



Attention has previously been drawn to the necessity for arrangements to be made for lock up premises to be entered easily if incendiary bombs are dropped, so that immediate action may be taken and Mr Wilkinson said this point was being covered by the placing of duplicate keys to the premises joining the scheme in a place readily accessible to responsible people. Application had been made for sand and stirrup pumps.

### **Other Parties**

Mr Knutton stated on Thursday that six fire watching parties were in process of formation for blocks of property in the centre of the town. It would be of great help if the occupiers of lock-up shops would take down their black-out before leaving, so that the first sign of a fire could be quickly spotted. It was also suggested that duplicate keys to the premises should be kept in a glass fronted case in order that valuable time should not be wasted in breaking into the place to tackle a bomb. Every second counted in fighting incendiaries.

“I do wish people would get together about this,” said Mr Knutton. “It’s everybody’s job, and it’s an urgent job. One neglected incendiary will quickly raise a blaze which will destroy not only the shop it starts in, but probably neighbouring premises as well, in addition to providing a perfect mark for following raiders with high explosives.”

### **Five Points**

Mr Knutton quoted the following advice to householders, shopkeepers and other employers, from the Minister of Home Security’s recent appeal:- “See that your house, shop or office building is easy to enter quickly if a fire breaks out; has a rake with which to drag a bomb off the roof or away from anything inflammable;

A voluntary fire watching plan has been devised for the Modern School, and all necessary arrangements have been made for dealing with incendiary bolombs.

## **Knaresborough Post**

**1 February 1941**

# **ANDERSON-WEATHERILL**

The wedding took place quietly at Knaresborough Parish Church on Tuesday, at very short notice owing to the bridegroom’s leave, of Miss Mabel Catherine Weatherill, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. Weatherill, Easthorpe, Crag Lane, Knaresborough and Lieut. William Martin Anderson, East Yorkshire Regiment, only son of Mrs Anderson and the late Capt. Anderson, of Knaresborough.

The bride’s father is agent for the Scriven Park estate of Commander Slingsby, who now resides in British Columbia. The bridegroom served in France and Egypt in the last war, was wounded several times and mentioned in despatches.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of Knaresborough, Rev. B. K. Kissack, the bride being given away by her father. She wore a blue angora frock, with fur coat and hat to tone.

Mr W. Elborne, at the organ played appropriate music before and after the service. The hymn "Lead us, heavenly Father," was sung before the blessing.

No formal reception was held. Later, Lieut. And Mrs Anderson left for a short honeymoon prior to the bridegroom's return to his station.

The bride's brother, Capt. E. Weatherill, R.A., who is serving with his regiment, was unable to attend the wedding.

## **Knaresborough Post**

**1 February 1941**

**Promotion-** Mr Jack Mainman, only son of Mr and Mrs H. W. Mainman, Scriven Road, Knaresborough, who has been serving in a heavy anti-aircraft regiment in the South since the outbreak of war, has this week been gazetted 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He returned to duty yesterday (Friday) after spending a week's leave at home. Before the war he was a schoolmaster in Conisborough.

## **Knaresborough Post**

**8 February 1941**

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# **SCRIVEN**

**SPITFIRE FUND** – At a recent meeting of residents in the village of Scriven, it was decided that a Spitfire effort should be organised in the parish. Four ladies were appointed as collectors, and a sum of £20.2s. was collected. Competitions increased the total by £7, and £27.2s. has been handed over to the Nidderdale Rural Spitfire Fund. Thanks are expressed to the collectors and donors of prizes.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** – The monthly meeting was held in the Hut on Monday, Mrs Jacob Smith presiding. Mr R. Almond, of the Knaresborough fire service, gave an instructive and helpful talk on home fire righting.

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## **Knaresborough Post**

**22 February 1941**

**Grammar School "Old Boy"** – a former student of Harrogate Grammar School, Mr Donald Fairman, is shortly to be commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Royal Corps of Signals, which he joined eleven months ago. He has been in a cadet corps for the past eight months. Mr Fairman, who is 23 years of age, and only son of Mr M. J. T. Fairman, physical training master at the grammar School, and Mrs Fairman, of Victoria Avenue, Knaresborough, gained the degree of B.S.c (Hons) at Leeds University in 1939. He is well known in sporting circles, having played at centre half with Knaresborough Town A.F.C. with Yorkshire Amateurs, and with the famous amateur side, the Corinthians. In 1939, he was honoured by an invitation to take part in the Islington Corinthian Football Club's tour of Iceland. This winter he has been turning out regularly with an Army team.

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**Knaresborough Post**

**22 February 1941**

**ROWE – FAIRMAN**

At Park Grove Methodist Church, Knaresborough, on Monday, the wedding took place of Miss Millie Fairman, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm J. T. Fairman, of 15 Victoria Avenue, Knaresborough, and Pilot Officer John Lawrence Rowe, younger son of Mr and Mrs Rowe, Hull Road, York. The bridegroom, now serving in the R.A.F., was formerly physical training master at Knaresborough Modern School. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. J. Marchant. The hymns were "Lead us, heavenly Father" and "Happy the heart."

10 The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a French blue two piece suit, with brown accessories and a spray of pink carnations. Pilot Officer Ian Livingstone was best man.

A reception was held at the Elephant and Castle Hotel. The honeymoon is being spent at Darlington.

**Knaresborough Post**

**9 March 1941**

20 **Organist Leaving.** – Mr Geoffrey Cleasby, of Park Avenue, organist of Holy Trinity Church since last July, is called up for military service, like his colleague, Mr Eric A. Holden, of the Parish Church, and leaves next week for an R.A.M.C. depot, During his absence, his place at Trinity will be taken by Coun. W. H. Dunkley.

**Knaresborough Post**

**29 March 1941**

# **WEDDINGS**

## **STROTHARD – PILSWORTH**

The marriage took place at Christ Church, Harrogate, on Sunday, of Mr James Henry Strothard (R.A.F.), only son of Mr W. Strothard of Scriven, Knaresborough, and the late Mrs Strothard, and Miss Ethel Mary Pilsworth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. J. Piklsworth, of 6, Knaresborough Road, Harrogate.

10 The Rev. R. P. Appleton (curate) officiated, and Mr Warner Yeomans was at the organ. The hymns, "Lead us Heavenly Father," and "O Perfect Love" were sung.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in white satin beaute cut on princess lines. She carried a shower bouquet of white tulips and wore pearls.

Miss Nancy Plummer, of Knaresborough, as bridesmaid, wore a dress of lilac chiffon, a head dress of anemones, and carried a posy.

Mr H. W. Pilsworth (R.A.F.), bride's brother, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride who wore a purple suit trimmed with Indian lamb for travelling on her honeymoon.

**Knaresborough Post**

**5 April 1941**

## **COMMANDER C. H. R. SLINGSBY**

News was received in Knaresborough on Thursday of the death in British Columbia last Saturday of Commander Claude Henry Reynard Slingsby, owner of the Scriven Park estates and Lord of the Manor of Scotton.

Eldest son of the late Rev. Charles Slingsby, Commander Slingsby had lived in British Columbia for some 30 years. He was born in August 1874, and received his early training in H.M.S. Britannia. In 1900, he married Dorothy Morgan, daughter of the late James M. Warner, of Rhode Island, U.S.A., who died in 1925.

30 The family is one of great antiquity, the first recorded ancestor being one Gamel, surnamed Aucepts, probably from his being royal fowler, who ad the confirmation of his lands in Scriven from King Henry I. It is understood that the estate, which includes, in addition to the mansion at Scriven Park, the village of Old Scriven, the links of Knaresborough Golf Club and lands in the parishes of Scriven, Farnham, Scotton and Ferrensby, will now pass into

the ownership of Major Thomas William Slingsby, of Romanby House, Northallerton, the Commander's only surviving brother.

### **Knaresborough Post**

**19 April 1941**

10 **A.R.P. Control Board.** – An elaborate new control board has just been installed at the wardens' headquarters at the police station. Occupying the greater part of one wall, the board shows at a glance the various posts and sectors, with the personnel attached to each, the disposal of personnel, details of auxiliary services, the manning of posts, the weekly strength of the service and the state of training. The various particulars are recorded on small discs, of different colours for different services, and these are hung on pins in the appropriate spaces, so as to show, for example, which posts are manned, in which sectors incidents have occurred, and where contact may be made with other services.

### **Knaresborough Post**

**19 April 1941**

### **War Weapons Week**



Knaresborough Home Guards played their part in drawing attention to the Week.

[Staff Photo]

# Knareborough Post 19 April 1941 : War Weapons Week

## Knareborough Post

26 April 1941

10 **Knareborough Airman** – News was received in Knareborough, on Saturday, that Leading Airman Alan Todd, of the Fleet Air Arm, only son of Mr and Mrs Percy Todd, of Greengate Lane, has been interned in French territory, presumably as the result of a forced landing. He went to the Middle East last September, and has seen service in Libya, and latterly in Malta. It is just over a year ago that Leading Airman Todd was posted missing after the machine in which he was acting as gunner-observer was shot down over the coast of Norway. News of his safety reached his parents three weeks later.

20 **Adventurous Journey** – After their machine had been shot down by anti-aircraft fire near Bergen, Leading Airman Todd and his pilot escaped in their rubber dinghy and eventually joined up again with the British forces after an exciting trek of many miles through rough country, with the Germans on their heels for most of the way. They hid in a house in the woods on an island for eight days, and then managed to get in touch with Norwegian forces, with whose help they made their way to the British at Aalesund.

## Knareborough Post

26 April 1941

### POTTER – CLAPHAM

The wedding has taken place at Knareborough Parish Church of Miss Emily Clapham, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Clapham, Hazel-Heads Farm, Old Scriven, Knareborough, and Mr Richard William Potter, youngest son of Mr A. W. Potter and the late Mrs Potter, of Whixley.

30 The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a rose pink dress with hat to match and carried a bouquet of pink tulips. She was attended by Mrs F. Potter, sa matron of honour. Mr F. Potter acted as best man.

## **Knaresborough Post**

**3 May 1941**

**Freak Eggs** – Two curiosities in the egg line are reported at Knaresborough. Last week, one of Mrs F. Herrington's hens at Old Scriven laid an egg of a reddy-brown hue, with a protuberance resembling a head at one end, the whole looking very much like one of the celluloid ducks children play with. The second freak was produced by a hen belonging to Miss F. Mudd, Castlegate. This weighted 7 and three quarter ounces, and contained two yolks in addition to another egg complete with shell.

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## **Knaresborough Post**

**10 May 1941**

**Services Club** – The resignation of Mrs Welch, hon. Organiser of the Services Club and Canteen, has been accepted with great regret by the committee, who have expressed their deep appreciation of her services from the inception of the venture. Mrs J. Sutcliffe has been appointed to succeed her, with Miss Dorothy Jacob Smith as her assistant. The club is in a flourishing financial position, and the committee have been able to make grants of £25 each to the Commanding Officers of two regiments, to be applied at their own discretion.

## **Knaresborough Post**

**28 June 1941**

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**M.A. Degree** – The degree of M.A., has been conferred by Cambridge University, on Mr Basil G. Wilkinson, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. B. Wilkinson, York Road, and a former student at King James's Grammar School Mr Wilkinson, who entered Downing College in 1934, and was awarded his B.A. three years later, was engaged on research work at the University until last October, when he was appointed to a scientific post under the Admiralty.

**Knaresborough Post**

**5 July 1941**

## **Concealed Deserter**

Nora Parsons, housewife, Knaresborough, pleaded guilty to concealing a deserter, and was bound over for two years in the sum of £10. Defendant was ordered to pay 4s costs. Col. Collins said she had committed a very serious offence, for which she could have been sent to prison for six months. Owing to the fact that she had four children, and other facts brought to the magistrates' notice, they had decided, however, not to commit her.

10 Supt. Cockroft said that on Monday, June 16, P.C. King called at defendant's house and told her he was making enquiries with regard to a Trooper Albert Coleman, who was absent without leave from the Royal Tank Regiment. He informed her that he had reason to believe that she knew something about the man and that he was in her house. She said Coleman had been on leave, but had gone back on May 28. The police were not satisfied, and on June 30, P.S. Goddard and P.C. King again went to the house and saw the defendant, who said she had told P.C. King the truth on the previous occasion.

20 P.C. King noticed a chest of drawers on the landing underneath the trapdoor leading to the false roof. He climbed up and looked into the false roof, but could see nothing, as it was dark. He called out, but received no reply. The officers again asked defendant if Coleman was in the house, and she denied that she knew anything about him. P.S. Goddard obtained a torch, then defendant, apparently realising that it was no use continuing with the deception, said, "I'll tell you the truth. I look like being in trouble. I'll call him down." She called out, "Come on, Albert," and Coleman climbed down from the false roof. He was in civilian clothing, and had his uniform packed in a case. When told she would be reported, defendant said, "This comes from giving soldiers a cup of tea. My husband is coming home on leave tonight, and I'll tell him about it."

30 Defendant said that when P.C. King called on June 16, Coleman was not at the house, having returned after his leave, and she did not know he was a deserter. He came back at eleven o'clock on the following night, very bedraggled and dirty, and begged of her to let him in, as he was "on the run." That was the first time she knew he was a deserter. "I admit I lied the second time the police came," added defendant, "because I was terrified. It was only my sympathy. I told him the police had been, and begged of him to go. He used to come to my house with my husband's permission."

Defendant's husband, who was in court in naval uniform, said he invited Coleman to the house when he was on leave. "I trust my wife," he said, "and I trust Coleman as a man, but not as a deserter."

**Knaresborough Post**

**19 July 1941**

**Organist Reported Missing** – Mrs E. Cleasby, 4 Park Avenue, Scriven, has been informed that her son, Pte. Geoffrey Cleasby (23), R.A.M.C. is missing in the \Middle East. Pte. Cleasby, who was employed by Messrs W. B. Moss and Sons, grocers, at their Knaresborough store, joined the Army last year, and went out East in January. He was organist and choirmaster at Holy Trinity Church, and previously acted in a similar capacity at Aldborough Church.

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**Knaresborough Post**

**26 July 1941**

**Prisoner of War** – Pte. Geoffrey Cleasby, R.A.M.C. of Park avenue, Knaresborough, who was stated last week to be missing in the Middle East, is now reported, by a German source, to be a prisoner of war.

**Knaresborough Post**

**2 August 1941**

**MR J. JOHNSON**

20 The death occurred on Sunday, at the age of 89, of Mr John Johnson, of Myrtle House, Park Avenue, Scriven, a former member of Knaresborough Urban Council. Mr Johnson, who was a native of Scotton, was in business as a builder in Knaresborough and district for upwards of 50 years, retiring some 20 years ago. He was responsible for the development of the greater part of New Scriven, much of the stone used coming from his own quarries at Lingerfield, and was associated with the building of Park Grove Methodist Church. He served on the Urban Council for eight years, from 1908-11 and from 1913-18, and was one of the prime movers in the scheme for the erection of the present Council offices, for which he prepared designs.

30 The interment took place at the Friends' Burial Ground, Scotton, on Tuesday, after a service at Park Grove Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. A. J. Marchant. Miss Clegg was at the organ, and the hymns were "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "Rock of Ages." Miss Clegg played "O rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn) before the service, and the Funeral March from "Songs without Words" as closing voluntary.

## Knarborough Post

2 August 1941

### MR A. B. LINDEN

At Knarborough Cemetery on Wednesday, the funeral took place of Mr Alfred B. Linden, of 1, Alexandra Place, Scriven, who died on Sunday, aged 27. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Knarborough (Rev. B. K. Kissack).

The principal mourners were Mrs Dorothy Linden, widow; Mr and Mrs A. Linden, parents; Mr and Mrs Bradshaw, uncle and aunt; Mr and Mrs H. Cassells, brother-in-law and sister; Mr and Mrs C. Thorpe, junr, brother-in-law and sister-in-law (also representing Mrs C. Thorpe);  
10 Mr and Mrs N. Hanson, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Mr and Mrs J. H. Woodward, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Mr J. Bradshaw, Mrs Harness, Mr and Mrs Jennings, Mr and Mrs G. Dobby, cousins; Mrs J. Tomlinson, aunt; Mr and Mrs Crosby, uncle and aunt; Mrs W. Thorpe, Mrs K. Thorpe.

Among others who attended were Mr and Mrs F. Cassells, Mrs Smith, Miss M. Cassells, Mrs W. Wright, Mr R. Holmes, Mr M. J. T. Fairman, Mr F. Gill, Mr and Mrs A. Butterfield, Mr E. Cosgrove, Mr G. W. Hymas, Mr W. J. Bowman, Mrs W. Pymm, Mr R. Clapham, Mr S. Walker, Mr H. W. Mainman, Mrs Bailes, Mr and Mrs J. F. Holmes, Mrs Colbeck, Mrs Hastings, Mrs Clifford, Mrs Steele, Mrs T. Nicholson, Mr A. E. Hinchliffe.

Wreaths were sent as under:-

20 "From his sorrowing Wife and children"; Mum and Dad. Ron, Bill and Gran; Mrs C. Thorpe; Tom and family; Lily and Donald; Jack, Effie and Ron; Annie and George; Dolly and Harold; Appy and Henry, Peter and Edith; Nan, Charlo and the girls; Lily, Norman and children; Dorothy and Eric; Mary and George; Eva, Jack and Wilf; Herbert and Winn; Mary. Clara and Fred; Fred, Clara and Marjorie; Mary; Tom, Katie and Alf, Patsy; Marion and Jack; Marjorie and David; Gertie and Hubert; Capt. And Mrs Pymm and family; J. F. And H. Holmes; Miss Marshall; Mr and Mrs C. Hogg, Edna, Vera, Irene and John; Mr and Mrs Fairman and family; Mrs J. H. Learoyd and Mr and Mrs F. R. Learoyd; Mr and Mrs Clapham and family; All at J. 12; Mr and Mrs J. Wood; Mrs Smith, Dick and John; M. Harker; Mr and Mrs R. Clapham; Mrs H. Spence and family; Miss Atkinson and Miss S. Atkinson; Mr and Mrs J. Lee  
30 and family; Mrs Lambert, Mr and Mrs King, Mr and Mrs Herrington; "All his friends in Old Scriven"; G. A. Shaw; Mr and Mrs W. Day; Miss Peckitt; Mr and Mrs S. Walker; Nurse Nuttall; Mr and Mrs H. Leachman; Mrs L Coldbeck; Eva and Mildred White; Mr and Mrs T. S. Brown; Mr and Mrs Turton; Mr and Mrs G. Smith; Mr and Mrs S. Norman; P. D. Hinkling; Nellie Plaxton; Miss Beck; both at 16 Scriven Road; Mrs Soar

Mr E. Woodward had charge of the arrangements. Motors were supplied by Messrs Dibbs.

Knaresborough Post

9 August 1941

# *Farming Notes and News*

## **Italian Prisoners of War**

The first batch of about 2,000 Italian prisoners of war recently arrived in this country. They have been specially selected for their suitability for work on the land. They are at present being arranged into working parties and will be placed in working camps in various parts of the country. It is the intention that these men shall be engaged primarily on ditching and drainage work in order to prepare some thousands of additional acres for ploughing up this autumn.

Knaresborough Post

16 August 1941

## **KNARESBOROUGH ACCIDENT**

Mrs Alice Lonsdale, Buckminster, Greengate Lane, Knaresborough, hon. Secretary of the ladies' section of Knaresborough Golf Club, was admitted to Harrogate General Hospital on Monday morning, suffering from a fracture of the left arm sustained in a collision between her cycle and an Army motor-cyclist in High Street. The motor-cyclist, Trooper George Macdonald, was also taken to hospital, suffering from a fracture of the left leg and a scalp wound.

Knaresborough Post

16 August 1941

**Garden Fruit:-** Although the season is well advanced, Knaresborough Garden Fruit Committee have not yet been able to begin jamming operations this year, owing to the difficulty of obtaining fruit. The centre, where several thousand pounds of jam were made last year, has been in readiness for some time, but the committee have so far been unable to obtain fruit to use this season. Soft fruits have been very short, the plum crop particularly being very poor as compared with last year's, and difficulties have also been created by price restriction. Blackberries and apples are the two remaining hopes, and Mr H. Mainman,

hon. Secretary of the committee, would be glad to hear from anyone in a position to offer supplies of these fruits.

### **Knaresborough Post**

**23 August 1941**

10 **Farm Workers' Hostels.** – Work has begun on a site in Chain Lane, Knaresborough, on the construction of one of the new Government hostels for farm workers. These hostels, of which nearly 300 are being built throughout the country, are intended to accommodate gangs of workers who will be available to give help on any farms in the district where there is a call for labour. Standard plans of two types of hostel, accommodating 30 and 50 men respectively, have been prepared and every effort is being made to cut out delay in their erection.

**Three Blocks.** – Each hostel is composed of three blocks – a dormitory, an ablution block and a welfare block. The ablution block contains, in addition to sanitary facilities, baths, shower-baths, washing basins, a linen room and a drying room. There is also a foot bath for washing rubber boots. In the welfare block are a good-sized dining and recreation room, a kitchen, accommodation for the hostel manager, and a small sick bay.

20 Italian Prisoners? – The Knaresborough hostel, which is to have accommodation for 50 men, will not be ready in time for the corn harvest, but it is expected to be completed before the potato gathering. A member of the County War Agricultural Committee stated on Monday that there was a possibility of its being used for the accommodation of some of the Italian prisoners of war who are being brought to this country for agricultural work.

### **Knaresborough Post**

**30 August 1941**

## **SCRIVEN CHILDREN'S RED CROSS EFFORT**

30 A sum of £3. 7s. 6d, has been raised for the Red Cross by a group of Scriven children as the result of a recent concert in Scriven Women's Institute, organised by Yvonne Sewell and Rhona Jennings. A programme of doll dances, recitations, songs, duets and sketches was put on before an audience of about sixty, and after the show the girls sold apples, rhubarb and lettuces, as well as refreshments prepared with the help of their mothers. Those taking part were Monica Derrington, Peggy King, Dennis King, Peter Ingram, Mary and Rhona Jennings, Betty Weatherill, Edith Cassells, Jean Norman and Yvonne Sewell. The show is being repeated today (Saturday) in Scotton Institute, also in aid of the Red Cross.

**Knaresborough Post**

**30 August 1941**

**WILKINSON-OLDROYD**

The wedding took place quietly at West Church, Thurso, Scotland, on Tuesday, of Sub-Lieut. Basil G. Wilkinson, R.N.V.R., elder son of Mr and Mrs W. B. Wilkinson, 12 York Road, Knaresborough, and Miss Mabel Oldroyd, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. W. Oldroyd, Thornhill, Manor Road, Knaresborough. Bride and bridegroom are former students of King James's Grammar School.

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**Knaresborough Post**

**13 September 1941**

**Evening Classes.** – It is announced that the winter session of evening classes in the Knaresborough area will open on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, enrolment night being Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The following courses and classes are included:- at the Modern School, first-aid (men and women), "Keep Fit" (men and women), millinery, dressmaking, handicraft, home nursing, cookery, vocal music, physical training and games (boys and girls); at Arkendale Memorial Hall, dressmaking, first aid. Full particulars may be obtained from Mr Jack Thompson at the Modern School, or Mr H. L. Hall at the Education Office.

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**Knaresborough Post**

**4 October 1941**

**SLINGSBY FORTUNE**

Commander Charles Henry Reynard Slingsby, R.N., retired, Victoria, British Columbia, and late of Scriven Park, Knaresborough, eldest son of the late Rev. Charles Slingsby Slingsby, heir to the Slingsby estates, left unsettled gross estate in England, already valued at £44,178, which, together with settled land now valued at £8,973, makes the total value of property passing at his death £53,153.

## Knaresborough Post

11 October 1941



## Knaresborough Post

18 October 1941

### FORMER KNARESBOROUGH TEACHER HONOURED

#### PILOT-OFFICER ROWE MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

- 10 A former member of the staff of Knaresborough Modern School, now serving in the R.A.F., had just been honoured by mention in despatches. He is Pilot-Officer J. L. Lowe, of York, who was physical training instructor at the school before joining the Air Force.

Pilot-Officer Rowe has been engaged in bombing operations over Germany and the Norwegian coast, and on returning from one of these trips he had to make a crash landing, because his undercarriage had been shot away. The 'plane caught fire after landing. Pilot-Officer Rowe managed to get clear, and then at the risk of his own life, extricated one of the members of the crew.

Pilot-Officer Rowe married Miss Millie Fairman, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Fairman, Victoria Avenue, Knaresborough.

**Knaresborough Post**

**25 October 1941**

**W. I. Federation.** – Among those elected to the executive committee of the Yorkshire County Federation of Women's Institutes this week are Mrs Jacob Smith (Knaresborough), Miss Tankard (Whixley), and Mrs Denby Yewdall (Aldbrough).

**Knaresborough Post**

**8 November 1941**

## **CORNER-LAWRENCE**

10 At Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, on Monday the wedding took place of Capt. Norman Brodrick Corner, Royal Tank Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs George Brodrick Corner, of Norcote, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough, and Miss Barbara Mary Lawrence, daughter of Mr Coun. H. Lawrence, solicitor and clerk to Ossett magistrates, and Mrs Lawrence, of Ingfield, Ossett.

The Rev. George H. Marshall officiated. Mr Lawrence gave away his daughter. Her nigger brown two-piece was trimmed with ocelot, and she wore accessories to match. Mr. J. W. Aspdin was best man.

**Knaresborough Post**

**15 November 1941**

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## **AFTER BEING REPORTED MISSING**

News has been received that Pilot-Officer W. J. H. Greenaway, R.A.F., was seen gliding down in occupied territory. This welcome information came shortly after the official notification that he was missing.

Pilot-Officer Greenaway is the only son of Mr and Mrs H. Greenaway of 22 Torrs Road, Harrogate, and is 26 years of age. He married Miss Joan Greenwood, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Greenwood, Scriven Road, Knaresborough. He was well known locally, being an old boy of St. Peter's and Christ Church Schools, and was a skilled craftsman in cabinet making. He obtained high distinction at Harrogate Technical School, and received the Full Technological Cert, of the City and Guilds of London Institute. For some time he was on the teaching staff of Leeds University and later was appointed tradesmaster at Walsall.

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**Knaresborough Post**

**22 November 1941**

**Land Girls Hostel.**- It has been decided by the West Riding War Agricultural Executive Committee to put 40 members of the Women's Land Army into the hostel which has just been built in Chain Lane, Knaresborough. The girls, who are expected to arrive next Wednesday, will live in the hostel and go out to work on farms in the district. They will be available for employment by any farmer who is in need of extra labour.

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**22 November 1941**

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**WOMEN'S LAND ARMY**

The East, West and North Riding Committees of the Women's Land Army have been amalgamated. The chairman of the new Yorkshire Committee will be Katharine, Lady Graham, and she will have two vice-chairman, Lady Bingley and Mrs Dunnington Jerrarson. The organising secretary will be Miss W. Jacob Smith.

There are now over 1,000 girls employed in Yorkshire, and the amalgamation makes Yorkshire one of the largest units of the W.L.A. in the country. In addition to the girls employed, a large number of new recruits are sent each week to farms in the South of England.

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**Knaresborough Post**

**29 November 1941**



Land Army Hostel in Knaresborough. (1) Girls enjoying the facilities in the recreation room. (2) A group of the volunteers with the van which takes them out to the farms. (Staff Photos)

**Knaresborough Post**

**6 December 1941**

# **SCRIVEN**

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** – The monthly meeting was held at “The Hut” on Monday, Mrs Jacob Smith presiding. During the business part of the meeting, it was agreed to give a party to men of searchlight detachments and sick soldiers on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 5pm. There will be no meeting of the Institute on January 5<sup>th</sup>. After the business meeting, Mr and Mrs Todd gave an enjoyable travel talk, illustrated by films, on a sea trip to Nigeria, with native scenes.

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Knaresborough Post

**12 December 1941**

## **OBITUARY**

### **MR JACOB SMITH**

The death occurred at his home, Sommerley, Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough, on Wednesday, of Mr Jacob Smith, one of the best known personalities in local agricultural and hunting circles. He was 72 years of age.

Mr Jacob Smith was born at Humberston, near Helperby, where the family had farmed for generations. He himself farmed over a thousand acres at Humberston and Burton Grange. He came to Knaresborough just after the last war, and after a year or two of semi-retirement, took over Park Corner Farm, Scriven. He was widely known as a breeder, exhibitor and judge of horses, and had shown and judged horses, not only in Yorkshire, but also at the important Olympia Show, London. He also bred horses which were entered at the Newmarket sales.

A keen hunting man, Mr Jacob Smith was a member of the York and Ainsty, Bedale and Bramham Hunts, and in his earlier days rode with considerable success at point-to-point meetings. He was a member of the Boroughbridge Agricultural Society, of which his grandfather was one of the founders, of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society and of the committee of Harrogate Agricultural Society. Along with Col. W. F. Collins, he judged the leaping classes at Harrogate Show for many years. During the last war he was a member of the North Riding War Agricultural Executive Committee, and in the present war he served on the District Agricultural Committee.

### **North Riding Magistrate**

Mr Jacob Smith was a North Riding magistrate, and had been a member of the Wath Bench for some 26 years. He served on Knaresborough Urban Council for two three year terms, and was a member of the committee, and a former vice chairman, of the Conservative Club. He had a long association with Knaresborough Parish Church, first as sidesman and then for

many years as warden for Scriven-with-Tentergate, and was churchwarden at Kirby Hill before coming to Knaresborough. He was a member of Knaresborough Cricket Club, and since the outbreak of war had acted as a senior air raid warden.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, one of whom, Miss Winifred Jacob Smith, is organising secretary for Yorkshire for the Women's Land Army. The funeral takes place today (Saturday). A service will be held at Knaresborough Parish Church at 1.30pm., and the interment will be at Kirby Hill Church at 2.30.