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Flying squad radio cars track Ford from London

DOCTOR'S WIFE IS NEW JP

MRS. Peggy Evelyn Flew, of 33 Cranford, was the first Berkshire magistrate to be sworn in since the accession of Queen Elizabeth. She took the oath at the Quarter Sessions on April 15 and sat with Maidenhead magistrates for the first time on Monday this week.

SOCIAL STUDIES
Mrs. Flew is 33 and the wife of Dr. Kelvin Flew. They have two sons aged 10 and seven. Mrs. Flew holds the social studies certificate at London University. She trained as a hospital almoner and worked at Lambeth Hospital.

While in London she did social work in the East End.
Mrs. Flew was born at Taplow. Later she lived at Ealing and in 1941 she and her husband moved to Weston-super-Mare. Two years later they came to Maidenhead.

Lamb: 'fairer allocation'

Another statement by Mr. H. A. Robinson has been made by the Maidenhead and District Meat Traders' Group. He told the Advertiser: "For the next two or three weeks there will be a preponderance of beef and pork. We have been assured that after then there will be a fairer allocation of mutton and lamb to bring us into line with Windsor and Slough."

Marlow buses again
Yesterday (Thursday) the bus service over Marlow Bridge was resumed with the 26-seat buses which ran before the bridge was closed for repairs last year.

The weight-limit for vehicles crossing the bridge was raised from two to five tons on March 2.

Don't forget your book!

Up to yesterday (Thursday) morning, 25,000 ration books had been issued by Maidenhead Food Office. This left 13,000 to be collected by May 7, Wednesday of next week.

In the villages, more books than in other years have been distributed at local centres.

Scouts on parade
Scouts, guides, cubs and brownies from Maidenhead and district attended a St. George's Day service at All Saints' Church, Bourne Hill, on Sunday afternoon.

Prominent local scouters and guides were present, including Mr. E. P. C. Preston, the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman and Miss G. Strachan. The Rev. Eric Perkins conducted the service.

Football on the Moor
Plans for a football pitch at the back of the Moor, and children's playground equipment, have been approved. The total estimated cost is £2,000.

Collapsed on steps
On Friday Mrs. Clara Baker Smith, aged about 30, of Fieldhead Nursing Home, Bourne End, collapsed on the steps of the Christian Science Reading Room, Marlow-rd., She was taken to Maidenhead Hospital.

Stolen office name plate
A bronze plate, bearing the name of Mr. Claude Brighten, was stolen from outside Bank Chambers, Queen-st., where it was fitted to the wall, on Wednesday last week.

Stolen from cinema shed
A bicycle belonging to Mr. Leslie Harris, of 29 Harrow-lane, was stolen from the Plaza cycle shed on Friday.

Ringsiders at Taplow
Some of the 2,500 people who enjoyed Taplow Horse Show on Saturday. The weather was kind, there were some fine horses to watch, thrills, and a few spills. Report Page 5.

Three men charged

NIGHT activities by New Scotland Yard flying squad cars were described at the Maidenhead magistrates' court on Tuesday when three London men appeared on charges of attempted shop-breaking at White Waltham, being in possession of house-breaking instruments, and house-breaking at Taplow.

The men, who were committed for trial to Reading Assizes on Tuesday, said that they would plead not guilty, called no witnesses, and reserved their defence. They were remanded in custody.

They were Carlo Petrucci (23), Patrick Arnold (24) and George Arthur Chapman (31). All three were from White Waltham, London, SE17.

Mr. C. R. C. Nixon, White Waltham postmaster and grocer, said that he went to bed at 11 p.m. on Monday, April 21.

At 12.5 a.m. they left the house and drove by various turnings to the Bath-rd. and made their way to Cherry Garden-lane. After travelling as far as they could down the lane they drove back to the Bath-rd., up to Thicket Corner. At the AA box they turned right and drove through to Woodlands Park.

They drove through the village, coming to Det-sgt. Charman, and stopped just in the turning leading to Knewell Hill. Arnold, Chapman, and another man got out of the car and walked back to the post office. Petrucci stayed in the car. Chapman was trying to open a door.

By the light from the telephone kiosk said Det-sgt. Charman, he saw the three men go up to the front door of the post office and appear to examine the door.

A dog started barking and the three men ran down the road and the car which had been turned round and had just pulled into the main road.

Chapman then drove the car into a fence into a garden. The car was then quickly away towards Woodlands Park.

Call by radio
Det-Sgt. Charman then sent out a wireless communication. At 1.50 p.m. he was in Maidenhead when he received a wireless call from Det-sgt. Sheppard. He drove out towards Slough.

At Taplow the policemen saw a car coming towards them, it turned round in the road and drove off at a fast pace. The policemen recognized it as the Ford. They overtook and stopped it.

When the policeman told the men that they would be detained pending investigation of the events at White Waltham, Arnold said: "We have only been for a ride."

One escaped
As the four men were being taken to the police car one man made good his escape, said Det-sgt. Charman.

At the Maidenhead police station they were again cautioned. Petrucci said: "We have been visiting friends."

Formally charged, they made no protest. In the course of cross-examination, Det-sgt. Charman said that he watched the events at the post office from a front garden opposite. Asked when he saw Mr. Nixon, he said that he called on him after the men were arrested, that was at about 2.30 a.m.

As far as he knew no police officer visited the post office for about an hour after the events there, he said. Mrs. Margaret Burton, of Connerways, White Waltham, said that her

Municipal Elections

Two parties hold meetings

Polling next week

The Liberal and Labour parties have been holding election meetings.

The Liberal candidate for Belmont, Mr. Robert Abell, spoke at a meeting on Monday. He was supported by Mr. E. D. T. Vane, who presided. His theme was that personalities came before national politics in local affairs and that there was a need for more enthusiasm among local councillors.

There were only 22 people present on an electorate of 4,500, which Mr. Vane explained, represented a half of one per cent.

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Newcomer in camp

By the roadside at Waltham St. Lawrence—a man and his horse, a mare and her foal.

Words which 'The Major' used

'I respect all women'

AT Maidenhead on Monday, Charles Hadden Whitelock (known as 'The Major') of no fixed abode, was fined £2 for using obscene language in Bridge-rd.

Mr. Albert George Cooper, who has a shop at 2 Bridge-rd., alleged that Whitelock's language near his premises was harming his trade.

On April 12 he was in the shop with his wife and 15-year-old daughter serving a man and a small boy. Whitelock was using obscene language in a loud voice. He had been in a nuisance for some time, said Mr. Cooper.

"AN OLD ONE"
Whitelock said he thought the argument between himself and the Coopers was "an old one worked up". He had had difficulty of opinion with Mrs. Cooper and her daughter and admitted that on one occasion he had called Mrs. Cooper a petulant housemaid and a scatterbrained tom.

He was not in the habit of using foul language to young ladies; he respected all women.

Mr. Cooper said Whitelock had been a night watchman at the roadside in Bridge-rd. and had continually been abusive, especially to motorists. Hardly a car went by without being cursed.

OCEANS OF THEM
Whitelock: Had I taken proceedings against those who are supposed to be gentlemen, in my big showrooms would reach to New York and back.

Capt. F. Clifford Armitage (chairman): Do you admit using abusive language there on thousands of occasions, sir?

Until the job is done
ONE WAY ONLY IN BRIDGE-RD.

BRIDGE-RD. will be a one-way street until the reconstruction work is completed.

Complaints that congestion there was causing great inconvenience led to a meeting being called between the Town Council, the Police and the contractors.

Their proposal—that only one-way traffic should be allowed—was put to the Ministry of Transport immediately, who agreed to an order being made for the reconstruction of the road.

Old-fashioned traffic will be allowed along Bridge-rd. until the reconstruction work is completed.

"No entry" signs have been erected at the eastern end of the section. Traders and residents must drive round the Oldfield-rd./Forleaze-rd. loopway to reach their premises.

By this week-end it is hoped that one side of the roadway will be completed. It is expected that the whole of the work will be finished by Whitsun-tide.

Fire drill at Convent ordered

A dormitory with no escape means

The Borough Surveyor's report on fire precautions at the Convent of the Nativity was presented to the Town Council on Tuesday.

It stated that the top floor of the Convent, which was used for dormitories, was not provided with adequate means of escape and that the trustees intended to erect a new dormitory above the existing hall as soon as a building licence had been obtained.

A notice is to be served on the trustees to require them to provide a means of escape and to ensure that sufficient fire drills are carried out under the direction of the local fire service.

It was decided in one of the last meetings in the Borough and reports submitted to the Council.

Won the cup

Taplow Cadets have won the 1st Bucks Battalion Army Cadets football cup. Resisted they were the battalion cross-country run when their seven runners were all in the first ten home.

Girl escapee died at roadside

Her friend tells coroner of hitch-hike from Bath

A sixteen-year-old girl who had escaped from an approved school at Bath, collapsed and died at Knewell Hill at 5.30 a.m. on Monday morning after she and another girl escapee had been chased 100 yards across common land by a policeman.

At an inquest at Maidenhead on Tuesday, the Coroner (Mr. F. Alan Struchbery) recorded a verdict of death from natural causes. According to the medical evidence, vaginal inhibition, a condition liable to occur through emotion or strain, had caused heart failure.

The girl was Sarah Sloan, of 41 Alford-st., Liverpool, 7. With her was Kathleen Veronica Gunnigle, aged 17, of 8 Sand-st., South, Liverpool, 1.

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They caught them after a chase of about 100 yards. Code numbers marked in the neck of their generally confirmed the constable's suspicion that they were escapees.

They would take them to the police station, Sarah Sloan "fell backwards suddenly, like a board", said P.

He carried her into the nearby home of Mr. Patrick Fitzmaurice, of 2 Convent-rd. She was dead when a nurse arrived.

No struggle
Mrs. Fitzmaurice said she saw the girls running, and later being questioned by P. Bailey. There was no struggle, she said. The girls had stopped running before the constable reached them.

Kathleen Gunnigle told the Coroner she and Sarah Sloan had planned their escape from St. Joseph's approved school, Bath. Sarah had only stayed at the school on Monday of last week but they had been in Liverpool.

Slept in field
They left the school on Sunday morning and went to Box, about two and a half miles away, where they stayed in a field and slept until it was dark.

Then they got a lift in a car with an Australian driver and they wanted to reach Reading and that they were "too hot" to stay there.

Sarah complained of feeling hungry and the man gave her meat in a tin. She ate it and then she ate a tin half a tumbler of neat whisky which they drank.

When they reached Reading the driver dropped them at Mack's Cafe and gave them some sandwiches and 7s. 6d. He drove off towards London.

Bought cigarettes
Kathleen bought some cigarettes at the cafe and then they began to walk along the road. A lorry pulled up and the driver asked them if they wanted a lift. He promised to take them to the Leicester-rd., on the way to London.

At Knewell Hill they saw a policeman following the lorry on a motor cycle and told the driver that they did not want to get a lift because they were running away. He stopped the lorry and they jumped out.

Her last letter
Mr. Robert Sloan, a lorry driver, said he last saw his daughter at a Liverpool remand home on April 19, when she wrote a letter to him from the train when she was on her way to Bath. She had been fit and well and never subject to fainting fits.

All-in offices for county services
"Will reduce costs"
If a suitable building can be found, the Bucks County Council propose to spend £8,000 (including development charge and local costs) on combined offices for the Bucks county departments in Maidenhead.

The following would then come under one roof: the registrar's office, marriages and deaths; youth employment office, divisional executive and the district probation office.

This arrangement would reduce costs, the Council was told on Saturday.

HOMEGUARD KEY MEN CHOSEN

'A good response'

CAPT. G. Russell Roberts, Home Guard cadre battalion adjutant, reports that there has been an encouraging response to the call for recruits in the Maidenhead area.

Appointed as Company Commander is Maj. C. D. Laker, of Grove House, Elm Grove, who formerly served with the KOSB and has lived in Maidenhead for 40 years.

Most of the volunteers have been interviewed by the Adjutant; many of them have been called on personally, and from them will be picked the key men for the skeleton company. There are 32 volunteers from the Maidenhead area.

REJOINED
Mr. F. C. Nash, who was the gas officer in the wartime Home Guard, has rejoined, and the names of a number of other former members appear on the roll. Mr. Nash, who retired in 1951, was formerly manager of the local branch of the National Provincial Bank.

Capt. G. Hill, of 2 Orchard-row, who was with the 9th Gurkha Rifles and served in the Burma campaign. He is to be a platoon commander.

Mr. A. J. Green, of 44 Albert-st., who was with the Buffs for 12 years, has been earmarked for RBM, and Mr. A. V. Peacock, who served with the Grenadier Guards for some 10 years, has been earmarked for RBM.

PLATOON COMMANDERS
Platoon commanders are needed for the Hurley, Bisham and Coocham areas, also for White Waltham, Waltham St. Lawrence and Shurlock Row. Russell Roberts is looking for men who are well-known in these districts, and who could encourage others to yellow for service.

Locally, the aim is to recruit a nucleus of men who will become trained, so that in the event of an emergency they could be quickly expanded to full strength.

The wartime strength of the Home Guard in the Maidenhead district was about 1,700.

FOUR COMPANIES
There are four companies in Berkshire, with headquarters at Maidenhead, Windsor, Bracknell and Sunninghill, with battalions headquarters in Maidenhead.

There will be three local platoons, each drawn from groups of three villages: Bray, Holyport and Fifeild; Hurley, Bisham and Coocham; the Walthams and Shurlock Row.

In addition to the three Company Commanders, Lord Northwick, of Binfield, has been appointed liaison officer.

SENIOR KILLER WANTED
Major J. Ford, an ex-Grenadier Guards officer, of Binfield, has been advertised this week that a signals sergeant, preferably with radio experience, was needed.

Taxi fares request

A taxi proprietor has asked the Town Council to consider the question of authorising increases in fares in Maidenhead because of the increased cost of petrol, tyres and repairs.

Other taxi proprietors are to be asked their views on the matter. In addition to the fares charged in other towns.

Dr. Nairn in hospital

The Rev. Dr. J. A. Nairn, vicar of Stubbings, is in the Clivedon (Canadian Red Cross Memorial) Hospital, Taplow, where he has undergone an operation.

He is said to be comfortable. During the Vicar's absence, Canon G. E. H. Thompson, of Clivedon, is conducting the services at Stubbings.

Furniture damaged

Furniture was damaged in a fire on Monday at the Courthouse-rd. home of Mrs. Annie Sheppard.



They Start Young



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Farewell gift to the Vicar of St. Peter's

There will be a presentation to the Rev. C. G. Gardner, vicar of St. Peter's, Purze Platt, at Purze Platt Memorial Hall on May 7 at 8 p.m. Mr. Gardner, with his wife and children, will leave Maidenhead the following day. On May 15 they will sail for Canada where Mr. Gardner is to become Vicar of St. Luke's Church, in the town of St. Thomas, Southern Ontario.

Crash near cemetery

A car driven by Mrs. Marjorie Thomas, of Kenya, Kingswood Court, was involved in a collision with a lorry outside the new Braywick-rd. Cemetery entrance on Friday. Mrs. Thomas was taken to Maidenhead Hospital with slight facial injuries; her car was wrecked.

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COUNTY CHESS CHAMPION

For the fourth year in succession a member of Maidenhead Chess Club has won the Berkshire chess championship. The 1952 champion was Dr. W. G. Barb, who beat H. Ashton (Reading) in the final.

Only Maidenhead winners of the championship in the past three years were: J. Walker (1949 and 1951). Dr. Barb was drawn against both these players, beating them in one of the last party rounds and St. Thomas in the semi-final.

A little better

The Vicar of Coocham Dean, the Rev. C. Mallam Johnston, who has had to return to St. Thomas's Hospital, White Waltham (Thursday) said to be a little better.

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