

Barry's back at Royal Academy

A PAINTING which vividly captures the spirit of the old Elham Valley Railway will hang among over 1,000 works at the Royal Academy of Art this summer.

The painting — Chalk Bank — is one of two works to be displayed by artist Mr Barry Kirk, vice-principal of Canterbury College of Art, at the Academy's 214th summer exhibition until August 15.

Mr Kirk, of 13 High Street, Bridge, was a regular exhibitor at the Academy during the 1960s and 70s. Later branching out into one-man displays at private London galleries, he had few paintings to spare for the Academy until this year.

His other exhibit — Bescancon, The Weathercocks — is an oil on canvas of a citadel in an ancient French town, capturing the craggy stonework, undergrowth and animal life.

Mr Kirk is pleased that his work was chosen by the Academy's selection committee out of over 12,000 entries and believes the ex-

hibition has improved since he last entered.

"It is much more dynamic than it used to be. It is vigorous in its choice and includes paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures of a more contemporary and progressive nature," he said.

Luncheon

Lady Juliet de Chair

Lady Juliet de Chair was host at a luncheon party at the Savoy Grill on Thursday for the heads of departments of Cassell & Co to celebrate the publication of *Napoleon on Napoleon: An Autobiography of the Emperor* edited by Mr Somerset de Chair. Those present included Mr Jonathan Courtenay Grimwood, Mrs Rosie Anderson, Ms Jo Gill and Mr de Chair.

BRIDGE

DEATH OF DR. WILSON. — Gloom was cast over the village when Dr. Wilson passed away on Friday evening, after a few days illness. He had not been in good health for some time, but was able to carry on his practice, which covered a large area, including Bekesbourne, Barham, Bishopsbourne, Upper and Lower Hardres. He succeeded, about 30 years ago, Dr. Moorhead who left the district. A bachelor, Dr. Wilson resided with his brother, Mr. J. Wilson, on the death of his mother, the late Mrs. Wilson, at Bridge Place, Bridge. He was a member of a well-known Irish family. His two surviving brothers are Sir Samuel Wilson and Mr. Jack Wilson. Another brother, General Wilson, passed away a few years ago.

RESIGNATION. — At a Fire Brigade meeting on Friday a letter was read from Captain S. Gilbert tendering his resignation. He had been a member of the Brigade for a number of years, but now finds the duties too much for him. Lieut. F. Hogben is elected captain and Mr. F. Down, sen., becomes lieutenant.

Boyne Romance

IN London honeymooning are the Earl and Countess of Mount Charles. He is the eldest son of the Marquess and Marchioness Conyngham, and the first Earl, so it is said, to have had his wedding in Ireland for 25 years. It took place last Saturday at Castleknock, near Dublin.

The bride, formerly Miss Eileen Newsam, is a well-known rider to hounds in Ireland and an active pony club organiser. She is a descendant of Sir Christopher Wren.

Locally the marriage was described as a River Boyne romance. The Conyngham estate is on the left bank at Slane, where the salmon is. The Newsam family estate lies on the opposite bank.

Should there be an heir he will be the first Viscount Slane—the third title to the marquessate—for 200 years. Lord Conyngham sits in the House of Lords as Baron Minster.