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EDITORIAL

Citizen's Advice Bureau.

In the March issue it was said that the C.A.B. would be dealt with at greater length, so that the following will give a reasonably clear picture of its activities and how it deals with the more than a million queries which people ask every year.

What are the Citizens Advice Bureaux ?

They are the centres of free information and advice given in confidence to any citizen on any question he or she cares to ask. They are independent and non-political.

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Who staffs them ?

A body of carefully chosen people trained for the work, they come from every walk of life and have a wide range of experience as well as a fund of knowledge and the ability to relate this to the problems of those who come to them for help.

How do they know the answers ?

All have a close contact with local officials, and with other social workers and voluntary organisations and this is supplemented by a comprehensive service of information supplied by their Headquarters, to keep them up to date with new provisions and regulations. Bureaux workers do not attempt to deal with legal questions but have the support and help of members of the legal profession and in addition work in close collaboration with solicitors operating under the Legal Aid and Advice Scheme administered by the Law Society.

Some recent problems that have been settled by the local C.A.B. include, the sending of a deceased person's ashes to Italy, getting special drugs and medicines sent behind the Iron Curtain, bringing relatives from abroad, marriage difficulties, and Income Tax queries. All these together with a host of hire-purchase questions. So do not think that your difficulty is beyond the scope of the C.A.B., it isn't. If you are in trouble of any kind do not hesitate to seek advice, let the C.A.B. take the burden of worry off your mind. It is of course obvious that the average problem cannot be settled in a moment, most of them take a little time, but once you know that responsible people are dealing with your troubles, the weight is off your shoulders, and that nagging thought "What shall I do" disappears. As some thoughtful person once remarked "A trouble shared is a troubled halved."

Editor.

Thought for the Month

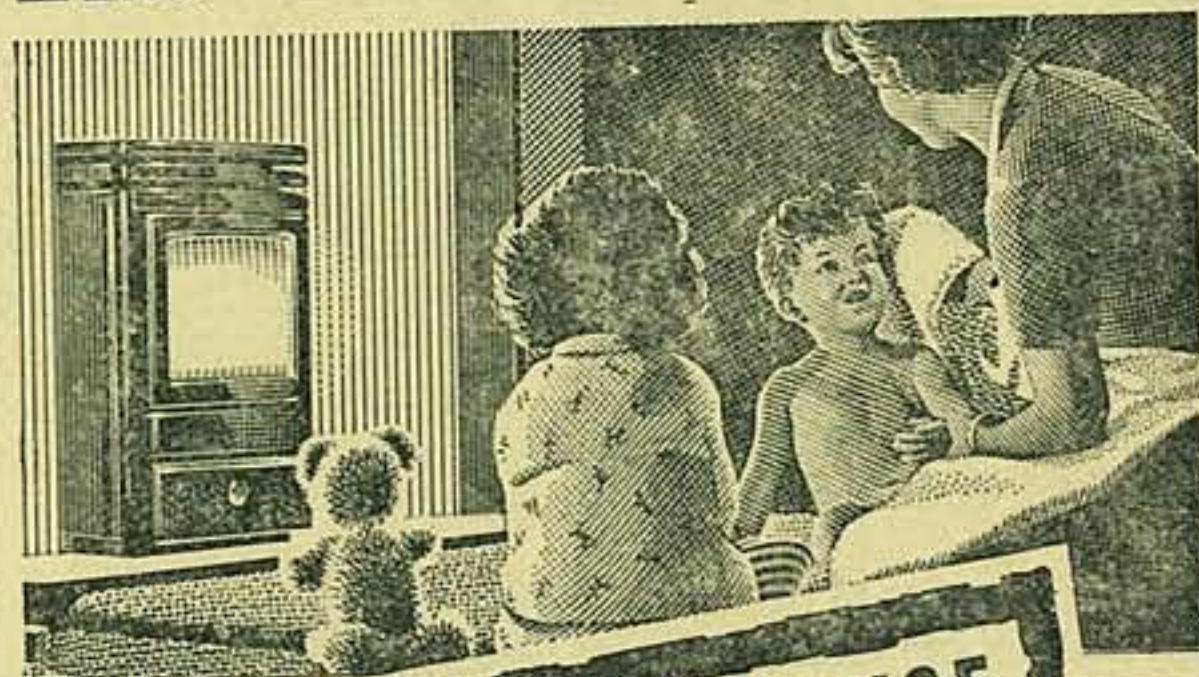
*He who would the daughter win—
Must with the mother first begin.*

PARKING OF CARS

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Change is inevitable—although the Townswomen's Guild follow the pattern of meetings as laid down in the constitution, changes do occur, and rightly so, for we must move with the times, and as year follows year new committees are formed, and naturally new ideas and suggestions are forthcoming, some tried out and some smothered at birth. This year the Guild appears to have a very lively

membership, twelve new names have been added, and these ladies are taking a great interest in the different sections, which is most encouraging.

The Social Studies Group is now the most popular of the sub sections, yet at this time last year it was at a low ebb, whereas the Drama Group was flourishing; this year the position is reversed. The Drama Group is reduced to four acting members, a producer, and a prompt. As I say change is inevitable.

A dinner was arranged at the King's Head in Darlington at which 32 ladies enjoyed an excellent evening; as this venture was so successful we hope to make it an annual event. A visit to the Tyne-Tees Television Studio in Newcastle was a real eye-opener with regard to the planning, timing and other detail that goes into the production of programmes, every single second counts. 20 very lucky members were able to do this tour of the studios.

At the March meeting it was a great pleasure to welcome Mrs. D. Moore one of the founder members of the Newton Aycliffe Guild; she no longer lives in the town and so can only pay an occasional visit.

The speaker at this meeting was Dr. Dubberly of Darlington, and her subject, Family Planning, how the association came into being, how it has grown, and the tremendous amount of good work it does, and a brief summary of its workings. The Drama Group put on a one-act play for the social half-hour, and praise must be given to Caroline Corner who so ably stepped in to take the school-girls' part—thank you Caroline. The competition—spring cleaning hint was won by Mrs. Evans and the raffle by Mrs. Roache.

The May meeting to be held on the 6th will have Mrs. Ritchie as the speaker and her subject—Drama Production and Stage Management. The Sales Table—bring and buy. Competition—flowers in a wine-glass. Surprise parcel, donated by Mrs. Coates, Social half-hour, tall stories



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It is not uncommon for me to receive letters from satisfied parents of club members, who really do appreciate the work done by the club officials. I have decided via the Newtonian to put into print one of the recent letters.

G. A. Bennett, *Honorary Secretary.*

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Those of us who have been fortunate enough in the past to witness any of the competitions, tests, fancy dress parades, or skating parties laid on by the Beveridge skating club could not fail to be impressed by the jolly company, the friendly atmosphere and the determination of the members to get the most out of this pleasant and satisfying pastime.

I wonder how many roller skaters and fans there are in Newton Aycliffe? It is surprising when one talks to anyone about this game, the answer is often, "I used to be great at it years ago." The advice I give to my friends who have now long since tired of the square box is to pop in at the rink some Saturday night. As always I feel sure they will be welcomed by the club officials, who will be pleased to give them details of present and future activities.

I am quite sure that for the young and neat figured skating is the sport to keep that figure in good trim.

Thanking you all for keeping the children of the town off the streets.

I remain,

Yours a satisfied parent.

Mr. Fearn, 26 Greville Way, Newton Aycliffe.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are now held every Wednesday evening from 6-30 p.m. to 7-30 p.m. in the County Welfare Clinic, Dalton Way. There is a lady doctor in attendance. Appointments are advisable.

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The Annual General Meeting of the above Branch was held in The Iron Horse Hotel on Wednesday, 20th February, 1963.

The retiring Chairman, Councillor J. G. Hewson, reported that the Branch had had a successful year, politically, socially and financially. Officers elected, Chairman: Councillor E. Greenwood, Secretary: Councillor W. T. Strahan, Treasurer: Mr. M. Lowery. The meeting was addressed by Mr. C. F. Thring, J.P., Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the Sedgefield Constituency.

Branch meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, in the Iron Horse Hotel, at 7-45 p.m., and visitors are most welcome to join in our activities, business or social. The Secretary can be contacted at 12 Aylmer Grove.

Turning from Branch affairs we would like, through the Newtonian, to draw attention to another matter. One which should be of considerable concern to all local organisations.

Anyone who has lived here for more than two years will remember the Community Association, many of our residents gave up a lot of their spare time working for it, unfortunately it fell upon hard times and had to be wound up. Almost before the poor thing had been decently buried we set to work and got ourselves a new outfit, NACOLO, remember it? Newton Aycliffe Council of Local Organisations.

During the first short year of its life NACOLO tackled jobs in the manner of a most workmanlike machine, and it accomplished whatever it tackled. A very lively and well attended first Annual General Meeting was held, and then—? We would like to know what happened to the machine then and, more important, where the thing is now. Newton Aycliffe has need of it, there is plenty of work for it to do. Why was the second Annual General Meeting never called? The trouble cannot have been financial, NACOLO has ample funds.

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OBITUARY

The death of Mrs. Cameron of Buddle Walk ends the era of a lady who devoted her whole life to the service of others. Most of her social work, which began in 1923 took place in Scotland. Mrs. Cameron will be long remembered for her outstanding work during the war years, when she started War Savings in her district, arranged for nearly 10,000 service personnel to be taken to theatres, dances, and parties, collected 29,000 books for despatch to H.M. Forces in all parts of the world, was Vice President of a Nursing Association, and controlled a Rest and Community Centre for 'bombed out' and homeless people. Her work with S.S.A.F.A. resolved many family difficulties, and a great many compassionate postings were due to her untiring efforts. During the years Mrs. Cameron lived in Newton Aycliffe she carried on her social service by doing valuable work for the W.V.S.

A.B.J.

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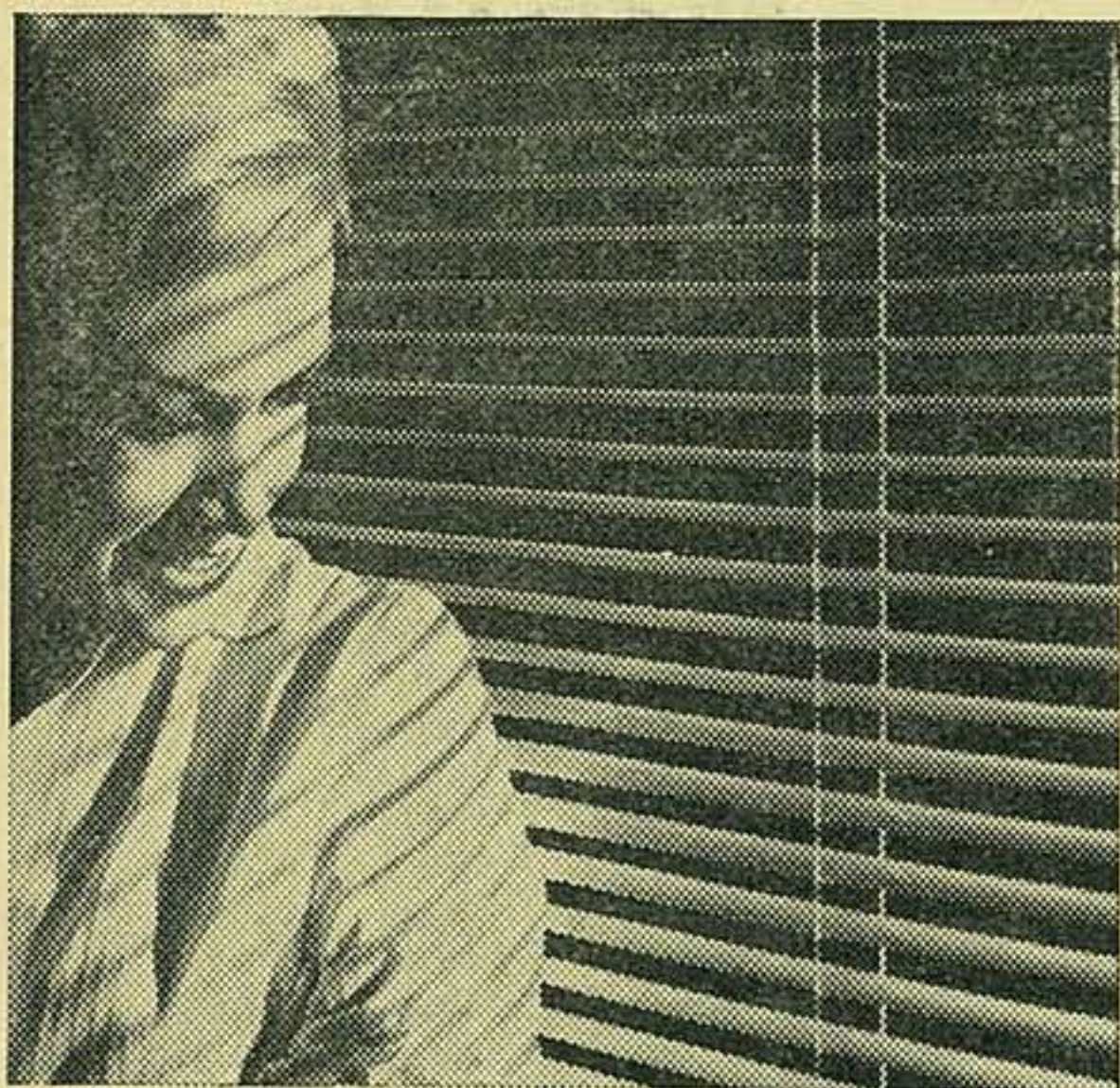
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NEWTON AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB

April

Net practise will be starting this month, providing the snow has gone. We are forming a Junior Team again this season and any youngster, interested enough to come down to the Sports Field will be made very welcome and is ensured of some good coaching, at the nets.

We are sorry to announce the resignation of our Secretary, Mr. H. Moses. Harry has been one of our hardest working members and we would like to thank him for his trojan work and wish him every success in his new venture.

Our new Secretary is Mr. "Ken" Pattison, 26 Bury Road. Ken has done some really good work for the Boys Club and we're sure he'll do well for us.

HOUSE REPAIRS

Now that winter has passed, tenants are asked to revert to reporting defects to the rent collectors. Should this not be possible, defects should be reported to the Housing Office and NOT to the Maintenance Depot.

THE NEVILLE MALE VOICE CHOIR

At the Annual General Meeting held on 29th January this year at the R.A.F.A. Club with Mr. E. Pryce in the chair it was generally agreed that 1962 had been an outstanding year in every respect. We are now in the happy position of having over 50 members with an active membership of 43, this being the strongest the choir has been since its inception.

The conductor Mr. Cyril Grahame said in his report that the Choir had made considerable improvement and was in better voice than ever before, and members were hitting the right notes, in the right places, at the right time, and now had a feeling for the meaning behind the words. All officials were agreed that the Committee had worked extremely hard and shown such enthusiasm that it had been transferred to the body of the Choir, with the result that much pleasure had been derived from social functions in which members, wives and friends, had participated, it is hoped that these "get togethers" will continue throughout the coming year.

Officers were elected as follows:-

Chairman: Mr. R. Forster, *Conductor:* Mr. C. Grahame (re-elected)
Secretary: Mr. A. H. Walker (re-elected), *Ass. Conductor:* Mr. J. Jude, *Treasurer:* Mr. T. Robinson (re-elected), *Accompnst:* Mr. J. Barron (re-elected), *Ass. Accompnst:* Mr. H. Williams, *Librn. and Press Officer:* Mr. J. T. Robinson, *Committee:* Messrs. J. Wallace, J. Minnigan, F. Batley, E. Evans, A. Raynor, *Entertainment Committee:* Messrs. R. Forster, W. Elsdon, R. Wells and J. T. Robinson.

We are now fortunate in having the services of an assistant accompanist for the very first time. During 1962 the Choir had lost the services of two Chairman, Mr. G. A. Rowson and Mr. A. Keenan, both having had promotion in their jobs, and having to leave the town. To both these longstanding and loyal members we say thank you for their services and wish them every success in their new sphere. The Choir is now compiling a programme of music for 1963, and to all prospective members we must point out that now is the time to join us, when all members, both old and new must make a start together on the programme which will be sung at the Celebrity Concert in December. For this event we hope to secure the services of Miss Victoria Elliott, the soprano who created such a wonderful impression on all who were privileged to see and hear her in 1962, and Mr. Ronald Dowd who was unable to appear then through ill health. We look forward to hearing these two artistes, or to others of the same high standard.

The Entertainment Committee are busy arranging the Annual Dinner and are exploring several ideas and venues for the Annual Outing for members and families in the eagerly awaited summer.

J.T.R.

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A THANK-YOU

A word of thanks to all those residents who kept the paths to their houses clear during recent snow and frost, in particular to those of Castlereagh Close, who thus made the postmans' job just that much easier.

O.P.G.

Letters to the Editor for publication must bear the senders name and address; if you do not wish your name to be published please say so, and your request will be respected.

The Chess Club has unfortunately had to close down owing to lack of support.

R. Brown, 107 Mellanby Crescent.

SHOWHOUSE

In collaboration with the National Coal Board, No. 7 Trevor Green North, is being furnished as a show house. It will be opened on the 18th April. Further details and how to get to the house will be published in next month's edition.

RENTS

Contrary to a recent report in the local press, the rents of houses in Newton Aycliffe were not increased during 1962.

The last rent increases took effect from April 1961 and it is not anticipated that rents will be further increased during 1963.

The Corporation has, however, no control over the level of rates which for most houses are paid with the rent.

WOMAN'S COLUMN

April—the very word conjures up visions of spring flowers, both garden and hedgerow, both equally welcome and more especially so this year, the early primrose, so loved by children, that bright yellow star of damp waysides, the celandine; and in the drier ground a little later in the month, the cowslip.

Among the better buys at the florist during April is the Tulip, Violet, Freesia, Narcissus and the Anemone, in fact my flower chart shows that April is the best month in the year for cut flowers, and lists 13 different varieties.

When arranged each flower should look its best and not a single bloom should be wasted, no flower should hide another, and all must be allowed 'breathing space' which will prolong their life. Daffodil and tulip leaves can be twisted round a finger to give them a graceful curve and so eliminate the rather stiff and formal group these flowers often produce. Violets, unlike most flowers like to have their heads in water, so, overnight you should turn the flowers upside-down with the heads submerged in water, next morning lift them out, shake gently and arrange them again the right way up; you will find that by doing this the flowers will last much longer.

To many women April also means Spring Cleaning, and how some of us revel in it, clearing our cupboards and drawers, re-papering walls, painting this and that, changing furniture around in rooms, trying out new colour schemes, in fact all sorts of ideas occur to make a change—and what a good thing this urge is in women, for if left to the men-folk to suggest changes in the house we should remain "as we were." Have you really thought what lovers of routine men are as a rule, they hate to come home and find the furniture re-arranged; many look sideways at new recipes, and how often have wives heard this reply to the question, "Isn't it time this coat (pull-over, or some thing other) was thrown out?" "But its my favourite" is the reply "it is comfortable, I'm used to it," so it is again patched recuffed, re-elbowed, re this and re that, and it is back in use for another session.

Now for a few spring cleaning tips gathered over the past few years.

White Linen.—White table and bed linen may become yellow when stored away in the airing cupboard and not in regular use. To avoid this happening wrap it in aluminium foil.

Cleaning the Cooker.—This in itself is a hateful job; however, there is one way of making it easier for the next time, after cleaning wipe the top and sides all over with a soft cloth sprinkled with a little olive oil.

Silver.—Any silver not in daily use can be kept bright and untarnished if after cleaning it is wrapped in soft paper and put into a polythene bag and kept airtight, you will find that it doesn't tarnish. Then when unexpected visitors arrive the silver is quite ready for use.

Mrs. Mayo of 19 St. Godrics Road, has sent me the following recipe which she has had from New Zealand.

Apple Nut Loaf Cake.—Ingredients, 6 ozs. sugar, 4 ozs. butter, 2 eggs, 8 ozs. plain flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon bi. carb soda, 1½ teaspoons sour milk, 1 large cooking apple, 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind, 2 ozs. chopped walnuts, and a pinch of salt.

Method, dissolve the bi-carb in the milk, sieve flour and baking powder, cream butter and sugar until light, add whisked eggs, one at a time, stir in flour, milk, nuts, lemon rind, and apple which has been put through the mincer or chopped fine. Blend well, turn into a greased loaf tin and bake in a moderate oven for about 45 minutes. When the cake is cold it may be iced with white glaze icing, flavoured with lemon juice.

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R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES

In the past, a full member of the R.A.F.A. has had only one nomination with which he or she could make another person other than those who are ex-R.A.F., a member of the Club. These adopted members would be known as 'Associate Members.'

Due to a new local amendment to the existing rules, it has been decided, that if for any reason, an Associate Member does not renew his subscription for the current year, the membership will lapse after a certain date, and the full member who initially nominated will be entitled to nominate someone else.

The Management Committee of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association would like to thank all those prospective 'Associate' members for their queries and interest shown, and at the same time point out that 'Associate' membership is limited and only available to those who can be nominated by a member who has not previously nominated, or who has renewed power to nominate.

H.G.S.

Notes—With the election of the new committee, an excellent plan for future entertainment has already come into action. Much attention is to be paid to weekend entertainments. Why not come along and see for yourself!

The Dancing Club, held every Wednesday evening appears to be going very well indeed, so if you want to learn, or brush up on what you already know, why not come along. The more the merrier. The Dancing Club starts about 7-30 p.m.

BRITISH LEGION NOTES

The Branch of the British Legion offer an open invitation to any Ex-Serviceman or Ex-Servicewoman living in Newton Aycliffe to apply to the British Legion at 7-45 p.m. on any Tuesday, for membership. We are certain that there are many Ex-Service members who have not yet given serious thought to the possibility of becoming members.

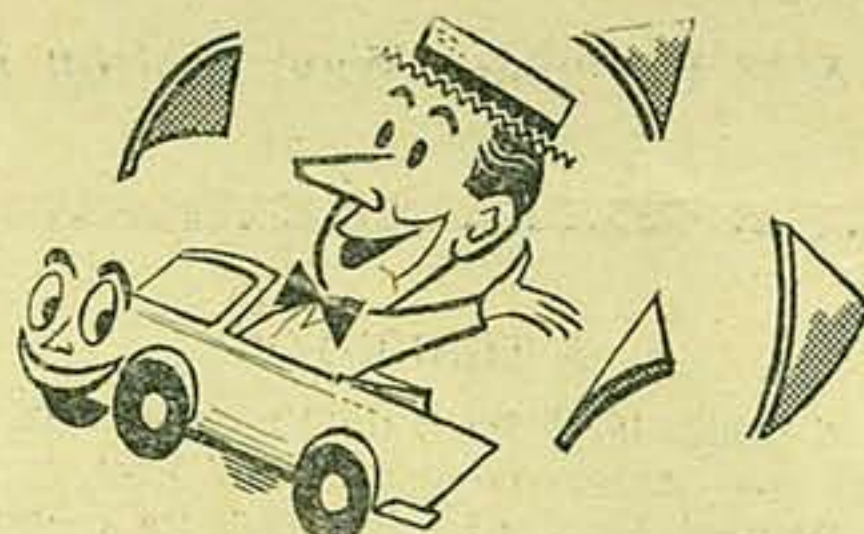
Since the inception of the British Legion in Newton Aycliffe just five years ago, membership has increased from nil to 950. After only four years of operation, they were able to build their own Branch Headquarters and Club facilities in MacMillan Road, Newton Aycliffe, in addition to doing valuable benevolent work to the dependants of Ex-Service personnel, and without membership continuing to increase, this type of work will not be possible. The Poppy Day receipts over the past four years have continued to rise which, in itself, would appear that the general public have knowledge of the needs to which the Poppy Day receipts are given.

Since the new premises opened, every effort has been made to maintain a high social standard, and various Sections within the Branch Headquarters have been organised, such as a Dancing Club held on Thursdays, a Leek Club, an Angling Club, a Darts and Dominoes Section, and it is our eventual aim that if you can do it, then you should do it with the British Legion, and if you can do it and the British Legion do not do it, then come along and become members and suggest that the British Legion do do it.

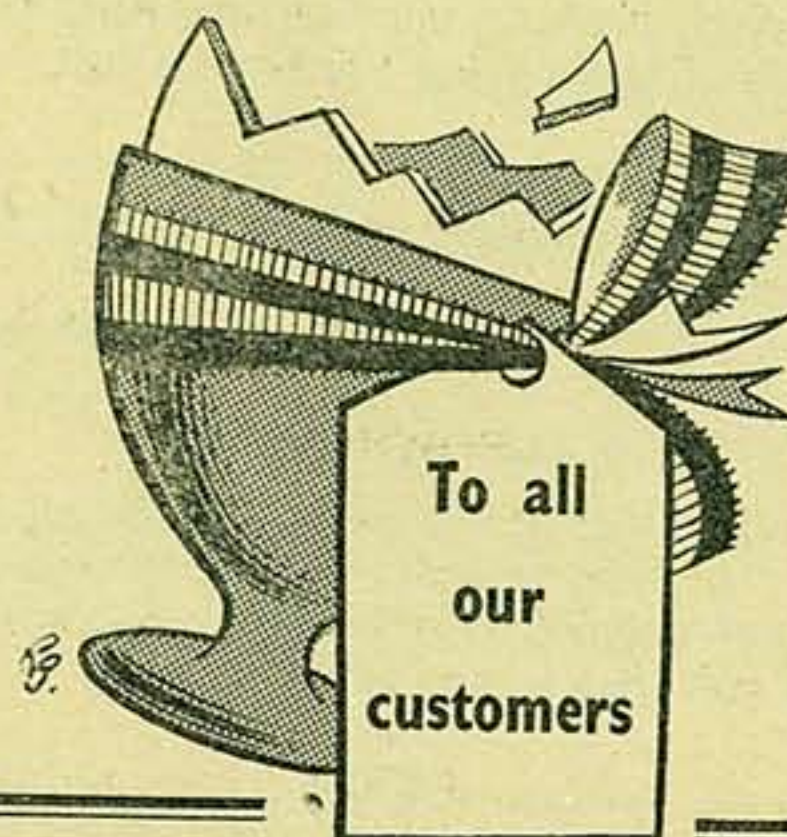
At the Branch annual dinner held on Tuesday, 14th March, 1963, we were honoured with the presence of Major J. T. Spinks, who is a past National Chairman of the British Legion, and is at present Chairman of the National Executive Council Clubs Committee, and he was very pleased indeed to see that a Branch which had been formed for so short a time had, for two successive years, 1961 and 1962, won the Iveson Cup which is the premier one for efficiency and progress for British Legion Branches in the Northern Area.

There is also a very strong and very active Women's Section of the British Legion, which will welcome any lady who is a Sister, Mother, Wife, Daughter or Grand-daughter of any Ex-Serviceman.

S.D.M.



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Would you know what to do if your child's clothing caught fire?

If the child fell downstairs what would you do?

It is suggested that you attend our course in First Aid, there are many accidents that can happen in the home, particularly among young children. So come along to us and learn how to behave in an emergency, and how to treat the injuries. An ounce of knowledge is worth a ton of panic.

The Red Cross needs you to help others.

S.W.

TOWN SURVEY

The Corporation wish to thank residents for their excellent response to the questionnaire sent out in order to obtain statistical information for the future development of the town.

Almost 90% of the forms were returned and it is not too late for the remainder to be sent in.

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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. 1st April
Labour Party (Women's Section) 7-30 p.m.
22nd and 29th April.
Jehovah's Witnesses 7-15 p.m. 8th April.
- Tuesday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Dance 7-30 p.m.
- Thursday:** Dog Training Class 6-30 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Friday:** Library 2 p.m.—4-30 p.m. and 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
Table Tennis Session 7-30 p.m.
- Saturday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.
Labour Party 2 p.m.—6 p.m. on 20th April.

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 p.m.—3-45 p.m.
Canine Club 6-15 p.m.—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.
Sketch Club 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** Probation Officer 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday:**
- Saturday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.

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

- Sunday:**
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:**
- 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 10 a.m.—11 a.m. & 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 a.m.

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If you can offer such a holiday to some young boy, or girl, Mrs. Jennings of 6 Lowery, who is the local W.V.S. Organiser will be only too pleased to give all the details.

A.B.J.

YOUR LETTERS

STRAY DOGS

Sir,

May I be permitted to add a postscript to the letter from Mr. E. G. Wood in your February issue, mainly for the benefit of our District Council representatives?

Under Section 220 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960, the District Authority is empowered to 'designate' any road in its area, to ensure that all dogs on that road are kept on the lead. For the purpose of controlling the whole town, I suggest that it would be quite sufficient to 'designate' St. Cuthberts Way, Central Avenue and Stephenson Way and for the police to carry out the necessary enforcement.

W. S. Hydes, 59 Bewick Crescent.

Sir,

I'm certain we were all delighted to see the last of the long freeze-up on the 12th March and many of us turned our thoughts to the wonders of Spring. Crocuses, daffodils, tulips, wallflowers, etc., almost forgotten under the thick carpet of snow, trees and shrubs (and even the grass) suddenly appeared with a new lease of life.

Probably we all said many harsh words about the snow but, I wonder, did we ever stop to think of the protection it gave to the trees. They were left unmolested to recover from last year's ravages by the "irresponsibles." Then, as soon as the snow disappeared, the wanton destruction started again.

Walking home from work I saw two well established trees on St. Cuthbert's Way with the tops torn away. Two trees less to give pleasure and a few more pounds from the rents to replace them. Please, please, please will all adults help to prevent this senseless destruction. It means more money out of my pocket—and Yours!!

H.B.

2nd NEWTON AYCLIFFE (St. Clare) BROWNIES

Congratulations to Carol Hailes and Gillian Hodgson, both about eleven years of age, upon obtaining the highest award possible for their age group—The Golden Hand Badge (1st Class). To gain this distinction they have had, among other things, to show proficiency in knitting, semaphore signalling, tea making, cookery, and what to do in case of fire.

An excellent achievement.

P.A.I. (Brown Owl)

MOTOR CLUB

The sequence of meetings has been altered since the last edition, we are now based on calendar months, the first Wednesday being committee, the second, general, the third, "treasure hunt," the remainder "natter nights."

As it is becoming more and more obvious that the car owners of our town, with a few exceptions, have no interest in club activities, we shall be placing more emphasis on the two-wheeled variety of driver, or should it be rider?

We seem to be having an epidemic V-Twinism these days with an old one re-emerging, a new coming in, and at least one member hunting another, we hope that by the time he reads this he will have been successful.

This month's claim form extract is reminiscent of one of our "V" members activities last year when another, who shall be nameless, only discovered a broken wrist when he tried to lift a pint. Extract quote—"I was scraping my nearside on the bank when the accident happened."

April Programme:

Wednesday	17th Treasure Hunt	7-30 p.m.	Town Centre Car Park
Sunday	21st Mystery Run	1-30 p.m.	" " "

If there is any racing at Scarborough over Easter week-end we hope to see you all there.

ERIC

FRIENDS OF THE TOWN BAND

Our bandsmen still need large funds to pay for their instruments. They have always been generous in playing at functions in the town. If you appreciate this, will you come along to a meeting and coffee evening in flat 15 Bede Crescent on Tuesday, April 9th at 7-30 p.m.? Its purpose is to found an Association of Friends of the Band, and anybody willing to help will be welcome.

E.H.

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You will have noticed from the advertisements in the local papers, that we have started to introduce Professional Entertainment into the town through the Workingmen's Club. This venture is proving a great success, and is helping in no small way to add to the amenities of the town. These professional shows are booked from all over the country through agents, and with the inclusion of such artistes as Jacky Dennis, Claude Powell, Bobby Pattinson, and a host of others, these shows are attracting the attention of all clubs in the North East. Some excellent bookings have been planned for the future, so keep yourself informed of "What's on."

S.W.

SPORTS CLUB ANNUAL SHOW AUGUST 31st

We are trying, this year, to include something for all the family. For Dad we have garden produce, Mother has a bigger selection, cookery, sewing, knitting, bottled fruit and jam, and for the children, handicrafts. For all the family, we have an afternoon of racing and entertainment. We are hoping to include on the ground a small fun fare and side shows. We have tried to contact all the different organisations on the town asking them to take part, and if they want to put side shows on. If we have missed anyone, please accept this invitation.

We intend to hold a show ball during the week prior to the show. The date at the moment is Friday, 30th August.

At the ball we are holding a competition for the lady who will be "Show Queen" for a day. Details will be published later.


We cannot impress on you hard enough the fact that the success of the show depends entirely on "You", the people of Newton Aycliffe. We are trying to make this show an annual event but without your support it will fail. We are at the moment sponsored by the "Sports Club" who get no financial gain from the show but have to stand our losses. Rather one sided. Yes, but without them and one or two anonymous donors, last year's show would have been the first and last. So please, don't forget the date, August 31st, and rally round.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE SPORTS CLUB

This is the time of the year when the cricketer comes out of hibernation, the angler starts looking to his lines, the archer starts sharpening his arrows and the rugby player sits back and licks his wounds. All this goes to prove, that more sportsmen will be on the move. Most sportsmen say cheerio on Saturday afternoon to their wives and don't come back till late Saturday night, but our club is open to the whole family and Saturday night is usually family night. This tends to hold the family together and makes our club worthwhile.


If you haven't joined our club and would like to know our aims our Secretary, G. Robson, 7 Lee Green, will give details or call at the club any night.

We would like to state through the Newtonian that we are not running in competition with the Great Aycliffe Sport and Athletic Scheme, but we rather like to think that we may be able to give it a helping hand.



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Complaints have been received of interference with television reception due to neighbours having electrical appliances not fitted with suppressors. The remedy is to report the matter to the G.P.O.