



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Handley, licensees of the Rose and Crown, at Hempstead, the birthplace of Dick Turpin look at the deeds to the public house, from which they are retiring at the end of the month after 16 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Handley, who have been connected with the licensed trade for much of their lives are retiring to Denham in Buckinghamshire.

At a recent meeting of the Saffron Walden and Dunmow Licensed Victuallers' Association Mrs. Handley was presented with a bouquet and Mr. Handley was made an honorary life member.

He said this week: "We shall be sorry to leave the Rose and Crown, we have had 16 happy years here and have made many good friends in the area."

Many people in the district will remember Mr. Handley as the man with the straw boater—a hat he is seldom seen without during the summer months.

At the request of the new licensee and some of his regulars, Mr. Handley has agreed to leave the boater hanging behind the bar and for his retirement is treating himself to a new one.







