Mr. and Mrs. Newnham.

supreme in the life of the district, Mr. Newnham led an extremely busy life, helped by his wife and his brother. He used to work 60 hours a week, from seven in the morning until seven at night, except on Fridays and Saturdays when he worked until 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. respectively. On Thursdays, early closing was at 2 p.m.

Mr. Newnham's saddlery covered everything connected with leather, from school satchels to heavy cart harness and bridles. He also had contracts with local collieries—Parkend Deep Navigation, New Fancy, and Princess Royal. He says that there used to be 80 horses to look after at Princess Royal. Mr. Newnham's work used to take him underground occasionally, but most of his colliery saddlery was done on the surface. He attended the collieries once a week, his contract consisting of the replacement and repair of harness.

100 HORSES

When Mr. Newnham first came to Lydney there were, he said, about 100 horses stabled between the old station and the Albert Inn. horse-drawn buses and brakes, and a local sporting fixture used to be a day's outing for the visiting team.

CAME INTO SHOP

Mr. Newnham first met his Somerset-born wife in 1913, when she came to his Newerne shop to have a pair of leggings repaired. During the first world war Mrs. Newnham used to help her husband at his bench, and in addition she was kept busy sewing buttons and chevrons on soldiers' battle-dresses. During that war Mr. Newnham, as a stretcher bearer, used to carry war-wounded cases from the town station to the hospital at Lydney Town Hall. In his very active life, he has been handicapped since the age of 10 with a leg disability.

Mr. and Mrs. Newnham have been married for nearly 53 years, and they have two sons Barnard and Peter. Mr. Newnham retired from Pine End Works at 70.

His sporting interest is Lydney Rugby Club, and for many years he served the club as a committee member. During the 1939-45 war he was a member of the Home Guard.—R.J.P.