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THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND
THE EDITOR WISH ALL READERS A
PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.



EDITORIAL

Napoleon is reputed to have said that "The English are a nation of Shopkeepers," but we rather regard ourselves as a nation of Sportsmen. Vast sums of money are spent annually on sport and lots of the "Big Boys" make private fortunes from racing, boxing and Football. Despite this sordid commercialism many young men and women find a great deal of enjoyment from playing and watching a large variety of sports. In our town we have a number of sports clubs ranging from Archery to Rugby. Unfortunately these clubs are small and all meet in one or other places working out their own problems and programmes. This freedom to meet when and where you like is costly and much effort, time, and money is spent by these clubs in merely keeping alive. The motto of the sports clubs should be "United we grow, divided we perish".

We have a Sports and Recreation Club, but we hear little of them. We also have a Rugby Club and a Cricket Club with a sports pavilion and a very excellent club with a bar; which I feel is not used to capacity, by any means. Is it not possible to have an over-all Town Sports Committee whose job it is to help and encourage the small clubs to house their meetings and arrange their publicity. The lack of this kind of help was behind the collapse of our town Football Team, for which a number of men worked like beavers. At the same time the Town Sports Committee could press for a Sports Stadium or Athletic Centre to be built in our town where some of the games could be staged, Table Tennis, Archery, Badminton, Judo and Athletics to quote but a few.

Our climate demands cover and some comfort. Gone are the days when large numbers of people will stand out in snow and rain, to watch a game. They now sit at the fireside and watch the top class games on the television screen. The result is that gates are getting lower and clubs just fold up and audiences for all sports are on the decline. Where are we to train the rugby players, the football players, the runners and high jumpers of the future, certainly not in the odd church hall or sports field.

We need urgently a well-organised, well-equipped sports centre where we can hold training courses and train our athletes in a sensible and scientific way, where we can store our gear and hold our meeting. Surely this Sports Centre is an integral and necessary part of our new town. It is more necessary than pubs and parking spaces, and neat little garages—important though they are.

Let us waken up *someone* in the Parish Council, The Rural Council and if possible try to interest the Development Corporation who represent the genius, imagination and planning of our new town. They must have some ideas. But the problem will be who is to be responsible for the cost of building, etc. As we live in a kind of municipal schizophrenia, with four authorities it is hard to know who we have to waken. This urgent need cannot go on being neglected.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

Management Committee

The Quarterly meeting of the Management Committee takes place in the Clarence Hall 5th January, 7-30 p.m. Please see that you are represented.

Girls Club

We now have our Girls Club going, and welcome girls from 13 years of age and upwards to attend. We meet in the Clarence Hall each Friday at 7 p.m.

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New Youth Centre

The Education Committee is stepping up its work for Youth as the result of the Albermarle Report and has included a new Youth Centre for Newton Aycliffe in its programme.

The Association's premises are bursting at the seams and we need new premises to house our Senior Club, Junior Club and Girls Club.

Catholic Youth Club

The Roman Catholic Church Youth Committee has established a promising Youth Club in the Community Centre. At the moment they meet in the Upstairs Room until we can find a larger hall.

Welcoming Party

We do hope that any recent newcomers who missed their Welcoming Party will ask for an invitation to the next one on Thursday 26th January and will enjoy it as much as the new residents said they enjoyed the last one. There will not be another Party until 11th April.

New Year's Skating Gala

In case this issue reaches you in time—remember the Skating Gala in the Beveridge Hall at 7 p.m. on 31st December, 1960

Class for Deportment and Grooming

We have a number of young women who are anxious to start a class in Deportment and Grooming, Make-up etc. but we need some more members. We hope to have a class on Thursday evenings in one of the schools in Newton Aycliffe. We are in touch with the Education Committee and if you are interested send your name and address to the Warden.

School-leavers' Party

Here is a party with a difference. It is for the teenagers who have just left school and their friends, Beveridge Hall Monday 30th January at 7-30 p.m. Music, Dancing, Refreshments, Price 1/-.

Pottery Class

The Education Committee have this in hand and will write to us when the class is fixed up

CORPORATION NOTES

The year 1960 has now passed into history and for some of us it could be remembered chiefly as the year which brought for us almost six months of incessant rainfall. In spite of the impact which the weather does make on our memories, it must for most "Newtonians" concede pride of place in 1960, to that glorious May day when her Majesty The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Town.

The visit was the outcome of a desire expressed by Her Majesty personally, to visit the Durham New Towns, and the publicity given to the visit certainly made Newton Aycliffe known throughout the country.

Although there has been so much wet weather during the past year, the builders have managed to keep going and in spite of atrocious site conditions, they completed 308 new houses. These were located either in Precinct D.1 behind the town centre, or in Precinct E.4 adjoining Vane Road and Fowler Road, where a further

170 dwellings remain to be completed. Good progress too has been made on the erection of 51 dwellings on the site adjoining Pease Way and 222 dwellings on the site adjoining Burn Lane, being the first stage development of Precinct D.3 which extends from Burn Lane to the Great North Road.

In the Town centre, a further block of eleven shops and a bank were completed on the south side of Beveridge Way and a further six shops on the north side as an extension of the Ravensfeet development. Most of these shops are now opened for business or are awaiting installation of shop fronts before starting to trade.

Other important developments during the year were the completion and opening of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary and Presbytery adjoining, the Parish Church Hall, the R.A.F. Association Club adjoining Pease Way and the Boys' Club which had the distinction of being formally opened by Her Majesty The Queen. The development of the Woodham Burn Private Housing Site is also well under way and all the building plots in the first stage layout have been disposed of.

The forecasts of twelve months ago have not all materialised however, and the one which has the greatest disappointment for "Newtonians" is the failure of the County Council to start the building of the Health Services Centre and Public Library adjoining Dalton Way. The building contract is however now out to tender so the start should not long be delayed.

Altogether in 1960, the Corporation carried out capital projects costing approximately £670,000. In addition, other bodies such as the Durham County Council, Private Developers and the various Public Utility Undertakings will have spent tens of thousands of pounds in the town. Converted into terms of money, it will be appreciated that the progress made in developing the town during 1960 has not been inconsiderable.

Now what further progress can we expect in 1961? So far as houses are concerned, those still under construction in the Pease Way and Vane Road areas should all be completed as should many now being built adjoining Burn Lane in Precinct D.3.

A further contract for 130 dwellings in Precinct D.3 will also be well advanced and a final contract for nearly 400 houses to complete Precinct D.3 should be all ready for starting. The remainder of the Woodham Burn Private Housing Site will have been serviced with roads and sewers and should be showing much activity with the building of privately owned houses.

The second Secondary Modern School now being built on the School Campus Site adjoining Central Avenue as well as the fire station and ambulance depot should all be functioning.

Other public buildings then being erected will include the Health Services Centre and Public Library, an Old People's Hostel in Shafto Way, a new hotel with restaurant in the town centre and a new Church for the Latter Day Saints. Maybe a start will have been made too on the building of a further Secondary Modern School on the Campus site, an Infants' School in Stephenson Way and a Police Station next to the Fire Station in Central Avenue. Further new shops in the town centre will be in various stages of completion.

Owing to the exceptionally long wet period in 1960, little progress has been made in the work of laying out as a natural parkway of the Woodham Burn Valley but this should be completed in 1961 as should also the first stage development of the Cemetery adjoining Middridge Lane.

Development in 1961 should be greater than that achieved in 1960 and as partners with them in this exciting enterprise, the

Corporation extends to all residents its sincere wishes for a very happy and prosperous 1961.

QUESTIONS PLEASE

May we remind you that your local Citizens Advice Bureau Finchale Road, is open every Friday 2-0—3-30 p.m. and 7-30—8-30 p.m.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Letter to the Citizens of Newton Aycliffe.

POPPY DAY

May I express my thanks to the citizens of Newton Aycliffe for their wonderful support during Remembrance Week. A grand total of £200 7 9 was collected which is an increase of over £31 over the 1959 collection.

I wish to convey my thanks to the Ladies of the Conservative Party, Toc. H., and the members of the Womens' Section British Legion, Newton Aycliffe, for their unfailing support to make our collection such a success.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE JOHNSON

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ENQUIRERS' CLUB

We had a most interesting lecture from Mr. Vadgama on present-day Kenya, which was followed by a number of questions. We hope to have another talk this month, and the details and date will be sent to those who have attended, and we will make a poster or two. So look out for the details of the club which is different and keeps you ahead of the times.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE TO HAVE A LATTER DAY SAINTS CHURCH

Many citizens of Newton Aycliffe have noted that a large section of ground on the corner of Shafto Way and Auckland Place, has recently been levelled and prepared for development.

A new church for the town will be built on this site, commencing with a ground-breaking ceremony next February. Drawings of the proposed buildings are not yet complete, but there will be a chapel of modern architectural design, a large recreation hall, classrooms, offices and car-park.

To be erected by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, (popularly nick-named 'the Mormons') the new church is only one project of the fifty new churches to be built in this country over the next five years, at a total cost of over £7 millions.

The Latter-day Saints, once a despised and persecuted religious group, are now widely respected and are recognised throughout the world, as leaders, with their programmes for education and recreation for young people.

At present meetings are being held in the 'Over-60 Club' on Sunday at 11-30 a.m. and 6 p.m., and the youth club (known as 'Mutual') meets on Monday evenings at 7-15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

M.M.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER-SIXTY CLUB

The Christmas Party was held on 7th December and a most enjoyable evening it proved to be. Entertainment was provided by the Eldon Lane Light Orchestra after an excellent tea had been served. Numerous prizes were distributed during the course of the evening. The Christmas cake was cut by Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Beavan.

Guests included the President of the Club, Mr. W. N. Davis, O.B.E. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. L. F. Gilbert and Dr. E. Gilbert, the Rev. T.A. Drewette and others.

Entertainment for January included:- 4th; Girl Guides, 11th; Trimdon Village L.P. Choir.

WOMAN'S COLUMN

It is strange but if you look closely at a newspaper, you will find that more than half the paper is taken up with advertisements or articles aimed at women. A score or more of the most glossy weeklies are entitled "Woman's Night," "Woman's Afternoon" "Woman's Department" and they employ a highly trained staff to write these papers. Most of them interesting and attractive papers which cost from 5d. to 2/-, whose circulation runs into millions. How can we interest our women readers? The various groups—W.V.S., Townswomen's Guild, Toc. H. Women's Section and church groups all do most useful and necessary work, and we are delighted to print their activities each month, but is this not enough?

What do you want of us? Household Hints, Recipes, Travel Articles, knitting ideas, or are these handled much better in the weekly glossy magazines. Do let us know, as we are very anxious to have a well read Woman's Column. So ideas and suggestions please.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

A Social Evening, including a Cheese and Wine Tasting, is to be held in the Stag Restaurant on Friday, 13th January, from 7-30 to 11 p.m. Tickets 3/6d. The Stag Restaurant is situated opposite the Post Office near the main entrance to the Aycliffe Trading Estate.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF AYCLIFFE HOSPITAL

League of Friends of Aycliffe Hospital still meeting fortnightly in Methodist Church Hall and continue their activities on behalf of patients of the hospital.

The Cafeteria on visiting days has proved a great boon and comfort to visitors, the recreation hall is placed at the disposal of the League of Friends and it is there in a friendly atmosphere, both visitors and patients can sit and chat over a cup of tea. A sale of work held at the Hospital on November 19th was opened by Mrs. S. Ekins of Aycliffe and realised £58. The Friends offer their very sincere thanks to all who so very generously donated gifts and so helped to make the sale a financial success.

The League of Friends have donated a complete set of harness for the pony at the hospital, at a cost of £80. A party for patients will be given 31st December 1960, arrangements made and prizes donated by the League of Friends.

Dean Bank Salvation Army Band and Songsters will visit the hospital on Christmas Day to play and sing carols in every ward.

The year 1960 has been most successful and this is entirely due to the many gifts and donations we have received from friendly folk who have responded so generously. A very big "Thank You" and our sincere greetings for 1961.

A.E.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The 10th Birthday Meeting was held on the 5th December, and was thoroughly enjoyed by members and their friends. Mrs. Drewette, assisted by Mrs. Morton, president and vice-president respectively, cut the cake and were each thanked by Mrs. Metcalfe—Chairman.

Mrs. Deegan, who sang solos delightfully, was accompanied by Mrs. Dalrymple. Mrs. Nelson gave us two of her special and highly amusing monologues. The Drama Group gave a little sketch which was much appreciated and the evening ended with games and country dancing, Mrs. Rolandson acting as a very able M.C.

Prize winners were—Mesdames Fern, Featherstone, Schofield, Little, Vickerstaff, Thorogood, Chapman, Thomas, Stanworth, Bellis and Miss Hamilton.

The next meeting will be Monday, 9th January (not the 2nd) when Mr. Scaling will talk on "Our Northern Country Side" Sales table—"White Elephants".

JUDO

The Newton Aycliffe Judo Club (Affiliated to the British Judo Association) presents A Mammoth Film Show—*A Date for your new Diary*. To show you what we can do and to provide an evening of First Class Entertainment a FREE FILM SHOW has been arranged by the Club and will be presented in the Beveridge Hall on Thursday, 12th January, 1961 starting at 7-30 p.m. The films, which have been obtained only after considerable trouble, are being shown for the first time in this area and are of outstanding interest.

Programme

"JUDO" A short film of about 30 minutes giving an introduction to the art.

"A Pearl is born". A 20 minutes technicolour film with English commentary about the Pearling Industry in Japan.

"Holiday in Japan" A 25 minutes technicolour film about the off-the-beaten-track places including a village of aborigines—told by a tourist.

INTERVAL

"Master of Judo" A detailed exposition—75 minutes—of the technique of Judo, demonstrated by Mr. Mifune and with an English commentary.

During the Interval refreshments—tea, minerals etc.—will be available. Come and bring your friends to this great free show.

T.A. NOTES

The 924 Motor Ambulance Coy. R.A.S.C. (T.A.) detachment has been given company status and this is more than likely due to the exceptionally high rate of recruitment in the past four months. This will also help to hasten the building of the Drill Hall in Newton Aycliffe.

The company had a really good camp at Penhill in Cornwall during the summer. On Armistice Day we had a parade of 50 strong and excellent work is being done under the guidance of Capt. H. H. Robinson.

Incidentally, the Burma Star Association is going well in Darlington and would like to see more of the "Burma Wallahs" in Newton Aycliffe joining up with the Association. If you are interested and are not too fond of your old "Charpoy" then come along or contact Capt. Robinson who will arrange your entry into the Association.

R.H.H.

TOWN BAND

The Band wishes a prosperous New Year to all residents of the New Town. I know of bandsmen of the Town who now are free, so will you please come along to our practices and help to make our band one to be proud of. We have now been admitted to the Durham County Brass Band League and in April we are taking part in the contest of that League.

Our Bandmaster is running a class for beginners in the Beveridge Hall at 10-0a.m. each Saturday morning, so all youngsters or others wishing to learn, please go along and see Mr. Lerigo. I am sure he will do all in his power to make you a top class bandsman. This is the chance of a lifetime so do not miss it.

I am very pleased to say that our band is getting to be known and engagements are beginning to come in. This is a sure sign that the band is doing well, so anyone wishing to engage us please write to our Secretary Mr. J. Pluse, 3 Clarence Corner, Newton Aycliffe, and it will receive immediate attention. I am sure that anyone who has heard the band will agree that we won't let you down.

Baritone

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

On Thursday, 19th January there will be a members' evening in the form of a lecture-recital to be given by Mr. J. Gittins entitled "Schubert in Winter." Before his early death, Schubert poured forth an immense volume of melody and was one of the greatest of the writers of songs or "lieder". He drew on the store of Austrian folk-music as well as his own inventive genius for the basis of his melodies, and it is also a fact that winter and "things wintry" inspired him to write many of his songs, the high watermark of this trend of thought being his great song-cycle "Die Winterreise" (The Winter Journey). This lecture-recital should appeal to all lovers of Schubert and should prove a valuable introduction for those to whom this enchanting music is hitherto unfamiliar.

E.G.W.

The time has come, the Walrus said, to talk of many things!!!

It is interesting to learn that one of our residents has a most unusual dog, an Afghan Hound, the mother of which was owned by the famous General Rommell.

Don't tell the whole world, but another resident has four valuable Dutch Rabbits.

It is true that one of our local Councillors who was recently elected to the Rural Council has attended only two meetings and one dinner; Democracy what crime are committed in thy name! Two questions asked recently in the Warden's Office;

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Can you get me a pair of crutches for my father?

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The Tenants Association got off to a fair start at their recent meeting. They are non-political, non-sectarian, and as neutral as a Brussels Sprout.

THE WALRUS

THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE

The recently formed Chamber of Trade has as its main object the improvement of trading conditions in the area. Naturally many improvements secured by the chamber will be available to members and non-members alike. However it is to the credit of the town's business people that the majority of traders have joined already and all traders who are not members are invited to apply to the Secretary c/o Barclays' Bank, Beveridge Way. A stronger membership will give added weight to the Chamber's views and will mean that more sections of the traders will be represented when decisions are taken.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday in the month and a committee has been formed to attend to week to week business. The officers are:- President—Mr. G. I. Machin, Secretary—Mrs. Lonsdale, Treasurer—Mr. J. Oliver, Vice-President—Mr. R. Pocklington.

Many items of interest to traders have been discussed and already the chamber has been successful in securing for members at least one benefit which in itself is more than equal to the annual subscription.

Although business must take first priority in such an organisation it is also hoped that many social events will be held and the first of these is to be a dinner dance on January 25th. Tickets and further details from Mr. Ashman, c/o Woolworths, Beveridge Way.

ATHLETICS

Whether your interest lies in track or field events, or you fancy the rigours of cross-country or long distance road running, or you merely want to keep fit, the NEWTON AYCLIFFE ATHLETIC CLUB can provide you with training facilities (under the guidance of an A.A.A. coach) and top class competition in the North Yorkshire and South Durham Harrier League.

The club has its Headquarters at the Burn Lane Sports Ground and training sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7-15 p.m. and Sunday Mornings at 10-45 a.m. so how about coming along to our Headquarters at any of the training sessions and getting to know the athletes, or contact the Secretary—R. Ayre, 7 Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe.

R.S.A.

A NATURAL BAROMETER

The accuracy of weather forecasts by wireless, television and newspapers is not always to be trusted but by using observation, whether a town-dweller or countryman, you can easily become your own weather prophet. A collection of weather 'signs' will assist you to be your own 'prophet.'

A Townsman can always tell by the behaviour of smoke as it leaves the stack.

A long unbroken trail of smoke which leaves the stack parallel to the ground foretells "no change" for the day; while if there is a break in the trail near the stack, the weather will "change," and, if this occurs during winter, it is a sign of a thaw or frost.

Should the smoke, swirling round the top of the stack, obscure the lightning conductor and the rim then take out your waterproof, for it is an infallible sign that rain in plenty is not far distant.

When the smoke bends downwards as it leaves the mouth of the stack, this is sure warning of disturbances in the atmosphere, and there is every likelihood of a violent storm.

GARDENING NOTES

In the garden you could spray the fruit trees if you have them, and the suckers at the base should be cut off to keep the tree healthy. You could also plan the garden for next year and send for the seeds catalogues to help with the plan. There are so many beautiful catalogues issued these days and many have excellent notes on cultivation apart from lovely coloured pictures of flowers that will interest the children; they, after all, will be the gardeners of the future if you encourage them. May I wish you every good wish for the New Year and happy gardening! !

You may have got a Gardening Book for a Christmas present. Can you learn Gardening from a book, or must we all learn the hard way "By the sweat of our brow"? I think after 40 years of Gardening that this is the only way, but in a Pub over a pint I have learned many a good tip regarding Roses, Sprouts and Cauliflowers, from wise old fellows who have a deep fund of knowledge but could scarcely write a sentence. Books are handy if you have a special problem and want the answer quickly, like how to deal with "Magpie Moths" that attack our gooseberries and currants.

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METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The Methodist Church wishes you all a Happy New Year and looks forward to serving you during 1961 by providing for you facilities of worship and fellowship. Our weekly programme caters for a wide variety of interests and ages which soon dispell those feelings of loneliness that are not unknown on a new town such as ours.

Each Tuesday at 2-30 p.m. there is a meeting for all ladies. A creche is organised for the younger children and tea and biscuits are provided.

Wednesday nights at 7-45 p.m. is the time for men. The Regnal Circle provides opportunity for free discussion on a variety of subjects and is always willing to serve those who are in need.

Sunday Worship is at 9-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. each Sunday.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The final figure for the Sale of Work will be not less than £315 and might even reach £320. This is excellent, and we would thank all who, by work and support, helped to achieve this success.

Not much will happen in January, apart from parties and the regular services, but please note these dates:-

Mothers' Union,	Thursday 12th
Men's Guild,	Monday 16th
Women's Fellowship,	Thursday, 26th

The combined Mothers' Union and Women's Fellowship party will be on Thursday, 19th

The services on New Year's Day will be the usual Sunday services, except that there will be no Bible Class in the afternoon; Holy Communion 9 a.m., Children 11 a.m., Evensong 6-30 p.m.

NEWTON PLAYERS

The Newton Players are now enjoying a well deserved rest after the effort of putting on two plays and running a most successful dance, all within five weeks. We will shortly be holding casting meetings for our next production, however, and if anyone reading this is interested in joining the Players, whether as an acting member or as a backstage helper, I do suggest that this is a good time to come and meet us all. We are always in the Upstairs Room on Thursday nights at 8 p.m., alternately contact me at the address below.

Over the past year we have been delighted with several gifts of clothing which will be most useful in our wardrobe department. These include a wedding dress, a coachman's cloak, a naval officer's tropical kit and several dresses of the "flapper" era. We have been wondering if there are other people on the town who have garments stored away, which they themselves have no use for, but would like to see go to a good home? If so, we should be most grateful for them. Also useful are old curtains and bedspreads which can be cut up and used in costume plays.

S.F.W., 37 Bewick Crescent.

TO ALL AERO MODELLERS

The Newton Aycliffe Model Flying Club has got off to a good start but the membership is still open to anyone interested in model-making. The Club meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Community Centre.

There has been some comment about the noise made by model engines but we are endeavouring to find a place which we can use as a Flying Field. If you know of a place or have a field to offer us we would be most grateful, and there is no damage whatever. Please contact the warden, Mr. Sheridan or the Secretary Mr. R. Snowden at 25 Lightfoot Road, Newton Aycliffe.

R.S.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

Now that Christmas is a pleasant memory, we may turn our thoughts to the New Year. How many of our readers have made "New Year Resolutions?" How many have a bright new 1961 diary? If so try to use it to the best advantage. Make entries of interest such as—February 2nd saw the first Colts Foots—(a small early wild flower) or—March 4th saw some Crocus in a local garden. In this way the year will take on a new and exciting pattern. There is a great need for bird watchers to check the movements and habits of birds. We have a visit of over 45 different birds from the United States of America and they make the journey of 3,000 miles on their own, but the smaller ones like the American Robin and the American Thrush have been known to do a little hitch-hiking on passing ships. We do not know enough about these and many other birds, and bird watchers are needed if we are to have a complete picture of the habits of migrants. So keep a look out and record any strange bird you may see, the colour and size and if possible make a sketch of it. The whole neighbourhood is full of multitudes of wild flowers, why not make a Nature Book and as you find one write the place you found it, the date and paste it into your book. Later in the year we may have a competition for the best Nature Book with the most entries—Its jolly fun and will help you at school.

Cheerio UNCLE TERRY

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are held in the Beveridge Hall on Tuesdays 2—3-30 p.m. Doctor present every TUESDAY. Appointments are advisable.

Information and appointments from:- Mrs Thomas, 26 Eden Road, Newton Aycliffe. Tel:- Newton Aycliffe 637.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Since our last article 5 volunteers have joined us now bringing the total of Civil Defence volunteers in Newton Aycliffe to 38. This is good, but alas! not good enough. In a new and virile town which we pride ourselves on living in, surely there are more than 38 public spirited people.

Further proof of the versatility of Civil Defence has been shown in the past fortnight. The terrible floods which have devastated the Country have seen Civil Defence working side by side with other public organisations. They have even turned their efforts to mountain rescue, proving that a trained volunteer is of more use than an untrained one, no matter how keen he may be.

It is hoped to hold a General Meeting of all Civil Defence volunteers in the town during the last week in January, 1961, at a place and time to be decided later. Training for all Sections will commence in February.

E.J. Sector Warden

OLD AGE PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

So we get an increase in our pensions!!!!

Not as much as the Federation has been working for but even a little is welcome in these days of high prices.

Come and join us on Tuesday evenings in the Working Mens Club and enjoy a Social evening; often a good concert and good fellowship. At the same time you are helping the Federation in its fight for still more adequate pensions. A warm welcome awaits you. Both young and old. There is no age limit and we are non-sectarian and non-political.

Our Christmas draw will be a financial success and we are looking forward to our Christmas party in the Beveridge Hall on December 29th, 1960.

T.S.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



A busy period is now commencing for the Officers of the Branch and Club, and it would be appreciated if members would please note that subscriptions are now due on 1st January, 1961. Prompt payment of these would assist the Officials, who will be available each evening from 7 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. Also, it is ideal time to welcome once again any ex R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. who are living in the town, to come along and join us.

Don't forget Branch night is on Thursday evening each week and all members are invited to come along and make the best use of the facilities that are, and can be, available.

The monthly general meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month, and again a welcome is extended to those who have the time to come along.

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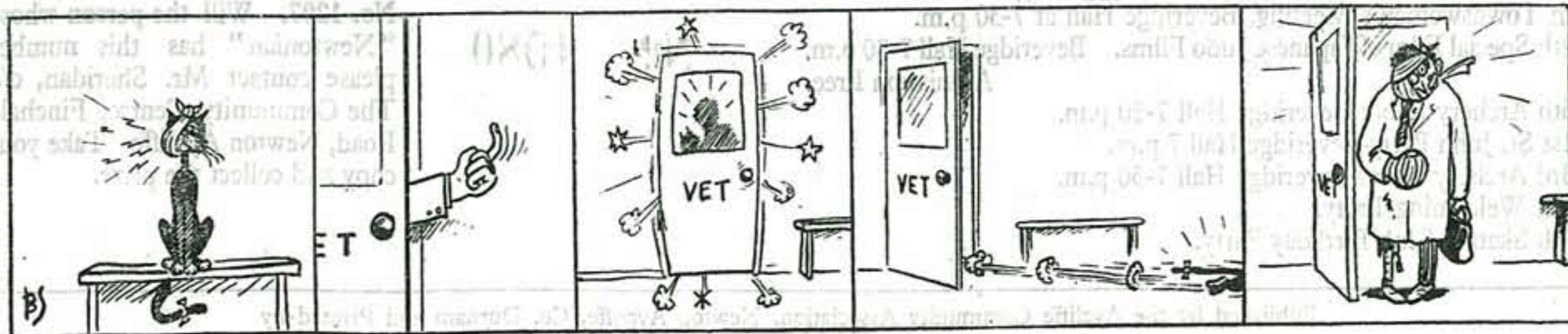
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Beveridge Hall

- Sunday:** Town Band 10-30 a.m.
Assembly of God Sunday School 2-30 to 4 p.m.
Skating 4-7 Judo 7-10 p.m.
- Monday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild at 7-15 p.m. 9th January
- Tuesday:** Family Planning Clinic 2-3-30 p.m.
Skating Club 6-30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. 5-7 p.m.
Youth Club 7-30-10 p.m.
- Thursday:** 9-30-4 p.m. Welfare Clinic. 4-6 p.m. Probation Officer. 7-30-10 p.m. Judo.
- Friday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. 5-7 p.m.
7-30 p.m. Table Tennis Session
- Saturday:** Children's Film Matinee 2 p.m.
7 p.m. Skating Club

Clarence Hall

- Sunday:** Assembly of God Services
6 p.m. Junior Youth Club 8 p.m.
Jehovah's Witnesses 2-30 p.m.
- Monday:** 1-30-3-45 p.m. W.V.S. Children's Nursery.
Jehovah's Witness 7 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Whist Drive 7-30 p.m. Open to all
- Wednesday:** 2-00 p.m. W.V.S. Meeting.
Table Tennis Matches 7-15 p.m.
- Thursday:** Junior Youth Club 7-9-30 p.m.
- Friday:** Girls' Club at 7 p.m.
- Saturday:**

Committee Room

- Monday:** Toc H. Women 7 p.m.
- Tuesday:** F.P.A. Clinic 2-3-30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Stamp Club 6-30 p.m. open to all.
- Thursday:** 9-30 a.m.-4 p.m. Welfare Clinic
Aero Model Club 7 p.m.
- Friday:** Loco-Spotters 7-30-10 p.m.
- Saturday:** Cinema Pay Box 2 p.m.

C.A.B. Room

- Sunday:** Meetings of the Cage Bird Society 10-30 a.m.
- Monday:** 2-3 p.m. Registrar.
- Tuesday:** Free
- Wednesday:** Meeting of Cycling Club 7-30 p.m.
- Thursday:** 2-3 p.m. Registrar.
7-30 p.m. Weekly Meeting of Angling Club.
- Friday:** 2-3-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session and 7-30 p.m.-
8-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session.
- Saturday:** Free.

Upstairs Room

- Sunday:** 2-4 p.m. Salvation Army.
- Monday:** Catholic Youth Club 6 p.m.
- Tuesday:** St. John Cadets (Girls) 6-30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Town Band 7-30 p.m.
- Thursday:** Assembly of God 6-30 p.m. Drama Group 8 p.m.
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys).
- Saturday:** Town Band (Juniors) 10 a.m.

SPECIAL DATES FOR JANUARY

- 5th January Meeting of the Management Committee, Committee Room, Community Centre 7-30 p.m.
- 9th Townswomen's Meeting, Beveridge Hall at 7-30 p.m.
- 12th Special Film of Japanese Judo Films. Beveridge Hall 7-30 p.m. Admission Free.
- 16th Archery Shoot Beveridge Hall 7-30 p.m.
- 21st St. John Party Beveridge Hall 7 p.m.
- 23rd Archery Shoot Beveridge Hall 7-30 p.m.
- 26th Welcoming Party.
- 28th Skating Club Birthday Party.



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