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WARTIME PROBLEMS OF THE HAYWOOD HOSPITAL

MR. COPE ON VITAL NEED FOR VOLUNTARY EFFORTS

Wartime financial problems confronting the Governors of the Haywood Hospital, Burslem, as the result of reduced income and increased costs and expenditure, were referred to by Mr. Joseph Cope, J.P., Chairman of the Board of Governors, at the annual meeting of the hospital, held yesterday afternoon.

Urging the need for increased income, Mr. Cope said that a sum of £15,000 would be required this year to meet the ordinary expenditure of the hospital. This was twice the amount likely to be received from the North Staffordshire Hospitals Contributory Scheme, and voluntary efforts remained of vital importance.

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Mr. Cope was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Governors, on the proposition of Alderman Sir Fred Hayward, J.P., Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Moving the adoption of the hospital's annual report and statement of accounts—details of which appeared in Monday's *Sentinel*—Mr. Cope said that the past year had been a very difficult period for the hospital. The difficulties had resulted mainly from wartime conditions. Measures had had to be taken for meeting any emergency conditions; for safeguarding the hospital and its staff and patients; and also for meeting food rationing regulations. As a contribution to the war effort, a dig-for-victory scheme was started last year, and a useful supply of vegetables was provided for the hospital.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Summarising the accounts, Mr. Cope said that income was down by slightly more than £1,000, and expenditure was also reduced by over £400. Two main items contributed to the reduced income—a reduction of £425 on the Whist Championship effort, and £492 less from the contributory Association. The Governors had carefully watched expenditure, and, while the utmost possible economy had been observed, the efficiency of the hospital's services had not been impaired. It would be generally agreed that it would be false economy to reduce expenditure at the expense of efficiency.

The cost of foodstuffs and materials, however, was increasing, and the Purchase Tax on drugs also had to be borne by the hospital.

PURCHASE TAX

This tax (continued Mr. Cope) ranges from 16⅔ per cent. to 33⅓ per cent. It seems to me to be rather inquitous, in times like the present, to impose such a tax. If the object is to raise revenue, it is a rather deplorable method to use; and if it is aimed at curtailing the use of essential healing commodities, it is even worse. If it applied only to imported drugs it could see some justification for the tax, but to impose it on home-produced drugs, essential to hospital services, is an unwarrantable additional burden on hospital administration.

VOLUNTARY HELP

Fullest Measure of Support Needed

Mr. Cope said that expenses in the present year were likely to be heavier than in 1940, and he appealed for help from the hospital's many supporters in maintaining the existing services.

It was estimated that a sum of £15,000 would be required to meet this year's ordinary expenditure—twice the amount which was likely to be received from the Contributory Scheme. As had previously been emphasised, the Contributory Scheme by no means solved the Haywood Hospital's financial problems, and the fact that twice as much was needed as was received from that source clearly illustrated the position. It was essential that the fullest possible measure of voluntary support and effort should be forthcoming to bridge the financial gap.

YEAR'S WORK

Mr. Cope said that the Haywood had been able to maintain its full services to the local public, despite the provisions made for meeting emergency conditions.

Over 4,000 cases had been dealt with in the casualty department, and over 20,000 attendances had been made by outpatients during the past year. The hospital had also dealt with 1,188 inpatients, and a total of 1,000 major and minor operations had been performed. In addition, there was the work of the X-ray and pathological departments.

These figures illustrated the valued work which the Haywood Hospital was performing in the northern end of the City, and the necessity for maintaining its services.

STAFF AND HELPERS

After thanking the great body of the hospital's supporters for their continued loyal service and co-operation, Mr. Cope paid a tribute to the work of the medical and nursing staffs, and the Matron (Miss B. Midgley).

He further thanked the Ladies' House Committee, the Burslem and Tunstall Linen Guilds, members of the Whist Championship Committee, and volunteer fire-watchers—the latter performing a highly-important, if not spectacular service. He mentioned that the Whist Championship Committee were making special efforts to make good their reduced contribution for last year, and had already raised £300 of the amount concerned.

Thanking the Editor and staff of the *Sentinel* for their "unstinted help and co-operation," Mr. Cope added: "Even in these times, when newsprint is restricted, we find the *Sentinel* as ready and willing as ever to give this hospital every support and help. That help is greatly appreciated."

SIR FRED HAYWARD

The Cause of the Local Hospitals

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Alderman Sir Fred Hayward, said the accounts were far better than he had expected them to be. He urged the fullest possible support of the hospital, as it was now performing a great service, and there would be equal need for its services when the war was over. It was hoped, therefore, that the desired increased measure of support would be forthcoming, as the needs of the hospital remained constant, and a balance on the wrong side only accentuated the general difficulties of wartime.

Many other calls and appeals were bound to be made for wartime objects, but it was important that the public should not overlook the cause of the local hospitals. Without such hospital services the City would indeed be much the poorer.

The report and accounts were adopted unanimously.

HAYWOOD HOSPITAL ANNUAL MEETING

Miss B. Midgley (Matron), Alderman Sir Fred Hayward, Mr. J. Cope (Chairman), Mrs. W. E. Robinson and Mr. C. E. Lowndes (Secretary) with Chairmen of the various Committees at the annual meeting of the Haywood Hospital, Burslem.

D.F.M. FOR BURSLEM AIRMAN

SERGEANT T. R. NIXON

Sergeant Thomas Reginald Nixon, of No. 51, Squadron, R.A.F., whose home address is 3, Dickenson-road West, Boyd Green, Burslem, has—as briefly reported in the *Sentinel* on Saturday — been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal.

His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nixon, first learned of the honour when they read the news in the *Sentinel*.

Sergeant Nixon, who is only 19, is an old boy of Newcastle High

School, and from the time of leaving school until his enlistment in the Royal Air Force, just before his 18th birthday, he was employed at Messrs. W. T. Copeland and Sons, Ltd., Stoke.

LORD MAYOR'S LETTER

A popular employee, his success has given great satisfaction to his former colleagues and friends, and the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent (Mr. A. E. Hewitt), who is a Director of Messrs. Copelands, has written a congratulatory letter to Sergeant Nixon's parents. He has also written to Sergeant Nixon himself, stating that his parents, his school, his firm and the whole district are very proud of him.

Sergeant Nixon's father is himself an old soldier, and during the last war received the award of the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry from the hands of King George V. He is hoping to be present when his son receives the D.F.M. from King George VI.

BIBLE SOCIETY

Biddulph Auxiliary Raise £72

Satisfactory reports were presented at the annual meeting of the Biddulph Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, held in the Central Methodist Church.

Mr. R. W. Heath presided, supported by local clergy and ministers. Mr. A. Bond (Secretary), the Rev. S. E. Williams, of Birmingham, and others.

Items were given by the Biddulph Male Voice Choir and Mrs. H. Foden was the soloist.

The statement of accounts showed that the amount being sent to the parent Society was over £72, which was considered satisfactory.

The Rev. S. E. Williams gave an interesting address of the work of the Bible Society.

FOOD CENTRES IN RURAL AREAS

Newcastle Rural Council decided at their monthly meeting that the Clerk should ask the County Council for the use of one of the existing Council schools in Audley as an emergency feeding centre.

The Council expressed appreciation of the offer of the Vicar of Madeley of a room or rooms at the Vicarage for use as a feeding centre.

It was decided that no formal shop closing order be now made for the Rural District, but that the following hours of closing should be recommended to shopkeepers: Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; other evenings, 7 p.m.; early closing day, as at present.

Mr. J. J. Marier proposed, with regard to officials, that in cases where they did not get their holidays last year, they should receive an extra holiday in compensation.

This was agreed to.

An extended report will appear in the *Weekly Sentinel*.

Local Success.—Joan MacDonald, Member of the Royal Academy of Dancing has passed her Intermediate Examination. This talented young dancer is a pupil of Miss Mollie Shaw and is giving her services to various war efforts &c. B12

To-day's Wireless

FRANK BRIDGE'S MUSIC

Sir Henry Wood will conduct the B.B.C. Orchestra in a programme of Frank Bridge's music at 8 o'clock to-night, and at 9.20 the B.B.C. Theatre Chorus and Orchestra will be heard in music of Maurice Besly. Gladstone is featured in the Great Parliamentarians series at 10 o'clock.

HOME SERVICE

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1.15: Dohnanyi, Herbert Wetmar Piano Quintet. 1.30: For Schools 3.0: Peter Rush's Band 3.30: British Music, 1900-1920 Frederick Septimus Kelly 4.0: Sir Adam Strong's Pavilioned in Splendour 4.20: H. Gaul (Recording Service) News in Welsh 5.20: Children's Hour

6.0: Time; News. 6.30: News in Norwegian. 6.45: The World Goes By. 7.15: It Isn't True. 7.40: St Church Looks Ahead. Frank Bridge's Music. 8.0: B.B.C. Orchestra, Sir Henry Wood (conductor). 9.0: Time, Big Ben; News. 9.20: Maurice Besly's Music B.B.C. Theatre Chorus and Orchestra. 10.0: Great Parliamentarians—S. Gladstone. 10.50: Service in Gaelic. 11.0: B.B.C. Military Band. 11.30: Geraldo's Orchestra 12.0—12.20: Time; News

FOR THE FORCES

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1.15: Greetings from Canada. 1.45: Shanties and Sea Songs. B.B.C. Men's Chorus. 2.10: Gramophone. 2.50: Don Pedro's Cuba Caballeros. 3.0: Home Service. 3.30: Gramophone. Best Accord Variety from Northern Scotland. 4.20: Home Service. 5.0: Edna Hatfield and Mark Strong on Two Pianos.

5.15: B.B.C. Theatre Organ. 5.30: Any Questions?—H. Tiarks, Tomsett. News. 6.30: Britain and Its Music. Songs of Scotland. 7.0: Sing-song. 7.30: Sports News from Canada. 7.40: B.B.C. Theatre Organ. Can Play, He Came by Night, by Anthony Gilbert. 8.20: Scott and Whaley in The Laugh Trail—3. 9.0: Time, Big Ben; News. 9.20: Billy Cotton's Band. 10.0: Anona Winn. 10.30—11.0: Tunes from Many Lands. The Caravan Players.

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NEW CATTLE DISEASE ORDER

Midland Counties "Standstill"

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made an Order applying the provisions of the Foot- and - Mouth Disease (Controlled Areas Restriction) General Order, 1938, to the counties of Chester, Derby, Stafford, Salop, Warwick, Worcester, Hereford, Radnor, Brecon, Glamorgan, Monmouth, Gloucester, and Flint and parts of the counties of Lancaster and Denbigh.

The Order does not apply to those parts of the counties which are already subjected to infected area restrictions.

The Order is designed to control the movement of animals into, within and out of the areas. It requires that no market or sale of animals shall be held in the area, except such as are restricted to fat stock for immediate slaughter and are licensed by the local authority.

A PRECAUTION

The making of the Order is a purely precautionary measure. Its purpose is to prevent the spread of disease to other parts of the country. It has been necessitated by the fact that animals affected by the disease have been widely distributed in the area in question from a market in the affected area. There is some reason to fear that other markets may have become infected.

It is hoped these measures will be effective and that it will not be necessary to keep them in operation for any lengthy period.

DEATH OF MRS. S. S. ORME

Esteemed Uttoxeter Resident

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Beatrice Orme, wife of Mr. S. S. Orme, of Bradley House, Uttoxeter, a well-known business man in the town and a member of the Uttoxeter Urban District Council.

Mrs. Orme, whose death occurred on Monday, after a long illness, was a native of Burslem and was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. J. Grocott, for many years Stationmaster at Norbury. She had been a devoted worker for the Uttoxeter Parish Church. Mr. and Mrs. Orme had been married 35 years and there are three sons and one daughter. Mr. Orme is a partner in the business of Messrs. G. Orme and Sons, Ltd., of which the three principal shops are in Uttoxeter. One of their several branches is at Stoke.

FORMER HANLEY TRADER

Late Mr. R. Reeve

There were many expressions of sympathy and esteem at the funeral at Hartshill Cemetery of Mr. Roland Reeve, of 4, The Green, Harpfields, Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr. Reeve was for many years in business in Hanley, trading as Insulls, seedsmen, at Parliament Row. Owing to indifferent health, he recently disposed of this business. He was held in high regard in the district. Together with his wife, to whom deep sympathy has been extended, Mr. Reeve was a devoted worker at the Hartshill Parish Church.

Preceding the interment, a service was held at the Hartshill Church, conducted by the Rev. R. H. Wyatt (Vicar).

The principal mourners were Mrs. Reeve (wife), Mr. and Mrs. H. Reeve (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Reeve (sister), Mr. A. Reeve (brother), Miss Bigden, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Dudley, Mr. Donald H. Bates, Mr. O. C. Blader, Mr. Hyde, Mr. W. Braden, Mr. Holme, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bates, Mr. Walker, Mr. Emery, Mrs. Malkin, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Walley, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wyatt, Mrs. Bostock, Mrs. Handcock, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Braddock, Mrs. Bridgeway.

The bearers were Mr. A. Reeve, Mr. R. Reeve, Mr. L. Brideway and Mr. Watts.

There were numerous floral tributes.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by W. H. Jervis and Sons, Hanley.

Injured in Fall From Bus

Mary Boulton, aged 27, a pottery worker, of 19, Terrace Buildings, Fenton, sustained injuries to the left ankle when she fell from a bus at Stoke, while on her way to work early this morning. She was taken to hospital.

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Longton Brotherhood

Mr. H. Leese, of Longton, was the speaker at the Brotherhood service held at the Central Hall, Longton, his subject being "Jacob's assurance of God's Love." The Chairman, Mr. A. T. Finney, presided. Prayers were offered by Mr. John Tune, and the Lesson read by Mr. George Kirkham. The soloist was Miss Freda Jones, of Edensor, and Mr. Percy Webb accompanied at the piano.

TUNSTALL W.V.S.

Auxiliary Firemen Assist Funds

Tunstall A.F.S. members organised a successful concert, in aid of the funds of the Tunstall Section of the W.V.S., at the Tunstall Town Hall.

Mrs. Walker (President of the Tunstall W.V.S.) presided and there was a large attendance.

The artists, all of whom gave their services, were:—

Mr. Michael Gilligan (baritone), Mr. Arthur Dowler (humorist), Mr. Wyn Jesson (pianist), Madge Lees (variety artiste), Mr. Vincent Sneyd (tenor), Mr. William Lovatt (accordionist), and Mr. Jay Hollins and his Grand Hotel Dance Band, with Mr. Jack Seabridge as compere.

Cordial thanks were extended to the artists for their entertaining show.

Tunstall Comforts Fund

A successful whist drive was held at the Town Hall, Tunstall, in aid of the Civil Defence Comforts Fund (Tunstall Section). The prizes were given by members of the committee and other friends. The M.C. was Mr. E. Rathbone, and the winners of the prizes were:—Ladies: Highest score (special prize), Mrs. J. Leese; 1, Mrs. H. Brown; 2, Mrs. E. Rathbone. Gentlemen: J. Mr. J. Riley; 2, Mr. J. W. Breeze. Miniature whist: Ladies, Mrs. J. Leese; and gentlemen, Mr. A. Webb.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. O. E. Bratt, President of the Tunstall Section.

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