

District News

FARNDON.

Real Collage. Wed. a matron-of-honour and two bridesmaids were in attendance when the marriage took place at St. Peter's Church, Farndon, on Monday morning, of Miss Sadie Margaret Sleeman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sleeman, "Hazelmere," Farndon Road, Newark, and Mr. James Ernest Pogson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pogson, 24 Warwick Road, Balderton. Both bride and groom are in the L.N.E.R.'s Newark staff, and Mr. Pogson is home instructor to the 1260 Newark and District Squadron of the A.T.C. Given away by her father, the bride was attired in a white satin gown, with orange blossom coronet and veil, and carried a bouquet of roses. The matron of honour, Mrs. C. Collin (sister of the bridegroom) and bridesmaids, Miss Muriel Sleeman and Olive Sleeman (sisters of the bride), all wore white over white with satin, trimmed with rainbow-hung bows, and floral halo headresses, and had bouquets of sweet peas. Mr. C. Harris, a friend of the bridegroom, undertook the duties of best man, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. P. Hawking. Little Mollie Sleeman, her sister, presented the bride with two silver bells as she left the church for the reception, which about 50 guests attended. Mr. and Mrs. Pogson are spending their honeymoon in Whitby, and will be travelling in a check costume. The future home will be at "Hazelmere," Farndon Road, Newark.

Help for Hospital.—Mr. T. R. Rusby, Farndon Horticultural Society's secretary, is once again this year carrying out a six-weeks collection of fruit and vegetables for patients in Newark Hospital, and at the week-end will take his fourth consignment. There is an urgent need at the Hospital for these, and people who have any to spare—however small the quantity—would be assisting a commendable effort if they sent their gifts to Mr. Rusby, Marine Lane, Farndon, or forwarded their name and address, when arrangements would be made for collection. Green vegetables are essential for diabetes. Some idea of the food which is required may be gained from the following list, which comprised Mr. Rusby's first instalment:—Apples, carrots, peas, beans, onions, shallots, potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, egg, cucumbers, rhubarb, beetroot, lettuce, sage, thyme, parsley, mint.

Red Cross.—So many requests have been made for more social, at the W.L.A. Hostel that they were resumed yesterday week, instead of in the autumn, as was planned. A whist drive is being held each Tuesday at the Y.V.C.A., and the winners at the first, which was attended, were:—Ladies: 1. Mrs. Fell; 2. Mrs. Tow; 3. Mrs. Sauby. Gents: 1. Cpl. Greedy; 2. Mrs. White; 3. Pte. Hill. Mr. Bryant won cigarettes in a competition, and Mrs. K. White cakes. Mr. Greenaway was runner-up.

Red Cross Collection.—The total amount given by Farndon people in July for the Red Cross Fund was £11 18s.

James Hopkinson and Sons, Cliff Nook Works, Newark. The monthly meeting was held yesterday.

FINED FOR BEING ABSENT FROM HOME GUARD PARADES

CARLTON FARM WORKER

SEVERE CENSURE BY BENCH

STRONG criticism of a young farm worker's action in absenting himself from Home Guard parades was made by the Chairman of the County Police Court (Col. H. Thorpe, D.S.O.) on Wednesday.

Before the Court was John Goff (21), of Carlton-on-Trent, who pleaded guilty to being absent from parades on June 17th, 20th, 24th, and 27th.

Goff said he had volunteered three times for the Services. "I am willing to fight for my country," he told the Bench. "They won't have me, so why should I be in the Home Guard?"

In a statement alleged to have been made by Goff to the police, he said, "Why should I do duty, when other young men in the village are not doing it? Anyway, I'm fed up."

"Not Your Choice."

Fining Goff £1 on each charge, and ordering him to pay 25s costs, the Chairman said:

"This is a most serious offence. It is not for you to choose in what way you serve your country. The country has decided that you will be of most use on the land, and doing some duty with the Home Guard is for yourself in the event of invasion. You have taken it upon yourself to be absent from parades. If it wasn't for the fact that they are working on the land, the Bench would not have hesitated a moment to send you to prison. You will be given six weeks to pay, and don't let this thing happen again. Even though the men fighting in Sicily and elsewhere are tired, they have got to go on with it, and you have got to do the same."

After giving the facts of the case, Supt. E. Burley, who prosecuted for the military authorities, said it was because defendant was working on the land that he was not in the Army. His attendance at Home Guard parades had been bad, and towards the end of 1942 he decided to "chuck it up" altogether. Despite frequent warnings by his Platoon Commander, he had attended two parades only this year—on March 8th and 11th.

His Work Considered.

"Defendant was engaged to do 48 hours' duty a month," said Supt. Burley, "but he was not bound to do it because of his work. Notices informing him of the parades concerned in the charges were sent by registered post, but he did not attend."

LONG BENNINGTON.

Women's Institute.—The monthly meeting was held yesterday.

BALDERTON

Open-air Social.

The garden of "The Homestead" provided an attractive setting for an open-air social on Thursday by Mrs. J. R. Hole for the benefit of the Merchant Navy Service. £12 was raised. Mrs. Glazebrook was M.C. for whist, and the winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Watson; 2. Mrs. Phillips; 3. Mrs. Ghent. Lowest score, Miss M. Wadsworth; Gents: 1. Mr. Barber; 2. Mr. Harper; 3. Mr. Whitehead; lowest score, Mrs. Snushall (p.a.g.). In competitions, for which the Rev. Grew drew prizes, those successful were: Mr. E. K. Marsland (shawl), Mrs. Glazebrook (cake), Mr. R. Baxter and Mrs. Bellamy. There was a session for a gold medal given by Mrs. Hole. The Mayor acknowledges with thanks the £12 for the Merchant Navy Comforts Fund.

Red Cross.

From the July house-to-house collection, a total of £18 19 11 was obtained.

W.V.S. Worker's Death.

The funeral took place at Newark Cemetery yesterday week of Mrs. Sarah Ethel Daubney, of 87 London Road, New Balderton, a member of Newark Centre of the W.V.S. The deceased lady was 60, and was a native of Farndon. The committal was conducted by the Vicar of Balderton (Rev. W. H. Grew), and the chief mourners were: Mr. R. E. Daubney (husband); Mrs. Asher, Dunkirk (daughter); Miss D. Daubney (daughter) and Mr. P. R. Daubney, Peterborough (son); Miss H. J. Daubney (daughter); Mrs. Schright (daughter) and Mrs. E. Leam (daughter); Mr. D. Sebright and Mr. E. Asher (sons-in-law); Mr. E. Leam (son-in-law) and Mr. T. Rusby, Farnon (brother); Mr. and Mrs. F. Rusby, Farnon (brother and sister-in-law); Mrs. J. Morley, Farnon (sister); Mrs. W. Southern, Long Bennington (niece); and Mr. S. F. Astill (friend).

Church Activities.

Balderton Church Youth Fellowship held the last meeting yesterday week, until September 14th. The Mothers' Union will also resume meetings during this month.

FRUIT PRESERVING

PLAN YOUR JAM AND BOTTLED FRUIT.

Here are some useful guiding rules put forward by the Stork Marketing Co. Service in two leaflets issued by the approval of the Ministry of Food to help housewives to lay their plans well.

Reckon carefully how much sugar you will have to spare and how you want to apportion it. Carefully between jam and bottled fruit, and finally between the various sorts of fruit, likely to be available for both purposes. How far the latter plan is feasible now depends largely, of course, on whether you grow your own fruit or are dependent upon the shops.

Concentrate on quality rather than quantity of jam. Don't

Evidence will be given that defendant finished work in time to be present at the parades, and that his employer arranged for him to cease work early."

Defendants had not even taken the trouble to reply to the notices sent by registered post, and made no explanation to his Platoon Commander.

"The attendances of the other Home Guards in the area have been very good indeed with the exception of defendant," said Supt. Burley. "He is having a bad influence on the other young men, because they do not see why they should attend parades when defendant is getting away with this sort of thing."

Missed 4 Parades.

Lieut. Vernon L. Morley, defendant's Platoon Commander, said Goff joined the Home Guard in May 1941. He had been told what he had to do, and the number of parades he had to attend.

"His attendance had been very poor," said witness. "When I interviewed him he said he had been sick and had worked overtime. When he did not turn up at the parades I saw his employer, who told me the defendant had not been working overtime at the time of the parades missed in the charges."

From the beginning of 1943, Goff's last attendance had been on March 11th. There had been no parades since then, and Goff had been absent from every one. On June 15th witness posted to Goff by registered post notice of parades on the 17th, 20th, 24th, and 27th. He did not receive any reply. In consequence, he and Sergeant Toone again interviewed defendant. Asked why he had not attended and not replied to the notices, defendant said, "Why should I do duty when other young men in the village are not doing it? Anyway, I'm fed up."

Bad Effect On Others.

Lieut. Morley said that arrangements had been made to fit in the times of the parades with the spare time of the agricultural worker. Defendant's absence were definitely having a bad effect upon the other young men in the area, and the number of the Platoon had fallen. Witness attributed this falling off to Goff's conduct.

John Davenport, farmer, and employer of Goff, said defendant finished work in plenty of time to attend the parades on the dates in the notices.

The Chairman: Has defendant worked any overtime at all?—Yes, but not on the Home Guard nights.

Supt. Burley: When defendant has to go on duty, you make all arrangements necessary to allow him to attend?—Yes.

Re-called, Lieut. Morley said the decline in defendant's absence began at the end of last year. Before that, there had been no complaint to make, and his attendances had been good.

ACCIDENT NOT REPORTED.

ACCOUNTANT MOTORIST.