

Normandy in Surrey

Normandy in the Press

Part 3

(Great War)

“Normandy in the Press” presents a past view and happenings of the village as seen from selected reports and articles in the local papers. The reader should note that until 1955 Normandy was predominantly part of Ash, Willey Green was part of Worplesdon and a small part of Flexford was in Wanborough.

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1914 December 5th

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy - A Good Record

The parish of Wyke and Normandy, a village of just over 900 inhabitants, has on its roll of honour the names of 25 men now serving in the army and navy. The women meet every week at the Parish Room, and have up to now finished 242 garments for the Red Cross Society, the Belgians and The Queens, including 40 men's shirts, 14 bed jackets, 13 pairs of socks, 85 pillow cases, two nightingales, five pairs of mittens, eight pairs of flannel pants, one pair of boys' knickers, nine women's undergarments, twenty children's under garments, four boys' serge blouses, eleven girls' serge skirts, thirteen women's serge skirts and four women's blouses.

1915 January 2nd

Surrey Advertiser

Wyke and Normandy School concert - Headmaster retirement

Enjoyable concerts were given last week by the children of Wyke School. The programme included songs, recitations and sketches, and although everything was exceeding good, the performance of the infants and the singing of the senior children deserve special mention. The Headmaster (Mr Blaber) Announced that the proceeds amounted to £3 1s 6d, which would be handed over to the Belgian Fund. Mr Blaber also stated that this would be his last school concert, as after serving for sixteen years in Wyke he would in a few months be leaving the profession.

At the conclusion of Mr Blaber's remarks, three hearty cheers were called for him by Sgt G Bonham of the Queens, an old Wyke Schoolboy, who spoke of the regret that would be felt in the village, at the news of Mr Blaber's departure, and expressed a wish that a new master would be found as good as the old one. The cheers were very heartily given, and Mr Blaber having thanked the audience, the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

1915 January 16th

Surrey Advertiser

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The late Sir Owen Roberts - Memorial Service at Wyke (*report*)

1915 April 10th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

As a taxicab containing four soldiers was passing through the village on Sunday, a tyre came off one of the wheels, causing it to skid and overturn in the ditch by the roadside. One of the occupants, who was extricated from underneath the cab, was badly injured and was removed to the County Hospital, Guildford.

On Sunday evening a whist drive was held in the Parish Room in aid of the War Fund, but there was only a moderate attendance. The prize for ladies (given by Mrs Elliott) was won by Miss R Marshall and that gentlemen (given by Mr Hubbard) was won by Mr Worland.

1915 June 19th*Surrey Advertiser***Military hospital at Henley Park** - accommodation for 50 patients (*long report*)**1915 July 17th***Surrey Advertiser***Ash - School Gardens**

Mr W H Porter, correspondent, wrote that he was directed by the managers of Wyke Church of England School to enquire whether the Council would be prepared to let for the purposes of School gardens, the small corner of the land adjacent to the School property, which was now apparently waste land, though a portion of the Recreation Ground at Wyke. The Rev F N Pickford moved that the consent of the Parish Council should be given to the proposal, remarking that it would encourage the children to take an interest in gardening. Mr Beeton seconded. The Rev F N Pickford added that it was interested if Col Coussmaker did not require to use the land he had allowed the boys to cultivate in the past, to continue in occupation, and to grow crops of potatoes, either for the use of the boys' own families, or for the soldiers in local hospitals. The motion was carried.

1915 July 31st*Surrey Advertiser*

Son of Mr Philip Henriques JP CC and Mrs Henriques of Normandy Park and 33 Grosvenor Square, London, (Second Lieutenant P Brydges Henriques), 8th Kings Royal Rifles, killed in Flanders on Saturday 24th July. (*report*)

1915 August 7th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Mr A Stedman of Glenmore, Normandy has received news that his son Sgt R W Stedman R.F.A was involved on July 18th in France. He was wounded in seven places in the left ankle and leg by shrapnel, and was taken to a base hospital where he remained for a week. Now he is in the Military Hospital at Whitchurch near Cardiff, where he is progressing favourable. Sgt Stedman has been at the front since last November, having come from India with the battery.

1915 October 16th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke**

Wyke church was prettily decorated for the harvest thanksgiving services on Sunday last. The preacher in the morning was the Reverend F C Lacy. The offertories, the fruit, and vegetables were given to the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

1916 January 1st*Surrey Advertiser***Christmas at Henley Park Military Hospital.**Fairy in a Christmas pudding (*Long report*)

1916 February 19th*Surrey Advertiser***Ash****The level Crossing Gates.**

Mr Field complained of the unreasonable delay to traffic, owing to the lengthy period the gates were kept closed at the level crossing at Ash Junction. He said that on a recent Sunday his motor was detained for nearly an hour. He moved that a letter of protest should be sent to the railway company.

1916 March 11th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****St Johns Ambulance Parade.**

The Guildford Division of the St Johns Ambulance Brigade attended morning service at Wyke Church on Sunday last. The division under Supt' Martin Williamson marched from Wanborough Station to the Post Office, where they were met by Lady Roberts, the Commandant, and twelve of the patients and members of the staff from Henley Park Military Hospital. Lady Roberts having welcomed them, they proceeded to the church, and the Reverend F N Pickford gave an appropriate sermon on Sympathy.

1916 March 18th*Surrey Advertiser***Ash - The Level Crossing.**

In reply to the letter of the Council to the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company, as to alleged unreasonable time the gates were kept closed at the Junction level crossing, Mr Edwin G Cox, superintendent of the line, wrote that he had full inquiry made respecting the complaints, and was assured that at no time had the gates been kept closed for nearly an hour at a time. There had been one or two exceptional cases of longer delay than usual, in consequence of an abnormally long train from the Great Western Railway to Aldershot, conveying horses on Government account, having to be reversed at Ash, but the delay on those occasions was nothing nearly approaching an hour, should any further representations be made to the Council he should be much obliged if they would obtain the dates and times at which the alleged obstruction occurred, so that he might be in a position to say exactly what transpired.

1916 April 22nd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Tribute to a great soldier**

Corporal Albert Collyer - killed 19th of March 1916
(*report*)

1916 May 13th*Surrey Advertiser***Ash Parish Council**

Technical classes - Mr Alfred Payne, Secretary of the Ash and Normandy Technical Education Committee, reported that some excellent work had been accomplished at both Ash and Wyke during the past session, which reflected great credit to the instructors, and also on the keenness and skill of the students.

1916 August 12th*Surrey Advertiser***Published by authority of the War Office.**

Information regarding the whereabouts of the undermentioned men who have failed to appear for Military Service will be welcomed by the Recruiting Officer, Borough Hall, Guildford. Information furnished will be treated as STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Normandy

Clarke Arthur, 38 Single - 2 Eva Cottages

1916 September 30th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Baby show - in connection with Wyke, Normandy and Wanborough Nursing Association held in Parish Room. (*report*)

1916 October 13th*Aldershot News***Boys death at Normandy**

The Coroner for West Surrey, Mr Gilbert H White, held an inquest at the Anchor Inn, Normandy on Thursday afternoon touching the death of Frederick McIntyre, aged 14, the son of Mr and Mrs McIntyre of 8 Garcloch, Mill Road, Glasgow, whose death took place the previous Tuesday. Mr Stedman was the Foreman of the jury.

Mr Horace Gates of Bentley Cottage, Normandy, said the deceased was his brother-in-law, and he had come to live with witness for a change of air, owing to an attack of rheumatic fever, which he had had prior to coming to this district. Witness moved from Farnborough to Normandy only the previous weekend and deceased came with them. On Tuesday evening just before midnight deceased sat up in bed and asked for a drink of water. He was given this and shortly after expired. Doctor Fleming of Pirbright was called in.

Doctor Fleming said that when he saw deceased life was extinct. He made a post mortem examination and found death was due to heart failure following a rheumatic fever.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

1916 November 3rd*Aldershot News***Ash Notes**

Ash and Normandy residents will hear with regret the news of the death of Private Thomas Blaber, London Regiment who was killed in Achan recently.

Private Blaber was the only son of Mr and Mrs Blaber, who resided in Normandy for about fifteen years, and left the village about two years ago. Mr Blaber was for many years headmaster of the Normandy Schools and Private Blaber was, before he enlisted at the beginning of the War, also a school teacher. He commenced his teaching at the Ash Street School, afterwards went to College and at the time previous to his enlistment was a teacher at Berkhamsted Schools.

1916 November 4th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Killed in action**

Rifleman Robert Elliott, Queens Westminster Rifles, who has been killed in action, was the son of Mr and Mrs J Elliott, Gray Street, Workington and nephew of Mrs Elliott of Normandy. Deceased, who was 31 years of age, was a young man of marked ability, and after serving for some years in the office of the Secretary of the old Workington School Board, secured the position of assistant secretary of the Kingston upon Thames Education Committee. He was sent to Ireland during the recent rebellion there, and he had been previously wounded at the front. In a letter to the parents, Lieutenant Brakspear says Rifleman Elliott was killed instantaneously.

1917 January 13th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Commission for Mr R C Stedman.**

We are pleased to learn that Mr R C Stedman, youngest son of Mr Arthur Stedman of Normandy, has been granted Second Lieutenant on the East Surrey Regiment. Second Lieutenant Stedman spent eight years in the territorials and went to India with the 1st/5th Queens in October 1914, returning as a time expired man in June 1916. After coming home he was for a time in the 2nd/5th Queens and was then chosen for a commission. His period of training was spent in Ireland.

1917 April 21st*Surrey Advertiser***Henley Park Military Hospital**

Great pleasure was conferred on the patients and staff of the above hospital on Saturday last, when through the generosity of Mrs Henderson, Hascombe Grange, near Godalming, and excellent concert was provided. There was quite an array of talent, and the various songs, and amusing and clever ventriloquetism, were enthusiastically received. Sergeant Green D.C.M Army General Staff on behalf of the men, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Henderson and the performers, and the men showed their appreciation by hearty cheers.

1917 May 19th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Private T P Marriot (London Regiment), an old boy of the Guildford Grammar School and Goldsmiths College, has been wounded by shrapnel in the thigh, whilst other pieces bruised his arm and broke the lock of his rifle. He is in hospital doing well. Previously he was in the torpedoed *Invernia* on the penultimate voyage, he was nearly frozen to death in a blizzard, which raged 36 hours, and missed being buried in his dug out by ten minutes.

1917 June 16th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Cruelty to a Horse - Farmer heavily fined.**

At the Camberley Police Court on Thursday, John Knight of Cobbetts Hill Farm was summoned for permitting a horse to be cruelly ill treated on 24th May. A lad in the defendants employ said that when harrowing grass seed, the horse fell into a hole, where it laid until the knacker came to take it away the following day. Walter Butcher, carter, father of the last witness, said he killed the horse after it had been seen by a Veterinary Surgeon. The horse had fallen down at work two or three times.

Inspector Jones R.S.P.C.A said he saw the horse lying in the field. It was in a very poor condition,

very thin and very old. It had not got one sound tooth. The horse fell on the morning of 24th May, and it was killed on the following evening. It was too weak to get up. Mr Carter, Veterinary Surgeon, Aldershot, said he thought the horse was between 25 and 30 years old. He advised it being destroyed.

Lily Strickland employed at Cobbetts Hill Farm, said the horse had been regularly fed, but would not fatten. The Chairman, (Mr H J B Hollings) said the Bench considered the case an exceeding bad one, and defendant would be fined £5 including costs.

Walter Butcher a witness on the last case was summoned for ill treating a horse on 24th May, and James Knight was summoned for permitting such cruelty. Inspector Jones said Butcher was driving a pair of horses attached to a large roller. One of the horses had a large sore on the off shoulder, and was quite unfit for work. Knight was fined £2 and Butcher 5/-, the Chairman stating that no doubt he felt that if he refused to take the horses out he might lose his place.

1917 June 23rd

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Westwood Farm, Normandy, of which Mr A Barr is owner, was the scene on Wednesday morning of a fire which resulted in the destruction of valuable stock of cereals. At 8.15am fire was discovered to have broken out in the barn where the corn was stored, and after an unsuccessful attempt had been made to subdue the flames with buckets of water, a call was sent to Guildford fire Brigade, which arrived under Chief Officer G Hickman shortly before 9.30am - within fifteen minutes of the call. A few minutes afterwards the motor engine of the Aldershot brigade was also in action, and the flames were quickly got in hand. The steam engine of the Aldershot brigade subsequently arrived, but its services were not needed.

The barn was gutted, the only portion to remain being the corrugated iron roof and the iron supports, with a few charred remnants of the woodwork. The greater part of the contents of the building - including ten tons of wheat and half a ton of oats was destroyed - the little corn remaining being rendered useless through the water. Damage was also done to the six stall stable adjoining, and a cowshed, but the dwelling house and other barns in the vicinity were saved. The whole of the damage is covered by insurance.

Carpenters Sudden Death.

An inquest was held by Mr Gilbert H White at the Church Room, Normandy on Wednesday evening on George William Summers (45) a carpenter and joiner, who had been employed at the Cambridge Hospital, living at Spring cottages, Pirbright Road, Normandy who died suddenly early on Tuesday morning.

Evidence was given by Annie Summers, the widow and Leonard Summers, son of the deceased. The latter said his father saw Doctor Wright on Saturday, and did not go to work on Monday, as he did not seem well. Witness went out with him and when they returned about 8.30am deceased fell down near the bedroom door. He was removed on to the bed, when he became unconscious. Deceased did not regain consciousness. Doctor Wright saw him that morning and again in the evening.

Doctor Eldred Wright of Ash said death was due to cerebral haemorrhage due to atheroma, accelerated possibly by the fall. The jury, of whom Mr A Stedman was Foreman, returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

1917 June 30th

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The collections and subscription in connection with the Normandy Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary service last week amounted to over £55.

1917*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****A Double Bereavement**

Mrs F Collyer of Hillcroft, Pirbright Road, Normandy had suffered a second bereavement by the war, having received official information that her only surviving son, Henry, a cooks mate on a destroyer, had lost his life on 30th June through the vessel having struck a mine in the North Sea. Henry Collyer who was 23 years of age and an old boy at King Edward School, Witley. He had two or three narrow escapes from death previously. He joined the Navy in March 1913 and had gained his stripe for eleven years (?) good conduct. After seven months service he won a prize of ten shillings - a silver medal and certificate, for the excellence of his exhibit at the Naval Cookery Exhibition in 1913.

Deceased served first on the Indomitable, and was in the bombardment of the Dardenelles in 1914. In January of the following year he was in action in the North Sea. Subsequently he was transferred to a minesweeper which was torpedoed the day before the Jutland battle, and was in the water an hour and a half before being rescued. His next boat struck a mine in the Atlantic in March last, and was sunk, and again he was rescued only to lose his life three months later as stated. His only brother, Fred Collyer, a first class stoker on the Queen Mary, lost his life in the Battle of Jutland. Mrs Collyer wishes to thank all friends for the sympathy she has received.

(Note- Henry Collyer was serving on HMS Cheerful when it was sunk by a mine in the North Sea on June 30th 1917).

1917 August 25th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Death of Mr J Collins**

The death took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon at the Red Braes Nursing Home, Guildford of Mr James Collins of Vales Farm, Normandy, at the age of 60. Deceased who was taken suddenly ill a week ago with appendicitis was removed to the nursing home, death taking place after the operation which was found necessary. Mr Collins was well known in Normandy and district as a practical farmer, he having been a tenant of Bailes Farm for over 38 years. He leaves widow and one little girl with whom much sympathy will be felt.

1917 September 1st*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**Funeral of Mr J Collins *(report)***1917 September 15th***Surrey Advertiser***Ash**

Parish Council - Food control arrangements

Mrs Pickford has been appointed for Normandy. *(extract)***1917 October 20th***Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Sale of Work**

On Friday last week a very successful sale of work was held in the Wyke School rooms in aid of the fund for restoring the heating system and roof of the church. It was opened by Mrs Cruickshank (Commandant of Henley Park Hospital) and stalls were arranged by Lady Roberts, Mrs Addington, Mrs Field, Miss Hill and Mrs Pickford with many kind helpers. The proceeds realised over £55.

1917 November 10th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Mrs S Marshall has received word that her son, Lance Corporal Marshall, The Queens, has been wounded on the right arm (fracture) and is now in hospital in Sandgate.

A whist drive, promoted by Mrs Cooper to provide comforts for local men at the front, was held in the Parish Room on Wednesday night, the prize winners being Mrs Hubbard, Mrs Rolfe, Miss A Marshall (booby), Mr South, Mr Hubbard and Mr Woods (booby).

1917 December 15th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Doctor Chester has written to the Ash council regretting the mistake in cutting firs on the Wyke Recreation Ground or damage done by the Government contractors, and promising to see that the damage was made good.

1917 December 22nd*Surrey Advertiser***Death of Military Medallist**

Mrs Burleigh has recently received the sad news that her husband, Gunner George Edward Burleigh, son of Mr and Mrs Burleigh, Pirbright Road, Normandy has died in action in France as the result of shell shock. He was 26 years of age and joined the Army before he was 18. Earlier in the present war he was awarded the Military Medal for saving life. The deceased's Major, writing to the parents says: 'I have always held the highest opinion of your son - his bravery and conduct was always of the highest order and I have lost one of the best men in the battery'. The officer expressed his deepest sympathy with the parents and deceased's wife.

1917 December 22nd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Henley Park Military Hospital.**

A Christmas effort on behalf of the friends of the Henley Park Military Hospital, successfully organised by Mr George Shaw, took place at the Hospital on Wednesday evening, under the superintendence of the matron. It was reported that £14.13s had been raised, and prizes were awarded as follows: -

Live pig - Mr Rixon, Worplesdon

Turkey - Mrs T Bowyer, Normandy

Couple of fowls - Mr E Woods, Normandy

Rabbits - Mr F South - Ash, Mr A Jelley - Brookwood, Mrs A Marriott - Normandy,

Mrs Atfield - Pirbright, Miss L Howell - Normandy, Mr A J Goodwin - Woodbridge Hill, Mr G Chittleburgh - Woodbridge Hill.

1918 February 4th*Surrey Advertiser***Wanborough**

Private Charlie Boxall, Kings Liverpool Regiment, son of Mrs Boxall, Brickfields, Wanborough, has been reported missing since 30th November 1917, and no news has since been received of him.

Before the war he was employed by Miss Hammersley of Ash. He was 19 years of age, and his mother would be glad of any information concerning him. Another son of Mrs Boxall, Private W Boxall, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, was reported missing on 24th May 1915, and is presumed to have been killed about that date.

1918 February 20th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Ash and Normandy War Savings Committee.**

Mr Lloyd Joyner, Flexford, Guildford Road, Ash, Honorary Secretary of the above committee, informs us that it has been decided to form four War Savings associations in the parish, namely Ash Victoria Hall, the Ash Vale, the Ash Street, and the Wyke and Normandy Association. He hopes all inhabitants will join one or other of the associations.

1918 April 26th*Aldershot News***Wyke****Successful lantern lecture**

A most successful lantern lecture on 'War in the Air' was given last Monday in the Parish Room. All arrangements were made by Mr Miles (Chairman), Mr Collyer and Mr Woods, member of the committee of the Wyke and Normandy War Savings Association. The proceedings were opened by the Vicar, the Rev F Pickford. The function was capitably worked by Mr Woods, and the explanatory lecture was lead by Mr Britton. Both the pictures and the description of them were hugely appreciated by a full house. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr Britten and those who had organised the lecture and two new names were added to the list of members of the Wyke and Normandy War Savings Association. The Association, though only affiliated to the end of February already had 33 members and the numbers are increasing steadily.

1918 June 3rd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

A whist drive in aid of the Surrey Prisoners of War Fund was held in the Parish Room on Wednesday. The first prizes were won by Mrs Woods and Mr Howerd.

1918 June 3rd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Private R E Trickey, M.G.C, son of Mrs Trickey, Pirbright Road, Normandy, is in hospital in Nottingham, suffering from a gunshot wound in the left foot received in France on 3rd of May. Before the war he was employed at Messrs Allen and Lloyds, Aldershot.

1918 June 3rd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy**

Second Lieutenant R C Stedman, youngest son of Mr A Stedman, Glenmore, Normandy, died in France from wounds received. (*Long report*)

1918 July 15th*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Possession of a cottage**

At Guildford County Court on Thursday, Mrs Elizabeth Hale, Junction Cottage, Ash, claimed for the possession of a cottage, Fernhill, Guildford Road, Normandy, occupied by James T Mullard, labourer. Mr E Jackson for Mrs Hale said the house was inherited by Mrs Hale under her father's will, and at the last court his Honour adjourned the case for a month, and advised that terms should be come to. Thereupon he wrote to Mullard, but could only report that the result was 'perfectly hopeless'. He asked his Honour for an order for possession on the first Monday in August, at a weekly rental meanwhile of 4/-. Mullard said he could not get a house before Michaelmas, and declared that the house did not belong to Mrs Hale. Judge Harrington - 'it does not belong to you - and she has proved her title'. His Honour made the order asked for and allowed costs on scale B.

1918 July 22nd*Surrey Advertiser***Wyke and Normandy****Boys' theft of a bicycle.**

At the Farnham Bench on Thursday, George Alfred Frank Kinge was charged with stealing a bicycle value 30/-, the property of Ernest Goodchild of Normandy. Prosecutor said he placed the bicycle against the back door of a house where he went to do some work. Defendant who was working with him in the morning in the garden, shortly afterwards left, and did not return, and he (witness) afterwards missed his bicycle. From a statement made by defendant to the police, it appeared that he smashed the back wheel when riding at Horndean, and sold the bicycle for 6/-. A letter was read from the Gordan Boys' Home stating that the lad had been discharged because he was continually absconding. Defendant stated that he would like to go to sea, and he was remanded for a fortnight to allow inquiries to be made.

1918 November 1st***Aldershot News*****Wyke****Successful operetta.**

An attractive operetta, entitled, A Christmas Carol (by Charles Dickens) was given by the choir of St Marks Church, Wyke, in the Wyke schools on Friday and Saturday. The attendance on each evening was very good, some 280 tickets having been sold, proceeds of which are to go to the Choir fund and Red Cross.

Each entertainment was preceded by a prologue by Master Allan Hyman, which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Performers included: - Miss Welsford, Winifred Breton, Mrs Nobbs, Gladys Benwell, Lily Mumford, Marjorie Matthews, Florence Packham, Alma Roberts, Pearl Collyer, A Gower, A Arthur, Mrs Prior, Edith Gower, Annie Gower, Molly Dyson, Nora Mumford, Ruby Collyer, Evelyn Prior, Harold Benwell, R Shorter, E Bowbrick, W Bowbrick, Edgar Marriott, and Eric Marriott.

Great credit is due to all who carried out their part exceedingly well. The dresses and costumes were all that could be desired, and was evidence of much time and labour having been spent in making them so attractive. The carols were loudly applauded by the audience especially the solo by Miss Madge Matthews, entitled "Angels ever bright and fair". The Reverend F N Pickford, on behalf of the audience, thanked Miss Booty, Choirmaster and organist, and Miss Welsford, for the great pains they must have taken in training the children, whom he was sure had done reasonably well. Thanks were also due to those who had provided the curtains etc, and to those who had made the proceedings such a success.

A charming tableau was the last scene on the programme, and the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.
