

TOWN, PORT & GARRISON

Mains traffic at the port this week was at the week-end, when the tanker Hemsley II discharged a cargo of fuel oil at the Eastern arm and the colliers "Chesterbrook" and "Tudor Queen" arrived from Blyth and Hartlepool respectively...

On Wednesday the m.v. "Peterson" arrived from Middleborough with a cargo of slag for Messrs. Brown Catchpole, and the s.s. "Pulborough" arrived from Shoreham to load a cargo of slack coal, ex. Messrs. Hawkfields.

The s.s. "Anthony Enright," bound from Gdynia to Avonmouth with a timber cargo, called at Dover on Tuesday with leaking boiler tubes. The following day the m.v. "Diana Mary" also with timber, from Dunkirk, called in to overhaul a lubricating pump.

Two cross-Channel vessels, the "Maid of Orleans" and the "Isle of Thanet," reported on Wednesday that they had passed a large floating iron tank, which might be a danger to navigation, about seven miles off Dover.

Two twelve-year-old boys who admitted damaging trees at Crabble Athletic Ground by cutting the back from them were each fined £1 and ordered to pay 10/- towards the costs, by Dover Juvenile Court Magistrates on Wednesday.

During the next fortnight, two of the three Swingate airships—familiar landmarks to Dover-Deal travellers—will disappear. The sheds, situated on the old St. Margaret's Bay road above Broadleas, and erected during the 1914-18 war, have been unused for some time and have fallen into a bad state of repair.

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When his engine broke down in the Channel on Thursday last week, the cabin crew of the "Providence" flew her ensign upside down as a distress signal. The trouble developed off the South Foreland just after the yacht had left Dover. She was towed back to Dover by the motor boat "Providence."

Edward Crunden, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Crunden, of Colchester, and late of Folkestone Rd., Dover, has passed the Intermediate B.Sc. examination for external students at London University.

Dr. Leslie A. Newman, who is the guest speaker at Wesley Methodist Church this (Friday) evening, is one of the most popular Methodist preachers in the north of England.

After their summer break the Headquarters of the A.T.C. re-opens on Tuesday next at 5 p.m. Miss H. Daniels, of 103, Milner Crescent, Aylesham, and a member of the Dover Athletic Club, will compete in the final of the Ideal Sports Girl contest at Butlin's Play Camp, during the week commencing Friday, September 8th.

Some seventy boys of the Home for Boys, Farningham, who have been staying for a month at the "Western Heights" attended Morning service at St. Mary's, with members of the staff, on Sunday. This was their last Sunday in Dover before returning home on Wednesday.

Possession of a Council house at 51, Beaufoy Road, occupied by Samuel Wakefield, was granted to the Corporation in thirty days, by Dover Magistrates on Monday. A similar application in respect of 13, Dryden Road, was withdrawn after Mr. G. W. Plater, Assistant Solicitor, had stated that the occupier, a Mr. Payne, had now vacated the house.

Old Contemplatives Ladies' Social Club reopens 6th September, at 2.45.

The engagement is announced between John Lloyd, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Evans, Ucheldir, Carmarthen, and Margaret Milwen Austin, younger daughter of Mr. Austin Davies, Trinity House Pilot, and Mrs. Davies, "Glyngarth," Lewisham Road, Dover.

The engagement is announced between Enid Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philpott, 22, Castle-mount Road, and Ray Meredith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keeler, 85, Markland Road, Dover.

WEST STREET HUNT GYMKHANA

Some excellent horsemanship was seen at the West Street Hunt's summer gymkhana at Sandwich on Saturday, when Miss Jean Weir, of Solton, Guston, who recently won the open jumping at Westgate Horse Show, riding The Boss II, Miss E. H. G. Pegg, on The Jester, for first place in the "open."

The best maintained agricultural tractor class, which is a novel event for a horse show, attracted six competitors and was won by a 15-year-old Ford.

Led by Joint Master Mr. A. J. Stevens, the hounds of the Hunt were paraded to the delight of the rather disappointing crowd. Miss E. H. G. Pegg, on The Jester, for first place in the "open."

Children's Riding-Ponies 122 hands and under: 1 Miss J. Major on Sugar Stick, 2 Canterbury Riding School's nomination, 3 Miss M. Speed on Heather; Over 122 hands: 1 Miss E. H. G. Pegg, on The Jester, 2 Miss J. Major on Alfie, 3 Miss Jean Walker on Puzzle, 4 Miss Brenda Goddard on Mischief.

Light-weight Hunter—1 Miss Anne Dohy on Frez and Easy, 2 Mrs. M. G. G. Pegg, on The Jester, 3 Mr. H. Holladay on Empress of Silver, 4 Mr. A. J. Stevens's Hanover.

Juvenile Jumping—1 Miss A. Siss on Beauty VIII, 2 Miss E. H. G. Pegg on Alfie, 3 P. Spanton on Cool Jeans, 4 Miss A. Spain on Gay Girl IV.

Heavy-weight Hunter—1 Mrs. M. Gann on Lady Greenwood, 2 D. Hallam on Beauty VIII, 3 Miss E. H. G. Pegg on Alfie, 4 V. J. Spain on Flash.

Open Jumping—1 Miss J. Weir on The Boss II and J. W. Sankey on The Jester (tie), 3 Miss D. Bowen on Croom and Miss A. Fenner on Collier.

Grade "C" Jumping—1 D. Hallam on Signet, 2 Miss A. Dowlon on Iolanthe, 3 Surg-Commander G. Reece on Topps and Miss J. Weir on The Boss II (tie).

Musical Chairs—1 Susan Lines Nibbles, 2 Brian Pacey on Lena, 3 J. Spanton on Cool Jeans, 4 Brian-stitch Race—1 Miss S. Goddard, 2 Brian Pacey, 3 Mrs. Gann, 4 Michael Philpott.

Trotting Race—1 Miss A. Spain on The Boss II (tie), 2 Mrs. G. Pegg on Vanity, 3 Miss B. Goddard on Tessa VIII.

Apple and Bucket Race—1 Brian Pacey on Lena, 2 Wendy McNaughton on Jennifer, 3 Freda Linden on Pip. B. Mains, 4 Agriburtha.

OLDE-TYME DANCE CLUB'S

Dover Old Time Dance Club had another enjoyable evening on Thursday last week when 120 danced to the music of the Emperors Dance Band at the Empress Hall.

NEEDED MONEY FOR RENT

Knowing that one of his neighbours was in need of material to build a poultry farm, Sidney Bennett Bowditch of 34, Salisbury Rd., then living in Melbourne Avenue—offered to get him some asbestos from the place of his employment.

He explained that he needed the money before purchasing the material which was offered for sale by the British Railways. Bowditch received the money, and on Friday he appeared before Dover magistrates on a charge of converting the money—£12/10/- to his own use.

Inspector Eydin, outlining the case, said that a Major Tedder was asked by Bowditch if he would like some asbestos for his proposed chicken farm. He was told that it was for sale in lots and the money was needed in advance.

Major Tedder handed £12/10/- over to the defendant, and received a receipt on a piece of paper. At the same time he asked for an official receipt from the British Railways, which he eventually received on an official form and signed "W. Hunt, W.O., Dover," dated 7/2/50.

On three or four occasions he asked when the asbestos would arrive, and was told by Tedder that the sale had not been authorised. Reading the local paper at a later date Major Tedder saw that Bowditch had been ordered by the Council to vacate his house for non-payment of rent.

He then went to the Railway Authorities, who said that no "W. Hunt" existed. The Railway Police were informed, who told the Dover Police. Det.-Cons. Bush stated that defendant had paid the back rent, but had still been evicted, and was now living at 34, Salisbury Road, with sixteen other relations.

In Court defendant, who pleaded guilty, said that he had used the money to pay the rent, and had now returned £5 of the money to Major Tedder. When Bowditch appeared before the Court again on Thursday, after reading a report from Mr. Hartley Horsfield (Senior Probation Officer), the Chairman (Mr. G. Golding) announced the magistrates' decision to place him on probation for two years.

FINE FOR "DISGUSTING BEHAVIOUR."

Telling his neighbours what he thought of them in language which was so vile and disgusting, and had used up to Dover magistrates Monday, cost Charles Marshall, 43-year-old labourer, of 3, Devonshire Road, a £2 fine when he appeared in Court on a charge of using obscene language to the annoyance of inhabitants, an offence against the century old Town Police Clauses Act.

The case arose, Police Inspector Piddock told the Bench, through a telephone message to the Police Station on July 29th, following which P.G. Rhodes went to the Devonshire Road area. The constable formed the opinion that there was a neighbours' quarrel in progress, and warned him to keep quiet.

When Insp. Piddock asked Marshall if he agreed that the list of expressions which he had been heard to use, was correct, Marshall protested that he couldn't see as he had not brought his glasses with him. After reading the list to him in an undertone, Insp. Piddock handed the list to the Bench.

When P.C. Rhodes went back to Marshall, concluded the Inspector, he ran inside his house, saying "You can't touch me." His wife answered the door, but when Marshall put his head round the door the constable told him he would be reported. Marshall answered "You are in league with the—'s over the road." There were young females in earshot when Marshall used the obscene language, and he appeared to be the worse for drink.

In evidence, Marshall made a long statement, in which he alleged that he was being scandalised by other people. Previous convictions proved against him were: in 1944 fined £10 for cruelty to children, and in 1946 fined 10/- for being drunk and disorderly.

Announcing the fine, the Chairman (Mr. G. Golding) told Marshall the Bench considered he was guilty of exceedingly disgusting behaviour, and that he could not put forward drink as an excuse.

Three new magistrates for Canterbury have been appointed—Mr. Gilbert H. G. Kennell (of the Canterbury firm of Auctioneers), Mr. Warwick E. Elvey (of the firm of printers) and Miss P. K. Aitken (worker for the Red Cross).

NON-STOP CAR TRAGEDY

THE CORONER'S SUMMING UP

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night with no moon. He found the pool of blood outside the house "See View," and fragments of glass—which he gave to Sgt. Lilliot—over an area from the pool of blood for a distance of 86 yards in the direction of Sandwich. He could find no skid or brake marks on the road. The road was 20ft. 6ins. wide.

Questioned by the Coroner about "Hope Cottage," the home of Miss Etheridge, P.C. Chappell said that "Hope Cottage" was in Napchester Road, a turning on the right hand side further along Sandwich Road towards Eastry. He estimated the turning was four to five hundred yards from the scene of the accident. The deceased's home "Kenwyn" was 62 yards on the Sandwhich side of the accident, so that had he been walking home he would have had his back towards Dover.

Inspector R. W. Piddock gave evidence that at 2.30 p.m. on August 10th, with P.Sgt. Lilliot, he examined Mr. Prescott's car in the warehouse yard of Messrs. Warren and Reynolds, and found slight damage to both nearside wings and the headlamp and a dent at the top of the windscreen pillar. The dent appeared to bear the impression of a fabric, and there were fibres adhering to it.

Having interviewed the owner, witness took the car to the Police Station yard, where small particles of glass were found on the nearside front wing. At 3.30 p.m. the same day he and Sgt. Lilliot went to 25, Priores Walk, where he saw Sidney Kelly. He told Kelly he was making enquiries respecting a serious accident the previous evening at Whitfield, where a man had been knocked down by a car, which had fallen to stop. Kelly then said "What has this to do with me?"

Witness said that his information was that he (Kelly) had borrowed a car the previous evening, and witness asked where he had been with the car. Kelly's explanation was that he had driven the car-owner, Mr. Prescott, to the Plaza about 9.30 p.m. There, he had been involved in a slight accident and had suffered damage to the nearside rear wing.

After that, he and Mr. Prescott, he said, went to the Metropole Bars, where they had two drinks each, after which they came out, and he (Kelly) took the car, picked up a friend, and went down on to the Sea Front.

"I TOLD LIES" Inspector Piddock said he questioned Kelly further, and he later said, "I did not go to Whitfield." The questioning was taken up by Det.-Sergt. Lilliot, but Kelly continued to deny going to Whitfield, and said he had taken a friend in the car up to the lane by Charlton Cemetery. He was asked to give the name of the friend, but refused. He said he later took the car back, and met Mr. Prescott as arranged about 10.30 p.m. He refused to say anything further.

Continuing inquiries, about 7.45 p.m. the same day witness and Sgt. Lilliot saw, and took a statement from Miss Etheridge. Witness then saw Kelly again, in the Metropole Bars. He was asked to go out into Cannon Street, where all sat in the Police car. Witness cautioned Kelly and told him he had found his friend, Sister Etheridge, and asked whether he wished to say anything further.

Kelly replied, "The story I told you this afternoon was lies." He was invited to make a statement, but said he had had a few beers and did not consider it fair that he should make a statement at that time. Witness agreed with him, and arranging that Kelly should call at the Police Station the following morning.

This he did, accompanied by his solicitor. He was cautioned, and made and signed a statement. The statement described meeting Mr. Prescott in the Oddfellows, and the visit to the Metropole Bars. Concerning the journey to Whitfield, the statement said that in coming up Crabble Hill he found that the dipper switch did not operate. This meant that he had to drive with only side lights when approaching on-coming traffic.

"I went to the top of Whitfield Hill," the statement read, "and along the main Dover to Sandwich road, and turned to the right at the first cross-roads. I think the road is called Napchester Road. I visited a friend about 400 yards down the road and arrived at approximately 10 p.m."

"I stayed about half-an-hour, and then returned to Dover. I did not serve violently nor did I hear breaking glass. I have no knowledge of any damage except that to the rear wing. I have been driving 22 years, and hold a clean licence. As far as I am aware, I did not strike anything on the road either on the outward or inward journey."

Answering Mr. Mitchison, Inspector Piddock said that Kelly's explanation for telling lies when first interviewed was that he was a married man, and his wife knew that in the past he had had an association with a girl at Whitfield. He said he was afraid that, if his wife knew he had been to Whitfield she would immediately think he had been seeing that girl again.

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the split second I gave myself to think about it, I thought—Sister Etheridge, my wife—that is a sort of decision a man in the agony of the moment might take, and I should have left a good deal of sympathy for him.

"But that is not the case. The case presented by the man most concerned is: I did not know. Accept that evidence for the purpose of this inquiry and I think you would be entitled to draw the inference that he was driving with such a reckless disregard for human life and safety that these terrible things could happen to his car without him knowing."

Mr. Johnson warned the jury to do nothing out of resentment or indignation against driver, and if they decided it was manslaughter they would not have committed their duty. It would be the Coroner's duty then to put the man on his trial at the next Assizes.

The jury, which included two women, were half an hour considering their verdict, and the foreman announced that they were unanimous that Mr. Prescott's death resulted from a collision with a car driven by Kelly in such a manner as to constitute reckless disregard of life.

The Coroner said he would have to sign a warrant for committal to the next Assizes, but he would endorse it for bail. Mr. Mitchison said he had a surety in Mr. Prescott, who had given evidence in the case.

The Coroner then bound over Kelly in the sum of £50 and Mr. Prescott in a like amount, to ensure Kelly's appearance for trial.

INCREASED WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS

Figures just issued by the Borough Engineer's Department show that 45 tons of waste paper were collected during July, a considerable advance on recent figures. The returns for August are also maintaining a high tonnage, and whilst these results are gratifying there is no cause for complacency.

Every piece of waste paper, cardboard, etc., that can be saved, should be put out for collection. No doubt it is an urgently needed raw material but a means of helping the rate.

A BEACHY HEAD RESCUE

A Dover motor-boat, which broke down on Monday on Beachy Head while towing a yacht from Sandwich to Newhaven, was towed to Newhaven by the Newhaven life-boat.

The motor-boat, the "Providence," with Mr. C. Burville and Mr. J. Wolfe aboard, was towing the yacht when the engine failed and both vessels began to drift towards the shore. Newhaven life-boat put out and towed both vessels to harbour.

DOVER MOTOR-CYCLE CLUB

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Club room on Monday last, Mr. J. Clarke organising the event. Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. F. Taylor, Mr. J. Payne, Mr. J. Taylor, the young members are putting on a Mystery Hunt for Sunday, meeting at Buckland Hill at 2 p.m. It is hoped members will support this effort, made by the Club, on Monday evening there will be a routine Hunt organised by Mr. A. H. Hill, leaving Club room at 7.45 p.m. Basket Ball practice on Thursday evening (meet Market Square, 7.15 p.m.).

ROWING CLUB AT DEAL

Dover Rowing Club Junior forces failed to repeat their recent successes when they competed at Deal Regatta on Wednesday. After a very hard race, they failed to gain a place. The Novices showed improved form and were most unfortunate not to gain a place. At this rate they should soon improve their status. The Junior pair gained fourth position, though handicapped by a broken foot-peg and in the time trials were again twice during the race Crews were as follows:—Novice Four—J. Penfold, L. Smith, W. Sheppard, R. Stokes, J. Wilson (stroke), L. Tems (cox); Junior Four—R. Kemp, W. Wilson, D. Marsh, R. Greenbridge (stroke), L. Tems (cox); Junior Pair—D. Marsn, R. Greenbridge. The Club will again be represented at Folkestone on Sunday.

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUB

The Club outing took place on Wednesday, a very enjoyable time being spent on a circular route via Folkestone and Appledram, and on to the "Western Heights" where tea was taken. The return was made through Ashford, Chilham and Canterbury. Thanks are due to Mr. Sparrow and the Committee who made this event such a success.