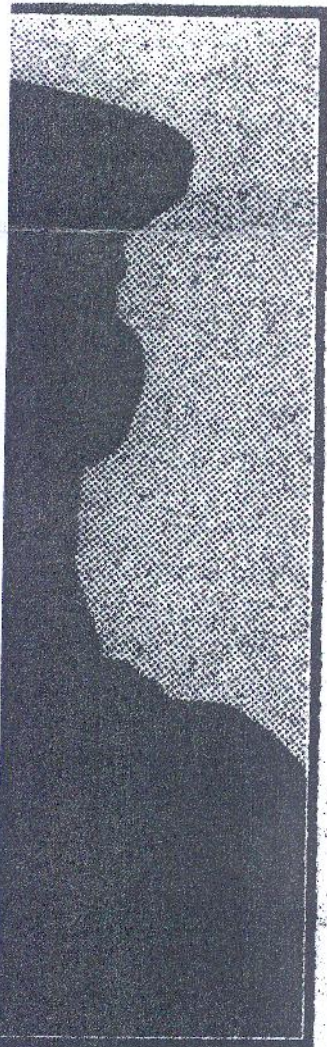


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## OBITUARY.

### MR. F. LEWIS THOMAS.

The death occurred early on Wednesday morning of Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, organist and choirmaster of St. Mary's, Plaistow, Bromley. Mr. Lewis Thomas had more than a local reputation as a musician. He was equally sound as an instrumentalist (piano and organ), conductor, composer, chorus master, and voice trainer. To the people of Bromley the great work of Mr. Lewis Thomas's life was the Bromley Musical Society, of which he was conductor, and which set and maintained for thirty years the high standard for music that early gave the town a reputation which has gathered volume ever since the society was recognised as having made its mark. In the provinces and at Queen's and St. James's Halls duties as an accompanist occupied much of Mr. Thomas's time; and the late Sir Edward Scott invited Mr. Thomas to give a recital before H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

### PRIVATE LAWSON AKHURST SMITH.

The funeral of Private Lawson Akhurst Smith, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Giluth, of Brodick, Homefield-rise, Orpington, whose death had occurred in Hendon Military Hospital, took place at Orpington on Saturday, in the presence of many sorrowing friends. The burial service was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Gilling-Lax), and the widow and her father and other members of the family were amongst those present at the graveside. The coffin was covered with floral tributes of sympathy.

### CHELSEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Chelsfield Parish Council was held on Tuesday evening, when there were present: Mr. A. Miller-Hallett (Chairman), Alderman A. T. Waring, J.P., C.C., Messrs. W. Fox, E. Norman, G. Osgood, P. Pilbeam, and G. W. Rowley; with Mr. G. R. Tunstall (Clerk). Mr. Pilbeam took his seat

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