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EDITORIAL

Sports Club Show and Dance

The pre-Show Dance which was originally arranged for Friday, August 30th has had to be brought forward, due to circumstances outside the control of the organisers, and will be held in the **British Legion Hall on Wednesday, August 28th**: watch the posters which will be displayed in various parts of the town, giving full details. At this dance the Show Queen will be chosen by a well known personality. The suggestion for this pre-Show dance came from the newly formed Newton Aycliffe Council of Local Organisations at their last meeting, the idea received such enthusiastic support from the representatives that Nacolo, in conjunction with other organisations arranged the function, which will give the Sports Club Show an excellent start.

All the details of this show were published in the June 'Newtonian' on an insert page which also provided the entry form for exhibitors. There are so many sections in which to enter your exhibits that the entries should create a record; Horticulture, Vegetables, Home Produce, Cakes and Pastry, Home-made Wine, Handicrafts, Photography, Rabbits and Dogs. All entries received by August 15th will be included in the printed programme, the cost to enter the exhibit is very inexpensive.

The children have been thought of, they can take part in races especially arranged for them, Mr. Foulkes will be there with his ponies and a donkey and foal, the ponies will please the youngsters who get a great thrill from a ride on them.

The organisers of the Show have put in a vast amount of time and hard work to ensure the success of this venture; the townspeople can show their appreciation by turning up in force on August 31st. This years Show will be a great improvement on that of 1962, and plans are already being made for even greater progress in 1964.

EDITOR.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE & DISTRICT PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WELFARE

June was a very busy month, an outing was arranged to Seaburn which was attended by the Durham County Association for the Disabled and presided over by Lady Masham who gave a talk on how she copes with her disablement. Between 300 and 400 people were present, an excellent tea was provided, followed by a concert given by a Seaburn Party which gave great enjoyment to everyone.

During the month at the A.G.M. Councillor Mrs. Burlinson was re-elected as Chairman. Mrs. E. Blackburne of Heighington gave a demonstration of lamp-shade making which was very much appreciated by all the members.

The members of the Club would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the Committee, and all other helpers, for the work they do on our behalf, and the kindness they always show.

J.M.

THE BOYS CLUB

Four members of the Newton Aycliffe Boys Club, David Vigors, Geoffrey Darkes, Edward Duke, and Lawrence Cowper; all aged 18 years, have brought honour to their club and to the town by gaining the maximum distinction possible in the Duke of Edinburghs Award Scheme. A few weeks ago they were presented with Gold Medals in the Boy's Club, by Mr. E. Blakeborough, Chairman of Crowborough Engineering. On Monday July 8th, in the gardens of Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh, they each received the Award Certificate in person from H.R.H. The Duke. These four young men are the first members of the Newton Aycliffe Boys Club to qualify for this high award. Congratulations upon such a fine achievement.

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J.D.

THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

A most enjoyable day was spent at the Flamingo Park Zoo on the occasion of our Birthday Outing. The weather was quite warm and sunny, and the run over the Cleveland Hills, with the countryside looking at its best, was much appreciated. 145 members were present and high tea was provided at the Zoo.

We were not so fortunate, however, with the weather on our Annual Outing to Redcar early in July, when we had mist and showers. High Tea was provided for 128 members at King's Restaurant.

Our Annual Sale of Work will be held on Saturday, 28th September, 1963, and all members are asked to assist in making the effort a success by the making of goods for sale and other gifts.



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NATIONAL MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

A few months ago, a meeting was held to explore the possibility of forming a branch of the Marriage Guidance Council, to serve Newton Aycliffe area. As a result of a further meeting between members of the Clergy, the Medical Profession and representatives of the Marriage Guidance Council, it has been decided to form a group of prospective Group leaders and Councillors for selection and training.

There is an urgent need for volunteers to help as group leaders in the educational programme. The trend towards early marriage underlines the importance of this work through informal talks and discussions to help young people and engaged couples to understand more about themselves, and their relationships, and to approach moral problems in an informed and responsible way.

There is also an urgent need for more volunteers to help with the work of marriage counselling. This work is of primary importance to assist those in need of help to build or rebuild a happy family life.

Any residents of the town who may be interested in undergoing training for either type of work should contact the undersigned at 7 Auckland Place, Newton Aycliffe (Telephone 589) when full details of the requirements will be willingly given.

It is hoped to obtain the services of an Appointments Secretary on the town in the very near future, but meanwhile, the services of the Council may be obtained by those in need of help by contacting either of the following :- Mrs. G. Mills, 36 Langholm Crescent, Darlington Tel. Darlington 67912 or Mrs. P. Smith, Rosehill, 25 Darlington Lane, Norton, Stockton Tel. Stockton 53339.

F. E. BATLEY,

Clerk, Great Aycliffe Parish Council.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are held every Wednesday from 6-30—7-30 p.m. in the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, Dalton Way. There is a lady doctor in attendance. Appointments are advisable.

Information and appointments from Mrs. Thomas, 84 Cockton Hill Road, Bishop Auckland, Tel. Bishop Auckland 2162.

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Works holidays and school holidays, affect most of us in Newton Aycliffe about this time for we are no exception. There will therefore be no more meetings until we begin our winter session on September 11th. This is of course a Wednesday which is our normal meeting night. The time 7-45 p.m. The place, the small hall of St. Clare's Church.

During the Flag week last month, we were pleased to welcome three new members, one of which was a man. Now there is nothing we would like to see more, than a male detachment formed in Newton Aycliffe. It may not be generally understood that the Red Cross is for men as well as women. Since March, we have in fact had one solitary male taking a first aid course with us every Wednesday night and with sixteen of us females, he took the exam. on Wednesday, July 10th. He at any rate will welcome another member who is "on his side." There must be other men in Newton Aycliffe who are interested in Red Cross work so why not come forward and we will be only too pleased to help you "get underway."

Neither the results of the exam. or amount of money collected during our flag week are to hand at the time of printing but both these will be published in the September issue.

We extend our grateful thanks to all the people who so kindly helped us with the selling of these flags, and to everyone who supported our cause, so generously.

No doubt many of you will see us on duty at the Sports Club Annual Show on August 31st. Please don't hesitate to come and ask us anything you may wish to know about becoming a member of the Red Cross.

Finally we wish all Newtonians, accident free and happy holidays.
M.R.C.

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To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the W.V.S. an open day will be held on September 11th when afternoon tea will be served from 2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. free of charge. There is much to interest all women in the Women's Voluntary Service, so do please come on September 11th to the Beveridge Hall. The Nursery will re-start on Monday, September 9th from 1-30 p.m. to 3-45 p.m. and our weekly meetings are held in the Beveridge Hall every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. at which we should be most pleased to see you and explain our work.

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This Section now meets weekly; two nights each month in the Clarence Hall, Finchale Road, and the remaining Mondays in the homes of members.

We have a varied programme, and talks on Women's part in the Labour Party, occasionally introduced by Miss Lydia Hill, Northern Regional Organiser, "The work of a Policewoman," by W. P.C. Nixon of Newton Aycliffe; film shows; coffee evenings; pie and pea suppers; a demonstration of "Tupperware"; Birthday Party; Social Evenings; as well as Whist, Domino and Beetle Drives.

A bus trip to Saltburn in August has also been arranged for Members and friends.

Delegates attend the quarterly Meetings of the Federation of Women's Sections, held in different sections every quarter; also Conferences at Bishop Auckland and Durham. The Women's Gala at Durham on June 8th was enjoyed by Members—a glorious Summer Day.

Programmes for the Winter Session are now being prepared, and new Members or visitors will be welcome at any of the Meetings. Dates of these Meetings held in the Clarence Hall are announced on the back page of the "Newtonian."

The Secretary of this Section is Mrs. A. Cessford, 27 MacMillan Road, who will be pleased to receive new Members or answer any enquires about the Section.

L.C.

MEALS ON WHEELS

This service which started in June last with the object of supplying a hot lunch twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to the older people who are handicapped in various ways, has proved itself to have been well worth the time spent in its organisation. At present 12 meals only are being dealt with on each of the specified days, however as time goes on it is hoped to extend but for the time being it must remain at 12. The people who receive the meals are certainly appreciative and the ladies who make the delivery give their time freely. A small job? perhaps; but you would be surprised at the number of hours spent by these voluntary workers to ensure that the service runs without a hitch.

E.T.

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Our most sincere thanks to all the helpers who took part in the recent Flag Week, and to all those kind people who gave donations, also to the Management of the Aycliffe Sports Stadium who kindly gave permission to make a collection at the Stock Car Meeting, which realised £19 making a grand total for the week of £84.

June 23rd was a red letter day for 80 of the patients who were taken on an outing to Seaton Carew. Tea and entertainment (all the fun of the fair) was provided, and to see the joy these patients got out of this outing made one realise the pleasure there is to be had from giving, no matter how small or in what way. Mystery tours are being arranged in August for a party of adult male and female patients. The League are now busy working on an Autumn Fair to be held in October, this little group is doing all it can to make this Fair a real success, and if there is any lady or gentleman who would like to assist in any way whatever, please get in touch with any league member or contact the Secretary, Mr. C. Nicholson, 18 Palmer Road, and help to make someone's Joy Day. We shall be pleased to welcome anyone who will assist us to do this well worthwhile work.

P.A.

FRIENDS OF THE TOWN BAND

It was good to see the Bandmaster, Mr. Lerigo, back on his stand last month after a spell in hospital—well done!

The next meeting of the friends will be at flat 15 Bede Crescent on Saturday afternoon, August 10th. It is also planned to have a stall at the Newton Aycliffe Annual Show on August 31st.

Please support us on both these dates and so help the Town Band.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Already, the long light nights of summer—and yet it seems no time since that long cold winter when we were making preparations for opening the library and looking forward to the summertime when all the chaos of the first few weeks after opening, and the anticipated abnormally high issues attendant on the opening of a new branch, would be far behind. But despite the long, light nights (and possibly because of all the rain) and despite the fact that we have now been open for over three months, a daily issue of 1,000 books is still the norm from which (I am pleased to say) we only occasionally depart.

It was hoped, at this time, to produce a list of suitable summer reading for taking on holiday, for those 'bus and train journeys that so many people will be taking—but, unfortunately time did not permit.

Readers who feel that they might like a rest from book-reading may be interested to know that back-issues of all the periodicals which we take are available for loan. Anyone interested should ask for details at the desk.

One final note completely out of context. Would parents please note that children under 14 sent as messengers, can **not** be served with adult books unless the circumstances are exceptional. Thank you.

G.U.O. — K.G.H.

P.H.

The 125 Encampment of the Knights of the Golden Horn meet every Friday evening at 7-30 p.m. in the upstairs room of the "Oak Tree" Inn.

The objects of the Order are to further the Practice of Benevolence and Fraternity.

On occasions we assist the Over 60 Club and Old Aged Pensioners by giving them some entertainment from our more versatile members. A very warm welcome is extended to members of the Order who may belong to other Encampments and have recently come to live in the Town. Any person interested in joining the Order can obtain all particulars from 13 Hatfield Road. I am sure they will enjoy themselves

H.R.E.

SOMETHING OF INTEREST FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

Would you like to learn the art of Scottish Country Dancing? Mrs. Metcalfe and Mrs. Ronaldson, who are competent teachers, consider that there are sufficient juniors interested enough to warrant the formation of a Group. This being so it is suggested that all children, both boys and girls, within the ages of 8 to 15 years should either write to, or call upon Mrs. Metcalfe, 2 Surtees Walk. If it should be necessary to make a charge for this instruction you may be sure it will be very small.

A.M.

NEWS FLASH FROM THE JOINT SHOW COMMITTEE OF
NEWTON AYCLIFFE GARDENS GUILD AND
CHRYSANTHEMUM AND DAHLIA SOCIETY

Not long now to Newton Aycliffe's first Flower and Vegetable Show of the year organised by the above committee for August 17th.

You still have until Thursday night, August 15th to hand in your entry form and even if you are not a member of the above organisations, we hope you will exhibit something.

Schedules can be obtained from :- Mr. E. Barr, 44 Bewick Crescent, Mr. N. Blackburn, 32 Highside Road, Heighington, Mr. J. Milburn, 49 Gilpin Road, Mr. J. Bennett, 21 Cumby Road or the Guild Hut near the allotments in Clarence Chare on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.

M.G.G.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

The response to my request for support in forming a sidecar section has been really splendid and it is hoped that where some have ventured others will not fear to follow. As previously stated the sidecar section will be affiliated to the Federation of Sidecar Clubs and the Federation has now formed a Northern Area and will be putting on an increasing number of events as the number of clubs in the area increases. Arrangements are already under way for a two day camp and treasure hunt in September, more details when I receive them.

Our own monthly hunt for June was won by your humble scribe, with Messrs. Owen and Carful coming second and Messrs. Charlton and Ridehalgh third. A Whist Drive held on July 3rd saw Mrs. Skerry as 1st Lady, Mr. B. Turnbull as 1st Gent, and Mr. R. Adamson Booby Prize.

As August is the holiday month only one run is scheduled and that on Sunday, 18th 10 a.m. start from the car park—destination Aysgarth Falls and then on to Askrigg. All in mileage about 90. If you like real beauty spots this is one you cannot afford to miss.

Be seeing you,

ERIC.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ann Bolton aged 16 of 26 Clarence Chare who attends the Bishop Auckland Grammar School, has been chosen to represent County Durham in the 80 yards Hurdle in the National Championships to be held at Chelmsford, Essex on the 19th and 20th July. Congratulations Ann.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB

It is with both pride and pleasure that we write this month. Pride, with the fact that our second team has reached the semi final of the League second team cup, and pleasure to report the success of both our teams this season. The first team are standing third in their league and the second are in about the same position. This is a very heartening situation; in fact it is the best effort we have had. We only need a little sustained effort for the rest of the season and both teams can finish in the first three. Of course it always helps to have a little vocal support, which has been very quiet this season.

You will notice in this issue that we are applying for agents to sell tickets for us. This may seem rather strange but we are trying to sell the maximum amount of tickets and this seems the best way to do so. The reason for this is that our square is not in the best of condition and the cost of repairs is going to be very large. You can play any game better if the conditions are as near perfect as can be, and this is what we are aiming at.

If someone asks you to buy a ticket for the cricket club you now know what the money is for, so give us your support and come down to the Sports Club and shout your teams to success.

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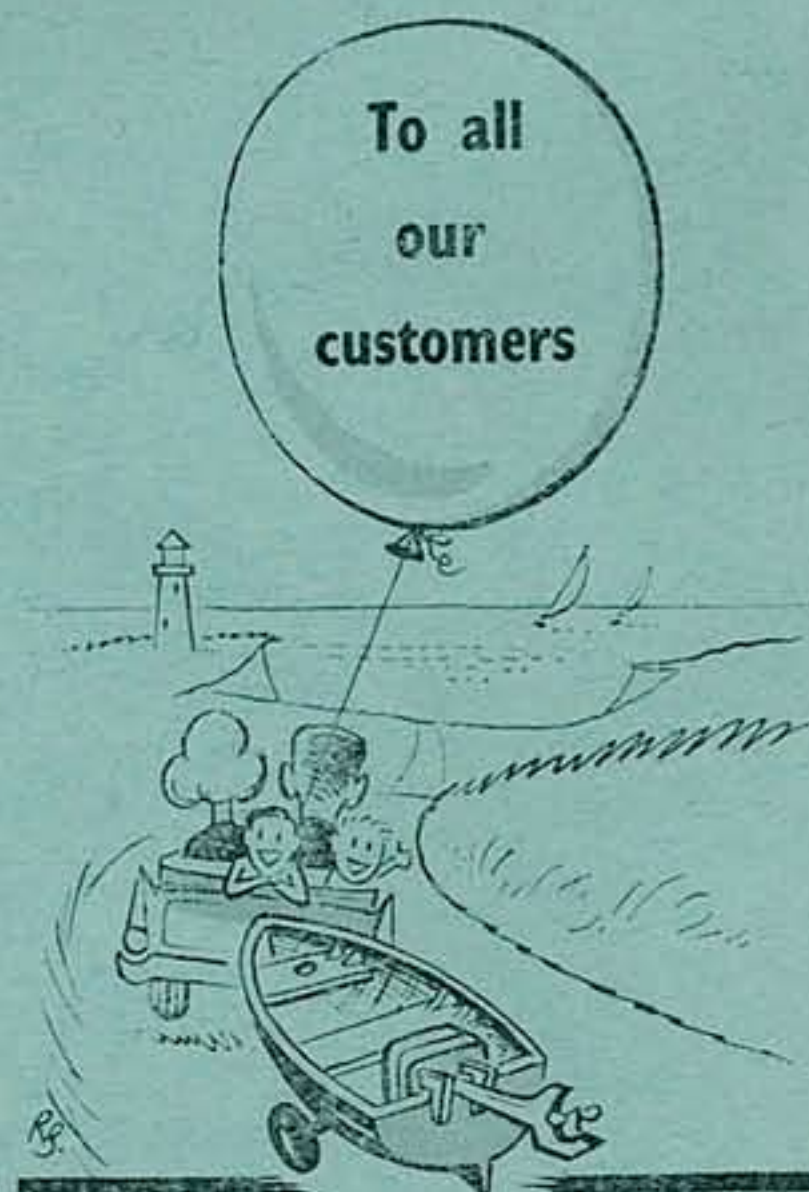
The four Newton Aycliffe ladies who have been collecting money in the town since April last with the purpose of supplying O.A.Ps. with a bag of coal each at Christmas, were invited to meet the association committee in order to clear up some misunderstanding that had arisen. Members were wondering why these ladies were making collections at the same time as the annual house to house appeal, organised by the O.A.Ps., was taking place. However this point was satisfactorily cleared up and the confusion that existed straightened out. The O.A.Ps. meet every Tuesday evening in the Working Men's Club at 6-30 p.m. and the members are very grateful to the Club Committee for the facilities that are given free of charge. The house to house collection in aid of the O.A.Ps. this June realised just over £50, it was unfortunate that due to a shortage of collectors it was not possible to cover the whole town, but the amount obtained was very satisfactory.

MODEL AEROPLANE CLUB

It is proposed to revive the model club; at present some ex-members are flying radio controlled and free flight models, but they have been approached by so many interested people that the decision to re-form the club has been taken and it is considered that it should now be open to all types of modelling. All those who wish to join should contact :- Mr. R. Surgeoner, 20 Stephenson Way.

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The July meeting was held on the 8th, the first Monday in the month having been given over to the strawberry tea that was quite successful and made a profit of £14 1 8. Mrs. Browne presided at the evening meeting; Mrs. Hiley read the minutes, and Mrs. Greenbank gave the treasurers report and that of the arts and crafts section and sick visitors. The speaker Mr. R. Alan Anderson gave a most

interesting talk on "Shoes through the Ages," all members found this a fascinating topic and appreciated Mr. Anderson's expert treatment of his subject. Mrs. Soulsby thanked him on behalf of all the members. The competition for the best rose was judged by the speaker and won by Mrs. B. Hiley. Mrs. Roache was the winner of the surprise parcel. As is usual there will not be a meeting in August, but a social coffee evening has been arranged for the 12th in the Beveridge Hall, please come and bring a friend. The September meeting promises to be amusing, as the main feature will be a Brains Trust, so please have your questions ready.

M.M.G.

YOUNG SOCIALIST GROUP

It may have come to your notice and be of interest to the readers of the Newtonian that a Young Socialist group has been formed in Newton Aycliffe.

The membership is rapidly increasing and eventually we hope to hold the interest of many young people of our town.

We have had discussions on Banning the Bomb and Education. Our future programme includes talks on Capital Punishment and Racial Discrimination as well as social evenings and outings.

Anyone wishing to come to our meetings will be very welcome and can join us in the upstairs room of the Oak Tree Inn every alternate Tuesday evenings commencing 13th August.

E.A.H.

WOMENS COLUMN

If progress continues with ready cooked foods during the next few years at the same rate that it has done in the past, for how long will it be necessary for cooking to be included in the school curriculum? We are advised by advertisement in the press and through the television to buy this, and that ready to eat, 'why spend hours in your kitchen preparing meals when you can buy it ready prepared from our most hygienic kitchens' etc, etc. Thinking seriously, we now have the following: Soups, all you need add is water, canned soup, just heat and serve. Vegetables; frozen, canned, and dehydrated, meat; canned, frozen, or cooked by the butcher. Fish; frozen, canned, and of course the fish and chip shop, and the latest thing, Tripe and Onions in cans. All kinds of puddings ready cooked, milk pudding in many varieties, steamed puddings in an even greater range, even the old Yorkshire pud., can now be bought oven ready (what would our great grandmothers have thought of that) ready to roll pastry, cake mixes of all kinds, bread mixes that need little preparation for the oven, complete courses in one can, or deep freeze; the list is almost endless, as is the variety. Even that lovely smell of home made jam and marmalade is fast disappearing, for now the fruit may be bought pulped in can, and it is the easiest job in the world to turn it into jam and call it home made.

Just think, to make tea or coffee all one needs to do is boil water pour it over powder, add powdered milk, and behold! tea or coffee ready to drink. Shall we in future never hear the old call 'how many teaspoonsful' and hear the reply 'one for each person and one for the pot.' Although all these things are possibilities I know of course that thousands of women take enormous pleasure in working in the kitchen, it is their studio where they create their own masterpieces, and however far advanced science in the kitchen becomes there will always be cooks who prefer to create for themselves and use their own imagination, but I think we should give serious thought to the younger generation and help them to develop interest in what should be the heart of every home—the 'Kitchen,' not the 'Box' be it T.V. or deep freeze.

M.M.G.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Society have decided to stage "The Gondoliers" as their second production and rehearsals commenced June 26th at 7-30 p.m. in Milton Hall School, and will continue every Wednesday at the same time. It is hoped to present the show about mid-March next year. "The Gondoliers" is another very popular musical show which requires a good male chorus; the Society are rather short of male voices, so gentlemen if you would like to enjoy a good evening airing your voice we should be pleased to have you at any of the practices.

J.B.

THE PENSIONERS COAL FUND

As a matter of interest to the townspeople of Newton Aycliffe, our jumble sale in St. Clare's Church Hall, realized £20 towards the "Pensioner's Coal Fund."

We thank the Trades people of the Town who gave so generously to our 'Bring and Buy Stall'; Mr. Cowling for the use of the Church Hall; and the ladies who worked so hard to make such a success of our big day. It was most gratifying to have raised this amount in such a short time.

J.W.H.

1st NEWTON AYCLIFFE BOY SCOUT TROOP

Annual Field Day—August 24th. Baby Show, refreshments, and all the usual attractions in the Scout Field behind the Beveridge Hall.

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 to 7 p.m. 18th and 25th August.
- Monday:** Townswomen's Guild 7-15 p.m.—10-15 p.m.
12th August.
- Tuesday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.—10 p.m. on 13th, 20th and 27th August.
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** Dog Training Class 6-30 p.m.
- Friday:** Table Tennis Club 7-30 p.m.
- Saturday:** Skating Club 7 p.m. on 15th, 22nd & 29th August.

Clarence Hall

- Sunday:** Jehovah's Witnesses 3 p.m.—5-30 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.
Labour Party (Women's Section) 7-30 p.m.—
10 p.m. on 12th and 26th August.
- 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.

Committee Room

- Sunday:** Loco Spotters 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Monday:** Whist 8 p.m.
- Thursday:** Probation Officer 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday:**

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

- Friday:** 2—3-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session and 7-30 p.m.—
8-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session

Upstairs Room

- Sunday:** Salvation Army 10 a.m.—11 a.m. & 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
- Monday:**
- 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.
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys)
- Saturday:** Town Band (Juniors) 10 a.m.

Child Welfare Centre

- Monday:** 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar
- Wednesday:** 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar
- The Registrar is also available as follows:-
- Darlington** Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat—11 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Shildon** Tues., 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-30 to 4 p.m.
- „ Thursday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
- „ Sat., 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Child Welfare Clinic—Times of Opening

- April 2nd and alternate Tuesdays thereafter:-
9-30 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. Infant Injections
10-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. Ante-Natal Clinic
1-30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Health Visitors Sessions
- April 4th and every Thursday thereafter:-

9-30 a.m. to 12 noon } Child Welfare Clinic
1-30 p.m. to 4 p.m. }

Welfare Foods are on Sale between all the above times

THREE WHEELER CLUB

If there are any 3 wheeler owners in Newton Aycliffe who are interested in forming a club, to be known as the N. A. & District Club, will they please contact Mr. M. J. Plummer, 26 Faulkner Road.

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ELECTRIC SWEEP (Brushes used) call or write E. Hubery, 22 Mellanby Crescent, Tel. 378.

BALLET CLASSES held in British Legion Club every Friday re-commencing Sept. 20th. Enquire **BOYLAND-LEEMING**, Darlington Tel. Darlington 4911.

CHESS CLUB

A few months ago it was reported that the Chess Club was compelled to close due to lack of support. This seems rather odd, because any attempt to borrow books from the Public Library dealing with this fascinating game reveals the fact that they are all out on loan, and that suggests that there are in fact many people who have more than a passing interest. Perhaps some of these people would like to revive the club, or if not to re-form a club at least meet other players. It is suggested that those who think along these lines should contact R. T. Greenbank, 17 Bede Crescent.

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THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR ENGLAND

Press Notice

Mr. S. A. Sadler Forster, C.B.E., Chairman, Industrial Estates Management Corporation for England, addressing the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Rotary Club at the Old Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, at 1-45 p.m. on Friday, 12th July, 1963:-

"Growth Points in the North East"

1. In the past two years the North East has had to deal with a very difficult problem, viz.—that of convincing the Government of the need for special action to reduce the exceptionally high unemployment in certain parts of the Region, without giving the outside world the impression that the North East is failing to attract new industries because it lacks the kind of amenities and services which appeal to the modern industrialist.

2. I shall not attempt a detailed analysis of the causes of this high unemployment, but I must make some reference to it. In July 1956 unemployment in the North East was less than 16,000 (1.2%). A year later it was a little higher at less than 17,000 (1.3%), and even two years ago, in July 1961, it was under 25,000 (1.9%). Obviously something quite unconnected with the Region's ability to attract new industries caused unemployment to leap to over 52,000 (4.5%) two years later. I think it is quite clear that the credit restrictions of 1961 were a major factor. Capital investment fell away considerably with serious effects on the capital goods industries on which the North East relies. All of you who have shares in heavy engineering firms in this and other parts of the country know only too well what I mean. The heavy side of the Steel Industry was particularly badly hit. Booming Tees-side became an area of high unemployment. This was so unexpected that it rattled the whole of the North East. Although no-one could deny that the North East needed more of the new and modern industries what was hitting it was the lack of orders for its old established firms. Too large a part of its industrial economy was working below capacity. 1957, when we were busy, is not long ago, and at that time unemployment was only 1.3%. The national average to-day is 2.1%.

3. The attention which was given to the urgent problems of the North East by Government, economists and writers in national publications had the inevitable result of clouding over the Region's post-war achievements in the way of attracting new industries. It was fatally easy to attribute the high unemployment to a lack of new firms rather than to the state of the order books of our basic industries. The immense modernisation schemes in shipyards, steelworks and coalmines were not given the prominence these enterprising investments deserved. There was much loose talk of dying industries. It was difficult to keep in the public mind the truth that the North East is a 'natural' industrial region with great 'growth' potentialities.

4. It is vitally important that this fact should be widely known. Our high unemployment has given many manufacturers in other parts of the country an entirely wrong idea about the North East. That is why the current talk about 'growth points' is important. Success depends on our ability to put over the 'success stories' of the firms who have settled here since the last war. A great many of them are on the Government sponsored Trading Estates and Sites but of course there are very important 'growth points' on privately owned industrial sites. In fact the further development of the Trading Estates is vital to the whole of the North East. At least 10% of the working population of the Region is, directly or indirectly, already dependent on them. This dependency will grow.

5. I propose to give you some figures about these Trading Estate 'growth points,' by reference to the overall development and also to the growth of a group of 14 firms, but before I do so I must say a brief word about the Local Employment Act, 1960. Several of the Estates to which I will refer have been outside the scheduled 'development districts' until quite recently. Team Valley was in that position and therefore unable to play a full part. Aycliffe Trading Estate was not in a 'development district' until September last. These are two of the most important 'growth points' and if they had been fully used from the outset of the Local Employment Act the whole of the North East would have benefited. I am grateful to Lord Hailsham for putting that right. There are other anomalies but I will not weary you with them. Sufficient to say that only by using all our assets can the North East grow on the right lines. The Government has urged that attractive sites should be prepared for new industry. This of course, is important, but the Trading Estates are attractive. Team Valley, where 15,000 work, is the finest Trading Estate in Europe. We must not hide these attractions. We must use them.

6. When the last War started 5,000 were working on the North East's Trading Estates. By 1948 there were 22,000 and the number employed has steadily grown. 1953—46,000, 1958—53,000, 1963—66,000. The importance of this latter figure is seen when one remembers that the Durham coalmines employ 77,000.

The amount of building work now in hand on the Estates and Sites, both publicly and privately financed, is over £3½ millions, with another £1½ millions to be started shortly, making £5 million in all and providing 7,500 jobs.

By 1965/66, if all goes well, we should have reached 75,000 and five years later the Estates may well be employing 100,000. They will then be the largest unit of employment in the North East. That, briefly, shows the importance of uninterrupted development of these valuable 'growth points.'

7. Some writers have quite solemnly warned the Government about steering industries to locations where they may not be successful. On the face of it this is a common sense statement, but what is harmful is the implication that in the North and in Scotland firms will be up against grave difficulties. We heard similar doubts expressed when the first Government Trading Estate was started in 1936. Many said it would fail because people who worked in coalmines and heavy industries could not adapt themselves to work in light industries. The figures I have given you of steady and substantial growth, show how wrong these views were. Only successful and expanding firms with loyal, adaptable workpeople could have produced such growth. Talking about individual firms brings me to a case paper on 14 firms which I prepared recently for a Conference. They are carrying on business on the Trading Estates in 9 districts of the North East in a variety of industries—

Manufacturing-engineering plant and machinery (3), electrical components and electronics (2), domestic appliances (2), components for motor cars and vehicles (3), packaging materials, lamps, ball bearings and telephones.

These 14 firms started (at their several dates) in 789,000 sq. ft. and now occupy over 3 million sq. ft.

2 of them have now 13 times more factory space
2—7 times
9—3 times as much
and 1—2½ times more than when it started in 1953.

We have built no less than 50 extensions for them and they are still expanding.

In 1953 they employed 6,500. In February of this year these 14 firms had increased employment to over 15,000 and at the end of June had risen again to well over 16,000. That is a pretty good example of 'growth'. The truth is that there are many firms which can be correctly described as 'growth points.' A quarter of the total employment on the Trading Estates is provided by manufacturers of electrical goods, components and electronics—a 'growth' industry. Several thousands are employed making components for the motor industry—another 'growth' industry—and we have expanding interests in plastics. Much more could of course, be said. The variety of industrial products amazes our visitors and every month we are informed of further planned 'growth.' For obvious reasons we cannot speak about these plans until the firms concerned are ready to make them public.

I have endeavoured to show, without exaggeration or distortion, that we have certain important 'growth' points in the North East. Their development calls for much patient dedicated work, but those who are concerned with it have the great satisfaction of knowing that what was looked upon as an experiment in 1936, is an achievement in 1963 and may well be a triumph in 1970. I am confident that it **will** be if we continue to press on with enthusiasm, and determination.

THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION FOR ENGLAND (Press Notice)

The Industrial Estates Corporation announced the contract for the second phase of construction of the new 100,000 sq. ft. Board of Trade factory at Spennymoor, Co. Durham for F. Perkins Ltd. of Peterborough has been placed with George Wimpey & Co. Ltd.

The new factory, which is scheduled for occupation in the spring of next year will provide employment for over 400 men.

F. Perkins Ltd. are the world's largest manufacturers of diesel engines.

In view of the fact that agreement had been reached between the Board of Trade and Yardley & Co. Ltd. of London for the construction of a 20,000 sq. ft. factory at Aycliffe Industrial Estate for the manufacture of fine soaps, it had been found possible to locate the 10,000 sq. ft. 'advance' factory (announced for Aycliffe) at Shildon.

Construction of the Yardley factory has already commenced and it is expected to be ready for occupation by November. The general contractor is R. E. Coleman Ltd. of Durham.

The factory now to be built in advance of requirements at Shildon will be sited on the Shildon Industrial Estate. Preliminary work is in progress and it is hoped that it will be possible to commence construction in August and to effect completion four months later.

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R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



Owing to domestic circumstances, Mrs. Pat Figures has unfortunately had to resign her position as Assistant Welfare Officer together with the post of Battle of Britain Organiser. Mrs. Figures has done much excellent work in the welfare field of the Newton Aycliffe Branch and it is with regret that the committee must accept her resignation. Mr. Ken Figures, Pat's Husband, has also done much for the branch at one time and another, especially in adaptations to the branch headquarters. Pat and Ken are shortly moving from the town and will be taking up residence at Heighington. This is not so very far away and I know that I speak for us all when I say 'good luck in your new house Mr. and Mrs. Figures, and don't forget to visit us at the Canopus Club sometimes.'

Taking over the post of Assistant Welfare Officer is Mr. John Banks, a well known stalwart of the branch, and the position of Battle of Britain Organiser has been taken over by Mr. Alan Coates with 'H.G.S.' to assist as deputy. Mrs. Figures has done great work in the organising of the Battle of Britain programme, but certain items are still to be completed. Mr. Coates would welcome any assistance that can be offered by our members, so if you can help in any way, why not have a word with Alan.

Full details for the Battle of Britain programme will be displayed in the branch entrance hall and at various points around the town.

A plea for assistance also comes from our Welfare Officer Mr. Bert Cornly. Bert is in full charge of the house to house collections from the 9th to the 14th September, and he would be grateful to anyone who would come forward and assist in this very important collection. Anyone who can spare even a couple of hours of their spare time will be doing the Association a great service. Battle of Britain Week is 'our' week, let us all pull together and make it a really 'never to be forgotten week.'

H.G.S.

Notes.

The Regional Sports day recently held at Stockton turned out to be a complete success and all who attended have expressed their approval of the way everything was organised.