

Oxted Branch 1925/26/27



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Natural Causes.

BRITISH LEGION.—A Building Fund has been opened among members of the Oxted Branch of the British Legion, and is being well supported, but the amount required is beyond their resources, and they appeal to the generosity of the neighbourhood to assist in the erection of a building, which is greatly needed. Towards the amount required £1,000 has been paid or promised, 25 per cent. coming from the men themselves. With a further £700 the Branch will be in a posi-

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tion to accept Mr. Master's offer of the land, and to start building. The Oxted Branch have occupied their temporary hut on the Recreation Ground since July, 1919. A site for a permanent building has been generously promised by Mr. C. H. Master next to the Church Room, facing the Recreation Ground, and it is hoped that, with sufficient local support, this building may be erected to serve as Headquarters of the Branch and Club premises at a cost of about £2,500. The membership of the Branch is increasing steadily, being now about 160, and the present hut is quite inadequate for the purpose required. The Hon. Treasurers are Lieut. Colonel F. M. Thrupp and Mr. A. W. Mabe.

DADDOCK WOOD

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The new headquarters of the Oxted Branch of the British Legion, which have cost over were opened on Saturday, by Admiral Sir Charles Madden. The building was designed to be in keeping with the local traditions of the district. It is constructed of solid oak framing and it is built with timber and plaster. The accommodation includes a steward's flat arranged on the first floor. The interior is fitted up with oak fittings and furniture all executed by Mr. C.A. Williams. There is a ladies room and a writing room and at the rear is a large games room and billiard room which can be shut off from the main hall by means of screens. Consideration has been given to the front appearance and a simple design of rock, garden has been carried out by Mr. T. Bennett, a local landscape gardener, who had done his work exceedingly well. The architect was Mr. A Douglas Robinson, A.R.I.W.A., and the contractor was Mr. Williams. Many people in the district have been very generous in supplying furnishings and Mr. Buxton and Mr. J. Flint have supplied curtains for the windows while Mr. Granville has presented a bookcase for the writing room. On Saturday Admiral Sir Charles Madden was met by a Guard of Honour made up of delegates from Belmont, Caterham, Ditton, Esher, Limpsfield, Malden and Coombe, Henley, Godstone, Redhill, Shoreham-on-Sea, Horley, Wimbledon, Warlingham, Bletchingley and Chatham. Before the Admiral unlocked the door with the golden key, Lady Madden was presented with a beautiful bouquet, and then Sir Charles invited the visitors to follow him into the club which he declared open. Interesting speeches followed. Tea was served to the visitors, and in the evening a smoking concert was held at which there was a very large attendance, Capt. Stanley Brown being the chairman. Among those present were Sir Henry Gibson, Sir A. Clarke, Messrs. Luke, A. N. Abrahams, Scott-Moncrieff, Col. Thrupp, Col. Grantham, Major Cohen, and representatives of other Legion branches. A splendid concert was presented by Mr. A. N. Abrahams, Mr. Percy Broad, Mr. Chillman and Mr. Dimmoek, Mr. F. O. Bunn being the pianist. The result of the Prize Gift scheme was announced as follows: Motor cycle given Mr. W. H. Spark, won by Mr. E. H. Maskell, Oakroyd, Hurst Green; roadster cycle, given by Mr. W. Rice, won by Mr. F. W. Cooner, Bell Cottage, Oxted, wireless set, given by Mr. I. B. Job, won by Mr. G. Tompkins; dinner service, given by Messrs. H. H. Blades and Co., won by A. Green, Lingfield.

OXTED BRITISH LEGION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Oxted branch of the British Legion took place at the headquarters on Tuesday evening last, Capt. Stanley Brown being in the chair.

A letter was read from Mr. A. B. Towers appealing for funds on behalf of blind ex-servicemen, and the matter was referred to the Benevolent Committee, who were asked to arrange to make collections of money.

The Chairman said that the question of the formation of a women's section in connection with the branch had been mooted some considerable time ago, and he was of opinion that such a section would be a great help, especially in the administration of the relief work of the branch. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter and it was eventually decided to refer the question to the general committee.

The balance sheet was considered to be very satisfactory, and the Chairman, in dealing with the Building Fund, said they were £650 overdrawn at the Bank, and bills outstanding amounted to £210, so that their total liabilities were now £860. Against that they had to place money that might be received from the sale of the old hut. He thought it was a satisfactory position, because they had reduced the overdraft from £1,300 to £860.

The election of officers resulted as follows:— President, Sir Ernest Clarke, chairman, Capt. Brown; vice-chairman, Col. Gartshore; branch secretary, Mr P. Whitney; club secretary, Mr. G. W. Bunn; treasurer, Mr. A. W. Mabey; committee, Messrs. T. Blades, F. Poole, P. M. Blades, G. Reynolds, F. Cox, H. Shove, W. H. Gladwin, R. Dimmock, W. Rice and C. A. Williams.

The relief committee were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. F. Poole; treasurer and secretary, Mr. A. Mabey; vice-chairman, Col. Thrupp; committee, Messrs. H. Poole, P. Whitney and F. Sales. The report with regard to the relief work for the year was very satisfactory.