



VE DAY COMMEMORATION

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SCHOOL & FAMILY TOOLKIT

HOW DID THEY CELEBRATE THEN?

The children in Murray's Road and Farrant Street were entertained at a party given in Salisbury Street Schools on Wednesday, over 100 children and helpers being present. After an excellent tea, which was made possible by the generosity of the residents and the tradesmen in this area, ice cream and sweets were distributed and races were held for which war savings certificates were given as prizes. Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Christian organised the effort and the balance in hand will be donated to a war charity.

Marown Parish was gaily decorated to celebrate V-E Day. On Tuesday evening there were Church services at which large congregations attended. On Wednesday the proceedings started with a Faith Tea given free to all the children, and held in the Parish Hall, followed by a United Service on the Tennis Courts, conducted by the Rev. H. Bennett, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. George). A collection was taken for the rebuilding of Christian Churches in Europe. Hymns were accompanied by the newly-formed Crosby Brass Band.

After the service Sports were held in the field adjoining, after which parishioners returned to the Courts for an open air social. The social came to a sudden end when it was discovered that a large bon-fire had been lit near the old Church! About 200 people made their way to the fire, where jollifications continued well on into the night.

The youngsters of the village made sure their part in the rejoicing would not be overlooked and set fire to a patch of gorse on the brow near the Old School. Unfortunately the bonfire got beyond their control, and the local police sergeant and others had to come to the rescue to prevent it spreading and causing damage to property.

Thanksgiving and Rejoicing

Following the announcement on Tuesday afternoon by the Prime Minister, there was a general flocking to the churches in Ramsey for the special services of thanksgiving.

The town was beflagged; there was great excitement abroad, and copies of a special Victory edition of the 'Courier' were eagerly bought up by the large crowds congregating in Parliament St. As the evening advanced large crowds, including many Service folk, assembled in Parliament Street and other main thoroughfares and there was dancing in the street to music provided by a panatrophe.

The celebration in Peel, as it should be, seeing that as yet the first stage has only yet been accomplished was of a quiet character. There was a very good show of flags and bunting, practically every street in town having a good show of colour. A few sections of the boys, and some girls, however, were busy collecting material for bonfires on the shore and they were able to collect sufficient for four sizeable bonfires. Owing to

Chester Street, in one of the poorest quarters of the town, also had a brave show, and here the mothers had combined to give the children a real "victory" spread. They had baked cakes and made jellies, and the youngsters, most of them with fathers serving, had a fine party out in the street under the flags, and with the tables decorated with the victory colours. Chester Street certainly rose to the occasion.