



Mr. Tim Collard

Former hop grower's death

Mr. Timothy Collard, once one of the top hop growers in East Kent, died on Monday at his home, Little Jersey, Petham. He was 68.

He was a son of Mr. Arthur Collard, who farmed the Swarling Manor estate for many years. After his father's death he and his brothers took over the running of the farm.

At one time he was in partnership with his brother, the late Mr. Gordon Collard, at Great Pett Farm, Bridge, as well as being a partner in Young and Collard, of Lenhall Farm, Bishopscourt.

Educated at Simon Langton Grammar School, Canterbury, and Wye College, he kept up his academic interest in farming by frequently attending Canterbury N.F.U. meetings.

He partially retired in 1955 when Swarling Manor was sold but maintained his connections with active farming through the partnerships.

He was the great champion of the small cottage farmer and always his growth, some large ones, would remember him. He had a great interest in the welfare of the hop industry.

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Bridge

DEATH OF MRS. ANNA SMITH

Mrs. Kathleen (Anna) Smith, who died last week in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital on the eve of her 50th birthday, was the widow of Mr. J. D. Smith, one of the best known figures in the village to whose memory a memorial plaque was placed in the Village Hall.

It was after returning from the United States in 1959, where she was for some time confidential secretary to a head of a Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, that Mrs. Smith came to Bridge, on her marriage to her late husband.

A founder-member of the Badminton Club, Mrs. Smith served on the committee of the Bridge and District Horticultural Society, was a member of the Women's Institute, and undertook the annual revision of the parish electoral roll.

In addition, she helped her husband in his work as Road Safety Officer, in church activities, and with the county branch library. Until shortly before her death she held a clerical appointment at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, and lived at 14 Union Road.

The funeral service, on Monday at St. Peter's Church, was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Colin E. H. Perry, assisted by the Rev. R. A. Penney, former Vicar

Bishopbourne

AUTHOR DIES

Author Jocelyn B. Brooke (58), of Ivy Cottage, Bishopbourne, was found dead in bed on Saturday morning by his housekeeper. He had died in his sleep and a post mortem examination revealed that death was due to natural causes.

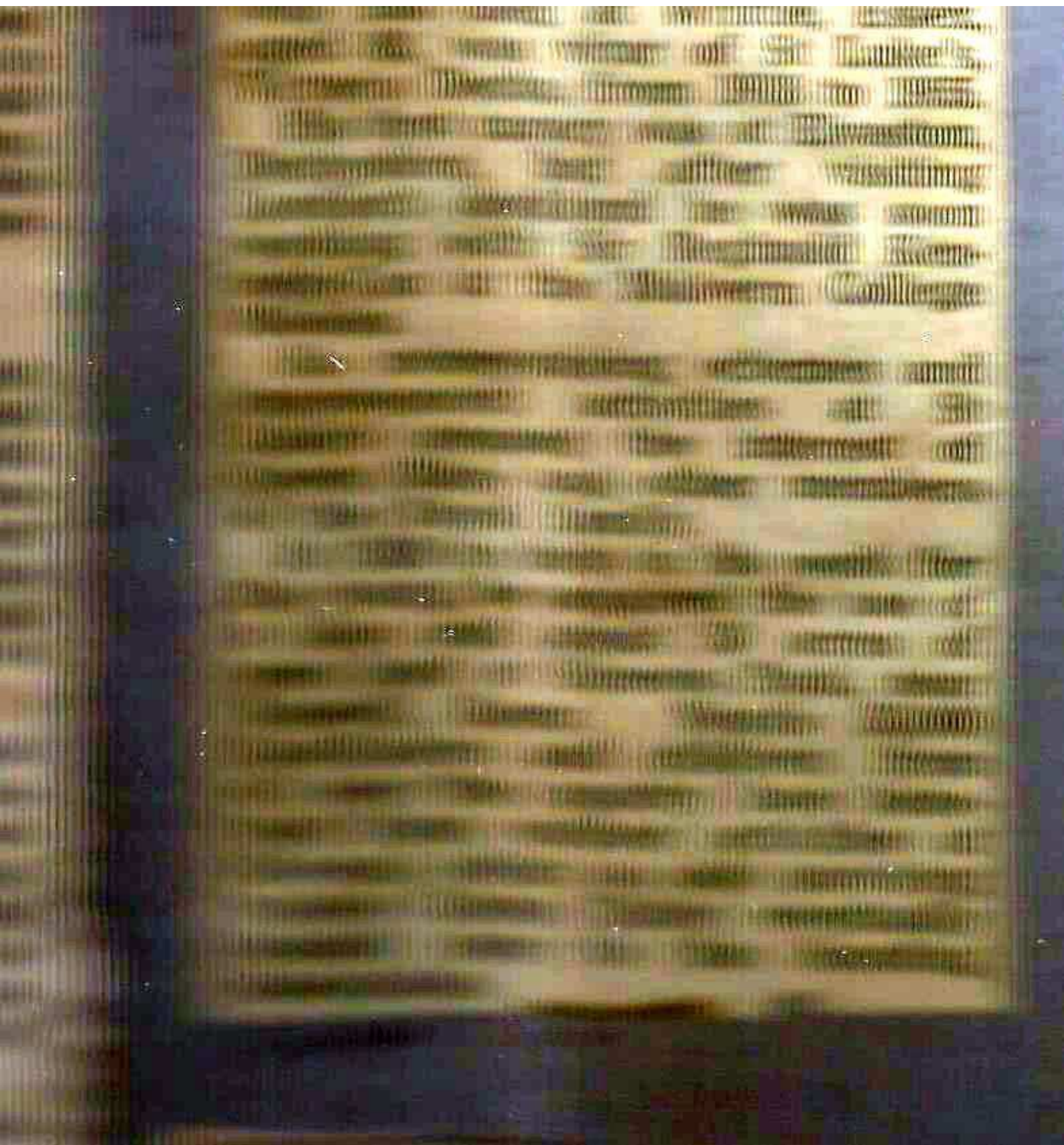
The 'Eligible' Mayor

ALDERMAN ERIC ANDERTON, J.P., five times Mayor of the borough, and sometimes referred to as "North London's most eligible bachelor" married Janet May, daughter of Mrs. Gilbert, of Meadway, Southgate, and the late Mr. F. H. Gilbert. The wedding took place at Southgate. The Rev. Herbert Harris, chaplain to the King at Hampton Court Palace, officiated. During the war the bride was an air raid warden. Ald. Anderton, when Mayor, played a key part in Wood Green's civil defence.



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RATHER MYSTERIOUS CASE

Kingston Woman's Death

"A rather mysterious case" was how the East Kent Coroner (Mr. Wilfrid Mowll) described the death of Mrs. Jane Barkley Stone (78), of Radingham, Rectory Lane, Kingston, who was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning at her home on Friday. He recorded an open verdict.

Giving evidence, the husband, Captain William T. Stone, said they had been married for 52 years. His wife had temporary fits of depression, but they did not occur very often. She had had short treatment in two mental hospitals.

She stayed in bed most days, but usually got up in the evening to make their nightcap—that was the only time when she used the gas stove. He last saw his wife when he went into Canterbury shopping on Friday morning. She was very cheerful when he left her.

When he arrived back from Canterbury at 10.15 a.m., he saw the kitchen blind down and went into the kitchen to let it up before putting the car in the garage. As the light filled the room, he saw his wife's body, attired in night cloths, on the floor. There was no sign of life although her hands and feet were warm. At first, he thought she had had a fall, but discovered that she was dead.

There was no smell of gas or fumes from the boiler, which he had lit before going out. A few fumes came from the boiler when it was first lighted. Sometimes in the morning his wife would bathe her eyes in the kitchen. She might have opened the boiler to poke the fire and fumes then escaped.

Doctor's View

Dr. R. Hunter said that he had attended Mrs. Stone, and had recommended her to be treated for her senile depression. She was not a likely person to take her own life. When he arrived at the house, after a telephone call from Capt. Stone, he could smell no gas or fumes.

Dr. G. B. Forbes, pathologist at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, who performed the post-mortem examination, said that on chemical analysis he found the blood to be 47 per cent. saturated with carbon monoxide, which was the only cause of death.

Alan J. Gipps, of Linton, Rectory Lane, Kingston, told the Coroner that he went into Canterbury with Capt. Stone. When they got back Capt. Stone went into the house to get the garage key. He was away a long time so Mr. Gipps went to see what was wrong. He then stayed with Mrs. Stone while her husband went to telephone the doctor. He could smell no gas.

P.C. G. Phillips, of Barham, said that when he arrived at the house he could smell no gas and the boiler stove was burning cleanly.

Mr. Mowll, recording an open verdict, sympathised with Capt. Stone and his family in the great tragedy which had befallen them.



Mr Herbert Price

A former chairman of Bridge Parish Council, Mr Herbert Price, died suddenly on Monday at the age of 77.

For the last six years Mr Price lived with his daughter at Silver Birches, Musgrove, Ashford, but formerly lived at Lynton Cottage, High Street, Bridge. His wife died three years ago.

He moved to Bridge from Charing with his family when he was eight. His father, Mr Henry Price, was the village grocer.

He was an engineer with the Canterbury haulage firm, C. and G. Yeoman, from 1919 and continued with British Road Services when it took over the business in 1947.

Before the Second World War Mr Price was a member of the Volunteer Fire Service and drove the fire engine based at Bridge.

He was a member of Bridge Parish Council for about 30 years, retiring in 1967, and was its chairman for a time. After his retirement from British Road Services in 1963 he was elected to Bridge-Blean Rural District Council, serving for two years.

One of Mr Price's interests was grasstrack racing and he judged at meetings held by the Barham, Westbere and Ashford Clubs.

He leaves five sons and a daughter and eight grandchildren. The funeral service will be held today (Friday) at 9.45 am at Bridge Methodist Chapel, followed by cremation at Barham at 10.30.

Obituary

SIR SYDNEY NEVILE

Sir Sydney Oswald Nevile, the doyen of brewers, died at Worthing yesterday. He was 96 and retired at the end of last year after 80 years in the brewing industry.

He first entered the industry in 1888 at Brighton and became a director of Whitbread's in 1919.

The last surviving child of the Rev Christopher Nevile, of Thorney, Notts, he was the 15th of 15 children. He was knighted in 1942 for services to the State management scheme.

Sir Sydney became a leader in the movement for improved public houses and was a pioneer in the conveyance of beer by tanks instead of by casks.

He had been a vice-president of the Federation of British Industries and of the Brewers' Society, a past-master of the Brewers' Company, a past president of the Institute of Brewing and a former chairman of the National Trade Defence Association.

He married in 1946 Madeleine de Lacy, daughter of the late Dr C. A. Wickham.
