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S.O.S.

History tells us of outstanding men who have given much to the world by living alone and thinking about the problems of mankind. For the majority of us, however, it is not possible, or desirable, to live alone. It is vitally important for our own sake and those of our fellows that we should live in groups and help each other by real human contacts. This is doubly necessary in a new town.

Man has lived in communities of one sort or another since the dawn of time, and the great driving force in history has been the basic need for companionship and friendship, and the deep desire in all of us to feel—**wanted**.

To satisfy this deep human need Community Associations have been formed and as the result many areas which would have been a sad, lonely forest of bricks, have become a living vital community to which residents feel proud to belong.

We have a lovely new town planned for modern living with the horror of slums removed. Many of the residents have not heard of the Community Association, while others believe it is some vague organisation connected with the Corporation and paid out of rents.

The Community Association is a free democratic organisation with NO connection with the Development Corporation. It is run by the residents of the town who form its Management and Executive Committees. The subscription is ridiculously low—1/- per year and 2/6 per family.

You may ask just what does a Community Association do in this town. It has under its control three halls and a number of rooms, and houses, among other things, the Baby Clinic, The Library, the Citizens Advice Bureau, The Registrar, the Family Planning Clinic, four Youth Clubs, a Table Tennis Club and also a Skating Club, to mention but a few of the many activities which take place under the control of the Association.

The Association helps to foster new ideas and adventures in communal living and to this end is given a grant from the Local Education Committee, because they realise the important role we play in the growth and happiness of the towns children and adults.

Our rent bill from the Corporation is over £400 per annum!!! Grant aid only covers part of our running expenses. Lighting, heating, cleaning and administrative costs reach the figure of £3,000 per year! At one time we had a Cinema which helped with the expenses but Television killed this source of income and left us with an annual deficit of £300.

The position is now really desperate and something must be done by the people of Newton Aycliffe if the Association is to continue.

Some 35 organisations are affiliated to the Association and if each organisation pledged itself to raise £10 for the Association before 31st December of this year we could survive. If an organisation ran a Raffle, a Tombola session, a Dance, a series of Coffee Mornings, or some effort, then the individual target of £10 could easily be reached.

The Cricket Club is prepared to give any organisation the free use of its hall for one Wednesday night for any event which an organisation wants to put on in the drive for its £10 target.

The National Community Week is from 2nd to 10th June and we hope each organisation will stage a Play, a concert, and exhibition or some event during "Community Week" and give the proceeds to our Community Association. We hope to have a Flag day in June but of this more later.

The Management Committee earnestly hope each society or club in the town will take some **positive** action in this **grave** and **urgent** problem of keeping the Association **alive**.

We have shown what we can do for refugees, now our charity should begin at home.

Ed.—C.A.S.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

Pottery Class

Sorry, but we cannot have our Pottery Class. We have a Kiln, a Pottery Wheel, but we cannot find a place to hold the Class as the schools are bursting at the seams and cannot take on this job. The Further Education Organiser has written that "it may be possible to have this class in the new Grammar School, when it is built."

Grooming and Deportment Class

We have had a spate of telephone calls about this class and a number of ladies have sent their names and the name of a Teacher, so we will go on if we have a dozen more names. Please send them to the Warden, c/o Community Centre Newton Aycliffe and we hope the Education Committee will then set the class going.



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**"The time has come the Walrus said to talk of many things
Of ships and shoes and sealing wax and cabbages and kings."**

The coming elections for the Rural and Parish Councils finds the two parties with very few candidates. People now recognise that the job of a Councillor is not all fun and frolics.

Due to the large number of mothers and children, that have come to the town in recent months the Baby Clinic is asking for another day at the Beveridge Hall.

The extra day will be added after 1st April 1961.

May we, if a little late, welcome Sgt. Bramley who is now in charge of our area, and hope he will enjoy looking after us.

Two of our Rural Councillors have resigned—so we will miss them until the new Council is formed in May. Can we thank them or are we too late?

One of our Corporation Officials has his holidays in France and goes to the same little Hotel where he sleeps in the same room as was used by Robespierre. I wonder if he too dreams of Guillotining his enemies!

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Holidays Abroad

The scheme for a holiday under Community auspices has caught on and a number of leaflets have been given out to prospective clients. The details are simply that if 30 people are prepared to take one of the trips to Holland, Germany or Austria they can go as a Community Party and have very reasonable rates for a seven or ten days tour. More details can be had from the leaflets, so if you are interested call and collect a leaflet and study it at home—and decide.

Hard of Hearing Fellowship

It is proposed to hold a meeting in the Community Centre on 23rd February at 7-30 p.m. to re-form this Fellowship. If you are interested please come to the meeting. Councillor A. Cessford will preside.

Material for Newtonian

Can we again remind our correspondents to be sure to send in your material on or before 7th of the Month preceeding the Publication.

**Aycliffe Development Corporation
APPOINTMENT OF CLERK/TYPIST**

Applications are invited for the above post in the Corporation's Housing Department. Salary in accordance with the Whitley Council for New Towns Staff Scale for Copy Typists i.e. £220 p.a. rising by varying increments to a maximum of £530 p.a.

Applicants should be from 16 to 18 years of and the successful applicant will be required to undertake clerical duties in the department in addition to typing.

Appointment subject to National Joint Council conditions and to one month's notice, in writing, on either side.

Applications stating age and previous office experience (if any) together with the names of two referees to be sent to the undersigned to arrive not later than Monday, the 13th February, 1961.

(Signed) A. V. WILLIAMS,
General Manager.

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B.B.C. SUNDAY HALF-HOUR

The B.B.C. have arranged to have a live Broadcast on Sunday March 12th from 8-30 p.m. to 9 p.m. from Newton Aycliffe.

It will be broadcast on the Light Programme and the Overseas Programme. Look out for details in the March issue of "The Newtonian."

COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council have decided to support the Community Association in its endeavour to persuade the County Council to establish a permanent Youth Centre in the Town and to form a Youth Council.

The Parks and Cemetery Committee believe there is a need for a Chapel of Rest in the Precincts of the Cemetery, where the bodies of deceased persons could rest pending interment. It is thought that it is not always convenient, nor do many people wish, that the deceased should remain in a house. The Committee are therefore making enquiries and seeking advice about this. Already the Church Authorities have been consulted, and none of them are opposed to the idea.

The Local Youth and Social Service Sub-Committee of the Divisional Educational Committee are recommending to the County Education Committee that a grant of £1,720 be paid to the Newton Aycliffe Community Association. An application from the Association for a Grant Aid amounting to £211 in respect of equipment was deferred for further consideration.

The County Council have agreed to the Development Corporation laying a Surface Water Sewer across the frontage of the Fire Brigade Site one of the terms being "the payment of an annual acknowledgement by the Corporation of one peppercorn on demand."

The Allotments Committee of the Parish Council state that one or two allotments for cultivation only, are likely to become available in the near future. Application for these allotments should be made to the Clerk, Mr. H. Bilton, 3 Clarence Close.

The present year is Election Year for the County, District and Parish Councils. The first Election takes place for the County Council on Tuesday, 11th April. Parish and Rural elections on Tuesday, 9th May. The Town Political Parties are at present selecting their Candidates for the various Councils. In this Town it is more than important that everyone cast their votes in these Elections; everyone who is entitled to vote is therefore urged to do so.

A. CESSFORD

CORPORATION NOTES

Frost and Snow. If you leave your house unoccupied for even a night during frosty weather, it is wise to turn the water off at the main stopcock and drain off the water by flushing the W.C. and opening all taps. When you return, remember to let the back-boiler fill again before lighting the fire.

After a fall of snow, please clear access paths to your front and back doors—it has been noticed that old age pensioners set a good example in this respect, for which callers are grateful!

DAMPNESS

The prolonged wet weather of 1960 and the New Year has created problems of dampness, hitherto unknown, all over the town. In most instances the best preventive is to keep the fire on overnight, leaving the radiator(s) full on and the doors to kitchen and living room open; also the airing-cupboard door. It is equally important to have some ventilation throughout the house even if the windows can be opened only a small amount, to prevent condensation.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

The Committee would be pleased to receive copies of old magazines and periodicals for use at the Club.

Entertainments for February will be:-

8th February—Sacriston Road Show.

22nd February—C.W.S. Film Show.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE

The full balance sheet has been published on the notice boards throughout the town. Apart from local organisations which sent their contributions direct to their own headquarters, the amount collected by the N.A.W.R.Y.C. from the residents and from Aycliffe School was £452 5 9 a splendid total.

It is understood that there are some organisations who have not yet notified us of their efforts. A further publication will be made as soon as these are in hand.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

The first Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Branch is to be held in the Upstairs Room of "The Oak Tree" on Tuesday, 14th February, at 7-30 p.m. This is a most important meeting and it is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend. An invitation is also extended to any prospective members who may care to come along on that evening.

BADMINTON CLUB

Meeting of Badminton Club, Committee Room, Community Centre, Wednesday, 8th February at 7-30 p.m. All interested are invited to attend.

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TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

As many tenants will know a Tenants' Association was formed in December and its membership is now building up very satisfactorily. A committee was formed to act until the first Annual General Meeting which will be held about the end of February. Now that the Season is over and a good membership has been achieved the Committee is ready to get down to work and is therefore prepared to receive complaints and suggestions from members and, if it considers them to be justifiable and reasonable, to take them up in the appropriate quarters. We would like to emphasize, however, that all complaints should first of all be made to the appropriate official body and a reasonable time given for them to be dealt with before approaching the Association. Also it would be advisable to make a careful note of the date on which a complaint is first made.

Now that the town is approaching completion we feel that there is a need for an Association such as ours to represent tenants as tenants, as long as the town is to such a large extent controlled by a non-elected Government body. This might be a good place to remind readers of the objects of the Association. They are :-

- To watch and safeguard the interests of the tenants of Newton Aycliffe.
- To assist the just, efficient and economical planning of Newton Aycliffe.
- To render assistance in all matters for the benefit of tenants both collectively and individually.
- To induce all tenants to take an active interest in the development and government of their town.
- In connection with the above matters to negotiate with the Development Corporation or any other public body from time to time.

We would like to emphasize that the Association is attached to no political party and does not contemplate putting-up candidates for any council elections—after all the main body that it will be concerned with is the Development Corporation which in itself is non-political and non-elected.

Finally, if you are not already a member the subscription is 2/6d. per annum per household and can be paid to any of the Committee members named below. Members will be notified of the date and place of the Annual General Meeting.

One of the first matters which the Association hopes to take up is the improvement of the shockingly inadequate postal facilities in the town.

Committee :

D. Hood, 2 Dalton Way (Chairman)
C. Smith, 32 Macmillan Road (Secretary)
J. B. Dunn, 85 Dalton Way (Treasurer)

Mrs. Metcalf, 89 Dalton Way Mrs. Speight, 28 Barrington Road
G. Kimber, 2 Vane Road W. Boddy, 22 Walcher Road
A. Raine, 57 Hatfield Road E. W. Hailes, 1 Webb Close
R. Pilsworth, 30 Allington Rd. Coun. Dormer, 34 Eden Road

THE NEWTONIAN'S "IF"

If ever you decide to come and live in our new town,
And stay around for two or three years,
If you can make your mind up and decide to settle down,
Then you need never worry or have any fears;
If you can find a group and friends to help you,
A leader with the power to inspire,
If you'll join the fun with heart and nerve and sinew,
You'll be someone who'll never tire.

If you can strive with grim determination,
To find your way from street to street,
If you can reach a stage that's near perfection,
To reach your home again still on your feet;
If troubles and strife at home cannot daunt you,
And all mishaps are treated with disdain,
If the rent man's visit cannot haunt you,
Jolly times may be had again and again.

If dustbin lids and noisy cats spoil your sleep at night,
And travelling vans disturb the peace of day,
If you can stand the stinging cold of winter's bite,
Yet stay around, nor think of going away;
If you can make a home and settle down to live,
You'll find good folks, yes every one,
You'll find that they and you have much to give,
And which is more—you'll be a Newtonian, son.

A.I.C.

(With apologies to Kipling).

THE TOWN BAND

Residents of the town, I thank you for the reception you gave the band whilst playing carols. Your response was a great help financially as we finished the week with a grand total of £66 2s. 0d.

I am only sorry that shift work etc. kept the numbers down and we had only half a band. It gave us great encouragement seeing so many of you coming to the door and standing in the cold. It tells us that you have interest in the band and that is very helpful to us who are just getting really organised.

We will ensure you have plenty of chances of hearing the band as we have a full programme arranged for this year, playing round the various greens on Sunday afternoons and concerts and so on. We are getting a good library of music together which will be of interest to all.

Let me once again ask any who can play, have played or want to learn to play to come along to our practices on Sunday mornings at 10-30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7-30 p.m. They will receive a hearty welcome.

I want to close by giving the band's wholehearted thanks to the collectors who did such a stout job in the cold helping us during Christmas week.

"BARITONE"

GARDENING NOTES

February, like most months, can be a very busy one in a Garden. If the weather is dry there are a host of jobs which should be carried out. If you have a Frame you could sow Leeks and early Cabbage seeds.

If you want some fresh Rhubarb you could start and force a root or two by covering them with a box or barrel and some sacking over the box or barrel to keep in the heat.

Now is the time to have a look at the lawn and clear it of worm casts and stones. A good sweep with a firm brush will do wonders. The paths and borders could do with a little attention and a little tidy up, and if we are fortunate to have dry weather you could roll the lawn thus helping the growth of new grass.

A new bed of Rhubarb could be made and this is usually done by splitting the existing roots and placing them 3 feet apart in well-prepared soil helped with a generous application of some manure.

By now you will have consulted the very beautiful catalogues that are free from reputable seed merchants, among them is the Margaret Hunter catalogue, a most intriguing booklet full of good advice and useful tips about gardening.

There are many new and exciting seeds available this year and it might be worth while breaking away from the Pansy, Carnation, Wallflower type of garden and trying some of the lovely new and brilliant flowers. The seed catalogues give excellent information and guidance on the growing of these flowers and you can hardly go wrong. I feel sure you will be delighted with the result.

Happy gardening,

"WIREWORM"

ROLLER SKATING CLUB

It seems to me that 95% of you are still in the dark as to the Skating Club programme for each week, and if I may, I would just like to enlighten you all as to the set-up of things.

Two of our sessions are for tuition only when members are taught to dance and figure-skate. Spectators are most welcome to attend either our Sunday session (4—7 p.m.) or our Tuesday evening session (7 to 10 p.m.)

Our most popular skating night is undoubtedly Saturday, from 7—10 p.m. This is the night for the full family and it doesn't matter whether you are two or ninety-two you will be welcome. **Please Note** our Saturday skating is for **all** to enjoy, it is not just for members, but **YOU**, so why not come and spend a Saturday evening with us in the Beveridge Hall. You will find it most entertaining watching the graceful skating, or perhaps just relaxing and listening to a very wide selection of music. Oh, yes, I know just what you are thinking, who wants to watch Skating, when I can go to the cinema or watch T.V.? I can assure you the fun and games organised each Saturday are far better than anything you will see on the 'goggle-box,' or from a very expensive seat in the cinema. You see, this is live entertainment, the public entertaining the public.

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See you all on Saturday,

G.A.B.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

On **Friday, 10th February**, a public concert will be given in Aycliffe School at 8 p.m. by four of the Linden Singers. This group are well-known throughout the country through their many appearances on radio and television, and are renowned for the high standard of ensemble singing which they invariably maintain. That we should have been fortunate enough to bring some of these singers to Aycliffe is a source of pride to the Society, which will certainly be justified by the programme to be presented, and which we hope will also be justified by a large audience.

Tuesday, 28th February brings another member's evening, in the form of a complete performance on records, of the opera "La Tosca" by Puccini.

E.G.W.

R.A.F.A.



It is now official that the "Lythgoe" trophy has been won by this branch. This award is for the branch obtaining most points for increased membership in the North Eastern Area. Also with this clear win in the Area it is felt that there is a reasonable chance of success for the National Trophy.

Members who have not yet renewed are asked to do so at once, and it will assist the Secretary, if all subscriptions, not yet paid, can be cleared at an early date. It is again a pleasure to welcome any ex-R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. who have moved into the town to join us.

Branch night is each Thursday evening and is becoming popular especially in the games section. Our teams playing in the Darlington Works League for the first season are doing extremely well in all sections. The Entertainment Section are now busy preparing for the "Battle of Britain" week programme and intend making it even more successful than last year.

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HOLIDAYS ABROAD—BELGIUM

(As thoughts are now turning to the summer holiday, we are resuming this series. EDITOR)

If you've never been abroad before, why not start with Belgium? This friendly and attractive country has much to offer. In addition, you are least likely to come up against the language problem, especially on the long sandy coast around Ostend, where English is widely spoken and the British visitor warmly welcomed.

By boat, one arrives in 3 hours at Ostend and there is a wide choice of pleasant little pension hotels, very reasonable in price and spotlessly clean. Cleanliness is one of the things which struck me most about Belgium—even the pavements and walls outside the houses are scrubbed nearly every day.

With Ostend as one's base, get a run-a-bout travel ticket on the Belgian railways. For about 35/- 2nd Class and perhaps £4 to £5 First, one can have five days unrestricted travel when and where one likes, with as many changes of mind as one wishes.

Did you, too, think that Belgium was flat and sandy? Until I visited Namur and Dinant and later Luxembourg I had no idea of what lovely mountainous country there is.

Bruges, Ghent and Liege are cities offering old world charm, modern and up-to-date hotels, economical pensions and even Youth Hostels.

The churches and museums are full of marvellous art-works and one can feast one's eyes on paintings by Rubens, Van Dyke, Rembrandt, Memling and other artists that have been famous for centuries. There are wonderful shopping boulevards in the port of Antwerp which rival Paris, and little twisty side streets in the shadow of the Cathedral, where one can sit in little restaurants and tuck into plates of steaming casserole white mussels cooked in white wine.

But don't take my word for it! Try Belgium yourself.

'Globe-trotter'

CAGE BIRDS SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Cage Bird Society will be held in the C.A.B. room at the Community centre at 11-30 a.m. on Sunday the 5th February 1961. This meeting will be the A.G.M. and it is hoped that all the members will be present.

C. CULLEN Sec.

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Yet we in Britain have the finest vegetables in the world and even export them to other countries, but we cook them carelessly and often throw away the liquid in which they were cooked and in doing so lose many valuable vitamins.

Potatoes and green vegetables contain vitamin C which helps to keep your blood pure and build up resistance to disease. In many homes the fast boiling of greens and potatoes destroys this valuable vitamin. How often have we had served to us sloppy grey messes called Potatoes and served by people who should know better. Sprouts, Kale and Cabbage also receive this barbarous treatment.

Always cook vegetables quickly with little water a nob of margarine and a tight fitting lid. If the vegetable grows below the ground start with cold water if it grows over the ground start with fast-boiling water. Baked potatoes are really tasty and most of the vitamins are kept. You can do the same with Carrots and Parsnips, grease well and bake basting like a chicken—then Carrots and Parsnips can be delicious.

C.A.S.

Lime Cream (3 to 4 people)

Ingredients—½ oz. cornflour, ½ pt. fresh milk, 1½ tablespoonsful sugar, ¼ pt. evaporated milk, ½ oz. gelatine, ½ pt. lime juice cordial.

Method—Make a custard with the cornflour, sugar and fresh milk—put aside to cool in basin with cover over it.

Dissolve gelatine in a little water—add the lime juice and put aside to cool—whip the evaporated milk till very thick and creamy, then add the cooled lime mixture to the cooled cornflour mixture a little at a time, beat well till smooth—lastly fold in the evaporated milk very lightly—pour into a wetted mould and leave to set.

Turn out and decorate with small pieces of glace cherry and angelica, whipped cream if a luxury sweet is needed.

Cheese Scones (8 to 12) according to size)

Ingredients—8 oz. plain flour, ½ teaspoonful salt, pinch cayenne pepper, ¼ teaspoonful dry mustard, 1 oz. margarine, ½ teaspoonful bicarbonate soda, 2 oz. grated cheese, 1 teaspoonful cream of tarter and milk to mix.

Method—Mix well all dry ingredients—rub in margarine—add the grated cheese, mix to a soft dough with milk.

Press out (do not roll) till ½ inch thick, cut into squares and bake in a hot oven 10 to 15 minutes.

M.G.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are held in the Beveridge Hall on Tuesdays 2—3-30 p.m. The doctor is present EVERY Tuesday. Information and appointments from:- Mrs. Thomas, 26 Eden Road Newton Aycliffe Tel. Newton Aycliffe 637.

Literature—We now have a selection of books on sale suitable for children from 4 to 15 years. These are available to any parent who is interested. They can be bought at the clinic, or by contacting the secretary.

A.G.M.—Our first A.G.M. is to be held on Monday, February 13th at 2 p.m. in the Upstairs Room, Community Centre. Any member of the public who wishes to attend may do so.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

Congratulations to Denver Hancock, Linda Ingman, Alan Clegg and Linda Knight, who won first and second prizes respectively for for modern ballroom dancing 13 to 16 year olds in the Sunday Sun Junior Dancing Tournament, held in the Oxford Galleries, Newcastle on 29th and 30 December.

Six couples reached the final round and four of these were Newton Aycliffe couples. The other two were Keith Malcom with Patricia Bushby, and Derek Raine with Barbara Barras. Alan Clegg and Linda Knight also won a second prize in the Old Tyme Dance Contest.

Two girls dancing together, in the 10 to 13 year old were Sheila Peck and Joy Puttock who won the second prize in the Old Tyme Dancing and third prize in Modern Dancing. Well done!

This is the second prize-winning entry in our Competition. MY DREAM HOLIDAY

I would like to go to Brazil for my dream holiday and I would go hunting for treasure where there was an old Inca tribe. I would take some donkeys and llamas to carry my luggage and I would go in the forests that are partly unexplored. I would kill snakes and would go across rivers haunted with crocodiles. I would fight Indians that would try and stop me then I would climb mountains until I was a few miles from the town. I would go in the town and walk around and imagine what it was like in earlier days. Then I would see a temple and I would go in and see lots of jewels. I would put them in bags and make the donkeys and llamas carry them home. I would live happily ever after.

ERIC GRUND, 9 yrs. 5 months

MALE VOICE CHOIR MAKES RADIO DEBUT

The Choir has had another very good year and, despite the loss of one or two very good members, still muster approximately 30 voices. We still require new members in all sections, so if you fancy a good sing, join us for practice every Tuesday at 7-30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Gretna.

During the year, twelve concerts were given for various organisations in the S.W. Durham area as far afield as Middleton-in-Teesdale to the West and Thornaby to the East. In addition, we joined with the Ladies Choir for a Festival week concert, and our own Celebrity concert with Ranken Bushby as our Guest was voted the best ever. The year ended on rather a wonderful note, the Choir making its Radio debut on the 27th December. A great honour indeed considering the vast number of choirs from all the Northern Counties who made recording from which the actual programmes were finally chosen.

We are, unfortunately, to lose the services of our pianist, Mr. R. Smith, who will shortly be leaving the town. May we pay open tribute to the grand job he has done with us. We shall miss him very much. Can we get a volunteer to fill this breach? Without a pianist we cannot function.

Finally, if you want to sing and cannot read music, don't let this deter you. The number of chaps who can follow music in the Choir are in the minority. Just come and enjoy yourself.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The January meeting was opened and presided over by Mrs. Metcalfe (Chairman). Mrs. Brown read the minutes and reports were given by the Treasurer Mrs. Greenbank, the Drama Secretary, Mrs. Lamb and the Arts and Craft Secretary, Mrs. Hiley.

It was agreed to send a delegate to the National Council Meeting in the Isle of Man.

It was also agreed to think about having an April Fayre.

Two new members were welcomed.

Mr. Scaling of the Darlington Field Club assisted by Mrs. Scaling gave a talk and a Film Show of our Northern Countryside, which I am sure gave everybody present, a lot of pleasure, and a proud feeling of belonging to a really lovely Northern Countryside.

Mrs. Vickerstaff won the raffle.

The next meeting will be February 6th at 7-15 prompt when there will be a demonstration of Hairdressing by "Jacques" of Beveridge Way. The Competition will be a "Bowl of Bulbs", and the sales table, books and toys.

L. BROWN

NEWTON AYCLIFFE RADIO SOCIETY

February 8th—"The Inquisitive Giant", a film which tells the story of the radio telescope at Jodrell Bank, Manchester

March 8th—A Film on the Cathode Ray Tube.

All meetings are held in the "Iron Horse" commencing at 8 p.m. prompt. Members will be notified by post of any dates for which factory visits, etc., have been arranged.

If any reader is interested in membership he should contact the membership Secretary:- Mr. A. West, 29 Gilpin Road, Newton Aycliffe.

W.V.S.

Start the New Year well, come and join us each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Clarence Hall. You will find something to interest you in the work we do.

Our Nursery is open each Monday in the Clarence Hall from 1 till 4 p.m. Why not leave the children with us while you do your shopping?

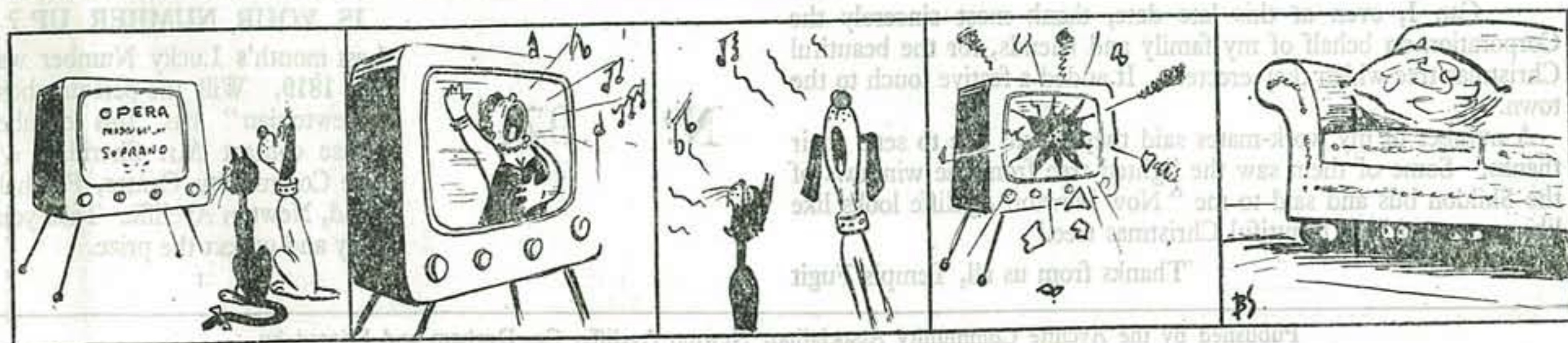
Our Baby Sitters Service is at your disposal; why not make use of it and enjoy a night out? Enquiries to W.V.S. office, Finchale Road, or at 6 Lowery Road and 2 Isherwood Close.

A.B.J.

HAVE YOU A PROBLEM?

For advice on:- Health and Medical Services, Hire Purchase, Insurance and Pensions, Income Tax, Education and Training and Personal problems, ask your Citizens Advice Bureau, Community Centre, Finchale Road, Newton Aycliffe. Open every Friday 2 to 3-30 p.m. and 7-30 to 8-30 p.m.

The Adventures of Buttercup



COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Beveridge Hall

- Sunday:** Town Band 10-30 a.m.
Assembly of God Sunday School 2-30 to 4 p.m.
Skating 7-10 p.m.
- Monday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild at 7-15 p.m. 6th February
- Tuesday:** Family Planning Clinic 2-3-30 p.m.
Skating Club 7-10 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. M.I.A. 7-10 p.m.
- 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:** Assembly of God Youth Club 7 p.m.
- Saturday:** Free

Committee Room

- Monday:** Toc H. Women 2 p.m. Whist 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
Women's Mutual 7 p.m.
- Friday:** Free
- 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 Aero Modelling 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:** Drama Group 8 p.m.
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys).
- Saturday:** Town Band (Juniors) 10 a.m.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Can I, even at this late date, thank most sincerely the Corporation on behalf of my family and friends, for the beautiful Christmas tree which they erected. It added a festive touch to the town.

A number of my work-mates said they would like to send their thanks. Some of them saw the lighted tree from the windows of the Shildon bus and said to me "Now Newton Aycliffe looks like like a town with its beautiful Christmas tree."

Thanks from us all, Tempis Fugit

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successful in their recent piano-
forte examinations in the
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Sherry Dawson (Pass); Megan
Bellis (Pass); Gail Lodge (Pass
with Merit); Grade III Roy
Brittain (Pass with Merit).

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OLD AGE PENSIONS ASSOCIATION

Thanks to our very successful Christmas Draw from which we raised over £80 we were able to have a happy party at the community Centre on 29th December 1960 which over a hundred attended. In addition we are able to carry forward a balance towards an outing when the fine weather comes.

Come and join us, both young and not so young. Don't forget, 6-30 p.m. Tuesday evenings at the Workmens Club.

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