OFFICIAL MILITARY NOTICES.

MILITARY SERVICE ACTS 1916.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING, Bedford No. 3, asks for information of the following men, as to whether they:—

- (a) **Have joined the Army;**
- (b) **Are excepted from the provisions of the Military Service Acts, 1916-17.**
- (c) **Are in possession of a definite certificate of exemption exempting them from liability for Military Service;**
- (d) **Are in a reserved occupation;**
- (e) **Have moved to another district;**
- &c., &c.

The above information is required to complete records of Recruiting Office, and any communication will be treated in strict confidence.

LIST.

Region No.	Name.	Age at Registration.	Last Known Address.
EA/47183	Barden, C.	41	c/o Pulpit and Sons, Shipley.
EA/39238	Bear, A.	19	Twitchetts-place, Bedford.
EA/39640	Saunders, H. E.	23	29, Bedford-road, Luton.
EA/39260	Page, J.	21	89, Westbourne-road, Bedford.
EA/39745	Aylmer, W.	20	Harington, Beds.
EA/40671	Hill, T.	20	Hazy Park-road, Luton.
EA/40701	Lenton, J.	22	Horsby-street, Bedford.

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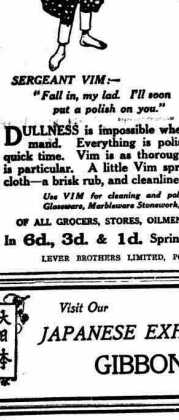

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FUNERAL OF COLONEL CARRUTHERS.

Impressive Service at Luton.

Luton gave civic honour to the memory of Colonel Carl Andrew Carruthers, J.P., V.D., on Saturday afternoon. The first part of the burial service was held at King-street (Congregational) Church, being conducted by the Rev. E. H. Mahon, and was attended by a large congregation of all grades of Luton residents.

The chief mourners were:—The widow, Mr. E. T. Hudson (brother-in-law), Lieuts. George and Andrew Carruthers (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers (Bedford), Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers (Luton), Mr. C. Percival (brother-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kingsford, Mr. J. Cole (directors of the firm), Mr. Stephen F. Child (stepson), and Mr. Chas. Cotchin (a very old friend).

Major Sidney Green, who was home on short leave from France, actually came from London to pay his last tribute to a very old friend, who was responsible for his early training in the Volunteers.

The employees present included Messrs. H. Cavendish, W. Pope, J. Wightman, J. Fryer, F. Shaw, V. Lanham, J. Hallett, J. Hawkins, E. Shaw, T. Ashby, H. Morson, J. Bush, E. Shaw, T. Ashby, and E. Rose. The Misses E. Taylor, B. Brunen, V. Cox, A. Smith, P. Devereux, E. Williams, and Cotchin.

The Corporation and municipal representatives included the Mayor (Councillor J. Dillingham), the Town Clerk (Mr. Wm. Smith), Aldermen J. H. Stubbs, J. Cain, T. Arnold, R. O. Williams, E. Gaskey, Councillors W. J. Trimmer, M. Bedford, Chas. Ashby, Robert Wm. Austin, W. E. Phillips, E. S. Tomson, Geo. Cheshire, Geo. Giddings, T. Hawkes, T. Collingridge, and Chas. Bedford, H. Shout, W. Gilder, C. Wright, C. W. Read, Geo. A. E. White, and Geo. Hales. Mr. A. Hucklesby represented the Boy Scouts, Messrs. H. Stimson, J. Gaston, H. McCall, Wm. Allen, Wm. Beers, and Messrs. W. and R. Archer, J. Lane, and H. Richardson, the firm of Messrs. Geo. Carruthers, Ltd.

A request that no floral tributes should be sent by friends outside the family circle was respected, but on the coffin were some beautiful wreaths from Mrs. Carruthers, other public bodies, and friends. The wreath from the Mayor and Mayoress embodied the crown, and was fitted in simple but impressive terms to the life and work of the deceased. The Rev. E. H. Knowles (organist) played Chopin's "Marche Funèbre," and "O rest in the Lord."

After the service the cortège proceeded to the General Cemetery, led by the Corporation and Luton Divisional Police Forces, and followed by the firm's employees and other representatives. The committal was as impressive as the preceding service.

JUSTICES' TRIBUTE.

At the Luton Borough Sessions on Monday morning tribute was paid to the late gentleman's work in that Court. The Chairman (Mr. J. I. Wright) said: "For us the shadows have deepened. On Saturday last we agreed to his last resting place a friend and brother magistrate, there to remain until the great awakening. Col. Carruthers was an uncommonly generous gentleman doing good and eminent service to this town, neighbourhood, and country. On the Bench he had a human heart, a clear head, and held with iron hand the scales of justice. We, his brothers, have lost a valued counsellor and dear to him we offer our sincerest sympathy, and we hope that Time, the healer, the great healer, will close the wound which death has made. I have received from the Chairman of this Bench, Mr. George Oakley, a letter regretting his absence from the Bench."

The Clerk (Mr. Austin) then read the following letter from Mr. G. Oakley: "Lawcome End Dec. 14th.—Dear Mr. Wright, I am not at the Bench on Monday, and I am afraid I may not be. I wish to associate myself with the regret we all must feel in the loss to our Bench of Colonel Carruthers. I has always shed when he could attend, and I have always found his judgment and advice I acted help in the administration of justice. Yours sincerely, George Oakley."

Mr. R. W. Lathom, on behalf of the legal profession, said their sympathy and confidence had been as well expressed that he could hardly add anything. For 33 years he had been on terms of friendship with Col. Carruthers, and admired him for the way he had conducted the business there and elsewhere. On behalf of his profession, and all who knew Col. Carruthers, he associated himself with the sympathetic expression.

The Court stood while these tributes were uttered.

FRENCH HONOUR FOR LUTON AIRMAN.

Coveted Decoration for Flight-Lieut. Bernard Smart.

We are pleased to announce that Flight-Lieut. Bernard Arthur Smart, D.S.O., R.F.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smart, Charlton House, London-road, Luton, has received the French Croix de Guerre (bronze palm). The bronze palm class is the highest grade of the war cross decoration. Lieut. Smart is at present in a naval hospital at Calais, and the Cross has been received at Luton, though the intimation of his Majesty's Army has to wait.

The award was made by the French Government the day following the investiture of Lieut. Smart at Buckingham Palace by the King, and the news reached Luton in the most substantial way, for a package arrived containing the cross and the certificate from the French Government, and a covering letter from the Admiralty to the effect that it had come last week. The letter from the Admiralty reads:—

"Sir,—I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you correspondent, that the Croix de Guerre (bronze palm) has been received at the Admiralty for transmission to you, and I am to inform you that you have the King's permission to accept and wear this decoration. The necessary announcement will appear in the London Gazette in a few days."

The cross is of light bronze, with crossed swords, and is suspended from a ribbon of green with red stripes, on which is mounted the bronze palm. There is also a green ribbon surmounted with a small bronze palm mounted in the centre. The original decorative paving is a fine lithographic work depicting the traditional war of France, the world-ending Re.

"La Republique Franaise. Honneur et Patrie. Ministere Nationale Guerre. L'Ordre de l'Armee. Sinati, Bernard Arthur, Flight-Lieutenant. Service Aerien. Croix de Guerre. Royal Britannique. Four fate exceptionels." "Fait a Paris, le 8 Novembre, 1917. Le Ministre de la Marine. Signe: Ch. Chaumet. Pour Extrait conforme, Le Contre-Amiral Chef du Cabinet, Nanquil."

The Admiral's still veils in mystery the feat for which Flight-Lieut. Smart received the decoration, but that it was of exceptional brilliance is proved by the fact that the French Government have been moved to bestow this honour.

THE WEEK END.

(From the full reports given in the "Saturday Telegraph.")

ARMY OFFICER ACCUSED.—Lieut. John Desmond Victor Hemingway, attached to the London Regiment, and said to be a cousin of a London donor, was charged at a special sitting of the Luton Borough Police Court on Friday morning with obtaining £3 by false pretences from Mr. W. H. Miles, the landlord of the Grange Hotel, Luton.—Chief Constable Griffin said that prisoner stayed at the hotel, and, according to the book of money, got Mr. Miles to charge the cheque for him. He took returned the cheque uncashed: "Refer to drawer."—Det.-Sgt. Hixon deposed to arresting prisoner at Hitchin borough.—Chief Constable Griffin's request for a remand in custody for eight days was granted.

COMMERCIAL'S "CAR.—A case of exceptional interest came before Luton Borough Police Court on Saturday morning, when Joseph Dickinson, Palace's Green, a traveller for Marion and Co., photographic specialists, and, manager, was charged with a breach of the Motor Spirit Protection Order on November 7.—The case for the police was that Dickinson travelled by motor car from London to St. Albans, Hitchin, and Luton, and returning by Potter's Bar, his car was found to have attache case and flight when he could reasonably have accomplished the journey by other means.—In defence, it was stated that these cases were not empty bags, and that the journey could not have been reasonably and conveniently performed other than by car.—A fine of £5 was imposed, and it was intimated that there was a probability of an appeal.

DOG OFFENCES.—Frederick Charles Wardbond, named Wm. Saunders, of no fixed abode, and with a bad record, including a term of five years' penal servitude, was sent to prison for two months by the Luton Borough justices on Saturday for failing to report under the Prevention of Crimes Act on December 7th. A charge of breaking and entering the Sugar Loaf Hotel, King-street, Luton, was withdrawn. Prisoner, who admitted opening the premises, was drunk, and that he would have taken something if he had found something.

DOG OFFENCES.—At the Luton Borough Police Court on Saturday, Fredk. Stevens, 12, coal carter, of Dallow-street, was fined 10s. for having no lights on a dray at 7.20 p.m. on December 3.—Miss Lily Squires, 27, Bothesay-road, Mrs. Louisa Sear, Stanbridge-road, and Mrs. Wm. Allen, 19a, Dallow-road, were fined 4/ each for breaches of the Lighting Order.—J. H. Lathom, brought before the Court Henry Horwood, 53, Verona-road, Luton, with a view to his being bound over, for threatening to shoot his wife, and proving that he had not seen his wife within a certain period. He had in fact been living apart from his wife for ten months.—The witness Horwood, after some persuasion, agreed to give his brother's address to the Clerk (Mr. Wm. Austin), but said that the brother had been at Malta and was expected home any day. The case was adjourned until more evidence is forthcoming.

POLICE SOCIAL.—The Luton Borough Police had a merry social gathering at the Town Hall on Thursday night. Tea was provided and games and music afterwards enjoyed.

ST. MATTHEW'S CLUB.—The first annual meeting of the St. Matthew's Young Men's Club was held on Thursday night under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. E. Lewis. The report showed that the Club was prosperous and progressive, and an interesting address by Mr. W. H. Benham-Carter, of London, on "Social Clubs and their Uses," and a musical contribution helped to make an enjoyable and instructive evening.

CASUALTIES.—The following casualties, with photographs, were reported in the "Telegraph":—John H. Lockhart, son of the late Mr. C. Lockhart, of Dunstable, died from enteric fever.—Pte. Frederick Cumberlidge, Wiseman's Hoarers, Cambridgeshire, Luton, killed in action.—Pte. Percy Mussett, Royal Scots Regiment, of "Down View," Dunstable-road, Luton, wounded in the left arm.

LIBERALS' BENEFIT SOCIETY.—The Luton Liberal Club Sick Benefit Society's annual meeting and share-out took place on Thursday night at the Club, under the chairmanship of Alderman T. Cain, J.P. The Secretary (Mr. J. Dickinson) reported that the membership was now 560. During the year seven members and two members' wives had died, funeral payments amounting to £102 10s., with a sum of £10 10s. 6d. had been paid in sick benefit. The amount paid in was about £1 0s. per member, and there was a surplus balance of £519 19s., equivalent to a share of £1 0s. 6d. per member, which will be distributed in the share-out. The election of Aldermen Cain and Bedford, Messrs. T. Hawkes, M.P., and Milnor Gray, Vice-President, as the Liberal Members, Mr. J. Dillingham, Hon. Treas.), and Mr. J. W. Dickinson (Secretary), Mr. T. Rowe (Hon. Auditor) and the London City and Midland as bankers. Mr. E. T. Broadbent succeeded the late Mr. C. Dawson as a trustee, and the committee were elected as follows:—Messrs. J. Bigg, Briggs, Messrs. J. A. Ashby, H. Carter, C. A. Carter, J. Ashby, W. Butcher, A. W. Cox, and H. Gregory.—A letter of sympathy was sent to the widow of Col. Andrew Carruthers.

RECORD OF THE PAST.

NO STRONGER EVIDENCE CAN BE HAD IN LUTON.

Looking back on the past sixteen years, one feature in the Luton News is noteworthy.

It is in the numerous letters of testimonies from Luton men and women who gave their experiences of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills years ago, and have emphasised and confirmed their statements recently. For instance:

Mr. Hutson, of Dunstable, writing on Dec. 4th, Albert-road, Luton, says:—"I have been troubled at intervals with backache, and when I begin to suffer such acute pains across the loins that I can scarcely bear to move, I get and gradually get into a very low state of health. Any spasmodic attacks of backache that I cause ever since. I was subject to palpitation, and there was urinary trouble as well. I had medical treatment, and my back rubbed with ointments; but I got no relief until I tried Doan's backache kidney pills. After using two the sufferer were nothing to be ashamed, while my back was entirely free from pain. I can strongly recommend Doan's Backache Kidney Pills."—Over five years later—in Hutson on "Doan's pills did the good merely six years ago and I shall always recommend them to my friends."

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HOUGHTON REGIS.

AFFILIATION CASE.—At the Luton Divisional Court on Monday, Alice Taverner, of Houghton Regis, summoned Walter Bryant, H.E., of Hitchin, to show cause, etc. The case was before Court a few weeks ago and was dismissed.—Mr. H. W. Lathom appeared for the complainant, but Mr. Bryant asked for an adjournment. He said that he was in the Army, and was stationed at Hitchin when summons, and he had since been transferred to other duties, and could not be certain before action if there had no concern, who was sent by Mr. Nelson, of Markyate, were of a simple character. Wrestle was sent to "Bernie and Freddie," Mrs. F. C. Bryant, "Maurice" (nephew), Lady Ravenham, Mrs. Bennett (Kenworth), and others.

OFF THE CLOTHES-LINE.

Biscot Girl's Foolish Theft at Limbury.

A curious and unsatisfactory story was told to the Luton Borough Petty Sessions on Monday, when Edith Bunker, 17, a munition worker, of Limbury, was charged with stealing two blouses and a camisole, value 6s. 6d., the property of Mrs. Clara Findlay, Holmfield-road, Limbury.

Mrs. Findlay said the articles were on the clothes-line on the Tuesday, but she had no occasion to wear them, and did not miss them Thursday. She identified the articles produced.

Superintendent Sharpe said that on Friday, Mrs. Findlay, said she had lost them by a young girl, who was in her employ. She had told the girl to come to the house, and promised her some clothes, and had the best of intentions. It was sure this would get have happened. Prisoner had called at her house on the Tuesday afternoon and asked for some old clothes as she was not well and was going to hospital.

P.c. Fine deposed to visiting prisoner's home and also to prisoner's admission of the theft.

Prisoner, who went during Mr. Sharpe's evidence, said she was sorry, she would not do it again, she was ill at the time. She had been ill for about a fortnight.

Mrs. Bunker said her daughter had never been in trouble before, but she was urged by Mrs. Findlay to go to her house with the Bunker, and admitted that the girl had been out until 10 or 11 o'clock at night.

The Clerk (Mr. Austin): Does she go with other girls?

Mrs. Bunker: I have seen her talking to them. She has not insisted on her daughter had been in hospital.

The Clerk said it looked out to the girl the request, used for cash and improvement in her conduct.

The Chairman said the girl was paying for clothes, and the Chairman (Mr. J. I. Wright) considering the circumstances, dismissed the case than appealed. The mother commented to be sorry for the girl, who was here and to come up for judgment within six months, and placed on probation for twelve months.

A TIME FOR STRONG NERVES

Many people are worrying seriously over the high cost of living, and are feeling, with its excitements and hysteria, is a trial. Strength and nerve, if you have lost them, nerve systems are run down by overwork or worry, to those who are of a nervous nature, neurasthenia, it is a time of danger. Nerve Vitalin restores nerve vitality, that is not to come for every of debility that does not kill, but it leaves the nervous system, the nerves, for nervous breakdown is a tonic for the nervous system, and restores the vitalise the blood, and enable it to carry to the system the elements that they need.

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TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC LONDON.

Pass list of examination in instrumental and vocal music, held in Bedford in December:—Mr. Harold Davies, F.R.A.M., the examiner. Unless otherwise stated the pianoforte is to be performed.

SENIOR DIVISION.

Wootton, Dorothy (Honours and Local Prize).—Pupil of Miss F. E. Desborough, C.T.T.C.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION.

Pedder, Ivy.—Mr. H. Spratley, A.T.S.C.

Seaman, Marjorie E. J. (Honours and Local Prize).—Miss F. E. Desborough, C.T.T.C.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Andrews, Dorothy A.—Mrs. A. Partridge, L.R.A.M.

Birch, Phyllis E. (Honours and Local Prize).—Miss M. Gough, L.R.A.M.

Bossett, Irene Ann.—Mr. H. Spratley, A.T.S.C.

Bull, Constance V.—Mr. C. H. Goatick.

Bullock, Lessie G.—Miss Dunsby (singing).

Madgwick, Lilian E.; Rinks, Lilian M.—Mr. H. Spratley, A.T.S.C.

Taylor, Doris E.—Miss M. Gough, L.R.A.M.

Thompson, Fred M.—Miss Marion Hull.

Wallace, Dorothy Dilingham (Local Prize).—Mrs. F. Partridge, L.R.A.M.

PREPARATORY DIVISION.

Brown, Nancy.—Mr. C. H. Spratley, A.T.S.C.

Cullen, Annie L. (Honours).—St. Neots School of Music (M. J. Alsop).

Fletcher, Gladys H. (singing) (Honours).—Mr. C. H. Spratley.

Gill, Herbert (violin).—Mrs. F. Partridge, L.R.A.M.

Harrington, Ethel (Honours and Local Prize).—Miss Florence E. Gall.

Spicer, Lucy (Honours).—Mrs. A. Partridge, L.R.A.M.

FIRST PREPARATORY DIVISION.

Berrie, Olga B. V.—Miss Beatrice Parkes.

Bust, Alice Mary.—Miss Beatrice Parkes.

Brownhall, Derek.—Mr. C. H. Spratley, A.T.S.C.

Bonn, John, E.; Clarke, Mildred A. (Local Prize).—Mrs. F. Partridge, L.R.A.M.

Cullen, Donald P.—St. Neots School of Music (M. J. Alsop).

Matthews, Erica.—Miss Frances J. Gull.

Sampson, Vera.—St. Neots School of Music (Mr. L. Machell).

Wallace, Muriel A. L. (Local Prize).—Miss Frances J. Gull.

KENSWORTH.

OBITUARY.—Kensworth has to mourn the loss of Miss Beresford-Ashe, who died on Tuesday last week. Coming to the Lynch House in 1897, she had resided there for nearly upwards of ten years, and had always been a willing giver to the many late and needy prevention to her in this neighbourhood, and to also known in Luton and Dunstable, in a wider sphere. Deceased was the second daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Beresford-Ashe, of Ballymote, Co. Sligo, and was quite happy in her surroundings, in which she enjoyed the confidence of her neighbours, and she will be much missed in the parish. Deceased was the only surviving daughter of the Right Hon. T. E. and Lady Beresford Beresford, of the eight sons of her family both her brothers and now place than you think. Begin to-day with a thorough course of Doan's backache kidney pills and persevere with them until every trace of the dread kidney disease is gone.

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BEDS-HERTS-BUCKS.

Bedfordshire.

Pte. Percy Papworth, of the Bedfordshire Regiment, whose home is at Astwick, after three years spent in captivity in Germany, has been transferred to Switzerland, and he writes in high praise of the new condition. Under which he is living, and says everything here required and everything of the best, and we have our liberty—that is the main thing. The winter sports are just coming on, and I have made a start on the sledges, which is fine sport.

Mr. Rutherford, F.R.H.S., of Wrest Lodge, Pulloxhill, well-known and enthusiastic horticulturist, has been appointed by the Board of Agriculture, Organiser for Bedfordshire and the adjoining counties of the potato spraying campaign which it is intended to carry on next year. All potato growers, allotment holders, and societies interested in gardening and horticulture can have the benefit of this gentleman's expert knowledge and advice.

Lieut. J. Waterton, Bedfordshire Regiment, youngest son of Mrs. Waterton, Arlesey Rectory, was killed in action on November 30, aged 19 years. He had been in the trenches since the 20th, and had much sympathy was felt in the parish and district.

Another of Stotfold's best footballers, Pte. Bedford Dunkley, has been killed in action in France, and he is the fourth son of his parents who has sacrificed his life for king and country.

Lieut. C. Hipwell, R.F.A., of Bedford, came home from Brazil in October, 1914, and served in the Beds Yeomanry until he obtained his commission in the R.F.A., and was out in France in February, 1916. He was passed at Ypres on July 31st, 1917, and was in the Passchendaele battle, and in the battery on Sunday. In the meantime, he was decorated by the King with the Military Cross, "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty," at Wytschaete in June last.

Horton Pasha, who has been appointed Military Governor of Jerusalem, was an old boy of Bedford School. His name is Neville Tyrrell Horton, son of the late Capt. H. E. Horton, R.H.A., and he was born in 1870. He has had a distinguished career in Eastern service.

The Rector of Gamlingay has some strictures in his parish magazine on the conduct of the men who have left the village to work munitions. He said: "It is no use their coming home to be remarks: "It is no use their coming home to be idle and to be a nuisance to the women, who are sorry to have to turn lads away, but we are glad to be rid of the rowdyism and bad language away by those who come simply to laugh and talk. The Lord Jesus Christ had no hesitation in making a whip of cords and driving the profane out of His Father's house.

Hertfordshire.

There has just died at Standon an old lady named Eliza Hassell, aged 101. Up to the day of her death she had been engaged making sewabs for King George's Military Hospital.

Hitchin, resident in the Letchworth and District area, of the combined Hitchin assessments of income-tax, but numerous complaints were made that the Hitchin district is a favourite place for pretended cases of hardship, where a man was summoned for £5 5s. 6d., it appeared that he had taken out a money order for the required amount at Letchworth, and, under the impression that the Post Office authorities would send the money to the inspector collector, he kept the money order in his pocket all the time, receiving it as a receipt for the tax! The case was withdrawn on the money order being handed over.

The military authorities have undertaken the cutting and trimming of some hedges at Hitchin, the Urban Council having provided them with the necessary tools.

Buckinghamshire.

A bullock strolled into the Royal Hotel, Slough, recently, and finding the door walked into and out of a bedroom without doing any damage whatever.

David P. Richards, a Great Missenden schoolboy, pleaded guilty at Aylesbury to the right of the Education Committee to turn him out of the Grammar School, and, as to a yearly tenant, but the magistrates decided that the case was held by virtue of the office.

A cow belonging to Mr. Bishop, Great Horwood, gave birth to three calves. One died at birth, and the remaining two are doing well.

A Winslow woman, named Hannah Tarbox, was charged at the Sessions on Friday with stealing a £1 note, the property of Agnes Beckett. It appeared that the prisoner had from her wages 1s. 6d. note, which was found by a lad named Percy Turbor, son of the defendant, to whom he gave the note. Prosecutrix denied that they had found a note, and asked his mother about it, on a occasion, when she said she had not. The jury, in their verdict, said a very straightforward story as to finding the note and giving it to prosecutrix, and that the prisoner should be charged. The magistrates severely censured the conduct of the mother, and said she ought to be ashamed of herself, and ordered her to repay the prosecutrix the £1, or a month's imprisonment in default.

LIGHTS O' LIMBURY.

Who Should Stand the Fine?

The employees of the Omnia Works, Leagrave, held a concert on behalf of the Prisoners of War Fund, on Wednesday, December 5, in the Boot Room of the factory, the chairman, Mr. Arthur Wm. Robinson, the hon. secretary, and the hon. treasurer, Luton Divisional Police on Monday with failing to screen the lights on a motor cycle.

Supt. Pantar told the Court that before the concert P.c. Fine warned the promoters of the necessity of screening the lights. When he called at 6.40 p.m. he found that warning had not been fully respected, and again at 6.45 p.m. they were not in accordance with the regulations.

P.c. Fine said that two windows were not screened, and there was very little light in the dome. He was promised at 6 p.m. that the lights would be screened, but when he came they had not 6.45 he called again, and a Mr. Dean obtained sacks and other coverings and screened the lights.

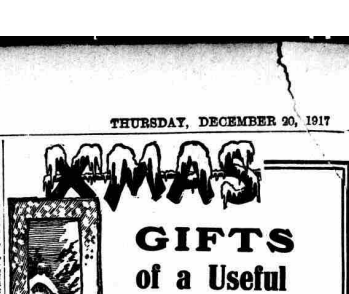
Superintendent Constables Elvey and Goodwin deposed to the windows being unshaded after 7 p.m.

Defendant said the Education Committee had not provided sufficient blinds, and some time ago Mr. Wm. Austin (Luton) promised a matter for the committee, if don't was that you are further in the matter, and the Chairman.

The Chairman (Mr. J. J. Wright) said he was very sorry (and a good other) and, had ended, but the Bench could not shut their eyes to the fact that there was much light visible from outside, and defendant would be fined 10s. and 7s. 6d.

George Maidment, parish clerk, Limbury, summoned a similar offence at his house at 10 p.m. on Nov. 9th.—Special-constable Pooley said a drab light was visible through shining from the upper window, and he had been twice called on.—Defendant said that he had purchased the curtain, and was going to attach it. He forgot to draw the blind.—Fined 10s.

Leonard Sutton, carpenter, of Limbury, pleaded guilty of an offence at 7.45 p.m. on Dec. 6th.—Special-constable Major proved the case, and a fine of 10s. was imposed.



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