

I knew the Rev Beth when he was a little boy. His ma was a great friend of Daddy's



After Sunday's service the Bishop had tea with the congregation and spoke to (left) Lt.-Col. J. Tileard, C.O. of the 4th Buffs (T.A.), and Lt.-Col. E. Argles, secretary of The Buffs Past and Present Association.

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# 4th Bn. The Buffs

## The New C.O.

The new commanding officer of the 4th Bn. The Buffs T.A. Lieut-Col. J. Ellwood, T.D., was commissioned in A Coy. of 4/5th Bn. The Buffs at Margate in May, 1939. He attended the first camp at Wainmont, Eastbourne, in June, 1939, when the 4/5th Bn. split into two battalions, the 4th and 5th. He went to France in November, 1939, with the 4th Bn. which, on the final phase in France, was attached to the 1st Highland Division. He escaped with the C.O. from St. Valery two weeks after Dunkirk.

From November, 1940, he spent nearly three years in Malta, first as Signal Officer and then in command of a company. He was in the destroyer, H.M.S. Eclipse, which was blown up by mines while the Battalion was on the way to Larnaca, in the Dodecanese, in October, 1941. The mag-



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The following is a list of the names of the officers and men of the 4th Bn. The Buffs T.A. who were killed in action during the war. The names are arranged in alphabetical order of the surnames. The names of the officers are in bold type. The names of the men are in ordinary type. The names of the officers who were killed in action during the war are in bold type. The names of the men who were killed in action during the war are in ordinary type. The names of the officers who were killed in action during the war are in bold type. The names of the men who were killed in action during the war are in ordinary type.

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For 32 years, Mr. Herbert T. Price, of 6 Linton Cottages, Bridge, has been a member of Bridge Parish Council, and on Wednesday he took his seat as the new member on Bridge-Blean Rural District Council.

He took the place of his friend



Cllr. Herbert T. Price

and neighbour, Mr. A. Taylor, who retired due to ill health.

Mr. Price, who has been chairman of Bridge Parish Council for the past six years, was returned unopposed on Tuesday.

A retired road transport engineer, he stood as an Independent.

With the other new member, Cllr. Albert Dunkley, of Upstreet, he was welcomed to the Council by the chairman (Cllr. W. Gilham).

And during their first meeting, both councillors made their maiden speeches—Cllr. Price to challenge a decision to sell building land in Bridge, and Cllr. Dunkley to protest at a suggestion to raise Upstreet's speed limit from 30 to 40 m.p.h.

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He told the "Kentish Gazette" yesterday (Thursday), "I must retire because of health reasons. I was ill last year in the Masonic Hospital and I really don't feel very fit."

Cllr. Taylor, who represented Bridge, has been chairman of several Bridge-Blean Council committees and has been a member of the Bridge Parish Council



Cllr. A. Taylor

for over 50 years. He moved from Deal to Bridge more than 50 years ago and was for a long time a local coal merchant.

He has been a member of the Kent Education Committee, the Kent Fire Brigade Committee, the local Valuation Panel, and has been Parish Council chairman.

Now aged 74, he says "I think I have done enough—but I don't intend to retire from the Parish Council yet."

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Some years ago "The Listener" carried a photograph taken at the turn of the century when the Bridge Brigade had won a carnival prize. Among those shown were several other local tradesmen: Edwards (butcher), Crouch (plumber), Gilbert (smith) and, best-known of all, "Charlie" Wills, for many years in business as a baker.

Although this photograph was taken before Mr. Taylor's time, he served as a fireman with several of those shown in it and could, no doubt, spin many a yarn of the ups and downs of the village brigade. He certainly remembers the somewhat hectic change-over from horses to a motor tender supplied by the late Count Louis Zborowski.