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*Maggie Hanley*

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### R.S.P.C.A. branch meeting

The annual general meeting of the Somerset—Weston-super-Mare branch of the R.S.P.C.A. was held at the Cliff Hotel, Clifton, on September 27th.

About fifty members and friends were present to hear a talk on the overseas work of the Society by Mr. Gravestock, of the Society's Overseas Department. Major Seager, S.W. Regional Organiser, and Brydon Chapman, Branch Liaison Officer also attended.

Films of the Society's activities, including one of the Sands Parade at Weston-super-Mare, were shown by Major Seager. Coffee and biscuits were served during the evening.

The newly-elected committee appointed the following Branch Officers: Chairman, Mrs. E. Evans, 24 Farm Road, Weston-super-Mare; hon. secretary, Mrs. Hodgson, 10, The Cottages, Friddy Green, (Tel. Friddy 212); treasurer, Mrs. Harris, 24, Clifton Avenue, Weston-super-Mare (Tel. Weston-super-Mare 4728).

### Conservative Association treasurer

County Councillor John Luff, of Milton Lane, Wells, has been appointed treasurer of the Wells Divisional Conservative Association to succeed Col. G. W. D. Jennings who has resigned through ill-health. Col. Jennings has been treasurer since 1954.

Mr. Luff, who is managing director of John Wainwright and Co., Ltd., the quarry owners, of Stoke St. Michael, was a member of Shepton Mallet U.D.C. from 1951 to 1960 and chairman from 1955-57.

### WEST PENNARD CHOR JOINS

The choir of St. Nicholas, West Pennard (Organist, Mr. Colin Hunt) has recently joined the Royal School of Church Music and in doing this they attach themselves to a movement which has members in all parts of the English-speaking world. All of these are working for the same object, the improvement of the music of Church services, in being affiliated they are able to make use of various benefits which are available for members.

## VICAR REBUKED FOR ATTACK ON BISHOP

### 'Unwarranted' say Proctors

FOUR Somerset clergymen, all proctors in convocation for the diocese of Bath and Wells, have replied to criticisms of their Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Edward B. Henderson.

The criticism was made by the Rev. Christopher Wansley, Vicar of Roudon, Essex, when he preached at Spaxton where the Rector the Rev. G. Watkins Grubb has been deprived of his living by the Bishop after a Church Court at Wells.

Mr. Wansley, who is a proctor in convocation for the diocese of Chelmsford told the congregation in his sermon at Spaxton that he had come to the "backward diocese" of Bath and Wells to stand beside the rector in his trouble.

He continued: "I say 'backward' because your good bishop, faced with contention in one of the parishes in his diocese, and knowing that the Church Assembly had passed a measure awaiting only the Royal Assent, which would nullify the provisions of the Incumbent's Discipline Measure of 1947, chose to charge one of his clergy under this obsolete law, thus becoming judge and prosecutor in his own court—a thing contrary to British justice, and three months later finally abolished in the Church of England."

"I call upon him, even at this late hour, to withdraw the proceedings which he has started under this now dead and buried measure, and so regain the respect of Christian people. The bishop, by sentencing the rector to deprivation of his benefice, had squeezed the last ounce from a dying law."

"From my personal knowledge of, and friendship with, Mr. Grubb, I say this: that if the Rector of Spaxton is adjudged unworthy of continuing in his two parishes then half the clergy of the Church of England ought to be expelled, and the ranks of the bishops themselves be well and truly thinned."

"The severity of the sentence, if, and through the Court of Appeal to decide, but if this is the legalistic spirit in which the bishop approaches his clergy, may Heaven preserve me from ever serving in the diocese of Bath and Wells."

"Yet what can you expect but legalism, when the bishops of our church, the successors to the Apostles

## LOCAL WEDDINGS



Mr. F. J. Barnes of Cornwall Road, Shepton Mallet, and his bride, the former Miss A. Pompey of Norbias Road, Glastonbury, pictured after their wedding at St. John's Church, Glastonbury, on Saturday. Photo: Norman Heat.



The wedding group pictured after the wedding of Mr. Colin Crocker, assistant Clerk, Wells R.D.C. and Miss Cynthia James, of Cadbury Heath, Bristol at High Street Methodist Church, Hanham, Bristol. Photo: J. L. Matthews, Downend, Bristol.



Mr. Roger Male of Shepton Mallet and his bride, the former Miss D. Merritt of Mason Way, Shepton, pictured after their wedding at Shepton Mallet parish church on Saturday. Photo: Ron Worles, Shepton Mallet.

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### WEDDING

MR. R. G. MALE and MISS D. MERRITT

LOCAL builder and decorator, Mr. Roger George Male, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Male, of 54, Garston Street, was married at Shepton Mallet Parish Church on Saturday to Miss Diana Merritt, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Merritt of 6, Mason Way, Shepton Mallet.

The bride's father is secretary of the Shepton Mallet Town Football Club.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. L. A. B. White.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a classic-style dress in white slipper satin with full train and a pearl necklace. She also carried yellow roses.

In attendance were Miss Marcia Male and Sharon Male (nieces of the bridegroom) and Miss Joan Woolf (friend of the bride). They were in nile green slipper satin dresses and lemon circlet head-dresses and gloves. The junior attendants had matching muffs with sprays of freesias and the chief bridesmaid carried a bouquet of freesias.

Best man was Mr. Michael Male (bridegroom's brother).

A reception followed at the Red Lion Hotel and afterwards the couple left for a honeymoon touring Cornwall. The bride wearing a pale blue dress and coat and white accessories.

### Competition results

Prize-winners in the Glastonbury Chilwell Guy Fawkes Carnival competition were: 1, K. Dunkerton, G/O Clarks, Shepton Mallet (ticket A.0475); 2, B. Scriven, Portland Road, Street (B.0678); 3, Bill Tyley, Westbury-sub-Mendip (C.0730).