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Navy Days Here Again

THE Easter week-end again brings the first of the year's Navy days in Portsmouth, where the arrangements have been made to welcome thousands of visitors to the various classes of ships that are to be open to the public. The holiday season also coincides with renewed efforts to combat the litter nuisance. The new campaign is backed by Government departments, local authorities, transport organizations and bodies concerned with the preservation of amenities, and its slogan will be "Keep Britain Tidy." Not much imagination is required to realize that the clearance of litter from our streets, parks and countryside each year involves a considerable cost in money and labour. In London's five Royal parks 50 men are employed whole time on the work, and at holiday periods no fewer than 150 are required to clear up the mess left behind by careless and thoughtless folk while on leisure bent. There are other aspects of the litter nuisance which cause the seaside resorts a good deal of trouble. Chief of these is the breaking of bottles on the beaches, resulting in injuries to the feet of bathers and paddlers. In the countryside similar debris left by picnic parties may injure animals or damage harvesting machinery. Whilst it should be the aim of everyone to keep our streets and countryside free from litter at all times, there is a particular reason for doing so in this Coronation year, when we shall be entertaining so many visitors from other countries.

Industrial Building

FOLLOWING the falling of the veil of secrecy on the conference called by the Lord Mayor to consider the unemployment situation there is hope that more light and action may result from the next meeting of the Portsmouth District Advisory Committee. Sir Luke Pawcett, Chairman of the Southern Regional Board for Industry, proposes to attend the April meeting of the Committee to report personally on the recommendation that unemployment should be taken into account when the granting of industrial building licences is being considered. It will be recalled that this proposal was initiated by the Portsmouth Committee and was taken by Sir Luke to the conference of Regional Board chairmen. An invitation is also being extended to the Regional Controller of the Board of Trade to be present at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee, when further discussion is proposed on the three building licence applications in which the Committee is particularly interested. The Portsmouth Committee must be given credit for persistence with which this matter—an important one of principle so far as rebuilding operations in Portsmouth are concerned—has been pursued. The result and the reactions of the Regional authorities is awaited hopefully and with some anxiety for the sake of the unemployed in the trades involved.

HIGH TIDES, PORTSMOUTH

	a.m.	Height	p.m.	Height
Fri April 3	1.08	12.5"	1.23	12.5"
Sat " 4	1.40	12.4"	2.00	12.1"
Sun " 5	2.13	11.9"	2.42	11.5"
Mon " 6	2.47	11.3"	3.35	10.9"
Tues " 7	4.06	10.9"	4.50	10.9"
Wed " 8	4.48	10.8"	5.27	10.8"
Thur " 9	5.18	10.8"	5.50	11.1"

Chichester Bar, add 2min., Fareham, add 19min.; Lansdowne Harbour, add 10min. Nab Tower, subtract 10min.; Bembridge, add 5min.; Portsbridge, add 3min.; Ryde, subtract 7min.; Seaview, subtract 20min. (Times.)

April

Absorbed in their play, children know little of the complicated world outside their own homes and schools. Parents and others responsible for them bear this in mind, and wisely turn to the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company when making provision for their future.

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Diary of Man About Portsmouth

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EASTER week-end is always a notable landmark in the year for Portsmouth. The Navy Days bring thousands to the City and, if their impressions are favourable, may cause these visitors to decide to spend a longer holiday here during the summer.

It is, then, in the City's interest that it should look at its best, and make a big effort to please these early visitors.

In this connexion I was surprised that advantage was not taken of the fine weather to brighten up the exterior paintwork of South Parade Pier. Money, I know, is tight, but paint of this structure doesn't look as spick and span as one would expect to find them in Coronation year.

Outward Bound

While thousands will be flocking into the City, however, many more will be moving in the other direction, if the weather is kind.

Portsmuthians are lucky in having some of the finest scenery in the country almost on their doorstep, and trips to woodlands and downs are a popular way of spending the first holiday of the year.

It is easy to think of the country as just a playground for city dwellers, but people who live there don't see it this way. When the holiday is over, I hope there will be fewer complaints about broken bottles, picnic fires, and field gates left open. It's not much fun spending a bank holiday rounding up cattle that get out because a hiker forgot to shut a gate!

Learning the Job

VOLUNTEERS who join the 22nd Hampshire (Portsmouth East) Home Guard Battalion can rest assured that they will get plenty of opportunity for useful training. Each man is taught to handle a rifle and Bren gun, and mortar, and also gets training in field work and battle craft. There are weekly parades, and each man is expected to do 15 hours' training a quarter. Rifle shoots on Wednesdays are always popular, and the battalion is affiliated to the South Hants and Home Guard Rifle Association. Several members have had experience at Bisley.

New Factory

THE Ministry of Food's decision to recommend the granting of a £110,000 building licence for a new two-story potato crisp factory at Paulsgrove is partly the result of two years endeavour at national and local level.

At Westminster the negotiations for a site and licence have been assisted by one of our M.P.s, Brigadier T. Clarke, while here in Portsmouth much has been done by the Lord Mayor-select, Councillor Frank Miles, and the Development and Estates Committee, whose chairman is Alderman Sir Denis Daley.

Originally a £250,000 building was planned, but the Board of Trade would not approve this, and ideas were scaled down.

The workless of the City cannot look for immediate relief as a result of the proposals, for it will be about two years before the extensions can be completed. Then it is expected another 100-150 will be absorbed.

The congested Mill Lane factory will be vacated, probably for another firm, who will in turn provide additional employment.

Luck of Draw

NINE pairs of tickets for Coronation Day Rifle Defence Mall have been allocated to workers, and as a result of a ballot, two tickets will be available for Portsmouth and two for the County of Hampshire. The tickets, incidentally, will cost the lucky recipients £8 a pair!

What's in a Name?

I NOTE that some members of Portsmouth Education Committee would like the Building School renamed because, in the words of a Ministry inspector, it is a technical secondary school with a building bias.

The point arose when Alderman Privett asked if it were true that, of 120 boys leaving the school each year, only 40 entered building trades. The reply revealed that the percentage was a little higher—45 per cent., said Councillor E. O. Raisson. As another member put it, however, a boy entering the school at the age of 11 could hardly be expected to make a firm decision about what trade he would take up when he left.

Cutting the Cost

It was interesting to note that of 66 boys who left at the end of the summer, 21 came from the county area. Only six of these entered the building industry.

When the cost of a new four-form entry school — £200,000—was discussed, the committee learned that the Head Master had suggested a museum where work could be done by pupils as part of their training over a period of 10 years. This was expected to save £20,000.

Disappointed

THE cancellation of the presentation ceremony at Buckingham Palace through the death of Queen Mary, brought disappointment to Miss Clarke, the 18-year-old daughter of Brigadier Terence Clarke, M.P. She was eagerly looking forward to the opportunity of meeting Her Majesty.

At the moment Miss Clarke is completing an 18-month secretarial course in residence at Ashridge College, studying world affairs, economics, and other subjects necessary to equip her as a M.P.'s private secretary (not her father's, family discussion has ruled). Her sister, Gillian (16), is following in her footsteps at Princess Helena College, Hitchin, studying for her school certificate.

Both girls have found a common interest in rowing, and if the weather is favourable this Easter they will be out in their dingby on their local water at Emsworth, the boat being all ready for the water.

Family note: Mrs. Clarke was presented to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth three years ago. She was with Mrs. Stevens, wife of the Member for Langstone, and Their Majesties called them the "little Portsmouth group."

Young Offenders

JUVENILE crime increases in the immediate post-war years were blamed on a variety of factors, not the least of which were the absence of parents on service, shortages, lack of proper schooling, and reaction from the war.

Few certainly doubted if it would last at the same peak, and an unchartitable person indeed would be have been who suggested that in seven years time we should be faced with an even higher total of young offenders.

Yet 1952, as far as Portsmouth is concerned, goes down in the annual report of the Juvenile Court Panel as our blackest year, with a record number of 228 young people brought before the magistrates on indictable charges. (The Forty-one had been 257 for three years.)

The number of indictable offences has actually increased by 32 per cent. since the war, and, although there has been a slimmer similar rise in school numbers, during the last year offenders have increased by 30 per cent. compared with a rise in the school population of 3.5 per cent. The report's comment is, "For this position to exist after seven years' work of reconstruction shows no indication that the hope expressed in 1945 is materializing."

What is being done about it? For their part, the authorities have provided fine probation and welfare services, augmented by an Attendance Centre and Corstons Police Station. Parents can do much.

Vigilant

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

A short remembrance service for Queen Mary was held during the morning service at Winchester Cathedral on Sunday.

The Mayor of Winchester (Councillor Miss Doris Edmonds) and members of the Corporation attended the service, and detachments from the Rifle Depot, the Royal Hampshire Regiment, and H.M.S. Ariel were also present.

The Dean of Winchester (Dr. E. G. Selwyn) said in his address that Queen Mary's education, training and upbringing had taught her self discipline which enabled her to adapt herself to changing times. By it, she had maintained her hold upon the affections of her people.

YOUNG ARTISTS

A programme was given by talented youngsters at a meeting of Portsmouth Music Club. Taking part were: Pauline Madin (soprano), Julie Crispin (recitations), Dawn Holder (piano), John Jones (piano), John Murfin (soprano). Accompanists were Eileen Tizard and Elsie Wood.

150 YEARS AGO

(Extracts from the Hampshire Telegraph and Portsmouth Gazette of April 4, 1803.)

The Amphion, frigate, Capt. T. M. Hardy, is ordered to be fitted for foreign service and to drop down to St. Helen's with all possible dispatch. We understand Lord Nelson is to hoist his flag on board of her and proceed to command in the Mediterranean. The Victory, which is to be commissioned on the 24th inst. at Chatham, will be his Lordship's flag-ship.

We are concerned to state the loss of H.M.S. Determine of 28 guns, which sailed from Spithead in company with the Aurora with the 81 Foot Regiment on board for Jersey. Not having a proper pilot on board she struck a sunken rock a little distance from Normont Point and filled in about 15 minutes. Though every possible exertion was made we are concerned to say that about 40 lives were unfortunately lost. The Determine was formerly a French privateer captured by the Revolutionaire.

On Wednesday D. Dunworth stood in the pillory at the clock-gates for having King's stores in his possession. T. Clemmy, J. Phillips, R. Dadd and J. Wakefield were severally whipped for the same offence.

Chichester. — Goodwood Races, which commence during this month, are expected to attract a great deal of company.

The Militia of the County were embodied on Thursday at Brighton and Lewes. His Grace the Duke of Richmond presented them with their colours on Wednesday at Goodwood.

Co-op Dividend Increase?

Performing the opening ceremony at a bazaar organized by the Co-operative Joint Women's Guild, Mrs. Ada Jones (President of the Society) commented on the pioneer guildswomen, whose work had had a "tremendous effect" on the life of the modern working-class housewife.

Mrs. Pitchers stated that the local Society had a membership of 87,000 with total yearly sales amounting to £7,000,000. "We hope to increase the dividend for the next period," she said.

Proceeds of the bazaar held in Clarence Street, Portsmouth's Co-operative Hall, yesterday, are to help small local delegates to the annual conference.

General arrangements were made by the Joint Guild Committee, of which Mrs. R. M. Brown is Chairman.

Travellers Pay Him Honour

Portsmouth and Southsea branch of the United Commercial Travellers held a ball on Friday at the Clarence Pier Pavilion in honour of the Presidential Mr. A. E. Atifield. Mrs. H. G. Pulford, wife of the Chairman, presented a bouquet to Mrs. Atifield.

The President presented Past-Chairman's badges to Messrs. C. Ash, A. H. Bailey, J. Woodcock, H. J. Hawkes and E. E. Todd. He also presented a book to the retiring Secretary (Mr. M. J. Kemp).

Prizes were won by Mesdames Grace Quinton, Dunkerson, Spencer, Kemp and Burnell and Messrs. Shewring, Webb, H. E. Quinton and M. J. Kemp.

CHOIR RECITAL

The choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, augmented by friends, rendered "Crucifixion" by Maunders "Calvary," under the leadership of Mr. Bert Eyles, at Church on Sunday. The soloists were Mr. Hubert Purkis and Mr. Fernie Smart.

H.M.S. Vanguard, at Portsmouth, firing a 40-minute gun salute on Sunday, when Queen Mary's funeral was taking place at Windsor. H.T.2545.

"FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF QUEEN MARY"

Cathedral Service

THOSE who would honour Queen Mary, should do so by determinedly following the example of her steadfastness of spirit, seeking to hold firmly to the deep roots of faith on which it rested.

A representative congregation heard the Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. W. L. S. Fleming) offer this injunction at the Cathedral service held in commemoration of the late Queen yesterday.

Queen Mary had in a remarkable way carried forward into our time the strength, dignity and stability of the age in which she was born, said the Bishop. She brought these qualities into the constantly changing conditions of the present century, never ceasing to participate in the successive interests of her time.

"She moved with all that was good, resisting all that was evil and subversive, and made a unique and valuable contribution to preserve and exalt the Throne, and to set the monarchy in its true perspective in relation to a new Commonwealth and a new age.

UNDAUNTED SPIRIT

"The devotion she gave as a wife and mother, grandmother and great - grandmother, her zest for life, kindness, high sense of duty and service, sagacity and good judgment, were some of the facets of her personality associated with the singular devotion she inspired among all sections of society, old and young alike.

"But the aspect of her character which perhaps was the deepest mark was the unfailing gallantry with which she bore, after blow of suffering, sorrow, and bereavement—personal, dynastic and national. She not merely suffered these griefs, but rose above them with an undaunted spirit.

"We may be excused a tremor of apprehension at losing such a reassuring figure in these uncertain times — but if we would do honour to her memory, it will be our determination to follow the example of such steadfastness of spirit, and seek to hold more firmly the deep roots of faith on which it rests.

"The faith which sustained her life is the faith which unites us in our worship to-day.

"During this time in Holy Week, the thoughts of Christian people are focussed on those events on which the very existence of such a faith depends and which make the distinctive life and outlook of the Christian possible.

"The glory of the Christian Gospel is that it gives to our mortal lives the perspective of eternity."

The congregation consisted of the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire (Major Sir Ivan Wallington), the Lord Mayor and members of the City Council, who were robed, the Commander-in-Chief (Admiral Sir John Edelsten), and representatives of the Services, officials of the Corporation, representatives of the nursing services and of many associations and organisations of the City.

The lessons were read by Canon A. Cory (Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight) and the Rev. T. J. Lewis (President of the Portsmouth Free Church Council). The Cathedral Chaplains (the Rev. T. C. Heritage and the Rev. R. D. Deasy) also took part.

RESCUE HEROES HONOURED

ACTS of gallantry by three men and a youth who received awards of the Royal Humane Society at Portsmouth City Council Chambers yesterday, were described by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth as being "an inspiration to others."

In presenting the Society's testimonial on vellum to Mr. Alfred Victor Stead (44) an electrical fitter of 3, Orchard Grove, Portchester, the Lord Mayor congratulated him on the enormous task he had taken in making himself a human platform on mud.

Mr. Stead plunged into the water on his doorstep, adjoining Southampton Road, Paulsgrove, in June last year, to rescue 11-year-old Ronald Briggs, of 24, Winchcombe Road, Paulsgrove, who had got into difficulties there.

On his fourth dive, Mr. Stead recovered the body of the boy from the bottom, and then lay on his back on the mud to provide a platform for the body so that immediate artificial respiration could be carried out.

He remained in this position until almost submerged in mud and sea-water from the rising tide. Unfortunately the efforts were of no avail.

COPNOR YOUTH'S SWIM

The testimonial on vellum was also presented to a former pupil of the Northern Grammar School, Michael Alexander Hill (17), of 10, Eastbourne Road, Copnor.

In June last year, Hill swam to the rescue of Frank Bamber (30), of 27, Second Avenue, Farlington, at Eastney foreshore.

While in considerable danger of being dragged under, he towed Bamber to the shore, swimming a total distance of about 50 yards to effect the rescue.

In connexion with this award, Police Sergeant F. F. Huggett and Police Constable A. J. Moseley, of Portsmouth City Police, have been awarded the Resuscitation Certificate of the Society.

RESCUED GIRL

For bravely rescuing Shirley Thompson (16), of 164, Devonshire Avenue, Southsea, from Eastney foreshore on July last year, Mr. Reginald Laurence (41), Insurance Inspector, of 13, Tregarton Avenue, Cosham, and Mr. Frederick Blanchard (35), welder, of 31, Faversham Road, Wymering, were both awarded the Testimonial on parchment of the Society.

Miss Thompson was trying to reach a boat moored 150 yards from the foreshore, but became exhausted after completing about 100 yards of the distance. She was brought to the shore by Mr. Laurence and Mr. Blanchard, who had swum out to her assistance.

Mr. P. H. Childs (City Coroner), on behalf of the Royal Humane Society, thanked the Lord Mayor for making the presentations.

Mr. W N Wilson (Asst. Chief Constable) said the police were only too happy to help the Society in any way they could.

TO STUDY HAMPSHIRE HISTORY

HAMPSHIRE historians, antiquarians, archaeologists, educationists and members of many organizations, gathered at Winchester College on Saturday to form a Hampshire Local History Council.

The idea of starting such a Council arose last year, when Hampshire Council of Social Services invited a local history Standing Conference to discuss the local history problem with representatives of the County Council.

On Saturday, after hearing introductory remarks from Dr. A. T. P. Williams (Bishop of Winchester) and a talk by Sir Stephen Tallents, Chairman of the Standing Conference for Local History, the conference approved a resolution that a Hampshire Local History Council should be formed.

Dr. Williams said they all knew of the work of other societies in the county, but he was sure there was room for such a Council in Hampshire. It would stimulate interest in the study of local history, and would provide a means whereby people and organizations could get in touch with one another and compare notes.

IMPORTANT STUDY

It would also encourage the not only delightful and fascinating, but also very important study of history generally.

Talking of the functions of the Standing Conference of Local History, Sir Stephen Tallents said it worked closely with the National Council of Social Service, and in association with it. Twenty-four counties in England and Wales were members.

If they had knowledge of the village, town, or county, it gave them a background

Mr. Robert Hole (Chairman of the Hampshire Council of Social Service) proposed the resolution that a local history council should be formed.

Seconding, Miss Enid Sauler (Chairman of the Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes) said 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 Council will set out to bring together organizations and persons interested in local history; to encourage public interest; to demonstrate ways of study; and to pool information. It will encourage the preservation of local records, antiquities, and objects of historical interest.

Professor H. Rothwell, Professor of History at Southampton University, spoke of discoveries he had made while working on a mediaeval map of Hampshire.

Queen's Reply to County Sympathy

The Duke of Wellington, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, sent the following telegram to the Queen:

"On behalf of the people of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight I send to Your Majesty our deepest sympathy in the death of Queen Mary who for sixty years has been an example and an inspiration to all Your Majesty's subjects."

He received the following telegram from the Queen:

"I am sincerely grateful for your message. Please assure all those for whom you speak that I deeply value their sympathy."

FEWER WORKLESS

With the exception of the number of women out of work in the Gosport Employment Exchange area, unemployment figures in both Portsmouth and Gosport areas at March 16 were appreciably below February's figures.

Figures for this month are as follows (February figures in parentheses). Portsmouth area: Men, 1,543 (1,652); women, 1,530 (1,665); boys, 31 (40); girls, 38 (49). Total, 3,142 (3,406). Gosport: Men, 180 (203); women, 243 (228); boys, 8 (8); girls, 10 (28).

Queen Mary: Message from Duisburg

The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth has received this following telegram from the Oberburgermeister of Duisburg: "In the grief in which Great Britain has been plunged by the death of Her Majesty Queen Mary, Portsmouth will be sharing. I, therefore, feel urged to express to you and the people of Portsmouth the warmest sympathy of the town of Duisburg.

The following reply was dispatched: "The citizens of Portsmouth are deeply grateful for the people of Duisburg for the thoughtful message of sympathy conveyed on the death of our beloved Queen Mary."

Portsmouth Call for Uniform Coal Prices

Portsmouth West Women's Section will urge uniform coal prices throughout the country in a resolution tabled for discussion at the National Conference of Labour Women at Edinburgh on April 14—16.

A Ryde resolution suggests that children of school age should not be admitted to cinemas, even in the company of adults, when gangster and war films are shown.

GARDENS OPEN TO PUBLIC

The following gardens will be open to the public from 2 p.m. till 7 p.m. admission one shilling:

Good Friday.—Ashford Chace, Petersfield (Lord Horder), a garden of great botanical interest in the Sussex Sister Hill district. (Proceeds for the Order of St. John, Hampshire.)

Easter Monday.—Ashford Chace. (For county nursing charities.)

Easter Monday. — Soberton Mill, Swanmore (Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Dundas). Visitors may picnic by the river. (For county nursing charities.)

Easter Message

The spring sunshine gains strength by day; and across our Hampshire downs the thread of green mounts higher, almost as we watch; while in our fields, the good brown earth stands ridged in furrows; busy with birds, seeking their daily fare. Beside vegetated hedgerows, modest flowers raise their heads to the soft breeze. The resting lambs, dancing insects; and all the earth speaks to us of stress of life, and resurrection power.

—Will Hebdige.

Gosport.

MR. D. D. LINDSAY BECOMES HEAD OF MALVERN COLLEGE

Mr. D. D. Lindsay, Head Master of Portsmouth Grammar School, has been appointed Head Master of Malvern College.

He will take up this new post in September. His departure after 11 years of valuable service will be a great loss to the school and to education in the City.

He was appointed as Head Master in 1942 when the school was in evacuation at Bournemouth and he had to face many war-time problems and difficulties.

At the end of the war it was his task to superintend the return of the school and its re-establishment in its former buildings at Old Portsmouth.

Outstanding events under his leadership have been the opening of a memorial library and the beginning of a scheme for a new science wing.

Since 1942 the number of students on the roster has been increased from 350 to 870.

Mr. Lindsay was educated at Clifton College and at Trinity College, Oxford, where he obtained his M.A. degree. He achieved the distinction of senior history scholar at the latter college.

His first scholastic appointment was at Marlborough Grammar School and later went to Repton Grammar School, where he was Head Master for eight years prior to coming to Portsmouth.

During his appointments at Repton he was for six months a lecturer at Bristol University.

Mr. Lindsay is a member of the Portsmouth and Southsea Rotary Club.

GREAT BACH MASS SUNG BY GRAMMAR SCHOOL BOYS

PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S end-of-term service on Tuesday took the form of a performance of what is probably the most sublime expression in music of any of the great services of the Church—the B Minor Mass by Johann Sebastian Bach, presented at the Naval Barracks.

It might with some argument be argued that very highest musical and religious significance.

For the most part the singing was true and disciplined, and at times — notably in the "Patrem Omnipotem" and the great "Sanctus"—it became a magnificent paean of praise. The first treples were a little afraid of their top notes occasionally, and at times the altos lacked power, but the countless difficult entries for all voices were made almost without fault. Particularly effective were the "Et Incarnatus Est" and "Crucifixus" sung by a reduced choir.

Soloists were Nora Smith, Veronica Gulvin, Alma Parsons, Alan Hutchings, and Peter Jamenson, and the full orchestra of the Philharmonic Society was led by Ernest Barr. The piano continuo was in the hands of John Durrant.

—M.V.M.

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