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EDITORIAL

The Public Library

It was hoped to give an opening date for the new premises in Dalton Way in this issue, but it is not yet possible to obtain any firm information and it seems likely that the opening will be delayed until early in the new year.

That the new premises are urgently needed is evidenced by the following figures which are both interesting and surprising.

The present Library carries a stock of approximately 5,000 volumes of which more than half are out on loan at all times. The number of books borrowed during the period April to September, 1962 was 33,295 an increase of more than 3,000 over the same period in 1961.

The books you read can be divided into three sections with a rough estimate of their order of popularity:-

Fiction	45%
Non-Fiction	40%
Technical	15%

This was in the summer period when many people are on holiday and there are a multitude of out-door activities; the figures for the winter period October to March should be enlightening.

Many new titles have recently been added to the stock and a few are given here which are thought to be worthy of recommendation.

Fiction

THE SEA 'VENTURE by F. Van Wyck Mason (adventure on the high seas).

UNLAWFUL OCCASIONS by Henry Cecil (humorous story of Law.)

Non-fiction

MY LAND AND MY PEOPLE. Memoirs of the Dalai Lama of Tibet.

WHO DESTROYED THE "HINDENBERG"? by A. A. Hoehling (the largest airship, built by Germany in 1936 and destroyed by fire when landing at Lakehurst, New Jersey 1937).

R.S.V.P.

This paper is given to you each month and only by getting the views of the townspeople can it be made to provide the greatest interest to the largest number of readers, so the Editor asks you to write saying what improvements you would like to see, and what constructive criticism you have to offer. Among our 12,000 readers there must be some critics, so please voice your opinions, you may come up with an idea that would change the course of Newton Aycliffe's history.

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A Word of Thanks

In the August issue the Women's Column asked the readers for a recipe for THARTHCAKE and having no reply the Editor sought the assistance of the Northern Echo. Thanks to the Echo for the amount of publicity given to the subject a great many letters were received the result of which appears in this month's Womens Column.

R.T.G.

CORPORATION NOTES

Work has now started on the building of a further 194 dwellings and 34 lock-up garages on the only remaining undeveloped site north of Central Avenue. This will complete the development of Precinct D.3 which lies on the north side of Central Avenue between Burn Lane and Road A.1 where 700 dwellings have been built or are in course of erection. Many of the houses in the Precinct have been specially designed for sale, and to anyone wishing to purchase a house, the Corporation is willing to assist by advancing up to 95% of the purchase price.

The only land within the boundaries of the town now remaining for housing development is the south western area and plans for the layout of this area are in an advanced stage of preparation.

There seems to be a growing practice among tenants when re-decorating, to put ordinary wallpaper on the walls of kitchens, bathrooms and W.C.'s. Ordinary wallpaper is not suitable for such rooms and in the interests of hygiene only washable distemper or emulsion paint should be used.

Many new shrubberies are now being planted out but considerable damage is still being done to the older shrubberies by children playing in them. Grass verges too are being ruined and annoyance caused to householders by the persistent playing of cricket and football or by motor-cycles being allowed to stand on them. All residents are asked to help in preventing these amenities from being spoiled and to see that only the large greens, of which there are many, are used for ball games and that motor-cycles use the proper parking places or garages.

It costs the tenants of this town £400 a year to replace trees and shrubs damaged by vandalism. Much more could be done by everyone to reduce this excessive destruction and thus save the draw on their pockets which it entails.

The Corporation will not hesitate to prosecute any person caught in the act of damaging public property and on the 28th September last a boy of 12 years was prosecuted for breaking a tree in Biscop Crescent. The boy was fined £1 and ordered to pay an advocate's fee of £2 2s. 0d. and 13/2d. expenses a total of £3 15s. 2d.

A CHURCH CURIOSITY

In the village churchyard at Bolton-on-Swale, a few miles from Darlington, is a monument to one Henry Jenkins. He was buried on December 6th, 1670, and had, so it was asserted, attained the amazing age of 169 years.

That, in an age when medical science was not at its best, and the standard of life for ordinary people could only be described as low, a man reached this great age is almost unbelievable.

Sceptics will of course say there is no proof that Henry reached that age. However a stone marks his resting place and records the fact, and there is another record on the South Wall inside the church, which bears a long description and an unusual epitaph to his memory.

At the York Assizes in 1670 Henry appeared as a witness in a cause between the Vicar of Catterick and a William Mawbank and he then stated that various tithes, which were the subject of the action, had been paid to his certain knowledge for more than 120 years.

L.N.

METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. Punshon of Anne Swift Road suggests that many teen-agers who have spare time on their hands should join the Methodist Church Youth Movement and take part in all their activities. On December 15th they are holding an Exhibition and Display which will be of great interest. Keep the date in mind; the Newtonian will give further details in its next issue.

THE SKETCH CLUB

Meetings are held every Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, people with practical knowledge of oils, water colours, pastels and black and white have already joined, our membership is growing and there is plenty of room for more, so if you have talent or wish to improve your present knowledge, or if you just have an interest and would like to know more then join us at 2 p.m. on any Sunday.

R.B.

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THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE AND DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB

A special guest will be present on 19th November to help members to train, handle, and groom their dogs for show purposes.

A Whist Drive is arranged for the last Monday in every month the admission is 1/6d. and the prizes are good.

A very heavy programme is arranged for the winter months, details of which will be given later or at the Training Club, which is open every Monday evening at 7-30 p.m. in the Clarence Hall.

M.R.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

Our Annual Sale of Work held on 22nd September was very well attended and proved most successful. In declaring the sale open Mrs. Davis, wife of our President, congratulated the members on the quality and quantity of goods on display. Mrs. Bell, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday, presented a bouquet to Mrs. Davis.

We would take this opportunity of thanking the Townspeople most sincerely for their support in our envelope appeal, and apologise for any envelopes which remain uncollected, which is mainly due to the limited number of our members available and to the time limit allowed us for collection.

Our Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday 12th December of which fuller details will be given in the December issue.

THE NEVILLE MALE VOICE CHOIR

We are now at the height of our concert season and members will be particularly busy during the next six weeks when we have planned a series of four concerts in the district culminating in the Celebrity Concert on Saturday, 1st December.

These concerts are all on a non-profit making basis and will be given as follows :-

24th October	Ferryhill Methodists
3rd November	Willington Methodists
14th November	Witton-le-Wear
24th November	Staindrop Youth Guild

This will be the last opportunity to impress upon you the musical treat which is in store on Saturday, 1st December. The Choir is in fine voice and practices are progressing in a satisfactory and enjoyable, though critical manner. We await the appearance of Miss Victoria Elliott and Mr. Ronald Dowd with an anticipatory glow of pleasure and delight and everything is being done to ensure an evening of music and song to remember.

Tickets are on sale and the demand even so soon seems to point to a full house. Any member of the Choir will be pleased to arrange the sale of tickets.

Several of our members are planning to run a Mammoth Jumble Sale at the Methodist Small Hall commencing at 10 am.. Saturday, 10th November. Anyone interested should contact Mr. E. Pryce, Neville Parade or Mr. J. Wallace, 4 Bowes Road who will welcome any gifts of Jumble and arrange collection.

During the last few weeks we have had several new members and any person with a love for music in his heart will find a means of expression and a sincere welcome among us.

J.T.R.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES

Another Battle of Britain has slipped away, and memories of those dark and dangerous days have faded and faded. If the average teenager was asked as to what the Battle of Britain was, it is more than certain that the reply would be, 'something to do with aeroplanes.'

Nostalgic memories of days long ago were aroused at the commemorative service and parade recently held at R.A.F. Station, Middleton-St.-George. Looking at the faces of the mature men who were present, I could well imagine how they had looked twenty years ago. One of those present had just shewn me a dog-eared photograph of himself and his old crew, taken when he was on operational duties. He was a teenager himself on the picture, but a teenager with a difference. He was a Flight Sergeant Navigator at eighteen years of age, with a man sized job to do. He was only one of many who helped to clear the enemy from our skies.

Memories may grow faded as time passes, but let us always remember those young men of twenty years ago. Men both in the air and on the ground, they had no real axe to grind, but with an urgent job on hand, that had to be done. **Let us never forget.**

The branch had a varied programme to celebrate the Battle of Britain, and it was rather unfortunate that one of the items came slightly adrift when the film " The Dam Busters " had to be substituted with another. It would appear that many other branches of the Association also had this film in mind as part of the Wings Week programme.

Notes.

Winner of the " Miss R.A.F.A.—Newton Aycliffe " was Miss S. Elgie of Darlington, and Mr. G. R. Fawcett was the first prize winner of the Treasure Hunt. Among the guests and judges were Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Shafto, Mr. and Mrs. L. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Chisholm.

H.G.S.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE CAMERA CLUB

ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS. A meeting will be held at the Approved School at 7-30 p.m. on Thursday, November 22nd, 1962 to discuss the possibilities of re-forming the above club. All interested people are invited to attend and it is suggested they bring, if possible, about ten colour transparencies each so that part of the evening can be taken with a short show. Any information you might require before the 22nd can be obtained from :- C. Waddington, 17 Church Close.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE DOG TRAINING CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting held in Beveridge Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 13th September, 1962 a new committee was elected.

Chairman: Mr. McGorigan, *Vice-Chairman:* Mr. R. Downing, *Secretary:* Mrs. M. Mapp, *Treasurer:* Mrs. Hill, *Vice-Treasurer:* Mrs. Thomas. *Committee members:* Messrs. Williamson, Bell, Leonard, Arrowsmith, Jepson, Robertson, Rycroft. Mesdames, Cox, Robertson, McGorigan, Downing, Kennedy, Bell.

Classes as usual every Thursday at 7-30 p.m.

Please note address of new Secretary, Mrs. M. Mapp, Fernville, Kirk Merrington, Spennymoor. Telephone Spennymoor 2256.

M.M.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Out of a population of something like 12,000 we have a Red Cross Detachment of about 20 members. Surely there are more people in a town of young people like this who are interested in nursing and who would benefit from a course in First Aid. All mothers of young children should know something of the principles of First Aid—Accidents in the home occur so easily and the correct treatment applied immediately can make a great deal of difference to the condition of the patient. There may be some of you who have always been interested in nursing. After passing an exam. in First Aid and Home Nursing you are eligible to go nursing in one of the local hospitals.

For those of you who always say " I am quite interested but what exactly do you do?" Every year we have a First Aid course followed by a course in Home Nursing. At the moment we are doing Home Nursing, we have a lecture by an S.R.N. and this is followed by practical work; bedmaking, setting up trays, bandaging, etc. We also supply first aid at rugby matches, sports days, etc.

Anyone who is interested please come along to the small hall of St. Clare's Parish church on a Wednesday evening about 7-45 p.m. You will be made very welcome. Anyone who would be willing to help on flag days, at sales, etc., please contact any member.

Our Commandant Mrs. Denby has given up her duties for personal reasons and Mrs. Cowling of 1 Mills Close has taken over as Acting Commandant. We wish her every success.

Look out for our Sale, probably towards the end of November. Father Christmas will be present as usual so bring along the children and support our efforts.

We would like to thank all those friends who supported our coffee evenings that were held in aid of Oxfam. We hope to be able to send quite a few pounds to this very worthy cause.

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TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Mrs. Metcalfe presided at the October meeting, which was well attended by members and visitors. Reports were given by Mrs. D. Browne, (Sec.) Mrs. Greenbank (Treas.), Mrs. Hiley (Arts and Crafts) Mrs. Thurston (Social Studies) Mrs. M. Lamb (Drama) and Mrs. Vickers (Outings). Miss Brown of Durham was the speaker, she related some most interesting facts about the Chinese people of today, and how the misguided efforts made by our Victorian fore-bears in their role of traders, teachers, and for want of a better expression " do-gooders " is partly responsible for much of the internal trouble in China today. Miss Brown was thanked on behalf of the Guild by Mrs. Bellis. There was a very good response to the appeal for knitted squares, 110 were completed and the Chairman offered to make them up into 2 blankets which are to be given to O.X.F.A.M.

Mrs. J. Shergold won the competition for the best knitted square judged by Miss Brown. The monthly raffle was won by Mrs. Evans, the social half-hour prize went to Mrs. Nelson who had the highest number of points in a guessing game.

The November meeting is on the 12th, in the Beveridge Hall at 7-15 p.m., and is the Annual General Meeting, therefore will all members endeavour to attend. The sales table at this meeting will not be as quoted in the programme but we are having a special effort to raise funds for O.X.F.A.M. in the form of a bring **or** buy sale. The competition is Something New from Something Old, from this we may acquire new ideas to put to our own use.

We shall have the usual monthly raffle and a social half-hour so do come along and join us.

M.M.G.

THE NEWTON PLAYERS

The Dramatic Society would like to thank everyone who came to the car treasure hunt and to the dance at the Gretna, both events were well attended. Our special thanks to the tradespeople of the town who donated splendid prizes.

As rehearsals continue may we take this opportunity to remind readers that the first play of the season is to be performed this month.

WE HAVE COMPANY—a Comedy in III Acts by Hubert Gregg in the Beveridge Hall, November 29th and 30th at 7-45 p.m. Tickets 2/- and 3/- O.A.Ps. 1/-.

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WOMEN'S COLUMN

In the August edition of the Newtonian I asked if anyone could give me the recipe for " Tharth Cake " and as I had no replies the editor approached the " Northern Echo " asking if with their wide circulation they could help in tracing the recipe..

We are indebted to the Northern Echo which gave great prominence to the enquiry; now I have many recipes from all parts of County Durham and the North Riding of Yorkshire, all differing slightly. It is obvious that the recipe was not usually written, but handed down from generation to generation by word of mouth. It seems that Tharth Cake has not as we thought disappeared into the mists of time but is still made in remote areas of the northern country side.

An interesting fact that came to light is the various names given to the same thing with just a variation in spelling or pronunciation; " THARF " " THRIVE " " THARVE ". One lady quoted from a very old copy of Lloyds Encyclopedic Dictionary the following " Therf—tharf—tharfe— "anglo-saxon meaning unleavened bread.

It has been very interesting reading the letters many of them from elderly folk, in their 70's and 80's, and most saying " My mother made it when I was a little girl."

The original enquirer has now read through all the correspondence and gives the following as the Weardale version of THARTH CAKE. 8 oz. wholemeal, 2 oz. plain white flour, 1 oz lard or good dripping, level teaspoon salt, 2 heaped teaspoonfulls baking powder, buttermilk, sourmilk or milk and water to mix.

Method—Mix the flours, salt and baking powder, rub in the fat well, mix to a fairly stiff dough, form into a flat round cake prick all over and bake in a hot oven 15-20 minutes. It can be eaten hot or cold and is particularly nice with butter and syrup spread on.

What a dreary sound the very word November has, it suggests cold, fog, dripping trees, no hedgerow flowers left to cheer us on our way even the birds are quiet with the exception of the robin and his is a cheerless cheep, what a good thing Christmas is just round the corner and we can devote some time to making preparations for the festive season. The Christmas puddings and cakes are usually made this month, also mincemeat, we who buy our all ready prepared from the shops miss the excitement of making our own with all the family gathered round to stir and wish, the younger ones firmly believing that the magic mixture has the power to make their wish come true.

November is a good time to get hair into good condition so that it looks and feels alive not dry and lifeless as it so easily can in winter time. This is one way to put bounce and shine in to yours. Heat some olive oil and before shampooing apply the oil to the scalp in sections with cotton wool swabs until the whole head has been treated. Wrap your head in a warm terry towel and allow it to soak for some time (1 to 2 hours) then shampoo in the usual way. Do this each time you shampoo for about 3 or 4 weeks then you will find your hair has new life and more colour.

I was given a new recipe the other day, it has no name therefore I call it " Trains Pudding " after the family who sent it to me. It can be served hot or cold and is easy to make and equally easy to digest.

Ingredients—4 oz. sugar caster, ½ oz. butter, 1½ oz. plain flour, ¼ pt. milk, 2 eggs, rind and juice from one lemon.

Method—Separate yolks from whites, cream butter and sugar, stir in the seived flour, grated lemon rind and juice. Beat in the yolks mixed with the milk. Whisk the whites till stiff and fold into the mixture, pour into a buttered 1½ pt. dish and bake at 350°F for 45 minutes approximately.

M.M.G.

PARISH CHURCH SALE OF WORK

The Annual Sale of Work will be held in the Parish Hall of St. Clares Church on Saturday, November 22nd commencing at 2-30 p.m. All age groups will find something useful at this popular event, so make a special note of the date.

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OPEN LETTER to the CITIZENS OF NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Dear Friends,

May I, on behalf of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association, thank sincerely the citizens of Newton Aycliffe and District, also the traders of the area, for their very kind response to our Wings Day Appeal during our recent Battle of Britain Week.

The Street Collection which is earmarked solely for Welfare purposes, amounted to £47 9s. 3d. together with donations and collections received from the Aycliffe Trading Estate and traders at Newton Aycliffe, amounted to a grand total of £98-4s-6d..

In addition during the week, we held various special events to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Britain, and from these activities we realised the excellent total of £128-10s.-8d., which again is used for Welfare Work.

May I therefore convey to all our helpers, our sincere thanks and appreciation for their splendid efforts during these appeals, which has resulted in showing an increase over last year's figures.

Your help is very much appreciated and will be of the highest value to the Royal Air Forces Association.

Yours sincerely,
C. E. MANNING, (Hon. Sec.)

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This Society shows good signs of becoming a source of pleasure and satisfaction to all music lovers and is receiving great encouragement from the townspeople and local Operatic Societies.

The rehearsals for the first show have begun and are being held in Milton Hall Secondary Modern School every Wednesday at 7-15 p.m. under the musical director Mr. R. Hymer. The first production is the MIKADO and it is to be staged in the Spring; there are still a few singing and non-singing parts to be filled, so if you are interested join the happy crowd on Wednesday evenings where you will be most welcome.

J.B.

LOST . . . AND FOUND

In the October edition, under the heading of Lost, an appeal was made for the return of two pieces of embroidery. We are pleased to say that the appeal met with immediate response, and the owner, Mrs. Schuler, wishes to express her thanks to the readers of the Newtonian responsible for the rapid recovery.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

By the time you read this the details of the annual dinner dance should have been finalised and the tickets should be on sale. Last year we had lots of fun so lets try and make the 1962 effort even more memorable.

November will see the last of the "treasure hunts" counting towards the trophy, but, weather permitting, we shall continue to hold these events right through the winter months. Good practice for adverse weather driving so turn up in force and justify the effort that goes into these events.

The club held a Whist drive at the "Iron Horse" on the 12th September the results being :-

1st Lady	Miss P. Henderson
1st Gent	Mr. E. Nelson
Booby Prize	Mr. M. Henderson

and a big thank-you to Mrs. Skerry who gave the prizes.

A week later on the 19th September the monthly "treasure hunt" brought victory to Messrs. Skerry and Manson with Mr. Anderson coming second and Mr. Henderson and family third.

Don't forget, during the winter months the programme is decided during the Wednesday natters at the "Iron Horse" so lets be seeing you all.

Happy Driving etc.,
ERIC.

NEWTON RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

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The F.C. Secretary, Mr. B. Pickering has been married since our last report, and now lives at 4 Seton Walk. We are still looking for interested people to join the Club either as players or committee members. Any information required can be had from Mr. Pickering.

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The engagement is announced between Laurence, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Rand, 5 Traveller's Green and Patricia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. McKinney, 14 Faulkner Road, Newton Aycliffe.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

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 p.m. and 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
Townswomen's Guild 7-15 p.m. 12th November
Labour Party (Women's Section) 7-30 p.m. on 5th and 19th November.
Road Safety 7-30 p.m. on 19th & 26th November

Tuesday: Welfare Clinic 9-30 a.m.—11-30 a.m. on 13th and 27th November
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.

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 a.m.—1 p.m. 13th and 21st November
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 November
Labour Party 7-30 p.m. 8th November

Friday: Chess Club 7-30 p.m.—10 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.

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.—8 p.m. Drama Club 8 p.m.—10 p.m.

Friday: 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys)

Saturday: Town Band (Juniors) 10 am..

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