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EDITORIAL

On these summer days when the school children are all on holiday, it is perhaps brought home to many of us just how fortunate it is that they are able to play in comfort, freedom and safety, on the various greens and forecourts with which the town abounds. Games of all types, cricket, football, together with those which are the product of juvenile invention, are taking place all day long, and by children of all ages. For the town child this is not possible unless use is made of a public park, if such there be within a reasonable distance.

Further, it should be clearly understood that these greens and forecourts are there to be used by the children. Obviously it makes nonsense of the basic idea in providing them if the children are to be driven off and compelled to play on the roads, as indeed they are so compelled to do in many built-up areas in surrounding townships. The grass may show signs of wear but it is only necessary for the parents to tell the children to move the 'pitch' and all will be well again, and as the children grow up they will learn to realise and appreciate how to utilise these greens to the best advantage. For after all, this town is not being built for us, or even for our children, it is being built for the later generations who will inhabit it when all the hundreds of trees in all their many varieties have grown to reasonable maturity, and even the busiest thoroughfares will be decked in subtle shades of greenery.

Here in this town will be found all the manifold blessings of rural living without its present day tribulations of inadequate sanitation, lighting, scavenging, and educational facilities. A garden city is the most apposite expression for the basic principles underlying the policy and energies which are being utilised to build our town and so far as it is possible we too have a duty to give what assistance we can to make these ideals a reality.

It is to be regretted, however, that the Corporation have not had the foresight to accede to the request of the Parish Council for a joint consultative committee. It is not sufficient to say merely that past experience of such bodies has not lent enchantment to the idea. The need is a most obvious one, and the plea for it is equally logical, and will become more and more justifiable as the town grows. It cannot be too greatly stressed that the spirit of democratic government is not to be found here, and this small concession to the desires of local representatives of the people would, if given a reasonable chance, do much to improve relationships all round. Give it a trial, and if it fails let the reasons be known. There can be little if anything to lose, whereas there can be very obvious mutual satisfaction arising from success.

The recent vacancy on the Rural District Council failed to evoke signs of interest in the town although our representation is so frugal on that very powerful local organisation. Congratulations are extended to Mrs. J. Kell (Labour) who had such an easy passage on to the Council, and whose appointment takes effect on the 2nd August, 1956.

The first phase development of the new Working Men's Club is to be opened on Saturday, August 4th, at 3.30 p.m. by the Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, P.C., M.P., D.Sc. It is the first club to be built in any of the new towns. Up to 7.30 p.m. on the opening day, only members and guests will be admitted, but thereafter it will be open to associates and visitors.

THE LAND SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION wish to know whether there is any demand in Newton Aycliffe for Stock Allotments (Pigs and Poultry). If there is sufficient demand they will investigate the possibility of providing land and buildings for such a purpose. Those interested are asked to forward their names and addresses to Mr. J. Sherlock, 14 Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe.

CORPORATION OFFICES - The Corporation Offices will be closed on Saturday, August 4th. Rents in certain areas (where tenants will be notified beforehand) will be collected on the evening of the 3rd and the office will be open until 6.30 p.m. as usual that day, Friday, for payment of rent. It will also be open until 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8th.

OVER SIXTY CLUB - The Club has had its second annual outing to Reocar and is now preparing for an Autumn Fayre, and there will probably be a concert in September. The choir, conducted by Miss. Hamilton, is making good progress. However, owing to pressure of business, Miss. Hamilton will be resigning the conductorship in the near future and an appeal is made for some-one to volunteer to take over. A hearty invitation is extended to all residents over 60 years to join the Club any Wednesday evening in the Beveridge Hall at 6.30 p.m.

GARDENS GUILD - The annual flower and vegetable show will be held in the Clarence Hall on Saturday, September 1st. In addition to flowers and vegetables there will be several sections for ladies, embroidery, cakes, bottled fruit and vegetables etc. Look out for the posters and schedules which will be circulated soon. Come along and support your own show, there are good prizes in all classes.

Arrangements are being made for the winter programme and the first meeting will be in the Clarence Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, September 10th, when Mr. J. Quayle, Horticultural Instructor from the Finchale Abbey Training Centre for the Disabled, Durham, will talk about bulbs and give a practical demonstration on planting bulbs in bowls. Members are asked to bring their own materials - bowls, bulbs and fibre etc. The Committee is doing all it can to arrange an interesting and informative programme for the winter months and appeals to the members for support. Do come to the meetings and bring your friends.

FORECOURTS AND VERGES - Many residents seem to have the impression that they are not permitted to mow the grass on the forecourts and verges in front of their houses. This is not so, as the Corporation hopes that all tenants will take pride in the appearance of their houses and those wishing to keep their forecourts and verges closely cut and tidy, will be given every encouragement to do so. In view of the vast amount of greens in the town it is not possible, except at an exorbitant cost, for the horticultural department to keep the grass as closely mown as many tenants would like.

'BUS SHELTERS - Mention was made in last month's editorial of the need for the provision of 'bus shelters before the coming winter. The Rural District Council have been fully alive to this matter and have been negotiating with the Development Corporation for the erection, as a beginning, of four shelters at 'bus stopping places along St. Cuthbert's Way. Ministry approval to the expenditure involved is now awaited, and as soon as this is received the shelters will be erected. The Rural District Council have agreed a programme for the erection of shelters at all the main 'bus stopping places in Newton Aycliffe, and this programme will be carried out in stages.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION - Another Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be held in conjunction with the Chrysanthemum Society's Exhibition on Saturday, September 22nd. The purpose of the exhibition (which will be non-competitive) is to show one another the kind of things we do in Newton Aycliffe. The exhibition is promoted by the Arts Society, but is open to anyone in Newton Aycliffe. Please begin to prepare exhibits, and look for further information in the September Newtonian.

1ST NEWTON AYCLIFFE BOY SCOUTS - Look out for posters advertising coming events, including the fourth annual Field Day at the Scout Hut on Saturday, September 1st. A bigger and better programme than ever is being planned. Sports displays, side shows etc. Admission 3d by programme. Proceeds in aid of Group Funds. Buy a programme and win a prize, and help a worthy cause. The Group urgently needs funds to meet its commitments and we try to earn them as our duty. We are against begging, though subscriptions or donations are welcome. 3d per week from 80 interested people is not a lot, but would pay the loan for the hut each year and the interest, with a little over for repairs etc. The subscriptions from the boys have had to be raised to 6d per week owing to increased cost of everyday equipment. Tents are extra and come out of money raised. To this end, any old woollens or other rags given to the boys will be sold for funds. Will you help?

SEDGEFIELD DIVISIONAL LABOUR PARTY, GREAT AYCLIFFE WARD - WOMEN'S SECTION - The members of the above Section held their first Birthday Supper in the Corporation canteen on June 25th. A most enjoyable evening was had by all and it is hoped that next year will be even better, as the Section is growing rapidly. Meetings are held fortnightly and we are always pleased to welcome new members. A varied and interesting programme is planned for the months ahead. Applications for membership to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. Pierson, 11, Ritson Road.

THE WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES wish to thank the following who gave such unselfish help in the mammoth washing up during the town's sports last month: Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Walton, and the boy scouts who were on duty all that day. We would like to remind those women living in the town with a few hours to spare, that there is always a job they can do in W.V.S. We hope to hold a course in Home Nursing in early autumn. The W.V.S. meet every Wednesday in the Upstairs Room from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and will welcome future members.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND - The only Sunday services during August will be the Holy Communion at 9 a.m. and Evensong at 6.30 p.m. There will be no Children's Service and Sunday School during August; nor will there be baptisms on Sundays 19th and 26th. If the administrations of a priest are required, please apply to the Churchwardens who will make provision (Mr. Gilbert, 17 Cumby Road; Mr. Coughlan, 20 Bede Crescent).
Confirmation. The preparation of children for the next Confirmation will begin in September. Names should be given to the Vicar as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTES

Sports Day - The Annual Sports Day held on the 7th July was successful from all aspects. Even the sun shone for the occasion, and so gladdened the hearts of over a thousand spectators. The Community Association would like to take this opportunity of conveying its sincere appreciation to all those who kindly gave their time and energy in order to make the day a success. Special thanks must be given to the W.V.S. ladies, who undertook the refreshments, and worked in the tent under rather warm conditions; to the Development Corporation for the use of the field and the loan of equipment, without which the sports day would not have been possible, and to the Horticultural Officer for the preparation of the turf; also to Mr. Thompson for his invaluable advice and assistance. We also thank particularly Mr. Foulkes, who loaned the pony for the rides; the Youth Club for manning the sideshows; all the track marshalls and stewards and announcers who worked so untiringly; and the many residents who helped behind the scenes by loading equipment, packing prizes, clearing up litter, and so on. We appreciate also the help of those firms on the Trading Estate who loaned equipment or made a donation.

Evening Classes - Enrolment dates for the Evening and Service of Youth Classes held by the County of Durham Education Committee, are Wednesday, September 12th, 6.30 - 8.30 p.m., and Thursday September 13th, 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. at the Newton Aycliffe Council School. Classes will include Arts and Crafts, Cake Decoration, Dress-making, Embroidery, English, Keep Fit (Women), Scottish Country Dancing, Soft Furnishing, and Tailoring. Notices giving further details will be posted up in the town in the near future.

Welcoming Party - The next Welcoming Party for new residents will be on Tuesday, August 28th. Invitations will be issued nearer the time, but will all those who have moved in since early April please make a note of the date now. Any who were unable to accept their invitations to the last party (in May) can ask the Corporation's housing staff for invitations to this one instead. Entertainment will be provided by the Townswomen's Guild Drama Group and the Male Voice Choir.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE-BOAT INSTITUTION - The Ladies' Life-boat Guild would like to thank most warmly all those who undertook the house-to-house collection in June, and those who gave so generously. The amount collected was £43. 8. 9d., which is such a splendid total that the Committee has decided not to undertake any more money-raising efforts in Newton Aycliffe in aid of the Life-Boat Institution, until the flag day next year.

R.A.F.A. NEWTON AYCLIFFE BRANCH - Meetings are held every Friday evening in the upstairs room of The Iron Horse. All ex-R.A.F. and W.R.A.F. welcome (minimum qualification, three months' service in the R.A.F.) Come along and support your local branch, we rely on you for help.

MUSIC SOCIETY - The Celebrity Concerts for next season have been arranged. Will anyone who is interested please contact the Hon. Secretary, E.M. Tomlinson, 12 Simpasture Gate.

THE NEVILLE MALE VOICE CHOIR AND THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE LADIES' CHOIR are combining to present music by Handel, including excerpts from The Messiah, on December 20th. It is desired to make this a really fine concert and so any resident who has sung this oratorio is invited to participate and is asked to come along to the practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. in The Iron Horse, and Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the Gretna Green Wedding Inn, or contact Mr. H. Graham-Fielding at 53 Bewick Crescent.

YOUTH CLUB - Mr. A. Thornton has, due to pressure of other business, resigned from the Leadership of the Club and an appeal is made for a replacement. Will anyone interested in youth work please contact Mr. T. Brown, 42 Emerson Way. The Club's two table tennis evenings with boys from Aycliffe School were most enjoyable. During the winter months the girls are to teach the boys ballroom dancing. The trip to Scarborough on June 17th was a great success and for once the weather was kind.

THE HARD-OF-HEARING FELLOWSHIP meets in the Corporation canteen on Fridays, August 17th (open whist drive), and 31st (General Meeting and Social), commencing at 7.30 p.m. All hard-of-hearing and their friends are welcome. Enquiries to the Secretary, Mrs. Forster, 4 Tunstall Road, or the Chairman, Mr. A. Cessford, 27 MacMillan Road.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE SCHOOL CHILDREN - In addition to the pupils successful in gaining places in Grammar Schools, the following children have been awarded C.C.E. courses at Leeholme Modern School in September 1956:-

Anthony G. Turner, 84 Bury Road
Keith Hopper, 5 Palmer Road
Frank T. Pearson, 43 Cumby Road
Alan Waters, 7 Van Mildert Road.

David A. Moore, 1 Anne Swyft Road.
Patricia C. Brown, 11 Bury Road.
Julia A. Redshaw, 39 Emerson Way.

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 Road.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB - Home fixtures for August: 1st Eleven, August 11th, v. Wolsingham. 2nd Eleven, August 4th, v. Etherley, August 6th (Bank Holiday) v. Wearhead, August 18th, v. Ransome & Marles, August 25th, v. Hunwick.

TOC H, WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - A meeting was held at 38 Shafto Way with a view to forming a branch of Toc H, Women's Association, and was attended by members of various branches and ladies of the town. Toc H stands for fellowship and service. Any ladies interested would be very welcome on Tuesday evenings at the above address at 7.30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

BEVERIDGE HALL:

Sundays: Roman Catholic Services 8 and 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.
Wednesdays: Dressmaking class 2.30 p.m. Over Sixties' Club 6.30 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: Assembly of God 10.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Mondays: Library 2 - 4.30 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.
Tuesdays: Whist Drive 7.45 p.m.
Wednesdays: Library 2 - 4.30 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. Table Tennis Club 7.30 p.m.
Thursdays: Clinic and Welfare Foods 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fridays: Library 2 - 4.30 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.

COMMITTEE ROOM:

Mondays and Thursdays: Registrar 2 - 3 p.m.

UPSTAIRS ROOM:

Tuesdays: Motorcycle Club 8 p.m.
Wednesdays: W.V.S. 2 - 4 p.m. Chrysanthemum Society August 8th. Catholic Women's League, August 15th. Labour Party, August 22nd.
Thursdays: Dramatic Club night 8 p.m.

NOTE: The library will be closed for tea from 4.30-5 p.m. on each day of opening.

ADVERTISEMENTS

AYCLIFFE SCHOOL - A General Domestic Assistant will be required early in September in this residential school. Whitley Council scale of pay is £5. 15. 6d. per week. Apply giving full details of experience to the Principal, Aycliffe School, Copelaw, Aycliffe, near Darlington.

M. COLLINSON, NEVILLE SHOPPING PARADE. Ask for a demonstration in your home; at your convenience, of any HOOVER appliance or PYE radio and television. Our 24 hour T.V. maintenance costs £4. 10. 0d. per year only and covers everything. This scheme applies only to new sets supplied by us. Ask for a ROBBILAC Colouriser shade card. 999 colours in undercoat, super gloss enamel, suede finish wall paint and egg-shell enamel. 99 colours in emulsion paint. PARAZONE, the super bleach, in stock. QUALCAST lawn mowers and quality garden tools stocked. RALEIGH AND TRIUMPH cycles from £1 deposit. Credit accounts opened on production of usual references.

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

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