Wallasey Grammar School Headmaster Is To Take A New Post

SPEKE WRECKERS MOVE INTO POVERTY NOOK

Buildings Burned, Workshop Wrecked, Pigs Let Loose

TENANT MAY MOVE OUT

The wreckers have moved into "Poverty Nook," an isolated smallholding, in Oglet Lane, on the banks of the Mersey.

Youths from the nearby Speke estate are blamed by 62-years-old Mr. William Price for the trail of damage that threatens to drive him out.

In the past week they have set fire to a caravan used by smallholding employees for eating and changing, wrecked the storehouse and set fire to it, smashed open the workshop and stolen tools, broken windows in the piggery and let many of the 60 pigs loose.

"I can't stick this any longer. I am seriously thinking of moving out," Mr. Price said to-day.

COUPLE MOVED

"I intend to write to the Chief Constable, seeking extra protection as the last resort. I have already raised it with the local police, but the damage has gone on."

The trouble started since a couple who occupied a 17th century sandstone cottage next to the smallholding moved to another home.

Vandals wrecked the cottage, then started on the smallholding buildings.

"The couple used to keep an eye on the smallholding for me, but now the nearest farmhouse is more than 100 yards away and I cannot stay here all the time," said Mr. Price, whose home is in Prescot Road, Fairfield, Liverpool.

"After the week-end's incidents I have had to move all but a handful of my pigs to other accommodation. The pigs are scared out of their wits.

MARKS ON BODIES

"It is not the first time they have been let loose and chased about by these youths.

"Only a few months ago I found two pigs lying dead, and nearby were a hoe and a yard brush which I think had been used to beat them. There were marks on the bodies."

Mr. Price rents his smallholding from Liverpool Corporation, who own the land in the Oglet Lane area. The new 7,000ft. runway for Liverpool Airport is to be built nearby.

Had One Too Many

Engineer Fined £40, Banned

An aircraft engineer told Mr. G. N. England (Liverpool Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate) to-day that he had been celebrating and added: "I must have had one too many."

Thomas Dudley Marcroft, aged 29, of 136 Bedford Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, who admitted driving when unfit through drink in St. Mary's Road, Garston, on Sunday was fined £40 and disqualified from driving for 12 months.

Mr. E. T. Connolly, prosecuting, said Marcroft was seen shortly after 1 a.m. by another motorist to be driving his car at a fast speed, and on the wrong side, along St. Mary's Road, Garston.

The motorist and another chased Marcroft's car and eventually stopped it.

Capping The Hair Cult

The question of whether in the interests of hygiene, long-haired youths should be compelled to wear bathing caps when using Blackpool's swimming pools is to be investigated by Councillor Sydney Newman, a member of the baths committee.

"I am positively nauseated by many of these youngsters who never have a haircut. They look dirty, and perhaps some of them are dirty, and as a baths committee, we have to consider the effect of this on business," he says.

Dairy Queen Of Liverpool

Miss Kathleen Russell, aged 18, of Highfield Farm, Hilltop, Skelmersdale, who was last night elected Dairy Queen of Liverpool. Kathleen is a clerk at a Wigan firm of tailors.

Scourge Of Abortions

Exceed Births In Some Countries

The number of induced abortions in some countries had reached or even exceeded the number of births, Professor Jan Lesinski, of Poland, said in London to-day.

He told a conference of the International Planned Parenthood Federation that the phenomenon had grown into a serious medical and social problem.

He continued: "It is remarkable that in every country, whatever the official attitude of the local laws towards abortion, tolerant or intolerant, the same phenomenon is observed — a constant increase in the number of abortions.

"It is obvious enough that neither prohibition by law, nor its liberality, can stop the spread of this scourge."

"Abortions are condemned by all religions," he said. "The Church, however, whether it be Christian, Jewish, Moslem or Buddhist, is bound to meet with eventual failure when it tries to regulate human conduct contrary to the set-up of medical sciences and the modern trends of shaping the family life."

ANGELA NOT TO PLAY IN SINGLES

Wightman Cup Draw AT WIMBLEDON

Angela Mortimer, the 1961 Wimbledon champion, will not play singles for Great Britain in the Wightman Cup match against America at Wimbledon on Friday and Saturday.

Speculations as to whether, as captain of the team, she would replace the injured Christine Truman and play at least the third singles was ended at the draw in London to-day.

Miss Mortimer named her singles players as Ann Jones, Deidre Catt and Elizabeth Starkie.

LAST MATCH

The only part that she will play in the match is to partner Miss Starkie against America's Nancy Richey and Donna Fales in the final match of the tie on Saturday.

The draw is (Great Britain names first). — Friday: Miss D. M. Catt v. Miss N. Richey, Mrs. P. F. Jones v. Miss B. J. Moffitt, Miss Catt and Mrs. Jones v. Miss C. Caldwell and Miss Moffitt.

Saturday: Miss E. Starkie v. Miss Caldwell, Mrs. Jones v. Miss Richey, Miss Catt v. Miss Moffitt, Miss A. Mortimer and Miss Starkie v. Mrs. D. Fales and Miss Richey.

NOT ASSAULT

Youth Who Was Thrown Into Canal

Chester magistrates decided yesterday that two youths who threw another into the Shropshire Union Canal at Chester were not guilty of assaulting and beating him and causing bodily harm.

Michael Anthony Williams, aged 18, of 44 Kingsway, Newton, Chester, and Barry Hunt, aged 19, of Peckforton Way, Newton, Chester, had pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Dennis Diamond (defending) said Ronald John Parke, aged 18, of Barkhill Road, Green Lane, Vicars Cross, Chester, had suffered no injury other than discomfort.

On a charge of causing £2 8s 6d damage to Parke's clothing, the two were each fined £5, and ordered to make restitution of £1 4s 3d each with 5s costs. They were also bound over to keep the peace for 12 months.

City C.D. Certificates Awarded

Mr. T. Alker (left), Town Clerk of Liverpool, who is the city's Civil Defence Officer, presented certificates last night to C.D. personnel who have completed tests. Mrs. Kathleen Fairclough (ambulance and first aid section) is here seen receiving her certificate from Mr. Alker watched by Mr. R. Weston (headquarters and signals). Miss Pauline Brown (intelligence and operations), Mr. Alan Bason (rescue section) and Mrs. Oowna Bell (wardens section).

FIRE IN LIVERPOOL CHEMICAL STORE

About 150 Workers Had To Leave Building

GIRL OVERCOME BY FUMES

When fire broke out at the premises of Rodmill, Limited, Hanover Street, Liverpool yesterday, about 150 workers, mostly girls, were evacuated.

The blaze, in a chemical store at the back of the building, was discovered by a girl packer shortly before 5.30 p.m. Noxious fumes from a cleaning compound were given off in the single-storey outbuilding where the fire was centred.

Fumes and dense smoke penetrated the main building. A 19-years-old girl packer, Ann Leonard, of 22 Grinshill Street, Toxteth Park, who went back into the building to fetch her handbag, was overcome by the fumes.

COLLAPSED

She collapsed as she reached the street, and was taken by ambulance to the Royal Southern Hospital, but was not detained.

Eight appliances were sent to the blaze, and breathing apparatus was used by the firemen.

Mr. Frank Taylor, Liverpool's fire chief, directed operations, and the fire was brought under control in three-quarters of an hour. The outbuilding and its roof were badly damaged.

For a while there was anxiety in case the flames reached two thousand gallons of kerosene stored near the outhouse, and police kept crowds well clear.

FOAM RUBBER

The fire also affected foam rubber used in the manufacture of mattresses and similar articles.

Mr. Arthur Denny, the work's manager, raised the alarm after the fire was reported to him. Miss Irene Newcombe, a director of the firm, suffered a cut finger when breaking the glass of a fire alarm. The order to evacuate was given at once.

This is the second fire at Redmill in two weeks.

Tank For T.A. Centre

Lord Derby At Huyton Ceremony

Six and a half years after he officially opened the Alamein T.A. Centre in Liverpool Road, Huyton, Lord Derby, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, paid a return visit to the Centre last night to unveil a plaque to mark the acquisitioing of a Comet type tank by the Centre.

The tank, named Cambrai, after the 1917 battle, where tanks were first used, will stand outside the headquarters of the 40 41st T.A. Regiment.

Last night's ceremony was attended by civic leaders from Huyton and Bootle, among the most interested of whom were Councillor William Connaughton, chairman of Huyton U.D.C., and his wife, Councillor Mrs. Daisy Connaughton.

LINK WITH D-DAY

Their son, Staff Sergeant Joe Connaughton, was commander of the Guard of Honour at the ceremony, while another son, Mr. Sam Connaughton, of 6 Edenhurst Avenue, Huyton, served as a trooper with the Regiment — going over to Normandy on D-Day plus 2 exactly 20 years ago to last night.

Mrs. Connaughton had a third connection with the tanks — her father, the late Mr. Sam Morris was Sergeant Major with the 7th King's Regiment, forerunner of the present Royal Tank Regiment, whose band, the Cambrai Band travelled specially from Catterick to be at last night's ceremony.

Spain To Have Our Frigates

Will Mean Work For Britain

The Spanish Navy is to have some Royal Navy Leander-class frigates which will be built under license in Spain it was announced by the Ministry of Defence.

The spokesman could give no details, but said the agreement should include a good deal of sub-contracting in Britain.

Machinery and other components would possibly have to be ordered in Britain, and it is expected that the new frigates would carry certain British weapon systems.

It was also possible that British technicians might be sent to Spain to advise.

Three Britons Rescued

Boat Drifting In Pacific

Three Britons who left for New Zealand last November 30, in a fishing boat were rescued by the New Zealand frigate Rotiti after running out of fuel and drifting in the Pacific for six days.

The frigate took the boat, the Sarabande, in tow and supplied 60 gallons of fuel to enable her to reach Whangarei on the north-easte oast of New Zealand where sh arrived to-day.

The Britons are Tim Abbott a London advertising executive; Miss Valerie Gadson, aged 23, of Devon, and Glyn Hurley. The three other members of the crew are New Zealanders—Charles Cottrill, aged 36; Judy Dyas, aged 20, and Robert Maunsell, aged 23.

Cottrell said they sighted New Zealand six days ago after having Barotonga. They ran into headwinds which used up the fuel, but the boat would not sail upind to reach the coast.—A.P.

NEW TOWN SPREAD

Green Belt In Danger, Committee Told

The danger of the new town of Skelmersdale extending northwards and eating into the green belt was stressed by Councillor W. Rigby at last night's Ormskirk Planning Committee meeting.

The committee received its first intimation of further green belt proposals by Lancashire County Council which, it was stated, could affect the Burscough area.

LAYING FIRST BRICK

Lord Mayor's Task At Skelmersdale

The first brick of the first house of Skelmersdale new town for Merseyside overspill population will be laid on June 24 by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman Louis Caplan) on the new Church Farm estate.

By 1981 there will be 1,000 houses for a population of 80,000.

OBJECTS TO TOWN'S EDUCATION PLANS

"Ill-Judged Schemes And Unconsidered Changes"

Mr. H. J. C. Oliver headmaster of Wallasey Grammar School since September 1960, has resigned with effect from December 31, because "he cannot stomach the probability of being called upon at some time in the not too distant future to preside over the dissolution of Wallasey Grammar School."

He is to become headmaster of Northampton Grammar School.

Intimating his resignation in a letter to Councillor F. H. Hutty (chairman of Wallasey Education Committee), Mr. Oliver says, "I am particularly sorry that it is to you that I am having to write hus, because you of all people have done all in your power to save Wallasey secondary schools from the introduction of ill-judged schemes and unconsidered changes.

SINCERITY NOT ENOUGH

"I respect the sincerity of the extremists on the council when they say they have the best interests of the children at heart. But sincerity is not sufficient in those who have responsibilities: they need knowledge and wisdom as well and above all, the ability to see the whole of a problem and not to concentrate on one weakness to the exclusion of all else."

The letter continues: "If I could have been assured that Wallasey Grammar School would survive in much the same form as at present, or that it would be allowed to develop into something better, I should have been happy to carry out my original intention of spending the rest of my teaching life as its headmaster. The events of the last 18 months and the present situation in the council have robbed me of any such assurance. It was this that made me take the action that has led to my resignation for a post elsewhere.

"I have been extremely happy in what has been and still is, a fine school. We have been happy living in Wallasey with our parents, old boys, and others who have given us such a welcome. This has made me think all the more carefully before taking the present step. But I have decided that I cannot stomach the probability of being called upon at some time in the not too distant future to preside over the dissolution of Wallasey Grammar School."

FRIENDLY RELATIONS

In a letter to Mr. K. A. Rowland (Wallasey Director of Education), Mr. Oliver says: "I very much regret that I shall not be completing my teaching life in Wallasey as I had intended when I came here. I have discussed fully with my chairman of governors the considerations which have led me to take this step.

"I should like to express my appreciation of the friendly personal relations we have enjoyed during the past six years."

Mr. Oliver, aged 49, came to Wallasey from the headmastership of Maidenhead Grammar School.

He graduated at Kings College, University of London, with first-class honours in history and had teaching experience at St. Paul's School, London, and Warwick School, where he was senior science master.

During the war he was engaged in radar research in the scientific branch of the Civil Service.

PLAN CRITICISED

Mr. Oliver has criticised Wallasey Council's plan to abolish selections at 11-plus on the grounds that they should first have devised a proper scheme of secondary education which would render selection at 11-plus unnecessary.

He has made it clear in the past that he is not opposed to a proper comprehensive system of education as such, though he is no enthusiastic supporter of it, and he has expressed opposition to various compromise schemes which he feels are so unsatisfactory.

The National Union of Teachers recently deplored the proliferation of such schemes in various parts of the country.

LOSS TO WALLASEY

Alderman G. C. E. Dingle (chairman of Wallasey Grammar School Governors and Conservative Leader of Wallasey Council) said to-day: "I am extremely sorry we shall be losing Mr. Oliver. I have known for some time what his view, have been and how keenly he feels the possibility of change taking place in the status of the Grammar School as do indeed many other people. He is a most excellent headmaster and his going will be a loss, not only to the Grammar School but to education in Wallasey and on Merseyside generally.

"It is quite true that if there had not been this talk of change in the set-up of grammar schools in Wallasey he would never have contemplated moving."

Mr. J. C. Oliver

Former R.A.F. Man's Losses

Started Petrol Station Business

A former R.A.F. Flight Lieutenant who had a surplus of £4,500 when he started a petrol station business in November, 1961, appeared in the Liverpool Bankruptcy Court to-day to explain how he had accumulated a deficiency of £4,237 in two and a half years.

The debtor, 52-years-old Henry Clare Shallcross Hamley, told the Registrar, Mr. J. Tegid Jones, that he left the Royal Air Force in 1958 with a gratuity of £6,000, and retired pay of £209 a year, and in 1961 took on the tenancy of the Breckside Service Station, Townsend Lane, Anfield.

At that time he lived in a bungalow at Upton Heath, Chester, which he had bought at £6,000, and which he later sold at £6,300 taking a five-year tenancy of a flat at 34 Cromston Court, Cromton's Lane, Liverpool 18, at £475 a year, rent plus rates.

From the sale of his bungalow he was left with £4,500. he said in reply to questions by Mr. D. A. Thorne, Assistant Official Receiver.

FELL INTO ARREARS

He said the petrol station was a new one, of which he was the first tenant, and the weekly turnover, which started at £470 in December, 1961, rose to £1,350 in September, 1963, but he was never able to cover his weekly expenses.

These totalled £168 on average, of which £80 represented wages, rent £30, and trading stamps, of which, in the later stages, he was giving away stamps equivalent to 10 or 15 books a week at a cost of £3 15s per book of 5,000 stamps.

Overheads caused him to fall in arrear to the petrol suppliers, and by October, 1963, he owed them about £3,300. He then left the petrol station at the instigation of the owners, a petrol company.

LACK OF EXPERIENCE

Since November, 1963, five creditors had obtained judgment against him for a total of £884, and in April, 1964, he filed his petition.

Hamley gave as the causes of his failure lack of experience and business acumen, drawing not supported by profits and ill-health, which had affected his ability to concentrate.

The examination was adjourned to June 30 for the debtor to file accounts in support of his deficience account, and to assist the Official Receiver with certain other investigations.

MR. G. D. WALFORD

Hoylake-born Man Becomes Surveyors' President

Hoylake born Mr George D. Walford, a leading chartered quantity surveyor, was elected to succeed Mr. C. D. Pilcher as President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, last night.

He was articled from 1927-1929, qualified in 1934 and began in practice on his own account as a chartered quantity surveyor in Liverpool in 1936. He was elected a Fellow of the Institution in 1941.

In 1947 he married Miss Gillian Lovett Burrows, elder daughter of the Dean of Hereford and has two children. He lives in Knightsbridge.

NORTH-WEST WILLS

Mr. Charles Percival Peers, of Blendon, Pensby Road, Heswall, builder, who died on November 22 last, left £145,623 gross, £105,040 net (duty paid £1,149).

Mr. Elijah Roper, of 25 Michaels Church Road, Liverpool, who died on February 17 last, left £6,034 gross, £5,896 net (duty paid £121).

Mr. John Kerfoot-Roberts, of Woodside, Fron Park Road, Holywell, retired solicitor, late senior partner of Kerfoot - Roberts, Son and Griffiths, of Holywell, who died on January 3 last, left £14,762 gross, £14,386 net (duty paid £1,154).

Mr. Edmund Varley, of 3 Holly Road, Bramhall, chairman of Northern Sales (Marketing) of Corn Exchange Buildings, Manchester, former chairman of the Cheshire County Council, who died on January 3 last, left £6,998 gross, £6,729 net (duty paid £349).

Mrs. Frances Mary Venables, of 10 Rickerton Avenue, Bebington, who died on December 21 last, left £3,109 gross, £2,508 net.

Christine Keeler Back In London

Champagne Reception— Hope Of Film Jobs

Christine Keeler returned to her London home to-day and to a champagne reception arranged for her by several friends.

Miss Keeler, who was released from Holloway Prison early yesterday after serving six months of a nine-month sentence for perjury and conspiring to obstruct the course of justice, had spent yesterday in the country.

She arrived at her £10,000 house in Linhope Street, near Regents Park, shortly before noon in a taxi. She was accompanied by her solicitor, Mr. Walter Lyons.

NEW LIFE

Dressed in a royal blue dress of shantung silk and wearing a matching bolero and Alice band in her hair, she was greeted by a small crowd. Several people shouted "Welcome home, Christine."

as she stood in front of the yellow door to her house and waved.

Later, reclining in an armchair smoking a cigarette in the lounge of her home, Miss Keeler said that she wanted to lead a new life in the future and forget about the past.

"I have taken my punishment," she said. "Perhaps we can all call it quits."

She continued: "It is simply wonderful to be out of prison and to feel free again. I am feeling fine and I want all the fresh air I can get.

HOLIDAY

"Being in Holloway is not enjoyable, and I can't recommend you to try prison if you haven't a bean, but it might have been worse. I was treated very fairly by everyone in the prison, but I feel I was punished for things I didn't do as well as for those I did.

"What I would like to do is to go in'o films. I know I have no experience as an actress, but I don't want to live on my notoriety. I have got to begin somewhere. I understand that several Continen'al producers are interested.

"First of all, I am going to have a holiday and rest in England with my parents, but I have not made any definite plans yet.

"The time between my release from prison and my re'urn to London this morning I spent with my mother and stepfather in the country."

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