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EDITORIAL

It is a pleasure to report the birth of another society which promises to add to the social and cultural life of the town.

The Newton Aycliffe Amateur Operatic Society will hold its inaugural meeting in the Methodist Church Hall at 7-30 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd August. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Parker of 4 Stead Close, who assures me that he has already obtained encouraging evidence of popular support.

The society hopes to put on a yearly show plus a Christmas Pantomime. In this way it should cater for the widest age group. The society will also organise visits to see the performances of other societies in the area.

Societies such as this are generally extremely popular in the North East. The availability of a national organisation giving advice and assistance has assisted in their success. Our new society fills a long felt gap in Newton Aycliffe's social life and the Newtonian wishes it every success.

This new society raises the question of a possible future development. The growing number of artistic societies on the town should find that rather than acting as competitors their increasing numbers could lend strength in facing common problems. Rehearsal space, suitable dates and sites for shows, publicity and even the eventual possibility of the town's societies putting on their own "Arts Festival" could all be discussed, if representatives of the interested societies could get together. In particular the need for a suitable theatre will be met sooner if societies, make their demands jointly. There is nothing to prevent the societies concerned approaching the N.A.C.O.L.O. on this matter.

Although summer seems to have scarcely started, it is already time to think of winter activities. This month's Newtonian gives details of the Association and Rugby Football Clubs, whose growing strength can mean so much to the pride of the town. All interested members are reminded to look up their respective sports. A good start is essential to a successful season.

As this is my last editorial I should like to say goodbye to all the people who have shown interest in the Newtonian. I am especially grateful to my colleagues on the Editorial Board and to Mr. Pearson of Messrs. Edward Appleby Ltd., for their advice and ready assistance. The most encouraging sign in the town is the fact that whatsoever their differences of opinion on details the officials of every organisation are equally convinced that Newton Aycliffe will be a success. Although I shall no longer be a resident of the town I shall follow its progress with interest and my family and I wish it every success.

To my successor Mr. Greenbank, who's wife has been a regular contributor, I should like to wish as much happiness in his dealings with the Newtonian as I have had myself.

Note—Contributions for the September Newtonian should be forwarded to Mr. Greenbank, 17 Bede Close, by the 10th August.

New Editor's address: to which all copy for September should be sent:-

Mr. Greenbank,
17 Bede Crescent,
Newton Aycliffe.

TRANSFER OF TENANCY

Corporation tenants are asked to note that, in future, no applications for the transfer of tenancy will be considered unless the applicants have lived in their present houses for at least two years.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

"More Drivers please," was the request of our transport officer at a recent committee meeting, when he disclosed that people leaving the town and drivers on shift work had considerably reduced the number of drivers available for transportation of physically handicapped members on club nights. This, once a fortnight meeting on a Friday, is for some members, the only opportunity they have of leaving their house and transport is an absolute necessity. It does not involve a great deal of the driver's time.

If you feel you can help, please contact the transport officer, Mr. Bill Barker, 2 Dykes Walk who will be happy to supply you with information and he hopes, add you to his list.

Members decided that they would like their outing to be to the seaside and a visit to South Shields was arranged for July 15th.

Four members of the committee visited Billingham Physically Handicapped Association in June and spent a very enjoyable



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evening exchanging ideas and meeting the members. The outcome of this visit was a tentative arrangement for an exchange of visits between the two clubs on a Saturday afternoon to be held as soon as possible after the Summer holidays. Billingham Physically Handicapped members virtually run the club themselves and the committee felt that perhaps our members could do more towards the running of our club and hope to get them interested in doing this.

It is hoped to start an Archery Section soon. This is one activity in which people confined to wheel chairs can excel. The swimming sessions for the children on a Wednesday afternoon in Darlington Baths are progressing satisfactorily and bring a great deal of joy to them.

A not so happy story concerns an elderly gentleman member who although in possession of a wheel chair, obtained for him free by the branch, is still confined to his bungalow. Since November, the Association has been negotiating with the Corporation for the building of a ramp. The plan has been passed by the County Authority who will also pay the expenses but still he waits. Three or four steps up to the front door make it impossible for this man's wife to manhandle the chair up and down, and this disheartened gentleman is so fed up with waiting that he has threatened to return the wheelchair. So near and yet so far. We hope to have a happier conclusion for our next bulletin, seven months is surely long enough, even for the Corporation.

M.C.L.S.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE DOG TRAINING CLUB

An Obedience Competition will be held under the auspices of the above Club in the Beveridge Hall, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday, 6th September at 7-30 p.m. This is only a preliminary notice and further details will appear in next month's issue. Please note that the Club will be closed on Thursday, 2nd and Thursday, 9th August, 1962. For further details please contact the Secretary, Mrs. M. P. Wood, 10 Ritson Road, Newton Aycliffe. Tel. N. A. 684 or any Committee Member.

M.P.W.

GARDENS GUILD

One of the essential parts of any soil is humus (anything that has had life is humus forming) for it is only with its presence that eroded rock becomes soil, the whole becoming a living mass, as bacteria live on humus. Bacteria is nature's own way of turning and airing the ground, more important, their acids and secretions help to bind the minute particles into a nice crumb structure. On the New Town the rock has eroded to a talc like dust which when wet, masses, stopping drainage. If there is a heavy sodium deposit the minute particles repel each other and do not form the crumb like structure we need. Drainage seems to be all important here. For good drainage creates a good aeration, conversely aeration creates good drainage. Aeration depends upon the size of the soil particles $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch being the best. To open up our soil

we dig, preferably two spits deep, add humus, allow the rain to wet it and the frost to break it up. When we have sodium in a heavy clay we must add lime to replace the sodium with calcium. If we must lime it is advisable to add humus, ridge the soil in the Autumn and lime in the spring. In a heavy downpour clay soils take a real beating which causes the fine particles to become finer—we must prevent that. Unable to control the elements we apply mulches in the form of straw or peat, which in heavy downpours absorb the shock of the rain, they also conserve moisture and add humus to the soil. When the roots of plants penetrate the soil they secrete acids to dissolve obstacles in the path of the roots. This then helps to bind the fine particles into a nice crumb like structure the same as the bacteria.

From this we can see how nature is a great gardener but we must help by digging, adding humus and fertilizer.

Our Shows are in the Over 60 Club on September 15th and November 10th. The Guilds hut in Clarence Chare is open to members on Sunday mornings 10-30 a.m.—12-30 p.m. for the sale of all garden requirements, Advice free. Meeting second Tuesday of each month, Iron Horse Hotel. We don't sell cheap goods but good goods cheap.

J.H.B.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Through no fault of their own the task is beyond them. I am told that the Darlington Corporation have tackled this problem, and do cut the lawns for blind and disabled persons, for the nominal sum of sixpence per hour. I feel sure that our Corporation will consider our handicapped friends now that the question has been raised in the Newtonian.

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Meetings are held each Wednesday at 7-45 p.m. in the small hall of St. Clares Parish Church except during the school holidays.

On Wednesday, 11th July we had a very interesting film show and talk by the Queen's Own Nurses followed by tea and biscuits and a friendly chat.

We have just finished a course in first aid and in September we will be starting a course in home nursing.

Our team which entered the Stanley Shield competition in first aid and home nursing represented Co. Durham at Sheffield. After winning this round they went forward to the finals in London representing the North of England. They were placed fifth which was quite a success for such a new and small detachment.

Requests for medical loans to :- Mrs. Lumb, 9 Church Close, Tel. Newton Aycliffe 473.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

Will members and prospective members please note that the club meetings are now held in the "Select Buffet" of the "Iron Horse" Simpasture Gate.

June saw several very enjoyable runs and a "treasure hunt" on the 27th, the result of the latter being:- 1st Messrs. O'Reilly and Snowdon, 2nd Messrs Harris and Rand, 3rd Messrs. Skerry and Manson.

The event finished at the "Iron Horse."

Programme for September, (for August Programme please refer to July issue.)

September

Sun. 2nd	Run to Blanchlands	Town Centre Car Park	1 p.m.
Sun. 9th	Scarborough & Filey	" " " "	10 a.m.
Wed. 12th	Committee Meeting	Iron Horse	8 p.m.
Sun. 16th	Hanging Gardens of Mark Anthony	Town Centre Car Park	1 p.m.
Wed. 19th	Treasure Hunt	" " " "	7-30 p.m.
Wed. 26th	General Meeting	Iron Horse	8 p.m.

THE ARCHERY CLUB

Newton Aycliffe Archery Club finally got a fine day for their 3rd annual invitation shoot on July 1st, dogged by rain on the past two occasions they had almost given up hopes of ever seeing the sun again, indeed they were known by other clubs as the "watery archers." But fortune and the sun smiled on them and though the number shooting wasn't as many as in previous years it can be said that it was a huge success. In all 36 archers took part, mainly from Norton and Acklam also the Beehive Bowmen of Darlington. The club was also honoured by the last minute entry of the Durham and Northumberland county champion Mr. J. W. Oliver of the Bowmen of Backworth.

The Lady Paramount was Mrs. Diana Thompson and the Field captain and Judge Mr. M. Richardson.

After the presentation of prizes and medals a bouquet was presented to Mrs. Thompson by Miss R. Elizabeth Wilson on behalf of Newton Aycliffe Archery Club.

The scores of the winners are as follows :- Highest score Gents, J. W. Oliver 715; Highest Score Ladies, Miss D. Walsh 479; Most Golds, Gents, A. Pentney 29; Most Golds Ladies, Mrs. Mason 7; Most Hits Gents, G. C. Hirst 102; Most Hits Ladies, Mrs. Sykes 87; Worst White, Mr. W. Johnson; Sealed Score 456; W. Owen 466; Highest Score Novice, R. E. Daniel 420.

The Archery Club is having quite a successful season having taken in a number of new members lately. In May, three of their members shot in the Durham and Northumberland championships, they are also entering a team to shoot in the Scorton Gold tournament on August 12th. On September 2nd a "clout shoot" will be held, the proceeds to go to charity.

Newton Aycliffe Archery Club are deeply indebted to Mr. Collinson—Collinson and Pocklington Ltd. for the presentation to the club of a cup and also to Messrs. Wentons Ltd. for their kindness shown in presenting prizes for the annual shoot also to Mr. R. Stevens, newsagent, Newton Aycliffe.

1st NEWTON AYCLIFFE BOY SCOUTS GROUP

The Scouts enjoyed one of those rare and impressive events during July when Tony Turner was presented with his Queen's Scout Badge. At the same time as he received this highest award in Scouting he was awarded the Silver Standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Just before the presentation was made by the District Commissioner, Dr. F. Robertson, entertainment was provided by members of the Ladies and Male Voice Choirs as well as by the Cubs and Scouts.

At the same time this is published a number of the Senior Scouts will be on an expedition to Switzerland and the other Scouts are looking forward to their Summer Camp at Middleham in Yorkshire.

The remaining big event of the Summer is the Annual Field Day. This will be held on Saturday, September 8th on the field adjoining the Scout Hut, behind the Community Centre. Everyone on the town is welcome to come and enjoy themselves on this day.

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TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The July meeting was held in the Beveridge Hall. Mrs. Metcalfe was in the chair and after the general business was completed the report on the National Union Conference was read by the delegate, Mrs. Greenbank. The speaker for the evening was Mr. J. Pattinson of Darlington, he gave us quite an informal résumé on how the Rural District Council operates, reminding us of the many services it provides, which in our daily use we are inclined to take for granted. Mr. Pattinson was thanked on behalf of the Guild by Miss Hamilton.

The competition was won by Mrs. Thurston, and the raffle by Mrs. Halstead.

The amateur mannequin parade was a great success.

We do not have a business meeting during August, but have arranged a social evening on August 13th at the Beveridge Hall. Will all members please make a note of the date and come along. The September meeting is on Monday, September 2nd, when we hope to have a demonstration of flower arrangement by a representative of Messrs. Wm. Strike Ltd.

M.M.G.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

The Clinic will be **CLOSED** on Tuesdays August 7th and 14th but **OPEN** on August 21st and 28th.

Clinics are held in the Beveridge Hall on Tuesdays from 2—3-15 p.m. There is a lady doctor in attendance. Appointments are advisable.

Information and appointments from :- Mrs. Thomas, Eden Hall, 84, Cockton Hill Road, Bishop Auckland. Tel. B. Auckland 2162.

WOMEN'S COLUMN

We are now at the height of the holiday season which brings the usual crop of minor accidents to children—cut toes, on the beach—blisters caused by new sandals—tummy upsets due to more than usual ice-cream and sweets; therefore I suggest the following ideas—always carry with you a small tin of elastoplasts—the water-proof type are best. Rub new sandals inside with household soap at all points where blisters usually occur; inside the heels and sides of the foot are the places that cause most trouble.

If you have occasion to give a small child a tablet or a pill, this idea, given to me by a mother recently, will make more pleasant the task both for yourself and the recipient, if you lift the top layer of a liquorice allsort and put the tablet or pill underneath—the child will not notice it, as the flavour of the sweet overpowers the pill and it goes down without trouble or fuss.

Now a word about leaving the house for a week or two—we all remember to stop the milk and newspapers, but it is a good idea to ask a neighbour, or friend to visit the house daily if possible and either, remove, or push through the letter-box any leaflets, for if they are left they give away the fact that the house is unoccupied to those pests known as housebreakers.

Keep your hat on

It is infuriating to be beside the sea on a windy promenade with one arm permanently engaged in hat-holding. Actually, there is a simple solution to the problem, remove the ribbon from a straw hat, and where the ribbon has been make two holes, one on each side of the hat, now fold a coloured silk scarf over and over to make a long ribbon shape. Place it round the front of the brim of the hat then slot it through the two holes and tie the ends under your chin. Vary the scarf according to the colour of your dress, so not only is this a practical solution, but it is also a fashion aid.

I have been asked for the recipe for "Tharth Cake", which was well known in Weardale 40 or 50 years ago. If any reader can help please send the information to the Editor.

M.M.G.

MORE HOUSES

Subject to the approval of the Ministry, the Development Corporation has accepted a tender for the erection of 196 houses, 27 lock-up garages and 7 motor-cycle lock-ups in the area north of Central Avenue near the Great North Road. This will complete the development in the north eastern part of the town with the exception of the laying out of 30 acres of playing fields to be used by the secondary modern schools. In addition land has been reserved for public playing fields when the need arises.

THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

Our Birthday Outing to Whitley Bay on the 28th May was most enjoyable, lunch and tea being provided at the Rex Hotel. 137 members took part, and although the weather was not too warm it did not deter the more active members from the promenade, and the sea breeze.

The Annual Outing will take place on 16th July and the venue will be Saltburn.

The next visit of the Chiropodist will be on Saturday, 11th August at 2 p.m.

SPORTS CLUB SHOW

THE OXFORD COMMITTEE FOR FAMINE RELIEF

"The Freedom from Hunger Campaign" was launched by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, on Wednesday, June 26th in the Royal Festival Hall, London. The appeal is world-wide and nation wide. Its object is to combat a threatened world shortage of food, by raising funds, to be used in providing tractors and other farming implements, and cultivating land in under-developed countries.

The Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (which is affiliated to "The Freedom from Hunger Campaign") has been sponsoring many such projects in all parts of the world, for the last twenty years. In addition they have fed and clothed refugees (and there are still thousands of these people) in Europe, Africa, Hong Kong and Algeria.

In response to this appeal, the Newton Aycliffe branch of "Oxfam" will devote the month of October, in an all-out effort to augment the resources of "Oxfam" with cash and clothing.

The assistance of all organisations and individuals will be much appreciated by the Committee. Already the Towns Women's Guild is operating a pledged gift scheme, and the women's section of the Labour Party, will hold a coffee evening in October, the date to be given later. These ladies would also welcome gifts of wool, for knitting blankets.

Publicity will be given to the Campaign, during the next few weeks, and all organisations notified. Any cash which is raised, may be paid in directly to Mr. J. Oliver, Barclay's Bank, who is treasurer of the Committee.

WELCOMING PARTY

The next social evening for the new residents will be held in the Beveridge Hall on Wednesday, August 29th. 1962.

GARDENS COMPETITION

The final judging of the annual gardens competition by Mr. J. Quayle, Horticultural Instructor at the Finchale Abbey Training Centre for the Disabled, will take place on Friday, the 3rd August.

A list of the prizewinners will appear in the next edition of the "Newtonian."

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Yes, Newton Aycliffe has an R.S.P.C.A. Committee, not heard of except when we want your money you say, and I agree, that is the prime function of a working Committee.

This however, is not an appeal for money but for the civilised treatment of animals. Two cases of "kitten dumping" have come to my ears, by this I mean the delightful idea of disposing of unwanted kittens by leaving them somewhere in the hope that they will either "find a good home" or fend for themselves." This cruelty is so unnecessary. Unfortunately, the only humane method available in the town is to have unwanted animals destroyed by the vet, who has premises in Shafto Way, and this costs money. The alternative for those who cannot afford this degree of humanity is to contact the R.S.P.C.A. Inspector in Darlington who will give details of the clinic where the animals can be taken. The third solution, most expensive, but most satisfactory (and I speak from experience of numerous cases) is to have your queen spayed. (Cost approx. £2 2 0). This removes the problem of unwanted kittens, removes the attraction to all the toms in that area, and in my experience makes a more friendly animal out of the queen. So please don't dump the kittens, if you can't find a home for them, have them painlessly destroyed, if you call the queen your cat, then you owe her that much.

E. NELSON,

Chairman R.S.P.C.A. Committee.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE SPORTS CLUB

If you want to meet your friends on the afternoon of Saturday, August 11th they are sure to be at the Newton Aycliffe Sports Club ground in Moore Lane.

Last year the Club held it's first Open day. Though not financially a great success, it was very highly commended by the people who visited it. This was enough for the Club to attempt an even bigger Open Day and Show this year. As can be seen from the entry form issued in previous copies of the Newtonian there will be something for all ages. The committee from the Club have worked very hard to make it a huge success but only the attendance and the satisfaction of those attending can prove that their efforts were worth while.

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Mr. Stan Brown has unfortunately had to resign his appointment as Branch Welfare Officer, because of domestic circumstances. Stan has done much in the field of Welfare, and it is sad indeed that he can no longer carry on this most important work. Whilst Stan can no longer carry out the arduous duties of his post, we know he is one hundred per cent R.A.F.A. and that we can always depend on him when support and organising is needed.

The post of Welfare Officer has now been taken by another well known branch member, Mr. Bert Cornley, who we know will make a most able successor to Stan, with of course the tireless assistance of Mrs. Figures, Assistant Welfare Officer. Thanks for all you've done Stan, and good luck to Bert on his appointment.

Plans for Battle of Britain Week are still being ironed out, and so far, all the big items have been organised. Watch out for your September edition of the 'Newtonian' which will give full details of the weeks programme. One of the major items for Wings Week will be the selection of a "Miss R.A.F.A.—Newton Aycliffe." Several dances and heats leading to the final of this event are being held during the month of August, and details will be given by means of posters at Branch H.Q. in Barrington Road, and also throughout the town.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting was recently held between the Association and the General Manager of the Corporation and his chief officers. The Association was represented by the Chairman, Mr. D. Hood, the Vice-Chairman Mr. G. Kimber, the Secretary Mrs. D. Palmer, the Treasurer Mr. J. Dunn and the Committee Members Messrs. Phillips, Stanford and Cochrane.

The first point raised by the Association was the question of compensation for tenants who make improvements to their houses. However the General Manager felt that the Corporation could not do much to meet the Association on this point as the Ministry would be likely to object to any extra expenditure of this nature. A similar reply was received when the Association raised the question of compensation for tenants who suffer financial damage due to a structural defect in their house, unless such defect could be traced to the negligence of the Corporation. But the General Manager promised to take another very careful look at an individual case which the Association had raised.

A lengthy discussion took place on the vexed subject of speed of repairs. The General Manager assured the Association's representatives that this problem was not being neglected by the Corporation and he and his officers were constantly seeking methods of improving the repairs service. At the moment a system of contracting out repairs to outside firms was being tried to supplement the Corporation's own repairs service. The General Manager agreed that the Association's suggestion of duplicate recording of repair jobs, whereby the tenant would have a record of when he made his complaint, was a good one and promised to investigate the possibility of instituting such a system. It was appointed out from the Corporation's side that time was sometimes lost through tenants being out when men called to effect a repair and it was felt that tenants could help here by leaving the key with a neighbour.

It was agreed that in future garden paths would be made wide enough to take prams.

The £2 tenancy deposit was considered and it was made clear that this was to cover any default by an outgoing tenant and that an incoming tenant should never have to suffer from his predecessor's shortcomings.

The standard of decoration of flat exteriors came in for some criticism by the Association's representatives and the General Manager agreed to see that a high standard was kept up.

Other subjects discussed were kitchen ventilation, Garage transfer lists (which may be inspected at the Corporation offices) and cycling on footpaths.

Mr. Hood has now resigned as Chairman of the Association as he is leaving the town. Mr. Kimber of 2 Vane Road, who has been Vice-Chairman of the Association since its inception, was elected the new Chairman and Mr. Phillips of 26 Cumby Road was elected to be Vice-Chairman. The Committee hopes to make a membership drive on the new precinct in the Autumn.

The G.P.O. have agreed to put a pillar box in the Secker Place area.

D.H.

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ADVENTURES OF DOGGIE RUM

Blackie burst into song, perched by the open window in the little log cabin. You are up early, Blackie, said Rummy, Yes, I'm looking at the wonderful sunrise, said Blackie, like my father and mother used to do. Its in our blood, watching the sunrise, and singing to each other just for the joy of living.

Yes, said Squirry, it's lovely to be up at the top of a tree, when the sun rises and sets, you can see over the landscape with all its colours, and you can sometimes see wonderful cloudscapes, and pictures in the sky, skyscapes I call them.

Yes, said Rummy, and I like to lie on my back in the grass, on the top of a green hill and watch the white clouds change and move across the blue sky on a summer day, and listen to the bird song, and the talking of the farmyard animals below.

What do the hens and chicks talk about Rummy, asked Squirry? Oh, the hen keeps telling the chicks where she is, and the chicks keep telling her where they are, and if a chick gets lost, he "peep-peeps" loudly, so that his Mother can find him.

When, the hens have a dust bath, they do like to have a gossip, and their tongues go clickety-clack—clickety clack, just like old ladies, and the Rooster talks to the hens, when strangers are about, and warns, if there is any danger; he also talks and invites the hens to share any tasty morsels he has found and we all understand him when he crows "To tell the world who is Boss," also, he likes to hear a hen talk about the wonderful egg she has laid, and you can hear him sometimes telling her, how proud he is of her too, as he joins in the refrain.

Well, I shall certainly listen for all those sounds, said Squirry, now that I know what they mean, but what shall we do now Rummy, asked Squirry?

I know, said Rummy, lets have a campfire tonight, and invite everybody to come and watch for the full moon to rise, and for the stars to shine out in the sky.

We'll have it on the top of the hill, and tell stories, and have a sing-song. Oh, yes said Squirry, and I'll find lots of old chestnuts under the leaves on the ground, and we'll have roasted chestnuts to eat.

That's fine, said Rummy, and it will be just the time for me to sing an old song which starts like this :-

"I feel so happy when the Moon comes out,
I'm, not quite sure, what its all about,
Skipping and hopping, never never stopping,
For I can't keep still although I try."

Listen! said Squirry, what's that funny noise? Something seemed to be scraping along the outside wall of the cabin. Let's go and find out, shouted Rummy. Come on! and he dashed outside. Well! I'm blowed, said Rummy to Blackie and Squirry, Who do you think has come to pay us a visit? Why it's Mrs. Hedgehog and her three little children.

Good morning Mrs. Hedgehog, so pleased to see you said Rummy, please come in and bring the children with you.

What are their names, asked Rummy, Oh this one is Spike, and this one is Quillie, and the youngest is Spearmint, he's so tough and rubbery, that he bosses the others about.

I said to him this morning, don't be so bossy, Spearmint, stop saying 'shut up' to everybody.



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Well! Well! said Rummy, do tell me, Spearmint, why you keep saying 'shut-up' to all the other children? Because everybody talks too much except me, said Spearmint.

Oh! I see, said Rummy. What would you like to do when you grow up Spearmint? I'M going to be a tractor driver, or else help make a channel tunnel from England to France, said Spearmint. Would you like to go on the first trip to the moon, asked Rummy?

E.F.B.

NEWTON RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

We are now approaching the start of the Football Season and training has already started. We have two sessions per week, Tuesday and Thursday on the Stadium Ground.

Since our last report we have been asked to run a team in the first and second division of the Darlington Church and Friendly League.

We welcome all new footballers on the town and hope they will accept our invitation to come along to the stadium and join in our Training Sessions.

Any queries or information can be obtained from our Secretary, B. Pickering, 14 Palmer Road.

G.F.W.

PAVEMENTS AND DOGS

Last December it was announced in this paper that a byelaw had been made by the Durham County Council whereby it was an offence, punishable by a fine not exceeding £5, for any person in Newton Aycliffe who, being in charge of a dog, allowed it to foul the pavement.

As a reminder, a resident was recently fined £4 at the Darlington Court for allowing his dog on the highway without a collar and letting it foul the pavement.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club is now embarking on its fourth season, the first matches being fixed for 1st September when the first fifteen will play Darlington thirds at home.

Unfortunately since last season the club has lost several of its star performers amongst them being G. North, J. Gooding, C. Thomson and R. Day, and so we should welcome new players to the Club whether they are experienced or not. Any person interested in joining the club should contact K. J. Slater, 8 Warburton Close or ring J. Horsefield, Newton Aycliffe 300.

An attractive fixture list has been drawn up for the coming season and training sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, commencing on July 25th, at the Burn Lane ground until the nights get too dark

E.J.S.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

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. 13th August
Labour Party (Women's Section) 7-30 p.m. on 20th and 27th August.
- Tuesday:** Welfare Clinic 9-30 a.m.—11-30 p.m. on 7th and 21st August.
Family Planning Clinic 2 p.m.—3-30 p.m.
Skating Club 7 p.m.—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. 16th, 23rd and 30th August.
- 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. 7th and 21st August
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. 2nd August
Labour Party 7-30 p.m. 9th August.
- 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. 19th August
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.
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys)
- Saturday:** Town Band (Juniors) 10 am..

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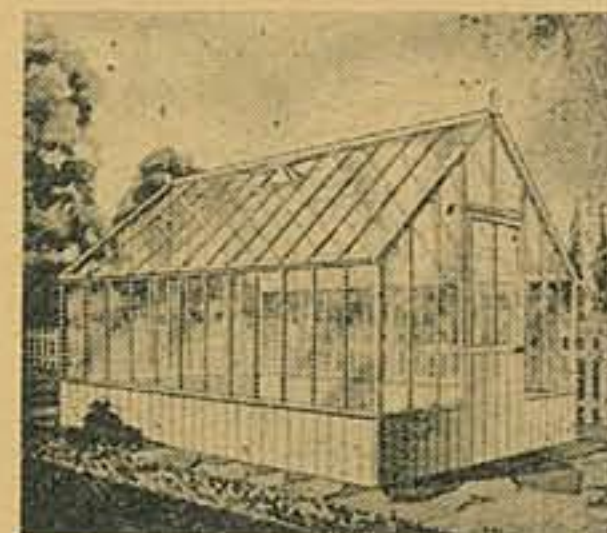
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