



## Items of Interest during the Year 1951-52

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Gathered from the Local Newspapers, etc. during the past year.  
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### December, 1951.

5--Annual presentation of trophies and prizes at the British Legion Club. Prizewinners were :—Greene King billiards shield, C. J. Baker ; Luddington billiards cup, R. Pilkington ; Mott billiards cup, R. D. Howe ; Crabb billiards cup, A. W. Thompson ; Ken Wallis snooker cup, R. D. Howe ; Legion snooker cup, J. Cole. Legion darts cup, won outright by E. Reed ; Hall Cutlack and Harlock domino trophy, R. Neal.

Twenty-six members of the Women's Fellowship spent an enjoyable evening at the New Theatre, Cambridge.

8--Lady Brackenbury, of Ely, opened a Christmas Fair, held at the Constitutional Hall, in aid of the Parish Church heating fund. The effort yielded £108.

9--Presentation of a tenor horn to the British Legion Band by Mrs. W. J. Gill, President of the Women's Institute. The presentation was made in recognition of the Band's services throughout Littleport Festival Week held in August.

!!! 10--Mrs. J. W. Harwood, of the Bridge Forge, lost her wedding ring. She found it in a newly-baked Christmas cake.

13--Annual meeting of Women's Institute. The Secretary (Mrs. J. L. Burnet) reported that 55 new members had enrolled during the year, making a total membership of 182.

Presentation of " Away in a Manger," a play depicting the Nativity, by children of the Littleport County Primary School. The play was adapted by Miss E. R. Gill.

14--Mr J W Barnes, of Main Street, appointed a Justice of the Peace.

Engagement announced between Mr. Ronald Charles Howard, only son of Mr. & Mrs. Howard, of Plains Lane, Littleport, and Miss Audrey Courtman, of Fridaybridge, Wisbech.

18--Comdr. Alfred Gray, prospective Labour candidate for the Isle of Ely, attended a Christmas party held at the Grange. It was organised by members of the local Labour Party.

21--Presentation to Bro. Reg. Murfitt, secretary of the Tone Vale Lodge, R.A.O.B. (Taunton) to mark his 21 years' service as secretary of the Lodge. He is the eldest son of Mr. Robert Murfitt, of Wisbech Road, Littleport.

Engagement announced between Rex, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Strawson, of 8, Sandhill, Littleport, and Greta Margaret, only daughter of Mrs. E. Bell, of the "Crown," Littleport.

26 --Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. A. Silcock, of the "Crown.". Mr. & Mrs. Silcock came to Littleport 28 years ago. Both are natives of Peterborough.

28--Engagement announced between Morris Edward, only son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Grindling, of 8, Hempfield Place, Littleport, and Mildred Joyce, fifth daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Elsdon, of Plantation Farm, Littleport.

29--Marriage, at the Roman Catholic Church, Ely, of Miss Dawn Mac. Hines, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Hines, of The Crescent, Littleport, and Mr. Peter Nunn, of Ely.

## January, 1952.

!!! 2--The possibility of Gas House Green becoming a car park was again discussed at a meeting of E.R.D. Council. The Clerk (Mr. C. Wickens) stated that until Littleport Parish Council could provide proof of ownership of the Green the project could not be proceeded with.

3--Members of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute and their children visited Peterborough to see a performance of "Dick Whittington and his Cat" at the Embassy Theatre.

4--Annual meeting of Littleport British Legion Club. The Treasurer (Mr. C. W. Plunder) reported a loss of over £107 on the year's working.

350 dancers attended the annual Police Ball held at the Grange.

5--Marriage, at Stuntney Parish Church, of Miss Dora Dunham, daughter of Mr. G. Dunham and the late Mrs. Dunham, of Chettisham, and Mr. Sidney Harrison, only son of Mr. & Mrs. R. Harrison, of Wisbech Road, Littleport.

5—6--Senior Captain Dalziel, of Norwich, addressed Salvation Army meetings at Littleport.

6--The Nativity Mime performed at the Parish Church by Sunday School scholars.

8--Annual dinner of the British Legion Band. Mr. A. Warren, a staunch supporter, presented to the chairman a framed photograph of the Band. He offered the gift as a token of his admiration.

10--Monthly meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute. It was announced that the proceeds of the recent carol singing, £5/11/6. had been sent to Dr. Barnado's Homes.

Boxing at Cambridge—John Raby (Black Horse Drove) drew with Tom Finlay (Boyston) over six rounds.

11--Death, at King's Lynn Hospital, of Miss Sarah A. Reed, at the age of 86. Although a native of Littleport, Miss Reed had lived for a number of years at Downham Market.

12--Marriage, at St. Andrew's Church, Stockwell, London, of Miss Elsie Flack, only daughter of Mr. M. Flack and the late Mrs. Flack, of Parsons Lane, Littleport, and Mr. D. A. Gould, of London.

15--A record number of members attended the annual New Year party of the Women's Institute. Over 160 were present.

!!! 20--Dedication of new Calor Gas lighting system at Dairy Houses Methodist Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. Gordon Poole.

24--Darts-Scotney Cup competition. The "George & Dragon" team defeated the "Black Horse," Black Horse Drove, on the last throw.

26--An award to mark his 75 years in the employ of Messrs Martin Bros. was made to Mr. J. W. Rogers, aged 88, of Littleport. The award was made by the Cambs. & Isle of Ely Agricultural Society.

28--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely. of Miss Hilda Watson of Ely, and Mr, Derek Bell, youngest son of Mr, & Mrs, J, Bell, of The Crescent. Littleport,

30--Neville Young, of Wisbech, skating for the first time as a professional, won the British Professional skating championship at Bury Fen, Earith. The holder, R. W. Scott, of Welney, was third

## February.

1--£500 awarded to Mr. Alan W. Sparrow in respect of an instrument which he designed with the object of obtaining information on the behaviour of guns in aircraft. Mr. Sparrow, who is the eldest son of Mrs. L. Sparrow, of Hempfield Place,

and the late Mr. G. Sparrow, was awarded the B.E.M. for similar work during the war.

A cheque for £28/10 0 was forwarded to the Church of England Children's Society by Miss A. M. Peake, who organised the local collections on behalf of the Society.

2--Salvation Army annual prize-giving. Special visitors were Brigadier Lenington and Senr. Major Hancock, of London.



6--Sudden death of His Majesty King George VI.

7--Rev. C. L. Ladlow, of the Plymouth Methodist Central Hall, gave a talk at St. John's Methodist Schoolroom on his experiences in the slums of Liverpool and Plymouth.

8--Death, at Highfield, of Mr. Heber G. Martin, at the age of 84. Proclamation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

9--Mr. & Mrs. W. Stubbings, of Feltwell, and formerly of Dairy Houses, gave a party at the Odd Fellows' Hall to mark the coming-of-age of their only son, Donald, and in celebration of his engagement to Miss Peggy Turner, of Feltwell. A feature was the presence of representatives of five generations of the family, the eldest of whom was Mr. Stubbings' grandmother, Mrs. J. Fletcher, aged 92, of Hempfield Place,

9--Wedding, at St. Etheldreda's Church, Ely, between Miss Rita Tann, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Tann, of Ely Road, Littleport, and Mr. John McDermott, of Castle Bar, Ireland.



11--Inhabitants of Black Horse Drove stood silently at the Sidings as the Royal Funeral Train went past at mid-day.

12--Monthly meeting of the Women's Institute. A one minute's silence was observed in memory of the late King.

Death, at Colchester, of Mrs. Elizabeth Green, a former resident of Littleport, aged 91. She was the widow of the late Mr. Arthur Green, former Littleport Stationmaster.

13--Meeting of Women's Fellowship. A talk was given by Captain Childs on the social work of the Salvation Army.

17--Special service in memory of the late King held at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. J. K. Cecil Payne.

27--Meeting of Women's Fellowship. A competition for the best made needle-case was won by Mrs. J. W. Harwood.

## March.

!!! 1--Littleport British Legion Band journeyed to London to take part in the London & Home Counties Brass Band Contest. Although unplaced the Band did remarkably well to score 145 points in a contest where many bands of a very high standard competed. Two members of the British Legion Band stopped in a London street by Military Policemen who wanted to know what the Bandsmen were doing wearing dress " uniforms with civilian overcoats.

2--Special visitor to the Salvation Army Corps was Senior Major Thornton, of Norwich.

Black Horse Drove Methodist Sunday School -Juvenile Mission Association certificates were presented to Eric Kemp, Janet Ewing, Jennifer Kingston, Jennifer Fletcher and Patricia Flack, Eric Kemp also received a medal for collecting over £5 during 1951.

5--It was revealed at a meeting of the E.R.D. Council that a provisional application had been filed with the Ministry of Housing for authority to spend an additional £18,995 on the Littleport Sewerage Scheme as the original loan consent had been considerably over-spent.

!!! A recommendation by the Littleport Committee that development of the proposed Woodfen Estate be carried out in three yearly stages was approved by the E.R.D. Council. The first stage, in 1952/3, was to provide for the erection of 60 houses.

6--Long service awards presented to voluntary workers connected with the National Savings movement. Local recipients were—15 years' badges:—Mrs. E. H. James (Black Horse Drove), Mrs. Rowell (Littleport); 7 years' badges : Mr. R. Eastwood (Littleport), Miss V. A. Vail (Littleport).

10--The Ely Male Voice Choir visited the Community Centre at Black Horse Drove.

11--Monthly meeting of Women's Institute. New members welcomed were— Mesdames Cobbin, Cornwall, W. Mott, P. Sutton, W. Self, A. See, G. T. Watson, E. Titmarsh, H. Saul, G. Smith, E. Bell and P. Bell.

12--Rev. Sydney Chambers, Vicar of St. Matthews, delivered the first of his series of Lenten addresses at the Parish Church.

A precept for 1952/53 of £2,000—equal to a 10d. rate and nearly £700 more than last year—was agreed at a meeting of the Parish Council.

!!! A further estimate showing in detail the cost of a new swimming pool and amounting to about £7,800, was put before the Parish Council. Although £4,200 less than the previous estimate, it was decided that the Council could not afford such a scheme.

15--Marriage, at St. George's Church, Littleport, of Miss Winnifred Cornwall, younger daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H. Cornwall, of "The Plough & Duck," Burnt Fen, and Mr. Harold Flack, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Flack, of Redmere Farm, Burnt Fen.

16--Death, at the home of her son, Mr. Ernest Harwood, of 13, Orchard Estate, Ely, of Mrs. Annie Harwood, widow of the late Mr. Charles Harwood, formerly of Granby Street, Littleport. She was 82.

21--Request item played on the "Housewives' Choice" programme of the B.B.C. for Mrs. Brian Law and Mrs. C. Covill, of Wisbech Road. The request came from their mother, Mrs. Bedford, of Chatteris.

21--A telegram was dispatched by the Littleport British Legion to the Isle Member, Major E. A. H. Legge-Bourke, urging that the 10/- increase in the basic war pensions, recently announced, was grossly inadequate.

23--Rev. R. Garrett, Rector of Hilgay, was the preacher at the Mothering Sunday service held at the Parish Church.

25--In the Ely & District Individual Table Tennis Championships, Norman South, of Littleport, was defeated in the final by Erik Friman, of Ely.

26--Darts—A tournament for the Youngs' Cup, held at the "Three Horse Shoes," Wisbech Road, was won for the second year in succession by Mr. Clifford Nunn.

27--Annual meeting of the Ely Division of the British Red Cross Society held at Ely. A proficiency badge was presented to a Littleport Cadet, Miss Cynthia Yardy, by Lady Spens.

28--Engagement announced between Miss Pamela Clarke, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. V. O. Clarke, of the "Black Horse" Inn, Black Horse Drove, and Mr. Bryan Elliston, of Bury St. Edmunds.

29--Marriage, at St. Peter's Church, Wilburton, between Miss Gwendoline Chapman, of Wilburton, and Mr. Clifford Flack, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. Flack, of Hale Fen, Littleport.

Death, at his home, Angle Bay, Littleport, of Mr. Wilfred Bonavia Hunt. He was 76.

April.

!!! 1--A ewe belonging to Messrs. Martin Bros. gave birth to twin lambs. One was completely white and the other completely black.

An Easter concert given by scholars of Littleport Secondary School provided first-class entertainment for a large audience.

4--Nurse Pamela Ashman, whose home is at Desborough, Northants. and whose parents are natives of Littleport, passed her final examinations and is now a State Registered Nurse.

8--Isle of Ely County Council Elections. The three Littleport candidates, Mr. B. G. Wright, Mr. W. Leggett and Mr. Lewis Brooks (Black Horse Drove), were returned unopposed.

Monthly meeting of the Women's Institute. It was decided to send an urgent appeal to the County Council for a safety crossing to be erected outside the local schools.

9 -Women's Fellowship whist drive in aid of Dr. Barnado's Helpers' League yielded £11/6/0.

Members of the Young Wives' Group attended a special Easter service at the Parish Church.

10--Black Horse Drove Women's Institute monthly meeting. A W.I. spoon was awarded to Mrs. E. Flack who had obtained 50 points in competitions.

!!! A gilt belonging to Mr. L. D. Leonard, of Friars Place, gave birth to 18 piglets.

11--Good Friday—Oberammergau film shown at the Parish Church.

12---Marriage, at St. James" Church, Stretham, between Mr. W. Richard Gill, only son of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Gill, of Millpit Furlong, Littleport, and Miss Joyce Parish, of Stretham.

12—13—14--The Nunhead (London) Salvation Army Band played before large crowds at Littleport.

13--Mrs. Bert. Washington, of Victoria Street, completed 50 years' service as an organist.

14--Easter Monday—British Legion Band unplaced in the annual Brass Band Contest held at Norwich. It was their first year in the championship section.

16--Spring meeting of the Ely Group of the Women's Institute held at the Constitutional Hall. Some 400 women attended.

18--Annual meeting of Black Horse Drove Community Centre. In his report Mr.

Lewis Brooks (chairman) said that unless more support was forthcoming the future of the Centre was not bright.

Mrs. M. C. Allen (nee Levett), B.A, Oxon., of Littleport, and former pupil at Ely High School, elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Mrs. Allen is at present living in Australia.

19--Y.M.C.A. National Service Fund flag day. The effort, organised by Mrs. W. J. Gill, realised £34/7/0.

Ely & District Fur & Feather Club's rabbit show. Among the prizewinners were animals shown by Michael Stimpson, Brian Tingay and R. Cadnum, all of Littleport.

20--Sudden death of Mrs. Dorothy I. Lawes, the wife of Mr. C. A. Lawes, of " Knoll Meadow," Wood Fen. She was 51.

20--Celebration of the 63rd anniversary of St. John's Methodist Church.

25--Engagement announced between Miss Margaret Saunders, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. Saunders, of Little Ouse, and Mr. William Rolph, of Little Wilbraham.

Christian Mission Sunday School closed down. Military authorities had taken over their premises in Victoria Street.

27--Major E. A. H. Legge-Bourke, M.P., was the speaker at a P.S.A. held in Victoria Street Methodist Church.

!!! 30--A four-legged chick was born at Mr. J. Kerridge's hatcheries. This was not Mr. Kerridge's first chick with four lower limbs. He has two preserved in a jam jar and another he kept for a fortnight before it died.

## May.

1--16 junior girls of the Black Horse Drove Coronation School toured the village following the ancient custom of May Day singing.

2--Death, at the Walnut Tree Hospital, Sudbury, of Mr. Robert Barrett, of The Crescent, Littleport. He was 52.

3--Serious outbreak of fire caused severe damage at Messrs. Goddard & Peake's Empire Granaries. Splendid work by the Littleport, Ely and Sutton fire formations prevented the blaze from spreading to neighbouring buildings.

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Harwood, of the Bridge Forge, welcomed home their daughter and son-in-law, W/O & Mrs. T. Brown, from Singapore.

4--Mothers' Day celebrated by the Salvation Army. The special speaker was Major



Richardson, of Blackpool.

The Pentecostal Mission celebrated its 20th anniversary. Mr. Claud Fletcher, of Girton, conducted the services.

7--Ely Rural District Council and Parish Council Elections. At Littleport there were 10 candidates for the six council seats 17 candidates for the 15 Parish Council seats. Mr. J. C. Armiger again topped the poll in both elections.

Whist drive, organised by Mrs. J. Carruthers, realised £3/10/0 for the Red Cross diathermy machine fund.

Finals of the County Youth table tennis and darts competitions held at March. Black Horse Drove succeeded in winning the darts cup but were defeated in the junior and senior table tennis finals.

8--Meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute. Mrs. J. H. Martin and Mrs. E. Crabb were awarded W.I. spoons.

10--Half-yearly district meeting of the Ancient Order of Foresters held at Littleport. The day's programme began with a short service at the Parish Church conducted by the Rev. J. K. Cecil Payne.

13--Women's Institute monthly meeting. It was announced that Mr. H. Crabb had consented to act as coach to the proposed drama group.

15--Death of Mr. Harry Willett, of Selsdon, Surrey, and formerly of Littleport. Mr. Willett will be particularly remembered by former pupils of the Town Schools for his annual presentations.

16--Local flag-day collections for the Red Cross Society realised £51.

21--Whist drive, organised by the Women's Fellowship, yielded £15/10 for the new Red Cross Diathermy Machine Fund.

Littleport Boys' Brigade prize giving and display. The prizes were presented by Mrs. J. K. C. Payne.

22--Marriage, at Ipswich, of Miss Pamela Youngs, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. Youngs, of Brandon Creek, and L.A.C. Raymond Jacobi, of Leyton.

23--Lady Spens, of Cambridge, was the guest of honour at a dance, organised by the Women's Institute in aid of the Red Cross Diathermy Fund. The proceeds amounted to £20.

25--Local youth organisations attended a special Empire Day service at the Parish Church. The parade was headed by the Salvation Army Band.

28--Annual meeting of Parish Council. For the 13th successive year, Mr. J. H. Martin was elected Chairman.

28-29--Major Ward, of London, conducted week-end Salvation Army services at Littleport. His theme throughout was "Sincerity."

30--Presentation to Cadet Cynthia Levett at the Red Cross Centre by Miss Eraut, County Youth Director. The reward was for individual first aid. Cynthia had topped the list when competing with 13 others at Cambridge.

31--County Show held at Needham, near Wisbech. In the heavy horse sections prizewinners.

## June.

1--Cycling—Littleport Wheelers 10 mile time-trial. R. Gilson recorded the best time with 23 mins. 26 secs.

Black Horse Drove Methodist Church Sunday School Anniversary services conducted by Mr. C. Caley, of Marham.

Mr. E. Youngs, of Littleport, conducted anniversary services at Steam Engine Methodist Chapel.

4--Nine candidates from the parishes of Little Ouse, Welney, Prickwillow and Littleport, were confirmed at the Parish Church by the Bishop of Ely (Dr. H. E. Wynn).

8--Newly elected Parish Councillors attended morning service at the Parish Church.

11--Accompanied by Mr. C. R. Browning and members of his staff, pupils of Littleport secondary school spent an enjoyable day at Windsor.

Annual outing of Mothers' Union. About 40 members and friends spent a happy day at Oxford.

13--Annual meeting of Cambs., Hunts. & Isle of Ely Playing Fields Association. It was revealed that Littleport had received a grant of £250 towards the cost of the new recreation ground.

14 Flag-day collection in aid of the Isle of Ely Society for the Blind realised £48/6/8. The collection was organised by the Women's Fellowship.

14--Children of Black Horse Drove Methodist Sunday School attended a Sunday School rally at Downham Market. The school succeeded in winning the shield awarded in connection with the scripture examination by the Downham Market Circuit.

Fourth birthday party of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute held in the garden of the " Willow Rows." A message of good wishes was sent to Mrs. R. Reynolds, the oldest member of the W.I., who was celebrating her 79th birthday that day.

17--Littleport Women's Institute monthly meeting. The visitors were members of the Downham Market Women's Institute.

20--Littleport Primary School outing to the London Zoo.

In spite of bad weather which caused the Parish Church garden fete to be held in the Constitutional Hall, the gross receipts amounted to £165.

22--Dairy Houses Chapel filled to capacity on the occasion of the Sunday school anniversary. Rev. Gordon Poole conducted.

24--Presentation, by the Eastern Gas Board, to Mr. E. Moden, of Littleport. Mr. Moden had served for 26 years as a stoker at the local gas works.

!!! 25--Meeting of the Isle of Ely Highways Committee. A request from the Littleport Women's Institute for the provision of a pedestrian crossing near Littleport Schools was discussed and it was stated that the Chief Constable did not think such a crossing was required.

Women's Institute annual outing. Over 70 members journeyed to Windsor.

27--Third annual Brass Band Contest, organised by the British Legion Band, held at Highfield. In the Championship Class, Littleport were placed third.

Engagement announced between Mr. Gordon Turner, of Prickwillow, and Miss Brenda Fincham, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. Fincham, of Mildenhall Road, Littleport.

A recent house-to-house collection, organised by Mrs. J. K. C. Payne for St. Dunstons, raised over £44.

28—29--Salvation Army Young People's Anniversary. The special speaker was Mr. Demain, of Ipswich.

28-Littleport entries gained many prizes at Ely Fur & Feather Club's Young Stock Show. Prominent winners were animals exhibited by C Middleton, H. Taylor and R. Tingay.

Black Horse Drove's fifth annual garden fete realised £110. It was opened by Mrs. W. Milne Wilson.

July.

1--Littleport County Primary School Scholarship winners:—Girls, Mary Frost, Doris Strawson, Jean Clarke, Barbara Neve, Doreen Bent, Margaret Rutterford, Ann Buckingham, Ann Copsey, Judy Sallis, Diane Long, Olga Clack, Movita Halls, Sandra Brightley, Mary Kent, Yvonne Francis, Gwendoline Oxborough (Black Horse Drove). Boys, Arthur Yardy, Raymond Jephson, Roy Benstead, Derek Poole, Edward Barber, Anthony Fox, Albert Ware, Alan Page.

2--A record number of parents and friends attended the Primary School sports.

4--Mrs. H. Rowell (Commandant of Littleport Red Cross Detachment) and Miss F. E. Lee (Q.M.), were members of a guard of honour formed at Portsmouth for H.R.H. Princess Margaret on her recent visit there to open a new wing of the Queen Alexandra Hospital. The officers attended at the invitation of the President of the Portsmouth B.R.C.S.

!!! The Ministry of Housing and Local Government scheduled the Old Turk's Head Public House, Littleport, as being of outstanding historical and architectural interest.

5--Cycling—Edward Clarey, riding in his first race for his club, Littleport Wheelers, won the half-mile handicap at Peterborough Hotpoint Sports.

Successful garden fete organised by the Littleport Boys' Brigade Company yielded about £80.

Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, between Mr. Derek Elmore, son of Mr. J. W. Elmore and the late Mrs. Elmore, of Station Road, Littleport, and Miss Joyce Hale, of Ely.

6--Sunday School Festival at the Parish Church. A new flag of St. George, presented to the Church by the St. George Youth Club, was dedicated.

8--Littleport swimmers gained many victories at Prickwillow swimming gala. In the Murphy Challenge Cup, first, second and third places were won by K. Dolby, J. Dolby and B. Hines respectively.

Ely Male Voice Choir visited the Women's Institute. A special feature was the wonderful singing of Madame Loda Bielicka, a celebrated soprano.

9--Littleport Junior school sports. Winning house, Tudor ; champion boy, Arthur Yardy; champion girls, Mary Frost and Doris Strawson : under 9. David Bean and Diana Stanley.

11--National Canine Defence League house-to-house collection, organised by Miss E. K. Brown, raised £30/11/2.

12--A lop, exhibited by Master R. Tingay, of Littleport, gained three first prizes (including two cups), and two third prizes, at a King's Lynn rabbit show. Mr. H.

Taylor was another local winner.

13--St. John's Methodist Church Sunday School anniversary. A demonstration entitled " The Gateway of Life " was given in the evening.

15--Swimming gala at Littleport. Ely defeated the local club by 25 points to 13.

17--Inauguration of Littleport Clinic's new diathermy machine by Lady Spens, County President of the B.R.C.S.

18--Mr. Alfred Spinks, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Lond.), son of Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Spinks, of 18, Victoria Street, Littleport, gained his B.A. degree, with first class honours, at Oxford University.

Result of a recent United Methodist Gift Day, held in Littleport, amounted to £121.

20--Annual Church Parade. The Challenge Cup for the best decorated vehicle was won by the Women's Institute. Collections for local charities amounted to £75/5/9.

25--Music Successes.—At a recent examination held at Cambridge in connection with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, the following candidates were successful: Theory of Music, Grade 1 (Primary), David Betts ; Grade 2 (Elementary), Gloria Missen and Dawn Murfitt; Grade 3 (transitional); Richard Tassell and Hazel Scott; Grade 4 (lower), Thelma Pettit; They were pupils of Miss W. B. Russell.

Littleport Swimming Club revived its annual gala held in connection with Feast Week. Cup winners in local club events were: The Aggas Cup, R. Bell; The Crown Cup, C. Hodson; The Black Horse Cup, R. Bell.

26--Over 4,000 people attended the 63rd annual Show of the Horticultural and Foal Show Society.

27--Angling—Wood Barrett Cup open competition won by L. Harvey. E. Ashmore and L. Saby were 2nd and 3rd respectively.

30--A whist drive, organised by Mrs. J. Carruthers, raised £75/10/0 in aid of the Carnival Week Fund.

## August.

2--Successful garden fete held at the Grange. Baby show winners were Graham Barrow, Valerie Bailey, Dennis Gilbert. Linda Nunn won the children's fancy dress competition.

Marriage, at Southery Methodist Church, between Miss Rosamund Waters, of Southery, and Mr. Brian Key, of Littleport.

8--Music Successes.—At a recent examination held at Cambridge in connection with the Association Board of the Royal Schools of Music, the following candidates were successful : Pianoforte Grade 1 (primary), Dawn Murfitt (passed with Merit) and Richard Tassell (pass). Grade 3 (Transitional), Thelma Pettitt and Hazel Scott, both passed with Merit. They were pupils of Miss W. B. Russell.

9--Mr. C. G. Sallis, of Station Road, Littleport, gained the first prize and trophy at the British National Competitions for radio-controlled model aircraft, held at the Royal Naval Air Station, Gosport.

10--Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Howe, of Black Horse Drove, celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary.

13--A whist drive, organised by the Littleport Labour Party for the benefit of local infantile paralysis victims, realised over £35.

15--Mr. & Mrs. George Sewell, of Upton Place, were successful in gaining first prize for the third year in succession in the flower garden competition held in connection with the annual show.

19--Meeting of Carnival Committee for final discussion of plans for the week's celebrations. Mrs. Gill reported that the target of £1,000 towards the cost of the playing field and swimming pool was well on the way to £200.

20--Members of the Women's Fellowship made a presentation to their chairman, Mrs. J. T. Woods, to mark the occasion of her silver wedding anniversary.

The Women's Institute entertained the " over 70's " to a tea and party. There was a present for each guest and a special one for the oldest W.I. member present, Mrs. T. Crabb, who was in her 91st year.

23--Marriage at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Miss Audrey Cross, of Ely, and Mr. Douglas Bent, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bent, of Friars Way, Littleport.

23--A small band of Littleport children, their ages ranging from 8 to 10 years, gave an open-air entertainment in aid of the Lynmouth Disaster Relief Fund which realised £2. The children were Ann and Janet Fendick, Ann Bumpstead, Margaret Garner and Michael Page.

24--First day of Littleport Carnival Week. The day's programme included a grand parade through gaily decorated streets, a united open-air service and a concert by the British Legion Band.

25--Second day of Carnival Week. 16 teams competed in a six-a-side football competition for a place in the finals.

26--Third day of Carnival Week. Programme included an archery display by the Ely

Bowmen, an exhibition of model aircraft flying, a comic football match ("The Gaiety Girls" v. "Thompson's Beauties"), and a carnival whist drive.

27--Fourth day of Carnival Week. Large crowds watched an open swimming gala. Concert at the Constitutional Hall where Mr. P. S. Gray was awarded the cup for the best entry in the shop window dressing competition.

28--Fifth day of Carnival Week. Finals of six-a-side football competition. Winners: British Legion. Ladies' match between Women's Institute and Hope Bros. Staff resulted in a one goal to nil victory for the W.I. Women's Fellowship collected £18 with the barrel organ. At a modern dance Mrs. J. Carruthers and Mrs. G. Law were awarded first and second prizes in a ladies' hair-style competition. Miss M. Butcher and Miss Sheila Leggett were placed first and second for the most beautiful hair.

29--Sixth day of Carnival Week. Olde Tyme Carnival Dance at the Constitutional Hall at which an electric clock was unveiled by Mrs. W. Goy, a vice-president of the W.I., in commemoration of the Festival of Britain Year.

30--Seventh day of Carnival Week. Sports and fancy dress competitions at Highfield. Trapeze act by Leone, sensational aerial trapezist.

Announcement by Mrs. Gill that target had been smashed. Torchlight procession led by British Legion Band to Playing Field where community singing brought the week's celebrations to a close.

Report received from Manningtree, Essex, of the funeral of Mr. Frederick C. Scarff, son of Mr. & Mrs. R. Scarff, of Little Ouse. His tragic death took place while he was on duty as a fireman.

31--Cycling—Roy Murfitt and E. Bowles, members of the Littleport Wheelers, took part in the 25 miles Eastern Counties cycling championship.

Collections and donations at the Parish Church for the Lynmouth Disaster Fund amounted to over £27.

## September.

5--Six stacks containing about 200 tons of straw were destroyed by fire on the Ely Road Farm of Messrs. Martin Brothers.

6--Marriage, at St. Mary's Church, Ely, of Miss Mary Butler, of Ely, and Mr. Dennis King, son of Mr. & Mrs. D. T. H. King, of Millfield, Littleport.

9--Women's Institute monthly meeting took the form of a harvest festival. The service was conducted by Senior Captains G. Childs and E Hewlett, of the Salvation Army.

17--Women's Fellowship held a harvest thanksgiving meeting. A play, depicting scenes from the childhood and youth of our Lord, was given by members of the Salvation Army Home League

20--Rev J. K. Cecil Payne, with a band of helpers, collected £91 for the Church Heating Fund.

20-21--Major Britton, recently returned from Kenya, was the special speaker at the Salvation Army harvest festival services.

21--St John's Methodist Church Harvest Festival. Morning and evening services were conducted by the Rev. Gordon Poole, with Mrs. Poole officiating in the afternoon.

24--Women's Fellowship whist drive in aid of the Lynmouth Disaster Fund yielded £5.

25--160 employees of Messrs. Martin Brothers sat down to a supper in the Constitutional Hall to celebrate the coming-of-age of Mr. John Martin, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph H. Martin, of the Willow Rows.

26--Women's Institute jumble sale realised over £43.

## October.

1--Death of Mr. Charles H. Cross, of Bedlam Farm, March, at the age of 53. He was the son of Mr. J. W. Cross and the late Mrs. Cross and lived formerly at Mildenhall Road, Littleport.

Harvest Festival at the Parish Church. The preacher was the Rev. H. Perry, Rector of Turvey, Bedfordshire, the son of a former Vicar of Littleport.

5--Cycling—12 "Old Crocks" took part in a six miles time-trial organised by the Littleport Wheelers. L. Hicks and H. Easy tied for, first place.

Harvest Festival services continued at the Parish Church. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. E. Yates, Vicar of Witchford.

6--Messrs. Padgett Brothers, farmers, of Horseley Hale, Littleport, gained first prizes for both stacking and thatching in a stacking and thatching competition organised by the Ely Branch of the National Farmers' Union. The stacking was done by Mr. A. W. Padgett and the thatching by Mr. A. W. G. Bonnett.

The special speaker at a meeting of the Mothers' Union was Lady C. Brackenbury, President of the M.U. for the Diocese.

!!! 8--Littleport Parish Council decided to ask the Town Lands Charity and St.



John Ambulance Brigade to sell a plot of land in Parsons Lane for the village's swimming pool. The approximate estimated cost of the pool was £6,000.

8--Young Wives' Group meeting. One new member, Mrs. Simmonds, was welcomed.

9--Final meeting of Littleport Carnival Committee. The balance after all expenses had been paid was £1,100.

Members of the Littleport W.I. were the guests at a meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute.

10--Engagement announced between Mr. Charles Norris, of Cambridge, and Miss Gwendoline Allen, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Allen, of Black Horse Drove.

11--Y.M.C.A. Youth Club re-union party held at the Constitutional Hall. Mr. R. Shelton, former Youth Club leader, was present.

13--Isle of Ely Education Committee recorded their appreciation of the services of Mr. & Mrs. E. H. James who had resigned from their teaching positions at Little Ouse School. Mr. & Mrs. James had been at Little Ouse for 32 years.

14--Women's Institute monthly meeting. A showing of the Carnival Week film by Mr. P. H. Houlden was very much appreciated.

15--Mrs. L. Myhill, of Littleport, was the speaker at a women's meeting held in connection with the Countess of Huntingdon Congregational Church. Ely.

17--Tragic death of Linda Christine King, baby daughter of Mr. & Mrs. F. King, of Victoria Street, at the age of 17 months. Linda swallowed a cinder while playing on the floor.

A recent collection for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, organised by Miss E. R. Gill, of Victoria Street, Littleport, realised £31/17/5.

19--A radio controlled aircraft contest organised by the Cambridge Aircraft Club and held at Waterbeach, was won by Mr. Cecil Sallis, of Littleport.

21--Meeting of Amalgamated Friendly Societies Charities Committee.

Money raised at the annual parade was allocated as follows :—The S.J.A.B., £11 ; Child Welfare, £11 ; Littleport & Prickwillow Nursing Association, £11 ; B.R.C.S., Littleport Detachment, £11; British Legion Band Fund, £11; Lord Kitchener's National Holiday Home, Lowestoft, £9/9/0 ; and Littleport Over Sixties' Club. £5/5/0.

25--Reunion of the family of Mrs. Florence Law, of The Crescent. Her daughters Betty from Australia and Margaret from Canada, both married together with nearly

fifty members of the family, staged a grand-scale party to mark the occasion. Betty had lived in Australia for the past 27 years.

Primary School jumble sale, organised by the staff and Parent-Teacher Association, raised £70 for school funds.

27--Four head of dairy cattle from the Ousebridge herd of Messrs. Martin Brothers realised 304 guineas at a sale held at Histon.

28--Mr. W. P. Register, of Littleport, appointed headmaster of the Little Ouse School. Mrs. Register was appointed assistant mistress at the same school.

30--Miss Carol Clarke and Master Ken Hubbard, both of Black Horse Drove, were defeated in the first round of the "Daily Mirror" table tennis competition.

Funeral, at Farningham, Kent, of Mr. Frank L. Smith, manager of Messrs. Hope Brothers' Factory, Littleport, from 1925 to 1937. Mr. Smith left a widow and two daughters.

31--Public meeting held at the Odd Fellows' Hall to discuss plans for Littleport's Coronation celebrations. It was agreed that the Carnival Committee be asked to take charge of the arrangements.

Engagement announced between Colin, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. S. P. Audus, of 16, Wellington Street, Littleport, and Rita, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. P. Hubbard, of Railway House, Black Horse Drove.

## November.

1--St. John's Methodist Sunday School Autumn Sale realised £58.

2--Mr. Gillie Potter, well known to radio listeners as the "Sage of Hogsnorton," visited Littleport Parish Church. He came to see where the remains of one of his ancestors, Mrs. Rebecca Stimpson, lay in the churchyard.

An altar frontal, presented to St. George's Church in memory of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Ambrose, of New Road, by members of their family, was dedicated by the Rev. J. K. C. Payne.

Service for the dedication of the new Colours of the Boys' Brigade Company held in Victoria Street Methodist Church. The Chaplain to the Company (Rev. Gordon Poole) conducted.

4--£1,100, raised during Littleport's Carnival Week, presented to the Parish Council by Mrs. Gill, representing the Carnival Committee. £550 was for the Swimming Pool fund and £550 for the Playing Field.

16--The home of Mr. & Mrs. G. Flack, of Willow Row Drove severely damaged by heavy gale. One end of their cottage was completely blown in.

Funeral of Mr. W. C. Collinson, of Ipswich. Mr. Collinson was in charge of the Littleport Y.M.C.A. Centre for two years during the last war.

17--Engagement announced between Mr. Frank Convine, only son of Mr. & Mrs. George Convine. of Drages Farm, Wood Fen Littleport, and Miss Dorothy Bedford, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bedford, of Sedge Farm, Ten Mile Bank.

8--Cambridge University Ringers visited the Parish Church. They rang the church bells for three hours.

9--Monthly meeting Of the Women's Institute. A warm welcome was accorded to Mrs. Luff, a member of a well known local family who was on a visit home from Australia.

Armistice parade and service of remembrance at the Parish Church.

10--First meeting of the Coronation Committee. Mrs. Gill was elected chairman and Mr. P. H. Houlden secretary.

Ely Road Safety Committee presentation to drivers and conductors of the Eastern Counties' Omnibus Co. Local driving awards:—10 years Oak Leaf Bar : P. Starling. Diplomas : V. E. House, G. H. Washington. Conductor's Diploma: F. V. Borley, D. W. Murfitt.

13--Fourth annual meeting of Black Horse Drove Women's Institute. It was revealed that nine members had qualified for W.I. presentation spoons.

Re-union of former members of the Littleport Girl Guides Company; The Company was formed in 1917 and has been carried on without a break for 35 years.

Methodist Guild Rally held in St. John's Methodist Church, Littleport. An address was given by Mr. E. Steele, an evangelist from Cliff College.

14--Sudden death, at Guyhirne, of Mr. Albert James Cox, a former Littleport Stationmaster. He held this position for 21 years, leaving Littleport in 1934.

Mr. R. Grindling, of Black Horse Drove, attended a re-union of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, at the Victory Club, London.

15--Miss Felicity Payne opened the Parish Church Christmas Fair. £90 was raised for the Diocesan Quota.

Adult stock show of the Ely & District Fur & Feather Club. The best in the show award was won by Master J. E. Middleton, of Littleport.

Badminton—Littleport Hereward defeated March by five rubbers to four.

19--Presentation of the Ludlow Darts Cup to the " Upton Place Players" by Mrs. W. J. Gill, chairman of the Carnival Committee. The competition, organised in connection with Carnival Week by Mr. N. Wilson, of the "George & Dragon," brought an additional £15 to the Carnival Fund.

20--Concert, given by the Downham Market Revue Company, in aid of the local Red Cross Clinic funds, realised £60.

21-- The engagement announced between Edward Stanley Dodd, of East Molesey, Surrey, and Sonya Patricia Blankley, of Windsor, Berks., and formerly of Littleport.

22--National Children's Home collection resulted in £28/11/0. The collection was organised by Mrs. Gordon Poole.

Jumble sale, organised by the ladies' committee of the British Legion Band in aid of Band funds, resulted in a profit of £40/7/6.

23--Visit of the Wisbech Songsters to the Salvation Army Hall.

28--Littleport's contribution to the Poppy Day fund amounted to £212/16/3, which was about £15 more than last year's.

29--Annual show of Lynn & District Poultry & Rabbit Society. Entries by J. Middleton, of Littleport, were successful in winning three cups. Other prizewinners were exhibited by A. Willett and H. Taylor, who won the Belgian Cup.

Mrs. T. B. Gordon opened a Salvation Army jumble sale. £52 was raised.

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