

Competitors in the football competition.

## They are going to dig into history

A bid to discover more about Canterbury's distant past is to be made by local historians. On Wednesday the City Council gave the Canterbury Excavation Committee—a group of archaeologists of which the Town Clerk, Mr. John Boyle, is secretary—permission to make a dig on the site of the multi-storey car park in the city centre.

The site is right in the middle of what was Roman Canterbury. Several important discoveries have been made on the Whitefriars site nearby. These include evidence of continuous Roman and Anglo-Saxon urban settlements.

Although the excavations—probably a series of trenches—will be made by local archaeologists, they will be under the leadership of an expert appointed by the Ministry of Public Building and Works, possibly Mr. J. H. Williams, of Manchester University.

### Roman road

What will they expect to find? It is thought that a Roman road crosses one corner of the site.

"But apart from that nothing is known about this particular area," said Mr. Boyle. "It is quite a promising site and the beauty of digging is that you don't know what on earth you are going to find."

Stressing the importance of making the excavation, Mr. Boyle pointed out that once work started on the multi-storey car park a large quantity of sub-soil would be removed from the site.

"And when the building is completed the soil beneath it will be sealed off for perhaps as much as 100 years. This is the last opportunity left to historians for a very, very long time," he added.

## Canterbury soldier's sailing feat

Food poisoning and gales were just two hazards that a seafaring soldier from Canterbury underwent during a two-man crossing of the Atlantic under canvas.

Just back, after sailing the 35-ft. sloop "Rose Rambler" from the West Indies to Lymington, is Cpl. Kenneth Nunn (26), whose parents live in College Road, Canterbury.

Cpl. Nunn's Sir Francis Chichester adventure began when the yacht's skipper, Mike Pockock, called for a volunteer crew to fetch the sloop back to England from Grenada, in the West Indies.

Cpl. Nunn, whose previous experience was two weeks' training in sailing in 1963 and a little dinghy sailing since, was accepted as one of the crew of three.

### Taken ill

But it didn't stay three for long. Two days out of Grenada in the eight-ton sloop, the third member was taken ill with appendicitis and had to be put ashore at St. Vincent.

With no self-steering gear the "Rose Rambler" was hard work for the two-man crew, who had to spend hour after hour at the helm.

The last landfall before the Atlantic crossing was Antigua, which they passed on May 14. As they progressed winds rose to gale force, with huge seas crashing over the sloop.

Just to make matters worse both men were ill with mild food poisoning. As the gales blew harder and the seas got rougher they experienced trouble with the sails, and the mainsail had to be lashed down to the deck.

On June 5, while still far out at sea, the diesel pipe fractured and 56 gallons of fuel found their way into the bilges. For the next

few days—when not actually at the helm—the two men were kept busy pumping.

Landfall was finally made on the Bishop Rock at midnight on June 14, and the last leg of the trip was completed in very heavy weather.

The crossing from Grenada had taken 48 days and over 4,000 miles was covered.

Cpl. Nunn is at present stationed at the Royal School of Military Engineering at Chatham. His father was a W.O.I in the Royal Engineers.

## Runner-up in rifle championship

Corporal T. E. Harris, of the 5th Volunteer Battalion Queen's Regiment, Canterbury, was runner-up on Wednesday in the first rifle championship of the newly-constituted Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve.

He scored 313 out of a possible 350, in the six major events of the three-day meeting at Bisley, to finish 18 points behind the winner, Sergeant D. Witts, R.A.O.C.

The 80 competitors fired a series of events which included every type of battle shooting, snap-shooting, rapid fire and fire-with-movement, as well as the conventional target shooting.

Corporal Harris also won the T.A. bronze jewel, with 165 out of 200, the top score in one of the matches which made up the championship, and the silver medal for the top score in the corporals and privates class.



## Nurse weds at Bridge

The wedding took place at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, on Saturday of Mr. Dennis P. Le Mar, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Le Mar, of Dunkirk, to Miss Anthea M. Davis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis, of Apple Acre, Bridge.

The service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Colin Perry, was choral, and the hymns included "Lead Us, Heavenly Father" and "O Love Divine."

The bride, given away by her father, wore an Empire line dress of white lace over satin, with a train, and her headdress was a silver rose encircled by

lilies of the valley. She carried a bouquet of red roses and lilies of the valley.

Her attendant, five-year-old Elaine Johnson, niece of the bridegroom, wore a lemon-coloured lace dress and a head-dress of sweet peas.

The best man was Mr. Keith Davis, brother of the bride, and after the reception at Apple Acre, Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for a honeymoon tour of the West Country.

The bride, who is on the staff of St. Augustine's Hospital, Chartham, travelled in a navy blue Courtelle suit trimmed with white.

The bridegroom is a member of the office staff of the Lenfield Cable Company, of Canterbury, and the couple will live in Dunkirk.

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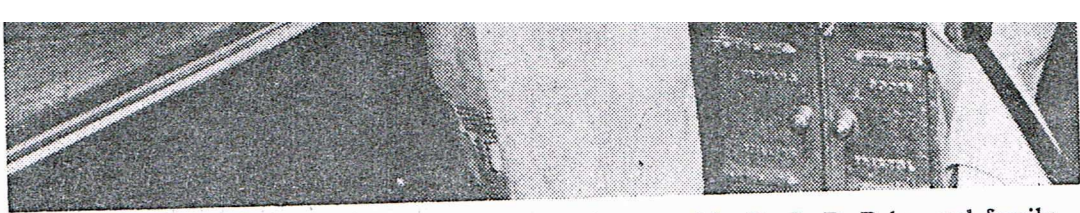
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Young girls of Bridge who are now making full use of the facilities and companionship offered them by the Brownies, under the leadership of Mrs. R. J. Good.



## Canterbury M.P. at Stodmarsh

Mr. David Crouch, M.P. for Canterbury, took part in a well-attended discussion group at Stodmarsh on Friday at the home of Major and Mrs. Croft. All shades of political opinion were represented.

Mr. Crouch said that there had been no growth in our economy for the last two years but in his Budget speech this year Mr. Callaghan had calculated on a three per cent. growth for 1967.

Already there were ominous signs that this would not be reached, and the Cabinet were considering drastic cuts in Government expenditure. It would mean further restrictions and reductions in public spending on schools, universities, teacher training colleges, hospitals, roads, as well as in defence and overseas aid.

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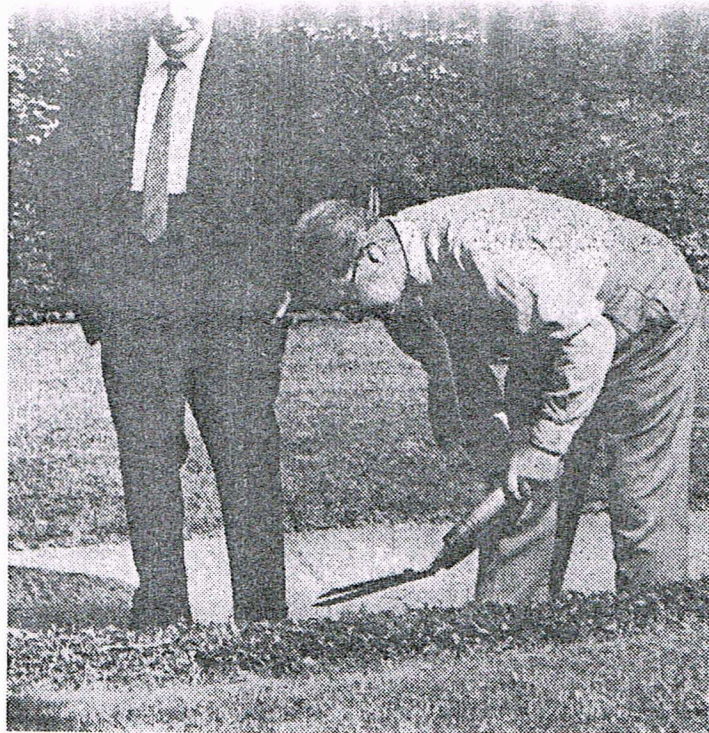
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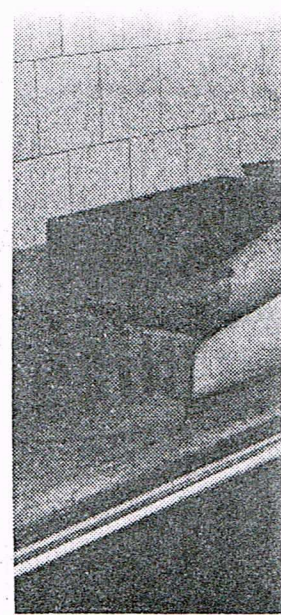
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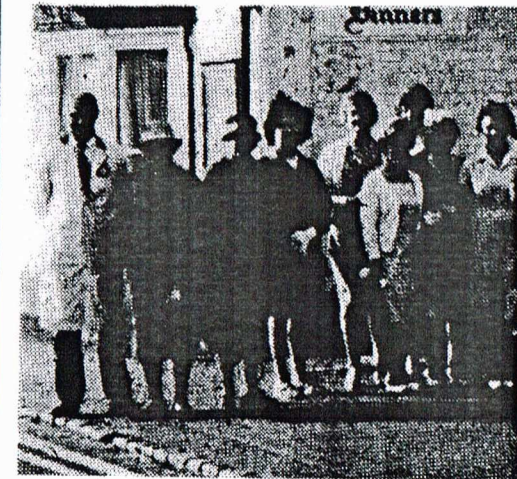


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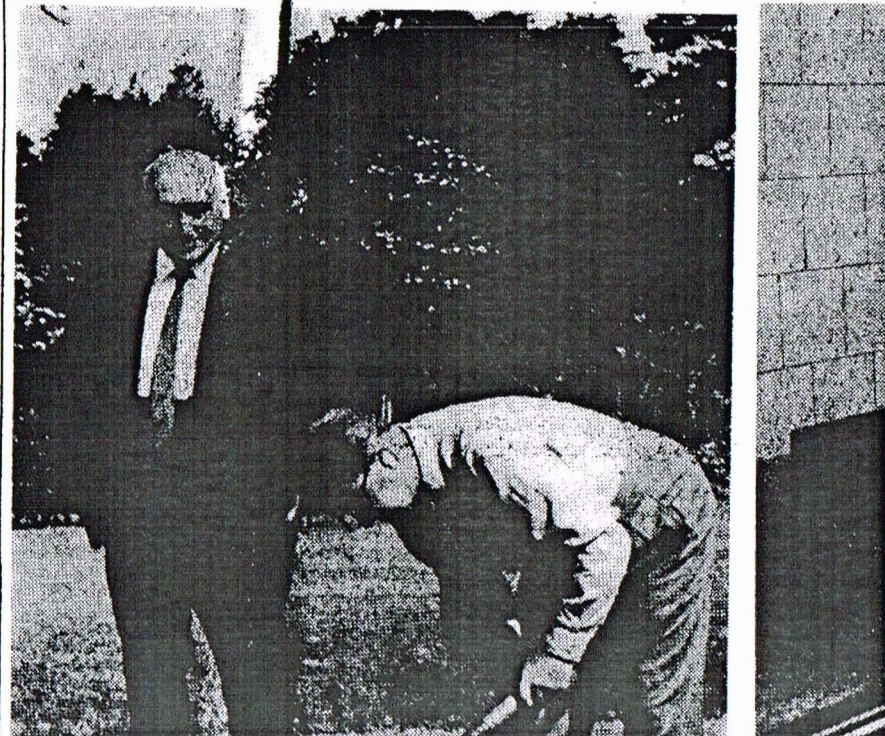


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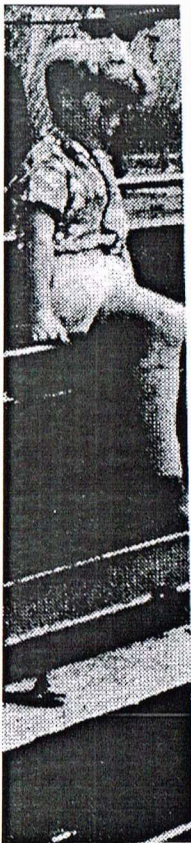
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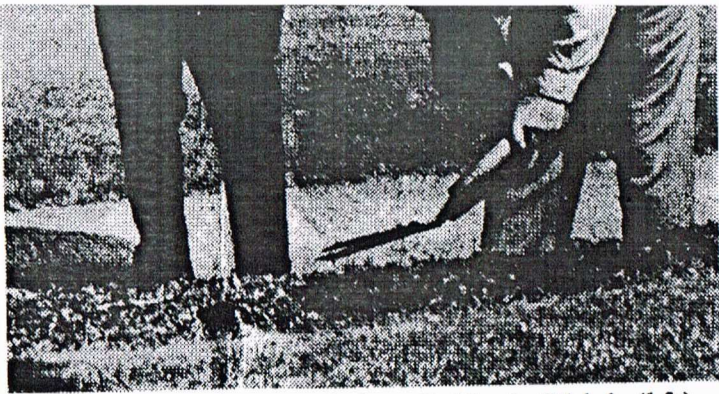
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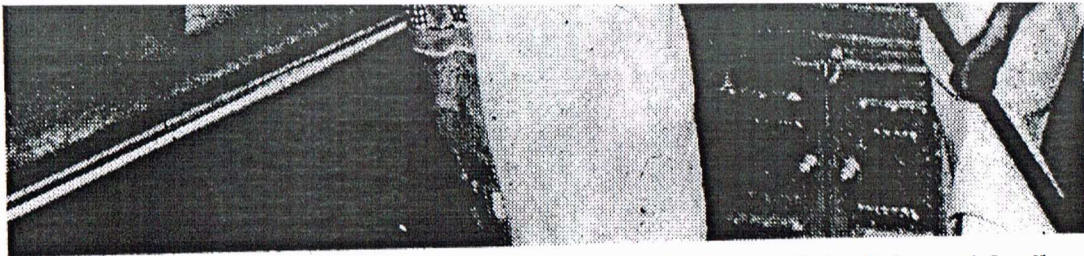
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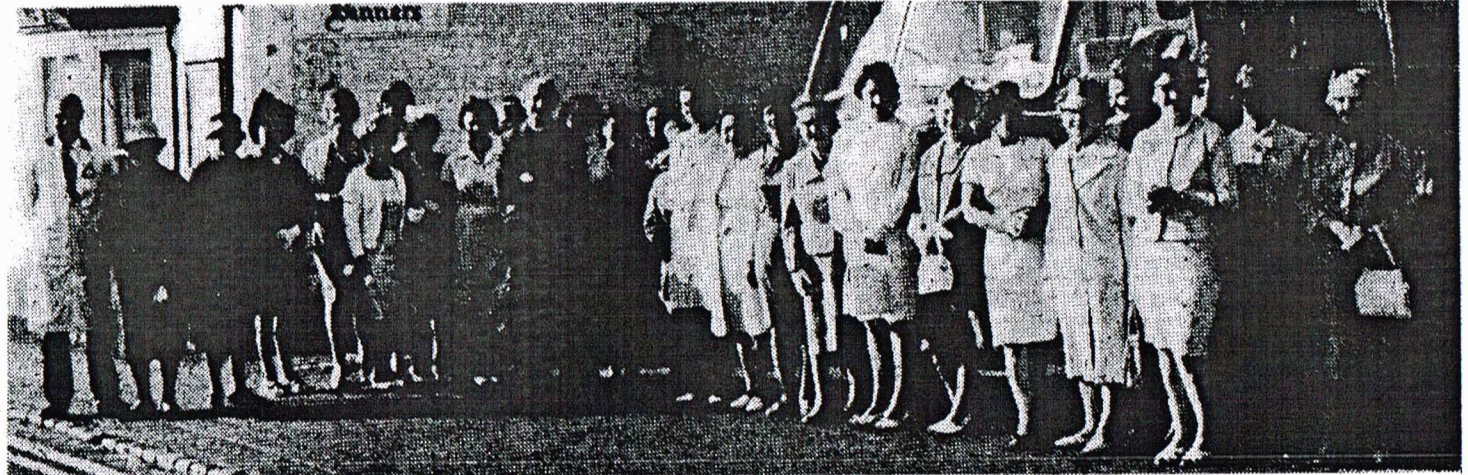
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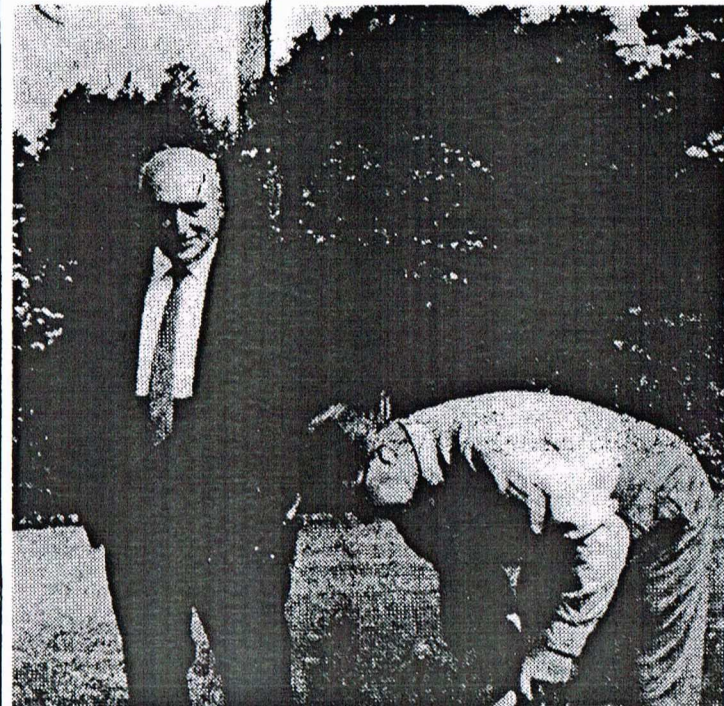
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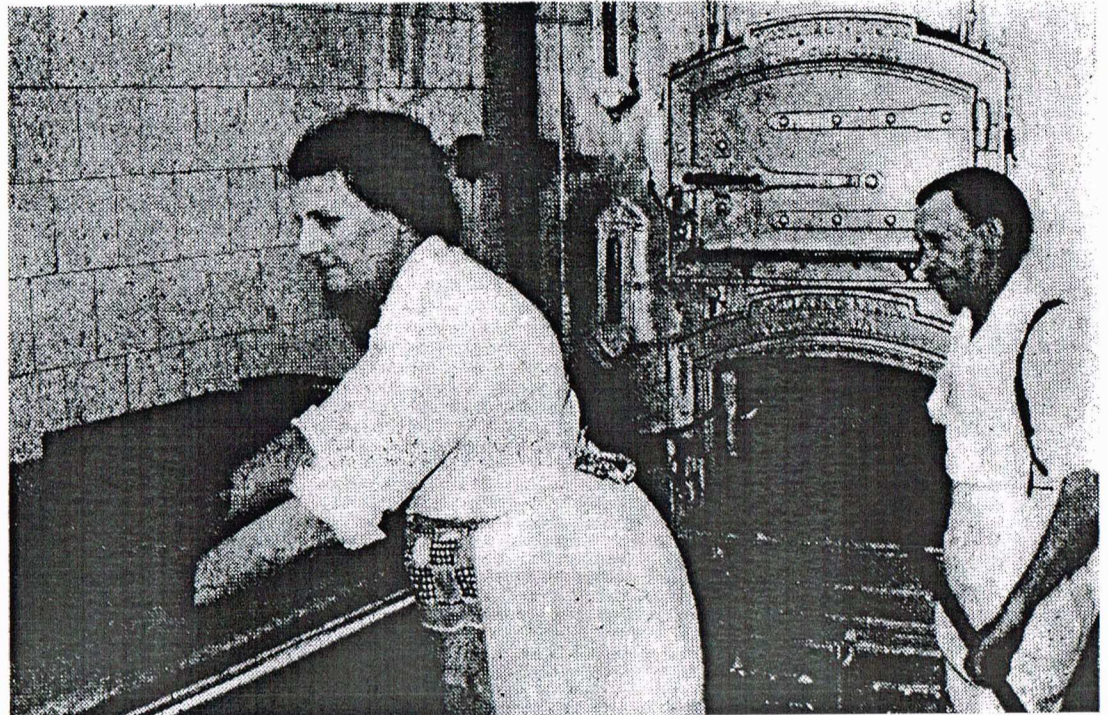
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Outing time for members of the Young Wives' Group, who have new Bridge housewives among their numbers.



School fete on





# PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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young swimmers when the school is on holiday. The school also has the proud boast of getting an average of 30 to 40 per cent. of children through to grammar schools. This is above average.

### The newcomers

Fully aware of all village problems is the chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. A. Stickels, of Lloret Cottage. Born in the area, he went away for a time but returned to the village for his retirement.

A member of the Parish Council for 10 years, he has been chairman for just over one. He is also secretary of the Canterbury branch of the Kent Association of Parish Councils.

Of the many new people coming to the village, Mr. Stickels said that three months ago they held a "Getting to Know Your Neighbour" evening, which was organised by Mrs. J. D. Smith. At first he thought the new people were inclined to segregate themselves but now they were taking an interest in village affairs and many made new contacts through the efforts of that special evening.

Looking at the problems of the village Mr. Stickels said they had not yet got a definite date for the Harbourne Valley drainage scheme but they knew that the authorities were looking into the matter and were working out their estimates.

Of the by-pass, Mr. Stickels said, "I am disturbed at the news that this is not likely to come for some years. Bridge is suffering from a lot of through traffic which goes at a fast pace.

"Some people are inclined to treat the High Street as a race track, particularly now that we have the yellow line parking regulations. With no traffic allowed to park by the side of the kerb, traffic is allowed a free road to speed through, leaving pedestrians in peril."

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Like Bridge, every community must have its problems, although some may not be quite as frank as Bridge when airing their difficulties. Yet, problems or not, the village is an extremely pleasing place to live and visit.

With its charming old-fashioned built-up area, Bridge is a village of contrasts. Away from the main road there are many beauty spots to be found, including the ford and the fields at the top of Conynham Lane—formerly Laundry Lane—but changed because some residents objected to that title.

Something of a roaming village, the High Street is tipped by St. Peter's Church, which is just around the corner from the Methodist Chapel.

The Vicar, the Rev. Colin E. H. Perry, has been in the village for three years, coming from St. Martin's and St. Paul's, Canterbury. He said that there was a great sense of village life and everyone was friendly towards each other.

### Stranger welcomed

Proof of these words came from Mrs. G. Flynn, of 12 Dering Close, who came to Bridge three years ago from Canterbury. On her first day in the village a stranger came to her house and said, "Welcome to Bridge and Bridge Church."

"Since then," she added, "I have seen many acts of kindness. Even now there are little gifts, such as bunches of primroses, left on my doorstep and I have no idea who leaves them—it is just another sign of the friendship here.

"Really, it is the most friendly community I have ever known and I have never found a grey sheep, let alone a black one."

With such glowing testimonials to the sincerity and friendly approach of the people, it is no surprise that the community spirit extends to the formation of many clubs and societies. All are aimed at cater-

three years ago, it has a membership of 36 and arranges coaching for beginners.

The ladies seem particularly well catered for. Apart from the Mothers' Union and Young Wives' Group, there is the Women's Institute under its president, Mrs. V. Dawson, of The Cottage, Bridge Hill.

Mrs. Dawson said that there were about 80 members and it was good to see the young people in the village joining the Women's Institute. They meet monthly in the Village Hall.

Apart from these organised gatherings, which also includes a chess club and horticultural society, popular informal meeting points are the three village public houses: The Plough and Harrow, the Red Lion and the White Horse. Here, not only do you find villagers, but also the townies who prefer a country pub for their evenings out.

The Red Lion gave local journalists' hearts a flutter when the engagement was announced between Miss Toni Gardner and King Hussein of Jordan. For it was revealed to a "Kentish Gazette" reporter that Miss Gardner had lived in Bridge when her father had been the

landlord of the Red Lion. Miss Gardner, now Princess Muna, is still remembered by many people in the village.

One of the strangest contrasts to be seen in the village is the arrival of monks at Bourne Park Benedictine Abbey, who have found themselves neighbours to the Bridge Country Club at Bridge Place.

The club will be run by Mr. Peter Malkin and Mr. Michael Loveday. It will have two dance floors and two bars. The gala opening is on July 26 with the appearance of Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen.

Asked of the residents' reaction to the thought of a club, Mr. Malkin said that at first people were a little afraid that there would be a lot of noise from late-night traffic going to and from the club. But that fear had disappeared now that they had built a separate driveway clear of any houses.

And so you could go on... new faces arrive, old ones look on, sometimes bewildered by what they see. Bridge has been courageous enough to accept change and now it can almost certainly look forward to a prosperous future.



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Air Vice Marshal A. P. Ledger and Mrs. Ledger (left) opened their home for a coffee morning and sale in aid of St. Peter's Church Chancel Fund. Just one of the many efforts being held to raise money for the village church.

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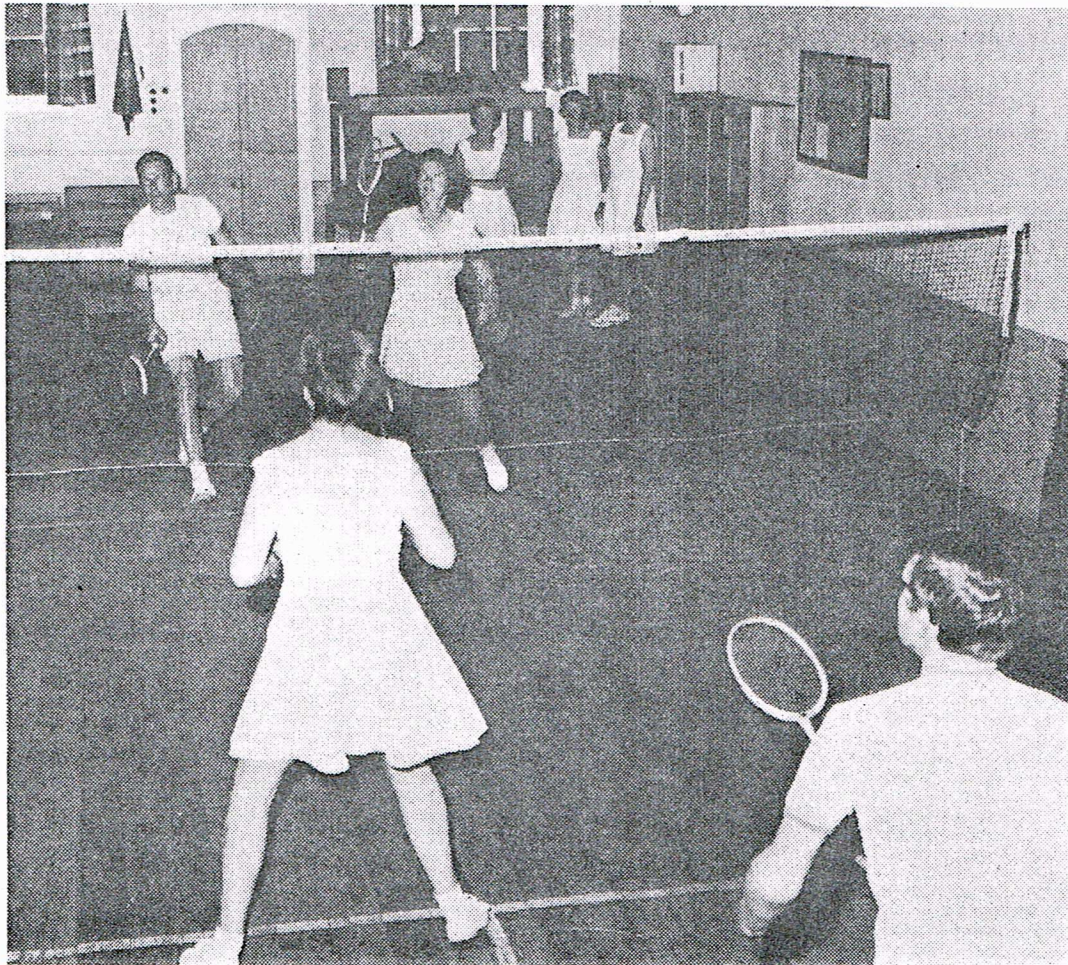
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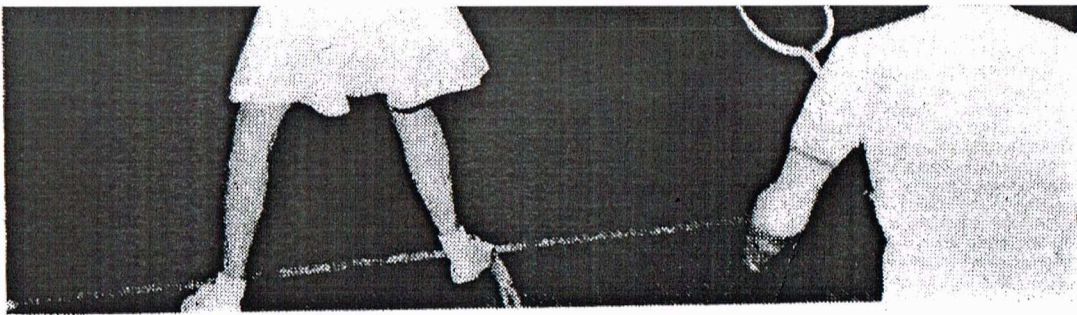
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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawkins in their men's and ladies' outfitters with customer, Mrs. E. Hopkins, whose family has been dealing with Mr. Hawkins' family for 60 years.

**Ladies' and Gentlemen's  
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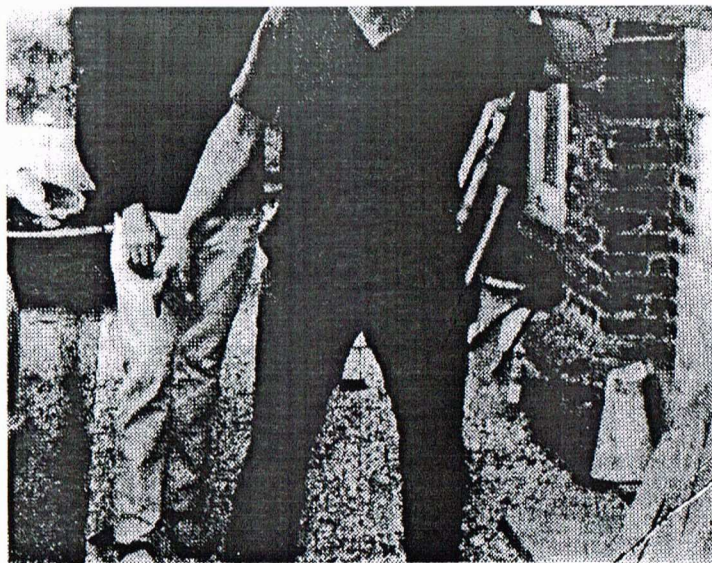
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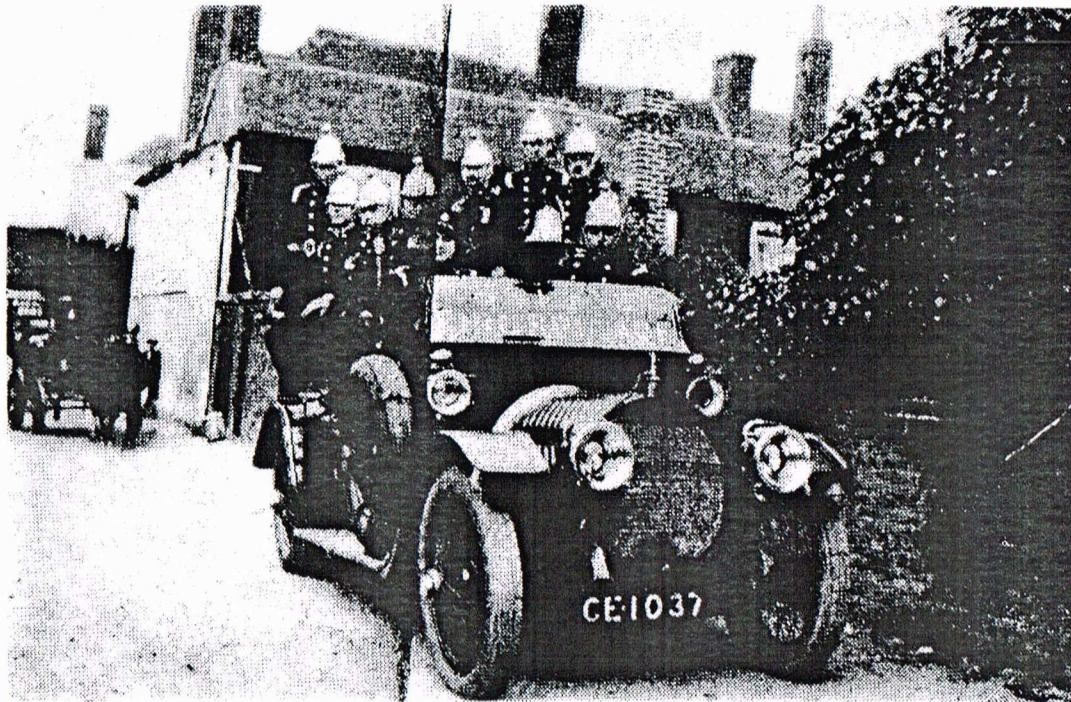
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All the items, he continued, had been stressed time and again by the Parish Council. Villagers were also intent on seeing the proposals become reality and there was every indication that interest in village affairs was growing.

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One such group is the Bridge branch of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals, with Mr. Perry as its chairman and Mrs. F. E. Apps secretary. The group pays particular attention to The Close, which cares for the elderly.

Built in 1835, The Close has two husband and wife teams in charge. The superintendent and matron are Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Urwin and their deputies are Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Smith.

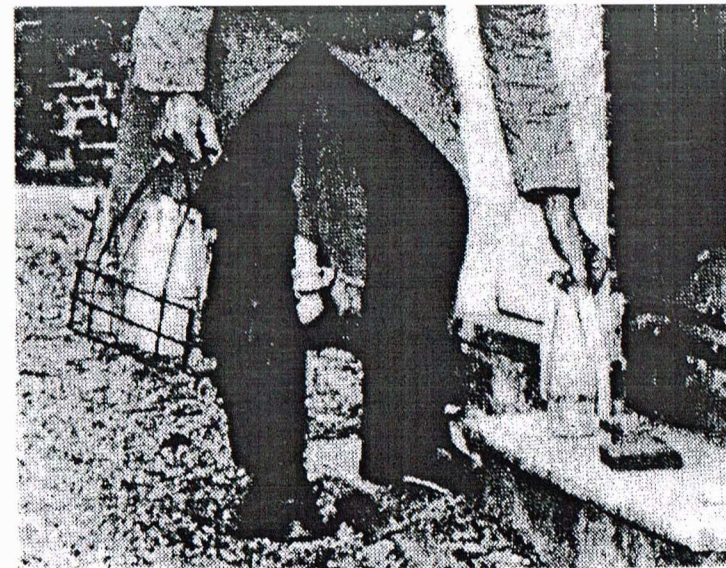
Obviously the village cares a great deal for its old folk. Apart from The Close there is Churchill House, where the residents live in their own flats.

### For the girls

On the younger side, life has been a great deal more pleasant for the girls since Mrs. R. J. Good, of 34 Bridge Down, began the 1st Bridge Brownies in November. There are no Cub Scout or Scout groups and probably, without the enthusiasm of Mrs. Good, there would still have been no Brownie pack.

However, the 28 members now make full use of the amenities offered them by being a Brownie. They meet at the school and help at some of the fetes in the area.

Although there is now no Bridge Youth Club, some of the young people have joined the village Badminton Club. Formed



For almost 30 years Mr. J. McNally has been doing his milk round in the village. "The milkman has to be a friendly chap," he says.

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