

# *Bankruptcies*



## **Adjudication**

George Hitchcock Blake, of Rowcroft Farm, Seend, near Melksham, Wilts, farmer, formerly residing and carry on business at Bourton Farm, Bishops Cannings, Wilts, farmer.

**Western Daily Press Saturday 9 January 1932**

## **Bankruptcy**

At the offices of the Official Receiver Bristol yesterday, the first meeting took place of the creditors of George Hitchcock Blake, of Rowcroft Farm, Seend, near Melksham, Wilts, farmer, formerly carrying on business at Bourton Farm, Bishop Cannings, Wilts.

The statement of affairs showed liabilities expect to rank for dividend amounting to £2010 3s 2d; and assets estimated to produce £606 16s 5d, leaving a deficiency of £1403 6s 9d.

In his observations the Official receiver stated that debtor commenced business at Chisenbury Farm, Enford, Wilts with no capital, but his banking account was guaranteed to the extent of £2000. In October 1924 he became tenant of Bourton Farm, Bishops Cannings. In 1930 he purchased Rowcroft Farm, Seend, Wilts for £1000. Knowledge of insolvency was admitted from October 1931.

The causes of failure were stated to be failure to obtain compensation for improvements, etc. loss on horse hiring contracts, loss on crops from 1927 onwards, and general agricultural depression.

Mr Arthur Collins was appointed trustee of the estate.

**Western Daily Press Saturday 23 January 1932**

Messrs T H S Ferris and Son offered for sale by auction, at Devizes, yesterday the freehold property known as Rowcroft Farm, situated on the outskirts of the village of Seend. The property comprises a picturesque old-fashioned residence, and pasture land, a total area of 10 acres, three roods, two poles.

The property was started at £500 and withdrawn at £725.

**Western Daily Press Friday 22 April 1932**

When George Hitchcock Blake of Rowcroft Farm, Seend, near Melksham applied at the Bath County Court, yesterday, for his discharge from bankruptcy, Judge Gwynne James said he did not think it would be right to grant the discharge at once and suspended it for one year.

Blake, was formerly a farmer at Bourton Farm, Bishops Cannings.

Mr E C Simpson, Assistant Official Receiver, said that when Blake took the farm at Seend in 1930 he was insolvent but said he was unaware of it.

In his summing up the judge said that in some respects Blake had had what he should call bad luck.

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