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Disastrous Deddington Fire

Timber Yard Gutted in All-Night Blaze

FAMILIES LEAVE THEIR HOMES WHEN THATCHED COTTAGES BECOME ENDANGERED

An R.A.F. plane, diving low over Deddington, was the first warning inhabitants had of the disastrous fire which broke out in Johnson's Timber Yard shortly before midnight on Monday. Hearing the rear of the aeroplane and alarmed by the glow of the fire, several people at first thought there had been an enemy air raid.

Mrs. Hodges, wife of Dr. Hodges, whose property abuts on to the timber yard, was awakened by the roar of the flames and gave the first alarm.

Banbury Fire Brigade received the call about 11.42 p.m., and within twenty minutes were on the scene and at work.

As they breasted the Oxford Road they could see the glow of the fire, which lit up the whole countryside.

Deddington Fire Brigade had just arrived and with the aid of hydrants concentrated on preventing the fire from spreading to the roofs of thatched cottages in the vicinity.

Burning embers, however, carried by the wind, placed these buildings in constant danger, and in spite of the efforts of the Brigade the roof of a cottage owned by Mr. Callow became ignited, and the thatch had to be stripped.

In Philcote Street inhabitants were warned to leave their houses, and this they did, taking their furniture and belongings with them.

The heat from the fire was so intense that two wings of Dr. Hodges' house became ignited.

Fanned by the wind, the flames travelled through the roof of the house and into an area at the back. The front of the house was badly burned and a dispensary and contents on the ground floor destroyed.

Had it not been for the prompt action of Banbury firemen, who played three jets on the blaze from an underground tank in the Market Square, the whole property would have been destroyed.

Valuable assistance came from the villagers, who helped carry the contents of the house to safety in the Wesleyan Chapel.

With their first engine in action, Banbury firemen spent a tremendous amount of time in safeguarding the adjoining property.

A call was put through to the Borough Auxiliary Fire Service, and in a short space of time they were on the scene with further equipment and a trailer pump. This was set in motion and from a pond in the grounds of Castle House, Deddington, water was pumped to replenish the underground tank in the Market Square.

Later, in response to a further message, an additional squad of Auxiliary Firemen with another pump arrived.

Within one hour of their arrival the Fire Brigade had arrested the flames.

SCENE OF DEVASTATION

Daylight broke to reveal a scene of utter devastation. Nothing in the yard had escaped the flames, and steel girders, lay twisted by the intense heat into grotesque shapes.

The fire is believed to have started in a timber store, for it was from this direction that the wind carried the flames.

This building, in which were found the remains of a motor lorry, was used as a store for a considerable quantity of timber and other builders' materials.

Nothing was left standing and the steel stanchions used in its construction were reduced to a pile of twisted metal among the debris.

Aided by the wind, the flames then attacked a two-storey building used as an office and hardware store, and all that was left were the charred and twisted remains of the safes.

Dr. Hodge's house became endangered when the machine shop, containing electrically driven saw benches and stores, became ignited.

The Brigade's efforts to safeguard the house and localise the blaze were assisted, however, by the thick wall which separates the property. Against this wall was a 500 gallon underground petrol tank and fortunately, owing to the prompt action of the Brigade, this did not explode.

After calling Banbury Fire Brigade Mr. Hodges got in touch with Deddington Police.

Shortly before receiving the call Banbury Fire Brigade had returned to the station from a drill at Heyford and on their return journey passed through Deddington.

Their equipment included a Dennis fire engine and Morris tender and a trailer pump. As stated above, they were later reinforced by two squads of auxiliary firemen who attended with pumps.

Chief Officer F. Anker was in charge of the operations, assisted by Second Officer F. G. Colbert; Engineer E. A. Thornett, and Firemen F. H. Anker, W. Boswell, G. D. Braggins, W. G. Cheney, J. H. Davies, G. H. Dawson, J. A. Harris, B. Hayden, G. Humphries, H. E. Sanderson and O. Wilkinson.

Deddington Fire Brigade fought the blaze with a manual attached to a motor lorry. Eight men on either side worked the pump handles, and water was pumped from dam filled by a street hydrant.

It was not until between 8 and 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning that the flames had sufficiently diminished to enable the personnel to examine the wreckage.

Their 12-hour fire-fighting spell ended at just before 12 o'clock, when they returned to the station.

Very little of the adjacent property entirely escaped from the conflagration, and in Mr. French's garden, which abuts on to the timber store, several fruit trees were scorched.

Although the exact figure is not known, the amount of damage done will run into a considerable figure.

The timber yard had only been erected from 18 months to two years.

Banbury Couple Wed

FRANKLIN—CURTIS

The marriage of Mr. Wallace Franklin, of 107, Bloxham Road, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Franklin, to Miss Phyllis Constance Curtis, of 97, Bloxham Road, Banbury, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Curtis, was solemnised by the Rev. S. A. C. Dickins at St. Mary's on Saturday.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle-length dress of white slipper satin, a coronet of orange blossom with embroidered veil and white satin shoes. She carried a bouquet of white lilies and wore a string of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom.

Her bridesmaid, were Miss Moira Chaplin and Miss Phyllis M. Chaplin (cousins), and Miss Joan B. Newsan (friend).

The chief bridesmaid wore an ankle-length dress of mauve taffeta with headdress to match and silver shoes and carried pink tulips, while the small attendants wore ankle-length dresses of pink taffeta, with headdresses to tone and silver shoes. They carried posies of mixed anemones. All wore bracelets, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mr. Frederick Franklin (brother of the bridegroom) was best man.

Forty guests were entertained at the reception held at Wimotts Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin are to reside at 7, Springfield Avenue, Easington.

The wedding dress was supplied by Mrs. Austin.

Dead Beside Hayrick

GAMEKEEPER'S DISCOVERY OF BODY AT UPTON

The body of a man aged about 35 was discovered by Mr. Edwin Haydon, of Sunrising Cottages, Lower Tysoe, a gamekeeper in the employ of Lord Bearstead, beside a hayrick in a field adjoining the Banbury Road at Upton, Rattey, on Sunday morning.

The body, that of a Stratford man, was seen by Dr. J. N. Webster, Director of the West Midland Forensic Laboratories, who conducted a post mortem examination, and the inquest is to be held at Lord Bearstead's stud groom's house on the Upton estate tomorrow at 2.30.

FLYING CLUB.

Members of Banbury Central Flying Club are asked to note that a meeting will be held at headquarters on Friday, April 26th, at 7.30 p.m., to arrange for the following week's race programme.

Sinking Barge Refloated

CALL TO BANBURY FIREMEN AFTER 12-HOUR FIRE-FIGHTING SPELL.

Soon after their return from a 12-hour fire fighting spell at Deddington, Banbury Fire Brigade were called out on Tuesday morning to pump dry a coal barge which had sunk in the Old Canal Wharf, Banbury.

The barge, which belonged to S. E. Barlow, of Tamworth, was carrying about 25 tons of coal and this was being unloaded at the Old Canal Wharf.

About half had been removed, but during the absence of the workmen the barge began to sink by the bows and by the time they returned only a portion of the stern and living quarters were visible.

The workmen immediately commenced bailing operations, but in spite of their efforts the barge continued to sink.

Banbury Fire Brigade were called to the scene, and after they had pumped the barge free of water it was refloated.

Later the work of unloading was completed.

NEXT SUNDAY'S CONCERT BY THE STRING PLAYERS.

An attractive programme has been arranged by the Banbury String Players for the concert to be held at the Grand Theatre at 8.15 p.m. on Sunday. Proceeds will be in aid of the Red Cross Society. Miss Dorothy Robason will be conducting, assisted by Miss Marjorie Robeson (soprano), Mr. J. E. Owen (tenor), and the accompanists Miss Ena Grubb and Mr. Kenneth Cave. The reputation which the String Players have earned ensures to all who attend a most enjoyable evening.

HORTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Week ending April 22nd. Patients admitted 22, discharged 24, remaining in the house 49. Surgeon for next week, Dr. Wells.

Matron acknowledges with grateful thanks the following gifts: Magazines, Mrs. Perkins, Miss Henksman, Mrs. A. Shilson, Mrs. Coggins, Miss Morby, Mrs. Illingworth, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. K. Calcutt, Mrs. J. T. Mawle; tinfoil, Bridget Turner, St. Leonard's Infant School, Kenneth Wells, Miss Kirby, Mrs. Butler, Peter and Mabel Berry, Michael Ponsonby, Anon; toys, Anon; jar of maltogen, Mrs. Viggars; stamps, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Boneham, Anon; books and tinfoil, Miss Savage; apples, Mrs. Wadland; Energen bread, Mrs. Seckington; gramophone records, Mrs. Jones; earphones, Mrs. R. Fox; tea, King's Sutton (Anon); tinfoil and farthings, "Banbury Advertiser" Fairy Sparkles.

DUNS TEW WHIST DRIVE

The annual whist drive of the Duns Tew Branch of the Conservative Association was held in the Village Hall, Worton, on Friday, and was very well attended. Prizes were kindly given by Lady Dashwood, Mrs. J. V. Taylor, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Hacon and Mrs. Ballard, and were awarded as follows: Ladies:—1, Mr. Glyn Cox (playing as a lady); 2, Mrs. Gillian; 3rd, Mrs. Simons; lucky number, Miss P. Cole. Gentlemen:—1, Mr. M. Cox; 2, Mr. E. Cole; 3, Mr. G. Waddup; lucky number, Mr. G. H. Bliss.

The refreshments were all given, Colonel and Mrs. Ballard being principally responsible for the arrangements. Sir James and Lady Fitzroy Simons were present and the Member made a short speech, concluding by thanking the organizers.

ALLEGED THEFT FROM BANBURY HOTEL.

FORMER EMPLOYEE REMANDED IN CUSTODY

At a Special Police Court at Banbury on Friday morning, Robert Dawson, aged 21, of no fixed abode, described as a kitchen porter, and formerly employed at the Whateley Hall Hotel, appeared in custody charged with stealing £4 5s., monies of two fellow employees, Mr. Ernie Aughton, of 11 Centre Street, and Miss Norah Hall, who lives at the Hotel, between April 17th and 18th.

P.S. Scrogys said that at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday he was summoned to the Whateley Hall Hotel, and in the living room saw a sideboard, the lock of which had been forced. It was reported to him that a sum of £4 5s. was missing from a cash box in the side-board. At 2.30 that afternoon he interviewed Dawson and brought him to the Police Station.

Dawson, he said, had 15s. 6½d. in his possession and, on being cautioned, admitted the theft.

On the application of Supt. Hodges, Dawson was remanded in custody until April 29th.

A.R.P. Operations in Banbury Next Sunday

NO SIRENS BUT DETONATIONS MAY BE HEARD.

ADVICE TO PUBLIC.

As a further step in developing the Civil Defence Services, regional exercises are to be held on Sunday next, April 28th. These will involve A.R.P. and other services over a large part of Southern England and the Banbury area to a very considerable extent. Action in Banbury is expected between 2.30 to 5 p.m.

The precise nature of the operations is a secret, as advance information would destroy the value of the exercise for those participating. We are able to say, however, that the sirens will not be used to sound the warning, but detonations will be heard and smoke and fire may be observed. Persons hearing and seeing these should not be alarmed.

It is probable that about 1,000 persons and 100 vehicles will be taking part, reinforcements being called here from other areas.

These facts give some indication of the magnitude of the exercise, and we are specially desired to ask for the co-operation of the public. Persons not involved can best help by remaining indoors. If they wish to go out walking they are requested to go away from the built-up portion of the borough rather than walk through or about the town.

Persons with vehicles who may be tempted to tour the town to see what is going on are asked not to do so. Such action can only lead to congestion on the roads, increasing the risk of accident as well as producing conditions which would not obtain in an actual raid.

The utility of the exercise must not be jeopardized by thoughtless or curious persons gathering at the scenes of the incidents, and any persons who do so congregate may expect to be firmly if politely requested to move on, either by the Regular or Special Constabulary.

It should be remembered that the persons engaged in the exercise are giving their time and energy in order to perfect a system of protection for the public and the public are asked to co-operate as fully as possible?

It may be necessary at any time during the operations to close any road or street to pedestrians or to divert traffic, and as this action will be in the interest of public safety all residents should co-operate by obeying any instructions given by officials on duty.

INJURED WHILE AT PLAY.

11-YEAR-OLD BOY'S FALL FROM SWING.

In a fall from a swing in the station recreation ground during the week-end, Maurice Clark, aged 14, of 23, Cherwell Street, Banbury, fractured his ankle.

He was given first aid treatment and taken home, but was later removed to the Horton General Hospital.

FUNERAL OF MR. A. BECKETT.

The funeral of Mr. Alfred P. Beckett, of Cherwell Terrace, Banbury, a former Corporation employee, whose death at the Horton General Hospital, following an operation, at the age of 73, was reported last week, took place on Wednesday, a service at Christ Church, Broad Street, preceding the interment at the cemetery.

Chief mourners were: George and Lil (son and daughter), Dick and Nell (son and daughter), Joe and Ive (son and daughter), Horace and Doll (son and daughter), Daisy and Edie (daughters), Tom and Annie (son and daughter), Mary and May (daughters), John and Liz (son-in-law and daughter-in-law), Eva and Annie (daughters-in-law), Ern and Charlie (sons-in-law), Bill and Lou (brother and sister-in-law), and several of his workmates.

Wreaths were sent by: Gwen, May and family; Dick, Ena and grandchildren; Ive, Charlie and family; Dais, Freddie and family; Horace and Liz; Phillip, Brian (grandchildren); Ede, John and family; Annie, Bill and family; Lil, Ern and family; Tom; Sid Mary, Charlie and family; Jim and family; Nance, Albert and family; Nell and Will; Doll and grandchildren; Uncle Bill and Aunt Lou; Mrs. Mawle and family; Mrs. Eaglestone, Percy and Lily; Mr. and Mrs. Frost and family; from Friends and Neighbours; Mr. and Mrs. Callow; Old Age Pensioners and Workmates; Dick Dunn.

Grimsbury Wedding

PARSONS—PITT.

At St. Leonard's Church on Saturday, Miss Dulcie Mary Pitt, third daughter of Mr. G. Pitt, of 52, Centre Street, Grimsbury, was married to Mr. C. Parsons, third son of Mr. F. Parsons, of Upper Boddington, near Rugby, Warwickshire.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Humphrey) officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of pale blue velvet, with wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations.

Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Moth, as a matron of honour, and she was attired in a frock of gold taffeta and wore a gold bracelet and carried a shower bouquet of mauve iris.

The best man was Mr. W. Parsons (brother of the bridegroom).

Forty-three guests attended the reception, which was held at the bride's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, who were the recipients of a large number of handsome and useful presents, are to make their future home at 42, Orchard Way Estate, Warwick Road, Banbury.

Wedding dresses were supplied by Mrs. Austin, Bridge Street, Banbury.

16-YEAR-OLD BOY CHARGED.

ALLEGED THEFT AT BLOXHAM.

Charged with stealing a 16-bore shot gun, 100 cartridges and a leather cartridge case, valued at £6 10s., a 16-year-old boy appeared before the Rev. H. W. Bradford (chairman) and Mrs. M. W. Edmunds at a Special Juvenile Court, held at Banbury on Tuesday.

P.S. Bliss said that on April 22nd, in consequence of a complaint received from the boy's employers, he saw defendant, who had in his possession a suitcase containing a 16-bore shot gun and a brown leather cartridge case containing 100 cartridges. Defendant was brought to Banbury Police Station, where he was cautioned and charged with the theft.

In a statement at the Police Station defendant admitted stealing the articles and said he intended to sell the gun.

He was remanded until next Wednesday and sent to a Remand Home at Oxford.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM F. COULTHARD.

The death occurred at Saffron Walden on April 14th of Mr. William F. Coulthard, a former assistant overseer and rate collector for the Borough of Banbury. He was 83 years of age.

When in Banbury Mr. Coulthard lived in West Street. He was a trustee of several Methodist Chapels in the Banbury Circuit and secretary of Grimsbury Methodist Sunday School for over 30 years.

The funeral took place at Saffron Walden on Thursday. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters, one son having been killed in the Great War, 1914-1918.

BANBURY TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD.

Banbury Townswomen's Guild met last Friday in the Unitarian School-room, Mrs. Penrose presided and an interesting talk was given on "Fruit and vegetable preserving in war time" by Mrs. Masters, of Oxford, who is an old friend of the Guild, having been here before, and her talks are always most useful and her experiences most entertaining.

Members have always been keen supporters of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and at Friday's meeting several volunteered to help on the flag day to be held in Banbury on May 9th, which is being organised by Mrs. D. Braggins.

The next meeting will be on May 17th, when Mr. Sewell will speak on "Woman in the new China."

No. 25 (BANBURY) SQUADRON

ORDERS FOR WEEK

Friday, April 26th, at 7.15 p.m.—Drill in uniform.

Monday, April 29th, at 7.45 p.m.—Morse telegraphy.

Tuesday, April 30th, at 7.15 p.m.—Instruction on the aero-engine.

By order, Sqdn. Cmdr.

Flt. Lieut. Grierson, R.A.F., is now attached to the Squadron for instructional purposes.

Aluminium Worker's Fatal Injuries

When he became trapped in a coil of aluminium, an operator in the strip mill at the Northern Aluminium Company, Mr. Charles Henry Frost (25), of 49, Howard Road, Banbury, received head injuries and severe arm and chest injuries on Tuesday night.

He was attended by the first aid staff at the Company's works hospital and a doctor was summoned. Later he was taken to the Horton General Hospital, where he died shortly after admission.

Frost, who was a single man, had been at work only a short time when the accident occurred. He had been in the Company's employ for three-and-a-half years.

The inquest has been fixed for 10 a.m. on Saturday.

ST. DUNSTAN'S COLLECTION.

Following are the details of the St. Dunstan's collection in Banbury, organised by the Mayoress (Mrs. H. S. Lester).

Mrs. Anker, Bloxham Road, £1 11s. 7d.; Aluminium Company, £4 16s.; Mrs. D. Braggins, High Town Road, Fair View Road, Calthorpe Road, £2 0s. 7d.; Mrs. Boscott, Edward Street and Howard Road, 12s. 6d.; Miss F. Braggins, Windsor Street and Terrace, Factory Street, Britannia Road, £2 6s. 5d.; Miss Baldwin and Miss Deaky, King's Road, £1 3s. 3d.; Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Hook and Miss Duff, Oxford Road, £1 5s. 2½d.; Mrs. Heard, West Street Estate, Fergusson Road, 15s. 11½d.; Mrs. Bolton, North Bar, £1 7s. 6½d.; Mrs. Baldwin, Park Road, £1 3s.; Mrs. Briggs, Centre Street, 15s. 9d.; Mrs. Cattell, Bear Gardens, Milton Street, Woodstock Terrace, £1 10s. 3d.; Mrs. Carter, Gatteridge Street, 13s. 10d.; The Coach and Horses (per Mrs. Crisp), 10s. 10d.; The Cricketers (per Mr. Dancy), 1s. 9½d.; Mrs. Davis, North Street and East Street, £1 3s. 8d.; Mrs. Drayton and Mrs. Berry, Causeway, Merton Street, £2 17s. 3d.; Mrs. Eeles, Springfield Avenue, £2 14s. 8d.; Mrs. England, Castle Street East and West, £1 6s. 7d.; Mrs. Ellacott, Bloxham Road, £1 10s. 5d.; Mrs. Easter, Prospect Road, 10s. 3½d.; Mrs. Faithorn, Bath Road, Hilton Road and Estate, £3 17s. 9d.; Fleur de Lys (per Mrs. Mathews), 2s.; Mrs. Fisher, Cherwell Street, £1 1s.; Mrs. Guest, Grimsbury Square, 19s. 6½d.; Mrs. Grubb, Calthorpe Street and Gardens, £1 2s. 11½d.; Mrs. Grace, Bridge Street, £1 10s. 4½d.; Mrs. Gardiner, Warwick Road, 13s. 6½d.; Mrs. Gibbs, School View and Avenue Road, 15s. 7d.; Mrs. Herbert, West Street, £2 3s. 7d.; Mrs. Harris, Old Grimsbury Road, 16s. 7d.; Mrs. K. Jakeman, Horsefair, 12s. 2d.; Mrs. Jackson, Cromwell Road, £1 14s. 9d.; Mrs. Knight, Parsons Street, Cornhill, Market Place, £2 3s. 7d.; Mrs. Lampitt, Broad Street, £1 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Langford, Easington Road, 19s. 9½d.; Miss Lester, Gibbs Road, 3s. 5½d.; The Leathern Bottle (per A. Luckett), 3s. 5d.; Mrs. Mills, West Bar, £1 4s. 8d.; Mrs. Mumford, part Middleton Road, 15s. 11d.; Mrs. Martin, Grange Road and Farnfield Road, £1 7s. 7d.; Miss Neville, Southam Road, Cope Road and Square, 16s. 8½d.; Mrs. Perkins, South Bar, £2 6s. 9½d.; Mrs. Simmonds, Duke Street, 6s. 9½d.; Mrs. Segar, Albert Street, 12s. 5d.; Miss Stevens, Marlborough Road and Place, £1 2s. 9d.; Switchgear and Equipment (per Mr. Hope), £1 6s. 10d.; Mrs. Stevens, High Street, £3 2s. 11½d.; Mrs. Turner, Newland, 11s. 8½d.; Miss P. Trolley, Dashwood Road and Terrace, £1 1s. 1½d.; Mrs. Tyrell, Queen's Road, £2 17s. 2d.; Mrs. Titcombe, Horton View and Wykham Square, £1 17s. 10½d.; Mrs. Tooley, Cromwell Road, 3s. 9½d.; Mrs. Varnum, part Middleton Road, £1 16s. 5d.; Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Gillett, Broughton Road, £1 16s. 5½d.; White Horse (per Chas. Hunt), 10d.; total, £77 11s. 11½d.

MILITARY WHIST TEA.

A successful military whist tea, arranged by the Christ Church Working Party, was held in the Christ Church Hall on Tuesday, when 20 tables were in play. Table 5, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Boomgdon and Mrs. Osborne, were 1st with 29 points; table 13, Misses Stevens, M. Robeson, Abbotts, and S. A. Smith, were 2nd with 28 points; tables 8 and 15, Mesdames N. Clifton, Walker, Edwin Cambridge, Johnson, Randle, Danks and Miss Bearsley, were 3rd with 25 points. Prizes and refreshments were given by Mrs. Abbotts, Mrs. C. C. Goodway, Mrs. Collingridge, Mrs. Easter, Mrs. Grubb, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Powell, sen., and Mrs. Powell, jun., Mrs. Sones, Mrs. Slade, sen., and Mrs. Slade, jun., Mrs. Wrighton. The competition was won by Mrs. Rooney. Mrs. R. H. Bowkett was M.C.

VISITORS ALLOWED AT THE HOSPITAL

Only from 2 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. ON SUNDAY

Owing to A.R.P. Exercises.

SPRING IS HERE!—See Adkins and Sons' Show of Pot Plants and Cut Blooms.—Grimsbury Nurseries and Market Stall.

Cropredy Wedding

The wedding took place at the Methodist Church, Cropredy, on Saturday, of Mr. T. Houseman, of Wem, Shropshire, and Miss E. M. Bonham, daughter of Mr. J. W. Bonham, of Cropredy.

The Rev. Alfred Bateson officiated, and Mr. J. H. Bonham, brother of the bride, was at the organ.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a floral silk dress, with blue matching edge to edge coat. She carried a bouquet of tulips, narcissi and blue irises.

Miss Violet Bonham, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a dress of floral silk and carried a bouquet of anemones.

Mr. H. J. Bonham, B.Sc., of Gloucester, performed the duties of best man.

After a reception at the Methodist Schoolroom, Mr. and Mrs. Houseman left for Wem, Shropshire, the bride travelling in a check costume.

The happy couple were the recipients of over a hundred presents.

GRIMSBURY BROTHERHOOD.

Signs of increasing interest and activity were again apparent at Sunday's meeting of the Grimsbury Brotherhood. The president was in charge of the gathering and Bro. Wyatt was the scripture reader. Miss Joyce D'Oyly rendered the solos "My task" and "You can smile," and the speaker was Brother F. Blencowe. His subject was "New worlds for old." He said the world as God made it was a perfect place, but man had caused tragedy by his misuse of the world. Men should not blame God for their own wrongdoing and greed. A new world could only be created as men were changed by the saving power of Jesus Christ. Next Sunday the meeting will be an open one and the speaker will be Miss P. Martin, B.D., and the soloist Mrs. R. Webb. All are heartily invited.

SCHOOL CARETAKER AT ST. MARY'S DAY SCHOOLS.

Out of 21 applicants for the above post the successful one was Mrs. F. Hayward, of 5, Warwick Road, Banbury, whom the Managers appointed on April 22nd.

CHURCH NOTICES

Preachers on Sunday:—

St. Mary's—9.40, The Vicar; 10.45, Rev. S. A. C. Dickins; 6.30, The Vicar.

St. Paul's—6.30, Rev. S. A. C. Dickins.

St. Hugh's—6.15, Mr. J. M. Phipps.

St. John's—8 a.m. and 6.30, Canon A. G. Wall, V.F.; 10.30, Father B. Scannell, S.J.

Marlborough Road Methodist — 10.45, Rev. A. Bateson; 6.0, Rev. J. Stanley Garner.

Christ Church (South Banbury)—8, Holy Communion; 10.15, Morning Prayer; 11, Sung; 2.45, Children's Service; 6.30, Evening Prayer.

South Bar Congregational—10.30 and 6.30, Rev. C. Stanley.

Grimsbury Methodist—10.30, Mr. E. Priestman; 6, Rev. George Gifford.

Bridge Street Baptist—10.45 and 6.30, Rev. R. D. Sanders.

St. Leonard's—10.45, Rev. T. A. Humphrey; 6.30, Rev. W. A. Ferris.

Christchurch (Unitarian) — 6.30, Rev. H. W. Stephenson.

Easington Methodist Hall — 8.30, Prayer Meeting; 6, Mr. R. F. Robins.

Salvation Army Citadel—11, 3 and 6.30, services conducted by Corps Cadet Guardian Davies and Brigade.

Church Lane Methodist—10.45, Mr. G. Hillier; 6, Mr. H. Wells.

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