at which he is receiving training, education or rehabilitation.

A blind person travelling alone or accompanied by a guide dog, will be charged the normal tourist or first class adult fare.

St. Dunstaners who are able to take advantage of this concession should write to the Welfare Department at Headquarters, specifying the journey they have to make and the reasons for it. We will then issue them with a certificate which must be submitted to a B.E.A. ticket office or agency when tickets are purchased for the journey.

The concession does not apply to flights between the United Kingdom and Eire.

Golden Wedding

Our warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Chambers, of Northfield, Birmingham, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on August 18th.

Ruby Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hind, of Nuneaton, August 2nd; and Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams, of Birmingham, August 9th. Many congratulations.

Silver Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Nunn, of Ilkeston, July 1st; Mr. and Mrs. T. Woods, of Salfords, Surrey, August 19th; Mr. and Mrs. H. Farnen, of Dartford, July 29th; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jenrick, of Wallington, September 3rd. Congratulations, all.

Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITOR,

I feel that hearty congratulations and the thanks of all St. Dunstaners are due to Mr. Haley and his legal advisers for their tenacity, and having at last obtained justice.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. POINTON,
Bexhill-on-Sea.

DEAR EDITOR,

Words fail me, but no doubt I will recover before I get to the end of this line.

What is the reason for me being all het up?

Well, it is the Chairman's remarks in the July REVIEW. "It is better to risk the hazards of the roads and the pavements, than to sit in a chair cursing the darkness."

I have been a St. Dunstaner for twenty-one years, and I have yet to hear any St. Dunstaner "curse the darkness." Besides, I may be unique, but blindness is not darkness to me. In my opinion, you have to be sighted to see darkness.

Blindness to me is like a newly washed sheet dripping on the line and acting as a barrier to my seeing what is on the other side of the clothes line.

Are blind people really so brave? Do they think of others when walking alone? Let me take you back, just before I became a St. Dunstaner. After a long period of unemployment, having one eye at that time, and wearing glasses was a handicap to my gaining employment, I managed to wangle, through my old platoon commander, a job in an Army camp. After a period of three years, and being made a charge hand, my sight gradually failed until it came down to a visibility of five yards. I camouflaged it the best way I could, and the terrors I went through during that time! It was the black-out then. However, I wanted my job, and I was going to stick it out at all costs. Then one day, and, getting to the kerb, I listened carefully, no one about, I stepped off, and there I was in the gutter, and across the road were two badly shaken cyclists, their cycles badly battered, the riders badly shaken. It was then that I saw how selfish I was. I was being brave, carrying on, but, as the cyclist pointed out, "You are not only a danger to yourself, but if we had killed you, we should have had it on our conscience

all our lives."

I saw the light and went straight away to the specialist and, after visiting Moorfields, put my name down for St. Dunstan's.

I am going to go right against the words of our Chairman and ask my colleagues to sit in their chairs, not to curse the darkness, but if they want to go for a walk give a couple of bob to an old age pensioner to take them for a stroll. After all, what is the escort's allowance for? Is it not stopped if you stay over the month at Ovingdean? Don't run away with the idea that I am a chairwallah. I have my two or three mile walk daily, but not alone. I learned my lesson long, long ago.

How many of us blind are really absolutely independent? Not one, you just kid yourself.

I quite realise that these are fighting words and may be the means of my losing some of my popularity, but it is time that someone took up the cudgels of the underdogs. We hear too much of the successes of the brave in the Third Programme, "In Touch," but don't let us forget that to be frightened of the traffic of today is not a sin, especially when so many sighted people are killed or maimed for life.

Yours sincerely,
E. H. NORTH ("GEN.")
Taunton.

DEAR EDITOR,

Following a visit to Brighton and Bristol, where zebra crossings and traffic lights are a regular feature, I have been struck by the fact that apart from following the crowd, the blind person or people with defective vision have no guide. Why have the changing lights not been accompanied by warning buzzers? We in the rural areas do not need them, but in cities where roads and pavements seem to be constantly dug up for some reason or other, there could be a buzzer system denoting danger. The cost would not be very great, but the benefit for both blind and sighted people who are often preoccupied would be enormous and should reduce road accidents.

Yours sincerely,
A. J. RADFORD,
Castle Cary.

(On September 7th, Mr. Ernest Marples, Minister of Transport, announced new-type crossings for pedestrians to replace the experimental "Panda" crossings. The

new crossings, which will begin to be brought into use next March for a six-month experiment, will incorporate a buzzer for blind people during the period when a red light holds up drivers.—Ed.)

DEAR EDITOR,

No doubt many of my fellow St. Dunstaners noted the arrival, this year at Henley Regatta, of the eight which represented Harvard University in 1914 in the Grand Challenge Cup race, which they won, beating Leander B.C. I witnessed this race, having cycled over from Oxford, where, as a youth of 17, I was still at school.

I recollect that Sinegaglia, a very large Italian from, I think, the Lake Como Rowing Club, won the Diamond Sculls. In strolling along the towpath between races, I spotted a noted athlete of that time whose name was and, I am glad to say, still is, A. M. S. Jackson. He was lying in a punt in company with another man and two young ladies. Jackson, who incidentally in the 1914-18 war gained the D.S.O., with three bars, and has later been honoured with the C.B.E., won the 1,500 metres race in the 1912 Olympic Games, in the record time of 3 minutes, 56 seconds. He also won the mile event in the Oxford and Cambridge Athletic Sports in 1912, 13 and 14, his best time for that race being 4 minutes, 21.4 seconds.

It is interesting to note how the times for these events have been improved on. I find that the present record for the 1,500 metres is 3 minutes, 35.6 seconds, by H. J. Elliott of Australia, in the Olympic Games of 1960. The record for the Inter-Varsity Mile is 4 minutes, 05.1 seconds, by S. H. James, at the White City in 1959. Two facts are demonstrated by the foregoing, namely, high grade performance in sport does not seem to shorten life, and what a remarkable difference there is between the records of pre-1914 and today.

W. M. MILLARD,
Pinner.

DEAR EDITOR,

I wonder if other St. Dunstaners—especially the older and retired ones—would care to take up the game of patience. I, myself, have been an addict for over twenty years, and have derived many hundreds of hours of pleasure and relaxation.

For a blind man to play the game, it is necessary to have a "patience board." This is a simple affair, consisting of a sheet of quarter inch plywood divided up into compartments by strips of wood, half-inch by three-eighths. Each compartment should be of a size to hold a small package of cards. This bit of elementary carpentry should, I think, be within the power of most St. Dunstaners to construct, but, if not, any sighted friend would do the job with pleasure. The size of the board and the number and arrangement of the compartments would depend on the type of patience to be played. The game I myself favour is called "Senior Wrangler," and it seems particularly appropriate as "suits" are not involved and one never seems to get tired of it. This game requires 24 compartments arranged in three rows of eight, and the board itself is therefore of a convenient size to place across the arms of a chair.

Yours sincerely,
N. MCLEOD STEEL,
Saltdean

DEAR EDITOR,

My twelve-year-old son was at the cinema with his mother the other day watching the film "633 Squadron." One of the airman was in a plane crash and badly burnt, and someone made the remark, how can a man live, burnt like that and blind. My son calmly remarked to his mother, "Well, Mum, blindness doesn't present any problems, does it?"

I thought this was quite a compliment to our training as St. Dunstaners.

Yours sincerely,
A. C. MITCHELL,
Guildford.

Marriages of Sons and Daughters

Peter Miller, Sale Moor, on August 22nd, to Jean Smith.

On September 12th, Melvin Harley, Bedford, to Pauline Angel.

Also on September 12th, Leonard Roberts, Dukinfield, to Elizabeth Mary Frith.

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We reported in July that Iris Tutton, West Hounslow, was married on July 11th. This was an error. It was our St. Dunstaner's daughter, Susan, who was married on July 11th to Mr. P. Styles.

Eight Days Before the Mast

I have just returned from my first camp with St. Dunstaners and the Fleet Air Arm at Lee-on-Solent. It was a most interesting and exciting week. In this article I would like to express my thanks to the Officers, Men and W.R.N.S. of H.M.S. *Ariel* who were our hosts, and to St. Dunstan's helpers who made this wonderful and privileged week possible.

We had a pleasant coach journey from London to Lee, where we were piped on board at 5 p.m. Some of the charming Wrens met us and served us with tea in the recreation room, then we were introduced to the Gun Crew who had volunteered to look after us. There is no need for me to eulogise here about the famous Field Gun Crew of the Fleet Air Arm; they are grand men who are maintaining the best of Naval Tradition. This year they broke all records for Field Gun Crews at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court. During the Camp they were so helpful and considerate to us, and were cheerfully referred to as our shadows—it really was a pleasure to know them.

Our holiday programme was first class, with convivial parties in the C.P.O's Mess almost every evening, where the President of the Mess and his lads attended to our every need. Outside dances were arranged by our friends in the British Legion and the Red Cross. One evening two of the principal singers from Covent Garden brought a party over and gave us a most enjoyable concert.

Among the highlights were a day out on the Solent aboard a Torpedo Recovery Vessel, which took us down to Southampton Water, where we were taken over the *Transvaal Castle* the day before she sailed. Also a most exhilarating experience doing aerobatics in free flight. Sitting side by side with the chief gliding instructor we first had a flight around the field to get the feeling of soaring through space like a bird. The second trip included looping back to earth—just wonderful, this made power flight seem like sitting in a tin box full of rattling ball bearings. Then Sports Day—a walking race of 2½ miles around the perimeter was won by Ernie Cookson (Second War) (actual time 28.15). The supreme effort of the day was the fastest time set up by Bob Young (First War),

24.11. The Novices Cup was won by Paddy Humphrey (Second War), 27.50. All these events, and many more, enjoyed in temperatures up in the 80's, made this twentieth camp a great success.

I hope I have been able to convey the enjoyment and spirit of comradeship that prevails throughout the camp. Again, a big thank you to the Field Gun Crew, and everyone who contributed to this most happy and unusual holiday.

To the uninitiated:—Rise and shine, the weather's fine, don't turn over, turn out—for the next camp.

DAVID BELL.

Lec-on-Solent 2½ Mile Walk, August 27th, 1964

Order of Finish	Handicap		Actual Time	Last Year's Time
	Time	Handicap		
E. Cookson	22.35	5.50	28.25	
C. Stafford	23.24	1.30	24.54	
M. Burns	23.28	2.20	25.48	28.30
R. Newton	23.50	2.40	26.30	
R. Young	23.51	.20	24.11	26.30
M. Tetley	23.55	.45	24.40	
S. Tutton	24.09	1.10	25.19	
J. Humphrey	24.20	3.30	27.50	
W. Shea	24.31	3.30	28.01	
R. Benson	24.37	Scratch	24.37	
L. Halliday	26.07	.20	26.27	26.21
S. Southall	27.04	5.00	32.04	31.13
D. Bell	29.57	4.30	34.27	
M. Sheehan	29.58	5.00	34.58	

1st, E. Cookson, Gold Medal. 2nd, C. Stafford. 3rd, M. Burns.

Fastest time, R. Young, Gold Medal.

Novice's Cup, J. Humphrey.

The escorts were all members of the Field Gun Crew.

Mrs. Jaggars, the Captain's wife, presented the prizes.

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Anthony Naumann, author of a volume of poems, "Flame in the Dark," which was published two years ago by Messrs. Collins, is to have another volume published by them on November 9th, under the title "If I May Share." Mr. Naumann says: "It has been called 'If I May Share' not only because that is the start line of one of the shorter poems, but also because I believe that it is essential that poetry is an understood and, therefore, shared experience between writer and reader."

"Flame in the Dark" was extremely well received by the critics, and we wish Mr. Naumann's second volume even greater success.

From the Chairman's Postbag

The following letter, written by Lord Fraser to our handless St. Dunstaner, Bill Griffiths, on the subject of the Ministry of Pensions' Clothing Allowance, will be of interest to other St. Dunstaners who are in receipt of the Allowance.

"Dear Mr. Griffiths,

"When talking together at Ovingdean last June, you enquired whether there was any likelihood of the Ministry of Pensions Clothing Allowance being increased. I found that the Allowance, which was first introduced in 1946, had been increased on three occasions, but as there seemed to be a case for a further increase, I wrote to Mr. Richard Wood, the Minister of Pensions, suggesting that he might like to consider whether now was not an appropriate time to make a further increase in the allowance. His reply, which I give you in full, is as follows:—

"Thank you for your letter of 26th June about the rates of clothing allowance

"This allowance is kept under review in the same way as other pensions provisions, and I can assure you that it has not been overlooked when general increases in rates have been under consideration. The changes in the rates of the allowance have in fact more than kept pace with the increase in clothing costs.

"In simple terms, whereas the rate of the allowance is now two and a half times what it was in 1946, the cost of clothing, as measured by the clothing and footwear group of the Retail Prices Index, is rather more than one and a half times what it was in 1947 (the earliest year for which we have exact figures, but there was very little movement in clothing prices between 1946 and 1947).

"The allowance is one which does not lend itself to numerous small increases, but rather to more substantial increases at less frequent intervals. There were previous increases before then in 1961, in 1948 and 1955."

"I am not altogether satisfied that the allowance has gone up enough, and in conjunction with the British Legion and BLESMA, will continue to press for a further increase.

"I trust that you and your wife are well, and wish you luck in your forthcoming concerts at the Dome.

Yours sincerely,

FRASER,
Chairman.

N.B.—The Clothing Allowances for amputee cases are now £7 10s. 0d. a year for a single, and £12 10s. 0d. a year for a double amputation.

Cardiff Club Notes

A meeting of the Cardiff Club was held on Saturday last, September 5th. It was the second occasion that the club had been held in our new club room on the premises of the Cardiff Institute for the Blind, and, on both occasions we were without our Chairman, who we regret is in hospital and very ill. In his absence we are doing our best to carry on as he would wish it.

In our last month's meeting we were told of the passing of a former member and Secretary of the club, Mr. Evan Lloyd. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Lloyd on behalf of all our club members and their wives.

All our members are very pleased with our new club room. It is so convenient with a kitchen next door to it, with everything laid on.

We had our usual games of dominoes and cards, all before tea, then during tea we discussed ways and means for our Christmas, or Annual Dinner. It seems rather early, but one has to book early to make sure of getting a room.

The question of our annual day's outing we put off, none wanting to go while Mr. Caple is so ill; we felt that we could not enjoy it without him.

After tea we played Bingo for some time, this is one of the games when the ladies can join in, and so find enjoyment all round.

As we get older I think we need company more than ever. A little game and a little talk over our everyday problems, this one can get by getting together, so I again appeal to all St. Dunstaners living near to any St. Dunstan's Social Club to join your Club and keep up the old spirit of comradeship that we knew long, long ago.

A. C. EVANS,
Secretary.

A Doctor's Story

By J. STRUAN ALEXANDER

The crucial episode in my story was the sudden impact of blindness when my second eye broke down some 17 years ago. In the fifties, I was deeply immersed in a busy private practice, just getting my head above the water after the war, with four of my immediate family dependent on me.

I was, at the time, president of the local branch of the Medical Association, and also held an appointment as senior visiting physician at Addington Hospital, Durban.

Lying in bed with literal and metaphorical back to the wall, the memory is clear. At that time there was much attention focussed on a new special branch of medical practice, Physical Medicine. Given my own firm foundation in general medicine, this might be feasible as a future.

I had the inestimable advantage of some small residual guiding sight which allowed me to get about unaided in a known environment.

Generous financial and moral support was forthcoming. With my daughter I got over to London and, under the wing of St. Dunstan's, learning typing, braille, and sessions in special departments of Middlesex Hospital, and my own hospital, U.C.H., I worked as hard as I could for over six months. Note the proviso "as hard as I could." This again a very clear memory.

Waking every morning to the lachrymose ordeal of bowing one's head, and accepting the dark curtain. In the day it was mainly a mechanical confusion arising from the removal of an essential component of daily living and a slow process of adaption.

In the early days there was little reserve in the central nervous system. Concentration on professional learning could be sustained only for brief periods. In fact, and in retrospect, a year would have made subsequent advance easier.

Addendum: In retrospect I evaded lessons in typing. I thought I could teach myself. End result is untidy, if fluent, typing. Years later I discovered that the capital 5 was the £ sign. Is this significant?

Back in Durban. After great difficulty in finding accommodation, I set up in private practice as a physician, Physical Medicine, and was at once in the arena of competitive medical practice. About this time I was appointed visiting physician, Physical Medi-

cine, to Addington Hospital, the first ever, a part-time appointment.

In 1950, I went to Johannesburg, and was examined for the Witwatersrand University diploma of Physical Medicine, and passed. This was a most fortunate event—as I was now entitled to go on the specialist register in terms of the S.A. Medical Council regulations.

At the large King Edward VIII non-European Hospital, a small unit was already in existence and, as it came under the University Medical School, I was later appointed head of the department, and senior lecturer Physical Medicine. About 1952, Natal Provincial Administration appointed me full time physician, Physical Medicine, with overall responsibility for Physical Medicine services in the provincial hospitals.

Here at Addington we have a most notable modern department, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. This remarkable advance was obtained during a rebuilding programme.

At King Edward, the new non-European School of Physiotherapy is now firmly established, under the guidance of Miss Gwen Jones of Middlesex Hospital School.

These are the bare bones of my story. In the early days there were periods of crises, and at times I scuttled down to St. Dunstan's at the Cape, and Mr. Milton Clough always found a solution.

On the home front my son and daughter got themselves married and started families.

Most days I am at Addington, where my clerk reads the relevant clinical notes before showing in the patient, from whom I then get the history and examine. I enter typed clinical notes on our own department card, and prescribe forms of physiotherapy, medication, etc. Each year I give a brief series of lectures to final year medical students.

Of course, there are many limitations imposed by blindness, but it is evident that in my particular field these handicaps are less dominant.

Milestones: Starting with the old wire and going on to the modern tape, this source of communication has been vital. Constant reading is essential for the competent doctor. My wife reads at home and I take the tapes to hospital, where they are read, and re-read. Current general,

Midland Club Notes

Our Club activities have been rather quiet lately with so many of our members being on holiday. We did not have a meeting in July, and at our meeting held on August 8th, only twelve St. Dunstaners were present.

We held our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, September 13th. All members present showed their appreciation of the work done by the Committee of St. Dunstaners who now run this Club's activities.

All the officers were re-elected for another twelve months. The Committee is, therefore, once again as follows:

Chairman: L. Kibbler.

Secretary: D. E. Cashmore.

Treasurer: E. Varley.

Other Officers: D. Faulkner and E. Hordyniek.

Trustee: W. Shakspeare.

Members were given their chance to air their views, and several things were discussed. The largest headache of all is how to raise enough money during the months ahead to allow outings to be run either free, or at a much reduced rate for regular members. It was proposed and carried that a minimum charge of 2s. per adult should be charged for tea at meetings. We shall not object if anyone cares to put more into the hat.

We have now reached the Final of the Domino Knock-out Competition. It will be between Messrs. W. Castle and S. Southall. This will take place during the November meeting. We also hope to have darts available at that meeting, as well as the usual dominoes.

Many thanks, once again, to all the ladies who helped to provide us with another wonderful tea.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Hon. Secretary.

Retirement

G. H. Richards, of Manchester, retired at the end of August, after forty-four years as telephonist with the same firm. He was the recipient of gifts and many expressions of good wishes when he left after this remarkable length of service.

Good Luck, Micky!

On Election Day we shall all be thinking of Micky Burns, of Epsom, who is standing as the Liberal candidate for Reading.

special journals, books. This brings my wife into the picture, where she must be given a fair half of all the credit. She is reader, chauffeur, unchartered accountant, and resolute and an untiring supporter of the Alexander cause.

Amongst my closest friends are local St. Dunstaners. Braille reading is a part of my daily life, as also is the cassette tape recorder.

Finally, and with deep sincerity, from first to last stands pre-eminent the intangible elusive spirit of St. Dunstan's, an assurance of competent compassion.

The Long Mynd

Two old friends of St. Dunstan's, Mrs. Kathleen Beaufoy and Miss Kathleen M. Timmis, have both written to us to draw our attention to an appeal which the National Trust is making for the Long Mynd, so well-known to St. Dunstaners who were at Church Stretton.

The National Trust has been given the opportunity to acquire the 4,500 acres of this lovely moorland. The Long Mynd, which is about 4 miles long and rises to 1,700 feet, commands magnificent views to the Black Mountains of Wales, the Malvern Hills and over the Shropshire and Cheshire plains.

A public appeal is being launched for the £18,500 required for purchase and endowment, and donations should be sent to the National Trust, c/o Barclays Bank, Castle Street, Shrewsbury.

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Miss Timmis adds in her letter: "Please remember me to all those I used to know at Church Stretton, Ovingdean and Croxley Green. I always enjoy reading the REVIEW, and I noticed with interest that one person referred to the recent Sports Weekend at Ovingdean as 'a true reflection of Church Stretton days.' Well, now is everybody's chance!"

Prizewinning Gardeners

At Leigh Flower Show, G. Emerson took two first prizes (pansies and potatoes), six seconds (including best border in the village class), and three thirds.

C. A. Hancock, of West Dratyon, was awarded second prize for his runner beans at Uxbridge Agricultural Show.

Epic Thoughts

Psychologists, sociologists, and other 'ologists, may contend as to whether or not "Behaviour is conditioned by circumstances," but few will question the influence mental and emotional experience has on creative thought and courageous action. Thus, an explorer calmly walked out to his death in the Arctic wastes in an effort to ransom the lives of his comrades: a nurse bravely faces the firing-squad, fortified by the thought that she has done her duty: the death of a great public luminary inspires the thought, "The paths of glory lead but to the grave," whilst the contemplation of a poor retarded human creates, "There, but for the grace of God, go I." Such epics help us to retain our faith in human nature, enrich our inheritance and illuminate our minds in our struggle towards the light. But there is an epic worthy to rank with the noblest of thoughts, though the only record of its heroic inception lies in the following simple account which time has not tarnished.

During the war, Matron Boyd-Rochfort and St. Dunstan Bert Molloy were transferred to Port Hall so that they might have all the care and attention possible to ease the last stages of their fatal illnesses. On learning of the transfer, our lamented friend, Terry Roden, with characteristic thoughtfulness visited them and was told the following moving story. Matron had remarked:

"The other day we were wheeled outside to enjoy the lovely weather and after reading for a while I said to Molloy, 'It's very pleasant lying here reading to you, Bert.'"

To which he replied, "Well, Matron, if my illness has been the means of bringing any little pleasure into your life, then it has not been without its value."

It would be impertinent to try to add to that poignant expression of selflessness.

T. ROGERS.

AJEX Parties

On 21st June the members of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen held their annual party for Disabled Ex-Servicemen of Newcastle, Sunderland, and Whitley Bay and District, at the Heaton Playing Fields, and, as usual this party was a huge success.

Four St. Dunstaners and their wives were invited to this wonderful party.

All guests were taken back to their

homes by cars provided by members of the Association. Thank you, once again, "AJEX."
GEORGE A. PRINCE.

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On Sunday, July 5th, twelve Midland Club members, with their wives or escorts, were the guests of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen, when they held their annual outing to Trentham Gardens. It was a very excellently organised outing, with plenty of liquid refreshment to finish up with. Many thanks, indeed, to the members of this hard-working Association for so kindly inviting St. Dunstaners to take part.
D. E. CASHMORE.

Family News

Mrs. J. E. Davies, of Llandyssul, had another success at this year's Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales. She shared first prize with another competitor for composing poems and songs, and we congratulate her upon this well-deserved and important award.

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Stuart Bedford, Shipley, for the second year running, has won the Victor Ludorum prize at his school as the best all-round athlete. This constitutes a record.

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Allan Wrigley, Manchester, has won an award for being the most outstanding student on a recent course. He is now a qualified Monotype Caster and Monotype Keyboard Setter.

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Young Dancers—Hilary Forster, Leeds, has passed her Grade IV Ballet examination; Sharon Benson, Orpington, has passed her Grade I examination (Ballet and Education) for the Royal Academy of Dancing, with commendation; and Heather Richardson, Peacehaven, has received a "Highly Commended" for another examination in stage dancing.

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Susan and Sally Jennings won a Cup for judging cows at the Steyning Young Farmers' Rally. Sue also won first prize for making rolls and Sally the first prize for a garden on a plate.

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Sheila Read, Weybridge, was a member of the Woking girls team which won the Norris Bowl in the Red Cross Junior County Branch competitions held at Ewell. Sheila also won the Leadership Cup.

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Additional Tape Titles—FICTION

Cat. No.		Playing time Hours approx.
630	COOPER, LETTICE—A CERTAIN COMPASS (1960) Read by Judith Whale. Carley goes to Italy to investigate her husband's alleged suicide. In getting to know people with whom he was working on a film, the truth emerges.	7½
634	DORIEN, RAY—DR. DRUSILLA'S FOLLY (1963) Read by Anthony Parker. When Drusilla Selby takes a resident post at St. Antholin's Hospital, she finds herself torn between a childhood promise and her love for a man who appears to be her enemy.	7
632	LAWRENCE, D. H.—SONS AND LOVERS (1913) Read by Gabriel Woolf. The author's own boyhood is reflected in this drama of human relationships in a Nottinghamshire mining village at the turn of the century.	17½
627	VERNON, MARJORIE—ALIEN WIFE (1962) Read by Anthony Parker. Anna had come to live in her Italian husband's village, only to find her mother-in-law determined to break up the marriage.	6½
637	WALTER, ELIZABETH—NEAREST AND DEAREST (1963) Read by Judith Whale. A wife's accidental discovery of her husband's unfaithfulness produces tension in the home, which is completed by the first love affair of their young daughter.	7½
641	BENNETT, ARNOLD—HILDA LESSWAYS (1911). Sequel to 600 Read by Eric Gillett. Hilda's story which explains why, though in love with Edwin Clayhanger, she married another man.	11½
639	FLEMING, IAN—CASINO ROYALE (1953) Read by Duncan Carse. Set in a French casino. James Bond, secret service agent, has to outwit an international racketeer who is already hunted by a Russian organisation.	5
658	BARLOW, JAMES—TERM OF TRIAL (1961) Read by Robin Holmes. A teacher wrongly accused of indecently assaulting a girl pupil endures the ordeal of a public trial. This novel deals frankly with certain aspects of teenage delinquency.	14
661	GOUDGE, ELIZABETH—THE SCENT OF WATER (1963) Read by Judith Whale. Mary Lindsay, middle-aged Londoner, settles in a country village. Her kind heart and wisdom exercise great influence on the lives of her new neighbours.	11
660	HEYER, GEORGETTE—FALSE COLOURS (1963) Read by George Hagan. How a Regency buck impersonates his twin brother, Evelyn, at a dinner-party given for the girl Evelyn hopes to marry in order to clear up his mother's debts.	12
645	LA BERN, ARTHUR—BRIGHTON BELLE (1963) Read by Clive Champney. Murder by a small-time gangster involves racecourse tipsters, the landlady of a pub, three blind St. Dunstan's men and the Brighton police.	6
647	POOK, PETER—POOK IN BUSINESS (1963) Read by Stephen Jack. Pook opens an antique shop, assisted by his girl-foe Olga, and they have an enormous amount of fun.	7
646	PRESCOT, JULIAN—CASE FOR HEARING (1963) Read by Robert Gladwell. A battle of wits between a resourceful criminal and a detective-inspector becomes awkward when the detective's girl falls for the crook's son.	8
665	SAYERS, DOROTHY L.—GAUDY NIGHT (1935). Sequel to 583 Read by Stephen Jack. Lord Peter Wimsey unravels mysterious events at an Oxford Women's College, and continues his courtship of Harriet Vane.	16½

NON-FICTION

633	BOWLEY, JOHN—CHILD CARE AND THE GROWTH OF LOVE (1953) Read by Alvar Lidell. Shows how children deprived of maternal love grow up antisocial or delinquent. Based on the World Health Organisation report.	7
631	BRAITHWAITE, E. R.—TO SIR, WITH LOVE (1959) Read by John Curle. Experiences of a young West Indian Negro teacher at a tough school in London's East End.	7½
628	BROWN, IVOR—LONDON (1960) Read by Arthur Bush. The author takes all round this great city, capturing the spirit of the present day and the long, dramatic past.	9½
636	JUNG, C. G.—MEMORIES, DREAMS, REFLECTIONS (1963) (Translated from the German by Richard and Clara Winston). Read by David Broomfield. Jung's life story from early youth; his career, travels and development of psychological ideas in contrast to those of Freud, his teacher.	16½
635	LEWIS, MICHAEL—THE HISTORY OF THE BRITISH NAVY (1957) Read by Maurice Turner. Shows the origins of the Navy in the Crown's personal sea-force, and its development in ships, men and weapons to the modern fleet.	12

- 629 RHINE, J. B.—NEW WORLD OF THE MIND (1954) 11
Read by Duncan Carse. Having put his experiments on a scientific basis, Dr. Rhine is world-famous for his research into Extrasensory Perception (telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, etc.).
- 624 WOLFF, LEON—IN FLANDERS FIELDS (1959) 14
Read by Michael de Morgan. The gallant and bloody battles of Ypres, the Messines Ridge and Passchendaele, probably the most disastrous slaughters ever to be hailed as victories.
- 642 ARDREY, ROBERT—AFRICAN GENESIS (1961) 15½
Read by David Broomfield. Presents the evidence that man evolved from carnivorous, weapon-using apes, and that territory-acquisition, not sexual instinct, is the evolutionary determinant.
- 643 DANIEL-ROPS—JESUS IN HIS TIME (1955). (2 reels) 24½
(Translated by R. W. Millar). Read by Timothy Gudgin. A life of Christ, by a Roman Catholic author, showing the sources of our knowledge, the background of Jewish history and the conditions of life in Palestine.
- 638 LEAVIS, F. R.—THE GREAT TRADITION (1948) 11½
Read by Gabriel Woolf. Critical appreciation of the novels of George Eliot, Henry James and Joseph Conrad.
- 640 WRIGHT, BILLY—ONE HUNDRED CAPS AND ALL THAT (1962) 8
Read by Timothy Gudgin. The story of Billy Wright's 21 years of football, the teams he has played against, and the attitude of Press and spectators to the game.
- 650 CHURCHILL, WINSTON S.—THE SECOND WORLD WAR (1948) 10½
Abridged by Dennis Kelly. Part I, "Milestones to Disaster," 1919-40. Read by Duncan Carse. Versailles; the rise of Hitler; Munich crisis; outbreak of war; fall of the Chamberlain Government.
- 651 CHURCHILL, WINSTON S.—THE SECOND WORLD WAR (1948) 11
Part II, "Alone," 1940-41. Read by Duncan Carse. The fall of France; Dunkirk; Battle of Britain; the Blitz; Tobruk; Crete.
- 652 CHURCHILL, WINSTON S.—THE SECOND WORLD WAR (1948) 9½
Part III, "The Grand Alliance," 1941-43. Read by Duncan Carse. Germany Invades Russia; Pearl Harbour; Entry of U.S.A.; Singapore; Alamein; Casablanca.
- 653 CHURCHILL, WINSTON S.—THE SECOND WORLD WAR (1948) 14
Part IV, "Triumph and Tragedy." Read by Duncan Carse. The Invasion of Italy; D-Day; Liberation of Europe; Yalta, German surrender; the Atomic Bomb.
- 664 COWDREY, COLIN—TIME FOR REFLECTION (1962) 7
Read by John Dunn. From schoolboy with bat and ball to youngest-ever to play at Lords, and ten years of first-class cricket and Test matches.
- 662 CRONIN, A. J.—ADVENTURES IN TWO WORLDS (1952) 13½
Read by Eric Gillett. The author's own story of his life, first as a doctor, and then as a best-selling novelist.
- 644 EDELSTON, MAURICE, and DELANEY, TERENCE—MASTERS OF SOCCER (1960) 7
Read by Timothy Gudgin. Of 20 footballers—some still playing, some now retired—including Stanley Matthews, Len Shackleton, Dennis Law, Bobby Charlton and Tom Finney.
- 648 HANSON, LAWRENCE and ELIZABETH—THE POST-IMPRESSIONISTS (1963) 15½
Read by Duncan Carse. The lives of three great painters: Cezanne, Gauguin and Van Gogh, and their revolutionary impact on the classical school of French painting.
- 668 KAYE-SMITH, SHEILA—JOANNA GODDEN (1921) 11½
Read by Stephen Jack. The story of a woman's brave efforts to run her father's Kentish farm, wherein she was more successful than in her choice of a lover.
- 667 MORGAN, BRYAN—THE RAILWAY-LOVER'S COMPANION (1963) 2 reels 25½
Read by Anthony Parker. An anthology about trains, the men who built and drove them; famous runs and "cuckoo-lines"; adventures and excursions and all that goes to make the fascination of railways.
- 663 MUNTZE, AXEL—THE STORY OF SAN MICHELE (1929) 15½
Read by John Dunn. Adventures and experiences of a Swedish doctor, and of the beautiful house and garden he built on the island of Capri.
- 670 NEWMAN, BERNARD—STILL FLOWS THE DANUBE (1955) 10
Read by Stephen Jack. Down the Danube through Southern Germany into Hungary, enjoying scenery, historic places and talks with people encountered.
- 657 PAYNE, ROBERT—THE SPLENDOR OF ISRAEL (1963) 8½
Read by Gabriel Woolf. A tour of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Sea of Galilee, Ashkelon and many other places of ancient significance or modern enterprise.
- 654 PINTO, Lt.-Col. ORESTE—THE SPYCATCHER OMNIBUS (1962) 23½
Read by Anthony Parker. Colonel Pinto worked for counter-intelligence in Europe and Britain during both World Wars. This tells the stories of the spies he caught.
- 655 Part II of the above.

Mr. Harry Burgess

His St. Dunstaner friends and old colleagues on the staff will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. Harry Burgess.

For some years prior to his retirement in November, 1961, his health had not been good, and he had since spent periods in hospital. He was taken ill whilst at a Holiday and Convalescent Home on the South Coast. He was able to return with Mrs. Burgess to London, but later entered the Mayday Hospital, where he died on July 28th.

Harry Burgess, who was a handicapped man himself—he lost an arm in the 1914-1918 war—was a popular member of the staff for thirty-one years. Many St. Dunstaners also knew him, for it was often his cheerful voice which greeted them in the Hall on their visits to Headquarters in Regent's Park, before he joined the Estate Department. His kindness and great sense of humour brought him friends everywhere, and there will be many who will be sad when they read of his death.

Great-Grandfathers

A. E. Ahrens, of Stanford-le-Hope, a great grand-daughter.

Grandfathers

A. W. Chamberlain, of Gloucester; H. McCartney, of Belfast; S. Moseley, of Halesowen; W. Claydon, of Hendon; A. W. Pimm, of Wickford (a second grandchild); G. Fallowfield, of Southwick (Marjorie had a son on August 9th. This is George's fourteenth grandchild, eight of whom are in Australia, and George hopes to see them soon).

The Youngest Grandfather

Len Hollamby, of Oldham, claims the record from E. R. Jenson, of Wembley (44). Len is 43. And Mrs. H. McCartney, of Belfast, writes: "My husband, Henry McCartney, was made a grandfather on June 20th, and he is only 44. I am a grandmother at the age of 39, my mother was a great-grandmother at 64, and my own son was an uncle at the age of six weeks! How many can beat that?"

Marriage

WARD—HEWETT.—On August 29th, W. Ward, of Pearson House, to Mrs. Hilda Hewett. Mr. and Mrs. Ward will live in Porchester.

Deaths

Our deep sympathy goes out this month to the following:—

AP RHYS.—To T. Ap Rhys, of Bangor, North Wales, and his family in the sudden death, whilst on holiday, of his son-in-law.

COLLINS.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins, of Durrington-on-Sea, whose son's wife died in July after a serious illness.

COLE.—To K. Cole, of Bristol, whose wife died on August 4th. She leaves three children.

FOWLER.—To Hugh Fowler, of Four Throws, near Hawkhurst, whose mother died on July 30th.

HEATH.—To P. Heath, of Upper Lambourn, whose brother has died. They had lived together for many years, and each winter had stayed with their niece, Mrs. Purslove, and her husband, in London.

JUBB.—To B. T. Jubb, of Orpington, whose mother died peacefully in her sleep on July 19th. She had been ill for some time.

KING.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. King, of Bridlington, whose daughter died on July 25th after a long and serious illness. Her loss is particularly tragic, as her husband died just before last Christmas, and they leave a family of four young children.

NIXON.—To W. Nixon, of Totley, near Sheffield, whose wife died on September 3rd, following a long illness.

ROBERTS.—To A. E. Roberts, of Worcester, in the recent death of his mother.

SELBY.—To H. Selby, of Patcham, whose wife died on August 25th. She had been admitted to Bevan Hospital only that day. Our St. Dunstaner is staying at Ovingdean for the time being.

TROTT.—To W. Trott, permanent resident at Ovingdean, whose wife died in hospital on August 8th.

"In Memory"

Thomas Ashe, *Royal Irish Constabulary*

With deep regret we have to record the death of T. Ashe, of Lancing, at the age of 72. Enlisting in February, 1920, he was discharged eighteen months later, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's benefits in September, 1922. He entered business and carried on with a shop until 1931, doing some poultry work at the same time. He then moved to Sussex and did handicrafts, but when the war came he went into a factory to help the war effort. This was in 1942, and he continued with this work until 1946, when rather indifferent health made him give up. After his retirement he had many outside interests, including bowls. He was a frequent visitor to Ovingdean, and he went there for a holiday on September 5th. On September 6th, returning by coach to Ovingdean after playing bowls, he was taken ill. He became worse in the night, and was admitted to Hove General Hospital, where he died on September 7th.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his widow, two daughters and son.

Bernard Wilfred Henry Austin, *11th West Yorkshire Regiment*

We have to record, with deep regret, the death at his home in Birmingham, of Bernard Austin, on August 11th. He was 67 years of age.

He served as a Sergeant in the 11th West Yorkshire Regiment from 1914 until 1917, but his sight did not deteriorate until 1961, when he was admitted to St. Dunstan's. At the time of his admission he was not in very good health, and because of this, and also on account of his age, no training was therefore possible. He had recently had a spell at Pearson House, when he seemed to improve in health, but he had been very ill latterly.

To his wife and family we send a message of our very sincere sympathy.

William Barnes, *Middlesex Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death, on July 31st, of William Barnes, of High Wycombe; he would have been 72 in August.

He enlisted on October 5th, 1914, and received his discharge in December, 1918. He came to St. Dunstan's in February, 1926, where he trained first as a telephonist. Ill-health compelled him to give this up two years later and, in 1929, he was settled as a shop-keeper, and he carried on successfully with this until the outbreak of war. He then had to close the shop, and he went into semi-retirement. Unfortunately, over the past few years, he has not been in good health. He recently became much worse, and he was admitted to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, where he passed away.

Our deep sympathy is sent to his widow, and married sons and daughter.

Robert James Black, *Royal Army Medical Corps*

We have to record, with very deep regret, the death at his home in Gateshead of R. J. Black. He was 73.

He served with the R.A.M.C. from 1915 to 1917 and was in a gas attack at Rhenalhurst, as a result of which he came to St. Dunstan's in 1943. Bob Black was distinguished by the excellence of the work that he did to further the good name of St. Dunstan's (he was a very keen and great worker for our Appeals Department). He was also a first-class joiner, making excellent articles, and this occupation gave him great pleasure.

Mrs. Black was a wonderful help-mate to him on the journeys that he undertook for St. Dunstan's, and to her and her family we send an expression of our deep and sincere sympathy.

David Bee, *2nd Lancashire Fusiliers*

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death, at his home, of David Bee, of Bolton, on September 9th, aged 67 years.

His Army service was from 1913 until 1916, when he was wounded on the Somme. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1917 and trained as a boot and clog repairer, and he carried on these occupations for some time. After giving these up he trained as a mat-maker and netter, and when the Second World War broke out, he helped the war effort by going into industry. In fact, he only retired in 1955 owing to his ill-health. He had not been in the best of health latterly, but his death was sudden and unexpected.

We send an expression of sympathy to his family.

Richard William Comley, *2nd Gloucestershire Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of R. W. Comley, of Bristol. He was 64.

He enlisted in May, 1919, and served with his regiment until February, 1924. He came to St. Dunstan's the following year, where he trained in boot repairing and mat-making. He carried on with the latter craft up to the time of the Second World War and, in 1944, he went into industry on tank assembly work. Later he took other industrial jobs, and was still working in a factory up to the time of his holiday in June. He had not been well since 1963, although he made a good recovery after an operation. When he went to Ovingdean this July, his health was not as good as he would have liked, but his time there had to be extended; he suddenly became worse, and his death took place quite suddenly on August 24th.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, cousins with whom he lived, and his brother and sister, also of Bristol.

Joseph Collinson, M.M., *Royal Flying Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of J. Collinson, of Ferndown, Dorset. He was 67.

He served in the Royal Flying Corps as 2nd Air Mechanic from September, 1914 until July, 1917, and entered St. Dunstan's immediately. He took up business in a newsagent's and tobacconist's shop, and continued with this until 1931. He had, a year or two earlier, had an additional settlement in cane work and, after his retirement from the shop, he continued with basket-work. Later he changed to string bags and rugs but in 1960, his health showed some signs of deterioration. However, he had frequent holidays at Ovingdean and was much improved, and it was not until this summer that he became seriously ill. His condition then rapidly grew worse, and he died on September 10th.

He leaves a widow and married daughter, to whom our very sincere sympathy is sent.

Alexander Henry Craigie, *44th Australian Imperial Forces*

With deep regret we have to record the death, at the age of 81, of A. H. Craigie, a permanent resident at Pearson House since 1962, but who had previously been living at Woodingdean.

Alec, as everyone knew him, enlisted with the Australian Imperial Forces in March, 1916. He came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1917, and trained as a poultry-farmer and boot-repairer; he also did some joinery. He returned to Australia after the war, but came back to England in 1929. He went back three years later but returned again to England in 1936, and this time he stayed for three years. In 1955 he decided to come to England once more, finally to settle in Brighton, but in 1958 his health showed signs of deterioration, and he stayed frequently at Pearson House. He was admitted as a permanent resident on medical grounds in 1962. During the last few months his condition has steadily worsened, and he passed away on September 13th.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Craigie, whom many St. Dunstaners will have met during their earlier visits to this country, and who is still living at Woodingdean.

George Hayward, *Royal Army Ordnance Corps*

We have to record, with deep regret, the death at Pearson House where he was a Permanent Resident, of George Hayward. He died on August 17th at the age of 50.

He served as a Lance Corporal in the R.A.O.C. from 1941 to 1946, and was captured in the fall of Singapore. His sight did not fail until 1959; he then came to St. Dunstan's. He had been in very poor health, but was always of a kindly and friendly disposition, and he will be much missed by his colleagues at Ovingdean and Pearson House.

To his widow and relatives we send an expression of our sympathy.

Alfred James Keep, *4th Middlesex Regiment*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of A. J. Keep, of Feltham, Middlesex, at the age of 77.

An old soldier—he enlisted in November, 1905—he received his discharge from the Army in January, 1916. He had been admitted to St. Dunstan's a few weeks earlier, and he trained as a boot repairer and mat-maker. He continued with mats until 1940, when his health began to deteriorate. In 1959 he left London for Feltham, but he grew worse and, in 1962, he was taken to Pearson House as his wife's own ill-health prevented her from nursing him. He continued to stay at Pearson House, and Mrs. Keep spent as much time as she could in Brighton until he died on August 24th.

Our deep sympathy is sent to Mrs. Keep.

Evan John Lloyd, *Royal Army Medical Corps*

We have to record, with deep regret, the death on July 15th of E. J. Lloyd, of Cardiff, aged 70 years.

He served in the R.A.M.C. from 1915 until 1918, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's benefits in 1919. He trained as a mat-maker and became an excellent craftsman, and he carried on this occupation until nine years ago when his health began to fail. He had concentrated on string bags since then. He had quite recently enjoyed a holiday at Brighton. His death was sudden and unexpected.

To his wife and family we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

Neil McDonald, *2nd Gordon Highlanders*

We have to record, with deep regret, the death in hospital on September 3rd of Neil McDonald, of Maryhill, Glasgow. He was 74.

He served with the 2nd Gordon Highlanders from 1914 to 1915. He was wounded at Ypres, and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1916. He trained as a joiner and carried on this occupation for some time, being an excellent craftsman, and he only retired in 1958. His health latterly had been poor, and he was taken gravely ill in mid-August, 1964, an illness from which he did not recover.

To his widow we send an expression of sincere sympathy.

James Pardo Meighen, Royal Field Artillery

With deep regret we record the death of J. P. Meighen, of Saltdean, at the age of 70.

He served as a Bombardier with the R.F.A. from March, 1915, until November, 1918, and came to St. Dunstan's in 1918. He was re-admitted in 1924. He trained as a telephonist and continued with this work until 1954, when ill-health obliged him to give up. He afterwards did some handicrafts and then, in 1958, he moved from Clacton-on-Sea to Sussex, where he enjoyed a happy retirement. He went into Ovingdean in June of this year, and his stay was extended as he was not well. His death came rather suddenly on July 30th.

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

Edward Barrington Oxborough, Norfolk Regiment

We have to record, with deep regret, the death at Pearson House, where he was staying temporarily, of E. B. Oxborough, of Great Yarmouth. He died on July 17th, aged 74 years.

He served in the First World War from 1915 until 1916 as a Corporal in the Norfolk Regiment, and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1947. He trained as a basket maker and carried on with his craft almost up to the time of his death. He had an operation earlier in the year from which he seemed to make satisfactory progress, but his health then gradually deteriorated.

To his wife and members of the family we send our sincere sympathy.

E. Alfred Strand, Royal Field Artillery

With deep regret we record the death of E. Alfred Strand, a permanent resident at Pearson House. He was 78.

Enlisting in January, 1904, he was discharged in February, 1917, with the rank of Sergeant-Major. He came to St. Dunstan's in November, 1928, where he trained in poultry-farming and basket-making. He continued with these occupations, but mainly with basket-work, up to the time of his wife's death in 1953. He lived for a while with his son but, in 1954, he decided to become a permanent resident at Ovingdean. In 1956 he was transferred to Pearson House, where he died suddenly on July 18th.

His holidays were usually spent with his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Groves, in Salisbury, and our sincere sympathy is extended to her and to the other members of his family in their loss.

Charles Tamagni, Royal Engineers

We record, with deep regret, the death at his home of Charlie Tamagni, of Birmingham, aged 71 years.

He served in the Royal Engineers from 1914 to 1915, re-enlisting in 1917 and serving a further two years. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1958 when, on account of his age, he undertook hobby training only. He took great pleasure in making small items for our Stores. He had been gravely ill since last autumn.

To his wife and family we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

John Thompson, Lancashire Fusiliers

It is with deep regret that we record the death of John Thompson, late of Parkstone, Dorset, but recently of Ovingdean. He was 69.

He saw service in the First War from May, 1917, and he came to St. Dunstan's in March, 1928. He trained as a rug maker, and he also did some poultry-farming. A single man when he came to us, he married in 1936. He continued to work at rugs up to the time of Mrs. Thompson's death last May. He was on holiday at Ovingdean at the time, and the shock of her death affected him very much indeed. After selling up his home he came to live permanently at Ovingdean, but early in June he was transferred to Pearson House because of his poor health. He died at Pearson House on July 10th.

He leaves a stepson, Mr. Cyril Nester, to whom our sincere sympathy is extended.

Lancelot Noel Anderson Wood, Royal Army Service Corps

It is with deep regret that we record the death of L. N. A. Wood, of Chichester. He was 67.

He enlisted in January, 1915, and was discharged in 1919, but it was not until 1957 that he came to St. Dunstan's. He was then the proprietor of a garage, and he was fortunately able to continue working in the garage with assistance. He retired from business in December, 1962, and on the whole was able to enjoy a year or so of retirement before his health began to deteriorate. In July of this year he was admitted to Brompton Hospital, but later transferred to the Royal Marsden Hospital at Sutton, where he died quite suddenly on September 1st. He had been expecting his discharge from the hospital the following week-end.

Our deep sympathy goes to his widow and son, now serving with the Royal Air Force.

Richard Frank Wright, Honourable Artillery Company

With deep regret we record the death of R. F. Wright, of Crawley Downs, Sussex. He was 77.

Enlisting in August, 1914, he came to St. Dunstan's in December, 1915. He entered business, and became a partner in the firm of Barrett and Wright, Ltd., Engineering Contractors, where he became a Director. Mr. Wright devoted his whole life to this work, and right up to quite recently he made regular visits each week to his office in London. It was only a short time ago that his health showed signs of giving trouble, but his condition deteriorated very quickly. He was admitted to the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, during the first week in September, where he died on September 13th.

Our deep sympathy is offered to Mrs. Wright and to her two children, and to the two children of his previous marriage.