

Litton Cheney Newspaper Articles 1930-1939

28.7.1930

Evershot v. Litton Cheney, played at Melbuiy Park, the home side winning by 40 runs. Scores: Eversbot 70, (R. Stenhouse 43, F Isaacs 14). Bowling: Clark 6 for 26, Wakely 3 for 22. Litton Cheney 31 (B. Clark 17). In their second innings Litton Cheney made 35 for 9 wickets.

1.8.1930

Dorchester Additions.

The work of erecting the approved additional accommodation at the Dorchester Headquarters Borough Police-station, to replace the station in Glyde Path Road, to be closed down, had, it was reported, been completed by Messrs G Fry & Son, of Litton Cheney, the contractors. The Dorchester Local Sub-Committee had inspected and approved the work executed.

22.8.1930

At Dorchester County Potty Sessions on Saturday Stephen Joseph Elliott, dairyman, of Litton Cheney, was fined 7s 6d for driving a motor-car without a rear light at 11.56 p.m. on August 9th, at Maiden Newton. P.C. Oliver gave evidence.

22.5.1931

LITTON CHENEY FRIENDLY SOCIETY ANNUAL FETE WHIT-MONDAY. CHURCH PARADE 10.30; PUBLIC LUNCHEONS 1.30. SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT, SPORTS, SKITTLES, DANCING, and other ENTERTAINMENTS. Admissions 6d

29.5.1931

LITTON CHENEY CLUB WALK
OLD FIXTURE AS POPULAR AS EVER
FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

One of few club walks which are held in Dorset took place at Litton Cheney on Whit-Monday. All the features which have marked this event since 1844 were observed - with one exception. No longer do the Clubmen pay the usual calls at residences for refreshments.

The Litton Cheney Friendly Society is one the oldest in the county. Though now in its 87th year, it continues to flourish and its annual fete proved to be as popular as ever as a rendezvous for holiday-makers in the Bride Valley. The day opened with a procession to the church where the Rector, who is president of the Society, preached a fitting sermon. Then, headed by the Bridport Artillery Band and with Committee-men wearing their sashes, the members paraded the village. The fete field (lent by Mr. George Wakely) was the centre of attraction for the rest of the day.

At luncheon in the marquee, Sir David Milne Watson was the guest of honour. Proposing "Success to the Society", he said that he considered that such societies did most excellent work. A most successful year was reported by the Hon. Secretary, Mr A Gladwyn in response to the toast. The Society had put by a sum of £223 9s. Of that sum £100 was capital and could not be touched, but there would be available £123 and interest for the share-out in June. Only 50s had been disbursed in sick pay.

At the fete adults and children were catered for. For the first time school-children from Longbredy, Puncknowle and Swyre, who now attend Litton Cheney School, joined the Litton pupils in their sports, for which the Friendly Society gave £4 in prizes. This will be an annual event at the fete. Two girls, M Yeates and C. Wood, tied for the championship prize so a second prize was given by Captain H. B. I.egge. The boys' champion, G. Stickley, was first in three events and second in another.

29.7.1932

The Peal of Bob Minor was rung on Saturday on the bells of St. Mary's by six members of Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. The total number of changes was 5.040 and time taken was 3 hours 14 minutes. This was the first peal of Minor rung on the bells, which were made into a peal of six in 1848 by the addition of three trebles. The ringers came from Kingston Magna (two), Mere (Wiltshire), Evershot, Oxford University Guild, and Wyke Regis.

2.6.1933

CHARITY FARM. LITTON CHENEY.

Messrs. Thos. Ensor & Son dispersed the whole of the live and dead farm stock by auction on Thursday, when there was a large attendance of farmers and others. Farm waggons made up to £18; side rake, £5 15s; self-binder £13; horse rake £3 2s 6d; grass mower, £4 10s; cultivator, £2 10s; chain harrow 21s; iron saw bench £8; rick sheet £3 10s; Wolseley petrol engine £7 15s; separator £2 6s; and other small implements at full time's prices.

Dairy cattle: Dairy cows with calves to £17 10s; dairy cows, forward calvers, £15 to £19 10s; dairy cows in full milk £14 10s to £18; dairy cows seasoned £13 to £15 15s; stirk heifers £13 to £14 15s; weanling heifers £7 to £11.

2.6.1933

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the USUAL WHITSUNTIDE FETE of the LITTON CHENEY FRIENDLY CLUB WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR.

16.6.1933

Charity Farm, Litton Cheney, of some 98 acres of pasture and a noted dairy farm, with good set of buildings, which was withdrawn when recently submitted to auction by Messrs. Thos. Ensor & Son, has now been sold by this firm by private treaty.

21.7.1933

PUBLIC NOTICES. POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Provisions of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1926, that His Majesty's Postmaster-General, having obtained the consent in that behalf of the body having the control of the public roads described below, intends to place a Telegraphic line over and along the said public roads and for that purpose to erect and maintain posts in and upon the same under the powers conferred on him by the said Telegraph Acts. Litton Cheney to Long Bredy Road from White Cross Litton Cheney to a point near Litton Mill and from the junction of Hine's Mead Lane to Baglake Farm Litton Cheney.

10.8.1934

William Joseph Wilcox, a 20-year-old Litton Cheney youth, was summoned at Bridport Petty Sessions on Tuesday for driving a motor-cycle at a speed dangerous to the public. Wilcox, who was not legally represented, pleaded not guilty, as he did also to an alternative charge of driving without due care and attention. P.C. Sturgess said while on duty in East Street, near the Greyhound Hotel, he heard a motor-cycle being driven along South Street towards the Town Hall at a fast speed. A moment later the motor-cyclist turned out of South Street into East Street without slackening speed. The "stop" sign at the top of South Street was clearly discernible in the light of the street lamp. Wilcox ignored this sign and took the corner at a speed which witness estimated to be 25 mph. Defendant, who elected to give evidence, said he was employed as a lorry driver. His speed when rounding the corner was between 10 and 15 m.p.h. The constable had judged his speed by the "revs" of the engine, which, seeing that the clutch was slipping, was not a fair way of estimating speed. The Mayor (Mr. J. Gale) said the Bench had decided to convict on the more serious charge. In their opinion Wilcox was lucky that he rounded the corner without an accident. He would be fined £1 and costs and his licence to drive a motor-cycle or car in any private capacity suspended for two years. They had decided on this course so that he would not be prohibited from following his employment as a lorry driver. Defendant said he used his motor-cycle to cover a 20-mile newspaper round. The Mayor: We still feel that you must be taught a lesson, Wilcox, and have decided upon re-consideration to suspend you from riding a motor-cycle for twelve months. Defendant: Does that mean I may drive a car? The Magistrates' Clerk: Yes.

31.8.1934

RUGBY IN DORSET

Sir, I would be grateful if you would allow me to announce through your columns that, at the suggestion of the recently-established Dorset Rugby Union, an attempt is to be made to form a Rugby Football Club for Dorchester and West Dorset. I have been asked to undertake this. A meeting as to whether a club can be formed or not will be held at the Antelope Hotel, Dorchester, at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 3rd, at which all players and would-be players of Rugby football in the district are urged to attend. Unless they come it will be impossible to know whether a team can be formed or not. If any player cannot come I would be glad if he would send his name before the meeting.

Yours faithfully C. R. WORDSWORTH, Baglake, Litton Cheney, Dorchester.

5.10.1934

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Provisions of Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1926, that His Majesty's Postmaster General, having obtained the consent in that behalf of the body having control of the public roads described below, intends to place a Telegraphic Line over and along the said public roads and for that purpose to erect and maintain posts in and upon the same under the powers conferred him by the said Telegraph Acts.

Look Bredy to Litton Cheney road from the of Junction Bredy Hut Lane to a point near Baglake Farm ; and at Litton Cheney from the Methodise Chapel to a point near Litton Mill.

20.7.1935

LITTON VALE v - Cattistock.

By beating Cattistock at Bridehead, Litton Vale passed to the final of the Dorset County Cup, Division 2. Cattistock scored 34, Lippit being their only batsman to reach double figures. Litton Vale's total was 82 (B. Clarke 24, W. Wakely 28). For Litton Vale H. Clarke took six wickets for 8.

23.8.1935

By Direction of the Executrix of the Late Herbert Hansford, Esq. THE IMPORTANT WEST DORSET FREEHOLD AGRICULTURAL ESTATE, known as STANCOMBE, in the Parishes of Askerswell and Litton Cheney, about Nine Miles from Dorchester and Six from Bridport, extending to some 544 CRES of SOUND PASTURE LAND in a ring fence, with House and Homestead. VACANT POSSESSION at MICHAELMAS (September 29th) NEXT.

For SALE by AUCTION, in its entirety at Dorchester, on Wednesday, September 18th, at 3.30 p.m.

27.12.1935

The Bishop of Sherborne (the official for exercising Episcopal Jurisdiction in and throughout the City and Diocese of Salisbury during the vacancy of the See), at a service in Salisbury Cathedral on Thursday, instituted the following:

Edward Seabrooke Daniell. M.A., to the Rectory of Litton Cheney, Dorset vice W. F. Cobb, resigned.

Patron: Colonel Sir Robert Williams, Bart.

25.9.1936

CHILDREN HELP THE C.M.S.

Canon E. S. Daniell, O.B. E., formerly Archdeacon of Uganda, opening a sale of work at the All Saints' Church House on Tuesday in aid of the Dorchester branch of the Young People's Union, referred to a novel way in which the children of Litton Cheney assisted the C.M.S. There the children of the Sunday School picked primroses during the season on their way to school. These primroses were collected and sent to Manchester, where they were sold by members of the Young People's Union. This year £5 had been raised for the Church Missionary Society in this way.

8.1.1937

"CRIMEA" AT LITTON CHENEY

TRADITIONAL MUMMING PLAY PERFORMED

LOCAL MAN'S FEAT OF MEMORY

At the invitation of Mr. H. B. Legge, of The Court House, and Rev. Canon Daniell (rector), the Evershot Mummers visited Litton Cheney on Saturday, performing the traditional mumming play "Crimea" in the School. There was a crowded audience, which followed the old-time parts with keen enthusiasm. For some, however, the scenes were fraught with sadness, since these were relatives of mummers who had played the very parts in by-gone days but passed away. Mr. Harry Webber, aged 78, the master mummer of Litton Cheney, wrote the whole play out from memory some ten years ago for production by the Evershot team. In the radio performance this Christmas by the Evershot team, Mr. Webber was given the part of Friend Turk, and his practical experience proved of untold value as the preparation proceeded. Its production at Litton Cheney, therefore, on Saturday night, was in the nature of taking it back to the village from which it had been obtained. The warmest possible welcome was extended to the team, which numbered 16, and whose players were soon on the best of terms with the audience. Before the play Mr. G. W. Greening, an old Littonian, who produced the play for the B B C, gave a short explanatory talk on mumming plays.

At the conclusion of the performance, when the applause had died away, the Rev. Canon Daniell expressed hearty thanks for the evening's enjoyment. He said they were all proud that it was a Litton mummer, Mr. Harry Webber, who had done the wonderful feat of writing down the whole play from memory and assisted in its broadcast. Also, too, the very Hobby Horse had grown in the garden at the Court House. (Cheers.). Later, the whole team sat down to an excellent supper at The Court House, where their wants were attended to in a most generous and homely way by Mr. and Mrs. Legge, their children Mr. Ben and Mr. Pat Legge, Mrs. R. G. Baily, Miss Nancy Legge and their granddaughters (Misses June and Biddy Baily). The total collection at Litton Cheney will be devoted to the Dorset County Hospital.

Some of the costumes, which were over 50 years old, were lent by Mr. Harry Webber and were used many years ago by Litton mummers at The Court House.

2.4.1937

ELECTRICITY IN WESSEX - PROPOSED PROGRAMME

"We asked them to re-consider their programme" Major Lock added "and they have promised that, before 31st December 1938, they will lay their mains on the following routes:

1. From Charminster up the valley towards the Mental Hospital, through Forston to Godmanstone and Nether Cerne;

2. To Toller Porcorum via Toller Fratrum from Maiden Newton;
3. From Maiden Newton through Compton Valence to Long Bredy and Litton Cheney;

6.8.1937

RECTORY FETE

Col. Sir Robert Williams, Bart., of Bridehead, performed the opening, ceremony at the garden fete held in the grounds of the Rectory at Litton Cheney on Thursday to raise funds for repointing the tower of St. Mary's Church and renovating the church interior. About £120 is needed to carry out the work and Sir Robert started the fund with a donation of £30. The Rector, Canon A. S. Daniell, presided at the opening and extended a warm welcome to Sir Robert. They considered it a great honour, he said, to have him with them that day. Sir Robert said it was many, many years since he had received his first welcome at Litton and ever since he had been proud to be welcomed there. Looking round the faces present that afternoon, though, he thought those who gave him his first welcome must have been their grandfathers and great grandfathers. He said he had never met any place quite so happy as Litton and the garden in which the fete was being held was one of the most beautiful in England.

29.10.1937

The Dorset County Agricultural Committee, meeting at Dorchester on Monday, discussed at length the question of rural science education in village schools.. Replying to questions on the Sub-Committee's report, Mr. R. Wightman, the officer for agricultural education, said the only instruction at present being given in rural science was at Bere Regis. This was at present being carried out by Mr. J. Strang, a member of that Committee, in his own time and at his own expense. Negotiations were at present proceeding with regard to Litton Cheney, where they were endeavouring to arrange a hedging class for the elder boys.

10.12.1937

SEVERE SNOWSTORM IN THE WEST

One of the heaviest falls of snow for several years in the South-West of England on Tuesday and Wednesday caused a serious dislocation of both road and rail traffic. Snowdrifts several feet deep, fallen telegraph poles and trees and abandoned lorries made many roads in Hampshire, Wilts and Dorset impassable. Hundreds of telephone lines were also brought down.

'PLANE FORCED DOWN IN WEST DORSET. South and West Dorset experienced heavy falls. White Sheet and Nairn Hill, the two hills leading out of Maiden Newton on the Crewkerne and Yeovil roads , were impassable and 150 men were engaged in this district alone in trying to clear the snow. On the main Bridport road Askers again fared badly, drifts lying as deep as 6 feet. All traffic on this road on Wednesday and Thursday was diverted through Litton Cheney. During the height of the storm at Toller, on Tuesday afternoon, an R.A.F. 'plane made a forced landing. It was caught in the snow storm above Toller Down and came down in the biggest field making a perfect landing.

28.1.1938

Offences Under Unemployment Insurance Act.

Stanley Clement Legg, motor-body and general builder, of Litton Cheney, was summoned for failing to pay contributions under the unemployment Insurance Act, 1935 in respect of two employees - William Reginald Hounsell and Sidney Jack William How. Major A. Ralph Pope, who adjudicated, said they had to take serious notice of such cases as they gave the officials and authorities an enormous amount of trouble. They felt that ignorance of the law was no excuse and that was the excuse put forward to a large extent by the defendant. He must pay a fine of £2 and costs of 10s 3d.

1.4.1938

THE COTTAGE, LITTON CHENEY.

Messrs. T. R. G. Lawrence & Son, auctioneers, held a very successful sale on Tuesday for Mrs. Bailey, who is leaving the district. Principal prices were: Devon cow, £20 5s; cross-bred Guernsey cow, £14 10s; eight months Devon Heifer. £10 15s, barren sows, £5 15s; store pigs, 36s. The poultry sold very well. Light Sussex hens, 5s to 7s; R.I.R. hens, 5s 6d to 7s 3d; W.L. hens, 5s to 6s 6d; W.W. hens, 4s 6d to 5s 9d, all per couple. Galvanised corn bin 19s; 50-egg Incubator 24s; broody coop 13s; old mower 20s; croquet set 35s; garden seat 17s; garden hose 17s; Perfection cooker 45s; painted cupboard 25s; kitchen table 16s, &c.

22.4.1938

A LIFE-LONG SERVICE FOR METHODISM

Well-known throughout the district for their untiring work for the Methodist Church, Mr and Mrs. John Cozens, celebrated their golden wedding at Litton Cheney on Saturday. They were the recipients of many messages of congratulation and presents from their wide circle of friends. Mr. Cozens, who is now 83 years of age, is a native of Longbredy, and was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Barjew Cozens. He was married at Cattistock Parish Church on April 16th. 1888 to Miss Emma Dunford, the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Durnord. After their marriage they lived at Kingston Russell for 16 years before

moving to their present home at Litton Cheney. Mr. Cozens has lead an active life. Like most lads of his day Mr. Cozens started work at the early age of ten. Every day he walked from Lower Kingston to Higher Kingston and for his week's work revived 2s. After 12 months it was increased to 2s 6d. During the following years he worked on several farms in the neighbourhood, until giving up work a few years ago. He has had a life-long connection with the Methodist Church and in turn has filled most of the offices in the church open to a layman.

In 1934 he completed 52 years as a local preacher and was presented with a certificate by the Connexional Local Preachers' Committee "with their congratulations on his splendid record of service for Methodism and for the Kingdom of God." When only 22 he bought a concertina - to-day this is one of his most prized possessions and with this he lead the singing in the many chapels in which he preached. He was a familiar figure throughout the circuit and during his many years as a local preacher he has tramped hundreds of miles over the Dorset hills to preach at the village chapels, Kingston Russell, Abbotsbury, Portesham, Langton Herring, Cattistock and many others. He was an untiring worker for the Methodist cause. He is unable now to go to chapel but he still takes an active part in the affairs of the Litton Cheney Chapel and as steward and chapel treasurer he continues his life-long work. In her own sphere Mrs. Cozens is as widely known and loved as her husband. A nurse of wide experience, she gained her C.M.B. certificate in 1904, many villagers, not only in Litton Cheney but in the many villages surrounding, have reason to be thankful for her skill and care. They are a remarkable couple, quiet and homely. "Never had a quarrel in our lives," said Mr. Cozens. Both love the concertina. "You see," said his wife to a Western Gazette reporter, "it is better than the wireless. We can sit round the fire at night and just sing what we please".

24.6.1938

Charmouth v. Litton Cheney, at Charmouth, resulted in a win for Charmouth by 18 runs. Scores: Litton Cheney (J. Wakley 13, L. Legg 12) 65. Charmouth (J. E Richardson 12, G Turner 10, D. Barnett 11) 83. M. Toms was the best bowler of the day taking seven Charmouth wickets for 19 runs. For Charmouth Turner took 2 for 6, Bugler 5 for 33 and Barnett 2 for 20, while for Litton Cheney Wakley had 2 for 20, Legg 1 for 16 and Toms 7 for 19.

29.7.1938

NON-PAYMENT OF FINE WARNING

Stanley Clement Legg, of Litton Cheney, appeared at Dorchester County Petty Sessions on Saturday to show cause why he should not be committed to prison for non-payment of a fine of £2 and 10s 3d costs. The fine was imposed on January 22nd, 1938, for failing to pay insurance contributions in respect of two employees. Replying to questions by the Chairman (Mr. E. R. Sykes), defendant said that he had not paid because he had no money. Since the fine was imposed he had filed his petition in bankruptcy. Mr. Sykes said that fines owing to the Crown were not covered by bankruptcy. Legg said that he was now working for his wife and received only pocket money. He asked if the fine could be reduced. Mr. Sykes: We have no power to do that. If it runs on much longer you may find yourself in Dorchester Gaol, where they don't pay you for working, not even pocket money. The Bench made an order for the payment of the fine in instalments of 5s.

30.9.1938

COOMBE FARM LITTON CHENEY

By direction of the Coombe Stock Co. (who art letting this West Dorset farm), Messrs. Henry Duke & Son sold the implements, horses and pig-breeding appliances. Twelve portable pig houses on skids sold at from £2 5s to £2 17s each; a sectional pig house £3 2s 6d; ring roller £6 10s; hay sweep £4 15s; iron water barrel £6 15s; liquid manure cart, £7 5s; sectional poultry house £9 10s; horses £21 and £11 11s

The Kerry Hill flock of 500 breeding ewes will be sold by Messrs. Henry Duke & Son at Poundbury Fair.

11.11.1938

LEGION OF MOURNERS AT LITTON CHENEY FUNERAL

The funeral of Mr. Henry Benjamin Legge of the Court House, Litton Cheney, took place on Thursday at Litton Cheney. Members of the Bride Valley branch of the British Legion with their standard headed the cortege and the coffin was draped with the Union Jack. The Rector of Litton Cheney, Canon Daniel, officiated and the hymns, "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is" and " Abide with Me" were sung with Miss Gladwyn at the organ.

The bearers were Messrs. H. Hansford, E Morgan. E. Pye, T. Wakely, A. Trevett and G. Thorner. The grave had been lined with ivy and chrysanthemums.

There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes, including those from the British Legion, the Bride Valley Horticultural Society, Litton Cheney Friendly Society, Litton Vale Cricket Club, Litton Cheney School, Litton Cheney Bellringers and the Litton Cheney choir and organist.

25.11.1938

MUMMERS TO BROADCAST AGAIN

MEMORY LINK WITH 100 YEARS AGO The co-trustees and executors of the Hardy Estate have very kindly given permission for the Evershot Mummers to play Thomas Hardy's mumming play, "St. George". The B.B.C. will broadcast a performance on December 14th from Swiss Cottage Farm, Evershot, where it will be played before a family gathering, by kind co-operation and invitation of Mr. and Mrs Arthur Christopher. Mr. Harry Webber, the 80-year-old mummer from Litton Cheney, again takes part and practically all last year's broadcast performers will be assisting.

FEAT OF MEMORY. An astonishing feat of memory by Mr. Harry Webber has come to light. When he was a boy of 10-15 years his father played "Valiant Soldier" in the West Dorset version of "St. George". The West Dorset Band could not possibly have come in touch with the Egdon Heath version in "The Return of the Native" yet, when glancing through the Hardy script, Mr. Webber noticed the similarity of wording, which struck a chord of memory and he reeled off "Valiant Soldier's" speeches to G. W. Greening and, what was more, could remember a verse in parts and some of the tune which his father sang in the play. That links up the present with the past of over 100 years ago. The Evershot producer, who has been known all his life to the veteran mummer, hopes to include, in orthodox mumming fashion, this song in the production. Mr. Arthur Christopher as the Farmer and Mrs. Christopher, as the Farmers Wife, will be heard on the air in the Western Region for the first time.

30.12.1938

A letter was read from Mr. H. G. Coventry, engineer and manager to Bridport Waterworks Company, with reference to the provision of a company supply of water at Litton Cheney. The letter stated that to supply the upper part of the village would cost approximately £300. After a statement by the Clerk, it was decided on the proposition of Mr. Lenthall, Seconded by Mr. Pitcher, to accept the Company's offer to supply upper Litton Cheney at the approximate cost of works stated.

13.1.1939

ANCIENT CELEBRATIONS AT DORCHESTER

"God Speed the Plough" was the toast of the evening at the Dorchester Corn Exchange on Monday, when the ancient celebrations of "Plough Monday" were revived. In days of old, Plough Monday was a day of celebration to the farming community as an indication that the long dreary winter was nearly over and that the land was once more ready to receive the plough. Monday's gathering was representative of the agricultural life of Dorset, landowners, farmers and workers joining together in the toast of "The Plough" Mr. A. C. R. Pope, who presided, said that if it was only a revival for the amusement they got out of it, it was a revival of the spirit that once went with the ceremony, when in drinking "God Speed the Plough" there went with it the pledge to serve the plough. Viscount Lymington, who proposed the toast, said the plough had four partners, three servants and two masters. The masters were the weather and the land itself, which was also the greatest and most enduring of all the partners of the plough. Those who were also its partners and servants were the worker, the farmer and the land-owner. Lord Lymington spoke of the drift from the land. A quarter of a million men, craftsmen of the finest type, had left the land in the generation since the war, and in any land settlement scheme he felt that these men should be given the first opportunity to go back to the land to speed the plough. "Excellent as have been their intentions this has not been the case in the majority of land settlement schemes which bring in people who have no knowledge of the land and give them ideal conditions in which to compete with the man who all his life has served it", he said. "But this is only to be expected because we live in an age when the urban mind has complete control and the urban attitude to life that is nearly everywhere predominant. It has given rise to a penny wise, pound foolish attitude". This attitude, Lord Lymington continued, had bred unemployment and erosion. Wherever they looked in the world to-day they would see the soil being washed away in incredible quantities, or left in such condition that nothing would grow on it. The enormous price every country was paying through subsidies was a serious thing and showed that they had not treated the plough as something they should serve, and again as a servant of the land, but they had treated it as something to be used for exploitation.

THE YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS. Mr. C. R. Wordsworth, of Baglake, Litton Cheney, said he was glad to have the opportunity of toasting the plough, not only as a small landowner and a farmer and as a member of the oldest agricultural society in Dorset, Melplash, but as representing the Young Farmers' Clubs of Dorset. He congratulated the organisers of the ceremony on the service they were doing agriculture in reminding them that man could not farm decently without the plough. "We shall be judged by posterity by the condition in which we leave our land and not by the Marketing Acts we have achieved or the Marketing Bills we have defeated. I believe there is a serious danger in mixing up farming and politics. There is a danger that farming is becoming tainted with that urban outlook". People were to-day talking about "producers", when, in the old days, they spoke of husbandry.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PLOUGHMAN. Mr. F C James, the workers' organiser for Dorset, also spoke and recalled the days when he followed the plough and he added, "There is more in ploughing than walking

between the handles". Whiteheads were building torpedoes to prepare for a war which they all hoped would never come but the plough was the most important weapon the country possessed. He hoped the gathering would impress on the minds of all present two things, (i) the importance of the plough, and (ii) that the man who handled it was not treated anything like he should be for the skill, ability and talent which he possessed. "With those two things in mind I can drink to the plough, hoping and trusting that, before I have finished, I shall see those men paid as skilled men should be paid", he added.

7.4.1939

LOWER COOMBE FARM. LITTON CHENEY

Acting under the instructions of Mr. W. J. Hayne, quitting, Messrs. Thos. Ensor & Son conducted the sale of the live and dead farm stock on Monday. A very large company attended and an excellent sale resulted. All Implements and sundries realised full time's prices. The cattle met fast trade and horses sold remarkably well. Iron saw bench, £2 15s; iron tackle 35s; roller, side delivery rake £14; hay rake £7 15s; hay sweep £2 10s; grass cutter £10 10s; dung putt £2; waggons £2 10s to £3 5s; refrigerator 25s.

Cows with calves £23 to £26; forward in-calf cows £15 to £18 10s; later calving cows, £9 10s to £20; heifers £8 to £15 10 s; Horses to £39 18s; Hens 7s to 7s 6d per couple; pullets to 8s 6d; ducks 6s to 6s 6d. A total clearance was effected.

21.4.1939

REMINDER!

SALE TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), At 3.30.. SALE of CROSS TREE FARM, LITTON CHENEY, DORSET, 216 ACRES, WITH VACANT POSSESSION.

28.4.1939

CROSS TREE FARM.

Cross Tree Farm, Litton Cheney, was offered by auction at the Property Sale Room, Dorchester, by Messrs. Henry. Duke & Son. It comprises about 216 acres of sound pasture land with a small proportion of arable, farmhouse, buildings and two good cottages. The property failed to reach the vendor's reserve after several bids had been made. It may now be treated for privately. In view of the auction the farm was not re-let at Lady-day; vacant possession can therefore be given. A small detached coppice sold for £20.

18.8.1939

Anti-Gas Training.

Sixteen residents of Litton Cheney have been awarded certificates for anti-gas training in connection with A.R.P. They are : —Messrs. J. B. Gray, A. J. B Pitcher. W. J. Staple, H. W. Dunham, W. G. Thorner, A. Trevett, C. J. Hitchcock, J. J. Downton. A. Andrews, F. Dunham. D. Fry, Mrs. E. M. Coombes, Miss Olive Gladwyn. Miss Alice Courty. Miss Anne Trenchard and Miss Alice Gladwyn. Mr. R. B. Howarth was the instructor.

13.9.1939

THE COURT HOUSE, LITTON CHENEY, Near DORCHESTER.

MESSRS. THOS. ENSOR & SON have been favoured with instructions from the Exors. of the late Captain H. B. Legge to **SELL by AUCTION**, a quantity of **HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE**. •

A Full Compass Grand Pianoforte in Walnut Case by Collard & Collard; 6ft. 6in. Mahogany Pedestal Sideboard; Mahogany Screw Extending Dining Table with 3 Extra Leaves; a Walnut Ditto; 3ft. 6in Mahogany 3-Tier Dinner Wagon- Two Handsome Mahogany Overmantels; 4ft. 6in. Bevelled Plated Wall Mirror, in white and gilt frame; 3ft. Circular Walnut Occasional Table; 4ft. Bin. Mahogany-Framed Upholstered Settee, with Bric-a-Brac Shelves and Mirrors over, 2ft. Circular Occasional Table; 2ft. 6in. Antique Oak Gate-legged Table; 2ft. 10in. Mahogany Hat and Umbrella Stand; 2 Oak-framed Easy Chairs, in Moquette; 4ft. Mahogany Nest of Shelves, on stand; 5ft. x 2ft. 3in. Antique Rosewood Brassmounted Overmantel; Oak Stationery Cabinet; Collectors; Chest of 6 Small Drawers; Several Bookcases; Axminster, Turkey, and Brussels Carpets; Hearth Rugs; Slip Mats; Brass and other Fenders; Irons; Windsor Chairs; Curtains; Decorative China and Bronze Ornaments; Dinner, Tea, and Glass Ware; Pictures and Books; 12in. Brass Dinner Gong, in Oak Frame; Gramophone; Copper Kettle and Stand; Deal Kitchen Table; Meat Safe and Cleaning Utensils; 6ft. Ash Bedroom Suite: Pine and other Dressing Tables and Washstands; Toilet Ware; Brass and Iron Bedsteads; Spring and other Mattresses: Pair of 3ft. Oak Combination Bedsteads; Ash Wall Mirror; Linoleum and Other Effects.

OUTDOOR EFFECTS: Lawn Mowers: Lawn Marker; New Tennis Net and Posts; New G.I. Water Carrier, on wheels; Wheelbarrow; 3 Good Ladders: Copper Furnaces: Gardening Tools; Flower Pots; 2 Carpenter's Benches and Tools; Old Iron. &c.; Wire Netting; Fowl Crate and other Useful Items. Sale at Two o'clock Prompt.

15.9.1939

LITTON MILL 5.5 Miles from Bridport, Dorset.

WILLIAM MOREY & SONS beg to announce that they have been favoured with instructions from Mr. W. R. Masters. (Retiring from Business on account of ill-health) to SELL by AUCTION, the following: MILL HORSE HARNESS and WAGGON; 30 HEAD Of YOUNG LAYING HENS; POULTRY HOUSES. &c.: HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising: MAHOGANY CASE COTTAGE PIANO, by R. Bord, Paris; 3ft. 6in. American Walnut SIDEBBOARD; 2 Leather Armchairs; 3 Dining Chairs: Mahogany and Other Occasional Tables: Excellent Bordered AXMINSTER CARPET; Fenders; Fireirons; Rugs; Toys; Books; Pram; Deck Chairs; ANTIQUE TRAY-TOP PILLAR TABLE; Skittle Table Set; Gramophone and Records; Dressing Chest; Washstands; Feather Bed; Bedroom Chairs; Curtains; Well-made OAK JACOBAN STYLE FULL-SIZE WARDROBE; Fumed Oak Single BEDROOM SUITE; Full-size and Single Iron Bedsteads; Wire and Wool Mattresses; Equal-to-new Lino; Pictures; Ornaments &c., &c. On View the Morning of Sale, to commence punctually at One o'clock.

6.10.1939

BOY S TRAGIC DEATH CRUSHED IN MILL WHEEL

The story of how a 12-year-old boy, Victor Charles Baumber, was crushed by the spokes of the mill wheel at Litton Cheney Mill on Friday was told at the inquest held in the village on Tuesday by C. A. R. Thomas (coroner for West Dorset). A verdict of death by misadventure was returned. Walter Robert Masters, of Eype, said that when he left the Mill at 3.30 p.m. Friday the hatch had been lifted to free the mill wheel of any water. Normally there would not be any water left in the buckets of the mill wheel and unless there was water in the buckets it would take a great deal of weight to turn the wheel round. There was a guard rail by the wheel and children had no right to go anywhere on the mill premises

William Roy Honeybun, aged 11, said he and Baumber went fishing in the stream above the mill wheel. While they were doing so Baumber suggested going down to the mill wheel and he then said he was going inside the wheel just to say he had been there. Witness went back a little way and on looking round he saw Baumber climbing over the guard rail into the wheel. "I then heard a scream", he said, "and saw the wheel go round. Later I went back and saw Victor inside the wheel between the spoke and the wall. I did not know he was hurt." Stanley Clement described how after the accident, with P C Trevett, he cut through the iron spoke of the mill wheel to release the boy. P C. Trevett said the boy's body was crushed between the wheel spoke and the wall in a space of five inches. Dr N C Taylor described the boy's injuries and said there was a mark of strangulation round the neck where his jersey had been pulled tight as the wheel moved round. Death was due to asphyxia through strangulation. Returning a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, the Coroner said he had no doubt that the wheel had been left in a safe position by Mr. Masters, but it had been turned by other persons. He expressed his sympathy with the relatives.

3.11.1939

In loving memory of Driver T. John Honeybun, R.F.A., the beloved son of Thomas and Eliza Honeybun, Litton Cheney, who died of wounds at Calais , Hospital, France, on November 1st 1918, aged 20 years. Never forgotten by his Mother, Father and Brother.

8.12.1939

Attention is directed to notices, under the Defence of the Realm Act, appearing in our advertising columns, placing restrictions on traffic over certain roads in Somerset. Dorset and Devon. The Minister of Transport has made an order establishing one way working for traffic as follows:
County of Dorset, Schoolhouse Lane, Hinesmead Lane and the road through Litton Cheney.