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EDITORIAL

The Golden Highway - At this moment when the future of an international waterway is receiving the attention of the world, it might well be opportune to mention the future of a highway of purely local significance and importance. For it is now some fifteen months since what was then termed the 'Tunnel Road' was made available to traffic through the town. Quite naturally, it was also anticipated that within a reasonably short time the 'buses would be re-routed through and round the town and the consequent services made more adequate and convenient for the general public. But what has happened in these fifteen months? Only one service has been so re-routed. What has happened to the others? What is delaying the same action with them? Are any plans in being for this to be done? If so, when, may it be asked, is it intended to have them implemented?

The population is now well over the eight thousand mark and still nothing appears to be in immediate prospect. Are we to be kept waiting until the town has reached its maximum in population, congestion, inconvenience, and the rest, before whoever is responsible decides to make a move?

It should be a matter of major concern and importance to our Parish Councillors - is it? Yes or no, let it be understood that it is on them that the onus rests to have this business done. The Traffic Commissioner must be made fully aware of the position, needs and demands of the population, and asked to use his wide powers over the operators concerned. If approaches are met with mere procrastination, then have the matter taken up with the Minister through our local Member of Parliament.

The Corporation will doubtless lend their fullest support to these efforts (perhaps not to the last one - they are somewhat chary of Ministers) for they must surely realise that inadequate and inefficient transport facilities represent a serious handicap to the present as well as to the future development of the town, and, it might be added, to the Trading Estate also.

Get something done, for how it is finally accomplished is of infinitely less importance than having it accomplished. Otherwise we shall have to sit and bite our nails while the transport we so badly need is, as it were, by-passing us 'round the Cape'.

Sauce? - It would appear that a certain measure of consternation was suffered by some of the exhibitors at the Gardens Guild Annual Show last month over the award of a 'first' to a certain onion. Now let it be understood that this particular onion was obviously no mediocre vegetable. It was, in the first place, a complete stranger to its clay-bedded local brethren, and as such it seemed that this interloper had not only gate-crashed the show, but adding injury to this insult, it had, like dashing young Lochinvar decamped with the prize! Woe indeed to suffer such an indignity!

Doubtless ere now this venturesome lilacious aristocrat of the genus *Allium* will have yielded up its subtle piquancy to the gastronomic delight of some fortunate epicure, whilst its humbled and outraged rivals will have ended their days in the humble but ever handy family frying-pan.

The moral of this touching little anecdote is at once revealed to the discerning. 'Know your onions'. For had these consternated exhibitors read the rules of entry they would have noted that the show is not solely confined to those who are domiciled here; and providing that he was a member of the Guild, the Superintendent of Kew Gardens himself could have exhibited his favourite onion!

Alternatively, and apparently legitimately, could not any member send to Kew or Elsewhere and from there acquire for himself an onion 'par excellence' to exhibit? Perish the thought! (Yet it has been known to happen).

For it is not mandatory that each exhibitor shall only exhibit his own personal home-grown onion. A moot point indeed, because in this locality the inclemency of the climate is only equalled by the infertility of the soil, and both, so they say, are very bad for onions. Thus remains an enigma. Whence cometh next year's 'Onion Supreme'?

Another Show - It may seem a far cry from an onion to a leek, but in fact it isn't. They are of the same species though no one would surely think of making an onion a national emblem! On Saturday and Sunday, October 6th and 7th, the Workmen's Club will be holding their Annual Leek Show in the club. It is anticipated that there will be some 70 stands of leeks together with other vegetables and flowers in both open and closed classes.

The 'experts' say that this year's leeks will not be up to the high standard of last year due to the weather, but nevertheless a highly competitive show is anticipated. Apart from the produce itself, the prizes awarded will also be on view, as last year.

One thing about these leeks, there's no sending to Kew for one, because every leek is duly stamped whilst still in the earth of its grower's garden! Canny lads these, they take no chances on the 'fast one'. Rather odd, but the phrase 'to eat the leek' apparently means the same thing as eating humble pie. Anyone know where this originated? If what some of the 'experts' feed their leeks on is anything to go by, there won't be so many 'humble pies' eaten after the show as may be thought!

NEGLECTED GARDENS - Following on the report of the inspection of gardens which was carried out in connection with the Gardens Competition, the Corporation are disappointed to learn that there are still a number of tenants who persistently neglect to cultivate properly their gardens in accordance with their terms of tenancy. These neglected gardens are not only an eyesore but are in some cases becoming a nuisance under the Agricultural Acts, and are the cause of continual complaints from neighbours who suffer from weed seeds etc. carried by wind. The Corporation intend, in the near future, to serve notices to quit on all offenders. They have been very reluctant to take such drastic steps, even in the worst cases, and hope that it will never become necessary again. The general standard of garden cultivation is improving each year, and there are now many beautiful gardens in the town. In the last competition, in addition to the prize-winners announced in the last edition of the Newtonian, there were 95 gardens which merited the award of certificates. A well cultivated and laid out garden not only brings pleasure to its owner but also raises the standard of its neighbourhood.

PAYMENT OF RENT - Whenever possible, rent should be paid to the Rent Collector during the course of his normal round. The payment of rent over the cashier's counter and the opening of the cashier's office on Friday evenings until 6.30 is intended for those people who, due to absence at business etc., are unable to meet the collector when he calls. It should also be noted that as rents are due weekly in advance, they should be paid before tenants go away on holiday and not afterwards, in arrear.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUTH CLUB - The Club meets in the Beveridge Hall at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening when new members between the ages of 15 and 21 years will be welcomed. The Club's activities consist of weight lifting, table tennis, and dramatics, and it is hoped to start handicrafts in the near future. A DANCE in aid of the funds of the Club is to be held in the Beveridge Hall on the 12th October next. Tickets price 2/6d can be obtained from any of the members and from the Secretary, Miss. Anne Moore, 3 Watson Rd.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE FOOTBALL CLUB - The local football club are once again competing in the Auckland & District League. At the end of the 1954-55 season the club was £30 in debt. An enthusiastic committee set about the task of putting the club on its feet again, with the result that £150 was made in donations, dances, jumble sales etc. This money cleared the previous season's debt and paid for the 1955-56 season's working with nothing to spare. This season, together with the senior XI, the committee have formed a junior XI for under eighteens. They are doing very well in the Darlington & District Junior League and now football is provided every Saturday on the new Burn Lane ground. Residents are asked to support both clubs by their regular attendance at matches, as without strong financial support the clubs cannot survive. Anyone wishing to make a donation is asked to send it to Mr. N. Robson, 121 Shafto Way.

ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE - It is noted with concern that many motorists are not observing the 'Slow - Major Road Ahead' signs on the Clarence Chare and Finchale Road approaches to St. Cuthbert's Way, and as several incidents have happened there recently, the Committee appeals to both road users and pedestrians to take great care at this road crossing. Remember, it's better to be safe than sorry. The next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday, October 3rd.

HARD-OF-HEARING FELLOWSHIP - Meetings will be held in the Development Corporation Canteen at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, October 5th, for a social evening when members will receive instruction in dancing; Friday, October 19th, for a beetle drive, and Friday, November 2nd, for a whist drive. All hard-of-hearing and their friends are welcome, and advice is given on problems affecting them. A special week-end for hard-of-hearing is being held at Lambton Castle College for Adult Education on November 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Enquiries to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Foster, 4 Tunstall Road.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND - Mothers' Union, Thursday, October 11th, at 7.30 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held on Sunday, October 14th, at the usual times - Holy Communion 9 a.m., Children 11 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m. The preacher at Evensong will be the Revd. P.N. Wansey, Vicar of Darlington. Gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers may be delivered to the Church Hall on the morning and early afternoon of the Saturday, and, after the thanksgiving, will be sent to Aycliffe Hospital. Helpers with the decoration of the Church will also be welcomed any time after 2 o'clock on the Saturday. The Men's Guild will meet on Monday, October 15th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Vicarage. They will begin a series of talks and discussions on Membership of the Church of England. An invitation

is extended to any man who may wish to learn about or talk about Christian Faith and Practice. Women's Fellowship, Thursday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. The Annual Sale of Work will be held in the Beveridge Hall on Friday, November 2nd. It will be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Lord Lawson of Beamish, the Lord Lieutenant. The opening will be preceded by a welcome to Newton Aycliffe, on this, his first visit to the new town. The Church children will give a concert (also in the Beveridge Hall) at 7.30 p.m. on the same evening. Tickets are now on sale by the children and are 1/- each (no half price). Refreshments will be served and there will be stalls for the sale of anything left over from the afternoon's sale. Gifts for the Sale will be gratefully welcomed. The next Confirmation will be in May 1957. The Vicar would like all names as soon as possible.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY - The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 11th, when Mr. J. Gittins will give a gramophone recital at his house at Aycliffe School. On October 23rd, the meeting will be in Clarence Hall at 7.45 p.m., the programme to be arranged. Details from the Hon. Secretary, E.M. Tomlinson, 12 Simpashire Gate. New members always welcome.

ENQUIRERS' CLUB - At the first meeting of the season, Friday, October 5th, Father Currie of Shildon will be speaking on 'The Meaning of Man'. Those of you who have heard Father Currie previously will know what an interesting and able speaker he is. The meeting will be held in the usual place, the Upstairs Room at the Community Centre buildings at 7.30 p.m. There is no membership fee and anybody interested will be very welcome to come along.

GARDENS GUILD - The next meeting will be held in Clarence Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, October 8th. The Northern Gas Board will present films of general interest to be followed by two films supplied by the I.C.I. Film Library - 'Soft Fruit' showing the propagation, planting, pruning and general cultivation of strawberries, gooseberries, currants and raspberries, and 'Birth of an Apple Tree'. Afterwards, Mr. A. Morton, the Corporation's Horticultural Officer will answer questions on gardening films. New members welcome. The annual show on September 1st was the most successful to date, but the Committee would have liked to see more entries in the ladies' sections. First prize-winners were:- Messrs. H. Dobson, J.E. Pearson, J.S. Elliott, W. Hope, L. Neary, T. Bamlett, R.J. Appleby, J.R. Furness, J. Harrison, W. Staveley, R.S. McCulloch and R.N. Shepherd, Mesdames Irvine, Pluse, Dean, Butler and Bradley. The Gardens Guild Cup for the most points was awarded to Mr. J.E. Pearson, 43 Cumby Road. The show judges were Mr. G.A. Allen of Middlesbrough, Miss. M.L. Collis of Darlington, and Mrs. L. Butler of School Aycliffe.

LAND SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION - Will all applicants for stock allotments under this Association please meet in the Upstairs Room of the Community Centre at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 22nd. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. J.P. Edgar, the area officer of the L.S.A.

ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION - The annual general meeting will be held in the Upstairs Room of the Community Centre at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 15th. The meeting is open to all allotment holders whether members of the Association or not.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE DRAMATIC SOCIETY - The Society's next production, 'Love in a Mist' will be staged in the Beveridge Hall theatre early in November.

R.A.F.A. - If you are serving or ex-R.A.F. or W.A.A.F., there is a welcome for you any evening at the Canopus Club (between Pease Way and Barrington Road). Although only formed in July, the Association now has 95 members. New members may join at the Club or contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Veitch, 16 Biscop Crescent. Wing Commander Petch, Commanding Officer of Middleton St. George R.A.F. Station will open formally the Canopus Club on Saturday, October 20th. Members will receive further details nearer that date.

OVER 60 CLUB - Thanks are extended to all who helped to make a success of the sale of work on September 8th. £100 was raised for the Building Fund. During October, concert parties will entertain the members on the 19th and 31st, the Choir will compete in the Spennymoor Central Choir Festival on the 4th at Spennymoor, and a coffee morning will be held in Clarence Hall on Saturday, 20th from 10 a.m. Arrangements have been made for the Chiropodist to be in attendance in the Upstairs Room of the Community Centre on Saturday, October 27th. Any member or pensioner requiring treatment should contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Edgar, 6 Clanny Road. If you are 60 years or over, a welcome awaits you at the Beveridge Hall each Wednesday at 6.30 p.m.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE CADETS - The flag day held on September 1st raised the sum of £62. 5. 11d. This was a gratifying result and we thank all those who assisted in any way. During the summer the Cadets have attended the Annual Review at Crimdon Dene, two official parades to Durham Cathedral, the annual County Cadet Sports and the annual County Camp. Following a series of lectures, a number of Cadets have now taken an examination on Road and Home Safety. The winter programme includes First Aid, Home

Nursing and a course on Fire Fighting. A warm welcome awaits any boy or girl between 10½ and 16 years of age at any meeting. Times of meetings may be found in the Community Centre Calendar.

CHOIRS - The combined Ladies and Male Voice Choirs are presenting their Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 20th, in the Sugar Hill School, and tickets will be on sale shortly. The programme, in two parts, will consist of items by each Choir, Soloists, and Choruses and Solos from Handel's 'Messiah'. The two Choirs now number 60 persons, but there must be many more residents who would enjoy singing in this concert. and they are asked to come forward - ladies, Mondays, 7.30 p.m., The Iron Horse, and men, Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m., Gretna Green Wedding Inn, or contact Mr. H. Graham Fielding, 53 Bewick Crescent.

COMMUNITY CENTRE - CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

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: Old Time Dancing 8 p.m.
Wednesdays: Dressmaking class 2.30 p.m. Over Sixties' Club 6.30 p.m.
Thursdays: Red Cross Cadets 6 - 7.45 p.m. Youth Club 7.50 - 10 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. Townswomen's Guild, October 1st, 7 p.m. Gardens Guild, October 8th, 7.30 pm. Chrysanthemum Society, October 22nd, 7.30 pm.
Tuesdays: Whist Drive 7.45 p.m. Girl Guides 5.45 - 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 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Welfare Foods 2.30 - 4 p.m. Brownies 6 - 7.45 p.m.
Fridays: Library 2 - 4.30 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.
Saturdays: Over Sixties' Club Coffee Morning, October 20th, 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ROOM:

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

UPSTAIRS ROOM:

Mondays: St. John's Cadets (Boys) 6 - 8 p.m.
Tuesdays: Motorcycle Club 8 p.m. St. John's Cadets (Girls) 6 - 8 p.m.
Wednesdays: W.V.S. 2 - 4 p.m. Catholic Women's League, 17th October. Labour Party, October 24th.
Thursdays: Dramatic Club night 8 p.m.
Fridays: Enquirers' Club, October 5th, 7.30 p.m. Extra Mural Studies, October 12th, 19th and 26th.

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