









## CAMELFORD PETTY SESSIONS.

## SUNDAY EVENING SCENES.

## LICENCE-HOLDER FINED.

With an interval for lunch, Camelford Petty Sessions on Friday lasted from 11.30 to 5. Several cases being of considerable interest, the Town Hall was filled with spectators. Mr. R. K. Elford presided, other magistrates present being Messrs. T. F. Wakefield, J. H. Hayne, and W. T. Tucker.

## TRANSFERRED.

The licence of the White Hart Hotel, Camelford, was transferred to Mrs. Bailey, widow of the late licensee.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CASES.

In school attendance cases, the local education authority was represented by Mr. W. H. Walters (district clerk) and Mr. F. D. Elford (attendance officer). Against Mrs. Richards, of Helstone, an attendance order with costs was issued. The father was absent on military work, and the child's attendance was 48 per cent. It was stated that the family came from Cardigan, where they had a bad school attendance record.

An attendance order with costs was also issued against John Henry Thomas, of the Melrose Hotel. In a letter he stated that the children had gone from home to attend school, and had come back wet through. Mr. Walters said the attendance of four sons was equally bad. They never made a full week's attendance. The trouble was not in sending the boys and not attending, but in taking one or other of them with him. Mr. Elford said the boy in respect of whom Mr. Thomas was summoned was 10 years of age, and his attendance was 42 per cent. Since the previous sessions the boy had only made three attendances out of 20.

## NURSING ASSOCIATION BENEFITS.

John Ralph Charlton Woodward, of Newquay, pleaded guilty to driving a car without a licence at Tintagel. P.C. Collett said that on August 5th the defendant produced a licence which expired on July 11th.

Supt. Webber said the licence was not renewed until August 7th. In the meantime the county would lose a driver's licence. Defendant had been driving a month without a licence.

Mr. Woodward told the Court that no one was more surprised than himself on finding the licence was out of date. He said he had been told by a friend that the Government was further from his thoughts. If the Bench would treat him leniently he would give a guinea to any charitable institution the Bench might name. For eight years he had been the owner and driver of cars, and this was the first time he had to stand before a Bench of magistrates. He had a good many licences to attend to, and this was an oversight and nothing more.

The case was dismissed on payment of costs, and Mr. Woodward handed a guinea to the Clerk for the District Nursing Association.

## CAMELFORD HOTEL PROPRIETOR FINED.

## BENCH WARD SOLDIERS.

Thomas William Hobbs, proprietor of the Mason's Arms, Camelford, was charged with permitting a soldier to drink. Mr. Percy T. Pearce (Plymouth) defended, and pleaded not guilty.

P.S. Peart stated that on this Sunday evening, about 9.30, when on duty in Fore Street in company with P.C. Penberthy, he received information that there was fighting on at the Mason's Arms. He went there, and saw Pte. Southgate, of the Prisoners of War camp, drunk. The latter had been knocked over, and the place was in confusion. Witness asked Hobbs how it was that Southgate was there at 9.30 when he should have left at 9, and he replied that at 9 he ordered all soldiers to leave, but Southgate did not go. With Pte. Best he was about to leave, and refused to go back to the camp with Best. Advised by witness outside, he gave an impudent answer, and went up the street. He tried to get in a house occupied by Miss Greenwood, but the door being locked, saw Miss Sowden's window sill. Witness lifted him up, and Southgate then staggered down to the doorway of Mr. French's office, and then stumbled across the street, making apparently for the Darlington Hotel, but two men coming out took him to Mr. A. Wakefield's coach-house, where he remained the night. Witness saw Mr. Hobbs the next morning, who said Southgate came to his house between 7 and 8, and had three or four half-pints of cider with whisky. Witness told him of the shocking state the man was in. The man appeared to have been struck by somebody, as his right cheek was bleeding, and he was starting to come out when the police arrived. He was quite satisfied Southgate was drunk; there was no doubt about it. If not taken away he would have locked him up. For this offence Southgate was summoned at the previous Court, and then handed over to the military to be dealt with.

Cross-examined: At once, as soon as he saw him, he came to the conclusion Southgate was drunk. He had known cases where men had been sober sitting indoors, but getting in the air they went, as Mr. Pearce put it, "off pop." Hobbs said the next morning that Southgate was all right in there.

P.C. Penberthy said everything was in confusion, upside down, and the fight had just finished. Besides the two soldiers, seven or eight men were there. Southgate, drunk, refused to go with Best to the camp, and became saucy when advised by P.S. Peart to do so. He had not the least doubt the man was drunk.

Charles Batten, printer, and Arthur Dennis, outfitter's apprentice, who were in the street, and, attracted by the commotion, went outside the Mason's Arms, said Best was sober, Southgate was drunk. Referring to the fight, Southgate said to Best: "That took advantage of a drunk man." Batten said that Southgate did a dog trot up the street—he had to run because he was too drunk to walk. He was not in the condition of a man who had sustained a blow.

Capt. Coulson, commandant, Prisoners of War camp, said that Pte. Southgate was under his charge. At the previous Court (August 3rd) Southgate was summoned for being drunk, and he (witness) appeared before the magistrates, and made application for him to be handed over to the military. Since that date he had not punished him for that offence.

At this juncture a discussion took place between Supt. Webber, Mr. Pearce, and the witness, as to whether the commandant admitted having signed was produced by Supt. Webber, Mr. Pearce raised objection to it being read, and to the Superintendent cross-examining his own witness unless he wished to treat Capt. Coulson as a hostile witness. The letter was not read, the breeze terminating with a remark by Supt. Webber: Then why did you say in your letter that you had punished the man? Cross-examined: Southgate was a very good man.

Richard Best was called for the defence. With Southgate he said he went to the Mason's Arms about 8. He had a pint of cider, but did not drink. Southgate having anything to drink. He was peaceful, but talking pretty loud. The landlord said time was up, and they got up to leave, but stopped listening to the talking. Southgate and a man named Best were "yarning" about the army. Southgate knocked the door out of Best's hands, and let fly at Best, who let fly at him. Southgate begged pardon, and when he left the house was sober, and the same outside.

Cross-examined: Was not asleep, so could see if Southgate was drinking. Returned to camp that night. Southgate did not go back. Did not press him hard, as he said he was not going back, but going up the town. Southgate never said it was cowardly to strike a drunken man, and he (Best) did not reply, "You must not say you were drunk."

Pte. Phillips, a substitute in khaki, said he left the inn at 9, when the landlord called time. Southgate then was quite sober.

W. Beals, Trevis, ringer at the parish church, said that after performing his duties there, he went to the Mason's Arms about ten minutes past 8. With Southgate he had a little conversation about joining up. Standing up, Southgate said he had been in the National Reserve twelve years, and witness said he had done twenty in the Volunteers. Southgate was as sober as he was. When Beals rose to go out, Southgate shut the door and went to hit him, witness returning the compliment. They let fly at each other. Southgate shook hands, and apologised in a sober way.

Cross-examined: He had seen sober men strike with very little provocation. He was sober himself, and the soldiers had gone before he came out about 9.30.

Abel French said as far as he could see Southgate was sober.

Charlie Horrell, railway packer, said Southgate was sober as far as he could observe.

John Batten, blacksmith, also a ringer, said in his opinion the man was sober.

The defendant said he had been the licensee for three years. Southgate came in with Best, and had four half-pints of cider with four dashes of whisky, the cider being 8d. for the cider and 9d. for the whisky. They did not get much whisky nowadays for 8d. There was nothing in that sober. The whole time he was standing conversing. After the disturbance and the arrival of the police he told P.S. Peart that the soldiers had not been served with any drink after a quarter to 9. The sergeant said he would have to be careful, or his house would be put out of bounds. The sergeant then never suggested that a man was worse for liquor.

Cross-examined: The sergeant next morning did not say the man was in a drunken condition. He did not see that the soldiers left at 9 because he was busy serving other people. A man would not get mad drunk with cider and whisky. They hoped the verdict would be a warning, and that the defendant would endeavor to keep his house properly. A licence was granted not for the purpose of making men drunk, but for the convenience of the public. Defendant would be fined £3 15s. The Bench also desired him to express regret that the man handed to the military authorities at their request to be dealt with had not been dealt with. They desired it to be known that if any soldiers came before them again they would be dealt with by the Bench, and not handed over to the military authorities.

Capt. Coulson said the man was punished by his commanding officer. The Superintendent asked, "Did you punish him?" and he replied "No."

Supt. Webber: Capt. Coulson said he was the commanding officer. I cannot understand it.

Capt. Coulson: There are a lot of things you can't understand.

The Chairman: Next case, please.

## CLAIM FOR WAGES.

Mr. A. C. Pomeroy (Bodmin) represented John Hawkey and other workmen in a claim for wages against A. C. N. Treddgold, Assn. Friars, London. He said the men had been working at a wolfram mine in Advent parish, and sued for six weeks' wages to August 11th. Hawkey's claim was for £7 17s. 6d., and there were claims by twelve other men for similar amounts. Payment in five days was ordered, with costs—7s. 6d. in each case.

## ILLEGAL PHOTOGRAPHY.

Miss Hyman, a London visitor, did not appear to answer a charge of unlawfully taking a photograph of Boscawen harbour, but in a letter a firm of solicitors stated that their client was ignorant of the regulations.—Richard Pickard (coast watcher) said that being asked to hand over her camera, and not disturb the films, she took the films out and destroyed them by exposing them to the light.—Fined 10s.

## Reports of other cases will be found on page 5.

£100 in notes was found by a young woman in High Road, Whetstone, and on taking the money to the police station she was rewarded by the owner with 5s.

## CAMELFORD GUARDIANS.

## ST. BREWARD NURSING.

## REGISTRATION DISTRICTS.

## AMALGAMATED.

Mr. R. Couch presided on Thursday of last week.

Mr. H. Jones (Lewmouth representative) having sustained an accident, a vote of sympathy with him was passed.

The Clerk said an application had been made to the County Council for an enquiry to be held to consider the question of amalgamating St. Breward and Forrabury.

Mrs. H. Onslow solicited support for the St. Breward parish nurse scheme. Over £50 had been collected in subscriptions and donations, and there was more to come.—Mr. B. Hawken moved that an annual subscription of £3 should be given to the funds.—Mr. Couch observed that as the Board only gave £2 2s. to the Tintagel parish nurse, it would hardly be fair to give more to St. Breward.—Mr. Hawken is not St. Breward rather higher than Tintagel?—The Clerk: No. The assessable value of Tintagel is £500 more than St. Breward.

Mr. Hawkins said he did not find anything wrong with the working of the Camelford District Nursing Association, but a parish nurse would be able to attend the poorer classes more. The attention of a district nurse was confined to one case, whereas a parish nurse could attend five or six cases a day.—Mr. Seacombe said it had been suggested that St. Breward ought not to start until they had collected £20.

Mr. Tucker said it was not a question of the good will of the Guardians, but a question of spending public money. The promoters should be content to wait some time and see what the receipts and expenditure were before asking for public support. As an amendment he moved that no sum should now be granted, but that the question should come up for favourable consideration some other day.—Capt. Richards said he had sympathy with the Camelford District Nursing Association, but living in the village many cases had come under his notice where persons required the assistance of a nurse, but had not been able to secure it. The poor would have the benefit, not it was in their interests that he appealed for the Board's support.

Mr. Wakefield said he was quite glad St. Breward was going to have a parish nurse. Nothing showed their wisdom more, although it was not the right way to go to work to announce that they had dissociated themselves from the District Nursing Association. A parish nurse was a different thing altogether, and instead of St. Breward people dissociating themselves, the District Association found that most people were continuing their subscriptions to both: the District Nursing Association subscription being an insurance against long serious illness, the parish nurse insurance against accidents and cases of minor illness. Both were wise, and he was glad they were getting on so well.

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Boscawen district was adjourned for a month.

The estimates for the ensuing half-year, presented by the Clerk, were approved. County call 1s. 3d., increase 1d.; union 7d., increase 2d.; District Council 8d., decrease 1d.; total 2s. 6d., increase 2d.

## SERIOUS CHARGES AT STRATTON.

## EX-BAPTIST MINISTER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At Stratton Police Court, on Monday, Charles Henry Chaplin, formerly Baptist minister at Halwill, was charged on remand with assaulting young girls on October 30th, 1915. Prisoner was undefended.

Supt. Webber said that on October 30th, about 10 in the morning, three girls, aged 9, 10, and 11, were going up on Pich-hill towards Thorn Farm. Mr. Griffiths, schoolmaster at Marhamchurch, passed up the hill on his bicycle, and a minute or so later he had gone on a man also riding a bicycle, and the girls. The man jumped off his cycle and asked the way to Marhamchurch, saying he was a doctor, and was going there and to other schools to examine the children. He told the girls he would examine them there, and he opened the gate and took all three into the field. At two o'clock the same day a similar offence on a girl was alleged to have been committed in a field between Tison and Melville-hill, and there was a third offence at Whitstone. Prisoner at this time was a Baptist minister residing at Halwill, and from the spot where the first offence was said to have been committed his direct road home would be through Marhamchurch, Tison, and Whitstone.

Alluding to the prisoner's altered appearance, Supt. Webber said Chaplin knew three months ago that he would be arrested on September 1st on these charges, and he suggested that this was the reason for his growing a beard.

The girls and several other witnesses were called, and identified the prisoner. Two girls had failed to recognise the prisoner when he was put up for identification at the police station.

Prisoner, who elected to be sworn, said that owing to lack of means, and having lost his home, he was unable to obtain legal assistance. The matter was one of life and death to him, especially as the charge was one so heinous. The prisoner stated in which the public had taken up this matter had prejudiced those who would have been willing to give evidence for him. With regard to October 30th, 1915, he was at home at Halwill the whole of the morning repairing his small motor car for a journey to be taken at the beginning of the following week to meet the Rev. Mr. Barrow, Bradford, Nth Devon.

Prisoner repudiated the suggestion that he grew the beard merely for the purpose of preventing identification. The beard was purely the outcome of his confinement. Prisoner, speaking with some emotion, said that he was the oldest he had ever known, and that he had spent the last twelve months on his knees, pleading with God and asking for His help; and as for the children, I would not hurt one of them. I would rather ask God's blessing upon them.

What I spoke I believed to be true. Referring to his wife, he said she was ill. "A more noble wife never stood beside one; God only knows what the result will be to my aged parents."

Supt. Webber, in cross-examination, asked prisoner whether he had not had some experience in trying to get free of children; his loving sister (Mrs. Stapleton) and family; Grandchildren; Mrs. J. Cornish, Mr. and the Misses Joll, Mrs. Cloke, Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and family, a friend, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brock (Poughill), Mrs. Cardew and Mrs. Mills. The coffin, which was of oak, bore the inscription: "Richard Parkhouse, died September 2nd, 1917, aged 70 years."

MISS J. W. TOMS. We regret to record the death of Miss Jane Williams Toms, daughter of the late Mr. John Toms, of Bude, and sister to Mr. John Toms and Mrs. T. Bassett, which took place on Wednesday evening of last week. Miss Toms, who resides with Mrs. Toms, appeared to be in ordinary health, and was about to descend some steps leading from the back-door of the house to the garden, when by some unexplained means she fell, and at the bottom struck her head against the point of a door and fractured her skull. Dr. King was sent for, and within a very few minutes was on the spot. In spite of all the aid which could be rendered, she did not recover consciousness, and died about an hour later. Dr. Thompson held an inquest on the day following, when a verdict was returned to the effect that the deceased met her death by falling down the steps. Miss Toms, who had resided in Bude for many years, was a most highly respected lady, and was a member of the Bude U.M. Church, in which cause she was deeply interested.

The funeral took place at St. Michael's Church on Saturday, when a clergyman visiting the town on holiday kindly conducted the service in the absence of the Vicar. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Toms, brother; Mrs. T. Bassett, sister; Mr. Myrus Toms, nephew; Miss Nellie Toms, niece; Mr. Bassett, brother-in-law; Mrs. Toms, sister-in-law; and Mrs. Myrus Toms, niece. The bearers were Messrs. J. B. Cook, F. Jeffery, A. Hill, D. B. Perkins, E. Cornish, and J. H. Hallett. Beautiful floral tokens were sent by Mrs. Cook, Miss Petrich, Mrs. Wakely, and Lenny, Mrs. T. Parsons, Miss L. Harris, and the U.M. Church. The coffin, which was of unpolished oak, with brass fittings, bore the inscription: "Jane Williams Toms, died September 15th, 1917, aged 74 years."

At the U.M. Church on Sunday evening the Rev. E. Flower was the preacher, and in memory of the late Miss Toms the hymn, "For all the saints," was sung.

Boy Scouts are to be employed to collect litter and bracken to be used as horse-litter instead of straw.

INTERESTING EDUCATION POINT.

CASALI CALLINGTON.

John Jago, of Albaston, appeared before the Tintagel magistrates on Thursday of last week in answer to an adjourned summons for neglecting to send his daughter to school.

Mr. Alfred Eden prosecuted on behalf of the Local Education Authority, and stated that the defendant had been summoned several times for the irregular attendance of daughter. Now, in order to avoid further prosecution, he was sending her to a private school.

Mr. Jago drew attention to what he might call an oversight. Mr. Fisher's new Education Bill anybody might keep a school, and no charge could be brought against parents for the County Council bylaws for irregular attendance of their children at a school. A summons might be issued under the Education Act charging them with neglecting to provide sufficient education for his children, but the onus would be with the Education Authority to prove the charge in Court. That was a difficult and intricate proceeding. They were merely girls who were useful at home, went to these rural private schools, elementary schools, and the parents at and did send them when they liked.

Jago was fined costs for the bad attendance of his child.

The Chairman (J. W. Lavery) said the Bench were anxious in recommending that the defendant be brought before the Court to see the notice of the Board of Education and Mr. Burden, promised to report to the Local Education Authority.



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## BUDE FUNERALS.

## MR. RICHARD PARKHOUSE.

The funeral of the late Mr. Richard Parkhouse, whose death we reported last week, took place on Thursday, 6th inst., at

official in the absence of the Vicar. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Parkhouse, widow; Mr. J. Parkhouse, son; the Misses Annie and Kate Parkhouse, daughters; Reggie Joll and Freddy Parkhouse, grandsons; Capt. J. B. and Mrs. Cook, brother and sister-in-law; Messrs. A. Cook and A. Joll, nephews. The bearers were Messrs. H. Barrett, S. Marshall, S. Prout, R. Joll, G. Moore, and Capt. D. Stevens. Wreaths and other floral tokens were sent by: His sorrowing widow and children; His loving sister (Mrs. Stapleton) and family; Grandchildren; Mrs. J. Cornish, Mr. and the Misses Joll, Mrs. Cloke, Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and family, a friend, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brock (Poughill), Mrs. Cardew and Mrs. Mills. The coffin, which was of oak, bore the inscription: "Richard Parkhouse, died September 2nd, 1917, aged 70 years."

MISS J. W. TOMS. We regret















## HINTS FOR ALLOTMENT HOLDERS.

By SPADE-WORKER.

## STORING POTATOES: SUGAR BEET.

I have lately been visiting allotments in various parts of the country, and have been disconcertingly surprised to find that potatoes generally are severely attacked by disease. Although I was away from my own allotment for a few days only, an astonishing change was noticeable in the potatoes on my return. The tops of the maincrop varieties were fairly green and apparently free from disease when I left, but now a large number of leaves are black and shrivelled. I have cut off the haulm, and I shall lift the tubers as soon as possible and on a fine day. Numerous allotment holders cut off the potato tops and leave the tubers in the ground indefinitely. It is unwise to do this, for disease germs may attack them, and if that happens they will decay in the store. The potatoes are now so advanced in development that they will ripen when stored.

## MAKING A POTATO CLAMP.

Owing to lack of storage room, many allotment holders will doubtless be obliged to store their potatoes out of doors in a covered heap or clamp. They will keep perfectly well when stored in this way, providing the necessary precautions are taken. The site chosen for the clamp should be as dry as possible, and if slightly raised above the surrounding soil so much the better. The clamp may be round or oblong. A shallow trench is dug all round the site to act as a drain, and the soil taken out is placed on the site so as to make this higher. If sifted ashes are available a layer may with advantage be placed on the bottom of the clamp, these being in turn covered with a little soil. Then come the potatoes, arranged in the form of a circular or oblong heap, according to the shape of the clamp, gradually tapering as it increases in height. When the store has reached the desired size, the potatoes are covered with clean straw, and upon this is placed soil to the depth of about three inches. Wispes of straw must be pulled through here and there for purposes of ventilation. Some gardeners place straw at the bottom of the clamp as shown in the sketch. Those who have grown early and second early varieties should keep them in sacks and boxes, and store the maincrop varieties only in the clamp. It is most important that the potatoes be dry when stored, and only those which are thoroughly sound should be put in the clamp.



A POTATO CLAMP.  
Soil is shown at A and E, straw at B and D, potatoes at C, and straw pulled through at F.

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## SUGAR BEET.

In the spring months a great stir was made about sugar beetroot, and to my knowledge many allotment holders purchased and sowed seed of this vegetable. Judging by several letters I have received, the growers expected to be able to use the beet as a substitute for sugar in jam-making. It can be so used, but the jam will not be of the same quality as that obtained when the requisite amount of sugar is employed; the jam will, in fact, be poor, and will not keep satisfactorily. However, those who care to experiment with sugar beet in the making of jam will be interested in the following recipe which is sent by a correspondent to one of the gardening papers: Take a quantity of sugar beet and boil by itself; then slice and boil with the fruit as for ordinary preserve. Use from one-third to one-half more fruit than beet. If no sugar is used, a few figs improve the jam, which is indeed all the better for the addition of figs, even with a little sugar. If possible place a coating of sugar over the jam in each pot when filled, and then tie on a perfectly airtight cover. Sugar beetroot can, of course, be used in the same way as ordinary beet, so even if it is not employed in jam-making that is no reason why it should be wasted.

## SEASONABLE HINTS.

Runner beans have done remarkably well this year: mine are quite nine feet high and are still bearing freely. It is necessary to keep the pods picked, otherwise they soon become old and the development of others is interfered with. Vegetable marrow is more abundant than ever before. Every allotment-holder appears to be offering marrows to his neighbour who himself has more than he knows what to do with. The best plan to adopt is at once to cut those which are ripe and to hang them up by the stalk in a dry room for use in winter. They will keep for months, and later on can be made into jam or pickle, or they are very useful for mixing with other fruits for making pies and tarts. The removal of the ripe fruits gives the younger ones a better chance; the latter should be used for cooking as a dish while still green, for they are far more palatable than when old. It is not yet too late to sow turnips for winter, though the respective sowing dates differ from a sowing made a few weeks ago. But this crop is such a valuable one that those who have not sown seeds should do so, even now.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. A. C.—The potato tops ought to be burnt, not put on the rubbish heap. You should at once cut off the tops to within three or four inches of the ground, and at the first favourable opportunity, in fine weather, take up the potatoes and store them as soon as they are dry. RIVERSIDE.—The cabbage plants to produce a spring supply may be put out now, at about fifteen inches apart. If planted in firm ground on which potatoes were grown they ought to succeed. Get the plants well down in the

soil and make this firm about the roots. Last winter was so severe that very few spring cabbages survived. ALLOTMENT (Thanet).—This correspondent kindly sends the following hint on sowing seeds of beans: "When harvesting French beans, pull up the plants and hang them in bundles in a dry shed or room. Do not take them from the pods until they are wanted for sowing in May. Beans thus treated germinate quickly and produce strong plants." ALLOTMENT-HOLDERS.—(1) When disease has attacked potatoes all diseased tops should be cut off and burnt. (2) This can be done now without detriment to the keeping properties of late potatoes. (3) Nothing can be done to save the crop, beyond cutting off the tops and lifting the tubers in fine weather a few days afterwards. (4) The leaves become black or blackish within about forty-eight hours; the disease first appears in the form of blackish spots on the lower surface of the leaves.

"Spadeworker" is open to give practical advice, free of charge, to readers of this paper. Replies will be sent by post if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. Address your inquiries to "Spadeworker," care of Editor.

## INTERESTING ITEMS.

Private David Westcott, Gloucestershire Regiment, the Welsh international Rugby football forward, has been killed in action.

Mr. Stanley Anger, thirty-seven, a farmer, riding in his side-car, has been killed in a collision with a motor-omnibus at Chatham.

Porto Rico's sugar crop is 502,388 tons, the largest output in the history of the island. Practically all has been shipped to the United States.

School children of Ippolittos and Gsomore, near Hitehin, are getting 6d. per bushel from the Food Production Committee for collecting horse chestnuts.

Colonels L. N. Herbert, R. H. Twigg, P. J. Miles (all Indian Army), and W. H. V. Smith, Brevet-Colonel R. A. Cassels (Indian Cavalry), and Hon. Colonel J. D. Cornack are gazetted brigadier-generals, and Colonel Henry N. Thompson surgeon-general.

Since its establishment in 1836 the Samaritan Fund of St. Bartholomew's Hospital has distributed £50,225 in relieving 69,435 distressed patients.

A potato dug by Mr. Roberts, of Brampton, Huntingdonshire, weighs 3½ lb., while Mr. Emery, the local schoolmaster, has grown a specimen of 2½ lb.

The captor of the English record roach of 3½ lb. 10oz., Mr. W. Cutting, has taken two more roach of 3½ lb. and 3½ lb. in the same water, Hornsea Mere, Yorkshire.

War Savings Certificates sold during the week ending August 25 numbered 772,908, making an aggregate to date of 116,866,620. The number of applications for Post Office Five per Cent. Exchequer Bonds was 4,900.

At Usk, Mr. John Richards was gathering plums from a tree overhanging a hedge outside a disused cottage, near Wentworth Waterworks, when he received several gunshot wounds, the pellets penetrating his lungs, spine, and leg.

With a population estimated at over 50,000, Hendon is seeking increased representation on the County Council of Middlesex, and the Hendon Board of Guardians.

Wet weather has resulted in a great scarcity of game and birds, particularly in the Midlands and the West of Ireland. On some preserve birds have decreased by over one-half.

Second Lieut. W. P. Crossland, of the West Yorkshire Regiment, the son of Mr. T. W. H. Crossland, the author, has been killed in action.

Through colliding with a motor-car near Egham, Lieut. Gerald Francis Mason, 10th, of the Hants Regiment, was thrown from his motor cycle and was killed.

At the Queen's Head Hotel, Old Brompton, Chatham, a young lieutenant named Isaacs was found shot dead in a bedroom. It is understood he belonged to South Africa and was attached to an English regiment.

Frederick Otto Manns, a musical director, was recalled from Alexandra Palace, where he is intended to identify the body of his son, Frederick Augustus Manns, a boy of fourteen, who was killed by being crushed between the carriage and platform at Fenchurch-street Station.

Picture-house proprietors of Dublin and the South and West of Ireland presented an ambulance to the Dublin Corporation.

Kent War Agricultural Committee are asking the local authorities to spare roadmen to gather in the harvest on account of the scarcity of labour.

Northern members of the Smiths and Strikers' Society are recommended by their leaders to vote in favour of an amalgamation with the Associated Blacksmiths' Society.

Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., in his annual report, returns the membership of the National Union of General Workers as exceeding 200,000, while the capital funds exceed £100,000.

Knocked down by a mad bullock in the Metropolitan Cattle Market, a slaughterhouse boy, aged thirteen, was taken to the Royal Free Hospital, suffering from concussion and severe lacerations.

A fire at the grain stores of Messrs. Watney, Combs, Reid, and Co. (Ltd.), brewers, St. George's Wharf, Grosvenor-road, Finsbury, resulted in extensive damage to one-third of the premises.

Nottingham City Council referred to a committee an application on behalf of employees for an increase of war bonus which, if granted, would, it was stated, entail an additional annual expenditure of over £22,000.

Damage to the extent of several thousand pounds was caused by a fire at a munition works at a North-East Coast town. The main building was almost completely burnt out and the roof collapsed, doing serious damage to the machinery.

Thames watermen have been recommended by their society to make a uniform charge for punts, dinghies, and canoes of 1s. for the first hour, 6d. afterwards, and 5s. a day; and on Sundays, bank holidays, and regatta days, 1s. an hour and 8s. a day.

Mrs. R. Woodliffe Simpson, of West Hartlepool, has handed the sum of £1,000 to the local education authority for the purpose of founding a scholarship of music in memory of her son, Proctor Simpson, who was recently killed in action.

## POULTRY NOTES.

## GROWING STOCK.

It is always a bad time for the small breeder when he gets his stock half grown, because they want as much room as adults, and a great deal more food. So often it is a difficulty to know how to house them, for few small men have more houses than are in actual use. It would be a bad policy to sell any of the pullets, because they should come on to lay well, and then repay for any trouble and expense now. Of course it is best to separate the sexes at an earlier age than half-grown, but I have seen many places where the space will not allow of this, with the result that they must run together as long as possible. However, this cannot go on indefinitely, and now the cockerels must be taken away, and cleared the first opportunity.

Much depends on the district as to the method of disposing, but in all the recognised fattening centres there are higher and low round collecting birds well grown and all ready for the fattening coop. As a rule these men give very good prices, and one great thing is they will take the lot away under the one trouble. If there is no special fattening place near, it is best to fatten them off at home, and then sell. Providing you have proper fattening coops, shut the birds up in these, and only give soft food, then in three weeks they should all be ready for killing. When they have been shut up like this they must all be killed together, otherwise they will go back in weight, because they soon pick and refuse to eat the food. When you have no coops, the next best is to shut them all up in a big shed or barn, such as an old cowshed or stable, and then feed them for a fortnight you can kill the best, and feed the rest for another week. But by this time they must all be cleared, otherwise they soon use the food, and then will not fetch so much money. Probably half of the new stock will be cockerels, and when pushed along in this way it means a speedy clearance.

Now, as the remainder are pullets, they must be kept on, because these will turn in the profit. Well then, how can you manage with these? With the cockerels all cleared out of the shed, you can manage to put all the hens in here and let them moult. Some of them will have small chicks, but they must all now be encouraged to drop their old feathers and start the new growths. As soon as the new ones begin, feed more liberally, so as to help them through, for these hens should soon be laying again, and some you will want for the early breeding pens. There are nothing better than hens if they are laying, for you have stronger chickens, and these grow so much better than the birds hatched from pullets. So many pullets are used for the first matings because hens are not laying, but with a little management the hens can be brought along, and then the results will be more satisfactory.

But the difficulty was not as to how you can manage with the new pullets. If you have only eight or ten there will not be much difficulty, but suppose you have thirty. These will often be best put out in lots, and then it needs three houses. Perhaps you cannot spare them, but have one big place which will take the lot. Well, you must manage this way, and put them all in one house. I know some people recommend flocks of fifty, but I have found that the different methods give better results, and you can keep an eye on each one much easier. Let the house be kept dry, and a dry down. By this I mean stand it up of the soil, so that no damp rises into it, otherwise your floor covering will soon be wet, and then in a short time the house will sink. Feed liberally, so as to push them along well, and then when they begin to lay you will soon get a return. In these times one must avail themselves of all sorts of odd food, and vegetable cuttings can be boiled up and added to the meal. Potatoes must not be used too liberally, but all the small ones may be given, and they make a change with the green clippings.

[Our correspondent undertakes to answer questions on poultry matters. Letters should be addressed: "Fancier," "Weekly News" Office, Lauceston.]

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**LOCAL MARKETS.**

**LAUNCESTON.**—Wheat per 400lbs, barley  
(grinding) per 400lbs, oats per 300lbs, at  
Government prices; maize (American  
mixed) 90s per 480lbs, beef 1s to 1s 8d per  
lb, veal 1s to 1s 6d, mutton 1s to 1s 6d,  
lamb 1s 3d to 1s 8d, pork 1s 3d to 1s 6d,  
bacon 1s 4d to 1s 6d, rough fat 3d, eggs:  
wholesale 4 and 5 for 1s, retail 4, butters:  
wholesale 1s 11d to 2s per lb, retail 2s to  
2s 1d, ducks 7s 6d to 11s per couple,  
chickens 6s to 9s, rabbits 2s to 2s 6d per  
beast, partridges (old) 3s 6d to 4s 6d, do.  
(young) 4s 6d to 5s, potatoes 10d per stone,  
lettuce 6d per dozen, green peas 7d per  
gallon, broad beans 3d, cabbages 1d to 2d  
each, cauliflowers 2d to 4d, marrows 3d to  
1s, cucumbers 2d to 6d, beetroot 1d,  
rhubarb, carrots, and parsnips 1d per  
bundle, onions and eschalois 3d per lb,  
French beans 2d, tomatoes 6d to 7d, mush-  
rooms 4d, grapes (black) 1s 3d, do. (green)  
9d to 1s, gooseberries 6d, plums (yellow)  
2s, do. (dark) 2d, do. (Victoria) 2d,  
apples (dessert) 2d, do. (culinary) 1s to 2s  
per 100, pears (stewing) 2s per 100, do.  
(dessert) 2d each, peaches 2d, bananas 3d,  
lemons 2d, blackberries 2d per punnet.

**LAUNCESTON CATTLE.**—Fat bullocks  
£6 to £6 10s, store do. £15 to £22, cows  
and calves £25 to £40, rearing calves 60s  
to 90s, fat ewes 80s to 100s, breeding ewes  
60s to 80s, fat lambs 45s to 60s, store  
lambs 25s to 35s, store wethers 50s to 60s.  
Messrs. J. Kittow and Son at auction  
offered 81 bullocks, 570 sheep, 50 horses  
and colts. Brisk sale, practically all lots  
cleared, best finished cattle being much in  
demand. Fat steers £23 to £25 10s, several  
making upwards of £40; good fresh stores  
£24 to £30, breeding ewes 70s to 80s 6d,  
fat ewes up to 100s 6d, ram lambs for Mr.  
J. Stooke up to 3d gas. Sixteen Army  
draught horses sold well, heavy horses up  
to £50, light mares £35 to £45, grey cob  
£40.

**TAVISTOCK.**—Pork (carcase) 1s 2d per  
lb, ducks 9s to 11s per couple, chicken 8s  
to 10s, butter 1s 11d to 2s per lb, eggs 4  
and 5 for 1s, rabbits 10d to 1s each, wheat,  
flour, barley, and oats at Government  
prices; maize 40s per sack, white maize  
meal 45s 6d, sharp 31s, bran 13s 6d, black-  
berries 2d per basket, bananas 2s per  
dozen, apples 5s 6d per 100, plums 2d to  
2d 1d per lb, tomatoes 6d, French beans 1d,  
beef 1s 1d to 1s 6d per lb, mutton 1s to  
1s 5d, lamb 1s 1d to 1s 5d.

**CAMELFORD, Thursday, Sept. 6th.**  
Beef is 4d to 1s 6d per lb, mutton 1s 4d  
to 1s 6d, pork 1s 3d to 1s 5d, chicken 3s  
6d to 4s each, ducks 5s, butter 1s 8d to  
1s 9d per lb, eggs 2s 5d to 2s 6d per dozen,  
rabbits 10d to 1s 2d each, Indian meal 47s  
per 240lbs, sharp 15s, bran 13s per 100lbs,  
G.R. flour 33s per 100lbs, wheat, barley,  
and oats at Government prices.

**WADEBRIDGE CATTLE.**—Fat steers  
and heifers 60s to 75s per live cwt, fat  
cows 60s to 70s, fresh steers £25 to £34  
each, store bullocks £16 to £25, cows and  
calves £25 to £32, fat ewes 1s to 1s 2d  
per lb, fat wethers 1s 2d to 1s 3d, store  
hoggets about 40s each, lambs 1s 5d to  
1s 6d per lb. Supply large, quality good,  
sales brisk.

**CORNWALL VOLUNTEER  
REGIMENT.**  
**LAUNCESTON PLATOON, "A" CO.,  
2ND BATTALION.**  
Orders for the week ending Saturday,  
September 22nd:—  
Sunday, Sept. 16th.—Extended order  
drill, etc., 3 a.m.  
Monday, Sept. 17th.—Class firing at  
Miniature Range, 7.30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 18th.—Communicating  
drill for N.C.O.'s, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 19th.—Bombing, etc.,  
7.30 p.m.  
On duty: Sergt. Glyn, Corp. Treleven,  
Bugles Pethick and Cleave.  
**JOHN DINGLEY,**  
Officer Commanding.

**LAUNCESTON AND DISTRICT  
EGG COLLECTION.**  
In connection with the National Egg  
Collection for the Wounded, the number of  
eggs received and sent from Launceston  
on Saturday, Sept. 8th, was 1,010.  
The number of eggs collected by the  
Launceston district since the appeal was  
started on February 6th, 1915, totals  
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