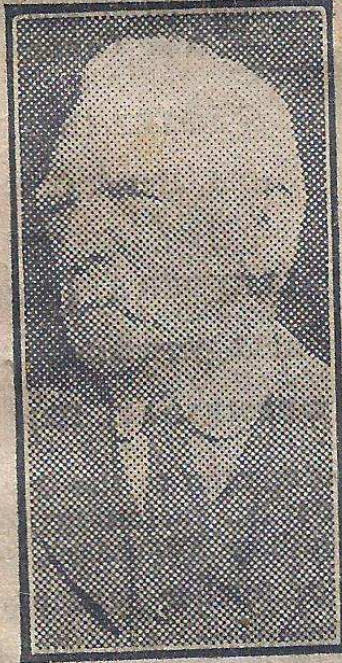


DIAMOND WEDDING. Mr. and Mrs. R. Wye, retired head teachers, who celebrated their diamond wedding on Tuesday, have resided in Bridge for 58 years. Mr. Wye, after serving as a pupil teacher at Warrington, was trained at St. Peter's College, Peterborough, and secured his certificate in 1867. He was appointed headmaster of the C.E. Boys' School at Shepton Mallett, Somerset, where the future Mrs. Wye, was then headmistress of the Infants' School. They were married at the Parish Church, Shepton Mallett, by the Rev. Canon Pratt on June 18th, 1869. Resigning



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their posts there in 1871, they were appointed to the headships of the Boys' and Girls' Schools at Bridge, from which they retired in September, 1900. Mr. Wye has led a strenuous life at Bridge. Whilst at the school he was organist of Patricbourne, conducted a large Band of Hope, and almost before lay readers were thought of, took a week-night cottage service in an outlying part of the parish. He also held several public appointments, such as Assistant Overseer and Rate Collector for three parishes, Collector of Taxes for 12 parishes, collector of Tithes, etc. For over 45 years he has been connected with the Marquess Conyngham estate office, which he still attends, and has for 25 years been lay reader, churchwarden and school manager at Bridge, a post which he still occupies. At Christmas, 1871, Mr. Wye's sister, Miss F. Wye, was appointed headmistress of the Infants' School, from which she retired in 1914. During their tenure as head teachers all three departments received meritorious mention in the Education Office Blue Books, and whilst the "Excellent" Merit Grant was in vogue, it was awarded to each department. Their respective ages now are: Mr. Wye 82, Mrs. Wye 85, Miss Wye 78. One of their old scholars is now a clergyman, another a doctor and specialist in New Zealand, and another, now deceased, obtained a post in the Chinese Diplomatic Service—not a bad record for a village school.