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TEA PARTY.- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heley most kindly invited all children now attending one or other of the Wing Sunday Schools who have either fathers or brothers at the front, to an entertainment at the Hall, on Saturday, January 27th. Parties of any description are of such rare occurrence in these days of stress and strain that the invitation was accepted with much pleasure, and it was a good thought to associate it with the war in this special manner. Needless to say, the entertainment itself was all that could be desired, and the games which followed the tea were carried on with great zest by all and "the tinies" were not forgotten. The Vicar was prevented, through illness, from attending. Mr. Hammerton and Mr. Guess thanked our kind host and hostess on behalf of the guests at the close of the evening, and congratulated them on the success of the entertainment.

WHIST DRIVE.- The Wing Scouts propose to give a Whist Drive in the Hall on Thursday, Feb. 8th. Its object is to supplement a small sum which they have in hand with the view of investing it in the War Loan. We hope their plucky enterprise may be well supported. They are, in the absence of their Scoutmaster, Mr. W. T. Long, keeping well together. They meet four nights a week at the Parish Room and once at the Pavilion. They are in frequent correspondence with their chief who, though so far away and so hard at work, never forgets them. Mr. Frank Walker is in temporary charge of the company.

BUCKS. COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

I have been asked to bring the following 'to the notice of persons likely to be interested.'

Instruction during the summer months in the manufacture of small holder cheese.

An increase in the production of cheese is recommended, both because of the present high prices, and also as a contribution to the national food supply. Cheese is the form which milk can best be preserved as food; it is particularly suitable for those engaged in long physical work, and is a good substitute for meat.

In certain districts in the county there is usually a surplus of milk in the summer months, and having regard to the fact that a good quality Small Holder Cheese can be manufactured with a minimum of apparatus and trouble, and that one gallon of milk will produce one pound of cheese it is desirable that all surplus milk should be converted into cheese.

The County Council are prepared to establish Schools of Instruction. A minimum of five students (maximum eight) must be secured. Students will be required to attend a course of instruction daily (hours suggested 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) for two weeks. Proper accommodation (a farm house dairy if possible) must be provided, and also six gallons of milk daily. The milk supplied will be purchased or the cheese made from the milk returned to the provider. Courses will be held probably from the middle of April to the middle of July.

Leaflets will be sent from the Board of Agriculture, Whitehall Place, S.W., post free on application: No. 179 "The making of soft and cream cheeses and clotted cream" and No. 231, "Cheese making for small holders" are recommended.

SITTINGS OF EGGS.- With a view to improve the class of poultry kept in rural districts, the Committee have arranged with the Board of Agriculture for the distribution of a limited number of sittings of eggs of pure bred fowls at 2s. 6d. a dozen (carriage not paid). These are obtainable only to cottagers and small holders.

CULTIVATION OF POTATOES.- The Board of Education do not desire the ordinary course of gardening instruction to be disturbed, but where the area of school gardens can be increased by taking charge of vacant allotments without placing too great a strain on the teachers and children. The help of children out of school hours might be enlisted in the cultivation of such additional land. Mr. E. C. Streatfield H.M.I, is prepared to approve on hour per week of school time for the cultivation of potatoes on vacant pieces of ground. In one school in this county this year this plan was very successful. The children attended at dawn and also worked in the evenings until the digging of about sixty poles was completed.

WAR DEPOT WORK PARTY.- Miss Helen Tatham would be grateful if any of our readers would send her odd pieces of thick material, e.g., felt, cloth, or thick serge, for making slippers for Hospitals; also pieces of flannelette for lining the slippers. Any, however small, will be useful.

WING MEN AT THE FRONT, ETC.- We spoke in our last number of the Christmas parcels, and of their safe receipt by many of our men. During January many more acknowledgements have come to hand-all as yet from the French Front. Though we may hope that the parcels have reached their respective destinations in other parts of the world before this; there has not been time as yet for us to hear of them. We have had several home on leave from abroad during the last month- among them, William Pollard, Arthur Gardner, Horace Clark, Edward Doggett, Bert Bandy, James Timms, J. Faulkner and Walter and Harry Samuels, who were fortunate in being at home at the same time. George Dimmock was reported "seriously wounded." The last account of him gives some hope of recovery. We still hear nothing of or "missing" men, and must express our deep sympathy with their friends at home. An amusing incident is related in a letter from George Evans, now in Mesopotamia. He is acting as baker to his regiment, and he went up to another part of the line to witness a football match. As he pushed his way to the front of the spectators he was just in time to see the three Pitchfords and Harry Smith in the act of scoring a goal. He shouted: "Well played, Wing!" and they were all mutually surprised and delighted to meet so far from home and in such a place. The supposed Garden of Eden is close to the neighbourhood of the campaign.

THE WEATHER.- January, 1917, will long be remembered as a month of most severe weather. The papers say we must go back to 1881 (the year of Mr. Rothschild's marriage) to find its equal. We have had little snow (in this county at least), and not so many degrees of frost, but a uniformly low temperature and a biting N. E. wind. Let us hope that we are getting all the wintry weather over now and that we may be blessed with a long and early spring- a matter of vital importance to England and to all the world, in these days of scarcity and threatened famine.

BURIALS

Jan. 5th. – Bernard Burrows, aged 79.

" . 22nd- Francis Simpkins Windmill, aged 80

" 25th – James Fulcher Beard, aged 84

In our last month's Magazine we recorded the death of Mr. John Windmill, who served for so many years as Parish Clerk, and occupied until it was broken up into small holdings, the Glebe Farm, and latterly as Lady Wantage's tenant the Manor Park Farm. Mrs. Windmill passed away on the 18th – only three weeks after her husband. She will be remembered by many of the older inhabitants as for many years a faithful servant in the family of the Rev. T. P. Ouvry, Vicar of Wing, for all the members of which she retained a warm affection and they for her. They often visited her, and Miss Ouvry was present at her funeral in spite of the severe weather.

ALTERATION IN HOURS OF SERVICE.- On the first Sunday in Lent (Feb. 25th) Evensong in Church at 5 p.m. will be resumed, and the 6 p.m. Mission Service in the Hall will be discontinued.

OFFERTORY RECIEPTS

	£	s.	d.	
1 st S. aft Epiph. (with coll. at Hall)	1	3	6	Red Cross Fd.
2nd	1	10	5	Sick and Needy
3rd	1	3	9	Ch. Exps
4th	1	3	4	“ “