

6/6/1914 TENTERDEN.

WEDDING.—A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. John the Baptist's church, Smallhythe, on Monday, the Rev. W. Raven officiating. The contracting parties were Mr. Alfred Thomas Skinner, butcher, of Beckley, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Skinner, and Miss Mabel Rose Brunger, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brunger, Cole's Farm, Smallhythe. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a pretty dress of white figured crepe, with lace tunic; she wore a tulle veil and wreath of orange blossom and carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Elsie Stepleton (cousin) and Miss Evelyn Austin. They wore white lace dresses and large white Dolly Varden hats, trimmed with pink roses, and carried bouquets of pink roses, which, with gold brooches, were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Walter Trotman, brother-in-law, acted as best man. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the bride's home, and later in the day the happy pair left for Brighton by motor. The presents were costly and numerous.

PARISH CHURCH.—Whit-Sunday was observed at the parish church with celebrations of the Holy Communion at seven o'clock, eight o'clock, and at mid-day. At the morning and evening services the sermons were preached by the vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington). The evening service was fully choral, the processional hymn being "Holy Ghost, Illuminator," the magnificent and nunc dimittis being sung to Stainer in E flat, the anthem chosen for the occasion being "I Will Pray the Father." Mr. A. H. Smith presided at the organ.

WHITSUNTIDE.—Are you going to see the lions fed at the Maidstone Zoological and Pleasure Gardens? Numerous attractions and a military band. Admittance 6d. and 3d.—Advt.

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APRIL ST. MICHAEL'S. 1914

VESTRY MEETING.—At the vestry meeting on April 15th, Mr. S. Thirkell was elected vicar's warden and Mr. J. Eales people's warden. Commenting on the resignations of Mr. S. Hayward and Mr. A. Fuggle, the Vicar expressed his great sorrow, as both had served faithfully and well, but as Mr. Hayward was now eighty-three years old, and had held office for fifteen years, he supposed a change was inevitable. Messrs. A. Fuggle, J. Fuggle, F. Dunster and Masters were chosen as sidemen. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mrs. Tress-Beale and her two sisters, as these ladies had borne the entire cost of the outside painting of the church and re-gilding of the clock.

TENTERDEN SLATE CLUBS.

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The tenth annual share-out of the Black Horse Slate Club, Tenterden, took place on Monday evening, the result of the year's work having been exceedingly satisfactory. The sick pay during the year amounted to £18 8s. 4d., the surplus enabling the 84 members to receive £1 2s. 7d. each. The officers of the club are Mr. H. King (secretary), Mr. S. Ballard (chairman), Mr. F. Edwards (treasurer) and trustees, Messrs. H. King, F. Edwards and S. Ballard. The usual smoking concert was held, Mr. Dodgson presiding. Mr. G. A. Wenham, of Northiam, presided at the piano, and sang a number of recruiting songs. Other singers included Miss Witherden and Mr. M. Parsons, while Mr. W. Savage contributed mandoline solos.

The share-out took place of the East Cross club on Tuesday evening at the New Inn, when Mr. A. Wenham presided, with Mr. M. Parsons in the vice-chair. The 52 members received £1 3s. 7d., an increase on the previous year, the sick pay having amounted to £10 10s. The club has an energetic secretary in Mr. J. R. Burden, while Mr. H. G. Rummery acts as treasurer. At the smoking concert songs were rendered by Mr. G. A. Wenham, who presided at the piano, and Messrs. M. Wilson, J. Bishop, W. Vinall and M. Parsons. Several glees were given by Messrs. W. Mitchell and Co., and violin solos by Mr. W. Savage. DEC 1914

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PETTY-SESSION.—Monday, before Messrs. F. Edwards (chairman), J. Chacksfield and E. G. Bennett.—Mrs. Eborall, of East-hill, and Mr. H. Homewood, of St. Michael's, were fined 1/- and 7/6 costs, for keeping dogs without licenses.—Harry Holdstock, six years of age, of Bell's-lane, Tenterden, was charged with unlawfully cutting a tree with a chopper in the Recreation Ground on June 2nd, and doing damage to the value of 1/-. The father, who on behalf of the boy admitted the offence, said he was very sorry indeed his boy had done it.—The Bench having admonished the boy, discharged him.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—At the meeting on Friday there were present: Mr. E. E. Selmes (chairman), Mr. J. Body (vice-chairman), and Messrs. A. H. Craven, J. H. Lorden, E. B. Terry, J. Sutton, F. Care, H. Bodington, G. W. Bunn, H. P. Playman and J. M. Mace (clerk).—It was decided to put a cement facing to the isolation ward at the House, as suggested by the architect.—An application was made by the stoker for an increase in salary, and an alteration in dietary, but it was decided not to make any alteration. It was decided to alter the time for visiting the Infirmary on Sundays and Wednesdays from 3 to 4 o'clock p.m. instead of 1.15 to 2.15 as heretofore.—New regulations relating to the bathing of inmates once a fortnight were adopted.—It was decided to lay a new length of sewer at the Workhouse and to couple up the existing drain with the new main sewer below the Workhouse.—The Clerk read correspondence from the Clerk to the County Council in regard to the provision of temporary accommodation for mental defectives, asking if there was accommodation available at the Workhouse, and what would be the terms charged. The Clerk was directed to reply giving particulars of the structural alterations necessary and stating that they could not quote terms until they knew for what period the accommodation would be required, also that under no circumstances would the Guardians be willing to accept criminal mental defectives.—A circular letter from the East Ashford Union with reference to local taxation was read and laid on the table.—A letter was read from the Clerk of the County Council stating that at a recent conference it was resolved to form a Kent association for the care of the mentally defective, to assist by voluntary effort in the administration of the Act, and asking if the Board would appoint representatives to serve on the same.—The Chairman and Clerk were appointed to represent the Guardians.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.—In reference to the housing accommodation, several letters were received from the Parish Councils in the district in reply to the Clerk's letter asking for information as to suitable pieces of land available in the various parishes. The Clerk was instructed to write to several landowners asking if they were willing to sell land required for this purpose.—With reference to the complaint by the War Office of a nuisance at Appledore, the Surveyor reported that he considered the nuisance could be abated by the putting in of a sedimentation tank, subject to the approval of the War Office. This he estimated could be done at a cost of about £100 approximately, while a drainage scheme would cost five or six times that amount. The Council agreed to carry out the recommendation of the Surveyor.

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The very spot for School Treats, Club Outings, etc.—Maidstone Zoological and Pleasure Gardens. Fine collection of animals; beautiful grounds; band. Admission 6d. and 3d.—Advt.

The Eight Bells club also did not hold its annual smoker in connection with the share-out, which took place on Monday evening. The club, which has had a prosperous career, paid out during the year for sickness £23 10s., and the 76 members received £1 1s. 2d. each. Mr. E. R. Clifton is the painstaking secretary. DEC 1914

TENTERDEN STOKER ON TWO SINKING SHIPS.

Tenterden had a flying visit during the week-end from their police constable who, as Stoker Edwards, was one of the saved from H.M.S. Hogue. Edwards, who was in excellent form, after his thrilling experience, is anxious to be on the warpath again, as he remarks, "to get a little of his own back." Not only can it be said that he was saved from the Hogue, but it can also be said that he was saved from the Cressy, for he had the remarkable experience of being on both ships when they were torpedoed and sunk.

Edwards states that he was on duty on the Hogue when the Aboukir was seen sinking, and at first it was thought she had struck a mine. The Hogue approached the Aboukir to render assistance. While the work of rescue was proceeding the Hogue was struck by a torpedo near the magazine.



Stoker Edwards.

Edwards was one of the 170 stokers down below, only 17 of whom were saved. He has not the slightest idea of how he got out of the ship, whether he went through the bottom or at the hole in the side made by the torpedo, but when he came to himself he found he was in the water. He saw the Cressy about half a mile away, and swam towards her. Exhausted, he was pulled aboard and taken for dead; in fact was put among the dead and laid out as a dead man. He fancies that the explosion caused by the Cressy being torpedoed brought him to himself again, for the next thing he remembers is hearing the order given to the bugler to sound the fall in, and the captain addressing the men, saying, "We are going down; every man for himself."

As soon as the order was given Edwards climbed overboard and found himself among a number who could not swim, and to clear himself he dived underneath them. While swimming he came across a pal of his from the Cressy, who bade him good-bye, just before sinking, saying, "I am off to Tipperary." After being in the water about half an hour he was picked up by a ship's boat, and while he was helping an old Marine in the boat he was picked out. After being in the water altogether about two hours, he was picked up by a Lowestoft trawler and taken to Harwich. While swimming about, Edwards is positive that he saw five Germans in the water, who came from the submarines and he is certain that submarines were sunk by the Cressy, who for half an hour had been firing on them. He also says the Germans can't die like men, but squeal like girls, while the Englishmen fold their arms and go down like lumps of iron. He left Harwich for Chatham in a petticoat and shawl. Edwards has been granted ten days' leave, at the expiration of which he anticipates being sent to another ship. He had some exciting experiences in the Heligoland fight, his ship escorting the Arethusa, which was somewhat badly mauled.

Edwards was delighted with the reception he met in Tenterden, remarking that he hadn't the slightest idea he had made so many friends in the town.

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