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EDITORIAL

We live in a world of immense and wonderful possibilities, it could be a happy and beautiful world full of joy, Delight, Content, Excitement, Surprise, Exhilaration and Enchantment.

Those fortunate boys and girls who have been able to join and fill all the existing boys and girls clubs in Newton Aycliffe have started to travel the right road.

But half of our boys and girls cannot take these first steps towards this wonderful world.

They cannot join existing Social, Games, and Adventure Clubs, because there is **no room** for one half of our Youth. The Clubs are already overcrowded. It is a modern version of "**No room at the Inn.**"

So what! Whose job is it to provide our boys and girls with modern 1962 Amenities?

Is it the County Council's Job?

No! They have washed their hands of all responsibility for providing a Youth Centre for Newton Aycliffe.

Is it the Job of the Development Corporation?

Evidently **not**. Their proposed expenditure of £600,000 in 1962, does not include a Youth Centre.

Is it the Job of Great Aycliffe Parish Council?

No! Their job is Allotments, Street Lighting, Recreation Grounds, rights of way, Cemeteries and Crematoria (£26,000 for these last two).

Is it the Job of the Rural District Council?

No! Their job is Sanitary Authority, Abatement of Nuisances, provision of public conveniences, disposal of refuse. They can also erect new houses, or improve old to relieve overcrowding. They are concerned with Inspection of Food and Meat, of Water Supply and Conditions in Factories. They are also the Rating Authority.

To sum up

None of these Authorities can help the boys and girls of Newton Aycliffe to get a Youth Centre. **Very well—How can A Youth Centre be created?**

The Answer is

That **A Youth Centre** can be created by the goodwill of a large number of people and organisations, who have the interests of the young generation at heart.

Let the Fathers and Mothers of Newton Aycliffe seek the effective support of the firms on the Industrial Estate and the Town.

Let them ask for a Guarantee for £20,000., free of Interest from firms and organisations who believe in a better and brighter world of the future. Already a number of enlightened and prospective employers are helping by their support and goodwill, to ensure that our boys and girls, our grandsons and granddaughters, will grow-up in the best traditions of comradeship and friendship. The foundation of a happy and worthwhile career.

The first step towards a Youth Centre, will be to appoint a Youth Centre Building Fund Committee, to survey the problem and report on it.

Who will appoint this Committee?

Let N.A.C.O.L.O. invite the Youth Council sponsors, and the Youth Parliament Members to the next meeting of N.A.C.O.L.O. with this item on the Agenda and with this object in view.

The Newtonian welcomes offers from all interested people to help get the Youth Centre project going.

Space and publicity will be freely given by the Newtonian.

EDITOR.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE BOY SCOUTS

A Jumble Sale will be held during the latter part of February. Watch out for notices and do come along and support us.

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R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



I wrote recently of an ex-R.A.F. man who came to live at Newton Aycliffe and met an old service comrade at the Club. This appears to be happening more and more with every passing week as our town and the Branch, grow ever larger.

The writer recently met an old colleague and was more than delighted to hear that even though he was on holiday at Ferryhill from Bradford, he still made his way to the R.A.F.A. We talked of old times, 'queer bods,' and of the good times we had. It is natural as with most ex-servicemen, we did not speak of the bad times. Before leaving, he gave news of several who were of our old squadron, and many old memories were revived. We were so engrossed in our talk, that the wife of my friend introduced herself—to us both!

Membership increases and Mr. Manning, our Secretary, reports of a bumper period for the branch over the past year, all thanks due to our members and friends.

Details of the date and time of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting are not yet to hand, but members will be informed by letter.

We extend our welcome to all of you who are ex-R.A.F./W.R.A.F. with the standing invitation to join us at the Branch in Barrington Road.

H.G.S.

Note:- Old "Tyme" dancing at the Branch is, at present, cancelled for Wednesday evenings.

FROST DAMAGE

During the recent severe weather there have been a great number of burst pipes many of which were due to inadequate precautions being taken by tenants. It is again emphasised that water pipes in outside W.C.'s etc. must be lagged and that if a house is being left unoccupied, if only for a night, when frost can be expected, it is essential to turn off the water at the main stop-cock, turn on the kitchen taps and completely drain the system. The main stop-cock is usually to be found in the pantry near the back door but, if in doubt, the Housing Department will readily send someone to show the location of this tap.

Tenants are reminded that repairs resulting from burst pipes where reasonable precautions have not been taken will have to be paid for.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB

The 1962 cricket season will soon be upon us and the Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club will again be competing in the Durham County Cricket League. The committee have spent the closed season strengthening both the playing and financial position of the Club. The position in both these departments has considerably improved but we are not complacent and much remains to be done.

The coming season will see the 1st XI led by Mr. R. Balmer. "Ricki" Balmer played for Bishop Auckland C.C. last season where he acquitted himself well in his first season in the North Yorkshire and South Durham League. He has played for Rotherham and Sheffield in the Yorkshire Senior League where he played with and against many of the best cricketers in the country. The Club are indeed fortunate that "Ricki" has decided to assist his home town team. He is particularly keen to impart his knowledge and experience to the junior members of the Club who will benefit greatly from his coaching.

Mr. R. Maughan is 2nd XI captain next season and here again the Club is fortunate in having a fine cricketer available who has given long and loyal service. "Ronnie" has had a great deal of experience in the game and the young members of the club will find him ever ready to help them, both on and off the field, to improve their game.

We are forming a Junior Section this year and matches have been arranged at home and away against Bishop Auckland C.C. It is hoped that further matches will be arranged for the junior members and Durham, Darlington and Stockton Cricket Clubs have been approached for fixtures. All aspiring young cricketers on the town are asked to contact the Club Secretary, Mr. H. Moses, 35 Gilpin Road, who will be pleased to provide further particulars.

The Club are entering the Tom Burn and Horner Cup Competitions again and luck in the draw could bring the best teams in the North East to our ground. We hope that the cricket fans of Newton Aycliffe will come to the ground in ever increasing numbers next season to encourage their team. With your support I am sure the Club will enjoy its most successful season ever. May I appeal to all the fine cricketers living in this town to come along to our Clubhouse, where they will receive a welcome, as there are still positions to be strengthened in both teams. The committee have one aim and that is that Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club become one of the finest teams in the County.

H. MOSES, Hon. Secretary.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

Our Christmas Party held on 20th December was most successful and everyone had an enjoyable evening. Thanks are due to the Tradespeople of the Town and friends who kindly gave gifts for our raffle at the party, which is confined to our own members and contributed in no small way to the enjoyment.

Mrs. Cook, who is 80 years of age and our oldest member, cut the Christmas cake. Each member received a gift in cash of 5/-.

The new central heating system is proving of great benefit and is much appreciated.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are held in the Beveridge Hall EVERY Tuesday 2—3-15 p.m. There is a lady doctor in attendance. Information and appointments from Mrs. Thomas, 26 Eden Road, Newton Aycliffe. Tel. Newton Aycliffe 637.

THE DURHAM COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Newton Aycliffe and District Branch

A very successful Christmas Meeting of the Physically Handicapped Association was held at St. Clares Hall on Friday, 15th December.

Colour slides of Tangier and the Balearic Islands were shown by Councillor Hewson who was thanked on behalf of the Association by Mr. Clarkson.

Very generous catering was provided by the Ladies Choir and all Physically Handicapped members present received a small christmas gift with the compliments of the committee. A donated prize was won by Mrs. Ainsworth.

A dance was held on Tuesday, December 19th in the Concert Hall of the Working Mens Club. The waltzing competition was judged by Miss Nora Capps and her pupils then gave a display of modern ballroom dancing. The Working Mens Club kindly provided the hall free of charge.

The donation of £10 10s. 0d. from the Great Aycliffe Parish Council has now been received—the cheque being handed over to the treasurer by the Clerk to the Council on Saturday, 16th Dec.

The Committee wish to express their appreciation for the support being given by various organisations in the town—in particular the Young Wives Club and Townswomens Guild for providing refreshments at recent meetings.

The Committee have gratefully accepted the offer of the Boys Club premises for a Spring Fayre to be held on April 14th, when various articles made by disabled members, under the supervision of the Handicrafts Officer, will be on sale. Any ladies who would be prepared to help Branch Funds by making small articles for sale at this Fayre, should contact the Handicrafts Officer, Mrs. Alderson. Any assistance will be very welcome.

Mrs. G. Smith, 33 Langley Road, Newton Aycliffe, has now been appointed Secretary of the Newton Aycliffe Branch.

E. HEWSON, Welfare Officer.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE LADIES CHOIR

The Ladies Choir are giving a concert on the 24th February, in the Methodist Church Hall combining with the Male Voice Choir and the Town Band.

At the General Meeting of the Choir it was decided to enter the festivals to be held at Newcastle, Stockton and Darlington. In 1961 the choir had great success at Stockton and Darlington being 1st and bringing both these cups to Newton Aycliffe. They hope to retain these in 1962 and try to bring one home from Newcastle.

New members 16 years and over are always welcome. Practices are held every week on Monday night at 7-30 p.m. in the Upstairs Room of the Oak Tree Inn.

J.E.T.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CLARE

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11 a.m.	Morning Prayer
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Morning Worship 9-45 a.m. Evening Worship 6-30 p.m.

Communion Service 8 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month and following the evening service as announced.

Sunday School

We have a fully graded Sunday School which meets at the following times :-

2-30 p.m.—Beginners Department for Children aged 3 and 4 years.

2-30 p.m.—Primary Department for Children in Infant Schools.

11- a.m.—Junior Department for Children in Junior Schools.

9-45 a.m.—Senior Department for Children in Secondary Modern and Grammar Schools.

We shall be glad to welcome any new children to the Sunday School at the appropriate times.

February, 10th and 14th

The men of the church present "Pine Pees Television" a Revue produced by Mr. John Land. Tickets available from the men of the church. To commence on each evening at 7-30 p.m. Tickets price 2/6d. in aid of the Building Fund.

Details of all other activities can be had on request.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY

The above Society is holding a Whist Drive on Monday, 19th February. Good Prizes. Price of admission will be 2/- including light refreshments.

The Canine Club held on Monday evenings from 7-30 p.m. to 9-30 p.m. for Dog Show Training is still going strong. The Club is open every Monday night (19th February being an exception). All Newtonians who are interested in Dog Shows are welcome at the Club.

M. RICKABY, Secretary.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

The Hon. Secretary of the Newton Aycliffe Motor Club is now Mr. J. Allaker of 28 Henderson Road. He replaces Mr. L. Rand of Travellers Green whose work has taken him out of town.

ENQUIRER'S CLUB

What has happened to the Enquirer's Club? Anyone interested in re-forming this Club please contact the Editor.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

On Friday, 9th February at 8 p.m. in Aycliffe School, there will be a recital by Noelle Barker, soprano, accompanied by Margot Wright. Noelle Barker is a member of the Northern Consort group of singers and Margot Wright was formerly accompanist to the late Kathleen Ferrier. This is a public concert, tickets price 5/- may be obtained from any committee member.

On Thursday, 22nd February—a member's evening, Mr. B. S. Benedikz, who will be remembered for his talk on Puccini's operas, will give an illustrated lecture recital entitled "Some Points on Verdi's Operas," at Aycliffe School at 8 p.m.

E.G.W.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Our first meeting of 1962 was held on 8th January with a very good attendance despite the weather.

Mrs. Metcalfe, our Chairman, opened the meeting then the speaker Mrs. J. Ritson gave a very informative talk and demonstration on "Beauty and the Care of the Skin." Mrs. Arden acted as model and was most beautifully made up. Later she gave a vote of thanks to Mrs. Ritson for a most instructive demonstration.

The members of the committee gave their reports on the various activities followed by the usual cup of tea. Mrs. Vinson won the competition for the prettiest Christmas Card, which was judged by Mrs. Ritson.

Our next meeting which will be held on 5th February at 7-20 p.m. in the Beveridge Hall promises to be most interesting. Mr. Cardwell is to be our speaker and his subject is "The Tees from

source to estuary." The competition is for the best bowl of bulbs. There will also be a surprise parcel. The usual sales table, which is a 6d. dip this month and a social half-hour.

Do come along and join in our activities, we try to cater for all tastes.

M.M.G.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Conservative Association, will take place in the upstairs room of the "Oak Tree," at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th February, 1962.

Officers to be elected are Chairman; Vice-Chairman; Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations with the name of the proposer and seconder should be sent to the Acting Secretary, Councillor E. Greenwood of 78 Hatfield Road, Newton Aycliffe, one week before the date of the meeting.

Anyone interested in the activities of the Conservative Association, either politically or socially is cordially invited to come along.

J.G.H.

WOMEN'S COLUMN

February, the month thought of by most people as one of the least pleasant of the year, the excitement of both Christmas and New Year festivities are behind us and the next break from routine at Easter seems far ahead. So let us look for the brighter spot and cheer up and remember that Spring is only just round the corner.

On a fine sunny day (and there are a few even in February) get out for a walk in the country lanes. We in "our" town are fortunate in that the country is on our doorstep, you will find many signs of spring—hazel catkins, usually called lambs tails and towards the end of the month willow and alder catkins also appear, the former like pale yellow tassels and the latter, lambs tails of red wool. These used for decoration will give you ever so much pleasure in this flower starved month. Remember the old saying, "Flowers are like friends, you miss them most when you haven't any," also remember early February starts the birds singing their dawn chorus which continues on till high summer.

Enough of outdoor, inside for a good exercise to help to get the figures in trim so as to look as pretty as the 1962 dresses promise to be. This is a daily one which takes no special time—when cleaning the bath, stand with the feet apart and keep them firmly in place—bend knees, pull in tummy muscles and make the upper part of your body swing from side to side as you clean. This is a splendid way to whittle down the waist line.

A good point for your health is, when cleaning out any room particularly on a cold day, wear warm clothing but open all windows wide, the fresh air will make the job much less tiring and give you more pep.

By the way have you ever thought of the advantage of a looking glass over or near the sink, so that you can check your face and so replace the scowl with a smile, particularly if you have to open the door to the unexpected caller.

Spring cleaning will be upon us before we realise it, and here is one thing which can be done well in advance, store household soap in the airing cupboard so that it will harden and you will find it goes twice as far. You can of course do the same with toilet soap but keep that in with your undies and household linen—(incidentally, moths, like school boys have a great loathing for soap) so that stored in this manner your soap serves a treble purpose—a moth scarer—perfuming—and its original use—cleaning.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Oak Tree Upstairs Room on Wednesday, 7th February, 1962 at 7-30 p.m.

Agenda

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| 1. Minutes of last meeting. | 2. Chairman's Report. |
| 3. Treasurer's Report | 4. Election of Committee Members. |
| 5. Motions. | 6. Any other business. |

Members are requested to make every effort to attend and to encourage others, who may be interested in joining, to come along.

Proposed amendments to Rules

Rule 4—Delete last sentence and insert "The proceeds are to be used in pursuing the objects of the Association, including the payment of a small honorarium to the Secretary at the discretion of the Executive Committee."

Rule 7—Delete "fourteen" and insert "seven" Add: "Any 10 members may, in writing, demand the calling of an Extra-ordinary General Meeting."

Rule 9—Delete "when" and insert a full stop.

Note.—The following four members of the Executive Committee will be retiring in accordance with Rule 5 but are eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting—Messrs. Hood, Kimber, Dunn and Smith.

M. Palmer (Mrs.) Secretary.

THE MAYERS THEATRE GROUP

Secretary: Mr. T. Foxworthy, 76 Bury Road, Newton Aycliffe)

The Group is now starting the second half of its winter programme. The first half was devoted to talks, theatre visits, play readings and the production of two one-act plays. The two one act plays were used as a basis for a talk by Mr. T. Yates, the county drama organizer, on 'Stage Techniques' which proved to be a valuable insight, for the newcomers to the theatre, of what can be done.

A programme is now available for activities up to May which is the anniversary of the forming of the Group. An event which will be celebrated by the first annual dinner. The programme is designed to culminate in the first public production of the Group, which will be a three act period comedy.

We are pleased to announce that the Presidency of the Group has been accepted by Lady Starmer.

A new weekly meeting place has been arranged. This is to be the upstairs room of the Oak Tree at Neville Parade. We should like to thank Mr. C. Gittins of Aycliffe School for his kindness in allowing the Group to use the staff lounge at the school over the past months.

The theatre is a place of entertainment. This statement has a double meaning if you know what happens on the other side of the footlights. There must be many people on the New Town who have acted in school plays or who have always fancied 'having a go.' If you come under either of these categories or if you think some talent you have for woodwork, sewing or painting could be put to good use in helping to produce a play. Why not come along to the Oak Tree upstairs room one Tuesday night at 7-30 p.m. and meet us? Drama is one activity where there is no age limit, take a list of acting parts.

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M.L.

A WINTER GARDEN

By planting to have winter flowers we are saving ourselves work. The effects of the spring and summer garden depend a great deal on the flamboyance of bedding plants. These are gluttons, demanding good feeding in the soil, and eating up the gardeners man hours from the time the plants are propagated or the seed packets bought until the worn out plants are lifted. Like guests they require far more attention than the permanent members of the house or garden. All these winter flowering plants can be regarded as permanents, and, like members of a family, when provided with necessities they thrive without pampering.

There is a vast range of winter garden plants, too numerous to include here, but here are a few of the most popular.

The Heathers

Vary from white to deep purple. Do not like lime. Good varieties are ERICA CARNEA, Springwood White, James Backhouse (cream, flushed pale pink), King George (rich crimson rose).

Daphne Mezereum

Delightful shrub for middle winter with mauve or white flowers. Rich perfume, does not like disturbance. Retail price of Daphne about seven shillings and sixpence each for young nursery stock.

The Witch Hazel

One of the most rewarding of winter shrubs. HAMAMELIS MOLLIS is best with its bright gold flowers, its dark twigs make a fine contrast in a snow scene.

Winter Jasmine

Hardiness is beyond question. Primrose flowers from November to February. Rambling habit requires training to a wired wall or trellis.

Hardy Cyclamen

Excellent for the rockery or even the window box. Colours range from red to white. Best in a shady position, with leafy soil and some lime. Retail price of three plants—about five shillings.

Winter Aconite

Gold yellow flowers which quickly make a carpet in the right conditions. Often, these bulbous plants push their way through a thin layer of snow thus enhancing their appearance.

Iris Mistioides

A gem of an Iris producing large well-shaped porcelain—blue flowers. Good Combination with yellow crocus. They prefer a sunny patch in fairly well drained soil.

Narcissus Bulbocodium

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The sea voyage was very enjoyable, all kinds of entertainment on the Carinthia, we also saw whales and very large icebergs.

The last two days of sailing were very delightful 900 miles up the St. Lawrence river to Montreal, passing holiday camps by river-side and Indian settlements, and there are several islands in this very wide river some with cattle grazing.

Montreal is the largest inland seaport in the world and has the largest Hotel in the British Empire 1,216 rooms, it is an island connected by bridges north and south to the mainland.

The trains are very comfortable. From Montreal I travelled 2 days and nights to Saskatoon in the Capital of Saskatchewan the grain growing province, through forest and lumber camps, seeing lakes covered with tree trunks. The railroad also cuts through rock, there is much rock all over the prairies, and tall narrow buildings these are grain elevators for storing grain.

Saskatoon is a very pretty town with fine university and hospitals built of local stone, the main roads are six lanes wide and on the outskirts of town are drive in cinemas and restaurants, summers are very hot and sunny, winters very cold.

By road I went over the prairies visiting grain growing farms. The people are very hospitable and farms are very large, there are no country lanes, hedges or fences, all open country.

I enjoyed a family get-together by the lake, a turkey picnic supper, a camp fire to toast marshmallows and I saw the most beautiful sunset.

I next went North to Prince Albert National Park, a game preserve of buffaloes and bears, 40 square miles of forest and Waskasiu lake, this is a summer holiday resort with sandy beach, boating water ski-ing, picnic tables and barbecue, cabins and bungalows of all sizes and all the usual holiday fun.

Returned to Saskatoon and the splendour of the trees in the fall, they are very colourful.

Children's day in Halloween when they dress up in the evening and set out with baskets calling at as many houses as possible crying "Halloween apples tricks or treats" one just has to treat them.

I next visited Toronto on my homeward way a very busy university city and drove 90 miles of good six lanes road to Niagara Falls, a truly magnificent sight, Canadian falls are horse shoe shape and 114 million gallons of water drops 162 feet every minute, its H.P. is 5 million, American falls are straight and six million gallons every minute, I went down an elevator to look up at the falls and through tunnels to see them from behind, the noise is deafening and thrilling.

Back again to Montreal for a last look round a very busy city of 2 million people, there are some very fine buildings, Dominion Square with the Centotaph and the Church of Notre Dame with its fine sculpture is very impressive, the old French quarter is of great interest, I drove up Mount Royal, on the west side are the summer houses of wealthy Canadians, near the top a Shrine and on the very top a large cross stands, it is illuminated at night, I saw this cross when travelling on a train when I would be about 30 miles away, a very impressive sight.

Canada is a fine and prosperous country of vast Forests and great lakes, it gave me much pleasure to visit.

M.R.



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COSSACK AT LARGE by I. S. K. Soboleff

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Rummy jumped into the river and took hold of the plank with his teeth, while Squirrey made a flying leap through the air and landed safely on the plank. Now, go steady Rummy, just push the raft out a bit more and I'll be able to get the apple and put it on board.

Squirrey leaned over, placing his forelegs and chin around the apple, but oh dear! when he tried to lift the apple, the extra weight turned the raft over and Squirrey went head first into the river.

Save me, Save me, shouted Squirrey. I can't keep going very long because my fur gets so wet and heavy. All right Squirrey I'll push the raft to you and then if you climb on the end and keep to the middle it won't turn over again. Squirrey soon climbed back safely. Rummy! Rummy! he shouted, what a long way we are down the river and going ever so fast.

Just then the Blackbird flew by and perched on a tree by the river. I say, he called out, do be careful, there's a waterfall just round the bend of the river and you might be drowned.

What shall we do Rummy? said Squirrey. Listen to me, said Blackie, your raft will soon be under this tree and I will hop down and perch on the end of the big bough which hangs out over the river.

My weight will make the end of the bough touch the water and then Squirrey can climb up on the bough and Rummy can catch hold of Squirrey's tail and get safely to the bank. Oh, thank you Blackie said Squirrey and soon they were both safe on the river bank, running about in the sunshine, shaking their coats dry.

Have you ever been over to the Island? asked Blackie. What Island? Well round the bend of the river, past the waterfall there is a lovely little island, with a nice grassy hill to play on and a little log cabin by the side of the wood. I often fly over there and sometimes see a wise old owl who lives in a hole in a tree. If it is holiday time, we might meet a little boy and girl who go camping there.

How are we going to get across the river, asked Squirrey, if the water flows so fast?

I'll tell you a wonderful way for you to get across, said Blackie.

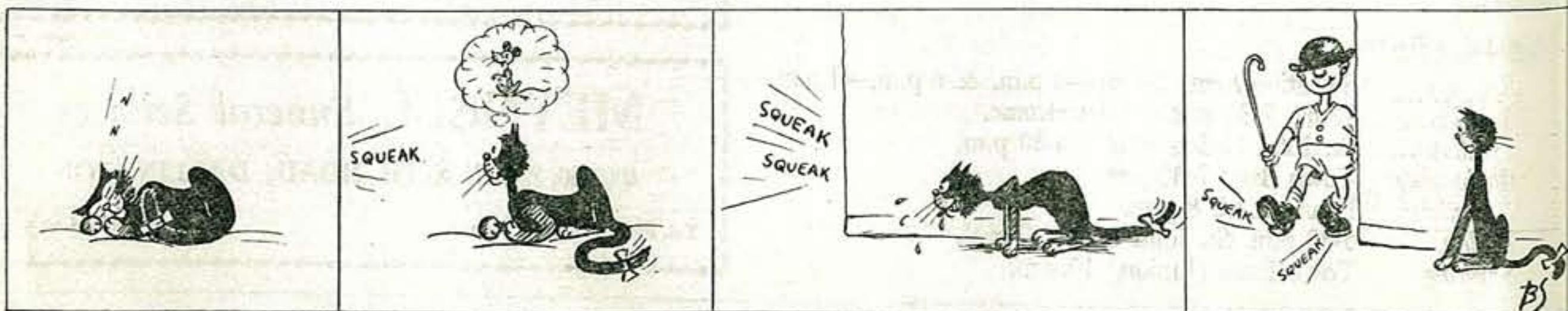
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Beveridge Hall

- Sunday:** Town Band 10-30 a.m.
Assembly of God Sunday School 2-30 to 4 p.m.
Skating 4-7 p.m.
- Monday:** Library 2 p.m.—4-30 p.m. and 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild—5th February 7-30 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Welfare Clinic 9-30—11-30 a.m.
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.
- Thursday:** 9-30—4 p.m. Welfare Clinic.
Dog Training Class 6-30 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Friday:** Library 2—4-30 p.m. 5—7 p.m.
7-30 p.m. Table Tennis Session
- Saturday:** 7 p.m. Skating Club.

Clarence Hall

- Sunday:** Jehovah's Witnesses 2-30 p.m.—4-30 p.m.
- Monday:** W.V.S. Children's Nursery 1-30—3-45 p.m.
Canine Club 7-15—10 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Whist Drive 7-30 p.m. Open to all.
- Wednesday:** W.V.S. Meeting 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Territorial Cadets—Evening
- Thursday:** Jehovah's Witnesses 7 p.m.—9-30 p.m.
Salvation Army 2-30 p.m.—3-30 p.m.
- Friday:** Assembly of God Youth Club 7 p.m.
- Saturday:**

Committee Room

- Sunday:** Loco Spotters 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:** Welfare Clinic 9-30—1
F.P.A. Clinic 2—3-30 p.m.
Toc H 7-30 p.m.—9 p.m.
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** 9-30 a.m.—4 p.m. Welfare Clinic
Probation Officer 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Canine Club 7-30 p.m. 1st February.
Labour Party 7-30 p.m. 8th February
- Friday:** Chess Club 7-30 p.m.
- Saturday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.

Warden's Office and C.A.B. Room

- Sunday:**
- Monday:** 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar (Warden's Office)
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar (Warden's Office)
- Friday:** 2—3-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session and 7-30 p.m.—
8-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session.
- Saturday:**

Upstairs Room

- Sunday:** Salvation Army 2 p.m.—4 p.m. & 6 p.m.—7 p.m.
- Monday:** Whist 7-30 p.m.—All welcome.
- Tuesday:** St. John Cadets (Girls) 6-30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Town Band 7-30 p.m.
- Thursday:** Drama Club 8 p.m.
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys).
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