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## EDITORIAL

On a lonely hill, a matter of a mile or two from here, there stands an equally lonely edifice. A monument to modernity, it has not long been there, yet it is symbolic of the march of urbanity into the countryside and to many village communities scattered here and there.

Yes, it is a bus shelter; and there it stands, forlornly offering solace and shelter to the solitary traveller awaiting the infrequent 'bus which serves this bucolic backwater.

When, may it be asked, is this country township to be accorded a similar privilege? For how many more dreary winters are people to stand shivering in the icy blast, morning, noon and night, for lack of such 'elementary' protection? Granted that up to now the 'bus routes have been of a temporary nature; granted that even now they may, indeed will, from time to time have to be altered as the town develops, but surely it is not an insuperable task to move a prefabricated bus-shelter once in a while, always provided there is one to move!

The question of cost; well again, who is providing the lion's share of the finance for the rural district but this population? Furthermore, it is on an ever increasing scale. Let us have something for it other than promises, very much of a future nature and even then full of 'ifs' and 'buts'. In this respect, it's time the payers called the tune.

With only four representatives on the council, we cannot expect much action, but we do, and will, expect them to pursue this matter vigorously and persistently with a view to providing this population with an adequate number of shelters before the winter assails us again.

One further point on the subject, which concerns the Corporation - will they please have an adequate area around 'bus stops flagged? Grass verges cannot be expected to survive in such places, neither are they needed there, and to have people slithering around ankle deep in mud whenever it has rained is not only unnecessary, it is plain stupid and utterly inconsiderate.

## Sports Report

Certain gentle criticism has been made that the Newtonian very seldom carries news of our local sporting events. This is indeed the case, but the fault, if any, lies with the sportsmen concerned. They can be sure that any news concerning their activities, successes and failures will be appreciated. More news will create greater interest in their clubs and result, most probably, in added membership. Again, in the past they have not had very much encouragement in the form of 'games' for their games, and this, possibly, has tended to narrow their views. Let us have knowledge of their hopes, intentions and problems for the future young sportsmen of the town, and they will be rewarding in many ways. Otherwise, very few will be aware of the struggles that are the every day meals of young and virile organisations in the town.

## CORPORATION NOTES

Boarders - There are now three recognised boarding houses in Newton Aycliffe and residents in private houses are reminded that lodgers are not allowed unless the permission of the Corporation is sought and obtained, which permission will only be given under exceptional circumstances.

Gardens Competition - Arrangements have been made for the judging of gardens in connection with the Corporation's annual Gardens Competition during the first week of August. For the purpose of the competition, the town will be divided into two areas, i.e. east and west of St. Cuthbert's Way. The final judging of the gardens will be carried out by two independent horticultural experts. Prizes of £3 £2 and £1 will be awarded for the three best gardens in each of the two sections and, in addition, the tenant of the garden adjudged to be the best in the town will be awarded the Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl to be held for one year. The gardens attached to aged persons' bungalows in the town will be treated as a separate class and prizes of £2 and £1 will be awarded to the two best gardens in that class.

THE DARLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL want a pensioner to empty the two litter bins at the Simpstone Gate shops and to sweep the pavement 3 times a week. The pay will be 10/- per week. Further details from the Administrative Dept., Aycliffe Development Corporation, but applications should be sent to Mr. J.D. Collins, Engineer & Surveyor, Darlington R.D.C., 53, Coniscliffe Road, Darlington, to arrive by Saturday, July 7th.

FOUND (1) 'Swan' fountain pen on Sugar Hill Sports Field, and (2) rolled gold brooch. Owners please apply to the Vicarage.



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTES

Membership - So far the number who have joined the Community Association this year is 2,135, and we hope to enrol more newcomers during 1956. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking most warmly the volunteers who went from house to house collecting the annual subscriptions. There cannot be many small towns where support for such an organisation is so widespread, and the gratifying figure of membership is the volunteers' reward. Some people were not at home when called upon, but we hope that they will join on Sports Day, as there will be a table on the field where they may enrol. Subscription 1/- per annum.

Sports Day - The Community Association's annual Sports Day will be held this year on the afternoon of Saturday, July 7th, on the old sports field. Entrance will be by programme which will be sold from house to house in the course of the next few days, and it is hoped the occasion will have your full support.

One of the highlights of the day will be a judo display by members of the Durham Constabulary, and we know it will arouse considerable interest and enthusiasm among the spectators.

A cycle proficiency test will be carried out and organised by the Road Safety Committee. Those children of 10 years and over wanting to take part please submit names as soon as possible before the 8th July to Mr. Coles, 9 Finchale Road, or Mr. Sibbald, 1 Carileph Close. Medals and certificates of proficiency will be issued to the successful candidates.

Sports events of every description will be held for the young and old of both sexes.

Ladies, look to your ankles, and men, to your knees, and join in the competition for ankles and knobbly knees. Ladies you will all win our admiration and men our sympathy - we too have polished floors.

Side shows and pony rides will be an added attraction and the day will be concluded by Morris Dancing performed by the Stockton Morris Men. Please roll up and help to make the day a real success.

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KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN HORN now meet in 'The Oak Tree' every Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. All old members and new resident members welcome. Secretary, H. Ainsworth, 15 Anne Swyft Rd.

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NEVILLE MALE VOICE CHOIR - A great welcome will be given any person calling at our rehearsals which are held each Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in 'The Gretna Green' ballroom. The conductor is Mr. H.G. Fielding. The Secretary, Mr. A. Guy, can be contacted at 4 Hackworth Close.

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THE GREAT AYCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

A letter from the Newton Aycliffe Community Association expressing concern at the lack of recreational facilities in the new town was considered at the meeting of the Parish Council held during the evening of Tuesday, June 26th. It was pointed out that the town's present sports field was leased to the Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club but, whilst adequate playing areas were available for young children on the town's open spaces and forecourts, there were no facilities available for organised sport for teenagers. The Council appointed a committee to consider the whole question of sports facilities in the new town and, if necessary, to make an approach to the Aycliffe Development Corporation.

Councillor Mrs. Kell, vice-chairman of the Lighting Committee, reported that tenders had been invited for the repainting of 65 15ft. steel lighting columns in various parts of the town and it was hoped that the work would be completed during this summer.

A progress report on the water supply and drainage scheme on the Clarence Chare allotments was given by Councillor Nicholson who said that water would be available in about two months' time, and the drainage work would follow immediately.

Serious complaints were made about the concrete tank on the children's play space on Baliol Green which was full of rubbish and, it was stated, was being used by the children as a toilet. The Council instructed its Clerk to write to the Aycliffe Development Corporation asking for the removal of the tank and suggesting that similar tanks be not installed on other children's play spaces.

The Council also decided that in future, the grass on the Aycliffe Village green be cut twice each year instead of once, and arrangements were made for the first cutting for this year to be undertaken immediately.

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GARDENS GUILD - Arrangements have been made for members of the Guild to visit the School of Agriculture at Houghall, Durham on Saturday, July 14th. The 'bus will leave Neville Parade Shops at 2 p.m. and will return from Houghall at approx. 4.30 p.m. Seats will cost not more than 2/- per person. There will be 35 seats only, many of which are already taken. Members wishing to attend should make early application to the Hon. Secretary, H. Bilton, 3 Clarence Close. Towards the end of July the Guild Committee will be undertaking the preliminary inspection of all gardens in the town in connection with the Corporation's annual gardens competition and members of the Guild are kindly invited to volunteer to assist the Committee with this work. Names and addresses to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible please.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE LADIES' CHOIR reports progress and steadily increasing membership. They hope to produce excerpts from 'Messiah' towards the end of the year. New members are very welcome. Choir practices are held in 'The Iron Horse' on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. Conductor, Mr. H.G. Fielding, 53 Bewick Crescent; Secretary, Mrs. M.H. Forster, 62 Stephenson Way.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB - Mr. Ellis Milne, Secretary of the Club, has recently left the town to take up an appointment in Rhodesia, and the newly appointed Secretary is Mr. Kenneth Alder of 59 Skirlaw Road. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact him at this address, or call at the 'Upstairs Room' of the Community Centre, where a meeting is held each Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

HARD-OF-HEARING FELLOWSHIP will meet in the Development Corporation's Canteen on Friday, July 13th (Dominee Drive) and Friday, July 27th (social evening), commencing at 7.30 p.m. All hard-of-hearing and their friends welcomed. Enquiries to the Secretary, Mrs. Foster, 4 Tunstall Road.

THE 'OVER SIXTY' CLUB is progressing very well and has added ten new members this last month. The annual outing this year will be to Redcar on Monday, July 9th, leaving the Beveridge Hall at 9.30 a.m. The Chiropodist will again be in attendance in the 'Upstairs Room' above the shop on Saturday, July 21st, from 2.30 p.m. Any member or pensioner can have this valuable service by giving their names to the Secretary, Mr. J. Edgar, 6 Clanny Road. A hearty invitation is extended to all residents of 60 years or over to come and join us any Wednesday evening in the Beveridge Hall at 6.30 p.m. and spend a jolly time.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT - Children who are five years old on or before December 31st, 1956, may be admitted to school when it re-opens after the summer holiday on September 3rd, 1956.

A COMPANY OF THE BOYS BRIGADE is being formed at the Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church. All boys, whether they attend Sunday School or not, are invited to join, provided they are twelve years of age or over. The company meets on Monday nights at 7.15 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

OLD PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE - A scheme has been sponsored by this committee to build a club for the use of the 'Over Sixties' living in the town. The Aycliffe Development Corporation have granted a long lease of a site in the town centre at a nominal rent, a grant of £2,000 has been made by the King George VI Memorial Fund, and a further grant of £1,500 has been made by the National Corporation for the Care of Old People. These sums will not, of course, meet the full cost of erecting such a building and equipping it. It is anticipated that the total cost will be in the neighbourhood of £5,500 - £6,000. We have set ourselves a target figure of £1,000 which we hope to raise by various means during the next twelve months. Our first appeal is, therefore, to all the residents of Newton Aycliffe. A house to house collection will be made during the period July 9th - 21st, and we would be most grateful to have the backing of the town in this venture.

#### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Garden Party on July 16th realised £30. 8s. 3d. Thank you all very much. The Jumble Sale brought in £11. 4s. 6d; again, thank you. July 9th will be the first anniversary of the dedication of the Church. The Dedication Festival will be observed on Sunday 8th and Monday 9th. The services on the Sunday will be as usual, and the preacher at Evensong will be the Ven. J.O. Cobham, Archdeacon of Durham. On the Monday the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30 and 9 a.m. Evensong will be sung at 7 p.m., and at 8 p.m. there will be a Supper and Concert in the Church Hall. Admission will be by ticket only, costing 2/6d. Tickets may be had at the Vicarage or from the sidesmen at Church. We are able to provide everything for the supper except cutlery, and everyone coming is asked to bring 2 knives, 2 forks, 1 dessert spoon, and 1 tea spoon. The concert will be given by members of the Church. The Mothers Union on July 12th (7.30 p.m.) will be addressed by Miss. Joyce Brown, Sunday School adviser for the Diocese of Durham, who will talk on the relationship between the Mothers Union and the Sunday School. The Cubs will have a Jumble Sale for Cub funds in the Church Hall at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 20th. The Women's Fellowship will meet at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, July 26th. Advance Notice: The Sale of Work on Friday, November 2nd will be opened by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Lawson of Beamish, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham. Please book the date and time - 2.30 p.m. Vouchers may be exchanged for goods at the Sale of Work, and these vouchers are on sale throughout the year and cost 6d each. You may obtain them by asking any Church member to arrange for their delivery.

EVANGELICAL CAMPAIGN - July brings the visit of a well-known Evangelist to Newton Aycliffe, Mr. John Coleman of London. He is again conducting a Summer Campaign throughout County Durham as he did last year. These campaigns are convened by the Durham Evangelical Fellowship, an interdenominational group drawn from practically all branches of the Protestant Church and well known for activity of this character in the County. John Coleman is well known to many 'Newtonians' having spent three weeks here last year during July. The campaign on that occasion was most successful and attracted large numbers of residents and many from other districts, the area around the Beveridge Hall being the scene of many parked



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cars and even coaches. Mr. Coleman's life is wholly devoted to preaching the Gospel and is occupied all the year round in the service of christian churches of all denominations. He is very much in demand in all evangelical circles and has preached in the U.S.A. at the invitation of American ministers. Newton Aycliffe is really fortunate in being able to have the opportunity of hearing this young man, who might well be described as the English 'Billy Graham'. The meetings are to be held in the Beveridge and Clarence Halls, July 22nd - 29th inclusive. Details will be published by cards to each household and posters throughout the town. If any christian desires to help in the Campaign or is interested in any way, please contact Mr. R. Potter, 113 Shafto Way, or Mr. G.D. Steele, 6 Merz Road.

The dates of the meetings are as follows -

Beveridge Hall - Sunday, 22nd July, 8 p.m. Tuesday, 24th July, 7.30 p.m. Friday, 27th July, 7.30 p.m. Sunday, 29th July, 8 p.m. Tuesday, 31st July, 7.30 p.m.  
Clarence Hall - Monday, 23rd July, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, 25th July, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, 28th July, 7.30 p.m. Monday, 30th July, 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, 31st July, 7.30 p.m.

THE BOYS CLUB will now meet in Clarence Hall on Thursday, 5th July, 7.45 p.m., Monday, 9th July, 7.30 p.m., Thursday, 12th July, 7.45 p.m., Monday, 16th July, 7.30 p.m., Thursday, 19th July, 7.45 p.m. and Thursday, 26th July, 7.30 p.m.

THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE BRANCH OF R.A.F.A. will hold an inaugural meeting in 'The Oak Tree' at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4th. All serving and ex R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. welcome.

#### COMMUNITY CENTRE - CALENDAR FOR JULY

##### BEVERIDGE HALL:

Sundays: Roman Catholic Services 8 & 9.30 a.m. Methodist Sunday School 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.  
Spiritualists 6.30 p.m.  
Mondays: Cinema 5.45 and 8.15 p.m.  
Tuesdays:  
Wednesdays: Dressmaking class 2.30 p.m. Over Sixties' Club 6.30 p.m.  
Thursdays: Red Cross Cadets 5.45 - 7.45 p.m. Youth Club 7.50 p.m.  
Saturdays: Cinema - Children's matinee 2.15 p.m. 1st House 6 p.m. 2nd House 8.15 p.m.

##### CLARENCE HALL:

Sundays: Gospel Hall 11 a.m. (Breaking of Bread 2.30 p.m. & 6.30 p.m. (Gospel Meeting)).  
Mondays: Library 2 - 7 p.m. Townswomen's Guild July 2nd.  
Tuesdays: Girl Guides 6 - 7.45 p.m. Whist Drive 7.45 p.m.  
Wednesdays: Library 2 - 7 p.m. Table Tennis Club 7.30 p.m.  
Thursdays: Clinic and Welfare Foods 2.30 - 4 p.m. Brownies 5.45 p.m.  
Fridays: Library 2 - 7 p.m. Cycling Club 7.30 p.m.

##### COMMITTEE ROOM:

Mondays and Thursdays: Registrar 2 - 3 p.m.  
Wednesdays: Red Cross Society 7.30 p.m.

##### UPSTAIRS ROOM:

Mondays: St. John's Cadets (boys) 6 - 8 p.m.  
Tuesdays: St. John's Cadets (girls) 6 - 8 p.m. Motorcycle Club 8 p.m.  
Wednesdays: W.V.S. 2 - 4 p.m. Chrysanthemum Society July 4th. Catholic Women's League July 15th. Labour Party July 25th.  
Thursdays: Dramatic Club night 8 p.m.  
Sundays: Assembly of God 6.30 p.m. and also from 1st July at 10.30 a.m.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS

THERE ARE FIVE SEATS vacant in a car travelling from Aycliffe area to Blackpool on Saturday, July 28th. 'Phone Aycliffe 3322.

HARRY COX, GENTS' HAIRDRESSER, 1 SIMPASTURE GATE (NEAR IRON HORSE) Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Closed all day Mondays.

E.W. PRYCE, 4 NEVILLE PARADE, for all types of bedding plants, also cabbage, cauliflower and brussel sprouts plants. Wedding bouquets and floral tributes. 'Interflora' service.

CHIROPODY - J. STEPHENSON, M.S.S.Ch. 46 SKIRLAW ROAD. Consulting Hours, evenings 6.30 - 8.30 except Wednesday 2.30 - 4.30. Old age pensioners at reduced fees. Home treatment by appointment.

JOHN MEYNELL, FUNERAL SERVICES, 40,150,248, North Road, DARLINGTON. Day and night service. Telephone Darlington 2542.

TAXIS for any place at any time from T.G. PALLACE, 8 CONGREVE TERRACE, AYCLIFFE. Weddings a speciality. Telephone Aycliffe 3322.

MOTORISTS you can save 10/- in £ at least on your tyre bills! STAR RETREADS give you NEW TYRE MILEAGE at HALF NEW TYRE COST and are FULLY GUARANTEED. EXPRESS SERVICE scheme now in operation through our local agent, Harold Taylor, Newton Aycliffe Service Station, Shafto Way. Local Star Representative, J. McAllister, 6 Heild Close. MANUFACTURED IN NEWCASTLE ON TYNE by H. YOUNG (MOTORS) LTD.

GARDENS GUILD ANNOUNCEMENT! The catalogue of spring flowering bulbs has just been received and may be seen by any member of the guild. Orders for bulbs must be received by the Secretary, H. Bilton, 3 Clarence Close, not later than Wednesday, August 8th. Bulbs will be at catalogue prices less 3/- in the £.

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