

Bawdrip in the 1940's

From Newspapers of the time



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- Newspapers of course are a valuable source of information
- Just like today they are a fascinating insight into the events of the day
- Over the past 18 months I have searched the newspapers for this village
- It is very much a work in progress
- Tonight is a ramble through the 1940's to get a snapshot of the happenings of the day
- Please make comments and share any information as we go along.
- We will go through the decade and find the everyday events of Bawdrip !



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- What was happening in the area in 1940
- World War 2 was barely a year old things locally had seemed “normal” but -
- The ROF at Puriton was already being built opening in 1941
- Bridgwater and Taunton Canal now formed part of the Taunton Stop Line, designed to prevent the advance of a German invasion. Pillboxes can still be seen along its length
- The first bombs fell on Bridgwater on 24 August 1940, destroying houses on Old Taunton Road, and three men, three women and one child were killed.
- The first evacuees had arrived by 1940 causing pressure on the established order
- Between 1940 and 1941 housing for workers was built as "pre-fabs" in Woolavington. Hostels for single workers were built at Dunball by the King's Sedgemoor Drain (which was also widened at that time)
- Later a prisoner of war camp was established at Colley Lane holding 500 German and Goathurst 500 Italian prisoners. During the preparations for the invasion of Europe, American troops were based in the town.
- But tonight is more about what those at home were doing



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BAWD RIP

PROPOSED SCOUT GROUP.—A concert organised by evacuees and village lads to raise funds to form a Scout group in connection with the Parish Church was held in the Parish Hall on Saturday. Lord St. Audries supported the event, and attended with a party of Scouts from Stogursey. Two amusing items were given by Scoutmaster John Bercham, and selections on the accordion by Troop Leader R. Hayman and Lieut. Webber. Scoutmaster John Bercham thanked all who took part in the concert or had helped to make it a success, expressing special appreciation to Lord St. Audries for his support. Lord St. Audries congratulated the boys on their splendid show.

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SANITATION CRITICISMS AT BAWDRIP — SCHOOL AND VILLAGE HALL

Reporting on his inspection of sanitary arrangements at Bawdrip School to Bridgwater Rural District Council on Wednesday, the Sanitary Inspector stated that he had communicated with the Chief Education Officer, who had informed him that he had instructed the School Managers to see that the conveniences were properly looked after in future.

In regard to the sanitary arrangements at the Village Hall, they were very unsatisfactory, and he had requested the Rev. Cass to have the necessary work carried out. The Inspector was instructed to keep the properties under observation with a view to statutory action being taken if necessary.

The Inspector also reported having inspected the drain at the Eastside-lane Council houses, and found that contents of cesspools were leaking on to the road.—The Engineer reported that the contractor would take appropriate action to remedy the defect.

Mr. A. Allen said he was dissatisfied with the report. There was a vacant septic tank in Mr. Burston's field that could be used for the School. The system in operation was wasting public money, and was not providing proper sanitation. The tank in the playground should be removed.

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every mod. convenience splendid air raid
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3½ guineas per wk.—W. H. Smith Son &
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TO Let, furn. part or whole of Hse 12 bed-
rms. elec. light water phone 3¼ miles
Bridgwater—Parker The Silver Fish Knowle
Bridgwater Somerset

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condition he continues in his occupation of woodworker.

David Percy Frank Butler, a radio service engineer, of The Silver Fish, Knowle, near Bridgwater, was retained on the Register of Conscientious Objectors on condition that he remains in his present occupation. He is a member of Jehovah's Witnesses, and said he spends all his spare time in evangelistic work.

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SPEED OF ARMY VEHICLES

**JURY ASKED THAT DRIVERS
BE WARNED**

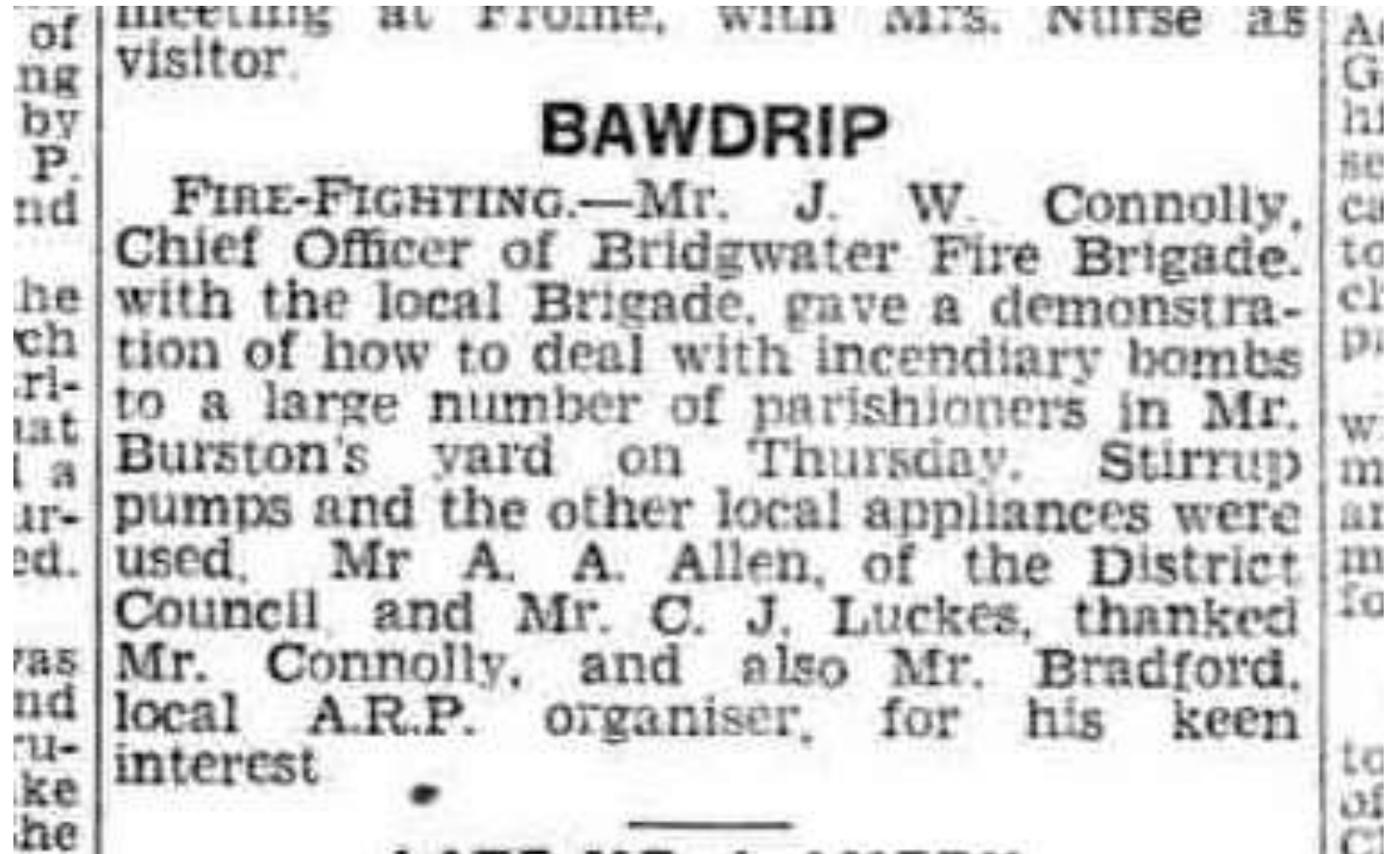
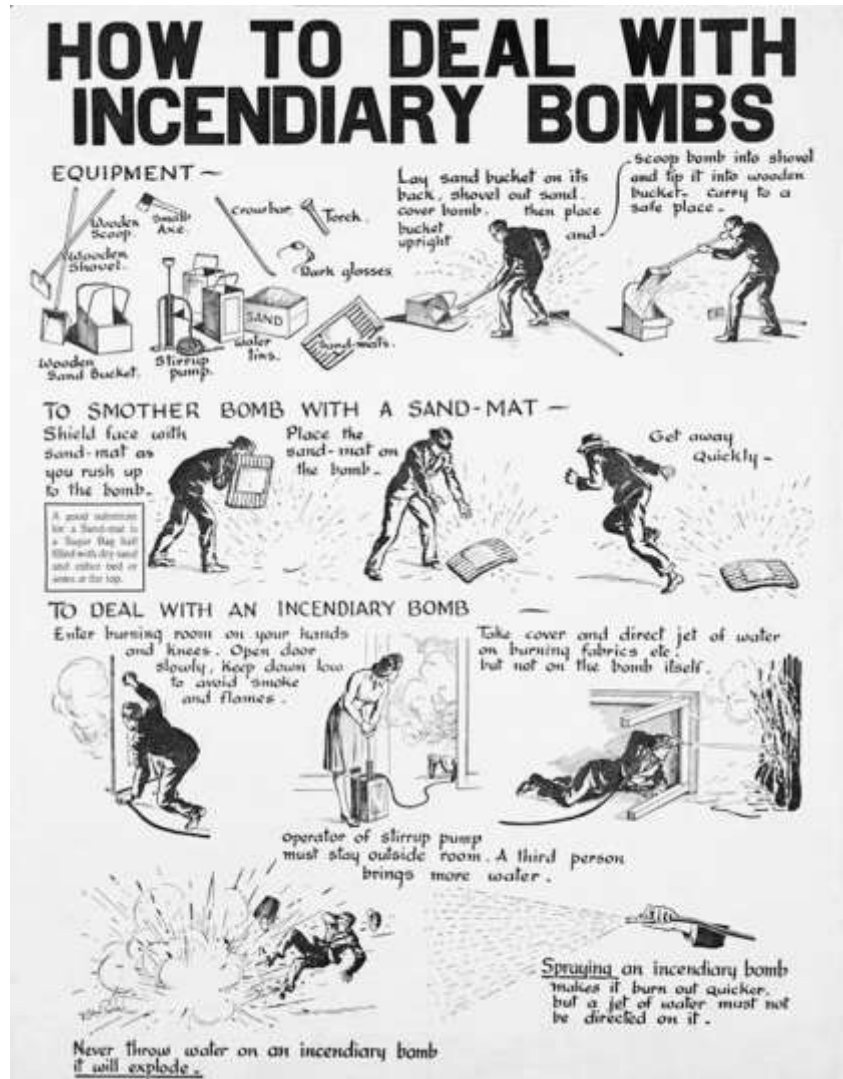
**BRIDGWATER INQUEST ON
DESPATCH RIDER**

A rider asking military authorities to warn despatch riders and lorry drivers as to their speed, was added to a verdict of "Death by misadventure" by a Bridgwater jury at the Hospital on Friday.

The inquest was on Amos Grantham, 24, Army despatch rider, whose home was at 139, Kirklands-street, Hull, Yorkshire. He was fatally injured when he crashed into a Western National 'bus on the Crook bridge, Bath-road, Bawdrip, on the previous Monday. The jury exonerated the driver of the 'bus, Stanley Thomas Todd, 23, Rosebery-avenue, who was represented by Mr. Cuthbert Pardoe.

The Borough Coroner, Mr. Christopher

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THE BOYS IN BLUE ARE SEEING
YOU THROUGH
COME IN HUNDREDS AND HELP
THEM. YOU !

A GRAND DANCE
VILLAGE HALL, BAWDRIP
SEPT. 17th, 9 to 1 a.m.

MUSIC BY THE REGAL DANCE
ORCHESTRA

CAPTAIN R. E. HUGGINS, M.B.E.,
has kindly consented to present the
Prizes

ADMISSION 2s 6d

Proceeds Devoted to the Merchant Navy

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CRASH THAT KILLED FIVE MEN

LORRY DRIVER FINED £10 AT BRIDGWATER

CONVICTION FOR DANGEROUS DRIVING

An accident at Crandon Bridge, Knowle, Bawdrip, on June 7th, when five men were killed, resulted in Tom Simpson, motor driver and boiler coverer, 1, New-road, Bridgwater, being charged at Bridgwater on Thursday with driving a lorry in a manner dangerous to the public.—Mr C. B. Pardoe defended and pleaded not guilty

John Barnett, 87, Rhode-lane, the other passenger in the cab, was also called.

STATEMENT TO SERGEANT.

P.S. Greed read defendant's statement in which he said his speed was about 30 m.p.h. The off wheels of the W.D. vehicle were about one foot on its wrong side of the white line. He swung as near to the wall as he

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BAWD RIP CARNIVAL BALL

£29 RAISED FOR AIR RAID DISTRESS FUND

A sum of £29 1s 3d was raised for the Rural District Air Raid Distress Fund by a carnival ball held in Bawdrip Parish Hall on Friday night, in response to the appeal by Major J. A. C. Hamilton, hon organiser of the fund. A large company attended, many of whom were in fancy costume. Mr. A. E. Allen, councillor for Bawdrip district, was the organiser and M.C. Music was by the Classics' Dance Orchestra, and the dance "went off with a swing." The hall had been decorated by Mr. Allen and Mr. Bob March. The ball was intended to be somewhat different from the usual, and the M.C. achieved his aim by introducing novelties, which included balloons, streamers, coloured fire, and twilight dances lighted by 400 starlights. Thus was kept up the memory of carnival days gone by.

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DANCE FOR HOME GUARD

PRIZES FOR COMIC ITEMS.

More than 20 prizes for competitions were distributed by Mrs. James, of Bradney House, at a popular dance in the Village Hall on Thursday night, organised by Councillor A. E. Allen, in aid of Bawdrip Home Guard Fund.

Winners were: Comic items—Silver cup, L.-Cpl. Hart; chocolates Miss Woods (Bridgwater); torches, Nurse Wood, Bawdrip Sick Bay and Sergt. Rees. Head and tail dances—Mr. Verhon (Puriton), Mrs. Russell (Bridgwater), Mr. Rainey, and Miss G. Lee. Statue dance—Lance-Corpl.

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GRAND XMAS WHIST DRIVE

PARISH HALL, BAWDRIP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th,
8 p.m. Sharp

VALUABLE PRIZES, including
HALF TON COAL

In aid of the Russian Red Cross
Fund

"Cannon to the right of them,
Cannon to the left of them, fought
the bold Russians."

Admission 2/-, including Refresh-
ments. [h710]

December 1941

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BAWD RIP

COMING EVENT.—A whist drive will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday next, February 12th, in aid of the local branch of the St. John Ambulance and local boys serving in H.M. Forces. Further particulars will be found in an advt. in this issue.

AN OUTSIZE CIGAR

From the proceeds of a whist drive in the Village Hall a wireless set has been presented to troops. The organiser and M.C. was Councillor A. E. Allen. The total takings amounted to £11 2s 8d. Miss Smales, of Bradney House, presented the prizes to the following:— Ladies — 1. Mrs. L. Rossiter, Huntspill; 2. Mrs. W. Conduit, Bawdrip; 3. Miss M. Russ, Puriton; consolation, Miss L. Cross, Knowle. Gentlemen—1. Mr. H. Best; 2. F.T.G.; 3. Mr. S. Braddick, Bawdrip; consolation, Mr. D. Jeanes. Table prizes were won by Mr. M. Lewis and Mrs. Maud Crane. A competition run by Mrs. L. Gould realised £6. The first prize was an American cigar 11 inches in length and one inch in diameter, given by one of the troops. The cigar, which had been in many theatres of the war, was won by Mr. F. Hardwill, Taunton. The second prize, consisting of cigars, went to Mr. E. Johnson, Puriton, and the third, a box of chocolates, to Mr. P. Haggett, Woolavington. An anonymous gentleman gave a box of chocolates, and these realised 4s. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Gould, Sellick, F. March, and Crane.

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BAWD RIP FARMHOUSE BLAZE

Because of its situation at the top of the hill, firemen were handicapped in obtaining a supply of water when fire broke out at Knowle Hill Farm, Bawdrip, in the occupation of Mr. F. Yeandle, on Sunday. The N.F.S. (Bridgwater) and Bawdrip A.F.S. found the entire thatched roof of the farmhouse well alight when they arrived. The nearest water was about 800 feet distant. Pumps were brought into operation, and after about an hour's exacting work the firemen succeeded in getting the blaze under control. The farmhouse and contents were damaged very extensively, as were a barn and its contents, which included farm produce and wheat seed, but the remaining outbuildings escaped. The damage is estimated at about £1,000.

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STUDENT'S DRIVING OFFENCES

An 18-year-old student, John James, of Bradney House, Bawdrip, was at Bridgwater County Sessions on Friday fined £1 for riding a motor-cycle without due care and attention and £1 for not having a licence. The Bench endorsed his licence. P.C. Beattie (motor patrol) said he was negotiating a left-hand bend on the Bridgwater side of Knowle Inn when a private car came in the opposite direction on its correct side. Suddenly a motor-cyclist, who apparently was following behind, swung to the off side and commenced to overtake the car. Witness applied his brakes

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SHAM CASTLE AT KNOWLE

Many passengers travelling by train between Bridgwater and Weston-super-Mare, and many motorists making their way along the Polden Hills towards Bridgwater have been struck by what looks like a romantic and baronial castle standing on the hill at Knowle, near Bawdrip and have wanted to know something of its history. Miss Maxwell Fraser says the villagers earnestly assure the rare visitor that this picturesque ruin is "turble ancient," but she says as a matter of fact it was built about 150 years ago in the park of Knowle. The explanation given is that the then owner had married a French lady who pined for her native country, and that he built the sham castle to please her. One version of

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DANCE FOR AMBULANCE BRANCH

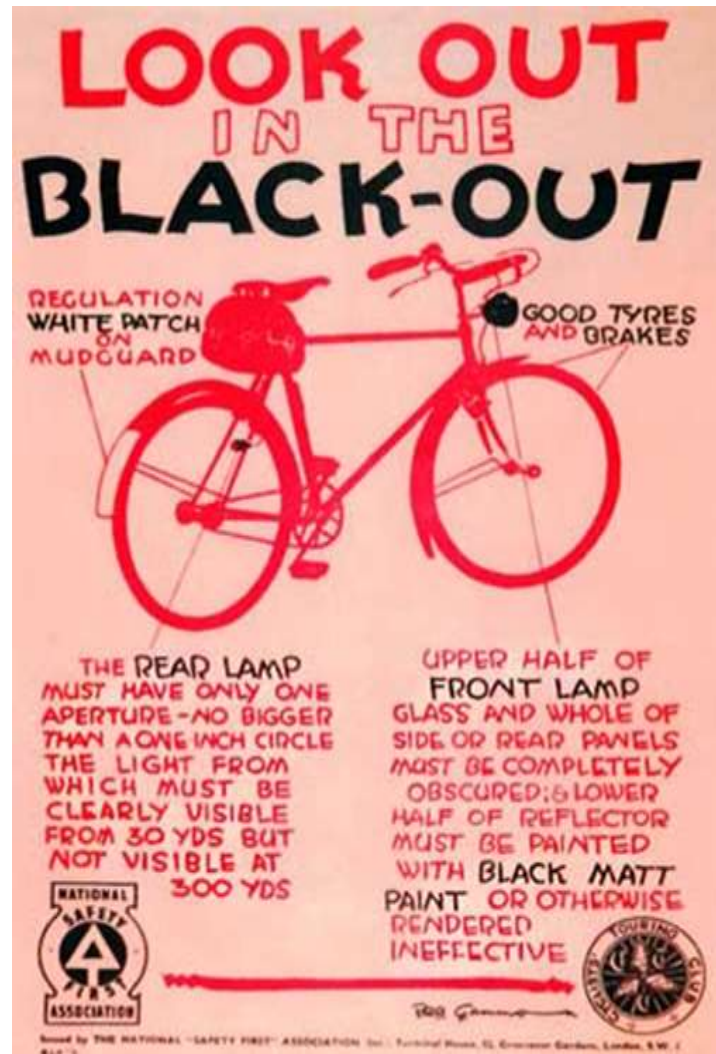
BIG COMPANY AT VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall was filled to capacity on Wednesday evening, when a dance was held in aid of the local branch of the St. John Ambulance. The organiser and M.C. was Councillor A. E. Allen, who had arranged a series of interesting competitions and a sale of gifts, which all added considerably to the proceeds. The musical programme by the Regal Dance Orchestra was much enjoyed.

Competition winners were:—Siren dance, Miss E. Cox and Miss H. Lynham; head and tail dance, Miss G. Warren, Chedzoy, and Mr. F. Tucker, Sutton Mallet; spot waltz, Miss J. Cox and Mr. L. Newton; statue dance, Private and Miss Bell; manicure set, Mrs. Howe.

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VILLAGERS AND BLACK-OUT REGULATIONS

MIDDLEZOY MAN'S COMPLAINT

A letter read at the County Police-court on Friday, written on behalf of Albert Tucker, carpenter, Rose Cottage, Middlezoy, who was summoned for an infringement of the black-out, stated: "It is these young policemen have nothing else to do but go around trying to get their name up. I wish they had to work as hard as I do, then they most likely would tell another tale." The case was proved by P.C. Coombs, and a fine of £2 10s was imposed.—For similar offences

the following fines were imposed:
Wm Michael Fracey Parsons architect, Shannon, Bawdrip £3; Edna Atkins, The Gravel Garage, Stogursey, £2; Herbert William Cook, farmer, South View Farm, Westonzoyland, £2

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BAWDRIP SCHOOL

A report was presented by the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. F. A. Maile) noting that the sanitary offices at Bawdrip Council School were now in proper sanitary condition, and stating he had asked the County Education Secretary to address a strong letter to the school managers pointing out their responsibility for seeing that the offices were given frequent attention in the future.

Mr. A. J. Paul complimented the Sanitary Committee on having settled the matter, but added that he could not congratulate them on the time taken to do it—about three years. He hoped the Inspector would keep an eye on the school in the future.

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BAWD RIP NURSERY COUNTY COUNCIL DECIDE ON REQUISITIONING

Somerset County Council were informed on Tuesday that the lease of the residential nursery at Bawdrip House, near Bridgwater, expired on February 8th. This nursery provides accommodation for evacuees and Somerset children, and as the Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health was unable to approve terms suggested by the owner for renewal of the lease, he authorised the Council's Clerk to requisition the property, and, in the meantime, the owners offered to sell. The Public Health and Housing Committee considered that the nursery should continue after the war for Somerset children, and recommended the Council to purchase the property at a price not exceeding that recommended by the District Valuer.

This was approved, and, in the meantime, the Clerk will proceed, if necessary, with the requisition.

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STOLEN BAGS OF FLOUR

BAWD RIP COUNCILLOR ON RECEIVING CHARGE

BRIDGWATER MAN SENT TO PRISON

A member of Bridgwater Rural District Council and its Food Control Committee, Archibald Edwin Allen, of the Post-office, Bawdrip, was acquitted by Bridgwater Borough Bench on Monday of a charge of receiving two 140lb. bags of flour, valued £1 18s 6d, the property of Messrs. Peace, Ltd., knowing them to have been stolen. He was defended by Mr. R. F. Lyne, barrister, of Bristol, and pleaded not guilty.

The Mayor (Mr. H. Scholfield) said there was very grave doubt in the minds of the Bench and in the circumstances there would be no conviction.

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BAWD RIP HOUSE

At Somerset County Council, on Tuesday it was agreed to purchase the residential nursery at Bawdrip House, near Bridgwater, including about 10 acres of grass land adjoining for £5,300, plus costs.

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BAWD RIP

FARMER SUMMONED

A summons against Reginald White, farmer, of Barkers Farm, Bawdrip, for employing an unlicensed tractor driver, was dismissed on payment of 4s costs by Bridgwater County Magistrates on Friday.

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FETE CONCLUDES

WELCOME HOME WEEK

Brigadier R. H. A. D. Love, Woolavington, opened a fete at Bawdrip on Saturday, organised to conclude Welcome Home Week. Mr. C. J. Luckes is chairman of the Committee, with Mr. J. Rogerson as treasurer and Miss Rogerson as hon. secretary.

There was a "bring and buy" stall in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening, and a sketch entitled "Broadcasting" was performed by the schoolchildren. On Thursday evening a large company attended a social in the hall. Music was provided by Mrs. Washer (piano), Mr. Cullen (drums), and Mr. Rogerson (cornet); songs were sung by Mrs. M. Cullen, Mr. A. Menell and Mr. Evans; and a Spanish dance was performed by Shella and Jean Poole. Games and dancing were indulged in, with Mr. Fred Willis as M.C.

Attractions at the fete included children's sports, a display by the St. John Ambulance Cadets, side-shows and competitions, a whist drive at the Rectory and dancing on the lawn. The field was lent by Mr. W. Burston.

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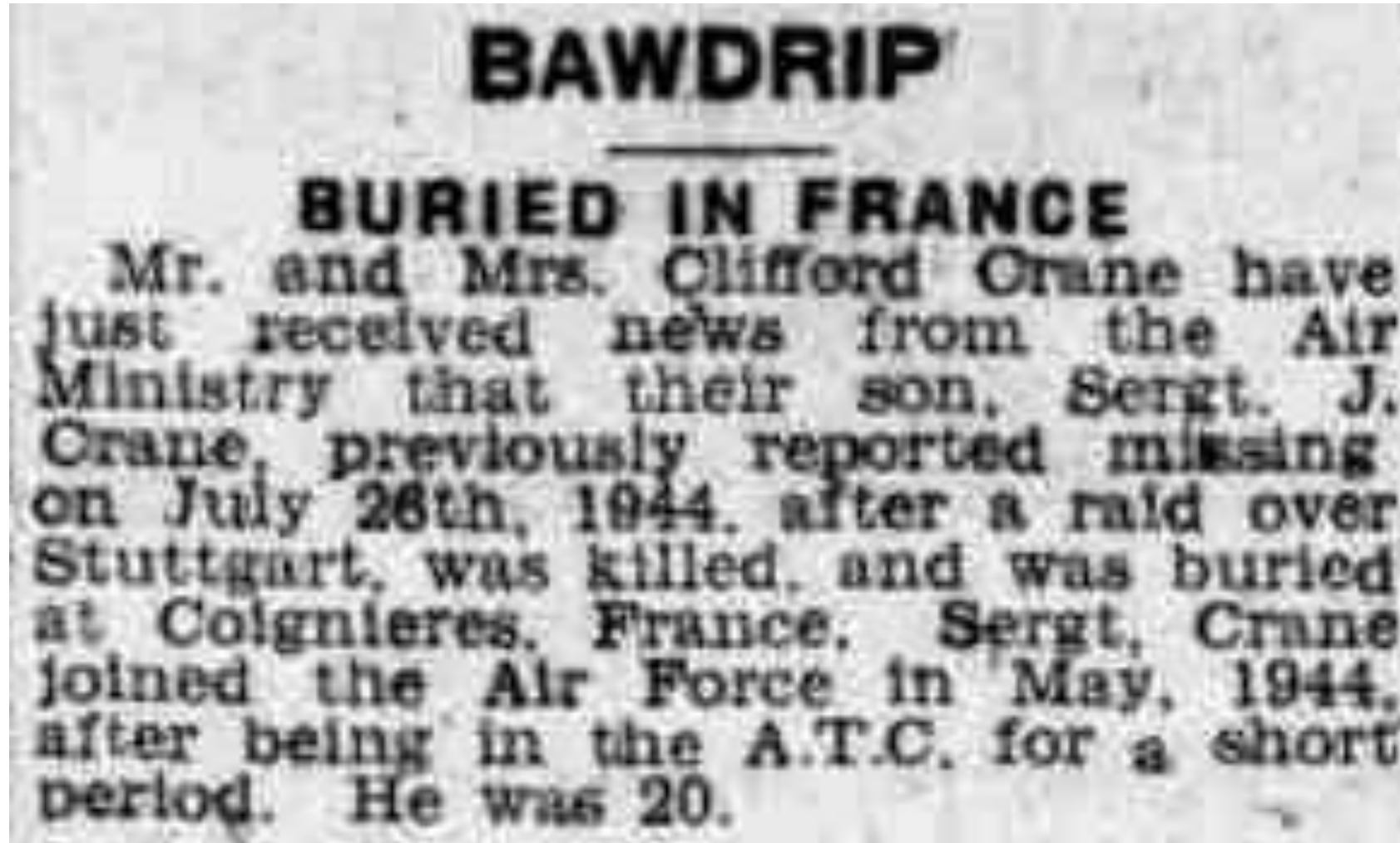
BAWD RIP

COLLECTED 900 SHIP HALF-PENNIES

Mrs Braddick, senr., of Bawdrip, has collected over 900 ship half-pennies this year on behalf of the Royal Navy War Libraries. In recognition of her splendid effort she has been awarded an R.N.W.L. badge, which was presented to her by Mrs. Bernard (district organiser).

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VICTORY CELEBRATIONS

The children's celebrations took the form of a fancy dress parade and procession. The judging of the splendid array of costumes was undertaken by Mr. and Mrs. W. Berry, whose services were recognised by the presentation of a bouquet to Mrs. Berry by the children after she had distributed the prizes. The parade was followed by juvenile sports, and a splendid tea was provided by the inhabitants of the village. The children later gave a performance of two plays and songs, organised by Miss Legge, to whom thanks are due. The Committee arranged for each child to have a victory cup, with name inscribed. Sports and games, with prizes for all, continued after tea until dusk, when the climax was reached by a splendid display of fireworks and a bonfire. The Committee are to be congratulated on giving the children such a happy time. Special thanks are due to Mr. C. Pain for lending the field, and to Miss C. Gilbert for making the two splendid victory cakes, a surprise gift from Mrs. Gould, to whom thanks are due for her organisation, as well as to all who contributed with money and gifts.

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A THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY

Compiled by MISS ADA SMITH,
BAWDRIP.

SATURDAY

A laugh is worth a hundred groans
in any market. *Lamb.*

SUNDAY

A foe to God was never a true
friend to man. *Young.*

MONDAY

Act well at the moment, and you
have performed a good action for all
eternity. *Lavater.*

TUESDAY

Good humour is one of the best
articles of dress one can wear in
society. *Thackeray.*

WEDNESDAY

Liberty has restraints, but no
frontiers. *Lloyd George.*

THURSDAY

Learn to hold thy tongue; five
words cost Zacharias forty weeks of
silence. *Fuller.*

FRIDAY

In these days we fight for ideas,
and newspapers are our fortresses.
H. Heine.

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BAWD RIP

A WELCOME GIFT

Mrs A. L. Dorrington, county representative of the Somerset blind, has acknowledged a welcome gift of £5 1s from Mr. and Mrs. L. Gould, Knowle Inn, and customers, with contributions of ship halfpennies from Mesdames Braddick, Stone and Conduit.

FAREWELL GIFT TO RECTOR

A wallet containing £36 10s from officers and members of the church, has been presented to the Rector (the Rev. G. W. L. Cass), who retires on April 30th.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. Cass was unable to attend the ceremony at the Parish Hall, when the gift was handed to his daughter, Miss Cass, who, on behalf of her father, expressed sincere thanks for the gift, and said how sorry they were to be leaving the district. Making the presentation, the Rev. H. L. Barnes, of Chilton Polden paid tribute to Mr. Cass's work.

Mr. Rogerson, presiding, thanked all who had subscribed towards the gift. Since the presentation was made further gifts of cash have been received, bringing it to a total of about £60.

Mr. Cass and his daughter are to make their future home at Bath.

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BAWDRIP

LICENSEE'S SILVER WEDDING

To celebrate their silver wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Gould held a reunion at the Knowle Inn. During the evening they were presented with a canteen of cutlery from customers and friends at the inn, the gift being handed them by Mr. William Conduit, the oldest guest present. An electric clock, a gift from the Knowle Inn Skittles Club, was presented on behalf of the members by Mr. Rogerson, chairman of the club. Many other presents were also received, together with a large number of congratulatory messages.

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June 1947

Gifts to Bawdrip
Church
—
Dedicated by Archdeacon
Of Wells

Memorable events in connection with Bawdrip Parish Church last week were the dedication by the Archdeacon of Wells (Ven. W. N. Higgins) of a silver wafer box, silver alms dish and tablet to two benefactors on Wednesday evening, and a fete in the Rectory grounds on Thursday for repairs to the tower.

The wafer box was the gift of Mrs. W. W. Jelf, formerly of Uplands, Bawdrip, in memory of her husband, Col. Wilfrid Wykham Jelf, C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Artillery, who died in 1933, and their two sons, who lost their lives in the last war.

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church.

CURIOS AT FETE.

Various curios lent by friends, which included a bag belonging to a lady who attended a ball on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo, were a feature of the fete on Thursday, which was opened by Mrs. Poyntz-Wright, introduced by the Rector (Rev. H. L. Jukes). Two plays were presented by pupils of the school, there were sports for children, and Mr. R. Bostock conducted an auction sale.

The stalls, sideshows and those in charge were:—Skittles, Mr. W. R. Walker and Mr. F. O. Hunt; Sunday School stall, Phillip Porter, Ronnie Gilbert, and John Woodrow; fancy, Miss Milner and Mr. G. Rouault; general, Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Woodrow; produce, Miss Irish, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Rossman, and Mrs. Body; Chinese laundry, Sunday School members; bath game, Gwen Emery and Shella Cox; treasure hunt and cake competition Miss Katherine Farrance; clock golf, Miss Heal; white elephant, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Vale, Mrs. Fenton, Miss J. Rowney, Mrs. Caldicott, and Mrs. Marsey; ice cream, Mrs. Cheek; post-office, Mrs. Rogerson; teas, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Rouault, and Miss Gilbert; gate, Messrs. W. J. Luxton, Lewis, C. Brake, and Conduit.

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Watered Whisky Charge

Bawdrip Innkeeper Not Guilty

Summonses against Lionel Charles Gould, of the Knowle Inn, Bawdrip, for selling whisky 46 degrees under proof and obstructing an inspector in the execution of his duty, were dismissed by Bridgwater County Magistrates' on Friday. Gould pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. C. B. Pardoe.

Mr. M. L. G. Hindle for the County Council said an inspector and his assistant called at the inn and asked for two whiskies. Defendant poured out two nips of whisky, after which the inspector paid 3s, informed defendant who he was, and said he would also purchase the small quantity left in the bottle for analysis. Defendant

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July 1948

POPULAR DAY EXCURSIONS TO BURNHAM-ON-SEA					
EVERY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY (until September 23 inclusive).					
Depart a.m.	FROM	3rd class Return	Depart a.m.	FROM	3rd class Return
8.15	Bath	3/2	10.5	Evercreech Jct.	5/-
8.25	Midford		10.10	Pylle	4/8
8.32	Wellow		10.10	Wells (Priory Rd)	3/11
8.35	Shoscombe Halt	7/9	10.18	West Pennard	
8.45	Radstock		10.15	Polsham Halt	3/6
8.55	Midsomer Norton	7/6	10.32	Glastonbury	2/10
9.3	Chilcompton	7/-	10.41	Ashcott	2/4
9.12	Binegar	6/2	10.46	Shapwick	1/11
9.26	Shepton Mallet	5/-	10.35	Bridgwater	1/8
9.33	Evercreech New		10.43	Bawdrip Halt	
9.10	Templecombe	7/3	10.48	Cossington	
9.20	Wincanton	6/6	10.57	Edington Jct.	3/5
9.29	Cole	5/8	11.4	Bason Bridge	5d.
			11.13	Highbridge	4d.
Return same day—Leave Burnham-on-Sea 6.45 p.m.					
CHILDREN UNDER 14—HALF FARE.					
For full particulars of the above excursions, CHEAP DAY TICKETS, etc., see handbills, or write or 'phone your local Stationmaster.					
BRITISH RAILWAYS					
SOUTHERN REGION.					

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March 1949

BAWD RIP

SEVENTY MEMBERS attended a meeting in Bawdrip Parish Hall of the Polden Hill Group of Women's Institutes. Mrs. Jukes (Bawdrip's president) presided. Mrs. Eshelby, of the County Executive, spoke of her visit to Denman College and forthcoming events. Group discussions were organised by Mrs. Jones and Miss Taylor. A play entitled "A Meeting at Zoyland" was presented by Bawdrip members. This was followed by Mrs. Porcher's talk on the Somerset dialect. A cake competition was won by Mesdames Cummings, Grainger Mogg and Golland.

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August 1949

Won 46 Show Prizes

Achievement of Oldest Inhabitant

Revival of Bawdrip Exhibition

Oldest inhabitant of Bawdrip, 85-year-old Mr. William John Conduit, swept the board when the annual show of Bawdrip Allotment Holders and Gardeners Association, last held in 1943, was revived on Saturday, in a field lent by Mr. W. Buraton. With 46 prizes, including 26 firsts, Mr. Conduit won two cups—one outright—a gold medal, silver medal, and a spade. Two of his sons, a grandson, and a grand-daughter were also prize-winners.

With just over 400 entries, the show was highly successful, the quality being remarkably good for the season. Other attractions were a fancy dress parade and a programme of sports. Hot, sunny weather prevailed, and there was a large attendance from the village and neighbourhood.

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To be Continued !

