

newton news

Please, don't knock Williamfield

Built to a different kind of plan to the older areas around the town centre—Williamfield is less semi detached and in consequence more friendly (?) This poses the question—is it easy to be a good neighbour when you are semi detached or detached.

Do you know the names of the people living around you? In your parents and more so in your grandparents days, everyone knew the names (and in many cases the private affairs) of everyone living in the street—and in the main, they were 'good neighbours'.

Then came the age of the semi detached houses with big gardens and what happened? The neighbour could be seriously ill and you wouldn't know about it until the ambulance arrived.

Is this trend being reversed in Williamfield?

Here you have the modern

version of the terraced streets, the smaller garden helping the chat over the fence.

The Southerne Club is not a working man's club it is a social centre. The 'corner shop' in Silverdale Place is not a supermarket, it is the modern version of the old general dealers.

A few neighbours in Williamfield sparked off that grand childrens movement The Monarchs Band. They gathered together and planned, collected and saved and the whole of Newton Aycliffe gets the benefit.

The school at Elmfield is not just a school. Mr. Bloomfield, the headmaster, and his Home/School Association are creating something quite unique in Community life.

The residents there still have to endure the problems of distance from a town centre, but that will pass with the development of Newton Aycliffe.

Over recent months it has been disappointing to hear remarks and attitudes developing towards Williamfield area. Criticism of the type of houses "Rows of Boxes" No character social problems" etc etc, but those that live there find nothing but praise for the interior design and each week the area gets more attractive as it is developed. It would be hateful and harmful to see the Burn dividing our town so the 'news' asks in the interest of the whole town—**Don't knock Williamfield.**

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'News' first fiver award goes down Shafto

Winner of a £5 Lucky Draw for Mid June Issue of the Newton News.—Mrs. Blewitt of Shafto Way.

Mrs Blewitt's was the fourth house drawn—the first three had not retained their copy of the news.

Six other prizes were presented to lucky readers.

Make certain You collect and retain your copy of the end of June issue.



Syd Howarth, proprietor presents Mrs. Blewitt with her £5 voucher.

Please Note Your New Address

The G.P.O. told the "news" that Newton Aycliffe is to have its own Postal address and that in future there will be no need to add "Darlington."

The Newton Press in recent years has always encouraged its customers in printing their stationery to omit Darlington as we believed the town to be large enough for it to be known without that reference.

Now it seems the G.P.O. agrees and it can be omitted. There will be official notice of this move sent to every householder in the next month or so.

It is amazing how many maps being published still omit Newton Aycliffe, but print Aycliffe Village.

Perhaps this move by the G.P.O. may help to "put us on the map."

Childrens Crossword Prizewinners

Patricia Anne Oldfield of 5 Baliol Road and Kevin Wyld of 15 Hullock Road each win a box of chocolates for correct solutions to our Prize Crossword.

Their entries were the first boy and girl to be drawn out all correct and will receive a voucher to take along to Stevens to be redeemed for a box of chocolates.

Monarchs back on form

Crimdon was not successful for the Monarchs, but they came back to top form at Trimdon by winning most cups and medals bringing their total number of awards to date from six outings to Fifteen cups and thirty seven medals. No band in the Northern Area Association can beat this.

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Carnival Results

50 yards fixed, 6 years: 1 Michelle Johnson; 2 Den Ingledon; 3 Mark Staveley, 50 yards mixed 7-9 years: 1 David Weir; 2 Stephen Roberts; 3 Lee Swainston. 80 yards mixed 10-11 years: 1 Andrew French; 2 David Thompson; 3 Stephen Barras. 100 yards, 12-13 years, boys: 1 Nigel Wilson; 2 Neil Langthorne; 3 Colin Soulsby. Girls: 1 Theresa Lambert; 2 Avril Stoddart. 100 yards, 14-15 years, boys: 1 Simon Tee; 2 Peter Cowan; 3 John Machin and Joseph Pemberton. Girls: 1 Barbara McMullen; 2 Sandra Fawcett.

Winners of a mongrel dog competition also held as part of the carnival were: 1 Susan Weldon; 2 Jane Plumb; 3 Stephen Tarbit.

Fancy dress prizes: Adults and children over 12, original costume: 1, B. Nichol; 2, A. West; 3, N. Dickson. Pretty costume: 1 N. Jones; 2 A. West. Comic costume: 1, W. Lyon; 2, N. Stairmond.

Children 12 and under, original costume: 1, L. Elliott; 2 (tied) E. Taylor and S. Bland; 1, G. and R. Ellis; 2, J. Loftus; 3, M. Travers. Pretty costume: B. Taylor. 3, A. Brown.

Decorated vehicles: Best 3, L. and P. McCorrell, Comic costume: 1, D. Bainbridge; 2, decorated, self-propelled vehicle: 1, C and A Egan; 2, S. Davison. Adult Organization: float: 1, RAFA Ladies; 2, Southerne Club Ladies; 3, Oakfield 90 Club. Youth Organisation: 1, Edward Street Shildon; 2, Jaques Dancing School; 3, St. John Ambulance. Trade or industry float: 1, GEC 2, Newton News; 3, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

W.I. Sixth

Birthday

On 17th June the Woodham Burn W.I. celebrated its 6th birthday with a party, refreshments and entertainment.

A very friendly organisation is the W.I. but at the moment suffering from dwindling numbers as people leave the town, or retire.

They would be very pleased to welcome new members and promise them an interesting night out each Wednesday at the Marlowe Secondary School at 7.15. Do go along you will be very welcome.

Not Regular

Churchgoers but

Helpers Anyway

Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Hayes both employees of Rediffusion do not go to St. Clares Church regularly, but when they heard of the financial difficulties the Church was in they decided to try and help.

Although they have never done it previously they organised a Coffee Evening was so successful another followed immediately and up to date they have raised £28.

They now wish to go a step further and organise a Coffee Evening with a Bring and Buy Stall and have booked the Church Hall for the occasion.

The ladies have asked the news to publicise the date for them and ask our readers to give them support.

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Pretty Newtonian

CHRISTINE DORMER

You may have seen our Pretty Newtonian at the Carnival. She was in the Newton News float looking very attractive in a bikini.

Christine, a pupil of Ferryhill Secondary School lives at 3 Mellanby Crescent and her hobbies are swimming, cookery and needlework.



DON'T FORGET THE PRIZE FOR LETTER

Don't forget each month we award a prize of printed stationery to the best letter received.

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Why Not Join the Rifle Club



Left to right: Mr. Bailey Sec. instructs Mrs. D. Bailey, Mr. Cavill instructs Mrs. Ann Hall, Mr. A. Richardson sights the targets of the telescope.

The Secretary Mr. Brian Bailey and Committee Members of Newton Aycliffe Rifle Club wish to extend an invitation to anyone interested in swelling the ranks of the Club when the Club commences its second year on August 1st.

The Club has been thriving since its inception a year ago and is now affiliated to the national and the county Small Bore Rifle Association and will commence shooting in county competition this year.

The foundation of the Rifle Club was laid last year through the Offices of the Newton Aycliffe Social Services and the efforts of Mrs Pat Tully who canvassed for any interested parties to start a rifle club—the job of Secretary being taken up by Mr Brian Bailey, a keen rifleman and then secretary of Bishop Auckland Rifle Club. A Committee was formed and the idea became a reality. The club enjoys the privilege of the use

of the Barnard Armoury Range on a Tuesday night from 7.30 to 9.30 thanks to the assistance of the T.A. and V.R. Offices of the County.

The Secretary and Committee expressed a vote of thanks also to the Chief Constables Office at Durham County Constabulary H.Q. for all the co-operation and assistance the Club has received in the granting of firearms certificates for the Club and its members. Mr Bailey points out that at all times the importance of co-operation with the Police in the handling of firearms; it is a standing rule of the Club that any new member must complete six months active membership before being granted a firearms certificate as a member of the Club.

Committee member Mrs Anne Hall would like to meet any ladies wishing to join the womens' section with a view to a ladies' team to represent Newton Aycliffe in county and national matches; so far Mrs Hall has been able to enlist the aid of the Club Secretary's wife Mrs Dorothy Bailey to start the womens' section. So if Aycliffe is hiding any budding

Annie Oakleys', then come along ladies, show these men you can handle a rifle as good, if not better, than them.

Any interested parties, lady or gent, may contact the Secretary Mr. Bailey at his address 12 Alington Road, or turn up on the range at the Barnard Armoury Tuesday evening.

The formation of a junior section is under discussion by the Committee and is expected to start later this year, the age limit being 16 to 18 years.

Rediffusion

In the near future we shall be introducing the new 625 line BBC1 and ITA programmes into our network.

For technical reasons we will have to alter some of the programme positions on your switch, and as this work will be carried out in stages, we are unable to give you an exact date for the change over.

The new positions will be:
A Radio 4 (changing to Tyne Tees 625 about July).

- B BBC1, 625 line.
- C BBC1, 405 line.
- D BBC2, 625 line.
- E Yorkshire TV, 405 line.
- F Tyne Tees TV, 405 line.
- G Radio Durham.
- H Radio 4.
- I Radio 2.

Radio 1 is broadcast on the D position when there is no advertised BBC2 programme.

Please keep this for future reference.

Grenadiers get among the medals...

The Grenadiers Juvenile Jazz Band, are becoming a force to be reckoned with. They are building up to a peak of perfection, and it will not be long before they have many cups to their credit.

At the recent Town Carnival many were impressed by their fine display. Led by their pretty Majorette Annette Mooney, who lights up the whole band, the band showed great promise.

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Application forms for entry into the competition obtainable from the Rent Office or the Housing Department, should be returned not later than Monday, 13th July, 1970.

The final judging of the gardens will take place on Friday, 24th July, 1970.

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TALKING POINTS

by the
observer

Town Centre Ramp

I walked up and then under this massive structure which has been designed to carry pedestrians and prams to the higher level shops and offices in the town centre.

Not being a civil engineer, I have little idea of what support strength is necessary to carry people and prams. But it seems to me that the experts have

decided that the ramp must be constructed to carry weights far greater than you and I can imagine. Perhaps a surge of very fat people each weighing about a ton or an attack by tanks each weighing about twenty tons.

Beveridge Way would have looked less congested with a lightly constructed ramp and would have been less costly.

Youth and Beauty

Last Thursday evening I was driving towards the Polling Station to vote for a better Newton Aycliffe. I noticed a group of youths playing football on the recently cut grass verge. This in itself disturbed me because the grass looked so lovely. I stopped the car. One of the youths had detached himself from the football to engage in a more sporting

occupation. He had seized a young tree and was vigorously tugging and bending to get it destroyed as quickly as possible.

How long does it take to grow a tree? The trees in this town are landmarks of beauty. I played hell and moved the youths on... and went on to vote for a better England.

Is Everybody Happy About this Move

If you are over 60 or approaching 60 you must be interested in the site of the Over Sixty Club.

It is planned to build the new Club on a site at Neville Parade. Unless you live in the Neville Parade area—how are you going to get there? That is easy; you either walk or get a taxi.

Are you happy about this? When the present Club disappears, the new one will be in Neville Parade for a long,

long time. Will it be an empty monument to bad planning?

We suggest that if the town wants an active, interesting Over Sixty Club which can be in use every day and provide a place of rest and recreation for the over sixties—it will not succeed in Neville Parade which, by the time the town is completed, will be just an outpost, a suburb far removed from the eventual town centre. What do you think? Now is the time to speak up.

The Good Old Days

Browsing through my scrap book I came across an elaborate card (edged in black—the brighter colours of today had not then entered into our lives). The card, printed in fancy script type announced:

GRAND SELECT BALL
To be held in the Miner's Hall
Baldon Colliery
on 24th December 1911
Dancing from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
Admission including dinner 1/9.
Gentlemen are requested to wear gloves.

Whatever Happened to Cricket?

Whilst walking home one evening, a thought struck me regarding the comparison between cricket and soccer particularly in the close season. With the World Cup at its height of popularity it is not to say the least uncommon to see children of both sexes trying to imitate the fantastic and brilliant ball control of our friends Pele and Riva in an endeavour to win their own particular World Cup.

Whereas not so many years ago football between April and September was regarded somewhat of a sacrilege, against the background of whites and the sound of "willow on leather". So by the introduction of close season soccer is it not reasonable to assume that in years to come we are to have an abundance of youth conversant in

by
Andy Brown,

the intricacies of football yet knowing very little of our "Great" traditional summer sport of cricket. Which leads me to this issue's main subject. At the moment the cricket section of Newton Aycliffe Sports Club is doing very well in the league and have beaten many good sides. Some of which have tried to buy success by the employment of profession playing staff something which Aycliffe would not dream of doing even if they were in a position to afford such luxuries. Our most exciting win was on July 13th when we completed the double over Ushaw Moor both the first and second teams having very good wins. July 13th was also a date worth remembering as this was the day of Newton Aycliffe Carnival in which the Sports Club entered their own float. Whilst no prizes were forthcoming in this event it is safe to assume that everyone had a very good day, both for those who organized the decoration and those who observed from a "safe" distance. Though next year we would like to see more people on the organizing side and perhaps who knows we might win a prize. My last article in this publication also stirred things up as in my haste to get it finished I completely forgot to include information regarding the geographical position of the Sports Club and so due to numerous requests, I will explain.

The Newton Aycliffe Sports Club which has facilities for soccer, cricket, rugby, archery etc., has its grounds and clubhouse situated in the south eastern sector of Newton Aycliffe directly opposite the Gretna Green Wedding Inn, which for the uninitiated is the Greathead Crescent, Shafto Way area of the town.

Anyone wishing to join the club can come down any time (we are also shown on the street map) we are open and see exactly what is going on. The full postal address is Moore Lane, Newton Aycliffe, and the telephone number is Aycliffe 2768 and so as a final appeal may I say that anyone on the town who is interested in sport can do nothing better than support their own sports club and so make Newton Aycliffe famous.

DOG LOST

Dobermann Pinscher answers to "Red" coloured red/brown. Lost Kemble Green area last week. Contact Aycliffe 3435. 33 Kemble Green.

Great Carnival

Carnival Day was a tremendous success this year with plenty of support from Newtonians lining the streets to watch the procession.

The kiddies were marvellous in their fancy dress and one could see the amount of work parents had put into the costumes.

The floats were extremely good with evidence of thought and originality put to good use.

As usual the Juvenile Jazz Bands proved a great attraction in their colour uniforms and disciplined marching to the drum sections.

So long was the procession that the police had to split it to allow traffic through, and many people thought the procession over when it was only half way through.

The "news" entered a speed boat gaily decorated and manned with "Newton News" sailors. This won them second prize in their class.

Warm sunshine made the day with ice cream and orange juice selling very well.

All in all the Newton Aycliffe Carnival has been successful. Despite minor setbacks the committee came out on top and provided the town with a Carnival to remember. The "news" commends and thanks them for their great effort.

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Burma Star visit

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More than 36 members and their wives and children left the R.A.F.A. Club by bus. Burma Veterans from all parts of England formed a grand parade through Bradford City, fine weather and a wealth of

entertainment made the day a great success. Newton Aycliffe branch R.A.F.A. Association was kindly represented by Mr. and Mrs. Alec Belton.

J. Paul-Sharp was Branch Standard-bearer.

Mr. J. Wilson branch chairman wishes to thank all members and their families for their kind attendance.



LETTERS

Praise for Ronnie and 'News'

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank you and Mr. Ron Watson for your stories connected to street names on the town, most of all the one in your Mid June issue on Dean Alington.

Reading it took me back to 1950 when as a 17 year old Housemaid in the choirister

School in Durham I was very proud to have met this grand gentleman, also the now present Bishop and others.

So once again thank you for a most interesting piece of information and an interesting local newspaper.

Mrs. Ashurst
16 Paulinus Road.

Thankyou to our firemen

Dear Sir,

May I through the "news" thank the firemen of Newton Aycliffe for prompt help to my wife when she got a gold ring stuck on her finger.

They were very kind and willing to help my wife who got the ring on her finger but could not get it off due to it being swollen.

Mr. Dooney
4 Cosin Close.

Round Table

Cheese and Wine Evening

A very pleasant evening was spent at U.M.M. Social Club this month when Newton Aycliffe Round Table organised a Cheese and Wine Evening.

In addition to the Wine and excellent variety of cheeses the members and guests enjoyed dancing.

Highlight of the evening was the Fashion Show given by Gypsy Boutique, of Darlington. Under the management of Sandra, the girls who work at the Boutique turned models for the night and fascinated the audience with the variation of clothing for the modern woman.

The "news" asked Sandra why the youngsters wear such "way out gear." She replied "They have to be different from the older section of the community."

The hair styles of the models were by John Hunter of Darlington.

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An incident that will be long remembered by the spectators at the Stock Car meeting on the 21st June showed how unselfish these super sportsmen are. Sunderland driver Gordon Carr when certain to be placed in the consolation, saw another driver do a high speed roll over, and land with his unprotected roof in the direct path of the oncoming race cars. Gordon pulled his car to a halt in front of the roof acting as a shield and saving the overturned driver from almost certain injury. This showed that though they are a courageous bunch of men who ask and give no quarter during the racing, when one of them is in trouble it is all hands on deck to help out, in this case Gordon was the first man there, but it could well have been any of the other drivers that acted the same, still it must take a lot of nerve to park in the way of about sixteen racing cars, and the risk Gordon took well deserved the cheer he received when he was seeded into the Final and came out onto the grid to take his position.

An almost unheard of thing happened in the Grand Final when Yellow top Willie Houseman beat four, Star grade drivers and snatched victory on the last lap to win the Thunder Trophy his first Final win anywhere in the country, he was driving brilliantly and it was a most deserved and welcome win for Willie. I am

happy to have better news at last about Ex-World Champion Tony Neal, Tony who has just fitted a new engine from a 1969 American Ford Torino into his car, came back to his old form with one second place and two thirds, and when the engine is fully race tuned I expect those places to become firsts. Well I hope to see you all again on 5th July when we will have a whole galaxy of stars including World Champion Stuart Smith lined up to thrill you.

Have you won £50?

The first monthly draw took place at St. Clares Church last Tuesday 23rd June with approximately 100 people present.

Prizes at the value of £93 were drawn. Winning numbers are printed below and money can be claimed by getting in touch with any church official.

JUNE DRAW 1970

£50 0982; £15 3763; £5 0223; £5 2813.
18 at £1: 1370; 3285; 3988; 3984; 0058; 0728; 1283; 1917; 3057; 0777; 3367; 3977; 2271; 0335; 0482; 0420; 0971; 1110.

FOUND

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E.Y.&T. BARBECUE



Eaton Yale and Towne Barbecue and Dance held at the Rocket Sports Ground, Darlington this month.

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1968 MINOR 1000	£435
1967 CORSAIR de Luxe	£399
1967 CORTINA Estate	£499
1967 MINI Traveller	£399
1967 ANGIA Estate	£325
1967 ZEPHYR VI	£465
1967 1100	£350
1966 CRESTA	£375
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Mrs. Olive McCabe

Lives at 7 Joicey Place and works at GEC as Personnel Officer. A resident of Newton Aycliffe for 16 years.

Can you tell us a little of your background, where you were born, father's occupation, brothers or sisters?

I was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, lived there until moving to Newton Aycliffe. My father died 4 years ago, most of his life was spent working on the River Tyne as a Bargeman and latterly on dredgers. My brother lives in Newcastle, one sister in Monkseaton and the other in Middlesex.

Could you also tell us about your own family?

My husband also works on the Trading Estate. We have two sons, Michael 17½ and Peter 14½, both still at school.

What attracted you to Newton Aycliffe and are you happy here?

We came to Newton Aycliffe originally because housing was readily available but after seeing the town grow over the years we feel we really "belong".

Do you have a pet like and dislike in people?

The thing I like most in people is a sense of humour. I dislike insincerity.

What is your favourite meal?

Scampi with all the trimmings.

Do you have a special holiday spot and if so what attracts you to it?

Not really, we like camping, therefore we tour around a lot.

Which personality do you most admire?

I can't just pick one person. I do admire people who devote their lives to others.

If you could be transported free to any part of the world which country would you choose and why?

I would like to visit anywhere in the world.

Do you have a special "Hobby Horse" concerning the world we live in?

One thing that really stirs me is cruelty to children.

Could you tell us briefly about your work?

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Town Lad wins £10 in N.E. Competition

Roger Curry 11 year old pupil of Woodham Burn Junior School who lives at 21 Kendrew Close has recently won £10 in a Poster Competition held in Northumberland and Durham Schools.

The competition was for a poster with a theme of Home Safety and Roger gained 2nd prize with his entry of a drawing of a living room scene with a table cloth drooping dangerously near an open fire. On the table articles such as a razor blade and loose aspirins apparently easily accessible to children.

The Mayor of Whitley Bay made the presentation at a special occasion with Rogers' father present. Roger's mother, a teacher at Stephenson Way Infants is very proud of her son and the "news" would like to add its own congratulations to this achievement

BOWLERS OFF TO A GOOD START

Newton Aycliffe bowls club made a good start to their first season in the Darlington and District Bowls League. After a nervous start against Darlington North Park, the Club have since beaten Cummins Engines, Paton and Baldwins and Barnard Castle.

Mondays game at Barnard Castle was played on a green laid over 100 years ago in the grounds of Bowes Museum. Quite a contrast to St. Oswalds Park. After 15 ends the home team were leading by 15 points but Aycliffe fought back, to win by 74-71.

The next two fixtures are at home. Brinkburn Dene on 15th June 1970 and Barnard Castle on 18th June 1970.

The Carnival Bowls Competition, played in glorious sunshine, was won by David Stevens, who beat John Moller in the final.

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But what has this to do with "County Durham"? Many people including Americans believe that the ancestral home of the Washington family was Sulgrave Manor in Northampton, but the history of the Washington family goes back to the year 1183 when William de Hertburn of Hartburn near Stockton exchanged his vill there for that of Washington County Durham (near Sunderland). Here then is the first and direct ancestor of George Washington.

At this point I would like to introduce a friend of mine Bill Greener of Washington Crescent who was instrumental in helping me write this weeks article as he was raised in Washington from a small boy.

We arranged a trip together to see Washington Old Hall the ancestral home of the Washingtons.

On arrival at this small stone manor house Bill pointed out that the main entrance had been sealed very cleverly. This entrance ("Its a shame they have to try and change original work, no matter how cleverly done") would have taken us straight into the kitchen now a side entrance is used which takes you into the great hall.

This visit to the "old hall" was even more interesting than I thought owing to the presence of a charming lady called Margaret Douglas she is the local history expert and it was a pleasure to listen to her.

She was amazed that Bill Greener could remember so many details of the hall before it was restored to its present grandeur by American assistance.

One particular item which raises tremendous interest and speculation is the actual "Coat of Arms" of this ancient family in non-heraldic terms this is three stars and two strips and according to "Arthur Mees" County book this is indeed the origin of the "Old Glory" or in modern terms the "Star Spangled Banner."

A fine example of this coat of arms can be seen carved in stone on the west front of Hyton Castle three miles from Washington.

If we are responsible for supplying America with George Washington and his star spangled banner we did keep one of descendants who is as famous to us as he is to the Americans, our own Winston Spencer Churchill who was also a branch of this famous family tree.

Ron Watson (and the kind assistance of) Bill Greener.

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A Shangri La for Staff and Patients

A Feature on Aycliffe Hospital

At School Aycliffe on the Heighington Road stands one of the most important public health services in the North of England—the Aycliffe Psychiatric Hospital.

With a bed capacity of 680 and a staff of about 350, the hospital receives patients from many parts of South Durham and North Yorkshire, right across the country from Startforth and Barnard Castle to Redcar and down to Northalerton.

Men, women and children who would be difficult to care for in the community are given specialised attention including industrial therapy. The children's school, now catering for the education of fifty severely subnormal children, is being developed and extended to accommodate a further forty or fifty.

All hospitals are a mixture of sadness and happiness like anywhere else. Perhaps Aycliffe than others which deal mainly in medical and surgical ailments.

The patients in this hospital are mentally sub-normal. In other words they are people whose intelligence is below normal and in some cases a great deal below normal. And that is why they are in hospital.

It was a fine sunny day when I looked around, at the invitation of Mr. John Farrow the Group Secretary.

The pleasant surroundings and the warm sunshine had brought many of the patients out into the grounds, a host of smiling, cheerful faces. They recognized the stranger and were quite uninhibited in their curiosity—"did I want my car washing?"—"what was my name?"—"did I play football." They greeted Mr. Mitchell, the Head of Nursing Services as

one would a close friend.

The patients of the hospital come from many different kinds of homes and maybe many of them are rarely visited by their families. However, perhaps sub-normal minds are not distressed by such things.

Coming to the children's section—there they were—dancing and playing games. Perhaps many of them do not look the same as the children we see in our streets and schools—but they were carefree and cared for. I was very much impressed by the therapy establishments. Men and women have separate workshops, if you can call them workshops. They are more like games rooms. The patients quietly engrossed in making toys, table lamps, dresses etc., under careful instruction by the staff.

I drove away from Aycliffe Hospital with a conviction that this is not a sad place. It is indeed a gathering of people who are happy in each others company. Perhaps even a Shangri-La. A place of retreat. How about the staff. How attractive is the job of caring for these patients.

Student Nurse Katy Knight was an office worker and decided she needed a change at Aycliffe Hospital. "I find the work interesting and immensely rewarding" said Katy. "I would suggest that girls come up to the Hospital to see what it is like" she added.

Staff Nurse Hubbard who lives in Armstrong Close has 50 patients in the Geriatric Ward where she is helped by Student Nurse Margaret Sheldon of Sheraton Road.

Nurse Hubbard's husband is also a nurse at the Hospital and at the moment is at Darlington taking S.R.N. examinations.

All the nurses were bright, gay and obviously enjoying their work.

Sister Bramley who lives in Greville Way, has a remarkable way with her patients and is well liked by the nurses in her charge.

Charge Nurse Mr. S. Elward who lives at Heighington has worked at the Hospital for 20 years and is now in the Industrial Therapy Dept. This is where patients do simple repetition work from neighbouring factories. Mr. Elward told the "news" of the need for more work of this nature to give the patients a feeling of being useful.

MR. DAVID MITCHELL, Head of Nursing told the "News" how interesting the work was at the hospital and gave the assurance that all the heads of staff have the welfare and happiness of the nurses at heart.

A high percentage of the nurses are married women, who trained at the Hospital before marriage and have returned afterwards.

The advances in treatment at the sub-normal have been tremendous and the work involved in nursing the patients is very interesting, said Mr. Mitchell.

"Male nurses, now have better opportunities for promotion with excellent working conditions." Mr. Mitchell added.

POPPY APPEAL POSTER COMPETITION

Official permission has now been granted for the local schools to take part in the Poppy Appeal Poster Competition, and a bumper entry is now expected. Adults, and children who do not attend local schools, are invited to submit entries using the form published in the Newton News.

With less than three weeks to go before closing date of the competition, Newton Aycliffe Arts Group are busy selecting the panel of judges. Mr. Alan Knowles, Film Officer of the Northern Arts Association, has kindly agreed to help select the winners when judging takes place at the British Legion club on Saturday 18th July.

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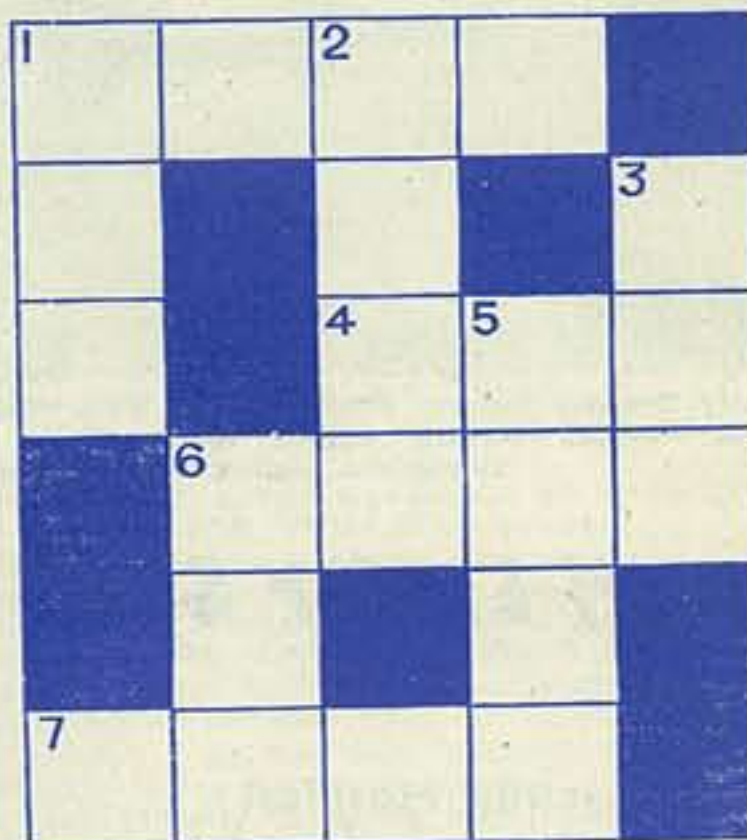
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