

DUNMOW

St. Trinian's Cause
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THERE were scenes of near panic in Dunmow on Wednesday morning. Extra police were on duty, customers were seen to rush out of shops, take one hasty look in the direction of the Stortford road and dash for home.

Shopkeepers hastily put up their shutters and barricaded themselves behind locked doors. The bank manager, fearing a raid, ordered his staff to defend their posts to the last penny. The local police inspector is said to have consulted a psychiatrist.

At Mr. J. G. Sweetland's butcher's shop in Bishop's Stortford-rd., a customer was seen to come out with a parcel of meat, take a terrified look in the direction of Bishop's Stortford, mount his bicycle and cycle madly away in the direction of Thaxted, dropping his parcel in his hurry.

At the same time Mr. Sweetland and his assistants were almost falling over themselves in their efforts to put up the shutters.

At Mr. A. C. Knight's, the jewellers, two customers also left in a hurry, one ran like a startled faun in the direction of Braintree, the other jumped in his car and drove madly away in the same direction. Here, too, the shutters were hastily put up. A similar incident occurred at the grocery shop of Messrs. Luckin.

The driver of a jeep full of American soldiers from Stansted, coming slowly up Star Hill, saw what was coming and turned sharply off the road and drove like mad for safety.

What was it all about? Some of the location scenes for the new British Lion production of "The Belles of St. Trinian's" were being shot with only slight inconvenience to the local inhabitants—and a certain slowing of traffic through the town.

The girls were just resuming school after the holidays and the school bus had been sighted in the distance. Hence the panic among the "locals."

The film, which stars Alastair Sim with Joyce Grenfell, George Cole, Hermoine Baddeley, Betty Ann Davies and Beryl Reid, is based on the mythical girls' school

made famous—or infamous—by cartoonist Ronald Searle, who takes a one-line speaking part in the production.

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YOUNG FARMERS.—At a meeting at Boyes Croft, Miss Peacock, of the Essex Institute of Agriculture, spoke on "Wine making."

BALLET DANCER'S SUCCESS.—Janice Goshon, aged nine, of Westbury House, Dunmow, a pupil of the Marcelle School of Dancing, has passed her final audition for entry to the Sadlers Wells School. Janice already possesses a number of awards for dancing including two silver cups.

SON FOR POLICE SERGEANT.—"He opened his eyes, took one look at me, and decided against it," said P.S. Hugh George Chanon, of Dunmow, when asked if his newly-born son was likely to follow in his father's footsteps. Mrs. Lillian F. E. Chanon presented her husband with a 11lb. 2oz. son early on Tuesday morning. This is their third child; they have a son aged ten and a daughter of five.

ROTARY CLUB.—In lieu of the ordinary luncheon meeting, the Rotary Club held a meeting arranged by the International Service Committee of the Club. Several members from Rotary Clubs of Chelmsford, Safron Walden and Witham were present, and the speaker was the Chairman of No. 8 District International Service Committee, Rotarian Francis M. Gilliatt, of King Lynn. Rotarian Gilliatt entitled his talk "Rotary's fourth object." On Monday a number of Rotarians paid an inter-club visit to the Rotary Club of Braintree. The President of the Dunmow club, in presenting the Braintree President with a club banner, reminded them that they were the sponsors of the Dunmow Club.

BRAINTREE

UNITED SISTERHOOD.—Miss Nixey presided and Mrs. Lines gave the address. Mrs. Ely was soloist.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB.—The club were challenged to a quiz by Braintree and Witham Discussion Group and were beaten by 94 to 9½ points.

DANCING SUCCESS.—Freddy and Hammond, of Gilda-ter, qualified to enter

KELVEDON

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS.—The local branch of the Colchester United Supporters' Club organised a partner whist drive. Mr. F. Smith was M.C., and Mrs. Betty Wiseman presented the prizes.

DARTS.—Results in the second round of the Kelvedon and District Darts League club knock-out cup were: Dolphin 6, Cross Keys Lamb 5, Brackley House 4; Swa (Witham) 7, Labour Club 2; New Times 5, George 4.

MOTHER'S UNION.—Thirty members from the Kelvedon branch joined some 100 others from the Witham Deanery at St. Andrew's Church, Hatfield Peverel, for a quiet afternoon. The service was con- by Rev. Gordon Wright, of Pattiswick.

OLD TIME.—The Old Time Dance Club held a dance on Saturday. Mr. A. Hughes, of Witham was M.C., and the music was provided by the club band, under Mr. R. A. Good. Competitions were won by Mesdames Winchester, E. Bones and E. Richardson.

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUB.—To be known as the Good Companions, a club for people over 60 years of age was formed on Monday. Mrs. S. Sherwood was elected chairman, Mrs. Eccles Holmes vice-chairman, Mrs. Vince and Mrs. E. Bones joint secretaries and Miss Unwin treasurer.

BROTHERHOOD.—Brotherhood Sunday was observed with a meeting at the Institute. Mr. L. J. Corder presided; Miss E. M. Rippingale, of Wickham St. Paul, gave solos, accompanied by Miss F. Raymont; and an address was given by Mr. R. Martin, of West Norwood Brotherhood.

PARISH COUNCIL.—At its meeting on Tuesday, the Council decided to ask if an additional post-box could be erected at Bridgefoot for residents at Brockwell-lane and those living between Bridgefoot and Ewell Hall and those at Highfield.

At the annual parish meeting, Frost spoke of the "unplanned" planning of the housing estate in the village, and it was asked the local members on to attend a Council April 12 to discuss the Dale asked if the ele could be changed fr order to street ordi was passed wh to consider this, of the lack of in the village, to ask the R future developm veniences.

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