

COUNCIL FORMED TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN LOCAL HISTORY

Married by Her Pastor Father

The marriage took place at the Baptist Church, Waterlooville, on Saturday, of Miss Mary Catherine Tooke, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Brampton Tooke, of Waterlooville, and Mr. Martin Kenneth Ewans, younger son of Mr. James Ewans, of Torquay, and the late Mrs. Ewans.

The bride's father, who has been pastor at the Church since 1941, officiated and was assisted by the Rev. Peter Gordon, of the Congregational Church, Torquay.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a gown of cream and gold French brocade with veil and carried the Order of Service with a spray of orchids.

Mr. Anthony Allen was best man.

The bride is on the staff of the Cowplain Secondary School for Girls. The bridegroom, who is Assistant Principal, Commonwealth Relations Office, was in the Corpus Christi (Cambridge) crew which last year won the Wyfield Cup at Henley.

Successful Year for Men's Club

Petersfield Men's Club has now a membership of about 100, reported the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. J. Goldring) at the annual meeting on Saturday. He welcomed the increase of young people joining the club during the past year.

Mr. J. G. Vince, Hon. Auditor, said there was an overall net profit of £43 3s 6d.

Officers re-elected were: President, Mr. G. Bailey; Trustees, Mr. G. Bailey and Mr. P. Leslie Burley; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Provins; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. J. Goldring; Committee, Messrs. R. Andrews, J. Ayres, W. Brown, B. Heighes, R. Humphries, F. Jenkins, B. Knight, A. Smith, R. Smith, A. Treagus, V. Treagus, F. Tull, G. Woods. The Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc with the addition of Mr. Vince.

TRADE COMMISSIONER

Mr. J. B. Prendergast, Commercial Secretary to the New Zealand High Commissioner in London, has been appointed New Zealand Trade Commissioner.

May Queen Voting Means Excitement for Margaret

QUEEN of this year's Pagham May Day celebrations will be 14-year-old Margaret Stoner, of Trundie View, Hook Lane, Pagham. She was chosen by popular vote at Pagham Village Hall on Saturday evening.

Her crown bearer will be 16-year-old Jean Langridge, of 45, Lincoln Avenue, Bognor. Last year Margaret was crown bearer to the present Queen, 16-year-old Helen Humphrey, whose home is at 2, Pagham Road. On that occasion she tied with Helen on the first vote, and lost on the second.

On Saturday evening she tied again, this time with Jean Langridge, but on the recount won by two votes.

There were ten entrants between 12 and 16 for the title of Queen of the May.

Junior attendants: all between nine and 12, are Alison Hilton,

Growing deafness. At last there is a new approach to the old problem of growing deafness—an approach which does not mean wearing an old-fashioned Deaf-Aid with conspicuous ear-phones, dangling wires and heavy batteries etc. The latest Ardent concealed aid can be worn as hearing spectacles as jewels for ladies or hearing neckties for men. For the home-lovers, elderly people and especially invalids there is also a new Radio and Television aid costing only £7 7s. (as described on recent B.B.C. Home Service broadcast). By courtesy of Timothy Whites & T aylors, Chemists, 154 Commercial Road, Portsmouth, these new aids can now be tried at home, without charge or obligation. Readers wishing to take advantage of this special free home trial facility should write, call or phone to the Managers (giving their name and address), Telephone Portsmouth 71431.

TO co-ordinate activities, and stimulate interest in local history, a Hampshire Council of Local History was formed at Winchester on Saturday.

At a meeting at Winchester College, persons from all parts of Hampshire interested in local history, approved a resolution proposed by Mr. Robert H. Hole, Chairman of Hampshire Council of Social Service, that such a Council should come into being.

The meeting was arranged as a result of the views of an earlier conference last year. The Bishop of Winchester (Dr. A. T. Williams) said on Saturday that such a council would provide a means whereby people and organizations could get in touch with one another and compare notes. It would also encourage the important study of history generally.

STANDING CONFERENCE

Talking of the functions of the Standing Conference for Local History, its Chairman, Sir Stephen Tallents, said it worked in close conjunction, and in association, with the National Council of Social Service. It provided a meeting ground for the 24 counties that were members, and where experiences and interests could be exchanged.

He liked to think local history could be projected into the future.

TRANSMUTATION

The resolution was seconded by Miss Enid Saulez, Chairman of the Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes who said that in a decade of change and swift forgetfulness, the Council could stimulate interest in the habits, behaviour, and actions of their forefathers, and could transmute the evidence of the past into a stabilized and abiding tradition for the future.

The constitution approved by the meeting will encourage public interest, demonstrate ways of study, pool information, and encourage the preservation of local records, antiquities, and objects of historical interest.

Professor H. Rothwell, Professor of History at Southampton University spoke of a map of Hampshire in mediaeval times, he is now making.

Havant Rovers Win by Good Margin

Havant Rovers achieved a 4-1 win in their Portsmouth League Div. I contest against Havling Island at Havant Park on Saturday. Havling's scorer was Meehan, and Symons (2). Jenkins and Hounsome got Havant's goals.

Seat and Trees for Coronation

Apart from special services, the Coronation will be marked in Blendworth by the placing of a seat just outside the South Gate of the Church and by the planting of eight trees.

Seven trees will be planted in the new churchyard and one outside the Church School. The schoolchildren have promised to buy one tree and similar undertakings have been made by the choir, the Mothers' Union, the Church Fellowship, and the Rector (the Rev. W. Rees) and churchwardens.

Says Mr. Rees: "Perhaps individuals or other organizations would like to make themselves responsible for the buying of the remaining trees or the seat."

The trees, already ordered, cost between £1 and £1 5s each and the seat is estimated to cost between £15 and £20.

ATHLETIC CLUB CAPTAIN WEDS

Miss Daphne Stockley, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Stockley of 12, Waterloo Road, Havant, was married at St. Faith's Church, Havant, on Saturday, to Mr. Frederick Hart, second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. L. Hart, of 25, West Street, Havant.

The bride, one of five sisters who have often been outstanding at athletic events, has for the past two years been Captain of Havant Athletic Club's Women's Section.

For some years she was a runner, specializing in 440 yard events, and changed over to race walking in 1950 when she was chosen to represent Hampshire in the Inter County Championships at Aylsoford.

In 1951 she was placed second in the mile walk County Championships and won this event in 1952.

SPORTSMAN TOO

Many local residents also know the bridegroom as a sports enthusiast, who prior to war service played in local football and cricket teams.

The Rev. D. G. C. Gaiger (Assistant Priest) officiated at the ceremony and the bride wore a gown of white silk and lace with train, a tulle embroidered veil and head-dress of orange-blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of rosebuds.

Her attendant was Mrs. June Chalwin who wore a dress of turquoise nylon tricot over taffeta, with a Juliet cap and mittens to match. She carried a bouquet of cream tea rosebuds.

The bride was given away by her father, and best man was Mr. Harold Peters (friend of the groom).

The couple are spending their honeymoon at Torquay.

Jillian Jeffery, Wendy Goldring and Christine Pickett. Senior attendants will be Gillian Humphrey, Diane Shepherd, Sonia Britton, Anne Goldring, Jacqueline Jeffery, Ann Cowan.



Fourteen-year-old Margaret Stoner, who has been elected this year's May Queen of Pagham, Bognor Regis, with sixteen-year-old Jean Langridge, Crown bearer to the Queen.



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