



## Items of Interest during the Year 1945-46

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Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.  
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### December, 1945.

1--Mr. Horace Taylor, a native of Littleport, was elected as the first Labour representative of Bodmin (Cornwall) Town Council

The sum of £46/11/0 was raised at a Christmas Sale held in the Constitutional Hall in aid of the Ely Diocesan Moral Welfare

5--Well supported Sale of Work held in the schoolroom of Victoria Street Methodist Church. The total proceeds were £21/2/10

7--It was revealed that Littleport contributed £55,938 (excluding Black Horse drove) in the Savings' week effort, beating Ely (£50,997). Black Horse Drove collections were £865

Successful Christmas sale followed by a whist Drive and Dance held at St Matthew's Institute. Total profits were £33. £23 was sent to the Bishop's Appeal Fund

8--Attractive Christmas Bazaar held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, organised by the St. John Ambulance brigade. Mrs. J. K. Cecil Payne (President of the Nursing Division) performed the opening ceremony

10--Annual Meeting of Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund. It was reported that local contributions for the year amounted to £1,358/10/3 and that there were 2,066 members

Annual Meeting of women's Institute held in Alexandra Hall, The treasurer reported that £207 had been raised for charity during the year

13--A/c 1. J, See reported to have died while a prisoner of war in Japan. He was 23 and the only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. See of 44, The Crescent

19--Major and Mrs. Legge-Rourke attended a whist drive organised by the Littleport Women's Conservative Association

!!! 21--Sapper G. E, Morley awarded the B.E.M. His wife, formerly Miss B. Cross, resides at 3, Ponds Hill. Sapper Morley originally comes from Enfield and had previously been mentioned in Dispatches

Successful Salvation Army Christmas Sale organised by ladies of the Corps. The total raised was £48/10/0

25--Christmas day Services in Parish Church well attended. There were 130 communicants

26--Boxing Day--Drawing Match held at Black Horse Drove, The winners were 1 W.Warren, 2 E.Stebbings, 3 H, Harrison, 4 H. Theobald, 5 W.Hensby

A Christmas appeal organised by Mrs. L. Brown, of Bridge House, Mildenhall Road, in aid of the blind and sick childred, realised £16

28--Free cinema show at Regal Cinema given by manageress (Mrs. Fisher) as a Christmas present to all Littleport children

Former Littleport girl, Miss Correen Collen, better known locally as Gladys Collen, left England with a company of artists to tour India and the Far East, She will be remembered as one of the "stars" of the one time local talent shows held at the old Empire Cinema

!!! 31--Finance and Ceneral Purposes Committee of the Ely Rural District Council, met at Ely. The delay connected with Littleport's proposed Sewerage scheme resulted in some plain speaking by local Councillors. Finally, it was agreed that the minister of Health be asked to receive a deputation

## January, 1946,

2--Death of Mr. Elijah (George) Lincoln, of 19, Granby Street. He was the oldest established butcher in Littleport

3--Mr. E. Mortinler Rose was elected to the office of Chairman at the annual meeting of the Ely Branch of the National Farmers'

4--Engagement announced between Muriel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs, W L. Pope, 7, The Crescent, Littleport. and Kenneth, third son of Mr, and Mrs W. Rimmer, of Windlehurst, St. Helens

Tragic news received of the death of C.S.M. I. Sells in a Thailand prisoner-of-war camp. Formerly of Ely, Mr. Sells lived at 39, The Crescent, and was a well known member of the local football club. Prior to the war he was employed by Mr. J. Lee, of Station Road

5--Death at Swaffham Bulbeck, of Mrs. Blanche Fordham, formerly of Littleport. She was 65

6--A Nativity Mime, beautifully and reverently presented by the scholars of the Sunday School, at St. George's Parish Church

7--Miss F. E. Lee (Headmistress Town Infants' School) received a letter of thanks from Isle of Ely Society for the Blind, for Christmas collection at School which amounted to £6

16--Mr. L. J. Harwood married at Castle Douglas, Scotland. He was an ex-prisoner-of war in Japanese hands and son of Mr, W, Harwood, of The Crescent

20--58th Salvation Army anniversary celebrated. The services were conducted by the Adjutant and Mrs. Stanley Searle

23--Meeting of the Parish Council. There were more discussions concerning the prospects of a Playing field

29--Sudden death of Mr, Fred Piikington at Addenbrooke's Hospital. He was 71

## February, 1946

1--Mr. B. Hodge appointed as Stationmaster at Littleport. He was previously Stationmaster at Wimblington

Cpl. L. J Law, Youngest son of Mrs. R. T. Law, of The Crescent, was recently mentioned in Dispatches and awarded the Oak Leaf. He was serving in the 43rd Wessex Division

5--In a letter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Ely Rural District Council, Rev. W. Hum, Vicar of St, Matthew's, called attention to the need for more houses for agricultural workers in his parish

8--S.S.M. A. R, Seekings, D.C.M., M.M., eldest son of Mr, and Mrs. Seekings, of Ely Road, recently Mentioned in Dispatches.

Engagement announced between Rosalind Irene Watson, eldest daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. G. W. Watson, Suspension Bridge, and Donald Edgar Law, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs, R. E. Law, Littleport

11--At a meeting: of the Advisory Committee of the Nursing Association, Sister Johnson and Sister Pearson tendered their resignations

13--lantern lecture, given by the Bible Society, in St. Johns' Methodist Church. The subject was " Burma"

15-Women's Institute New Year party held in the Alexandra Hall. Approximately 80 members and friends enjoyed an almost pre-war tea

16--Death of; Mr. W. F. Roaks at Addenbrooke's Hospital. He was 51 years of age. Mr. Roaks had been secretary of the local British Legion for the past year

19--Social held at St. John's Methodist Church. Gifts, amounting to over £70, were contributed to the rebuilding fund

20--First Grand Variety Concert held at the Constitutional Hall, organised by Littleport Amusements' Association

22--Able Seaman P. H, Whitehand, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J; T. Whitehand, of 64, Victoria Street, recently Mentioned in Dispatches

F/Sgt. H. Nicholas and his brother, L/Ac. S, Nicholas were fortunate enough to meet and spend Christmas together in India. Their home is at 34, Parsons Lane

Mr, J, (Alec) Clarke, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs, V. Clarke, of the Black Horse Inn, Black Horse Drove, gained a commission in the 1st Batt. Beds. and Herts. Regiment, at Bangalore, India

26--Accident on the Ely Road. 7 year old David Goodge, of Ely Road, was knocked down by a lorry and sustained a leg injury

## March. 1946

1--47 children received prizes at recent prize-giving of the Church Sunday School

Married recently in Sydney, Australia, S, A. C. Key, Fleet Air Arm, third son of Mr. and Mrs. C, Key, of New River Bank

3--United meeting of Methodist Sunday Schools held in St, John's Methodist Church. The address was given by Mr, T, H Greenfield on the work of the National Children's Home and Orphanage

4--Meeting of Mothers' Union. Miss Storey was the speaker and her subject was the work of the Universities' mission to Central Africa

5--Isle of Ely County Council Elections. The successful candidates for the three Littleport seats were, Mr. J. C. Armiger, Mr. Jos. H. Martin and Mr, A. Wright

!!! At a meeting of the Ely Rural District Council the Littleport members reported that they had considered the application from the Rev. W. Hum for more houses to be built in the Parish of St. Matthew, and they were of the opinion that it was not desirable to erect houses there. They considered it wiser to build in Littleport where public services were available

7--First annual meeting of the Littleport and all England Fur and Fancy Society held at the Odd Fellows Hall. Satisfactory progress was reported. It was decided to hold a members' show during May and an open one in conjunction with the Foal Show

9--Death of Mr. Samuel Fincham, of Black Horse Drove, at the age of 87. Known locally as "Uncle Sam," Mr, Fincham had been a resident there for over 60 years. He was a retired L.N.E.R. worker

18--Nursing Association meeting. Miss Hart and Miss Else, two Queen's Nurses, appointed to fill vacancies

Successful Variety Concert held in the Constitutional Hall, organised by the Victoria Street Methodist Sunday School

22--It was revealed that the people of Littleport had raised the sum of £3,063 for the Red Cross Agricultural Fund during the war

26--Death of Mr, Simon Sparrow at Addenbrooke's Hospital, at the age of 65. He was curator of Littleport Cemetery for over 37 years

!!! Proposed playing field discussed at a public meeting held at the Town Hall. Messrs, Martin Bros. offered part of the Camping Close for the sum of £900

27--Miss E M Gotobed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs, Wm. C, Gotobed, of Downham Market, late of Black Horse Drove, Littleport, received a Distinguished war Service Certificate in recognition of her services with the British Red Cross Commission, B A.O.R as a Relief Officer. The award was made by Her Majesty the Queen, at Buckingham palace

29--Miss D, Atkinson, of 38, The Crescent, received notification from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, that she had Successfully Passed parts 1 and 2 of the preliminary examination. She was formerly a member of the local detachment of the British Red Cross

## April.1946

1-Rural Council Elections held at Littleport Messrs.J.C.Armiger, A, Wright, H, J, Martin, H K. Cross, H G Martin and I. H Crane were the successful candidates.

3--Successful social evening held by Vicroria Street Methodist Church at the Constitutional Hall. £40 was raised by this effort towards the rebuilding funds

Marriage at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Miss Pamela Whetstone daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jubal Whetstone, of Lynn Road Ely and formerly of Littleport to F/O Turner, of Llandudno

6--Wedding at St. George's Church, Sudbury, between Miss M. Howe, of Sudbury, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Howe, formerly of Victoria Street, Littleport, and Mr. M. Richardson, of Long Melford

!!! 7--A terrible tragedy, costing the lives of Mrs. Lilian Gore and her year old babv, occurred at Deepney Drove. Mrs. Gore, an evacuee, had gone to fetch some potatoes from a neighbour's house. Receiving a message that her house was on fire, she returned and dashed into the blazing cottage. She did not come out again. Arriving on the scene P.S. Vail immediately entered and succeeded in bringing out Mrs. Gore. Again P.S. Vail entered the flames and found the body of the child. He removed it and had just got clear of the buiiding when the upper floor and roof crashed in. Mrs. Gore died in hospital

7--It was revealed by Major Pllillips at the evening service at the Salvation Army Citadel that £187/9/0 had been raised in a recent self denial effort

9--At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of Ely Rural District Council, Councillor A. Wright was appointed to serve on the Body of Governors of Soham Grammar School

12--At a recent examination connected with The Royal Schools of Music, Audrey Fuller, pupil of Mrs. E. R. Cross, passed in primary division for pianoforte playing.

15--Annual meetillg of Paiish Council. A petition, signed by a number of St. Matthew's residents asking for council houses to be built in that parish was handed in. It was decided to ask the Ely Rural District Council to re-consider their decision

not to build at St. Matthew's as it was thought that some houses should be built there

17--At the annual meeting of the Ely Rural District Council the question of the delay in the Littleport Sewerage Scheme was again raised. It was decided to arrange a meeting between the Littleport members and Major Legge-Bourke as it was thought that the Member might get some response from the Ministry of Health

19--Death recently, at his daughter's home, at Leatherhead, Surrey, of Mr. J. T, Thornhill, at the age of 72. He had spent over 40 years in the Civil Service

Wedding recently at Southery Parish Church, between Able Seaman C.W. Cobbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. F, Cobbin, of Mildenhall Road, and Miss M, Reed, of Southery

Engagement announced between John Cyprian Payne, B.S.A, Police, S. Rhodesia, only son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Cecil Payne, of the Vicarage, Littleport, and Isobel, daughter of Mr, and the late Mrs, P. D. Von-Helsdingen, of Nigel, Transvaal

24--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Miss R. M. Howard, of Ely, to Mr. R. N. Whetstone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jubal Whetstone, of Lynn Road, Ely, and formerly of Littleport

26--Recent collections for Daffodil Day, organised by Mrs. Payne, amounted to £14/9/

26--The sum of £44/8/2 was collected on behalf of the National Life-Boat Institution, in Littleport and District

**!!!** During Easter week-end the Wigh Wycombe Young People's Band visited the Salvation Army. Councillor A, Wright gave the Band a civic welcome to Littleport

Annual meeting of Nursing Association. Sisters Else and Hart, the new Queen's Nurses, were welcomed

27--Distribution of Home Coming Fund, in the Constitutional Hall, to 400 of the 453 applicants. The amount which each received was £6/13/4

29--Parish Council meeting. Mr, Wilson Sparrow was appointed head caretaker of the cemetery

## May.1946

2--Annual meeting of the Infant Welfare Centre, The secretary, in her report, stated that the Infant Welfare had been going strong for 29 years, and during the past year there had been 1,348 attendances

4-- Death, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, of Mr. A Clack, of 46, Friars Place

!!! 5--Egg service at the Parish Church. 2,135 eggs were collected for Addenbrooke's Hospital

5-6-St. John's Methodist Church Anniversary, The special preacher was the Rev. G, C. Baker, formerly General Superintendent of the Methodist Mission in the Hunan Province of China

6--Monthly meeting of Mothers" Union. The Vicar gave a devotional address. It was decided to have an outing to Hunstanton in the summer

13--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. During the evening Mrs. Joseph Martin gave a talk on "Housing and Education"

17--Death of Mr. S. R. Stanley, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, at the age of 40. Mr. Stanley, who was a well known and Popular figure in the district, was a keen sportsman and rendered yeoman service to the local football club for many years

Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, of Bridge House, received a letter from their daughter, Mrs. May Bell, after arriving in Canada to join her husband, a former Canadian serviceman

24--The sum of £44/1/7 was collected at a recent B.R.C.S. Flag Day

29--The Women's Institute gave a splendid tea to 80 old age pensioners

!!! 31--Pte. Neville Sanham, R.A.O.C received posthumous recognition in the form of a Commendation Certificate for a heroic act in Brussels which cost him his life. Pte. Sanham was killed while saving a child from being run over by a lorry. He was the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs, W. Trafford, of 16, Silt Road

## June.1946

4--Tributes of appreciation for services rendered during the war years by Littleport Y.M.C.A. Canteen workers, under the leadership of Miss S, M. Martin, were paid at a supper in the canteen. It was revealed that although the canteen's war service was over, the authorities had decided to use it as a civilian Y.M.C.A. for the young people of Littleport

7--Splendid sum of £79/10/11 raised for St. Dunstan's at a recent collection organised by Mrs. Payne



!!! 8--Victory Day celebrations-Through the kindness of Mrs. Fisher the children enjoyed an afternoon film show at the Regal Cinema which was followed by a very good tea. Owing to unfavourable weather the evening's programme was postponed

Death, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, following a fall, of Mr. Harley Fyson, of 105, Victoria Street

9--Anniversary of Salvation Army Sunday School conducted by Mrs. Shucksmith, of Scunthorpe

12--The Lord Bishop held a confirmation service at the Parish Church A whist drive and dance, organised by the local Red Cross Detachment, Yielded £20 for the Crippled Children's Home, Ely

15--Enjoyable Victory outing to Regent's Park Zoo by families and friends of St, Crispin's District

16--Anniversary Services at Victoria Street Methodist Church conducted by Mr. Ralph Newson

21--Recent flag day collections, organised by Mrs. Milne-Wilson in aid of the Isie of Ely Blind, realised £39/3/0

26--Twenty-three members of the Mothers. Union spent an enjoyable day at Hunstanton

Children and parents of St. Matthew's enjoyed a Victory outing to Hunstanton.

At a Ministry of Health inquiry into Littleport's proposed Sewerage Scheme, held at Ely, it was estimated that expenditure would amount to £22,000

29--Over 200 people attended a successful sale of work organised by St. Crispin's Wives' Fellowship, The sum raised was £44/10/0

Postponed children's sports programme in connection with Victory Celebrations held at Highfield

Death of Mr. Cecil Mott, of Wellington House, after many months of illness

30--Death of Miss M, E. Armstrong. She had been employed by Messrs. Hope Bros. for over 50 years

Anniversary services at Dairy Houses realised the sum of £8/15/0

## July.1946

5--Plea for pre-war postal facilities at Littleport made by Ald. H. J Martin at a Parish Council meeting. It was revealed that the matter had been put before the Postmaster in January

A recent flag day in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, organised by Mrs. H. Rowell, realised £36/18/6

Engagement announced between George, second son of Mr. and Mrs, S. Scott, of Suspension Bridge, Welney, to Olive, youngest daughter of Mrs Hare and the late Mr. A. Hare, of 8, Parsons Lane, Littleport

6--At Haddenham Young Farmers' Open Show, Mr. F. G. Starling of Flanders Farm, Littleport, was awarded silver cups for the best animal and best single turn-out in the show

A garden fete held in the Vicarage gardens, St, Matthew's, yielded over £76

7--Mrs. M. Wiliams, youngest daughter of Mrs. R, T. Law, of The Crescent, left Littleport for Canada

Sunday School Anniversary of St. John's Methodist Church. The Rev. R. S. Harrison conducted the services

9--At an investiture at Buckingham Palace, P.s. J. S.Vail, received the King's Police and Fire Service Medal for Gallantry from H.M. The King. It will be recalled that P.s, Vail entered a blazing cottage at Deepney Drove in an heroic but unsuccessful attempt to save Mrs. Gore and her baby

10--Annual Church garden fete, held in Vicarage grounds. Mrs. E. A. H. Legge-Bourke, wife of the Isle M.P., performed the opening ceremony. The proceeds, amounting to over £66, were devoted to the Bishop's Appeal Fund

12--Chief Petty Officer S, J. Stephens awarded B.E.M. Son-in-law of Mr.& ,Mrs. J. Sims Wilson, of the " Black Horse," he has served 22 years in the Royal Navy

13--County Show held at Chatteris, Successes were scored by Mr. F. G. Starling and Messrs, Martin Bros. for their horses and turn-outs. Major H. Luddington and Mr. J. C. Rains were other local winners

15--Annual meeting of Town Football Club

19--Annual meeting of St, John Ambulance Maintenance Fund Committee. It was decided to purchase a new ambulance

Recent house-to-house collection, organised by St. John's and Victoria Street Methodist Churches for the National Children's Homes, realised £30/2/0

It was revealed that Mrs. H. Brown, of Bridge House, Mildenhall Road, had raised £45 for Addenbrooke's Hospital by organising competitions among customers and friends

19--Arrival in Canada of Mrs. Harry Walker (formerly Miss Ethel Cole), twin daughter of Mr. J. Cole, of Lynn Road. She was met by her husband at Toronto

21--Feast Sunday--Rev.Noel Duckworth, Chaplain of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, preached at the Parish Church, following the annual parade

23--Sudden death at his Ely home of Mr, J. C. V. Reynolds, In March, 1945, Mr, Reynolds took over the business of Mrs. A. E. Spencely at Main Street, Littleport

25--Finely bred animals, horticultural exhibits of high standard, a gymkhana, trick motor cycling, and a varied programme of sports combined to make the Horticultural and Foal Show an outstanding success. Over 4,000 people attended. The Rabbit Show, organised by Littleport and All England Fur and Fancy Society, in conjunction with the Horticultural and Foal Show, attracted over 300 entries

Organised by the Salvation Army, a Flower Day collection realised over £16

27--Mr. F. G. Starling, of Flanders Farm, carried away the largest-number of prizes in the horse classes at March Gymkhana

28--Victoria Street Methodist Church Anniversary Services. The special preacher was the Rev. W. Rose, of Haverhill

30--Successful children's swimming gala held at the swimming bath

## August.1946

4--Troop of Girl Guides from Gamlingay and Scouts from Lavenham, Suffolk, attended Mattins at the Parish Church

9--Mr. A. Wright licensed by the Lord Bishop of Ely as an Archidiaconal Reader in the Archdeaconry of Wisbech. The ceremony took place in Ely Cathedral

10--Wedding of Pte. D, G. Cross, R.A.M.C., of Littleport, and Miss B. Ibbot, of Ely

!!! 14--Four bus-loads of Church Sunday School children and their parents spent an enjoyable day at Hunstanton

16--Miss Margaret E, Cheeseright, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Cheeseright, of Littleport, met her brother in Australia. She had not seen him for over 21 years. Miss Cheeseright was a nurse in the Services throughout the war

Death, at Ramsey, of Mr. C. W. Spooner, at the age of 51. Mr, Spooner was a member of a well known local family. He went to Ramsey some years ago as manager of the local branch of Burton's Stores

20--Engagement announced between Frederick Charles, the sixth son of Mr, and Mrs. R. Scarff, Little Ouse, and Joan Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Beer, Manningtree, Essex

23--Sapper W. Goodge, of 22, The Crescent, interviewed by a Military Observer while driving a bulldozer in Hamburg, Germany

24--Wedding at All Saints' Church , Margate , between Mr . C . A. Beresford, of Sheffield, and Miss Sylvia Kaplin, youngest daughter of Mrs, Kaplin, of Margate, formerly of Littleport

28--Members of the Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Fellowship spent an enjoyable outing at Hunstanton

31--Mr. P. Cole, youngest son of Mr, and Mrs. F, J, Cole, of Mildenhall Road, married to Miss Mary Whitehead at St, Paul's Church, Carlton, Notts.

## September.1946

1--British Legion and Wiggshall St. Germans Bands paraded the town and gave an evening concert at Quay Hill in aid of the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Help Association Harvest festival services held at St, John's Methodist Church. The Rev. J·J·Lewis, newly-appointed minister, was the preacher

6--Ely Rural District Council reported that twelve new Council houses had been finished and occupied in Littleport. 152 were in the course of erection

Miss Dulcie Chapman, younger daughter of Mr, and Mrs, H. Chapman, of Globe Lane, received a teaching appointment to London Road School, Romford, following a two-year course at Whitelands College, Putney, where she was successful in taking the University of London's Teachers' Certificate

7--Jumble sale held in the Constitutional Hall, in aid of funds of the Nursing Association, realised the splendid sum of £220. Mrs. F. G. Starling performed the opening ceremony

11--Properties of the late Mr. Cecil Mott sold by auction at the Town Hall. The well known farm at Dairy Houses made £24,250. It was bought by Mr. T. W. O. Mott

14--" Squatters " moved into one of the huts on the R.A.F. Hospital site, Ely Road

15--Harvest festival services held at Victoria Street Methodist Church. The newly-appointed minister, Rev. J.J. Lewis, was the preacher

17--Amalgamated Friendly Societies' Charities Committee made final arrangements for further efforts to augment their charity collections at a meeting held in the Town Hall

At a meeting of the Isle of Ely Education Committee held at March it was revealed that a new primary school was to be erected in Littleport. Building would not commence until 1948 or 1949

18--Small but enthusiastic meeting held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, organised by the Workers' Educational Association. Mr, F.M. Jacques, District Secretary, was the speaker. His subject was "Can Democracy Survive in England"

Meeting of the Ely Rural District Council, It was decided that the " squatters" living in one of the huts on the R.A.F, site, Ely Road, should be given notice to leave

20--Recent collection in aid of the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Help Association totalled over £36. It was organised by the British Legion Club and Mrs, Rowell

23--Mrs. G, Crabb, 10, Mill Pit Furlong, received a cheque for £1,124, which she won by filling in Strang's football pools

25--Special meeting of the " Hereward " Lodge of Odd Fellows. In spite of the new Health Insurance Bill, everyone was confident that the Odd Fellows' future was not threatened

27--A daily exhibition of a unit-type electric kitchen under the auspices of Beds Cambs. and Hunts. Electricity Co.. held in the Constitutional Hall. It attracted many Local housewives

28--Miss S. M. Martin performed the opening ceremony at a jumble sale and sale of

work held at the Constitutional Hall, organised by the Friendly Societies' Charities Committee. The effort raised £73

29--The Ipswich Bramford Road Band visited the local Salvation Army Corps

## October.1946

1--Meeting of the Ely Rural District Council. It was decided to take legal action against the two families of " squatters " in residence at the R.A.F. camp annexe as they had refused the Council's order to quit

Honorary certificate and £15 awarded by the Carnegie Hero Fund Trustees to P.s. Vail

Further public meeting in connection with proposed memorial playing field. In spite of a poor attendance of only 16, it was decided to go ahead with the scheme, starting with a house-to-house collection

3--Mr, and Mrs, A, Flack, of 7, Lynn Road, celebrated their golden wedding

Thirty-two members of St, Crispin's sewing party enjoyed a recent outing to London

4--Engagement announced between Mary, youngest daughter of Mr, and Mrs, J. Hodson, to James, eldest son of Mrs. R, Hanslip and the late Mr. R, Hanslip, both of Black Horse Drove

6--First of a new series of P.S.A, services held at Victoria Street Methodist Church

11--Mr. and Mrs. J. Sizer, of Camel Road, celebrated their golden wedding

13--Harvest festival services held at St. Crispin's. Mr. A. Wright (Lay Reader) was the preacher

12--14-St. John's Methodist Church Overseas Missions Anniversary. The special speakers were Rev. G. W. Demaine (Superintendent Minister) and Rev. R, A, Johnson, of Sierra Leone

18--Engagement announced between Peter Charles, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G, H. Chapman, of Littleport, and Miss B. E, Jeary, of Bishop"s Stortford

20--Successful Rally held at St, John's Methodist Church. The address was given by the Rev. W. Rose, of Haverhill. A highly appreciated feature was the singing by members of Haverhill Male Voice Choir

25--Social evening arranged by the local British Legion Club to welcome their new president, Major Hilton Luddington, of Wallington Hall, King's Lynn

Sgt, A, W Sparrow, eldest son of Mrs.L. Sparrow, 12, Hempfield Place, awarded the B.E.M. for specialist work done for the Air Ministry. His designs were used on the Spitfire ana other planes during the war

Mrs. Benstead, of Wisbech Road, received a letter of thanks for the sum of £11/6/6, which was raised for the British United Aid to China Fund at a recent whist drive

26--Miss Irene Oakes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs, C. Oakes, of Burnt Chimney Drove, celebrated her 21st Birthday

Mr, and Mrs, Samuel Handley, of Friars Place, celebrated their golden wedding

27--Mr. Garwood, of Church Farm Cottages, Little Ouse, plunged into the river to rescue little Queenie Crofts who had fallen from the diving board and drifted into deep water. Four years ago Mr. Garwood was instrumental in rescuing a child from the same spot. He is a non-swimmer

28--A Littleport Brotherhood formed at a meeting held in St. John's Methodist schoolroom. About 25 men attended

30--The local branch of the National Union of Tailors and Garment-makers held their monthly meeting in the Odd Fellows' Hall. Mr. J, A. Cook, Eastern Counties Regional Organiser, congratulated the branch on their progress

## November.1946

1--Miss Connie Page, of Littleport, formerly of Ely, was acclaimed "Miss Ely, 1946" at a well patronised beauty and charm ball, organised by Mr. Basil Le Roy

Marriage recently at the Royal Marine Church, Deal, of Morine G. A. Rouse, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rouse, of Lynn Road, to Miss B. Humhries, of Bettshanger, near Deal

It was reported at a meeting of Addenbrooke's Hospital Aid Committee that the total amount collected in Littleport for the year ending September 30th was £1,347/8/9

4--Strong comment made by Rural District Councillors on the action of the local members in allocating a new Council bungalow to a single school teacher

Monthly meeting of Mothers' Union. During the evening Mrs. Harlock spoke on her visit to Belgium

9--Scholars and guilders from the local section of the Methodist Youth Circuit attended a Rally at Ely Wesley Church

Mr. and Mrs, H. W. Travis, of 46, Silver Street, Ely, celebrated their golden wedding. Mrs, Travis was formerly Miss H. Hatley, of Lynn Road, Littleport. They were married at St. John's Church, Little Ouse

Wedding, at Little Downham, of Mr, P, Palmer, of Haddenham, to Miss I. M. Johnson, of Littleport

10--Annual Armistice parade and Church service held at Littleport, Rev. John B, Roswell (Vicar of Ely) was the preacher

12--Meeting of the Amalgamated Friendly Societies' Charities Committee. The treasurer reported that the sum in hand for distribution to various charities was £106

13--Meeting of Parish Council. It was revealed that the Ely Rural District Council were considering the possibility Of building houses at St. Matthew's

14--Death, at Ely of Mr. W. T. Thorby, of Littleport. He was 77

18--About 250 members of the Women's Institute movement attended a meeting of the Ely group at Littleport

22--Recent Poppy Day Collection in Littleport realised over £200

27--Concert given by the British Legion Band, The collection was for Poppy Day Funds and amounted to £5/15/0

29--Recent collection at the Town Girls' School, in aid of the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind, realised £8

Sale of Shepherd's Hill Farm realised £8,000. It was purchased by Mr. S. A. Green

30--St. John Ambulance Brigade Christmas Sale opened by Mrs. F, G. Starling, It was a very successful effort

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