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It was smiles all round when Bridge Young Wives presented Highland Court Hospital with a tumble dryer and knitted blanket on Tuesday. The wives held a sponsored knit-in to raise the money for the dryer, during which they made the blanket.

Dryer gift for hospital

A party of 16 members of the Bridge Young Wives' Group made a return visit to Highland Court Hospital on Tuesday to present a tumbler dryer given by the group for the use of the hospital.

They were welcomed by Mr J. Jackson, secretary of the Canterbury Group Hospital Management Committee, Miss B. E. Armitage, principal group nursing officer, and Mr W. McGuinness, nursing officer in charge at Highland Court.

In handing over the gift, the group secretary, Mrs P. Anderson, said: "This has been made possible by the efforts of our members and the generosity of their sponsors in our recent knitting marathon and is a mark of appreciation and admiration for the wonderful work carried out by the hospital staff."

Mr McGuinness, who accepted the gift on behalf of the hospital, thanked all who had contributed.

Mrs K. Pierce, leader of the Young Wives' Group, presented to a resident patient a blanket made from the knitted squares for use in his wheel chair and thanked Mr McGuinness and his staff for the buffet refreshments.

St Anselm—a man of our times

THIS week, a Canterbury art teacher, who believes that St Anselm's life has been eclipsed by the death 70 years later of Thomas Becket, will have her faith put to the test.

On Thursday and Friday children at St Anselm's Roman Catholic Secondary

School, Old Dover Road, will present Anselm of Canterbury. It is a full-length play on the life of the saint written by the teacher, Miss Joan White, of 134 Whitstable Road, Canterbury.

It was a year ago that Miss White and other members of staff at the school discussed a suitable way of celebrating the school's 10th anniversary this year.

The school is hoping to have a statue of the saint erected at the school. "But," says Miss White, "we agreed that it was wrong to put up a statue to someone that very few people knew much about."

"We talked about doing a pageant, then I was ill and during my three months of convalescence I had time to think about the idea. This is the result."

The more she researched the life of Anselm, the more he became a "Man for our times," says Miss White. "In a way much more than Becket. He has been eclipsed by Becket, who died nearly 70 years later."

The research, says Miss White, showed that Anselm was more than just a leading scholar.

"The more I looked, the more I realised he was a whole man. A real person with great character."

Hotelier fined for motoring offences

A CANTERBURY hotelier was fined a total of £34 for five motoring offences by the city magistrates on Friday.

Paul Wilkinson, aged 28, of The Salisbury Hotel, Station Road West, admitted using a van with insufficient mirrors, without a horn, without insurance and with an out-of-date driving licence on January 4; and a further charge of driving with an out-of-date licence on January 13.

Mr Colin Dunster told the court Wilkinson was driving along Castle Street, Canterbury, on January 4.

He was stopped as there were no wing mirrors on the van, and the horn, when tested, did not work.

A few days later Wilkinson produced a driving licence, which had expired, and an insurance cover note, which had also expired.

Mr Anthony Girling, for Wilkinson, told the court: "As far as renewing the driving licence is concerned he did go twice to the relevant offices for a note saying he applied for a new licence."

Lorries were overloaded

Two transport companies and their drivers were fined by the city magistrates on Friday for using over-loaded lorries.

They were Sandwich and District Growers, of Grove Road, Preston, and their driver, Albert Wright, of 264A Reculver Road, Beltinge, and Albert Raines, of 236 Hythe Road, Ashford, and driver Barclay Raines, of 95 Towersview, Kennington.

Mr Noel Hunter, prosecuting for the Kent County Council Weights and Measures Department, said Wright and his lorry were stopped on September 26 in

FIRST PLAY

This is Miss White's first play, but she admits that Anselm's life provided the perfect plot. "It has everything that a play needs, including a murder, a royal wedding and no less than three kings."

One of the main points of Anselm's personality was his ability to make lasting friendships: "He had a genius for friendship, with a tremendous warmth of character and a clear mind."

The play covers the years from 1057, when Anselm left home after a quarrel with his father, to 1106, just three years before his death in Canterbury.

Music for the production includes selections from medieval Latin plainsong, hymns ancient and modern and the

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