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DEATH OF MRS. F. EVANS.—Much sympathy has been expressed with the relatives of Mrs. Frank Evans, who died suddenly on Tuesday. She had been in her usual health on the previous day, and her death was a shock to her relative and many friends. She leaves a husband and two sons, the eldest of whom is abroad on active service. The funeral took place on Friday.

16th April 1940

THE FUNERAL of Mrs. William Searle took place on Thursday, a service at the Parish Church preceding the interment. She was an old and respected inhabitant of the village, but of late years had lived at Sidmouth.

11th June 1940

THE LATE MR. Z. ABBOTT.—Residents heard with regret of the death of Mr. Z. Abbott, an old and respected parishioner. The funeral took place on Monday of last week. Sympathy is extended to the wife and family.

16th December 1941

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. F. LAYZELL

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10th February
1942

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THE LATE MISS E. DOWELL

Much sympathy is felt for the relatives and in particular for the parents of Miss Ellen Dowell, who died after an operation at Exeter Hospital on Monday week. She was well known in the parish and had been for many years a member of the church choir, the W.I., the Red Cross Dance Committee, and the Folk Dancing Class, and her death at the age of 36 came as a great shock to her many friends. Miss Dowell had rendered much willing and ready help in village activities, and will be greatly missed.

The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Saturday. The Vicar, Rev. W. H. Raymer, officiated. Mrs. Restorick at the organ accompanied the hymn, "The Day Thou gavest," and rendered "O Rest in the Lord" as the cortege left the church. The bearers were Messrs. C. Dean, A. Gill, and H. Layzell. There were many lovely wreaths, the senders including the Red Cross Dance Committee.

31st March 1942

A BRANSCOMBE BRIDE

Four bridesmaids attended Miss Nellie Trivett, second daughter of Mr. F. E. Trivett, of Baytree Cottage, Branscombe, and the late Mrs. Trivett, when she was married at St. Mary's Church, Axminster, on Saturday week, to Mr. Ronald F. Enticott, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Enticott, of 18, Hill-head, Axminster. The Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Sanders) officiated, and the service was choral, with Mr. G. L. Adams at the organ. The hymns were "Lead us, Heavenly Father" and "Love Divine."

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white satin dress, with veil and orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of dark red carnations. The bridesmaids were the Misses Winnie and Peggy Trivett, sisters of the bride, who wore pale blue silk dresses and the Misses Gloria Gush and Mary Hallett, friends of the bridegroom, whose dresses were of lemon silk. All wore Juliet ears with gold brocade and carried leather-covered Prayer-books, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Harold J. Smith, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

On leaving the church the bride was presented with silver

shoes by two little girls, Marion Cloud and Marilyn Curry.

A reception was held at the bridegroom's home, about 30 guests being present. Later, when Mr. and Mrs. Enticott left for their honeymoon at Salisbury, the bride wore a saxe blue marocain dress, with navy blue halo hat and shoes to tone, and a powder blue edge-to-edge coat, the bridegroom's wedding gift. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a travelling case. The wedding presents numbered over 60.

April 14th 1942

The bride who was given away by her father wore a white satin dress, with veil and orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of dark red carnations. The bridesmaids were the Misses Winnie and Peggy Trivett, sisters of the bride, who wore pale blue silk dresses and the Misses Gloria Gush, and Mary Hallett, friends of the bridegroom whose dresses were of lemon silk. All wore Juliet caps with gold brocade and carried leather covered Prayer-books, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Harold J. Smith, friend of the bridegroom was "best man".

On leaving the church the bride was presented with silver horse

BRANSCOMBE

PARISH CHURCH WEDDING

MR. S. COLLIER AND MISS SELWAY.

Considerable interest was shown in the wedding which took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday, of Mr. Stuart Collier youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Collier, and Miss Dorothy Selway, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Selway. The service was fully choral as Miss Selway was a member of the choir for several years. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Raymer), with Mrs. Restorick at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father wore a powder blue dress, with hat to match, and carried a shower bouquet of cream and pink rosebuds. Mr. Gerald Collier was "best man." A reception was held at Pitt Farm, and later Mr. and Mrs. Collier left by car for the honeymoon. The bride travelled in a floral dress, with a claret coat and hat. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold chain and cross, and the bride gave the bridegroom a travelling case. They were the recipients of many presents.

9th June 1942

BRANSCOMBE

FUNERAL OF MRS. MARY COX

Much sympathy is extended to the husband and family of the late Mrs. Mary Cox, of Higher Bulstone Farm, who died at the age of 77. She came to Bulstone from Southleigh on her marriage 45 years ago. She was a devoted churchwoman, of a quiet disposition, and much loved and respected. For the last three years she had been a helpless invalid, and her sight had been failing over many years.

At the funeral the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Raymer) officiated. The coffin was of unpolished oak with brass fittings, and the bearers were Messrs. F. Selley, Gill, F. Salter and E. Leonard, all personal friends. The family mourners were Mr. W. Cox, Mr. C. Cox, Mrs. J. Burnell, Mrs. Tratt (sons and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. C. Carter and Mr. C. Carter (nephews and niece), Mr. J. Burnell, Mr. Tratt, Mrs. W. Cox, Mrs. C. Cox (sons-in-law and daughters-in-law), Mr. Andrew Cox (husband), Miss Cox (daughter), and Mrs. Hill (sister), were unable to attend. Friends at the graveside included Mesdames Perry, F. Perryman, G. Pike, W. H. Raymer, W. Warren, F. Selley, J. Chard, E. Leonard and Fletcher, Messrs. C. Salter, E. Stevens, Fletcher, and Misses Tedbury and Williams (representing Miss L. L. Dowell), and others.

Wreaths were from The family—in ever loving memory of a dear wife and mother; To a devoted mother from Jim and Susie; John and Ralph; Sister Lizzie; Lizzie and family (Torpoint); All at Lower Bulstone; L. Dowell; L. Wyatt and Edith; Bob, Phyllis, Doris and Barbara; Mr. and Mrs. Perry; The Pikes, Colyford; Frank and Cissy; Edwin, Amy and Bob; Jim, Flossie and Francis; Mr. Salter and family; All at Birchill.

Mr. A. Cox and family wish to thank all friends for their sympathy and floral tributes. They especially thank Nurse Haines for her help and devotion for nearly three years.

15th September 1942

BRANSCOMBE

MARRIAGE OF MR. J. E. SUMMERS AND MISS L. L. ELLIS

The wedding took place on Wednesday at the Parish Church, Salcombe Regis, of Mr. John Edward Summers, second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Summers, of Hornshayne Farm Northleigh, and Miss Linda Lucy Ellis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellis, of Lower Weston Farm, Branscombe. Rev. C. Woolcott (vicar) officiated. Mr. Sellwood was at the organ, and the hymns sung were "Lead us, Heavenly Father," and "Thine for ever, God of Love."

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of dusty pink wool romaine, with brown felt hat trimmed with eye veil, brown gloves, and brown suede shoes. Her shower bouquet was of pink carnations. The bridesmaid was Miss Margaret Hiley, of Leicester, and the "best man" Mr. R. Summers, the bridegroom's elder brother. Pale clover moss crepe was chosen for the bridesmaid's dress, and she wore a Juliet cap of beige net trimmed with pink flowers and ribbon. Her bouquet was of shaded carnations, and her silver cross and chain was a gift from the bridegroom.

A reception was held at Lower Weston Farm. For the honeymoon the bride travelled in a reseda curl cloth coat over her wedding dress. The bridegroom gave the bride a grandmother clock in oak case, and he received from her an oak bureau. The presents were numerous and costly.

10th
November
1942

BRANSCOMBE

"ONE OF OLD SCHOOL"

THE LATE MR. A. J. COX.

An old and much respected resident, Mr. Andrew James Cox, of Higher Bulstone Farm, has died at the age of 77. He was the owner-occupier of the farm for over 40 years, and was an excellent all-round farmer of the old school. Much sympathy is felt for the family—two sons and three daughters. Their mother died last autumn. The late Mr. Cox had been a great sufferer of late years and this had prevented him from going far from home, though he continued to take an active interest in affairs.

At the funeral the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Raymer) officiated. The mourners were:—Messrs. W. and C. Cox, Mesdames Burnell, Trott, Miss F. Cox (sons and daughters); Mrs. Trott, Mrs. C. Carter, Miss Carter (nieces); Mrs. C. Cox, Mr. Trott, Mr. Burnell (daughter-in-law and sons-in-law). Others present were:—Mrs. Perry (Colyford), Mrs. Pike (Colyford), Mesdames P. Perryman, G. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. F. Selley, Misses Williams and Ledbury, Messrs. C. Salter and C. Stevens. The bearers were Messrs. E. Ledbury, A. Gill, F. Salter, and E. Leonard. There were a number of choice wreaths including a family cross.

The family of the late Mr. Cox thank all kind friends for sympathy shown and for flowers sent.

19th
January
1943

MARRIAGE OF MISS M. WYATT

The wedding of Miss Margarita Brettal Wyatt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carrington Wyatt, of Lower Chelson, Branscombe, and Corporal James Hicks, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, 15, North-avenue, Middlesex, took place at Stoke Heming (near Dartmouth) Church on April 22nd. The service was choral. The bride, given away by her father, was attired in a powder blue taffeta dress with wreath and veil to match and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and fern. Miss Vera Wallis (friend) was bridesmaid and wore a victorian dress of pink taffeta and carried a nosegay of lilies and forget-me-nots. Corporal Martin, R.A.F. (friend of the bridegroom) was "best man."

The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a cheque and the bride gave the bridegroom a gold ring and the bridesmaid a gold cross and locket. The Wedding March was played as the bridal party left the church. Many friends were present as a testimonial. The couple who received the presents, spent their honeymoon at Torquay.

4th May 1943

Wedding took place near
Dartmouth

AIRMAN'S WEDDING

The wedding took place at the Parish Church on April 21st of Airmen Leslie Clarence Collier, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Collier, of Sellerswood, Branscombe, and Miss Eileen Ivy Bromfield, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bromfield of Little Seaside, Branscombe. Rev. W. H. Raymer officiated, and Mrs. Restorick was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pale blue costume with hat to tone, and carried a flower bouquet of blue Iris and yellow tulips. The matron of honour was Mrs. C. Hansford, wore a blue and heather silk dress and hat to match, and carried a bouquet of tulips. Mr. W. Somers, of Beer, friend of the bridegroom, was best man. On leaving the church a silver horse shoe was presented to the bride by little Miss Gill Carter. The reception was held at the bride's home at which about 40 guests were present. Numerous presents were received.

4th May 1943

BRANSCOMBE

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MRS. LUNN

The death took place suddenly on Monday last week of a well-known resident, Mrs. David Lunn, Hole Mill, Branscombe. Mrs. Lunn had been an active member of the Women's Institute, and keenly interested in the life of the village and the neighbourhood. The remains were laid to rest in the churchyard on Wednesday.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Seaton (Rev. H. C. Cooke) in the absence of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Raymer). Immediate mourners were:—Mr. David Lunn (husband), Mrs. Constance I. Hartnell (daughter), Joyce (granddaughter), Mr. W. Hartnell (son-in-law), Mrs. Moreton (sister), Mrs. P. Woffenden (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. L. Hartnell, Southleigh, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Bowler, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Scawen. A representative gathering at the church included Messrs. F. Dowell and C. Clark, Mesdames Graham Lloyd, Stevenson, J. Perry, G. Pike, Ward, A. Perryman, L. Perryman, Tetbury, Skinner, senior (Combe Raleigh), Skinner, junior (Woodhouse Pollard), Hawker, Birks, A. Pike, Misses Perry, Freeman, Raymer, Perrett, Dowell.

Floral tributes were from—A cross, Dad, Connie and Walter; To "Nanna," from Joyce; Branscombe Women's Institute; Harry, Ivy and Pam; Fred, Florrie and family; Lewis, Kath, and children; Mr. and Mrs. R. and L. Temple Cotton; Mr. and Mrs. Dowell, "Wobble"; Mr. and Mrs. Bowler, Brookside; Mr. and Mrs. C. Scawen and family; Mrs. Skinner, Combe Raleigh and Woodhouse; Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry; "Timothy."

Mr. Lunn and family sincerely thank all friends for their expressions of sympathy, and for floral tributes.

25th May 1943

BRANSCOMBE

RESIDENTS' DEATH

MISS M. TUCKER—MR. P. WOFFENDEN
MR. W. J. GILL

Three well known residents have recently died in the persons of Miss Maud Tucker, Mr Paul Woffenden and Mr. William John Gill.

Miss Tucker had resided at East-cot for a number of years. She was a staunch Churchwoman and was for many years organist and choir-mistress. She was always ready to support any deserving cause and will be much missed in the parish.

The funeral service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Raymer (vicar). There were a number of floral tributes, and in addition to the family mourners a number of sympathising friends were present.

MR. P. WOFFENDEN

Mr. Paul Woffenden died suddenly on 16th July aged 75. He had resided in Branscombe for 14 years, prior to which time he lived in Yorkshire, coming south for reasons of health.

Mr. Woffenden had taken an active part in public life both in Yorkshire and in Devon. He was a member of the old Wakefield Board of Guardians for 12 years and served on the Branscombe Parish Council for a long period. He was a prominent member of Branscombe Lodge of the R.A.O.B., and attended Lodge Meetings to the last.

The funeral took place on Monday, the Vicar officiating. In addition to the immediate family mourners, other friends and R.A.O.B. brethren attended. There were a number of wreaths.

MR. W. J. GILL

Mr. W. J. Gill, who passed away on his 79th birthday, July 1st, 1924.

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 Mr. W. J. Gill, who passed away on his 79th birthday—July 16th—was a well known and much respected personality in Branscombe. He resided at Church Farm for over 40 years—moving to Higher House Farm in 1939 with his daughter and son-in-law.

Mr. Gill had been churchwarden for 25 years. He was also a trustee and manager of the School and a lifelong resident in the village. His wife predeceased him in 1927.

In addition to his farming interests Mr. Gill pursued his trade of carpenter and wheelwright, which he learnt from his father. He was an excellent craftsman and being of an inventive and ingenious turn of mind there was no job which once he had set his mind would baffle him. There are many examples of his finished work on the farms and in the homes in the neighbourhood—each well and truly done. He will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the Vicar officiating. Mrs. Restorick was at the organ and Psalm 23, the "Nunc Dimittis" and the hymn "Abide with Me" were sung. As the cortege left the church the organist played "O Rest in the Lord."

The grave had been lined with roses and evergreens by Mr. and Mrs. W. Perryman.

The immediate mourners were:—
 Mr. A. J. Gill and Mrs. Cox (son and daughter), Mr. W. J. Cox (son-in-law), Messrs. C. Salter, J. Salter, J. H. Elliott (brothers-in-law), Mrs. P. Perryman, Mrs. R. J. Cleverton, Miss P. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Salter (nieces and nephews), Mrs. G. Pike, Miss F. Cox, Mrs. C. Cox and Miss Ford.

Others present were:— Mrs. R. Somers, Mrs. B. Bartlett, Mrs. B. Collier [section unreadable]

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Others present were:- Mrs R Somers, Mrs B Bartlett, Mrs B Collier [section unreadable]

*Pearce Perce

Layzell, Miss L. L. Dowell Miss
W. Williams, Misses N E and D
Parrett, Mrs. Stevenson Mr T E
Lloyd, Miss Freeman, Mr G Collier
(sen.), Mr. G. Collier (jun.) Mr C
Clarke, Mrs. S. C. Squire, Mrs W
Warren, Mr. E. Leonard, Mr F Sealey
Mrs. L. Down, Mrs D Watt Mrs C
Perryman, Miss E. Tedbury & Mrs
J. Phippen.

The coffin was of unpolished oak
with brass fittings. and the bearers
were:—Mr. P. Perryman, J. Phillips
R. Abbott and C. Cox.

Floral tributes:—From his sorrow-
in children: Char. John Kathleen
and Frank; Phyllis; Rose and Marjory
Lill and Bill; Jean and Rhoda. All
at the "Lamb," Honiton. Frank
Corrie and family: V. Foord and F.
Cox; Miss L. L. Dowell. All at School
House; Nell and Jack; Mildred and
Edie; Mr. and Mrs. G. Collier and
family; Joan; Mr and Mrs W. Perry-
man. Hester and Mrs. Curry. Nora.
Charles and the boys; Rev & Mrs
Raymer. Mr. and Mrs. A. Perryman
and family; Mrs. G. Pike. Netta.
Elsie and Daisy; Mrs. Gertrude
Restorick; Reg and Ivy all at 10.
Hillside.

"The family of the late Mr W J.
Gill return thanks for beautiful
floral tributes sent and many ex-
pressions of sympathy in their recent
bereavement.

27th July 1943

THE LATE MRS. S. J. COLLIER

PARISHIONERS' FUNERAL TRIBUTE

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Geo. Collier and family, of Bridge Bakery, in the death of Mrs. Sarah Jane Collier at the age of 74. She had been in her usual health till about three months ago, when she underwent an operation at Seaton Nursing Home, from which she did not fully recover.

Mrs. Collier was a native and lifelong resident of the village, and was known and much liked by everyone. She was of a kindly disposition, and her familiar figure at the bakery will be greatly missed, especially by the children. Until prevented by age Mrs. Collier was a regular worshipper at the Parish Church.

Evidence of the respect and affection felt was shown by the large number present at the funeral and the profusion of wreaths. The Vicar, Rev. W. A. Raymer, officiated at the funeral on Wednesday.

Family mourners were:—Mr. Geo. Collier (husband), Mrs. M. Hoskins and Miss I. Collier (daughters), Messrs. Gerald, Ivor, and Stuart (sons), Mr. R. Otton (brothers), Mr. Fred Hoskins (son-in-law), Mesdames I. and S. Collier (daughters-in-law), Messrs W. and A. Collier (brothers-in-law), Messrs. H. Collier and G. Bicknell (nephews), Mr. F. Westlake (cousin).

The grave had been lined with flowers by Mrs. W. Perryman, and bearers were Messrs. H. Layzell, L. Perryman, W. Cox, and A. Gill.

Among sympathisers present were:—Mesdames D. Masters, A. Perryman, sen. and jun., E. Perryman (Tedbury), sen. and jun., W. Cox, Spiller (Duncombe), G. Pike, Restorick, C. Somers, Layzell, J. Ford (Seaton), C. Ford, R. Gush, Doyn, L. Dowell, Real, Brown, Watt, C. Hawker, J. Hawker, Pollard, Squire, R. Salter, Phillips, Terry (Seaton), Way (Exeter), H. Searle, Newton (Sidmouth), and Wilson (Sidford), Misses Parrett (three), L. L. Dowell, Layzell, Chick, Way (Exeter), Farrant, Thomas, Freeman, Williams, Butter, and S. Woodrow, Messrs. E. Perryman, Taylor Collins (Axmouth), Newton (Sidmouth), C. Clarke, H. Hansford, and Light.

Senders of wreaths were—

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Mr. G. Collier and family desire to return sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent bereavement.—Bridge Bakery, Branscombe

17th August 1943

LATE MISS L. L. DOWELL

By the sudden death on December 20th of Miss L. L. Dowell, the parish has lost a much respected inhabitant. Miss Dowell, who was 75, had been infants' mistress at the day school for over 40 years, retiring from that position in 1924 owing to failing sight. Of late years her affliction became much greater, but she continued to take an active interest in Church and parish activities, and her uncomplaining nature and cheerfulness endeared her to all. The Vicar paid high tribute to the late Miss Dowell at morning service on the Sunday after her funeral, which took place on December 23rd. The mourners were:—Miss L. Williams, Branscombe; Miss A. Collier, Sidmouth; Mrs. C. A. Cload and Mrs. V. Cload, Torquay (nieces), and Mr. and Mrs. John Dowell, Otterton (cousins).

The large number of sympathising friends who were also present included many of Miss Dowell's old scholars.

Wreaths were sent from:—Lily, Nellie and all at Torquay; Christine Chidgley, Marjorie Loveridge and Ethel Butter; Mr. and Mrs. W. Perryman, Hester and Mrs. Curry; Mr. and Mrs. Smith (London); Mr. and Mrs. Weener; Norman, Myrtle and Evelyn; Mrs. Perry (Colyford); Marjorie, Jack and Rosemary; All at School House; Aunt Maggie, Edith, and Charlie; Mrs. Birks and Eleanor; F. and S. Dowell (Wobble); Netta, Elsie and Daisy; Charlie, Gladys and Winnie; B. E. and M. Leonard; Lena, Claud and Daisy; All at Higher House Farm; Rita, Gwenneth and Gerald; Laura, Jack and Joan Phillips; H. Ford; Women's Institute; George and family; Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Raymer; Annie; Mr. G. Collie and family (Bridge); Charlie and Rose (Hillend); Millie and Phil (Kent); L. Pike and Dolly, and Minnie.

The Vicar, Rev. W. H. Raymer, officiated, and Mrs. Restorick was at the organ. Psalm xxiii, the hymn, "Abide with Me," and the "Nunc Dimittis" were sung. The bearers were Messrs. A. Gill, W. Cox, L. A. Dowell and H. Layzell, all old scholars of Miss Dowell.

The relatives of the late Miss L. L. Dowell return thanks for sympathy shown and beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sudden bereavement.

4th January 1944

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. D. LUNN

The funeral of Mr. David Lunn took place at the Parish Church on Tuesday day, the service being conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Raymer). Mr. Lunn resided at Hole Mill, Branscombe, for a number of years and after the death of Mrs. Lunn, in May, 1943, he left to reside with his daughter, Mrs. W. Hartnell, at Summerway, Northleigh, near Cotteson, where his death took place. He was at one time a member of Branscombe Flower Show Committee and also a member of the Buffaloes.

The principal mourners were — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartnell (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Joyce Hartnell (granddaughter), Mr. Thomas Wormald (nephew), Mrs. Morton (sister-in-law), Mrs. Brandreth, Torquay (niece), and Mrs. Lewis Hartnell. Other sympathisers were Mesdames A. Pike, J. Ward, Perryman and Scawen. Messrs. Scawen, J. Perry and F. Dowell.

Floral tributes were from :—Connie and Walter, to dear Father; Joyce, to dear Granddad; Sister Louisa and nephew Thomas; Harry, Ivy and Pam; All at Blamphayne; Rosemary, Robin and Sheila Ann, to Joyce's Granddad; Daisy and Rene; Florrie, Fred and family; Fred Blackmore; Mr. and Mrs. Scawen and family and Mr. J. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartnell and Joyce return thanks for all kind enquiries and sympathy, and for floral tributes sent in their sad bereavement.

7th March 1944

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MRS. CHARLES DEAN

Residents heard with much regret of the death of Mrs. Charles Dean, at the age of 45. Mrs. Dean had been in poor health for many years, but was of a bright nature, and was a familiar and much respected figure in the village, where she and her husband had long been interested in various activities. Mrs. Dean was the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Perryman, of Hill View, at whose residence she passed away on May 10th, after nursing home and hospital treatment.

The funeral took place on Saturday week, the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Raymer, R.D.) officiating.

The mourners were:—The husband; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Perryman (father and mother); Mrs. E. Tedbury (sister); Messrs. A. A. and P. Perryman (brothers); Mesdames R. and G. N. Perryman (sisters-in-law); Mesdames V. Dowell and M. Crook (sisters-in-law); Messrs. E. Tedbury and L. A. Dowell (brothers-in-law); Messrs. D. Tedbury and I. Dowell (nephews); Mr. and Mrs. F. Wyatt and Mr. T. Raffell (uncles and aunt).

Also present were:—Mesdames Birks, Light, O. Adkins, Hoskins, E. Perryman, W. Cox, Pollard, Squire, L. Perryman, Restorick, J. Ford, Pritchard, Adam, R. Gush, J. White, J. Ward, Paulley, Phippen, Down, Phillips, H. Layzell, J. Perry, A. Pike, Hutchings, Raymer, Burnell, C. Somers, A. Adkins, Scawen.

A. Pike, Hutchings, Raymer, Burnell,
C. Somers, A. Adkins, Scawen,
Tedbury, and B. Leonard, Messrs
Chas. Clarke, W. Pritchard and B.
Leonard, Misses Adkins, Parrett
(2), Lockyer, Loveridge, E. Perry,
Freeman, and others.

Floral tributes were from:—Her
sorrowing husband; Mother and
Father; May, Edward and Denis;
Perce and Rose; Jean and Rhoda;
Arch. and Gwen.; Martyn; Violet,
Leonard, Ivor and Brian; Millie,
Fred, Pete and Betty; Uncle Tom;
Aunt Beat. and family; Aunt Nell;
Mr. and Mrs. W. Dowell; J., E. and
Peter White; Mr. and Mrs. C. Clark
(Masons Arms); Mr. and Mrs. B.
Leonard; Emily and Lily; Mr. G.
Collier and family; Flo. and
Edgar; Bob, Gladys and family
(Sidmouth); Mr. and Mrs. Tedbury
and Ena; Mr. and Mrs. Squire; Mr.
and Mrs. J. Ford; Misses Chick
and Mrs. Blackman; Mrs. Tomlin-
son; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gigg; Mr.
and Mrs. T. E. Lloyd; The Vicar
and Mrs. Raymer; Rose and Lewin;
Peter and Betty Hutchings; Algar
and Mary; Charlotte, Gerfie,
McIlle and Ronald; Mr. and Mrs.
Smith; Mr. and Mrs. F. Dowell and
Pearl; Branscombe Women's Insti-
tute; Branscombe Mothers' Union;
Netta, Elsie and Daisy; Mr. and
Mrs. Pritchard and David; Jack,
Ella and family; Arthur, Dolly and
Lorna; Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips
and Joan; Mr. and Mrs. H. Layzell;
Bill and Ruby Cox and A. Gill;
Ettie, Vere and Girls; Miss M.
Loveridge.

The bearers were Messrs. H.
Layzell, L. Perryman, A. Gill and W.
Cox.

Mr. C. Dean and Mr. and Mrs. A.
Perryman and family thank the
many friends for their kindness to
the late Mrs. Dean and for the
much appreciated letters of sym-
pathy and beautiful floral tributes
sent in their bereavement.

23rd
May
1944

BRANSCOMBE

LATE WING COMMANDER P. TEMPLE COTTON

**MOTHER RECEIVES HIS D.F.C. AT
PALACE.**

Mrs. L. Temple Cotton, Hill Arrish, Branscombe, attended at Buckingham Palace on June 13th to receive the D.F.C. awarded to her second son, the late Wing Commander Paul Temple Cotton, R.A.F.V.R., who lost his life on active service in 1943. She was accompanied by her elder son, Mr. Ralph Temple Cotton. The late Wing Commander Paul Temple Cotton gained the award on service in the Middle East in 1942. There were some 400 couples present at the Palace all receiving awards on behalf of men who had fallen in their country's service. Wing Commander Temple Cotton had a short home leave in May, 1943, when he spoke at a "Wings for Victory" event, and greatly impressed all present by his modesty and sincerity.

27th June 1944

LATE MRS. CARPENTER

Much sympathy has been felt for the husband and family of the late Mrs. Lily Carpenter, who died in Exeter Hospital. She had been with her sister (Mrs. F. Adlam) at Branscombe for some time. She leaves a husband, who is in the Metropolitan Police Force, and 2 young sons. Mrs. Carpenter was the second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ward, a well-known local family, and had lived in London since marriage in 1924.

The funeral took place on June 26th, the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Raymer) officiating.

The family mourners were:—The husband and William (son). Messrs Harry, William, Charles, and John Ward (brothers), Mrs. Ivy Adlam (sister), Mr. Frank Adlam (brother-in-law), Mesdames Chas. Sam, and Harry Ward (sisters-in-law), Misses E. and A. Ward (nieces), and Mr. Wm. Batten.

Messrs. Horace, London, Lewis Gosberton, Lincs., and Sam Ward, Honiton (brothers), Mrs. John Ward (sister-in-law), and Mrs. F. Coloe (niece) were unavoidably absent.

There was a large number of sympathisers present, and many floral tributes were sent.

The husband, sister, and family of the late Mrs. L. Carpenter have all been notified of the death, and are expected to arrive in Exeter shortly.

4th July 1944

BRANSCOMBE

DEATH OF PRIV. E. P. HUTCHINGS

Deep sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hutchings and their daughter at the news of the death in action in Italy in September of their only son, Pte. Eric Peter Hutchings, of the Hampshire Regt. Peter was 24 years of age, and prior to the war served in the Territorials. He worked as a gardener for Mr. Temple Cotton. He was an old scholar of Branscombe C.E. School, and was well known and generally liked. Joining the Regular Army at the outbreak of war he was in England till 1943, when he went to North Africa, taking part in that campaign and subsequent fighting in Sicily and Italy. He had been twice wounded. During his service he was transferred from the Devons to the Hampshire Regiment.

The parents and sister of the late Pte. E. P. Hutchings wish to thank their many friends for the letters and expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement.—The Village Shop, Branscombe.

3rd October 1944

BRANSCOMBE

AGED 92

DEATH OF MR. G. GILL

Branscombe's oldest inhabitant, Mr. George Gill, passed away on January 15th, at the age of 92 years 11 months. In failing health for some time, the end was hastened by a stroke 11 days before his death.

Born in Branscombe, he had lived in the parish all his long life, and he was highly respected. He was a wheelwright by trade and a most excellent craftsman of the old school. He took great pleasure in his work and frequently overcame difficulties with his patience and great skill.

He was also the owner of a general shop at the "Higher End" of the village, and for many years a member of the Parish Council. His familiar figure will be much missed. His wife died in 1916.

In spite of very bad weather many paid their last tribute of respect at the funeral on Friday last week. The family mourners were Mrs. Ackland, Honiton, Mrs. W. J. Cox (nieces), Mrs. G. Pike (cousin), and Mr. A. J. Gill (nephew). Among others present were Mrs. N. Perryman, Mrs. Watt, Miss E. Butter, Miss M. Loveridge, Miss F. Cox, Mr. W. H. Creswick and Mr. Geo. Collier. Bearers were Messrs. G. Lee, H. Layzell, R. Abbott and L. Perryman. There were a number of floral tributes.

The relatives and friends of the late Mr. Geo. Gill thank all kind friends for sympathy shown and floral tributes sent in their bereavement.

30th
January
1945

BRANSCOMBE

CORPORAL AND MRS. S. REAL wish to thank all kind friends for help and sympathy in their recent bereavement, and for the lovely flowers sent.

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20th February 1945

KILLED IN ACTION

Deep regret is felt at the news of the death in action in N.W. Europe of Lance-Corpl. Henry T. F. Fooks, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fooks, of Long Chimney Farm. He was 23 years old and had been serving for three years, prior to which he was a valued member of the Branscombe Home Guard Platoon. He was an old scholar of Branscombe C.E. School and was much liked and respected by all.

He was in the "D" Day landings in Normandy and was later wounded. He was also in the airborne landings in Germany in March, and was killed at one of the Weser bridgeheads. In a letter his C.O. spoke highly of Lance-Corpl. Fooks's efficiency and example.

1st May 1945

BRANSCOMBE

MARRIAGE OF MR. E. L. J. LEGG AND MISS I. TRIVETT

At the Parish Church, on June 24th the marriage was solemnised of Mr. Eric Leslie Jack Legg, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Legg, Manor Farm Cottages, Seaton, and Miss Ivy Edna May Trivett, eldest daughter of Mr. F. E. Trivett and the late Mrs. Trivett, Baytree Cottage, Branscombe. The Vicar (Rev. W. H. Raymer) officiated. The bride, given away by her father, wore a white satin dress, with wreath of orange blossom and veil, and carried a bouquet of cream and red roses and maidenhair fern. Mrs. R. Enticott (sister of the bride) was matron of honour, and wore a red dress and hat to match, and carried a spray of cream roses. The bridegroom's gift to her was a necklace. The "best man" was Mr. C. Legg (brother of the bridegroom).

A reception was held at the bride's home, over 30 guests being present. The honeymoon was spent at Salisbury.

Over 50 presents were received, including one from the staff and employees at the bride's place of employment, and one from No. 8 Platoon, Seaton Home Guard, of which the bridegroom was a member.

4th July 1945