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OPERATION THAT LASTED 5 HOURS

Brockley Young Man's Death

A Brockley man's fatal collapse towards the end of an operation lasting five hours was described at Westminster Coroner's court on Friday, when an inquest was held on Cornelius Patrick Gibbons (22), a labourer, living at 2, Tolhurst-street.

The father, Mr. Patrick Gibbons, of the same address, said his son became ill just before Christmas. He had headaches and his walking and sight were affected. His doctor sent him to the Miller Hospital, Greenwich, and he was subsequently transferred to Westminster Hospital.

Dr. Russell Davies, house surgeon at Westminster Hospital, said a provisional diagnosis was made of cerebral tumour. It was a very serious condition and it was decided to attempt an operation. The operation lasted five hours and the tumour was successfully removed, but the patient collapsed towards the end.

The anæsthetist, Dr. A. Chambers, said that as the tumour was removed there were marked signs of shock. All efforts to keep the patient alive, including a blood transfusion, were without success.

Dr. Skeno Keith, pathologist, said his post mortem examination showed that the tumour had been completely and successfully removed, but the patient died from exhaustion and shock. "Dealing with a tumour like this," he said "operation was imperative. It was the only possible hope."

A verdict of "Death by Misadventure" was recorded.

A shed at the rear of 55a, Leampit-vale, Lewisham, the property of Mr. George Hogg, was damaged by fire on Saturday night. Firemen with hand appliances extinguished the flames, in which the back of a van was also involved.

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ARE SCHOOLDAYS THE HAPPIEST?

"Nonsense" Says Major Miller

AT COLFE'S CRICKET SUPPER

Fathers are notoriously given to telling their sons that the happiest years of their lives were spent at school. The same often applies to Old Boys generally and when the President of Colfe's Old Boys' Association described this time honoured platitude as "nonsense" he made a gallant break from tradition.

Major L. C. Miller was speaking at a supper on Friday when the school, as is their custom, entertained the Old Boys before the School v. Old Boys' cricket match which was drawn on Saturday. (See report on back page).

"School days," he said, "are enjoyable up to a point but they cannot, from the very nature of things, reach a very high degree of happiness. You are at the beginning of everything with no achievements behind you." Men who spoke of schooldays being the happiest were often failures.

He had noticed of recent years that not quite so many were joining the Association.

His speech was in reply to the toast of the Old Boys, proposed by the school captain, I. Gray.

The Old Boys' Association, he said, made the overwhelming experience of leaving school, which was encouraged to remain cut off from the world, easier and more gradual.

"Our Founder and Benefactor" was proposed by Mr. H. V. Dacombe, after the chairman had given the loyal toast.

He felt the school to be typical of the many which formed the core of English secondary education. He mentioned the music cup presented by Mr. Powell, and wished a speedy recovery to Alderman Furneaux, Master of the Leathersellers' Company.

The Rural Dean, Rev. C. R. Cotter, M.A., in his reply referred to their founder, Abraham Colfe, as one of the greatest men who had ever lived in Lewisham; said how much they owed to the Leathersellers' Company and how much he appreciated the friendliness which existed between the school and St. Mary's.

The captain of the Old Boys' cricket club, Mr. W. Constance, toasted the school and assured the boys that they would be up against the Old Boys' best cricketers the next day.

Mr. G. W. Morris, the headmaster, replied. He welcomed Lord Londesborough, "who last September undertook that this Borough of Lewisham should suffer no harm." He had been helped by present boys at the school who assembled and issued gas masks.

Of the 540 to 550 boys in the school 75 were in the sixth form.

There had been a great development in art and music studies in which the school had made something of a name for itself.

He referred to J. L. Brennan, who on Thursday went up to Westminster Hospital to which he had won a scholarship.

The prefects entertained with songs accompanied by Mr. Hooper, and N. Waterhouse sang some solos.

Among those present were Lord Londesborough, Canon F. H. Gillingham (Rector of Lee), Alderman C. H. Dodd, J.P., Mr. W. S. Phillips, Mr. S. G. Nelson, Captain A. C. Denny, Mr. W. L. Anthony, Mr. W. Humphreys (headmaster, George Green's school), Mr. N. Morley (second master, Colfe's), and Mr. F. Searls (secretary, O.B.A.).

CARS SEVERELY DAMAGED

Two motor-cars were severely damaged just after midnight on Friday in a collision at the junction of Brownhill-road and Laleham-road, Catford. The driver of one, Mr. Robert C. Smith, Strathedenparade, Blackheath, complained of slight injuries to the right thigh and ankle, but declined medical aid, but Mrs. Maud Smith, same address, a passenger in the car, sustained bruises on the head, legs and shock and was taken to Lewisham Hospital. The driver of the other car, Mr. L. F. B. Thomson, Drewstead-road, Streatham, was unhurt.

R.N.L.I. COLLECTION

The Flag Day collections for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in Lewisham, which took place on May 27, realised £73 7s. 3d. Miss Tessman, the local secretary, wishes to thank all the collectors and supporters for their splendid help.

Tuesday, June 13, is Animals' Flag Day. Mrs. Inglewill, hon. secretary, 8, Lewisham-park, S.E.13, would be very grateful to receive offers from those who would like to be sellers on that day.

INSTITUTION AT CATFORD

New Vicar of St. Laurence

THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S ADDRESS

St. Laurence Church, Catford, was the scene on Thursday last week of an impressive ceremony when the Rev. Basil Wilfrid Barrow Matthews, B.A., was instituted and inducted.

The blue, gold and cream of the altar, decorated with red and white flowers, formed a magnificent background to the robes of the Bishop of Southwark, who conducted the institution ceremony, and of the clergy, crucifer and servers.

After the Rev. B. W. B. Matthews—whose last charge was at Holy Trinity, Lambeth—had made the declaration of assent and taken the oaths of allegiance to the King and of canonical obedience, the Bishop of Southwark instituted him to the living in succession to the Rev. F. S. L. Fitz-George.

The Induction was performed by the Bishop of Woolwich, the Rt. Rev. L. H. Lang.

During this part of the service the incumbent locked the door of the Church and tolled the bell, signifying his taking possession. Then he admitted the representatives of the laity into the Church and later knelt before the Bishop of Southwark and was blessed by him.

During his address, the Bishop of Southwark said, "In these days when men of goodwill are wondering where to turn to save civilisation from ruin, is it because there is too much of the grace of Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost working in human hearts?

"We know well it is not so. We know it is very largely because Christians have been faithless to their heritage."

The Rural Dean of Lewisham (the Rev. C. R. Cotter, M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's) and the Rev. P. J. Deigan, B.A., of St. Laurence, assisted, the latter as Bishop's chaplain.

The priest-in-charge during the interregnum, the Rev. E. M. Pitches, M.A., was also present.

Visiting clergy included Canon E. F. Edgs-Partington (St. John's, Southend Village), Rev. S. C. L. Miller (St. Andrew's, Catford), Rev. D. H. Bryant Bevan, B.D. (Vicar of Christ Church, Forest Hill), Canon L. P. Smith (Vicar

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OLD CONTEMPTIBLES ASSOCIATION

Lewisham Branch

A grand social and musical entertainment, in aid of the Old Contemptibles' Association, Lewisham branch benevolent fund, was held at their headquarters, British Legion Club, Downham, on Friday and was voted a great success. About 150 chums, wives and friends were present—a record—and it is anticipated that this figure will be exceeded at future socials.

These socials are held on the first Friday in each month at 8.30 p.m. and it is hoped that chums who have only recently joined the branch will come along and get to know more intimately their comrades-in-arms of 25 years ago.

Grateful appreciation and thanks are extended to the band of the 307th Battery, Royal Artillery (T.A.), conducted by Mr. A. Kennedy, with the permission of Lieut.-Col. F. N. Richardson, R.A., for their attendance at the social, also to Mr. Charles Healey, M.I.B.M., with his magical mysteries, and various vocalists recruited from the audience.

The principal object of the association is to foster the spirit of the Contemptible Little Army, and to strengthen the bonds which held them together through adversity in 1914.

Officials of the branch are continuing their efforts to obtain suitable employment for the few less fortunate chums. Enquiries from local employers, to put these men back in harness, will be gratefully received and should be addressed to the honorary secretary, at headquarters.

FOREST HILL BOY INJURED

Injuries to the nose and forehead were received by Douglas Giles, aged 14, a pedal cyclist, of Dartmouth-road, Forest Hill, in a collision with another cyclist at Catford Bridge, Coppet Bigget-road, on Friday evening. He was taken to Lewisham Hospital.

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of Sydenham), Rev. H. G. Marshall (Vicar of St. Philip's, Sydenham), Rev. J. H. Jelly (St. Mary's, Lewisham), Rev. H. D. Cooper (Holy Trinity, Lombeth), Rev. W. H. Maxwell Rennis (Vicar of St. Jude's on the Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb), Rev. B. T. Jenkins (St. Mary's, Sanderstead), Rev. H. W. Browning (St. Mildred's, Lee), Rev. C. E. Matthews (St. Clement, E. Dulwich), Rev. E. A. Brown (St. Mary's, Lewisham), Rev. G. W. Stainsby (Vicar of Southgate), Rev. C. Gusterson (St. Andrew's, Catford) and Rev. C. M. Schooling (Vicar of St. Augustine's, Grove Park).

THE HONOR OAK A.R.P. GROUP

Dinner and Social

A successful dinner and social evening was arranged by Group 31, A.R.P. Services, Honor Oak Estate, at Turnham-road School on June 3. Preceding the opening of the evening's activities, a company of 70 guests stood in silence for a minute in sympathy with the victims of the "Thetis" disaster.

Major Spong, former chief officer for Lewisham's A.R.P. Services, was present, also Mr. C. P. Sampson, honorary Anti-Gas Instructor to Group 31.

Major Spong conveyed to all his most earnest appreciation of the splendid work carried out by wardens of Group 31 since the September crisis.

Mr. Sampson expressed his complete faith in all the wardens and first aiders attached to Group 31. Mr. R. A. Lloyd, head warden of Group 31, replied.

During the evening Major Spong dedicated a donation of £2 2s. 0d. to the Wardens' Social Club. Dancing and community singing completed a very jolly and enjoyable evening.

CUCKOO COMES TO TOWN

In Granville-park, Lewisham, on Saturday, Mr. W. H. Evans, of Thornford-road, Lewisham, who is a bit of a naturalist in his way, informs us he was surprised to hear a cuckoo.

"Its note seemed even louder amid the houses than out at Biggin Hill, for instance, where one gets accustomed to it at the week-end," he said.

"Now Lewisham has become so built-up, I should think the cuckoo is certainly becoming a very rare visitor.

"When I called an errand boy's attention to the notes, he asked 'What's a cuckoo?' Such is the affect on youth of town life and modern noise!"

COLONIAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

Advance information regarding the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society's balance sheet of 1938 shows that the assets were increased during the year by the record figure of £2,658,909 making a total at the end of 1938 of £23,781,017.

The society paid out in death and maturity claims over £1,750,000.

New business of £10,532,055 was secured in 1938. Other features are:—a reduction in expenditure of £58,856 and an increase in bonus rates.

CONVALESCENT HOME FOR CHILDREN

A Forest Hill Sale of Work

Excellent support was given to a sale work on June 2, held in the lecture hall of Sydenham Baptist Church, Dartmouth-road, Forest Hill, lent by the pastor (Rev. G. Wilson Warwick) and deacons. It was an exceptionally worthy cause on behalf of which the sale was held, being the children's convalescent and holiday homes of the National Sunday School Union, and, as on previous occasions, it was organised by Miss Pitt, of 27, Garlies-road.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Henry Brooke, wife of West Lewisham's M.P., the Rev. Dr. W. H. Mildon, of St. James' Methodist Church, presiding. He was supported by the Revs. G. Wilson Warwick, Ernest G. Reeve (Perry-rise Baptist), D. T. Davies, M.A., B.D., (St. John's, Presbyterian), Miss Pitt and Mrs. Reeve. The latter sang two solos which were much appreciated.

Dr. Mildon said the N.S.S.U. had beautiful homes at Bournemouth and Clacton, and some thousands of children had passed through them. There were two smaller ones for Sunday School teachers, and the charges were so small that the money received could not possibly pay for their upkeep, the balance being made up by sales of work like the one they were holding that afternoon.

If churchpeople thought in terms of their religion they must also think in terms of philanthropy—both marched hand in hand. They were very fortunate to have Miss Pitt as an untiring leader and secretary.

Mrs. Brooke was presented with a beautiful bouquet of pink carnations by little Valerie George. After expressing the pleasure she felt at being with them, she said she welcomed the opportunity of directing their thoughts to their annual holiday, because they would then think of those children who rarely get a holiday, and especially those who were able to undergo a period of convalescence.

It was interesting to know that the work of the N.S.S.U. in that direction had been going on for 45 years. She thanked all those who had worked on behalf of the sale and hoped it would be the most successful yet organised on behalf of so splendid a cause.

Mrs. Brooke and Mrs. Reeve were thanked in a breezy speech by the Rev. G. Wilson Warwick.

A number of stalls laden with useful and fancy articles, were presided over by

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ALLEGED BIGAMIST SUMMONED

Wife Gets Order

Alfred George Walkling, a 25-year-old boiler cleaner, employed by the South Suburban Gas Co., and living in Princes-road, Penge, who last week was committed for trial at the Old Bailey on a charge of bigamy, appeared at Greenwich police-court on Saturday as the defendant in a matrimonial case.

He was summoned by his wife, Eileen Ethel Walkling, of 48a, Highclere-street, Sydenham, for neglecting to provide her with reasonable maintenance, but to facilitate the proceedings he agreed to "adultery" being substituted as the ground of the complaint.

Both parties expressed the desire for a separation, and the Magistrate (Mr. I. E. Dunne), explained that this alteration in the terms of the summons would enable the wife to, later on, to take her order to the Divorce Court.

Mrs. Walkling, who was married to the defendant in July, 1937, has one child and is expecting another. She left him when she discovered that, it was alleged, he had committed bigamy by going through a form of marriage with Miss Dora Pegram, of Ilfracombe-road, Downham, who told the Magistrate last week that she had a baby by the defendant on April 24 this year.

Walkling was ordered to pay his wife 15s. a week.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LEWISHAM

Miss O. Fergusson, secretary, and Mrs. A. A. Birch, a member of Lewisham Tuberculosis Care Committee, will represent that organisation at the 25th annual conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, in Belfast from June 29 to July 1, at the College of Technology.

Three hundred delegates from home and overseas are expected to hear the discussions, which will include: The problems of organisation and local administration of tuberculosis schemes, tuberculosis in the adolescent, and architecture in tuberculosis institutions.

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ladies, including Mesdames Anson and Green and members of Sydenham Baptist Church Women's League, Mrs. E. C. Thomas, Miss Newsom, Miss Pitt, and Mrs. Theobald. Those in charge of the refreshments were Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Spittle, Mrs. Bishop and Miss Spillman.

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