

# A MEMORABLE DAY

## Effingham's Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee Day celebrations at Effingham on Monday began with a thanksgiving service at the church, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Floud). The service was well attended.

At 11 o'clock there was a children's fancy dress procession, for which there were numerous entries and many original costumes. The children assembled at the school and walked to Yew Tree House, where Mrs. McNair judged the costumes on the lawn. As they paraded through the village the children were followed by a large number of parents and friends.

### TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

The main event of the day was, however, the planting of the Jubilee tree. This tree, an English chestnut, had been presented by Mr. O. Slocock, captain of the Effingham Manor Golf Club, and the ceremony was performed by Mrs. Stewart Adams, who has rendered 25 years' unbroken service to Effingham School.

The chairman of the Parish Council (Mr. G. Bunce) asked Mrs. Adams to plant the tree. Addressing the boys and girls, she said that the tree was a symbol of strength and beauty. She hoped they would always try to cultivate strength in their bodies and beauty in their characters.

A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Adams by Miss Doris Moore. Mr. Adams, chairman of the Jubilee Committee, thanked her for planting the tree, and expressed the hope that her efforts on behalf of the young would continue.

### WREATH PLACED ON SHRINE

The procession then proceeded to the fete ground, stopping en route to allow Master Arthur Wells to place a floral tribute on the shrine. On behalf of the Celebrations Committee, Mr. Stewart Adams welcomed the residents and visitors to the ground. The committee, he said, had arranged that some means of comfort and good cheer was provided for the sick, aged and infirm of the parish.

Much interest was evinced in a decorated perambulator parade. Some of the perambulators contained babies and others dolls. Decorated bicycles also joined in the parade, which was judged by Mrs. McGowan, the Misses Biggin, Mr. A. Hole and Mrs. Diamontidi. Kindergarten antics followed, and a stoolball match between past and present scholars of Effingham School was played.

Sports preceded teas for children and adults. Beakers and mugs were presented to the children by Mrs. Floud, Mrs. Whale and Miss Wood.

Another stoolball match, between the schoolgirls and members of the Women's Institute, was followed by sports for demoiselles and youths. A tug-of-war between single and married men, married folk trotting in double harness and veterans' race were other events. A memorable day wound up with a bonfire, at which there was community singing, and a carnival dance at the Women's Institute Hall.

Mr. J. Stewart Adams was chairman of the Jubilee Committee, Mr. Ivor A. W. McGowan secretary, and Mrs. M. Whale treasurer.