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EDITORIAL

An Approaching Problem

Peterlee has recently figured in the news in a way which it would have preferred to avoid. The annual report of the Ministry of Housing points out that it was the only new town which failed to attract any new industry in 1961. The town is facing a problem common to much of the North East. It is obvious that good sites, abundant and co-operative labour and good communications are not sufficient to attract industry from the South. Indeed to judge from the report the problem facing the southern new towns is shortage of labour rather than shortage of industries. Fortunately Newton Aycliffe's record in this respect has so far been a credit to its administration. However, at a time when one area in South West Durham can claim that for every vacancy there are forty unemployed, there is no room for complacency.

Our original population target of 10,000 was doubled in 1957. The town's birthrate is twice the national average. These changes, plus ministerial economies, have rendered long term planning especially difficult. Already the County Council has had to provide temporary accommodation for some of our school children. This newspaper has frequently stressed our inadequate youth facilities. Our rising youth population could pose an even more serious problem for the future.

The Ministry of Labour's returns show that youth unemployment in the North has doubled in the past year. The present figures show that 4,500 young people are unemployed. On Tyneside the problem has been faced for some time, although with no conspicuous success. In South Shields, youngsters who left school at Easter have had to return, because there is no work for them. This is better than idleness, but there can be no doubt that from the viewpoint of overcrowded schools and the children themselves this is merely the lesser of two evils.

The problem is not one of merely providing work, but of providing that variety of occupations which will allow them to settle into a secure and rewarding adult life. Money spent on education is wasted without an assured future. A growing population should be a blessing rather than a problem. Yet some of the children of the bulge who have already suffered from overcrowded schools and inadequate recreational facilities, must now prepare to face the final indignity. Unemployment is a curse for the adult but for the adolescent after looking forward to entering the adult world, it is a morale destroying tragedy.

The area needs more than the expansion of existing industry, it needs to attract new industries. Firms which do not set up in this area set up elsewhere, and all must realise that they are still competitors. The youth employment question is one that is closely connected with the area's general prosperity. The North East must restrain internal rivalries, the area must regard itself as a unit. Heavy basic industries still occupy more than one-third of our workers. These industries are more open to cyclical fluctuations in the national economy. A higher proportion of light industry is needed.

The successful solution of the youth employment problem could also do much to allay future anxieties. This is not merely a problem for the Youth Employment Committees. All employers—public as well as private undertakings—must be prepared to review their position, as also must those unions whose restrictive practices narrow the field of recruitment. Newton Aycliffe at the moment is in a satisfactory position. It must be the aim of everyone—administrators, employers, unions and electors to make sure it remains this way.

We are pleased to give space in this issue to the activities of the Physically Handicapped Clubs. At a time when so much of our news concerns matters which show mankind at its most unpleasant, it is a pleasure to remember that there is a great deal of good work still being done without any thought of personal reward.

P.W.

WOMEN'S COLUMN

As promised last month, here are the two recipes :-

Spiced Rhubarb

The process is simple and the fruit needs to be well cooked.

3-lbs. Rhubarb 2-lbs. Sugar

1 Pint Spiced Vinegar A little extra clove, cinnamon and ginger

The extra spices are necessary as during the longer cooking some of their flavour will evaporate.

Cut the rhubarb into inch pieces, and simmer with the sugar, spices and vinegar till the rhubarb is transparent, then remove the fruit and put into hot jars and keep warm. Re-boil the liquor until it is a thick syrup, pour over the fruit. The final pickle when cold should be almost a jelly. Close while still hot, and it is ready to eat in a couple of days.

Rhubarb Chutney

This recipe is copied word for word from the Northern Weekly Gazette of March 20th, 1926, has been tried by the writer M.M.G., and may bring to mind the original subscriber P. Wooff to one or more of our readers.

Ingredients. A pound of Rhubarb, half pound dates, half pound sugar, a pint of vinegar, one large onion, one teaspoonful of cayenne pepper, one teaspoonful of ground ginger, salt.

Method. Wipe and cut up Rhubarb, stone dates, chop onion, add the ingredients. Pour the vinegar over. Stir until tender in a moderate oven. Beat all together, and pot down when cold. (Tried and found successful)—P. Wooff, Darlington.

With the salad season in full swing a great deal of improvement can be made to plain lettuce foundation by adding any of the following :-

Finely chopped chives, a few grapefruit or orange segments, chopped apple (sprinkled with lemon juice), halved peeled grapes, chopped walnuts, peeled shrimps, sliced raw mushrooms, salted peanuts, banana slices.



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NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Material for the **September** edition should be sent to Mr. Greenbank, 17 Bede Crescent.

GARDENS COMPETITION

For the purposes of the Annual Gardens Competition, all gardens in the town will be inspected by the Corporation's horticultural staff during the last two weeks in July, when the best gardens will be selected for final judging by an independent horticultural expert.

For the purposes of the competition the town will be divided into four sections being the Local Government Wards numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Prizes of £4, £3, £2, £1 and 10/- will be awarded to the five best gardens in each ward, and similar prizes will be offered for the best gardens attached to old people's bungalows, which will be treated as a separate class.

Certificates of merit will be awarded to all gardens included in the final judging, and the first prize-winners in each ward will compete for the Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl, which will be awarded to the tenant of the garden adjudged to be the best in the town.

COUNCIL NOTES

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in May, Councillor J. Dormer was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor A. Cessford was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The Parish Council decided to proceed with the Moore Lane Playing Field, and estimate the cost will be in the region of £17,000. This field will have an all-weather Football Pitch, with a surrounding Running Track. The Council intend; if funds are available, to include in the scheme a Club House. They hope this will encourage Athletics amongst the Youth of the Town (Boys and Girls), and will do all they can to achieve this.

The Parish and District Council are to protest about the building of a Territorial Army Headquarters in MacMillan Road, on the grounds of bad siting in a residential area.

A. CESSFORD

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT CONSUMERS GROUP

The group is now open for new members and interested readers can obtain further details from the Secretary, Mrs. R. Allen, 44 Cleveland Avenue, Darlington. The Committee Member representing Newton Aycliffe is Mrs. Helga Drummond, 11 Dixon Road, Newton Aycliffe and she will be pleased to give details personally at her home address if readers care to contact her.

R. ALLEN, (Mrs.) Hon Sec.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

May seems to have been a busy month, for all the continuance of somewhat deterrent weather. Two trials have been held, the first, programmed for the 2nd had to be put back for a fortnight but when finally held, finished at Hett the successful participants being:-

- 1st Messrs. W. Anderson and P. Skerry.
2nd Messrs. T. Gauden and F. Charlton
3rd Mr. and Mrs. J. Manson

The second trial held on the 30th finished at the North Briton the result being:

- 1st Messrs. F. Charlton and T. Gauden
2nd Mr. E. Nelson
3rd Messrs. P. Harris and T. Ducker

Several members entered the Ferryhill Open Recruiting Trial on the 20th. Messrs. Snowden and O'Reilly took 1st Class Solo's and as the most successful Newton Aycliffe members, take the "Harold Taylor Trophy."

The programme for July and August is given below, and don't forget, new members are welcome at any function, the more the merrier.

One final point, to satisfy a legal requirement, "Road Trials" are now replaced by "Treasure Hunts."

July—addition to previous announcement

Sun. 8th	Nidderdale	Town Centre Car Park	1 p.m.
Wed. 11th	"Natter Night"	Oak Tree	8 p.m.
Sun. 22nd	Clapham	Town Centre Car Park	10 a.m.

August

Wed. 1st	General Meeting	Oak Tree	8 p.m.
Sun. 5th	Knaresborough	Town Centre Car Park	1 p.m.
Sun. 12th	Malham	Town Centre Car Park	10 a.m.
Wed. 15th	Committee Meeting	Oak Tree	8 p.m.
Sun. 19th	Roman Wall	Town Centre Car Park	1 p.m.
Wed. 22nd	Treasure Hunt	Town Centre Car Park	7-30 p.m.
Sun. 26th	Allenhead	Town Centre Car Park	1 p.m.
Wed. 29th	General Meeting	Oak Tree	8 p.m.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CLUB

The first Annual General meeting of the Newton Aycliffe and District Branch of the Durham County Association for the welfare of the Physically Handicapped was held in St. Clares Church Hall on May 11th and it was attended by about eight people.

Mr. H. Walton presided and his report explained that although it was only about ten months since the inaugural meeting, the constitution required an A.G.M. at that time and they had to keep in line with other branches.

He thanked all the local organisations for the part they had played in the success in the first few months of this new branch's existence, particularly the women's sections many of whom had taken turns in providing refreshments at the fortnightly meetings of physically handicapped members. He also thanked the Parish Church of St. Clare for the use of the hall which they are allowed rent free.

Mr. Walton praised the committee, the members of which, he said, had worked hard and well together.

The report by the treasurer showed a very healthy bank balance of just over £100 in the bank and at a committee meeting held at the beginning of June, the Association were told of a further gift of £30 that was being made to them by the Darlington Rural District Council. Other donors during the past months since the Association was formed and to whom grateful appreciation was expressed by Mr. Walton were—vice presidents (donations amounting to £10 8s. 6d.), Durham County Association (Inaugural Grant of £25). Great Aycliffe Parish Council (£10 10s.) the Archery Club (£7 3s. 3d.), the Ladies Social Club (£4 1s.) and the Wolsingham Male Voice Choir who gave a concert.

Other amounts were raised through members subscriptions, donation prizes, the Christmas Dance and a Spring Fayre.

It was reported that £40 worth of stuff was left over from the Spring Fayre and this will be on sale in the Physically Handicapped tent which they are having on the Field at the Newton Aycliffe Sports Club Show on August 11th.

Councillor J. Hewson congratulated the committee on a job well done and a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Oliver for auditing the Books. Mr. Walton retired from the chair but in view of the poor attendance it was impossible to elect another Chairman. Mr. Walton agreed to act as temporary Chairman and the committee are happy to report that Councillor Mrs. Burlinson has now taken over this office. They extend deepest thanks to Mr. Walton for the invaluable service he has given to the Association and express their gratitude to Mrs. Burlinson for graciously accepting their invitation to assume Chairmanship.

Councillor Mrs. E. Hewson, who acted both as Welfare Officer and Public Relations Officer resigned at the Annual General Meeting. She was thanked for the wonderful work she had carried out for the Physically Handicapped in Newton Aycliffe and in spite of herself, has been co-opted back on to the committee to act in an advisory capacity particularly for money raising activities. Mrs. B. Lowery has also been co-opted for the same reason.

The executive committee now is :-

<i>Chairman:</i>	Councillor Mrs. Burlinson
<i>Vice-Chairman:</i>	Councillor Mr. J. Hewson
<i>Secretary: (re-elected)</i>	Mrs. M. Smith
<i>Treasurer: (re-elected)</i>	Mrs. M. Lowery
<i>Handicrafts Sec. (re-elected)</i>	Mrs. S. A. Alderson
<i>Catering Officer: (re-elected)</i>	Mrs. E. Phillips
<i>Entertainments Officer (re-elected)</i>	Mr. S. Clarkson
<i>Transport Officer (re-elected)</i>	Mr. J. Barker
<i>Welfare Officer:</i>	Mrs. E. Peace
<i>P.R.O.</i>	Mrs. M. Spark

On Friday, 18th May, club members held a "Take your Pick", This was organised by Mr. Hewitson of Stephenson Way and he and the R.A.F. Association who donated a couple of prizes are thanked by the committee.

On Friday, 1st June a wonderful concert was given to the members by the New Shildon W.I. Concert Party and this was greatly appreciated, and once again the committee express their thanks to them, the ladies who provided tea and the car drivers.

At a recent committee meeting, it was agreed the fortnightly club meetings should consist alternatively of handicrafts instruction and entertainment. Thus on June 15th Handicraft instruction was given by Mrs. Alderson and on June 29th entertainment provided which is, at the time of writing (June 6th) unknown.

A half day bus trip has been planned for St. Swithin's Day, July 15th and it is to be left to the members to decide whether it should be seaside, country or a complete mystery.

Swimming lessons in Darlington Baths on a Wednesday evening for one hour from 5-30—6-30 p.m. are now functioning for the junior members and Mrs. Peace, 15 Church Close would welcome volunteers to help in looking after the children during these sessions.

Each child requires at least two adults more if possible, to attend to the dressing and undressing and lifting, and one person must be prepared to go into the water with the child. Mrs. Peace will be happy to furnish anyone with additional information on this matter.

The Association have been granted a stall at the Heighington Show on August 25th a concession that is greatly appreciated as it once again affords them the opportunity to make money.

As Mr. Walton pointed out at the A.G.M. although we appeared to have a healthy bank balance, one must always bear in mind the cost of handicraft materials which supply the main sauce of occupation for the Physically Handicapped members. In less than six months from the inaugural meeting the branch spent £73 on handicrafts and tools

Owing to the fact that the A.G.M. was held too late to make the June edition, this has been a bit lengthy but we hope in future to be able to keep to monthly reports and I thank the editor for allowing us so much valuable space on this occasion.

M.C.L.S.



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THE MAYERS THEATRE GROUP

The Annual General Meeting of the Group has been held and the following appointments made:

Chairman: Mr. J. Land Secretary: Mr. T. Foxworthy
 Treasurer: Mrs. A. Foxworthy
 Committee: Mrs. T. Abley, Mr. T. Abley, Miss D. Bowen,
 Miss B. Brunton, Mr. W. W. Dickenson.
 Junior Section Representative: Mr. T. Smith.

The hope was expressed at the meeting that Lady Starmer would accept the Presidency of the Group once again.

One of the points discussed at this meeting was the success of the Junior Sections short sketch at the last Welcoming Party. A success we feel which has more to it than the pleasure which, we hope, was given to the new residents but also the success of four young people appearing on stage for the first time and overcoming the natural nervousness caused at the thought of appearing before an audience. These 'nerves' are something which must be experienced to be appreciated. Anyone who claims to be unaffected is usually hiding their true feelings or is an insensitive, and poor actor. The sketch itself was an excellent stage exercise because it called for close teamwork, each speaker being dependant on the previous one. Added to this each actor was called upon to mime. This was invaluable practice as one of the most difficult things to do on stage is to maintain your characterisation when you have no lines to speak. So many actors jump in and out of a role as the play progresses because they forget that if they are not speaking, and can still be seen, that they are still acting. Well done Junior Section we are proud of you.

It has been found necessary to look for an alternative meeting place for the Group, due to an increase in the rental of the room at the Oak Tree. Once again we are on the move. This only underlines the need on the town for permanent meeting rooms, at reasonable rents, where amateur societies of any sort can meet without having to share an evening, or trying to plan far enough ahead to be in first.

The summer months will be used to prepare for the Autumn Season when it is intended to continue the programme of talks, play readings, and plays. If you are interested in coming along to one of our meetings contact any one of the committee listed above who will be pleased to bring you to the new room wherever it may be.

M.L.

THE NEWTON PLAYERS

Having finished the 1961-62 season on a successful note the Newton Players are going ahead with plans for the summer. Their next dance, including the usual brilliant cabaret, will be at the Gretna in September, details will be given in the next Newtonian.

Plans for the Newton Players annual car treasure hunt are nearing completion. It will take the usual form of destination unknown but plenty of refreshments when/if you arrive at it. Posters will give full details of both advents.

As work on the hut continues there will be no meetings in the upstairs room of the community centre until Thursday, 2nd August. This will be the Annual General Meeting and will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Members, patrons and associates of the society will be most welcome to attend the above meeting.

Subscription: Members, half guinea, Associate Members, five shillings, Patrons, one guinea.

H.J.N.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE LABOUR PARTY (Women's Section)

Six of our Members attended the Women's Gala in Durham on June 2nd and carried the Banner in the procession to Wharton Park, where the speakers were Miss Jennie Lee, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, and Mr. Anthony Wedgewood Benn.

On May 21st we held a Whist Drive and on June 4th a Mystery Tour which took us to Seaton Carew; this was enjoyed by all who attended.

On July 9th we are having a Make-up demonstration, and on July 23rd a Social evening. These events will be in the Beveridge Hall.

Membership is slowly increasing, but we can accommodate many more. All who are interested will be made welcome.

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TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Members and visitors were welcomed to the June meeting by the Chairman, Mrs. Metcalfe.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted; the financial statement was given by Mrs. Greenbank, and followed by reports on the various activities—Social studies—Drama and Arts and Crafts.

Mrs. Vickers reported that 16 members had visited the Milk Marketing Board Depot at Langley Moor on May 9th. She also gave the final details concerning the evening mystery tour by coach on June 6th.

The speaker for the evening was Miss Joan Ritchie, and her subject was 'Stage Make-up'; a most interesting and informative talk accompanied by a demonstration. The 'Guinea Pig' being Mrs. Lamb the Chairman of the Drama Group. The speaker was thanked by another member of the Drama Group Mrs. Greenbank.

Mrs. J. Garner was judged to have the prettiest hands and the raffle prize went to Mrs. Greenbank. A Beetle Drive was held after the tea interval, the winner being Mrs. Coates with a score of 92.

Next month we meet on July 2nd in the Beveridge Hall at 7-20 p.m. The speaker is to be Mr. J. Pattinson, Clerk to the Rural District Council. Mr. Pattinson will also judge the competition—the best addressed envelope. The Social half-hour should provide interest, as the members are to parade in their own home-made garments. It is quite a novel idea to have our own mannequin parade.

The report on the Annual Conference held in the Albert Hall, London on June 13th and 14th will be given during the evening by the delegate.

We shall be pleased to see as many members and visitors who can come to this meeting as it should prove to be an interesting evening.

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BEVERIDGE ROLLER DANCE AND FIGURE SKATING CLUB, NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Despite the fact that you may not hear a great deal about us via The Newtonian, I can assure you that this is largely due to the great pressure of work which we always seem to be faced with during our efforts to keep the club going as usual in full swing. Our Saturday general skating sessions are still very well supported, but I would like to point out that if you have not yet been to one of our sessions our committee members will go out of their way to help you all to enjoy yourselves should you decide to pay us a visit one Saturday night.

The result of our N.S.A. Roller Figure and Dance tests held on May 20th were most pleasing with 17 out of 20 successful candidates. Successful Preliminary Figure candidates were Christine Megginson, Sylvia Stewart, Julia Thompson, and Eileen Sheridan, all of Newton Aycliffe. Third Class Figures:- Noel Bennett, Darlington; Kathleen Hunt, Shildon; Maureen Toft, Darlington and June Walker, Newton Aycliffe. Preliminary Dance:- Jannette Bam-borough; Newton Aycliffe; Joy Hatser, Aycliffe Village, Julia Thompson, Margaret Thompson and Linda Welsh all of Newton Aycliffe. Third Class Dance:- Noel Bennett, Darlington, Susan Hindmarch, Newton Aycliffe; Jennifer Tewley, Shildon and Shirley McGorrigan, Newton Aycliffe.

One of our young committee members writes :- "A Three Ringed Circus."

Congratulations to all who passed tests on May 20th, those who didn't quite make it should pass with flying colours next time. Although I didn't agree with all the judges said, I would like to thank them for passing so many candidates, who I feel sure deserved to pass thanks to Godfrey Bennetts superb tuition. "What is going to happen next?" Mr. Nelson and I wondered as we watched Ray Pearce, and Douglas Moore—Quote "Turn the test into a three ringed circus." (Mr. Nelson). Unquote giving a light hearted touch to the events for all concerned. Sorry there wasn't a judge for Avril Bennetts Inter Silver figure test—still it gives you a little more time for practice.

A big thank you to all my fellow committee members for a grand job done with test arrangements. A special thank you to Godfrey Bennett for not only did he teach us but ho-my! all that paper work, and typing. How's your two fingers Godfrey?

NOEL BENNETT, Ring Master.

Thank you Noel, it is nice to hear members views on these topics. In closing may I wish you all a happy summer holiday, and please take care on the rinks, and roads this summer.

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R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES

At the R.A.F.A. Annual Conference at Llandudno, it was proposed that an additional Convalescent Home would be of great value in the south of the country. Delegates at the meeting were in favour of this motion and the resolution was passed. This new home will serve a dual purpose in that it will accommodate those who have been ill but also many who are elderly. This new home will supplement others in the south of Great Britain, and will be another magnificent step forward in the work of our Welfare Service.



Our darts champ, Mr. Ellis Soulsby, was unfortunately beaten at Llandudno by a games representative from one of the London Branches. This defeat will not however deter us for any future occasions, as we were obviously good enough to get into the National Finals. Hard luck Ellis, and better luck for the future, it still proves that the Newton Aycliffe Branch is one to be reckoned with when it comes to indoor games.

The death occurred during June, of Mr. William Greveson of Finchale Road, Newton Aycliffe. Bill, though an Associate Member of the Branch, was well known and respected by all those who knew him. He will be missed by many at the Canopus Club, and I know that I speak for us all in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Greveson and family, on this sad occasion.

H.G.S.

Notes:-

Battle of Britain Week will soon be upon us. Many have responded to our plea for entertainers, but we still need a few who can sing and play instruments etc. During the week, we intend to have a real social get-together, and we know for sure that we have an untapped source of talent among our members. If you can do anything at all which will help to entertain, come forward please, its for all our enjoyment and we know it will help make a bumper social evening. Mr. Eric Cook is in charge of the entertainment, and if you can do a little to help, you can contact him on most evenings in the Queen's lounge.

ADVENTURES OF DOGGIE RUM

Rummy came out of the hole panting. Did you catch Ratty? asked Squirrey No! he went down a small hole, then turned round and made a face at me. Of course, I didn't want to hurt him, just pretending you know.

Well, I've brought Wise Old Owl along to meet you, said Squirrey, Pleased to meet you Rummy and Blackie, said Wise Old Owl. same to you Wise Old Owl replied both of them.

There is a nice little log cabin on the hill, surrounded with yellow primroses and bluebells and scented wild white violets, where you can sleep said Owl. Lets go, said Blackie.

Oh, what a lovely little house said Rummy, come on, lets all go in and make our beds. Would you like to meet Mr. Rabbit, asked Owl? Oh, yes please. So they started through the woods. Suddenly from a tree top a pigeon fell and lay quite still on the ground. Rummy, Squirrey and Wise Owl raced towards it, and then stopped and looked at it, wondering what to do next. At that moment the pigeon moved its head and spoke I've hurt my leg he said, its sort of twisted underneath me.

It must be broken said Wise Owl, we'd better take you home and look after you until its better.

But how are we going to take him home, asked Squirrey, He's too big for us to carry. We'll make him a stretcher, said Wise Owl. Get some of that long grass and plait it together, and fasten it on to some sticks.

Rummy and Squirrey worked with a will and soon the little make-shift stretcher was finished. They lifted the pigeon gently onto it, and then carried him through the woods to Rummy's house. Once in the house they laid him on Rummy's bed and wise Owl put a splint on the pigeon's leg and bandaged it up. She knew how to do it, because she had once lived near a hospital and had seen many such things through the window.

When the wise Owl had finished, the pigeon said thank you very much, very politely (as all good pigeons should) and then tried to get up. Hey, said Rummy "You can't get out of bed for at least a week yet. Oh! but I must replied the pigeon, I have a very important message which I must deliver to a man in a town 7 miles from here. See, it is tied onto my leg. They all looked, and saw the tiny scrap of paper fastened with a red ring. No one spoke until Rummy thought of an idea. We'll deliver it in relays, he said, and without waiting for a reply from the others, he snatched up the message and shot out of the house.

He ran about a mile until he came to Mr. Rabbits house, where, after having been told the pigeon's trouble, Mr. Rabbit lolloped off as fast as he could. Mr. Rabbit took the message to Toady, who took it to Mrs. Sparrow, although he was delayed a little by Mrs. Peewit, who was full of the news of her new baby peewit.

Mrs. Sparrow took it to another pigeon she knew called Tommy, who in his turn flew into the village and delivered it to the right man.

He then flew the whole seven miles back to Rummy's house to give the news of his delivery, and everyone was very happy.

In due course the pigeon's leg got better and he flew on, knowing that he had made three new friends.

J.B.

GARDENS GUILD

How often do we hear "what kind of garden have you got?" It's all day here and nothing will grow in it.

This is all wrong. No matter who passes comments or greets people so. They couldn't be more wrong. Older tenants have surely walked round the town or been to the Joint Shows. For New Tenants the pleasure has yet to come.

There is no need to spend a small fortune or break ones back to get results. It is only a matter of knowing what to do and when, and that doesn't mean buying loads of loam or so called top soil. Top soil is what's on the top.

The Garden's Guild is for your guidance. The hut in Clarence Chare is open each Sunday 10-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. for advice and sales. We have monthly meetings in the Iron Horse Hotel the second Tuesday of each month at 7-30 p.m.

On 10th July, 1962, there is a talk on Dahlias by Mr. D. Hides.

If proof is needed about the clay, come along to the Joint Shows on 15th September and 10th November, 1962. You can also enter in the Garden Flowers and Vegetable classes. Entries are accepted on Thursday evenings before each show in the lounge of the Iron Horse Hotel.

Now for those weeds. There are pictures of these weeds in the Gardens Guild hut. Where ground is cultivated, weeds are a nuisance, but all plants grow naturally somewhere and are perhaps weeds. For a weed to grow it must have ideal conditions which are invariably not what we need to grow other crops. Some weeds adapt themselves to most conditions but there are others which nature uses to put ground right and there are weeds which tell us of the deficiencies or excesses of our soil. It is these weeds which we must know.

Where Sorrel, Foxglove, Bracken and Gorse grow the ground is sour and if there is Plantain, Daisies and Dandelions about we really have to get a move on and sweeten the ground. Lime, Salt, Magnesium, Iron and Manganese are stored by these plants for their needs. Clover and Vetch grows well where there's a shortage of Nitrogen and if Yarrow grows feed the ground with Potash.

On well cultivated ground where there's chickweed there is an excess of Nitrogen or a shortage of phosphate. Where it grows on clay soil, lime to neutral (ph7.0). In both cases 1½-oz. per sq. yard of Superphosphate is needed. Buttercups and Coltsfoot show bad drainage. Coltsfoot is proof of bad fertility and the ground is sour and needs lime.

The Bonny Primrose on clay soils means a high lime content, while annual nettles, Groundrel and Chickweed grow on tired soil. They store Beluic acid and in dying return it to the soil, as this is inadequate we need to bring the bottom spit to the top. All the best has drained to the bottom.

If we feed deficiencies, leech excesses and drain the wet, the weeds will go and our own crops will flourish.

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So make a note in your diary, or on the calendar, **December 1st, 1962** is the big musical night in Newton Aycliffe and watch for announcements regarding the sale of tickets.

G.A.R.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are held in the Beveridge Hall EVERY Tuesday at 2-3-15 p.m. There is a lady doctor in attendance. Appointments are advisable.

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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 7-15 p.m. 2nd July
Labour Party (Women's Section) 7-30 p.m.
9th & 23rd July
- Tuesday:** Welfare Clinic 9-30—11-30 a.m. 10th & 24th July
Family Planning Clinic 2—3-30 p.m.
Skating Club 7—10 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Library 2—4-30 p.m. and 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. and 5—7 p.m.
7-30 p.m. Table Tennis Session
- Saturday:** 7 p.m. Skating Club

Clarence Hall

- Sunday:** Jehovah's Witnesses 3 p.m.—4 p.m.
Salvation Army 6 p.m.—7 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.
- 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 p.m. 10th and 24th July
F.P.A. Clinic 2—3-30 p.m.
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- 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. 5th July
Labour Party 7-30 p.m. 12th July
- Friday:**
- 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:** Cage Birds Society 11 a.m.—1 p.m. 8th & 29th July
Salvation Army 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
- Monday:** Whist 7-30 p.m.—All welcome
- Tuesday:** St. John Cadets (Girls) 6-30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Town Band 6-30 p.m.
- Thursday:** Salvation Army 6 p.m.—9-30 p.m.
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys)
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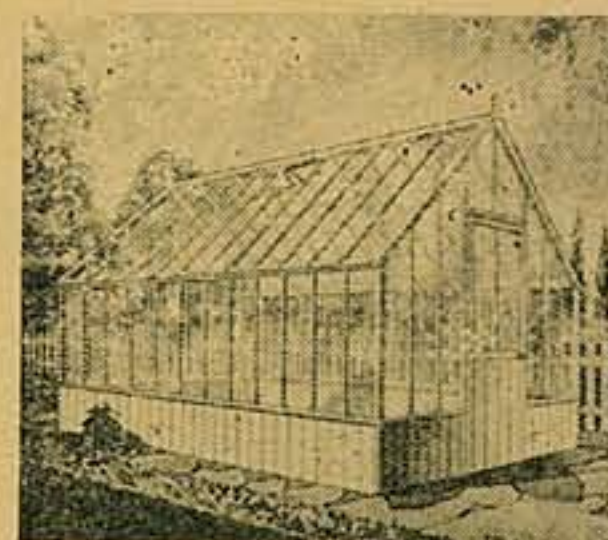
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