

The Hendon Advertiser.

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Local News Summary.

GOOD WORK FOR THE EGG FUND.—The girls of St. Mary's School have collected during the last fortnight 36 eggs and £3 1s. 3d. for the Egg Fund for Spalding Hall Hospital.

FRACTURED LEG.—While playing on the waste ground at the Temple Fortune end of Bridge Lane on Sunday evening, a seven year old boy named George Dawson, of 20, Hendon Park Row, fell and fractured his leg. He was taken to the Hampstead General Hospital.

NATIONAL EGG FLAG DAY.—The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Headquarters 108, Finchley Road, N.W. 3, have undertaken the organisation of the collection for the Hampstead district on May 27th. The assistance of ladies for selling is earnestly requested. Kindly communicate with the Organiser, 3, Rupert Street, W. 1.

GOOD WEEK FOR THE HENDON COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—This week's collections for the Hendon Cottage Hospital in the various local factories was as follows:—Employees Grahame-White Aviation Co., £7 1s. 2d.; Employees Hendon Garage, £1 12s.; Employees Messrs. Steele & Howlett, £1 0s. 6d.; Employees Messrs. Garstin Ltd., £1 2s. 6d.; Employees Messrs. Ross Ltd.; £1 2s. 6d.; Employees Messrs. Godfrey Nash, 4s. 9d.; Total £12 3s. 5d.

MR. A. L. O. WRAY GETS R.A.F. COMMISSION.—Mr. A. L. O. Wray, who lived at Hendon just before joining the Army, but was much better known at Cricklewood where he was always to the fore in sporting and musical circles, has now received his commission in the Royal Air Force.

Rev. J. S. Poulton and Mr. J. Anderson (secretary), visited the school. They congratulated the boys and girls on the success of their endeavours and thanked the parents for the help they had so kindly given, expressing the hope that such a splendid result would be widely known, and the example followed by other schools.

EX-SOLDIER'S SAD DEATH.

A sad story was unfolded at an inquest at the Hendon Town Hall on Wednesday, conducted by Dr. G. A. Cohen, on the body of a discharged soldier, 33 years of age, formerly a lance-corporal in a London Regiment, and previous to that a civil servant. He was found dead early on Monday morning at a local institution where he was undergoing treatment for neurasthenia.

Deceased's father-in-law gave evidence of identification. He said his son-in-law was discharged from the Army on 21st April and had been much depressed.

A nurse at the institution said deceased occupied a room by himself. She was on night duty on Sunday and saw him three times during the night, the last time at 3.30 a.m. She went into the room again at 4 a.m. on hearing a noise and found the window open. The deceased was lying on the ground outside.

A doctor said deceased came under his care on 10th May suffering from neurasthenia. He was depressed. He slept in a room by himself, but was kept under observation by the night sister. The room was on the second floor about 35 to 40 feet above the ground. Witness went to the deceased and found him conscious. He said "What have I done? You have been very kind," but he did not say why he had done it. It was evident, said the doctor, he had jumped from the window. He was taken to Hampstead General Hospital and, owing to lack of room there, transferred to Hendon Infirmary where he died the same day.

The jury found that deceased committed suicide while of unsound mind.

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