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## COMMANDS R.A.F. SQUADRON

### OLD LANGTONIAN SUCCESS

W. Caird, D.F.C., of Elham, commanding officer of a Royal Air Force Squadron of Wellingtons operating with the Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force, has been with the same squadron for over three years. He joined it as a sergeant and was appointed C.O. a few months ago.

The squadron has attacked over a score of U-boats in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, and sunk some 40 ships. Its most recent exploits have been designed to help the Partisan forces in Yugoslavia by depriving the enemy of badly-needed supplies. In two days they destroyed four ships in the northern Adriatic and severely damaged four others.

W. Caird, 28, who is 28, was educated at the Simon Langton School, Canterbury. He enlisted in the Auxiliary Air Force for training as a pilot in 1938 and was commissioned in 1941.

## SEASIDE AT CANTERBURY



Some of the happy youngsters at Toddlers' Cove on Saturday.

WHEN summer comes, the enlarged and much improved Toddlers' Cove in the Westgate Gardens, Canterbury—a feature for the children of Holidays at Home—should prove a great lure to the younger generation. The Cove was formally opened on Saturday afternoon by Councillor C. M. Evans, Chairman of the Markets and Parks Committee. There were also present the Mayor, the Sheriff (Councillor A. W. Fowler), Councillors Mrs. Hews and Mrs. Williamson, the Bishop of Dover, W. H. Chessell and J. M. Symms, Mr. Stephen Williamson, the Surveyor (Mr. H. M. Enderby) and the Assistant Surveyor (Mr. J. R. Mann).

The new Cove covers an area of 1,100 square yards and the paddling stream divides and forms an exciting island where a Donald Duck surmounts the flagpole. The sand was specially brought from the edge of the sea at Margate and a boat, which provides a seaside air, was fetched from Whitstable. The whole charming 'lido' was the work of the Surveyor's Department.

### A Gay Scene

On Saturday when the Mayor called the children together for the opening, the whole scene was gay with bunting.

Councillor Evans recalled how last year the Holidays at Home campaign started to provide entertainments for people in their own towns in order to save road and rail transport. One of the results in Canterbury was the children's corner in the Westgate Gardens, where the Toddlers' Cove proved such a success and was so appreciated by many hundreds of children who revelled in its delights, that the Markets and Parks Committee decided to do something more about it.

The new Toddlers' Cove was by no means complete, and many more improvements would be made as time went on. He thanked Mr. Enderby and his able staff for rushing through the work at a time full of great difficulties. In conclusion, Councillor Evans gave a warning against the use of jam jars in lieu of buckets, pointing out that the jars were liable to get broken and cause danger from broken glass.

### Children's Cheers

Having formally declared open the Toddlers' Cove, Councillor Evans duly made a sand castle on which was planted a Union Jack and all the kiddies, at the call of the Mayor, cheered lustily.

During the afternoon a sand castle competition was held and there was a brisk demand for donkey rides.

## HOLIDAYS-AT-HOME

Cathedral Recital On Thursday Next

### FORDWICH S.T.S. TOTAL

We are asked to state that the Fordwich total for Salute the Soldier Week was £2,261/11/8, and not £1,918 as given in the full list last week. The latter represented only the bank total and there were in addition Savings Groups £220/12/-, schools £13/6/9, Post Office £33/13/-—a very fine effort for a population of about 180.

### CANTERBURY R.A.F. WEDDING

L.A.C. W. Tongeman and L.A.C.W. M. H. Fairbrass. Much interest was taken in the wedding at St. Alphege Church, Canterbury, on Saturday, of L.A.C. William Tongeman, R.A.F., only son of the late Mr. W. Tongeman and of Mrs. Tongeman, of Upminster, Essex, and L.A.C.W. Margaret H. Fairbrass, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fairbrass, of 18, Nunnery Fields, Canterbury.

The Vicar of St. Mary Bredin (Rev. N. S. Lark) officiated and Miss I. Jewson at the organ, rendered bridal music.

Given away by her father, Miss Fairbrass made a charming bride in a gown of white figured satin, with a veil of Brussels lace held in place by a diamond and orange blossom comb. She carried a bouquet of white and pink flowers. The wedding party included the bride's mother, Mrs. Fairbrass, and the bride's sister, Miss Nellie Low, nee Mrs. Boyd, of 18, Nunnery Fields, Canterbury.

## KILLED IN TUNISIA

### CORPL. J. HAMMOND

Confirmation has been received of the death of Corporal J. Hammond, son of Mr. Hammond, of 1, Station Bokesbourne. He is a Massey Military Cadet in Tunisia.

Cpl. Hammond was Bokesbourne School, employed for some years in the war at Humber's Pease. He took an active part in the social life of the village and was very popular.

The Corporal, who was unmarried, joined the

## DEATH OF MRS. J. SETTERFIELD

64 Years Married



three years ago. After some time with a unit, he transferred and a half year ago troop unit. He was in Africa in November which culminated in a overwhelming defeat of forces at Tunisia, youngest of a family of seven children—having two three sisters, one of the A.T.S.

## AWARDS FOR KENT

Three A.T.S. Kent have been awarded for good work. The first is Constable Officer of the Royal Air Force, Sgt. I. Christie, of 1, St. Alphege Road, Canterbury, who was awarded the A.T.S. award on Wednesday, June 22. They are Sgt. Mrs. and Mrs. Josephine...





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# Canterbury Stays At Home

## WHITSUN HOLIDAY SUCCESS

WHIT MONDAY was the test of the popularity of the Holidays at Home arrangements. The fact that big crowds patronised all the attractions was the best evidence of their appeal. The committee are to be congratulated on the success achieved.

### TODDLERS' COVE LIDO

The Toddlers' Cove at the Westgate Gardens proved an instantaneous success and large numbers of kiddies could be seen revelling in the sand and the stream of the lido. Volunteers of the C.D. Nursing Division were on duty to keep an indulgent but watchful eye on the juvenile stay-at-home holiday-makers. It is a great idea and is obviously booked for a succession of 'house fulls' during its summer run. In the morning the children roared at the drolleries of the Punch and Judy show and in the afternoon there were children's sports, organised by Mr. H. Paull, who had the help of Sergt. G. Green, R.A.S.C. Mrs. J. Herrington and 'Mr. Canterbury.' The prizes were in the form of savings stamps. The Cove will now be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sand has kindly been given by Messrs. Robert Brett & Sons and other materials have been given and lent by Messrs. Browning & Denne Ltd., J. E. Wiltshire & Co., W. G. Flanders and Court Bros (B.M.) Ltd.

£86,000. That sum would be spent on the things dearest to the late Chief Scout's heart. Another important event, of which they were very proud, was the presentation to the District Commissioner, Mrs. Hilda Moore, and lastly, there was the formation of the Canterbury Sea Rangers.

Mrs. Temple concluded by congratulating the Guides on their achievements and by expressing the hope that the large number of spectators would give as much support as possible.

Mrs. Temple was presented with a bouquet by Brownie M. Brockman.

Mrs. Temple was thanked for her address by the Mayor (Alderman C. Lefevre), who also thanked Bishop and Mrs. Roberts for the use of the St. Augustine's College grounds and by Ranger Joyce Lodge.

Miss M. Babington also gave a few words of encouragement to the assembled Rangers, Guides and Brownies.

Following the opening cere-

The programme was well being William Boyce's Symphony No. 1 and the flowing passages of Edward Elgar's Serenade in E minor. In contrast was the delicacy of the two Aquarelles of Delius, John Ireland's Concertino Pastorale, which recalled memories of happier days when it was first played at the Friends' Festival in 1939. A silver collection was taken for the C.E.M.A.

### THE GIPSY'S WARNING

On Saturday and Monday Mr. "Chippy" Norton, in the guise of a gipsy girl, sold Holidays-at-Home programmes to the value of £17/3/- — a remarkable achievement. He was to be seen at the Toddlers' Cove, the Guides' Fets and Lillywhite's Field and did a roaring trade at each.

### NEXT WEDNESDAY'S DANCE Help China!

Music for the flannel dance at the Foresters' Hall next Wed.



Happy kiddies at the Toddlers' Cove

### AFFECTS A RESTRICTED

### Important Court

A decision which entry of persons into areas all over the country made by the Magistrate G. Elphinstone at Wingham Petty Sessions yesterday (7) may mean that the will have to be re-

The case was the Mrs. Irene Jackson woman, was summoned by the S.E. Defence her husband, Gar who brought her to and Mrs. Nellie Station Road, A whom she was lo- ing and abetting.

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