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RURAL COUNCIL.

Police Assistance to be Sought For Stanmore.

HOUSES FOR LITTLE STANMORE.

Hendon Rural District Council decided to seek the assistance of the police in stopping heavy vehicles from descending down Great Stanmore Hill, at a meeting held on Thursday last. The matter was brought to their notice by a number of complaints from those living in the vicinity. It was stated that it was causing considerable damage to properties on the Hill.

Councillor F. L. Cross presided, and others present were:—Councillors G. F. Telfer, J. Branagrove, O. R. Serjeant, and S. B. Drake, with the Clerk (Mr. J. B. Willis).

The Highways and Town Planning Committee reported that the Clerk had been in communication with Mr. A. Newton, the owner of the coffee stall at Canons Park, in the Stanmore Rec. ground, to show reason why the stall, which was stated to contravene the bye-laws, should not be pulled down. It was decided that the Clerk and the Surveyor should interview Mr. Newton and inform him of the alterations required to bring the stall in compliance with the building bye-laws.

Mr. T. V. Howells forwarded a letter to the Council received from Messrs. Hemming and Son, which stated that the Council had not extended the sewer in Hale-lane, Edgware, so far as it had been agreed with their client, Mr. G. H. Cross. It left a portion of the Edgware Manor Estate and the Highview Estate without drainage. It was further intimated that unless the sewer were completed, their client would not accept the compensation agreed upon for giving up certain land to the Council for the widening of Hale-lane.

It was decided that the Clerk and Surveyor should arrange an interview with Mr. G. Cross or his representative and endeavour to bring to finality the long outstanding settlement of a claim to compensation.

PROPOSED BUS ROUTE.

The London General Omnibus Company, Ltd., sent in a formal notice of a proposed single-deck bus service operating between Edgware Tube Station and Whitchurch, via Church-lane and Whitchurch-lane, and returning via Buckingham-road.

The Surveyor reported that he considered the roads unsuitable for such a purpose.

It was agreed that the Bus Company should be notified that the Council were of opinion that the proposed service should not use Buckingham-road where the carriageway was too narrow.

NOT IN AGREEMENT.

A letter was received from the Great Stanmore Parish Council seeking the support of the Council for not confirming the contention that the path in the Carreras Sports Ground, running to Honeypot-lane, was not a public one, and further stating that they would contest any application which would place the public rights unless the District Council were able to robut evidence in the question, viz., "Notorious and uninterrupted use of the way by the public for over 25 years."

The Highways and Town Planning Committee found that the path was mentioned in the Council's Town Planning Scheme as a footpath to be stopped up or diverted, and it was decided to reply to that effect to the Parish Council.

WHITCHURCH LANE.

The Ministry of Transport wrote intimating that for the purpose determining the grant towards the cost of widening and reconstructing Whitchurch-lane, Edgware, they had decided not to regard the locus of the scheme as a built-up area. They also enclosed a formal statement of a grant of £50,252, representing 76 per cent. of the total expenditure of £67,002. This was considered satisfactory.

The Council accepted a tender of £42,291 13s. 9d. for the widening and reconstruction of Whitchurch-lane and Church-lane.

CANONS PARK LAKE.

A letter was received by the Housing and Town Planning Committee from Messrs. Hemming and Son on behalf of Mr. G. H. Cross, the owner of The Lake, Canons Park, Edgware, enquiring what provisions the Council were acting on in having the lake scheduled as an open space.

It was decided that the Clerk should inform Messrs. Hemming and Son that the lake was to be scheduled as an open space and that any representations they might wish to make against that being done should be put forward at the Public Local Inquiry, which would be held by the Ministry of Health.

WORKMEN'S DWELLINGS.

It was unanimously decided to apply to the Ministry of Health for sanction to borrow £10,150 for the purchase of part of Berridge Estate, Little Stanmore, for the erection of working class dwellings, under the Housing Act, 1925.

TO BE FENCED IN.

An application was received from Edgware Parish Council that steps should be taken to improve the condition of land at the rear of the Council Schools, Edgware, which was being used as a dump for builders' rubbish. It was decided that the land should be fenced in.

FINCHLEY GAS TRAGEDY.

Husband Finds Wife Dead in Bedroom.

A verdict of "Suicide whilst of Unsound Mind" was returned by the coroner, Dr. G. Cohen, at the inquest held on Mrs. Elizabeth Wiles, of Abingdon-avenue, East Finchley, on Friday.

Mrs. Wiles who was 31 years of age, was found lying dead on a mattress in the bedroom of her flat on Wednesday.

Mr. Richard Wiles said that his wife was quite all right before she had a small operation a few days about ten month ago. She was rather peculiar at certain times, and had been complaining of her nose again. He left home at 7.15 a.m. on Wednesday and returned about 12.45 p.m. Going upstairs to the top flat which they occupied, he smell gas, and he went into the scullery but found the gas there quite all right. He went into the bedroom and found his wife lying on a mattress on the floor. There was a flexible piece of tubing attached to the gas bracket and the gas was turned on. He sent for Dr. Cohen.

P.C. Oven, S Division, said that he was informed by Mr. Wiles that he had found his wife gassed. He went to the house and was told by Dr. Grimson that she was dead.

Dr. Thomas Grimson said that when he saw deceased she was dead. Death was due to coal gas poisoning.

FINCHLEY DIVORCE SUIT.

In the Divorce Court on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Hill, Mr. John Brendon Neal Baldwin, of Dollis-road, Church End, Finchley, petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Grace Emily, on the ground of her adultery with a co-respondent named Webber. The adultery was not denied.

The marriage was on June 23rd, 1921, at St. Paul's Church, Mill Hill, and the parties afterwards lived in Station-road, Church End. Co-respondent used to deliver coal at the house and eventually the wife left home and she and Webber were proved to have lived together at an address in St. George's-square, Primrose Hill, N.W. Mr. Baldwin admitted a lapse on his part, and, in granting a decree nisi, Mr. Justice Hill said it was a proper case for the exercise of his discretion. He made an order for co-respondent to pay costs.

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Mr. Jesse Byatt is 78 years of age, but he still holds a licence, although he is prevented by ill-health from driving. He has been a cabby for 59 years and he drove a hansom for 41 years.

Starting life as a van-boy with the Eastern Counties Railway, he became familiar with London and he secured his licence from Scotland Yard about the year 1870. It was not long before he possessed a cab of his own and three good horses.

He drove King Edward when he was Prince of Wales, and other passengers included the Duke of Connaught, Lord Salisbury, Joseph Chamberlain, Lord Randolph Churchill and Durasel. One fare, known as the "mad parson," would insist on sitting on the top of the cab with his legs dangling over the front.

Mr. Byatt tells of one cabby, Non Parrell, who invariably placed a sporting paper in his cab for the use of his clients, and a fare was once fined £1 for taking the paper away. The name of "King of the Cabmen" was given to Non Parrell and he became famous when, after drivers were forbidden to leave cabs unattended at meal-times—a tab-horse having unattended at meal-times—a tab-horse having run away and knocked down a Member of Parliament while its owner was at lunch—he would sit on top of his cab outside a famous club to take his lunch, and toast the members through the windows.

Mr. Byatt once picked up a passenger who was in a desperate hurry, and when a policeman held him up Mr. Byatt signalled that he had a very important person inside. The cab was allowed to go through, the destination was reached in time, and the fare gave the driver a double tip and promised him a reference if ever he had difficulty in getting his licence.

A sportsman all his life, Mr. Byatt walked to Epsom to see Hermit win the Derby in 1867. He was then 16 years of age. He recalls when young sportsmen would arrange races down Piccadilly and back and when the cabbies held trotting races at Alexandra Park.

FINCHLEY SWIMMING CLUB

Inadequate Public Baths For the Size of the District

At the annual general meeting of the Finchley Swimming Club a resolution was passed calling the attention of the Finchley Council to the extreme inadequacy of the swimming bath to the needs of the neighbourhood, and suggesting that the time might be ripe for the building of a much larger and more up-to-date bath.

A letter was sent to the Clerk of the Council expressing the resolution and concluding said: "The Club is aware that the present bath was, in fact, only part of a scheme which included the provision of a large open-air bath, capable of greatly extended facilities for swimming, diving, water polo, and life-saving practice, and capable also of providing ample accommodation for swimming galas, displays and exhibitions. We understand that the development of the complete scheme was held up at the outbreak of war.

"The Club does not wish to stress the minor details in which small improvements might be made in the present bath, for these are matters which the Council's own officers already have before their notice. The object of this letter is to voice the real urgent call there is in the district for a further and more ample swimming bath. At present adult swimmers living in Finchley mostly obtain their swimming outside the district. Residents in business in town use town baths, and residents engaged in business locally patronise Wood Green, Hampstead, Hendon, Kentish Town and Broomfield Park rather than visit Squires-lane. This is quite contrary to modern notions of civic development and ratepayers generally consider their local Council should provide facilities, conveniences and amenities on a par with other surrounding districts, with which it must otherwise compare unfavourably as a place of residence.

"The increased assessment of the district at the present time will, we feel, make the inhabitants of Finchley more than ever alive to any shortcomings in the neighbourhood, and we therefore urge upon the Council the necessity for keeping fully abreast of the times, especially where there is such a definite concensus of opinion as to the desirability of increased swimming facilities within our own borders.

THE COUNCIL'S POSITION.

The Clerk of the Council, in reply, said:—"The Committee direct me to state that they are fully alive to the fact that having regard (*inter alia*) to the growth of the district the existing swimming bath is inadequate, and that they have given the whole matter careful consideration, but they do not feel that the present is a suitable time to provide a new bath in view of the changes of an important nature which may possibly arise in consequence of the passing of the Local Government Act, 1929, e.g., alterations of boundaries of districts, etc. Furthermore, the committee are of the opinion that in any event the question is one which should be dealt with in conjunction with the development of the portion of the globe land reserved for municipal purposes.

"I would add that, as a temporary measure and in order to meet to some extent the present situation, the Council have recently approved plans prepared by the surveyor showing certain alterations to the baths."

WHETSTONE SALE OF WORK.

Rain Mars St. John's Summer Garden Fete.

Owing to a heavy and continuous downpour of rain from mid-day on Saturday, the summer garden fete of St. John's Church, Whetstone, arranged to be held in the beautiful grounds of Woodside House, Whetstone, suffered considerably. The various stalls had bodily to be transferred to St. John's Hall, and in the circumstances several of the attractions, including some of the sideshows, had to be abandoned. The display by the Girl Guides, the Band of Hope, and the children of St. John's School, was also cancelled.

The Rev. E. S. Sheppard, vicar of St. John's, in introducing Lady Barratt, who opened the fete, said the object of the sale was to raise funds to pay off debts which had been hanging on for 18 months.

Lady Barratt said she thought it was wonderful the way they had transferred the sale to the hall. Women could do a great deal nowadays, but they could not rule the weather. In her experience she had found that the worse days very often produced the best results, and she felt that they should do very well.

Miss Peggy Turner presented her with a bouquet of roses, and Mr. T. J. Turner proposed a hearty vote of thanks.

The boys' band of St. Mary's, Islington, brightened up the proceedings during the afternoon, and provided the music for dancing in the evening.

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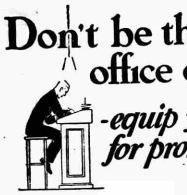

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WEEK-END TRIP WINNER.

Lady From Brussels Secures Lucky Ticket at Golders Green Fete.

Miss Johnson, whose home is in Brussels, won the week-end trip to the Continent in the ticket competition at St. Alban's fete, Golders Green, last Thursday. Miss Johnson is at present staying at an hotel in Princes-square, S.W.

Other successes in the same contest were secured by Mrs. Hayter, 21, St. John's-road, Golders Green (permanent wave); Mrs. Rogers, 101, North End-road, Golders Green (striking clock); Mrs. Cocker, 2, Romney-close, Garden Suburb (basket of fruit); Miss Amis, 26, Erskine-hill, Garden Suburb (pair of pictures).

As a result of the most successful summer function ever held in the parish, £235 18s. 3d. had been received by Monday. The proceeds are for the Permanent Church Building Fund.

MASONIC NEWS.

Golders Green Club of Instruction.

At the weekly meeting of the Golders Green Club of Instruction, held at St. Barnabas Hall on Sunday morning, Mr. E. D. Warren occupied the chair, supported by the following officers:—Mr. E. D. Warren, S.W.; Mr. R. G. Goldston, J.W.; Mr. Ernest Carter, P.M., Preceptor; Mr. W. A. Perkins, P.M., Secretary; Mr. Joseph Davies, P.M., D.C.; Mr. E. H. Gould, S.D.; Mr. R. Manning, J.D.; Mr. J. Landstone, I.G.

The Secretary was the recipient of expressions of regret that it had been necessary for his wife to enter hospital for an operation and of hopes for her speedy recovery.

It was announced that next Sunday's meeting would be the last of the session, as there will be the usual adjournment over the months of July and August.