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PERSONALITY OF THE TOWN No. 5

Mr. Angus Walker, an Executive Officer in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and stationed in Durham City, was born in Penrith but spent most of his life in Kendal where he took leading parts in Operatic and Dramatic productions.



He came to County Durham in 1956 and was joined by his wife, daughter and son in August, 1957, choosing Newton Aycliffe as his home for no better reason than that a house was available at short notice. He and his family have come to enjoy their life in the town and although he tried to "keep out of things" at the outset, found the challenge of helping to build a new community overwhelming, and would now be loath to move elsewhere.

During the war he served in The Fleet Air Arm and finished his service in submarines - a wonderful life he says, but hardly one for a family man.

It was at a welcoming party that he was persuaded to join the Male Voice Choir, and since 1958 has been Secretary. He finds that the comradeship and sheer pleasure of singing a most welcome relief from his career and other interests in the town.

Apart from his choir work his first intrusion into the life of the town was when he became Chairman of the Table Tennis Club, followed by two years as Chairman of the Community Association - jolly hard work but in some respects most rewarding. During this period he was very concerned with the problem of youth, and initiated meetings which culminated in the formation of The Youth Parliament. This was designed to promote both co-operation and competition amongst the organised Youth Clubs but was unfortunately discontinued in 1962.

Determined to offer his services to the town he became an active member of N.A.C.O.L.O. and on the formation of the Sports and Athletic Association became its Vice Chairman. He found a further outlet for his interest in Youth when he accepted appointment as a Governor of Marlowe Hall and Milton Hall Schools.

It is one of his ambitions to see a concert hall built on the town, which could be used not only for presentation of the arts, but which would also provide facilities for Youth activities.

Keen ballroom dancers Mr. and Mrs. Walker instruct at the R.A.F.A. Club - after all he says, dancing is merely expression of music.

For physical activity he is a keen gardener - 'I can look at it for hours'

TOWNSWOMENS GUILD

The Guild membership is on the increase - - can it be due to the wide variety of interests within the Guild?



Speakers from as far afield as Newcastle, Sunderland and Northallerton (not far as the crow flies, but quite a distance to come for a 45 minute talk) are included in the programme for the current year. Apart from the monthly meetings there are four thriving groups, social studies, drama, arts and crafts and a music section in which all types of music is listened to and argued upon.

Outings are arranged, including a visit to the Flora Robson Theatre Newcastle, an evening mystery tour, and if possible to Richmond as guests of the local T.G. A Strawberry Tea is planned for July and a Social Evening for August.

Now down to brass tacks. June meeting; speaker Miss Myrella Cohen whose subject will be Jewish family life; the Newton Aycliffe Ladies Choir give a concert during the social half hour. Competition - - the best rose bloom (a little optimistic perhaps but who can tell?) Confectionery will occupy the sales table, and Mrs. P. Drake will supply the surprise parcel. The Townswomens Guild wish to thank everyone who supported their April Fayre

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EDITORIAL

Great Aycliffe Parish Council propose to build a Sports Ground in Moore Lane, Newton Aycliffe, with two all-weather football pitches, two tennis courts, a car park and a pavilion are planned also a childrens playground and it is hoped that the responsibility for the latter will rest with Development Corporation. The total cost of the Sports Ground, a long felt want, will be £28,300.

The Corporation has promised a grant of £3,000 and also promised land at a much lower figure than its valuation. Darlington Rural District Council has promised £2,000 and the Parish Council has a reserve in hand of £3,100. The Council propose to borrow the balance of £20,200. "In view of the urgency of providing the football pitches" said Councillor A. Cessford "I hope the Council will give authority to the Parks and Cemetery Committee to award the tender to the firms they select"

Councillor D. Vickers said they must all be perturbed by the lack of sports facilities in the town and the sooner they had all-weather football pitches the better.

At Darlington's 26th Competitive Musical Festival the vocal and choral competitors received praise from the adjudicator, Mr. Gordon Slater, who said that the standard was high, and he was most impressed by the quality of teaching which had produced "some very beautiful performances". Miss Sherry Dawson, of Newton Aycliffe, gained a 3rd for a Soprano Solo, a 3rd. for a Mezzo Soprano Solo, a 3rd for a Soprano Aria, 3rd for a Mezzo Soprano Aria, and 3rd, for a vocal solo. A splendid achievement to gain five 3rds among the huge number of competitors.

Editor.

A GREAT WEEK

June 7th to 13th a week during which NACOLO present a Carnival of Events, that will be preceded by a dance on Thursday 4th. in the Over 60's Club from 8 p.m. to 12-00 at which the Carnival Queen will be chosen by a well known personality. Carnival Week proper opens with a Church Parade and Open Air Service on Sunday 7th.

Among the events planned for the days that follow up to and including the 13th. are a Band Concert, Jazz Festival, Sports Display, Art Exhibition, and an evening Barbecue with side shows, a band and a licensed bar (if possible).

The sports programme arranged is one in which practically anyone can take part, from the young to the not so young.

A Fair, with all the usual attractions, will be situated adjacent to Churchill House. In Beveridge Way, run on continental lines, an Open Air Cafe will provide Morning Coffee from 10-00 a.m. to 12 noon each day. The newly-formed Gun Club has organised a clay pigeon shoot, about which you need have no qualms --- it will be well away from the houses; a sports display will take place on the playing fields of Sugar Hill School, and a Comic Cricket Match will be included among the many items.

One of the 'star' events will be the Carnival Procession in which prizes will be awarded for:—

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In addition, a prize will be given for the Best Decorated Shop Window. The full details of all the weeks events with dates and times will be published in the Official Programme, Price 6d. to be on sale well before the "Great Week".

'Carnival' 'Fiesta' 'Gala' or 'Community Week' call it what you will, has something for everyone, it is being run for you to enjoy --- MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

If you are thinking "what about the weather?" you need have no worry for the result of a meeting between the organisers, the Met. Office, the Clerk of the Weather, and Mr. Fluvius has produced the following official statement:—

*Depression House,
S.W. 13.
April 1st. 1964.*

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that as a result of our recent Conference it has been agreed that low cloud, deep depressions, thunderstorms etc., due to pass over Newton Aycliffe between the dates June 7th to 13th., inclusive, shall be diverted north or south 20 minutes before their E.T.A., thus leaving your town free from all forms of precipitation for the said period.

It must be clearly understood that to undertake the re-arrangement of planning involves considerable staff work and no responsibility can be accepted for error.

I am, Sir,

*Your most obedient servant,
Fluvius.*

So far, so good; it would appear that everything is 'set fair'

R.T.G.

**WHERE ARE YOU GOING ON WEDNESDAY
MAY 13TH**

To the Over 60 Club Hall of course, to hear the concert being given by the Ladies Choir and the Town Band in aid of OXFAM.

It is hoped that all the 2/- admission programmes will have been sold beforehand, so get yours in good time from any of the Choir, the Bandsmen, or the Oxfam Committee. Or turn up in good time e.g. 7-15 p.m. - on the night. YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

Well it looks as if the weather is finally giving the motorist a chance to get out and about and in view of this we have a reasonably full programme of outdoor events this month starting with an old favourite Brimham Rocks on Sunday 3rd May, if you have been before you will want to go again and if you hav'nt been you have missed one of Yorkshires best lumps and I do mean lumps. To follow this we have the May trial on the 6th. and a run to Bellingham Woods on the 31st. Both runs start from the Town Centre car park at 10-0 a.m. and the trial from the same place at 7-30 p.m.

Whit weekend will, I hope, see all the sidecar members attending the Northumberland Sidecar Club's annual camping rally at Tunstall. As a regular at this event I can assure you that there is never a dull moment and I for one would'nt dream of missing it. Talking about sidecar men brings me to another point. You know, if I had to hazard a guess at the number of outfits in regular use in the town I would put it at about 150 and we have about 10 of those at present on our books. Now other Motoring sections may be able to offer more to the car owner but only we can offer Sidecar Federation membership and there just isn't anything better than a sidecarrist can have, so whats keeping you? All members please note that we want a full scale recruiting drive this year. One becomes increasingly fed up with the old cry of 'nothing to do' in a town, which, while it may not offer much to the teenagers at least tries to oblige the family types with more than any other town I have ever lived in or even heard of.

Be Seeing You.
ERIC.

511 COY RASC (MOT AMB) (TA)

Our Recruiting figures since moving into the "Barnard armoury" in March are improving all the time; we regret we have had to turn away so many potential Recruits due to Age, Medical Grounds, reserved occupation etc.

On 1st to 3rd May we are sending a team to Proteus, near Nottingham to take part in a REME Recovery Exercise, and the team will include Cpl HOWE of Shildon and Cfn COOKE of Newton Aycliffe.

On 3rd May we are sending a contingent of 25 all ranks to take part in a Church Parade and Service in York Minster. This is part of the RASC Association, North Region, and there will be on parade contingents from all RASC Regular and TA Units in Northern Command.

On 10th May the Company will be on the Range at Battle Hill, near BOWES. We have also entered a team to fire in the Northern Command Annual Small Arms Meeting on Bellerby Ranges on that date in the Yorkshire District Shoot.

On 23rd May we say goodbye to Wives and Sweethearts for a fortnight and proceed to Annual Camp to arrive at Plaisterdown in Devon on the 27th. En route we expect to Stage in the Sherwood Forest and Shropshire and do a Column exercise in Wales. We are due back on the 6th June.

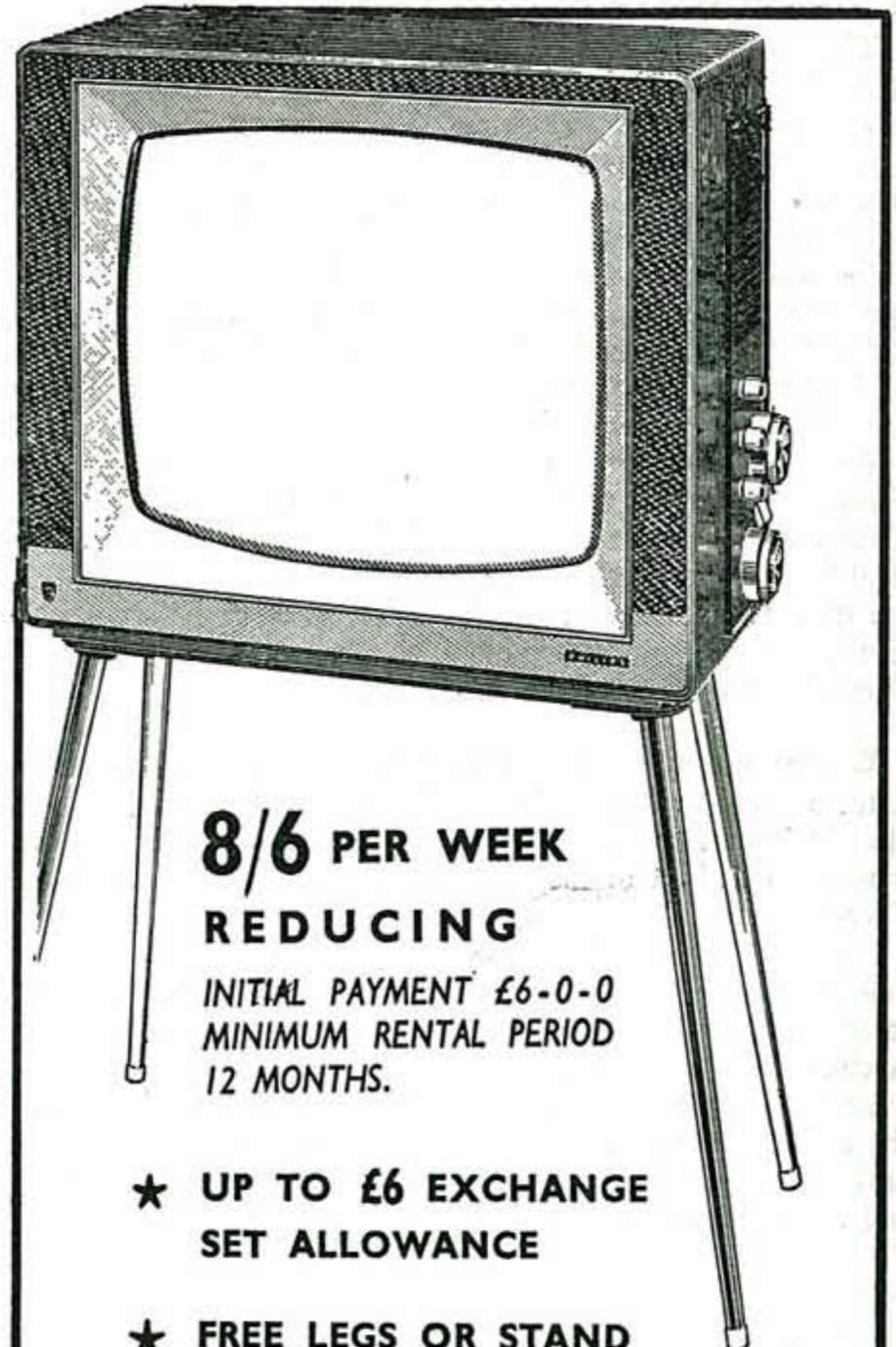
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NEWTON AYCLIFFE ARCHERY CLUB

The closing down of the R.A.F. station at Middleton-St.-George is a great loss to the Newton Aycliffe Archery Club. For some time now we have been using their indoor range and have spent many pleasant evenings there. The indoor range is a large spacious room and nobody could wish for better facilities, especially when outdoor shooting is out of the question. A thought has just struck me - what a perfect blending of the ancient and modern; pilots and crew of the latest super-sonic 'fighting' planes using the bow, one of the oldest weapons of war. We wish them the best of luck in their various new stations.

The Club has been invited as the guests of the Company of Scorton Archers at their opening shoot on Sunday, April 26th. This is a big boost for the Club as the Scorton Archers are the oldest established archery club in the area. They also sponsor one of the most important tournaments in the area, namely the Scorton Gold. Archers travel from all over the North as far apart as Sheffield and Blackpool to this shoot.

We are also attempting to arrange a series of home and away fixtures with various clubs in the area. One such fixture has already been arranged with the Norton Bowmen and we hope that this will lead to the formation of a Friendly League on the Tees-side.

Although the weather over the Easter holidays was not conducive to outdoor recreation, I was pleased to note that several Newton Aycliffe archers ignored the cold and had what was, I am sure, a very enjoyable shooting holiday. April marks the opening of the official shooting season and to all members of the Club who have not yet ventured out I would say, 'Bows on shoulders put and hie down the field and enjoy yourselves.'

E.P.

OXFAM

Thursday, 7th May, 7-30 p.m. "Z" Bus parked outside Barnard Armoury will enable you to see what Oxfam really does, and a film show in the T.A. Canteen will enlarge upon the subject. This time we do not want your money. We want to show you where the money goes.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE AND DISTRICT BRANCH PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

Our very successful Spring Fayre held last week is now behind us. We are grateful to Lady Starmer for officially opening the Fayre and to Col. Peile Chairman of the Aycliffe Development Board, who gave the vote of thanks. Thanks also to our band of willing helpers and the many people who supported the event. The final figure of the proceeds will be published in the June issue.

Members thoroughly enjoyed their visit to "The Gondoliers" on April 10th and look forward to the Newton Aycliffe Operatic and Dramatic Society's next production. A Bero Film on April 24th proved very entertaining as well as informative. The Fashion and Beauty Show mentioned in last months Newtonian made somewhere in the region of £30. Once again grateful thanks to Mrs. Clark who organised it and to all those who took part as well as the supporters.

Although we can remind you that the Annual General Meeting takes place on May 8th, we cannot unfortunately say where, as it is not known at the time of writing, but parties concerned will have been notified.

The Handcraft classes being held on alternative Fridays are still going well and it was largely due to these and the efforts of our Handcraft Officer, Mrs. A. Alderson and her committee that so many lovely things were on sale at the Spring Fayre.

A summer programme is now being planned and as well as entertainment already offered by two or three local organisations, it is intended to include trips to the sea and maybe the country.

As this month sees the end of another year and the commencement of a new, we extend our grateful thanks to the hard working members of the retiring committee and our drivers who transport our handicapped members back and forth on Friday nights.

M.C.L.S.

MUSIC SOCIETY

We would like to thank all who contributed to the gaiety of our Party on April 30th.

After a rather quiet year it looks as if the Society may be able to launch out again next season and book a first class concert or two. That being so, what shall it be? A solo instrumentalist? A string quartet? or a group of singers? Please come to our Annual General Meeting when the new Committee will be chosen (we have numerous volunteers already) and vote on the concert programme: it is to be at 7-30 p.m. on **Thursday May 7th.** in the small hall at St. Clare's Church . . . enter from Central Avenue. There will be a choice variety of records before and after the short meeting.

Anybody interested in music will be welcome then, and also to a "Bring your favourite record" evening at Mrs. Ward's home 2 Lowery Road, on **Tuesday, May 26th.**

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



After last month's article on air force 'bull', I was asked by a reader if I would quote a personal example on the subject - Goody, I thought no one would ask!

After leaving square-bashing at Bridgnorth, I was given a weeks leave, a weeks pay, ration money, food coupons and a hint as to the whereabouts of my first posting. At the end of my leave, I received

by post a further travel warrant and instructions to report to my new unit by 16.00 hours on the 24th December - Christmas Eve - Never in the History of the Royal Air Force was there such an unhappy or miserable A.C. 'Plonk'.

With aching heart and leaden feet, I found myself outside the guard-room of my new station at exactly 15.55 hours.

A watery sky unleashed a stinging shower of rain cum hailstones. Standing in the rain and bitter wind, I watched the corporal 'snow drop' through the lighted window as he booked me in. How secure and warm he looked in working blue and spotless whites. At the back of the guard-room stood a big sergeant toasting his hands and bottom against a glowing pot bellied stove. Very comfy, very comfy indeed. A thought crossed my mind, "Roll on demob".

"That's it mate", said the corporal, "You'll be in Transit Block, down the road, first left at the cookhouse then second right at the N.A.A.F.I." I mumbled my thanks and staggered off into the gathering dusk, not having a clue where I was, or of the perils which lay ahead.

My uniform was sodden and my webbing dragged at my weary shoulders. With a holdall in one hand I supported a small case

under the same arm. My other hand clutched my bulging kit bag on my shoulder. A thought crossed my mind, if I had a broom and somewhere to stick it, I could have swept the road as I was walking!

A figure loomed out of the gloom and hurried passed. "Laddie", a voice said. I stopped and turned. A young officer stood before me, looking rather dashing in an ankle long great coat and sporting a battered dress cap worn at a rakish angle. "Don't you usually salute an officer when you see one", said he. "Sar", said I.

I put down my holdall, relaxed my kit bag and let my case slip to the ground. Standing to attention, I slipped him a Bridgnorth special. "That's better laddie", said the officer, "Carry on"! "Sar" said I.

Slowly I put my case under my arm and grasping my holdall, I swung my kit bag onto my shoulder, I turned to leave, "Laddie", said the officer. "Sar" said I. "Don't you usually salute an officer when your'e leaving". Once again I unburdened my load and once more I salaamed. "That's better, have a care laddie".

The officer turned and walked away. I remember staring into the darkness at his retreating figure. A thought crossed my mind, "I wish I was dead".

I collected my gear and made my weary way to transit. I found the Transit Block in total darkness, there was no fire and everywhere was completely deserted. I dropped my luggage and sat for a moment on the edge of a bunk. Outside the wind moaned and the rain spattered noisily at the windows and rooftop. Christmas Eve, Oh wretched wretched lonely airman!

Suddenly the door burst open, I sprang to my feet. It was the young officer with the long greatcoat. "Laddie", said he, "Sar" said I.

"Here, fill this in", said the officer giving me a blank 295. "You may as well clear off home, there's no one else on camp. Where do you live, "Not far eh". He signed the leave form and walked away. At the door he turned and said, "Give the counterfoil to the chappy at the guard room, Merry Christmas laddie". Then he was gone.

I babbled my appreciation to a closed door. A thought crossed my mind, what a wonderful long great coated, rakishly hatted, dashing officer he was.

Four hours later, a happy carefree airman was home again. Smashing!

I have thought of this incident often, and the more I think of it, the more I am convinced that the man in the long coat wasn't really an officer - it was Santa Claus.

'Bull' - yes, I've had some.

H.G.S.

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A supper and social evening was held recently to celebrate the second year of the section's re-formation. Mrs. Garbutt a former member and Councillor was among the guests and very kindly gave the raffle prize. Even more recently than the social evening a quiz programme was put on that resulted in Mrs. Taylor gaining the prize, Mrs. E. Meadows presided on this particular occasion, and Mrs. Clark was successful with the raffle

Our programmes are arranged to suit every taste, and new members can be sure of welcome, interest and amusement. Meetings are in the Clarence Hall every alternate Monday at 7-30 p.m.

C.T.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

During recent weeks, considerable damage has been done to the wire netting which surrounds the Tennis Courts in MacMillan Road. Also straining wires have been broken, netting pulled away from a gate entrance to the courts, heavy gauge netting three feet high has been bent and twisted, and rubbish including broken glass strewn over the courts. A protective hedge along the outside length of one end of the courts has taken a battering so hard that it is in danger of collapsing unless the treatment meted out to it does not stop.

A lot of money and hard work by the club members has been devoted to keeping the courts and their surrounds in devent order.

We should like to make it quite clear that the tennis courts and surrounds are private property and appropriate action will be taken against anyone found trespassing.

J. Slater,
Hon. Sec. Newton Aycliffe Tennis Club.

Dear Sir,

Newton Aycliffe Round Table

May I once again, on behalf of the above organisation, extend sincere thanks to the generous people of Newton Aycliffe, who contributed magnificently towards making our tin stall, held on the 21st March, an outstanding success.

Together with the Cheese and Wine evening held on the 1st April, a substantial sum was raised towards helping the not so fortunate people who live in this town.

May I also thank the committee of the R.A.F.A. who kindly let us use the Club ballroom for this latter function, and also Miss Sherry Dawson, Mrs. Laura Proud and Mr. Angus Walker, who provided entertainment in a most excellent manner.

Thank you all,
W. C. Raine,
Finance Convenor,
Newton Aycliffe Round Table.

Thought for the month

What a terrific din there would be if we made as much noise when things go right as we do when they go wrong.

GUN CLUB

Although there was little response to the exploratory meeting called by Mr. Karl Roe and Mr. David Donaldson, who want to form a Gun Club in the town, for 12 bore game and rough shooting, they are far from disheartened. The notice was short but in spite of this they have seven interested men and they are sure there are many more who will join once the news gets around.

Their aim for a start is to have at least 20 members and membership is open to anyone whether residing in Newton Aycliffe or elsewhere.

Mr. Donaldson is an ex farmer. He lived in Newton Aycliffe for ten years and always wanted to form a Gun Club but until now never seemed to meet up with any one who shared his enthusiasm. He was, he said, practically born with a gun in his hand. Because of his connections with farmers in and around the Thirsk area he feels confident of getting shooting in Yorkshire.

Mr. Roe, like Mr. Donaldson, employed by Chemical Compounds on the Industrial estate, was a member of the Hartlepool Wild Fowlers. He has lived in Newton Aycliffe a little more than two months and is desperately keen to get a Gun Club formed. "I won't be satisfied until I get something started. It is a dead loss without any sport. These things always have to start in a small way but we are confident that once it does get started it will be very succesful". said Mr. Roe.

They decided not to call another definite meeting until sufficient people have shown an interest and then an Inaugural meeting will be held.

Mr. Roe's address is 39 Stephenson Way, Newton Aycliffe and he will be pleased to hear from anybody or see them at his home.

Once the club has been officially formed a name will have to be decided upon. It is proposed to hold, in between shoots, social events and clay shoots and the club will eventually become affiliated to the Wild Fowlers Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

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MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

It is just over a year since the Yackley Mountaineering Club was formed in Newton Aycliffe and in their opinion they are now established. From practically nothing they now have a steady membership of 35 and have recently received enquiries from Witton Gilbert and Durham. The members come from all over the area and among them they have five qualified instructors who are called upon from time to time to instruct on C.C.P.R. courses.

They have an official meet once a month and this year's programme is already planned. The first official meet was held on Sunday, March 8th. 25 members turned out to meet at Holwick Scarr the face of which they found much changed since they last climbed there. Frost had got behind the rocks and loosened them making many of the climbs dangerous. Until the Yackley Club went there Holwick Scarr just above Middleton-in-Teesdale, had never been climbed before and they have been responsible for practically opening it out. Having done this, it is their privilege to name the various climbs and they will eventually be mapped out for future reference by other climbers.

The club is making a movie film of club activities which will serve not only as a record, but will be used for instructional purposes. The committee points out that they are quite willing to give talks and instruction on mountaineering to local Youth Clubs who are interested.

At the A.G.M. held in February it was agreed that committee members should each have an official job. Thus they have, Chairman, Mr. N. Allinson. Secretary, Mr. R. Tibbett, 27 Kemble Green. Treasurer, Mr. D. Thompson. Out door secretary, responsible for planning the climbs and vetting them before the meet, Mr. A. J. K. Gooding. Training Officer, Mr. C. Thew. Press Secretary. Mr. R. E. Walker, Librarian Mr. W. McKrickard. Only two members have no official duties as such, they are Mr. C. Scott and a graduate member Miss M. Clemments who looks after the womens interests. Oh yes, they have women members

also. Every Thursday, the members meet at the Ship Inn, Middleston Moor. Simply because Westerton Quarry is nearby and it is the only place in the area where training facilities are available. Here beginners are trained during the light nights.

One of the members ambitions is to establish a mountain hut at Holwick and they are trying to raise money for this purpose.

If space would permit, there is a lot more could be written about this flourishing group but no doubt you will be reading about them again from time to time. If you are interested in climbing, Mr. Tibbett will be only too pleased to hear from you. As a matter of interest, no beginner is allowed to climb without an experienced instructor leading.

M.S.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

Mr. W. N. Davis, OBE., who has been President of our Club for the past four years, has resigned for health reasons. We thank him and Mrs. Davis most sincerely for the kindly interest which they have always shown in our welfare, and offer them our best wishes for the future.

We are very grateful to Miss E. S. Riley-Lord, JP., who has kindly accepted the Presidency. At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected: Chairman - Mr. W. Burdon, Vice-Chairman - Mrs. C. J. Wood, Hon. Treasurer: - Miss M. Dobinson, Hon. Secretary: - Mr. G. W. Usher. Committee: Mesdames, Middleton, Usher, Hutton, Garbutt and Bullen. Messrs. Coulthard, Hindmarch, Ogden, Shatwell and Walker.

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Officers elected at our annual general meeting held on March, 17th were:- President - Miss M. Henderson; Chairman - Mr. G. W. Henderson; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer - Mr. G. A. Bennett; Committee - Miss M. A. Mein, Mrs. S. C. Bennett, Mrs. V. M. Henderson, and Mr. T. Tong.

(All correspondence to the secretary at 24 Kenny Walk, Newton Aycliffe).

May we take this opportunity to thank Miss J. Walker, Mr. N. F. Bennett, and Mr. E. Nelson, who retired from our committee after a long period of hard work and help for our club.

Club members are hard at work for forthcoming National Skating Association Roller Figure and Dance Skating tests which we hope to hold at the club as soon as judges are available.

The Easter Fancy Dress Parade was a great success, and it was most pleasing to see so many of our club members parents (How about another visit to your child's club Mams and Dads). The first prize of a £1 gift voucher went to Rolinda Greaves for her fancy dress of "Happy Easter". Jan Macdonald took second prize of a 10/- gift voucher with her Easter Card outfit, and the third prize was awarded to Judith Robson who was dressed as an Easter Lily; hope you enjoyed your Easter egg Judith? Our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Greenbank who judged the competition. Mrs. Greenbank was presented with a bouquet by Roberta Ware on behalf of the committee and members. As a result of this competition quite a number of photographs appeared in the local newspaper. - How unfortunate that some of the pictures were incorrectly headed - this I must add was no fault of ours.

For your future reference in 1964. I would like to make clear the following dates when the skating sessions will be cancelled for holidays:- Whit Sunday, May 17th. JULY 25th to AUGUST 9th, both dates inclusive. July 25th to August 9th is the club's annual holidays - Make a note members.

Our Saturday general skating sessions are still in full swing, and they will continue throughout the summer months. If you are not a member of our club and you would like to enjoy three hours skating for only 1/6 then please pay us a visit at the Beveridge Hall, in Finchale Road - YOU ARE WELCOME. Spectators will also be made most welcome at 7-0 p.m. each Saturday.

G.A.B.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE PARISH CHURCH. ST. CLARE.

Sunday Services:-

9-0 a.m. Parish Communion.
10-0 and 11-0 a.m. Sunday Schools and Bible Class.
6-30 p.m. Evensong.
Weekday Services as on Notice Board.

Ascension Day. Thursday, 7th May.

7-0 and 9-30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7-30 p.m. Evensong.

Whit Sunday 17th May.

7-30 a.m. and 9-0 a.m. Holy Communion.
10-0 and 11-0 a.m. Sunday Schools and Bible Class.
6-30 p.m. Evensong.

Christian Aid Week:- 25th to 30th May.

This is Christian Aid

Because of the efforts of Christians of all denominations last year thousands of men, women and children all over the world have been helped to overcome hunger, homelessness and other handicaps.

The money we have raised has been put into the hands of our fellow Christians overseas for specific tasks of service to others. It is a service aptly known as Christian Aid, not because it is limited to Christians - in fact most of the people helped are non-Christians but because of the motive of those who give, and those who carry out the work on our behalf; also, of course, because of the channel through which the aid is passed, Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service. This year the special week of fund raising is May 25th to 30th, and it is nation-wide.

Last year Inter-Church Aid among other things re-settled another 12,000 refugees. In Algeria 24,000 needy people were employed in a re-forestation programme for the planting of 21 million trees to halt soil erosion. This year the programme needs to be extended by another 49 million trees, but only if we help.

In Calcutta 8,500 people displaced by the partition of India and Pakistan 16 years ago still live around Sealdah Railway Station. It is hoped to resettle them in jobs and homes this year - - but only if we help.

These things, and many others from the re-claiming of land and the training of farmers, to the supply of medical services and the re-housing of disaster victims, are Christian Aid.

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WOMENS COLUMN

The Merry Merry Month of May, a lively, cheerful, glad to be alive month, the birds sing more than at any other time, the gardens and hedgerows have surged into a riot of colour, and the trees are in full dress, and a lot of humans undress, or almost, if the weather is kind enough. In any case the human casts its winter garb and in keeping with nature dons its most colourful apparel, as if to say 'In the fire of spring, the winter garments of repentance fling' Summer clothes! oh yes we do have hopes of summer each succeeding year.

This year I read that dresses are to be ultra feminine and have a fragile look; and that brings me to that vexed question which is constantly being asked; 'how long must we women of Newton Aycliffe wait before it is possible to go to a shop in this town and buy dress material either for ourselves or our children'.

Next month I hope to have details of a service to help the woman who likes to make her own or her children's clothes.

I have again been asked to appeal to all householders not to leave broken glass on the pavements or in the roads where children play. It is so very dangerous and it could be your child that has the accident through some other person's carelessness.

A curious thing - - - why do some dog owners parade their pets, not always for exercise but for the 'other purpose' and deliberately allow the grass verges to be fouled in front of anyone's house but their own, surely the owners garden is the place for 'that'.

Household Hint.

Wash out empty tins and jars before placing in dustbin or paper sack; the less encouragement flies have the better.

Sandwich Filling.

Cream cheese with chopped pineapple, delicious with wholemeal bread.

This months County Recipe . . . Shropshire

Fidget Pie.

1 lb. Potatoes	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt. Stock
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Sausages or sausagemeat	Seasoning
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Onions	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Sugar
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Cooking Apples	Short Pastry for pie crust

Peel and slice the potatoes, apples and onions. Cut skinned sausages into neat pieces. Arrange in a pie-dish in the order of potato, sausage, apple (sprinkled with sugar) and onion. Season the stock and pour over the vegetables. Cover with a pastry crust and cook in the centre of your oven for 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours at a moderate temperature. Deeee - - licious.

M.M.G.

NEWTON PLAYERS

We are presenting for your pleasure on the evenings of 6th, 7th and 8th May our end of season play, "Miranda".

The performances on each of the above evenings will be in The Beveridge Hall at 7-30 p.m. We look forward to the pleasure of your company and support.

Don't make any arrangements for the night of Friday, 26th June. Keep it free to attend our Summer Dance at the Gretna Green Wedding Inn.

May we again repeat our interest in anyone wishing to join our Group. At the moment we must, regrettably, confine our request for new members to 18 year old plus. This is not because we lack interest in our towns Youth, but rather because, with our

many committments, we feel we cannot give them the attention and encouragement they should have. This matter is of concern to us and we look forward to the time when our adult membership will be such as to promote the formation of a Junior Section.

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LIBRARY STATISTICS

March 31st was the end of the County Council's financial year and since we opened on 22nd of April, for all practical purposes it was the end of the first year for the full-time branch library in Newton Aycliffe.

As many people find facts and figures fascinating no excuse is made for the string that follows:

The total issue for the year was 232,739 (compared with 67,032 for the last full year at the old Centre in the Beveridge Hall) which makes Newton Aycliffe's the fourth busiest branch in the County Library system. This total was broken down as follows:

Non-Fiction		Fiction	
Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
48,761	15,792	132,822	35,364

. . . this gave a non-fiction percentage of 27.7 - the third highest in the County, and proof that there are a lot of serious-minded readers in Newton Aycliffe.

The library had one "first" - the junior library with an issue of over 51,000 for the year was the busiest in the County, being over 6,000 higher than the nearest rival.

The highest issue in a single day was achieved on Maundy Thursday when 1,704 books were lent out, and the lowest in a full day was on November 5th when it plummeted to 594.

REQUESTS. No check is kept of the number of requests taken but it can be said that literally thousands were dealt with throughout the year and all but a very few were satisfied. The only time that any check was made there were requests standing for 267 different books - and some had waiting lists of up to 10 readers. To help meet all these requests we borrowed hundreds of books from other branches of the Durham County Library system and 82 from other libraries when the full resources of the County system could not meet our requirements.

BORROWERS The library has approximately 7,000 registered borrowers. Most, of course live in Newton Aycliffe but the library does draw in some readers from the surrounding districts - notably from Heighington and Aycliffe Village. Such a membership means that the average reader gets through about 33 books a year. Taking the average from the whole population of Newton Aycliffe readership is 15.5 books per person per year - or very nearly twice the national average of 8.5

All in all a pretty successful first year. It isn't expected that these figures will be improved upon for another three or four years - in fact the issues are expected to be slightly lower next year - it would be very nice if this were proved wrong!

P.H.

A PRIZE OF £5.

On page nine of the March edition under the heading "A Change of Name" the townspeople were asked to think of an apt substitute for "Aycliffe Industrial Estate" Many suggestions were received, and now to obtain a wider selection a prize of £5 is offered for the best and most original. All entries must be received by May 30th. and the judges decision must be accepted as final. All you have to do is think of a title to replace the present description of "Aycliffe Industrial Estate" such as 'Commercial Aycliffe' 'Business Aycliffe', what is required is a snappy but short string of words that will convey the estates activities, be easy to pronounce, and have a certain amount of rhythm.

The entries already received will go in with the total in hand on May 30th. The people donating the prize wish to remain anonymous for the time being.

When you have thought of an appropriate title put it on paper with your name and address, and send it to:—

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REMEMBER THE CLOSING DATE—MAY 30TH.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

THE ENCHANTED ROCKING HORSE

Belinda Jane Brotherton blinked back her tears and tried to smile as Mummy waved goodbye, but it was very difficult. Mummy had been ill and now she was nearly better but not quite. The doctors said she was something called 'convalescent' and she had to have a quiet holiday, so Daddy was taking Belinda and her brother Timothy to stay with Aunt Agatha and Belinda knew she was going to hate every minute of it. Aunt Agatha's house was tall and dark and gloomy - so was Aunt Agatha. Aunt Agatha's chairs and sofa were hard and rough and knobbly - so was Aunt Agatha. In Aunt Agatha's garden the birds never sang and the sun never smiled - neither did Aunt Agatha.

"Oh Daddy" sighed Belinda "Do we really have to go?" "Yes" said Daddy firmly "So don't make a fuss. It won't be for long and we'll bring you back an extra special birthday present."

For to make matters worse, it was Belinda's birthday the very next day. At the thought of spending her birthday at Aunt Agatha's a big tear rolled down her cheek and plopped onto her coat collar. Luckily Daddy didn't see it but Timothy did. He squeezed her hand sympathetically. Never mind, Belinda. At least we'll have Dapple Grey to play with."

She had forgotten about Dapple Grey. He was a rocking horse - the biggest rocking horse she'd ever seen - and he lived in the attic at Aunt Agatha's. They had played with him when Mummy took them there to tea sometimes. He had belonged to Aunt Agatha when she was a little girl so he was very old but Belinda and Timothy thought he was beautiful. He was white with dappled spots and his bridle and saddle were made of faded red leather. His mane and tail were still long and silky and his face wore a very special smile as if he was saying "I have a secret - I have a secret!" Belinda cheered up. Perhaps it wouldn't be so bad after all!

As soon as Daddy had left them with Aunt Agatha they asked about Dapple.

"Can we go and play with him straight away Aunt Agatha?" "Good gracious me, no! It's far too late. You must have your supper and go to bed, If you are very good you may play with him for a while in the morning."

So Belinda and Timothy undressed and put on their dressing-gowns - Mummy had bought them new ones so that was quite exciting - and had their supper by the fire. Aunt Agatha gave them each a glass of milk and a slice of caraway seed cake. Belinda ate her's but Timothy didn't like seed cake one little bit. When Aunt Agatha wasn't looking he picked out all the caraway seeds one by one and put them in his dressing gown pocket. Then he ate what was left.

When they had finished they cleaned their teeth and Aunt Agatha put them into bed and kissed them goodnight. Timothy wished she hadn't - it was a dry, crumbly sort of kiss and reminded him of the seed cake.

"Goodnight children" she said in her rather grumpy voice, "do be good and go to sleep right away." Then she closed the door behind her and stumped downstairs.

They did try to go to sleep but everything seemed so strange. The curtains didn't quite meet and through them the moon shone

bright as day. And there were so many strange noises! Stairs creaked and curtains rustled. A piece of ivy tapped on the window as if to say "Let me in - Let me in!" And from somewhere above their heads came the oddest noise of all - a gentle thumping, bumping sort of noise that went on and on and on. Whatever could it be?

Belinda got out of bed and put on her slippers and dressing gown. "I'm going to see what that noise is" she whispered. "I'm sure it's coming from the attic." "I'll come with you." said Timothy. "You needn't you know. I don't mind going by myself" Belinda said bravely.

But secretly Timothy had already decided that he would much rather go with Belinda than stay by himself listening to the ivy tapping at the window-pane, so he took her hand and followed her - and secretly Belinda was rather glad that he did!

Hand-in-hand they climbed the narrow staircase, hand-in-hand they opened the creaking, squeaking door. The noise was quite loud and clear now and they peered nervously into the moonlit attic.

And there - moving gently on his rockers - was their beloved Dapple Grey! Rumble-bumble went the rockers on the wooden floor - bumble-rumble, rumble-bumble. The window was open wide and his mane fluttered gently in the summer breeze. A voice called softly "Come for a ride! It's a lovely night - come for a ride!" And Dapple smiled his special secret smile.

Belinda climbed onto Dapple's broad back, her eyes sparkling with excitement. Timothy got up in front of her and they began to rock. Faster and faster they went - faster and faster went Dapple - until they felt as if they were riding on air.

"Hold tight!" said Dapple suddenly "We're off!" And through the open window he sailed taking Timothy and Belinda with him out into the starry night!

S.F.W.

Read next month's Newtonian and see what happens to Timothy and Belinda.

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The stone was quarried on the Streatham and Stainton estates, the polished granite of the stairs and columns of the hall came from Aberdeen and the stone of the landings from Craighleith, near Edinburgh.

The museum is situated in a park of twentyone acres overlooking part of the Tees Valley, there is for children, a room especially reserved for their interest, it contains several dolls-houses fully furnished in the 17th and 18th century style complete with all fittings and the occupants dressed in period costume.

The world famous Silver Swan is in the room (or was the last time I was in the museum). The swan, recently seen on television is mounted on glass rods and when the mechanism is set in motion gives the impression of moving water and the swan bends its head to grab the fishes. This remarkable object was made in England, by an Englishman for the great Paris Exhibition of 1867.

Bowes Museum must be seen to be believed, and visited over and over again, there is so much to see, that one cannot take in everything at one session.

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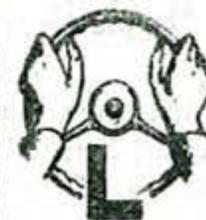
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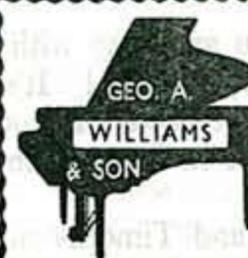
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