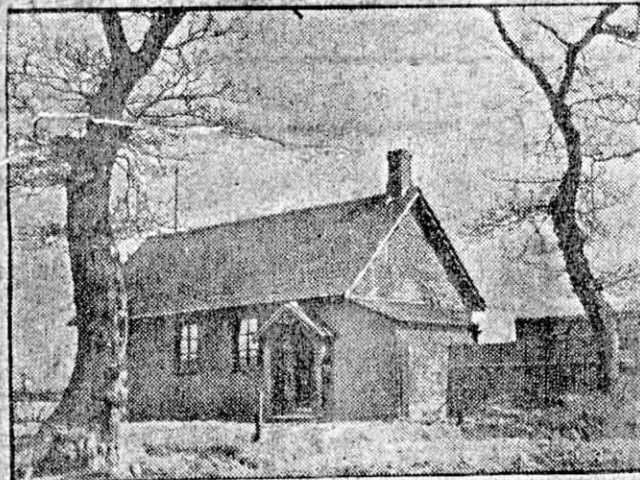


Two women talked—now Pickmere is to have a

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Pickmere—beauty spot for Manchester's thousands.



The village institute, closed before the war, was reopened for a social to launch the Youth Movement.



Farmer Lewis Whalley, Pickmere's representative on the Bucklow Rural District Council.



Roof-top discussion between Maurice Thow (left), the village electrician; Alf Evans (centre), the village joiner, and Alf's son Jack.

FORGET for a moment the Pickmere that thousands visit every summer—Cheshire lakeside pleasure spot where 5,000 picnic and camp every summer week-end.

Think, instead, of winter in a quiet village of 300 people, some of them young people back from the Forces, others Manchester evacuees who have stayed put.

Few social amenities, the nearest railway station three miles away, a bus every two hours, and a four-mile walk home from the pictures.

Busy with planning for visitors, Pickmere had forgotten to plan for itself. Then Mrs. Annie Thow, in the kitchen of her lakeside cafe, talked things over with District Nurse Edith Davies. They couldn't take their suggestions to the council because Pickmere has never had a council.

### Meetings in kitchen

So they organised a committee to get a parish council and another to start a Youth Movement and develop social life in the village. First meetings were held in Mrs. Thow's kitchen.

Farmer Lewis Whalley, Pickmere's representative, on the Bucklow Rural District Council, and the council clerk, Mr. C. Walker, guided the approach to the Cheshire County Council for a parish council.

The night Pickmere got the news that it is to have its own council it launched its Youth Movement with a social in the tiny village institute. And the Vicar and Councillor Whalley were there to wish them well in both their ventures.



The Vicar, the Rev. L. S. Brasnett — "a grand chap."



Mrs. Thow (left) talks things over in her cafe kitchen with Marian Roberts, the secretary. It was in this kitchen, where the first meetings were held, that Mrs. Thow and Nurse Davies got together and started the movement.



District Nurse Edith Davies sets out on her rounds through the village with her dog. "The young people will be happier and better for the Youth Movement," she said.

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