



An early photograph

JOAN AUDREY CHAFFERS, MBE.

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs. Joan Chaffers on the 23rd.

June, in her ninetieth year. She came to Shipton-under-Wychwood from Yorkshire in 1948, and contributed much to the village throughout her life amongst us. The funeral was held at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, where she had served on the Parish Church Council for many years.

Mrs Chaffers was the founder president

of the Women's Institute in Shipton, served as a councillor on the Chipping Norton R.D.C., and for about twenty years was a member of the Management Committees of both the Banbury group of hospitals and specifically Chipping Norton Hospital. She was much involved in the activities of the Conservative party for which she was awarded the MBE in 1961.

Her public involvements were very curtailed after a car accident in 1971 when she was severely injured, and from that time she suffered a progressive loss of eyesight, but her courage enabled her to live alone with her border terrier, and she remained a Trustee of the Parish Hall until her death.

A lady with a very full life. Mother of three daughters, two of whom, Ann and Elizabeth succeed her. For ten years a District Commissioner of the Girl Guides, during the war an organiser of the Women's Voluntary Service in seven villages in Yorkshire, in total, thirty-five years of contributions to Hospital Management Committees. A very keen fisherwoman, a very knowledgeable gardener, and an avid reader. She was a great supporter of the Royal British Legion following the interest of her late husband Col. Norman Chaffers of the Territorial Army.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE - FIRST AID COURSE

A First Aid Course consisting of ten weekly sessions will be held at St. John's Headquarters, Milton Road, Shipton, commencing on Monday, September 3rd., at 7.30 p.m. The cost, which covers a handbook and certificate plus the instructor's fees is £15.

Everyone interested is invited to attend this very useful course, regardless of age. Please contact Mrs. Joan Busk, 830418, if further information is required.